

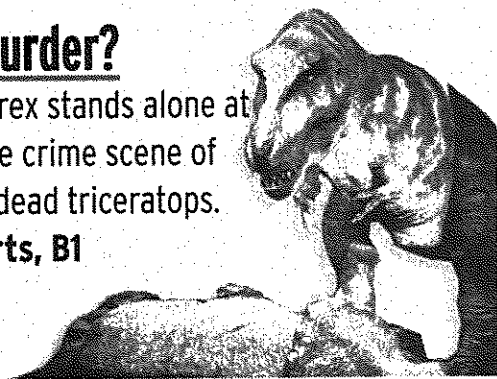
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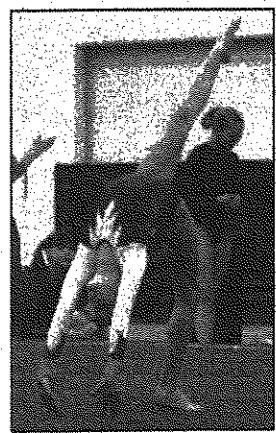
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## MEMO

### A winner

Kaitlyn Betts, a 10-year-old from Canton, competed at the USAG Level 6 State Meet on April 26 and took second-



place All-Around with a score of 36,725. She placed second on the balance beam (9.425), second on the floor (9.3), and third on the uneven bars (9.1).

Kaitlyn is a member of the Euro Stars Gymnastic Club in Plymouth. Gym owners Peter and Tania Gueorguiev are also her coaches. Much of her success is due to the many hours spent at the gym with her coaches and her dedication to the sport.

Kaitlyn has had a terrific season and has taken five first-place and four second-place All-Around honors. One of her most successful meets this year was at the Buckeye Classic in Ohio, where she took first place on all four events, and received first-place honors in all events at one meet.

Kaitlyn is a fourth-grader at Hoben Elementary with a 3.8 grade point average and a member of the student council. During her free time, she enjoys playing soccer and swimming.

### Fun Fair

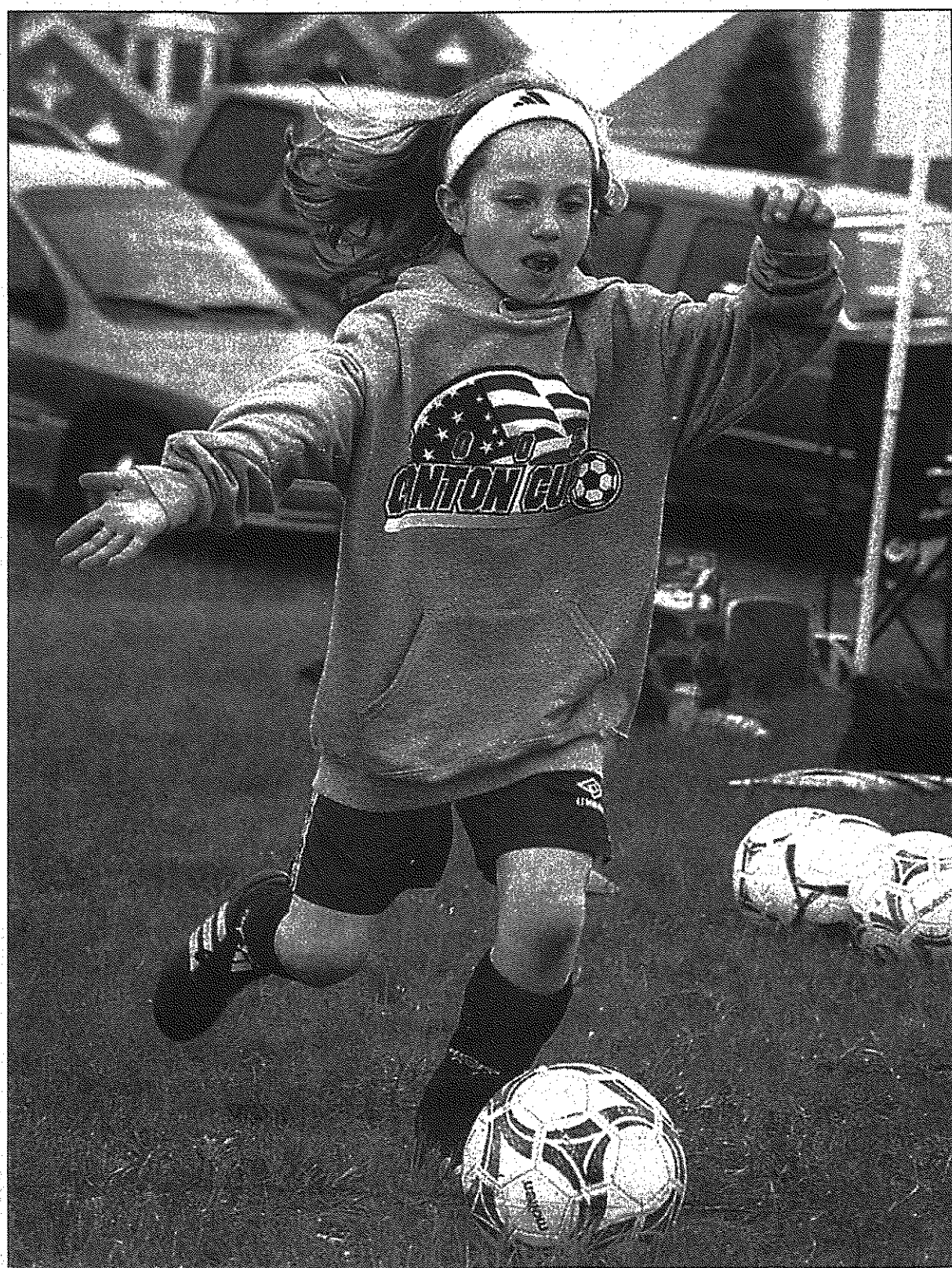
You are welcome to attend the Gallimore Elementary Fun Fair 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 30, at the school at 8375 N. Sheldon, Canton. You will be treated to games, prizes, food and lots more. For more information, call Sheila Stirsman at 207-8425.

### Design award

Nominations are being accepted until June 16 for the new Design Excellence Awards, which promote excellence in landscape design and maintenance.

Nominations will be grouped by areas for judging which will take place in July. The categories are: single family home, commercial, apartment, industrial, condominium and special (houses of worship, schools). Awards will be presented at an appreciation ceremony in August. Nomination forms are available on Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org and at the Summit on the Park, at Canton's Administration Building and the Canton Public Library.

Send nominations to Canton Design Excellence Award, c/o Neighborhood Coordinator, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188. Awards are sponsored by Canton's Council for Community Excellence. Questions may be e-mailed to: excellence@canton-mi.org or (734) 394-5165.



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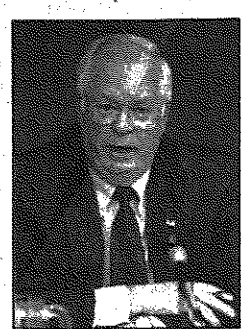
## Kicker

Lapeer Bandits player Lindsay Yatemam, 8, practices with her team at Independence Park for the annual Canton Soccer Cup Tournament, which drew approximately 20,000 players and spectators. Turn to page A3 for more on the tournament.

## Thomas wants to keep helping

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Roland Thomas, a Plymouth-Canton school board member for a total of 17 years, believes he has more to offer, especially as the district is fighting millions of dollars in budget deficits.



Thomas

"I really want to roll up my sleeves and help the school district through this difficult time," said Thomas. "I think my history with the

PLEASE SEE THOMAS, A5

## Texas transplant eager to take over band duties

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Marc Whitlock said when a renowned program such as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band "says we're interested in you, you have to at

least stop, look and listen."

Whitlock, a teacher and director of bands at Hebron High School in Carrollton, Texas, has agreed to become the next P-CEP Marching Band director.

PLEASE SEE BAND, A6

## Salem grad eyes Nashville career

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

What do architecture and country music have in common? Only one answer: Ricky Smith of Canton.

"I'm going down to Nashville after college. I've got to try," said Smith, a June Salem High

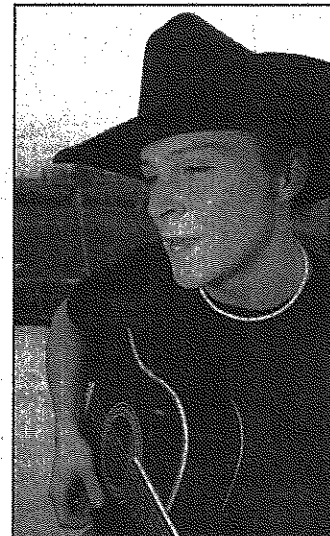
School graduate.

A love of math and drawing neatly explains his plans to study architecture either at Eastern Michigan University or the University of Michigan in the fall. A love of music, especially the country style, explains who he is and what his heart really wants. And he's not wasting time.

"There is no feeling like being up there on the stage. People just get up and dance and have a good time," Smith said.

He already has a two-page

professional resume and an equally lengthy 2003 tour events and plans to go places with his singing and his love of country music. He was last seen in Canton at the recent Relay For Life cancer support gathering and fund-raiser. His next Canton stop will be the popular Liberty Fest. He will be on stage in the Heritage Park amphitheater, immediately following the fireworks show Saturday evening, June 21.

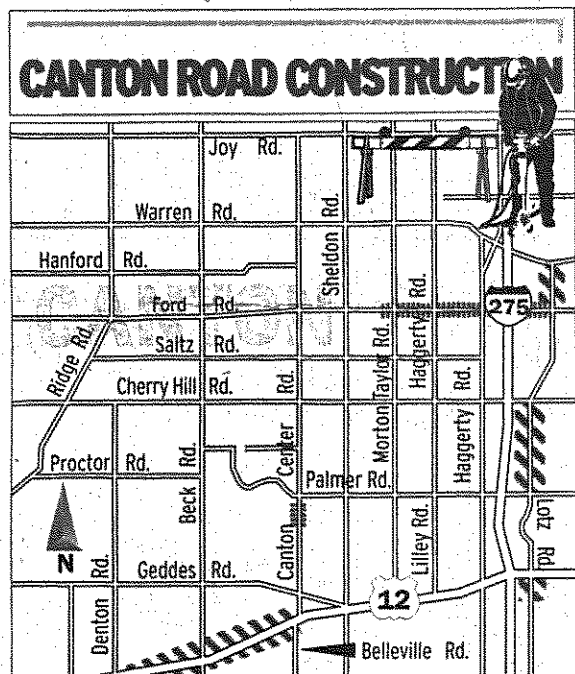


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PLEASE SEE NASHVILLE, A7

Ricky Smith is pursuing a career in country music.

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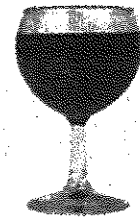
- Currently under construction:**
- Canton Center Road Bridge, between Palmer and Michigan Ave. Closed. Should be completed by late August.
  - Ford Road from eastern township limits (approximately Lotz Rd.) to Marlow Blvd. (just west of Morton Taylor Rd. Work to be done mostly nights and weekends but some weekday work between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Should be completed by late August.
- Anticipated Projects:**
- Lotz Rd. paving between Ford Rd. and Warren Rd. Anticipated to start in summer.
  - Lotz Rd. south of Michigan Ave. (1500 ft.) Anticipated to start in fall.
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## Locals remember those who served

BY BRAD KADRICH AND JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITERS

There are traditions obvious, and some not so obvious, when Americans gather to celebrate the annual Memorial Day holiday.

In downtown Plymouth, the crowd that lined Main Street from Theodore all the way to Kellogg Park observed one of the area's most obvious — the annual Memorial Day parade, featuring the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans, the high school marching band and various veterans and Scout groups.

For a couple of Plymouth VFW post members, the observance was much more quiet, and came several days earlier.

Canton residents Don Rochefort, 84, and Bill Loughran, 74, spent Friday morning putting U.S. flags on the graves of servicemen at Kenyon and Sheldon cemeteries.

It's an annual ritual the two veterans perform before every Memorial Day.

In Plymouth, the annual ritual is the parade. It moved up Main Street, to the applause of the many who braved the 7:30 a.m. start, and stopped briefly, as it always does, at the veterans park in front of Central Middle School. There, a color guard of Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans moved into the park, offered a 21-gun salute, then moved back into parade position.

At the end of the route, the band shell set up near the Wilcox house adjacent to Kellogg Park, co-chair Dennis Shrewsbury introduced the dignitaries on hand, including U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, the keynote speaker.

"Today, we pay tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, that we might be free," McCotter said.

But for Rochefort, a World War II veteran, and Loughran, a veteran of the

Korean War, the remembrance came three days earlier, in those local cemeteries they visit every year. It's their way of paying tribute to fallen comrades — even those going back to the Civil War.

"In Kenyon Cemetery," Loughran said, "there's the graves of three brothers who died in the Civil War, all within a short time of each other and in different places."

To Loughran and Rochefort, those three graves symbolize the sacrifice that veterans have made for their country.

And there's no better time than Memorial Day to remember.

For Rochefort, who served in Europe and the Pacific during World War II, and Loughran, who was stationed in Germany during the Korean War, recent events in the Middle East haven't made much difference in the way they view the day set aside to remember veterans.

Neither was particularly supportive of the war in Iraq.

"I don't think much of it," Rochefort said. "It wasn't the thing to do at the time. But we go along with what the president and the rest of the country want."

Loughran echoed that sentiment like an old soldier.

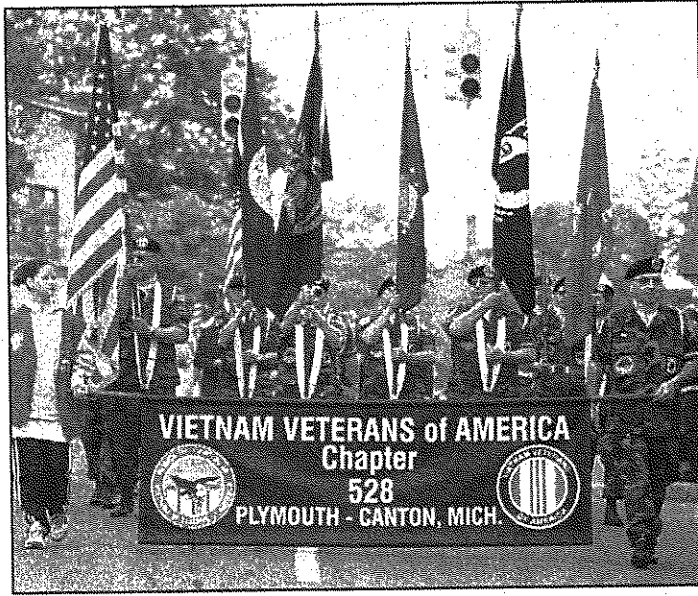
"As soldiers we were taught to follow orders," he said. "To have faith that the people at the top know what they're doing. As for the troops, I really feel for them. Thank God I'm not one of them."

Back at the parade, watchers along the route stood and applauded as the veterans groups passed by. Such tribute came naturally to most of them.

Paul Dobbs of Plymouth stood solemnly as the American flag passed by.

"You're supposed to do that," Dobbs said. "It's recognition of the flag."

His pride in his country showed, although Dobbs said the recently completed war in Iraq had little to do with it. In fact, Dobbs was more



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Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 marches at the beginning of the Plymouth Memorial Day parade.

outspoken than either Rochefort or Loughran about the war.

"Even though we won, I was still against the war," Dobbs said. "And although people in Iraq are liberated, there will be a price to pay in the United Nations."

If nothing else, though, Rochefort and Loughran both hope the war in Iraq will make the public more aware of the importance of service personnel.

And both have their own memories of the big wars.

Rochefort, whose unit was redeployed from Europe to the Philippines in 1945, recalls landing in the islands the day the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

"We heard a report that a bomb had destroyed a whole city," he said. "We said, 'Yeah, sure.' We don't have anything like that."

But both agreed it was a necessary action.

"If they hadn't done that," Loughran said, "we'd have been on the ground in Japan. And we might not be here today."

The vets think their military experience was something that made them better people.

## Police probe thefts at movie theater

### POLICE BRIEFS

#### WINDOW BROKEN

Police are investigating two incidents of thefts from cars while people were attending a movie at Canton 6 cinema on Ford Road.

In the first incident a Plymouth resident said he was in the theater from 9:25-11:45 p.m. on May 23. When he returned to his car after the movie a radar detector valued at \$150 and about 250 CDs valued at \$3,000 were missing.

He said he was sure he had locked the car but had left the window open a bit. There was no sign of forced entry.

In the second incident a Livonia resident was in the theater from 9:40-11:30 p.m. on May 24.

When he returned to his car the driver's side window had been pried away from the door and the car entered. A CD player, amplifier and three bowling balls were missing. The items were valued at more than \$1,000.

A delivery man for Baker's Square on Sheldon Road told police he arrived at work about 5:10 a.m. on May 24 when he was approached by a newspaper delivery man who told him a window on the north side of the building was broken.

Nothing was taken apparently, but the window was valued at \$1,000.

#### GRAFFITI PAINTED

A Hanford Road resident reported someone spray-painted his white GMC Envoy while it was parked in his driveway sometime between 9 p.m. May 24 and 3 a.m. May 25.

The vandals also painted racist graffiti on the garage door. Police have no suspects.

By Jack Gladden

## Seniors take stage

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

It began in the form of a question. Nancy Spencer of Canton had to say yes. And so began a new career - of sorts.

"This is my directorial debut," said Spencer.

The longtime Canton resident and community volunteer is directing *The Soapy Murder Case*, by Tim Kelly, a production by the Canton Senior theater group. The play will debut at 1 p.m. today, and 7 p.m. Friday, May 30, Saturday, May 31 and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1.

"These are such fun, neat people," Spencer said of the Canton seniors who form the 12-member cast for the murder, comedy farce, as she calls it. "If we are doing a comedy, I want it to be as funny as can be."

Spencer has promised funny

for the cast of characters whose lives - for the length of the play - are set in a Manhattan penthouse living room. In her debut, Spencer only asked cast members to have fun, decide who their characters are supposed to be and play them. "They are doing a fantastic job," she added.

The truth is, Spencer co-directed last year's Canton Senior play. "I have always been interested in the theater. I've been bitten by the bug. But I don't want to ever be the star."

Don't be fooled. She has experience - five plays with the Canton Friends of the Library, for starters. And she has a long resume of community involvement, including the Canton Goodfellows, the Veterans Memorial Association and the Vietnam Veterans Association.

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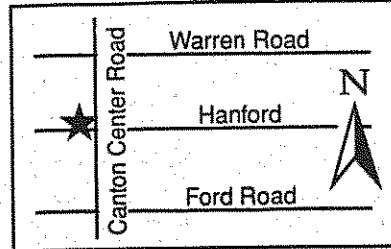
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Young soccer players compete at Independence Park on Saturday afternoon. The tournament drew players from Michigan, Ohio and Ontario to several locations in Canton.

## Soccer tournament draws thousands of enthusiasts

About 20,000 people converged on Canton over the Memorial Day Weekend, but it had nothing to do with the holiday.

The turnout was for the 21st annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, the biggest such event in Michigan and one of the biggest in the country, according to tournament director Greg Demopoulos.

"We had a record number of teams and people this year," he said. "We even had to decline some applications because we didn't have enough fields."

He said 387 teams took part in this year's tournament, with 12 teams from Ontario, about 40 from Ohio and the rest from

Michigan.

With 59 divisions of play, the fields were busy from 5-9 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"This year the weather was great," Demopoulos said. "We dodged the rain on Saturday. We've had bad luck with the weather in recent years, but this year everything ran smoothly."

Players in the 9-10-year-old age group received participation trophies, while those from 11 to 18 received champion and finalist trophies.

About 100 volunteers took part in the tournament.

## Vietnam vet memorialized in ceremony at Knollwood

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Since Debbie Parinello became manager of Knollwood Memorial Parks cemetery, she's been intrigued by the first burial in the park.

Army Pfc. Robert L. Freeman, who was killed in action in Vietnam on May 18, 1969, was buried in Knollwood on June 2 of that year.

"We've had a photo of him in the service on our walls since 1969," Parinello said. But they didn't know anything about his family.

"We hired a private investigator to locate his family," she said. "We located a cousin who lives in Livonia."

That cousin, Philip Davis, said he was surprised when he

was contacted by Parinello.

"His mother and my mother were sisters," he said. "He's buried in between the two of them. My mother is next to his grave."

On Sunday before Memorial Day, Parinello and Knollwood hosted a memorial service in honor of Freeman.

More than 200 people attended what Parinello hopes will become an annual event at the cemetery.

"It was a really nice service. The veterans raised the flag and presented the flag to my sister," Davis said.

This year's guest speaker was State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who brought the flag that had flown over the state Capitol in Lansing to be presented to Freeman's relatives.

"We ran it up our flagpole," Parinello said, "then the Plymouth/Canton Vietnam Veterans chapter drill team conducted a flag-folding ceremony before the presentation."

In addition to Davis, about 20 others relatives and Freeman's best friend, Tony White, who had served with him in Vietnam, showed up for the ceremony.

The ceremony also had special meaning for Parinello, whose son, Zachary, 23, is serving in Iraq with the 10th Mountain Division.

"Representative LaJoy's speech was so moving," she said, "my husband asked for a copy of it to send to our son."

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## Police nab bank bandit and a wanna-be, exam set for June 6

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

An attempted bank robbery at Charter One Bank on Ford and Haggerty on Friday afternoon led to the arrest of not only the person who attempted the robbery, but another man who was charged with robbing Flagstar Bank the previous day.

Canton Police Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler said about 3:30 p.m. Friday a man walked into Charter One, approached the counter and handed the teller a note. The teller saw the words "this" and "robbery" and immediately walked away from the counter. She notified a manager who activated the alarm.

Mutchler said the man hung around the counter for a short time, then appeared to become nervous and left the building. He was seen getting into a two-ton Ford F-150 and leaving the scene. No money was

taken.

Canton Police, with assistance from Michigan State Police, located the vehicle a few minutes later on I-275 near I-96. The three occupants were taken into custody without incident.

On Sunday George Leonard Johnson, 22, of Detroit was arraigned in 34th District Court before the presiding judge on a charge of bank robbery, a life felony, in connection with the Charter One incident. A not-guilty plea was entered for him and he was remanded to the Wayne County jail on a \$10,000 cash bond.

A second occupant of the car, Brandon Scott Adams, 17, of Farmington Hills, was charged as an accomplice after the fact. He was released after posting \$1,000 of a \$10,000 or 10 percent bond.

While the third occupant had no active role in the Charter One robbery,

Mutchler said, he was identified as the person responsible for the robbery on Thursday of Flagstar Bank on Ford and Lilley.

In that incident, a man entered the bank about 5 p.m. and handed the teller a note that said "Give all your money - no alarms." The clerk handed over an undisclosed amount of money and the man fled. No getaway car was seen.

On Monday Donald Perrett, 26, of Detroit was charged in 34th District Court with bank robbery in connection with the Flagstar incident and being a 4-time habitual offender. A not guilty plea was entered and he was remanded to Wayne County jail on a \$10,000 cash bond.

A preliminary exam for all three has been scheduled for June 6 in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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## Money restored for Reading Recovery

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Education restored \$150,000 for a Reading Recovery program during May 17's workshop session on next year's school budget.

The school administration planned to cut Reading Recovery to help trim a \$5.6 million budget deficit, however trustees made other adjust-

ments in the budget to restore the program which helps first-graders who have reading problems.

"Returning Reading Recovery is a reflection of what the community wants to do," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "We don't want to lose the fact that we're trying to do for every student what you do for that one-on-one student you get in the first grade, so we're trying to improve our literacy instruc-

tion."

Among additional cuts made by the school board at the workshop session to make up for the money spent on Reading Recovery, \$50,000 in expenditures for bus parts and repair items; \$50,000 for district-wide classroom furniture replacement; \$15,000 in substitute teacher costs; and decreasing money spent on legal fees.

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**Ralph N. Chapman**

Services for Ralph Chapman, 77, of Plymouth were held May 19 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. John A. Shinn officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mr. Chapman was born Dec. 24, 1925, in Hamtramck and died May 16 in Superior Township. After graduating from Wilbur Wright High School, he attended the University of Detroit and the College of Education at Wayne State University. He also earned a bachelor's degree in health education and a master's degree in education from the University of Michigan.

He was president of the Board of Education for Rbichaud and Roosevelt Schools, District #8. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and served in the Special Forces as an athletic instructor. Mr. Chapman enjoyed playing baseball, basketball, and football, and was a gym teacher for 42 years in the Detroit Public Schools. He trained youngsters to box and to play basketball. He officiated games as a referee for the Detroit Edison league.

He also had worked at Farmer Insurance Group in sales. Mr. Chapman was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton for 17 years, and enjoyed participating in fund-raisers for the school, as well as composing bulletin boards. He was an encourager, a greatly loved teacher.

Survivors include wife, Antoinette Chapman of Plymouth; sons, Michael G. (Candace) Chapman of Newberry and Brett (Diane) Butler of San Diego, Calif.; daughters, Pamela (Richard) Chapman-Enslin of Kalamazoo, Julie I. (Brian) Odom of Novi, and Gail L. (Scott) Shourds of Neosho, Mo.; brothers, Walter Chapman and Paul Chapman; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church-Youth Ministries, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**Diane Marie Schmidt**

Services for Diane Schmidt,

83, of Ypsilanti were held May 21 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Douglas K. Olsen officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Schmidt was born Dec. 4, 1919, in Baltic, Mich., and died May 18 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She and Donald were married in 1941. She came to the Augusta Township community in 1975 from the Plymouth/Canton community. She was a member of the Stoney Creek United Methodist Church. She and Donald had been members for 28 years.

Prior to moving to the Ypsilanti area, they were members of the First United Methodist Church (when it was on Church Street in downtown Plymouth). Since the early 1940s she had been a member of the Washtenaw-Wayne County Extension Services. They were also members of the Farm Bureau, and the B.Y. Dance group in Ypsilanti.

Survivors include husband, Donald William Schmidt of Ypsilanti; children, Richard Donald (Nancy) Schmidt of Plymouth, David James (Sallie) Schmidt of Tucson, Ariz., Larry Alan (Lynn) Schmidt of Hudson, Ohio, Sandra Jean Schmidt (William) Matley of Ann Arbor, and Susan Kay Schmidt Kelly of Booneville, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Richard H. Kirchgatter, D.V.M.**

Services for Richard Kirchgatter, 65, of Canton were May 23 at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Kirchgatter was born March 13, 1938, in Mitchell County, Iowa and died May 20 in Canton. He was a devoted veterinarian in the Plymouth-Canton community. He was a partner in the Parkway Veterinary Clinics in Canton and Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1965. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church where he served on the vestry.

He was a 35-year member of the Plymouth Rotary Club where he was past president. He also was past president of

the Plymouth Symphony Society. He was a member of the S.E. Michigan and Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Association. He was a life-member of the Iowa State Alumni Association. He was also a member of the Two-Cylinder Club.

He served in the Army Reserves, was a member of the Canton Planning Commission, and he was a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Canton Historical Society and the Plymouth Historical Society.

Survivors include wife, Elaine Kirchgatter of Canton; daughters, June Kirchgatter of Chicago, Jill Kirchgatter of Atlanta, Ga., and Joy (Brandon) Fischer of Carmel, Ind.; and sister, Violet Wick of Austin, Minn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the University of Michigan, Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0759.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Richard F. Newton, Sr.**

Richard Newton, Sr. was born Nov. 4, 1919 in Detroit and died May 16 in Ann Arbor. The family will receive friends at their home.

Mr. Newton came to the Plymouth community in 1955. He was an engineer with General Motors Hydramatic in Ypsilanti for 40 years and retired in 1980. He served with the U.S. Marines in World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was the tank commander at the first landing at Iwo Jima. He attended Duke University, loved boating and was "completely devoted to his family."

Mr. Newton was preceded in death by daughter, Nancy Newton McKelvey and brother, Ray L. Newton, Jr.

Survivors include wife, Wilma L. Newton of Plymouth; son, Richard F. Newton Jr. of Ann Arbor; nephew, Terry Newton of Roscommon; and niece, Mimi Newton Hale of Charlotte, N.C.

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Newton, Sr." on any correspondence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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**Isobel J. Buglione**

Services for Isobel Buglione, 73, of Plymouth, were held May 19 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Buglione was born Aug. 9, 1929, in Windsor, Ontario, and died May 15 in Pontiac. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth community for 37 years.

Mrs. Buglione was preceded in death by her husband, Rudolph.

Survivors include sons, John (Lorri) Buglione of Highland, Karl (Debra) Buglione of Fowlerville, Mark Buglione of Plymouth, and Alan (Veronica) Buglione of Detroit; grandchildren Stephen, Christina, Matthew, Michael, and Stephanie; and sister-in-law, Rose (Glenn) Buglione-Lamont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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**Henrietta "Kate" Mongelli**

Funeral services and interment for Kate Mongelli, 96, of Livonia took place in Winter Haven, Fla. Mrs. Mongelli died May 14, 2003.

Mrs. Mongelli was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Antonio; and daughter, JoAnn Trancik.

Survivors include daughter, Jackie (Gil) Peters; grandchildren, Lynn (Mark) Silverman of California, Michael (Hanan) Peters of Novi, Laura (John) Parker of Wisconsin, and Amy (Bruce) Beshears of Canton; nine great-grandchildren; and brother, J.L. Rulli.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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**Weir "Peg" Gaymer**

Services for Weir Gaymer, 79, of Canton Township, will be held May 24 at the chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mrs. Gaymer was born March 1, 1923 in Detroit and died Feb. 9, 2003 in Florida. She worked as a homemaker all of her life.

Survivors include husband, Warren; daughters Darlene Bolin, Deborah Rose and Denise (Kerry) Hlady; brother, Bud (Peg) Peters; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

**Verna M. Kotto**

Verna M. Kotto, 92, of Canton (formerly of Flint), died May 14 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Arrangements will be announced later by Rossell Funeral Home, Flushing, Mich.

**Ruby Harmon**

Services for Ruby Harmon, 95, of Northville were held May 17 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Norman Long officiating. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Harmon was born Oct. 14, 1907, in Berea, Ky., and died May 14 in Northville. During the 1960s and 1970s, she worked at Beyer Rexall Drugs. She came to the Plymouth community in 1940. She loved bird watching.

Survivors include daughter, Helen Range of Plymouth; grandchildren, Bonnie (Ken) McWatters, Deborah Thams, Sheryl (James) Koerner, Gwendolyn Rippee, and Christine Craig; great-grandchildren, Todd, Craig and Scott Brevik, Jason Puckett, Zachary Craig, and John and David Koerner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or Meals on Wheels.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Joseph F. Gallagher II**

Services for Joseph Gallagher, 74, of Plymouth, were held May 21 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta.

Mr. Gallagher was born Nov. 22, 1928 in Olyphant, Pa. and died May 17 in Pittsfield Township. He retired in 1982

from the Packaging Corporation of America. He came to the Plymouth community in 1964 from Detroit. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, where he was also a member of the choir. He was a member of the Cardinal Mooney Council of the Knights of Columbus, the Plymouth Elks Club Post No. 1780, Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars, Plymouth Lions Club, and the Polish Legion of American Veterans. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He loved to play golf and billiards. He was an Irishman.

Survivors include children, Joseph F. (Kelly) Gallagher III of Deerfield Beach, Fla., Daniel Patrick Gallagher of Charleston, S.C., Maureen (James) LaRiche of Boca Raton, Fla., and Patrick Gallagher of Plymouth; grandchildren, Jimmy LaRiche, Jr., Juliet LaRiche, Shannon Gallagher, and Joey Gallagher, IV; and brother Michael (Alicia) Gallagher.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Marion Louise Schmidt**

Services for Marion Schmidt, 76, of Plymouth were held May 22 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.


Mrs. Schmidt was born March 18, 1927, in Highland Park and died May 19 in Livonia. She was a retired account secretary. She and George had been married for 41 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1987 from Redford. She was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia. She enjoyed traveling throughout lower Michigan, especially the Torch Lake and Hubbard Lake regions.

Survivors include husband, George Schmidt of Plymouth; children, James (Kathi) Van De Wiele Northey of Livonia, Nancy Louise (Gerry) Vendittelli of Canton, and Kevin (Jane) Schmidt of Livonia; stepson, Gordon (Vicki) Schmidt of Wayne; stepdaughter, Laura (Joseph) Anderson of Holly; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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**THOMAS**

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school district is going to be a benefit to the board.

"They've never been through a difficult financial situation like they're going through today," he said. "It's a time where you have to be fair, consistent, and direct to people; be honest with them and don't pull any punches. You've got to prepare the public for what is coming."

Thomas has been off the board for two years. After taking time off to deal with personal issues, he's a candidate for one of the two four-year seats in the June 9 election.

"I know the board has talked about getting out to the public in the fall," Thomas said. "But, they need to be out now and talking to the public. They need to start talking about the severe financial crisis we're headed toward, unless the state comes up with the money."

Thomas puts a big part of the financial-crisis blame on the state legislature, which, he said, accepted the responsibility of funding schools with the passage of Proposal A.

"It's their responsibility to find a stable source of income for schools," he said. "They can also help us cut costs. The

retirement fund is a huge chunk of change, and if that continues to go up, it could eat us alive. Fringe benefits and the health care system are killing us."

Thomas said Plymouth-Canton Schools has done a good job of keeping down costs, but he's concerned not only about the next fiscal year's budget, but also the 2004-05 budget.

"Where's the money going to come from? It's going to come from people," said Thomas, hinting at more layoffs.

Some of that money may have to come from the athletic budget.

"I think we're headed to pay-to-play for the short term," he said. "We had it before, but parents didn't like it. The question is, how do you make it fair?"

One of the ways, according to Thomas, is to mirror the high school hockey program at The Park, where the district gives a specific amount of money, and the rest is raised by boosters.

"Maybe we can set up an endowment to support extra-curricular activities, not just sports," said Thomas. "I really believe they are an extension of the school day. They build teamwork and build social

development of our kids that pays back in the classroom."

The one thing Thomas isn't certain about is the \$1.2 million expenditure for the artificial turf at the varsity football field.

"I don't know if that was the right decision or wrong decision, but the board should have examined more closely what the needs were," Thomas said. "We've got a laundry list of ideas, but nobody ever looked at that laundry list of ideas versus the turf."

"Personally, I would have purchased more buses," he said.

Thomas has heard the

behind-the-back comments — that after 17 years it's time for new blood on the board. To Thomas, that's just a different opinion. However, that isn't detracting him from moving toward another term on the school board.

"Sure, I've had my chance, but I enjoy it," he said. "I want to continue to devote my time to the children of the community."

"It's not about me, or power," said Thomas, "it's about kids in the classroom, so they have the things they need to learn."

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**OBITUARIES**

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Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Thomas E. Carr**

Services for Thomas Carr, 75, of Westland were held May 22 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Gus Flaherty of the Fair Haven Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton.

Mr. Carr was born Aug. 14, 1927, in Redford Township and died May 19 at Heartland Plymouth Nursing Home. He worked as a supervisor in county forestry.

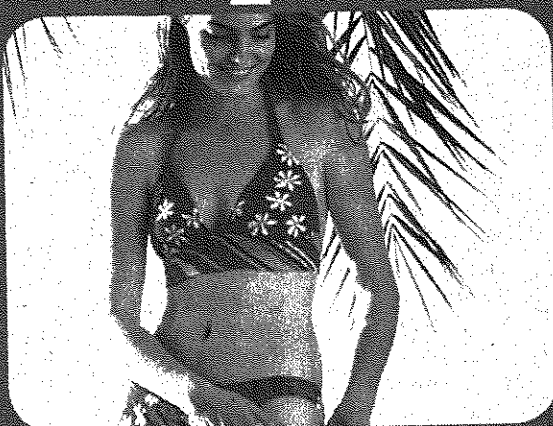
Survivors include wife, Norma; son, Timothy (Gail); daughter, Deborah (Thomas) Holtz; brother, Robert; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

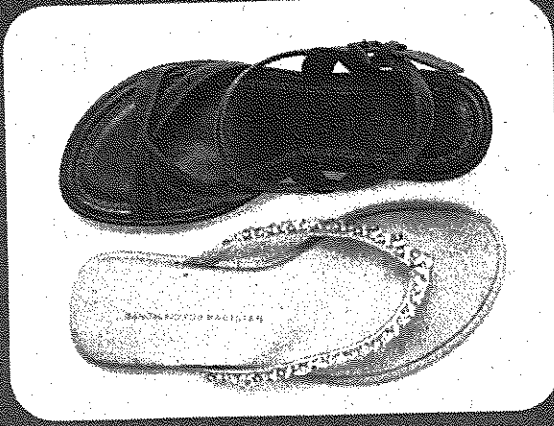
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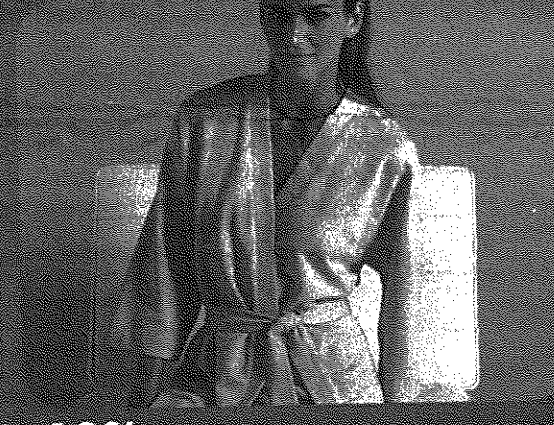
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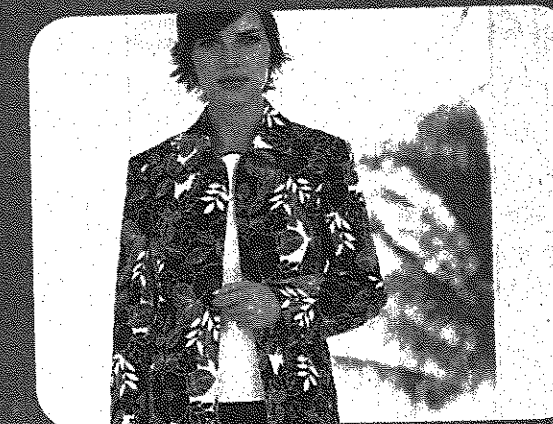
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**ROAD**

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Zilincik said much of the work will be done on nights and weekends to avoid as much inconvenience as possible, but some work will be done between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays, when traffic will be down to one lane in both directions.

The \$2.5 million dollar project comes on the heels of last

year's work on Ford from Wayne Road to Canton's eastern limits.

Other projects that are planned but are not yet under way include:

■ Michigan Avenue from Canton Center to Denton Road. That reconstruction project is expected to start in the summer.

■ Warren Road widening to five lanes from Canton Center to Morton Taylor. Zilincik said he hopes that project will get under way in the fall. If not construction should begin in the spring of 2004.

■ Lotz Road has three projects on the books. Paving of the stretch between Ford and Warren is expected to begin in the summer. Paving from Palmer to Cherry Hill is expected to start in August. And paving of 1,500 feet of the road south of Michigan Avenue is expected to start in the fall.

■ Joy Road paving west of Beck Road is planned for the summer or fall.

Other minor resurfacing projects are scheduled for Canton Center north of Geddes, Cherry Hill east of Beck, Palmer Road east of Canton Center to east of Morton Taylor, Ridge Road from Saltz to Ford and a portion of Sheldon Road north of Ford.

In addition to the road projects, Zilincik said residents will be getting information on the 2003 sidewalk repair program. He said notification letters will be sent out in June to determine the estimated square footage of sidewalk to replace.

Subdivisions scheduled for sidewalk replacement include Carriage Hills 4, 5 and 6; Pickwick Village; Willow Trail; Cavalier Village North, South and West; Forest Brook 1 and 2; Canton Country Acres; and some other miscellaneous loca-

tions. When sidewalks are checked and marked, those with a green dot are the resident's responsibility and those with a red dot are the township's responsibility.

Residents are asked to wait until the notification letter is received to discuss the markings placed on the sidewalks. They will have 60 days to perform the repairs themselves or hire a licensed contractor. In either case a building permit must be obtained.

Otherwise the township's contractor will perform the work and send the homeowner an invoice.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. July 8 to discuss the necessity of repairs. Construction will begin in late August and be completed by Halloween.

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**BAND**

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"I'm very excited," said Whitlock in a phone interview, who recently visited the Plymouth-Canton high school complex during the interview process. "The administration and band parents appear to be more supportive than any administration I've been a part of. That's an attractive aspect of the job."

"The greatest asset the school has is its philosophy as an educational park," added Whitlock. "It's an intriguing prospect, one that isn't matched in the entire country."

At a salary of nearly \$65,000, Whitlock was one of four finalists interviewed by the school district to replace Clayton Wachholz, who after nearly two years will be leaving to teach and study at the University of Michigan.

In fact, according to Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters President Jerry Olexsey, it was Wachholz who recommended Whitlock as his possible replacement.

"Clay gave us a tip that he'd (Whitlock) be leaving," said Olexsey, who was on the committee that chose Whitlock from the four finalists. "We had been talking with him for a few months, and when the posting came up, he applied."

"He's one of the top people when it comes to music education and marching band," Olexsey added. "He's known as a gifted musician and motivator, and has had good programs in the past."

The Hebron High School band was named Class AA Champion and finalist at the 2001 Bands of America Regional Championships in Dallas, Texas.

Previously, for 10 years, Whitlock was on the faculty at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago, where he served as band director and percussion director. Marian has been undefeated in its class in the Illinois Marching Band Championships since 1980.

Olexsey said he expects Whitlock to be at the school in the "next couple of weeks," which will get him here in time for the band's June mini-camp,



Whitlock

and allow Whitlock to have some input in the marching band's show design for the upcoming season.

Whitlock, 37, said it's not unusual for him to put in "16-18 hour days, which is the norm for many people who are devoted to the kids."

Whitlock said he's "devoted, driven, passionate about teaching and I love working with kids."

Along with directing the marching band, Whitlock said he's looking forward to building the band program in the middle schools.

"It's called a cluster concept, which I borrowed and initiated in Texas," he said. "Teachers at the middle and high schools are interactive with each other, and the child gets a full community learning experience."

"It's also an investment into the future of the high school band as well," said Whitlock, which makes for the possibility of making the band program bigger and better than it is now."

Whitlock is also the brass manager of the Broadway show "Blast!" which is currently touring the United States; and serves as a brass consultant for the Santa Clara (CA) Vanguard, a drum and bugle corps.

"All the things I'm involved with makes me a better teacher," Whitlock said. "It gives me fresh insight. All the great teachers are those that are sponges of all the other teachers around them."

Coming to Plymouth-Canton Schools and teaching at the 5,000-student educational park that has a prominent marching band can be a monumental task. However, Whitlock said he lives by the words of the poem *Bravado*, written by Robert Frost.

"It talks about taking risks in life," he said. "It would be safer to stay, but I chose to leave and take a risk. It's about being the best you can be, which is what I try to convey to my students."

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## Outing gets boost

The Canton Community Foundation is promoting its 13th annual golf outing this year with the help of a Canton Waste Recycling truck. Paul Denski Jr., owner of Canton Waste Recycling and past chair of Canton Community Foundation, proposed using his truck as an advertising medium to promote this year's outing.

Approved Mortgages Inc. agreed to be the Presenting Sponsor and with the sponsorship came the opportunity to advertise their company.

The Jack Demmer Ford/Canton Community Foundation golf outing will be held June 5 at Pheasant Run Golf Club. The money raised will stay in the greater Canton area and will be used for grants to local nonprofit organizations and college scholarships. The outing is almost sold out.

Holiday Market is the breakfast sponsor and Big Boy is the lunch sponsor. Summit Gourmet will prepare the dinner. Call (734) 495-1200.

## NASHVILLE

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"Architecture is my back-up," said Smith, who will be 18 June 2. "My number one choice is to be a musician. I love every kind of music. But my heart is in country."

Another question: how does an urban kid fall in love with everything country? "I was raised on Elvis. I have been singing in the shower all my life," Smith said. He points to his dad, Dan, for the source of the Elvis interest. "Ricky used to perform even at 3 years old. He was singing Elvis."

Though his memory is vague on the early years, Ricky, an honors graduate, started his career singing at family parties. The choice was always Elvis. Fast forward to the ninth grade when he dated a classmate, also musically talented, who talked Ricky into joining her and her sister on stage at a karaoke bar. He did Elvis. "The whole bar went crazy," Smith said.

That led to trips to Kentucky and Tennessee with the sisters and their parents. "I really didn't think I had any talent." Apparently he was wrong. In a show at Wayne, a man had to be removed from the stage as Smith sang his songs.

"When he is up on stage, he can really entertain," Dan Smith said. "He has a certain charisma up on the stage."

His look is contemporary country. With a black cowboy hat and black shirt and trousers - leather ones to be exact - he would fit right in with his idols, Tim McGraw and Kenny Chesney.

It is the emotions sung about and the emotions country lyrics prompt for him that make

country Smith's favorite. "I can relate to the songs. Most tell a story. I just love the choice of instruments - fiddle, banjo, harmonica and guitar," he said.

Lifetime buddies told Smith they were surprised he had the voice and moves for a country star. They had no idea. "My friends, I am converting over (to country)."

Right now it is the voice and the moves that have gotten Smith noticed. The guitar playing is coming along, considering he only started learning a year ago. His next effort is to form a band of his own, one similar to the ones who played while he sang at a number of recent competitions.

On June 15, Smith will sing in the next round of competitions for "Showdown in Motown," which is eventually expected to evolve into a local weekly television series. Smith is one of 100 final contestants, from a starting total of 1,500, who will sing at the St. Regis Hotel, Detroit.

"Ricky was one of only a handful of country musicians who were picked," Dan Smith said.

Another competition - one in which the likes of Garth Brooks participated - also put Smith into the finalist category. He is one of 10 finalists who will sing at the state fair Aug. 23 in the Colgate Country Showdown.

The winner of the competition will receive \$1,000 and go to the regional competition in September. When he sang in May in the Irish Hills, he was tackled by fans, who bent his hallmark black hat. And who knows? Smith may be found in Orlando, Fla. later in the year at the national competition, if all goes well.

"A lot of artists came out of



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ricky Smith practices his guitar.

this program," Smith said, adding that Brooks didn't even win all the rounds in the Colgate competition.

That's not to say that Smith isn't humble about the accolades he has received or that he is not nervous. But he is a lot less nervous now than when he started. "I used to be too nervous to even move," he said. "If you want to entertain people, you can't be shy. If you want to get a crowd involved, you have to move. Now I usually get a better response with every show. I feel off the crowd when I perform."

As architecture and college loom on the horizon, Smith is doing everything he can to cement his future to music. Still, there is architecture. It's a fall-back - in case music doesn't work out - but he also enjoys it. "I like using rulers, scales and compasses."

Dan Smith, who is learning - along with his grandfather, Tom Martin - to be Smith's manager, doesn't have any complaints, just a lot of smiling pride. "For a young man his age, he's very level-headed."

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## RICKY SMITH

Where Canton's Ricky Smith will perform in 2003:  
June 13-15: Strawberry Festival - Belleville  
3-4 p.m. Friday, June 13, on the main stage  
6-7 p.m. Friday, June 13, on the Frosty Boy stage  
12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, following the parade. He will sing one song in the Victory Celebration Show on the main stage  
8-8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, on the main stage.

June 21 - Liberty Fest - Canton  
Following the fireworks Saturday, June 21. He will perform for 45 minutes at the amphitheater in Heritage park.

July 4-7 - Fourth of July Festival - Westland  
7-10 p.m. Friday, July 4, between the set breaks of a country band, Tony Phillips.

July 12-20 - Fowlerville Country Fair - Fowlerville  
2:40-4 p.m. Saturday, July 12.  
2:45-4 p.m. Saturday, July 19.

August - Wayne Wheelfest  
Dates to be announced

Aug. 23 - Colgate Country Showdown - State Fair Finals

Sept. 6 and 7 - Plymouth Fall Festival  
Dates and times to be announced. He performed at the festival last year.

Sept. 26 - Clinton Township  
8-9 p.m. in the Irish Hills.

Sept. 13-14, 20-21, Oct. 25-26 - Wiard's Apple Orchard  
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**PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 29, 2003 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2003 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited.  
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**STORAGE USA**  
Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 2003, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48187 at 12:30 P.M.  
D-119 Kirk Surface - Household  
F-205 Christopher Crawford - Household  
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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD  
CANTON, MI 48188  
The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. The Auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.  
Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.  
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**WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
3:00 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 19, 2003  
Regular meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen  
Agenda - adopted as presented.  
Minutes of regular meeting of April 28, 2003 - approved.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$634,899.46 - approved.  
Operations & Maintenance Report for April 2003 - received and filed.  
Director's Report for May 2003 - received and filed.  
Financial Statements for Six Months Ended March 31, 2003 - received and filed.  
Bill's Outdoor Care Contract; Amendment No. 2 - approved.  
Inspector of Repairs - Phase 3; Request for Proposals - approval to advertise for proposals.  
Accountant Position; Hours of Work Change - approved.  
Lower Rouge Pump Station; Debris Grinder Purchase - approval to solicit for written price proposals.  
Lower Rouge Pump Station; Bar Screen Installation - approval to accept the proposal from Process Piping & Equipment of Milford, Michigan.  
Nextel Digital Cellular Phone System Contract Renewal - approval.  
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - revised and filed.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.  
THOMAS J. YACK, Chairperson  
This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.  
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## OUR VIEWS

## Ford Road plan has potential

Ford Road. What to do about it? That question has a history all its own.

Start with the traffic. As you maneuver east to west through Canton's major retail thoroughfare, traffic is generally appalling and equally frustrating. Whatever you do, don't try walking across Ford Road. You might not make it.

Attractive isn't a word that comes to mind for the thoroughfare along which old and new fails to blend into an eye-pleasing experience for motorists or shoppers, let alone residents who live not far behind the conflux of shops, restaurants, shopping centers, fast-food eateries and busy intersections.

What's new along the roadway has pleasing individuality, but can get lost by what needs fixing. Township officials, including the Downtown Development Authority, as well as some business owners, certainly have made improvements over the years, particularly with streetscapes of brick pavers, individual entry ways and decorative lighting at major intersections.

Now township and DDA officials have what appears to be a reasonable comprehensive plan in hand. In a judicious move, they are not letting dust gather on it. They have joined forces with each other and township staff to kick the plan into action.

Residents, property owners and retailers should jump on the bandwagon and be truly committed to improvements. Involvement provides these groups with a voice, which in the long run is imperative. These are the people who live and breathe along the corridor. Yet they are also the people who can take a peek at their own properties and work with the township. Like charity, improvement starts at home.

Township officials are committed to keeping the public in touch with the plan and improvements, which include burying underground utility lines, possibilities for a new land use district that gives the township more input into parking, architectural styles, landscaping, setbacks, roof lines, and even the use of public art, a bonus for an area that is heavy with an odd assortment of buildings and acres of concrete parking lots.

Other improvements proposed include smart lights, which adjust timing according to traffic flow, reducing exits and entrances from shopping centers that would allow shoppers to stay within shopping districts without having to re-enter Ford.

A market study, a companion to the comprehensive plan, shows that Canton is ready to take on large retailers, such as Borders. What a treat to have a major bookseller where shoppers can spend hours. Yet township officials are urged to tread cautiously in their desire to draw the big names, especially those that create massive structures and equally massive parking lots. In today's corporate world — and with a bumpy economy — the need is ever-present to ensure that such larger companies are in fact healthy and have a good chance of remaining so. Who would have imagined that Kmart would take the path it has and now is leaving large properties empty in its declining wake?

On another front, Trustee Karl Zarbo is already making good on his contacts with developers to talk about redevelopment. The cost of property on Ford Road prompts the need for developers who can handle the money end, have vision, and demand the best for the area.

What is good for Ford Road undoubtedly will be good for all. It is the artery from which Canton gathers a lot of strength, but also pays the price in poor appearance, poor entry identification and downright frustration for making the way from east to west.

Canton has long come of age. Its major retail corridor must grow up, too. The new comprehensive plan can lay the foundation for the future. But it takes people with vision, people with fervor to make improvements a reality and to make the improvements workable and interesting.

## DARTA agreement good 1st step

After numerous stalls in the state Legislature, area leaders have made the right move to get mass transit back on the road in the metro Detroit area.

Last week, the leaders of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the city of Detroit, working with Gov. Jennifer Granholm, agreed to form a Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority. The area leaders side-stepped the slow-moving Legislature by using the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, which allows local governments to come together for regional objectives.

As U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter said, county and city leadership stepped up to do what's best for the region.

This is just the first step and many questions remain about what kind of system will work for metro Detroit.

But at least we're finally on the road to some answers.



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Sara Hamon of Westland (from left), Victoria Massey, 7, Caroline Massey and Caitlyn Morgan, 12, all of Canton, wear pirate gear as they represent Cruises Unlimited with their flag and theme, "Cancer Walks the Plank." Hundreds of cancer survivors, families, friends and supporters joined in the annual Relay for Life gathering and fund-raiser in Heritage Park.

## LETTERS

### Lacking research

Your May 22 editorial on House Bill 4325 ("Helmet law repeal is a real no-brainer") lacks the usual subject matter research:

1. Thirty-three of 50 states, including every state surrounding Michigan, is Rider Choice to wear a helmet. In rider choice states, statistical data reveals no increase in rider death.

2. Of course, AAA would profoundly support Michigan's current helmet law, projected to save money.

3. Helmets do provide good low vehicle speed protection; however, at high speeds can become higher moments of inertia to the neck proximity, impair hearing, and provide little to no high speed protection.

4. Your posture that motorcyclists who drive defensively and pay attention could overcome inconveniences is ludicrous. Why don't you wear a helmet when driving a car, cutting the grass, on a ladder?

5. Another "no-brainer" ... cars significantly cause motorcycle accidents; many more would occur if it weren't for the defensive motorcycle riders.

6. Maybe the Observer can define what a helmet is. The state still hasn't, although the current law stipulates they must.

Michael Smith  
Plymouth

### Band kudos

Three years of musical nurturing led to high marks when Linda Calzone, Central Middle School's band director, took her eighth grade band to the district band festival in March. The band received an overall score of 1, the highest possible.

In early May, Central was the only middle school band representing the Plymouth-Canton School District at the state level, receiving a II for its performances, and a wealth of experience to take these students into high school and beyond.

Judges at both the district and state festivals noted the Central band's high-level musicianship and discipline. They also noted the unusually large number of parents in attendance. On most Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year, you can watch parents drop off members of Central's jazz band to get a half-hour rehearsal in before school starts. It takes a special person to generate this level of performance and support.

We have watched our son's bantams learn much more than how to play an instrument. They have learned how to work as a team, manage their time and accept criticism as a means for improvement and growth rather than as a personal attack.

They have witnessed in Linda Calzone an example of leadership, and have seen the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work such leadership requires. They have come to understand how much their director, parents and classmates give of themselves, and how valuable they are to each other.

These will be lasting lessons, even if the instruments end up gathering dust in the attic.

Charles Stout and Carol Knauss  
Plymouth

### No complaint from him

My wife and I attended the "One Big Happy Family" presentation at Winchester Elementary School in Northville on Thursday, May 22. We attend all of the school functions in which our four grandchildren participate. The theme, One Big Happy Family, included selections: parents are people, greatest mom in the world, and spend some time with your child.

Our daughters-in-law spend considerable time with the teachers of our grandchildren's classes at both the (Plymouth) Canton and Northville elementary schools. We have been assured that the teachers are skilled, and are doing a very good job teaching the basics: reading, writing, and arithmetic. The aberrations of other school curricula in other states which spend considerable time on attention to self-esteem, touchy-feely and even the teaching about homosexuals and homosexuality to seven-year old kids are absent.

In California at the present time, bills to encourage the teaching about varying family arrangements are concentrated on foster parents, hoping to legislate sensitivity training emphasizing sexual orientation, gender identity, and the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender youth, or youth with gender issues. The bills are wordy and lengthy, but the intent is clear. The teaching about homosexual behavior is to be introduced to the very young, experienced as early as the first grade.

My wife and I try to stay informed, stay out of the way (I was a teacher for 46 years), and support our sons, our daughters-in-law, and our grandchildren. We like what we see and what we hear about the educational experiences of our grandkids.

Administrators need not fear my knock on the door in challenge or protest. We are happy and grateful.

My interest in the curriculums of Canton and Northville schools will continue as the children advance through the grades. It is my hope that American history and economics will be even more prevalent and important when the time has come for study in these disciplines.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

### Pacifism

Pacifism is on its own an admirable thing. Some people even equate it as a central element of Christian thought. So what I am about to say takes the previous two sentences in mind.

There are a number of "No War" signs which can be seen in our community. I firmly respect everyone's right to freedom of speech, and I suspect that some people displaying these signs have a deeply held conviction about not going to war. Some may even be veterans of previous military conflicts.

What I want to know is where were all the "No War" signs when Bill Clinton was sending U.S. Armed Forces into the Balkans? Or other conflicts where our previous Commander-in-Chief sent our personnel? I didn't see a lot of protesting by the current anti-war crowd back then.

The behavior and statements of some of these people certainly allows them to be categorized as useful idiots. I can respect true pacifists. I won't respect people who protest for partisan reasons.

I do think it is important that we, as citizens, support our elected government in matters of foreign policy. It is even more important that we let the American military know that we support them as individual soldiers, and realize that some may make the supreme sacrifice for our country.

Christopher M. Cummins  
Farmington Hills

### Breathe clean air

When I was a child, the smell of burning leaves was a part of fall. Also, in those days the smell of tobacco smoke was ubiquitous in public places.

Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of medical researchers and the brave souls who were willing to battle the tobacco companies, our society has collectively decided to assert the right of the public to choose a smoke-free environment without giving up the right to go to a hospital, hold a job, eat in a restaurant, or engage in most other necessary or enjoyable activities.

I submit that we are, as individuals and as a society, better off because of this change in our laws and customs. Even the remaining smokers seem to have accepted the new order and have stopped complaining.

The smokers who have been induced to quit are probably the greatest beneficiaries of the change in terms of increased health and longevity.

I see a parallel between the campaign to curtail the contamination of the air in public places with tobacco smoke and the campaign to end the contamination of air with smoke from smoldering leaves.

In each case, the right of one group to continue an accustomed practice is challenged by another group whose health is jeopardized by the practice in question.

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In each case, the status quo is defended by parties who place their self-interest above the public good.

In each case, constructive change depends on public awareness of the available scientific evidence, the assertion of a competing "right," i.e., to breathe nonpolluted air, by some of those affected and, eventually, action by public officials to codify that right.

Wallace P. Wells  
Rochester Hills

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## QUOTABLE

"As soldiers we were taught to follow orders. To have faith that the people at the top know what they're doing. As for the troops, I really feel for them. Thank God I'm not one of them."

— Bill Loughran, Canton resident, Korean War veteran



## Interview with a murderer: Jailhouse conversation disturbs

At every stop, my heart skipped. Would John Wolfenbarger, one of the men convicted of the murders of the Pesce family, speak on the record or turn me away?

I presented my driver's license and was searched, and was told to proceed to the next stop. There, my name was entered into a computer. I was still on inmate Wolfenbarger's visitor list.

I was searched again, and a deputy phoned the sixth floor of the old Wayne County Jail. He instructed me on how to find a small, creaky, second elevator which took me to an empty waiting area. There, I slid my visitor pass through a tiny slot in a heavy door, and a set of iron bars behind me opened, with a "kachunk" and a slam. I waited for his face to appear behind one of the 8- by 10-inch windows.



Carol Marshall

### 'YOU'RE GOING WHERE?'

There are some who would wonder why anyone would drive one mile, spend one minute, and give one speck of the newspaper's ink to interview Wolfenbarger.

"You have got to be kidding," said one of my friends. "You're going where? To the jail? To talk to a murderer? Eeeeeeek."

Wolfenbarger and co-defendant Dennis Lincoln were convicted of killing an innocent family of five. He murdered a businessman, Marco Pesce, after tricking him into believing his youngest daughter had fallen in their home and broken her tooth. Pesce, a devoted father, raced home from his store, Italia Jewelers, to tend to his baby girl. Wolfenbarger murdered Pesce's defenseless mother, 68-year-old Maria Vergati. He shot and killed Pesce's children — Carlo, 12, Sabrina, 9, and Melissa, 6.

So why would I talk to him? Because I want the whole story. Of course I doubt I'll ever get it, but I can't resist trying.

### QUESTIONS AND MORE QUESTIONS

One of my professional peers told me to ask the big question first. So I did.

"John, you didn't testify at your trial, although your attorney said you wanted to. Here's your chance to say it. What would you have told the jury?" I asked him.

He looked directly at me, and told me things I knew he'd say. Point by point, he picked apart pieces of testimony and evidence which linked him to the murders, and he explained how

those pieces really shouldn't have led to his conviction. Dated shopping receipts, inconsistent testimony, questions his attorney never asked and points he never argued — they all pointed to his innocence.

Shortly after the interview started, he asked me, "Didn't you hear that? Didn't you see that? Don't you think I could be innocent?"

No, I said. I don't.

I listened to all of the testimony. I saw all the evidence. I heard everything he heard, and more than the jury heard. The jury came back after only three hours with a verdict I believe to be the truth. That was their verdict and I accept it, based on the evidence.

"If you had evidence that would have set you free, you should have talked to the police, John. You should have testified. You should have given a sworn statement — anything at all to lock up who you say is the real killer," I said.

He swore he would during his appeal, and the truth would come out and he would be released.

We'll see about that.

The problem was, as I listened to him, I could not tell he was lying. Because I grew up in farm country, I can smell BS most of the time; I never caught a whiff of it.

But then again, I didn't smell it during the trial either, when witness after witness offered testimony which could only lead to Wolfenbarger's conviction. Sure, I caught inconsistencies and smelled lies from time to time during the trial, but nothing that could topple the prosecutor's case.

One of my colleagues told me there could be grain of truth somewhere in Wolfenbarger's story.

My co-worker noted many of the witnesses, and the defendant himself, have checkered pasts. In their neighborhood, children can positively identify handguns and can distinguish one from another, and the truth can get you killed. And let's face it, anyone who would plug bullets into the bodies of children probably wouldn't have a hard time lying to a reporter.

It's disturbing to ponder the very remote possibility there could be any truth in Wolfenbarger's story. If — and that's a big and very improbable if — Wolfenbarger was not lying to me, the implications would be nightmarish: Killers who are at once vicious and cowardly are still walking the streets.

So I didn't quite get what I was hoping to get. I'll never get the whole truth. Instead of answers, I got more questions. Instead of satisfaction, I got uneasiness. But I'm glad I was given the chance to ask.

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## One more good reason to Race for the Cure

On June 21, some 30,000 men, women and children will converge on the grounds of Comerica Park for the 12th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. I'll be among the throng, immersed in the excitement and mission of this dynamic event, just as I have been for each of these past 12 years.

Sadly though, this year will be different for me, for the Race. This year, one of our friends will not be among us.

Twelve years ago, when my daughter was an infant, a dozen of us volunteered to help organize the 5K breast cancer awareness run and walk. We hoped that a few hundred people who cared about this disease would join us at the Detroit Zoo on a springtime Saturday morning.

Imagine our surprise when 3,000 registered. In those days, we Race committee members wore many hats — from planners to beggars to laborers, establishing many traditions and routines. We'd meet six to eight months in advance, always on Mondays, to begin our planning.

We debated logo colors, how many bagels to order and questioned whether we were soon going to outgrow the Zoo. We remained steadfast in our mission to put forth positive breast health messages and always kept the needs of breast cancer survivors at the forefront, ensuring there would be a place for the weary to rest and opportunities to honor those women wearing pink visors.

On Race day, we gathered on the stage, a perfect vantage point to watch the early morning, sleepy-eyed crowds come to life.

Now, a dozen years and thousands of walkers and runners later, we can look back at the significant advancements of this race and more importantly, in the treatment and diagnosis of breast cancer.

We know that some breast cancers can be prevented, thanks to studies concerning the drug Tamoxifen. Researchers have identified two breast cancer risk genes (BRCA1 and BRCA2), allowing physicians to identify persons of high risk. And, there has been a continued improvement in breast cancer chemotherapy, new drugs and drug combinations including the administration of chemotherapy prior to surgery, often allowing the cancer to be more easily removed.

There are no age limits, no gender restrictions among the thousands of people who return annually, coming to share the mixture of camaraderie, joy and solemnity this Race for the Cure brings.

It's an addiction, I think. We return because we feel so connected to those who stand beside us, silently or publicly honoring a friend, mother, sister or aunt — the women who've survived breast cancer. We return because we want this disease to go away so badly. And we return because we want to be touched by the breast cancer survivors — those brave wonderful women wearing pink visors.

In this sea of emotion though, we — or at least I — failed to notice one thing. I never noticed the women who were there one year, but not the next. I forgot that in between the cheering and singing and walking and running, women were home or in the hospital dying from breast cancer.

It took my friend, Geri Lester, to remind me of that. Last week, Geri passed away from the disease she fought so hard to beat, from the disease she devoted the last 20 years of her life to making less deadly. Geri was one of our original dozen — she kvelled at the size of this event as much as any of us, all the while finding ways to make it a little better.

Geri's handiwork can be seen throughout the Race. If you arrived early enough, you might have gotten a fruit smoothie, something Geri insisted on providing to volunteers and survivors even as the numbers of race participants exceeded 20,000.

No matter what the weather, Geri doggedly stood by her shake machine offering a tasty dose of healthy goodness. Thanks to the limitless energy and brightness of volunteers like Geri, the Race for the Cure has managed to constantly evolve, adding new features like this year's Survivor Trolley, courtesy of Ford Motor Company. The vehicle will lead off the Race, pink ribbons adorning the outside and breast cancer survivors who are not feeling quite up to a 5K or one mile walk sitting on the inside. Geri was the first to reserve a seat.

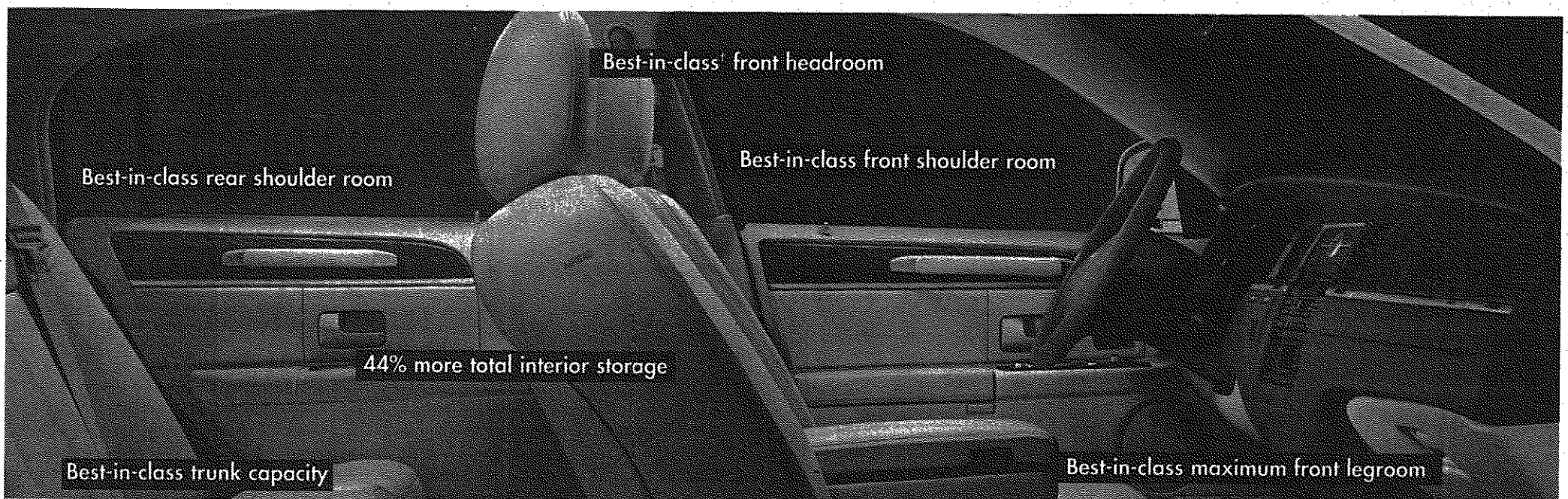
But it is Geri's spirit that reminds us of the real reason why we continue to come. Geri strove to touch each and every survivor, a sisterhood she knew all too well, and provide them with inspiration and promise — or at least a fruit smoothie and a smile. She wanted the music of hope to ring in the ears of all who could hear, she wanted this disease to get up and fly away, never to break a human heart again.

But, it has. The Race for the Cure is Saturday, June 21, at Comerica Park. To register, call (800)KAR-MANOS (527-6266) or [www.karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit](http://www.karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit).

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### Exhibit: The Boss

Next week, *Springsteen - Troubadour of the Highway*, a multi-media exhibit that explores rock 'n' roll legend Bruce Springsteen's images of cars and highways, comes to Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. The Member's Night opening is 6 p.m. Friday, June 6 and features a lecture by the exhibit's curator. Membership starts at \$45. For details, call (877) 462-7262 or visit [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu).

### Johnny Mathis

Mathis will perform at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts in Detroit 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 6. The event is part of Music Hall's Second Annual Cars and Stars charitable event, which raises money for Music Hall's programming and educational initiatives. Tickets \$45-\$125 and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling (313) 963-2366.

### Duet closes

Matthew Prentice, president of Unique Restaurant Corp. of Bingham Farms announced Thursday, May 22, that URC had decided not to exercise its option for a second lease term at Duet and Deli Unique at Orchestra Place in Detroit. Citing the reasons for his decision, Prentice said Duet has not experienced the growth anticipated in the mid-town area. While the restaurant was profitable, profits were generated by catered events that could easily be executed by other URC venues, allowing the company to increase its profits. A second reason was an imminent announcement for a new site in the downtown Detroit area. Prentice indicated that the current situation at Duet did not allow him to maximize his most valuable asset—staff. The Duet staff will be dispersed to suburban venues until the newest Unique concept opens in February of 2004. Fixtures for the deli will be removed for a new suburban location in Birmingham or Troy. Duet's fixtures will remain at the site until a decision for their future is determined.

### Art Festival

Mark your calendar. The West Bloomfield ninth annual Art Festival is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 21-22. More than 200 artists from across the nation will exhibit a variety of mediums along Maple Road outdoors on the grounds of the Henry Ford Medical Center. In addition to artwork, the festival features a variety of international culinary treats, and music. For more information, call (248) 626-3636 or visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

### All aboard

Experience the *Glory Days* of rail travel. Two rail fan organizations, American Rail Excursions in Chicago and Powhatan Rail Services in Dearborn, joined forces to operate private railroad cars to attend a joint convention in Baltimore of the National Railway Historical Society and the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, and to sightsee in Washington, D.C. The tour departs June 28 from Chicago and Dearborn and returns July 7. For more information, call (248) 435-2858.

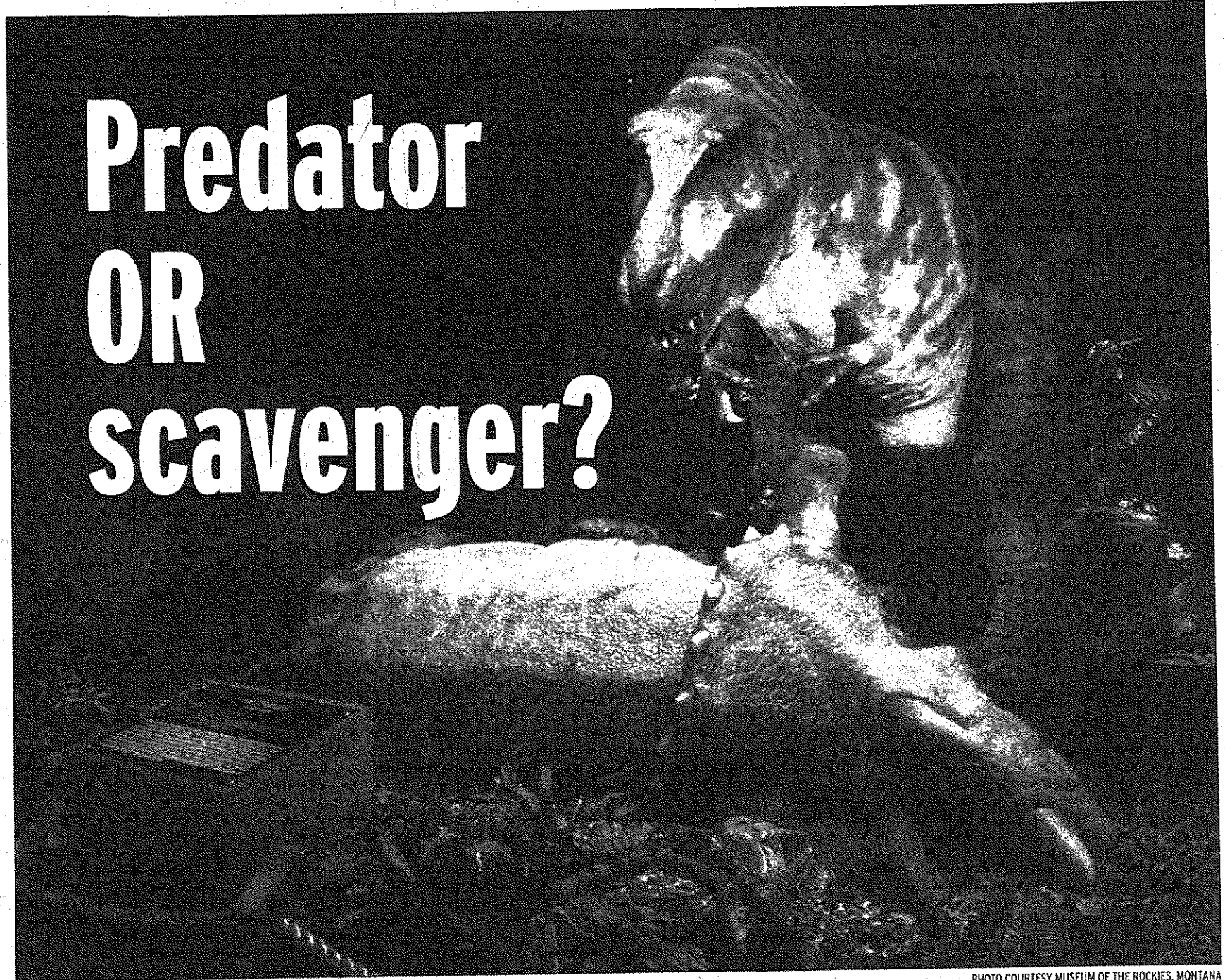


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Is Tyrannosaurus rex taking the fall for murdering a triceratops? Find out for yourself by visiting the crime scene at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

## Robotic dinosaurs tell the tale of T. rex

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Mark Uhen almost seems to cringe as a 13-foot tall *Tyrannosaurus rex* begins to growl and whip his head and tail from side to side. The Cranbrook Institute of Science paleontologist wasn't expecting a life-like robotic dinosaur with lip curls and snarls between blood-curdling growls. But was the meat-eater as ferocious as films like *Jurassic Park* have painted him? In the last 10 years scientists have discovered evidence that raises doubts as to the eating habits of one of the largest dinosaurs to roam the earth 65 million years ago.

Was he or wasn't he a predator? That's the mystery visitors attempt to solve this summer as *Tyrannosaurus rex* goes on trial at the natural history museum in Bloomfield Hills.

Created by Kokoro Dinosaurs of California and Museum of the Rockies, Montana, *T. rex on Trial* sets up a crime scene where visitors dig up clues. Does T. rex have the teeth, claws and body of a killer? Four robotic dinosaurs, real

dinosaur bones, skeletal casts, and interactive stations bring the mystery to life as visitors try to match bite marks on a *Triceratops* with varying sizes of dinosaur teeth. Along the way cartoon-like dino graphics relay facts about T. rex. At the end visitors cast their vote as to whether the carnivore was innocent or guilty of being a predator.

"Today we can compare T. rex by looking at predators like lions as opposed to scavengers like hyenas," said Uhen, Cranbrook's head of science. "The preponderance of evidence shows he was not primarily a predator but a scavenger. The skeletal structure shows he wasn't built to run fast. *Saurornitholestes* was swifter of foot, leaner and lighter. Movies like *Jurassic Park* made T. rex look sleek enough to chase a Jeep but not catch it. The jeep still got away.

"T. rex was probably a scavenger because of his larger size. He was a walker not a runner, lacked agility, had useless arms about the length of a human's, and powerful jaws to crush bones. His teeth were not good for slicing flesh. He had an excellent sense of smell for locating

carcasses. The one characteristic he did have of a predator was stereoscopic vision which gave him a 3-D picture of prey."

*Deinonychus*, on the other hand, was fast with big, curved claws, and excellent eyesight for spotting prey like the *Tenontosaurus* that three of the robotic creatures feast on in the exhibit.

Growing up, Uhen, like most children, was fascinated by dinosaurs. In his later years as a scientist he gained a new appreciation for *Tyrannosaurus rex*, the Latin term meaning "tyrant lizard."

"T. rex lived at a time when no other dinosaurs were left. They were the top carnivore in the eco system. There's sort of a romance to it. They were the biggest, baddest carnivore.

"Will the animatronic T. rex frighten young children? I'm a little startled by it. At the desk they're going to mention that this guy's down here," said Uhen motioning to the towering dinosaur dining on a triceratops, "and be aware."

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### T. REX ON TRIAL

**What:** Solve the mystery of whether *Tyrannosaurus rex* was a predator or scavenger by investigating a crime scene complete with life-like robotic dinosaurs

**When:** Through Monday, Sept. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 10 p.m. Friday

**Where:** Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

**Tickets:** Free with museum admission \$7, \$5 ages 2-12. Children under age 12 free on Community Day Saturday, May 31. Call (877) 462-7262 or visit the Web site at [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

**Related events:** Dinosaur Days 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 12 and Aug. 9. Dig up fossils and make casts of a dinosaur bone while learning about paleontology from Cranbrook's Mark Uhen. Free with museum admission.

## Garden Party scores as summer must-attend event

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

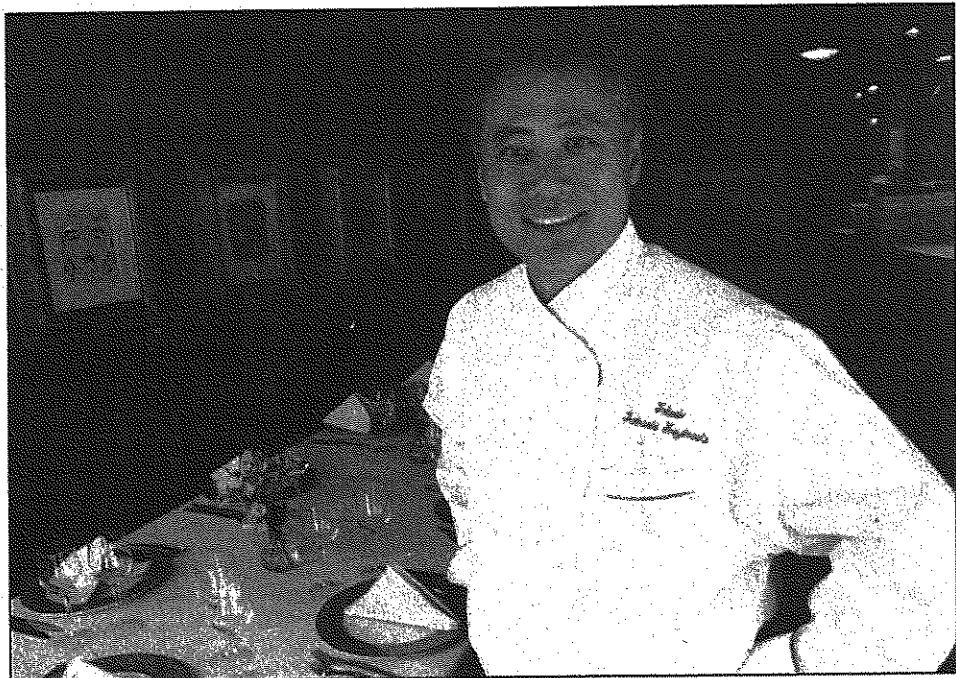
The beautiful and sprawling 35-acre grounds of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center will again this year be the site of the most popular outdoor upscale food and wine event in metro Detroit.

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A live auction by Dan Stall, Inc. will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Splendid vacation packages and vintage wines are among the many lots up for bidding.

### FOOD FOCUS

Events such as The Garden Party bring out restaurants perennially mentioned when awards are being handed out, such as Tribute (Farmington Hills) with celebrated Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi, the 2003 recipient of the James Beard Best Chef in the Midwest award. Manager and maitre d' Mickey



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Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi won the James Beard Best Chef in the Midwest award.

### FOOD AND WINE EVENT

**What:** 16th Annual Garden Party. Proceeds to benefit the children and families served by the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center programs for abused and neglected children.

**When:** 1 p.m. Sunday, June 8

**Where:** St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Tickets:** \$150 per person, call (248) 626-7527

# Festival spotlights 'funky not junky' art

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Connie Mettler knew the minute she spotted Jim Shores' tin can people, the Georgia artist's work was perfect for the Jambalaya Street Art Fair. More than 40 exhibitors will show art with an edge in downtown Pontiac this weekend during the festival.

"It's a new event, sort of a New Orleans type of thing and we didn't want it to be like a serious art fair. It's funky not junky," said Mettler, who recently co-organized exhibitors for the Greektown Art Festival.

Unlike the Greektown festival, Mettler looked for artists like Shores, who works with unusual materials, for the Jambalaya Street Art Fair. Shores creates metal sculpture from found objects including squashed soda cans and old fuse boxes. He began showing his work 10 years ago, and has been doing art full-time for the last seven years. One of his most popular works is an angel made from cast iron radiators used to heat homes.

"It's made from everyday things people throw away," said Shores. "I look at something



Kimberly Rorick's 'Painterly Pots' brighten mornings.

and see potential. When I looked at the fuse box I saw something looking back at me. I put hair where wire used to come out and used glass fuses for eyes."

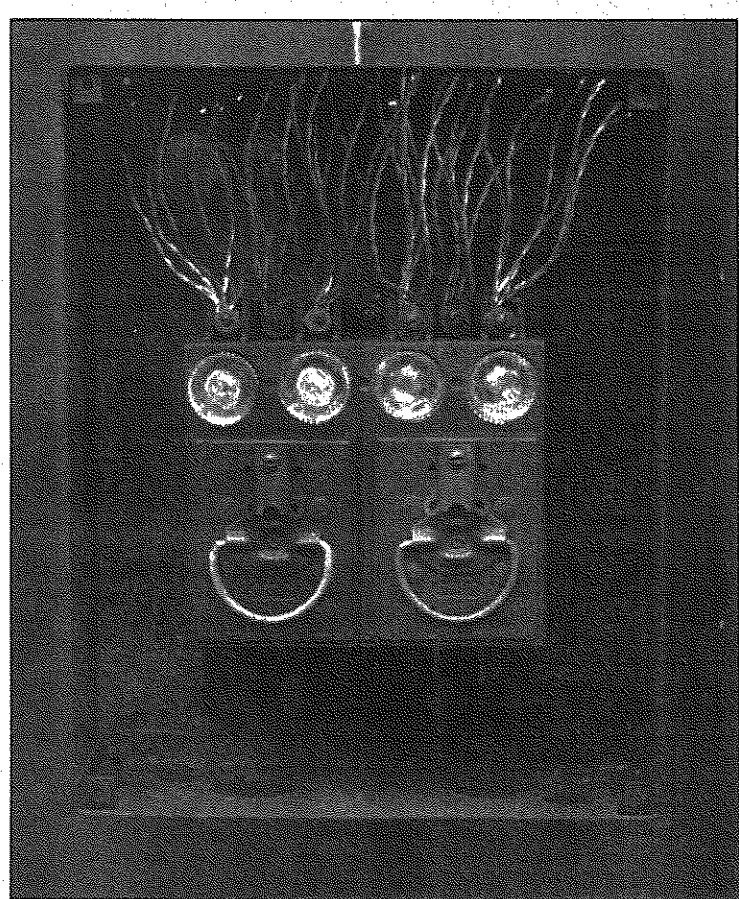
Shores mainly crafts faces

and figurative sculpture from six-inches high to life-size and up. His squashed soda can lady walks a bunch of dogs called CanNines with heads made out of coffee cans. The leashes are chains knitted from pop can tabs.

"I've always had a knack for making one thing out of something else," said Shores. "My step father was a mechanic who operated a garage. I was intrigued by the trash trucks

that would come in with things tied to the back and eventually began visiting the dumps where I was amazed at the acres of things being bulldozed. I loved tearing things apart and seeing what's inside. Later I began making things. My scale faces are from scales people use to weigh themselves. People will come into my booth and guess what's that."

Art fair goers will have no



Jim Shores creates metal sculpture from found objects like this fuse box.

problem knowing Kimberly Rorick's mugs are meant to brighten mornings. The Indiana potter makes mugs that bring smiles to even the sleepiest head.

All of Rorick's porcelain work is meant to be used including the bowls, plates and tea pots which are primarily hand thrown.

"They're very colorful, bright and cheery," said Rorick who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Purdue University in Indiana in 1999.

"Some people say it's a reflection of my personality but I don't think I'm that bubbly. I'm inspired by a lot of different artists that are whimsical and then do them so they become my own."

"People usually come in my booth and say how cheery. They like to wake up to a coffee mug that brightens their day and starts it off on a good note."

Here's a list of the other artists Mettler is excited about.

■ Doug Phillips (Florida), whimsical furniture and accessories incorporating found objects

■ Becka Strachan (Indiana), hand-painted clothing with a

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# Blood, Sweat and Tears headlines festival

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Big bands performing rock music? It's a familiar thing, if you're hip to the swing-influenced Brian Setzer Orchestra or the Cherry-Poppin' Daddies.

But back in the late '60s, jazz-rock pioneers Blood, Sweat and Tears were the first to score hits *Spinning Wheel* and *You Made Me So Very Happy* by performing scorching rock with big band arrangements.

Roll over Tommy Dorsey – and tell Glenn Miller the news. "Blood, Sweat and Tears were the innovators of it," said Larry Dorr, band manager for 21 years. "A lot of people want to see where it started."

To give the people what they want, the nine New York City-based band members leave home for weekend shows, doing 80-90 per year.

Blood, Sweat and Tears featuring original lead singer David Clayton-Thomas, will headline the JAMBalaya Street Festival, May 30-June 1 in downtown Pontiac.

The band is scheduled to perform 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 30 at the Chrysler Stage.

Blood, Sweat and Tears traces its history to 1967 when Bob Dylan sideman Al Kooper and drummer Bobby Colomby joined classically-trained jazz horn players with former members of The Blues Project, including guitarist Steve Katz.

## JAMBALAYA STREET FESTIVAL

**When:** 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 30; 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 31; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 1

**Where:** Downtown Pontiac

**What it is:** A kick-off to summer in Pontiac. The theme is a Taste of New Orleans as JAMBalaya. Activities include live entertainment, fine arts show, carnival, Mardi Gras theme parade, Southern and Cajun foods.

**The music:** A wide range of bands perform on three festival stages, 4-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 Saturday, and 1-8 p.m. Sunday. Featured performers include Spyro Gyra, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Chrysler Stage; the Kentucky Headhunters 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Chrysler Stage; KEM 7 p.m. Sunday, Chrysler Stage; and Saoco, 9 p.m. Saturday, at the Latin Quarter stage.

**For more information:**  
And complete entertainment schedule, go to [www.pontiacfestivals.com](http://www.pontiacfestivals.com)

The arrival of Clayton-Thomas – a blues singer from Canada – brought success. Blood Sweat and Tears has sold more than 35 million albums and won several Grammy Awards.

After album sales peaked by the late '70s, several band members left to pursue their first music loves – jazz, classical or conventional rock. Clayton-Thomas is the only original band member, but Dorr said that's not unusual. "This band

has always been a school for musicians," he said. "They learn what they have to do, cut their teeth and move on."

The lead singer himself has twice left the fold, to take a break from touring. Knowing the band had reached its creative peak, Dorr came on board in 1982 to oversee the change in Blood Sweat and Tears' focus to that of a live touring band.

The longest serving member next to Clayton-Thomas is

band director Steve Guttman, who has worked 15 years on trumpet.

The show is a mix of the band's hits along with material featuring Clayton-Thomas on vocals. His soon to be released

9/11 tribute song *The Lights on Broadway* will also be featured.

The song evokes the sight of the Statue of Liberty covered with dust and ashes, as the lights of Broadway shine on

through the smoke. It has been distributed to radio stations across the country. Broadcast royalties will go to the families of the victims of 9/11.

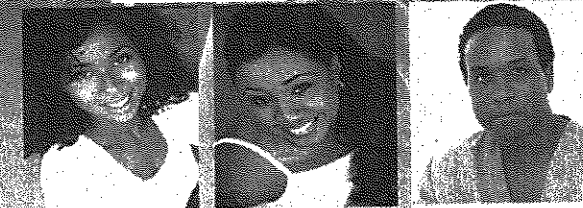
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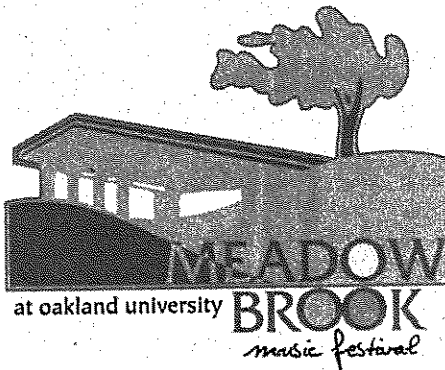
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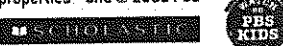
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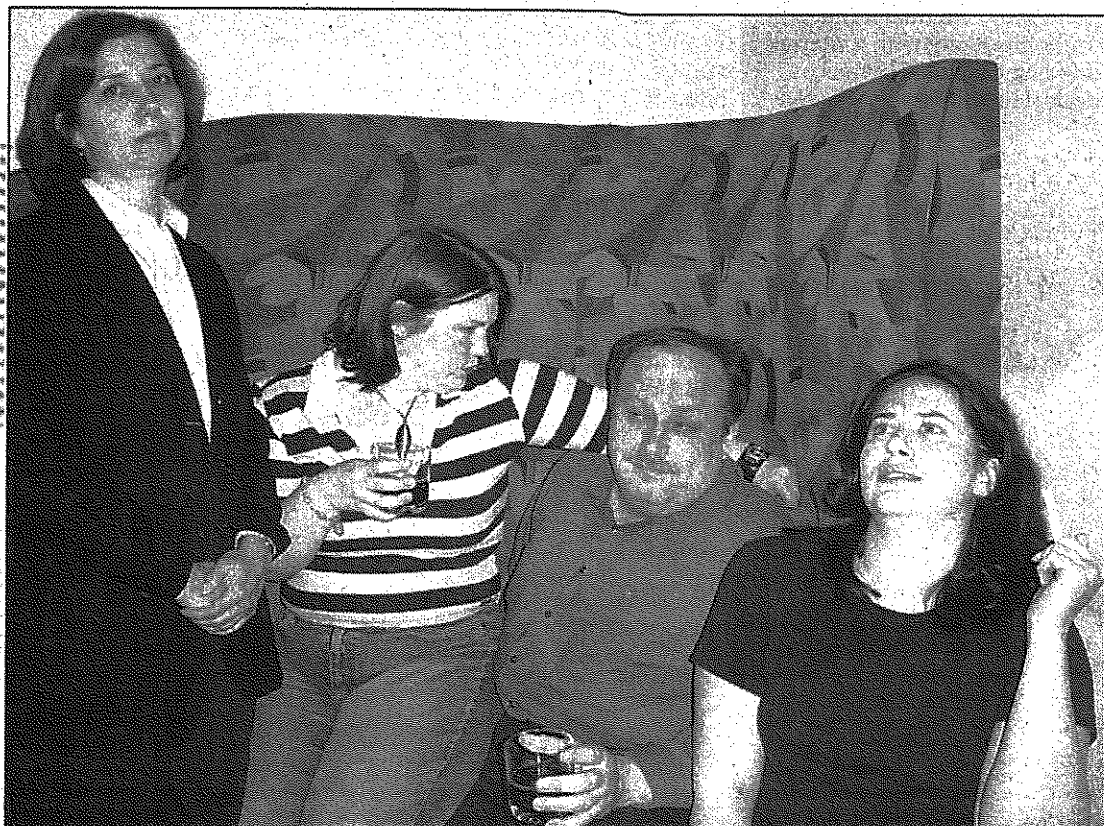
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YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT



Farmington Players present Neil Simon's comedy 'Last of the Red Hot Lovers' 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 30-31, and June 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the new Barn Theatre 32332 West 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$13, \$10 seniors Sunday matinee only. Call (248) 553-2955. Pictured are Karen Southworth (left) of Plymouth, Nichole Piotrowski of West Bloomfield, Nick Szczerba of Royal Oak and Katie Pinkelman of Northville.

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**Clarkston Village Players**  
*The God's Honest: An Evening of Lies*  
7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 31-June 1, at Depot Theatre, Clarkston. \$10. (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

**The Oakland Theatre Guild**  
*Annie* runs Thursday-Saturday, to June 7, Starlight Theater in Summit Place Mall. \$15, (248) 335-1788 for times and ticket info.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Student Pottery Sale & Open House**  
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts its annual event 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, June 6, until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866

**Bloomfield Hills Toy Show**  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Road. \$4, kids under 12 free. (248) 646-1047

**Shabbat Contemporary Music Service**  
"Tefilat- My Prayer" at Temple Beth El with the combined Temple Beth El Choir, Youth Choir and Orchestra Ensemble. Beatles' music and Hebrew prayers come together. At 7:30 p.m. Friday May 30.

## Swedish Artists in Concert

7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates in downtown Birmingham. Featuring soprano Ulrika Mjorndal and pianist Samuel Skonberg. Tickets \$25, \$12, \$5. (248) 335-4039 or (734) 913-0795.

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### Trinity House Theatre

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### Cranbrook Art Museum

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### Cranbrook Institute of Science

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### Plymouth Historical Museum

New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, *Images of Lincoln*, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

### Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, *A Lively Town*, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

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# Classic film series starts at Michigan Theater

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Calling all classic film fans. The Michigan Theater's annual series of classic movies begins Sunday, June 1 with a screening of Frank Capra's Academy Award-winning romantic comedy *It Happened One Night* starring Clark Gable.

The series, which runs every Sunday and Tuesday through Tuesday, Sept. 2 plus a special screening on Labor Day, is a tradition at the restored historic movie palace.

"People really adore seeing classic films at the Michigan Theater. There's something romantic about the experience,"

said Emily Phenix, who programmed this year's series and is the theater's marketing director. "There's something about sitting in a beautiful movie palace with the smell of popcorn and experiencing the movie with an audience."

Likewise, Gene Kelly's famous dance moves in *Singin' In Rain*, which is set to run July 6 and 8, simply aren't as grand on a television screen.

"You get a richness in film production that you just can't get on the small screen," said Phenix.

This year's lineup includes a handful of perennial favorites, but most of the films are classics that have not been screened at the Michigan Theater in several

years. "I was looking for films that we haven't played for a while," added Phenix.

Although films and dates have been set for the entire series, screening times will be determined on a weekly basis. To learn about upcoming show times or obtain additional information, call the theater's 24-hour information line at (734) 668-TIME or visit [www.michtheater.com](http://www.michtheater.com) on the Internet.

The Michigan Theater is at 603 East Liberty in Ann Arbor. Ticket prices are as follows: adult admission, \$8, students and senior citizens, \$6.25, Michigan Theater members, \$5.50.

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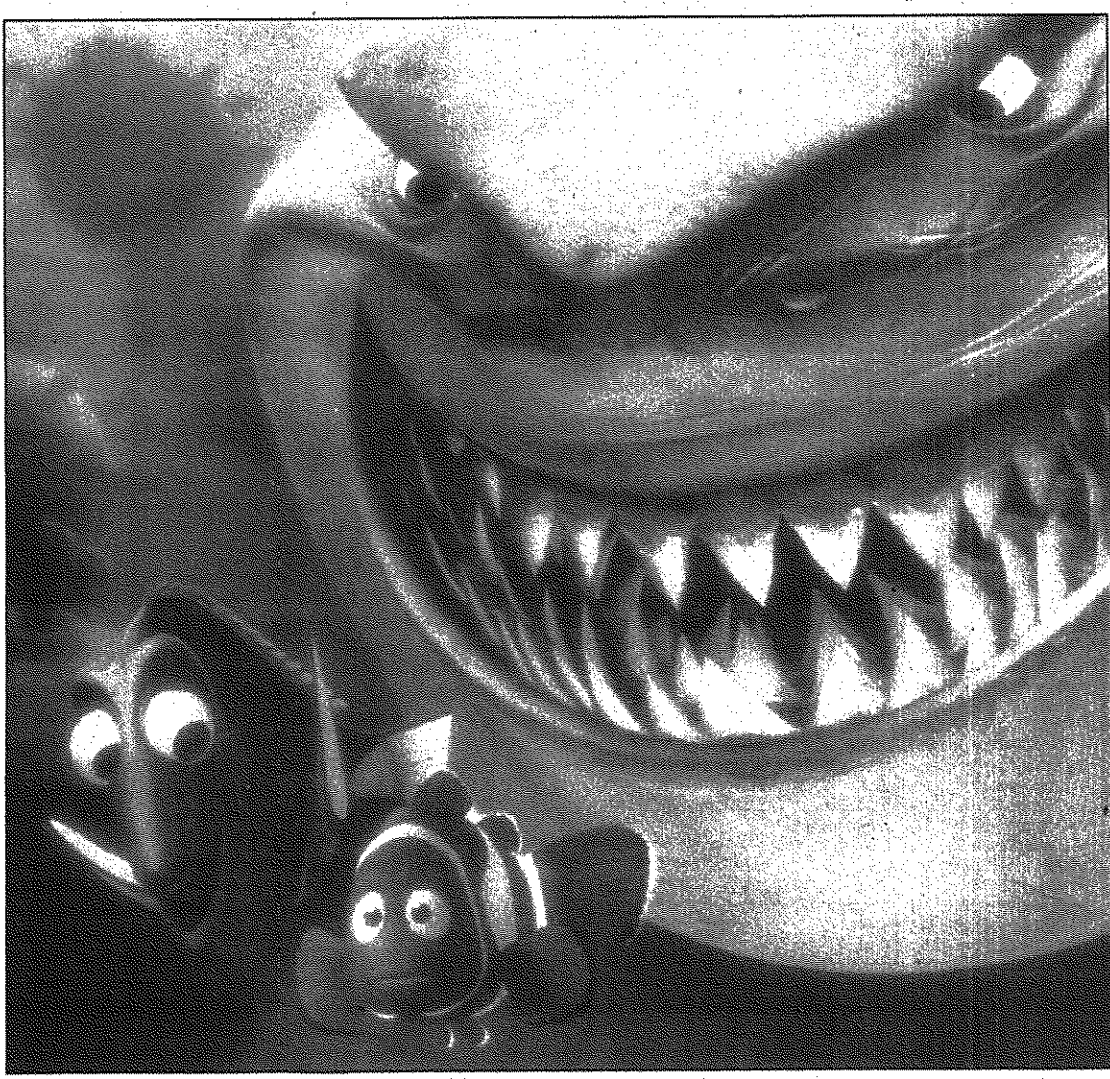
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Dory, (left to right), Marlin and Bruce are three of the stars in the animated film 'Finding Nemo,' which comes from the creators of 'Toy Story,' 'A Bug's Life' and 'Monsters, Inc.'

## On the move

### 'Finding Nemo' is search for son; 'The Italian Job' is heist-turned-hunt

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

What could *The Italian Job*, a sexy-looking, stunt-packed film starring Mark Wahlberg have in common with a cute, computer-animated tale about fish called *Finding Nemo*? Both are adventures and hunts.

In *Finding Nemo*, which opens Friday, Marlin, an overly cautious father fish, is separated from his curious son Nemo in the Great Barrier Reef. Marlin must find his son - a dangerous undertaking with a heroic ending.

In *The Italian Job*, which also opens Friday, Wahlberg's character Charlie Croker and his gang pull off an unbelievable gold heist in Italy only to

discover one partner has double-crossed him. His goal: Track down the bad partner and steal back the bounty. Joining in the quest is Stella, a safe expert played by Charlize Theron.

Hopefully, the fun comes after these plot set-ups, neither of which could be described as inventive.

The good news is that *Finding Nemo* comes to us from the Academy Award-winning creators of *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life* and *Monsters, Inc.*, all hits with family audiences and success stories at the box office. Pixar Animation Studios, which created the film in partnership with Walt Disney Pictures, has a lot riding on the film, too.

*Finding Nemo*, a Buena Vista

Pictures release, is rated G. What's promising about *The Italian Job* is that it's a remake of Paramount's 1969 classic of the same name. At the very least, we know we have a classic plot on our hands.

And, the turn of events in the contemporary version does look interesting. Charlie Croker's plan to recover his stolen gold comes down manipulating traffic signals and creating havoc on the streets of Los Angeles.

There's also a surprise star in the wings - stunts and chase scenes featuring the recently redesigned British Mini Cooper. If you haven't spotted one of these truly adorable, pint-sized autos around town, you'll no doubt get a big look on the big screen.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Everything about Detroit Now is a happening right down to the artists receptions Friday-Saturday, June 6-7. Held in four different locations in Rochester and Detroit, the exhibit documents what's going on in the art scene in Detroit Now.

John Cynar, exhibition director of Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester, came up with the concept a year ago. He wanted to link together four contemporary galleries to spotlight artists creating exciting work. The exhibit opens at Paint Creek and Meadow Brook Art Gallery June 6, Detroit Contemporary and Detroit Artists Market June 7, with receptions linked by videos. Visitors can walk into Meadow Brook and see what's going on at Paint Creek. At Paint Creek a DJ will be spinning techno music.

"We're excited. It's kicking off the summer. The first night is in Rochester, the second night in Detroit," said Cynar. "These are 16 artists making a difference right now. We're supportive of the Detroit art scene. This is the next genera-

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John Cynar  
Paint Creek Center for the Arts

tion of Detroit artists. They're not established artists but making an impact or will make one in the future.

"At Paint Creek we're showing Riva Sayegh, painter Kai Kim, Marco Garcia's paintings and sculpture installation, and James Stoa, a metal sculptor. These artists create energy and excitement by actually making art and making a statement, and giving back to community."

Selecting artists for the exhibit wasn't as easy as Cynar makes it sound. Each of the four gallery directors - Cynar, Dick Goody at Meadow Brook, Aaron Timlin, Detroit Contemporary, and Phaedra Robinson, Detroit Artists Market - brought a list of 10 artist's names to the table. From those 40, 16 were chosen for Detroit Now.

After closing at the four galleries June 29, the exhibit will



Riva Sayegh's work is on display at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. This photograph is titled 'Blood is Thicker: Fork.'

be shown in its entirety at the Urban Institute of Contemporary Art in Grand Rapids in August.

"We learned a lot. We learned to compromise. We were introduced to artists we didn't know," said Cynar. "We wanted to take a stance, to

show work that has merit and quality. That is what's happening in the Detroit art scene by promoting them as the next generation of artists."

Dick Goody refers to them as promising artists. He shies away from the words emerging, young and gifted.

"Contemporary art in Detroit is really international," said Goody, an assistant professor in the department of art and art history at Oakland University in Rochester. "Artists come from all over. Shiva Ahmadi is an Iranian artist focusing on art about the veil. Renata Palubinskas does realistic paintings usually featuring children. Her work reminds me of Flemish painting from the Renaissance. I can't describe Erik Meier's art but he's encasing objects in a vacuum. He's currently working on a MFA at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. Denise Whitebread Fanning is an installation artist. She'll be installing a lawn in the gallery."

"We'd like to get people in their 30s and 40s to see the show, people from Rochester. We want to get the community interested. It's a fun thing. It's serious but art can be entertaining."

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**GARDEN PARTY**

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Bakst did not know the specifics of Chef Takashi's dish but promised, "as always, we will offer the best that Tribute does."

TV personality, chef/proprietor Brian Polcyn of Five Lakes Grill (Milford) noted that he always supports charities focused on family and hunger.

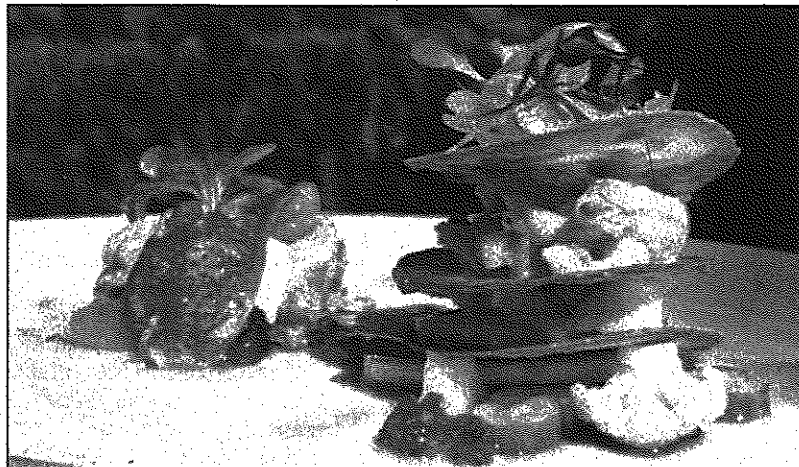
"With five kids," he said, "I'm a family-oriented guy so I will be at The Garden Party. From a chef's perspective, nobody should go hungry so I was at the Share Our Strength event."

"To make a difference, you can't just support a charity one year. It takes continual support. In tough economic times, it's even more important. So, I want to say to those people who've attended The Garden Party in the past, don't let the event down this year. My mother used to say, we are our brother's keeper whether we want to be or not."

Also among award-winning restaurants in attendance is The Lark (West Bloomfield) and Executive Chef Markus Haight, as well as Chef/proprietor Rick Halberg from Emily's (Northville).

**ETHNIC EATS AND MORE**

If you've not yet eaten at Agave on Woodward Avenue in Detroit, expect some surprises when it comes to Mexican food. Tacos, faj-



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A featured appetizer... Peekytoe Crab with Parmesan-Potato Tuile and Maine Lobster Ceviche, with Mango-Ginger Coulis and Oven-dried Tomato Vinaigrette, presented outside in the garden-courtyard.

tas and refried beans, it's not. Sophisticated and upscale Mexican it is.

Everybody's favorite Italian specialties will be served by top restaurants including Andiamo West (Bloomfield Hills), Bacco Ristorante (Southfield), Ernesto's (Plymouth), Giovanni's (Detroit), and Little Italy (Northville).

Generous supporter of charity events Tom's Oyster Bar (Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park, Royal Oak, and Southfield locations) guarantees a fun stand.

Also aboard for seafood lovers is McCormick & Schmick (Troy).

Fun and unique eating spots such as proprietor Patrick Coleman's Beans & Cornbread (Southfield) with its Southern-

style food adeptly prepared by Chef John Arnold and Big Rock Chop & Brew House (Birmingham) where Executive Chef Nina Scott dishes up more than grilled steaks, are out to impress.

**MAJOR SUPPORT**

Lending major support are the restaurants in the Epoch Restaurant Group. In addition to Tribute, Forte (Birmingham) and Latitude (Bay Harbor) will showcase their food. Matt Prentice and his Unique Restaurant Corporation, that did a stellar job organizing the Share Our Strength event at Somerset Collection in Troy at the end of April, will offer

foods from Morels, A Michigan Bistro (Bingham Farms).

Marshall Chin, another restaurateur always lending his talents to major area charities, will offer Nu Asian from Mon Jin Lau (Troy). Also from Troy is Ruth's Chris Steak House, the top award-winner in the 2003 Taste of Troy.

Among other restaurants on tap with food stands are Birmingham's 220, Alban's and The Townsend, Detroit's Cuisine, Fiona's Teahouse Restaurant and The Renaissance Club. From Farmington Hills, Loving Spoonful and Vineyard's Cafe & Deli, Southfield's Sweet Lorraine's Cafe, and Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac.

From Novi, Diamond Jim Brady's, and Woodruff's Supper Club in Royal Oak.

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They'll please, too. Huel Perkins of Fox 2 News will serve as the Master of Ceremonies of this year's event, presented by Ford Motor Company and MNP Corporations with sponsors including Comerica, J. Walter Thompson, and WJBK FOX 2 News.

Where can you find so much fantastic food and support a charity too? The Garden Party.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally-published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.

**FOOD AND WINE EVENT AWARD-WINNING WINES**

At this year's Garden Party, area wine purveyors will pour award-winning wines, judged at the second annual Detroit International Wine Experience.

Of 432 wines entered, four were awarded Double Gold status: 1999 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz \$25 and 1998 Lindemans Pyrus \$30 from Australia, 1999 Segla Margaux \$29 from France and 2000 Bridlewood Syrah \$20, California.

In the Gold category, Australian wines stole the show with 13 out of 35 wines and shiraz leading the way. Among them: 1998 Penfolds St. Henri Shiraz \$50, Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon \$80, 2000 Leasingham Bin 61 Shiraz \$23, Hardy's Stamp Chardonnay \$6, 2002 Yellow Tail Shiraz/Cabernet \$7, 2002 Yellow Tail Shiraz \$7, 2000 Black Opal Shiraz \$12, 2000 Rosemount Hill of Gold Shiraz \$15, 2001 Xanadu Shiraz \$19, 1998 Wynns John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon \$30, 2002 Xanadu Chardonnay \$16, 2001 Palandri Shiraz \$15 and Seppelt Trafford Port \$11.

Gold Medal wines from California include: 2002 White Haven Sauvignon Blanc \$18, 2001 Delicato Shiraz \$7, 1999 Sterling Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$47, 2000 Francis Coppola Diamond Merlot \$17 and 1999 io (a Rhone blend) \$65.

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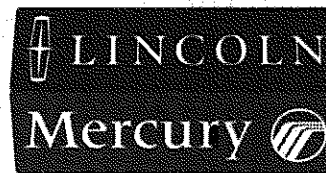
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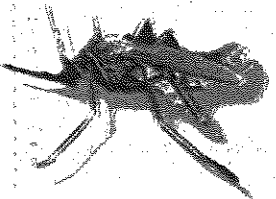
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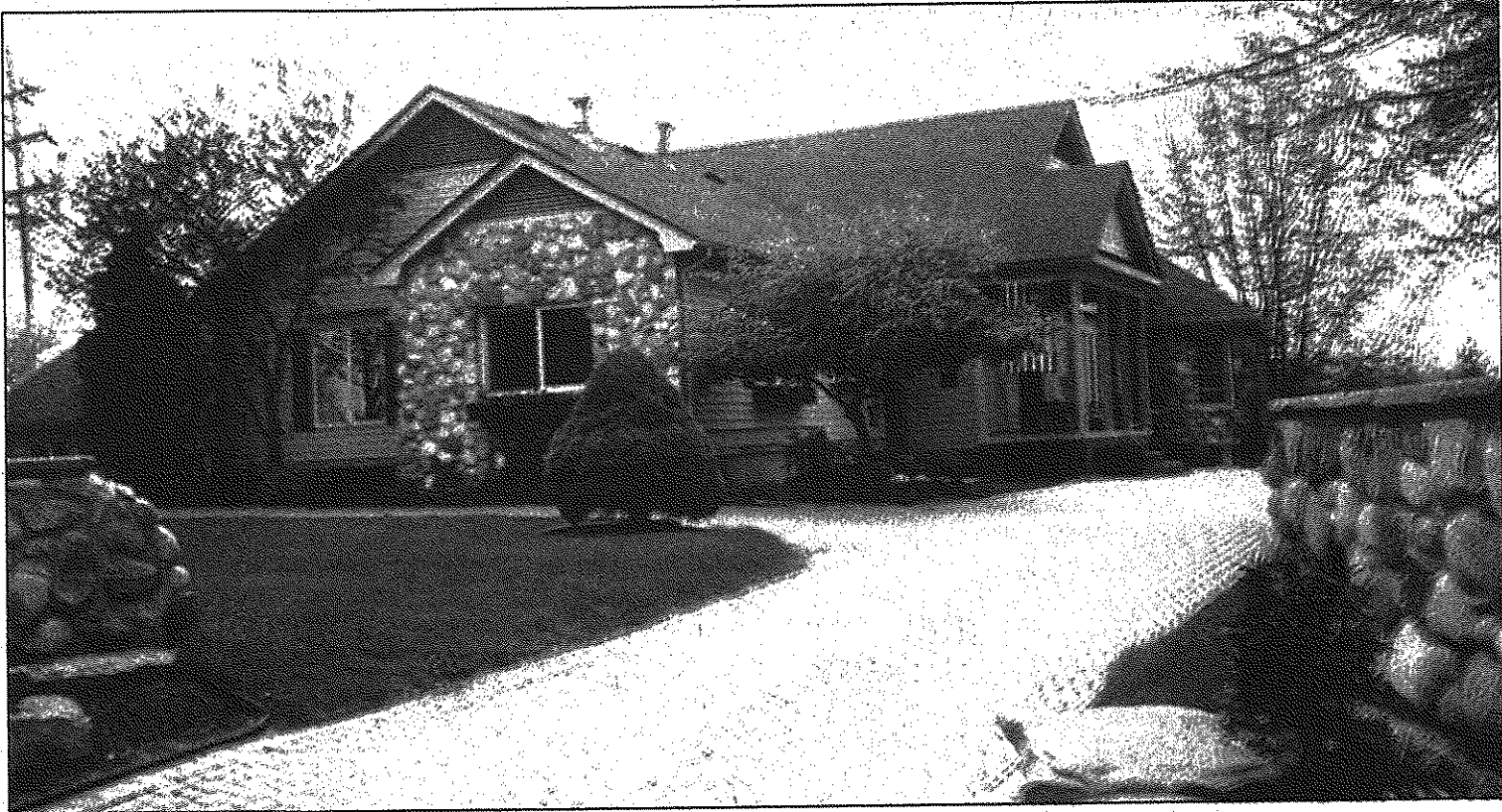
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This home owned by Marty and Carol Eisenstein on North Territorial in Plymouth will be featured on the Plymouth Symphony League Spring Home Tour. Proceeds from the tour benefit the symphony.

## A tour around the neighborhood

### Spring home tour benefits symphony

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Want some redecorating and remodeling ideas for your home? Or would you like to see some imaginative decorating ideas?

This year's spring home tour in Plymouth, "Redecorating and Remodeling Fever: Innovations in Design and Decor," will feature six homes and two condominiums in Plymouth, Northville and Canton on June 6 and 7. The event is the major fund-raiser for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. (See related

chart for information.)

In addition, the Mayflower Centre condominiums will be available for viewing for ticket holders. Tour visitors can preview a 3,600 square foot, 5 bedroom condo/home with an inlaw suite at Cherry Hill Village in Canton.

Residences included on the tour are:

■ A home on Moonlight Drive in Plymouth, owned by Rob and Diane Pray. The couple worked with interior arranger Sue April to redecorate the

### PLYMOUTH HOME TOUR

**What:** Redecorating and Remodeling Fever: Innovations in Design and Decor, a spring home tour to benefit the Plymouth Symphony League

**When:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, June 6, and noon-6 p.m., Saturday, June 7

**Where:** Six homes and two condominiums in Plymouth, Northville and Canton

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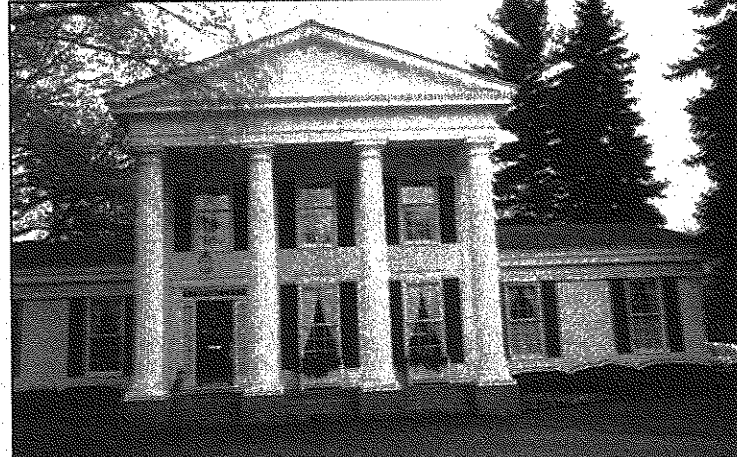
Gabrial's, 322 S. Main Street in Plymouth; Michigan Made & More, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth; the Plymouth Symphony Society office, 18 Forest Place in Forest Place Mall, and Gardenviews, 202 West Main Street in Northville.

Tickets for the tour are limited so they cannot be guaranteed the day of the tour. For additional information, contact K.C. Mueller at 734-455-0075.

PLEASE SEE TOUR, C2



This home on Moonlight Drive in Plymouth is owned by Rob and Diane Pray and features fresh new designs throughout the home.



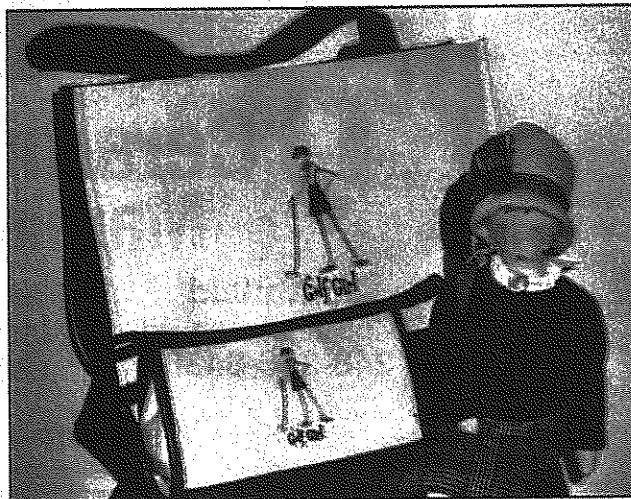
This Greek Revival-style home on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, owned by Rainy and Dick Kirchoff, will make its third appearance on the spring home tour.

## MARKET PLACE

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Collectible dolls' clothing reflected the popular styles of that particular era.

## Dolls help collectors reminisce

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Sharon Napier loves to collect dolls. For her, it brings back childhood memories.

"Every little girl had a doll or doll substitute that they could hold and rock to sleep and hug," Napier said.

For young girls a doll was a child to raise, a face to hug, a connection to family for them, Napier said.

"Each doll has a story," Napier said. Soon Napier will join other members in the Renaissance Doll Club as it will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a special luncheon in Livonia. (See related chart).

Napier started collecting in 1977 when she adopted her daughter. She's collected 400 dolls since then.

Napier owns Joyce's Doll House and Parts, formerly The Little Doll Shoppe, in Shelby Township. Napier ships parts to a variety of countries, including places as far away as Australia, Finland and Norway.

Women collecting dolls has the same nostalgic feel for them that men have for

PLEASE SEE DOLLS, C3

### DOLL CLUB LUNCHEON

**What:** Renaissance Doll Club's 35th anniversary luncheon

**When:** Noon-3 p.m., Sunday, June 1

**Where:** Sandtraps Banquet Hall, 35780 Five Mile Road (just east of Levan), Livonia

**Tickets:** \$40 adults, \$35 for teens, and \$30 for children ages 6-12

For information, call Pat Smith at (734) 464-4814 or Lorrie Cross at (586) 792-5713.

### DOLL SHOW AND SALE

**What:** Dolls and Friends of Royal Oak Eight Annual Doll Show and Sale. Thousands of antique, vintage and modern collectible dolls and bears, doll clothes, books and accessories. Doll appraisals available for \$3 per doll, limit three dolls.

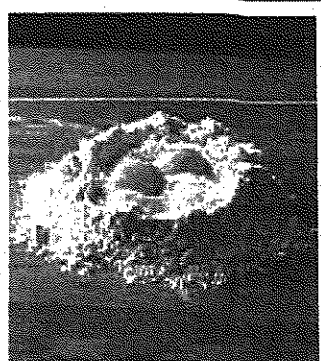
**When:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, June 8

**Where:** American-Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane (north of 14 Mile Road between Schoenherr and Van Dyke), in Sterling Heights

**Tickets:** \$4, children under 12 are admitted free.

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**TOUR**

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home using present furnishings, artwork and accent pieces. Aprill aided Diane Pray in selecting fabrics, paint colors, furniture and "was invaluable" on window treatment styles and other fabric acces-

sories. The home contains four custom furniture pieces by current Plymouth Mayor William Graham. A bit of local history is found in the master bedroom where large prints, a luggage holder (now used as a bench), and crystal lamp came from the former Mayflower Hotel.

■ A home on Joann Lane in Plymouth, owned by Jim and Cyndi Burnstein. This home features a complete makeover inside and out, as the exterior was painted a different color scheme.

The homeowners replaced windows, added skylights and revamped the kitchen and family room. They also added columns, expanded the main bathroom, and remade the fireplace exterior.

Features include an Adirondack Mosaic Twig Buffet, designed by Larry Hawkins, whose work is featured at the Michigan

Design Center in Troy.

■ A home on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, owned by Dick and Rainy Kirchoff. Every room in the Greek Revival-style home was redecorated, showcasing many collectibles.

A dining room table was made by Dick's father as a wedding gift. The kitchen was recently redone with granite, adding an 1840s Freren wedding cabinet for china.

■ A home on North Ridge in Canton, owned by Rob and Sally Welch. This home sits on 10.77 acres on Ridge Road, a Natural Beauty Road. The formal dining room seats 12 at an heirloom style banquet table. The ambiance of the bathroom's warm red colors accentuates the imported marble on the floor.

■ A home on North Territorial in Plymouth, owned by Marty and Carol Eisenstein. The couple expanded the home "in every direction" with architectural detail and decor. The home sits on 3 1/2 acres. A

stone wall in the great room collects solar energy and radiates stored heat at night. Logs from Montana and stone in the dining room create an inspiring room.

■ A home on Main Street, in Northville's historic district. This home features a remodeled interior and exterior and it also was expanded.

Two condominiums also will be available for touring:

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■ A condo on Hamilton at Cherry Hill Village in Canton, south off Cherry Hill, west of Denton in Independence. A 3,600 square foot neo-traditional colonial includes a mother-in-law suite over the three-car garage.

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**HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR**

**Dwarf conifers**  
The Michigan School of Gardening offers a class, Dwarf Conifers, Monday, June 2, at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Fee is \$40. Register early. Seating is limited. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com).

**Home tour**  
The Plymouth Symphony League Spring Home Tour, Redecorating and Remodeling Fever: Innovations in Design and Decor, will take place Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 6 and noon to 8 p.m. June 7.

The tour will showcase six houses and two condominiums in Plymouth, Northville and Canton. In addition, the Mayflower Centre condominiums will be available for tours, with refreshments served. A 3,600-square foot, five-bedroom condo/home with in-law suite in Cherry Hill Village in Canton will be open for previews.

Tickets are \$18 presale, \$20 the day of the tour. Tickets are limited and cannot be guaranteed on the tour day. They will be available in Plymouth at Colonial Card and Camera (in the Kroger shopping center at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road), Gabriela's (on Main Street), Michigan Made & More (on Ann Arbor Trail), and the Plymouth

Symphony Society Office; and in Northville at Gardenviews. For more information, call K.C. Mueller at (734) 455-0075.

**Herb study group**  
The Evening Herb Study Group will meet for a Garden Potluck Picnic 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 2, at the Kochan home in Brighton.

Each person is asked to bring a dish to pass. Call Teresa at (810) 220-4540 for reservations and directions, and to advise her for which course you will be bringing food. Guests are welcome. Board elections will take place after the meal. For more information, call H. Leland at (734) 459-8454.

The group meets 7-9 p.m. the first Monday of each month, February through November, in Room 125 of the University of Michigan Botanical Gardens Building, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. For information on the U of M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, call (734) 998-7061.

**Metropolitan Rose Society**  
The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7:15 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. Admission is free. The public may attend. Call (248) 689-9529 for information.

**DOLLS**

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childhood toys, Napier said. "It's the same type of feeling," Napier said. "You're protecting your history."

With the price of collectibles, you can buy items back from your youth. "It's really the discovery of the doll that adds to the collection," Napier said.

Collectibles vary in styles, ranging from the early wooden to celluloid, to glazed porcelain, hard plastic and vinyls, among others.

The doll's clothes also reflect the time period of the doll, Napier said. "The clothes really were indicative of the styles of the time," Napier said.

The doll luncheon on June 1 and show and sale on June 8

are ways to experience doll collecting. Napier expects about 130 dealer tables at the show on June 8 with about 100 different dolls at each table. Doll appraisals will be available for free at the luncheon and for \$3 at the doll show. The luncheon is open to the public. The luncheon focuses on fashions in the late 1800s when bordellos were popular, so the theme is "My Auntie's Scanties." Pam Yockey will be the guest speaker.

Lunch will include two free doll appraisals for anyone attending. A souvenir doll, door prizes and centerpieces will be included. At the doll show on June 8, thousands of antique, vintage and modern collectible dolls and bears, doll clothes, books and accessories will be available at 130 tables of merchandise. Napier also encourages anyone interested



Doll collecting has grown in popularity, as women remember their childhood favorites.

in doll collecting to attend the Renaissance Doll Club's monthly meetings. The group meets at 10 a.m. on the first

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On this subject of clothes dryers I must tell you that I receive many hundreds of inquiries just like the samples above.

Dryers are probably the most dangerous major home appliance in the American home. In just the past 20 years, we know that over 500,000 house fires have resulted from an improperly operating clothes dryer.

This high number should make each and every one of you aware of potential dangers. The two questions asked are a sure sign that something is wrong and indicate that the matter should be looked into.

Another sure sign – and even more dangerous – is a clothes dryer which starts to make sounds which are not normal, such as screeching or thumping noises.

More often than not, problems are created by a dryer which is not vented properly or the unit has a plugged up vent line, which can quickly accumulate a lot of lint inside the dryer.

When this happens, you have all the makings of a serious potential dryer fire.

With the spring weather on us, we find bird's nests and little critters getting inside the vent line due to the lack of a vent flapper or the vent stays open because dirt has accumulated on the hinges.

You as a homeowner have a responsibility for cleaning these areas and making sure the dryer cabinet cavity is not filled with lint. Many service shops will show you how to take the cabinet apart for easy cleaning with a vacuum cleaner.

Screeching and thumping noises usually indicate a moving part which is becoming worn and needs replacing.

I caution you to not wait any longer if this is the case.

Some dryers are known to accumulate lint right next to the electric heating elements, which, if left unchecked,

can result in an almost certain fire.

You can take a leaf blower, set it on low, open the dryer door and blow out the inside drum.

Be sure to set the dryer for the "air-dry" cycle, then turn on the dryer for 10 minutes. A lot of this lint will be blown to the outside.

I believe that only 20 percent of homeowners clean out the lint filter every time they dry a load of clothes. Very few people ever clean it with soap and water.

An unclean lint filter means extra energy is consumed for each load. Lint builds up quickly inside the dryer's cavity, the motor can overheat and all moving components receive extra wear and tear.

Let me assure you that you will be spending money on repairs or a new dryer way before the unit reaches normal obsolescence.

Think about how many lives we could save if everyone read and followed the advice mentioned here in this newspaper. It's a fact that many people die each year from dryer fires and a sad fact it is.

It is a simple thing to keep the dryer clean and operating safely with just a little do-it-yourself maintenance.

Remember, too, that most homeowners turn on the

clothes dryer and go outside the home or fall asleep for the evening.

A fire ignited inside the dryer is very quick and spreads faster because the blower may still be operating and helping to spread the flame. (You can't smell or feel it if you're not near it.)

Another potential fire hazard are the items placed near or on top of the dryer. Please keep these areas clean of anything that can add fuel to the fire.

In my many years in the appliance industry, I have seen homes burnt to the ground, talked with people who have suffered severe burns and felt the tragedy in other people's hearts.

I have always been critical of manufacturers of these products and will continue to be until they do what I know they can do: Build a clothes dryer which will warn or extinguish or anything that will prevent this happening.

If you should ever have a dryer question, please call me anytime.

The number is at the end of this column.

Stay tuned.

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Mary Abick holds a miniature garden she calls, "Home Sweet Home," at Gray's Greenhouse in Plymouth recently. The garden features a tiny tree - a Dwarf Common Myrtle, and Pink Polka Dot plant, on left, with Baby Tears spilling over the right side of the pot and spanish moss filling out the rest.

## 'Wee' the people

### Tiny gardens serve as whimsical, imaginary reminders

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
CORRESPONDENT

Fairies have some pleasant places to visit in Plymouth Township, thanks to Mary Abick.

This may seem a bit strange to some, but making gardens for the "wee people" is a cherished task for Abick, 46, who began gardening when she and her husband,

George, moved into their first home in 1989.

"When we moved to the township, I was blessed to have three neighbors who are avid gardeners," Abick said. "I knew very little about plants and flowers. They shared their knowledge with the 'new kid on the block.'"

Her interest in gardening grew over the years and led

her to membership in the Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth.

"After I joined the group, I met a wonderful woman, Marjorie Berndt, who introduced me to fairy gardens," she said. "I discovered a new activity that I love and one that has helped me rediscover my creativity and renew my spirit."

So what's a fairy garden?

#### SMALL SCALE

According to Abick, it's a miniature garden - on a 3-inch to 5-inch scale - with diminutive plantings that are often trimmed to an even smaller size. Minute cobblestones or other items serve as pathways through the enchanted land where flowers, trees and groundcovers are found along with little trellises, benches and other garden items. It's a place where "fairies" can live, roam and spread their magic.

Berndt, who is in her "young 70s," began creating these small enchanting areas in the garden outside her Plymouth Township home after she retired 15 years ago as an elementary teacher in Dearborn. Part Irish, she grew up with stories of the "wee people" and decided to



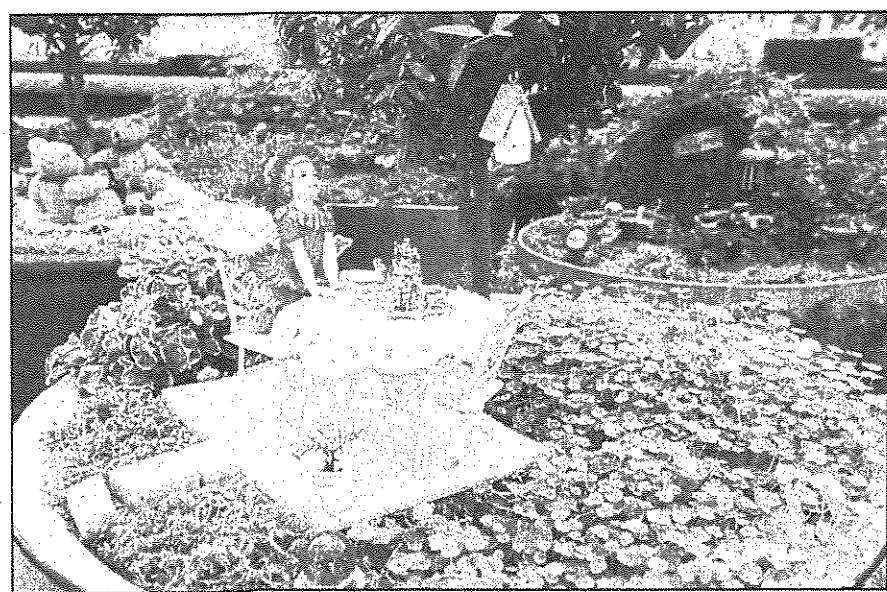
"The Well-Tailored Fairy," features a Lemon Button Fern and Baby Tears.

create gardens befitting "faeries" (her spelling for the imaginary inhabitants of her miniature gardens).

A visit to Berndt's faerie gardens was all it took for Abick to get hooked. She decided this small-scale gardening was for her. Her gardens, however, are created in containers to avoid the creaky knees that her mentor has experienced after hours of work in her outdoor, in-the-ground gardens.

Berndt has also had to deal with animals tromping

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"The Tea Party" features Common Myrtle, a type of Alter Nanthera and a Dwarf Kennelworth Ivy.

## Sister joins generations to wear christening gown

BY KIM MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

In 1912 Eda Helms of Lakewood, Ohio, sewed a christening gown for her nephew's baptism. She probably never imagined 91 years later the lace-trimmed dress is about to be worn by its fourth generation of wearers.

Makenna Van Horn, the daughter of Jennifer Bargowski-Van Horn and Matthew Van Horn of Plymouth, was baptized May 18 in the family heirloom that 18 other children have worn in the nearly nine decades since it was made.

Makenna is the second of Jennifer and Matthew's children to wear the gown. Their

son, Joshua, was christened in it in 2001.

"It certainly means a lot, knowing they're brought up in the same family heritage, that they're a part of our family's Christian community," Matthew Van Horn said.

Matthew wore the gown in the fall of 1972 when he was baptized. His mother, Cathy Heimforth Van Horn, wore it in 1947 as did her mother, Lenore Meyer Heimforth, at her christening in 1922. She is the sister of the baby, Robert Henry Meyer, for whom the gown was sewn in 1912.

"It's pretty amazing that we're into the fourth generation to wear it and the dress is still in one piece," said Cathy (Heimforth Van Horn) Keller,

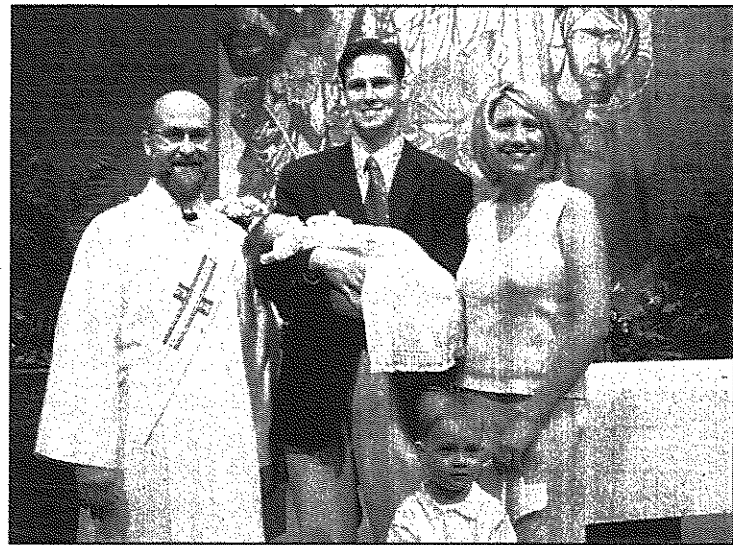
Makenna's grandmother. "We're planning on having a lot more wear it."

The white gown is intricately hand-embroidered throughout the body, has smocking around the neckline and the wrists and hem are trimmed in lace.

"It's so delicate I was afraid to iron it," said Jennifer.

Makenna, born April 2, was christened at St. John Neumann Church in Canton before Deacon Pat Conlen. Present for the ceremony were Makenna's godparents Christopher and Carrie Bargowski.

Also in attendance were Joshua's grandparents Richard and Donna Bargowski of



Proud parents Matthew Van Horn and Jennifer Bargowski-Van Horn hold daughter Makenna, along with brother Joshua. Deacon Pat Conlen, left, attended Makenna's christening.

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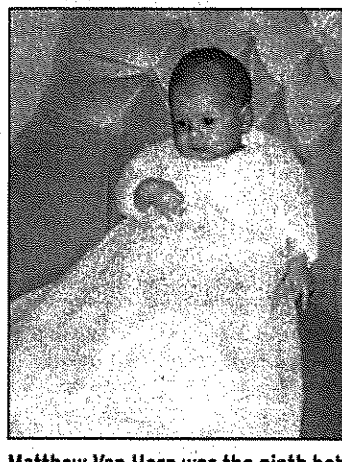
Canton, Cathy (Heimforth Van Horn) and Clark Keller of Northville, and great-grandparents Lenore and Jack Heimforth of Traverse City. Makenn'a other grandparents, Gail and Ron Van Horn of

Petoskey, and her other great-grandparents, Walter and Olive Bernier of Boyne City, were unable to attend. In between wearers the gown is cared for by Linda Hacecke, Matthew Van Horn's godmother. Her granddaughter was the first baby of the fourth generation to be christened in the gown last month.

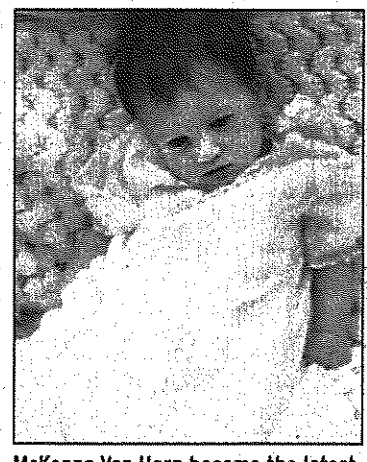
The Van Horns recently received the heirloom in the mail from Hacecke, who lives in Indiana. "It looks amazing for being 91 years old," said Jennifer. "Mine's only 30 years old and it doesn't look nearly as good." KimM@homecomm.net (734) 459-2700



Cathy (Heimforth Van Horn) Keller wore the Christening gown back in 1947.



Matthew Van Horn was the ninth baby to wear the christening gown, and has since seen his two children christened in it.



McKenna Van Horn became the latest baby to wear the well-traveled christening gown when she was christened May 18.

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on and destroying her miniature gardens. Abick decided to avoid this damage by using containers. "My fairy gardens can be grown both indoors and outdoors and can be placed on tables, window sills and other higher objects making it easier for people to enjoy the scenes I create," said the protégé. This gardener has a theme for each of her creations and either finds or makes items that add to the gardens. One fairy garden is planted in a button basket with buttons forming the pathway through the miniature plants and spools of thread serving as stools on which the fairies can sit. In another container garden, acorns are used generously and creatively. A top of an acorn serves as the seat of a swing - "fairies like to swing, too" - while other acorn tops are the pathway's stepping stones. These

two gardens, like her others, are enchanting with numerous details.

**YOUNG AND OLD**

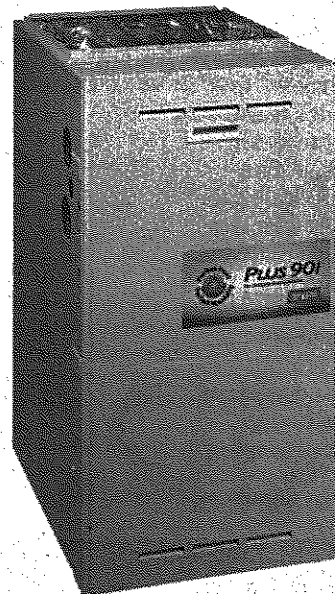
"It's amazing how people of all ages enjoy these miniature gardens," said Abick. "I think that many of us need to be reminded of the whimsical, imaginary things that we found so special in our youth. These gardens bring enchantment and magic into the lives of the young and old. Seniors love them just as much as children." She added that many of us forget how to be creative as we get older and our schedules get busier. "Making fairy gardens has been a way to rekindle this creativity. Also, this is a great way to play," she said. Abick said she's discovered her fairy gardens make everyone smile. "They tickle the heart and the imagination," she said. When creating these special gardens, Abick uses numerous tiny plants, such as miniature roses, which, when carefully trimmed, become blooming

little trees. She also uses herbs, including some of the thyme varieties, such as wooly, creeping and elfin, which make good ground cover. She also uses basil and oregano. Her use of and interest in herbs has resulted in active membership in the Village Herb Associates at Greenfield Village. In addition, she has acquired fame for her fairy garden planters and is often invited to speak to garden groups. Earlier this year, she was the speaker at the annual conference of Michigan Herb Associates at Michigan State University. MSU has also played a role in Abick's mentor's life. Raised on a farm, Berndt earned a horticulture degree at the university prior to receiving a teaching certificate. Abick has also become a teacher and shares her "wee" gardening skills with others. She is presenting a class on creating fairy gardens at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, at Gray's Greenhouse, located on the northeast corner of Lilley and Joy roads, Plymouth Township. For information, call her at (734) 453-0846.



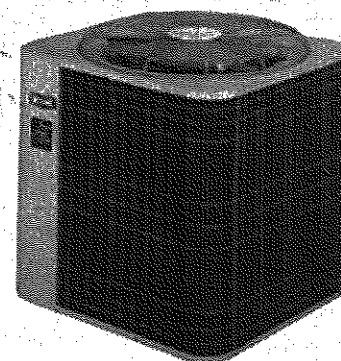
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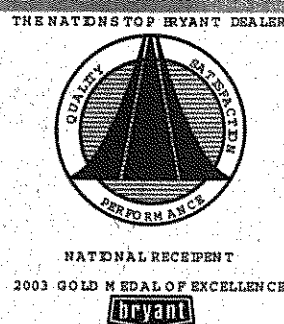


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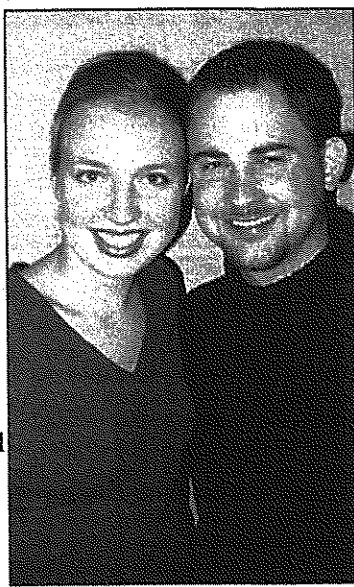
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**Talen-Schmidt**  
James and Patricia Talen of Grand Rapids announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Emily Talen, to Michael Colson Schmidt of Grand Rapids (formerly of Livonia).

Emily is a graduate of Calvin College with a degree in elementary education.

Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Lawrence and Susan Schmidt of Livonia. He is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a sales manager in marketing at Suspa in Grand Rapids.

The couple is planning a June wedding in First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. They will be making Grand Rapids their new home.



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**NEW VOICES**

**Shaun Laird and Brandy Tinker** of Farmington announce the birth of their daughter, **Michelle Lynn Tinker**, on Feb. 17, 2003, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She joins big sisters, Caitlin, 3, and Elizabeth, 1.

Her grandparents are Laurie and Dennis Burch of Redford, and James and Gail Laird of Detroit.

**Elyse and William MacKenzie III** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Devin James**, on Feb. 18, 2003, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

His grandparents are Sue and Joe Cicinelli of New Haven, Brian and Eleanor Jewhuist of Tennessee, Sally MacKenzie of Westland and the late William MacKenzie.

**Kristy Toune and Joseph Leblanc** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, **Haley Ann Leblanc**, on Feb. 23, 2003, in Garden City Hospital.

She weighed 9 pounds, and was 20 inches long

Grandparents are Leon and Patricia Toune of Redford, and Steve and Cheryl Howell of Redford.

**Frank and Shayla Gomez** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Frank Edward Jr.**, on March 5, 2003, in Garden City Hospital.

He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Frank joins Franchesque, 9, and Countney, 7, at home.

His grandparents are Tom and Debbie Anderson of Gladwin, and Manuel and Barbara Gomez of Detroit.

**Vincent and Rebecca Griffioen** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Melody Ann-Marie**, on March 13, 2003, in Garden City Hospital.

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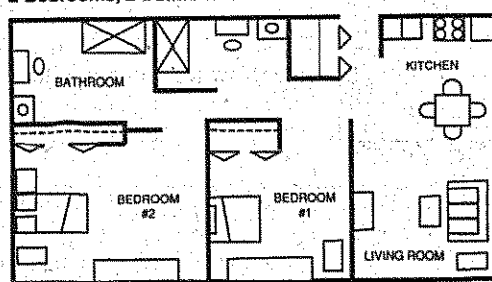
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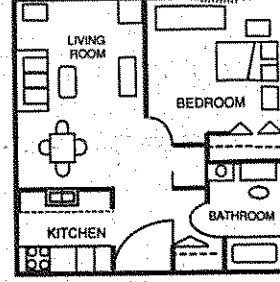
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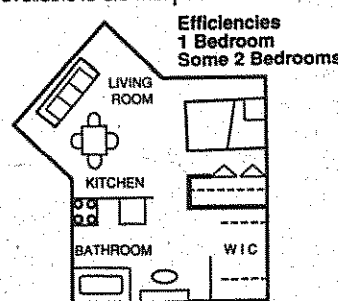


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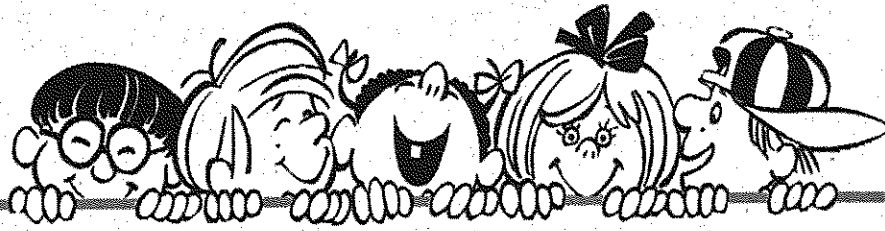
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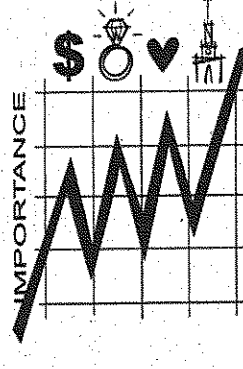
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Over the years, I have accumulated story after story from experiences dealing with nuisance animals. The following is another story where common sense failed and the outcome turned out to be a painful lesson.

While growing up we would visit my Uncle Don and Aunt Jane's home on the East Side in Warren. Uncle Don is a great guy who would do anything for anyone. The problem: Uncle Don has extremely bad luck when it comes to his hands and fingers.

For as long as I can remember, he never had all ten digits. Uncle Don worked in steel plants, most of his life, where there was an inherent danger usually causing injuries to hands and fingers.

His most recent injury was caused a week before his daughter's wedding. He was loading a truck with large steel coils when one fell off and rolled towards him. At the last second he managed to push himself out of the way, unfortunately his hands were slightly crushed in the incident. Since his hands were bandaged, his wife had to cut



**Trapper Ron**

Ron Baker

his dinner for him at the wedding.

Now that you know about Uncle Don, let's talk about animal safety. Uncle Don isn't a careless man by any means, just unlucky when it came to his hands. In one such incident many years ago, Uncle Don went camping up north with some friends and relatives. They were having a fun spending time in the woods hiking, biking and enjoying the fresh air.

While hiking, Uncle Don came across a squirrel that appeared to be dead in the trail. He examined it for a while and decided he would take it back to camp for everyone to see. Uncle Don knelt down then reached out to pick it up. The squirrel regained consciousness just as Uncle Don attempted to grab it by the tail. The squirrel twisted around and then bit down on the tip of one of the two remaining fingers on Uncle Don's right hand.

In a panic, Uncle Don swung his hand, in a whipping motion, trying to get the squirrel to release his finger, which resulted in the squirrel clamping down harder. Every attempt to shake the squirrel loose didn't work. Frantically Uncle Don, not sure what to do, started to slam the squirrel up against a

tree trunk; still the determined squirrel would not release its bite.

Witnesses in the area said they saw a person running around in the woods like a madman screaming in pain and begging for someone to help him. Not knowing what else to do, Uncle Don noticed a stream, he ran to the edge and dunked his hand into the water.

He was amazed that that squirrel didn't immediately release its grip. Unfortunately the squirrel drowned and still the squirrel wouldn't let go. With the animal, now dead, hanging limp off the tip of finger, he decided to go back to the camp.

When the initial laughter subsided, his comrades, realizing this was a serious matter contemplated how to get the varmint off of Uncle Don's finger.

They tried a number of ways but eventually they had to pry the squirrel off of his finger with a pair of pliers.

To this day, Uncle Don tells this story whenever he sees

squirrels in the yard; it seems to get funnier every time he tells it. My point in telling this story is that squirrels are wild and unpredictable animals not to be taken for granted. When I hear that people are hand-feeding squirrels in the neighborhood, I think about Uncle Don and wonder what it would take for the squirrel to latch onto the hand that feeds it.

Moral of the story is to let your common sense dictate your actions and never hand feed wild animals, they have teeth and they can bite; just ask Uncle Don.

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**EVENTS**

**Spring Choir Concert**  
Rosedale Gardens Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, will host a year-end spring choir concert 7 p.m. Sunday, June 1. Performance by the Chancel Choir and the Carillon and Campanelle Bell Choirs. Call (734) 422-0494.

**Church picnic**  
Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will host a church picnic beginning 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1. Hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and paper products provided. Horseback rides, games, prizes, food and fun for all ages. Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair or blanket. Call (734) 464-6722.

**Christian music concert**  
St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, will present a concert of contemporary Christian music by "Who Do You Say I Am?" 8-11 p.m. Friday, May 30. Cost is \$4 before May 27; \$6 at the door. Call Tom West at (734) 455-5910.

**Concert series**  
St. James Presbyterian Church (25350 W. Six Mile) of Redford Township will host three Thursday evening programs June 5 at 6 p.m. dessert potluck; July 10 and Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. potluck supper; followed by a special music event 7 p.m. the same two evenings. June 5th will feature St. James Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir; July 10 an evening of songs from the 1940s and Sept. 4 "Ladyfingers" featuring four-hands and two pianos by Gini Robison and Nancy Legrande.

**Family Night**  
Faith Lutheran Church will host "Rainbow of Promise" a team of six young people committed to giving dynamic, contemporary witness to Jesus through word and music. The group is one of five international mission teams from IVE. They have just returned from their international mission to India and Nepal. They will be with us for Family Night 6 p.m. June 5. FLC is located at 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7249.

**Power of Dreams**  
"Power of Dreams: Sacred Sleep" will be shown at 7 p.m. June 6 at Unity of Livonia. Free will donation. This video takes viewers on a spiritual journey to the soul of Native American, Islamic, Jewish, Tibetan and Christian religious cultures to explore how dreams have shaped the cultures we live in. Opportunity to discuss follows showing. Popcorn provided. Bring treats to share. Unity of Livonia is located at 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760 or visit www.unity-oflivonia.org

**Children's concert**  
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville, will present "Deano-O and the Dynamos," a 2000 Dove Award nominee and a talented Christian children's musician and storyteller, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7. Tickets: \$3 in advance; \$4 at the door. Call (248) 348-7600.

**Family festival**  
St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host a "Family Festival" Friday-Sunday, June 13-15 on the parish grounds. The festival will include games, food, live entertainment, Vegas, and a \$7,500 1st prize raffle. Nightly dinners. Call (734) 464-1222.

**Zoom Zone VBS**  
Get ready for some extreme fun at Faith's Zoom Zone Vacation Bible School (three years old to fifth grade) Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon. FLC is located at 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7249.

**VBS Adventures**  
Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City will be having Vacation Bible School June 16-20 from 6-9 p.m. The learning adventure is titled "Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure." Call (734) 427-3660 or visit goodhope@dhol.org

**Summer Series**  
St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile) in Livonia will host a summer series titled "Helping the Family Live Christian Values in Society." The first in the series will be presented 7 p.m. June 18 in the activity center. Teresa Tomeo, radio Christian talk show host and media consultant will speak. Her topic will be "Making a Difference in the Media." There is no fee, but donations are welcome. Call Karen (734) 464-0279.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are June 20-22 and Sept. 12-14 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie (810) 286-5524 or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe

**Songsters concert**  
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and PRIME vocal jazz will set the summer sizzling 3 p.m. June 22 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. St. Paul's is located at 27475 Five Mile Road, west of Inkster Road in Livonia.

**Vacation Bible school**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia (just north of I-96), Livonia, welcomes all youth who have completed 4th-7th grades to participate in the Faith Factor Day Camp Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27. The camp will be held at Salem Lutheran Camp in Howell, Mich. Cost is \$75, which includes T-shirt, daily lunch, activities (fishing, archery, games, swimming, Bible study and more!), transportation and cook-out dinner on Friday night for the whole family. Contact Sarah Grivas or Rich Parron at (734) 522-6830.

**Youth trip**  
June 22-27 is just around the corner and it will be time for the best youth trip of the summer, "Summer in the Sun," at Kentucky Christian College. A sign-up sheet and information are available at the youth board of Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. This is for all senior high school students and those going into senior high school.

**Vacation Bible School**  
St. James Presbyterian Church (25350 W. Six Mile, Redford) will host Vacation Bible School June 23-27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Children four years through 14 are welcome. Cost is \$5 per child. The theme of the program is "Shining God's Light." Call (313) 534-7730.

**80th Anniversary**  
Calling all former parishioners living in the suburbs! SS. Peter & Paul Church, 7685 Grandville, Detroit, will celebrate its 80th anniversary Sunday, June 29 beginning with 11 a.m. Mass. Reception will follow. Call Linda Williams at (313) 846-2222, ext. 107.

**Promise Keepers**  
Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia is looking for any men who want to attend the event, Aug. 8-9, in Columbus, Ohio and would like to go with other men from Memorial Call Tom Rich (734) 421-4782.

**ONGOING**

**Money matters**  
"Livonia Neighbors & Friends" meet 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the

month at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia for social activities. Curt Wipple will discuss "Your Money: What Every Senior Has To Deal With" at the May 13 meeting. Call Ardythe at (734) 525-5975 or e-mail LIVONIANN@YAHOO.COM.

**Crafters**  
St. Robert Bellarmine, 27201 West Chicago, Redford, is looking for crafters for its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 25. Table rental for 8-foot space is \$25. Call Nancy at (313) 937-1741 or Rita at (313) 937-2744.

**School applications**  
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Leverage, Redford, is now accepting application for grades pre-kindergarten to 8th for the 2003-2004 school year. Limited space available. Call (313) 937-2233.

**Family rosary**  
St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia, will offer the Family Rosary 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Call (734) 421-5240.

**Senior Bible Study**  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, invites you to their "Senior Bible Study Fellowship" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Enjoy fellowship and bible study for men and women. For the next three months study will highlight The Gospel of Mark. Call (313) 838-2237.

**Beer and Bible**  
St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton will host Theology on Tap on all Tuesdays in March at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. The program is a chance for adults of any age, single or married, to share their faith in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. Bring a friend and an open mind. Meet at 7 p.m. conversation at 7:30 p.m.

**Mom's program**  
Newburg United Methodist Church gives moms a break by sponsoring a Mom's Morning Out Co-operative Program 9 a.m. to noon Thursday mornings all year round. Membership is \$15 a month and moms work one Thursday a month. Openings available in 2- and 3-year-old room and 4- and 5-year-old room. Call Kim Mount at (313) 937-1558. Church phone is (734) 422-0149.

**Bible study**  
St. Priscilla, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia, will hold an adult Bible study 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday mornings. For information, call (734) 421-5240.

If you're 30 years and older, single and feeling alone, join Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile (west of Haggerty), Northville, every Sunday at 11 a.m. in Knox Hall. Learn to maximize your relationship with God. Coffee, donuts, conversation. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Contemporary Worship**  
Contemporary worship services are held the third Sunday of every month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 13090 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Services begin at 7 p.m. with an informal dinner at 6 p.m. Praise music, drama and scripture come together to create an inspirational and informal

evening. Call (734) 422-6038.  
**Want to worship?**  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia invites all those looking for a house of worship to attend Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church is at 27475 Five Mile Road (at Inkster). No obligation to join; no charge for grace received. Call (734) 422-1470.

**Addiction support**  
Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, offers a 12-step support group for people recovering from or struggling with addictions through its Christ-centered ministry. A Safe Place. Family members and loved ones welcome. The group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (734) 421-

0472. Family members welcome.  
**Addiction support**  
Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road, Livonia, is hosting a "Reformers Unanimous" addictions program 7-9 p.m. Fridays. The program is open to all adults who struggle with an addiction or "stubborn habit." Child care available. For more information, call (734) 637.8125 or visit www.reformu.com.

**Catholic basics**  
St. Hillary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford, hosts a series of classes to learn about the Catholic Church 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For details, contact Sister Marie Miller, pastoral minister, at (313) 533-1560.

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### Stingrays 1st

The Plymouth Stingrays Bantam A travel hockey team won the Big Bear Ring of Fire Tournament May 2-4 in Melvindale, beating the Ann Arbor Avalanche 3-2 in three overtimes in the championship thanks to three goals by Alex Postuszny.

Postuszny scored a short-handed goal and on a penalty shot; his unassisted goal in the third OT secured his tournament MVP status.

The Stingrays also beat the Avalanche in the first round and the Durand Railroaders in the second round.

Other team members are Dustin Tirey, Bobby Smith, Zack Feher, Thomas Seder, Robbie Beattie, Ricky Cigile, Tim Kott, Seth Perry, David Prout, Mitch Sledz, Brad Rutzel, Sandro Sgambati, Ryan Lash, Andrew Justus, Chris Schaefer and Joe Hall. The team is coached by Frank Majszak and Joe Kott, with additional help from Frank Sgambati and Jeff Bond.

### Changing jobs

Steve St. John, who has served as the general manager of the Compuware Sports Arena since 1999, has accepted a position as vice president/general manager of arena operations at Ft. Myers (Fla.) TECO Arena.

"Steve has been a tremendous asset to our organization and it will be sad to see him go," said Mike Vellucci, general manager/coach of the Plymouth Whalers. Vellucci also serves as president of Compuware Sports Arena. "But at the same time, it is a great opportunity for him and his family, and we are very proud of him. He has done a lot for this organization and I am very confident he will continue to excel down in Florida."

St. John has put together an impressive list of accomplishments at Compuware, including bringing the Michigan High School Athletic Association state hockey finals to Compuware. St. John will continue at Compuware until mid-June.

### Volleyball recruits

The signing of three more athletes has just about completed Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham's recruiting season.

New additions to the Crusader class are Becci Crane, a 5-foot-7 setter/defensive specialist from Burton Atherton HS; Kelly Kosek, a 5-9 outside hitter from Warren; and Becca Scott, a 5-8 outside hitter from Goodrich. That brings the number of volleyball signees to seven.

"We targeted these girls, went out and signed them, and now we wait to see what they can do come practice in August," Abraham said of his seven recruits.

Crane was a third-team all-state selection and was twice all-conference, leading her team in digs, service aces and kills. Kosek was twice named all-Catholic and all-county and was first-team all-state as a senior after getting all-state honors as a junior. Scott was all-league and all-region as a senior, and was also a letterwinner in basketball and track.

## Canton gets a late state meet invite, finishes 7th

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Considering what a rush job it was, Canton's boys track team did pretty darn good.

Chiefs' coach Bob Richardson got a phone call from Eastern Michigan University's Brad Fairchild last Thursday morning. Fairchild told him he had just received word Grand Blanc, which had already committed to coming to the Division I boys team track finals that EMU would host last Saturday, had changed course.

"Their coach said they had promised Saturday, and kids kept coming up to

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him during the week and telling him, 'Coach, I can't make it,'" Richardson said. "So (Grand Blanc's) coach called and told Fairchild they weren't coming."

The boys' team track finals are open to the winners of the 10 state regionals only. If a team opts not to come, the second place team in that region is invited, which is what Fairchild did, extending an invitation to Flint Central.

"They didn't want to go either," Richardson said. According to protocol, Fairchild's next move was to extend an

invite to the best remaining second-place team in the other regions.

That was Canton. "I said, 'Heck yes, we'll come,'" Richardson said. After a couple of phone calls to Canton administration officials, the Chiefs were booked.

And considering 48 hours earlier they hadn't even had plans in place to attend, they did well, finishing seventh in the 10-team field. They scored 595 points (there are 30 entries in each individual event, 10 in each relay event, and every place scores, 30 points for first place and one point for 30th).

Milford was first with 963.5 points, followed by Rockford (869), Belleville (727), East Kentwood (716.5), East

Lansing (665), Saline (627.5), Canton, Ypsilanti Lincoln (575.5), Chippewa Valley (536) and Detroit Mumford (311).

"We knew we were going to have great balance when we saw them in the first couple of weeks of the season," said Richardson. "We felt very honored to be there. It was an awesome experience."

The Chiefs also had a goal: beat Ypsilanti Lincoln, the team that had finished ahead of them at their regional. That mission was accomplished.

Steve Kilijanczyk and Devin Thomas had perhaps the best days among the Chiefs in individual events. Kilijanczyk

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Canton's Zach Fishaw (left) protests the call after Salem's Drew Parling steals second base. Parling later scored on a base hit.

## Right to the limit

### Salem tips Canton in 11-inning thriller

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Funny how things can turn around in just a couple of innings.

The Canton-vs.-Salem match-up Tuesday in the opening round of the Division I state district baseball tournament at South Lyon was, by any standard, a classic, thanks to plays like the one turned in by Canton's Matt Kay in the ninth inning.

The situation: game tied at 4-all, bottom of the ninth, two out, Salem batting. Stevland Davis bounces a ball through the hole between shortstop and third for a single, followed by a base hit up the middle by Drew Parling, putting runners at first and second.

Up steps Steve Cox to face Chief pitcher Carl McDevitt, who has gone all the way on the mound for Canton. Cox laces a line shot to right field and

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D2

## Bucks victory earns a berth in Open Cup

The Mid-Michigan Bucks were 45 minutes away from losing their chance to qualify for the U.S. Open Cup, but a three-goal second half rally gave them a 3-1 win over the Indiana Invaders Sunday in South Bend.

Knox Cameron accounted for two of the Bucks' goals and Stephan David had two assists as they improved to 3-0-1 in the 51-team, Division IV Premier Development League, which can send just six teams to the U.S. Open Cup Tournament. Those six teams are determined by each squad's first

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four games of their PDL season.

Indiana, which has never qualified for the Cup Tournament, and Mid-Michigan, which has qualified a PDL-record five times, were both 2-0-1 entering Sunday's match. The Invaders got the early break with a goal by Andy Forestner in the 25th minute, putting in a rebound from 16 yards out.

The Bucks tied it one minute into the second half, Cameron scoring the goal on an assist by Paul Snape (from Oakland University). The game-winner was netted by Cameron in the 53rd minute, with an assist from David. Simon Omekanda (Rochester Adams) added an insurance score on a give-and-go from David in the 65th minute.

Peter Dzubay was in goal for Mid-Michigan; Alloy Agu was in the net for the Invaders.

The United States Soccer Federation will announce first-round match-ups this week. Games will be played next Wednesday.

The Bucks return to Berkley's Hurley Field to play the Columbus (OH) Stars at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Canton clobbers Wayne; Salem's next

The decisive third game is now set. Canton made quick work of Wayne Memorial Tuesday, routing the Zebras 10-0 in an opening-round match in the Division I state district soccer tournament hosted by Wayne.

Canton, 12-3-2 overall, now advances to the district semifinals against Salem. That match will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Wayne.

Eight different Chiefs scored goals in the win over the Zebras, who end their season at 4-12-1. Both Erica Aherns and Kara Marsh scored two goals, with Katie Mills getting a goal and two assists.

Rachel Perry and Christie Daniels contributed a goal and an assist each, and Megan Romer, Amy Drayback

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and Elizabeth Alexander got one goal apiece. Lisa Ealy, Kelly Schilk and Mary Maloney all had assists.

Briana Wolcott was in goal for the shutout.

Canton and Salem have played twice this season, each winning once. The Chiefs beat the Rocks 2-1 during the regular season, and the Rocks defeated the Chiefs 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship May 21.

The winner of today's match will face the winner of the Ann Arbor Huron-Livonia Churchill match in the

district final at 7 p.m. Friday at Wayne.

**PCA 1, Bloomfield Roeser 0:** Katie Polera scored in the first half and Rachel Rudzisz made that stand up as Plymouth Christian Academy edged Bloomfield Roeser Friday in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference match played at PCA.

Rudzisz made eight saves to earn the shutout. Marta Warszawka got the assist on Polera's goal.

On Thursday, Polera scored two goals as the Eagles defeated the Jewish Academy 3-0.

PCA led 1-0 at halftime. Lauren Soblesky also scored a goal for the Eagles.

Rebecca Nickel was in goal for the shutout, making three saves.

## Chiefs' rally clips Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

That's cuttin' it close.

The second softball meeting of Canton-vs.-Salem in a six-day span started just like the first one, with Salem pushing through a big scoring rally in the very first inning. And that's just the way it stayed — for four innings, anyway.

Things began to crumble for the Rocks in the fifth in Tuesday's opening round of the Division I state district tournament, hosted by South Lyon HS. But even that could be viewed as a plus for Salem, considering how it ended: three-straight singles to start the inning, three-straight fly balls to end it, with just one

run scoring.

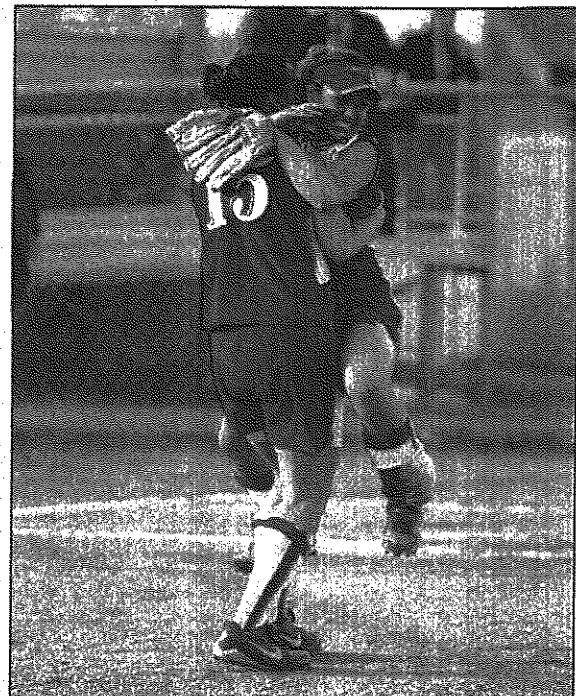
After that, however, it was all Canton.

The Chiefs added two runs in the sixth, then got the game-winner with two out in the seventh on a double by Molly Conlon to edge Salem 4-3, earning themselves a berth in the district's Final Four. They'll play Novi at noon Saturday; the winner advances to the district final against the Northville-South Lyon winner at 2 p.m.

Canton improves to 23-10; Salem ends its season at 26-7.

"The last time we played them we gave up five runs in the first inning," said

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Canton's Sarina Gornery hugs Lisa Sprankle (15) after the Chiefs' victory over Salem in their state district opener.



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Davis races for home with what would be the game-winning run.

Only Kay fires a strike to catcher Ryan Powell at the plate and Davis is tagged out, keeping the Chiefs' hopes alive. Fast-forward to the 11th inning. McDevitt has gone as far as state rules will allow, pitching 10 innings and giving up one earned run. He is replaced on the mound by Kay, who gets the first batter to bounce out.

But the second, Ryan Leach, slaps a double in the left-center field gap. The game-winning run is at second when Davis — thrown out by Kay two innings earlier — comes to the plate. Davis lines a shot to center field and this time, they'll be no play at home. Leach scores the game-winning run and Salem advances to Saturday's Final

Four in the South Lyon district with a 5-4 triumph.

The Rocks improve to 16-12-2 record. The Chiefs bow out at 15-13.

"It was," said a smiling Canton coach Scott Dickie, "a great game. I couldn't be prouder of these guys. The way we played earlier in the year and the way we played today — no errors, great plays — was just outstanding."

It was a game filled with comebacks for both teams. The Rocks struck first, getting two in the second inning when Andy Thackaberry singled and Cliff Thomas was safe after his sacrifice bunt attempt was misfielded. Following a strikeout and a ground out, Mike Antich doubled to score both runs and put Salem on top.

Canton got one run back in the third on a single by Andy Howald and a double by Dave Mintz, making it 2-1. But Salem pushed its lead back to two runs in the fifth, Parling reaching first on an error and, with two out,

stealing second. Thackaberry followed with a run-scoring single to left field to make it 3-1.

The Chiefs' big inning came in the sixth. Mintz was hit by a pitch, Kay singled and Zach Fishaw walked, loading the bases with no one out. That's when Salem coach Dale Rumberger replaced his starter, Nic England, with ace reliever Nate Krumwiede.

The first batter Krumwiede faced was Dave Nicoloff, and Nicoloff greeted him by lining his first pitch to left field, scoring two runs. Parling, Salem's catcher, tried to get the runner advancing to third on the play, but he overthrew and Fishaw trotted home with the go-ahead run.

Jake Powers struck out but reached base on a passed ball, bringing Powell to the plate with runners at first and third. Dickey, his team ahead 4-3, tried a suicide squeeze bunt, but the pitch was too far outside for Powell to even attempt to bunt it and Nicoloff was caught in a

rundown. A groundout ended the inning.

"I'd do that over and over again," said Dickey when asked about the play. "We've done that all year. Ryan's one of our better bunters — you get it down and it's a great play. If we hadn't done that and (Powell) hit into a double play, I would have kicked myself."

Salem manufactured the tying run in the bottom of the sixth, Brian Bradley opening the inning with a single and moving to second on Krumwiede's sacrifice bunt. After a flyout, Dylan Tobin's two-out single scored Bradley with the tying run.

And that's how it stayed for the next four innings, although both teams had chances. Salem had three hits in the ninth, but Kay's throw to the plate ruined that threat; Canton put two runners on in the 10th with two out, but a groundout ended it; and Thackaberry opened the Rocks' 10th with a walk, but McDevitt got a groundout and two strikeouts to close the frame.

Krumwiede allowed no runs on four hits and no walks, with four strikeouts in six innings of superb relief pitching to earn the win. Kay took the loss.

"They're a good team," said Rumberger of Canton, a team the Rocks have beaten three times this season. "(McDevitt) battled all the way. But we had our chances, two or three times. One of the things we do better is hit the ball. Sooner or later,

we're going to hit it."

Hitting and pitching (the team's earned run average, according to Rumberger, is 2.87) are things the Rocks do well. Lapses in defense have hurt them this season, but in the last few weeks it's improved, thanks in part to the extra attention it gets at practice. Salem spends twice as much time on defense as it does hitting, Rumberger said.

"In the last month everything's settled down a bit (defensively)," said Rumberger. "I don't know if it's the warmer weather or what. They're more focused and working hard."

They'll have to continue to do those things to survive a tough challenge against Novi in the district semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday at South Lyon. The winner of that game meets the Northville-South Lyon winner for the district title at 2 p.m.

Salem 8, North Farmington 6: The Rocks scored three times in the third and added three more in the fourth inning to beat North Farmington (9-8 overall, through Tuesday) and win the Eagle Invitational Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

In their opening game Saturday, the Rocks defeated Saginaw Arthur Hill 2-1 in nine innings.

Against North, Salem got a run in the first on a single by Stevland Davis, a stolen base and an RBI single by Steve Cox. The Raiders answered with three runs in the first and another in the second, prompting Salem coach Dale Rumberger to replace starter Dylan Tobin with Brandon Mancini, who allowed just one run in three innings to get the win. Cox singled in another run in the three-run third, a second scored on a wild pitch and third on a base hit by Cliff Thomas. A two-run base hit by Cox in the fourth, bringing his hit total to three and his

RBI count to four for the game, and a run-scoring sacrifice fly by Thomas in the fourth made it 7-4.

Nate Krumwiede's bunt scored Mark Myers with an insurance run in the seventh. Krumwiede pitched the final two innings to earn his fourth save of the season.

In the win over Arthur Hill, Davis was involved in Salem's game-tying rally in the seventh and game-winning rally in the ninth. In the seventh, Davis singled pinch-runner Dave Cardenas to third and Cardenas scored on Krumwiede's squeeze bunt.

In the ninth, Davis walked with one out, went to second on a wild pitch and stole third with two outs; when the catcher's throw to third was bad, Davis came home with the winning run.

Dave Pawlukiewicz started and pitched six solid innings, allowing one run and three hits. Krumwiede relieved and pitched three scoreless innings to get the win, giving up one hit.

CC 8-7, Canton 0-1: Catholic Central came up with a pair of sevens for a winning hand on Saturday afternoon, grabbing a pair of seven-run wins over host Canton.

"I thought we had some real good pitching in the game and we played pretty good defense," said CC baseball coach John Salter as his team improved to 21-6 overall. "We mixed up the hits in both games and did a nice job."

Jeff Schulz (7-2) did a solid job on the mound in the opener, scattering three hits over four innings, with a walk and a strikeout. Drew Amble finished up, holding the Chiefs (15-12) to four hits the rest of the way to go with a pair of strikeouts.

Rich Demeyere took the loss for the Chiefs, giving up 11 hits and striking out five.

CC jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning and didn't look back as Nate Rzeppa's two-run double opened up the scoring. Anthony Sabo was 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Rzeppa added another hit.

Matt Kay had the only run for Canton with his sixth-inning homer. Andy Howald was also 2-for-4. In the second game, Mike Monterey (6-1) tossed a four-hitter to earn the shutout. He also fanned five and didn't walk a batter in going the distance. Shawn Little took the loss for Canton, giving up three runs, four hits and two walks.

Eric Vojtkovsky was 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and an RBI for CC, while Schulz was 1-for-3 with a walk and two RBI.

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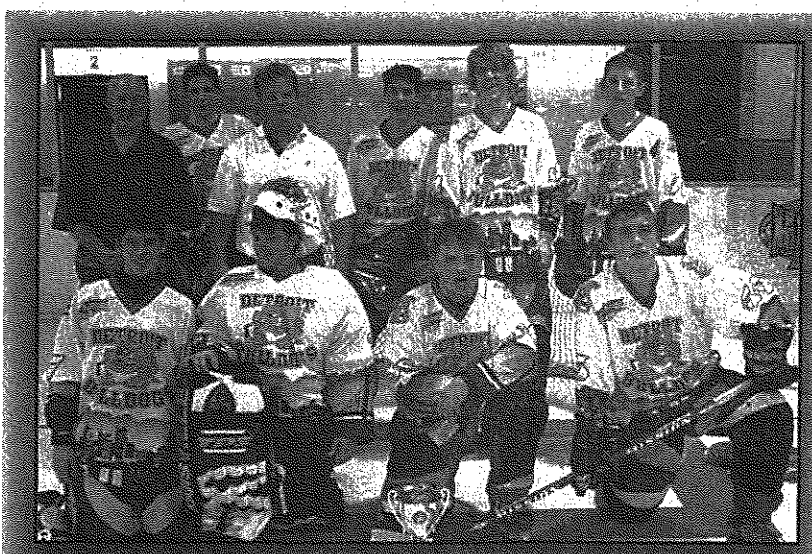
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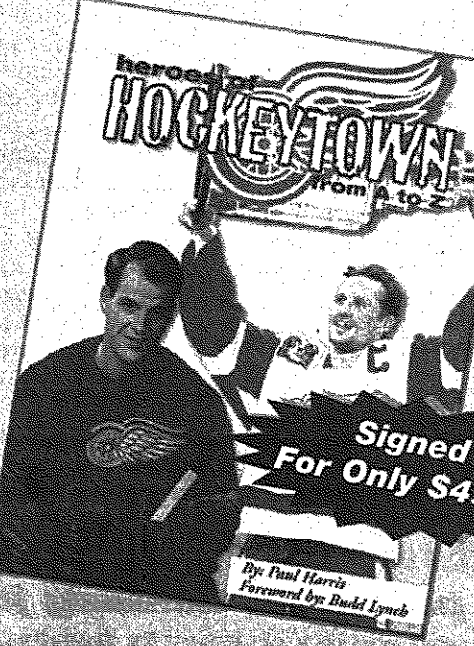
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**CANTON**

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finished third in the 110-meter hurdles (15.3) and 10th in the 300 hurdles (42.0); Thomas was fourth in the 200 (22.8) and seventh in the 100 (11.4).

Thomas also teamed with Dan Driscoll, Brandon Reeves and Corey Walser to place third in the 4x100 relay (42.0) and with Andy Rossow, Reeves and Jesse Williams for a fourth in the 4x200 relay (1:31.5).

Driscoll and Brad

Waidmann also finished in the top 10 in two individual events, Driscoll placing sixth in the pole vault (12-feet, 3-inches) and 10th in the long jump (19-1/4) and Waidmann taking fifth in the high jump (6-0) and sixth in the 110 hurdles (15.6).

Other top-10 finishers for Canton were Aaron Lanning, ninth in the 3,200 (10:20.1), Bryan Frawley, 10th in the shot put (42-8 1/4) and Rossow in the 200 (23.4). The 4x400 relay team of Rossow, Shane Azizi, Williams and Brian Soash was fourth (3:27.8) and the 4x800 relay team of Phaltiel Whitlock, Al Lanning, Cyrus Azizi and

Ray Eisenbrenner was ninth (8:48.4).

The season isn't over quite yet for quite a few Chiefs. Several have qualified for this Saturday's state individual final; so have the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams.

Individual qualifiers include Waidmann in the high jump, Driscoll in the pole vault, Kilijanczyk in the 110 hurdles, Walser in the 100, Thomas in the 200 and Soash in the 400.

The state finals begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids.

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**RALLY**

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Canton coach Jim Arnold. "When (Salem) did that in the first inning, I said to myself, 'Oh no, here we go again.'"

But there were differences from the game the two teams played for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship on May 21.

Renee Ross, Canton's No. 1 pitcher throughout the season, had pitched that game and did not do well in the 7-1 defeat.

"We just felt Salem had Ross' number," explained Arnold. "She pitched three games against them and was 1-2."

So Arnold decided to go with Conlon, a sophomore, although he admitted he was having doubts about his choice right up until game time.

That's when he talked it over with his all-division catcher (in 2002), Jonelle Brown.

"She told me, 'Her rise ball is really going good, coach,'" Arnold said. That was enough for Arnold; he went with Conlon.

The first inning might have given him second thoughts. Salem's Alycia Murawski

opened the bottom of the first inning with a double down the left-field line.

One out later, Susan Woodard reached base on an infield single and stole second, putting runners at second and third.

Conlon struck out the next batter but, with two out, Sarah Amann drove a ball into the right-center field gap.

Two runs scored and Amann rounded third, pausing as Salem coach Bonnie Southerland signaled her to stop, then racing home and beating the throw to complete her three-run, inside-the-park home run.

It was the highlight of the game for the Rocks.

Conlon fanned the next batter, then struck out two more in the second inning before a 40-minute rain delay that eventually sent both teams packing to play at South Lyon's auxiliary field.

"After that (first inning), she settled right into a groove," said Arnold of Conlon.

"Our kids came to play. They weren't down when it was 3-0.

"I told 'em, 'A new field, new results.'"

Conlon certainly turned it around, allowing just one more hit and one walk the

rest of the game while striking out 11.

The Chiefs, who had 10 hits and a walk off of Salem ace Kelli Szczepanski, couldn't push a run across until singles by Sarina Gorney, Rachel Wade and Caitlin McNicholas loaded the bases with none out in the fifth. With the heart of their batting lineup due up next, it seemed Conlon was about to break it open.

However, all the Chiefs could manage was a single run, scored on Ross' fly ball.

The sixth inning was different. A double by Colleen O'Brien followed by a triple by Lisa Sprankle scored one run, making it 3-2; Gorney's flyout delivered Sprankle with the tying run.

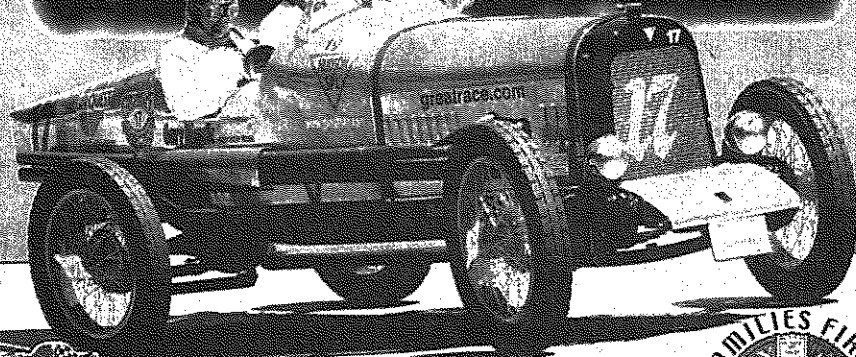
The momentum had shifted. With two out in the seventh, Ross singled, bringing Conlon to the plate.

She hit a double to left-center field and Ross raced home with the game-winning run. "It was a great game, on both sides," said Arnold.

In this season's four-game series between the two clubs, each won twice.

Salem won the WLAA title, but Canton was able to extend its season.

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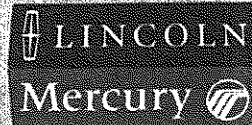
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 Thursday, May 29: Livonia Franklin vs. Lincoln Park, 5:30 p.m.; Dearborn vs. Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 31: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 at Dearborn vs. Monroe district champion.)  
**DIVISION II**  
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host)**  
 Thursday, May 29: Ypsilanti Lincoln at Livonia Ladywood, 5 p.m.; Dexter at Dearborn Heights

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**Saturday, May 31:** Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 3 at Holly vs. St. Clair Shores Lake Shore district champion.)  
**DIVISION IV**  
**PLYMOUTH HIGH (Host)**  
**Thursday, May 29:** Lutheran High Westland vs. Southfield Christian, 5:30 p.m.; PCA-Roeper winner vs. Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 31:** Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Ligettt vs. Memphis district champion.)  
**PREP BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 (State Meet finals)  
 Division I Grand Rapids (Houseman Field), TBA.  
 Division II at Caledonia, TBA.  
 Division III at Comstock Park, TBA.  
 Division IV at G.R. Forest Hills Cent., TBA.  
**PREP BOYS TENNIS STATE FINALS**  
**Friday-Saturday, May 30-31**  
 Division I finals at Midland, 7:30 a.m.  
**PREP GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS**  
**Friday-Saturday, May 30-31**  
 Division I at E. Lansing (Forest Akers-East).  
 Division II at E. Lansing (Forest Akers-West).  
 TBA - times to be determined.

PISTONS CAMP

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Training Camp Tour, sponsored by Nike and Chevrolet, will make Canton HS one of its stops on its 10-city tour through Michigan and northern Ohio.  
 The camps, which are conducted by Steve Moreland, director of Development and Basketball Camps/Clinics for the Detroit Pistons, will feature Pistons' players and coaches, who will serve as guest speakers.  
 Under the direction of Moreland, the Pistons' camps have been named the top youth basketball camp program in the NBA.  
 The camp will visit Canton HS from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 21-24. Cost is \$149 and space is limited to the first 150 participants.  
 For more information on the Pistons' Camp Tour, or to register by phone, call the Pistons Camp

Hotline at (248) 377-8653.

LEARN-TO-SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Mini-Mite instructional program is enrolling new players.  
 This learn-to-skate hockey program is geared toward beginning players. It emphasizes skill development with instruction by experienced USA Hockey-certified coaches.  
 The program runs from September through March. Registration forms are available at the Plymouth Cultural Center or on line at www.pchockey.org.

NEW GOLF DATE

The date for the Plymouth HS Golf Outing has been changed to Saturday, Aug. 2. The outing will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and

Ford roads; play begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.  
 The format is a four-person scramble, with 18 holes of golf followed by a steak dinner and presentations. Cost is \$120 (\$60 for dinner only).  
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 Checks should be made payable to PHS Athletics and mailed to: PHS Athletic Dept. (attn: Kurt Britnell), 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187. Spots are limited. Mail your check by July 19.

BUCKS TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Mid Michigan Bucks minor league soccer team are now on sale.  
 The Bucks first local game will

be played at Canton High School on Saturday, June 14.  
 Ticket information can be obtained by calling (989) 781-6888, or you can visit www.mmbucks.com. Group discounts are available, and reduced-price advance tickets can also be purchased at various locations in the area.  
 The Bucks are a Premier Development League soccer team, featuring standout players from Michigan as well as from elite amateur players nationwide.

FREE SOCCER CLINIC

The Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club will offer a free soccer clinic to boys and girls, ages 6-9, beginning later this month. Sessions are scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4 and 11, at Jaycee Park, located on Mayfield Road in Livonia.  
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 Personal Representative: Geraldine J. Standard, 4924 Larkin Street, Detroit, Michigan 48210.  
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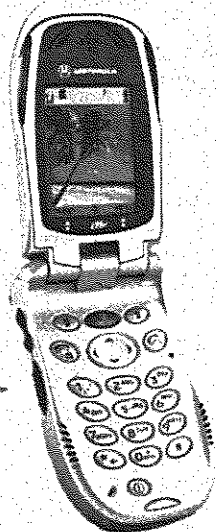
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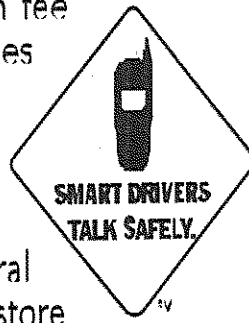
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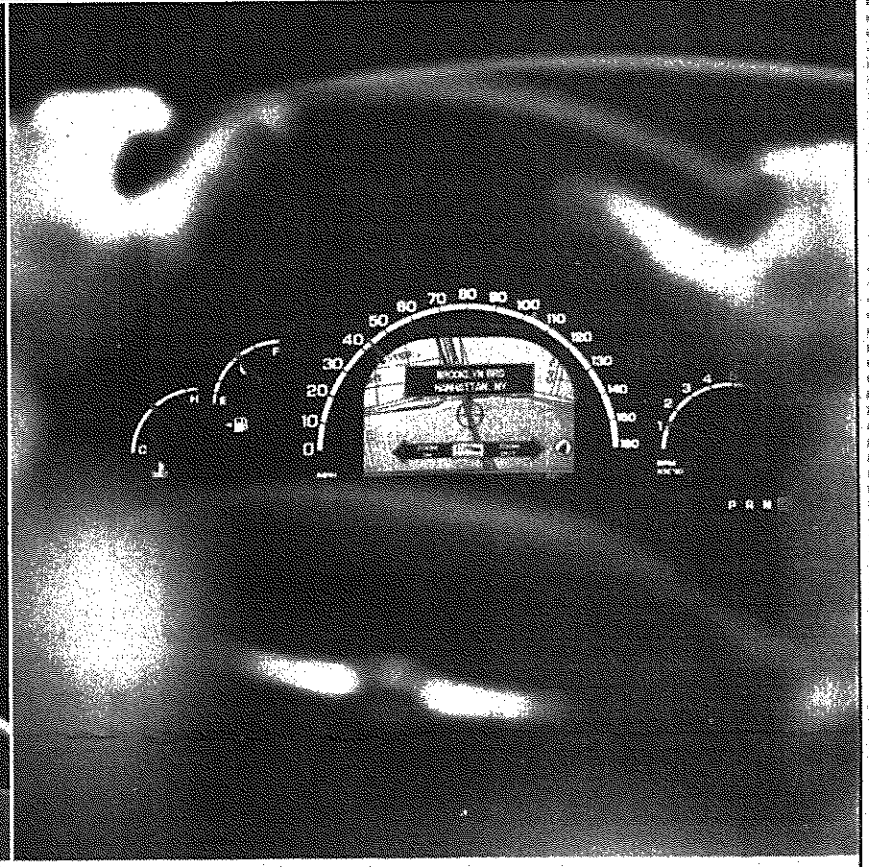
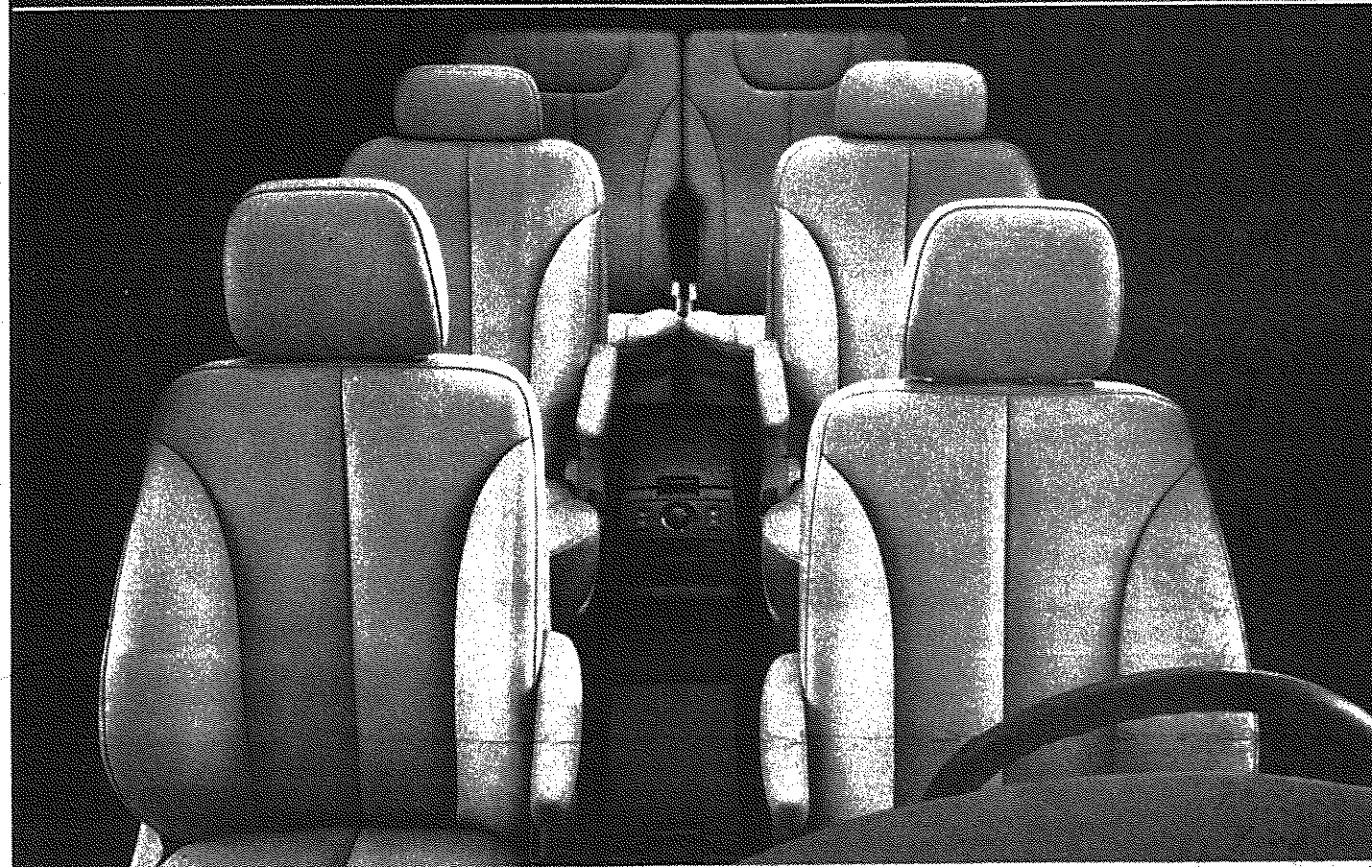
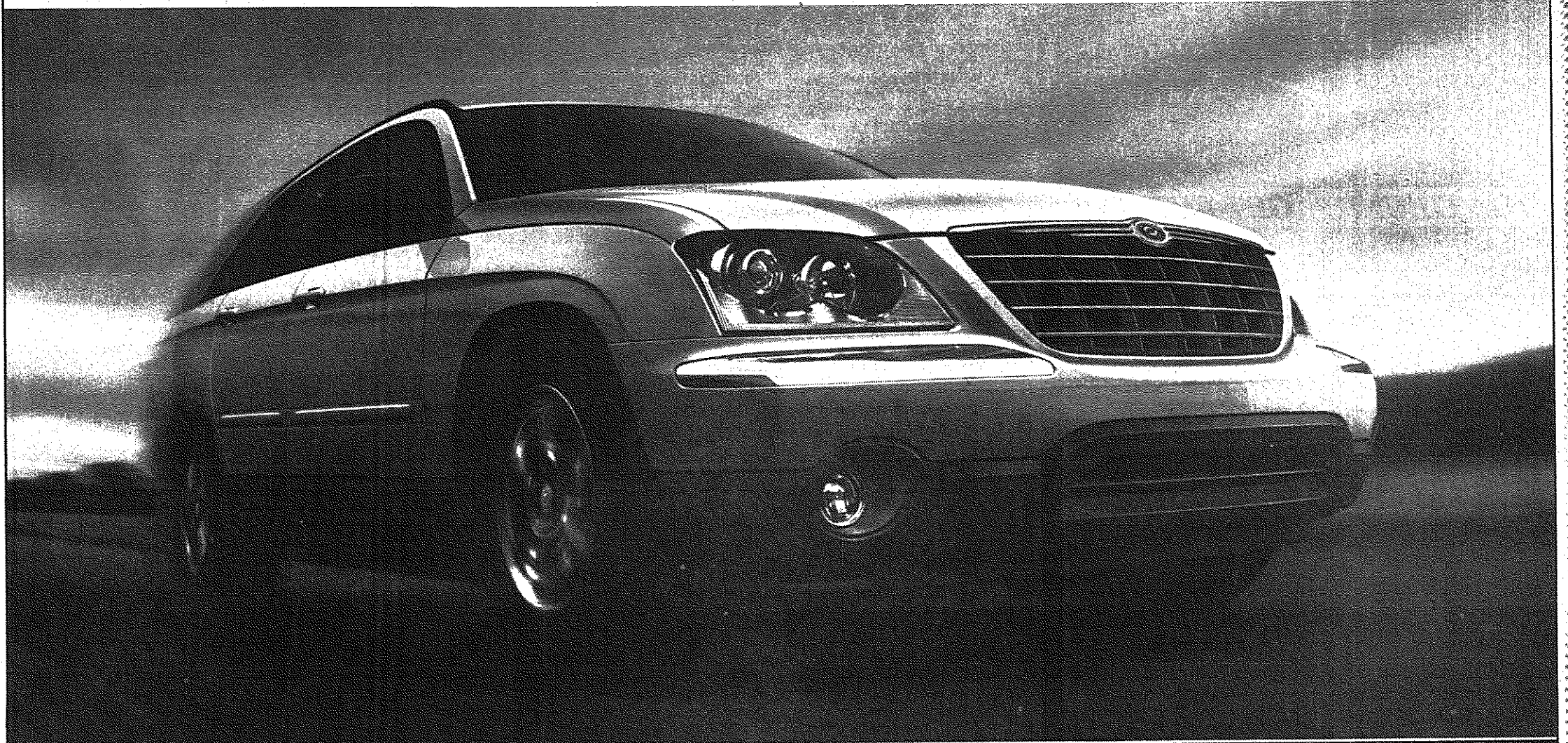
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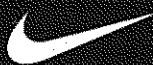
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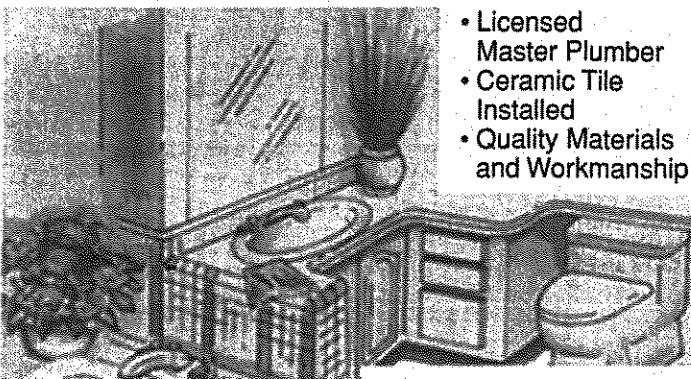
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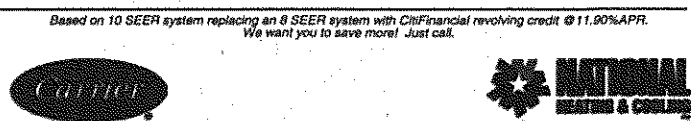
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**STATE QUALIFIERS**

**STATE TRACK QUALIFIERS**

Here is a list of area athletes who have qualified for the MHSAA Track and Field Championships this weekend in the Grand Rapids area. The athletes are listed by their state meet seeding, name, school, and qualifying throw at the regional level (x-will not participate):

**DIVISION 1 at Houseman Field BOYS**

DISCUS: x-7, Paul Stradtner (Garden City), 155-4; 9, Nick Barrett (Redford CC), 154-5; 16, Hady Rahman (Stevenson), 148-6.  
SHOT PUT: 2, Hady Rahman (Stevenson), 55-3; x-20, Paul Stradtner (Garden City), 49-8.  
HIGH JUMP: 10, Matt Graham (Franklin), 6-4; 26, 26, Joe Mielke (Franklin), 6-2; 27, David King (Stevenson), 6-2; 28, Brad Waldman (Canton), 6-2.  
100 DASH: 25, Corey Walsler (Canton), 11.0.  
110 HURDLES: 13, Bill Makela (Redford CC), 14.7; 22, Steve Kilijanczyk (Canton), 14.9.  
200 DASH: 15, T.J. Dillard (Wayne), 22.2; 22, Devin Thomas (Canton), 22.4.  
300 HURDLES: 8, Bill Makela (Redford CC), 39.2.  
400 DASH: 27, Brian Soash (Canton), 51.2.  
800 RUN: 5, Keith Hearn (Stevenson), 1:55.70.  
1,600 RUN: 9, Justin Jaiduk (Salem), 4:22.8; 10, James Gale (Churchill), 4:23.8; 16, David Lucas (Redford CC), 4:25.5.  
3,200 RUN: 4, Justin Hajduk (Salem), 9:29.3;

17, Matt Gillespie (Stevenson), 9:40.4; 26, Kevin Kane (Churchill), 9:45.9.  
400 RELAY: 16, Canton, 43.8; 23, Wayne, 44.1.  
800 RELAY: 19, Canton, 1:31.07.  
1,600 RELAY: 20, Canton, 3:28.0.  
3,200 RELAY: 20, Churchill, 8:09.88; 23, Stevenson, 8:14.89.

**GIRLS**

DISCUS: 12, Nia Henderson (Churchill), 117-4.5; 19, Lauren Kmet (Franklin), 114-0.  
SHOT PUT: 8, Nia Henderson (Churchill), 37-0.5; 9, Jessica Johnson (Canton), 37-0.5.  
HIGH JUMP: 30, Megan Kmet (Franklin), 5-1; 31, Izabela Paskowska (Canton), 5-1; 32, Khellie Wade (Wayne), 5-1.  
POLE VAULT: 23, Jackie Williams (Canton), 9-0.  
LONG JUMP: 14, Jennifer Anderson (Wayne), 16-3; 17, Mary Maloney (Canton), 16-0.  
100 DASH: 16, Christina Redd (Canton), 12.5.  
200 DASH: 19, Linda Montgomery (Stevenson), 25.9; 22, Tiffany James (Wayne), 26.1.  
300 HURDLES: 23, Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson), 48.1.  
400 DASH: 20, Linda Montgomery (Stevenson), 59.5; 25, Alyse White (Churchill), 1:00.1.  
800 RUN: 9, Michelle Phillips (Churchill), 2:21.2; 25, Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson), 2:23.6.  
1,600 RUN: 20, Sarah McCormack (Canton), 5:18.8; 27, Nicole Blake (Stevenson), 5:20.5; 28, Nicole Schmidt (Churchill), 5:20.7; 30, Heather

Sirko (Stevenson), 5:21.0.  
3,200 RUN: 12, Heather Sirko (Stevenson), 11:28.3; 32, Sarah Westrick (Churchill), 11:51.9.  
400 RELAY: 24, Stevenson, 51.58.  
800 RELAY: 13, Stevenson, 1:46.43; 24, Canton, 1:48.32.  
1,600 RELAY: 5, Churchill, 4:05.1; 22, Stevenson, 4:11.1.  
3,200 RELAY: 9, Churchill, 9:39.8; 17, Stevenson, 9:49.19.

**DIVISION 2 at CALEDONIA BOYS**

DISCUS: 18, Marcus Gowdy (Thurston), 141-1.  
100 DASH: 6, Eddie Brown (Thurston), 10.94.  
200 DASH: 15, Eddie Brown (Thurston), 22.81.  
GIRLS  
100 DASH: 20, Kathy Carey (Ladywood), 12.8.  
2:24.9.  
800 RUN: 18, Maura Mulcahy (Ladywood), 2:24.9.  
1,600 RUN: 27, Meghan Wafer (Thurston), 5:26.4.

**DIVISION 3 at COMSTOCK PARK GIRLS**

400 DASH: 23, Janet Hanchett (Plymouth), 1:03.9.

**DIVISION 4 at G.R. FOREST HILLS CENTRAL BOYS**

HIGH JUMP: 20, Justin Bailey (Bishop Borgess), 5-1.  
SHOT PUT: 15, Dan Haller (Luth. Westland), 46-6.

POLE VAULT: 24, Dan Baseley (Luth. Westland), 11-6.  
400 DASH: 10, Ben Moldenhauer (Luth. Westland), 51.9.  
800 RUN: 15, Nick Zink (Luth. Westland), 2:04.7.  
1,600 RELAY: 21, Lutheran Westland, 3:41.1.

**STATE TENNIS QUALIFIERS**

Here are the area tennis players who have qualified for the MHSAA Division 1 Tennis Tournament in Midland on Friday and Saturday, SINGLES  
No. 1: Brady Crosby (Stevenson), second seed; No. 2: Bill Walsh (Redford CC), second; No. 3: Britton Steele (Redford CC), first; No. 4: Kevin Bender (Redford CC), third.

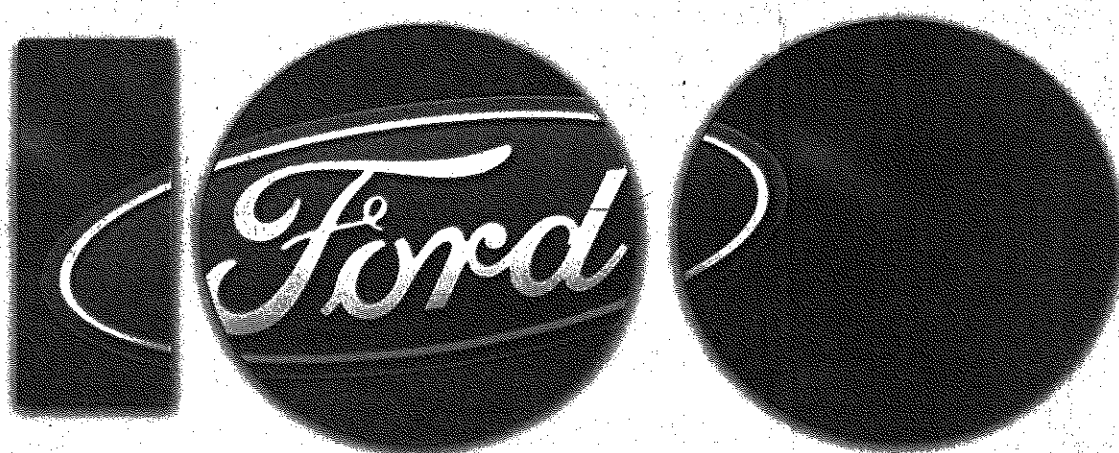
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No. 3: Kevin Gardner-Ryan Snyder (Redford CC), second; No. 4: Manuel Bartolo-All Daneshuar (Redford CC), fourth.

**OTHER QUALIFIERS**

No. 1 Singles: Jerry Murray (Churchill), Jason Beydoun (Redford CC); No. 2: Justin Bookmeyer (Stevenson); No. 3: Dan Petty (Stevenson); No. 4: Nick Stojanov (Stevenson).  
No. 1 doubles: Marwen Chammut-Nick Reale (Stevenson), Gabe Diaz-Andrew Lulak (Redford CC); No. 2: Andrew Byberg-Sve Chernenkoff (Stevenson), Victor Ansara-Brett Russell (Redford CC); No. 3: Brian Ennis-Chris Welch (Stevenson); No. 4: Mike Budd-Connor Good (Stevenson).

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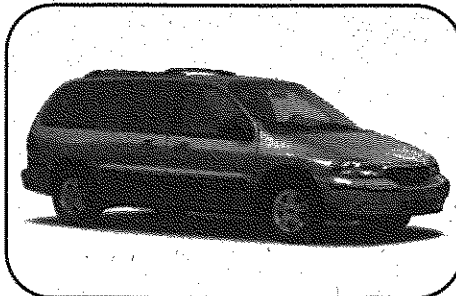


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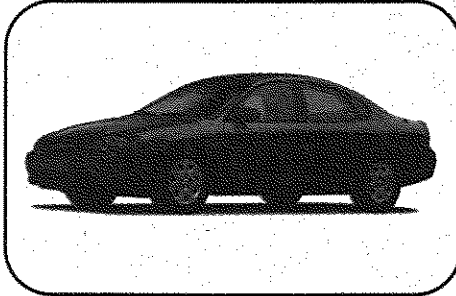


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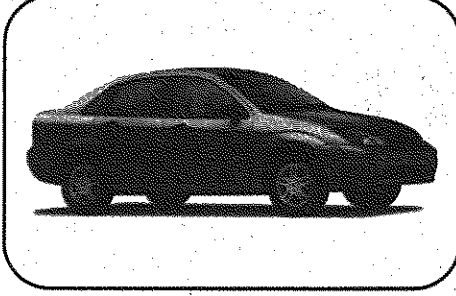


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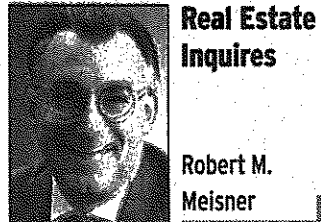
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## Unlicensed builder has no recourse

**We had an unlicensed builder perform work on our home and is now threatening to put a lien on our property. I don't believe that he has any right to do so, but I am not sure, and I am wondering what your thoughts are?**

Chapter 24 of Michigan's Occupational Code (MCLA 339.2401 et seq) states that an unlicensed residential builder may not bring an action for compensation against the homeowner. The Supreme Court of Michigan in a recent case has made this interpretation of the statute correct. There are certain exceptions that are carved out by the case law, but in most instances, an unlicensed contractor cannot bring an action for compensation or record a lien against your property. If he does, it may be deemed a criminal act in the form of a misdemeanor.

**We are thinking about hiring a professional management company and are wondering whether Michigan regulates the community management profession.**

Unfortunately, only California, the District of Columbia, Georgia and Nevada regulate community management professionals to varying degrees. Some professional management companies have broker's licenses but here in Michigan, that is not a precondition unless they are selling or leasing real estate. You may wish to familiarize yourself with the professional credentials available to management companies nationally, including whether they are certified property manager, administered by the Institute of Real Property Management and an accredited association management company administered by the Community Association Institute.

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Clinton Twp.	1,243
Novi	971
Stirling Hts.	738
Northville Twp.	649
Shelby Twp.	599
Greenland Twp.	596
Detroit	569
Ypsilanti Twp.	543
Genoa Twp.	443

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# Top sales producers explain how to become one of them

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Bo Schembechler, legendary football coach at the University of Michigan, used to say that players never stay the same. They're either getting better or getting worse.

So if you're a Realtor - and you subscribe to that philosophy - exactly how do you go about getting better? Is there a road map to professional success? How best to keep on keeping on?

Top producers in the area should know. People like Margie Duncan, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country in Birmingham and a 6-1/2-year veteran. She came into the business after teaching for 20 years.

"It's seven days a week and it's being available all times of the day and evening," Duncan said. "Work harder and keep in contact with people. Many people in this business won't do it. They sit around complaining that business is bad."

"It's tremendous work, constant," she added. "If they don't like it, they need to move on and get a better job."

Two other factors - sound basic training early on and quality help now - have paved the way for a successful career, Duncan said.

"I have a fabulous assistant, Sandy Baker, who helps me out tremendously so I can have a personal life," Duncan said. "As a former teacher, I wanted to know the whole gamut from A to Z rather than learning as I go. Town & Country has fabulous training."

The best advice she ever received came from her trainer, Wanda Flynn, now retired.

"I was brand new and disappointed, something had fallen apart," Duncan recalled. "Wanda snapped her fingers, threw her hand in the air and said, 'Nope, come in here. Your attitude has to be the next deal. Don't look back. Don't second guess yourself. Move forward.'"

People like Jeanne Tilford, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in Troy. She said she does about \$20 million in business annually in partnership with husband, Harvey Reynolds.

"The secret of my success is being able to communicate well with customers," Tilford said. "Talking direct and to the point. Explaining to a buyer or seller exactly what the market is, not blowing things out of proportion."

Good communication leads to referrals, the lifeblood of the industry, she added.

"Everything you tell a customer you will do, you do that and 10 other things," Tilford said. "You have to be follow through, you have to be friendly, you have to be knowledgeable."

"You have to know and understand the market. It's constantly changing. You monitor trends."

"I don't think you should list more properties than you can

handle. You don't just put them on the multilist. You pay close attention to every client you have," she said.

The best advice Tilford ever received came from her dad, James Anderson, who encouraged her to get into the business when she was a volunteer mom.

"He said if you want to be successful, you go to work every day and work hard," she said.

People like Chris Knight, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake in Plymouth, a 19-year veteran who said his sales volume was \$63 million last year.

Good mentors and a crack-erjack sales team make for good Realtors, he said.

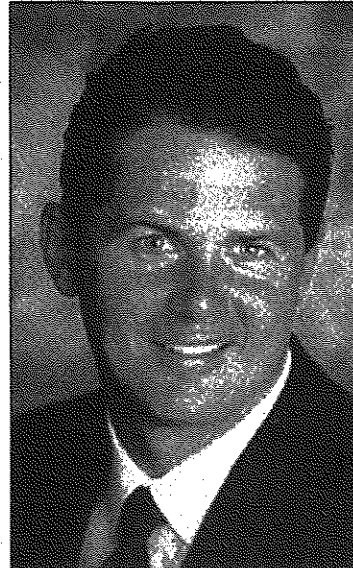
"In watching Sue Ann Eberline, I learned a lot - what it's like to be a top producer, demand of schedule and how to delegate time," Knight said.

"I have a team of assistants - Gloria Smith, Tami Sondergard, Kelly Webster. I can't be everywhere at once. They make life easier. I can be at Disney World and homes are still selling," he said.

Affiliating with an umbrella organization that offers relocations services, good training and support staff also pays dividends, Knight said.

"Your family is important, a huge part," he continued. "If your spouse nags at all the hours, that makes it tougher. You have to learn to balance a schedule, fit the family in around clients."

Then there's the act of doing, itself, Knight said. "Experience



Knight makes you better. The more transactions you do ... the more you can recognize and address a potential problem."

Darlene Shemanski, his first broker, provided a memorable piece of advice, Knight said. "If you don't ask for something ... a listing, if they want to write an offer, whether they're working with a Realtor ... you're never going to get it."

People like Jeff Barker, associate broker with Max Brook-Real Estate One Family of Companies in West Bloomfield. He said he posted sales of just over \$20 million last year.

"They can always attend classes, seminars," Barker said.



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"If you succeed, you've got to make things happen," says Roy Wilson, a Realtor with Remerica Heritage in Farmington Hills.

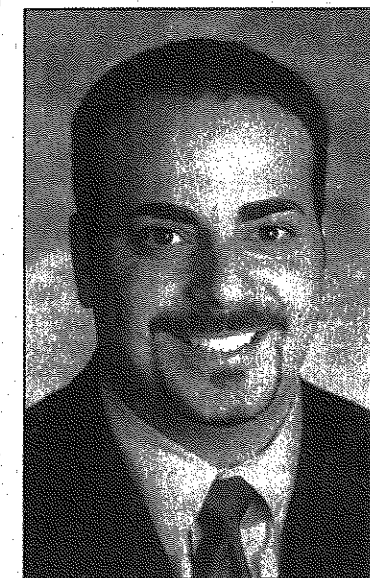
"I went to a Mike Ferry seminar in Florida last fall. I found it to be beneficial to meet other Realtors from around the country, see what they're doing."

"Real estate is a stressful business, very time-consuming" Barker said. "Classes get you pumped up again, get you rejuvenated."

A piece of advice from Ferry has served him well, Barker said. "Your best tool in this business is your listing presentation. That's something people can improve on."

People like John Toye, broker/owner of RE/MAX Hometown, Westland. His office team, which he described as vitally important to his personal success, had sales last year of about \$30 million, Toye said.

It's all about exposure.



Toye

"One of the things is community service, getting your name out there and at the same time helping the community," Toye said. "Also, a consistent marketing plan, advertising, promotion of your name on the Internet, mailers. Keeping in contact with clients is most important."

Continuing education, classes and seminars, keep agents on top of current events and better able to serve clients, Toye added.

His most useful piece of advice came from motivational speaker John Tenza. "Listen to your clients more often than you talk," Toye said. "Find out what their needs are. Then you can service them."

People like Roy Wilson, associate broker with Remerica Heritage in Farmington Hills, who got into the business 32 years ago right out of college. He reports his sales volume at about \$15 million annually.

"It boils down to almost 100 percent service," Wilson said. "It's good follow-up, good preparation. Doing homework ... enlightening people on what the market is now."

"The perception is this is an easy business," he added. "It's not. Ninety percent of people who come into this business fail. If you succeed, you're going to make things happen."

Wilson's dad, also named Roy, gave him advice he's followed throughout his career. "Tell 'em the truth. Don't tell 'em what they want to hear," Junior said.

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## Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Tips for bringing in buyers

For some, our slumping economy is a reason not to buy real estate, but savvy shoppers have their minds very open to buying opportunities. Real estate buyers and sellers alike can benefit greatly from the current market conditions, especially if they use a little creative genius.

There is never a shortage of people looking to own real estate if only the right deal would come along. The operative words, of course, are "the right deal."

An obvious way to help sell a home in any market - especially a slow one - is to make the purchase attractive to the broadest range of potential buyers.

Since most first-time homebuyers, for example, are not normally graced with an abundance of cash, covering closing costs is a good first step for a motivated seller.

To open the buyer floodgates further, sellers can offer to help their buyers with their financing, too. Seller financing means simply that the buyers borrow a part of their purchase money from the sellers. The buyers get most of their purchase money from a traditional lender and the balance from a different lender - the sellers. In many cases, this "win-win" financing allows buyers to acquire a home with no down payment. The sellers, in return, can realize a healthy monthly cash flow on the "second mortgage" until the buyers sell, refinance, or pay off the loan.

Perhaps the best way to bring potential buyers to your doorstep - whether you are doing "by owner" or using a Realtor - is to market the fact that there is 100 percent financing available to qualified buyers. Depending on the magnitude of seller cooperation and involvement, even buyers with credit scores at 560 or below can often buy with little or nothing down. A skilled mortgage loan officer is a critical part of your success on this path.

The goal of all "bad weather" strategies is in creating winning possibilities by allowing both the sellers and the buyers to accomplish their respective goals.

Whether you are buying or selling a home, try to create opportunities out of your circumstances to maximize your chance of success.

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# Lessons emerge in listing, sale of plantation

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The family that owns Houmas House Plantation in Burnside, La., has agreed to sell the home to an unidentified New Orleans man for \$2.9 million.

Relatives of Dr. George Crozat, the New Orleans orthodontist who bought the home in 1940, decided to sell the property when decision-making about its care became more of a burden than a blessing.

"It's been in one family for 63 years: three generations," said Margot Turk, a family spokeswoman who remembers playing on the plantation grounds with her cousins during her childhood.

"The family has grown and moved around. There are now 14 owners. Nine of them don't live in Louisiana. It was time to pass the mantle to someone else. We're just too spread out to enjoy it," Turk said.

The home, which had been open for tours since shortly after Crozat's

death in 1963, closed to the public May 6. It is unclear whether the new owner will reopen the historic home to public tours.

The house, itself, was supposed to be part of an auction, but Dorian Bennett, the real estate agent handling the listing, said a buyer emerged as soon as the home went on the market during the first week of April.

The 10,800-square-foot house and its outlying property has a long and storied history. The plantation originally was bought from the Houmas Indians by colonial landowners Maurice Conway and Alexandre Latil, who built a four-room structure on the property in the late 1700s.

In 1812, Revolutionary War hero Gen. Wade Hampton of South Carolina bought the property and gave it to his daughter Caroline and her husband John Smith Preston as a wedding gift.

They farmed the property's 12,000 acres of sugar cane and in 1840 built a three-story Greek Revival mansion

with Doric columns and large porches.

Latil's structure was preserved in the rear and later connected to the newer home by an arched carriage-way.

The land exchanged hands again in 1858 when John Burnside bought the home and soon doubled the property's size to nearly 20,000 acres.

When Union forces threatened to destroy it all during the Civil War, Burnside, an Irishman, declared immunity as a British subject and saved both homes from destruction and occupation by Union soldiers.

During its heyday, Houmas House was the largest sugar cane plantation in the country and produced as much as 20 million pounds of sugar each year, according to its current owners.

But the property fell into disrepair after the Great Depression, and in 1940, Crozat bought the plantation as a country home on 24 acres and restored and furnished it with

antiques. The home furnishings were bought primarily in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Crozat had a particular fondness for rare armoires. The Houmas House collection at one time contained 22 unusual armoires. Some of the armoires already have been sold while others are being kept by the family.

To establish an asking price for the home, Bennett looked at and compared prices of houses in St. Francisville and upriver in Natchez, Miss.

"Evaluating a plantation is not like evaluating something in a subdivision," he said.

The price was based on the size of the home, the repair work that needed to be done and the land's proximity to the oil refineries that line the Mississippi River.

Houmas House has central air conditioning and heating, which Crozat installed, but it needs to be upgraded, Bennett said. The new owner also may need to make plumbing

improvements and structural and roof repairs.

The house and its furnishings have been preserved fairly well, said Neal Aulford, lead auctioneer and owner of Neal Auction Co.

"Most of the furniture has remained untouched at Houmas House," he said. "It's been well-maintained."

Experts recently discovered that one of the armoires in Crozat's collection actually might have been built at Houmas House, Bacot said. The family had thought none of the furniture was original to the house.

"The house is really something beautiful, a touch of history that you don't see anymore," Turk said. "It's given us a wonderful place to go, and Uncle George had the knowledge and foresight to keep it alive for the people of the area."

"Our family has had a long run at being the guardians of this property, but now it's just someone else's turn," she said.

# Dealing with missed mortgage payments not easy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you fall behind on your mortgage payments and want to hammer out a solution, be prepared for some hassle.

Mortgage lenders often say they want nothing more than to avoid the expense of foreclosure, and that they work hard to get delinquent borrowers back on track.

Indeed, lenders tout several alter-

natives for borrowers who need help making payments.

But some borrowers and credit counselors say reaching a deal can be an uphill battle, and that time and money is often wasted on basic communication breakdowns such as disappearing faxes, unreturned phone calls and a constant churn in loan case workers.

"If they would have returned my

phone calls, it would have been much easier," said Cassandra, a health-care worker who didn't want her full name used.

Cassandra said she has been trying to work out a lower monthly payment plan with Washington Mutual Inc. since a divorce last year, but that the process has been derailed several times by what appeared to be inefficiencies in the system.

First, the lender took months to review a payment plan designed by Cassandra

and her credit counselor. Then it closed her case file after it didn't receive a fax she sent, she said.

Washington Mutual didn't comment on the individual case, but said: "Our focus is on homeowner retention, and our goal is to keep people in their homes when possible."

Of course, blame doesn't rest solely with mortgage lenders.

Few delinquent borrowers initiate contact with their lenders until it's too late, said Laurie Maggiano, deputy director of the office of asset

management at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Also, it appears lenders are making strides in providing late payers with alternatives to foreclosure.

Last year, the three biggest players in home loans - the Federal Housing Administration, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac - set a record by staving off the majority of their delinquent borrowers from foreclosure.

But lenders can exacerbate borrowers' problems when they fail to communicate basic information, said Kevin Williams, a credit counselor with Consumer Counseling Credit Service, a nonprofit agency in Fort Worth, Texas.

Just finding the right contact person to deal with a late payment can be a challenge, he said.

Naturally, the best way to avoid hassles, damage to credit history and possible home foreclosure is to never miss a payment. But that's not always possible.

If you face delinquency, the first thing is to know your options by reviewing your mortgage contract.

Also, check who owns the loan, which may be different from the day-to-day mortgage lender, said HUD's Maggiano. Loans insured by the FHA, Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae have tight requirements for how the lender deals with borrowers.

After you review your options, contact your mortgage lender's loss mitigation department. The earlier you make contact, the better the possible solution, Maggiano said.

The loss mitigation department will ask borrowers to prove their hardship and ability to make future payments. This is where communication problems often arise, Williams said. Never assume personal information sent was received until confirmed, he added.

Cassandra suggests people scan the HUD Web site for tips, especially its *How To Avoid Foreclosure* pamphlet. Also, people may want to get in touch with a credit counselor because lenders are often more willing to work with professional counselors than individual borrowers.

If the problem is approached early enough, the options generally include forbearance or loan modification. Forbearance means a temporary reduction or suspension of payments to be repaid at another time, usually a few months later.

This option is well-suited for people going through short-term financial problems who expect their income to return to normal soon.

Loan modification means that the loan is altered to better meet the new needs of the customer. This is often best suited for families who have had a permanent drop in income either due to divorce, death of one spouse or change of job.

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**NATIVE PLANTS**

Oakland Land Conservancy hosts its fourth annual spring native plant sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Pontiac Pancake Shelter, southeast corner of Pike and Mill streets, downtown Pontiac.

No charge to browse. For information and a plant list, call the land conservancy at (248) 601-2816.

**FAIR HOUSING AWARDS**

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit is now accepting nominations for its annual Leadership Awards of individuals and firms who support and advance the cause of fair and equal housing opportunities here.

Nominating forms, available through the center's office, (313) 963-1274, are due by Sunday, June 1.

**REMODEL BASEMENT**

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education offer an eight-hour basement remodeling seminar 6-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, June 3-5, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff. Topics include planning, building codes, permits, estimating material costs and construction basics.

Cost is \$99, plus \$8 for a textbook. To register, call (734) 744-2602.

**CAREER SEMINAR**

Century 21 Hartford holds a free informational meeting on how to become a Realtor 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at its offices, 32726 Grand River, downtown Farmington. To register, call (248) 478-6000.

**SELL HOME CLASS**

Professional Real Estate Title presents a free class "For Sale by Owner" 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, Clawson. To register, call (248) 851-2975.

**BUILDER'S LICENSE**

Oakland Builders Institute and West Bloomfield Community Education sponsor a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 10-19, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

Cost is \$180, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions. To register, call (248) 865-4488.

**BUY HOME CLASS**

Diya Fahs of Shore Mortgage and Juliette Bauman of RE/MAX Classic teach a free, no-obligation class for home buyers 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of

Farmington Road.

To register, call (734) 779-9977 or (248) 514-3500 Ext. 4807.

**SALES CLASS**

The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a free seminar, "Goal Setting Secrets for Sales & Marketing Professionals," and an orientation for prospective new members 8-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

**CAREER SEMINAR II**

Keller Williams Realty-Livonia offers a free, no-obligation class on how to get into real estate sales and what you can expect at 2 p.m. Friday, June 13; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18; and 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 25; at its offices, 31500 Schoolcraft, just west of Merriman. To register, call (734) 266-9000.

**CONSTRUCTION WOMEN**

The National Association of Women in Construction Detroit Chapter hosts its eighth annual construction industry night with a dinner/awards program 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the Detroit Golf Club, 17911 Hamilton.

Cost is \$75. To register, call Maria Miesik at (248) 398-1200 Ext. 207.

**BOMA AUCTION**

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit holds a political action committee fund-raiser 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison, Detroit. The event includes free admission, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction.

For information, contact Cynthia Andary, (248) 848-3834.

**MASONRY CERTIFICATION**

The Masonry Institute of Michigan hosts a two-day masonry certification seminar 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 26-27, at Best Western Midway in Lansing. Cost, which includes lunch, reference manual and exam, is \$395 for members, \$495 for designers and building officials and \$795 for mason contractors and suppliers. To register, call (734) 458-8544.

**CAREER DAYS**

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office tasks and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided. For details, call (734) 459-7744.

**SALES WEB SITE**

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

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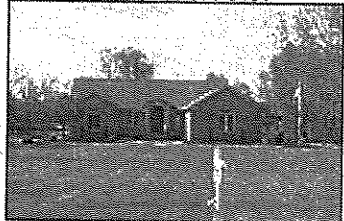
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**DRAMATIC-SOPHISTICATED** - Elegantly gracious, comfortably accommodating-angular kitchen, sumptuous master suite, soaring ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, gathering room on lowest level, nestled in Plymouth's only gated community. Extraordinary indeed. \$475,000 (760LO)



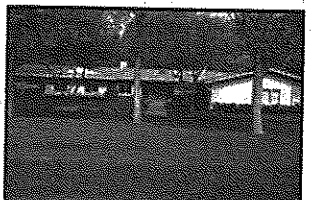
**WOODED SETTING** - Fantastic lot. Private wooded setting for walkout building plans. Close to Salem Hills Golf Course. \$129,900 (860PL)



**MILFORD CONDO** - Spacious & open floor plan-1962 sq. ft., 1st floor master bedroom & laundry, 2 1/2 baths, walkout basement, 2 1/2 car attached garage built in 2000. \$254,000 (039B1)



**RESIDENTIAL LOT** - Paved street close to school (Van Buren Schools), shopping & I-94. Call for information - 2 lots available. \$25,000 (000GR)



**1.2+ ACRES** Circular drive brings you to this beautiful ranch home. Five bedrooms, 4 full baths, 3 fireplaces, updated kitchen counters, hardwood floors, Marvin windows, newer roof all on a gorgeous lot! \$449,000 (914AM)



**IMMACULATE RANCH CONDO** - Pride of ownership throughout. Decorated to perfection. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1,410 sq. ft. finished lower level, great room w/skylights, fireplace & cathedral ceilings. Finished basement w/large rec room, bedrooms, 1/2 bath & storage. End unit, 2-car garage & much more. \$239,900 (219ED)



**BRICK BEAUTY** - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch w/over 1,100 sq. ft. Move in condition, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, windows, roof, furnace, A/C, newer garage with 220, cable & phone. Wonderful home! \$162,500 (735ME)



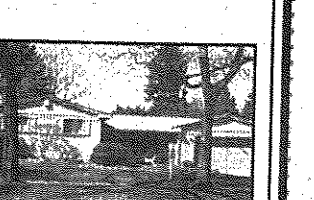
**9.3 ACRES** - 9.3 acres on Ann Arbor Trail between Sheldon and Beck. 450 front feet. Currently home to 2 older ranch homes. \$875,000 (107AN)



**HAMBURG** - Newer custom built 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on 1.27 acres. Cathedral ceilings in GR, kitchen & master bedroom. Great room w/floor to ceiling castle stone fireplace. Huge basement w/daylight windows. Meticulously maintained. \$229,900 (850OL)



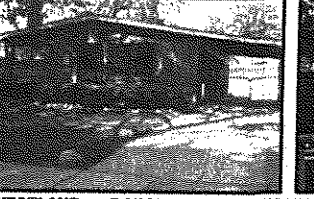
**2 ACRE NATURE RETREAT** - 1726 Pinewood, Milford. S. of Cooley Lk. W. of Duck Lk. Maintenance free exterior colonial w/open floor plan. Large free exterior w/open floor plan. Large living room w/natural fireplace. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and a large deck on a wooded lot. \$297,900 (726PI)



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**IMPRESSIVE COLONIAL** - Beautifully updated Canton home. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Gorgeous oak kitchen. New furnace, windows, roof and siding. Cedar deck and brick paver walk in private wooded yard. Family room, living room, dining room and finished basement. \$264,900 (778BR)



**WESTLAND RANCH W/LIVONIA WELCOME HOME** - To this inviting 2 schools - Three bedroom brick bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch condo in fenced rear yard, furnace and central windows, doors, appliances, central air new in 2001, hot water heater air, roof, landscaping, etc. Very 2002, all duct work cleaned in 2002, clean, neutral finished basement, open floor plan, natural fireplace in Carport. Over 55 only. \$135,900 living room and with Livonia (122NE) schools. \$132,900 (443HA)



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**ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES** - Two bedroom bungalow in Warrendale. Enclosed front porch - selling as is. Large fenced back yard with play set. \$58,900 (486MI)



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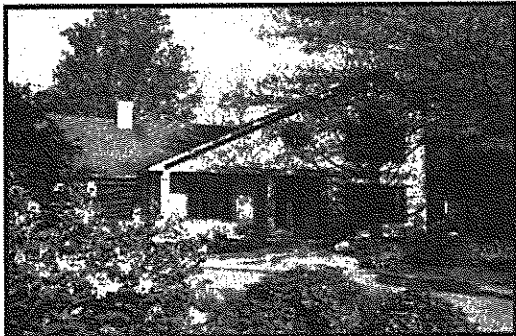


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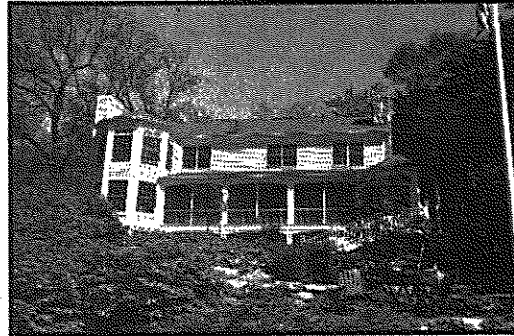


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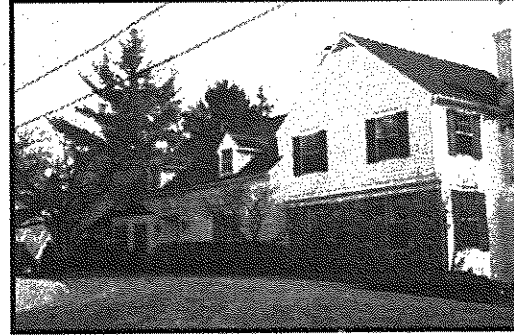
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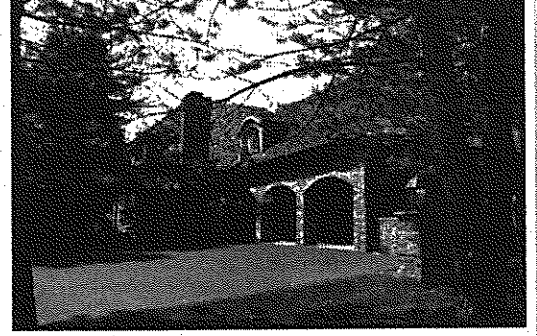
**BLOOMFIELD**

This gorgeous Wing Lake setting will instantly captivate you. Absolutely magnificent Kellett built home is reminiscent of grand homes in luxurious resorts, and offers a 40' screened porch and 100' of sandy beach.  
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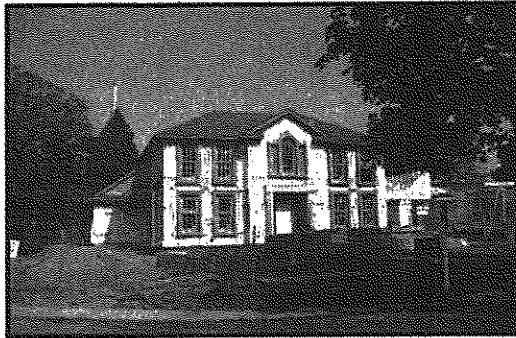
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Pull up to this elegant home in the city of Bloomfield Hills. This home offers 3 levels of wonderful living space that is bright, open and spacious. Walk to Cranbrook Schools from this charming world class home.  
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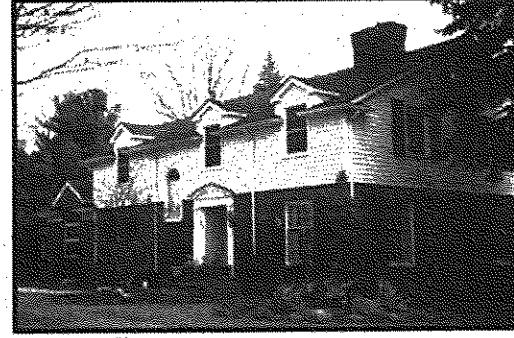
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**BIRMINGHAM**

A complete renovation on a downtown home that has a wrap-around front porch. The luxurious master suite has a fireplace. The state of the art kitchen has custom cabinets. Also has a library a 2nd floor laundry.  
248-644-6300 88AN-23049373 \$915,000



**BIRMINGHAM**

Boasting a super floor plan and a magnificent kitchen, this home would be a joy to entertain in. The family room has a fireplace and door to the patio that overlooks the wonderful yard. Too many features to list.  
248-644-6300 98WE-23050533 \$949,900



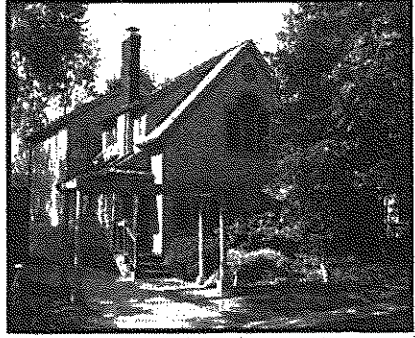
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

Be secluded from the everyday world in this gracious sprawling ranch that is located on over an acre of land. There is extensive view of glass, hardwood floors and crown moldings. Master suite is privately located.  
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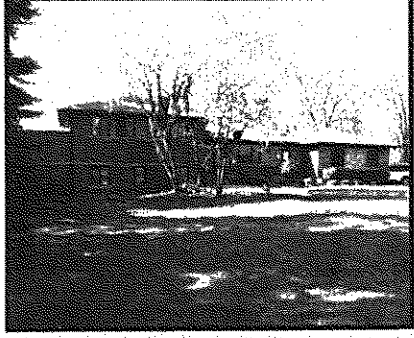
**ORCHARD LAKE**

This stunning custom Robert Jones home has been freshly updated and redecorated. The dramatic great room has a soaring cathedral ceiling and opens to dining room, both having a doorwall to large deck and pool.  
248-644-6300 29CH-23049960 \$639,900



**BIRMINGHAM**

An outstanding downtown home that can be for sophisticated entertaining, yet also has comfortable amenities for everyday living. The amazing interior has a gourmet kitchen and a fabulous master suite.  
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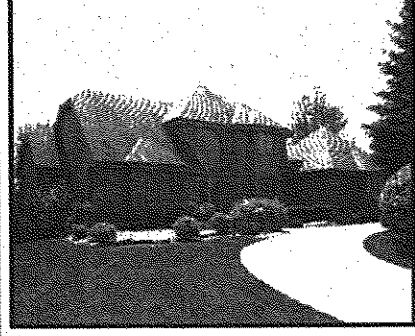
**INDEPENDENCE**

A truly gracious home with a beautiful serene setting! Gorgeous court entry. In-laws suite. Finished walk-out lower level with a full gourmet kitchen and private enclosed patio. Expansive deck.  
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**BIRMINGHAM**

You will find these two beautiful townhouses in one close to the downtown area. Each offers private basements, light and bright kitchens, a garden room off the back, fenced yards, separate mechanicals and garages.  
248-644-6300 95HE-23022884 \$650,000



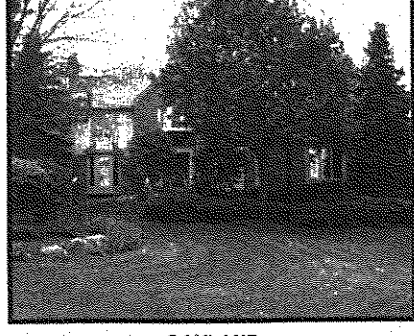
**ROCHESTER**

Exceptional home with an open floor plan! Fresh and neutral. Gourmet kitchen, 2-way fireplace, split staircase, sun room/family room. Loft/reading area. Hot tub. All 3 bedroom's have private bath.  
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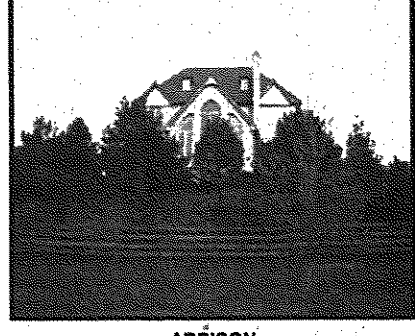
**SALEM**

Step into a decorator's perfect home in a serene 2 acre country setting backing to woods. Vaulted ceilings, soaring windows, hardwood floors. Languish in a 1st floor master suite, Jacuzzi tub and more.  
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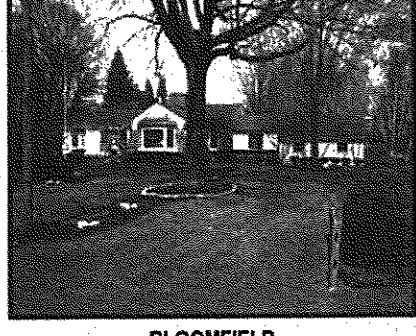
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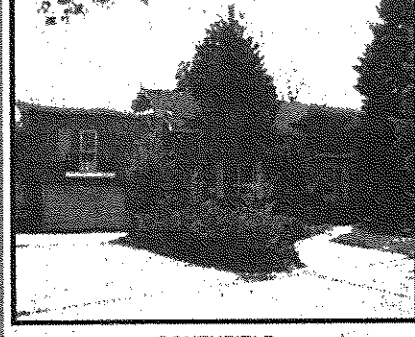
**ADDISON**

Striking panoramic views on 3.6 Acres. Horses allowed. Dramatic 2-story great room with hardwood floors. Ample kitchen cabinets and counters. Jacuzzi in master suite. Covered porch/patio. Finished walkout lower.  
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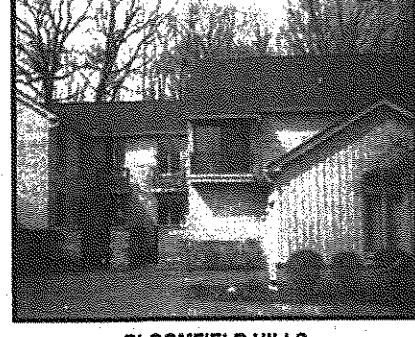
**BLOOMFIELD**

A wonderful and traditional home that offers Gilbert Lake privileges and is on an acre of land that is professionally landscaped. The home also features a cozy library and 3 fireplaces for those cold nights.  
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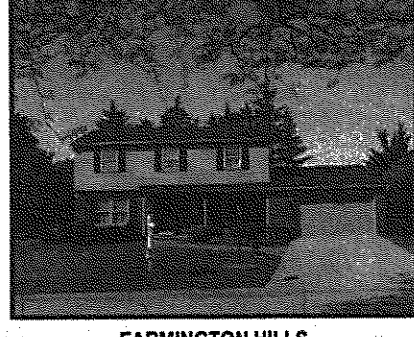
**SOUTHFIELD**

There are remarkable opportunities for a large family to move into this home. Or an investor looking for a rental property or group home. Possible option for 6 apartments, each with a bath. Extensive repairs needed.  
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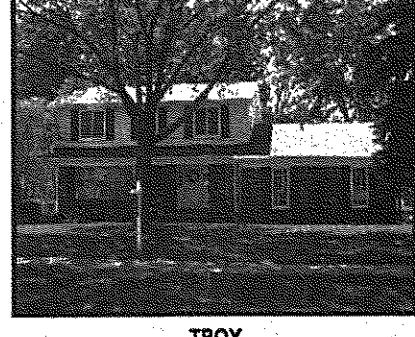
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

Condo living at its best. Stylish updates include remodeled kitchen, crown moldings, recessed lighting, hardwood floor. Features den, 1st floor laundry and walkout lower level.  
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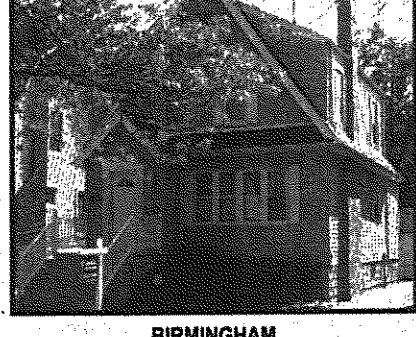
**FARMINGTON HILLS**

Many evergreens and apple trees provide a pleasant setting for this home on over a 1/2 acre of land. The home features newer bay window, master suite with large dressing area, 1st floor library and hardwood floors.  
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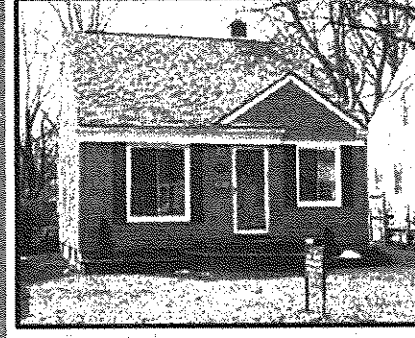
**TROY**

A true gem that is located on a beautiful lot on a quiet court in outstanding Troy Schools. Exceptionally maintained with updates that include the kitchen, baths, Andersen windows, paver patio and the deck.  
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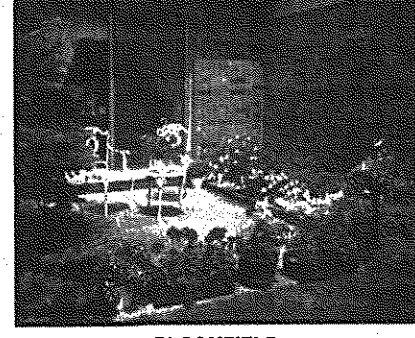
**BIRMINGHAM**

Walking distance to the downtown area, is this charming colonial. Has an updated kitchen, open living room with a lovely oak mantel over the fireplace and a large, private deck that overlooks the deep, fenced yard.  
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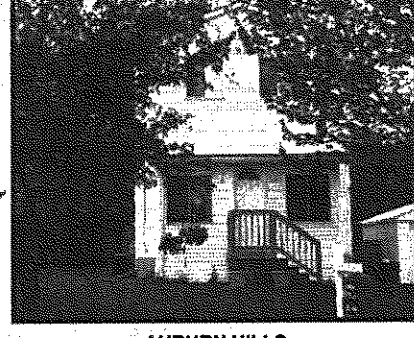
**BIRMINGHAM**

Sophisticated Birmingham home with updates galore. Newer kitchen, breakfast room, ceramic floor, oak cabinets, countertop and appliances. Newer doorwall to deck and large fenced yard.  
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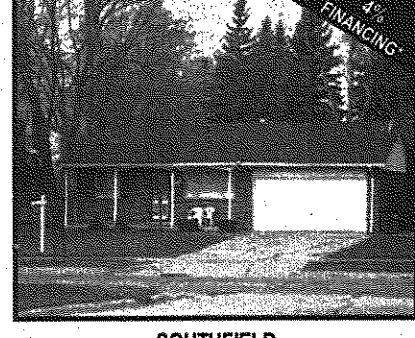
**BLOOMFIELD**

One of sixteen condominiums that is on 8 acres of land in the intimate Rolling Acres subdivision. It is charming, cozy and has been well maintained. Also has a convenient location and Bloomfield Schools.  
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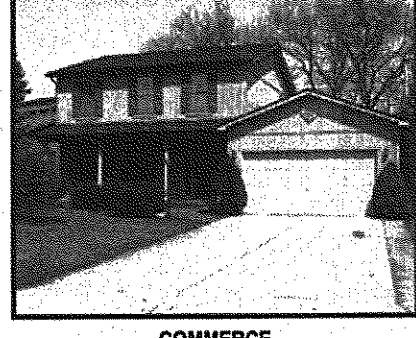
**AUBURN HILLS**

With many updates throughout, this home feels like new. Some of updates are the roof, windows, baths and the kitchen. The 1st floor master has a ceramic bath. The yard is large and fenced with a deck and hot tub.  
248-644-6300 51RO-23049994 \$184,600



**SOUTHFIELD**

This three-bedroom brick ranch home really has a lot to offer. Neutral décor, beautiful finished basement, cedar closet, freshly painted. Two car garage and fenced yard. Very well maintained.  
248-851-5500 35EV-23033736 \$179,900



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Spacious colonial on scenic wooded lot w/pond view. LR w/adjoining dining room. Fireplace in fam. room & doorwall to lg. Deck. Crown moldings, roomy bedrooms, master, ste with ceramic tiled bath. Fin. LL rec. room & home office.  
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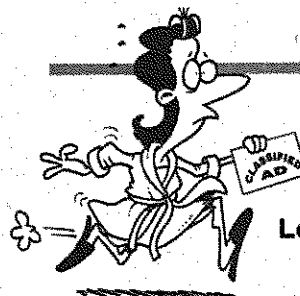
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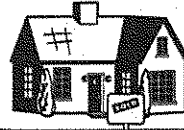
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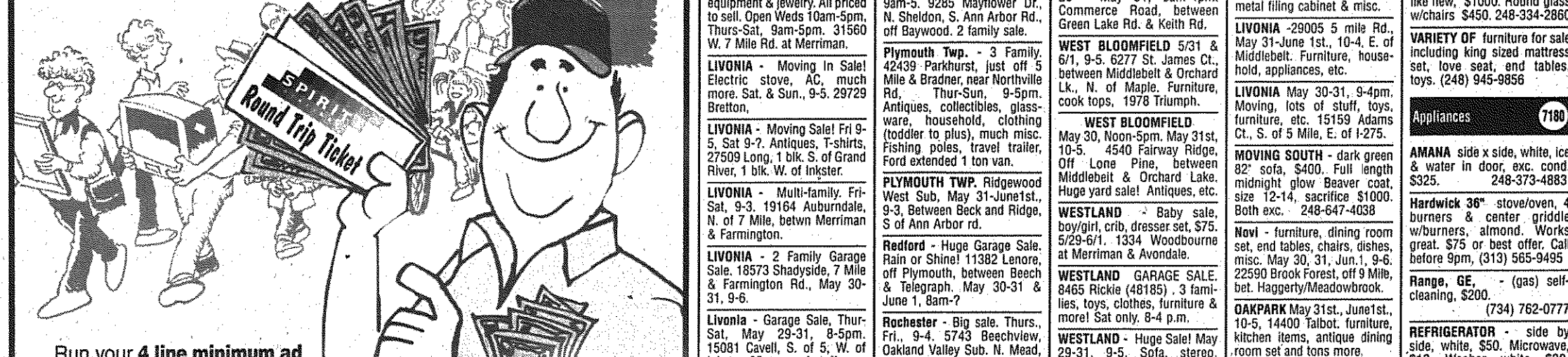
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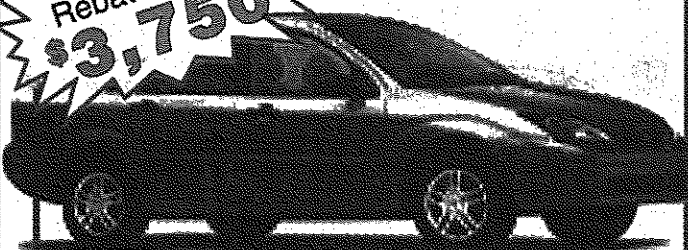
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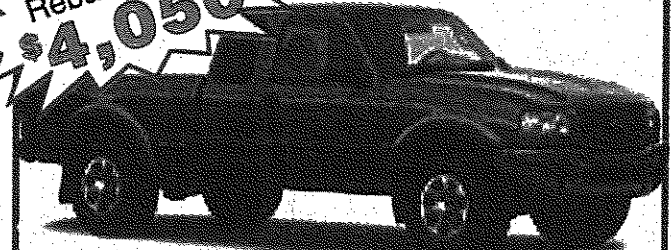
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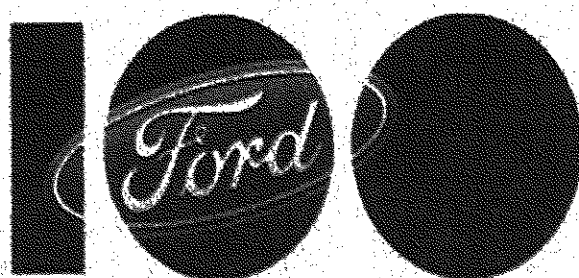
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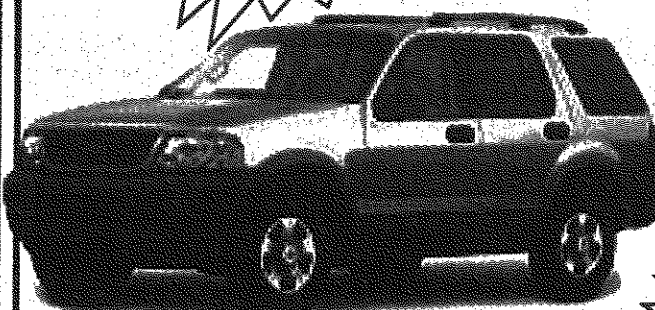
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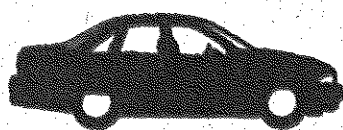
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Let's start with the premise that a car like the Ford Thunderbird is ultimately a toy, a means for having fun – and, OK, for making a statement about yourself. On those terms, the 2003 Thunderbird convertible shatters expectations and succeeds wildly. And in that case, who cares that it only has two seats and the hardtop can be balky to put back on?

The original retro version of the mid-Fifties Thunderbird debuted for the 2002 model year, and Ford has been winning hearts with it ever since. How many cars can prompt both college students who are off for the summer, and 50-ish women attending a knitting class, to absolutely clamor to be taken for a spin? Such is the broad appeal of the new Thunderbird.

Sure, it's a convertible. But this car looks different, rides different and just feels different than other two-seater convertibles, such as the Audi TT and Honda S2000. It's obviously aimed more than anyone else at aging baby boomers who may faintly remember the original T-Birds and who, these days, might be most interested in a two-seater for a Sunday drive or an appearance at the kids' soccer game. This Thunderbird isn't mainly for enacting chase scenes on hairpin turns in the mountains. In other words, unlike the original, which had to compete with the new Chevrolet Corvette in the late Fifties, this is not a sports car per se.

That isn't to slight all the performance that's under the hood, which sports a nifty working air-intake vent to help feed the 2003's 280-horsepower, 3.9 liter, 32-valve, direct-overhead-cam V8 engine – it picked up 28 horsepower over last year's model. There's just the right amount of gurgle in the engine at idle and a satisfying whine during acceleration. The powerplant works well with the five-speed automatic transmission, which features the nifty Select Shift system, allowing manual



Enjoy a Thunderbird while you still can

gearing up and down without necessitating a clutch.

Of course, its looks really define the 2003 Thunderbird. With its detachable hardtop featuring porthole windows direct from the Fifties, this roadster strikes a completely unique appearance. That continues with the unapologetically forward-weighted design, a reverse wedge with the body higher at the front fender and A-pillar than at the rear – reminiscent of the originals. Today's Thunderbird also features the unique egg-crate grille with the same three-dimensional texture of the Fifties versions. Spectacular 17-inch painted cast-aluminum wheels and distinctive smallish, round taillights complete the look.

Thunderbird's no-hassle soft top comes down and goes back up easily in under 10 seconds, operated by means of a simple overhead locking lever and a power button on the instrument panel. And you can run it through a car wash with no problem. The optional, \$2,500 hardtop is a bit different matter; two people are required to detach it and then carry it gingerly over the back of the car and away from it. Ford does, however, provide a handy wheeled rack that allows vertical storage of the hardtop and doesn't take up too much room.

Inside, Thunderbird spares few appropriate touch-

es. The instrument panel is elegant in its black-and-white simplicity, and the turquoise-colored indicator needles are worth a smile. Twelve-volt power is available up front. Directly behind the seats is a well that's just large enough for a small suitcase or big briefcase. The trunk is plenty big enough for a couple of reasonable-sized suitcases, and I appreciated the fact that the only trunk lock is toward the bottom of the inside of the driver's door. Ample safety measures include standard side airbags, and anti-lock brakes.

The rear window of the \$41,300 Premium edition that I drove is heated, and so are the front seats. The latter can even come in handy during open-top driving. While that would seem to pose a paradox – how could you want to warm your bottom and have the wind whipping your hair at the same time? – you only need to live in Michigan in May to know what I'm talking about.

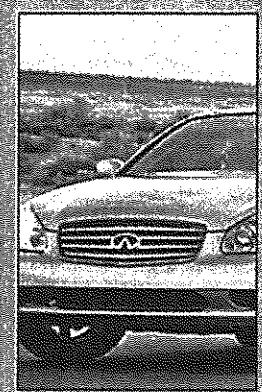
The worst aspect of the new Thunderbird is that it appears it may end up as a flash-in-the-pan. Sales levels have disappointed Ford, and the company has indicated it's going to send the vehicle back into limbo within a couple of years, at least for a while. So enjoy the old-new Thunderbird while you know you can.

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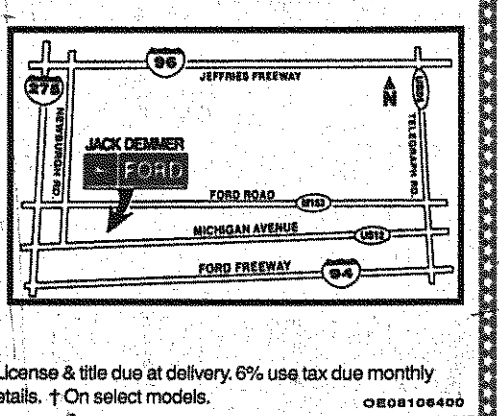
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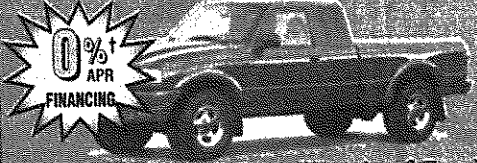


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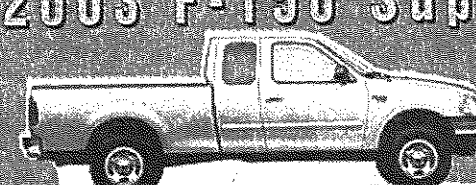
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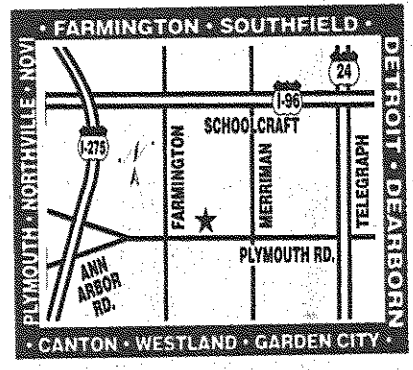
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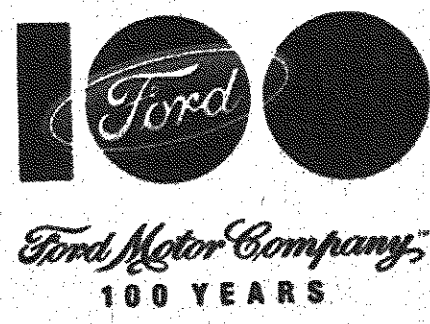
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