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Visteon selling Sheldon plant to Ford

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

From Ford to Visteon and now back to Ford. That's the journey for Visteon's Sheldon Road climate control manufacturing plant after Visteon announced it has signed a memorandum of understanding with Ford Motor Company that provides for significant structural changes to Visteon's North American manufacturing operations.

When finalized, the transaction is expected to increase Visteon's competitiveness by streamlining and improving the cost structure of its North American operations.

The agreement includes the Plymouth Township plant,

expected to be included among the other Visteon facilities to be placed in a holding company, from which Ford could sell off in the future.

Visteon's Helm Street development and technical facility is not included in the deal,

according to Visteon spokesperson Robin Pannecouck.

It is important to note there will not be any immediate change to the operation of the plant, to the employees or to any other associated workings of the facility," Pannecouck said. "It will remain open and all functions

will continue uninterrupted." Plymouth Township officials, who have kept on eye on

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Kimberly Kaloyanides Kennedy of Plymouth rehearses with pianist Robert Conway for her upcoming solo with the DSO.

Violin virtuoso

DSO solo the latest step in player's young career

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

At the age of 5, Kimberly Kennedy developed a fixation with the violin.

"When I saw a friend playing the violin, I knew I wanted to do that," said Kennedy, 29, of Plymouth, who at such an early age recognized where her career path would

Kennedy grew up in Dayton, Ohio, where her father was a

music minister and her mother a church organist. At 5, she began playing the violin in front of live audiences.

on television, and I was playing Amazing Grace by ear, even though I didn't know music," Kennedy said. "I just had a natural gift for it."

"My dad's church was broadcast

Fast forward 17 years. After hundreds of private violin lessons and four years of higher education in music at the Harid Conservatory

in Florida and the University of Michigan, Kennedy embarked on a professional music career in 1998 by auditioning for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, fresh out of college.

Auditions are performed behind a screen, with a musician's identity kept secret until the final decisions are made.

"I went there literally never having an audition before, learning the music in two weeks," Kennedy said. "They asked me things I

never practiced. I was scrambling,

and it was really obvious. "I rushed, so my rhythm was questionable, and I wasn't playing all the notes correctly," she added.

A disastrous beginning to a career, at least according to Kennedy's account.

However, DSO officials obviously thought differently, making Kennedy - at age 22 - one of the youngest members to join the

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ready for Memorial parade BY TONY BRUSCATO Despite some whispers through out the

Veterans' groups

Plymouth community the annual Memorial Day parade is on thin ice, organizers say the event is alive and well, and ready for Monday's celebration down Main Street.

"Everything is in good shape," proclaimed Frank Pawelak of American Legion Post 391. Pawelak said this year's parade — which

begins at 9:30 a.m. at Main Street and Theodore and winds up in Kellogg Park - wil be much like last year's, and include Post 391 American Legion Post 112, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America the Plymouth Township police honor guard, Plymouth Elks, Plymouth Knights of Columbus, as well as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band and several Plymouth-Canton schools.

This year's keynote speaker will be 60year-old Stew Israel of Canton Township, a member of Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780. For the past 30 years, Israel has helped the Elks develop and deliver programs that benefit veterans in the Detroit area. In fact, Lodge 1780 recently won top honors at the group's state convention for its veterans' programs, and last year received second-in-the-nation distinction.

"We collect used clothing, collect deer hides to make leather gloves for hospitalized veterans in wheel chairs, put together social programs and deliver gifts to hospitalized veterans at Christmas time," said Israel. "The whole idea of Memorial Day is to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We owe it to those who came back because they risked their lives, too. These guys risked their lives for our freedom and way of life."

Israel, who also volunteers at the Michigan Veterans Foundation in Detroit. which has 104 beds, said he will make mention of homeless vets "because we owe these guys, especially when they're down and out."

Pawelak said Deacon Vince Small of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and his wife, Jody, will be presented a Blue Star flag to hang in the window of their Farmington Hills home.

"The flag is presented to the mother of a child who is currently in the military," said Pawelak.

The Smalls' youngest son, Joseph, is serving his second tour of duty in Iraq as a communication specialist with the U.S. Army.

Pawelak said he wants to remember those who have given their lives for freedom, including those many don't readily think

"The only publicity that comes out is about the military personnel killed in Iraq," said Pawelak. "There are military people throughout the world that die, including in the U.S., and places like Bosnia, the Philippines, Afghanistan and other areas in the world."

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Crash has city scurrying to fix downtown clock

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

City officials in Plymouth are attempting to replace the second downtown icon within a year to be damaged by an accident.

Last May it was the fountain in Kellogg Park, which toppled and broke into several pieces when a contractor attempted to level it.

Monday morning, sometime after 2 a.m., police say 27-year-old Timothy Anderson of Plymouth drove his 2002 Ford Crown Victoria into the Victorian-style clock, located in the Main Street median at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail. The clock was separated from its cast aluminum stem and crashed to the street below.

"He left a Westland bar and fell

asleep at the wheel, driving directly into the clock," said Plymouth Detective Lt. Ed Ochal. "He locked the car and walked home."

Police were able to find Anderson at his Junction Street home, and cited him for reckless driving, driving with a suspended license and leaving the scene of an injury accident. He has a June hearing in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

City Manager Paul Sincock said he's been in contact with Herwig Lighting in Russellville, Ark., the manufacturer which built the clock and delivered it to Plymouth on Oct. 29, 1986.

"I brought it up there and helped install it," remembered Don Wynn, owner of Herwig Lighting. "It was

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p.m. Tuesday, June 7.

Vision seminar

Dentist's fund helps students take a bite out of college expenses

The Allen Berman DDS Scholarship Fund has chosen three local high school students to receive \$1,000 each. These are the first awards given by the Berman Scholarship Fund, which received more than 30 nomination letters from across the Plymouth-Canton area.

"The decision was not an easy one," said Berman, a Plymouth dentist. "The number of deserving students in our area is amazing. I am very proud to be able to be able to recognize these young women for their hard work."

The 2005 award recipients

Jessica Conner of Salem High School — Jessica was nominated by her mother, Mary Conner, who feels "Jessica has worked very hard to make her dreams come true ... she has a gift for working with young children."

Jessica maintains a high GPA while working more than 30 hours a week, and she volunteers in the community. It is Jessica's dream to attend Central Michigan University and earn a degree in education that will allow her to return to Plymouth and teach special education.

■ Holly Ranta of Salem High School — Holly was nominated by a pastor from her church, St. John Neumann, where she is a youth minister. Holly maintains better than a 3.8 GPA and volunteers for Children's Hospital of Michigan, the Red Cross, Special Olympics and Camp Canton. Holly's personal goal is to become a first- or secondgrade teacher.

Rachel Wheeling of Canton High School — Rachel was nominated by her mother, Patricia Wheeling, who feels that Rachel's maturity, level of

'The number of deserving students in our area is amazing. I am very proud to be able to be able to recognize these young women for their hard work.'

Allen Berman Allen Berman DDS Scholarship fund

responsibility and dedication to her education are outstanding. Rachel maintains a high GPA and dreams of attending Central Michigan University and studying physiology. She hopes one day to open her own practice.

The fund was established by Dr. Allen Berman, a Plymouth cosmetic dentist, to help local students defray some of the costs of college expenses.

As a young man growing up in Metro Detroit, Berman put himself through school, and he hopes that this assistance will help to ease some of the burden and encourage students to complete their education.

The award may be used toward enrollment fees or tuition expenses at the winner's school of choice.

Nominations were open to seniors from the three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Canton High School, Plymouth High School and Salem High School) with a GPA of 3.2 or higher, who plan to pursue a college education after completing high school. Berman's office is located at

9430 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call

(734) 453-2200.

YMCA run

Runners looking for a way to celebrate Father's Day get an excellent opportunity from the Plymouth YMCA.

The YMCA hosts its annual Father's Day Run Sunday, June 19, in downtown Plymouth. All proceeds will be used to help the Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign.

Awards go to the top three finishers in all age categories, overall male and female winner in each race and all kid participants. All registered runners get a T-shirt. Age groups and start times include Diaper Dash (0-12 months), 9 a.m.; Wee Walkers (12 months-2 years), 9 a.m.; Kid Trot (3-4 years), 7:30 a.m.; Kid Jog (5-8 years), 7:45 a.m.; one-mile walk/run, 8 a.m.; 5-k walk/run, 8:15 a.m.; 10-k walk/run, 8:45 a.m. and the MDG (Morse Dental Group) Triple at 8:45 a.m.

Packet pickup will be at the YMCA office, 248 Union, from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18, and at 6:30 a.m. on race day.

Register online at www.gaultracemanagement.co m or call the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904. Pictures by Dr. Andrew Rubenstein will be available at www.plymouthpic-

Blood drive

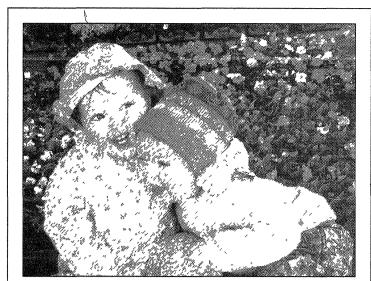
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth hosts a blood drive from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday,

LaRiche officials are recommending potential donors make appointments, which are available on the quarter-hour and can be scheduled with the dealership's switchboard oper-

The blood drive takes place in the showroom.

People in good health and at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. All donors must pass the physical and health history screening given prior to the donation.

For more information, check out the Michigan American Red Cross Web site at www.semredcross.org or call



Gone to market

Two-year-olds Ella Workman (left) and Morgan Cummings enjoyed themselves among the flowers as the annual Plymouth Farmer's Market opened recently in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. The market has expanded this year to include booths on both sides of Penniman. It's open every Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., except during Art in the Park (July 9) and Fall Festival (Sept. 10) through Oct. 29.

Garden walk

The 10th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk, sponsored by Trailwood Garden Club, takes place from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, rain or shine. Tickets will be available after June 1 from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds and

Saxton's Garden Center. Six private gardens will be open and they include many water features, including an inground pool. Participants will be able to take away many ideas from these do-able gardens. There will be complementary refreshments and a raffle at one of the gardens.

Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, has projects including plantings in downtown Plymouth, bird-feeder and planting at the Medilodge nursing home, the Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange, Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Michigan 4-H, Detroit Agricultural Network and other projects.

For additional information about the gardens, call Jeanne Hutko at (734) 459-5285.

Vacation Bible School

Trinity Presbyterian Church invites children of all faiths to Vacation Bible School Beach Blast from 9-11:45 a.m. June 20-24.

The beach fun, which includes beach games, snacks, crafts, and digging into God's Word, also includes a Family Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22. The church also offers a parent program that runs concurrently with the VBS program for parents who wish to remain on the premises with their children.

Trinity's Vacation Bible School program is free and provides a safe environment for children to learn about God's love. VBS is open to all children entering grades kindergarten-six in 2005. Trinity Presbyterian Church is located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road. For details, including registration information, please call the church at 734.459-9550.

Glass repair

AAA Michigan is partnering with Harmon Glass Doctor to bring more than 100 windshield stone chip repair events to AAA branches across the



Cheryl Terpening Frueh will provide information about common eye problems, available community services and high- and low-tech devices to enhance all aspects of daily living. Attendees will have an opportunity to try and purchase many useful items. Library staff will introduce services and resources available at the library. Advance registration is requested for this free program. To RSVP or for more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Band recruiting

The Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park Marching** Band is recruiting new members for its Fall 2005 season, which includes state and regional competitions and culminates with participation in the Bands of America Grand National Championship Finals in Indianapolis.

Auditions are not required for this award-winning, teamoriented extracurricular activity which promotes lasting friendships and allows students to earn a varsity letter and obtain physical education credit.

Participants need not be enrolled in the day band program. All students who play a musical instrument and who will be attending the Park in the fall are invited to attend the following workshops in the Plymouth High School band room and on the band practice field in front of the high school:

Monday, June 6, 5:30-8

Saturdays, June 4 and 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mini Camp, Monday through Friday, June 20-24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An orientation meeting for

interested students and their parents will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 8 in the Plymouth High School Band Room. Additional information may be obtained through the band's Web site at www.pcepbands.net or by contacting Marc Whitlock, the P-CEP director of bands, via e-mail at pcepbandman@aol.com or by calling (734) 582-5666.



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Bus driver charged in drunken driving

Irvin Hines was supposed to drive a busload of Canton Charter Academy fourthgraders on a field trip to northern Michigan early Tuesday morning. Instead, Canton police officers carted the 46year-old Detroit resident to jail after he allegedly showed up at the school drunk.

Hines was scheduled to drive one of two buses from Wilmac Tours, Inc. that was going to take about 75 students to Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes and then Mackinac Island. Canton resident Sheri Drennan, who dropped off her 11-year-old son at the academy located at Ford and Ridge roads, said Hines showed up nearly an hour late. When he did arrive around 3:45 a.m., his behavior alarmed teachers, parents and students who were preparing for the trip.

Drennan said Hines was argumentative and was throwing luggage into the bus' storage area.

When he finally showed up, he was really rude with people and acted like he didn't want to be there," she said. "He walked by me and I thought I smelled alcohol, but you think of course not. But one of the teachers also smelled it and called the police."

According to Canton Police Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, the legal blood-alcohol level for operating a commercial vehicle in Michigan is 0.04. He said when officers administered a Breathalyzer test to Hines, he registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.11, which is nearly three times the legal limit.

Hines was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in 35th District



which is a 90day misdemeanor. He pleaded not

guilty. Judge Ron Lowe set a \$500 bond, which Hines

paid Tuesday and was released. His pre-trial date is set for 8:30 a.m. on June 10 at the 35th District Court.

Willie McGee, who owns the Detroit-based Wilmac Tours, Inc., said he fired Hines immediately after hearing about the arrest. McGee said he feels badly about the incident and he even sent his own son out to drive the bus in place of Hines.

"This was the last straw for him (Hines). He had missed a couple charters in the past, but nothing this serious," McGee

According to McGee, Hines was in his second stint with Wilmac, and had worked for the company for about six months during the latest stint. Pomorski said Hines didn't

have any previous drunken driving arrests. "He had no priors," Pomorski said. "If he had, we would have

charged him as a repeat offender." Although she said it was a terrible incident, Drennan is

just glad tragedy was averted. "It was a pretty scary situation, but at least the teacher called the police and he wasn't

able to get on that bus and drive the kids. Who knows what could have happened," she said. Academy officials did not immediately return calls for this story. The students are sched-

Golf outing helps enable the disabled Fund-raiser aims at giving golfers

with disabilities a social outlet

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The folks at Cooper Standard Automotive in Novi pride themselves on doing good works for charity.

Last year, Cooper Standard chose as its charitable project

to help the National Alliance for Accessible Golf, which promotes the game of golf for disabled golfers. Thanks to a wilting economy, the company's leadership didn't feel it did its

were more than 200 people Monday most of them Cooper Standard employees, customers and suppliers teeing off for NAAG's Project GAIN, and ready to improve upon

So there

last year's fund-raising performance.

Rick St. John's, president of the

Toledo-Area Wheelchair Athletic

of his single-rider cart.

Association, said he shoots in the

mid-40s for nine holes with the help

"We pick a charity every year, and last year we didn't do (NAAG) justice," said Cooper Standard CEO Jim McElay. "If we can get our employees thinking about other people, we feel it's the right thing to

outing, and a total of \$50,000 for the project for the year, using other fund-raisers such as car washes and corporate dunk tanks.

Project GAIN (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks) is a national research and development

project funded by the United States Golf Foundation, the PGA of America Foundation and the PGA Tour. It's one of the first national programs designed to promote social inclusion through a comprehensive program of instruction and social services.

Organizers designed **Project GAIN** as a means of using golf to get people with disabilities "back into the fabric of

the community.'

"It's a great way to get them more comfortable in the community," said Gary Robb, executive director of the National Center on Accessibility at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. "Golf does a real good job of that; it's not



Mike Miles putts on the first hole of the Cooper Standard Charity Golf Outing benefitting Project GAIN at St. John's Golf & Conference Center. Playing with Miles is Cooper Standard's Vince Brochu.

about the golf, it's about developing friendships."

NAAG is two years old and has sites in Sacramento, Calif., Salt Lake City, Utah, Chicago, Toledo and Baltimore, in addition to this area.

The idea behind Project GAIN is to pair disabled golfers with mentors for six lessons from a PGA professional. In addition, the disabled golfers also take part in the other "social" aspects of the game - picking out golf equipment, watching tournaments,

The idea isn't to put great golfers out on the course - it's to develop social links.

"We're going to create some really good golfers and some who may not be good at all," Robb said. "But if they get hooked on the game, they can still get involved in the culture of the game."

Rick St. John's has developed

into one of the better golfers, stroking his drives between 175-200 yards and generally shooting in the mid-40s for nine holes. A paraplegic since suffering a spinal injury from a gunshot wound in 1976, St. John's does it all from a singlerider cart.

Before the injury, St. John's had done some caddying for his sixth-grade teacher and played a little himself. Confined to a wheelchair after the injury, a helpless St. John's could only watch his dad and two brothers head off to the links.

"You see them go out, and you're sitting in a wheelchair and you can't go, it's hard," said St. John's who is now president of the Toledo-Area Wheelchair Athletic Association. "Project GAIN is a great cause, because it gets disabled people out there in their community. It's a great situation for everybody."

uled to return to Canton today. McElay said Cooper Standard figured to raise kkuban@oe.homecomm net | (734) 459-2700 \$13,000-\$15,000 with the golf Court on a charge of operating KITCHEN TOP SHOP presents "Meganite" Solid Surface Counter Tops Starting at \$33.00 per square foot, installed, minimum of 25 square feet. Price quoted does not include State Sales Tax. colors to Choose **1000** Tear Out Additional Cost Free In-Home Estimates • Design Service Available 248.477.1515 31150 W. Eight Mile Road • Farmington Hills







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Canton leads in building permits

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

New condominium and apartment developments in Canton helped make Canton Township a leader last year in total number of building permits issued in Wayne County.

Wayne County led the sevencounty Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' region with 5,858 permits issued.

In Wayne County, Canton led the way with 1,067 new residential building permits in 2004, according to the SEMCOG's annual report, which documents new residential construction in the southeast region by community.

"It sounds so big I have a hard time seeing where it all is," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, adding that the new projects are spread throughout the township. "This last year we've seen a tremendous number of apartments and condos."

Two-thirds of the new residential development in Canton was in condominium form, many along the Geddes Road corridor. Multiple-family permits totaled 600 in 2004. The Uptown apartment development in Cherry Hill Village contributed 150 units.

"They're being well received in Canton," Yack said of the new homes.

Looking at this year, it looks as though single-family homes will be the big contributor to new building permits.

"It's hard to tell what this year will bring," Yack said. "Probably more single-family homes."

Yack said lower interest rates, Canton's central location, wide choices of housing stock and recreation programs are just some of the reasons it has been the place to build.

The school district is apparently another attractive factor, with a majority of Canton children attending Plymouth-Canton schools. This means school officials need to continually keep their eyes open.

'We're watching all these developments and our question is when will these be done and where do we place the children once they're done," said Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton superintendent.

Each new student coming into the district generates \$7,025 in per-pupil funding.

Plans are in the works to build a new elementary school as part of a \$109 million school bond passed last year. Groundbreaking has already taken place at the new site, on

Cherry Hill at Denton. Here is a roundup of some of

SEMCOG's data: In Southeast Michigan last year, 25,362 new residential permits were issued, the largest number since 1998. This marked an 8 percent

increase over 2003 figures. Oakland County was close behind Wayne County for the second time in two years, with 6,434 new units. Macomb County was third with 5.401 units. Wayne County housing activity represented 25 percent of all new housing within the seven-county regions.

Within the region, singlefamily homes accounted for 60 percent of new units, townhouses and condominiums 27 percent and multi-family units 10 percent. In Wayne County, those figures were 52 percent, 32 percent and 14 percent respectively.

Macomb Township in Macomb County (1,086 units) and Canton Township in Wayne County (1,067 units) were the top two communities for total units permitted. The city of Detroit was third for the second consecutive year with 925 new units. Detroit was also the region's leader in demolitions with 2,662 or 66 percent of the region's total.

Program targets auto theft

Officers and investigators from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and 30 other police agencies throughout Metro Detroit have launched a fight against auto theft. Last week, more than 200 officers have been rounding up dozens of suspected car thieves, gathering intelligence and raiding suspected chop shops, Sheriff Warren Evans said Friday.

The four-day sweep, called Operation ACTION (Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods), is part of a new effort to disrupt the local auto theft industry, which has caused a recent spike in reported stolen

cars in the area. According to the **Auto Theft Prevention Authority** of Michigan, car thefts in 2004 were up 31 percent in Macomb County, 23 percent in Oakland and 10 percent in Wayne. Evans has teamed up with offi-

cials from Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties, as well as the Detroit Police and other Wayne County police departments for a massive arrest and intelligence-gathering sweep. During the first three days of the operation, officers picked up 113 suspects who had active warrants for their arrest, recovered 30 stolen vehicles and executed four search warrants.

Rather than just cart suspects directly to jail, however, officers took them to debriefing centers located throughout the region. While there, the suspects were questioned by auto theft investigators and assistant prosecutors who often were successful in obtaining additional information regarding the location of stolen vehicles, other car thieves and active chop shops.

Operation ACTION is one component to a much larger effort to revolutionize how the law enforcement community, especially in Wayne County, deal with car thieves.



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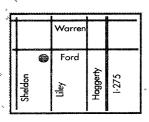
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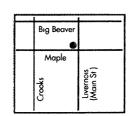
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the troubled auto parts supplier, are glad Ford is stepping

"It's great to hear. Ford is bringing them back in to keep the viability to their company," township Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "They need the people who work there to produce their cars. It's an integral part of Ford Motor Company, and Ford needs them to do their business."

The deal doesn't change much, at least initially, for Visteon's union employees, most of whom are Ford employees leased to Visteon. Rose Grzeskowiak, recording secretary for UAW Local 845, said the union's contract lasts just over another year, which means Ford won't be able to resell the company until at least that point.

"Right now with the market going down, nobody is doing all that well (financially)," Grzeskowiak said. "Last year we made a profit, and if things turn around, we should be right back on track. I wouldn't be surprised if Ford turns around and sells some of the companies (but) we were leased employees to Visteon, so we'll be leased employees to someone else if Ford decides to sell them in the future."

Going forward, a smaller, leaner Visteon will focus its engineering and capital resources on products that have been generating significant new business with major vehicle manufacturers -- interiors, climate control and electronics, including lighting. Visteon has significant global scale in these products and

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Rose Grzeskowiak UAW Local 845

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intends to strengthen its position through a more focused investment in capital, people and technology.

"The completion of this transaction will be a significant step forward for Visteon. We will now have the opportunity to appropriately size our operations on a global basis," said Johnston. "This positions us to achieve our vision of being a world-class automotive supplier. In every aspect of our business, we're strengthening Visteon as a global competitor. However, we will need to take significant additional restructuring actions over the next several years to bring our vision to full fruition."

Key aspects of the proposed agreement include:

■ Transfer of manufacturing facilities and other locations listed below and certain associated assets, including machinery, equipment, tooling, inventory, purchase and supply contracts, and prepaid assets to a separate entity that will be acquired by Ford. Following the closing of the transaction, Visteon will not have any ownership of this new entity.

■ Termination of the current leasing arrangements for approximately 17,400 Ford-UAW employees.

■ Relief of Visteon's

remaining liability, including about \$1.5 billion of previously deferred gains, related to Ford-UAW post-retirement health care and life insurance benefit obligations (OPEB) for former assigned employees and retirees and certain salaried retirees, totaling about \$2 billion.

■ Transfer of all assets in the Visteon Corporation UAW Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) to the Ford-UAW

Ford would agree to reimburse up to \$550 million of further restructuring actions by Visteon.

■ Payment of transferred inventory based on net book value at the time of closing.

■ Upon the signing of the definitive agreement, Ford will provide a secured loan of \$250 million to refinance Visteon's public notes due August 1, 2005. Visteon will repay the loan when the transaction is closed.

■ Visteon will issue to Ford warrants to purchase 25 million shares of Visteon stock at an exercise price of \$6.90 per share. Under the proposed arrangement, Visteon will also provide transition services, such as information technology, human resources and accounting support to facilitate the operations of the Ford-managed legal entity.

Grzeskowiak said she's confident the bargaining team made a good deal.

"I have complete faith in the negotiating team that they keep our best interests in mind," she said. "Whatever decision they make on whether the plant is sold, they're going to try to do what they can that will be the best for the membership.

Pamper Dad in Livonia, visit renovated strip mall in Westland

DAD'S DAY AT THE MALL

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will celebrate Father's Day throughout the store next month. Bring Dad into Parisian between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, to enjoy spa treatments by Zihr, or sample a wide variety of men's fragrances, or to enjoy special events in the men's department featuring designers Tommy Bahama, Polo and Claiborne.

Shoppers who bring in an old tie to donate can purchase a new one at 20 percent off. This will exclude Robert Talbot ties, but the offer is available June 10-12.

The family-friendly shopping event set for June 11 will also include art stations where children can decorate an original Father's Day card. And youngsters under 12 will receive a free gift from Parisian when making Father's Day purchases.

Popcorn and appetizers from Laurel Park's Max & Erma's Restaurant will be available throughout the day.

Make sure Dad registers-towin one of the many prizes available on Father's Day. Those prizes include gift certificates for the following: St. Johns Golf Course in Plymouth: Oasis Golf Center driving range in Plymouth; Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia; Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills; Northville Car Wash and Top of the Cone in Plymouth; Northville Oil

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ing an appointment for the Zihr spa, available between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 11, should reserve a space by calling (734) 953-7503. Parisian is located at 17625 Newburgh Road just north of Six Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 953-7500.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Westland residents have probably noticed the improvements made recently to a plaza at the corner of Merriman and Palmer roads. Owners of a strip mall which is home to the Sak N' Save grocery store, at 1647 Merriman, and a Dollar General store recently expanded the building and improved its surroundings with fresh landscaping.

Najah Gasso, a Keego Harbor resident, owns Merriman Inc. in Southfield and the strip mall is one of his properties.

"We've owned it for six years," he said. "We've always had good tenants." When the CVS Pharmacy moved out of the plaza about four years ago, Gasso brought

in Dollar General and the Smoker's Shop, which have kept business moving. About eight months ago, he decided to begin work on the property. He has added onto

the existing buildings, put up a brick wall and landscaped the area. Since then, a new tenant - Allied Cash - has opened for business. Out of the 34,000 square feet in the plaza, there is still

some available for prospective business owners. Gasso said he has 3,200 square feet open, which can be used in whole, or divided into two separate Gasso said his property has

"lots of frontage and good exposure." It's a neighborhood plaza with a diverse group of businesses, services and restaurants.

"The renovation looks very nice," he said. "All the tenants are pretty happy. (The businesses) employ a lot of peo-

For more information on the space still available, contact Bob Richardson at (248) 855-1221.

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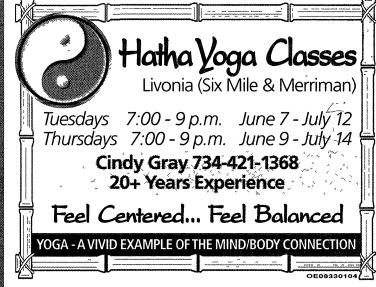
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As the weather improves, 'start working on the outside of your home. Clean out, repair and paint your gutters and stain your decks. Hire a gardener to trim, mow, weed and fertilize as soon as the first robin appears in your yard. Wash windows and chase away cobwebs.

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Sharing Spartan memories

Bishop Borgess welcomes students, alumni to farewell picnic June 12

BY M.B. DILLON CORRESPONDENT

For 39 successful years, Bishop Borgess High School and Academy educated young people, committed to "changing the world, one student at a time." On Sunday, June 12, the Redford Catholic school will welcome its 200 students, 13,000-plus graduates, faculty and their families one last time

to say goodbye. The Bishop Borgess Alumni Association will host a free farewell picnic from 1-6 p.m. at the school at 11685 Appleton at Plymouth Road. In March, Detroit Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida announced that Borgess is among 15 schools closing at the end of the school year due to low enrollment and increasing

The picnic will be fun for all ages, according to Maria Staten Bobo, a 1991 graduate and school board member. "It'll be like a big pep rally, with everyone coming together to share memories. We will have face painting, clowns, music and a special farewell

ceremony at 3 p.m."

"We are going to acknowledge teachers, past and present," she said. "Four or five alumni have been selected to speak. They're going to share their experiences of Borgess and what it has meant to them."

"We'll have speakers to highlight each of the eras at Borgess, and a guest speaker for the farewell ceremony honoring the teachers and alumni," said Janice Slomba-Koss, Class of 1978, who is helping with the picnic. "So far, more than 250 people have RSVP'd. We'll have food, and games for the kids. The classrooms will be open, so the memories will still be there."

For reservations (which are requested and encouraged) and more information, call (313) 624-8447 or visit www.borgessalumni.com.

Organizers are asking for help tracking down alumni and letting them know about the picnic, according to 1978 graduate Dominic Sabatini one of nine Sabatini children, eight of whom attended Bishop Borgess.

All help is welcome.

Donations of time, food, Tshirts and party supplies - not excluding hotdog stands and moonwalks - are gladly accepted, he said.

A memory booklet is in the making. Camera-ready ads and sponsorship packages will be accepted through Saturday, May 28. Options start with \$15 and \$25 listings for patrons and business cards, extending to \$500 gold sponsorships which will include two fullpage booklet ads; a year-long listing and logo on the Borgess alumni Web site; signs and acknowledgment at the farewell picnic; and special recognition as a gold sponsor at the farewell ceremony. More information is available at the Web site. Electronic ads may be e-mailed to BorgessAlumni@aol.com. Proceeds will offset costs of the memory books and the picnic.

Dozens have signed the online guestbook: Russ Duff, who graduated in 1978, left this message: "Hate to see such a great place close. My heart dropped when I read the

Linda Zelle, a 1979 graduate, had this to say: "Ahhh. The memories! The back commons, Mr. Brisky... 'You're late AGAIN, Zelle?' Ms. Shreve: 'What a big voice for a little

person!' Sister Anne: 'Sit DOWN!' Backwards Day. Mirza Beg: 'It's a wertical line.' Sister Kathleen: 'Como Esta?' The gymnastics team....we shared mats with the wrestlers. Eeewww. Ha ha! I hope to see a lot of familiar faces on the 12th! Go Spartans!

Leonard Sabatini, Class of '70, asked, "Who can ever forget Father Dunn, our religion teacher and Bible scholar in 1967-69 who always had a famous poem to recite to us at the start of class? He was wounded serving our country and one leg was slightly shorter than the other because of the injury. I wonder if he is still reciting poetry from the pulpit?"

"Sister Karen, our honors math teacher, and all the Felician nuns who helped Borgess grow. The Dominican order was the main order of Borgess religious, but we also owe a great deal to the Felician order too," said Sabatini.

The late, beloved Rev. Thomas McAnoy was principal at Borgess. "Father Mac was a great man, leader, pastor and friend," Sabatini said. "He said Mass each morning in the chapel for some of us who

came extra early to school." Tina Brama Buscemi, who graduated in 1980, remarked: "With the dwindling enrollment and the closing of the feeder schools, this seemed likely to happen. But the years spent there were the best! I hope that I will be able to send my kids (Tori, 5, and Tony 2 1/2), to a co-ed Catholic high school (fingers crossed).'

In the 1970s, Bishop Borgess was Michigan's largest Catholic high school, with nearly 2,000 students. Some highlights include:

■ Last year, NASA selected Borgess fourth- and fifthgraders - along with students from 18 other schools from across the nation - to participate in an experimental launch at the National Scientific Balloon Facility at Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

■ Bishop Borgess teacher Ronald Ferenczi won the **Outstanding Science Educator** Award bestowed by the Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association in 2004. Jerry Abraham, '70, a leg-

endary volleyball coach at Madonna University, was named to the NAIA Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame. Abraham's teams racked up numerous titles at Borgess.

■ In 1995, the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers drafted Shawn Respert, a 1990 graduate who starred at Borgess and Michigan State University.

Both Maxann Reese, '95, and Aiysha Smith, '97, were named Miss Basketball by the Basketball Coaches' Association of Michigan. Reese was drafted by the Portland Fire in the 2000 WNBA draft; Smith by the Washington Mystics in the 2003 draft.

Gerald Sabatini of Plymouth, a 1971 Borgess alum, can't help but see symbolism in the fact that the day his alma mater closes, his son graduates from high school in Canton. "I view the farewell as a final chapter of my youth, and the graduation as the beginning adulthood for my son," said Sabatini, who chairs the Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals.

"Carl Sagan once said that 'When compared to the realm of time in the universe, our life on earth is only as lasting as the time it takes a snowflake to fall to earth," Sabatini added. "May we descend gently through the ages, and remember that for one moment of our journey, we were united as young men and women of Bishop Borgess. Long live the memories of our alma mater, and thank you to the faculty, parents and coaches who were dedicated to providing for us a Catholic education and a Spartan tradition."

CLOCK

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the first clock we built of that style."

The clock — which cost \$16,600 -was donated to the city by Harold and Geneva Guenther in memory of their son, Peter. A number of people contributed toward the cost of the clock. Wynn said the same clock today costs \$21,500. However, he's confident the original can be repaired.

"We repair things all the time, that's the advantage of cast aluminum," said Wynn. "We repair every piece except the clock motors. It would probably cost about half to repair."

Sincock said he's sent photos of the damaged clock to Wynn. And, as with the fountain, city officials will have to figure out who will pay for the damage. Police say Anderson didn't have insurance, and Sincock is

investigating several options. As for the fountain, the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is

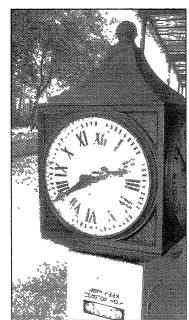


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An early morning accident took out this clock that stood in the median at Ann Arbor Trail and Main in downtown Plymouth. City officials now have to figure out how to pay to have it fixed.

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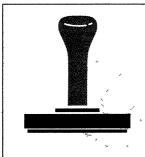
DEATHS

Irene E. "Sandy" Malec, 73, of Brighton, formerly of Troy, died May 20.

Maria Mehmetaj, 92, of Birmingham, died May 22. Richard W. (Dick) Mozier, 79, of Livonia, died May 21.

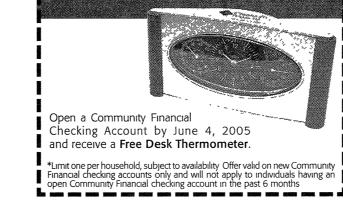
Sister Mary Judith Rapin, RSM, 87, of Farmington Hills, died May

Alma M. Riess, 86, of South Lyon, died May 31.



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Welcome aboard - again

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. James Ryan congratulates school board member Tom Wysocki after Wysocki was sworn in for his second term on the Board of Education Tuesday. Wysocki won re-election easily and is interested in serving as board president this year.

VIOLIN

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Stephen Millen, DSO vice president and general manager, admits it's somewhat unusual to secure a major symphony position at such a young

"Kim is technically an immaculate player," Millen said. "Musically, she is a very soulful player, which you don't see often in a player so young."

Last year, Kennedy was named associate concertmaster. And, on Saturday at Orchestra Hall's Max M. Fisher Music Center, Kennedy will be featured as violin soloist at the season finale of the Young People's Concert Series, performing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5, nicknamed the "Turkish.'

"The pressure of the auditions (to reach second chair) helped me mature, and my character toughened a bit," she said. "You need to be tough to sit up there because you're under a lot of pressure. Plus you're right under the conductor's nose.

Staying at the top of her profession isn't an easy task, practicing with the DSO for up to five hours a day, and then going home to practice for several hours more. Then there are concerts Thursday through Sunday, sometimes two in one

Kennedy admits it's easy to get into a mindset of being a music machine with so much practice and concert time in her busy schedule. However, spending time with her husband, Bryan — who plays French horn with the DSO and her 2-year-old son, Ethan, help keep her balanced. It's not unusual to see her pushing Ethan's stroller down Main Street with their two dogs to have some quality time.

Because both she and her

husband work the same hours, there are plenty of baby-sitters needed, even when practicing

at home. "Ideally, I practice two hours a day at home, and I need to have a baby sitter to practice," said Kennedy. "Ethan likes to throw things at me to get my undivided attention.

Bryan Kennedy said there are advantages to working at the same profession with Kim.

"After a concert we can immediately get feedback from each other," he said. "But while most people work to make sure they have enough time together, Kim and I work on making some individual time."

Bryan believes Kim's career is just starting to take off.

"She just got the associate concertmaster job, so she's more visible," he said. "And now that people hear her play and they hear how fantastic she sounds, they're going to have her play more solos and be featured more."

Some of Kimberly Kennedy's

chill time is spent listening to contemporary Christian music, and playing with the worship groups at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township. Last week, she helped record a Christian music CD produced by NorthRidge, including a violin solo.

"Every time she plays a solo here everyone stands, so inspired by what God is doing through her," said Paul Black, music and worship pastor. "She knows where her gift comes from, and it's her offering back to God."

Kennedy truly believes she was given a talent, and that it's her obligation to use it to inspire people, especially young people, who are the

future supporters of the arts. "I just never questioned that playing the violin was something I was going to do," she

"I believe God has given me the talent, and he wanted me to become the best that I could

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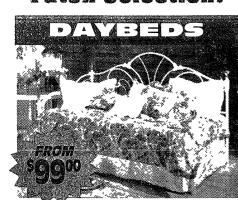
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OUR VIEWS

Committee work gets short shrift

When the Plymouth-Canton School District's Housing Committee made its recommendations a few weeks ago for how to deal with overcrowding at Bird Elementary, parents chastised the committee for turning a deaf ear to

Now, the Board of Education has essentially done the same thing to the Housing Committee. Of course, the board is now responding to a small but vocal group of parents, so maybe this whole thing is coming full circle.

The whole thing started when the district realized it was going to have a problem housing all its students at Bird next year. The Housing Committee was formed to look at options for moving more than 50 students next

Meetings were held and options were studied, and eventually the recommendation came from the Housing Committee to bus several dozen students — mostly from the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions in Plymouth Township — to Farrand Elementary.

This, of course, resulted in a very vocal outcry from parents of those children, who have siblings at Bird or friendships that would be disrupted. The recommendation was then adjusted to allow siblings to remain at Bird.

That wasn't enough to appease parents, who felt they'd been ignored by the committee. Apparently, they were loud enough to draw the attention of Supt. James Ryan and some school board members, who couldn't move fast enough to put together a compromise: They will look for 52 volunteers among the incoming kindergarten class. If they get them, no other students will need to be moved.

Ryan feels comfortable he'll find the 52 volunteers, and the board reached a consensus to allow him to move ahead, proving again elected officials know where their bread is buttered — and it's not the Housing Committee wielding the knife.

No one should be surprised school board members listened to more than 50 registered voters — except maybe the members of the Housing Committee, who put in hour upon hour of volunteer time to craft a strategy that would have been a longer-term solution to the problem.

The volunteer kindergartner plan is at best a shortterm fix. While bowing to pressure put on by parents who undoubtedly deserved to be heard — board members gave short shrift to the effort put in by their own Housing

That could prove to have a negative effect the next time the board, which faces any number of tough issues, wants to use a committee to study one.

On Memorial Day, we honor noble sacrifice

The recent deaths of Capt. Stephen Frank, whose parents live in Farmington Hills, and Capt. Ralph J. Harting III, who went to high school in West Bloomfield, are reminders of the sacrifices being made around the world in service to the United States.

Since shortly after the Civil War, this nation has set aside a day in May to remember those who, in the words of President Lincoln, "gave the last full measure of devotion" for this country and the principles for which it stands and which have long set it apart as a beacon of freedom for the world.

We are now engaged in a controversial conflict in Iraq. The political debates over the initiation and prosecution of that war and an ongoing war against terrorism are a reflection of the freedoms we most cherish. But political differences aside, we must acknowledge the service and sacrifice of those who step forward to defend this country.

The military is sent into conflict by political leaders. They carry out the orders they are given, most honorably and within the accepted conventions of armed conflict. All accept the possibility that they may be killed in the

For these reasons they deserve our respect, whether we agree with the political decisions that put them in harm's

For many, Memorial Day has become merely the kickoff for summer, a holiday of cookouts and family gatherings, a weekend to air out the cottage.

But this year, especially, we need to take the time to reflect on the true meaning of this significant day. It is a good time to put aside political differences and understand the special valor of soldiers who serve in a free society.

This service is what we must honor on Memorial Day, because this represents the best of what this country means to the world.



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Need fair judges

Results of recent polls show the popularity of President Bush at an all-time low. Yet the push for his policies and nominations is escalating. Doesn't his disapproval rating tell our representatives in Washington anything? Apparently mainstream America believes the courts should do what they were designed to do, i.e.: Terri Schiavo. Bush and Congress should stay in their

This is exactly why judges appointed to the bench for life need to be nonpartisan, fair, open-minded, middle of the road, people of character. Appointments to the bench should not be party favors or favorites; they should be approved by a true majority in Congress, so as to represent the common good. The rich and powerful have enough influence, they don't need control of our courts as well.

Over 95 percent of the judges President Bush nominated were approved, demonstrating how untrue accusations by the ultra-conservatives are, that the liberals aren't playing fair, because they will not approve 5 percent of the judges originally nominated. Even if Bush really did have a mandate, does this mean he should get 100 percent of all his appointments and policies? This sounds more like dictatorship than democracy.

Now the "ultra" group of Congress wants to change the rules because they didn't get it 100 percent their way. They propose to change the checks and balance system which has operated our government for more than 200 years. I urge all Americans, before we lose any more of our rights, to tell Congress to protect the filibuster. Allow the Senate to debate controversial issues. How else can democracy work?

Carolyn Maxwell Plymouth

Questioning the war

You've got a lot of guts ... bet you've been barraged with hate mail for being so "Un-American" (re: Kurt Kuban's May 15 column "Vietnam lessons merit heeding"). Are they calling you "Unpatriotic"? You love our country, I bet, but hate to see how the rest of the world views us as they view George W.; an arrogant bunch who push their agendas through no matter what anyone else thinks. And we get cast into that lot with him. Great. And he won't change his mind or admit any wrong-doing. To do so or to consider anyone else's opinion is weakness? In the old days that was called wisdom.

Are they calling you "unsupportive of our troops"? This one has me baffled. If we didn't care about our troops, would we get so worked up that they are getting slaughtered for no good reason? Of course we support our troops, each one of them individually. We love them and do not want to see them die, especially for no good reason.

Are they saying "You don't understand why we're there?" Join the throngs from around the world ... those of us who don't follow our leaders blindly but give our respect to those who earn it. What are his true motivations for this war? We

already know the lies, which everyone seems so willing to gloss over and excuse, but is it just me being cynical or is it a coincidence that gas prices have risen so much due to this conflict, and those who stand to benefit most from high oil prices in this country are wealthy men from George W.'s state.

What troubles me most about this whole scenario is that the Christian right supports George W. so vehemently and violently. I am a Christian who tries to do what Jesus would have done. Would He support this war? Would He support any war? I think Our Lord expects us to use our mind and the conscience He gave us. I'm glad you did and bravely wrote your column. I hope mine is not the only letter in support of you!

Sandy Kline

Plymouth

The Plymouth post office would like to hank the people in the Plymouth community who left food for their carriers to pick up for the 13th nationwide food drive May 14.

Food drive thanks

Because of your support the Plymouth community collected over 30,000 pounds of food for the Salvation Army to help feed our children and seniors during the summer months.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their generosity during the food drive: Absopure, Burger King (Five Mile), McDonald's (Beck), Hiller's, Busch's, Tim Horton's, Frito Lay, Einstein Bagel (Ann Arbor Road), Joe's Subway, Papa Romano's, Mr. Pita, Quizno's, Jimmy John's, Steve's Family Dining, Leo's, Russ' and Domino's Pizza (Five Mile).

Thanks again.

Barb Mitchell

Plymouth Food Drive coordinator

Why repeat ourselves?

The column written by Kurt Kuban ("Vietnam lessons merit heeding," May 15) is so well-written — it should be written in large print in every newspaper and read slowly and thoughtfully, especially by those who think we are being saviors in Iraq.

Mr. Kuban tells sincerely and truthfully why we should all have recoiled in anger - and horror at getting into another foreign war.

I lived through World War II in London, England, as a child and into teen age, and when the war ended we left as a family — with a suitcase each and came to Canada. We had been bombed out three times. There are no winners in war except the owners of firearms and war weapons factories. Seventeen members of our family came home wounded - R.A.F., 51st Highlanders and naval

Mr. Kuban writes about how we fought a war in Vietnam with horrifying losses horribly injured vets, drug problems, soldiers with terrible nightmares and disillusions. Why are we repeating our-

This war is a shocking, dreadful, frightening mess. How are we going to withdraw our troops before more die, or

are injured? It is a perplexing puzzlement that I hope President Bush has a solution for — and soon.

Helen Ermete Livonia

Illegals hurt state

Allowing illegal immigrants to enter our country is causing a perversion of our representative democracy, which directly hurts Michigan.

How is that so? Because, amazingly, illegal immigrants are counted right along with legal inhabitants at each national census. That census, the last one being in 2000, determines the number of congressional representatives each state is apportioned for the following 10

As a result, the millions of illegals living in California and Texas gave California three additional representatives it otherwise would not have been given after the 2000 census, and after the 1990 census gave California two additional representatives and Texas one.

Since the number of representatives in Congress is fixed at 435, the representatives that California and Texas gained were seized from other states. Michigan was one of the victims.

Michigan now has only 15 representatives; in 1980 we had 18 representatives. California now has 53 representatives and Texas 32 - huge blocks of congressional power. Allowing states to gain power in congress on the basis of illegals makes a perversion of our representative

Loss of representation hurts Michigan in reversing the loss of good jobs, getting a fairer share of funds to maintain and improve our highways, protecting the water of our Great Lakes, etc.

If the Southern border isn't made fully secure by citizens contacting their representatives, senators and president to insist and keep insisting that they be 100 percent proactive against illegal immigration, then perversion caused by illegals will get worse and Michigan will be further weakened.

Our senators are Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. Contact them to help our state and ourselves

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"The pay increases are on par with other districts our size ... However, if you compare our wages to the rest of the tricounty area, we're probably in the bottom half."

- Chuck Portelli, PCEA president, on the raise negotiated between teachers and the school district

Strengthening nonprofits will help us all in long run

onprofit organizations play an enormous role in our state, although most are relatively little known. But they're influential, growing rapidly and getting more and more important all the time.

We all are familiar with some high-visibility nonprofits: Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, the Detroit Opera House (home of Michigan Opera Theatre), United Way, Focus: HOPE and The Henry Ford are good examples.

But there are also lots of smaller, local not-forprofit organizations scattered all over Michigan. Some are well-funded; some are hanging on by

> their fingernails. Nearly all are doing the best they can to make things better for all Michigan residents. These days, governments at all levels are generally doing less, and so our nonprofits have to do more.

That means shrewd and intelligent leadership is crucial. Virtually all nonprofits have boards of directors which set overall policy and hire and oversee management. And as anybody with any experience in business knows, the quality of the board

can make or break any enterprise. You have a bad board, you get a crummy organization — and, eventually, you may even

have a company that is going out of business. For nonprofits, putting together a good board is particularly tricky, since members usually don't get paid for donating their time. That makes it particularly hard for small, struggling and littleknown nonprofit companies to recruit the right people for their board of directors. How do they do it?

Now, for the first time, there is an outfit designed to help them: Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW). Started back in 1993, the Ann Arbor-based agency has developed into an effective incubator for nonprofit organizations.

Since 2000, it has also operated a program called BoardConnect that provides training for members of nonprofit boards. Through it, NEW has trained 613 candidates in the fine points of governing a nonprofit. By the way, a fifth of those were already serving on a board somewhere; 60 percent were entirely new to board service. And BoardConnect also operates a matchmaking service for nonprofits, matching up those who want to employ their time and expertise with boards that need them. To date, the matching part of the program has placed 166 candidates in board seats.

According to Susan Katz Froning, president of NEW, the idea behind BoardConnect is to "strengthen nonprofit board leadership through training in board responsibilities and effective recruitment practices." NEW's idea is to relieve pressure on the board

and administrative staff, and to instead allow them to focus more of their time on other issues involved with running a not-for-profit enterprise.

Many observers think BoardConnect is among the best programs of its sort in the country, which is why the folks at NEW have been approached repeatedly over the years about expanding the program to serve communities elsewhere in Michigan.

That's now happening. NEW and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce are in the midst of developing a partnership to provide BoardConnect services to communities throughout southeastern Michigan. I figure there will be a formal announcement made at this weekend's Detroit Chamber conference on Mackinac Island.

One sign of how much this is needed: NEW has also been invited by a variety of metropolitan area foundations to apply for funding to make this happen.

The program will also be offered to communities outside the Detroit area. According to Froning, early discussions are under way with groups in Traverse City, Marquette, Lansing and Jackson. Overall, the vision is for BoardConnect to become Michigan's premier source for nonprofit board training by 2010.

That's a worthy goal. Many, perhaps most, readers of this column have worked with local nonprofit organizations. Some have served on their boards. Anyone who has done any of those things ought to agree that increasing the quality, capability and professionalism of nonprofit boards could vastly improve their effectiveness and thereby boost the quality of life of people throughout Michigan.

The BoardConnect expansion now being planned is an encouraging step in the right direction. So let's keep marching!

Incidentally, if you want a quick snapshot of how large the nonprofit sector in our state has grown, as of last year, Michigan was home to:

Mark No fewer than 41,000 nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, of which 21,000 were public charities. There were nearly 3,300 in Oakland County; 5,100 in Wayne County; 1,200 in Ingham County; and 250 in Livingston County.

All told, they directly employed more than 315,000 people.

They held assets valued at more than \$80 billion and received more than \$44 billion in revenue. Collectively, they grew almost half again as fast as the Michigan economy as a whole.

Which makes it that much more crucial that they get the best leaders they possibly can.

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Watching news makes it tough to believe children will be safe

spent the weekend the way most fathers would love to spend a weekend, I think.

I took my 14-year-old to a wrestling tournament in Battle Creek, then watched my 6and 8-year-olds play soccer Saturday. On Sunday, I did a little bit of work outside, mowing the front lawn, then doing a couple of fixup things around the house. Then my three sons and I went to see Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith.

Andrew (the 6-year-old) lost a tooth, for which the Tooth Fairy left him \$5. Robert (the 8-year-old) gave me lessons in the prop-

er use of a light saber. Marcus (the 14-year-old) went two-and-out at the wrestling tournament, but is doing better and better in school.

The boys took a shower Sunday morning, and Andrew walked down the hallway with his arms in the air, screaming, "It's torture, it's torture," because he hates getting his hair wet in the shower. He doesn't mind getting his hair wet

swimming in a pool all day long, so we can't figure it out, but that's OK. He's 6.

I put them to bed at night, and they each get a kiss, a hug, an "Eskimo" kiss and a squash (where Dad lays on them and screams 'Squuuaaassshhhh!!). I don't try that with the 14-year-old because, well, he's 14. He hates it when I try to hug him after he wins a match; I'm pretty sure he'd decline the

A few times during the night, I open their bedroom door and look at them for a few minutes, wondering what they're dreaming about, hoping one of them scores a touchdown in the Super Bowl or hits a home run in the World Series, praying I can keep them

That last part seems harder and harder all the time. Because when I'm done squashing the boys, I turn on the news and see that an 8-year-old girl in Florida has been found left for dead in a trash bin. And a 10-year-old boy and his 18-month-old sister have died in a fire-bombing incident in Detroit. And a father in suburban Chicago has stabbed his 9-year-old daughter and her best friend to death because she was out past curfew.

I have five children and, at one time or another, each has done something to upset me. Every parent knows that frustration. My daughter drove me nuts when she went through her Goth phase. One son went months where you'd put him to bed, and he'd

climb back out when you were trying to get him to sleep. They've spilled Slurpies on the carpet, gotten into fights with each other and said things to us kids shouldn't be saying to

That happens in all families. When I was a younger father, I doled out my share of smacks, spankings and timeouts, I don't do that anymore, because I can't stand the hurt in their eyes when they've been spanked. It isn't pain; it's anguish that their father would "

strike them, and I can't take it. Does that make me a "soft" dad? Sometimes Lisa thinks so. She knows I'm a soft touch for the kids, and wonders if I'll stick to my guns and deny the 14-year-old the 34 chance for driver's training if his grades aren't good enough, which is the deal he and I made between semesters.

I will, though, I admit it won't be easy. Hopefully, it won't be necessary. The midterm progress report from the school is encouraging.

It's hard for me because I don't want to have to look into their eyes and see that I've. hurt them. That's why I don't understand how a mother can let her car roll into a lake, knowing her two young sons are strapped into their car seats.

It's why I can't understand how that father could stab his daughter to death, while she must have been screaming, staring into his eyes, wondering how daddy could do this to

It's why I cringe every time I see a story on the news about a father who has sexually molested his own children. And why I weep when an innocent little girl is killed in a driveby shooting sparked by a dispute over drugs.

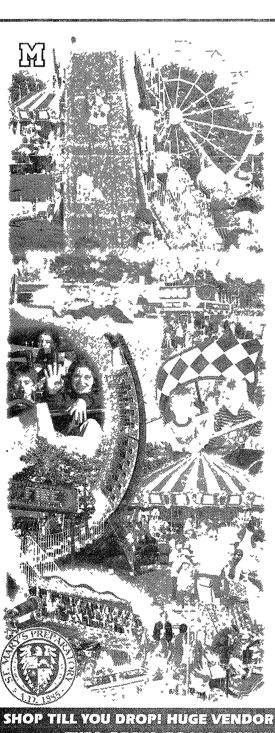
I see these stories and I wonder if the fathers do these things without looking into the eyes of the children they're killing.

Maybe these fathers have never watched their children play soccer, or wrestle in a tournament, or come dashing into the bedroom with the Tooth Fairy money. Maybe they've never watched their children climb a tree for the first time, or take off on a bike without training wheels.

Maybe these activities should be required of all parents. Maybe if we looked into our children's eyes, and saw the wonder and the amazement, the joy and the awe with which they look at things.

Maybe then it would be easier to imagine a world where they'll be safe.

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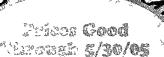
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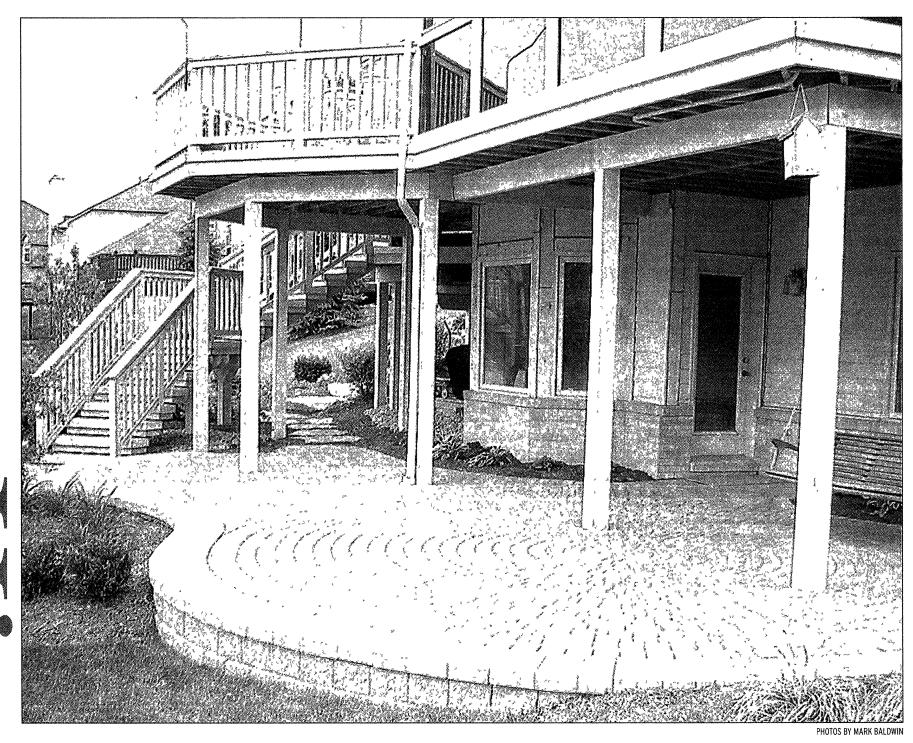
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Brick pavers add a classy touch to this yard of a home in Ann Arbor.

Popular tumbled paver patio

look strikes down decks BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

Mark Baldwin, owner of Mark J. Baldwin & Associates, a landscaping design and installation company in Plymouth, believes today's homeowners have more options when it comes to landscaping their homes and beautifying their yards.

They are adding color and style, quite often in the form of brick pavers.

"They are removing the decks and replacing them with brick pavers," Baldwin said. "They're tired of the work in maintaining (decks)."

They're choosing earth tones of red and orange to extend a vibrancy and warmth to the yard. These and charcoal colors are popular choices.

One of the hottest things is the tumbled

pavers," said Larry Bueche of Bueche Landscaping in Troy. "It gives (the paver area) a rustic look. The pavers have a European appearance, almost Romanesque, depending on the company."

Many are choosing the tumbled brick paver styles, which represents about half of the brick paver work Baldwin does current-

"They like a little older look," Baldwin

Homeowners need to examine their specific needs first before looking at brick

pavers. "The biggest thing is what will the yard be used for, how big of an area and how many people will be there when they are entertaining," Baldwin said.

"They have to look at what they will do with their yard, and design it to fit their

Grant DeGrendel, owner of Michigan Brickscapes in Rochester Hills, said the tumbled brick installed runs about \$10-\$15 a square foot. While it looks beaten, there is no difference in the quality from traditional pavers. The pavers obtain the weathered look from tumbling inside a cement

The natural bluestone is expensive at \$20-\$35 a square foot.

Brick pavers are ending up on driveways, patios and walkways. DeGrendel is also seeing more decks made out of pavers.

'We're tearing out decks because people are tired of the maintenance," he said. "You can build a retaining wall to elevate the patio."

A masonry patio from DeGrendel can run \$150-\$200 a square foot, so homeowners opt for the structured brick pavers, which run about the same as composite (Eon or Trex) at \$30-\$40 a square foot.

"People like the durability with the lifetime warranty on the brick," DeGrendel

Some do-it-yourselfers are looking at real stone for the patios and walkways, accord-

PLEASE SEE PAVERS, B4

This patio at a home in the Cherry Hill Village in Canton adds wonderful depth and dimension to the yard, not to mention a great setting for family members to sit and relax.

Even technology writers get the blues - sometimes

ometimes I get really sick of technology. Sick of my cordless phone, which is so bloated with features we need the manual just to speed-dial a

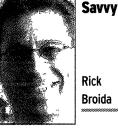
number. Sick of my e-mail program crashing when I'm at the end of writing a message. (It didn't do that yesterday; why today?) Sick of having five remotes

on my coffee table. Of trying to understand the vagaries of HDTV and recordable DVD.

ton for progress? I'm the last person you'd expect to feel this way. As a

Why is there no pause but-

spend my life surrounded by the latest and greatest gadgets.



professional computer geek, I

Tech

My heart beats a little faster when the Fedex driver delivers the newest smartphone or digital camera. I attend technology trade shows and actually

enjoy them. Faster this, smaller that, wireless the other -I'm a sucker for all of it.

Or, I was, until our favorite babysitter quit. Not in so many words - she just suddenly wasn't available whenever we called. And I suspect I know why: our TV is too complicated.

It's connected to a digital video recorder (DVR) and a DVD player. That's the extent of our home-entertainment hardware, yet I'm the only one in the house who can operate the system. Too many modes to switch between, too many lookalike remotes to juggle. Even I get mixed up some-

So when grandparents or babysitters come to watch the kids, I present them with a typed page of instructions. A full page, complete with bullet points and subsections. To operate the TV. Come to think of it, I wouldn't babysit at my house, either.

Make no mistake: I have endless appreciation for technology. I marvel at it. My record collection used to fill two milk crates; today it can fit in my pocket. The PDA I carry has more power than the computer I used all through college. Wow.

But have you seen the manuals for these things? They're huge. And sometimes they're not even printed. You're forced to read them on your PC assuming you can figure out how. Don't worry, there's probably a manual that tells you how to read the manual.

And there's the rub. The more technology endeavors to help us, the more it impedes us. Sure, new things require new learning, but when you need a manual to operate a telephone and a page of instructions to work the TV,

something is not right.

There's an ever-increasing gap between capability and common sense. Intel can pack 55 million transistors into a chip the size of a cracker, but I still have to click the "Start" button to turn off my PC.

All I know is, I want our babysitter back.

A sentence in last week's column that read "You may argue that this move (downloading TV shows) is unnecessary, that DVDs are making it less likely I'll miss my favorite shows" should have indicated "...DVRs are making it less likely I'll miss my favorite TV

GARDEN CALENDAR

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, May 26, 2005

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, June 3, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester.

Sue Grubba, an advanced master gardener and owner of Creative Scapes, a landscape and garden design firm, will speak on The Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden.

A silent auction of plants donated by members of the garden club will be featured.

Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

Call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org for more information. Native plant sale

The sixth annual Oakland Land Conservancy Native Plant Sale will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at the Pontiac Pancake Shelter, on the southeast corner of Pike and Mill, near the library, in downtown Pontiac.

The sale is open to residents of all communities. Admission is free. Proceeds will benefit the Oakland Land Conservancy's land conservation

The plants are all native genotypes from Wildtype Nursery of Mason, Mich. They will include grasses and wildflowers (most priced at \$5 per quart), woody vines (\$8 to \$12 per quart), shrubs and trees (\$20 to \$28 per quart) and butterfly gardens (\$60 for either dry or moist settings). For a plant list and other information, call the Oakland Land Conservancy at

Co-sponsors are the City of Pontiac, the Clinton River Watershed Council, Healthy People Healthy Oakland, and the Oakland County Chapter of Wild Ones Natural Landscapers. Native plants have spent hundreds of

years adapting to the vagaries of southeast Michigan's land and climate. Michigan's birds and butterflies depend on them for food, nectar and nesting materials.

Nature workshops

Nature enthusiasts are invited to join volunteers at Rouge Green Corridor parks and preserves for a variety of free programs

Advance registration is required. Call Karen Bever at the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority, (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. The schedule includes Butterfly and Wildflower Observations, with Doris Applebaum of the Oakland Audubon Society, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at the Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, on the west side of Evergreen between 13 and 14 Mile in Beverly Hills (binoculars and sturdy walking shoes are recommended); Native Wildflower Discovery Workshop, with Linda Forrester, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in Martha Baldwin Park, Maple (15 Mile) at Southfield Road in Birmingham; and Owl Watch Nature Program, with Oz Forrester, 7:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in Linden Park, on Shirley, just north of W. Lincoln and west of Southfield Road in Birmingham.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating spring with a series of free programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses, visit

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make a huge sacrifice every year for my clients and their pets. I travel to the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando. It's

generally a pretty happy coning his vision in that eye. vention, with excellent speakers, multiple exhibitors with new and exciting products, and

There's much to learn there. When you leave, you feel reinvigorated, and ready to take on the world.

Last year,

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About **Animals**

Brad Davis

affect children.

In the video, a woman found out her young child had visceral larval migrans, a disease that comes from being exposed to certain parasites, which was in this case canine roundworms. A basic summary of the disease indicates that roundworms infest the child, but their programming is for a dog. It would be like being in Toronto with a Chicago map. You'd get pretty lost looking for The Loop.

A parasite can become so lost it leaves the gastrointestinal tract and wanders through the other tissues (the larva migrates

through the viscera, hence the name). As cute as that sounds, it gets worse. In this case, the child has the parasite end up in his eye, and, yes, he ends up los-

Now you see why everyone looked so sad all day, even that close to Mickey Mouse.

DON'T OVERREACT

Animals can pose risks to people, and it's important to learn what those risks entail and how to avoid them. But it's also important to make sure you don't overreact.

Science fiction and horror movies often make use of fear of what people don't understand, which becomes even more scary when it's something safe like the family pet creating the dan-

Too many times, a young couple will get rid of the cat after they find out the are expecting a child. They want to avoid the probability of the cat's toxoplasmosis causing harm to the child.

Absurd.

Cats are rarely positive for toxoplasmosis, and can be easily checked. Plus, when you cook dinner, you are vastly more likely to become infected with food poisoning from a raw food than by dealing with any cat. Slap the hamburger into patties, then grab and swallow a cherry tomato, and you've taken a chance. Wear plastic gloves when you clean the litter, or better yet, have someone else clean the litter during pregnan-

cy. Then you can keep yourself healthy and keep your kitty. (Plus, you get out of cleaning the litter!)

Ringworm is infection not really a worm

Ringworm seems to cause an uproar a few times every year. A child comes home itchy with small lesions, gets diagnosed with ringworm, and before you can say Trichophyton mentagrophytes, I am looking at the dog or cat who is the certain cause of the problem.

Certainly they can be the cause, but usually the critters check out as negative. Being around a load of other kids usually ends up the culprit, with the pet having been a convenient scapegoat.

NOT REALLY A WORM

Ringworm, by the way, is not really a worm. It is a fungal infection that can leave lesions that look like a worm has crawled under the skin and died, leaving a bullseye looking reddened area. To identify possible ringworm, look for those lesions or loss of hair, but itching can vary from extreme to non-existent, and some animals are just carriers, without any signs at all.

That said, it should be noted the disease is not very common around here.

Any concerns should be checked out, whether they be veterinary or human in origin.

Either way, ringworm can be

hard to diagnose, and finding the source can be even more frustrating.

Skin problems are one

thing, but what about this Visceral Larval Migrans? Can it be avoided? Yes. Have your pet checked routinely for intestinal parasites and protect your pet from heartworm disease, with testing and year round heartworm preventive.

Why heartworm? Can people get heartworm disease? No, but heartworm preventives like Heartgard and Interceptor also help to prevent intestinal parasites. Also, a thought might be to teach the children the basic lesson to wash their hands after dealing with an animal, or playing in dirt. Simple.

Of course, kids won't do it every time, but every little bit helps, and certainly a great lesson for life. Clean hands can help avoid lots of problems.

If every dog and cat were on heartworm preventive, and every child routinely washed their hands after dealing with critters, there would be no visceral larval migrans.

And I wouldn't have to be sad a full day in Florida next year. Hey, it's the least you can do after the sacrifice I make for vou.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit the web site

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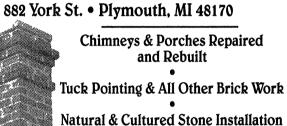


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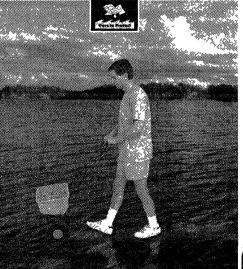
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Don't forget about the hazards of a lint buildup in the dryer

fyou were listening to my radio show a few months ago, you heard a fire inspector talking about a house fire victim in Rochester Hills. This tragic death was the result of a clothes dryer catching fire. There are 15,000 house fires annually caused by the dryer. Do you know whether your dryer is in safe condition?

As a matter of fact, let me ask you some other questions. Does it take longer to dry a load of clothes? If so, the vent line could be plugged up with lint. When is the last time the dryer's vent line was cleaned out? It should be cleaned out at least twice a year. How do you dean out the vent line? Take it off, take it outside and shake it or run a garden hose through it. Use a leaf blower and blow out the lint. A



Appliance Doctor

Gagnon

the radio show recently and told me a bird's nest and a baseball fell out of the vent line while she used a leaf blower to clean

woman called

I cannot stress hard enough how important it is to clean out the

dryer vent line. Of all these dryer fires I mentioned, I know for a fact that almost all of them are due to a lint buildup. Do you have this condition in the very home that you live in? Are you at risk every time you dry a load of clothes? If you answer "yes" to these questions, you are not as smart as you think you are.

There are other factors that can cause a lint buildup in a clothes dryer. A vent line which is too long or made of the wrong material can cause buildup as well. Construction laws under the state code says that vent lines should be made of solid metal. That doesn't mean tinfoil or plastic like so many people purchase at stores in the area. It means solid stove pipe that couples together with ease and can be installed by just about anyone. The law also says that the vent line should not be longer than 15 feet with the use of only two elbows. Just how long is your vent line or have you even measured it? I know home inspectors who are finding that vent lines in brand-new homes are installed

improperly and are too long. Now, here's another question to prevent a dryer fire. When is the last time the dryer was taken apart to make sure that a lint buildup isn't covering the heat source inside the dryer?

Service technicians tell me all the time that they actually prevent a dryer fire from occurring while they are on a service call. They come out to fix a problem which may have caused the dryer to malfunction and they see lint which is just about ready to ignite, maybe as soon as the next use of the dryer. Some people come that close to burning their house down, and they never even have a clue.

It is not hard or complicated for a homeowner to take apart their clothes dryer. You should stop by an appliance service

shop with your model number and ask how it's done. You'll find that most of these places are very willing to help you do it yourself.

I meet many thousands of consumers every year and I get so frustrated when I find out that their vent line is too long or the wrong material. I look at them and I know what their dryer looks like and how unsafe it is to use.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net and your question will be forwarded to Joe

HOME CALENDAR

Have you ever wondered how your

phone works, or needed to make a repair to your interior wiring? Learn about how the switched telephone network operates and how your telephones connect to it in Home Telephone Wiring and Repair, a class offered through Rochester Schools Community Education and Enrichment. The class will take place on three Wednesdays beginning June 15 at Rochester High School. Fee is \$65. Call (248) 726-3165 or visit www.rochester.k12.mi.us for registration and other information. A number of commonly available telephone tools will be demonstrated, and students will have the opportunity to wire and troubleshoot phone circuits in the classroom. If possible, a trip to a local telephone exchange will be arranged. A fee will be charged for materials used in class. Instructor Steve Clark is training and development manager at SBC Transport Technology Center.





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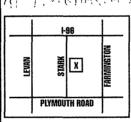
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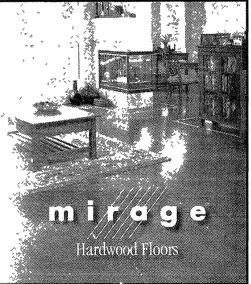
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ing to Marco Scappaticci, president of Rock Shoppe in Plymouth.

"We can see that's really changed from the regular brick paver to the tumbled look, and now they are going for the real stone in brick pavers,"

Scannaticci said.

Scappaticci said.
That's not something new, it's just being revisited, he said.

Colors vary in browns and blues. Full-range bluestone is popular, featuring blues, grays and greens to dark browns. That combination allows it to match with many different exterior brick colors on the homes.

"We help out homeowners all the time. They are doing it for the satisfaction of doing it themselves, and to save on the costs of labor," Scappaticci said. They are more creative in their designs than using the standard circle patio.

"More of them are changing it up and looking at changing textures," Scappaticci said.

The most important rule in brick paver installation is installing the proper base material.

"You should have three inches compacted of the 21AA commercial limestone with

two inches of compacted slag," Scappaticci said. "The bigger the rock on the bottom, the better the base."

RETAINING WALLS

Retaining walls should be used in yards that are steep and are on large lots.
Homeowners have a choice of segmental retaining walls, natural boulders, or limestone or

ledgestone, DeGrendel said.

The segmented walls consist of blocks that weigh 500 pounds each. The segmented walls tend to have a more com-

walls tend to have a more commercial look, DeGrendel said. "The boulder walls are the most durable, and it is a softer

look."
Limestone and ledgestone
walls are too porous,
DeGrendel said.

"The water soaks into it and freezes," he said. That can lead to cracks in the limestone and deterioration.

Retaining walls are most effective in steep yards or to create paths.

Mike Weslock, owner of Designs in Nature, whose home will be featured on the Sylvan Lake home and garden tour June 18, used a retaining wall in his yard for plants. Weslock chose boulders so the

wall would be more attractive. "Interlocking walls are more

expensive, but they are easier to put in," Weslock said.
"Boulders are still used a lot, but you need a lot of heavy equipment."

PLANTS

Today's yard renovator has larger plants from which to choose, Baldwin said.

"They are more sophisticated in their tastes," Baldwin said. "It used to be that all you see is woody shrubs. They look for plants that flower out at different times of year. Trees flower in the spring, and perennials in the summer and fall. You also see a lot of ornamental grasses. Hedges are a little more popular than they used to be.

"Holly is used frequently."
Before starting a project,
"they have to determine what
they want from landscaping,"
Baldwin said.

They also need to learn when certain plants need to be pruned. Pruning is important to maintain a plant's appearance, Baldwin said.

"They should try not to plant all of one tree (species) on a site," Baldwin said. "There are a lot of new species available! You should try to have three or four different varieties."

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Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Pietra Santa sounds Italian, but it isn't

fifteen years ago, we met 🐃 Italian-born winemaker Alessio Carli at Viansa winery in Sonoma County. He wanted to tell us about his wines but back then he spoke very little English. In this case, pointing didn't

That's changed. Now, Carli speaks perfect English and is winemaker for Pietra Santa winery in California's Cienega Valley. He explains his wines well. Tasting them with dishes prepared by executive chef Gerald Gramzay at Rochester's The Royal Park Hotel was more than a treat.

A LITTLE HISTORY

Joseph Gimelli, Pietra Santa's owner, was born and raised in San Jose, Calif., in an Italian-American family. Pietra Santa, Italian for sacred stone, is the maturation of a lifelong dream. The name was chosen because of the rich limestone deposits in the vineyard's subsoil.

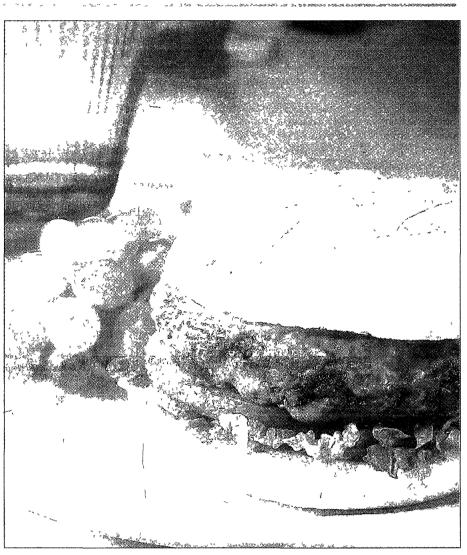
In 1989, Gimelli discovered a 455-acre parcel in a picturesque small valley in San Benito County, Calif., 20 miles inland from Monterey

PLEASE SEE WINE, B7

Burgers are like pizza - experiment and enjoy.

Take a summer favorite and grill wild

BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION

nybody can grill a burger. The question is: Can you rock the summer favorite until it tastes oh so good? Local food enthusiasts say it comes down to creativity, a willingness to experiment and spices.

"Food is like a woman walking into a closet full of clothes. Does this skirt go with this shirt? Or maybe today, you try something different. God knows it's all about imagination," said George Gize, owner of Ferndale's Assaggi Mediterranean Bistro, which is known for its inventive cuisine.

Yes, you can kick up the basic burger, and one way to do it is seasoning. Gize starts layering flavor before the meat

ways. Recipes, Page B7.

even hits the grill. He suggests blending ground beef with sea salt, fresh cracked pepper, "a little bit of wine" Burgers can be prepared in many different, delicious and heavy whipping cream for moisture. Then add chopped parsley or chives and shallots or finely cut

"There is so much variety that you can play with," he said. Another approach: Meld the American favorite with exotic ingredi-

onions.

For a Mediterranean taste, Gize recommends experimenting with cumin or chopped mint. Then substitute a regular hamburger bun with a baguette or pita bread moistened with herb-infused olive oil.

Think "aggressive spices," said John Jonna, owner of Merchant's Fine Wine in Grosse Pointe and Dearborn. "Americans tend to be purists," Jonna said. "I am not a purist."

PLEASE SEE BURGER, B7



Kitchen Kapers

Ken Abramczyk

Support your local farmer

att Prentice was on his way to a cookout, and pulled off the road to purchase freshly picked corn from a farmer.

The owner of Morels: A Michigan Bistro and Shiraz in Bingham Farms and several other restaurants in the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group grilled the fresh corn at the

"And they ate nothing else," he said of the party's guests. "Nothing beats Michigan corn off the stalk."

Prentice and Frank Turner. the chef at Morel's, spoke about Michigan foods as Turner created a meal featuring Michigan foods last Wednesday to begin the Michigan Department of Agriculture's 2005 Select Michigan campaign.

This year's Select Michigan campaign promotes soybeans, asparagus, peaches, apples and carrots. Select Michigan is funded in part by the Michigan Integrated Food & Farming Systems; U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and more than 20 Michigan commodity organizations, associations and

PLEASE SEE KAPERS, B6



Knowledge Bowl team wins third regional

Members of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Knowledge Bowl team won their third straight regional championship in April and are headed for San Antonio July 29 - August 5 for the national championship competition.

Their opponents will be the **Inland Northwest Culinary** Academy at Spokane Community College, the Florida Culinary Institute/ACF Palm Beach Chefs Association and Columbus State Community College. The American Culinary Federation sponsors the contest.

While the team members won't divulge their strategy for the Jeopardy-like contest, they did mention ringing in faster than anyone else, challenging judges' calls, knowing obscure facts and generally being aggressive, intimidating and controlling the game.

In the April contest, team members Jill Frohlich of Novi, Karen Schlembri of Canton, Jonathan Kramer of Rochester Hills, Ken Walters of Lake

Orion and captain Justin Swain of Ann Arbor competed against nine other teams in the central region - four from Chicago, and one each from St. Louis, New Orleans, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Indiana. They answered questions on general cooking knowledge, the Escoffier approach to preparing food,

Team members were chosen in November and began studying in January. By comparison, some of their opponents took a Knowledge Bowl class for two semesters. Each of the contestants received four textbooks - some upwards of 1,000 pages - that contained all the information they would be quizzed on.

nutrition and sanitation.

Team Schoolcraft met three times a week to prepare. Members made sure they had a general knowledge base, then they each picked a specialty. The actual competition, held at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, was a double elimination, and

Schoolcraft only needed to play four rounds, the minimum possible, because the team never lost.

Schoolcraft's lowest score was higher than every other team's highest score.

They did it with solid knowledge of the basics and the obscure. When the judge ruled the team's answer for two types of fatty acids - omega 6 and omega 3 - incorrect, Swain and Walters challenged the ruling.

"The answer the judges were looking for was alpha linoleic and linolenic," said Swain. "It's the same thing, just with different names. We won the challenge and that was a 50point question."

Another question - what can you use to replace asparagus tips in garnish choron - had everyone stumped. Swain rang the buzzer, put the microphone close to his mouth, and intoned, "Buttered peas." Swain said there was an audible gasp from the other teams, the coaches and the audience

as they realized he was correct. Schoolcraft has fielded a Knowledge Bowl team for only

three years, and won the regional championship each time, the only college to win three regionals in a row since the competition began in 1992. In 2003, it went on to win the national championship. This year, team members believe they have another good shot at winning the whole enchilada.

In San Antonio, they will play a round robin match, going up against every opposing team at least once. The top two pointgetters will play each other for the championship title.

"We have a very strong knowledge base and sound strategy," said Chris Misiak, a certified executive chef, Schoolcraft instructor and coach of the Knowledge Bowl team. "We also have full support from the whole school and help from last year's team captain Kathryn Cillick. And we invite everyone to come to San Antonio and support us."

little green, minced and

¼ teaspoon fresh ginger, minced

½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium

1 teaspoon reduced-sodium soy

Freshly ground black pepper, to

Steam asparagus and 8 scal-

lions in a steam basket over boil-

ing water (or in the microwave,

with a small amount of water)

until crisp-tender, about 5 min-

stir until it begins to color. Add

cook a few seconds. Add broth,

vinegar, soy sauce and sugar. Set

Just before serving, place the

half the minced scallions and

utes. Rinse with cold water to

1 teaspoon lemon juice, or to

(or a dash of ground ginger)

divided in 2 batches

1 tablespoon canola oil

chicken broth

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

companies who represent the products promoted through the program.

"Supporting the local economy is a no-brainer," Turner said. "You can get the freshest products. It can also keep me on Michigan's culinary edge."

Not only that, purchasing homegrown produce has a significant impact on the economy.

If every household in Michigan spent only \$10 a week on Michigan products and foods grown here, \$37 million would be circulated immediately into the state economy, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Melinda Curtis.

Dan Wyant, MDA director, said recent research indicates that Michigan consumers are willing to pay more for locally grown produce. "Consumers are willing to pay for the Michigan asparagus for 69 cents a pound, even alongside California asparagus at 59 cents a pound," Wyant said. "They know it's for the Michigan farmer."

The MDA's survey also indicated that 75 percent of Michigan consumers would be more likely to buy a food product if they knew it was grown or processed in Michigan.

Of course, not all consumers know when an item is Michigan grown, so the Select Michigan campaign is also geared toward promotion of the Michigangrown crops. Surveys show that most consumers indicated that identifying Michigan products was difficult.

But more retailers are participating. This year's promotion included Meijer, Spartan Stores (Glen's Markets, Family Fare), Farmer Jack, Kroger and Kmart. Consumers should look for the Select Michigan signs.

Michigan asparagus represents 18 percent of the nation's production and Michigan is the nation's second most diverse agri-economy, according to Wyant.

John Bakker, executive director of the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, discussed the intricacies in growing asparagus. Farmers purchase black asparagus seeds at about 3 to 6 cents a piece. "It is expensive," Bakker said. "A farmer needs about 15,000 seeds for one acre."

It takes three to four years for a harvest, Bakker said. Bakker estimated that asparagus farmers raise 500 million spears each year. Michigan asparagus is the only asparagus in the world that is hand-snapped. "Every one is hand-snapped where it is tender," Bakker said. "It is all green, all tender, all delicious and labor intensive."

Bakker said 15,000 acres are dedicated by 250 family farms in Michigan to growing asparagus. In the 1950s and 1960s, much of the asparagus was frozen and canned.

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Bakker discussed a trade agreement aimed at drug trafficking by encouraging Peru to grow produce. The Andean Trade Preferences Act, enacted in 1991;44 removed tariffs on Peruvian asparagus. It also meant more Peruvian asparagus was grown. "Big business in Peru started growing many acres of aspara- 103 gus," Bakker said.

Del Monte moved a cannery to Peru. Soon the Michigan canning and processing businesses for asparagus tumbled.

Studies were conducted of the Michigan asparagus industry. im "We needed to get away from the processing market," Bakker said, Select Michigan came along at I the right time." Michigan asparaois gus growers reported a 22 per- 108 cent increase in the volume of fresh asparagus marketed in 2004 compared to 2003.

And when crops make farmers 12 money, they will be less inclined sm to sell the land for residential or lie commercial developments, Wyant said.

"A lot of the most productive } farms in Michigan are on hills (11) and nice vistas near places like aD Muskegon, Grand Rapids and Star Joseph-Benton Harbor and thoseij are areas of significant pressure,"10 Wyant said. "The development pressure is extreme, so you have nit to add value to the commodity. In 3 agriculture, the best way to keep 1.4 a farming business going is to keep it profitable."

So support your local farmer. Buy asparagus and other Michigan-grown produce. In fact, the Long Family Orchard &1 Farm at Commerce and Wise roads in Commerce Township is growing and selling asparagus and right now. (I just bought 10 pounds on Saturday, and it is excellent.) The crop is expected to last another three weeks. Call the orchard's information line at (248) 360-3774 for an update

and hours. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mda.

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Asparagus dishes define spring season

Nothing says spring like a plate of asparagus. While asparagus is now available year round, it still seems a special treat in spring.

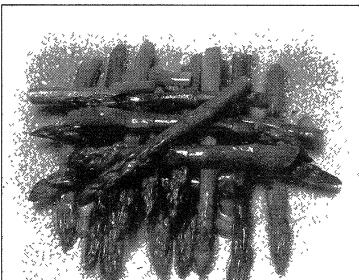
Asparagus has been a prized food since ancient times. The Greeks ate wild asparagus and the Romans cultivated it in their gardens. But asparagus did not become a big crop in North America until the end of the 19th century. It has been popular ever since. In addition to its delicate taste, asparagus is high in vitamins A, B and C, and a source of iron and potassium.

Asparagus can be more than a side vegetable. It can be served as an appetizer, a soup or over pasta. Asparagus salad is another good showcase. In the recipe below, a tart, lemony dressing complements the asparagus without obscuring its natural flavors.

May is a good time to take a look at alternatives to the typical American salad - a bowl of iceberg lettuce with a few slices of tomato or cucumber.

Try salads made with dark leafy greens and vegetables such as asparagus, broccoli, cauliflower, sweet or hot peppers, carrots, mushrooms and zucchini. The vegetables could be raw, lightly steamed, grilled, or even leftover from a stir-fry.

You don't need to have a salad every day. But scientific evidence suggests that a mostly plantbased diet is best for preventing



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both overweight and chronic diseases. Asparagus Salad with Lemon-Soy Sauce would be a good part of such a diet.

Shop for firm, smooth, bright green stalks with tight tips. Wrinkled spears are dried out. Asparagus is often sold in bundles bound with rubber bands. Take the bands off before storing; they make the spears sweat and spoil more quickly. Since they are grown in sandy soil, rinse the tips well. Asparagus can be kept for three or four days refrigerated. Trim the stems and store asparagus standing upright, like flowers, in a tall glass with

about an inch of water, loosely

covered with a plastic bag. Before cooking, trim spears by bending stalks until they break off, usually at the woody, inedible part of the spears. Use stalks of a uniform thickness so they cook evenly.

> ASPARAGUS SALAD WITH LEMON-SOY SAUCE

1/4 pounds thin asparagus stalks, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch

8 whole scallions, trimmed to include a little green

stop the cooking and set color. Drain and cool. To make the dressing, heat oil in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Add ginger and

lengths

5 scallions, trimmed to include a

remaining minced scallions in a large bowl. Add steamed asparagus and scallions. Bring the dressing to a boil over medium-high heat. Let boil 30 seconds. Gradually stir in pepper and lemon juice, tasting, to achieve an appealing tart and peppery flavor. Toss the vegetables with the dressing.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 86 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 538 mg. sodium.

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Bay. Vineyard history of the property dated back to 1850 but when Gimelli purchased the estate, vines had been untended for a long time.

Rehabilitating the vineyard to the current 130 acres became a mission. Thirty vineyard acres are terraced with the remainder on hillsides and valley floor, ranging in altitude from 1,200 to 1,800 feet and featuring several different microclimates.

Gimelli hired Carli to be his winemaker in 1991.

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WINE PORTFOLIO

Pietra Santa's Cal-Itals (Italian varieties grown in California) caught our attention. Chef Gramzay paired the 2002 Pietra Santa Pinot Grigio (\$12) with upfront tropical fruit and a citrusy finish to a first course of Baby White Asparagus and Arugula Salad tossed with fava beans and pancetta dressing. Sprinkled with Parmigiano-Reggiano and 12-year aged balsamic vinegar, the salad teamed with the wine perfectly, even though asparagus can be a wine-unfriendly vegetable. "The salty pancetta counters any asparagus clash," Gramzay said.

Gramzay's Short Ribs of Beef with Cippolini Jam and Truffled Celeriac Mash was paired with 2001 Pietra Santa Sangiovese (\$21). "My goal with this wine," said Carli, "is to have the berry flavors play on the palate against a soft earthiness." Vinegar that Gramzay added to the jam, "brought all the flavors of the dish into balance with the wine."

WINE PICKS

Think Cabernet Sauvignon for a Memorial Day barbe-

Excellent: 2001 Clos du Bois Marlstone, \$50; 2001 Duckhorn Napa Valley, \$85; 2001 Franciscan Magnificat, \$40; 2002 Hess Collection Mountain Cuvee, \$35 (at 60 percent cabernet, this is the winery's first non-varietal release); 2002 Livingston Moffett Napa Valley Gemstone Vineyard, \$80; 2002 Joseph Phelps Napa Valley, \$48; 2000 Rodney Strong Symmetry, \$55; and 2002 Sebastiani Alexander Valley, \$28.

Very Good: 2002 Beckman, \$25: 2001 Clos du Bois. \$17: 2002 J. Davies Napa Valley, \$65; 2002 Duckhorn Decoy Napa Valley Red Wine, \$26; 2002 Frank Family Vineyards Napa Valley, \$40; 2001 Kunde Reserve, \$60; 2000 Oakville Ranch Napa Valley, \$42; 2000 Rodney Strong Reserve \$40; 2001 Stuhlmuller Alexander Valley Estate, \$30; and 2002 Toasted Head Alexander Valley, \$20.

Wallet-friendly: 2002 Bogle,

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Gramzay's Sage Roasted Quail was outstanding with 2001 Vache (named for the Frenchman who planted the first grapes in Cienega Valley) Pinot Noir (\$35). The limited quantity is worth a search.

At \$8, Sacred Stone is Pietra Santa's inexpensive red blend of syrah, carignan, grenache, sangiovese and zinfandel. It's a lovely, easydrinking wine, perfect for warm weather barbecues.

Other recommended Pietra Santa wines are 2000 Zinfandel (\$15) and 1999 Sassolino (\$26), a library release blend of sangiovese and Bordeaux grape varieties.

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Jonna begins with Cajun seasoning, chopped onions and red or yellow peppers plus finely chopped garlic that's been pre-sauteed in oil.

"By pre-cooking the garlic you're getting some more flavor and the oil," he said. "Everyone loves a juicy burger. I believe in adding things that add juiciness to a burger."

But Jonna doesn't stop there. Forgo the usual toppings like ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard and experiment with alternatives, he said. Consider a sweet hot chili sauce, a spicy Thai sauce, hoisin sauce or even pesto. Another inspired idea: Top each burger with a scant teaspoon of sesame oil just before serving to draw out the taste of a crispy, toasted sesame seed bun.

The latest creative burger topping for Ari Weinzweig, owner of Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, is pimento cheese, originally from the South. A blend of cheddar, mayonnaise and

red pimento, the topping has a cheese-spread consistency and melts from the heat of the cooked burger.

You just slather it on the bun," said Weinzweig, who was so enamored with the Southern tradition, he put pimento cheese burgers on the specials menu at his restaurant Zingerman's Roadhouse, also located in Ann Arbor.

"Obviously there are many things you can do to make a burger good," he said, adding that experimentation doesn't require introducing new and unusual ingredients. Look to variations on old favorites like French mustard with cognac, a flavorful spicy ketchup, pepper-coated bacon or an unusual cheese.

"I really like fresh goat cheese," he said. "Cheese is one of the easiest things to do to make a great burger."

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1-1/2 pounds ground beef 4 crusty French rolls, split

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2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion

2 teaspoons red wine vinegar

Aioli:

⅓ cup mayonnaise

minced

2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil

2 large cloves garlic, minced

Garnish: Shaved or shredded Parmesan cheese

Combine relish ingredients in medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Combine aïoli ingredients in another medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Lightly shape ground beef into four³/₄inch patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color; turning occasionally.

Spread aïoli on bottom of each bun; top with burger.

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Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

ITALIAN GARLIC BREAD BURGERS

1-1/2 pounds ground beef 1 package (11.75 ounces) frozen mozzarella and garlic cheese bread

Salt and pepper 4 tomato slices

12 large fresh basil leaves

Heat bread according to package directions for grilling; watch so that bread does not scorch on bottom.

Lightly shape ground beef into four \(^4\)-inch thick patties. Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally.

Cut bread crosswise into four "buns." Season burgers with salt and pepper, as desired. Place burgers in buns; top with tomato and basil. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: If mozzarella and garlic cheese bread is not available, substitute regular garlic bread; 2 minutes before burgers are done, top each with mozzarella cheese slice.

Nutrition information per serving: 643 calories; 41 g protein; 37 g carbohydrate; 38 g fat; 815 mg sodium; 170 mg cholesterol; 7.6 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B6; 3.4 mcg vitamin B12; 3.5 mg iron; 6.9 mg

ASIAN CHOPPED STEAK WITH WASABI-MAYO SLAW

1 pound ground beef 1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy

1-1/2 teaspoons minced garlic 3 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce

4 large romaine or Boston lettuce leaves

Wasabi-Mayo Slaw:

3 cups packaged coleslaw mix 1/2 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper strips

cup chopped green onions cup prepared wasabi-mayon

Combine Wasabi-Mayo Slaw ingredients in large bowl; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate

in large bowl, mixing lightly

until ready to use. Combine ground beef, 1 tablespoon soy sauce and garlic

but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick oval pat-

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 11 to 13 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally and basting with 3 tablespoons soy

Place burgers in lettuce leaves; top evenly with Wasabi-Mayo Slaw. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 398 calories; 30 g fat (8 g saturated fat; 7 g monounsaturated fat); 84 mg cholesterol; 780 mg sodium; 6 g carbohydrate; 1.9 g fiber; 24 g pro-

PIMENTO CHEESE

½ pound Vermont Cheddar, coarsely grated 1 cup Hellman's Mayonnaise 2 ounces roasted red peppers,

diced (about 1/4 cup) 3/4 teaspoon of the juice from the roasted red peppers

1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper Scant 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper Pinch coarse sea salt

Stir all ingredients together in a medium-sized bowl until well combined.

Recipe courtesy of Zingerman's Roadhouse in Ann Arbor.





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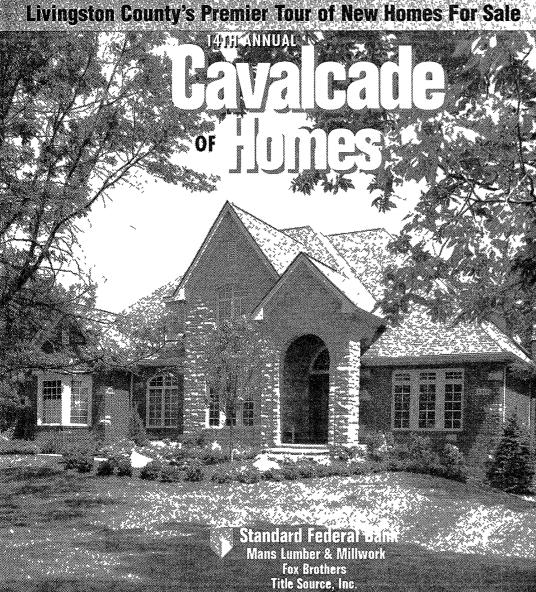
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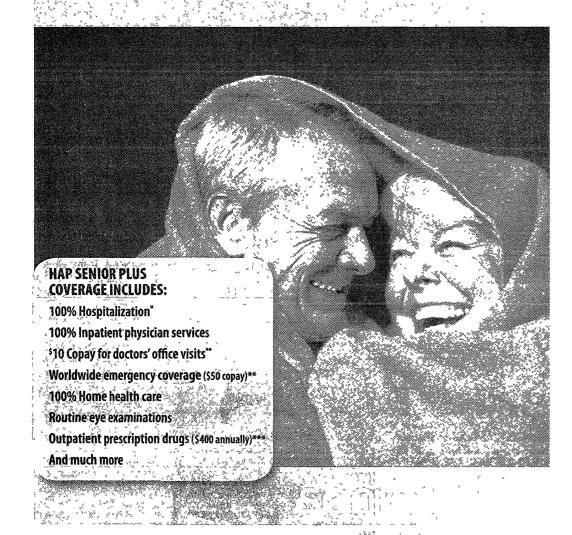
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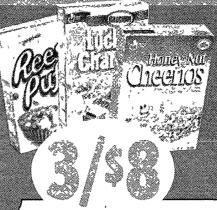
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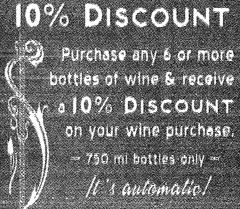
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Observer

Mustangs stampede Salem in WLAA soccer final

BY RYAN DOHERTY SPECIAL WRITER

For Salem's girls soccer team, Wednesday night's Western Lakes **Activities Association's Conference** championship game was an opportunity to show the defending Division I state champion Northville Mustangs just how much they had worked on improving their inconsistent play.

Unfortunately, Salem failed to capitalize on several quality scoring chances, and were shutout by the Mustangs, 3-0, at Northville.

The loss dropped Salem's overall record to (7-7-4), (7-0-4) in the WLAA, and (3-0-2) in the Lakes Division.

Salem's Kelly Adsit had a breakaway four minutes into the game, but her shot missed the mark and Northville was quick to respond. The Mustangs' leading scorer, Danielle Toney, scored on her own breakaway just two minutes after Adsit's chance, giving Northville an early 1-0 advantage.

"(Danielle) Toney is a talented player, and if you leave her alone for a second she will burn you, and she did that to us tonight," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

The Mustangs continued to keep the ball on the Salem side of the field for the majority of the first half.

"I was a little surprised on how they played us defensively in the first half and that gave us the opportunity to generate

more scoring chances," said Northville coach Ron Meteyer.

Although Amy Gizicki had one of Salem's best chances midway through the opening half when she fired a shot off of her left foot that Northville goalie Liz Watza made a nice diving save on.

Watza has played in the net just six games for the Mustangs this season and has yet to allow a single goal. "We need to get the ball to Amy more often," said Nora. He added, "Amy is a talented player who finds a way to score for us."

Meanwhile, Northville added their second tally of the game six minutes before the intermission. Jen Kritch slammed home a corner pass from teammate Lauren Hill to push the Mustangs'

lead to 2-0 heading into the break. Salem seemed to play more inspired in the second half, but their scoring chances were limited by the Mustangs'

However, Nora was impressed with the play of three midfielders: Ashley Stoychoff, Kathryn Wheatley and Megan McCarthy all had solid performances according to the Salem coach.

Lauren Hill added the Mustangs' final goal on a crossing pass from Amy Cauzillo, putting Northville (14-1-2 overall) ahead for good, 3-0. The victory was also the Mustangs' eighth shutout of the

The Rocks will be in district action at 7 p.m. Tuesday at home vs. Huron.

Good golly miss Molly Conlon-led Canton

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

secures WLAA title

Taking a line from the movie "Forrest Gump," Canton catcher Melissa Cieniuch and pitcher Molly Conlon "go together like peas and carrots."
"We've been playing together since

the fourth grade," said Cieniuch. "Molly's really calm, I never have to go out to the mound. But sometimes if she thinks she's not doing something right, she'll ask me between innings what needs to be fixed."

Conlon, a senior right-hander, found the plate with regularity as she pitched a two-hitter to lead the Chiefs to their eighth Western Lakes Activities Association championship under coach Jim Arnold with a 1-0 win over host Livonia Churchill.

Canton, the Western Division champion, improved to 33-1 overall. Churchill, the top seed in the Lak





TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Molly Conlon threw a two-hitter and struck out 10 to lead Canton to a 1-0 victory over Livonia Churchill in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game played at Churchill. The Chiefs are now 33-1 heading into their Division 1 district tournament.

Plymouth 1, fatigue 0

Wildcat softball team endures 7-game day to win tournament

STAFF WRITER

Moments after their fifth game of the day Saturday, several members of the Plymouth softball team battled their fatigue by laying down on blankets their parents had spread out for them behind the dugout.

"They were tired, beat up and

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exhausted." said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "But we still had

two more games to play. The second I told them it was time to play again, they jumped up and went out there like it was the first game of the day."

The Wildcats not only shut out the exhaustion, they battled back from the loser's bracket to win the inaugural Wildcats Varsity Softball Invitational, which was held at the Plymouth varsity and freshmen softball fields.

Plymouth went 6-1 on the day to improve its overall record to 20-9. The Wildcats had to knock off Madison Heights Bishop Foley in the tourney's final two games to secure the championship trophy.

"The girls played phenomenal," Canfield said. "I told them after the tournament that I have never been more proud of a team. They played with a lot of character and guts.' Sophomore pitcher Claire

PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL, C3

Annual soccer tourney is one of a kind

STAFF WRITER

Former professional soccer player Bryan "Goose" Finnerty has observed countless youth sporting events around the globe during his many soccer-related travels, but few stack up with the annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, which is coordinated by the Canton Soccer

"For soccer junkies, attending the Canton Cup is like someone who is addicted to chocolate getting to visit Hershey Park or Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory," said Finnerty, the owner of High Velocity Sports. "There is so much action going on around Canton when the tournament is going on, you don't know where to start.

The best thing about it is that it's not in four different cities — it's all in

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Canton, which is pretty amazing considering there are hundreds of teams participating.

Approximately 440 soccer teams from throughout the Midwest — about half from the metropolitan Detroit area are expected to converge on Canton this weekend for the 23rd Annual Canton Cup, which will be held on 37 fields at five separate parks, according to Tournament Director Greg Demopoulos, who has held his current title for the

past seven years. "It's a festival atmosphere," said Demopoulos, who said more than 7,000 players will be participating in this year's event. "The players will range in age from 8 to 18 and the skill levels range from rec teams to premier teams. The

games will start at 5 p.m. Friday and will end around 7 p.m. on Sunday.'

The tournament has grown from 200 teams to 440 since Demopoulos took over the reins of the event seven years

ago.
"Greg deserves a lot of credit for the tournament's growth," Finnerty stressed. "Since he took over, it's gone from a mom-and-pop tournament to one of the best in the country. Greg and his family dedicate themselves to this tournament for six or seven months a year, which often goes unnoticed."

For more information about this weekend's Canton Cup, visit www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

If you still can't find the fields, what advice does Demopoulos offer?

"Just follow all the minivans," he said, smiling.

Nic'ed once again

England continues to frustrate Canton

STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team has seen more than enough of England over the past three years.

That's Salem pitcher Nic England, not the country.

The Rocks' crafty, right-handed ace continued his three-year unbeaten stretch against the Chiefs Tuesday afternoon by throwing a five-hitter in Salem's 11-4 victo-

The win boosted Salem's record to 13-14 overall and 8-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I knew it was the last game I was ever going to pitch on this field, so I wanted to go out with a win," said England, a senior who is considering walking on to play for Western Michigan University in the fall. "I was keeping my pitches down today and hitting my spots. My splitter was working."

England's only two glaring mistakes were pitches that resulted in solo home runs off the bats of Canton's Scott Steffes and Jake Powers in the fifth and sixth innings, respectively.

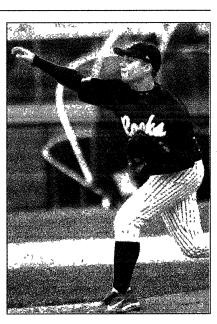
'That was a normal game for Nic as far as I'm concerned," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He's been pitching like that for us for the past three years."

Rumberger said wins against his crosscampus rival are always special.

"It's a big rivalry game, so it's always an important one to win for the kids and for me," he said. "It's especially important for the players because they go to school with the Canton players."

Canton interim coach Jim Kaye said the

PLEASE SEE ENGLAND, C4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior pitcher Nic England tossed a five-hitter at Canton Tuedsay afternoon in the Rocks' 11-4 victory. The performance marked England's final game on the Salem baseball field.

Thornton signsCanton's Kevin Thornton has signed a letter-ofintent to play basketball for Saginaw Valley State beginning with the 2005 06 season. The 6-foot-8 Thornton was a key member of the Chiefs' most recent team, which advanced to the Class A district final game.

Willette lauded

Salem Athletic Director Tom Willette has been recognized as a certified athletic administrator by the National Interscholastic **Athletic Administrators** Association (NIAAA).

To earn the distinction, Willette demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

Cardinals win

The Canton Cardinals captured the Frankenmuth Baseball Tournament May 21-22. The Cards defeated Berkley, 6-5; Reese, 11-4 and Frankenmuth, 9-1.

The team consists of John Maurer, Luke Merandi, Kyle Powell, Shawn Lyons, David Hales, Zane Birchler, Alex Russell, Tim Hemmelgarn, Jeremy Lindhauer Steven Carravallah, Matt Rosochacki and Jacob Worth. The team is coached by Chris Merandi. Dave Lyons and Paul

Powell. **Lacrosse fund-raiser**

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors boys lacrosse team will be holding a carwash fundraiser at Rite-Aid on the corner of Canter Center and Ford roads on Sunday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The PCS

team is self-funded. **PCA** track

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys and girls track teams were small. but talented this past sea-

Scott Brandt was the top competitor on the boys team, winning the high jump, while placing second in the 100-meter high hurdles and 300meter hurdles at the Michigan Independent **Athletic Conference** league meet. Brandt was also voted onto the firstteam All-MIAC team.

Brandt placed seventh in all three events in the Division 4 regional this past weekend.

The Eagles' girls team was led by Armila Francis, who finished second in the 1,600-meter run at the MIAC meet, setting a new school record. She was also second in the 3,200-meter run, breaking the old school record. Her peformance earned her a spot on the MIAC's All-Conference team.

Francis qualified for the June 4 Division 4 state meet by finishing second in the 3,200-meter run at the regional. She broke the tape in 12:37, eclipsing the school record she set earlier in the year.

Rocks earn trophy at Madonna Invite Chiefs make most

Salem's softball team won three games and a trophy at

this past weekend's Madonna Invitational held at the Canton Softball Center. The Rocks went 1-2 Saturday

in pool-play action, but bounced back to win both of their Sunday contests to win their flight.

"The girls came back Sunday with some fight in them," said Salem coach Bonnie ${\bf Southerland.~``They~really~came'}$ back and battled. We played two really good games, with some nice defense, to win (the

On Saturday, the Rocks opened with a 5-2 loss to Taylor Kennedy, which advanced to the final game of the 16-team tournament before falling to Belleville. Melissa Leach pitched the first four innings and held Kennedy scoreless, striking out three. The Eagles erupted for four runs in the sixth.

Salem was held to four hits: singles by Tina Sniegowski and Deonna Szawara, a run-scoring double by Amy Caves and an RBI triple off the bat of Ali Proodian.

The Rocks evened their record at 1-1 with a 2-1 triumph over West Bloomfield. Courtney Davis picked up the pitching win as she yielded just four hits while striking out six. Offensively, Caves blasted a solo home run for the winners, who also received two hits a piece from Proodian, Kait McKinley and Maureen Bohr.

In Saturday's pool-play finale, Salem dropped a 6-0 decision to Marine City, which scored all of its runs in the third inning. The Rocks were limited to just three hits.

"Their pitcher was good and we just couldn't put the bat on the ball," Southerland said.

The Rocks earned a trophy on Sunday by edging North Farmington, 5-4, and Carleton Airport, 4-3.

Salem overcame a 4-1 deficit to upend the Raiders. The Rocks tied the game at 4-4 in the fifth and won it in the seventh when Sniegowski scored

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from third after getting into an intentional rundown with two

"It was a gutsy call, but we had to try something," Southerland said. "I just knew with Tina's speed and quickness, if we were going to try something like this, she is one of the best to make the other team throw the ball around, and it worked."

Offensive stars for Salem were Sniegowski (2-for-4) and McKinley, who contributed a two-run double.

In the trophy-clinching victory over the Jets, Abby Pairitz earned the mound win, yielding just five hits and two walks in five innings of work. Davis pitched the final two innings to pick up the save.

Outstanding defensive plays by Szawara and Caves highlighted the game for the Rocks. Caves made a spectacular running catch with one out and runners on first and second in the seventh inning. She then doubled the run off second with a strong throw to end the

"Amy gave it her all and made another beautiful catch that almost seemed impossible," Southerland said.

Proodian sparkled at the plate for the Rocks, going 3for-3 with an RBI. Danielle DiPietro went 2-for-3 with an

CANTON 4-1 AT MADONNA

Securing its unbeaten record was secondary to getting ample playing time for all of the players on its roster for the Chiefs at this past weekend's Madonna Invitational. Canton won four of five games, leaving its record at 32-1.

Canton was scheduled to play Lincoln Park in Saturday morning's pool-play opener, however, the Railsplitters' bus was involved in a traffic accident en route to the game, so they did not compete in the tourney.

Instead of playing Lincoln

Park in the first game, the PREP SOFTBALL Chiefs upended Anchor Bay, 2-

1. Hillary Payne tossed a complete-game five-hitter and recorded nine strikeouts for the winners. Canton scored both their runs in the sixth when, trailing 1-0, they received four straight singles from Katie Osburn, Lauren Delapaz, Molly Przybylski and Ashley Trent. Trent's hit tied the game at 1-1 and another hit later in the inning by Erika Perkovich scored Delapaz with the game-winner.

Canton throttled North Farmington, 9-1, in Saturday's second game. Sophomore Sarah Anthony threw a onehitter for the Chiefs, striking out eight without walking a

The Chiefs, who accumulated 10 hits, tallied five runs in the third and three in the fourth to seal the win. Brittany Scero (3-for-3, RBI), Stephanie Sadek (2-for-3, tworun triple), Osburn (two-run single) and Molly Conlon (tworun single) keyed the Canton offensive attack.

Canton's 30-game winning streak was snapped in its final game Saturday when Anchor Bay downed the Chiefs, 4-2. The Tars built a 4-0 lead before Canton rallied for both of its runs in the seventh inning on RBI singles from Delapaz and Melissa Cieniuch.

The Chiefs rapped seven hits, but left 10 runners on base. Delapaz was the lone Chief to record two hits.

Canton won both its Sunday games: 6-0 over Marine City and 7-1 over Northville.

Molly Conlon improved her record to 20-0 with a five-hitter in the first-game win over the Mariners. Pacing the winners' 12-hit attack were Rachel Wade, Osburn, Cieniuch and Alyssa Johnson. Canton scored four runs in the first and two in the sixth.

Payne chalked up a complete-game, five-hitter against the Mustangs, who tallied their lone run in the seventh inning. Conlon, who made a rare

start at shortstop, contributed

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Bonnie Southerland Coach, Salem

four hits, including a double and triple, and an RBI to lead the Canton offensive attack. Delapaz and Trent both chipped in with a pair of hits.

PLYMOUTH 5, W.L. CENTRAL 4 (8 innings): Madison Dresser's one-out single scored Claire Ostrowski with the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth for the host Wildcats, who improved to 21-9 overall and 11-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Plymouth led 4-0 until the sixth when the Vikings struck for four runs that were the result of two errors and four hits.

Ostrowski walked in the eighth. Gina Giordano entered the game as a pinch-runner and advanced to second on a wild pitch, and to third on Danielle Bondy's single. Dresser then ended the game with one swing of her aluminum bat.

"We left way too many runners on base this game," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, whose team out-hit Central,

Ostrowski earned her 20th win, striking out 10. Dresser led the offensive attack, going 3-for-5 with a pair of RBI. Every Wildcat starter except one recorded a hit.

Both teams finished with three errors.

of chances, win 2-1 Canton's girls soccer team **PREP SOCCER**

scored goals on its only two firsthalf shots Monday night against Livonia Stevenson, then hung on to earn a 2-1 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played at the P-CEP soccer field.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 11-4-2.

"We fought hard all night, but they probably outplayed us 79 of the 80 minutes," said Canton coach George Tomasso.

"Stevenson has a very powerful team. The key was that we were able to finish on two of our five scoring opportunities and they were only able to finish on one of their 13 opportunities." Canton senior net-minder

Brittany Cervi's final WLAA contest was a brilliant one as she made at least "four or five spectacular saves," according to "Brittany was outstanding,"

he said. "She was the difference."

The Chiefs scored their first goal with four minutes left in the first half when Becci Houdek scored off an assist from Kelsy Zemanski. Canton took a 2-0 advantage into the intermission when Andrea Johnson controlled Houdek's corner kick in front of the net, then punched it past the Spartans' goalie.

Stevenson's lone goal came with 12 minutes left when Beth Prost scored after receiving a pass from Ally King. Tomasso praised the play of

mid-fielder Katie Raker. "We allowed two shots in the

first half - and both were goals," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "I thought we carried the play most of the game, especially the second half. But again we had a hard time finishing."

Stevenson used two goalkeepers, Shaina O'Connor in the first half and Brittany Vella in the second half.

"I liked how the girls worked," Pinta said. "We played pretty well and had some opportunities, but not enough to show on the score-

board. Canton's shot percentage was too high."

Canton is idle until its Division 1 district opener Tuesday against Ann Arbor Pioneer. The game is set for 5 p.m. at Canton.

"The break will be nice for us," Tomasso said. "We've had so many games in such a short time period the past few weeks. The week off will give us a chance to nurse our injuries and work on our strategy for the game against Pioneer."

PLYMOUTH 1, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Brittany Hengesh scored a goal with 7:49 remaining to earn a draw for the host Wildcats, who upped their record to 6-

Following a scoreless first half, the Vikings' Paige Taylor scored with 27:46 left to give her team a short-lived lead.

Katie Hughes set up the Plymouth goal when she dribbled down the left side of the field before firing a perfect crossing pass to Hengesh.

"We played exceptionally well the first half of the first half," said Plymouth coach John Delplace. "We had good ball movement and we were in good position. But the second part of the first half we seemed to lose our concentration a little bit, which was disappoint-

Wildcat net-minder Brittany Warner recorded eight saves.

Meredith Bailey played a strong game for Plymouth, Delplace added.

Plymouth will open the Division 2, District 21 tournament Tuesday at Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The game is set to begin at 7 p.m. A victory will propel the Wildcats into a semi-final match-up Thursday at 4 p.m. against the winner Tuesday's Livonia Ladywood-Redford Thurston contest. The semi-final and final games will be hosted by Ladywood.











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Salem third at WLAA girls golf tourney

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

If there's a team peaking for the Division I state girls golf tournament, look no further than Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans put on a dazzling exhibition Tuesday at Pheasant Run in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, shooting a fourplayer total of 330 to beat dual-match champion Northville by whopping 40 strokes and gain a co-share of the overall title.

Salem finished third with 379 and Churchill, led by freshman sensation Shannon Warner, who took medalist honors with a1-under 71, placed fourth with 389. (See related story and overall results on page B.)

Stevenson had three players earn All-Conference honors including senior Jenny Kubert, who fired a 76; senior Rachel McHenry, 77; and sophomore Abbey Wolfe, 84.

Salem's Jamie Siedlaczek, a senior, and Ashley Smith, a junior, also earned All-Conference recognition firing 83 each.

The Spartans also placed two on the All-Division squad as sophomore Chrissy McHenry shot a 93 and another sophomore, Chelsea Bathurst, 99.

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May 24 at Pheasant Run

330 strokes; 2 Northville, 370; 3. Salem,

379: 4 Livonia Churchill, 389: 5. Canton.

424; 6. Plymouth, 428; 7. Walled Lake

Western, 434; 8. Livonia Franklin, 453; 9. Wayne Memorial, 483; 10. Walled Lake

Northern, 488; 11. Walled Lake Central, 512;

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

ALL-CONFERENCE: 1 Shannon Warner (LC),

71 (medalist); 2. Jenny Kubert (LS), 76; 3.

Rachel McHenry (LS), 77; 4 (tie) Ashley Smith

(Salem) and Jamie Siedlaczek (Salem), 83

ALL-DIVISION: 7. Susan Snyder (N), 88, 8

Ashlev Bint (LC), 89: 9 Ashlev Laws (WM), 90,

10. Therese Juthage (N), 91; 11 Natalie Slupek

12 Westland John Glenn, 540

each: 6. Abbey Wolfe (LS), 84

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"I don't recall a Stevenson team ever shooting 330, maybe a 331 and a 333," said coach John Wagner, who will retire after his 13th season. "And there's a possibility we could get under that if we get so lucky. I'm excited to see what we can do."

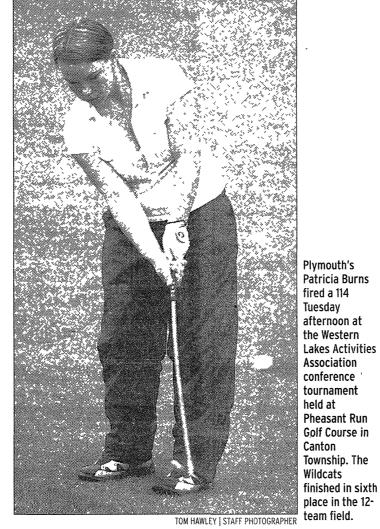
The state tournament is June 3-4 at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti.

"I don't know if we're peaking, but we're moving in the right direction going into the state finals," Wagner said. "Today we put forth a tremendous effort. We showed a lot of teamwork. I'm proud and happy for

"We just put it all together. We went head-to-head with the teams - Churchill, Salem, Northville – that would be competitive, and we arose to the occasion. Those teams have several good players."

McHenry, the defending WLAA medalist as well as state and regional runner-up from a year ago, seems to be rounding into form after suffering a midseason injury.

"Her back is better, I'm not sure it's quite 100 percent yet, but a 77 is a nice number," Wagner said. "And Abbey Wolfe shooting an 84 was a



plus. She shot 41 once this year and goes out today and shoots a very low number. And

106 (at the regional) to a 93 impressed me."

Chrissy McHenry going from a

Ostrowski won all six games for the Wildcats, improving her record to 19-9. She also swung a hot bat, going 4-for-4 in the title game with two doubles, a triple and three RBI to lead Plymouth to a five-inning, mercy rule-shortened 13-3 tri-

umph over the Ventures. "Claire pitched great and our defense was outstanding all day," Canfield said. "Especially my middle infielders - shortstop Kim Klonowski and second baseman Rachel Juco, who didn't have one error all day."

Along with Plymouth and Bishop Foley, the one-day, double-elimination tournament field included Blissfield, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Redford Union and Wayne Memorial.

Plymouth opened the tournament with a 3-1 victory over RU. Ostrowski struck out nine and Erin Ondusky paced the offense by going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI.

The Wildcats dropped into the loser's bracket as a result of their 4-3 loss in game two to Bishop Foley, which scored all four of its runs in the third inning. Freshman Ally Ciotti pitched four strong innings, but suffered the loss. Plymouth managed just two hits, one each from Juco and Ostrowski.

"After we lost that game, I told the girls they didn't know what they had just gotten themselves into, Canfield said. "I told them they'd be playing until dark, and we did."

Plymouth posted decisive victories in its next two games, pounding Crestwood, 8-0,

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Val Canfield Coach, Plymouth

before upending the Panthers, 10-3. Ostrowski (six innings, nine strikeouts) and Ciotti (one. inning) combined to pitch a one-hitter against the Chargers. Madison Dresser (2for-4, two RBI, two stolen bases) and Klonowski (2-for-4, tw RBI, two stolen bases) ed the offense. Dresser

three RBI), Juco (3-Danielle Bondy (2-for-3) and Erin Ondusky (2-for-3, four RBI) shined at the plate for the winners.

The Wildcats advanced to the semi-final round by nipping Blissfield, 2-1, behind Ostrowski's five-hitter. Juco, Ostrowski and Lauren Stemberger all had key hits for

Plymouth ousted Bishop Foley, 3-1, to force a final game. Ostrowski - who else? tossed solid seven innings to earn the win. Dresser, Klonowski and Stemberger paced the offense and Ostrowski added a two-run hit for the deciding runs.

That led to the finale, which Plymouth won going away, outhitting the Ventures, 12-6.

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WLAA GOLF RESULTS

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS Stevenson (330): Jenny Kubert, 76; Rachel McHenry, 77; Abbey Wolfe, 84; Chrissy TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, McHenry, 93; Chelsea Bathurst, 98; Laura

> Northville (370): Susan Snyder, 88; Therese Juthage, 91: Allison Grant, 95: Lauren Grigsby, 96, Jessica Reuter, 99; Kirsten

> Salem (379): Ashley Smith and Jamie Siedlaczek, 83 each: Anna Ross, 106: Kate Rzetelny, 107; Alyssa Mastic and Christina Garland, 115 each

Churchill (389): Shannon Warner, 71; Ashley Bint, 89: Stacey Lewandowski, 113: Sarah Walls, 116, Amanda Dobos, 124; Theresa

Canton (424): Natalie Slupek, 92, Katie Hoeksema, 94. Camai Millwood, 116; Danielle Reinhardt, 122, Nicole Burdiss, 126, Emily

W.L. Western (434): Jayshree Mahajan, 95, Kelly Bayson, 99; Danielle Miller, 113; Melanie Wilkerson and Michelle Cha, 127 each; Katie Leiter 134

Franklin (453): Keely Mog, 109; Lisa Farrington, 111; Jessi Stchur, 114, Rebekah Zurenko, 119; Mariel Meyers, 122; Angela

Wayne (483): Ashley Laws, 90, Danielle Elswick and Jenny Schmidt, 114 each: Kellee

W.L. Northern (488): Stephanie Shipley, 95, Kate Massey, 123, Grace Ackerman, 126; Maxi Lane, 145; Vicki Zolkowsky, 162 W.L. Central (512): Alex Carrico, 109,

Danielle Kello, 115, Antigone Akers, 140,

Samantha Maes, 148 John Glenn (540): Jessie Veltri, 115, Taylor Morgan, 136, Jessica Riggs, 139, Carrie Kulikowski, 150

OVERALL STANDINGS (including dual records)

WLAA: 1 (tie) Northville (11 0) and Stevenson (10-1) 22 points each 3 Salem (9-2), 19 4 Churchill (8 3) 17 5 Canton (5-6), 13, 6 W L Western (6 5), 12, 7 Plymouth (4-7), 11, 8 Franklin (5-5), 10, 9 Wayne (4-7), 8, 10 W L. Northern (2-7), 5, 11. W L. Central (1-10), 3, 12, John Glénn (1-10), 2

LAKES DIVISION: 1 Stevenson, 5-0: 2 Salem, 4-1, 3 Churchill, 3-2; 4 (tie) Plymouth. W1 Central and John Glenn, 1-4 each

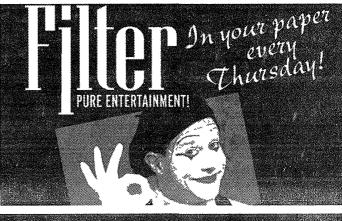
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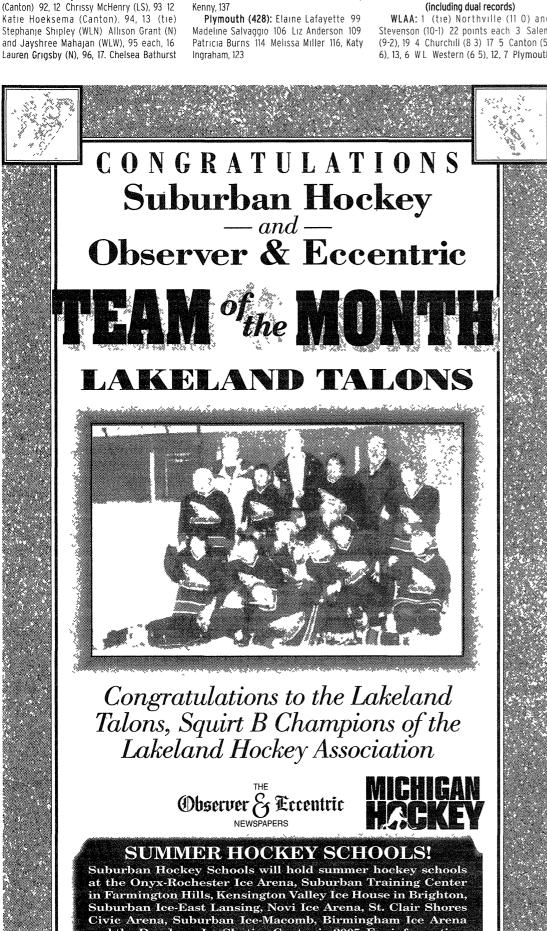
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Franklin scorers: Jessi Stchur and Lisa Farrington, 56 each, Keely Mog, 57, Rebekah Zurenko, 59, Mariel Meyers, 64; Angela

Wayne scorers: Ashley Laws, 44 (medalist), Jenny Schmidt 54, Danielle Elswick, 63, Kellee LaBean, 79

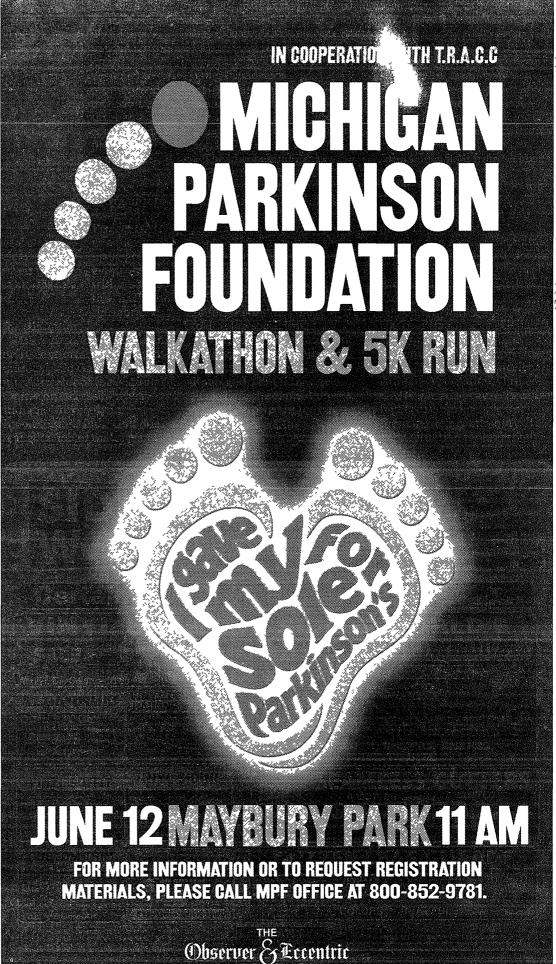
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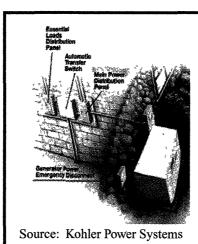
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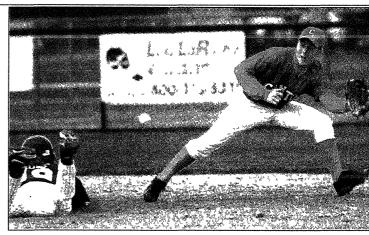
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Chiefs were done in by inconsistent pitching, especially early in the game.

"We just gave up too many walks," said Kaye, who was filling in for Canton coach Scott Dickey, who missed the game due to a family emergency. "We had four walks in the second inning (when Salem scored four times) and I think three of them scored. I thought we hit the ball well, but right at them.

"I thought England did a nice job of hitting his spots and keeping us off balance.

Following a scoreless first inning, the Rocks jumped out to a 9-0 lead after four frames pushing across four in the second, three in the third and two in the fourth. After Chief starting pitcher Matt Hemmelgarn walked the bases full, Dave Cardenas (walk), Jimmy Sroka (fielder's choice), Steve Myers



Canton second baseman David Neu chases down an errant throw as Salem's Ryan Rowe dives in to second base head-first with a stolen base.

(groundout) and Andy Ciantar (single) contributed RBI.

The key hits in the three-run third were Cardenas' two-run triple and Sroka's run-scoring single that plated Cardenas.

Salem cushioned its lead in the fourth on Bill Horgan's two-run double, which scored Scott Holka and Andy Psilis,

both of whom had walked.

The Rocks' final runs came in the sixth on an RBI double by Bill Leddy and a run-scoring groundout by Horgan.

Cardenas had his most productive day of the season, going 2-for-2 with three RBI. He also played a stellar defensive game from his shortstop position. Horgan also added three ribbies.

Hemmelgarn pitched the first two innings before giving way to Shawn Little, who threw the final four.

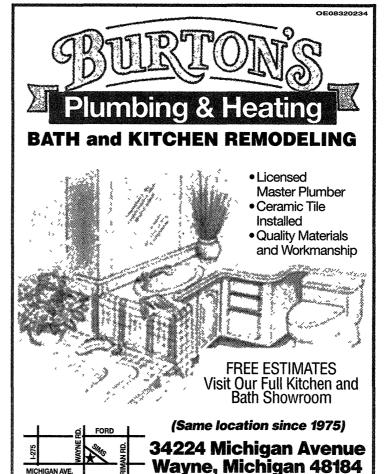
Salem played without cleanup hitter Mitch Hosch, who was lost for the season on Saturday after suffering a broken arm against Lakeland.

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Canton to host baseball camp

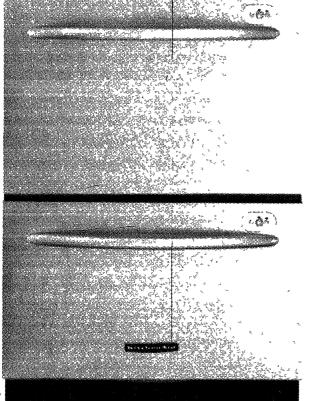
There are still a few openings in the Canton Chiefs Summer Baseball Camp, which is scheduled to run from June 20-24 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton High School varsity baseball field.

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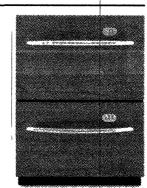
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The 'comeback kids': PCA downs Wildcats Warriors pound Romulus, 21-1

BY ED WRIGHT

Just when you thought the Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team had filled its quota of stunning comebacks this season, the Eagles struck again Tuesday afternoon.

The resilient Eagles overcame a 10-4 deficit to edge Taylor Baptist Park, 11-10, with a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"This team just never gives us," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston, whose team improved to 14-5 overall. "They never quit. Next to our win over Allen Park Inter-City, this

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was probably our biggest win of the year so far."

The Wildcats pounced on the Eagles in the top of the first with four quick runs. PCA responded with two of its own in the first frame before Baptist Park added one in the fourth and five in the top of the sixth to make it 10-4.

The comeback kids tallied five of their own in the bottom of the sixth then won it in the seventh when Bobby Unis and Stephen Sumner drilled RBI singles.

Unis had a huge day at the plate, pounding three hits, scoring three times and swiping a pair of bases. Andrew Shumaker, Sumner, Eric Immerfall and Matt Saagman all contributed a pair of safeties to the Eagles' 14-

Shumaker improved his mound record to 9-1 after he relieved Sumner in the sixth. Halston Hodges suffered the loss for the Wildcats.

PCA won despite committing six errors that led to five unearned runs.

Taylor Light & Life 7, Canton Agape 5: The Wolverines (6-14) fell behind 6-1 before mounting a late-inning rally that fell just short.

Freshman righthander Jared Miller dropped to 4-3 after throwing a complete-game ninehitter. He struck out seven, walked two and hit three batters.

Jack Anleitner, Matt Molnar and Kyle Miller all ripped two hits for the Wolverines, who were missing seniors Gabe Molnar and Nick Feeley, who were on their senior trip.

Agape hosts Romulus Summit Academy this afternoon at Griffin Park in Canton. Gametime is set for 4:30 p.m.

W.L. Central 12, Plymouth 1: The Vikings out-hit the Wildcats 13-2 in the five-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest. Plymouth was hampered by five fielding errors. Alex Harvey suffered the mound setback for the Wildcats.

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team improved to 7-8 with a dominating 21-1 victory at Romulus Saturday afternoon.

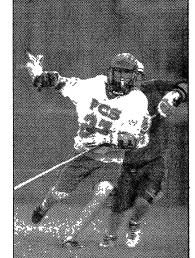
The 21 goals and 12 assists were both season highs for the Warriors.

Mike Bahrou tallied four goals to lead an offense that saw 12 different players score. Other multiple-goal scorers included Mitch French and Jared Ruark (three each); and Jeff Rork and Brad Obuchowski, who found the net twice.

Nick Cote, Ryan Gubert, and Derek Edelen also scored for PCS, and Derek Schmitt, John Savino, Nick Saia and Chris Sorensen all scored their first goals of the season.

Cote led the Warriors with

three assists, all in the first quarter, as PCS jumped out to an 8-0 advantage. John Groat added two assists and French, Ruark, Rork, Bahrou, Curtis Rose, Obuchowski and Sorensen had one a piece.



Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Curtis Rose picked up one assist in the Warriors' 21-1 victory over Romulus Saturday afternoon. The Warriors out-shot Romulus, 52-6 and recorded 72 ground balls.

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BOYS PREP TRACK LEADERS

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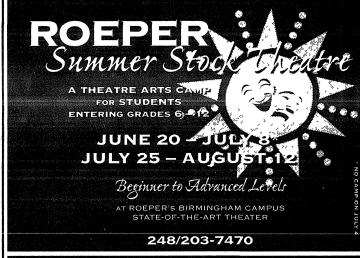
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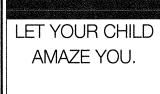
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falls to 22-6.

Conlon, in her third year as a starter, struck out 10 and did not walk a batter in seven innings. She outdueled Churchill starter Bridget Long, who deserved a better fate after holding the state-ranked Chiefs to just three hits. Long struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Canton scored the gamewinning run in the first inning when lead-off batter Rachel Beaudoin beat out a bunt single. She went to second on a fielder's choice and took third on another fielder's choice before designated player Lauren Delapaz brought her home with a tear-drop single to center field.

Conlon, meanwhile, set down the first 11 Churchill batters she faced before first baseman Cat Sidor lined a two-out single to left field in the bottom of the fourth.

"Not only is she (Conlon) quick, she really hits the corners and varies her pitches,' Churchill coach Carrie Korican said. "She also has a highly effective changeup.

"But I don't think we worked the count the entire game. We've been trying to do that last two weeks.

"We just were not disciplined or patient enough at the plate. We were going after high pitches instead of trying to bring her down.

Canton collected only one hit the rest of the way off Long, a two-out single by Katie Osburn



Canton third baseman Sarah Anthony and catcher Melissa Cieniuch nearly collided while waiting for a pop up near the plate in Wednesday's WLAA championship game. Cieniuch snagged the pop-up.

in the top of the sixth.

"They have an excellent pitcher with good control and we tried to adjust," Arnold said. "Their pitcher was great. Give her credit. She's one of the best we've faced this year."

Churchill's biggest threat came in sixth when Liz Jagenow led off with a single, and with one out, Sarah Pernak then reached base on an infield error.

Brynn Kerr then grounded a ball back to the mound to Conlon, who cut down Jagenow, the lead runner, at third, on a close play.

Conlon got out of the inning by getting Sidor to pop out

short before retiring the side in the seventh on a groundout and two infield popouts.

Arnold said he didn't think twice about putting Sidor, one of Churchill's top hitters, on with first base open.

"I have full confidence in our defense and Conlon, it never crossed my mind to walk her (Sidor)," the Canton coach said. "Molly's got a lot of movement and also hits her spots

"Also give credit to our catcher (Cieniuch). She called a complete game and does a good job reading the opposing batters."

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calling the following:

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Successful Quest

The Plymouth-Canton U9 Quest girls soccer team captured the 2005 Hinsdale Hurricane Classic **Premier Division tournament** recently in Oakbrook, III. The Quest shut out all of their opponents. Pictured (top row I-r) are Jorden Schultz, Samantha Wallman, Courtney Simpson, Emily Burkman, Ali Eggenberger, trainer Rodrigo Gonzalez, (bottom row Ir) Tracy Moore, Dana Rebar, Abby LeMerise, Emilie Hawks, Taylor McArdle and Nico Gonzalez.

Whalers' camps designed for all ages

For some students, summer school might get in the way of fun. The Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Sports Arena are offering a way to have fun this summer while being productive, in a hock-

ey sense. The Compuware Sports Arena is offering its annual group of summer hockey schools, designed to give students an edge for the 2005-06 season. Instructors include Plymouth Whalers **Assistant General** Manager and Associate Coach Todd Watson, along with various Plymouth Whalers players and staff.

Following is a summary of this summer's

■ July 11-15 — All-Day School: cost —

\$450/goalie coast \$450. School runs from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.; Session is for players between the ages of 7 and 9; Session B is for players between the ages of 10 and 12. This school is designed for intermediate-skill players.

On-ice activities will include power skating, stick handling, shooting, passing and a scrimmage. Off-ice activities will include coordination, balance, agility, quick feet and conditioning.

■ July 18-22 (Session A) Powerskating School: cost \$325/Goalie cost \$325. The school runs from 9 a.m. to 11:50 p.m. for players between the ages of 7 and 10. The school is designed for beginning/intermediate

> skill levels. The camp includes

instruction

with Plymouth Figure Skating Club professional and CSA Learnto-Skate Director Susan Bottrell. Skills covered include starts, stride, stops, crossovers, edge work, pivots, speed training and agility.

■ July 18-22 (Session B) Checking School: cost \$200. No goalies are included in this session. The school runs from 1:30 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. The school is designed for intermediate skill levels.

Fundamentals include learning to give/take a check, stick checks, angling, open-ice checks and hip checks.

July 25-29 (Session A) Mite School: cost \$325/goalie cost \$325. The school runs from 9 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. for 7- and 8-year-old players. The Session B Squirt and Pee Wee

School runs from 1 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. for players between the ages of 9 and 12. The school is designed for beginner/intermediate skill levels.

Skills covered include power skating, agility/balance, quick feet, stick handling, shooting, passing and a scrimmage.

■ August 1-5 — Allday School: cost — \$450/goalie cost \$450. The school runs from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.. Session A is for players between the ages of 7 and 9; Session B is for players between the ages of 10 and 12. The school is designed for intermediate-skill levels.

All school sessions are limited to 32 players. The instructor-to-player ratio is held to 8-to-1.

For more information, please call (734) 453-6400 or go to www.compuwarehockey.com.

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 26, 2005 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 12, 2005 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 7:00 pm. Everyone is

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community schools invites all interested and qualified compani bid for The District's Quarterly News Publication of Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center, RE: Newsline Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Terry Wood, Coordinator/Community Relations at (734) 416-3297. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public

Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to

the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the

Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold

a Public Hearing on Monday, June 6, 2005 in the First Floor

Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the

following proposed special land use request as provided in Section

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL

FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B9 FOR PARCEL NOS. 064 99 0013 704, 064 99

0014 702 AND 064 99 0016 000. Property is located north of Cherry

CHERRY HILL CROSSING SPECIAL LAND USE

27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

Hill and west of Canton Center Road.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2005 CDBG ACTION PLAN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing

impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at

the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services

should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188

(734) 394-5260

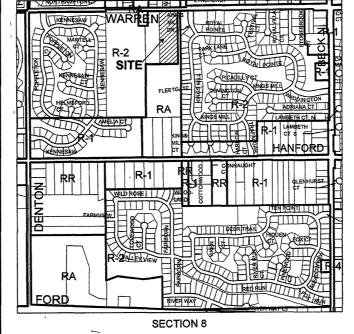
On Tuesday, May 10, 2005, the Board of Trustees approved the following projects and funding levels to constitute the FY 2005 CDBG Action Plan: First Step, \$35,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$8,400; Wayne-Metropolitan CAA, \$1,560; Teen Center handicap accessible doors (new), \$1,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Human Services Center Construction Reimbursement, \$275,000; Program Administration, \$64,919; Sheldon School site improvements (new), \$15,000. Allocation total: \$414,919. Requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CANTON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SPECIAL LAND USE -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SCHOOL AND DAYCARE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B4 AND B6 FOR PARCEL NO. 030 99 0001 003. Property is located south of Warren and east of Beck Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, June 2, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., June 9th, 2005 for the following:

PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE COTS AND STAIR CHAIRS

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with he proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Phillip G. Krueger, Bar No. 012031 Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE JUSTICE COURT, LAKE HAVASU CITY PRECINCT STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF MOHAVE

KEVIN CEBULA, an unmarried man,)

NO. JCV200500324 SUMMONS

PLAINTIFF,

RICK CRAVEN and JANE DOE CRAVEN, husband and wife, dba SUNSET SUNROOM, LLC

DEFENDANTS,

THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Rick Craven and Jane Doe Craven, husband and wife, dba Sunset Sunroom, LLC, as well as the unknown heirs and successors of the above:

- 1. A lawsuit has been filed against you.
- 2. If you do not want a Judgment taken against you for the relief demanded in the accompanying Complaint, you must file a Response in writing with the Clerk of the Justice Court, Lake Havasu City Precinct whose address is 2001 College Drive, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 86403, accompanied by the necessary filing fee. A copy of the Response must also be mailed to the Plaintiff/Attorney whose name and address is:

Phillip G. Krueger 2864 Sweetwater Avenue Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

- 3. The Response must be filed within TWENTY DAYS. exclusive of the date of service, if served within the State of Arizona, or within THIRTY DAYS exclusive of the date of service, if served outside the State of Arizona.
- This is a legal document. If you do not understand its consequences, you should seek the advice of an attorney.
- 5. A copy of the Complaint which has been filed in this action may be obtained by contacting the Clerk of the Mohave County Superior Court whose address is 2001 College Drive, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 86403. There is a fee required.
- Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the Court by parties at least three (3) working days in advance of a scheduled Court proceeding.

WITNESS My Hand and the Seal of the Justice Court.

DATED: April 18, 2005 Jill W. Davis

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SECTION 16

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arren McCarty raised the trophy high over his head

No, this was not the Stanley Cup, it was the league championship trophy from the Farmington Odd Couples league of Country Lanes.

Team No. 18, the
Deejenerets, had a foursome
of Darren and his friend,
Kristie Ghedotte, both of
Farmington Hills, along with
Keith and Pamela Jones of
Livonia.

The trophy was presented at the season-ending banquet last Sunday at Rocky's of Northville.

McCarty averaged 153 in this first season of competitive

league bowling.

"He has lots of potential to be a very good bowler," Pam

Jones said.

Darren also had a high game of 188, not bad for a rookie.

It was also a good season for Keith Jones as he rolled three 700 series and a career high game of 288.

If the NHL doesn't resume action, there could be a new career for this Red Wing standout, following along the path of such other pro athletes

Area athletes | highlight MÜ | soccer team's recruiting class

The Madonna University women's soccer team's most recent recruiting class has a definite local flavor to it.

Of the Crusaders' eight signees, four — Dina Allie, Caitlin Boyak, Diana Fedrigo and Andrea Muscat — played for Livonia Stevenson and another, Brittany Cervi, is from Canton.

Lacie Slebodnik (Woodhaven), Katie Kramer (Stony Brook University) and Samantha Fugate (Laingsburg) filled out the talentcd crop of players.

"Our goal was to increase the talent and depth of our team," said MU coach Mark Zathey. "We have clearly done that and more. Every player in this class has a chance to come in and make an impact right away which will undoubtedly make us better and give us a chance to compete for another Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship."

onship."
Allie, a forward, has posted seven goals and five assists through Monday during her senior campaign. A four-year letter-winner, Allie was a three-

time All-WLAA selection.
"Dina is a great all-around player who will be a threat up top," said Zathey. "She is having a great senior season at Stevenson and she will help us immediately in the attack as a penetrating player which is something we were looking to add to our team."

Boyak, the Spartans' captain, is a 5-foot-9 mid-fielder who has tallied a pair of goals and six assists.

"Caitlin is another immediate impact player," Zathey said. "She can do a lot of different things. She is a great ball winner, enjoys running wide and drives a great ball. She is one of the top players in this class."

Cervi, a goal-keeper, is regarded as one of the top stoppers in the area. The 5-3 senior was named to five post-season teams following her junior season, including All-State.

"She is a great keeper who adds immediate depth to our position," Zathey said. "Brittany is a great athlete and an even better person to be around."

Fedrigo, a midfielder/forward, is another part of the Stevenson quartet. After sitting out her junior season due to injury, Fedrigo helped lead Stevenson to the city championship.

championship.
"Diana is a great kid and is a good, all-around athlete," Zathey said. "She is very fast and is a good ball-winner."

Muscat is a 5-3 midfielder who was voted All-District as a junior.

"She is a feisty kid who will compete for a starting job right away," Zathey said. "She has a great competitive desire and is all about winning soccer games on game day. She is a fierce competitor who will be of great benefit to us."

The Crusaders finished the 2004 season with an 11-5-4 record and were the WHAC regular-season and tournament champions.

as running back Jerome Bettis, pitcher Tim Burkett and boxer Evander Holyfield, all of whom are excellent ten pin bowlers

Speaking of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, along with the Detroit Women's Bowling Association, the organizations will be planning a move from St. Clair Shores to Lathrup Village, a fine



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choice as it will be more centrally located in the metropolitan area and more convenient to each of our Observerland communities.
The move will be during the summer to the new headquar-

The GDBA and DWBA have been at the old locale for 36 years. Now that the DWBA and Pontiac Women's Bowling Associations are planning to merge with the GDBA, this office will serve the needs of nearly 85,000 Detroit area bowlers.

This figure is far more than that of any other city in the nation.

Except for the handful of staff and the executive director, all other officers and directors are strictly volunteers. They work tirelessly without monetary compensation and often at their own expense to work in behalf of the bowling community.

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ety of committees that help keep bowling moving forward, and also conduct several tournaments each year at all levels of competition for local certified bowlers who enjoy this ultimate competitive experience.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



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at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia. Churches all over the area are decorating sanctuaries for themed vacation Bible schools that run from June through August.

Some parents sign up their children for several consecutive weeks. Last year Redford resident Mackenzie Strachan, then 9, made the rounds, experiencing everything from being stranded on an island to sports activities at St. Genevieve, St. Mel, St. John Bosco, and Mt. Hope Congregational Church.

The activities at Emmanuel Lutheran Church kick off with the 12th annual Good News Day Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 20-24. Early bird registration is \$50, \$45 for the second child, \$40 for the third before June 1, \$55 after June 1. To register, call (248) 442-0307.

"It's all day and this year's theme is pray," said Cook. "Parents just love it just because it's upbeat, exciting. Friday we usually have a water fun day. The kids who come absolutely love it. Even after they're too old to come, they come back as volunteers."

A Circus Spectacular Vacation Bible School follows 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-5. Cook is already taking registration for age 4 to students completing fifth grade. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$30 for two kids, \$40 for 3 kids, and includes a music CD.

'We're using the Davey and Goliath characters to tell the story," said Cook. "Kids relate to Davey and Goliath, even parents like me who remember years ago when they were on TV."

All of the Vacation Bible Schools offer crafts, games, drama, and snacks to teach biblical lessons while they're having fur Sessions generally run from Monday through Friday for preschool through fifth or sixth grade.

Pat Dierks has her wardrobe already planned around khaki and jungle animals for the Kingdom of the Son Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 27 to July 1, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5252.

"It's \$7 per student but if someone wants to come we don't turn them away," said Dierks. "People have been working on the Kingdom of the Son theme for the last several weeks. They're creating a huge jungletype mural. Our flyers have lions and tigers and monkeys. It will be real colorful."

Several Bible schools in the area have planned to attract kids with the safari theme including Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Call (313) 937-2233 for the school that runs 6-8:30 p.m. July 18-22.

Laurie Candela is gathering "wild game pictures, decorations and a lot of tasty treats" for the Serengeti Trek at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia 9 a.m. to noon June 20-24. The cost is \$15 for each child or \$30 per family. Call (734) 522-6830.

Volunteers at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, in Livonia are covering the walls with green paper and hanging vines from the ceiling for the Bible school to run 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 20-24. Call (734) 464-6722. No charge.

"We're having a Serengeti Trek where kids are wild about God," said children's minister Angie Patek. "We're holding it at night because want to get dads involved, to get the families together."

Bonnie Varney is going all out to turn **Calvary Baptist Church** into a jungle in the midst of Canton 9:30 a.m. to noon June **20-24** for Kingdom of the Son. No charge. Call (734) 455-0022.

"We're going to be taking a look at different themes each day - God's prayers, God listens, God provides, God forgives, God protects, God rules," said Varney, children's ministry director. "We'll have live drama, lots of active music. We have a band and a praise team. We've rented a jungle backdrop and have an 8-foot stuffed giraffe. A lot of the kids come for and love the music. They kind of rock the auditorium singing about Jesus."

Children at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Tanzania 9:30 a.m. to noon June 27 to July 1. Ages 3 through entering sixth grade can enroll by calling (734) 427-1414. There is no charge but a free will offering will be taken 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, the night of a celebration progam put on by kids to show what they've learned.

"We're going to set up Tanzania site," said Julie Chiavazza, director of Christian education and youth. "We have a companion congregation to educate kids about people of Tanzania and they'll write letters to send to the church. We'll also be taking up a quarter collection to send to Tanzania. A couple years ago we collected for World Hunger and raised \$2,000."

Samantha Walls went to vacation Bible school as a kid and now she's coordinating the safari fun at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia, 6:20-9 p.m. July 18-22. No charge. Call (734) 464-

"We've been doing this at least 30 years," said Walls. "The bonus this year is a new pastor, Debra Klein, is starting in June and we expect her to join us at Bible school. The kids really enjoy it. Throughout the year they're still singing the songs.

"Each night they'll be introduced to five different characters - Zack the Zebra, Gigi the Giraffe, Elaine the Crane, Lug the Elephant, and Roary the Lion. Every day they have to do a good deed at home, set the table, clean their room."

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is adding a twist to the African animal theme by calling their Bible school a Prayer Safari 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-5. Donations accepted for the Redford school. Call (313) 937-

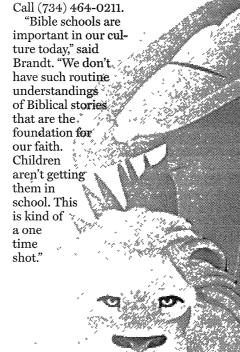
The safari journey introduces kids to "some interesting lions, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, and elephants" while leading them to Jesus

Kids enjoy a wild west theme at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile in Livonia from 10 a.m. to noon July 11-14. Cost is \$8 (\$7 for 3 children or more) through July 3, \$10 afterwards. Call (734) 422-6038.

Several other Bible schools are scheduled in the area including United Baptist Church (236 Middlebelt, Garden City) Aug. 7-12. Call (734) 421-2373. St. John's Lutheran **Church** in Redford is in the planning stages for a school the first week in August. Call (313) 538-2660.

First Congregational Church on Wayne road, between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, turns the sanctuary into the Circle G Ranch 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 8-12. No charge. Call (734) 729-7550. The school kicks off with an open door rodeo with horses, roping and barrel race 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 7.

Pastor Joel Brandt of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia is already putting names on a waiting list for the Mane Event of its Serengeti Trek July 25-29. Activities include a Watering Hole snack time, Critter Crafts and Wild Games.









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DR. ROBERT O. BICE

May 24, 2000. The Broken Chain We Little knew that morning that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing will be the same, But as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again. Love, Lois, Vicki, Bob, Tracey, Tom.

BARBARA "JOAN" SMITH CARO

Joan Smith, 83, passed away suddenly Sunday, May 22, 2005 at Caro Community Hospital. She was born April 14, 1922 in Lafayette, Indiana, the daughter of the late Benjamin & Della (Mahoney) Collins. Joan attend ed Purdue University, becoming one of the first women cheerleaders, and then went on to attend Nursing School. She was united in marriage to Andrew G. Smith, Jr. on May 1, 1954 He preceded her in death on June 17 1999. During their time living in the Northville area, she was employed at a woman's clothing store in Northville, The Marqui, for over 10 years as a Buyer. Joan moved to Caro from Plymouth following her husband's death. Joan enjoyed traveling, reading and most of all, spending time with her family and friends. Surviving are one daughter, Lynn (Lew) Werth of Caro, one son, Tim (Mary-Anne) Smith of Auckland, New Zealand three grandchildren, Tim (Lisa) Werth of Layfayette, IN, Sarah (Andrew) Malpass of East Jordan, MI, Jessica Smith (Neil Ieremia) of Auckland New Zealand; four great-grandchildren, Madeline and Mason Malpass of East Jordan and Isabella and Isaac Ieremia of Auckland, New Zealand. A Memorial Service will take place Friday, May 27, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro with Rev. Rocky Spear of the Colwood United Brethren Church officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service Those planning an expression of sympathy may with to consider memoria contributions to the Tuscola Country Community Foundation. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Funeral Home of Caro. (989) 673-2175

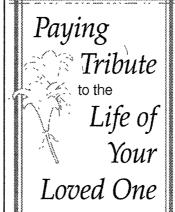


NICHOLAS DUNCHOCK,

Bloomfield Hills, died May 23, 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital, Roya Mr. Dunchock was borr September 27, 1914, in Ramey Pennsylvania.Mr.Dunchock is survived by his wife of 68 years Josephine and children, G. Joan (William) Vetter and Arnold (Dianne Dunchock. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Dana, Marcia and Kellie and great-grandchildren Samantha, Sydney, Tyler, Trevor and Jeri. Funeral from Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, Friday 11am Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Thursday 3-8pm. Interment in White Chape Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciate ed to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Elevating the Love of Christ Fund,
 2225 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

JESSIE ISOBEL LINDSTROM

October 2, 1921 - May 24, 2005. Age 83, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Mrs. Lindstrom was born in Belfast, Ireland on October 2, 1921. She is predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Vern Dale Lindstrom. Survived by son David (Bonnie) Lindstrom and daughter Linda (Michael) Morris Also surviving are grandchildren Scott Lindstrom, Heather (Kevin) McGough, Ryan Morris and Justin Morris, one brother, David (Anna Marie) Barclay, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lindstrom is predeceased by her parents John and Nellie Barclay and brothers James and William as well as sister Margaret Visitation will be at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Home, 13851 US Hwy 441 Lady Lake, Florida from 11-Noon on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 with memori-al service immediately following at Noon. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Marior County at PO Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34478. A committal/memorial service for both Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom is being planned in Northville, Michigan on June 11, 2005.



IRENE E. "Sandy" **MALEC**

Age 73, of Brighton, formerly of Troy, died Friday, May 20, 2005. She was founder of Willow Brook Rehabilitation Services of Brighton. Surviving are her children, Marc Malec of Howell; Monica VanAcker (Eric) of Hartland and Matthew (Michelle) Malec of Howell; also grandchildren, Eli, Calli Mae, Tyler, Jack, Sydney, Lauren, Michael and Averi. Visitation Tuesday 1-4 & 5-9 P.M. with funeral services Wednesday 1 P.M. at MacDonald's Funeral Home 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517 546-2800). Memorial contributions suggested to Community Food Bank of Livingston County or Humane Society of Livingston County.

MARIA MEHMETAJ

May 22, 2005, age 92, of Birmingham. Beloved wife of Emin for 58 years. Dear mother of Eva Kool (Larry) and Giuseppe "Joe". Grandmother of Olivia, Julia and Sylvia. Aunt of Stephano Quadrelli and Adriana Quadrelli. Sister of the late Reno, Tina, Fernanda and Clarinna. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Church of St. Alan. Memorial Tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RONALD PETER MILES, SR.

Age 59 of Tallahassee, died Saturday May 14, Tallahassee. A native of Munich Germany and former resident of Michigan, he had lived in Tallahassee for the past ten years. He was retired from the Florida ARF as Chief Financial CFO Officer. He was a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church and was a veteran of the Marines, serving from Aug. 1965 to Aug. 1972. He is survived by: his wife Cindy Miles of Tallahassee. His mother, Gertrude Richards of Davison, MI. (2) Sons: Pete Miles and Joseph Vernon Miles both of Tallahassee, FL. (2) Daughters: Barbara Miles of San Diego, CA, and Stephanie Miles of Tallahassee FL. Brothes: Ken Miles of Montrose, MI, Bill Miles of flint, MI. and John Miles of Grand Blanc, MI. (1) Sister: Debra Dillman of Tallahassee, FL. (4) Grandchildren: Josefine, Manuel Jacqueline and Emily Miles of Tallahassee. He was preceded in death by his father William Miles. Services will be held 11:00 am. Saturday, May 28, 2005 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, in Canton, MI. Grave Side service will be held at 3:00pm. Sunday, May 29, 2005 at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery in Grand Blanc, MI Memorials can be made to The American Cancer Society, Florida Division, 3708 W. Jetton Ave., Tampa, FL. or College Trust Fund for Stephanie Miles, Franklin Templeton for Stephanie Miles, Financial Investments. Network 30833 Vorthwestern Hills, MI. 48334-2581

DICK J. MILLER

76. Husband of the Romayne. Dear father of Rich, Debbie (Steven) Garrett, Patty (Rob) Stadler, Mary (Don) Getschman, Carol (Matt) DuCharme, & Candy (Russ) Belanger. Loving Grandfather of 14 and Greatgrandfather of 4. Dear brother of Jack Miller, Rosemary Million, Margaret Watson and Larry Miller. Visiting Friday 3-9 pm. Scripture Services 7pm. at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (Btw. 6-7 Mile). In state 9:30 am until 10 am. Mass at St. Agatha Church (Beech Btw. 8 & Grand River) Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



RICHARD W. (Dick) **MOZIER**

In memory of Richard W. (Dick) Mozier, a Livonia resident for 36 years, who died suddenly of respiratory failure on May 21, 2000 in St. Mary Hospital EM. His services were held May 25, 2000 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home with Dr. Jerry Smith officiating. He is buried in Glen Eden Memorial Garden, Livonia. Dick was born on April 9, 1926 in Springfield, Ohio where he graduated from Springfield High School in 1944. After one semester at Ohio State University, he served 2 years in the United States Navy during World War II. After his marriage in 1946, he attended Wittenberg College and graduated in 1950. He traveled for Cities Service Oil Co. and International Harvester Co. before joining Ford Motor Co. Heavy Duty Truck Div. in 1961. As National Account Manager, he retired from Ford in 1987. Always a traveler, Dick enjoyed going for rides in his cars and his boat. He spent many happy hours working on these as a great fixer. Also special were the times he spent with his children and grandchildren. Sadly left behind are his wife of 54 years Norma Jean (nee Jones); his daughter Tommi (Ken) West, Livonia; Grandsons Brady West, Ann Arbor, and Dan West, Ypsilanti; his son Richard J. (Rick) Mozier and Granddaughters Natalie and Jacqui Mozier, Dearborn; his sister Margaret (Donald) Bonhardt, Auburn Hills. Dick is also missed by many dear friends and co-workers who enjoyed his great sense of humor as did his family.

ALMA M. RIESS

Age 86, of South Lyon died May 21 at home. She was born in East Tawas, MI to Joseph and Johanna (Blust) Fisher. She married Jack A. Riess on June 24, 1944. Alma enjoyed gardening, was an avid golfer, and a great bowler. Survivors include her husband Jack A. of South Lyon; children Jack (Marsha) of IN, Ed (Resa) of IL, Veronica (Tim) Schalek of Temperance, Linda Watch of New Hudson, and Michael (Kathy) of NY; siblings Anna Fisher, Jim Fisher, Orville Fisher, Fay Schomberger, and Angela Thomas; grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was held Wed. at St. Joseph Catholic Church of South Lyon. Mrs. Riess was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. The family would appreciate masses to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, nc. of South Lyon.



SISTER MARY JUDITH RAPIN, RSM

Sister Of Mercy, Educator, Dean of Women (Farmington Hills; MI) – Sister Mary Judith Rapin; RSM, 87, died May 23, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She had been a Sister of Mercy for 68 years. Born to Charles and Eva Marie (Borey) Rapin on November 25, 1917 in Šáginaw, Michigan, Florence Rapin joined the Sisters of Mercy in Dubuque, Iowa in 1936 and was given the name, Sister Mary Judith. She made profession of perpetual vows in Detroit on August 16, 1942. Sister Judith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercy College of Detroit, a Master of Arts from the University of Detroit, and did ost-graduate work at Notre Dame University and Michigan State University. Her teaching assignments began at St. Mary's School in Hemlock and continued at St. Mary's in Bay City, St. Mary Magdalen in Hazel Park and Greater Muskegon Catholic Central High School, Her assignments at Mount Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids over the years included caring for boarding students, teaching home economics and speech, and overseeing purchasing, personnel and faculty. Sister Judith served at Mercy College of Detroit as registrar from 1956-196 and as Dean of Women from 1961-1965 She was responsible for the college's learning resource center from 1969-1973. She also served as business manager for the Sisters of Mercy Generalate in Bethesda, Maryland and as secretary for the Sisters of Mercy Provincialate in Farmington Hills. Sister Judith cared for her mother during the last two years of her life worked with the mentally challenged in a foster home in Bad Axe and assisted the principal at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Detroit. She retired to McAuley Center in 1996. Sister Judith was recognized and respected for her many accomplishments as teacher counselor and administrator. She was inducted into the Saginaw Catholic Schools Hall of Fame in 1991. Sister Judith's family recalls her many talents and how she enjoyed using them for others. She would often spend vacations with them and enjoyed baking them special treats. She was a skilled seamstress and could knit, crochet and do calligraphy as well. Within her religious community she is remembered as a generous and loving person. Sister Judith is survived by her brothers Bernard, Albert and Gerald of Saginaw and Louis of Freeland; sisters Lenore Strohmer of Livonia and Joan Leaman of Saginaw; many nieces and nephews; and by her Mercy communi-

ty. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters Mary Davis and Alice Doerr; her brother Charles; and her aunt, Sister Mary Victorine Rapin, RSM. A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center on May 25, 2005 at 3 pm, with a scripture and remembrance vigil at 7 pm. The funeral Mass will be celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on May 26, 2005 at 10:30 am, followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336-1405.

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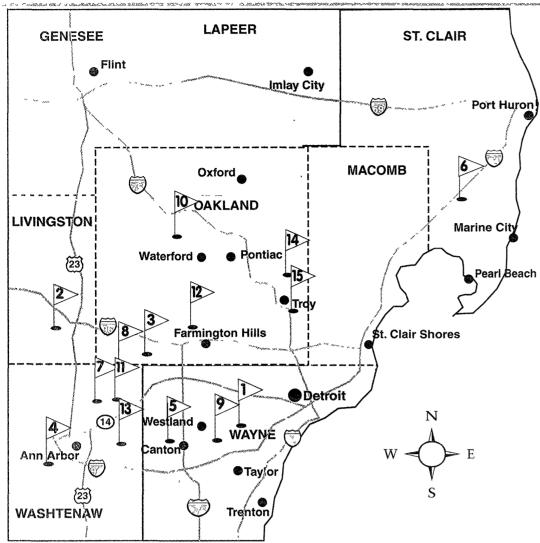
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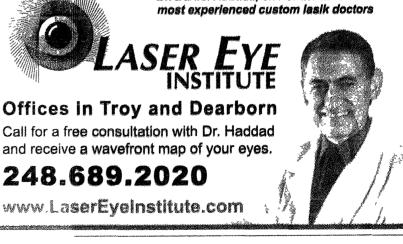


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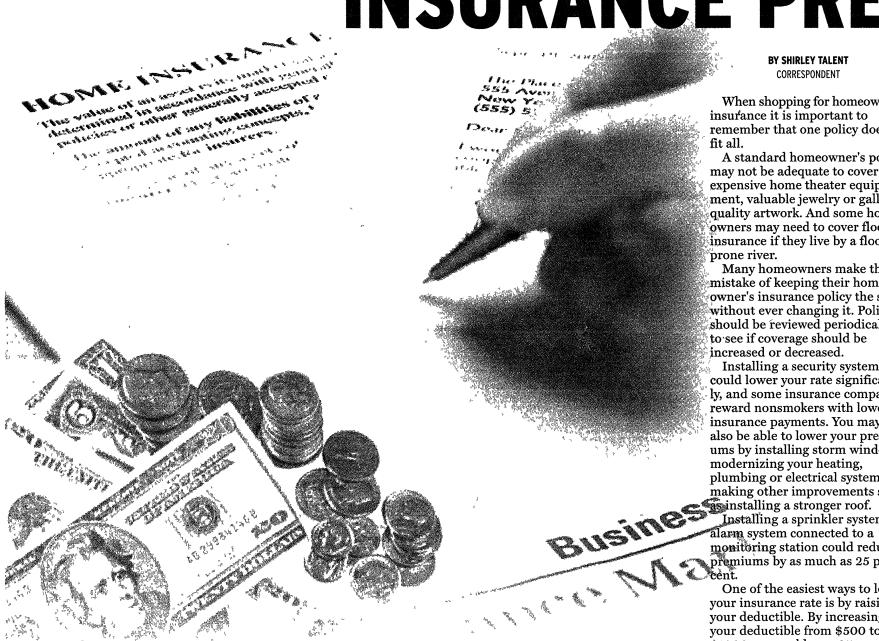


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Myriad of factors determine home INSURANCE PREMIUMS



BY SHIRLEY TALENT CORRESPONDENT

When shopping for homeowner's insurance it is important to remember that one policy doesn't

A standard homeowner's policy may not be adequate to cover expensive home theater equipment, valuable jewelry or gallery quality artwork. And some homeowners may need to cover flood insurance if they live by a floodprone river.

Many homeowners make the mistake of keeping their homeowner's insurance policy the same without ever changing it. Policies should be reviewed periodically to see if coverage should be increased or decreased.

Installing a security system could lower your rate significantly, and some insurance companies reward nonsmokers with lower insurance payments. You may also be able to lower your premiums by installing storm windows, plumbing or electrical system or making other improvements such

Installing a sprinkler system or monitoring station could reduce premiums by as much as 25 per-

One of the easiest ways to lower your insurance rate is by raising your deductible. By increasing your deductible from \$500 to \$1000 you could save 25 percent or more. You may also save money by purchasing auto, homeowner's and liability insurance from one company. Some insurance agents are authorized to cut 10 to 20 percent off your bill if you buy two or more policies.

If you are planning to move, you can expect to get a better insurance rate on a new home than an older home. Since electrical, heating and plumbing systems in a new home are likely to be safer and more energy efficient, they are perceived as less likely to break down or pose a hazard.

You may get a cheaper premium from an insurer you have been with for years but it's smart to investigate other firms periodically to see if you can get more coverage at a better rate. If you belong to any large business, fraternal or alumni organizations, you may be able to take advantage of group rates offered by a participating insurance agency.

It is important to speak with a few different agencies to get information on the types of policies and coverage they offer and how they handle claims. Don't be afraid to ask what they recommend to lower your premium. Some agents offer 10 percent discounts to seniors and others may offer periodic discounts in an effort to attract new business.

Insuring your home for the amount of the loan balance will make your premium more expensive. When you are calculating how much insurance to buy, figure how much it would cost to rebuild your home minus the cost of the land. Ask at least two insurance agents to estimate the replacement cost of your home. Guaranteed replacement cost policies cost more than standard policies.



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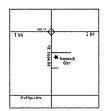


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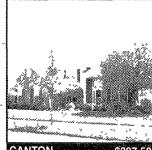
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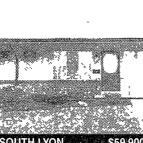
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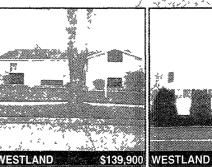
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Area class to cover building exam topics

A 16-hour comprehensive seminar on Michigan State builder's license examination is being offered through the Oakland Builders Institute in conjunction with Rochester Community Education.

The seminar will be held from 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 14, 16, 21 and 23 at Adams High School, 3200 W. Tienken, Rochester Hills. This seminar teaches math as well as blueprint reading. The cost is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required by Friday, June 10. Call (248) 726-3165 for registration information.



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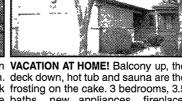




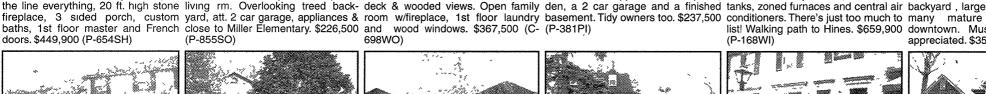
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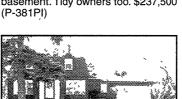






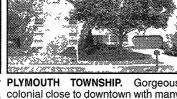






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Mortgage savvy: Equal parts science and art

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, May 26, 2005

o be a truly effective professional, a person must be both analytical and creative. You cannot be a true professional without being both. Can you imagine how the world would look if Bill Gates, Henry Ford, or Sam Walton lacked one or the other. The same holds true in the world of home financing.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of lopsided mortgage loan officers out there selling you their products and services. The solely creative may get you into trouble by perhaps overlooking a small detail that is required to fund your home

purchase. Meanwhile, the mortgage geeks who know every aspect of their programs may just over-think the most simple and obvious solution that could save you thousands of dollars.

It's been my experience that the best mortgage solutions come as a result of the mortgage profes-

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Timothy Phillips

sional's ability to evaluate a macro view of the client's situation. Some important elements of that process include determining how the borrowers view and use debt, whether they view their home as an investment vehicle, and what level of fiscal security they need to sleep at night.

If you are thinking, "Wow, I never knew there was so much to getting a silly mortgage," you are probably ahead of some neophyte mortgage loan officers who have not pondered the issues. In fact, you should be advised that your mortgage loan officer may be neither creative nor analytical.

Sadly, it is entirely possible that only reason

the mortgage loan officer to whom you are talking on the other end of the telephone has been on his or her job for a month. In fact, you might be discussing the private details of your finances and your pending major purchase with him solely because he answered a recent employment advertisement. This may seem harsh, but most reality

Today's TIMBIT: As in most other professions, the true professionals are difficult to find. When you get one, you hang on for dear life. Non-professionals simply do not know what they do not know. Take the time to know your loan officer's credentials.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Undue influence should be reviewed

My mother signed a quitclaim deed to my brother, prepared by his attorney, without discussing it with me. Nor did my brother explain the document to her and that the document was a deed conveying an interest in property to my brother. Moreover, my mother had vision problems that affected her ability to read the document and apparently did not review it trusting her son. Do I have a good opportunity to set it aside?

This would appear to be a classic case of undue influence being imposed on your mother, particularly if she was infirm in any way. I would suggest that you retain the services of an attorney and write your brother regarding the basis upon which you believe undue influence was exerted. Obviously, to the extent that your brother exploited his relationship with your mother and/or tricked her into signing the deed by misrepresenting the nature of the document, that may well constitute undue influence.



Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

Our management company refuses to use certain contractors claiming that the management company does not wish to do business with them. This applies, I am told, to also accountants and lawyers. Do you have any comment?

The management company can

assist the Board of Directors in making decisions with respect to the hiring of contractors, including professionals. On the other hand, the management company should not limit the choice of the Association to pick those contractors, insurance companies, and/or professionals including lawyers and accountants who may best serve the association's interest but who are not necessarily "in the pocket" of the

management company. Some management companies only prefer to do business with certain contractors and/or professionals with whom they have a good rapport or other type of relationship. Some may consider that attitude to not be in the best interest of the Association because the contractors or professionals picked may not objective in dealing with the management company which can be detrimental to the Association. You should bring this to the attention of the management company and indicate to it that you want to be open to all contractors and or professionals who are available to assist in the service requested.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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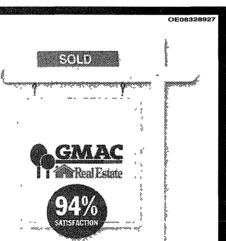
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all included. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, June 9. 1-800-9402014 or (248) 651-2771. Senior Financial Adviser Edward L. McDermott has been named senior financial adviser for Leonard & Company, the largest Michigan-based,

full-service securities brokerage, Prior to joining Leonard & Company, McDermott served as vice president for Morgan Stanley. As senior financial advisor, McDermott will manage portfolio marketing and work in conjunction with Morey managers as well as focus on individual

accounts. McDermott earned a bachelor's of political College of the Holy Cross in Worchester. Mass., and has 15 years of experience in the He currently resides in

15894 19 Mile Road, between Hayes and Garfield, announced completion of this Tuscany-styled community is scheduled for July 2005. Villa Bella, an Independence Village retirement community, will feature a Northern Italian theme throughout. The spacious homes are leasing quickly and model tours of the efficiency, one and two bedroom apartment homes are available daily Outside, Villa Bella of Clinton Township reflects the Old World charm of

Tuscany, with open

courtyards, patios, peaceful walking areas and a beautiful water feature. The flavor of Tuscany continues inside Villa Bella where life is like staying at a resort in Northern Italy. Villa Bella of Clinton Township, features numerous amenities including five star dining, scheduled transportation to appointments, shopping and events, and more.

Grand Opening Turnberry Homes opened May 20-22 on the new course at Indianwood Golf and Country Club located on the south side of Indianwood Road between Joslyn and Baldwin Roads in Lake Orion. Formerly a Homearama site with a dozen million dollar homes, this gated golf course community will now feature homes starting in the low \$400's Spacious, flowing floor plans range from 2,600 to 3,500 square feet, featuring 9foot first floor ceilings,

three baths, a three-car side turned garages and offer spectacular views. Hauska joins Trammell Crow Co.

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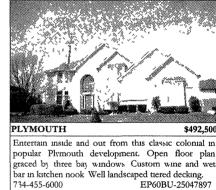


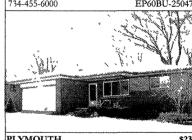


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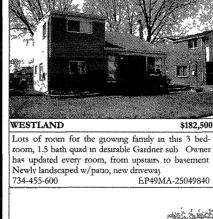


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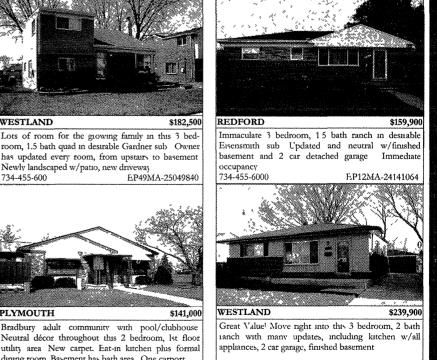




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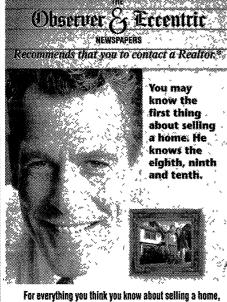
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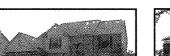
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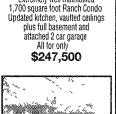
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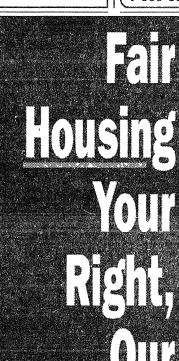
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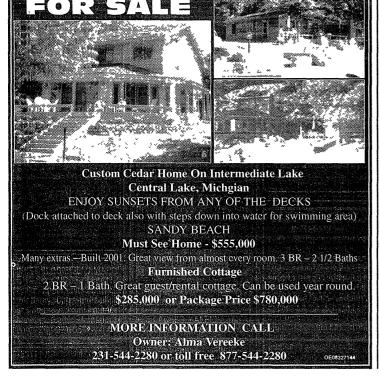
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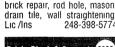
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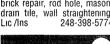
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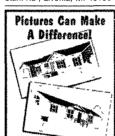
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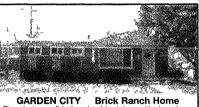
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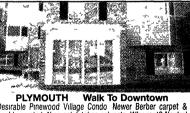
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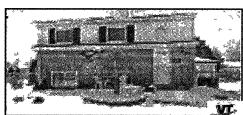
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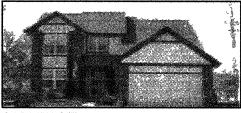
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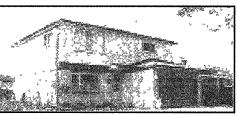
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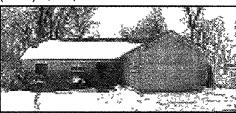
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Job seekers become so focused upon exploring open jobs in print and online that they often sit back and let many good jobs pass them by. Preparing your market requires identifying one or more companies where you'd like to work, then finding people inside to be your bridge. You must make it easy for them.

Nella Barkley, president of work/ life consulting firm Crystal-Barkley Corp., says, "You have to know what you want to do and what you want to accomplish. A job is just a mechanism by which you'd do it. Research employers who, as an organization and individual decision-makers, share your view on what needs to be accomplished. Resume-chasing and job-chasing are outside of this.

If your interest is piqued, develop and present a proposal explaining what you will deliver and what benefits these deliverables will bring, she suggests. Offer the how-to and

you may find someone else doing the job you wanted to do.

'UNIQUE SELLING PROPOSITION'

Robin Bond, president of Transition Strategies L.L.C. in Wayne, Penn., is a practicing attorney who negotiates contracts and severance agreements for executives. She advocates finding your unique selling proposition. It may well come from "the cross-pollination of ideas by highlighting problem-solving approaches that worked.

Show new employers what you've done that's leading in your industry," she continues. "Find where the spear is on an employer. Ask, 'What are some of the issues facing the department?' 'What do you want someone like me to bring?' 'What are you looking for me to deliver?' Afterwards, write a thank-you note refreshing their memory and reinforcing what they said by stating, 'I heard you when you said. . .' Ask a question and follow up later." In other words, keep the door open.

Anne Stevens of Boston's ClearRock, a career management and outplacement firm, recommends finding out if there is an internal candidate for a position or assignment you want. If the employer hedges, proceed as if there were one.

"Point out any gaps that are missing between the company and its competitors," ClearRock's Greg Gostanian mentions, "and how your

background and experience can help fill these. For example, is the company keeping up with its competitors in sales, cost savings, marketing, advertising, public relations, or product development? If not, how can you, as an outsider, help solve this problem?

SELFLESSNESS'

Keeping the door open may well require a long-term strategy. One is to focus upon developing relationships rather than simply looking for work, according to Jack Cage, senior client partner, Technology Markets, at Korn/ Ferry International's New York City office. Cage advises contacting a person three ways -- by e-mail, on the telephone and in person. "To maintain a solid business relationship," he states, "contact the person at least once per

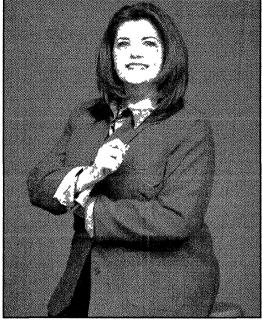
"Continually ask yourself," he adds. "What can I do for this person?' What would the person find fun or interesting?' What can I do for someone the person knows?' This selfless approach pays dividends on a long-term basis.'

Of course, you can overdo it. Cage identifies the telltale signs of waning enthusiasm as:

-- "the widening gap between when you call and leave a message, and when you get called back, and

-"the flat, uninspired" tone coming through the telephone.

What's the formula? Target companies in addition to ads;



Robin Bond, president of Transition Strategies L.L.C. in Wayne, Penn., suggests you ask questions and, "Show new employers what you've done that's leading in your industry.

communicate your point of difference; find out who the competition is; develop relationships by thinking more about the other person and less about your need for a job; and keep going. Through stamina and ingenuity you'll win.

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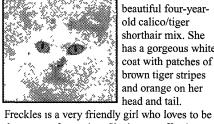
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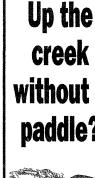
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If you looked only at the well-regarded J.D. Power and Associates 2005 Initial Quality Study that was just released, you'd think that Toyota Motor Corp. and General Motors Corp. – the world's two car-making behemoths - were headed in roughly the same direction. After all, between the two of them Toyota and GM captured 15 of the 18 top model segment awards.

But obviously you'd be wrong. The differing direction of momentum between the two companies couldn't be more drastically different these days. Toyota is gobbling up U.S. market share, largely at GM's expense, with a voracity that is nearly breathtaking for a market as large and mature as the American automotive business. Meanwhile, GM, after flirting with an increase in market share post-9/11 for the first time in many years, is sliding nearly as precipitously as Toyota is climbing.

The reasons vary from objective factors such as quality and the pace of new-vehicle development, where Toyota still beats GM, to more subjective - but just as real - elements such as the hubris of GM management and the company's frustrations at coming up with fresh designs that customers want to purchase without being motivated by financial incentives to do so.

By now there's little doubt that Toyota has established a product-quality lead in the global automotive market that no one else can touch. In the J.D. Power study, Toyota earned 10 of the top model segment awards, with the Lexus SC 430 honored as the highest-ranking model for the second consecutive year, at 54 quality problems noticed per 100 vehicles (PP100). Other Toyota models earning segment awards included the Toyota Prius (Compact Car), Scion tC (Sporty Car) and Toyota RAV4 (Entry SUV).

Meanwhile, GM earned five top model segment awards, including those for the Chevrolet Malibu/Malibu Maxx (Entry Midsize Car), Buick

The Chevrolet Malibu Maxx earned the top spot from J.D. Power



Century (Premium Midsize Car) and Chevrolet Suburban (Full-Size SUV).

"The 2005 IQS results contain some genuinely good news for General Motors," said Chance Parker, executive director of product and research analysis at J.D. Power and Associates, in a hopeful note for a company that sure could use some good news in the marketplace. "Improvements of the quality of several models and at their North American plants are both very positive signs."

In fact, the biggest improvement in the documented quality of an individual model from the 2004 study came in GM's Hummer, with a 36 percent reduction in reported problems. Since its debut in the 2003 Power study, Hummer has reduced reported problems by 115 PP100.

"In the past, there was a lot of talk about Hummer's poor quality being related to poor fuel economy," said Parker. "This year's results clearly show that the people at Hummer knew this wasn't the case. They identified many customer-reported problems and solved them."

GM also swept Power's North/South America plant quality awards. General Motors' Oshawa #2, Ontario, Canada, plant, which produces the Buick Century, Buick LaCrosse and

The Toyota RAV4 earned the top spot from J.D. Power for a SUV.

Pontiac Grand Prix, earned the Gold Plant Quality Award. The Oshawa #1, Ontario, and Hamtramck, Mich., plants earned the Silver and Bronze Plant Quality awards, respectively.

For its part, Toyota, for the fourth consecutive year, notched the Platinum Plant Quality Award for world wide plant quality, at its Tahara, Japan, car plant, with a score of 59 PP100.

"Competition in the automotive industry is incredibly intense," said Parker. "Even though the 2005 results may suggest a plateau in quality, manufacturers should not become complacent. The IQS has tracked similar apparent 'plateaus' before in 1996 and 2003. In both cases, the following year's results showed dramatic quality improvements. Car companies that take their eye off the ball risk being left behind."

What does all this mean for GM? Obviously the company has gotten its act together not only on product quality but also in terms of the other important things that it does in its factories, including lean manufacturing and work flow in general. That in itself is an admirable accomplishment given where GM was just a decade or so ago.

Now, GM's designers, engineers and marketers, all the way on up to CEO Richard Wagoner, have to figure out the "sell" part of the equation as well as they have the "build" side. Or it won't just be quality awards that Toyota will keep on winning.

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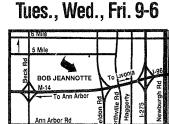
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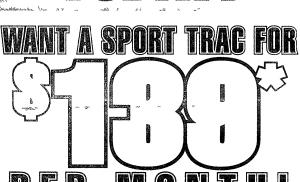


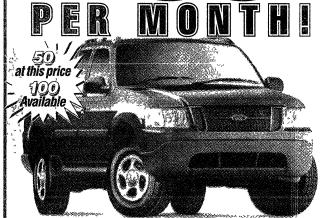
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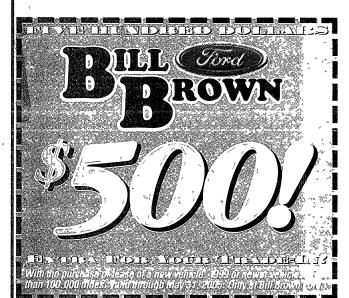
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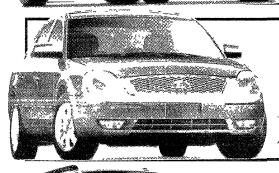
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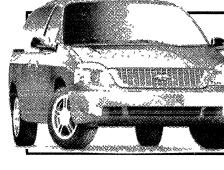


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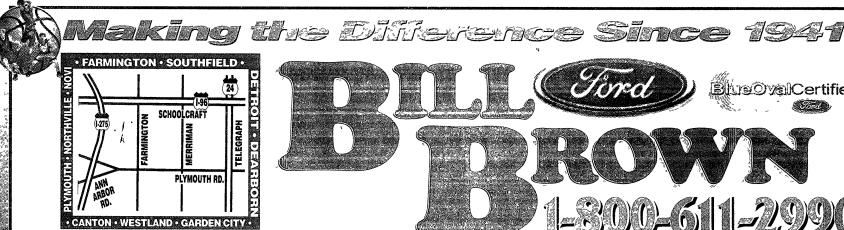
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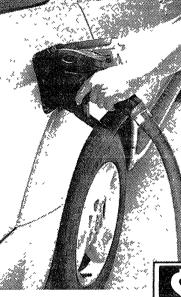
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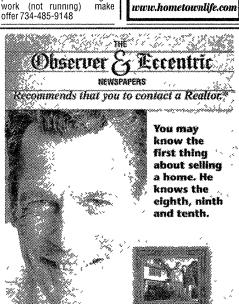
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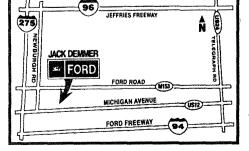
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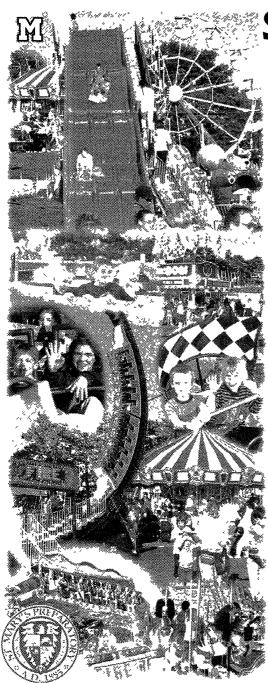


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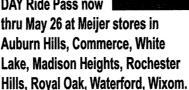


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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

I bet you are already planning to attend Fuse-In, travel to some exotic location like Traverse City, hit up garage sales or grill with friends this fine Memorial Day weekend. And because of that, I don't have much to report this week. In fact, I'm only picking one show and leaving work early today to enjoy the sunshine. Which is what you really should do this weekend.

Those kooky kids (can I call them kids if they are older

than me?) The Hard Lessons will host a record release party for their new one Gasoline and a video debut Saturday at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. The Nice Device, The Vamps and The Dead Bodies will open. Doors at 9 p.m. 18 and up. Http://thehardlessons.com for more.

William Hung, Hot in Herre, those fake G.I. Joe PSAs -Americans are fickle; our mass culture is disposable; here are the top 5 things everyone is talking about this week but no one will remember a year from now.

1. The History of Love: A Novel by (Jonathan Safran Foer's wife) Nicole Krauss. Two talented people co-habiting the same Brooklyn brownstone. Makes you want to gag or pine.

2. **Stephen Malkmus** released his third solo album, for which *Paste* Magazine wouldn't run the ad, Face the Truth on Matador.

3. **Spring cleaning**. Finally get rid of all that useless junk in your basement at www.freecycle.org.

4. Radar magazine (www.radarmagazine.com) was officially launched this week and though I haven't heard any Detroiters talk about it, bloggers cannot shut up about it.

5. Detroit's Electronic Music Festival. It's totally throughout the rest of this edition of Filter, yo.

I screwed up last week and mistitled the solo album from Kelly Jean Caldwell. The title is Banner of a Hundred Hearts. I guess if I were a real "reporter" who "checks facts" I might have not made that mistake. Take what you can get and all that jazz. Now if you'll just drink this memory potion we can put this whole thing behind us.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy who wishes she had a mugshot to run with her column like that guy Greg below. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.

Beyond Bad

Here's a Grudge or two worth holding

t was a Grudge-filled weekend. On Friday I watched The Grudge. Saturday I saw Ju-on (the original Japanese version of The Grudge) and on Sunday I saw Ju-on 2.

That's a lot of Grudging. But it was

Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski worth it. As a rule I stay away from Hollywood horror productions because, at worst, (say Poltergeist) they are plastic productions and about as scary as Toy Story.

But once in a while the Hollywood boys hit it right, as they did in The Grudge. But of course, they cheated. The Grudge is based on the Japanese film Ju-on and is directed by Takashi Shimizu, who also directed Ju-on.

A wise move on the producer's part, for Shimizu translated his almost languid style into the American production. This is not horror that hits you on the head. It is horror that creeps up on you. And that can be the most effective kind.

The Grudge and the Ju-on films are essentially the same. The story revolves around a haunted house where a woman

and her son were murdered by the husband. Anyone who comes in contact with the house ends up dead, in the most grue-

The plot is actually quite slight, but as with all great horror stories, the tale is in the telling.

This haunted house is a brightly lit, modest bungalow, Japanese style. It is neat and trim, not at all creepy. But when the dead lady slithers out of the attic crawlspace and oozes down the stairs toward her victims, it becomes a true vision of hell.

Not surprisingly, the Ju-on versions are a bit more difficult to follow not only because of the subtitles but also because of the string of characters who come in contact with the house.

The scenes of The Grudge and the Juon films are almost interchangeable in their execution, which is not surprising, given Shimizu's hand in both productions.

While the American version is well done, I will give the edge to the Japanese films, especially Ju-on 2 for creepiness. There are a few scenes that will genuinely give you chills. That is rare these days.

The *Ju-on* films actually are quite tame

PLEASE SEE GRUDGE, D15

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Little Shop of Horrors resumes May 31 to June 12 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

About a dozen dealers of Buffy the Vampire Slayer memorabilia will be selling posters, figures, photographs and T-shirts at Motor City Buffy, a Michigan convention devoted to fans of the show, set for June 3-5 at the Marriott Eagle Crest Resort and Conference Center in Ypsilanti.

This is the first year the electronic music festival at Hart Plaza won't be free. The festival is now, of course, called Fuse-In, but it will be held as usual on Memorial Day weekend.

Big Rock Chophouse's owners have tweaked the restaurant's focus, but still have kept the Montana hunting lodge theme there.

No plans this weekend? Make some. Turn to Get Out! for fun things to see and do.

Mix Syrian, Turkish, some Asian and North and South African sounds. That's Oojami, a funky global band coming to the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Pictured on the cover are Rich Hawtin, Kevin Saunderson, Mos Def and Marco Carola. Photos courtesy EMF.

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Hot Ticket

This season at DTE everything

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concert schedule is inside this

Tom Jones may sell 8,000 seats at houses nationwide but here, if the weather is warm, he can

sell up to 15,000.

Tom Petty & The Black Crowes sold out fast — as did Oasis — to the surprise of concert promoters.

What is it about Detroit and our love for music?

"We value our short summers and we look for reasons to spend a night under the stars," said Tom Wilson, president of Palace Sports & Entertainment.

While concert ticket sales have slumped nationwide over the past few years, life at DTE has remained stable. DTE and Meadow Brook theatres host more than 70 shows a

"Many summer venues around the country only host about 25 or 30 shows," Wilson said. "Our goal is to get the 55-year-old man off the couch and outside. How do we do that? Offer shows like the Doobie Brothers. Someone may have seen them 10 times, but we can bring them back to relive the experience by lowering ticket prices."

Many lawn tickets were reduced this season to \$10 including Blue

Oyster Cult, Clay Walker, Pat Benatar, Willie Nelson and oth-

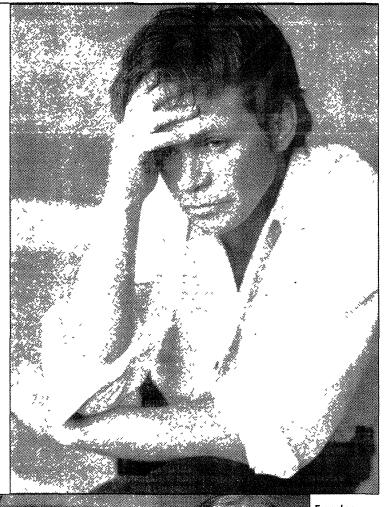
The schedule this season for DTE and Meadow Brook is eclectic: Good Charlotte, Kid Rock, Coldplay, Loretta Lynn, Hall & Oates, Carole King, Howie Mandel, Randy Travis, Avril Lavigne, Hootie, Earth Wind & Fire with Chicago, The Temptations, Ozzfest, Rascal Flatts, Erykah Badu, Hilary Duff, Jack Johnson, Stevie Nicks & Don

Wilson has strong philosophies about DTE and Meadow

"There's a reason why Poison sells out, and why we have eight or nine country shows each season ... and the Rascal Flatts are already sold-out, it's because people like it here. There's choices ... John Fogerty and Creedance Clearwater Revisited in the same week. Robert Plant at Meadow Brook. Oasis is going to be huge.

"People say the concert industry is dying. Not here."

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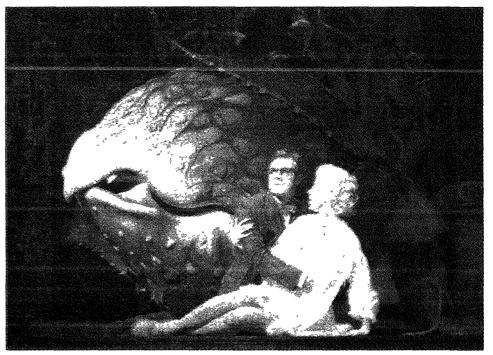


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Jonathan Rayson as Seymour and Tari Kelly as Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors.

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The musical Little Shop of Horrors has gotten big, big, big.

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plot.

Little Shop of Horrors resumes May 31 to June 12 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

"While our production has a very slick feel and is definitely big, I think our production still has a lot of heart," said Jonathan Rayson, who plays Seymour, the nerdy florist who makes a Faustian pact with Audrey II in hopes of winning the heart of his beloved, a real girl named Audrey.

The new production, which opened on Broadway in 2003, features four puppet-form incarnations of the Venus Fly Trap-like plant created by The Jim Henson Workshop. The third version is a body puppet manipulated by two puppeteers from

"It's like a full-body workout for them." said Rayson. "Then it grows to the size of a VW, and it's partially mechanical."

Little Shop of Horrors is based on a 1960s movie of the same name. The second, and widely popular, film version starring Steve Martin and Rick Moranis was released in 1986.

The musical premiered in 1982 and

ultimately played off-Broadway at the Orpheum Theatre where more than 2,000 shows went

The performance space at the **Orpheum Theatre** lent an intimacy to the production, said Rayson.

To maintain such a feeling and keep the audience engaged in the onstage human story, the new, more hightech musical relies on character development.

"Everybody knows or stereotypes

Seymour as this

nerd," explained Rayson.

"The audience needs to love and identify with Seymour. My goal is he's funny but he's also real and human. So I try to play him as honestly as I can."

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Are you game?

'Buffy the Vampire' convention strikes Michigan

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

As a Buffy the Vampire Slayer super-fan, Robbie Adams of South Lyon knows what devotees of the now syndicated television show want.

They want to see the actors in the flesh.

So Adams decided to organize Motor City Buffy, a Michigan convention devoted to fans, and then fly in as many actors from the show as she could get.

Slated June 3-5 at the Marriott Eagle Crest Resort and Conference Center in Ypsilanti, the convention features appearances by several Buffy actors with a question-andanswer session scheduled each day of the event.

"They're going to get to know the actors," Adams

"They'll have an opportunity to ask the actors what they're doing now that the show isn't in production anymore, and get some insight into the characters.

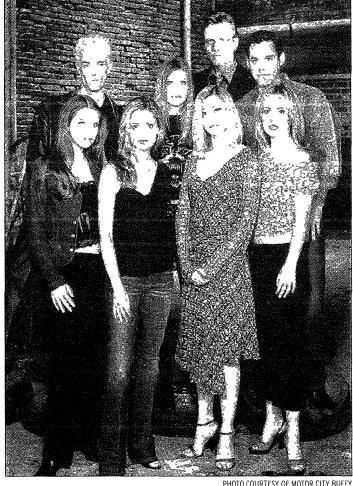
Among the actors scheduled to appear are Anthony Stewart Head (Giles), Andy Hallett (Lorne), Adam Busch (Warren), Tom Lenk (Andrew) and Danny Strong (Jonathan).

Other activities include actor musical performances, autograph signings, a dinner banquet and a cocktail party.

About a dozen dealers of Buffy the Vampire Slayer memorabilia will be on hand selling posters, figures, photographs and T-shirts.

"I've gotten lots and lots of e-mails thanking me because they (fans) never thought there would be a convention in Michigan," Adams said.

"As far as I know, there's never been one in Michigan before. The closest has been Cleveland."



For fans of the television series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," it's all about meeting members of the cast, several of which are slated to appear at the Motor City Buffy convention.

GET 'BUFFY!'

What: Motor City Buffy, a fan-run convention with autograph signings, performances, a dinner banquet and

When: June 3-5, convention runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., special events slated for the evening.

Where: Marriott Eagle Crest Resort and Conference Center, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti.

Tickets: Daily passes, \$50, Gold Ticket pass, \$225, additional cost for dinner and cocktail party.

For more information: call (248) 568-0834 or visit www.MotorCityBuffy.com.



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Kevin Saunderson returns to the electronic music festival Memorial Day weekend. The festival also has a new name (Fuse-In) and a \$10 daily admission.

Ready to Rave

The electronic music festival returns with a new name and other changes

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Electronic music fans trust Kevin

No matter how successful Saunderson becomes, he stays true to the music, they say. They have faith in him, like a good friend.

So when Saunderson, one of the originators of techno music and the electronic music festival, says he *has* to charge an admission fee, ravers mostly understand.

This is the first year the festival at Hart Plaza won't be free. Debts were too high, and for a while Saunderson wasn't involved and the festival's future was uncertain. Three months ago, Saunderson signed on as producer and the hard decision was made to charge a fee.

The festival is now, of course, called Fuse-In and held as usual on Memorial Day Weekend. It's \$10 for one day and \$25 for all three.

"That's still really cheap," said techno music fan Arnie Schmidt, of Livonia, who spent a few hours late Friday night online in a Fuse-In chatroom. "Most other festivals are \$50 easy just for one day. We really can't argue with that. We know a lot of work goes into this and people don't get rich off it."

Taylor Beaufore, 19, of Beverly Hills has been to four of the festivals and agrees the fee isn't an attempt to rip-off fans.

"We're not paying for the artists, they are working for us and the music," Beaufore said. "We're paying for the (organization) of the event."

Exactly right, Saunderson said. It cost too much to put on the festival for free and the only way to keep it going was to charge.

"Ten dollars to see so many artists isn't much," Saunderson said. "We had no choice and we want to keep this alive."

"It's worth it," Beaufore said. Especially when names like Mos Def, Stacy Pullen, Kenishi, Carl Craig, Saunderson and Luke Eargoggle are performing.

But Saunderson admits charging a fee may turn the curious spectator away.

"We introduced a lot of people to the music when it was free," Saunderson said. "Families with kids would stop by and see what it's all about. To attract them this year, we are having a kids' area... and kids under 12 get in free. Some people might not like the family aspect, but that's not keeping with the spirit of the festival."

Beaufore doesn't mind.

He discovered the music when

He discovered the music when he attend his first electronic festival when he was 15 years old.

"It's all about the music, and reaching people," Beaufore said.

THE NUMBERS

Every year, the projected number is 1.1 million people attending the festival. Saunderson disagrees.

"I still don't know where that number ever came from," Saunderson said.
"It's definitely in the 'more than
200,000' range. The hotels are booked,
the party is ready to start. And people
will come from all over the place to see
the city where the music began."

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FUSE-IN DETROIT'S ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

When: Noon to midnight, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 28-30 Where: Hart Plaza, Detroit What: Four stages, more than 100 artists, plus family activities Highlights: Kevin Saunderson, Mos Def, Stacy Pullen, Terrance Parker,

Cobra Killer, Luciano, Heath Brunner

and others

Web site: www.fuse-indetroit.com
Tickets: \$10 a day or \$25 for three
days. VIP passes for \$75 include
access to the Fuse-In VIP area;
four drink tickets per day;
lunch and dinner each of the three
days; access to the new Cobo Hall
VIP area that includes a lounge area,
refreshments, live feed from the
main stage and previews of unreleased tracks from performing
artists. E-mail for tickets
www.wanttickets.com/fuse/events.asp
or at the gate

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More cover story

A slice of Fuse-In's talent

With so many artists performing, we can't print them all. But here's a few to watch.

■ Adam Beyer of Drumcode, Code Red and Planet Rhythm, From Sweden, Beyer has become one of techno's leading figures with a highproduction style. He plays major clubs and releases records worldwide.

■ Ben Sims, of Theory, Hardgroove and Ingoma. From London, Sims owned his first musical equipment at 10 years old. His roots are in reggae, funk, disco, electro, rare groove and hip-hop. He's an in-demand producer in the U.K. His heroes are Detroiters Kevin Saunderson and Derrick May. Today, Sims spins in Tokyo, New York, Paris and other major cities.

■ Clark Warner of Minus. From Detroit, Warner says, "It is the people and events in Detroit that have shaped the atmosphere which I try to create and convey through these needles and lasers." Warner plays major festivals and at universities and is a well-known name on the scene.

■ Egg of MUTEK_REC and Karat. From Montreal, this team of two laptop musicians tries to create a subversive, elastic and rhythmic environment at the festivals they play.

■ Fabrice. Considered a worldclass producer, he's known for emotional melodies and harmonies. He's performed on Saunderson's KMS label, 7th City Records of Detroit and Kanzlermat of Berlin. Fabrice said the music first touched him in 1988.

"I was 15, on the dance floor of a Belgian club, when I heard Big Fun by Kevin Saunderson's Inner City project," Fabrice said. "It was a shock; I'd never felt such overpowering emotion before. The day after, a friend who used to work for a radio station told me that it was called techno music. It was my first contact with Detroit electronic music.'

■ Mos Def, known as one of hip-hop's most philosophical artists. The Brooklyn star hit the mainstream as an actor. He starred in Spike Lee's Bamboozled, The Italian Job, The Woodsmen and Monster's Ball. His albums have gone gold. He's arguably the biggest name at the festival this year.

Kevin Saunderson. One of techno's three originators (Derrick May and Juan Atkins are the others). Of

Detroit, he founded KMS Records. He's an in-demand producer and DJ worldwide.

His biggest achievement is Inner City with partner Paris Grev. It's been a successful act on the scene worldwide for 13 years. As producer of Fuse-in, he recommends artists Carl Craig, Green Velvet, Ritchie Hawtin.

"Actually I recommend them all, that's why they are at the festival," Saunderson said. "We have thousands of applicants and these are the best of the best. Either the up-and-coming, the well-established and about the bust and the superstars."

Marco Carola of Design Music, Zenit and question. From Naples, Carola has just recently come onto the scene, but is already a big influence in Italy. He founded Italy's first techno music label, Design Music, and quickly received support from DJs worldwide. His contemporary electronic style fuses slower breakoriented beats with smooth melodies.

■ Mike Serviot of Ghostly and Dorkwave. From Detroit, he creates heartpounding house, is well-known and enjoys a cult following.

AFTER PARTIES

The electronic music scene this weekend continues well after midnight when the festival closes. Actually, festival-goers say the late-night after-parties can be hotter than being at Hart Plaza.

"But you still have to go to the festival to check out new acts, but then go to the parties later to hear them in smaller settings," said Stacey Grand, of Detroit, who plans to attend all of Fuse-In.

Taylor Beaufore, of Beverly Hills, said word-ofmouth is the best way to hear about the parties.

"You just go there and talk to people and see which one to attend. . .see which one is going to be the

There are official Fuse-In after parties. For each (admission is \$15) you must be 18 to be admitted and the parties begin at 9 p.m.

Friday, May 27, at Center Street Lounge, 311 E. Grand River, Detroit. Artists are Reggie Dokes, D-Wynn, Mike Servito, Stacey Pullen and a "special

■ Saturday, May 28, at 1545 Clay Street, Detroit. Artists are Kevin Saunderson, Ken Ishii, Cajmere Chicago, Blake Baxter, Michel De Hey Holland and

■ Sunday, May 29, at Tangent Gallery/Hastings Ballroom, 515 E. Milwaukee, Detroit. Artists are Advent, Murat, Frankie Bones, James Pennington, Buzz Goree, Santiago Salazar Los Hermanos, Osunlade, Mike Huckaby, Ron Trent, Craig Gonzalez and Craig Huckaby.

■ Monday, May 30, at Bleu Room Experience, 1540 Woodward, Detroit. Artists Carl Craig, Wuentin Harris, Glenn Underground and DJ Genesis.



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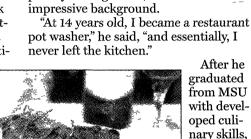
Table hopping

Big Rock Chophouse evolves

CORRESPONDENT

They're still at Birmingham's Big Rock Chophouse - a southwest Montana hunting lodge theme with bear, elk, moose, a winged buffalo and Native American artifacts.

Yet, to keep rockin' in the future. Big Rock's wellknown owners Bonnie and Norman LePage and Mary and Ray Nicholson have focus.



Rose, on board for nine months. With a

Michigan State University degree in hos-

pitality management, Rose has an

After he graduated from MSU with developed culinary skills, he took a job at Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield.

This was followed by a six-year stint at Tribute with chef Takashi Yagihashi and then a year at Iridescence



potatos and a red wine reduction.

WHAT'S NEW?

"We're a modern, upscale chophouse restaurant that also has an on-premise microbrewery," said Vera Day Rizer, Big Rock's general manager. "We're not a microbrewery that just happens to serve

Eight years ago when Big Rock opened, there were fewer local microbreweries than there are today, so the on-premise brewery was a novelty and emphasized. Today, it's all about being a chophouse.

Although, Big Rock's bar scene draws good crowds, pop lovers now enjoy handcrafted ginger ale, root beer and orange cream soda made by brewer Dan Rogers.

In April, Big Rock opened The Reserve with its residential-style, fine home atmosphere. It serves as a 6,800-squarefoot conference and banquet space for events up to 300 people.

This summer, Got Rocks, the upper level martini-cigar bar will be refreshed with new carpeting, furniture and more. Thus, the Wednesday Jazz at Got Rocks (7-11 p.m.) featuring either The Warren Commission or Royce moves to the Big Rock stone terrace.

KITCHEN EVOLUTION

Perhaps the biggest change is chef Jeff

at Detroit's Motor City Casino under executive chef Michael Russell, a certified master chef.

INNOVATIVE NEW MENU

Among Rose's new appetizers are Seared Scalops, three huge diver scallops with creamed leeks and a Port balsamic reduction. The combination tastes as good as it looks with the golden-seared scallops, creamy leeks and a dark purple reduction topped with frizzled leeks.

Also new is Oriental Seared Tuna with oriental citrus glaze and wasabi. Quickly seared sashimi grade ahi tuna is served alongside a seaweed salad with ponzu vinaigrette. Chophouse oriental? "I learned a lot from Takashi," Rose said with a chuckle.

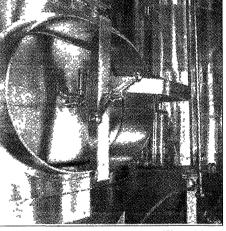
Short Ribs (which will come off the menu in the heat of summer) is a new Chophouse Favorite. To prepare 15 pounds of meaty first and second bone ribs, Rose uses two bottles of Port and four bottles of cabernet sauvignon plus one quart of veal glace. Priced at \$32.95, short ribs come with horseradish mashed

Also new among main dishes are milkfed center cut Veal Chop and Rocky Mountain semi-boneless Half Chicken



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off Rose, chef at the Big Rock Chophouse in Birmingham, prepares braised short ribs, a favorite at the staurant.



ne Big Rock Chophouse brews five different tap eers from 465-gallon tanks.

ith chardonnay sauce.

"Sauces are the major change in items ve tweaked," Rose said. "Now they're all nade from stocks and reductions – natual without thickening agents."

ORE ...

For seven consecutive years, Big Rock's ine list has won a Wine Spectator ward of Excellence.

Desserts are now made by pastry chef anya Fallon who first made her mark at orté in Birmingham.

"Big Rock is a place," Rose concluded, where friends and family can come

BIG ROCK CHOPHOUSE

Where: 245 S. Eton St., Birmingham, (248) 647-7774.

Open: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday until midnight.

Food style: Dinners specializing in hand-cut, aged steaks and chops and on the lighter side at lunch, salads, sandwiches and burgers. On-premise microbrewery.

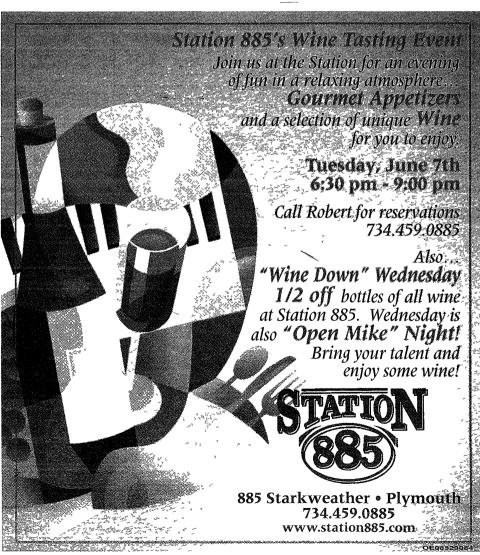
Cost: Check averages excluding beverage, \$10 at lunch and \$40 at dinner. Kid's menu \$5.95.

Reservations: recommended for main dining room.

together to eat great food in a fun atmosphere."

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Piowshares Theatre

Spunk by Zora Neale Hurston adapted by George C. Wolfe. Through June 19 at the theater, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Tickets \$20-25 adults, \$17-22 seniors, \$15 for youth. Call (313) 872-0279.

YOUTH

Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit Bring Movies to Silverdome

The Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit are bringing African animals, fairy tale characters and a little bit of the 1950s to the Pontiac Silverdome at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4. A Night at the Drive-In features a DJ playing '50s music, dance and costume contests and two movies: Madagascar and Shrek 2. Cost is \$9 per person.
Tickets are only available in advance. No on-site tickets. Visit www.gsofmd.org to register or call (800) 326-0309.

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Flint City Theatre

Shakespeare's *Richard III* at the Good Beans Cafe, 328 N. Grand Traverse, Flint. 8 p.m. May 26-28. Tickets \$5. Call (810) 237-4663.

JAZZ & MORE

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

From 8-11 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at Marge's Bar, 15300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park. Tom Saunders and his Detroit All Stars perform.

Also at 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Dakota Inn, 17235
John R, Detroit, Mike Montgomery and Kerry Price perform. Every Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at La Dolce Vita, 17546
Woodward Avenue, north of Six Mile Road, the Gypsy Strings of Detroit perform.

Brunch & Jazz with Dad

From noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, is Brunch, Dad & Jazz with the Michigan Jazz Festival. The annual Father's Day Brunch at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The Keller/Kocher Quartet with Susan Chastain will perform. Tickets \$25. Mail check or money order to the Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152-2022. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive the tickets.

Global Jazz Trio

The Ark, 326 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. A concert for World Peace, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 26. Tickets \$13.50.
Purchase at The Ark or online at

www.tickemaster.com or call (248) 645-6666. For more information call (734) 476-0611 or visit www.globaljazztrio.com

Michael On Fire

Singer-songwriter Jazz musician Michael On Fire returns to his hometown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Starlight Theater in Waterford. Call (313) 613-4444 or visit www.starlighttheater.net. Located inside the Summit Place Mall at 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford

CLUBS



Musical blend

Swing Out Sister, a blend of lounge, Latin and northern soul rhythms at 8 p.m., Thursday June 9 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets \$25. Call (248) 544-1991.

Bosco

noWax nights every Wednesday night at the Bosco, 22930 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Download music into your MP3 Player, come to the bosco, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs.

No cover. For more information, visit www.thebosco.com or call (248) 541-8818. 21 and over only.

Fifth Avenue

A House of Funk Evening beginning at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 29. Located at 2100 Woodward Ave., downtown Detroit. Performing is Funkilinium, Nadir, Midtown Underground, Larty Lee & Back in the Day and also Hot Sauce. Donation \$5 and benefits the Motor City Music Foundation. For more information, visit www.detroitmusicawards.com.

Magic Bag

The Samples, rock, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2: Ticketś \$15.
Allan Holdsworth, jazz fusion, 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 8. Located at 22920
Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030.

Jam at The Gem

The series returns to the Gem Theatre patio beginning Thursday, June 2. Every Thursday night from 5-8 p.m., local Detroit artists will play some of the city's best summer music. Guests can enjoy summer drink specials, savory appetizers and entrees from the Century Grille. On June 2, The Project; June 9, John Smith; June 16, Ed Wells; June 23, Dry Bones; June 30, The Gypsy Strings; July 7, Love Somebody; July 14, Shahida; July 21, Blackman & Arnold; July 28, Divine; Aug. 4, Lola Valley; Aug. 11, Zamar; Aug. 18, Nadir & Distorted Soul; Aug. 25, Dummine. Located 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. For more information, call (313) 963-980 or visit online at www.gemtheatre.com.

FOLK, POP & ROCK

On sale now At DTE Energy Theatre:

Howie Mandel, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Tickets: \$35.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn

Dwight Yoakam 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 22. Tickets: \$34.50 pavilion and \$10 lawn. The Allman Brothers Band 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14. Tickets \$55 and



Happy Birthday

Pop/punk/emo band Boys Night Out performs at the 89x 14th Annual Birthday Bash. Doors open 3 p.m. on Monday, May 30 at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 961-5450. Tickets: \$36.

\$35 reserved and \$25 lawn.

Concert notes:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Black Eyed Peas with Talib Kweli and Fatty Koo concert at DTE is canceled. Refunds are available at the point of purchase. Average White Band will not open for Hall & Oates at Meadow Brook. A new opening act will be announced. Tickets available at Palacenet.com, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster centers.

Tickets may also be charged by phone to American Express, Discover, Visa and MasterCard by calling (248) 645-6666.

Better Than Ezra

At the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16. Special guests American Hi-Fi and Adam Richman.
The New Orleans trio blends country

and punk. Tickets \$16-\$18.
Purchase at the Royal Oak Music
Theatre Box Office or online, www.tick-

ets.com.
To charge by phone or for more information, call (248) 399-2980 or visit www.rovaloakmusictheatre.com.

ART

Our Town

The Community House will present the 20th annual OUR TOWN Art Exhibition and Sale on Oct. 20-21. Artist call to enter applications are available at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham.

Applications can also be downloaded from The Community House Web site at www.communityhouse.com. The deadline for applications is July 29. For more information, contact Kathie Ninneman, The Community House, (248) 594-6403.

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show. Paintings, ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

32nd Annual Art Fair: Chelsea Painters

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, June 4-5, on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., Chelsea. Twenty-eight artists will feature an array of mediums. Live country/bluegrass by Beverly Smith. Kids' activities. Admission is free. For more information, calk (800) 888-9487 or visit www.annarbor.org.

BBAC

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center presents Summer Solstice: A Party Celebrating the Art of Fine Wine at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. Music, food, silent auction, wine, and Salsa dancing. Food is Spanish, Moroccan, Asian and Caribbean by Savoir Fare Catering. Gypsy jazz band Blackman Arnold performs. WDET 101.9 FM's Lize Copeland spins. Tickets \$75-\$250. For further information call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.versopass.com. Located at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES & MORE

Funny summer school

Registration is open for The Second City's youth and adult summer workshops. Subjects are improv, acting, writing and music for adults 18 and older. Kids can learn the fundamentals of comedy plus the art of improv. Classes begin Saturday, June 4. Tuition for the eightweek adult courses and youth workshops is \$200. The cost per three-hour workshop for adults is \$25 per workshop. For more information, visit www.secondcity.com and click on the Training & Education link. Further curriculum can be found at www.secondcitysummers.com.

Enroll for classes in person or by calling (248) 348-4448

All classes held at 42705 Grand River Ave , Novi.

SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Purchase tickets via www.palacenet.com or www.ticketmaster.com and at The Palace, DTE and all Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (248) 645-6666.

* SHOWS AT DTE BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. UNLESS NOTED Kid Rock at DTE, no details at press time Friday, May 27, Eddie Money, classic rock, \$26 and \$10 Saturday, May 28, Clay Walker, country, \$30 and \$10 Friday, June 3, Blue Oyster Cult / Mark Farner (formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, classic rock \$32 & \$10 Monday, June 4, Judas Priest and Queensryche, rock, \$46 50 and \$23

Saturday, June 11, Rascal Flatts with Blake Shelton, country, SQLD OUT

Friday, June 17, Motown Hit Parade featuring The Spinners & The Temptation Revue featuring Dennis Edwards, R&B/soul, \$29 and \$10

8 p.m., Saturday, June 18, Stevie Nicks & Don Henley, classic rock, \$89.50 and \$29

Sunday, June 19, The Music of Led Zeppelin, A Rock n' Roll Symphony, classic rock/symphony, \$32 and \$10 8 p.m., Friday, June 24, LaserSpectacular featuring the music of Pink Floyd, classic rock, \$20 and \$10

7 p m., Sunday, June 25, Santana with Los Lonely Salvador Santana Band, pop/rock, \$53 and \$23 6 p.m., Monday, June 26, "Strange Days Festival" featuring The Doors of the 21st Century with John Kay & Steppenwolf, Vanilla Fudge, Pat Travers and the Yardbirds, classic rock, \$48 and \$20

Wednesday, June 28, The Doobie Brothers, classic rock,

Wednesday, June 29, Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, classic rock/funk, \$75, \$55 and \$27

7 p.m., Saturday, July 2, Words And Music Tour 2005 John Mellencamp with John Fogerty, classic rock, \$59

Monday, July 4, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, classic rock/pop. Fireworks during the show, \$32 and \$10 Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, classic rock, \$32 and \$10 Saturday, July 9, Hank Williams Jr. with MuzikMafia, country, \$36 and \$20

Sunday, July 10, John Michael Montgomery, country, \$32 and \$10

3:30 p.m. Friday, July 15, Zooma Tour featuring Trey Anastasio, Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals and more, pop/rock festival, \$47 and \$32

6:30 p.m., July 17, Avril Lavigne with Butch Walker

"Bonez Tour 2005," pop/rock, \$39 and \$24
July 20, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers with The Black

Crowes classic rock SOLD OUT Friday, July 22, Dwight Yoakam, country, \$34 and \$10 Saturday, July 23, Dennis DeYoung: The Music of Styx

with Rock Symphony, \$42 and \$10

Sunday, July 24, ABBA The Music, classic rock/tribute show, \$33 and \$10

Tuesday, July 26, Sugar Water Festival featuring Erykah Badu, Jill Scott and Queen Latifah and Floetry, R&B, \$76, \$56 and \$26

Friday, July 29, Montgomery Gentry and Bobby Pinson, country, \$35 and \$18

Sunday, July 31, Hootie & The Blowfish, pop/rock, \$34

6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2, "Seventeen Days Tour" 3 Doors Down with Staind, Breaking Benjamin and No Address, modern rock, \$48 and \$25

10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 4, Ozzfest 2005, rock festival, \$90 and \$50

7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 7, Alan Jackson with Sara Evans and The Wrights, country, \$65 and \$30 Wednesday, Aug. 10, GIGANTOUR featuring Megadeth and Dream Theater and more, rock festival, \$42 and \$20 Friday, Aug. 12, Journey, classic rock, \$46 and \$23 Saturday, Aug. 13, James Taylor and Band, classic rock/pop,\$65 and \$23

6:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14, The Allman Brothers Band with special guests, classic rock, more to be announced Friday, Aug 19, Steve Miller Band, classic rock, \$48 and

Saturday, Aug. 20, Hilary Duff, pop, \$55 and \$30 Sunday, Aug. 21, Willie Nelson, \$37 and \$10 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 24, Motley Crue with The Exies and Silvertide, rock, \$68 and \$23

Thursday, Aug. 25, Ted Nugent classic rock, \$39 and \$18 7 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 30, Coldplay, pop/rock, \$69 and

7 p m , Thursday, Sept 1, B.B. King Bluesfest with Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Joe Bonamassa, blues, \$46 and \$20 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 2, Brooks & Dunn with Big & Rich, country, \$56 and \$27 Friday, September 9, Randy Travis with Craig Morgan, country, \$34 and \$18

Meadow Brook

SHOWS BEGIN AT 8 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, June 17, Steven Wright & Dave Landau, comedy, \$29 and \$15

7 p.m., Saturday, June 18, Oasis with Jet plus Nic Armstrong and The Thieves, alternative rock SOLD OUT 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, Wilco with My Morning Jacket, rock, \$30 and \$25

5-10 p.m., Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, June 24, 25 and 26. International Wine and Food Festival. \$20 general admission; \$10 designated driver: \$5 kids 12-17, free to kids under 12

7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 30, Howie Mandel, comedy, \$35 and \$10

Wednesday, July 6, Hall & Oates with the Average White Band, classic rock, \$42 and \$25

Thursday, July 7, Robert Plant and the Strange Sensation, classic, rock, \$48 and \$25 Friday, July 8, Mark Knopfler, pop/rock, \$65 and \$20

Saturday, July 9, Carole King, pop. \$65 and \$20 Friday, July 15, Detroit Symphony Orchestra "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" with fireworks, \$40, \$20 and

Saturday, July 16, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, "Great Gershwin," \$40, \$20 and \$15

7:30 p.m., July 17, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, "The Three Phantoms," symphony/Broadway, \$40, \$20 and 15 7 p m., July 19, Gavin DeGraw and Howie Day with Michael Tolcher, pop/rock, \$25 and \$20

Wednesday, July 20, Ani DiFranco with Erin McKeown, folk/rock, \$34 and \$24

Thursday, July 21, Richard Jeni, comedy, \$30, \$19 and

Friday, July 22, Celtic Woman, folk, \$50 and \$30 Saturday, July 23, Loretta Lynn, country, \$38 and \$24 Tuesday, July 26, Elvis Costello and The Imposters featuring the vocal stylings of Emmylou Harris, pop/rock,

Thursday, July 30, Break! The Urban Funk Spectacular, dance/funk, \$27 and \$16

1 p.m., July 31, Kids Fest 2005, family event, Friday, Aug. 5, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, "Tchaikovsky Spectacular," \$40, \$20 and \$15 Saturday, Aug. 6, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, "Big Bad

Voodoo Daddy," symphony/swing, \$40, \$20 and \$15 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 7, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, "Classical Mystery Tour: A Tribute to the Beatles," symphony/classic rock, \$40, \$20 and \$15

Wednesday, Aug. 10, Trio! Stanley Clarke, Bela Fleck, Jean-Luc Ponty with Joe Sample, jazz, \$32.50 and \$17 Thursday, Aug. 11, Chris Isaak, adult contemporary, \$40

Friday, Aug. 12, Clay Aiken, pop, \$46 and \$23 Saturday, Aug. 13, Lewis Black, comedy, \$34 and \$18 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, O.A.R....of a revolution, with Pepper and The Southland, modern pop/rock, \$27.50 Saturday, Aug. 20, Brian Wilson, classic rock/pop, \$75, \$45 and \$23

Saturday, Aug. 27, Dane Cook, comedy, \$35 and \$19 Wednesday, Aug. 31, Jack Johnson with Matt Costa and ALO, modern pop/rock, \$35

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 8-11, The Rocky Horror Show, musical stage production, \$40-\$20

The Palace

8 p.m., Saturday, July 16, Anita Baker with Babyface, R&B/soul, \$89, \$65 and \$45

7 p.m., Thursday, July 21, Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huckjam, sporting event, \$85-\$12

8 p m., Thursday, Aug. 4, Neil Diamond "Live - World Tour 2005," \$87 and \$45

7 p.m., Sunday, Aug 14, Destiny's Child with Mario, Amarie and Tyra, R&B, more to be announced Monday, Aug 15, The Wiggles, family show, more to be

7 30 pm, Sunday Sept 11, Green Day with Jimmy Eat World, modern rock, \$45 and \$37

History

Go on a hunt, get a clue about the Motor City

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

STAFF WRITER

Need a clue about the Motor City? Join in a scavenger hunt designed to reacquaint area residents with the city's landmarks and introduce recent changes to the urban landscape.

Get in the Hunt ... Rediscover Detroit takes participants on a clue-filled tour June 4 through downtown and midtown

"We want people to rediscover Detroit," said Cheryl Bartholomew, who designed the program for Detroit Synergy, a nonprofit organization formed to promote a positive image of Detroit. "This is an opportunity to come down and see how it's changing. And it's changing by the

The hunt will begin at Campus Martius Park and spill into the city's central business district near Greektown and the New Center area. Participants - teams of three to five people age 18 and above are required - will receive survival packs containing maps, bottled water and hunt instructions to get the search for clues started. Teams will use the People Mover and other transportation.

The Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau's Tourism Economic Department is co-sponsoring the event as part of its "Get in the Game" campaign.

Teams will accumulate points for each clue they find, and the highest-scoring group wins 10 VIP Rooftop Party tickets

ON THE HUNT

What: "Get in the Hunt ... Rediscover Detroit," a scavenger hunt in downtown and midtown Detroit.

When: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 4. Where: Begins at Campus Martius Park, 800 Woodward, Detroit. Cost: \$10 per person; must register

www.detroitsynergy.org/projects/geti nthehunt, for information, e-mail getinthehunt@detroitsynergy.com.

for the International Freedom Festival Target Fireworks slated June 29. An awards ceremony will close the event at 5 p.m. at Campus Martius Park.

The scavenger hunt route was designed to bring participants in proximity to the city's newest loft developments, art galleries, restaurants, bars and retail shops, said Bartholomew.

"We've found that people are very excited about coming down and seeing the city," she said. "They want to figure out how to get involved and be part of the action. This is one way to do it.'

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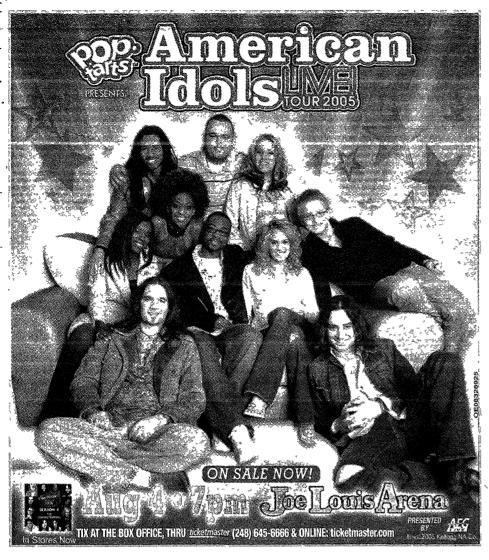
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Turkish elements

Tuesday, June 14

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Add a bit of Syrian, a lot of Turkish, some Asian plus North and South

African sounds, then mix in groovy rhythms and modern beats.

That's Oojami, the funky global band from London that's coming to the Magic Bag in Ferndale on Tuesday, June 14. Internationally, the band is critically acknowledged as a driving force in global music. Still carving its place in the United States, Oojami enjoys a loyal following that's growing.

Necmi Cavli, the force behind Oojami, said he can't really categorize the band's music.

"We reflect the North London culture and sounds," Cavli said.

"Some people call us 'Sound of Green Lanes,' and that's fine, I think that's what we are."

Oojami name is derived from the English term "oojamflap" used when one can't remember something. It suits the band's harder-to-categorize musical identity.

The music is rhythm-orientated.

"I like to use melodic parts to make it different. There are Turkish influences

as well as Asian and African. I used samples of Kalahari Bushmen from South Africa. I sampled musicians in Indonesia, the Ghana and Morocco," Cavli said. "Although the major element is Turkish, because that's what I'm most familiar with, I aim to be more global."

A Turkish-influenced band originating in North London?

"I'm lucky in that there's a lot of Turkish music bars in North London. It makes it a lot easier to find musicians that play traditional instruments without having

to go to Turkey," Cavli said.

Oojami members said they are inspired by Natacha Atlas and Transglobal Underground's style of mixing danceable, hip, sultry, modern beats with traditional Arab elements.

Lana Mini

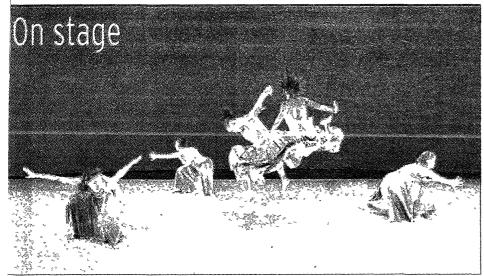


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"Slave Moth," choreographed by Robin Wilson, is among the works being performed by Ann Arbor Dance Works. All shows are free.

Ann Arbor Dance Works' spring show goes multi-media

U-M DANCE

concert.

What: Ann Arbor Dance

When: 8 p.m. June 9-11

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Where: Duderstadt Video

Works presents its spring

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

Photography, poetry, fine art and dance – all will coalesce when Ann Arbor Dance Works takes the stage.

The resident professional dance company of the University of Michigan Dance

Department, formed in 1984, is slated to give three free performances June 9-11 at the Duderstadt Video Studio on the university's North campus in Ann Arbor.

Three of the five pieces on the company's spring program integrate other artistic disciplines, underscoring that it's not unusual for contemporary choreographers to turn to other artistic works for inspiration.

Two revolving mirrored doors created by University of Michigan Professor of Art Satoru Takahashi inspired

Jessica Fogel's new choreography, for instance.

"It actually began with the idea of me having these two doors available to work with," said Fogel, University of Michigan professor of dance. "The piece moved into being about an older self looking back at a younger self."

A duet about self-reflection, investigating the past and looking towards the future, Fogel's piece makes use of the mirrored doors on stage to play up her themes. It's also set to poetry and video projection of written word.

Freeze Frame, by Ann Arbor Dance Works Resident Choreographer Gay Delanghe, takes the work of stop-motion photographer Edweard Muybridge as its subject

At points in the male-female duet, the dancers imitate Muybridge images as they appear on an on-stage video screen. Delanghe choreographed the piece, set to music by Phillip Glass, more than a decade ago.

"Her interest is very much in the

motion itself, the study of motion and the pleasure of motion," said Fogel. "What she's going after is capturing the beauty of the moments in time and animating them."

The program includes works by three guest choreographers, Jeanne Parsons Bostian, who danced on Broadway in Agnes DeMille's *Oklahoma*, Beth Wielinski, who performs her new solo piece, and Robin Wilson, a full-time University of Michigan dance department faculty member.

Entitled Slave Moth,

Wilson's large-scale work grew out of a book-length poem about the antebellum South written by University of Michigan Professor of English Thylias Moss.

The work also incorporates video projection and spoken word.

"The text is woven through the dance," said Fogel. "It is sometimes spoken by the dancers, sometimes it is sung."

Likewise, language emerges as a central theme in Wilson's work, explained Fogel. The dance unfolds the lives of workers in a cotton field. "But it is told through one slave's own life story. And, there is a sense that she (the slave) teaches herself to read and write."

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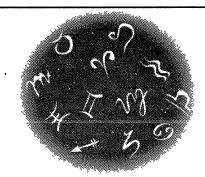
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Keep your wits to ensure that new financial arrangements are not designed to give others more control or authority. Experience has taught you that the dividing line between dreams and reality is determined by self-belief. With the thinking-planet Mercury changing signs this week, it's time to get your priorities in order.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The worst thing you can do is fret about what you believe you ought to have done, Bull. Certain individuals have chosen to ignore your advice or have taken the law into their own hands. It's now time to set about realizing your financial and professional goals. . .and, enjoy some nice weather.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Batten down the hatches, Twin! With the Sun in your sign now, pay less attention to other's opinions and more to your own. The answers you seek are within reach, but you may have been looking in all the wrong places recently. Let go of tunnel-vision and expand your horizons.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Home and domestic matters are highlighted now, and it'll be a wise MoonKid who pays attention and stays well within the perimeters that loved ones try to impose. It is difficult being detached when you feel hurt or disillusioned, but you can and must pull through.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

There are two points to be remembered when dealing with personal matters now, Lion. First, it is much easier to be critical than to be correct. Second, the only criticism that hurts is the kind that one deserves. For best results, be open-minded rather than full of yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Don't take this too personally, Virgo, but no matter how hard you try, people seem determined to belittle your efforts or ignore your accomplishments lately. Perhaps it's time to ask yourself why? You know what you can do – and nothing else matters!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

This should be one of the most positive weeks of the year so far, Balancer. If it isn't, you aren't trying hard enough, kid. The Sun in your element means that if you get into the habit of winning and doing now, it will stay with you for the rest of 2005! You can and will do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve. The time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble or flash that smile, Scorp. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash and flash, but a fresh injection of class and ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Everything points to this being a time of amazing changes. Now is your chance to carve a niche for yourself, demonstrating in the process that you are an expert amongst mere beginners. Out of every crisis comes the chance to be reborn. Don't hold back, Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

You know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance rather than happenstance, SeaGoat. However, no amount of effort will be enough unless you open up and allow others to share the load now. You've paid your dues and done your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

You're surrounded by back-seat drivers who cannot understand the emotional or professional conflicts you are experiencing. Simply clear the air and make a complete break. With the Moon in your sign for the coming days, you're better off letting go rather than letting off steam.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

There are few who have not experienced some kind of disappointment or financial loss recently, or paid dearly for counting too many chickens before hatch-time. Exercise your right to terminate any unsatisfactory arrangement – be it business or personal. Your best is yet to come, Fish!

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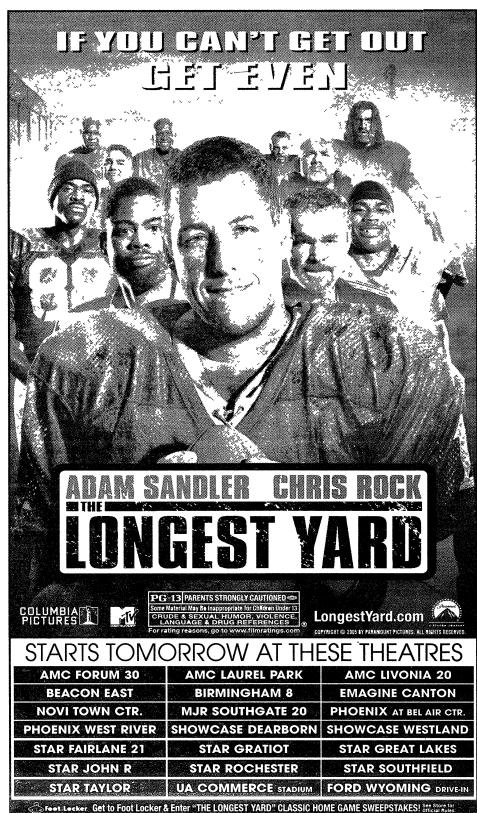
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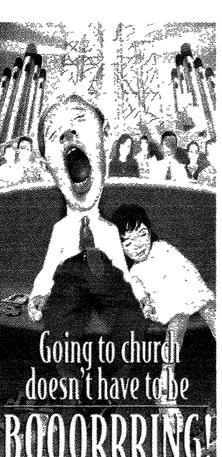


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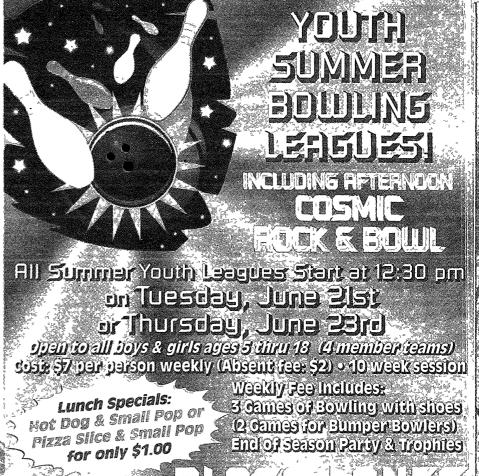


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