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## MEMO

### Local heroes

Denver Jackson may only be 3 1/2 years old, but there's no doubt in his mind what he wants to be when he grows up. His favorite "hangout" has been the Canton Township fire headquarters, which he has visited on numerous occasions.

"He lives, sleeps and dreams of becoming a fireman," says his grandmother, Jody Jackson of Belleville. In fact, Denver has a collection of 76 toy fire trucks, a fire hat, badge and toy fire station.

Canton's firefighters have taken a shine to Denver too. So when Denver was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia it was only natural they show up at the hospital. Of course, they didn't come empty-handed.

Capt. Jim Davison and a contingent of firefighters added a giant, stuffed fire-hat wearing Dalmatian to Denver's collection, along with a basket of toys, coloring books and a video, Jody Jackson said. They put together a pizza lunch for him as well.

Firefighters from both stations attended. "They have taken Denver into their hearts and have truly made him feel like a very special boy," she said.

Denver is valiantly fighting the disease, Jody Jackson said, although his immune system has been severely compromised he doesn't get out very much and also has to be separated from the family when his little brother gets a cold.

The family is also planning to build a miniature house and playground for Denver on three acres of property they own in Belleville, with help from relatives and others in the building trades.

Meanwhile, a foundation has been set up to help with his medical expenses. Donations can be made to the foundation at Key Bank, Attn: Heather Kelly, Mideast Michigan Center, P.O. Box 8612, Ann Arbor 48107.

**Cheer her on**  
Jessica Mattson is competing in front of her home fans this week. The 15-year-old Canton resident will take the field at the National Archery Association's 118th Target Championships at Heritage Park. The event runs through Friday.

Jessica recently returned from Chula Vista, Calif. where she earned a spot on the U.S. Junior World Championship Team. She also earned a bronze medal in qualifying rounds this month and she will travel with the team to the Czech Republic for the World Championships.

Jessica will be a 10th-grader at Canton High School in the fall and carries a 4.0 GPA. She is the daughter of Rick and Karen Mattson of Canton.



Sarah Gilbert, front, a teacher from Farrand elementary learns some new teaching techniques in a technology course at Novi Middle School along with teacher Jennifer Orris, learning specialist Carol Lay, and Farrand Principal Ann Kuhn.

## Classroom technology is forum focus

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Two teams of Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators and teachers were among the more than 1,000 educators who took part in discovering the latest techniques and strategies for implementing technology in all areas of the curriculum, from creating panoramic views of a field trip with a digital cam-

era to using personal digital assistants to plan and coordinate class instruction.

The four-member teams, one from Smith Elementary and the other from Farrand Elementary, participated in the Ameritech Technology Academy at Novi Middle School.

"We have a lot of the hardware, we just didn't have the skills to use it," admitted Carol Lay, learning specialist at Farrand. "Today's kids know so much

more about technology than the teachers. They learn through the technology differently than what we did as students."

Principal Ann Kuhn said the school district and teachers need to keep pace with today's students.

"These kids are fast-paced. They've grown up on television, music and a lot of fast-paced learning," she said. "We

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## Cuts draw strong reaction

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Area municipal officials are hoping the state legislature can work a deal with Gov. John Engler to reinstate \$852 million in revenue sharing money. If not, the communities will be working overtime to slash their budgets to make up for the loss.

Meanwhile, State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) said he's already talking to colleagues in an attempt to come up with a plan when the legislature reconvenes.

"I'm not only surprised, but disappointed," said Patterson. "I understand

what he's doing, but I don't agree with it."

As for Engler being a lame duck governor, don't believe it, the House majority floor leader advised.

"He remains relevant until the last day," Patterson said.

According to the Michigan Municipal League, the governor's veto means:

■ Canton Township will lose \$2,013,364, which is 27.7 percent of the total revenue sharing money it receives from the state;

■ The City of Plymouth will lose \$450,004, 42 percent of the total it receives;

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## Tourneys are 'gem' on Victory Park diamonds

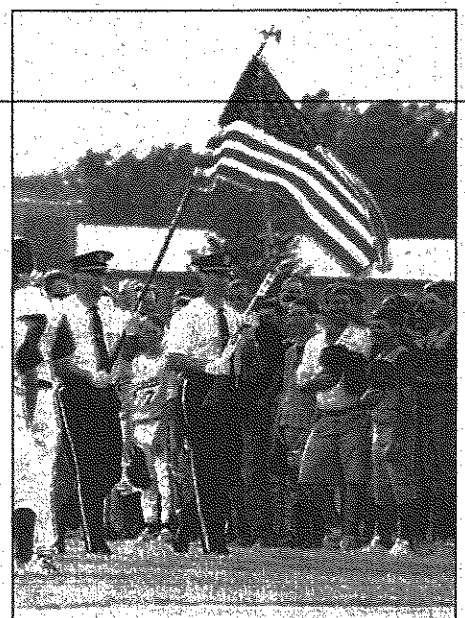
BY TEDD SCHNEIDER  
STAFF WRITER

It will probably be years before the Tigers appear in the "Fall Classic." But there's a World Series going on right now in Canton - two of them in fact.

The USSSA Baseball World Series for boys wraps up today with a championship game at the Canton Softball Center at Victory Park. The girls tournament begins Monday and concludes Aug. 4 at the complex on Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road.

Some 4,000 players, coaches and family members from across the country will attend the two, week-long tournaments at the township facility, said Ann-Marie Carravallah of the Canton Leisure Services Department Athletic Division.

"They are among the bigger events we host since they (each) take up a whole week. In terms of numbers, they are about the fourth or fifth largest," Carravallah said Friday morning as



LISA FEDOR

Players, coaches and officials stand at attention during the color guard presentation at the Opening Ceremonies for the USSSA World Series last week at the Canton Softball Center.

thunder showers briefly interrupted play.

The Softball Center hosts 28 tournaments a season - it's booked every weekend from late April through September, Carravallah said.

With the township also playing host this week to 700 archers and their families for the National Archery Association Target Championships at

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## Trustees adds cash to shore up the Human Services Center

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township Board this week appropriated additional emergency funds for after getting soaked with new expenses at the Human Services Center under construction in Cherry Hill Village.

While excavating the basement, the

construction company discovered a significant amount of groundwater.

Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter said during a township board meeting Tuesday, July 23 that the water was a surprise.

"The basement had excess water that was not anticipated," Kirchgatter said. As a result, a permanent flood-control system had to be put in place, con-

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# Wayward tee shot sparks altercation

Two Pheasant Run golfers reportedly got into an altercation with a homeowner over a wayward golf ball. A police report stated that the homeowner, a 40-year-old Canton man, was approached by two male golfers looking for a golf ball. Reports between both parties and from witnesses were conflicted, with one of the golfers claiming to have been spit upon by the homeowner, and the homeowner claiming he was spit upon by a golfer. Both parties also claimed threats were made against them. No citations were issued and no arrests were made.

## ASSAULT AT RESTAURANT

An 18-year-old man reported being assaulted by a fellow restaurant patron while eating at Burger King, 45455 Michigan, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23. The victim told police that he and a friend had noticed an attractive woman in the restaurant when he was questioned by the woman's boyfriend about why he was staring at her. He reportedly slapped the 18-year-old man

## COP CALLS

with an open hand on the face, and the pair continued fighting until the victim's friend and the suspect's girlfriend broke up the fight. The victim provided a vehicle and suspect description to police, but police were unable to apprehend the man.

## APARTMENT GUTTED

A 22-year-old Canton woman living in the 41000 block of Wyndchase reported having numerous valuable items stolen from her apartment sometime between July 17 and July 21, reporting the incident on July 22. Items reportedly taken included a \$2,800 leather sofa, a \$1,300 table set including a coffee table and two end tables, a \$1,200 dinette set, a \$2,500 surround stereo, a 60-inch television, a \$1,500 grandfather clock, a DVD rack with 10 DVDs valued at \$220, two lamps with a combined \$225 value, a \$375 chandelier, a \$3,300 king bedroom set, a

\$100 safe containing various papers, a \$2,500 watch, \$5,000 worth of clothes and shoes and a \$300 queen bedroom set. An apartment maintenance worker told police that a man claiming to have been locked out of the apartment requested entry, but that an apartment manager said to not allow entry unless the man was a leaseholder and had ID.

An assistant manager reportedly allowed entry, but denied giving entry when questioned by police. The Canton Police Department detective bureau is investigating.

## VACANT STORE BREAK-INS

Someone smashed the front glass door, causing \$500 damage, of the shuttered Wilderberry Party Store, 42444 Ford sometime before 9 a.m. Saturday, July 21 with a similar incident being reported July 25. Initially, nothing was reported taken from the store, which still has an estimated \$10,000 worth of inventory, but some cigarettes were discovered lying on the ground by a police officer during the investigation.

The store was closed several months ago because it owed back taxes to Canton Township.

## CEMETERY SHED BREAK-IN

Someone reportedly removed a \$400 power washer and \$700 worth of various hand tools from a shed at Knollwood Cemetery, 1299 Ridge, 7:31 a.m. Tuesday, July 23. A cemetery maintenance worker told police that he chased a suspicious pick-up truck driver, who left the scene after being spotted by the worker, into Washtenaw County, but lost track of it.

## DVDS STOLEN

A 38-year-old Detroit man was arrested for shoplifting after a Farmer Jack store employee reported seeing him put several DVDs into his pants at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 at the store, located at 43403 Joy. Upon questioning, the man told police that he took the DVDs so that he could sell them and pay his rent. He had a prior conviction out of Southfield in 1996.

# Man, 41, charged in motel robbery

An Ypsilanti man was arraigned via video Friday afternoon on armed robbery charges and could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Hoy Junior Napier, 41, was arraigned by 35th District Magistrate Eric Colthurst on armed robbery, and is also facing charges for being a repeat offender. He is being held at the Canton Township Police Department on \$500,000 bond.

A preliminary examination in 35th District Court has been tentatively set for Aug. 5.

Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies arrested Napier Late

Thursday in connection with the July 22 armed robbery of a Super 8, 3933 Lotz early Monday morning.

Police say that Napier, who had a pocket knife but did not brandish it, punched the clerk in the face demanding money at about 3:15 a.m., and the clerk complied. The robber then forced her into the motel's office and tied her hands behind her back with a computer mouse cord, according to police reports.

He left without incident. The clerk was reportedly uninjured and did not seek medical attention.

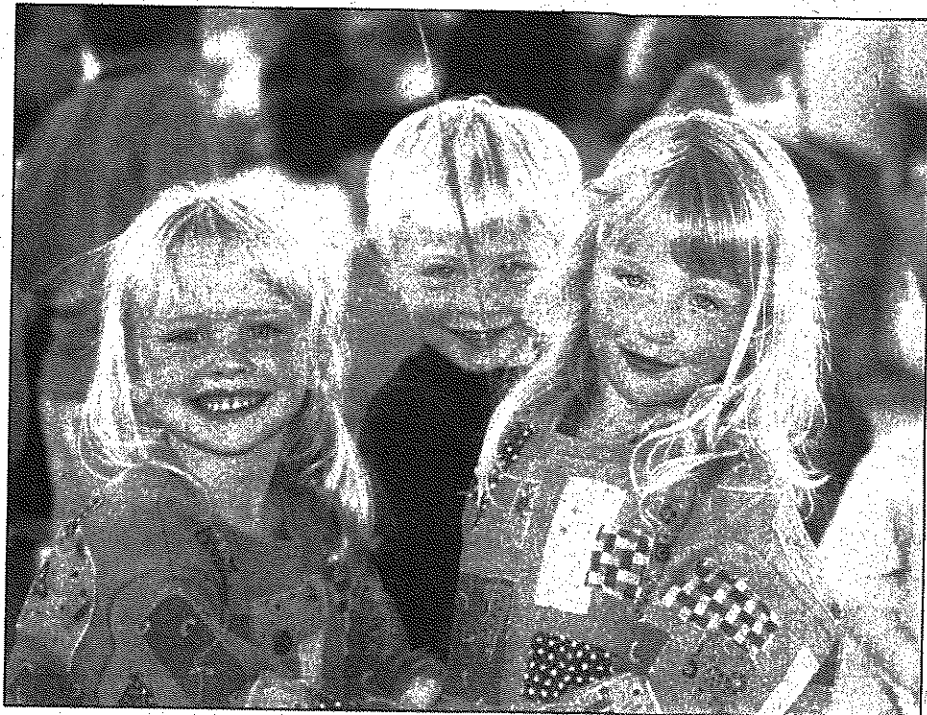
# Golf outing benefits scholarships

The Michael Kilgore Scholarship Fund is holding its fifth annual golf outing on Monday, July 29 at Polo Fields Golf & Country Club in Ann Arbor.

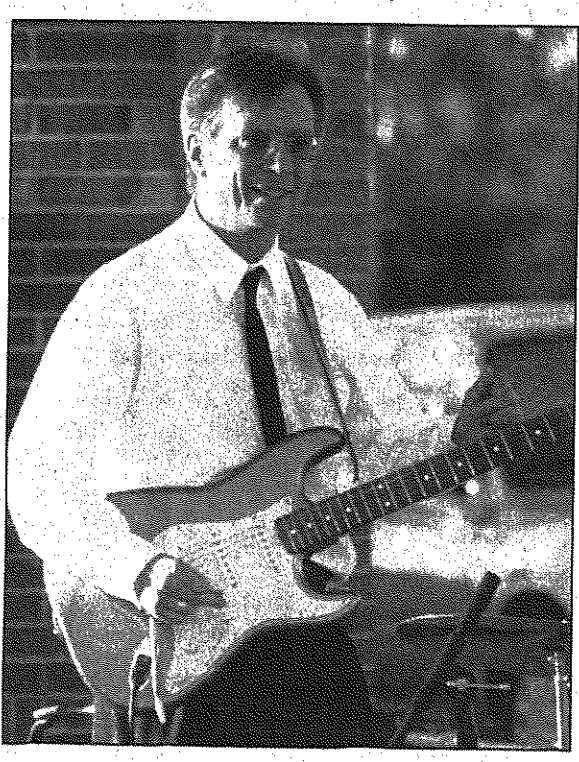
The scholarship fund is in memory of Kilgore, who died

from Long QT syndrome in March 1998. In 1999, the fund awarded nine scholarships totaling \$6,000. In 2000, seven scholarships worth \$3,750 were awarded.

For information call Barb Kilgore at (734) 455-8679.



Canton triplets Emily (left), Kyle and Abby Lindbloom enjoy a summer evening of music in Heritage Park during a concert by the Karlettes.



Karlettes guitarist David Karl picks up the pace during a recent concert in Heritage Park.

# Tuesday concert added to Series

The free summer concert series is in full swing and drawing large crowds on warm nights.

In fact, Canton Leisure Services has added a special concert, by the acclaimed Sheila Landis Trio, on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Landis is a four-time winner of Outstanding Jazz Vocalist at the Detroit Music Awards.

The rest of the concerts are Thursdays, with the

series wrapping up on Aug. 8. Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band perform this week and On the Beach plays the finale.

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# House hopefuls address issues at forum

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER  
STAFF WRITER

Four candidates seeking to represent most of Canton in the Michigan House of Representatives expressed some similar views but differed on key issues like education and balancing the state budget during a forum Thursday at Plymouth City Hall.

Democrats Eric LaCruze and Mark Slavens; and Republicans Phil LaJoy and Herb Scott face off in the Aug. 6 primary for the 21st District House seat, currently held by Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. The district includes Canton Township west of I-275, Van Buren Township and Belleville.

Patterson is seeking a state Senate seat.

The July 2 budget deal — which will increase the tax on cigarettes and delay a planned cut in the Single Business Tax — along with the idea of “tweaking” Proposal A to find additional money for schools drew some of the sharpest comments.

“The Single Business Tax should be phased out according to plan and on the existing timetable,” said LaCruze. “Small business is the core of our business.”

Slavens agreed, saying the budget deal “is another example of the current government breaking its promise to the people.”

But the two Republicans had a different take. LaJoy said he would have reluctantly voted for the legislation rather than lowering the state’s “rainy day” fund by \$200 million and Scott said that although he’s fundamentally against all tax increases, the choice was better than making “deep cuts” in health care and other vital programs to balance the budget.

Changing Proposal A also brought out differences in the candidates — and not just along party lines.

Democrat Slavens, who supports taking another look at



BRYAN MITCHELL / OBSERVER

Candidates for the 20th and 21st state House districts answered questions at forum at Plymouth City Hall July 18. The event was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County and the Observer Newspapers.

the law, said legislators were disingenuous when a year after the school funding/property tax reform proposal was passed by voters a key element was removed. “In 1994, language in the law said achieving equity among schools was a fundamental purpose of the law.”

“That was removed in 1995,” he said, noting that there hasn’t been much progress on closing the gap between high-spending districts and middle-of-the-pack districts including Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Fellow Democrat LaCruze said he wouldn’t support any efforts to change the law. He said it had “significantly” lowered property taxes and was “fulfilling its obligation” to address equity in school funding.

Among the Republicans, both LaJoy and Scott said they wouldn’t make changes.

On the other major education issue, the Aug. 6 millage proposal for special education, LaCruze was the only candidate who said he was voting “No.” He said he was unconvinced that local school dis-

tricts wouldn’t use the extra revenue to make up for general fund shortages.

LaJoy and Slavens said they supported Proposal K and Scott said he would vote “Yes,” although he echoed LaCruze’s concerns.

None were excited about the SMART millage proposal, although they declined to say how they would vote.

“I think mass transit is a good idea, but there are three things you have to look at,” LaJoy said. “What’s the cost, where is the funding coming from and who’s impacted.”

“People who want to go to downtown Detroit are (already) able to get there,” LaCruze said.

“The buses I see are only one-quarter full — and that’s at peak times,” Scott added.

All four candidates said efforts to prevent siphoning Great Lakes water by other states was their greatest environmental concern. To a lesser extent, they were also worried about recent efforts to make Michigan landfills a dumping site for trash from other states or Canada.

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## Candidates on cable

Local residents who missed the July 18 forum featuring candidates for the 20th and 21st state House district seats have four more chances to see it.

The forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County and the Observer newspapers, featured Republican and Democrat candidates for

both districts. It was conducted at the Plymouth City Commission chambers and taped for broadcast by Comcast.

Comcast will air the forum at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, and at 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5.

The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 6.

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### Q & A

Q. Who invented the Etch-A-Sketch?

A. In 1958, a French garage mechanic named Arthur Granjean developed a drawing toy he called the Magic Screen. In 1959 he exhibited his toy at a toy fair at Nuremberg, West Germany, where it was seen by a representative of the Ohio Art Company, a toy company in Bryan, Ohio. The rights were purchased and the product

was renamed and released on July 12, 1960. More than 100 million have been sold.

Source: The Teacher’s Calendar, 2001-2002

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- “Black Hawk Down” (DVD and video)
- “Dark Blue World” (video)
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- “Say Yes” - Audrey Coulombis
- “Mississippi Trial, 1955” - Chris Crowe
- “This Lullaby” - Sarah Dessen
- “The Divine Wind: A Love Story” - Garry Disher

### FOR KIDS

- “Green Boy” - Susan Cooper (fiction)
- “Aunt Minnie And The Twister” - Mary Skillings Prigger (picture book)
- “Ruby Holler” - Sharon Creech (fiction)
- “Nocturnal Animals” - John Bonnett Wexo (nonfiction)
- “The Firebird” - Jane Yolen (nonfiction)
- “Vero and Philippe” - Caroline Hatton (fiction)

### FOR ADULTS

- “The Tutor” - Peter Abrahams (fiction)
- “Wings Of Fire” - Dale Brown (fiction)

### HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

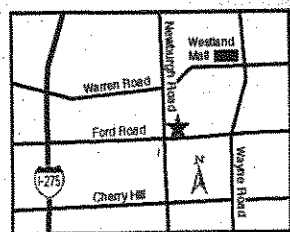
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have to change how we present information to children." That will be the long-term goal for Jennifer Orris, who teaches third grade at Farrand. Orris currently uses a limited

amount of technology in her classroom, and is excited about the learning experience so she can start using more. "By integrating we can teach students the technology so later on in life they won't have to learn it like we are," she said. "I didn't have the classes to learn how to use the new technology myself, and I was just expected

to know how because I was an adult. So, I've been working hard to learn the new technology and figure out how I can use them with my kids and be comfortable with them myself." For Sarah Gilbert, a Farrand second-grade teacher, the technology training means she can expand the use of the Internet to help teach her young students.



Farrand Elementary Principal Ann Kuhn, (left) and learning specialist Carol Lay in a technology course.

"We're going away from the old, traditional chalkboard, marker and paper to giving them more ownership through technology," Gilbert said. "Now, they can take the same concept and do it on a computer. It's giving them more ownership over their learning through technology. It brings things alive."

Gilbert admitted that, before the ATA seminar, she was intimidated when using the Internet in her classroom. "I'm supposed to know how to use technology, but a lot of times in the lab the kids were leading me through the Internet because they've grown up with it," said Gilbert. "Now, I can make hot lists for designated Web sites that are kid-friendly and a safe educational

environment for them." The Smith and Farrand teams will take what they've learned this summer and help teach their colleagues so more teachers will be able to inte-

grate technology into lesson plans. The Ameritech Technology Academy was created through a \$2 million grant from the Ameritech Foundation.

Additional funding was received from the Michigan Virtual University and the Michigan Department of Education. tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net(734) 459-2700

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**TOURNEY**  
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Heritage Park, local motels and restaurants are reporting a moderate increase in business. Fazoli's restaurant on Canton Center Road was among those with marquee signs welcoming the baseball players. The boys tournament included some 80 teams of 14-and-under players from 20 states, including Arkansas, Kentucky, Kansas and Nebraska. The girls, with players age 16 and under, include more teams from Michigan and Ohio and

tend to come with more family members, Carravallah said. Hosting the tournaments are "a group effort," Carravallah said. She credited United States Specialty Sports Association tournament directors Don DeDonatis Jr. and Duane Owens with much of the tournament's success. "They (the association) work out most of the logistics for getting teams to the site and the scheduling of play," she said. "We build the mounds, decorate the complex and handle team parties and social events." The USSSA charges and admission fee to help recoup costs, Carravallah said. Week-long passes are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 6-12. Daily passes are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Children under age 6 are admitted free. tschneider@oe.homecomm.net(734) 459-2700.



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## OUR VIEWS

### Bolden is our choice in county commission

Voters in the Aug. 6 Republican primary should nominate Fred Bolden as the best choice to run against Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan in the fall.

Bolden is the most capable among three candidates – all Canton residents – seeking the nomination for the 11th commission district. He has also done the most work over the last few years learning the issues and preparing to represent the district, which includes Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships, along with the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne.

Bolden, 47, is a computer systems consultant currently working at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. He uses that experience as a starting point for a plan to update county technology in a variety of areas, including roads and other infrastructure issues. He understands the importance of economic development in helping to build a vital county and has expressed disappointment over personal conflicts between the commission, the county executive and the state being a barrier to progress in that area.

Bolden is a consensus-builder who would serve a government that often finds little ground for agreement. We like his open approach to solving the county's budget woes, although we're not sure the specifics he offers are enough. And we wonder,

along with Bolden, why Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has spent recent weeks pining about a \$20 million deficit but precious little time talking about a hiring/

spending freeze or other county austerity measures. Bolden is serious about public service and this campaign, something we can't say about the other primary candidates. Since a failed bid to earn the Republican nomination two years ago, he has sought endorsements from local elected officials in each community, receiving several key ones including Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

He has become increasingly active in the community as well. Liberty Fest parade-goers have Bolden to thank for recognizing an obvious "hole" in the festival and working hard to fill it. Bolden has also been sincere in his effort to reach out beyond his hometown into the other communities that make up the 11th District.

We urge absentee voters and those casting ballots on Aug. 6 to make Fred Bolden the Republican Nominee for District 11 on the Wayne County Commission.



Bolden

### Jail, Special Ed merit a yes vote

Wayne County voters will decide on two millage proposals in the Aug. 6 primary election.

The Jail Millage, Proposal J on the primary ballot, asks voters to approve a 10-year renewal of 0.9432 mills to "acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; ..."

The question specifies that at least one-tenth of a mill would be used for juvenile offender work/training institution. First approved in the 1988 and renewed for four years in 1998, the millage would generate at least \$37.4 million in 2002. The millage would expire when the current debt is retired.

Since the millage was enacted Wayne County has added 1,070 new beds to the jail system and constructed a new juvenile detention facility with 188 beds.

The millage renewal will help fund programs at the juvenile facility. It also funds early intervention program.

Several local police chiefs have expressed their opposition to the millage.

Garden City Police Chief David Harvey said he supports the one-tenth mill for juvenile programs but is unhappy with the way the county is handling the rest of the millage.

"If someone is sentenced to 30 days in jail, they will be cut loose after a few days in the Wayne County jail," said Harvey. "They'll say they house a lot of felony prisoners at the county jail but we don't have that many felony prisoners."

Harvey said he is forced to transfer prisoners to out-state jails.

The county argues that the county jails were never meant to handle ordinance violators and that it has to house felons because the state bars nearly 70 percent (non-violent) Wayne County felons from being incarcerated at state prisons.

We understand the frustrations of our police chiefs. But, on balance, we believe the millage has done what it set out to do, especially in the area of juvenile justice. We also believe that the extension is justified and we urge a yes vote on the jail millage.

The other countywide millage, Proposal K, is a 1.5 mills (about \$112 a year for the owner of a \$150,000 home) tax increase for special education. The

current millage is 2 mills. The increase is expected to raise at least \$59 million annually. There is no expiration date for the millage.

The state and federal government have mandated an increased level of service for the county's 8,000 severely-impaired students. Neither state nor federal funding meets the costs of these mandated special education programs and services. Local school districts have been meeting costs from their general funds.

If the millage passes this would allow schools to spend their money on other programs.

We recognize the need for funding these programs and the burden that has been placed on our local school systems. We question, however, any open-ended millage. All millages should periodically be reviewed by tax payers.

Despite this serious oversight, we believe that the special education needs of the children are important and that this is the best, most reasonable approach to meeting those needs. We urge a yes vote on the special education millage.

### Yes vote on 2 state constitution proposals

Voters will decide on two state proposals in the Aug. 6 primary election.

Proposal 02-1 would amend that state constitution regarding the operations of the State Officers Compensation Commission, which sets salaries for governor, lieutenant governor, Supreme Court justices and members of the legislature. Under the current law, salary increases approved by the SOCC go into effect unless rejected by two-thirds of the legislature. Though many legislators claimed they opposed last year's salary increases, there weren't enough votes to overcome

the SOCC's decision.

Part two of the proposal places responsibility on the legislature by requiring that all SOCC salary and expense determinations be approved by a majority of the legislature.

For consistency part one of the proposal adds the Attorney General and Secretary of State to those covered by SOCC. We strongly endorse this constitutional change.

Proposal 02-2 eliminates constitutional restrictions on the investment of permanent and endowment funds and increases

the allowed spending for state and local parks and outdoor recreation.

The proposal allows the investment of endowment funds of the Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Parks Endowment Fund and Veterans Trust Fund as provided by law, including lifting the restriction on investing in stocks. The proposal increases the Natural Resources Trust Fund cap on assets from \$400 million to \$500 million.

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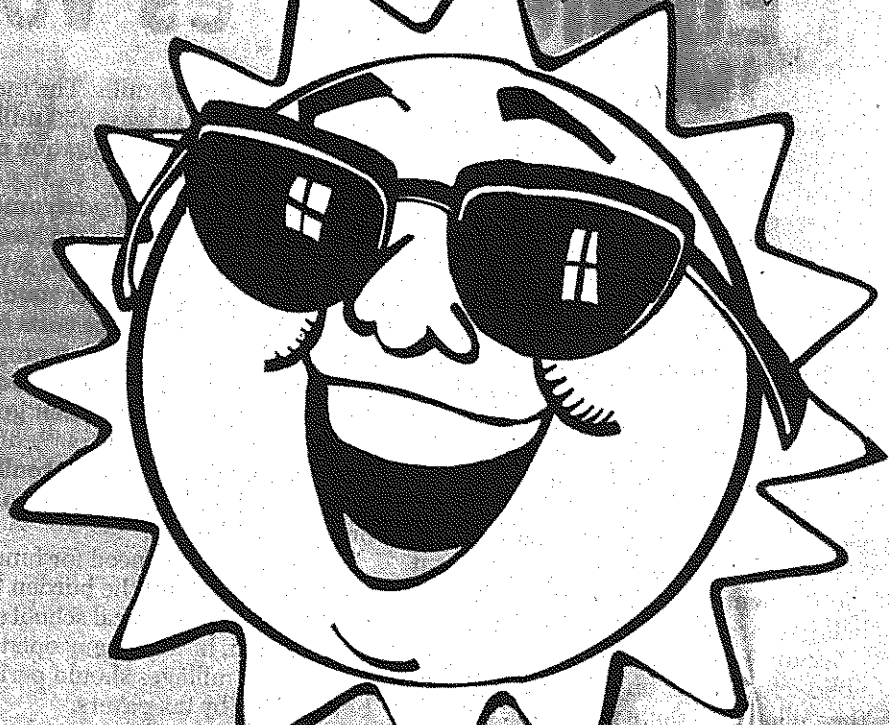


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### SCREEN

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Wrestling Entertainment matches on the big screen, as is done at Birch Run's Cinema Hollywood, said Brandt.

Regular admission charges apply for sporting events and movies alike.

"We'll be testing a digital projector at our Novi theater," Brandt said, adding that the technology is still very expensive.

Imagine Entertainment has acquired a liquor license for its Novi theater, which means movie patrons will be able to sip more than just fountain drinks.

As for Canton, Brandt said they have not decided whether to pursue a liquor license.

"It's determined on a market by market basis," he said.

If Imagine opens in Canton, it will be competition for Canton Six Theater, 43555

Ford. The theater is owned by the Goodrich Quality Theaters chain, which has movie houses in Novi, Oxford, Ann Arbor and Port Huron.

Calls to Canton Six seeking comment were directed to Goodrich's corporate offices in Grand Rapids.

Matt Johnson, marketing manager for Goodrich, said the company tries to stay competitive with other theaters by renovating its older buildings and by staying on top of technology. "Goodrich Theaters, as a rule, consistently upgrades its facilities," Johnson said. Canton's theater has, in recent years, been renovated as well.

Johnson declined to comment specifically on Imagine's plans to build in Canton until he learned more about them.

The 16.1 parcel is zoned for commercial use in a corporate overlay district. A small portion of the proposed Imagine Entertainment parcel is in Westland, so both Canton and Westland would have to approve the final site plan, said

Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner.

The planning department is reviewing the site plan, which will likely go before the planning commission sometime in September.

"We have not finished a technical review yet," Goulet said of the project.

Imagine is not the only theater company to have expressed interest in building in Canton, but so far it has been the most serious, Goulet said.

To satisfy palates of the dinner-and-movie crowds, there are already two restaurants in the vicinity, including Logan's Roadhouse and Don Pablo's.

New restaurants are on the way as well. Plans are in the works to build a National Coney Island, on the north side of Ford off Haggerty, and a Carrabbas Italian Grill, on the east side of Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill, according to Goulet.

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### CUTS

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Plymouth Township will lose \$700,305, 27 percent; Wayne County will lose its entire revenue sharing budget, \$50 million.

"This amount of money is a hit to our budget," said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok, whose community has already lost more than \$200,000 in previous state revenue sharing cuts.

"This is significant and will impact our operations."

Sincok said he got word of Engler's veto Thursday night, and discussed the matter with Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, at the band concert in Kellogg Park.

"I told him I'm very disap-

pointed in the integrity of state government," Sincok said. "When someone gives their word on a deal, then it's a deal."

Sincok was referring to recent passage of the state's cigarette tax by 50 cents a pack, which was to have saved revenue sharing funds from further cuts.

Sincok said he's already discussed budget options with Finance Director Mark Christiansen.

"We want to look at choices that don't affect our employees and city services."

Engler said the move is designed to give lawmakers options should voters approve three ballot proposals in November, which he said could cost the state \$1 billion. They include requiring binding arbitration for state workers; using money from the state's settlement with tobacco companies

for health programs; and eliminating mandatory sentences for drug crimes.

Some political gurus believe Engler is using a heavy hand in an effort to defeat those proposals, should they make it onto the ballot.

"It's completely politically motivated," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann. "Revenue sharing funds were supposed to be safeguarded since the legislature passed the cigarette tax hike."

"The things that are done in the last year of a term are what voters remember," said Mann. "I don't think Gov. Engler wants to be remembered for this." Mann said he'll be discussing alternatives with department heads as the township prepares next year's fiscal budget.

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### SERVICES

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sisting of a backup generator, two sump pumps and other items, costing \$231,049.

Trustees voted to increase the contract amount by \$90,000. This money will be used to beef up the \$230,000 project contingency fund, which was pretty much swallowed up with the water-related expenses.

Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack said that the township is discussing the unforeseen expenses from the architectural firm, Architects

Design Group of Ann Arbor.

"There's some question as to who's going to pay for what," he said. "We are working with the architect to come up with hopefully an agreed upon amount. We think that will get us through the contract."

Three non-profit agencies, including Growth Works, Canton Community Foundation and the Senior Alliance will be housed in the new building. It was initially expected by open by this fall.

Durack said he is still hopeful the building will be open by this fall, despite the groundwater problem as well as an alcohol-related vehicle accident involving a motorist colliding with the building under con-

struction. The accident caused a significant amount of damage.

"The one side of the building facing Ridge Road is pretty much smashed in," Durack said.

Canton Community Foundation Director Joan Noricks said that despite the delays, she is excited about moving to the new building.

"My feeling is I'm still so thrilled that the township is doing this for the local non-profits," she said. "We understand that we will eventually get there."

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# School districts feel pinched by special education mandate

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

School districts around the county and the state are hoping that the courts will force the state to properly fund special education services it has ordered communities to provide.

It's the newest iteration of the Durant lawsuit (so called for Don Durant, the Warren Fitzgerald Public Schools trustee who originally brought the suit — who coincidentally has been outlived by his namesake), is called Durant III. The controversy so old that the first students who benefited from the introduction of special education services are out of college by now.

The Durant suit, in all of its three incarnations, revolves around the funding of special education programs. More than 20 years ago, the state mandated that individual districts had to provide special education services to its students.

At the time of the first Durant suit, the state was supposed to be covering 28 cents of every local dollar for special education instruction and 70 percent of transportation for the same. Since then they've ranged between nine and 14 cents on the dollar.

**'We are aggressively reaching out to candidates for the state house for support in making special education separate from regular school funding.'**

Kelly McKinney  
Rossman, Martin and Associates

In the resolution of the Durant II suit, the state Supreme Court ruled that the state had to reimburse districts for what they had spent out of their general funds. Most districts had only been reimbursed for three years (out of 17). With the passage of Proposal A, which created the per-pupil foundation grant as the basis for school funding, the state chose an interesting course of action to pay for special education.

The state told districts that 28 percent of their foundation grant was to go to special education. Districts argued in Durant II that special education funding should be its own

disbursement and not part of the foundation grant.

The Michigan Court of Appeals agreed in 1999, but that was not what ended up happening. Dennis Pollard, a Bloomfield Hills attorney who has been working on this case since 1980, said the state found a new way to do the same thing.

"The governor concocted a new way to circumvent the schools," he said. "He put in place a funding mechanism that set in place the same situation."

## SHELL GAME

In other words, the state would continue to pay for special education by taking the money out of the foundation grant. A May 10 ruling by the court sided with the state, stating that the new funding was technically within the letter of the law, but called it a "shell game."

Now, Pollard and the districts are asking the court of appeals to look at the funding mechanism as it relates to the package voters were sold in the form of Proposal A. The package promised that the foundation grant amount would be constitutionally guaranteed — not something that could be raided to pay for special education.

"The foundation grant is not for special education," Pollard said. "Under Headlee, the state has to pay for it 100 percent."

Lobbyists Rossman, Martin and Associates are working to line up opposition to the state's method of funding special education amongst legislative hopefuls.

"We are aggressively reaching out to candidates for the state house for support in making special education separate from regular school funding," said Rossman spokesperson Kelly McKinney. "Nearly 100 candidates are already onboard, and the support is non-partisan." Cost rising

While the amounts vary district to district, year to year, districts across the state have been shorted the funds they need to offer state-mandated special education programs. The amounts are steadily rising.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools went from a \$2.6 million shortfall in the 1999-2000 school year to \$3.1 million in 2002-03. In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, the cost to the district went up nearly \$1 million, from \$4.9 million to \$5.8 million over the four years. The Garden City Public

Schools were shorted \$3.6 million in the 1999-2000 school year, a figure that will rise to nearly \$4.3 million in 2002-03. Over the same span of years, the Livonia Public Schools went from a \$5 million shortfall to just shy of \$6 million for the coming school year.

Livonia Superintendent Kenneth Watson said the district has been supplementing special education out of the general fund. The losers in the transaction have been additional services and class sizes.

"The average lower elementary class is between 20 and 24 kids, 24 to 26 in the higher elementary classes," he said. "We have 30 students in science lab classes and 35 in non-lab classes."

If extra money was not being diverted to cover the special education bill, he said the district would inject that money into the lower education budget for more teachers and drop class size to 15 pupils per teacher.

"We could hire 20 teachers for every \$1 million," Watson said.

Livonia has been a part of each of the Durant suits. The problem, he said, lay in asking legislators for provide money that isn't there. The governor's involvement in the issue is also

a complicating factor.

"The governor has made this a personal issue," Watson said. "The majority party is not going to cross him on this."

Although it took nearly 20 years for a resolution to the original Durant case, he said he didn't think it would take quite so long to bring closure this time.

While all of this is going on, Wayne County is asking voters to approve a permanent 1.5 mills increase for special education funding. The request will appear on the Aug. 6 ballot. Voters approved 1 mill for special education in 1974 and another mill in 1988. If passed, the total mills generated locally for special education will be 3.5 mills.

That given, Wayne County Regional Educational Services Association Assistant Supt. Bruce Barrett said the state still needs to live up to their end of the special education bargain.

"The state and federal government funding for special ed programs comes to less than 50 percent of the cost," he said. "The millage is intended to relieve the cost to (local districts') general education funds. (The Durant case is needed because) the state is not paying the amount they are supposed to."

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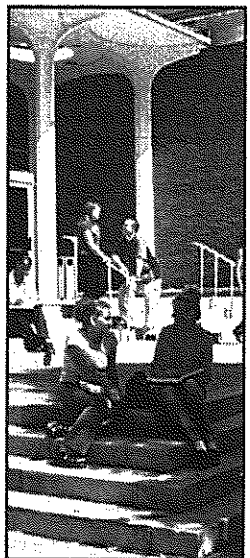
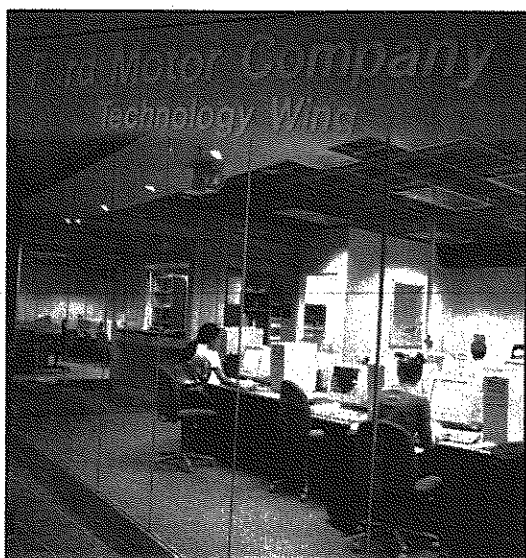
LSAT workshops meet for

eight sessions, beginning Saturday, Sept. 28. GRE and GMAT workshops meet for eight sessions, beginning Saturday, Oct. 5. Cost for each workshop is \$285. TOEFL workshops meet for eight sessions, beginning Monday, Oct. 21 for a \$180 fee.

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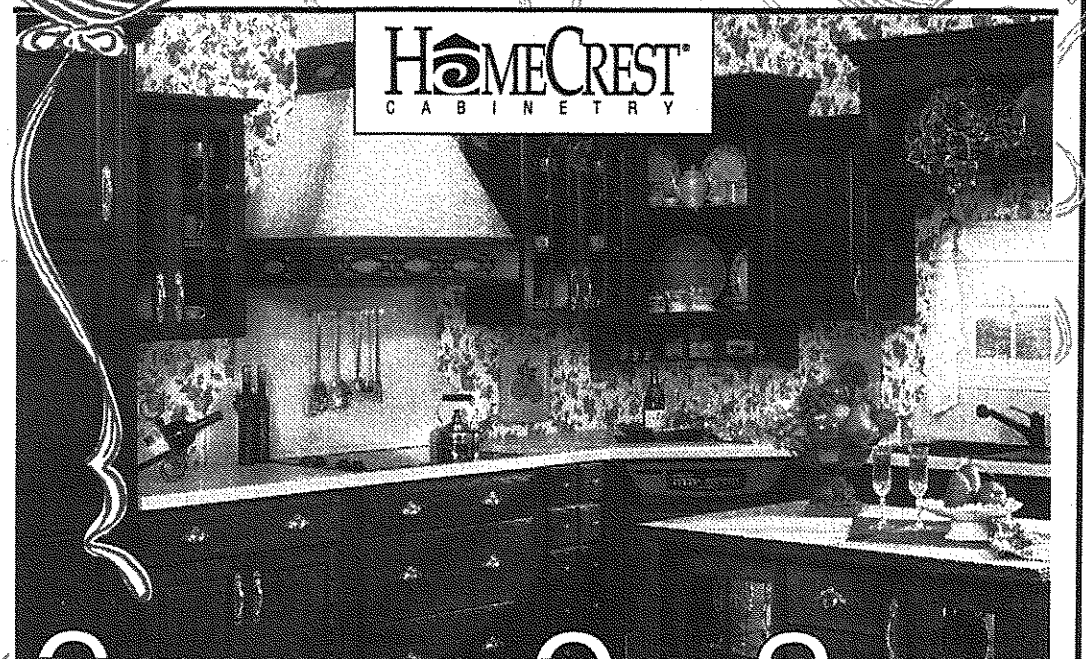
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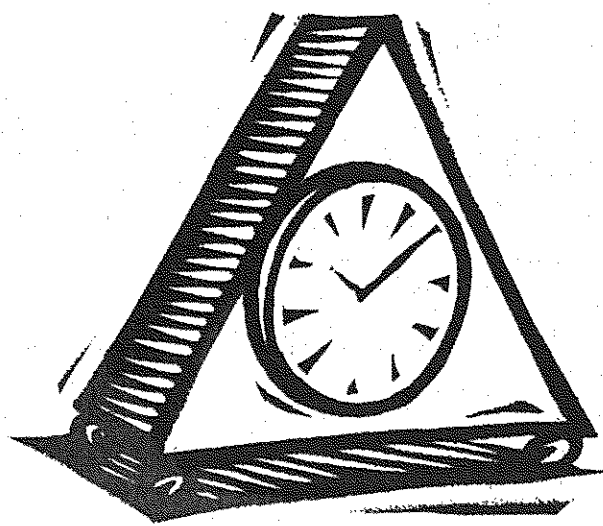
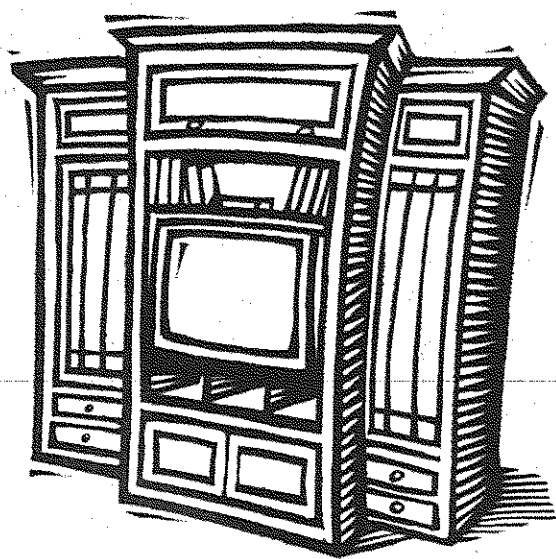
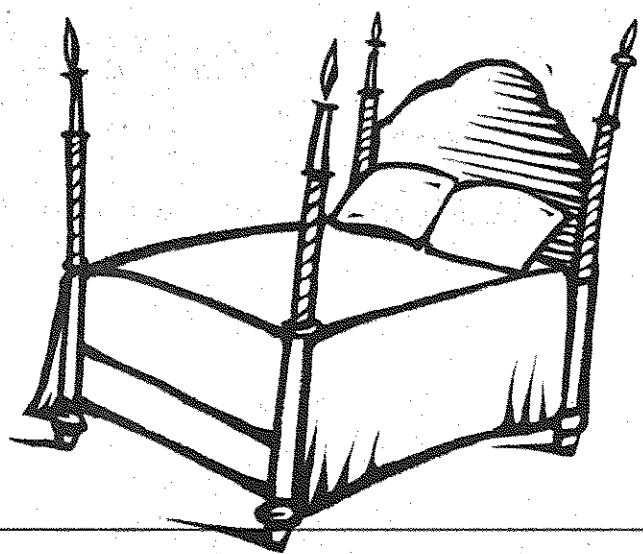
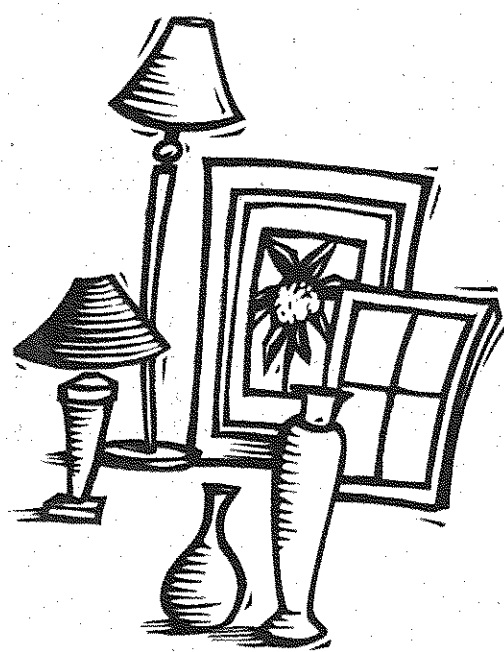
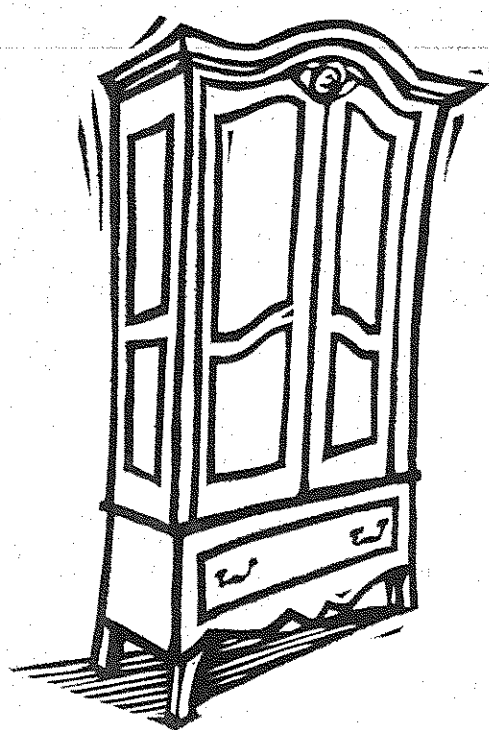
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**Darlene Marie Houdek**

Services for Darlene Houdek, 39, of Canton (formerly of Livonia) were held July 24 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Andy Webster officiating.

Mrs. Houdek was born Aug. 17, 1962 in Davenport, Iowa, and died July 20 at her home. She was a graduate of Wayne State University in 1984. She had been employed at Grant Thornton CPA until 1989 when she retired to be a homemaker. She was a loving wife and mother. She was a champion athlete, enjoying soccer, softball, and downhill skiing. She enjoyed Scrabble, Euchre, Red Wings Hockey and good times with family, friends, and "THE DAVES".

She was preceded in death by brother, Dale Bowers.

Survivors include husband of 17 years, Tom G. Houdek of Canton; children, Jeffrey, Jamie and Jacqueline; parents, Dr. Leslie (Shirley) Bowers of Livonia; in-laws, Tom (Wanda) Houdek of Canton; brothers, Mark (MaryAnn) Houdek of Livonia, Derick (Sandy) Houdek of Salem, and Dean (Lisa) Houdek of Livonia; sisters, Marilyn (Greg) Melvin of

Livonia, Lesley Russell of Livonia, Holly (Tom) Burr of Livonia, and Tina Bowers of Northville.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

**Paul Edwin Smith**

Services for Paul Smith, 93, of Plymouth were held July 22 at St. Catherines of Sienna Catholic Church in Toledo, Ohio with the Rev. Gary Walters officiating. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery in Toledo.

Mr. Smith was born April 12, 1909 in Corunna, Mich. and died July 18 in Livonia. He was a freight sales representative for the Canadian National Grand Trunk Western Railroad. He retired in 1971 after 40 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community in 2001 from Toledo. He lived in Toledo from 1943 to 2001. He was a member of St. Catherines of Sienna Catholic Church since 1950. He was a member of The Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, and he was past secretary-treasurer and honorary member of the Toledo Transportation Club. He enjoyed camping, travel, gar-

dening, carpentry, and reading. He was a member of the Toastmasters of Toledo.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred.

Survivors include daughter, Kathleen (Larry) Duggan of Northville; sons, Richard (Margaret) Smith of Waterford, Paul F. (Barbara) Smith of Toledo, and David (Pamela) Smith of Toledo; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Katherine Martin of Jackson; and brothers-in-law, Arthur and Gordon Stoddard of Grand Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Gladys M. Cox**

A private family service was recently held for Gladys M. Cox, 90, of Plymouth. She died July 16 at Arbor Hospice and Home Care in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Cox was born Sept. 10, 1911 in Detroit. She came to the Northville community in 1954 and retired to Florida with her husband. They

returned to the Plymouth community in 1988.

Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence.

Survivors include daughters, Ival (Philip) Lang of Plymouth, and Susan (Bill) Grady of Canton; son, Jim (Debbie) Cox of Milford; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arbor Hospice and Home Care in Ann Arbor. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

**Karen E. Clemmons**

Services for Karen Clemmons, 33, of Westland, were held July 23 at the First Congregational Church in Wayne with the Rev. Rob Joy officiating.

Mrs. Clemmons was born Nov. 25, 1968 and died July 19 in Wayne, Mich. She was a contract administrator at Compuware.

She was preceded in death by grandfather, Joe Pack.

Survivors include husband, John Clemmons of Westland; daughter, Ryan Ashley Clemmons of Westland; parents, Howard (Joyce) Taylor of Canton; sister, Sandy (Robert)

Spence of Fla.; sister, Paula (Peter) Bartlett of Fla.; sister, Kelly (Craig) Timko of Canton; and grandmother, Obsth Pack.

Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home.

**James K. Burrell**

A memorial service for James Burrell, 64, of Canton will be held July 31 at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

Mr. Burrell was born Nov. 14, 1937 and died July 17 in Wayne. He was an engineer with Daimler Chrysler.

Survivors include wife, Shirley; son, Michael (Stacy) Burrell; daughters, Linda Greer and Amy Burrell; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home.

**William Carl Ruland**

William Ruland, 77, of Crystal River, Fla. died July 18 in Crystal River under the loving care of Hospice of Citrus County and his family.

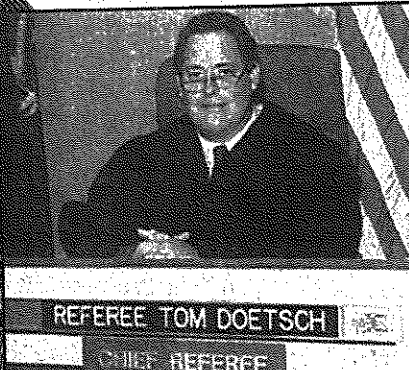
Mr. Ruland was born Oct. 31, 1924 in Philadelphia. He came to Citrus County 10 years ago from Bella Vista, Ark. and was

a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran, serving his country for three years as a B-17 combat crew member overseas. He was retired from sales and marketing for Yale & Towne Hoisting Manufacturing Company in Philadelphia and in his career of 38 years in the overhead materials handling industry, he moved and travelled extensively.

Mr. Ruland was preceded in death by his son, James Stacy Ruland.

Survivors include wife of 55 years, Marcelaine Ruland of Crystal River; daughters, Marcelaine Ferguson of Belleville, Ill., Charlae Bryan of Parker, Colo., Lizabeth Hodson of Graham, N.C. and Jennifer Gurny of Plymouth; son, William F. Ruland of Hudson, Fla.; mother, Mary Elizabeth Ruland, 98 of Doylestown, Penn.; sisters, Mary Reckner, Shirley Gamauf, and Dolores Springsteen, all of Doylestown, Penn.; 15 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Citrus County. Arrangements made by Fero Funeral Home.



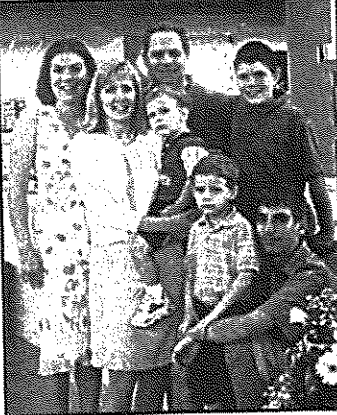
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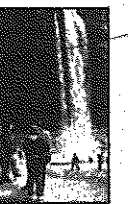
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## Side dish

### Cheese for Dessert

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This summer, take apple pie and fruit tarts to a new level with a recipe for Cheddar Apple Tarts with Apricot-Mint Glaze. With sharp cheddar cheese baked into the crust and melted inside the gooey, custard apple filling, this treat is a cross between a delicate French pastry and mom's homemade apple pie. Find the cheese recipe, and other dessert recipes at [www.ilovecheese.com](http://www.ilovecheese.com).

### Summer salads

If "the best things in life are free," it may be that the best things in nutrition are natural. Scientists believe phytochemicals, naturally occurring substances in plant foods, may be one reason people who eat plenty of fruits and vegetables are less likely to develop cancer and other diseases. With markets brimming with the season's bounty for fresh, flavorful and phytochemical-rich foods, this is the perfect time to experience new ways to use fruits and vegetables in your summer salads.



Cruciferous vegetables like cabbage, broccoli, and watercress contain phytochemicals that may lower breast cancer risk. Indoles found in these vegetables repair DNA damage in cells before this genetic material gets the opportunity to mutate. Make a salad of broccoli, Nappa cabbage and daikon radish dressed with balsamic vinegar, canola oil, and a bit of sesame oil.

Tomatoes contain lycopene, which has been linked to lowered prostate cancer risk.

Try a simple Mediterranean salad of sliced tomatoes, low-fat mozzarella cheese and slivers of fresh basil leaves, dressed with olive oil, lemon juice, white wine vinegar, salt and pepper.

Phytochemicals called allyl sulfides, which may help protect against stomach and colon cancers, are found in garlic, onions, leeks, chives and shallots.

For a simple salad, steam baby leeks and toss with a vinaigrette of red wine vinegar, Dijon mustard, olive oil, salt and pepper.

# Taste of the islands

A popular fruit in the islands, bananas and plantains are used as ingredients in entrees, side dishes and desserts.



**Bahama Islands**  
Coconut Cream Pie, Pineapple Fish Kabob

**Cuba**  
Black Beans & Rice, Carne Fria-Cuban Sausage Lunchmeat

**Turks & Caicos Islands**  
Conch Grits, Coconut Orange Salad

**Jamaica**  
Land of Jerk Meats and Jerk Veggies; Fried Plantain

**Dominican Republic**  
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- Or, the right style of island tunes can create a laid-back and relaxed atmosphere—or an uplifting energetic one at a home party. Check out the following cds:
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- Music for a relaxed atmosphere: Bob Marley—The Very Best of Bob Marley
- Music that's relaxing and still danceable: Uprizin'—A fun, talented steel drum band from metro-Detroit, with island roots. A cd is hitting the stores in August. Cheerful songs that are easy on the ear and great for tropical dinner background music. Then turn it louder for casual dancing. Check them out also at The Belleville Grill on August 1, 28 and 29. Or, at The Greektown Casino on August 7 and Detroit's Omni River Place on August 22.

**Enter Bahama Breeze.**  
The new Caribbean chain, with a location on busy Big Beaver Road in Troy and on Haggerty Road in Livonia is a tremendous hit among suburbanites who

**PLEASE SEE ISLANDS, B3**

Roasted Cuban Bread is a staple at Bahama Breeze, a new Caribbean chain restaurant. It's roasted bread with tomatoes, basil, cheese and more, similar to bruschetta.

## St. Hallett wines carry a Barossa signature

Adelaide is the principal city in South Australia, the state where more than half of all Australian wine is produced. An hour's drive north of Adelaide is the Barossa Valley, where warm summertime temperatures favor ripening red grapes that make big, flavorful shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. This is where the folks at St. Hallett winery have been laboring for the past 50 years, making exceptional wines that correctly represent their Barossa Valley origin.

Old-vine vineyards of the Barossa yielded wine before the



### Focus on Wine

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American Civil War, the Russian Revolution and both World Wars. These vines, fed by their roots, firmly anchored in Barossa subsoil, continue to burst buds each year and are tended by sixth generation vineyard owners who consider themselves vine custodi-

ans. If one had to choose "the" place for shiraz with seemingly anti-theoretical gusto and finesse, it would be the Barossa. Andrew Wigan, chief winemaker at Peter Lehmann Wines, said, "When God invented grapes, he obviously had the Barossa in mind for shiraz. Its climate and soils produce glowering black wines of intense flavor, strength and velvety finish."

### GREATNESS OF THE BAROSSA

Since the 1940s, great reds,

principally based on shiraz, have come from the Barossa. Area leader St. Hallett makes compelling shiraz from dry-farmed old vines, crown jewels of today's shiraz bottlings. With old vines, individual grape bunches hold small, nearly-black berries. Without irrigation, their deep root systems help them survive the hot Barossa summer sun in extended periods of 100 degrees Fahrenheit and hotter.

Over the last several years, Barossa producers have spent much time and effort identifying the top shiraz vineyards. This has

given rise to some of the most exciting red wines in the world. One of these is St. Hallett's Old Block Shiraz, made from vines 70 years old to well over the century mark.

And so it is that one may say, there's shiraz and there's Barossa shiraz. The Barossa is one of the only premium international viticultural areas not ravaged by phylloxera in the late 1800s. A far-sighted quarantine policy created a repository of the world's oldest shiraz vineyards there.

PLEASE SEE WINE, B2

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**WATERFRONT DINING**

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All around the Metro Detroit area are restaurants that offer waterfront seating with views of the lakes and rivers adorning the landscape. Granted, the list is lighter on Wayne County side, but all of the restaurants aren't that far of a drive north of Eight Mile Road.

**BELLEVILLE GRILLE**

146 High St.  
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The owners of the Belleville Grille describe their restaurant as an upscale, casual establishment serving American contemporary fare on the shores of Belleville Lake. For those who choose not to take the jaunt down I-94 for their table, the restaurant also main-

tains enough slips at its dock to accommodate 10 boatloads of diners.

Every day they offer a new soup and brace of special dishes. The owners point particularly to house specialties like Coconut Shrimp, Pasta Del Mar, mesquite braised barbecue spare ribs, a 24 ounce Porterhouse Steak and homemade ice cream pies.

For lunch, sandwiches and salads run from about \$6 to \$9 and dinner entrees run between \$12 and \$20 per plate. There is a Sunday buffet (\$14.95 for adults, \$7.95 for kids) that includes a bread and salad buffet and a choice of several entrees including pastas, seafood, traditional breakfast items and choices from the grill.

Aside from the dinner favorites, the Grille also brings in live entertainment on a weekly basis for performances on their patio stage. Acts scheduled throughout this summer run the gamut from blues to jazz, acoustic rock to calypso, reggae and worldbeat.

The Belleville Grille is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). They accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American

Express and Diner's Club cards. Traveler's checks are also welcome. Free parking is available adjacent to the restaurant and at the bank across the street.

**BOATHOUSE GRILLE AND TAVERN**

142 E.Walled Lake Dr.  
Walled Lake, Mi.

The Boathouse Grille and Tavern, located on the northern shore of Walled Lake, has changed hands a few times since it opened. Nonetheless, it's been a popular destination over the years.

The chefs prepare a new group of specials every day and accompany them with different cheesecakes for dessert. The menu begins with enough appetizers, soups and salads to replace dinner entirely. They also offer seafood (char-grilled pesto-glazed swordfish), grill items (whisky peppercorn ribeye), pasta (chicken angelica) and burgers, sandwiches and build-your-own wrap sandwiches filling out three more pages of the menu. Major entrees run

between \$11 and \$20, sandwiches run between \$5 and \$13.

Naturally, you can build your own pizza.

Aside from the cheesecake of the day, the dessert tray offers their own Key Lime pie, bread pudding, a mud pie and a good selection of non-alcoholic drinks for those driving the rest of the dinner party home. The restaurant is open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 2 a.m. on Sunday.

**KODIAK CREEK INN**

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The ursine-themed Kodiak Creek Inn in Commerce Township, on the shores of Cooley Lake Rd., kicks off dinner with Bear Bait, appetizers like smoked whitefish pate served with toast rounds and onion bear claws dipped in "bear-ly" resistible seasoned batter served with glacier sauce.

As if you couldn't see it coming, the lunch menu — The Picnic Basket —

has a selection of 15 different sandwiches and burgers, including a salmon BLT with thinly sliced, seared salmon served with the traditional BLT toppings.

The list of entrees include a Black Angus New York Strip, a roasted pheasant breast topped with Madeira wine sauce with mushroom, slow-roasted duck and a lake perch pepperonata — perch pan-fried with a sauce of wine, butter, olives, mild cherry peppers and lemon.

The chefs recommend the lake perch, the shrimp and the Anchorage Pasta — sautéed wild mushrooms, asparagus, tomatoes, olive oil and parmesan cheese with chicken or shrimp over angel hair pasta — but also remind diners that everything served at Kodiak Creek is made from scratch. The entrees run between \$10 and \$20 per, sandwiches run between \$5 and \$8.

The restaurant is open Sunday and Monday 4 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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  - 1 recipe red pepper mayonnaise
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All around the Metro Detroit area are restaurants that offer waterfront seating with views of the lakes and rivers adorning the landscape. Granted, the list is lighter on Wayne County side, but all of the restaurants aren't that far of a drive north of Eight Mile Road.

**BELLEVILLE GRILLE**

146 High St.  
Belleville, Mi. 48111

The owners of the Belleville Grille describe their restaurant as an upscale, casual establishment serving American contemporary fare on the shores of Belleville Lake. For those who choose not to take the jaunt down I-94 for their table, the restaurant also main-

tains enough slips at its dock to accommodate 10 boatloads of diners.

Every day they offer a new soup and brace of special dishes. The owners point particularly to house specialties like Coconut Shrimp, Pasta Del Mar, mesquite braised barbecue spare ribs, a 24 ounce Porterhouse Steak and homemade ice cream pies.

For lunch, sandwiches and salads run from about \$6 to \$9 and dinner entrees run between \$12 and \$20 per plate. There is a Sunday buffet (\$14.95 for adults, \$7.95 for kids) that includes a bread and salad buffet and a choice of several entrees including pastas, seafood, traditional breakfast items and choices from the grill.

Aside from the dinner favorites, the Grille also brings in live entertainment on a weekly basis for performances on their patio stage. Acts scheduled throughout this summer run the gamut from blues to jazz, acoustic rock to calypso, reggae and worldbeat.

The Belleville Grille is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). They accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American

Express and Diner's Club cards. Traveler's checks are also welcome. Free parking is available adjacent to the restaurant and at the bank across the street.

**BOATHOUSE GRILLE AND TAVERN**

142 E.Walled Lake Dr.  
Walled Lake, Mi.

The Boathouse Grille and Tavern, located on the northern shore of Walled Lake, has changed hands a few times since it opened. Nonetheless, it's been a popular destination over the years.

The chefs prepare a new group of specials every day and accompany them with different cheesecakes for dessert. The menu begins with enough appetizers, soups and salads to replace dinner entirely. They also offer seafood (char-grilled pesto-glazed swordfish), grill items (whisky peppercorn ribeye), pasta (chicken angelica) and burgers, sandwiches and build-your-own wrap sandwiches filling out three more pages of the menu. Major entrees run

between \$11 and \$20, sandwiches run between \$5 and \$13.

Naturally, you can build your own pizza.

Aside from the cheesecake of the day, the dessert tray offers their own Key Lime pie, bread pudding, a mud pie and a good selection of non-alcoholic drinks for those driving the rest of the dinner party home. The restaurant is open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 2 a.m. on Sunday.

**KODIAK CREEK INN**

8635 Cooley Lake Rd.  
Commerce Township, Mi. 48382

The ursine-themed Kodiak Creek Inn in Commerce Township, on the shores of Cooley Lake Rd., kicks off dinner with Bear Bait, appetizers like smoked whitefish pate served with toast rounds and onion bear claws dipped in "bear-ly" resistible seasoned batter served with glacier sauce.

As if you couldn't see it coming, the lunch menu — The Picnic Basket —

has a selection of 15 different sandwiches and burgers, including a salmon BLT with thinly sliced, seared salmon served with the traditional BLT toppings.

The list of entrees include a Black Angus New York Strip, a roasted pheasant breast topped with Madeira wine sauce with mushroom, slow-roasted duck and a lake perch pepperonatta — perch pan-fried with a sauce of wine, butter, olives, mild cherry peppers and lemon.

The chefs recommend the lake perch, the shrimp and the Anchorage Pasta — sautéed wild mushrooms, asparagus, tomatoes, olive oil and parmesan cheese with chicken or shrimp over angel hair pasta — but also remind diners that everything served at Kodiak Creek is made from scratch. The entrees run between \$10 and \$20 per, sandwiches run between \$5 and \$8.

The restaurant is open Sunday and Monday 4 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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## ISLANDS

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want island-theme food in an action-packed atmosphere. The fast-paced indoor/outdoor bar/restaurant is unlike the small independently-owned eateries that have a laid-back atmosphere similar to the coastal restaurants that occupy island fishing villages.

Bahama Breeze, headquarters in Florida through Darden Restaurants, is a big, bustling, tropical sensation where upon arrival guests are given large bright-red flashing beepers to inform them of an eventual available table. It's not rare to wait 35 minutes for a table on a weeknight. In waiting, guests sip on frothy, fruit drinks in the patio-style bar that's usually standing-room only and listen to live Reggae or steel drum music. Like all chains, the menu at both locations in Michigan are the same.

### EXCITING FOOD

Curried or encrusted seafood, fried plantain, oxtail soup, stewed vegetables, beans-nuts-and-rice and jerked dishes are the desire. In mainstream supermarkets, boxed rice is seasoned with Caribbean spices and fruits. Plantain, a fruit from the banana family, is found in almost any produce section. Island food may not be quick to prepare at home, but the bold flavors seem worth the wait. Spicy, sometimes fruity and relatively inexpensive, Caribbean food is about rice and beans; seasoned or stewed everything and everything seriously fresh.

Jamaican-born owner of Bev's Kitchen, Beverley Taylor-Glaza, is a former

### WHAT IS JERK?

Jerk food, described by Bahama Breeze general manager Rick Hopkins, is indigenous to Jamaica. Jerk is to islanders what BBQ is to Americans, Hopkins said. Jerk is a seasoning combination that helps preserve food (while seasoning it) and usually consists of scallions, thyme, allspice berries, scotch bonnet hot peppers and garlic. Bev's Caribbean Kitchen in Ann Arbor makes and sells their own jerk special seasoning.

#### Choose a good plantain

Bev's Caribbean Kitchen owner is Jamaican born Beverley Taylor-Glaza. To fry a good plantain, choose one that has deep orange skin with a little bit of black. If the skin is green, as found in most supermarkets, it's not ripe enough and will be

difficult to peel. Let ripen. Once the skin is orange, or at least deep yellow, the fruit is sweeter. Plantain, by the way, is in the banana family.

#### What's popular in the islands?

Jerk, jerk and more jerk: Jerk, chicken, jerk veggies, jerk pork or goat or beef. Key Lime pie - Sure Key West is part of the U.S., but it has a laid-back Caribbean flair. Plantain: Slice and deep fry in oil as it's done in Jamaica or St. Lucia; or add lots of salt for a South American flair like the Colombians do. Mash with sour cream as done in the Dominican Republic in a dish called Mangu. Curry: Curried shrimp, curried goat. Popular on most islands Rice and peas: A popular Jamaican and Cuban staple.

teacher turned restaurant owner who says the demand for Caribbean food is highest in the summer.

"Jerk chicken, jerk vegetables, jerk pork, curried shrimp, curried goat, stewed goat and oxtail, we have all Jamaican foods," Taylor-Glaza said. "We also have rice and peas, vegetable fritters, plantain chips and fried plantain."

The rapid success of Bahama Breeze hasn't hurt Bev's Caribbean Kitchen; which has enjoyed a relaxed and loyal following since the 1990s. And as more

Michiganders head to the islands on holidays each year, Bev's Kitchen receives increased requests to cater tropical-themed dinner parties at residential dwellings - it can cater to 250 people, seven days a week. Customers want real Caribbean food to accompany their reggae music, tikki torches and island-theme drinks at their hosted outdoor parties.

Plantain is an island favorite. Bahama Breeze also offers them in salads and seasoned with chicken, peppers and cheese as an island

"nacho." Bev's Kitchen keeps the recipe island-original.

"We have food from the Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St. Bart's and the Dominican Republic," said Rick Hopkins, general manager of the Livonia Bahama Breeze. The best sellers are the same at both that Bahama Breeze spot and the Troy location: Coconut Prawns - jump shrimp in a coconut batter with a citrus-mustard dipping sauce. Number two is Jamaican grilled chicken wings and island pizzas. The most in-demand Bahama Breeze beer is Aruba-Red brewed by Anheuser-Busch in the states, not in Aruba.

Bahama's vegetarian entree, called Martinique angel hair pasta, has an Italian influence and contains olive oil, basil and tomatoes. At Bev's Kitchen the vegetarian choices are curried and jerked choices as well as side dishes.

Bev's creates and sells bagged plantain chips - imagine a crunchy banana chip less greasy than potato chips. Plantain can be fried, mashed like potatoes or sweetened as a dessert. It also carries its own version of jerk seasoning, a spicy process where meats and vegetables are seasoned in a way to preserve food. It was originally created in Jamaica. Jerked food is usually meat, but Taylor-Glaza also offers vegetables in the same style.

Lively atmospheres at Bahama Breeze; charming atmospheres of independent diners and the rising popularity of Reggae, Soca and Caribbean music means island food isn't going away soon.

After all, who wouldn't enjoy a food from the islands of sunshine?

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## CARIBBEAN RECIPES

### CURRY GOAT

- 4 lbs. goat with bones, sawed into 2 inch pieces
- 2 large yellow onions
- 2 medium potatoes
- 4 tbs. curry powder
- 1 tsp. thyme
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 4 tbs. frying oil
- 4 cups water
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Mix the goat with 1/2 the curry powder. Peel and chop the potatoes into 1-inch chunks; peel and chop the onions into 1/2 inch chunks. Heat a large frying pan and brown the meat, in small batches, in the oil. Place the browned goat in a 10 to 12 quart stove-top casserole and add the vegetables from the marinade, pan drippings, remaining spices and 4 cups water; cover and simmer until tender, about 3 hours or so. Uncover the pot for the last hour or so in order to thicken the sauce a bit. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serves 8. Source: www.recipecottage.com

### Garlic Herb Butter to accompany bread

- 4 tbs. lightly salted garlic, softened
- 1 tsp. fresh garlic, minced
- 1 tbs. scallion, sliced 1/8-inch
- 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. fresh thyme leaves

Combine all ingredients in a small mixing bowl and mash with a fork until evenly blended. Can be made a day in advance and kept refrigerated.

### Tomato Marinade

- 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 tbs. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbs. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. fresh oregano leaves
- 1 tbs. brown sugar
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbs. fresh garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. salt & black pepper, fresh ground

Combine all ingredients in a blender and process until thoroughly blended. Can be made a day in advance and kept refrigerated.

### ROASTED CUBAN BREAD

- 2 large vine ripe beefsteak tomatoes
- 1 1/4 cups tomato marinade (see recipe below)
- 1 loaf fresh bread 3/4 pound
- 6 tbs. garlic herb butter (see recipe below)
- 1/4 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, sliced crosswise 1/8 inch
- 1 sprig fresh basil for garnish

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit with rack in the middle of the oven. Wash tomatoes and remove the core, then cut into 1/4 inch slices. Lay the slices in a glass dish and pour the marinade over them. Set aside while preparing the bread. Slice bread lengthwise with a serrated knife to create a top and bottom. Spread half of garlic herb butter on the cut surface of each half of the bread. Place bread, cut side up, on a sheet pan. Place in the oven for 3-4 minutes until the bread is lightly toasted. Remove from oven. Lift tomato slices from the marinade and drain. Lay slices, slightly overlapping, on the toasted bread. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Return to the oven for 1-2 minutes to just melt the cheese. Remove from oven and transfer to cutting board.

Cut each half loaf, crosswise, into 8 pieces. Sprinkle with sliced basil leaves and arrange on a warm serving platter. Garnish with a fresh sprig of basil.

### CORN SOUFFLÉ FROM ECUADOR

- 2 cups kernel of fresh corn
- 1 cup of muenster cheese, cubed
- 4 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces
- salt and pepper
- 5 eggs, well beaten
- butter

Combine the corn, cheese and butter in a blender or food processor. Season to taste with salt and pepper and add the beaten eggs. Blend on high speed until the mixture is smooth. Pour into a buttered soufflé dish and set the dish in a pan with hot water in a preheated 350 oven. Bake 1 hour or until set. Source: http://members.tripod.com

### FRIED PLANTAIN

- 2 plantains
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- salt and pepper - to taste

Peel plantains and cut into 2-inch rounds. Heat oil in a small saucepan until hot but not smoking. Drop the plantain into the oil 3 or 4 at a time and cook until well browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove and drain. Set each fried plantain on a flat side, and use a rolling pin or frying pan to squash it flat into a circular shape. Return flattened plantain sections to the hot oil 3 or 4 at a time and cook until the entire surface is golden brown, about 2 minutes. Remove, drain, and season with salt, if desired. Serve hot or at room temperature.

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## Nadanta dancers explore India's six seasons

You might hear showers as Jaya Budhwar performs a classical Indian rain dance next weekend at Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University in Rochester — but keep the umbrellas closed.

The dance moves, the lighting effects and the music will suggest monsoon rain, but won't trigger any real cloud bursts.

"The way the strings play and because of the instruments used, it sounds like rain coming and thunder," Budhwar described the dance, adding with a laugh, "the audience might think it's raining."

Budhwar, 15, a junior at Detroit Country Day, Beverly Hills, is one of 55 dancers who train and perform with Nadanta, a Farmington Hills organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Indian culture through classical, folk and contemporary choreography. Chaula Thacker of Farmington Hills, trains Nadanta members, leads a 20-member ensemble of advanced dancers and choreographs the annual show at Meadow Brook.

In this year's production, called *Megh-Dhanush*, which means "rainbow," Nadanta performers will dance through India's seasonal calendar, recreating festivals and bringing the seasons to life as talking, moving characters.

"Last year we did a heavy



Nadanta dancers dress in elaborate, exquisite costumes for *Megh-Dhanush*, a dance production about India's six seasons.

topic — the teachings of Buddha. This year, in the tragic time of 9-11, we thought we needed a lighter mood,"

Thacker said.

The seasons — late winter, spring, summer, monsoon, autumn and winter — and their

### MEGH-DHANUSH

**What:** Dance interpretation of the six seasons of India

**When:** 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3

**Where:** Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus, located on Walton between Squirrel and Adams roads, Rochester Hills

**Admission:** \$15, \$25 and \$45. For advance tickets call (248) 252-8249



*Megh-Dhanush* tells the story of the rainbow, personified as an emotionally blank man who encounters each of India's six seasons.

festivals seemed an obvious way to combine color and celebration. Thacker created a plot, weaving the dance into a story about the rainbow. Raja Jaikumar of Novi portrays the spectrum of colors as an outwardly brilliant, but emotionally blank man. He gains an emotion and human quality when he encounters each new season.

"By act three he is a complete man. He has given each season a color and each season gave him an emotion," Thacker explained. "The plot is simple for anyone to understand.

People who understand classical music will enjoy it and people who enjoy folk music can

understand it."

Thacker ordered new costumes and included one northern-style classical dance in the show. It's a major departure for Nadanta dancers, who are trained in elegant Bharat natyam, India's southern-style classical dance.

"It's completely different," said dancer Ami Mehta of Sterling Heights. "It's like going from ballet to tap in a month. Bharat natyam is mostly plies,

with the legs spread. Bharat natyam uses the whole body. Kathak, the northern tradition, is mostly foot work, straight leg and soft gestures."

The costumes differ, too. Bharat natyam calls for pants-style outfits; kathak's spinning movements look best with long, flowing skirts. Both styles are "gorgeous and elaborate," Mehta said.

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## Shakespeare fest's *Romeo and Juliet* offers competent acting

BY LINDSEY MERGENER  
CORRESPONDENT

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival has come full-circle. In this, its eighth season, it boasts a production of the very play performed in the festival's inaugural season, the most famous love story of all time: *Romeo and Juliet*.

Directors Terry Heck and John Seibert have clearly attempted to produce a traditional, uncontroversial performance. The result is a competent attempt by energetic and, for the most part, exceptionally talented actors. But the three-hour play fails to stir the pulse or weaken the knees. The audience leaves the perform-

ance content, but not infatuated.

The production doesn't begin with Shakespeare's intended prologue ("Two households, both alike in dignity..."), but with boys fencing with sticks as women of Verona beat their rugs and empty their chamberpots from the balcony. This energetic but busy-look-

ing scene sets the tone for the entire production — both scene and show contain raw, beautiful moments lacking a unified direction.

After the Montague and Capulet servants tussle, every actor freezes on stage and they proceed to unfreeze one by one to perform the prologue, taking turns speaking the lines and sometimes speaking in unison. This is a baffling choice, and the audience is left as hesitant and uncomfortable as the actors appear to be. The moment passes with the conclusion of the prologue and the stage explodes into fighting once more.

Technically, the show is impeccable with props and costumes perfectly suited to the text. Surely, this is the way

### MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

**What:** *Romeo & Juliet* and *Othello*

**When:** Continues 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday to Sunday, Aug. 4

**Where:** Ella Sharp Park, Jackson.

**Tickets:** \$16, \$8 children age 12 and under. For information or directions, call (517) 788-5032, (517) 780-4808 or (866) 705-2636. Web site is [www.michshakespeare.org](http://www.michshakespeare.org)

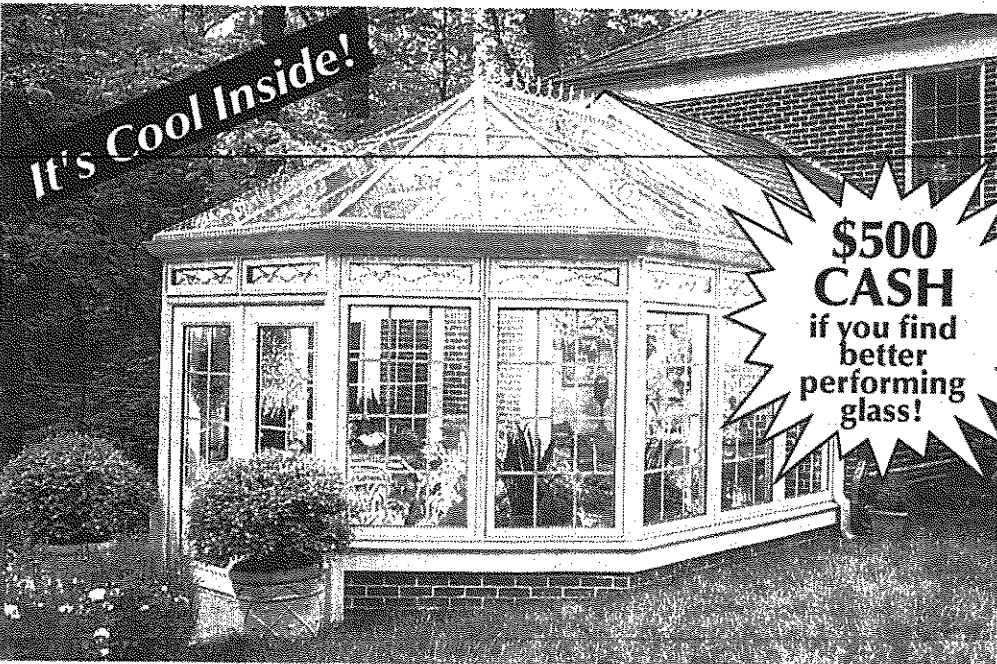
**Details:** Chairs are provided but viewers can bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on the lawn in front of the risers.

Shakespeare is meant to be performed — outside in a courtyard on a thrust stage with a balcony, with traditional clothing and a few well-chosen props and set pieces. Luckily

for the audience, Heck and Seibert avoid technical overindulgence, opting instead to complement the text without

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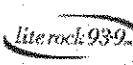
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# Consider these tips for shooting creative, interesting photos

Every creative endeavor has its pitfalls, traps, even a room of private torment. It's difficult to keep a wave of creativity in constant momentum.

This applies to photography, too. Even with our modern cameras, lenses, and knowledge of the craft, we all have moments of confusion and doubt and we lose perspective on what we're doing.

Well, don't store away the camera in favor of a long vacation in front of the television. The recognition of frustration and a tendency to be overly critical of your photography are part of creativity. After all, it often takes a setback to achieve further growth.

So at those times when you feel you're at the end of your cre-



**Focus On Photography**

Monte Nagler

ative rope and you're ready to pack up the camera...don't! Here are some ideas to rejuvenate your creativity.

Review your past work and begin to ask yourself some questions. Are there any particular trends or themes you may be over-

doing? Is there a variation of your subject matter that will produce a fresh outlook? Can you get a different perspective with another lens, camera angle, or by shooting at a different time of day? Are there ways you can add

more of your own individuality to your pictures? Knowing where you've been will help you chart a course for the future.

Take another look at the world around you. There may be subject material you never considered photographing before that will now interest you. If you've always shot landscapes, perhaps now is the time to begin to photograph people.

If you've always favored distant scenes, now may be the time to take an intimate look at textures, patterns, and close-up details. If you've always been a realist, how about taking a look at some abstracts? A 180-degree turnabout may not ultimately be for you, but it will keep the creative juices flowing.

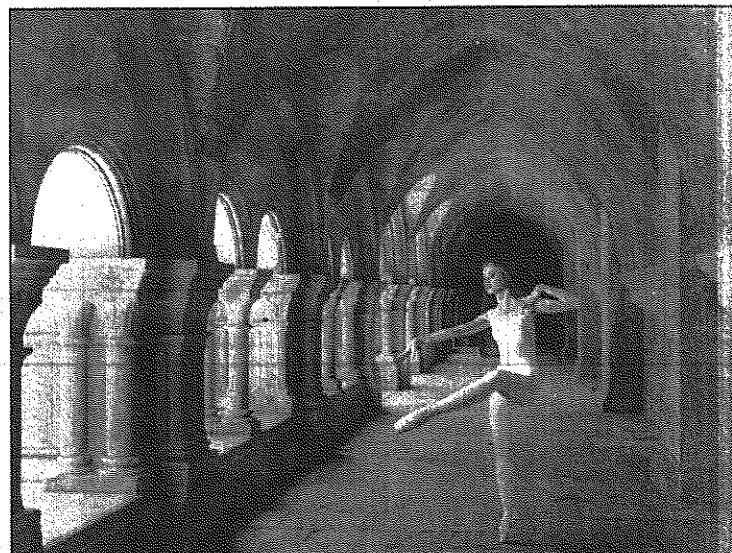
Start looking at more photographs. A trip to a local photo

gallery or a leisurely browse through the photography books at your library or neighborhood bookstore will be rewarding and inspiring.

And keep some inspiring thoughts in mind, too. Remember that you are making photographs, not just taking snapshots. Shift your photographic vision from the recording of a scene to an expression of mood. Remember that the two most important elements when you make a photograph are you and your subject. And remember to use your imagination and spontaneity when you photograph.

So don't let your creative bubble burst.

Rather, let it help you soar to new heights of photographic excitement.



Shifting your vision from the recording of a scene to the expression of a mood can help you maintain creativity while shooting photographs.

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- A 1962 Detroit Annunciation High School Yearbook for Nancy.  
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Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## CRAFT CALENDAR

**Lapeer Days:** Crafters are urged to apply to participate in the Lapeer Days Arts & Crafts juried show, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 16-18. The event draws over 150,000 people annually. Crafter space is limited. For information, call Sandy at the Chamber of Commerce office, (810) 664-6641.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Show:** Crafters need for 16th annual juried show at West Middle School in Plymouth 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Call Terri (734) 416-6165.

**Fall festival:** St. Damian Parish in Westland looking for crafters for its fall show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. For more information, or an application, call (734) 421-6130.

**St. Robert Bellarmine Church:** Crafters wanted for annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford, Oct. 26, table rental \$25, call Nancy call (313) 937-1741 and (313) 533-5255.

**Fall show:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Dearborn has tables available for its 21st annual craft show on Saturday, Oct. 26. Eight foot tables are \$25. Call (313) 562-9246 for information.

**Holiday Magic Craft Show:** Applications are being accepted for the show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at Leonard Elementary School, 4401 Tallman, Troy. Admission is \$2. For information and applications, write to craftshow@prodigy.net or call Marian, (248) 680-1533.

**Schoolcraft College:** Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 2002 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 9-10. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000 people. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework,

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**Holiday showcase:** Crafters sought for show at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rochester. Call Harriet (248) 652-0676 to reserve a table for the Nov. 15-16 show and sale.

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**Christmas Craft Show:** St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton is accepting applications for its annual Christmas show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Call Donna Whittaker, (734) 981-0723 if you're interested in participating.

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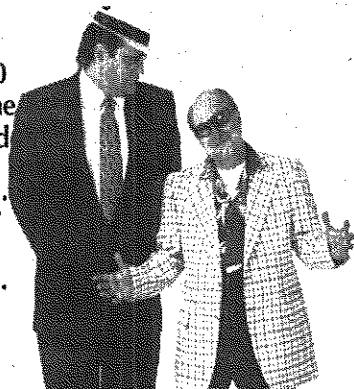
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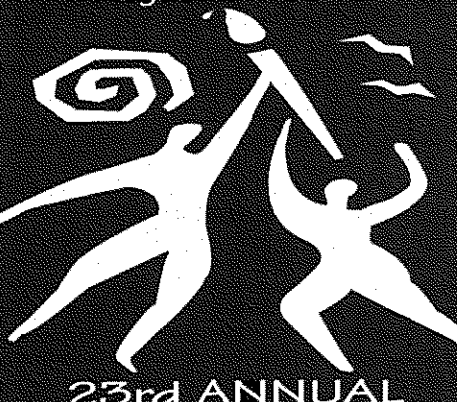


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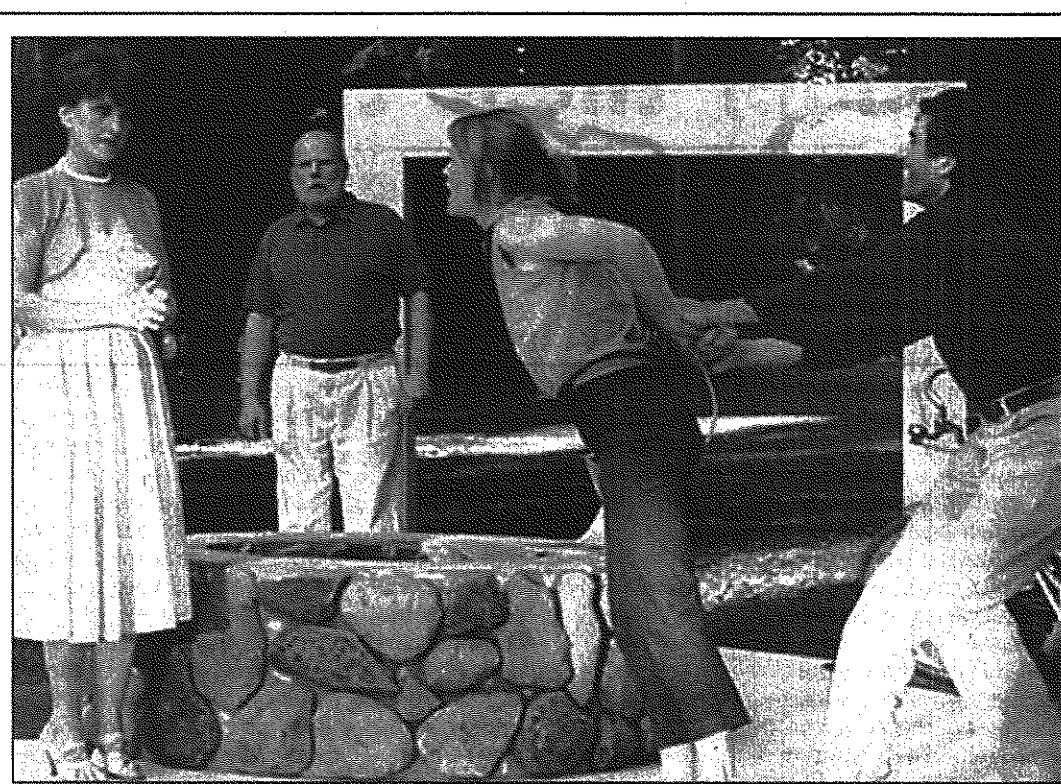
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Grid of movie listings organized by theater and location, including National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, Birmingham 8, and others. Lists titles like 'Star Wars Episode 2: Attack of the Clones' and 'Austin Powers in Goldmember' with showtimes.



Shakespeare in the park Water Works Theatre Company performs The Taming of the Shrew with a modern twist. In this scene, Kate (Barb Coven) confronts her mother, Baptista (Peggy Thorp) on issues of marriage as Kate's would-be husband, Petruchio (Shoib Myint) tries to dissuade her. Gremio (Paul Hopper), watches the action. The show runs 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday through Aug. 4, in Starr Jaycee Park, located on 13 Mile between Crooks and Main, Royal Oak. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$20 for adults. (248) 988-1359.

AT THE GALLERIES

Art gallery exhibition listings for various venues including Art on the Green, Canton Project Arts, Living Room Gallery, and others. Each entry includes the gallery name, artist, and details about the exhibition.

# Homeless kids tell their stories in new book

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A new book chronicles the fears and aspirations of homeless children in their own words.

The title for the book, *Living in a Box: The Hopes and Fears of Children Facing Homelessness*, was inspired by one child's response in an interview.

The 5-year-old boy was asked, what are your fears? "Living in a box," he replied. The boy was one of 125 homeless children, ages 5 to 17, interviewed last fall by the nonprofit project, One Childhood Lasts a Lifetime, as part of an effort to improve services to such children.

However, the children's answers were so stunning that they seemed to demand an audience, said Sarri Gilman said, executive director of One Childhood and longtime director of the Cocoon House, a shelter for homeless teens in Everett.

"The words from the children were too important to remain silent or buried in a stack of papers," she said.

Each child also was asked to draw a picture of her or his favorite place, real or imag-

ined. Interviews and drawings from about 50 children will be featured in the book, to be released next month.

The interviews provide a window into childhoods scarred by domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse often related to precarious living situations.

"I'm afraid of dying real young," a 7-year-old girl said. "I'm afraid of living on the street — wouldn't have any food and would have to beg for money."

"A fear is also not to be my mom: a 47-year-old alcoholic woman working at a minimum-wage job," an 11-year-old girl said.

A 15-year-old boy said, "I'm not afraid of anything but my stepfather, because he's always been hitting me, throwing me around like a rag doll."

The first run of 300 copies is being underwritten by Everett-based Fluke Corp. Gilman hopes those books will move quickly enough to justify a larger publication run and perhaps attract a national audience.

"This publication will grasp

the hearts of the community," said Pete Baffaro, Fluke marketing manager, who agreed to take part in the project after being contacted by Gilman.

In the book project, even some of the kids' "favorite place" drawings provide a glimpse into views of the world colored by hardship.

A 16-year-old girl said her favorite place was her imagination, because "it's all mine, and no one can take it away, bomb it or harm it in any way unless I let them."

"Many of these kids are dealing with adult-like issues at a very young age," said Ted Wentz, who heads the Everett Family YMCA. "Will the water be on? Can Mom pay the rent?"

In conjunction with One Childhood, The YMCA in September will begin providing services to kids from homeless families that those from more stable situations take for granted. Those include trips to summer camp, books, music, art and dance lessons, technology classes, and trips to the symphony.

## SHAKESPEARE

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overpowering spectacular effects. The words themselves are still the clear focus; thankfully, the classic tale is not dressed up beyond recognition or good taste.

Despite skillful acting by Victoria Walters and Paul Riopelle as the title characters, they are too old for the roles they undertake here. Romeo and Juliet were supposed to be about 16 and 14 years of age, respectively, but Walters and Riopelle are clearly far older. This is a setback that cannot be ignored, especially when they attempt to infuse their characters with teenage angst and childish characteristics. In their first scenes together, the actors do have some chemistry, but it is a giggling, nervous sort of chemistry; Walters' Juliet is fidgety and immature in her first scenes, and this minimizes the quiet tenderness and riveted fascination surely intended by Shakespeare. This is not fate, it is merely puppy love.

Both Walters and Riopelle

fare far better after the intermission, when the young lovers are forced to grow up. They each portray a quiet grief and calm understanding of the tragedy to come. Walters is extremely effective in a scene in which she realizes she is alone as one by one, her father, mother, and nurse all abandon her, and she adopts a frightening resolution which appears to add years to her person within seconds.

Riopelle also shines, instilling his Romeo with true grief for Juliet's "death." These last dark scenes suit both actors just fine, as does the scene revealing them in bed on the morning after their wedding night. Finally, in this, their last living scene together, they appear to be truly in love.

The obvious show-stealer is the stunningly-talented Paul Molnar as Mercutio.

He seems to be born to play this role; his performance is unforgettable.

Other excellent supporting actors include Trudy Mason as Juliet's well-meaning nurse and Neil Necastr, Jr. as the seething Tybalt. They succeed at making their characters

entertaining and believable. While Tybalt simmers like a volcano and unleashes his wrath upon the Montagues, the nurse is a sparkling, jovial woman who lights up the stage while giving Juliet counsel.

During the twilight productions, the darkening sky provides a perfect parallel to the increasingly ominous tone of the play. The final scene within the Capulets' tomb, where the sleeping Juliet awaits her Romeo, is eerily perfect — the sky is dark, the stage lighting minimal as Juliet appears lying in the tomb on a shroud.

While not enough to summon tears, the production is noteworthy because of the faithfulness with which it is presented.

Though it has its flaws, it also has enough sparkling moments to justify making the trip to Jackson.

The experience of the festival is like none other; audiences will savor the authentic performance and forgive its flaws.

Lindsey Mergener is a Farmington Hills resident who studies English and theater at Yale University.

## NADANTA

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"We've been expressing interest in it (kathak) for a while. Little did we know we'd be performing it. It's one dance of 14 or 15 in the show, but was quite a challenge."

The 23-year-old works for EDS as a business service analyst, but hopes to teach dance professionally in the future.

"I've danced since I was five and have been with Nadanta since I was seven," she said. "I was born and raised here. This is one of my ways of keeping in

touch with my culture. And I love dancing, the physical aspect of it."

Mehta plays "late winter" in the production, drawing character inspiration from the "cold, bitter" season.

Badhwar portrays spring with an unrestrained joy. "I'm lively, blossoming, enjoying every moment," she described her role.

Badhwar has danced for 11 years and plans to continue training as a hobby. Like Mehta, she views Indian dance as an expression of her family's culture.

Thacker researches Indian

history and customs before beginning to choreograph each annual show.

"Even though I was born and raised in India, I don't want to take it for granted," she explained.

Thacker teaches yoga and dance in West Bloomfield on Monday, Ann Arbor on Tuesday, Troy on Wednesday, Farmington Hills on Thursday and Dearborn on Friday, year-round. For class information, registration or information about Nadanta call her at (248) 661-3581. Or visit [www.nadanta.org](http://www.nadanta.org) on the Internet.

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# Waterfalls, hiking, hot tubs are just a day away

BY PAM HOUGHTON  
CORRESPONDENT

We recently attended a weekend wedding in the Hocking Hills region of Ohio. Because of our typically busy lives as working parents, we didn't bother to research the area on the Internet so we had no idea what to expect when we got there. We only knew that the bride and groom had reserved a number of cabins for out of town guests and that was good enough for us. Give us directions and we're there.

Ohio is usually a state we pass through on our way to other states farther south. If you are driving along I-75, it doesn't get pleasantly hilly until you reach the outskirts of Cincinnati.

However, since Hocking Hills is located southeast of Columbus, we turned off I-75 and traveled I-270, following a series of subsequent twists and turns until we reached our destination. Little did we know that the "hills" in Hocking are actually foot hills to the Appalachian Mountains. It's easy to mistake the area for West Virginia or eastern Kentucky.

We arrived late Friday night in a torrential rain, unsure what our accommodations would be like. After all, when a cabin is reserved in your name, you don't know if electrical outlets will be available for your hairdryer. But the cabins turned out to be A-Frame chalets, beautifully updated with all the amenities, except cell phone service.

The TV wasn't hooked up to cable either, but the chalet we stayed in at Old Man's Cave Chalets was lovely with a full wraparound porch that looked down into a forested ravine, complete with a hot tub at the entrance. The chalet was equipped with a full kitchen, gas fireplace, a first floor bedroom and a loft. It even had its own name, The Falls, complete with a leather loose-leaf binder that contained the written sentiments of its previous occupants, all expressing their delight at the restorative nature of the Hills.

There are numerous outdoor activities in the area that rival those of our own Up North. There are all kinds of opportunities for hiking, canoeing and rock climbing, as well as visits to numerous caves and waterfalls. Given our tight schedule, we were able to squeeze in visits to a few caves and some hiking.

Old Man's Cave, located on State Route 664 in a state park, is named after Richard Rowe, a hermit who lived in the cave in the late 1700's. We followed the trail from the Upper Falls area down to the cave, traversing a number of picturesque footbridges and hiking trails as we descended the earth. To access the cave, you have to walk through a couple of perspiring stone tunnels and then walk another path to actually get inside the cave. The access is easy though; there are no treacherous rocks to maneuver around at or inside the cave. The floor is composed of sand. There are beautiful views from all around you as you look up into the foothills and see one giant brush stroke of thick forestry, sharp cliffs and amazing waterfalls.

The other cave we visited, a few miles off Route 664 and also in a state park, was Ash Cave. Tall pine trees accompa-



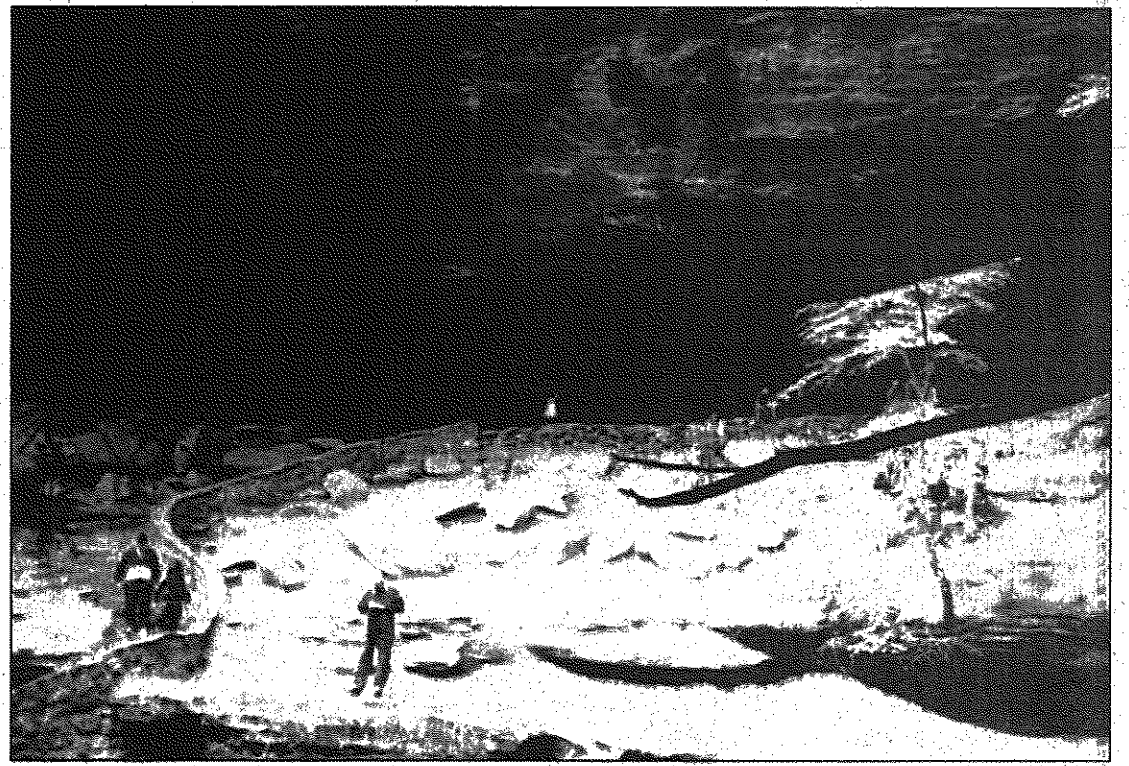
Hikers stop to chat and admire the waterfall at Ash Cave in Ohio.

nied our walk to the cave that is famous for its red sand and engaging waterfall. The cave got its name from the huge pile of ashes that were found there by early settlers of the region. Several theories abound as to how they got there, one being that they were left over from campfires created by the Indians that inhabited the area for years.

This cave was particularly accessible, and I could easily imagine, on a warmer day, visitors scurrying into the pool of water produced by the rushing waterfall.

You can continue to hike the area if you are willing to ascend the numerous paths leading up to the foothills.

Eventually, it was time for the wedding, with the ceremo-



Caves are a major attraction in the Hocking Hills area of southeast Ohio.

The scene from the hill, overlooking valleys and an endless sea of lush greenery, made us wish we had more time to spend in Hocking Hills, visiting more waterfalls and embarking on more hiking adventures.

ny held outdoors against another spectacular backdrop. The lodge and its surroundings, accessible only by a long, winding dirt road wide enough for one vehicle, sat atop one of many foothills in the area.

The scene from the hill, overlooking valleys and an endless sea of lush greenery, made us wish we had more time to

spend in Hocking Hills, visiting more waterfalls and embarking on more hiking adventures. But, alas, Sunday morning arrived and it was time to return to real life in Michigan, but not before we added our own entry to the binder, expressing our surprise and delight in the lovely,

peaceful surroundings. Someday, we'd like to return with our children so that they can hike through the caves, gaze at a rushing waterfall, climb a few rocks, and maybe even drive some of the go-carts that are popular with visitors. If you like the northern peninsula, but are looking for an alternative that is less than six hours away from metro Detroit, I highly recommend this lovely part of southeast Ohio.

For more information, check out the Website, [www.HockingHills.com](http://www.HockingHills.com).

Pam Houghton is a Troy resident who occasionally writes about travel for the Observer & Eccentric.

## Enjoy corn maze, tractor pull and more at annual farm fest

There's more to Frankenmuth than chicken dinners and the world's biggest Christmas store.

The community will celebrate its third annual Frankenmuth Farm Fest on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2 and 3, with activities designed to take participants back to the early 1900s.

The event runs from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. each day at Grandpa Tiny's Farm, just south of town on Weiss street, across from Bronner's Christmas Wonderland.

Threshing demonstrations are scheduled for 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

Stage coach and wagon rides will tour through fields of farm crops that have been planted, cultivated and maintained by horses the old-fashioned way.

New festival activities include a pedal tractor pull on Friday and wool processing on Saturday. Fairgoers can browse agricultural exhibits, vegetable stands, a farm store, flea market and a craft store.

A petting farm will give children a chance to meet large and small farm animals. Young and old alike can attempt to navigate a three-acre corn maze, designed and

planted by the Frankenmuth Jaycees. The annual Jaycees cow drop raffle will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Mid-Michigan Antique Machinery Association will hold a machinery parade at 3 p.m., each day of the festival and display antique tractors and other farm equipment.

Bratwurst and non-alcoholic beverages, bean soup and corn will be sold on site.

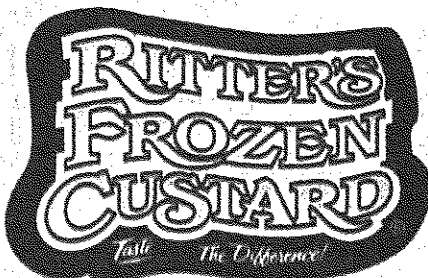
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## Sidelines

### Breakout champs

The Michigan Warriors, an inline hockey team based in Livonia, captured the 17-and-under recreational title at the NHL Breakout Invitational in Newport, Rhode Island. The Warriors defeated the Black Hills (N.Y.) Blackflies in the championship game on July 21. The tournament featured more than 160 teams.

### Taekwondo

Several local taekwondo students were recognized recently at the 22nd Annual Junior Olympic Taekwondo Championships in Minneapolis. Observerland participants included: Ronald Gamble, Benjamin Kil, Hana Kil, Katie Potter, Nick Potter, Daniel Sigman, Sarah Walsh and Ethan Walsh, all from Canton, and Kusal Matthew of Farmington. This group combined to win 16 medals, including three silvers, at the national competition.

### Indians win

The 10-and-under Indians of the Canton Community Junior Baseball Association won the 2002 World Series recently at McClumpha Park.

The team members are: Shane Anderson, Matt Western, Jordan Smith, Josh Johnston, Jake Burnstein, Charlie Clark, Sam Rector, Luke Woodruff, Brett Caid, Chris Kordick, Troy McParlane and Michael Maciag. The team's coaches are Chris Anderson, Don Clark and Kurt Johnston.

### All aces

Canton's Scott Dresser had a moment to remember on July 19, bagging a hole-in-one at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

His shot came on the par-three, 164-yard 25th hole (25th?). It was his first ace after 30 years of playing the links. He used an eight iron on the shot and finished with an 85 (presumably for 18 holes).

### Tennis champs

Several Observerland youngsters took home trophies at the recent Jud Kingsbury Memorial Tournament, held July 19-21 at the Livonia YMCA. Ashley Moccia of Livonia won the girls 16s title with a 6-0, 6-4 win. Chole Karoub of Farmington Hills was the runner-up in the girls 12s division. Mihai Mihallescu of Canton was the winner in the boys 12s division with a 7-6, 6-0 victory in the finals.

Vivek Behera of Farmington Hills won a marathon final over Adam Williams of West Bloomfield, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. In the boys 18s division, Jason Beydoun of Westland and Redford Catholic Central High School, won with a 7-5, 6-1 victory.

### Top bowler

Jason Rucicidlo of Livonia, a junior-to-be at Churchill HS, was chosen to represent the USA People to People Sports Ambassador program in a bowling tournament in London. Rucicidlo, who bowls with the Major Leaguers at Wonderland Lanes, had a three-game total of 636, finishing 28th in a field of 105, the 11th-best score among the Americans.

## Bucks shock Menace to reach conference finals

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

A lot of teams would have been intimidated. The Mid-Michigan Bucks weren't. Going up against the Premier Development League's top-ranked team nationwide, the Bucks played near-flawless soccer in registering a huge 3-1 upset over the Des Moines (Iowa) Menace in the Central Conference semifinals played Friday in Des Moines.

The Bucks met the Boulder (Colo.)

### SOCCER

Rapid Reserve, which upset the Chicago Fire Reserve 2-1 in the first semifinal match, for the conference title in Des Moines last night. Results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

"Defensively, we were solid," said Bucks' co-owner Dan Duggan of his team's effort. "(Keeper) Eric Pogue was the player of the game, no question about

it. He made about seven great saves."

Mid-Michigan improved to 12-5-2 overall. For Des Moines, it was its first loss of the season; they finish at 15-1-3, after becoming only the third PDL team to go through a regular season unbeaten.

For much of the season, the Bucks were forced to play catch up against their opponent, the result of surrendering an early goal. In the last few games, however, they've seemingly solved that problem.

At the 15-minute mark of Friday's

match, Pat Noonan — the game's offensive star, he figured in all three Bucks' goals — fielded a pass from Paul Snape (from Oakland University) at the 18-yard mark and drilled a perfect shot into the upper corner of the net to give the Bucks a 1-0 lead.

"Noonan came ready to play," said Duggan.

It stayed that way throughout the first half, an accomplishment for the Bucks in

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Plymouth Canton graduate Sarah Plymale (left) is shown in action from the 2001 season. She is one of several talented recruits for Schoolcraft College in 2002, and should figure immediately in the Ocelots' plans.

## Ocelot soccer team reloads

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

It's never a 'rebuilding time' for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team.

So what if coach Bill Tolstedt lost 10 of his 18 players to graduation, from a team that went 18-2-5 and finished fifth in the NJCAA, their second-straight trip to the national tournament? Dwelling on past accomplishments is the road to ruin.

Instead of examining his roster and remembering those who were there, wondering how he will replace them, Tolstedt sees opportunities for the players he's bringing in.

And of course, he has more talent now than ever before.

"It's been a real bonus year for me," the SC coach said in describing his recruiting efforts. "We've got a huge group."

"They're faster, more athletic and more technically and tactically sound

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## Golfers finish strong on tour

Adam Hogue of Plymouth shot a 78 Tuesday to earn first place in the boys 11-15 division at the Power-Bilt Junior Golf Tour event at Boulder Pointe Golf Course in Oxford.

Hogue edged four others by a single stroke on the 6,250-yard course. Livonia's Brad Schmitz shot a 94 in the 11-15 group.

### GOLF

In the girls 16-and-over, Kristen Polanski of Livonia finished second with a 78 on a Boulder Pointe course measuring 5,875 yards, one stroke behind Grosse Ile's Laura Bavaird. Canton's Danielle March placed 12th with a 97.

In the boys 16-and-over, Scott Oliver of Plymouth tied for 20th with an 81 on the 6,750-yard course. Jimmy Cappelli of Garden City shot an 84, Bryan Proven of Farmington Hills had an 86, Dan Phillips of Redford scored a 90 and Joe Pomorski of Canton had a 92.

### THE FORTRESS

In a two-round Power-Bilt event Wednesday and Thursday at The Fortress in Frankenmuth, Livonia's Rachel McHenry placed second in the 11-15 girls division with rounds of 88-

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## Warriors, Spartans win thrillers to advance

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

The Lakers and Warriors established themselves as the top two teams in the Metro Summer Hockey League this season. The Warriors held first place for much of the season until the Lakers passed them in the final week of the regular season to earn the number one seed entering the playoffs.

The two teams met in the league semifinals Thursday night, and the Warriors rallied for two late goals to win an 8-7 thriller at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

### HOCKEY

Dave Moss, a current player at the University of Michigan and graduate of Catholic Central, scored with 2:50 left in the game to break a 7-7 tie and give the Warriors the victory. Scott Loch (Livonia) and Steve Nelson (Redford CC) picked up the assists on the game-winning goal.

Moss' goal ended a back-and-forth game that saw each team gain, then lose momentum. The Warriors jumped out to a 5-1 lead by early in the second period. Loch scored twice and assisted on another

in the initial run of goals by the Warriors.

The Lakers then settled down and scored six of the next seven goals in the game to take a 7-6 lead. John Vigilante was a key to the comeback, scoring three times with an assist in the comeback.

But Joe Moreau (Northville) tied the game at 7-7 with 3:30 left in the game, with assists coming from Nelson and Tim Hillebrand (Northville). That goal set up the winning tally by Moss.

The Warriors will battle the Spartans in Sunday's league championship game.

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, C2

## Plymouth girl skates her way to national competition next month

Not many third graders can go back to school and bring a gold medal for Show and Tell. But Plymouth's Megan Callahan will have one in tow when school opens in September.

Callahan won the Great Lakes Regional Figure Skating Championship, beating out skaters from five other states to win the gold. She qualified for the regional meet after winning the state championship in May, and is the youngest member of Livonia's Riverside Arena to compete at the national level.

She will now move on to compete at the USA Roller Sports National Figure Skating Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska in August. The 7-year-old Callahan has skated since enrolling in kindergarten.

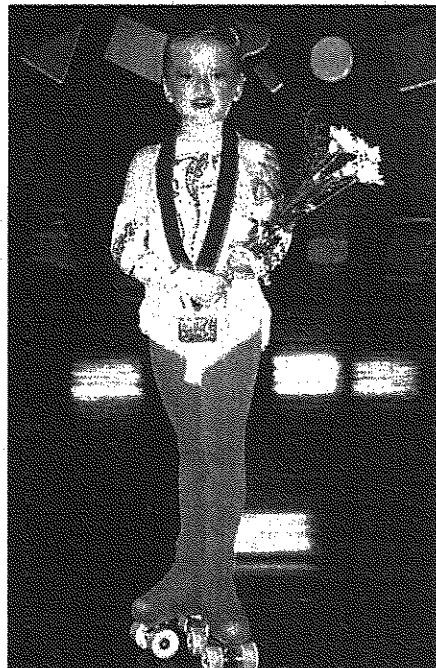
This year marks the 40th for the USARS championships, and the 20th time it's been held in Lincoln. The figure

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skating portion of the competition began Saturday and will run through Aug. 11. More than 3,500 athletes and 3,000 spectators are expected to turn out for the multi-week event.

"Many of our athletes are on their way to making it to the highest level in roller sports," stated Lou Marciari, the USARS Executive Director. "This competition will be a great experience for all ages."

Megan's coach is Vickie Hudson, and her parents are Jerry and Maureen Callahan of Plymouth.



Plymouth's Megan Callahan, 7, won the Great Lakes Regional Figure Skating championship recently, and will compete for a national title next month.

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GOLFERS

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80/168 on the 5,600-yard, par-72 course. McHenry edged Shannon Warner of Livonia, who shot 85-83/168 and placed third.

In the 11-15 boys, Hogue again turned in an exceptional performance, shooting rounds of 79-75 for a 154 total to place fifth on a course measuring 6,450 yards.

In the girls 16-and-over, Rachel Thomas of Livonia shot an 87-82/169 on the 5,823-yard course to place fourth.

In the boys 16-and-over division, Ryan McKendry of Canton shot a 77-79/156 to place 25th overall on a course measuring 6,700 yards. Livonia's Michael King had a 76-81/157 and Canton's Phillip Marsh shot a 78-79/157.

Other Observerland 16-and-over boys were Jimmy Cappelli of Garden City, 78-82/160 and Scott Wolfe of Livonia, whose opening round of 85 missed the cut.

STONEHEDGE NORTH COURSE

At the Meijer Junior Players Tour stop in Augusta at the Stonehedge North Course, Andrew Lulek of Canton shot an 82 to finish sixth in the boys 15-and-over division on a 6,373-yard course. Bryce Tomas of Livonia shot an 89 to place 17th, and both Matt Kruczynski of Westland and Matt Norscia of Livonia had 90s.

In the girls 15-and-over division, Canton's Liz Lulek had a 104, placing third on the 5,685-yard course.

In the boys 13-14 division, Brian King of Livonia shot a 78 to place second on the 5,910-yard course. Michael Gerisch of Plymouth was 14th with an 88,

while Drew Herron of Livonia shot a 97.

METAMORA CC

At the Meijer's Tour event Monday at Metamora Country Club, Rachel McHenry of Livonia shot a 76 to finish first in the girls 11-15 division. The course measured 5,400 yards.

Adam Hogue of Plymouth shot a 73, finishing sixth in the 11-15 boys division on a 6,450-yard course. In the boys 16-and-over, Scott Oliver of Plymouth shot an 88 and Pat Shaw of Plymouth finished with a 97.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

At the Power-Bilt Tour event at the University of Michigan July 18-19, Phillip Marsh of Canton recorded rounds of 74 and 75 for a 149 and a third-place finish on the 6,650-yard course.

Other Observerland golfers in Marsh's division were Michael King of Livonia, who placed 18th with an 81-76/157; Jimmy Burns of Plymouth, who shot a 75-82/157; Andy Thackaberry of Canton (88) missed the cut.

In the girls 16 and over division, Livonia's Rachel Thomas shot a 91-88/179 to finish 11th on the 5,900-yard course.

Danielle March of Canton had a 96-95/191 to place 14th and Kelley Parzuchowski of Westland had a 96-95/191 to finish 15th.

In the 11-15 girls division, Shannon Warner of Livonia had a 93-98/191, taking a fourth on the 5,450-yard course. Plymouth's Ashley Smith shot a 100-98/198 to place fifth.

LESLIE PARK

The Algiers of Livonia were the

standouts at the Meijer Junior Golf Players Tour stop at Leslie Park in Ann Arbor July 19.

Ryan Alger shot an 82 to win the boys 10-12 division, played on a course measuring 5,486 yards, and Patrick Alger fired an 82 to place fifth in the boys 13-14 division, the course measuring 6,008 yards.

Other Observerland golfers in the 13-14 boys division were Brandon Pilzner of Plymouth and Dante Masciulli of Plymouth, who both shot 99s.

In the 15-and-over boys division, Adam Dwyer of Plymouth shot an 85 to place 15th on the 6,491-yard course. Aaron Cheesman of Canton was 19th with an 86, Stephen Pilzner of Plymouth, Chris Sidor of Redford and Vince McKeon of Farmington Hills each shot 92s, Andrew Lulek of Canton and Charlie Sudor of Canton both shot a 94, and Andrew Katajamaki of Garden City had a 97.

In the girls 15-and-over division, Lauren Dickerson of Livonia was ninth with a 103 and Danielle Bickle of Canton was 11th with a 108 on the 5,705-yard course.

And in the girls 11-12 division, Sabrina Masciulli of Plymouth placed fourth with a 165 on the 4,985-yard course.

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BATTLE CREEK CC

At the Meijer's event at Battle Creek Country Club July 22, Andrew Lulek of Canton shot an 88 in the 15-and-over boys division on the 6,445-yard, par-72 course.

In the 13-14 boys division, Brian King of Livonia shot an 89 on the 5,979-yard, par-72 course.

OCELOTS

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(than their predecessors). The only thing they don't have is (collegiate) experience."

It is the biggest group of recruits Tolstedt has brought in, with 10 true freshmen and two transfers.

The transfers are indeed notable. Amanda Marsonek, a 2001 Plymouth Salem graduate, attended Madonna University but an injury prevented her from playing last season. A midfielder/defender, Marsonek will retain her freshman status.

"She's got speed and aggressiveness to play outside mid, and she's experienced enough to play inside," said Tolstedt. "I'm nothing but impressed with her."

Pam Dybowski, a keeper from Rochester, attended Siena Heights last year but did not play. "In my opinion, she's the best goalkeeper technically I've ever seen," Tolstedt said. "She could be an All-American."

Both Marsonek and Dybowski were all-state players in high school. In fact, nearly all the players Tolstedt is bringing in have a similar designation. There was no single area Tolstedt was trying to strength-

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en — he brought in players of all types.

The forwards are Kelly Bush from Taylor Kennedy ("She's tough on top. She's willing to take a chance and go to the net."); Adrienne Willmuth from Taylor Truman ("She's just simply a darn good athlete with not a lot of playing experience. She needs to get some tactical sense."); and Courtney Wilson from Linden, a forward or midfielder ("She's fast and she's focused, and she's got a bit of an attitude. She loves to be successful").

At midfield, there's Liz McGonigle from East Kentwood ("She's played all three field positions, but I see her as a midfielder. She has the heart, the attitude."); Sarah Plymale from Plymouth Canton, who's also played forward ("I see her as a midfielder. She's aggressive — I like that."); and Michelle Kitta from

Brighton, also a forward ("She has excellent size, she's aggressive, she's quick and she's skilled. I see her as a center offensive midfielder").

The defensive recruits start with Liz Diponio from Livonia Stevenson, a defender or forward ("I think she does equally well at either position"); Kendall Burt of Fenton ("She's fast, smart, she looked confident and she distributed the ball well — a sweeper or stopper"); Shayna Lewis from Stevenson ("She's a marking back, and she's playing quite well with our summer team."); and Tara Schreiber of Brighton, also a forward ("I watched her play both positions and was very, very impressed. It tells me she's an athlete").

Certainly several positions will be open to new recruits, with only eight players back from last season's team, and Tolstedt sees something positive in that.

"We'll have strength at every position," he said. "The veterans will be challenged for their positions. The young girls will catch up fast."

The question is, how fast can these girls come together and form a team that can equal last season's squad?

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HOCKEY

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SPARTANS WIN ZOT THRILLER

Thursday's first game featured a late comeback by the winning team, but the second game was even more exciting, and took longer than normal to decide.

The Spartans exploded for four third-period goals to tie the Huskies, and went on to win in double overtime, 6-5 to advance to Sunday's championship game against the Warriors. Alex Foster (Canton), the team's top goal scorer this summer, lit the lamp with 32 seconds left in the second overtime to give his team the win. Michael Crowley (Canton) assisted on the game-winning goal.

The Huskies, one of the strongest teams in the league this season, scored four straight goals to take a 4-1 lead by early in the third period.

That's when the Spartans went to work. Brad Zarem, Jim Stephenson (Troy) and Foster each scored to tie the game 4-4, with 7:45 left in the game. Brighton's Andrew Linard put the Huskies on top, 504, with a goal with 5:20 left in the game. Eric Strzempeck (Northville) responded with the game-tying goal two minutes later.

Keith Townsend (Sterling Heights) picked up three assists for the Spartans.

Huskies 8 Wolverines 5: The Huskies used a big scoring binge in the first half of Wednesday's game to defeat the Wolverines 8-5 and advance to the league semifinals.

The Huskies scored five unanswered goals in an 11-minute span between the first and second periods to take a comfortable lead.

Jeff Stampin (Livonia) had a goal and an assist for the Wolverines, and John Fritz

(Plymouth), Nick Anselm (Canton) and Just Mininni (Detroit) each added goals for the team.

Lakers 8 Falcons 5: The league's first place regular season team moved on with an 8-5 win Wednesday evening.

After Alex Spazia (Farmington Hills) scored to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead, the Lakers responded with five straight goals, only to see the Falcons eventually tie the game 5-5 early in the third period. But the Lakers scored the final three goals of the game to advance.

The scoring was balanced for the Lakers in their 4-0 run early in the game, with eight different players figuring in on the four goals. Scot Curtin (Redford) assisted on two of the goals.

Jason Bloomingburg scored all four of the Falcons' goals in their comeback, singlehandedly tying up the game at 5-5 with 12:35 left in the third period. But goals by Andy Howard, John Vigilante and Matt Frick (West Bloomfield) finished off the victory for the Lakers.

Brian Whetstone (Plymouth) picked up the win in goal for the Lakers.

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## Livonia boys rule over golf tourney

Brittany Nuccitelli of Farmington Hills and Gary Bubar of Livonia were both double-winners at the Motor City Junior Golf Championships Wednesday at Whispering Willows.

Nuccitelli shot a 94 on the 5,400-yard, par-72 course to finish first in the girls 15-17 division. She also had the closest to the pin shot for girls at No. 17, getting to within 47-feet, 3-inches.

Bubar had the best score of the day, winning the boys 15-17 division with a 78 on the 6,100-yard, par-70 course, and he was closest to the pin for boys at No. 17, coming within 15-feet, 7-inches.

Other age division winners in the Motor City Juniors, sponsored by Caddyshack, were Andrea Warzyniec of Livonia in the girls 13-14 division with a 101; Mike Dolmetsch of Livonia in the boys 13-14 division with an 83; and Greg Killeen of Livonia in the boys 11-12 division with a 92.

Lauren Mack of Livonia was the girls winner in the closest to the pin competition at No. 7, coming within 10-feet, 5-inches, and Matt Molnar of Livonia was the closest to the pin for boys at No. 7, landing his shot eight inches away from the cup.

Other scorers in the 15-17 boys division were: Paul Mazanka of Farmington Hills, 80; Matt Lewicki of Northville, 83; Steve Robinson of Livonia, 85; Nick Dahlstrom of Livonia, 94; Nicholas Vanderginst of Roseville, 94; Jeff Burda of Livonia, 95; Jordan Brown of Plymouth, 100; Kenneth Haas



Mike Dolmetsch (right), a junior-to-be at Livonia Churchill, finished first in the boys 13-14 division at the Motor City Junior Golf Championships. At left is Whispering Willows pro Paul Worley.

of Livonia, 103; Jesse Predhomme of Plymouth, 105; and Tim Wilson of Livonia, 108.

In the boys 13-14 division, Joshua Pappalardo of Livonia was second with an 84, followed by Matt Robinson of Livonia, 85; Patrick Alger of Livonia, 90; Paul Seguin of Livonia, 90; Richard Wyman of Livonia, 94; Steve South of Westland, 99; Matt Antrobus, 103; Molnar, 105; Rob Rothermel, 105; Brian Dabish, 107; Scott Malinowski of Northville, 107; Robert Forte of Farmington Hills, 108; Drew Herron of Livonia, 111; Donald Hunt of Livonia, 112; Jonathon Zenner of Livonia, 121; Jacob Mikula of Livonia, 122; Steven

Laudina, 128; Mike McClintock of Livonia, 134; and Randy Kerr of Livonia, 177.

In the girls 15-17 division, Marie Palaian of Farmington Hills was second with a 96, followed by Emily Laird of Farmington Hills, 100; Shannon Lewicki of Northville, 102; Erica Jamrog of Novi, 104; Jessica Jeter of Livonia, 110; Lauren Mack of Livonia, 115; Natalie Pappalardo of Farmington Hills, 115; and Cathleen Kowalski of Livonia, 124.

In the girls 13-14 division, Angela Jamrog of Novi was second to Warzyniec with a 104.

A total of 51 junior golfers participated in Wednesday's tournament.

## BUCKS

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itself. Des Moines boasted the PDL's highest-scoring team with 68 goals, an average of 3.78 per match.

But they couldn't seem to put one past Pogue (from Troy Athens). He had 11 saves in the game to six for Des Moines' keeper Remy Roy.

The Menace outshot the Bucks, 21-18.

At the 66th minute Noonan struck again, heading in Stephan David's corner kick for a 2-0 Bucks' lead. If the Menace weren't demoralized by that, what happened three minutes later did it to them.

Ryan Mack (Birmingham Seaholm) took a cross from Noonan and slammed it home to give the Bucks a 3-0 lead.

One of the few mistakes the Bucks made led to Des Moines' goal. Saint Nicholas Benjamin pounced on a defensive mis-

take and scored to narrow the gap to 3-1.

That, however, was as close as the Menace could come.

The Bucks played the two matches without player/coach Dario Brose, who missed the trip due to a prior commitment.

Dan Fitzgerald, the team's assistant coach who has served as the bench coach over the past month when Brose was playing, filled in admirably. [cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net) | (734) 953-2108

## Rocks softball golf outing Sept. 1

The first Lady Rocks Softball golf outing will kick off September at the Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The event, slated for Sunday, Sept. 1 at 8 a.m. at the course, located at Ford

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The shotgun start will include 18 holes with a cart, lunch at The Turn and a barbecue dinner with prizes. There will also be contests

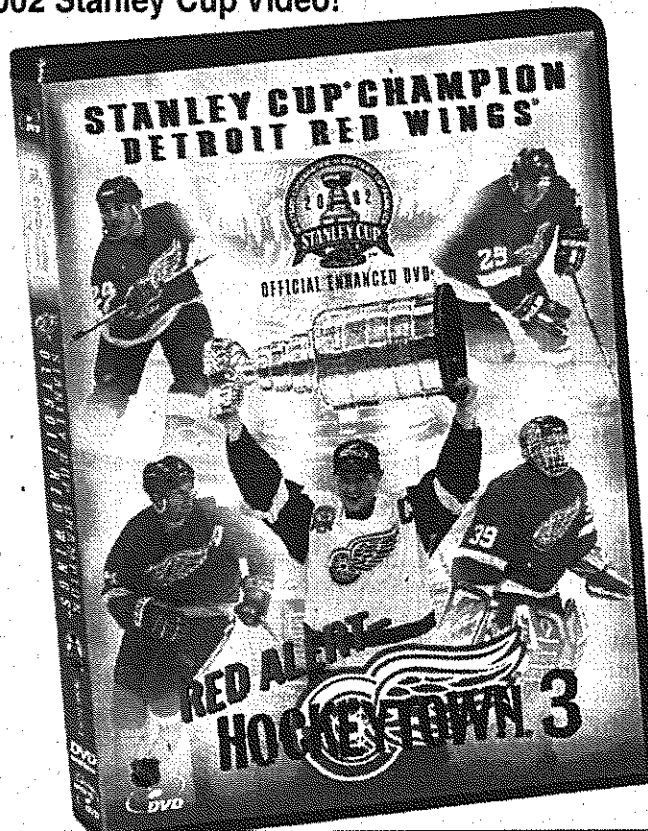
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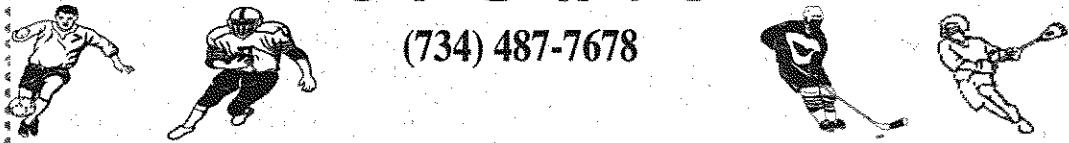
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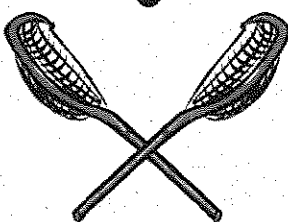
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**FALL BALL SIGN-UP**

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have registration for the fall season from 1-7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Boys and girls must be between the ages of four and 15 (as of July 31, 2002) and be residents of the Plymouth-Canton school district, Canton Township, Plymouth Township or the city of Plymouth.

Proof of residency and age is required at registration. Cost is \$70 for tee-ball (4-6 years) and \$80-\$95 for baseball (7-15 years). Fees are non-refundable.

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and-under, 14-and-under, 17-and-under, 19-and-under, women's open, and senior gold (with a \$500 first prize for gold only), silver and bronze.

The tournament is sponsored by Little Bills Trophies, Pond Rockets Roller Hockey and Michigan Dekhockey.

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Registration information can be obtained by calling the Michigan Dekhockey Center at (734) 397-8900 or on the web at either www.pondrockets.com or

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Ladywood High School announces the opening of two fall season coaching positions.

Experienced coaches are needed to fill the assistant girls cross country and assistant girls swimming positions. For more information, call Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2323.

Redford Union High School is looking for coaches to lead three teams in the Fall 2002 athletic season.

The school is looking to hire a varsity girls tennis coach, JV girls basketball coach and a freshman girls basketball coach. Anyone interested in applying for these positions should contact RU Athletic Director Brett Steele at (313) 592-3408 and send a letter of interest along with a resume to: Redford Union High School, Athletic Department, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI, 48420.

Plymouth Salem HS is in need of freshmen and junior varsity boys soccer coaches for the fall season. Interested applicants must be a high school graduate and have experience in high-school level coaching, or must have played in a college program.

If interested, contact Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7766.

**FALL BASEBALL LEAGUES**

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The top two teams per age group will meet in a postseason playoff. Also included in the \$1,350 team cost is umpire fees, insurance, USSSA registration fee for 2003, game balls, league and playoff awards. The top team in each age group will receive an automatic berth into the 2003 USSSA World Series. Entry deadline is Thursday, July 25. Space is limited to a eight teams per age division. For more information, call (734) 522-8872.

Total Baseball out of Wixom will also hold a Fall Baseball League in several age divisions. There will be 12 games per season, with games taking place Saturdays and Sundays beginning Aug. 17. Cost is \$215 per player and \$1,399 per team, and age divisions are: ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**TO AMEND TEXT:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY DELETING THE EXISTING ARTICLE XXII, SCREENING AND LAND USE BUFFERS AND ADDING A NEW SECTION XXII, LANDSCAPING, SCREENING AND LAND USE BUFFERS

**DATE OF HEARING:** WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2002  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL 42350 Ann Arbor Road PLYMOUTH, TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83 by deleting the existing Article XXII, Screening and Land Use Buffers and adding a new Section XXII, Landscaping, Screening and Land Use Buffers as follows:

**PROPOSED ARTICLE XXII LANDSCAPING, SCREENING AND LAND USE BUFFERS**

**PURPOSE:** Describes the purpose of Article XXII.

Section 22.1 **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES:** Describes the basic principles that proposed landscape development plans shall reflect.

Section 22.2 **APPROACH:** Describes the orientation of Article XXII.

Section 22.3 **SCOPE:** States that Article XXII shall apply to all parcels that are altered or developed within Plymouth Township and that no development shall be approved unless plans show landscaping consistent with Article XXII.

Section 22.4 **EFFECTIVENESS:** Provides for landscaping to be effective in meeting the objectives of Article XXII at time of planting and as plant materials mature.

Section 22.5 **LANDSCAPE PLAN REVIEW:** Provides for Landscape Plans to be required as part of the site plan review, subdivision review and for other developments.

Section 22.6 **INSTALLATION:** Provides standards for installation of landscaping.

Section 22.7 **MATERIALS:** Provides standards for plant materials.

Section 22.8 **MAINTENANCE:** Provides for landscaping to be maintained.

Section 22.9 **NATURAL RESOURCES - EXISTING:** Provides for existing natural resources to be protected and reinforced.

Section 22.10 **CHARACTER OF LANDSCAPING, SCREENING OR BUFFERING AREAS:** Provides objectives for screening and buffering.

Section 22.11 **METHODS OF SCREENING:** Details methods of screening.

Section 22.12 **AREAS REQUIRING SCREENING AND/OR BUFFERING:** Requires screening and/or buffering for specific land use relationship.

Section 22.13 **PLANTING ISLANDS FOR PARKING LOTS:** Describes objectives and standards for planting islands for parking lots.

Section 22.14 **ISLAND TURNAROUNDS:** Provides for landscaping and maintenance of turnaround islands.

Section 22.15: **STREET YARD LANDSCAPING:** Provides objectives and standards for street yard landscaping.

Section 22.16: **DETENTION AND RETENTION BASIN LANDSCAPING:** Provides for landscaping of detention and retention basins.

Section 22.17 **EXCEPTIONS:** Provides for the Planning Commission to approve alternatives.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the text, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road and at the Community Development Department in the Department of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., until the date of the Public Hearing. Application 1732. Written comments concerning the amendment will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The public hearing will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-8131, ext. 37.

**JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary Planning Commission**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2000**

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates of the Democratic and Republican and non-partisan candidates will be voted upon:

Governor  
United States Senator  
Representative in Congress  
State Senate  
State Representative  
County Executive  
County Commissioner  
Precinct Delegates

And the following non-partisan Offices:  
Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit - Regular Term - Non-Incumbent Positions - Term ending 1-1-2009  
Judge of the District Court - 35th District, New Judgeship - Term ending 1-1-2009

and the following State Proposals

**PROPOSAL 02-1**

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE PROVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION (SOCC)**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Add Attorney General and Secretary of State to list of state officials whose salaries and expense allowances are determined by the SOCC. The list currently includes the State Legislature, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Supreme Court Justices.
- Require the legislature to approve by majority vote any salary and expense allowance determinations proposed by the SOCC before determinations go into effect. Currently, the SOCC's determinations go into effect unless rejected by 2/3 vote of legislature.
- Allow legislature to reduce compensation increases proposed by the SOCC.
- Provide that the SOCC's salary and expense determinations would take effect after the next general election.

Should this proposal be adopted?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL 02-2**

**A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW CERTAIN PERMANENT AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS TO BE INVESTED AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND INCREASE ALLOWED SPENDING FOR STATE PARKS, LOCAL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Allow certain permanent and endowment funds, including Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Parks Endowment Fund and Veterans Trust Fund, to be invested as provided by law, eliminating prior restrictions on investing in stocks.
- Increase Natural Resources Trust Fund cap on assets from \$400 million to \$500 million.
- Allow the Natural Resources Trust Fund to continue to annually expend up to 33-1/3% of Fund royalties or other revenues, up to a new asset cap of \$500 million.
- Increase allowed State Parks endowment Fund spending to include interest and earnings and up to 50% of funds received from Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Should this proposal be adopted?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

And the following Wayne County Proposals

**PROPOSAL J**

**JAIL MILLAGE RENEWAL**

To renew the millage authorized in 1998, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2002 rollback rate of .9432 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2002 through 2011) for any of the following previously authorized uses:

To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? The renewal is estimated to generate at least \$37,431,874 in property tax revenue in 2002.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**WAYNE COUNTY RESA PROPOSAL K SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

The following proposal asks voters to consider an additional 1.5 mills for mandated special education programs beginning in 2002. The current authorization of 2.00 mills, which the voters approved a 1.00 mill in 1974 with an additional mill in 1988, has been rolled back to 1.872 mills through application of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. The funds would be restricted to supporting these mandated programs in Wayne County School Districts and reduce the reliance on the districts' general funds for this purpose.

Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate previously approved by the electors of Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, Michigan, for the education of persons with disabilities be increased by 1.50 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation)? The estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in calendar year 2002 is approximately \$59,360,000.

The millage rates that are currently being levied in the Charter Township of Plymouth are as follows:

Schoolcraft College	1.8043 mills
Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency	1.9643 mills
Plymouth Canton Community School District	3.30 mills for debt
Plymouth Canton Community School District	18.00 mills for school operating
State of Michigan	6.00 mills for state education tax
Charter Township of Plymouth	3.28 mills
Plymouth District Library	1.7962 mills
Wayne County	6.6556 mills
Wayne County Jail	.9432 mills
Wayne County Parks	.2473 mills
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority	.2186 mills

Applications for absentee ballots for Charter Township of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3 Plymouth Township, Michigan. Telephone numbers 354-3224 or 354-3228. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 3rd. On Monday, August 5, absentee voters may receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling places in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the Township precinct locations or precinct numbers may not coincide with your school district precinct location or number).

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

Precinct 1	FARRAND SCHOOL 41400 Greenbriar
Precinct 2	FRIENDSHIP STATION 42375 Schoolcraft
Precinct 3	ALLEN SCHOOL 11100 Haggerty Road
Precinct 4	TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE 42350 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 5	BIRD SCHOOL 220 N. Sheldon Road
Precinct 6	WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL 44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7	UNITED ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH 46500 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 8	ST. KENNETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 14951 Haggerty Road
Precinct 9	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	FIEGEL SCHOOL 39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12	PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL 46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precincts 13 & 16	LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RISEN CHRIST 46250 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 14	ISBISTER SCHOOL 9300 Canton Center Road
Precinct 15	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 45201 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 17	NORTHBRIDGE CHURCH 49555 N. Territorial Road

**MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth**

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## Rx Briefs

### Medical center

The Henry Ford Health System has opened a new Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine (CIM) at the Henry Ford Medical Center - Novi, 40000 West Eight Mile Road at Haggerty in Novi.

Ultimately, a complete range of practitioners, including a holistic physician, a hypnotherapist, a chiropractor and a holistic nutritionist, are expected to provide services onsite. Currently, acupuncture, massage therapy and St. John neuromuscular therapy are offered and business is booming.

"We have the credentialed practitioners that people are looking for whether they are trying to stay well or receive treatment for their chronic problems or diseases," says Denise Jacob, administrative manager for the center.

A store in the reception area also will be available for purchase of healing arts books, music, herbs, vitamins and other health-related products. For more information, call (248) 380-6201 or visit [www.henryford.com/cim](http://www.henryford.com/cim).

### Senior care

Home Instead Senior Care, based in Livonia, provides at-home companionship and other non-medical home care services for the elderly, including meal preparation, medication reminders, light housekeeping, incidental transportation, errands and shopping.

"We're proud to serve our local community by providing trained caregivers who help the elderly remain independent and at home," said owner Glenna Yaroch.

Home Instead Senior Care's services are available from a few hours a week to overnight or 24-hour care on a temporary or long-term basis. Hourly fees range from \$12 to \$19.50. The office is located at 32280 Five Mile Road, Suite 3, Livonia. Call (734) 525-5300 or visit [www.HomeInstead.com](http://www.HomeInstead.com).

### Study participants

A new treatment for male urinary incontinence is the focus of a clinical research trial being conducted by urologists at Beaumont Hospital. Urinary incontinence is a loss of bladder control or the involuntary loss of urine, a condition that affects one in five older American men.

To be eligible for the study, men must have had prostate surgery. Participation will last at least two years. Potential participants will be given an implant screening, evaluation of medical history, a physical examination, and urine and bladder function tests.

For more information, call (248) 551-3355.

### Volunteers

Providence medical centers in Southfield, Novi, Livonia and Farmington Hills are in need of volunteers. Adult men and women and high school teens are needed for clerical work, information desks, nursing units, emergency departments, medical practices, oncology departments, healing arts, pastoral care, gift shop, medical library and more.

A wide variety of days and times are available. Call the Volunteer Services Department at (248) 849-8806.

# TAKE THE CHALLENGE



## GET HEALTHY! GET FIT!

**Sandra Dalka-Pryby**, a Beverly Hills-based freelance writer, has set out to lose weight once again. Since reaching her goal last year, she has hit a few potholes. However, she's back on track and wants you, our readers, to join her in her quest for health and fitness. We'll publish a monthly update of her progress.

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
CORRESPONDENT

I did it! I lost 170 pounds and gave up smoking cigarettes! I was a winner!

Then came the fall of 2001. After keeping the weight off for more than four years, severe stress came into my life. My husband lost his job just as our youngest child joined her brother and sister in going away to college. This depressed me. Not only was money scarce - three kids in college. Whew! - but I like being a hands-on mother. I like having all my chicks in the nest. Now they were gone! My husband and I were empty nesters.

Well, to be truthful, the nest wasn't quite empty. My husband was hanging around all the time, because he couldn't find a job in his field. My daily routine was broken and stress began to build. And, when there is stress in my life, I eat!

The excess eating caused me to worry about gaining back the weight. This worry caused more stress. To help stave off the pounds and to combat the stress, I began to smoke again. Overeating and smoking. I was a mess!

Still, life wasn't done with me. There were more obstacles to come.

I injured my foot on one of my daily three-to-six-mile walks. One of the things I learned when I was losing

weight was the importance of regular activity. I had become - and still am - hooked on exercise. I love, yes, LOVE to work out, especially walking outdoors. It is, I discovered, salvation for my body and soul. Now this part of my daily routine had come to an abrupt end, at least until my foot got better. (To make matters worse, because of my husband's unemployment, we didn't have health insurance or the money to see a doctor to speed up the recovery!)

### THE SPIRAL BEGINS

Depression over the adverse situations resulted in more food and continued smoking. Then came Sept. 11. I turned to ice cream and hot fudge sauce. It was supposed to make me feel better. It didn't. Instead, I felt guilty.

The final assault on my well-being came when my dear aunt, a woman who was like a mother to me, got sick. Weeks, then months in the hospital,

with daily visits from me, took their toll. What healthy food plan was left was abandoned. When she died in February, I was so off track that there seemed little hope for ever returning to the healthy lifestyle I had come to appreciate and enjoy.

Then came the coup de grace. The scale showed that the less-than-healthy food habits had made an impact, a big impact. I had gained back almost 50 pounds!

So here I am ... not quite back to where I started, but certainly heading in that direction.

It's time to stop the downward spiral. It's time to get rid of the excuses, no matter how valid. There's even a recent medical study that justifies my and others' weight gain. According to the study, a hormone has been discovered that increases appetite after a person loses weight. This, in turn, makes it harder to keep the lost weight off. Now here's a good excuse. But, no! It's time to forget all these things and do what all of us should do! It's time to return to healthy eating and regular exercise. (Finally, the foot is getting better although I'm not quite ready to become a walker again!) It's time to throw away the cigarettes!

### A COMMITMENT

I've recommitted to health and fitness. My goal is to end 2002 in a better place than I started this year. I will return to my desired weight of 155 pounds, a healthy weight for a 5-foot, 7-inch, 57-year-old woman.

## Join Sandra's Fitness Forever club

In the coming months, Sandra Dalka-Pryby will report on various aspects of living a healthy lifestyle, including the successful weight-loss and smoking-cessation programs in the Observer & Eccentric readership area. We think these stories will be of great interest to you. Watch for them.

In deference to our readers, Dalka-Pryby has formed a "Fitness Forever" club. This is a chance for you to join her as she undertakes her personal challenges of weight loss and smoking cessation. You have your own lifestyle challenges, and she wants to hear about them and help you succeed.

As an American Council on Exercise Certified Lifestyle and Weight Management Consultant,

Dalka-Pryby will answer your questions and offer motivation and advice to help further your weight-loss endeavors. You may e-mail her at [dprysby@hotmail.com](mailto:dprysby@hotmail.com).

We want to hear about your success stories of losing weight, stopping smoking and starting an exercise program.

We'd also like your picture. (Don't be shy. You know what they say...a picture is worth a 1,000 words, or is that calories?)

Send your story and picture to Renee Skoglund, Health & Fitness, The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Contact her at (734) 953-2128; fax: (734) 591-7279; e-mail: [rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net).

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Photo by Jim Jagdfeld

PLEASE SEE CHALLENGE, C6

## Don't let foodborne illness spoil your picnic

"It must have been something I ate" is a familiar complaint from people suffering from diarrhea or an upset stomach caused by improperly handled or prepared foods. The Wayne County Department of Public Health wants to make sure that food bacteria do not ruin this year's outdoor fun.

"Warm weather is ideal for picnics and barbecues, but those warmer temperatures create an inviting environment for harmful microorganisms," says Steve Tackitt, Wayne County Environmental Health director. "Food that is undercooked, served improperly or left out for a short time is susceptible to rapid bacteria growth."

Foodborne illnesses cause flue-like symptoms - headaches, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach cramps and fever. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that food poisoning cause 76 million sicknesses, more than 300,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths in the United States. Those at highest risk of bacterial infections are infants, pregnant women, seniors, the

chronically ill and those with compromised immune systems.

To prevent becoming a victim of food poisoning illness, Tackitt recommends these simple food safety tips:

### HOT OR COLD IS HOW TO HOLD

■ Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Use a thermometer to check food for doneness. Cook meat and chicken thoroughly. Red meat should be at an internal temperature of 145 degrees F. Poultry should be cooked to 165 degrees F. Properly cooked fish is opaque and flakes easily with a fork.

■ Have two insulated coolers with ice or frozen gel-packs. Use a cooler for water, juice and soft drinks and the other for perishable foods. Having separate cooler for drinks will help perishable foods in the other cooler stay cold.

■ Never thaw foods, marinate or leave leftovers out at room temperature. To safely thaw foods, unfreeze them in the refrigerator.

■ Refrigerate leftovers or repack leftovers in a cooler right away. Food should not be left out for more than two hours or one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees F.

### SEPARATE, DON'T CROSS CONTAMINATE

■ Cross contamination occurs when bacteria are transferred from one food to another through a shared surface. Don't let juices from raw meat, poultry or seafood come in contact with already cooked foods or foods that will be eaten raw.

■ Don't place cooked foods on plates that held raw meat. Take a fresh plate to the grill and use it for cooked foods.

■ Place packages of raw meat, poultry or fish on plates on the lower shelves of refrigerators to prevent their juices from dripping on other foods.

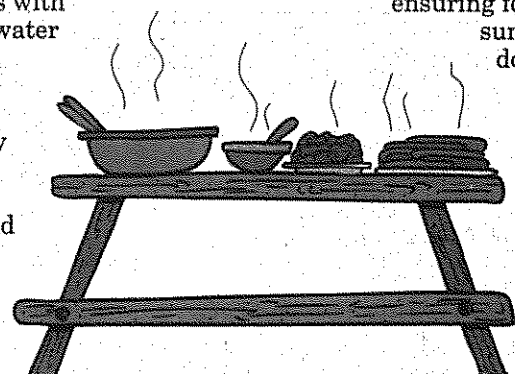
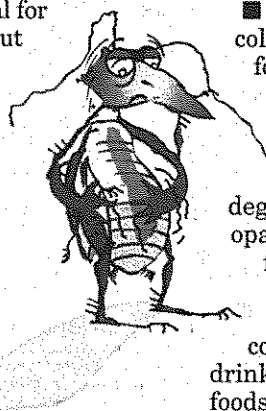
### DON'T BE A DOPE, WASH WITH SOAP

■ Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds before and after handling food. This is especially important when handling raw meat, poultry and seafood products. Have towels on hand if there is no running

water available.

■ Prepare food on unclean surfaces, using a diluted bleach mixture to sanitize food preparation areas (two capfuls of household bleach per gallon of water). After cutting raw chicken, clean the cutting board and utensils with hot, soapy water. If your cutting board has excessive cracks and cuts, replace it with a new one.

Tackitt adds another method for ensuring food is safe for consumption: "When in doubt, throw it out!" For more information on foodborne illnesses, call the Wayne County Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Division at (734) 727-7400.





**CHALLENGE**

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I will discard the cigarettes. Join me on my journey to health and fitness. Commit to a healthier lifestyle. Plan to finally lose the excess weight, if that's your problem; to forever maintain a healthy weight, if that's your challenge; to give up smoking, if that's your vice; to put regular exercise in your schedule, if that's your goal.

In the coming months, I'll share with you the various weight-loss programs in the area, especially those that offer healthy food plans and proven success. I, myself, have chosen to go the Weight Watchers route. It fits into our limited budget (my husband is still unemployed) and it provides a plan, accountability and support — three ingredients necessary for success.

Also, I'll check out smoke cessation programs and report on their success rates. I'll find one that will help me get cigarettes out of my life — now, not after I've lost weight. I've recommitted to a healthy

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Sandra Dalka-Prysky  
Founder, Fitness Forever



JIM JAGDELO/OBSERVER

Can you measure up to Sandra Dalka-Prysky's challenge to commit to living a healthy lifestyle? If so, she's willing to share her story as both you and she become healthier and more fit.

cess, but you must believe that you can and will achieve your goals. You can't just make this commitment in your head. It also has to be in your heart.

Look for my findings and progress in future stories. Together, and with helpful information, we'll become better, healthier individuals.

lifestyle. I lost weight and gave up smoking at the same time before. I can do it again!

Finally, I'll give you exercise options. We need to exercise on a regular basis, no matter what our age or limitations. There's no getting around this important aspect of health and fitness.

Now is the time to get healthy and fit! Why wait?

Your first assignment is to make a deep-down commitment. This takes time. You must not only commit to suc-

**New procedure helps those with corns**

Now that warm weather is here, people are spending more time on their feet. Whether it's walking, playing sports, taking a hike or playing tennis, feet can definitely take a beating.

Corns, calluses and pinched nerves in the foot and ankle can cause extreme pain and discomfort. Severe corns result in an area of hardened tissue that causes a temporary deformity of the toe or foot, and can lead to infections.

"These conditions can intensify in warmer weather when people are more active. This type of foot problem can really slow you down," said Steven Watson, a podiatrist at Canton Foot Specialists. "Twenty percent of our patients seek treatment for these conditions."

That mirrors the national average. About one of every five patients is treated for a corn, callus or pinched nerve, also known as a neuroma. That amounts to an estimated 37.6

million patient visits nationally, according to a survey by the American Podiatric Medical Association. Collectively these conditions are the second most common complaint of patients who seek foot and ankle care. The first complaint is heel pain.

A procedure known as neurolysis is now in its second year of use by Canton Foot Specialists to treat corns, calluses and neuromas. Podiatrists at the office first must identify the nerve responsible for the condition. Then, a special solution is administered to deactivate the nerve. The procedure is done over a period of several weeks to prevent damage to the soft tissue surrounding the area of treatment.

"Neurolysis is the first treatment of choice because it is non-invasive and offers a high rate of success, even over surgery," said Dr. Watson. "It is safe for patients of all ages, especially for those who cannot

have surgery due to circulation and nerve conditions, including diabetes."

The procedure offers a complete cure for 80 percent of patients and many others experience significant relief. Successful treatment restores the normal appearance of the foot, eliminates the risk of infection and eases pain. If additional treatment is needed, patients may try an orthotic (custom-made shoe insert) or have minor foot surgery.

Following the procedure, patients are able to resume most activities, including walking and going up and down stairs. It doesn't have the longer recovery period that is common with foot surgery.

For more information about neurolysis, call Canton Foot Specialists at (734)981-7800 or visit the website at www.cfd-rwatson.com. Offices are located in Canton, Garden City and Plymouth.

**Research implicates body fat as cancer promoter**

Excess fat may raise the risk of getting cancer, obesity expert George Bray said at a cancer research conference July 11 in Washington.

Bray, a doctor at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Louisiana, said his research is showing how obesity changes the body's systems in ways that can lead to tumors.

"The more we understand about obesity, the more we realize that simply being overweight and inactive, in other words living the American lifestyle, produces basic and metabolic changes," Bray said. "These changes make it easier for cancer to gain a foothold."

Bray said fat is an active substance. Studies have suggested fat cells act like endocrine cells

that produce hormones and growth factors into the blood stream. These send signals to other body parts and under certain conditions may make it easier for certain cancers to initiate and grow.

"Throw out the popular conception of fat," Bray said. "Most of us look at our guts and hips and our love handles and think of fat as an inert substance that merely collects and hangs off of us."

Scientists believe that excess fat causes more growth factors and hormones to go into the blood stream, which may cause cells to grow and divide a faster rate in many people.

Bray said that when cell division and replication happen quicker, there is more of a chance something could go

wrong, leading to the possibility of random mutation that can cause cancer.

Scientists predict that excess fat may be strongly connected in the development of hormonal cancers like breast, prostate, ovary, endometrium, testes and prostate.

Bray said cancer risk increases as body fat increases.

"Cancer is a complex disease and there are likely many factors that explain why obesity and overweight increase cancer risk," he said. "We're seeing the same bottom line over and over again, avoiding weight gain is one of the most important things we can do to prevent cancer."

For more information go to the American Institute for Cancer Research's web site at [www.aicr.org](http://www.aicr.org).

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## Self-Help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may call the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at (877) 777-5556.

## Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. HelpLine: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

## Headache

Do you suffer from constant headaches? If so, join the Headache Foundation Support Group the first Wednesday of each month at Providence Northwestern Medical Center-Farmington Hills, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 258-1973.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to the AA meetings held at noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362. AA meetings also held noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

## Thyroid cancer

Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association, Inc. support group meets 7-8:30 p.m.

the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, downtown Plymouth, in the Gold Room. For more information about the ThyCa SE Michigan Support Group, call Mary Rose at (734) 397-2801 or e-mail: SE\_MI@thyca.org. For more information on thyroid cancer and our other free support services, visit www.thyca.org or call toll free (877) 588-7904.

## JULY

## First aid

If you need to know CPR as a work requirement, join this class and earn the American Safety and Health Institute Adult First Aid Certification. Meets MIOSHA requirements for training. Class held 6 p.m. Monday, July 29, at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia. Cost is \$30, including book. Must have a current CPR card and present it in class. Call (877) 345-5500.

## Nursing homes

Join St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, for a presentation that will empower you to make informed and caring choices for your loved ones. "Get Good Care Without Going Broke: Finding the Right Nursing Home" will be presented in the

Auditorium by James Schuster, elder law attorney, who will show participants how to conserve financial resources, time and reduce stress. Written resources will also be available. Free. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (for out of area callers). Web site: www.stmarymercy.org.

## Stop Smoking

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will hold the Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation on two dates: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Providence Medical Center-Livonia; Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia; and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 3, at Providence Hospital, 22250 Providence Drive (the Medical Bldg.), Southfield. Hypnosis and behavior modification. For reservations, call (877) 345-5500.

## AUGUST

## Alopecia

The National Alopecia Network support group meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Hospital-Southfield, 16001 W.

Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Next meeting Aug. 2. Call (313) 345-9537.

## Senior Health Day

Saint Joseph Mercy Senior Health Services will present a Senior Health Day 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at SJM Health Stop, located in Briarwood Mall just off I-94 at the State Street exit in Ann Arbor. "Caring for Aging Skin: Changes, Problems and Prevention" will be the theme. Free skin screening of hands and face. Samples of healthy foods plus free gifts. Call (734) 827-3777.

## Tremor Support Group

The Michigan Tremor Support Group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, to discuss "Dealing with Tremor at Work and School." The group is open to anyone suffering from tremors caused by Essential Tremor or Parkinson's disease. Caregivers welcome. Call (248) 683-4138 or visit www.tremorsupport.com.

## Fibromyalgia

The CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The topic will be "The 5

Stages of Chronic Illness." Call (248) 346-3164 or visit the group's Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/CFSFibromyalgia.

## Diabetes &amp; Exercise

Oakwood Healthcare System offers a "Diabetes and Safe Exercise Workshop" 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at the Oakwood Cardiac Rehab Center, 22060 Beech, Dearborn. Workshop includes a demonstration and tips on using and purchasing exercise equipment. Fee: \$8. Participants may bring one guest at no additional charge. Pre-registration is required. Call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org.

## Grief Support

Angela Hospice in Livonia offers a grief support group the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12. Call Bereavement Coordinator Ruth Favor at (734) 464-7810.

## Fibromyalgia

"Understanding Fibromyalgia" will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Correct Care Family Chiropractic, 26146 W. Six Mile, Redford. The lecture and luncheon features Dr. Amanda

Apfelblat of the Doctor's Speakers Bureau, who will discuss holistic approaches to chronic pain and fatigue. No charge. Registration required. Call (313) 537-8100.

## Thyroid cancer

ThyCa SE Michigan welcomes all to attend their Saturday Social 1 p.m. Aug. 17, at the Box Bar, across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Call Mary Rose at (734) 397-2801 or email: SE\_MI@thyca.org. For more information on thyroid cancer and our other free support services, visit www.thyca.org or call toll free (877) 588-7904.

## Post-Polio Syndrome

The Michigan Polio Network will host its 17th annual Post-Polio Syndrome Conference Aug. 23 and 24 at the Valley Plaza Inn, Midland, Mich. The conference is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Post-Polio Syndrome or any other late effects of having had polio. Polio survivors and their caregivers welcome. Cost is \$25 and includes continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Pre-registration is recommended. Call (313) 885-7855 or (616) 964-8184.

## Stuttering video available at library

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on elementary school-age stutterers.

Now some new help is available for parents, teachers and speech-language pathologists at the Livonia Civic Center Library in Livonia in the form of a videotape designed specifically to help school-age children who stutter.

"It's meant to give speech-language pathologists the tools they need to deal with stuttering in this age group, but it also offers good ideas for parents and teachers," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of five nationally recognized experts in the video produced by the non-profit Stuttering Foundation of America.

The video features students from the first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering. They talk openly about the teasing they face from classmates and how their stuttering sometimes makes them feel about themselves.

"We focus on demonstrating a variety of therapy strategies that are appropriate in working with

children who stutter," adds Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech-language psychologists Barry Guitart of the University of Vermont, Hugo H. Gregory and June Campbell of Northwestern University and Patricia Zebrowski of the University of Iowa.

These five experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

"More than 3 million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

The 38-minute video, entitled *Therapy in Action: The School-age Child Who Stutters*, is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information about obtaining your own copy, contact the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, or call toll free at 1-800-992-9392.

## A pox on you ... from a long time ago

Politicians and various health organizations are debating over who should receive the smallpox vaccine, but this isn't a new argument. It is one that has been going on in the United States since the early 1700s.

In 1722 Benjamin Colman published *A Narrative of the Method and Success of Inoculating the Small Pox in New England*. An original copy, part of the holdings in the University of Michigan's Clements Library, presents the pros and cons of inoculation at that time.

By 1721, Boston had between 15,000 and 16,000 people, 100 of whom had died of smallpox. An early Boston newsletter called inoculating the population against the disease "wicked and felonious," comparing the introduction of the vaccine into the body as putting "the most venomous poison in the blood."

At that time the practice of inoculation involved taking matter from a young person who had contracted the disease in

normal fashion. That matter was then introduced into a "well" person through a slight incision. There were some side effects to the vaccination.

"This makes him dull and heavy for a day or two, and presently he finds himself well," Colman reported. "The pox appears, rises, turns, and goes off without any more illness or pain."

Yet Colman also reported that the common people of Boston opposed vaccination. Some opposed the practice "out of a regard to the Public Good." Others objected because of the chance of spreading infection.

Medical practice at the time included "purges and vomits." And as one advocate of vaccination against smallpox said, "Now, if I may lawfully make my self sick by taking something in at my mouth, why not by putting something in my arm?" There were those from churches who argued that smallpox was "a judgment of God, sent to punish and humble us for our sins."

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#### NEW OUTLOOKS ON ARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE

Likely, you know the recent news on treating arthritis of the knee. Careful research revealed that arthroscopy and lavage of the knee don't work. For years, the medical community accepted that taking the arthroscope to older people with wear and tear arthritis helped. It seemed reasonable to believe that smoothing out irregularities in the joint and cleaning out debris with copious amount of water (lavage), would repair, or even reverse the damage of osteoarthritis. The study to test this assumption was just published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The results showed that no difference existed between those who got this operation and those who did not.

If arthroscopy and lavage are not treatments for osteoarthritis of the knee, what is left? You can return to basics such as losing extra pounds if you are overweight and being careful in your choice of shoes - not high heels or tapering tips. You should continue to exercise daily. If your knees can't take walking then turn to swimming if a facility is available, or if not, use a stationary bike. Exercise is important to avoid weakening your quadriceps and hamstring muscles. Such losses quicken the pace of the arthritis and makes later rehabilitation from knee operation difficult.

Another useful approach is periodic joint aspiration of excess fluid and injection of an intra-articular steroid. This procedure can be repeated and often puts off the need for knee replacement by months to years. The role of anti-inflammatory drugs is to relieve pain; they do not stop or repair joint damage already present.

# U-M scientists investigating a smoking-depression link

Recent statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control provide some frightening statistics for smokers. On average, men and women who smoke die about 13 to 14 years earlier than non-smokers. Around 430,000 Americans die from smoking-related disease each year.

Researchers at the U-M Nicotine Research Laboratory are conducting a number of studies to try to determine who is most likely to puff their life away. One study will look at the relationship between smoking and depression.

Smoking is a serious problem from a number of points of view, according to Ovide Pomerleau, director of the U-M Behavioral Medicine Program. He points out that more women die of smoking-related lung cancer than from breast cancer each year. Smoking is also an economic burden, accounting for \$100 billion dollars a year in lost

work and medical treatment for smoking-related diseases.

"Another important consideration for people who smoke is that many of these diseases, like emphysema, lung cancer, bladder cancer, mouth and throat cancer, also cause a great deal of suffering," says Pomerleau.

There are several reasons people might start smoking in the first place. These include looking for new experiences, susceptibility to peer pressure, or liking the feeling of a nicotine hit.

Pomerleau says another category of people who are susceptible to taking up smoking include those with a tendency towards depression.

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"Typically, the effect of the cigarette would be fairly short – certainly not the same as a prescribed antidepressant," Pomerleau says.

On the other hand, smoking may cause depression or make it worse. There is some evidence

suggesting the existence of a common variable affecting both smoking and depression – possibly at the genetic level – such that people who are susceptible to depression may also be more susceptible to smoking. If this theory is valid, Pomerleau says, a person with depression who tries to stop smoking would become more depressed.

"For a person with a history

of depression, particularly of clinically diagnosed depression, giving up smoking may require some additional procedures and some precautions. They should certainly discuss smoking cessation with their healthcare provider and consider the pharmacological interventions that are available," says Pomerleau.

## STUDIES

The Nicotine Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan is currently conducting a number of studies looking at smoking, with a particular focus on understanding the mechanisms by which nicotine is so attractive to some people and not to others. Likewise, it seeks to understand what it is that differentiates people who are susceptible and those who are not.

Two studies on smoking and depression are currently in

progress. One of them looks at smokers who have/do not have a history of depression. Areas the study hopes to illuminate include behavioral reactions to the drug nicotine, and whether people with/without depression react differently when they smoke or try to give it up.

Smokers and non-smokers alike may be interested in enrolling in a study on the genetics of smoking and depression. Participation begins when an interested person calls the Nicotine Research Laboratory to find out if it is appropriate for them to participate, as well as to receive more information about what these studies involve.

For more information on the U-M Nicotine Research Lab Studies:

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# Garden City Hospital receives community award

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association recently awarded Garden City Hospital its 2002 Ludwig Community Benefit Award for a program the hospital helped develop on youth depression.

The award is named in honor of former MHA President Patric E. Ludwig and

is presented to health care organizations that demonstrate community benefit by collaborating with other local organizations to improve the health and well-being of their communities through health care, economic or social initiatives. Award winners must have taken a leadership role in the

program while collaborating with other health care providers, community agencies and other organizations, and the difference made in the community must be substantial and measurable.

In 1999, Garden City Hospital gathered a group of community stakeholders to discuss the absence of an organized outreach project to address potential violence and crime among the community's youth. Recognizing that angry outbursts are often a manifesta-

tion of depression, the group developed the *Community Youth Depression Project* to ensure that depressed youth in the area are appropriately identified and provided services, regardless of their ability to pay.

The collaborative group developed training programs and communication tools for the community, physicians and referral sources such as the police department, school counselors and social workers. Any referral source can directly

refer a youth for evaluation to the hospital's child psychologists, who determine future treatment needs.

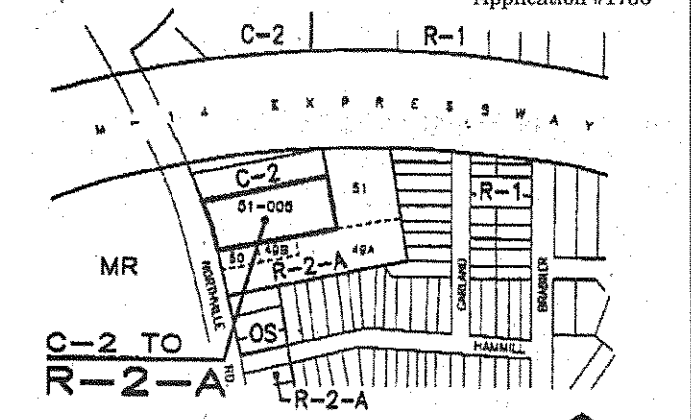
In its first two years, the *Community Youth Depression Project* involved 323 youths, and both youth arrests and disciplinary suspensions from high school dropped significantly.

The MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland and Port Huron Hospital & Health System also received the award.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: C-2. GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT  
TO REZONE TO: R-2-A. MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
DATE OF HEARING: AUGUST 21, 2002  
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 the following described property from C-2, "GENERAL COMMERCIAL" District, to R-2-A, "MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL". Containing 1.46 acres, more or less. Application #1736



LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
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ORDINANCE NO. 83  
AMEND ZONING MAP NO. 133  
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ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF TRUSTEES NO. \_\_\_\_\_ EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. (734) 453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing of calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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# Burn-prevention video wins national award

An award-winning new video that teaches about the dangers of fire through the first-person stories of children and teens who have suffered painful burn injuries is now available to schools, hospitals, fire departments and other groups nationwide.

Titled *In an Instant...*, the 28-

minute video has received a Golden Eagle award from CINE, an organization that recognizes the best of non-theatrical film. It was produced for the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center by Victor/Harder Productions, Inc.

The video illustrates the medical dangers of fire and hot liquids through the real-life experiences of children and teens who were burned after accidents or carelessness with matches, gasoline, go-karts, hot water and hot grease. It follows them through their treatment, and lets them tell viewers in their own words what they have gone through physically and psychologically.

The children's stories are interspersed with footage of the different stages of burn treatment and interviews with fire fighters and medical staff who have cared for burn victims. The video also emphasizes important prevention tips and cautionary messages.

"By giving kids, teens and adults a glimpse of the excruciating treatment, lifelong scarring, and risk of death that can begin literally in an instant with the striking of a match or a careless spark, we hope to drive home the message of the importance of caution and prevention," says Dr. Paul Taheri, director of the Trauma Burn Center.

Pucci envisions that *In an Instant...* could be shown at school assemblies, fire department community events, Scout meetings, and other occasions. She notes that hospitals and emergency responders can show it to their own staff to educate them about the important of rapidly delivered, specialized burn care to increase the chances of survival and good outcomes.

*In an Instant...* complements

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the U-M's Straight Talk program, which has been proven to reduce repeat fire-setting among children ages 8 to 17 who have experimented or set fires. Straight Talk brings at-risk kids and their parents into a burn unit or hospital for a day-long, first-hand look at what their actions could do to themselves or to others.

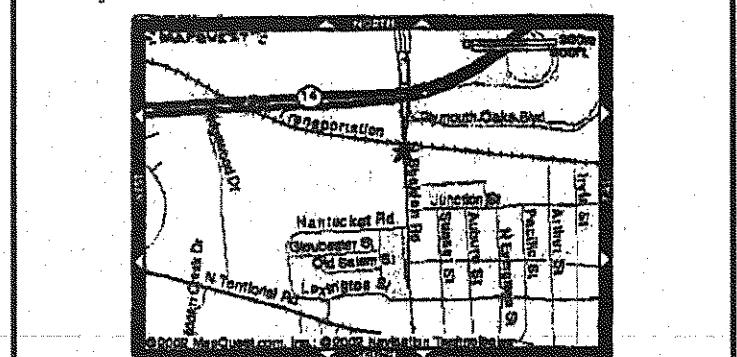
The Bloomfield Township Fire Department collaborated with the Trauma Burn Center on a way for fire fighters to take an active role of teaching the Straight Talk curriculum. Fire fighters throughout the state have given support and volunteered their time since its inception. Participants can be referred to the program by the juvenile court system, a local fire department, school officials, or their parents.

For information on *In an Instant...* or the implementation of the Straight Talk Program, visit the Injury Prevention section of [www.traumaburn.org](http://www.traumaburn.org) or call (734) 763-7757.

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You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604. The comment period will not end before August 28, 2002 be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262 [as revised, Press Release (January 31, 1984), 49 Federal Register 5603 (February 14, 1984)]. Procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. § 262.25 (1984). To obtain a copy of the Board's procedures or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application contact Alicia Williams, vice president and community affairs officer, (312) 322-5910. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on this application if they are received by the Reserve Bank on or before the last date of the comment period.

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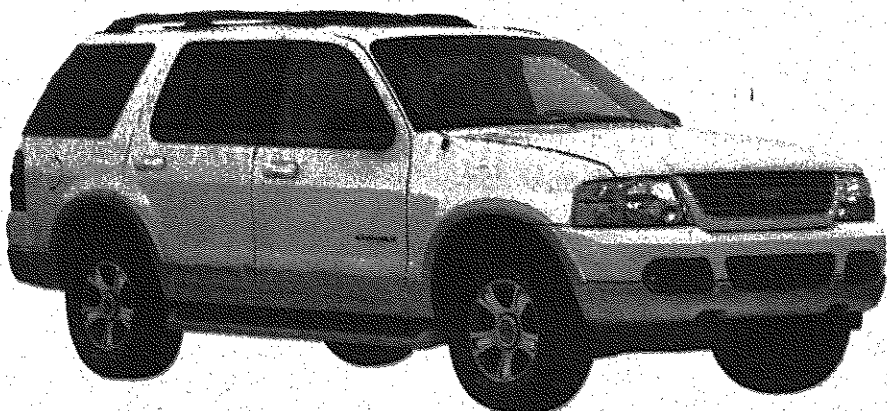
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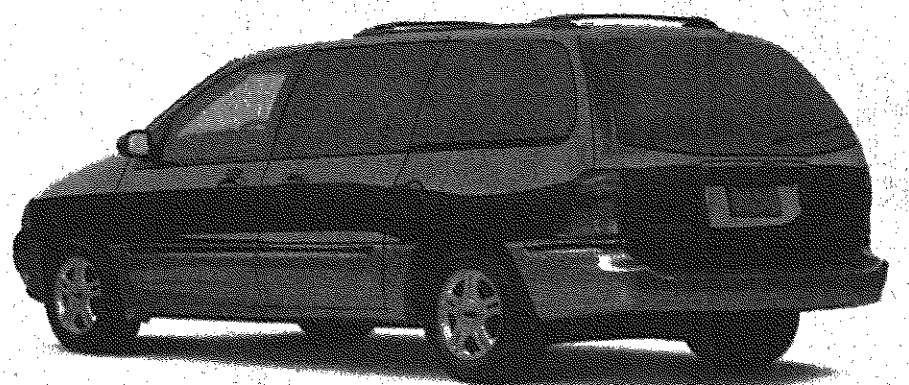
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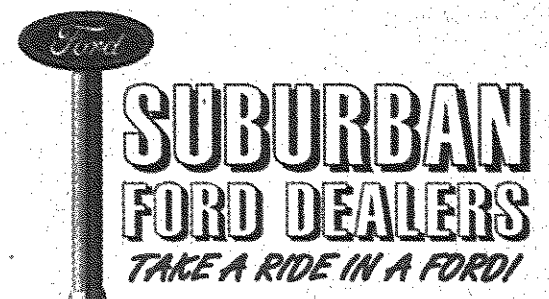
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## Town Commons gives different housing options

You can find several kinds of residential living opportunities in the 64-acre planned community of Town Commons in Howell.

The site will eventually contain 174 single-family homes, 120 apartment units and 52 attached townhouses.

The community, north of M-59 (Highland Road) east of Byron, also offers some retail shops on site including a market/cafe. Assisted living residences also are on the planning board.

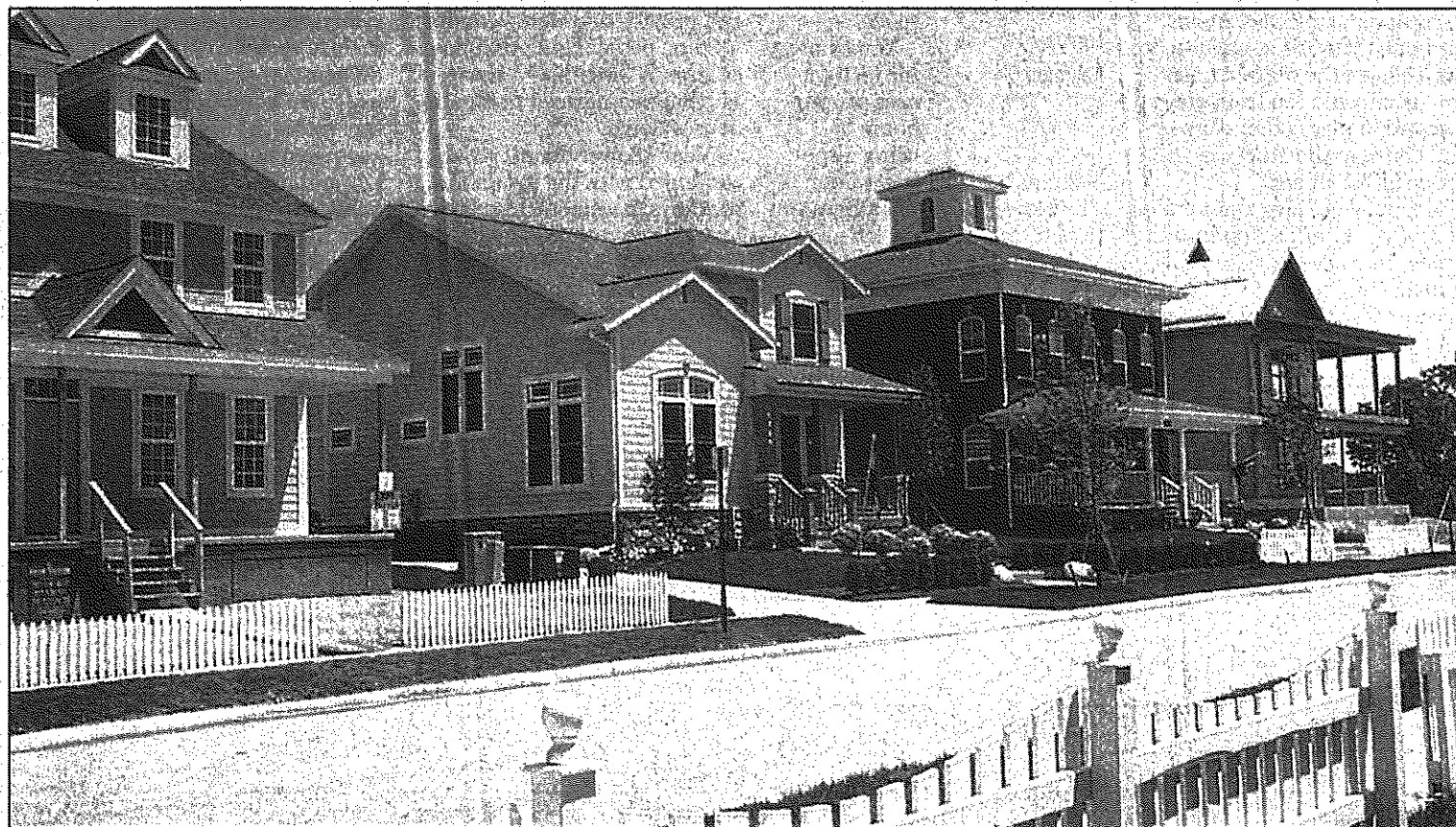
"We're building for any stage of life," said Geoffrey Greeneisen, director of land development for Town Commons L.L.C. "You don't have to leave the community."

Eleven small parks/green areas are scattered throughout the community, including one with tot playscape and fishing pond and another with a gazebo.

That's just part of the charm, the principals say. Sidewalks, streetlights, porches and homes located close to the street all promote interaction with neighbors.

Five different custom builders have erected models at the site, most in the mid-\$300,000 range.

"Town Commons is so different from the typical sub out there," said Frank Dziabuda of Unique Style Homes. "Because



Homes like these, attached townhomes and apartments all are available at Town Commons.

of all the different lifestyles ... you have a huge range of demographics - people in their 20s to senior citizens."

"This is a very traditional, old-community feeling," said Peter Pace of Merit Homes. "People know their neighbors again. Kids can be kids without organized activities."

"The convenience of a retail area is a big factor," said John Rudzinski of Paragon Development. "It's a walkable community."

"It's easy to keep track of kids," said Dave Dudansky of Dudansky/Duva Construction. "There's lots of places for them to go."

"We try to combine elements of the traditional home but updated the way we live today," said Bob Doyle of Doyle Homes.

All five builders include a two-car garage, air conditioning, basement and first-floor laundry as standard features in their models.

Some individual plans include separate tub and shower in the master, bonus rooms, full kitchen appliances and covered upper porches. All garages are side or rear entry.

Brick, cement siding and dimensional shingles are primary exterior materials. The townhouses, constructed by E.J. Dombrowski, average 2,250 square feet over three levels.

The office/exercise room and half bath are at ground level; kitchen, great room, dining area and half bath at middle level; and three bedrooms including the master and laundry at upper level.

Prices range from \$229,900 to \$290,000.

"We're so proud to represent these builders because they're all

so good," said Karen Szerszen of Keller Williams Realty. "People come in and say 'I want this one,' then they see the next one and say, 'I want that one.'"

"It's great for all income levels," she added. "Not one house looks different from the others. There's an ambience here, a great feeling. We're selling quality."

There seems to be no strife among the builders in spite of competition for customers.

"If we promote the development as neighborhood, we better get along," Doyle said. "There's a lot of give and take."

The apartments, built by Town Commons LLC, include townhouse style (two levels) starting at 1,269 square feet with two bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths for \$1,200 monthly.

Ranch-type (one level) apartments, starting at 1,033 square feet with two bedrooms and

two baths at \$1,050 per month, will be available in fall.

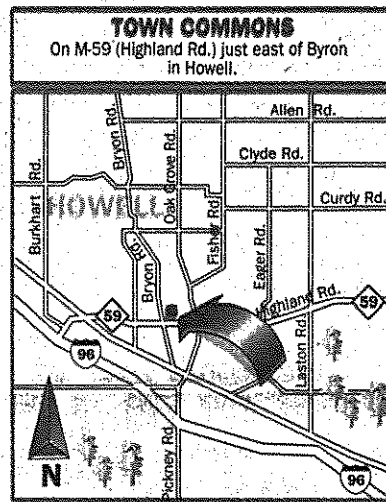
All apartments include air conditioning and individual laundries.

Town Commons is within the Howell school boundaries.

The property tax for owners at Town Commons is \$35.30 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$350,000 home there would pay about \$6,200 the first year.

The monthly association fee is \$35 for the houses, \$85 for the townhouses.

The Keller Williams sales office at Town Commons is open noon to 6 p.m. daily, the Town Commons Apartments leasing office (Amy Novak, resident manager) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The telephone number for both is (517) 546-9500.



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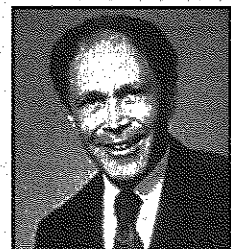
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Although windows, doors and outside walls contribute to air leakage, the biggest holes are usually hidden from view and are in places that connect the house to the attic, crawl space or basement.

Dropped ceilings and kitchen soffits, ductwork and plumbing areas, attic accesses and pull-down stairs, recessed light fixtures and wiring penetrations



Larry Kaufman

through the top plates of walls represent major connections between the attic and conditioned space.

You can test the airtightness of your home by using a special fan called a blower door.

The blower door test allows you to determine how much air leaks out of a house every hour.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recommends an

air infiltration rate of 35 percent each hour for ideal air quality, but most older houses in Michigan have air infiltration rates of 70 to 80 percent.

Reducing the leaks in your house to less than 40 percent will save on your energy bills and provide additional comfort.

Some people think that houses have to "breathe." I always say that people need to breathe, houses don't.

When blower door tests are combined with the insulation, windows, basement, and heating and cooling systems, we can determine the home energy rating as defined by DOE.

Often, energy-efficient incen-

tive programs such as the DOE/Environmental Protection Energy Star Program require an energy rating to qualify for rebates. Michigan's Energy Star Program provides homeowners with \$300 rebates for making even minor improvements to their homes.

On a 100-point scale, in which 86 points garners a five-star rating, a two-point improvement in a house at the low end of the scale and a one-point improvement for homes with higher energy-efficiency ratings is enough to get the rebate.

For more information on

this rebate, call (517) 241-6228.

Installing a \$45 clock thermostat, for example, will improve your rating by a point and provide an inexpensive but efficient way to help control energy usage.

Although that simple improvement may be enough to get a rebate, the cost of having a contractor test your home will cost \$300 to \$400.

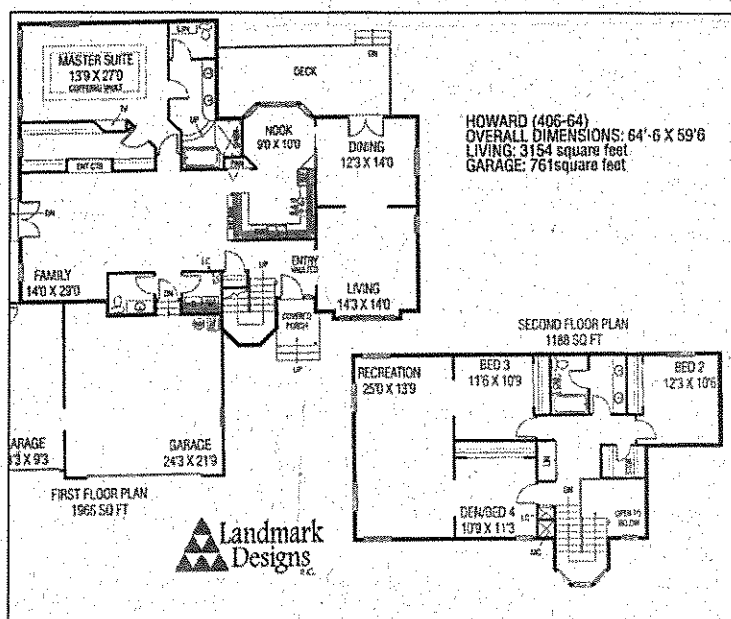
Still, the test will result in a plan to make your house as energy-efficient as you want it, you'll save money on your energy bills by making improvements and the energy rating will add resale value to your home.

Check out the Home Energy

Analysis Team (info@michiganheat.com) or Michigan Energy Services of Ann Arbor to get an energy rating for your home.

I don't like to brag, but my 34-year-old abode is now a five-star house by adding new windows, blown cellulose in the attic and caulking doors, windows and the basement. You, too, can get a gold star and save money at the same time.

Larry Kaufman of DTE Energy's Residential and Small Business Marketing group has conducted more than 50 energy savings workshops for the utility and is an expert advisor on home energy efficiency.



## House situates large bedrooms, rec room on the second level

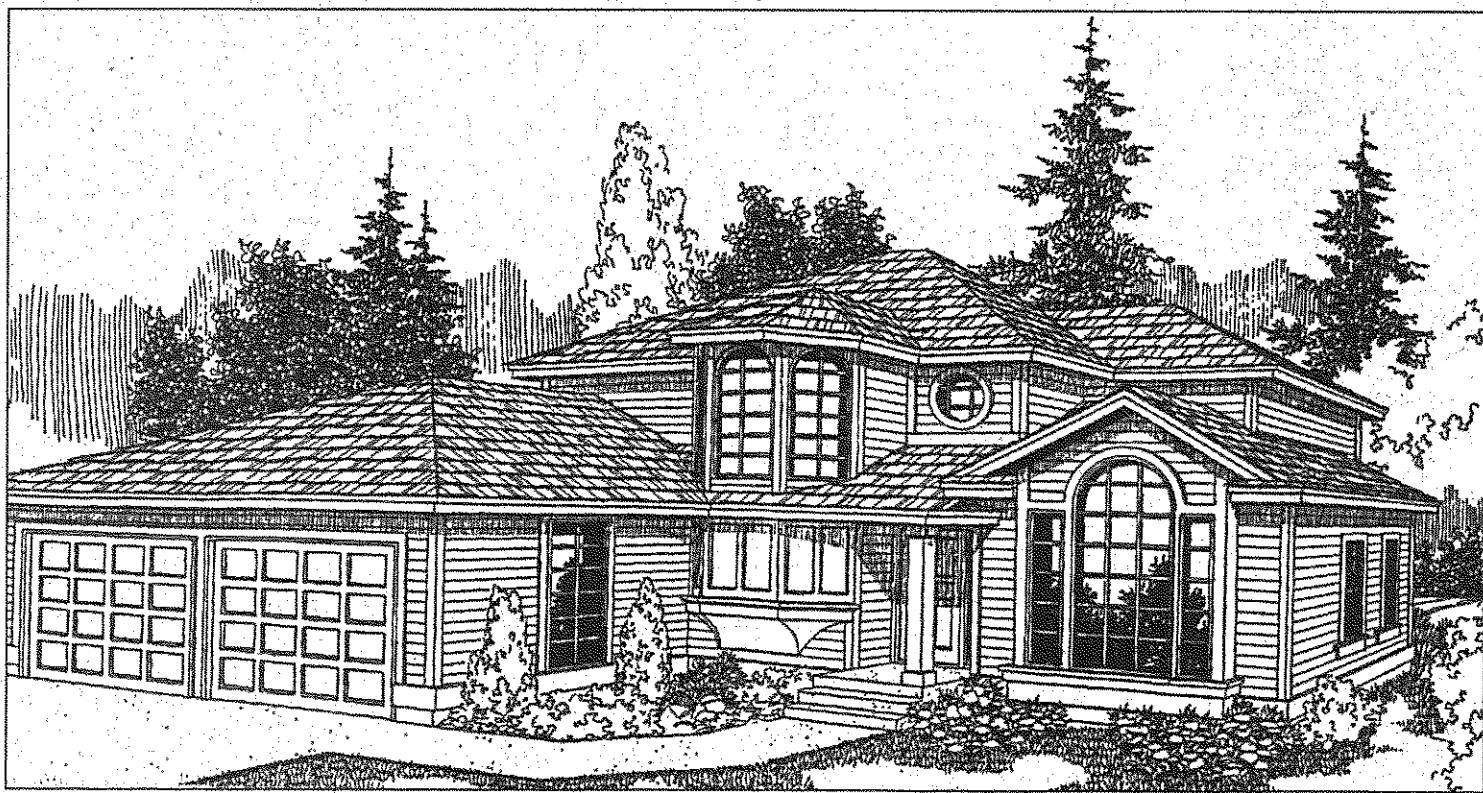
Arched windows in the conical shaped face of the Howard (406-64) add an attractive facade to this contemporary 3,164 square-foot, story-and-a-half home.

Various roof lines add to the

unique look, as does the three-car garage.

The vaulted entry is past the diminutive covered porch. Formal living and dining rooms are to the right.

Oversized windows bathe



the living room in light. French doors enhance the dining room, adding a touch of elegance. On the left side is a pocket door that allows privacy from the kitchen beyond.

The c-shaped kitchen provides a great amount of counter and cabinet space, as well as a built-in dishwasher. An eating bar runs along the left side of the counter backing to the family room. A pantry is on the opposite wall.

A bay-window nook over-

looks the deck.

The half bath and laundry are clustered together between the garage and family room.

The master suite flows from the family room. It has a coffered ceiling and walk-in closet.

The master bath has a step-up to the shower and tub, as well as dual sinks and its own linen closet.

The sweeping angular stairs have long, arched windows to

light the treads.

Three bedrooms, a bath and recreation room are upstairs. The set-up of the bedrooms is unique.

One is by itself next to the bath.

The other two are adjacent to the recreation room with doorways straight into the rec room from both.

A linen closet and storage room are off the upstairs hall.

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## Restoring siding is fairly easy once you know the routine

(NAPS) - That new home won't always be new.

Most people install aluminum, vinyl or hardboard siding on the house with the idea it will last forever and not need maintenance.

Unfortunately, anything that is exposed to the elements will need upkeep so that it will continue to look good.

Ultraviolet rays from the sun, airborne pollutants, rain and other environmental factors cause the original finish on manufactured sidings to

chalk, fade or become porous, allowing dirt to collect and penetrate the surface. Mildew can form on damp, shady parts of the siding. Painting is the solution to aluminum, vinyl or wooden siding that looks worn.

Painting these types of sidings after proper preparation of the surface will eliminate the problems, renew the finish and make the house almost like new. Painting siding gives the homeowner a chance to choose a completely new look or color. However,

when painting vinyl siding, don't use a deeper color than the original since deeper colors can cause warping on some grades of vinyl siding.

Benjamin Moore & Co. has several recommendations for anyone planning to paint.

Surfaces must be clean and free of grease, dirt, mildew, excess chalk and loose or scaling paint. Dull any glossy surface. Scrape away old, damaged paint and smooth rough spots with sandpaper. Sink all nail heads

below wood surfaces and fill in holes with putty.

Treat any mildew with a commercial mildewicide or a solution of household bleach and water. Rinse thoroughly and let dry completely before painting.

Wash under eaves or overhangs with a detergent solution and rinse with a strong stream of water to remove surface salts that can prevent paint adhesion.

Chalking should be removed by power washing

followed by priming. If the siding has only faded and has only a minor amount of dirt, a simple rinsing with a garden hose should be sufficient.

When painting siding, use a quality latex paint. Always mix paint thoroughly by stirring well before using and occasionally during use.

After you have almost finished a can of paint, open the next can, stir it and add it to the used can. Pour paint back and forth a bit to ensure color uniformity.

Never paint in direct summer sun, when the temperature is below 50 degrees, on damp surfaces or during foggy weather.

Always paint from the top down to avoid dripping and splattering what you have already painted. Paint gutter and eaves first.

Work side to side coating four or five boards at a time completely across the house. This will minimize lapping. Finish painting by doing the trim.

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## Keep things neat around the house this summer

(NAPS) - When the children are out of school, chances are your neat new home will need a bit of tidying after they're finished doing whatever kids like to do. Cleaning up after kids can be quite a chore, but with these easy steps, it doesn't have to be unbearable as we hit the dog days of summer.

Kids need space to move, so send them outside for a good part of the day. After playing in the dirt, have them remove their shoes before stepping into the house. Going swimming or under the sprinkler? Be sure to get all wet bathing suits to dry in the yard before they end up for hours on the floor.

Assign summer duties. Just because kids aren't in school doesn't mean they shouldn't have responsibilities. Assign various age-appropriate chores. Teaching kids necessary home care tasks will foster a sense of teamwork, especially if you make it fun. Play music to get them in the

mood. Make sprucing up and picking up a game. Try to find cleaning utensils, mops and scrubbers with fun designs so kids will want to use them. Contain the mess. Designate a play area just for them. Use the basement, a spare room or even the kids' bedrooms as official fun places.

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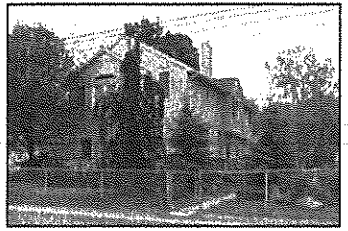
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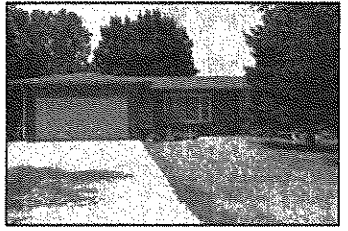
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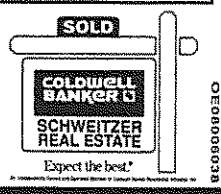


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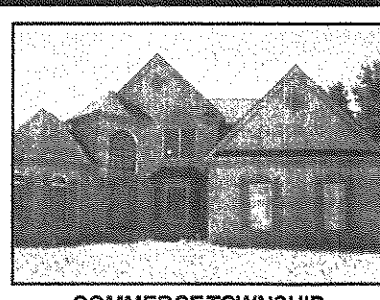
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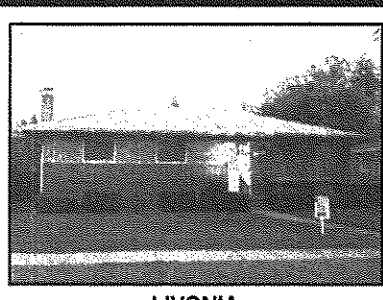
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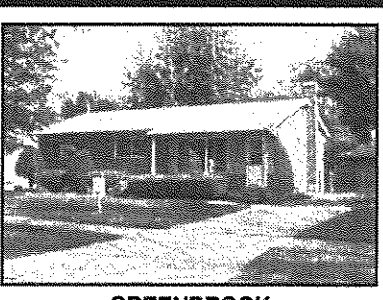
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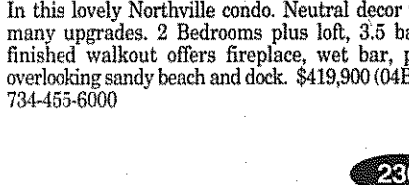
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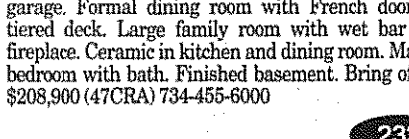
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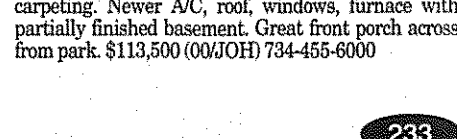
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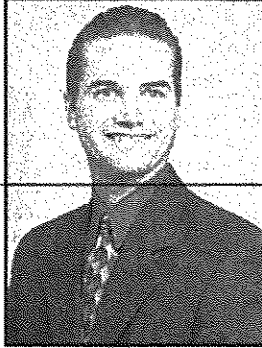
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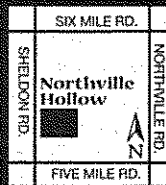
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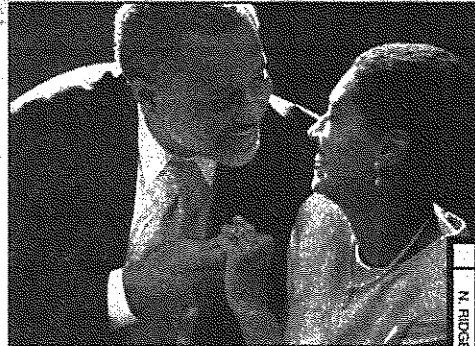
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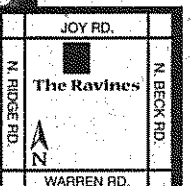
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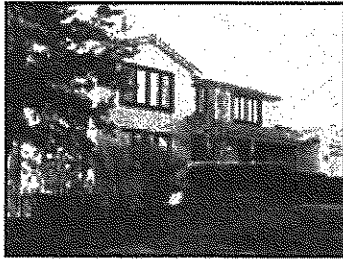
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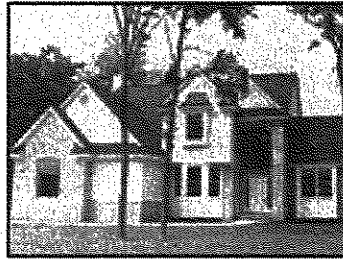
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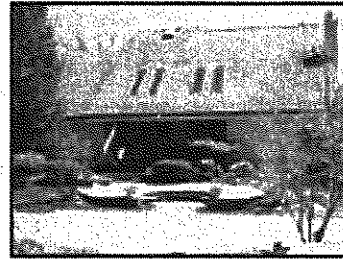
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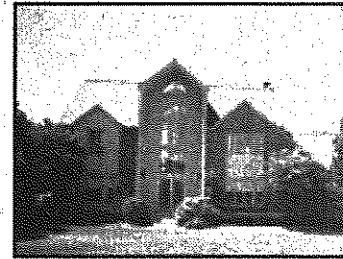
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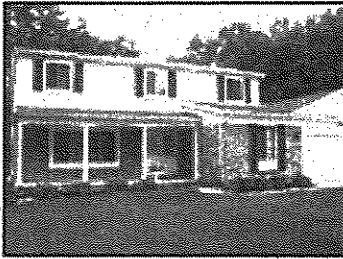
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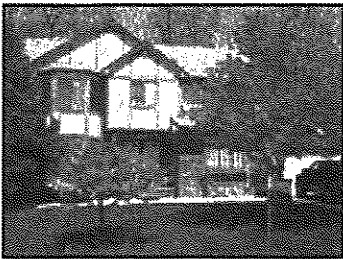
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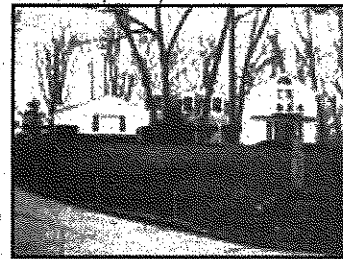
**BLOOMFIELD TWP.** - Beautiful Bloomfield Crossing 4 BR brick colonial located in premier sub. FR w/FP, oak island kitchen, library w/wood paneling and bookshelves. Formal DR, some newer windows, bsmt and 3 car garage. \$659,000 (01BLO) 248-642-8100



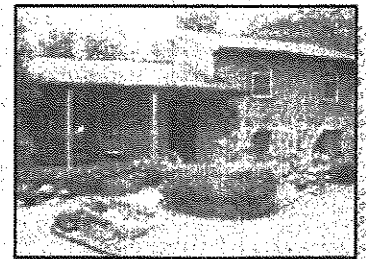
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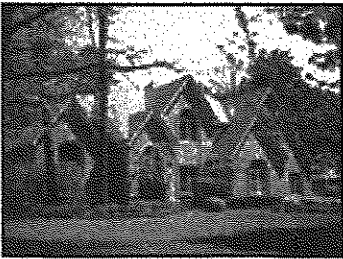
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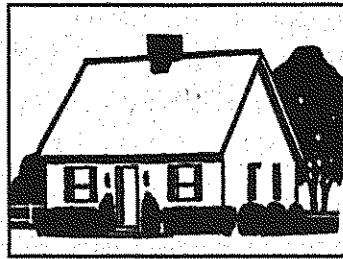
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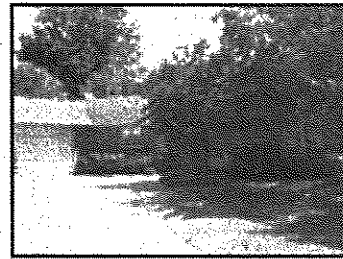
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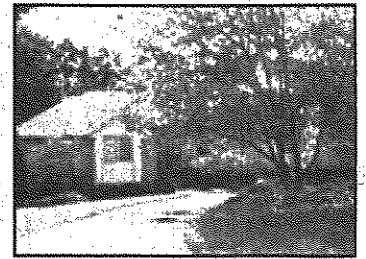
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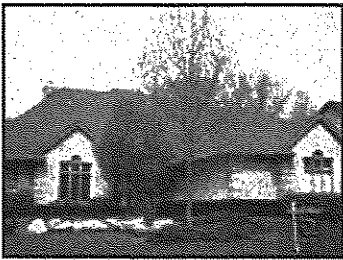
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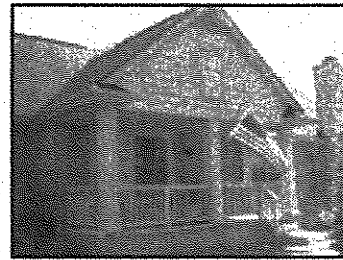
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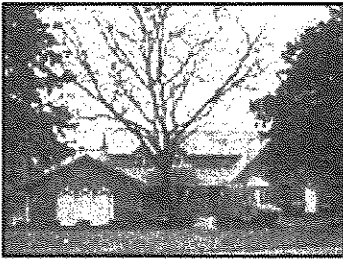
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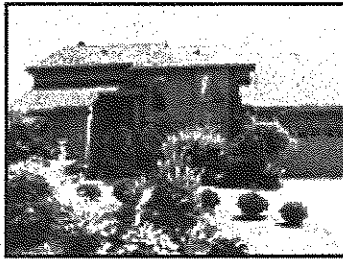
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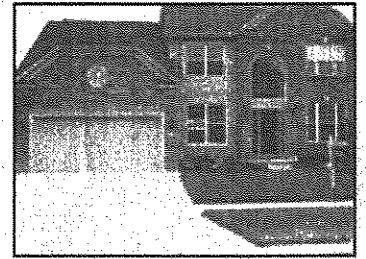
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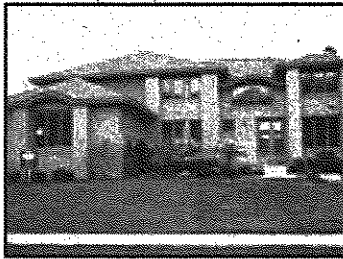
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