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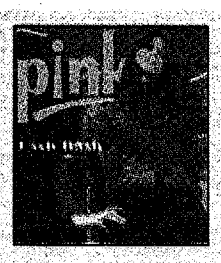

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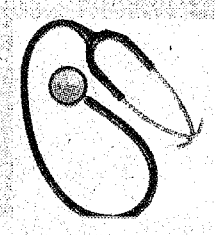

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District braces for bond failure survey

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters turned down a two-question $120 million bond proposal in May for a number of district-wide improvements, was it the uncertain Michigan economy that sent the bond issues down in flames?

Was it just too much money to ask for? Or did voters think the proposals were fraught with wants instead of needs?

Trustees will get the long-awaited answers at Tuesday's school board meeting when pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA, a Lansing-based research firm, presents the findings of a survey conducted for the Board of Education as to why voters turned down both parts of the bond issue.

The findings are expected to guide trustees in their plans to put another bond proposal in front of voters, most likely in February.

"It will help us gauge what the community's vision is, what the perception is of what we really need and what issues they had with the latest campaign," Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said. "It will confirm for us why the community didn't pass the bond issues, and give us some positive feedback and guidance to move forward."

Voters in six communities defeated a request for $95.4 million for building expansions, a new middle school in Canton and a Career and Technical Education center at the high school park and a second proposal for $24.8 million to build a theater and swimming pool at Plymouth High School, a varsity soccer field at P-CEP, an auxiliary gym at Salem High School and improvements to the baseball and softball fields at Canton High School.

Sarpolus said he surveyed 352 residents, which is a more comprehensive sample than the 600 questioned for statewide election polls.

"The survey is designed to talk to people who don't get to board meetings to express their opinions," Sarpolus said. "In most school districts, 70 percent-plus are voters who don't have kids in school. People who don't have kids in school are the ones who determine (in elections) what happens in the schools."

Before the May 2 vote, Ham-Kucharski predicted the economy wasn't ripe for passage of the two proposals, and he believes that's what the survey will point out Tuesday.

"I think we'll see the economy as a factor, that's my opinion," Ham-Kucharski said. "I hope it comes back and proves me wrong. I talked to people who said there were too many things that weren't needs, especially the pool. People didn't understand the CTE center and the programs that would be there."

Ham-Kucharski, who was not in favor of either bond question, said he would support a February bond issue that called for the construction of a new middle school in Canton and the refurbishing of Central Middle School for repurposing.

"There's nothing else I would want added to a bond proposal at this time," he said. "If something comes out of Sarpolus' report that stands out as something the community is looking for, I might entertain that."

The school board needs to pass a bond issue before April in order to reimburse the general fund $2.3 million, which was used to purchase land in Canton Township for a future middle school.

Salem renovations expected on time

Officials say work won't stop school from starting

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem students who think their summer vacation might be extended because of construction at the high school can cast away those thoughts.

"There's a rumor going around we're behind schedule and kids won't be able to get into their classrooms, that we'll have to be on half days," said Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services. "Our plan, all along, has been to have teachers in the building on Aug. 30, with school to open Sept. 5. We are on schedule."

Jacobs said that doesn't mean there won't be obvious signs of construction, as the $14.8 million refurbishment at Salem is scheduled to continue through next summer.

"When you walk in here, you're not going to get that extreme makeover feeling," Jacobs said. "We'll have temporary ceiling tiles, our remodeled rooms won't have air conditioning until mechanical work is completed, and we won't have tiling on the floor for a while."

Jacobs said there will be areas of the building cordoned off, with some teachers and students displaced to Plymouth and Canton high schools as new piping, electrical work, windows, floors and painting — among other work — is completed according to terms of the 2004 bond.

Jacobs said when it's completed, Salem — which opened in September 1971 — will last another 35 years.

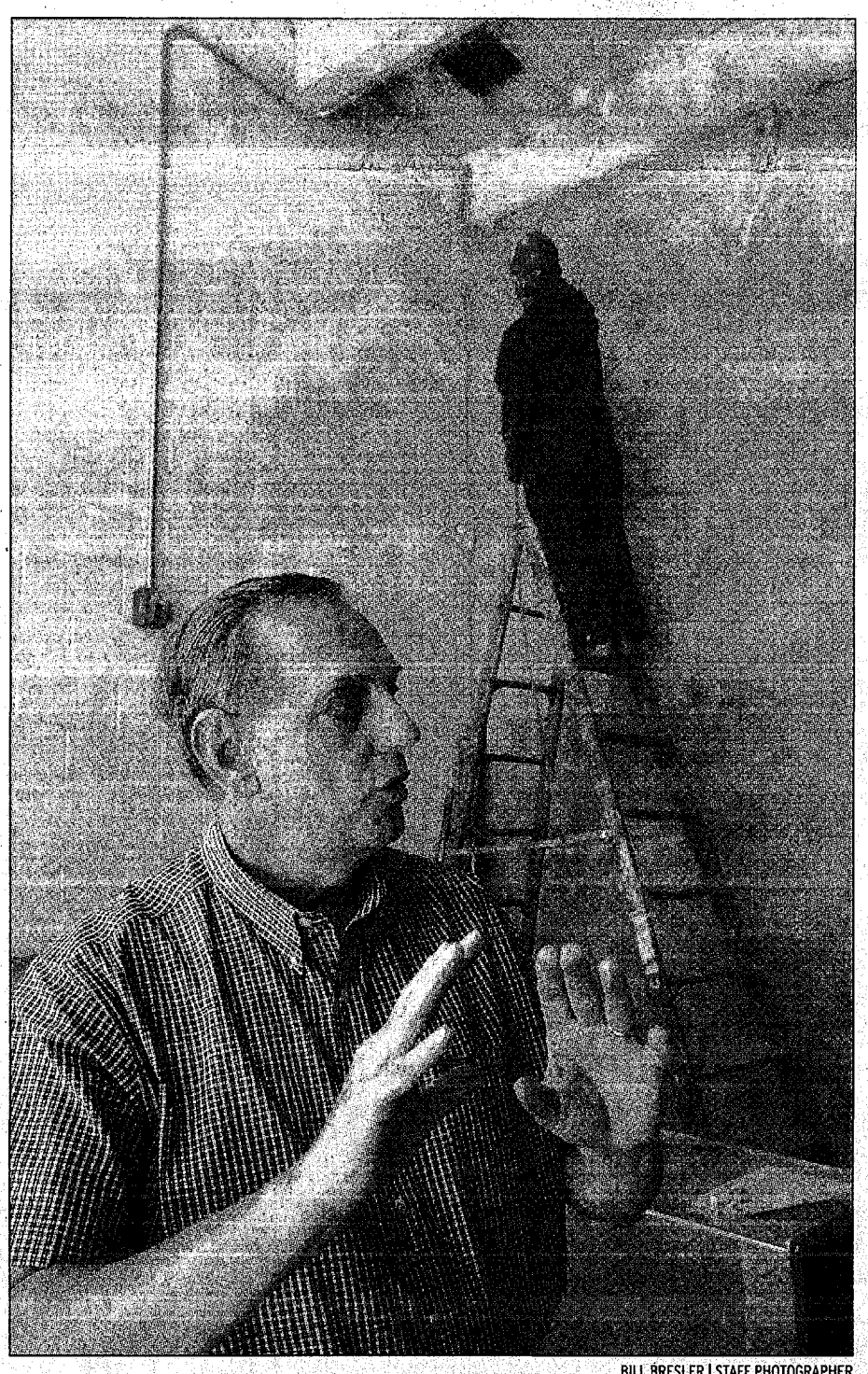
"The guts of the building will be like new," he said. "We're going to have to live with our finishes, like interiors doors and casework, which were not part of the bond."

Salem, like most other of the district's school buildings being refurbished, will become more energy efficient after an inspection and suggestions from the state program Rebuild Michigan Energy Services.

"They went through 10 of our buildings and made recommendations on how to decrease energy use," said Laura Hagan, the district's facility construction coordinator. "They made 22 recommendations for the district as a whole."

Hagan said some of those being instituted at Salem include occupancy sensors on heating and air conditioning units, which will scale back energy consumption during times when no one is in a room; installing a high-efficiency boiler system; and upgrading the single-pane windows.

"With how we saw energy prices increase last year, it's more and more critical to find every opportunity to save money," Hagan said.



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Ken Jacobs describes the scope of the Salem project.

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Third time a charm for owner

Plymouth seems to work for Compari's, Fiamma restaurateur

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, when Frank Yaquinto was searching for a location to open a new restaurant, he thought maybe Plymouth would be a great place to locate.

"I think Plymouth makes sense for our next move," Yaquinto, then the owner of Paisano's Restaurant in Dearborn, said in February 1999. "It's a bit of a gamble, but ..."

Well, more than seven years later, Yaquinto will be opening his third eatery in Plymouth.

Yaquinto, the owner of Compari's on the Park (which opened in August 2002) and Fiamma Grille (August 2005), is set to open the Dilly Dally Deli on Mill Street, the site where Harvey's Deli once did business. And — to no one's surprise — Yaquinto's still views Plymouth as a great place to do business, but this time in Old Village.

"Plymouth is a good market, and I think there's a market for Old Village," Yaquinto said. "It's a viable area, there's are a lot of nice businesses and eateries there. We're not going there to take away business, we want to add to the flavor of Old Village."

Yaquinto said Dilly Dally Deli, which operated one night last week for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Old Village Restaurant Crawl, is scheduled to open sometime before the middle of September. It will be back-to-the-future for Yaquinto, whose roots are in the carry-out restaurant business, starting when he was 12 in a family-owned carry-out pizzeria.

"It will be a fairly authentic deli, with corned beef and pastrami sandwiches, as well as other

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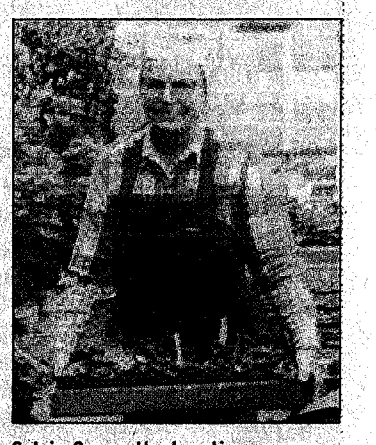
Greenhouse owner leaves extended family

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Sylvia Graye had three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters.

But when Graye, 90, for decades the owner of Graye's Greenhouse at Joy and Lilley in Plymouth, passed away Wednesday, she left behind a much larger family than that.

"This whole place was her life," her daughter, Alyce Humphrey, said. "Her customers were absolutely like family. We were open pretty much all the time, because somebody might need something."



Sylvia Graye, the longtime owner of Graye's Greenhouse, passed away Wednesday at the age of 91.

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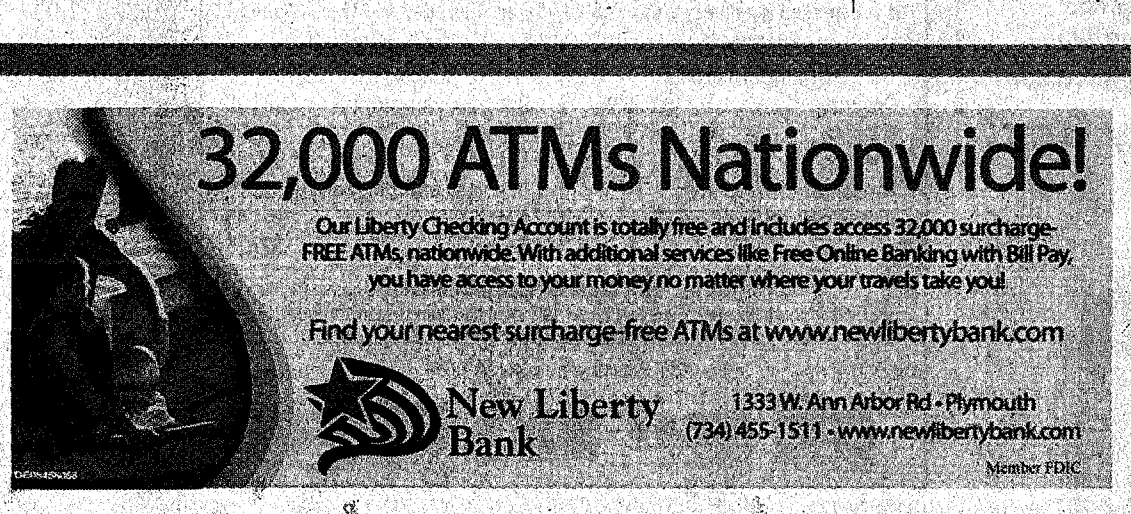

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Thursday's Filter features a preview of this fall's movies.

Blood drive

St. Kenneth Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27.

Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are also welcome. St. Kenneth Church is located on Haggerty near Five Mile.

For more information, call Norma Moss, (734) 451-1822.

Crafters needed

Crafters & Vendors are needed for The Plymouth Salvation Army's Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 14.

The fair runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to rent an eight-foot table is $25. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Call Cassie at 734-453-5464 or e-mail cassie_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org for more information.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9.

The exchange is open to everyone; bring a healthy plant, take a healthy plant. The club will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House.

Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

YMCA movie day

Community members can enjoy a night of fun with their families and help send a kid to camp as the YMCA hosts a double feature of family friendly films at a special YMCA day at Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatre in Plymouth.

The event is scheduled 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, when the theater opens with a moonwalk and games. The movies — "Barnyard: The Original Party Animals" and "Monster House" — begin at dusk (around 8:25 p.m.).

Tickets are $25 per car. Proceeds from this event benefit the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and YMCA Camp Nissokone, our overnight camp in Oscoda, Mich.

Compuware Arena is located at 14900 N. Beck in Plymouth.

Car wash for vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will host a car wash 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Lighthouse Carwash on Ford Road, which is located on the south side of the road between Haggerty and Lilley roads.

The owner, Paul Berry, donates all the cash proceeds to the chapter that will wash and dry your car this day.

Old-Timers picnic

The annual Plymouth Old-Timers Picnic takes place noon Thursday, Aug. 24 in the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park.

A catered meal will be provided for $8 per person. Longtime residents of the community should plan on attending!

For more information or to make a reservation, call Richard Sharland, (734) 453-466.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Plymouth Senior Fest Picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Waterford Bend Park at 6 Mile and Northville Road.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 6 at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging office, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Tickets are $6 and are available to residents only. The ticket includes a box lunch, entertainment and prizes.

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale (formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus) has the new 2007 Entertainment Books and is selling them to support their charitable and educational activities.

The book contains 2-for-1 and 50-percent-off deals for restaurants, entertainment, hotels, sporting events, plane fares, car rental, etc. Retail price is $25; however, the chorale is offering them for $20.

The books will be delivered, and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6289.

Craft show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The show will feature more than 85 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission is $2.

For more information, call (734) 254-0849.

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Professional honor

City of Plymouth Treasurer Teresa Cischke, shown here giving Agnes Caldwell some cookies she won during last year's Christmas party at Medilodge, was one of 46 members of the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada who successfully maintained their Certified Public Finance Administrator credential in 2005-06. The program is a professional certification designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate a strong knowledge of public finance.

Me and My Shadow

Young children and their grown-ups are invited to "Me & My Shadow" parent and young child classes at New Morning School. The classes are designed to be a fun, nurturing, and educational introduction to preschool for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and their parents. Activities include music and finger-play, art and discovery projects, snack and story time, all centered around a learning theme.

New Morning School's "Me & My Shadow" classes provide one-on-one time for parents and children and encourage children to take their first steps toward socializing with their peers. Parents will gain and share wisdom from weekly discussions of developmental milestones and parenting strategies.

Twelve-week sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. begin Sept. 11 and Sept. 13. Cost is $102 for the entire session. To enroll, call (734) 420-3331 or download the registration form at www.newmorningschool.com/shadow.htm.

Victorian festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the 18th annual Northville Victorian Festival Sept. 15-17, taking the community back to the "romance of the 1800s amid Northville's historic homes and tree-lined streets."

The festival starts with a kick-off parade at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and, for the next two days, the streets will be closed to automobile traffic as townspeople, artists and business owners turn back the clock. Visitors can enjoy a shopping experience, old-fashioned games, food booths, an antique show and a fine art market.

The festival runs 6:30-11 p.m. Sept. 15; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 16; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17.

For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Fashion show

Bella Mia hosts its annual Fall Fashion Show at E.G. Nicks 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Cost for the event is $23, which includes lunch, the fashion show and prizes. Tickets can be ordered with Visa or MasterCard by calling (734) 656-0057, or at Bella Mia, 535 Forest in downtown Plymouth.

E.G. Nicks is located at 500 Forest. For more information, call (734) 656-0057.

School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive."

Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located on Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Friends of Miller Woods

The Friends of Miller Woods are looking for new members to help build an organization committed to preserving and protecting Miller Woods for future generations.

The group is planning guided tours, guest speakers, fundraising and maintenance activities and is looking for others to join.

Dues are $25 for an individual, $40 for families and help pay for biannual newsletters, postage, etc.

For more information or to obtain an application form and recent newsletter, contact Cheryl Bord at (734) 459-7666.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2006-07 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. In fall 2006, the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Koncert Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition or for more information, e-mail jane@plymouthsymphony.org or call the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

Crafters wanted

■ Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Call Clara, (734) 254-0849, or e-mail to sweisz59@comcast.net for more information.

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10. This year, the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost $75 per day or $150 for the weekend.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Fall fest meeting

The next meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Community groups interested in operating a food booth must be in attendance at all meetings. Booth applications are available online at www.plymouthfallfestival.com and they will also be available at this meeting.

For more information, call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

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Aiming for the gold

Competitors prepare for second annual Senior Olympics

BY DARRELL CLEM AND CAROL MARSHALL
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Jerry Gawura, 87, who often practices at Freedom Park, will be competing in the horseshoes event at the Western Wayne Senior Olympics this week.

Jerry Gawura lifted the blue horseshoe and eyed the stake 30 feet in front of her. She swung her arm back and pitched the horseshoe, which clinked against the stake.

"Not bad for someone my age," said Gawura, ignoring the fact that it's not bad for someone of any age, let alone hers — 87. "I usually pitch from 24 feet."

But the rules at the Western Wayne Senior Olympics, Aug. 21-25, require her to pitch from 30 feet.

Still, Guwara is fairly likely to bring home a gold. After all, she brought home five from the Michigan Senior Olympics in June.

In the Western Wayne games, she's going easy on herself, and will only compete in horseshoes.

"Usually I compete in discus, javelin, volleyball, horseshoes and shot put," Guwara said.

Northville and Northville Township will host this year's Western Wayne Senior Olympics, with numerous competitions planned in Northville Millennium Park. Other contests will be held in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, among other communities.

In all, about 360 seniors will compete in the second annual Western Wayne Senior Olympics, Westland senior resources Director Peggy Ellenwood said.

Seniors will compete in four age groups: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 and over.

Van Buren Township served as the primary host last year; Westland will have its turn in 2007.

Spectators are invited to watch all senior competitions except golf. Seniors will compete in activities ranging from a 3K run to a baking contest and from volleyball to bridge.

Ellenwood lauded seniors for participating in a Senior Olympics event that is rapidly growing in popularity.

"It's better than sitting on the couch," she said. "It's good for their mental health and their physical health."

Guwara agreed that more seniors should participate in sports.

"Of course I can't hit the home runs like I used to, but I'm out here. I'm doing it," she said.

Guwara credits her tomboy upbringing to her athletic abilities.

"I'm just so lucky my father let me be a tomboy," she said. "I think that's what has got me this far in life."

Not only has her athleticism helped keep her healthy and strong for 87 years, it helped her when she needed it most — during the last year of her husband's life.

They had been married for 60 years when she faced the decision to either admit him to a nursing home or to bring him home.

"I brought him home. Thank God I was strong enough to be able to take care of him," Guwara said. "I had him home for a year before he passed away last Christmas."

Through that experience of caring for her husband, she had her fellow senior athletes to help her. Guwara plays volleyball three times a week, and has been playing with some of the other players for nearly 20 years.

"The important thing is that we all get out and have fun," she said.

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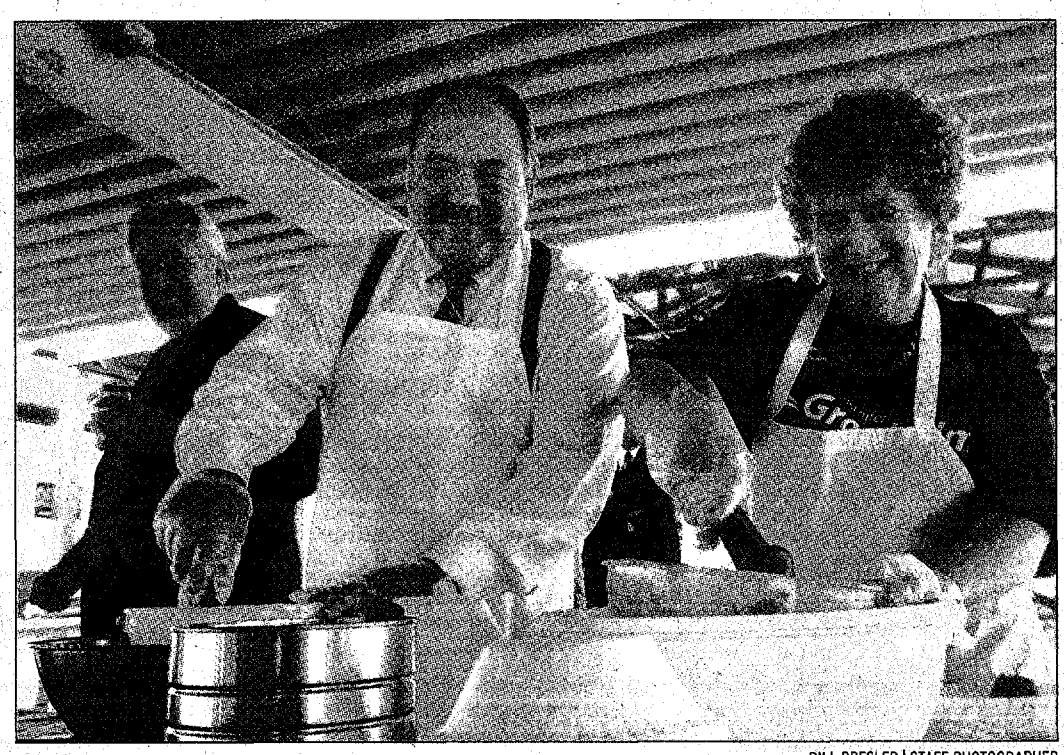

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Scooping for the Dems

Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry and Sharon Gire, director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, scoop ice cream during Wednesday evening's gathering of local Democrats at UAW Local 735 in Canton. The event was the annual picnic for the Community Democratic Club, which serves the communities of Canton, both Plymouths and Northvilles, and Livonia. Behind them is Plymouth attorney Dennis Shrewsbury. U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow was supposed to visit, but canceled at the last minute.

Canton man sentenced in death

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Carlee Hines Jr., 24, was sentenced to a minimum of 22 to 60 years in prison Monday by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge after pleading no contest to the charge of felony murder for the death of his then girlfriend's 8-month-old baby.

Judge Carol Youngblood of the 3rd Circuit Court handed down the sentence after Hines pleaded no contest to the charges he murdered infant Eryck Fossett on Jan. 10. Hines faced the possibility of life in prison.

Canton police officials say Hines, who was only dating the baby's mother for a couple months before the incident, called the fire department on Jan. 10 to report that he couldn't wake the baby, who he was baby-sitting.

When emergency workers arrived, they pronounced the baby dead. The cause of death was internal bleeding, and the injuries included broken ribs and lacerations to the spleen and liver.

Police said the baby had been screaming while his 20-year-old mother was away at work on Jan. 9. The mother had been working two jobs and was away from home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Police say Hines then lost his temper and assaulted the baby. Police said the baby died sometime during the night while he was in his bed.

"He (Hines) caused injuries that the Wayne County Medical Examiner said caused the death of the child," said Canton police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

The baby's mother, Hines, and the child had been living with Hines' parents in their home on Sheldon Road, according to Pomorski.

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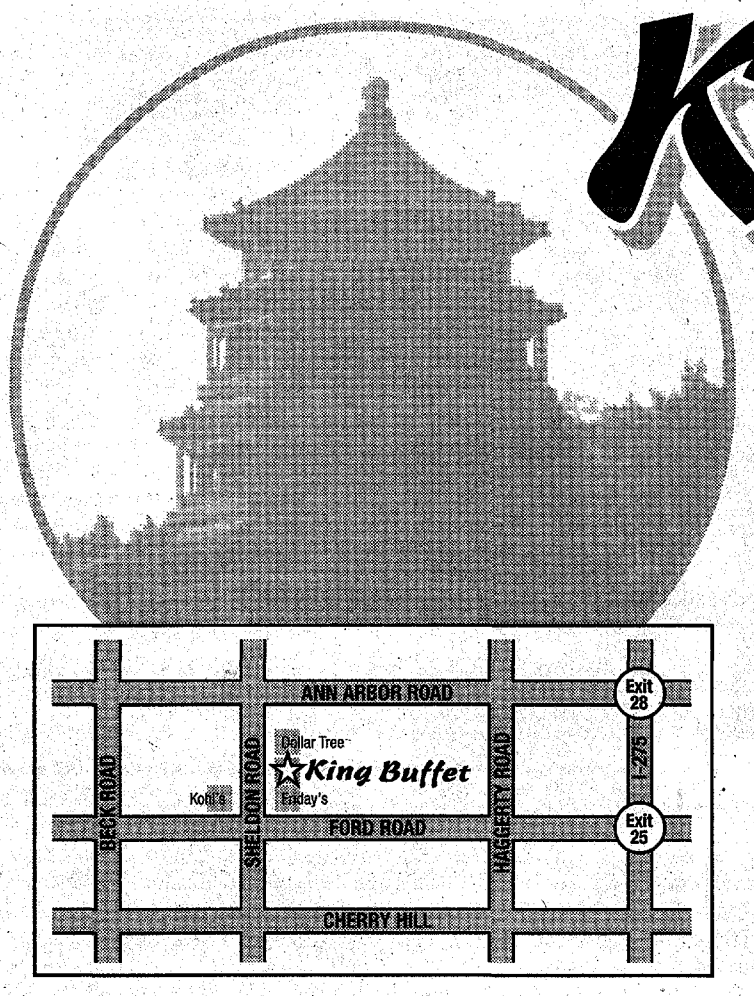

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Dance companies audition 'Nutcracker'

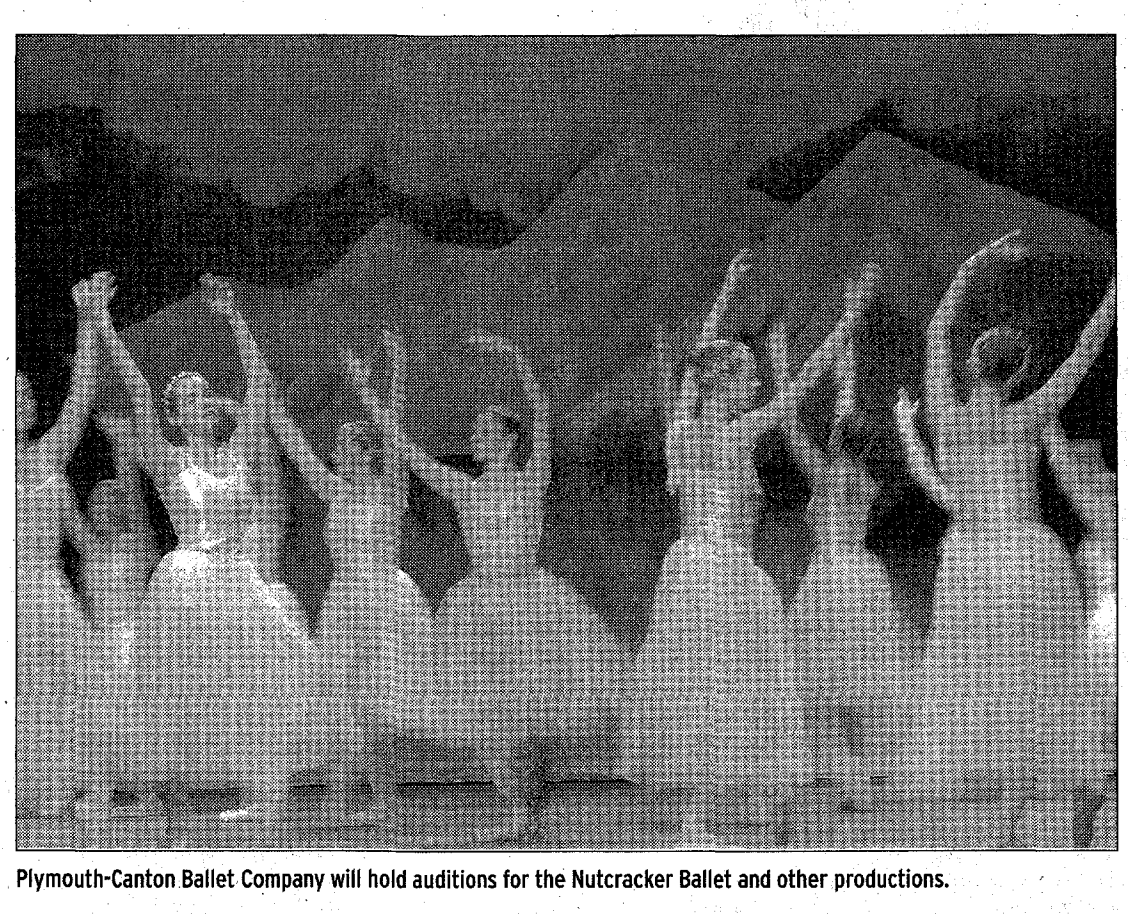
The Metro Shores Ballet and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company announced open auditions for the 2006 dance season and are inviting all dancers, but especially boys, to audition for positions with the companies.

Selected dancers are expected to continue a course of study at their current dance school. Rehearsals are scheduled to minimize conflicts with fall dance programs, officials said.

Dancers will be cast for the 2006 *Nutcracker Ballet* performances. The Metro Shores Ballet performances are scheduled for Dec. 1-3. Metro Shores rehearsals will be held on Saturdays. The Plymouth-Canton Ballet performances will be Dec. 8-10 with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Plymouth-Canton rehearsals are held on Sundays beginning in September.

Dancers will be adjudicated in a Ballet Master Class. The classes will be taught by Dawnell Dryja and Alexey Kulpin, professional dancers with the Grand Rapids Ballet. The Metro Shores auditions will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Grosse Ile Academy of Dance, 8205 Macomb Street, in Grosse Ile.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet auditions will be held at Sunday, Aug. 27, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Suite 200 in Canton.



Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will hold auditions for the Nutcracker Ballet and other productions.

Each day dancers will be divided by age: ages 7-9, noon to 1 p.m.; ages 10-12, 1-2 p.m.; and ages 13-adult, 2-3:30 p.m.

Female dancers must wear ballet shoes, a solid color leotard, pink tights and have their hair in a bun. Older dancers should bring pointe shoes. Boys should wear black tights, white T-shirt and ballet shoes.

All dancers must bring a picture and a resume. There is a $5 audition fee per dancer.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Metro Shores Ballet are affiliated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations under the direction of Dawn Greene. The PCBC was founded in 1989 and the MSB in 1996. The companies have been formed as an educational alternative for dance students in the Metro Detroit area who are interested in the performance of ballet. Also, the Company offers local communities a high quality artistic experience for performers and audiences through dance productions.

For more information, e-mail pcbc@comcast.net or call artistic director Dawn Greene, (734) 676-7233.

GRAYE

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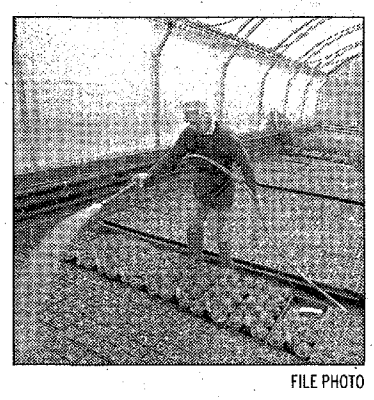
Graye spent virtually her entire life at the greenhouse. Her father, Alex Wnuk, bought it as a truck-farming business in 1928. When Sylvia met and married Joe Graye, who at the time worked at a greenhouse in Detroit, the couple purchased the business from her parents, and Graye's Greenhouse was born.

The couple worked the greenhouse and, as their family grew, so did the staff at the greenhouse.

"My mother's been doing this from Day One, really," Alyce Humphrey said. "Mom and Dad met at a farmers market in Detroit, got married, bought this place, had a family and worked together side-by-side."

Joe Graye died in 1983, but



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Sylvia Graye worked at Graye's Greenhouse, which her father started at Joy and Lilley, all her life.

that didn't stop Sylvia, who worked the greenhouse the rest of her life. She also continued to get help from daughters, sons-in-law, her son and grandchildren.

"Everybody pretty much pitches in," Humphrey said.

According to her daughter, Graye ran the greenhouse with "a homey" touch, doing her best to help solve anyone's needs. Humphrey recalls people coming in needing something, taking it "and you'd find the money on the bench in the morning."

Graye took seriously the needs of her customers. She taught her children not only the importance of customer service, but the idea of taking care of people. If one way didn't work, Graye always found another way.

"So many times somebody would need 30 pots of something for a baby shower," Alyce Humphrey recalled with a laugh. "Mom would say, 'Oh my gosh, if something goes wrong, we have to have a Plan B.' She always told us, 'It's very important to this person, because they're counting on it.'

"This business was her life," Humphrey added. "This was a self-contained world for her; it was her whole life. People would come and talk and visit, and she was very happy here. She was an integral part of these people's lives. It wasn't a show, it was for real."

Graye is survived by daughters Alyce (Richard) Humphrey and Mary Ann (Daniel) Vittore; son Joe (Connie) Graye; grandchildren Rebecca (Michael) Ohtonen, Amanda Humphrey (and husband Brian Cressman), and Emily, Andrew, Matthew, Charlie and Ben Vittore; great-grandchildren Alex and Christopher Ohtonen; and sisters Dorothy Banks and Christine Adams.

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RESTAURATEUR

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ready-to-eat entrees and salads-to-go," he said. "It's basically take-out, with seating for about 30 people, plus a shaded patio."

Yaquinto's sister, Judy Yaquinto, will be a partner and operate the deli. Ed Forsyth, a Plymouth CPA, is also backing the restaurant.

Frank Yaquinto said hours of operation will most likely be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with breakfast foods available; Saturday until 1 p.m.; with Sunday strictly for catering.

The entire building, which also houses more than a dozen small businesses and upstairs living space, has undergone a complete renovation by Patrick O'Neill of Plymouth, to the tune of about $1.5 million.

"Our original intention was to put a new roof and facade on the front, but as we got into it we decided to take a bulldozer through the middle and rebuild it all," O'Neill said. "We have 18 businesses and four apartments, and were 100 percent occupied."

Yaquinto's deli is the last piece of O'Neill's puzzle, and the Plymouth stockbroker said he's excited about the possibilities.

"I'm excited to have the deli, it will bring a lot of exposure to the building and to Old Village," O'Neill said. "Mill Street, when there's no construction, runs from Canton to Northville and will draw a lot of traffic."

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Camping Center answers call, helps 'Makeover' show

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

What does three travel trailers and *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* have in common?

Just ask David Rochette. His family-owned Westland Camping Center provided three trailers for the ABC television show during its recent week-long stop in Armada.

"When they first called, it was what will we get out of it, but after a while that became secondary to what can we do to help," Rochette said.

"Everyone wanted to be involved, that's what they talked about," added his wife Irene, the general manager. "A lot of times, when businesses find out how far it (the building site) is from them, they back out because of the time and personnel commitment. We were committed by the time we found out where it was."

Producers contacted the Rochettes just after the Fourth of July, asking for their help at a building site somewhere in the "greater Detroit area." According to Rochette, the show's producers found the camping center on the Internet.

"They researched us and found we had a high customer satisfaction rate. That's what they look for in a business, someone that's very reliable," Rochette said. "We had to sign at least 14 releases, we couldn't even divulge they were coming to Michigan."

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Wearing their 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' T-shirts, Dave Rochette (from left), Dennis Meadows, Darrell Moran and Sonia Sylvester stand in front of one of three travel trailer supplied to the show by Westland Camping Center.

Shortly after Maryann Gilliam and her six children got the Ty Pennington bullhorn wakeup call, the Rochettes got the call to bring the trailers — two 33-foot and one 30-foot — to Armada.

Within 1 1/2 hours, Rochette, his service manager Darrell Moran and lead technician Dennis Meadows were parking the trailers on the lawn of a home at the construction site.

"You couldn't see the farmhouse because of a grove of trees, so when we pulled up and saw this house, I said, 'I don't think they need that much help,'" Rochette said.

The home was huge and its large front yard served as a staging area for the makeover that took less than 54 hours to complete, a record for the show. Two thousand volunteers helped build the 5,000-square-foot home.

Delivering the trailers turned to helping set up tents for the camping center. Every other day, the Rochettes sent employees up there to make sure the trailers were working and to help. Since there wasn't that much they could do, they stood and watched.

Moran took his daughter Alyssa, a huge fan of the show, for the final day.

"It was cool and interesting," Moran said. "We were right behind the press tent. In the crowd, they were screaming and going crazy. It was pretty neat. So little was going on the first day, but yesterday (Aug. 14) was pretty exciting."

"It was a huge disruption for the neighborhood, but everybody I talked to were very supportive because they knew the family," Rochette added. "When I was there, all the local people were so excited this was happening to this family. They were so happy for them because they worked with the dad and he was a great guy."

After their brush with reality TV, the Rochettes are wondering what they can do to get word out about the camping center beyond being listed in the credits of the show, which will air in late September or early October.

They have plenty of photographs, including one of Moran and his daughter posing in front of the new home. They'll be at an RV show later this year and are tossing around an idea use the photographs for promotional purposes.

"What we can do is make a picture board and when we go to the show, we can say these are the kind used by *Extreme Makeover* when they came to town," Rochette said.

Participating in the production may have been a good omen for the business. The Rochettes said the camping center has been doing about as well as last year in sales, and not wanting to miss one, they sent only a few employees at a time to help.

For more information about the Westland Camping Center, visit its Web site at www.westlandcamping.com or visit the store at 1475 S. Newburgh, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

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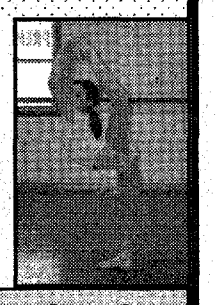

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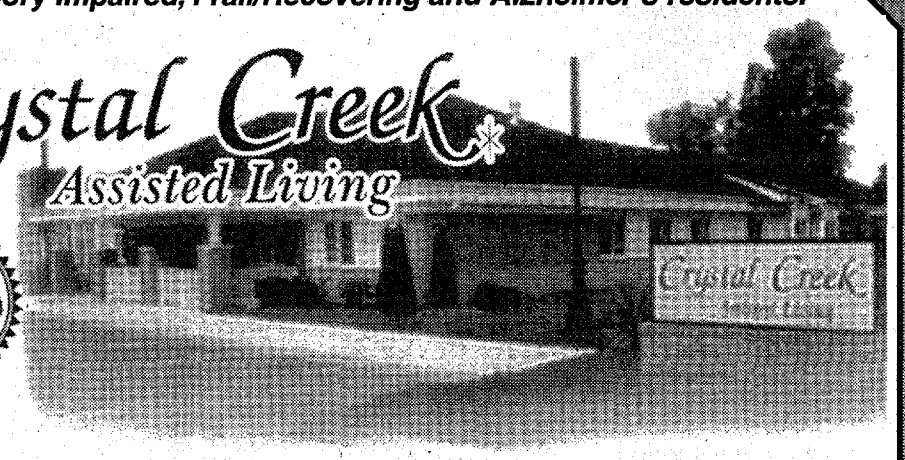

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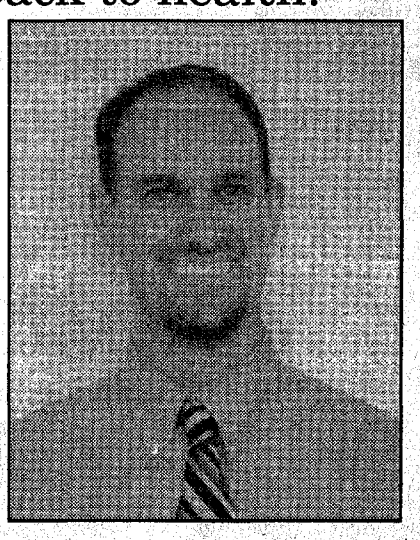

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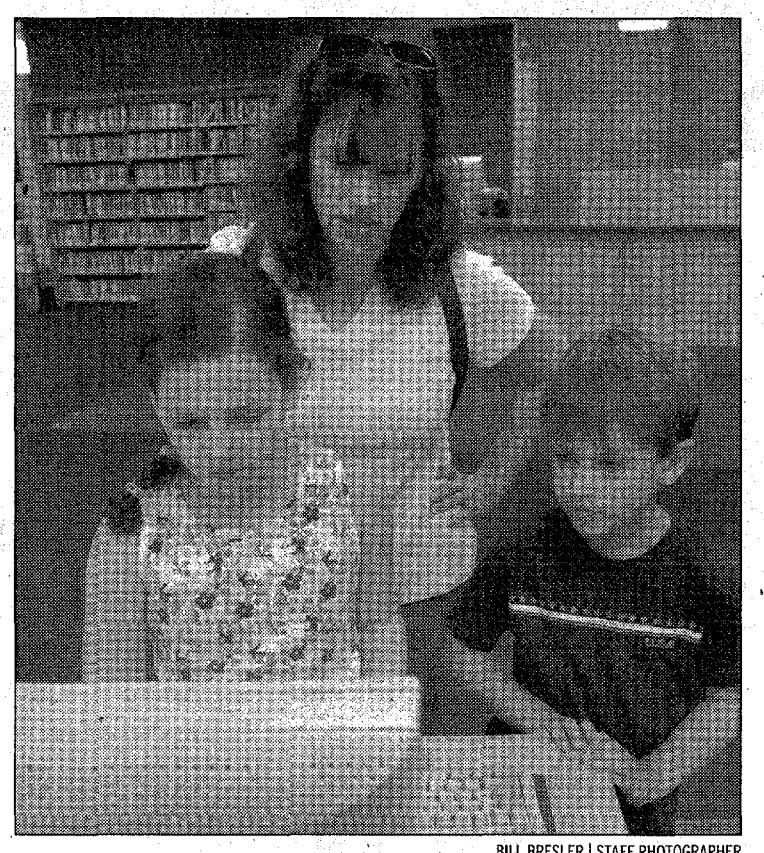
Seminar will focus on keeping kids safe from online predators



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Linda Sudduth and kids Samantha and Graham search for a book on a computer at the Canton Public Library.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's a big world out there in cyberspace. And it can be a tricky place for children to wander. To help arm teens and parents against online predators, the Canton Police Department is offering a free seminar designed to provide Internet safety awareness.

"Social networking Web sites like myspace.com and chat rooms are a big thing with teenagers," said Sgt. Scott Hilden, who will present the Aug. 26 seminar. "There is so much risk and danger in it, that if they're not cautious and aware, they can get themselves in real trouble."

The numbers are staggering, according to Hilden, who said that according to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in five children who went online last year received sexual solicitation or were approached by strangers looking for sex.

"Pedophiles and other child exploiters have direct access to children through the Internet. They will troll for kids on sites like myspace.com, in chat rooms and through the use of blogs. It is extremely important that parents understand the risks and educate their children," Hilden said.

The dangers received recent media attention, when a television news program set up a "sting," in which law enforcement officers posed online as underage girls. By the dozens, men who were fully aware that the "girl" online was just a teenager showed up at the home where they thought she lived, in hopes of having sex with her.

"Online, in chats and the like, you can pretend to be whoever you want, and you can be anonymous," Hilden said.

The children don't even realize how much danger they're in, he said. Not long ago, a woman brought her teenage nieces to meet Hilden. She was concerned about the girls' myspace.com profile pages. And she was right to be worried, Hilden said.

"One of the girls had a lot of personal information on her site — her birthday, what school she goes to, what extracurricular activities she's involved in, and where she likes to hang out with her friends," Hilden said. "And on top of that, she had a pink sparkling Playboy bunny logo on the site, so that was provocative. Any predator out there could have easily found her and followed her to her after school activities."

When Hilden explained to the teens how dangerous their profiles could be, they were surprised.

"They were very concerned," he said. "They just didn't know."

Most of the time, police are not called until a cyber predator has already become dangerous and known to his or her victims, Hilden said. Police aren't typically asked to get involved until the predator has become a stalker, or has already met with his or her underage target, or begins calling the child's home.

"I think it's a vastly underreported problem. I think that children are frequently contacted by adults but it doesn't get reported for whatever reasons," Hilden said.

Stopping dangerous situations before they reach that point is the responsibility of the children and parents, Hilden said.

"There is an avenue for predators to have more contact with children," Hilden said. "But I also think that our society kind of is creating more people who are dysfunctional and have problems. So you have this huge amount of the population that has a dysfunction and a problem and now they're using this method to have contact with children."

Awareness and being smart online can keep surfing safe for kids and teens, Hilden said. He hopes that parents will bring their teenagers with them to the online safety workshop.

The workshop will be held from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The seminar is free, but space is limited, so reservations are required. To reserve a spot at the seminar, call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5325.

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Heroin leaving its mark across Livonia

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Instead of preparing for a new year of classes at Stevenson High School, a 16-year-old Livonia boy was laid to rest Thursday after dying from an apparent heroin overdose in his bedroom last weekend, police said.

One day before the funeral, police said an 18-year-old man, who had attended school in Livonia, died of a possible heroin overdose at a relative's home in Northville.

These cases come just seven weeks after 22-year-old Brian Montes died in the bedroom of his Livonia home from a dose of heroin mixed with the painkiller Fentanyl.

Police officials said these tragedies highlight a growing problem in and around Livonia as they hear about more teenagers and young adults experimenting with the depressant. They report a resurgence in the heroin's popularity – particularly among high school students – over the past decade.

"Our school resources officers (stationed at Livonia's middle and high schools) are hearing about more and more kids using this stuff," said investigations Lt. Greg Winn.

Exact numbers are not known, but Livonia police suspect the drug could have played a role in a dozen deaths in Livonia over the past year.

"We are seeing more cases of heroin overdoses at this time," said Dr. Michael Fox, the medical director for the Chemical Dependency Unit at Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"It seems like these things go in cycles every 10 years from stimulants to opioids. Right now, the drug of choice seems to be opioids (including heroin)."

Livonia police investigators said heroin is an inexpensive drug that is easy to obtain, with plenty of supply on the streets.

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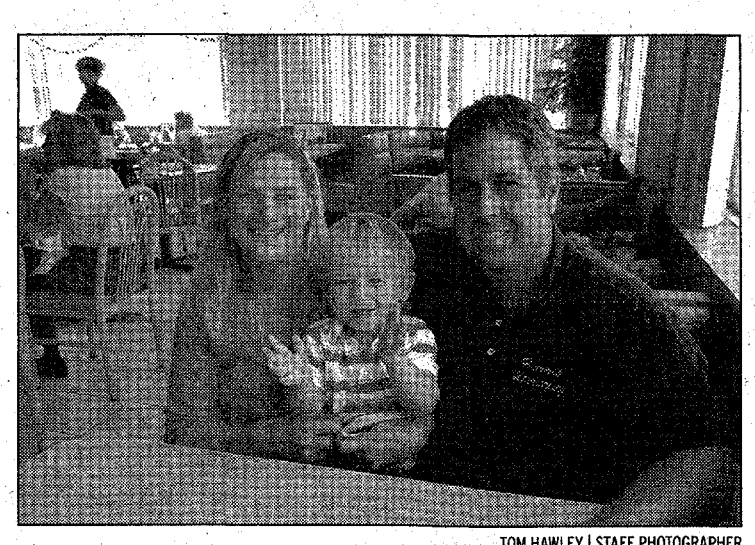
Dispatcher helps untrained man give CPR, save a woman in diner

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia resident Mark Harris (right) helped save a woman's life Monday using CPR techniques as a Redford 9-1-1 operator talked him through the process. The woman collapsed at a nearby booth at Frank's Diner when he and his wife, Mindy, and son Aidan (both pictured) were there for dinner.

What started out as a quiet family dinner Monday evening soon turned into a life-or-death situation for a Farmington Hills woman.

Mark Harris, a Livonia resident, took his wife Mindy and 20-month-old son Aidan to Frank's Diner on Plymouth Road in Redford on Monday. But just after their meal was served, a woman at a neighboring booth collapsed to the floor.

The 73-year-old woman had stopped breathing. As some people around him froze in panic, Harris called 9-1-1. He listened intently as dispatcher Kim Considine told him to begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and talked him through the steps.

Though he'd never learned the life-saving technique, Harris was successful. "She came back to life," he said.

Eric Black was one of the firefighters and paramedics who arrived at the scene in Redford Township. "In any emergency situation, it's important to keep your head about you," he said. "Don't panic."

Harris remained calm, as did his wife, Mindy. Looking back, she said it's important to try to help, even if you aren't trained in CPR. She said Considine was very calm throughout the whole incident.

As a result, the woman was transported to Garden City Hospital and treated. By Wednesday, she no longer needed machines to breathe. On Thursday, she sat up and began speaking, Harris said.

Considine said she was "just doing her job" and she was pleased to hear about the positive outcome. She was happy the Harrises reached out to help. "He did a fantastic job," she said. "I'm very proud of them."

Black said in such an emergency it's important to determine whether the person needs CPR before administering it. Otherwise, damage could be done. "If you don't know what you're doing, keep the 9-1-1 operator on the line until the paramedics get there," Black said.

If the person has no heartbeat or has stopped breathing, Black said, it's better to try to help, than to freeze up.

"We recommend everyone go through some type of class," Black said. "Learn the Heimlich maneuver. We recommend that for kids who baby-sit or parents."

Harris was still in disbelief over the events of the day by midweek. "I'm rattled," he said. "I haven't eaten dinner in two days. It was definitely an experience."

The woman's family members hugged and thanked him at the restaurant, and again later at the hospital. Signs of recovery are already showing. And Harris had plans to visit: "It's going to be pretty exciting just to meet her."

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Michigan Historical Museum exhibits 1,200 historic photos

"Michigan's Family Album," a Special Historical Photography Exhibit, opened Aug. 5 at the Michigan Historical Museum

Featuring more than 1,200 historical photographs from the collection of David Tinder, "Michigan's Family Album" runs through Jan. 14, 2007. These special photographs explore all aspects of Michigan life dating from the 1860s through the 1930s.

"His collection of 100,000 pictures of Michigan is far too big for a 'photo album' so the Michigan Historical Museum seized the opportunity to exhibit over 1,200 of them as an art form that reflects Michigan history and culture," said Maria Quinlin Leiby, curator of the exhibit.

When asked about the thousands of images he owns, Metro Detroit resident David Tinder gives a straightforward answer. "One word comes to mind," he says. "Michigan."

"Michigan's Family Album" is divided into several sections: people, home and family, community, work and play. A kaleidoscope of faces that reflects the history and culture of Michigan, this special collection includes images of public figures, businessmen, workers, mothers, school children, First Communions, barn raisings, weddings, graduations, small towns and much more. The exhibit showcases a diverse and breathtaking presentation of daguerreotypes, tintypes, stereo views, cabinet cards and large-format photos. There will be a special display of postcards honoring every county in the state.

"The exhibit will give people a sense of how enormous the collection is, and a sense of what it's like to look at so many photographs at once," Leiby explained. "Visitors will have the opportunity to compare and contrast photographs carefully, but even more importantly to compare and contrast life in the past and present. They can ask a lot of questions and draw a lot of conclusions – What were people doing more than one hundred years ago? What's going on outside the photograph? Some things change, but some things are the same."

"Education is the key to bringing the photographs to life in a meaningful way," said Leiby. "Museum educators will use these historical photographs to help students learn about Michigan's past and also to establish a foundation for understanding the present and envisioning the future."

"Careers through the Eye of the Camera" is an activity in which students will photograph their parents or other adults at work and will be encouraged to focus on the work place, tools and equipment, goods or services produced and how various school subjects relate to the job. They will then work with adults to write captions and narration.

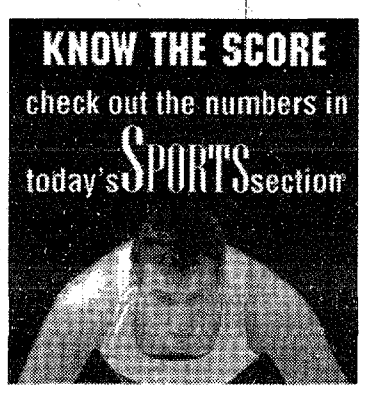
An interactive computer program will allow visitors to look up additional text to learn more-in-depth information about the photographs.

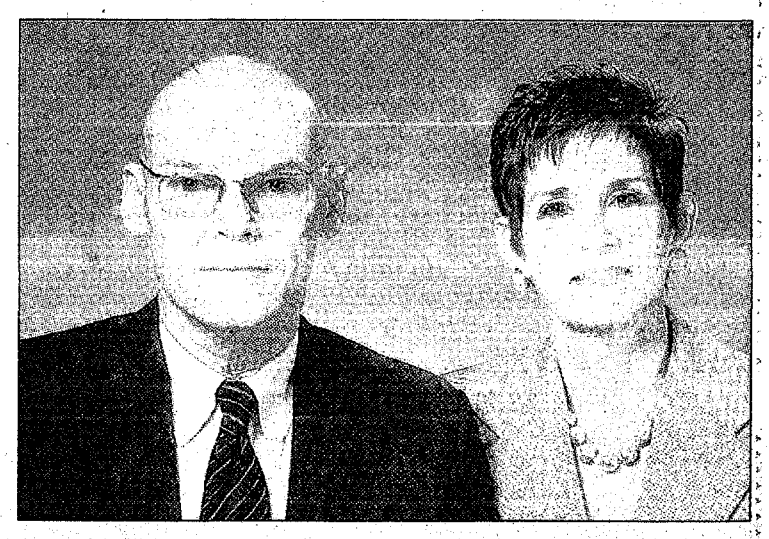
"Michigan's Family Album" is presented in partnership with Dave Tinder and the University of Michigan's Clements Library. The exhibit is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of Michigan History, the Michigan Photographic Historical Society, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Walle, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Motzenbecker, photographer Allen Charles, Engineering Graphics, Inc., and the Michigan Historical Center Foundation.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing. The main entrance and visitor parking are located north of Kalamazoo Street, just east of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission and weekend parking are free.

The Michigan Historical Museum, the flagship of the Michigan Historical Museum System, is fully accredited by the American Association of Museums. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559, TDD (517) 373-1592.

The Michigan Historical Museum System is a division of the Michigan Historical Center, an agency of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). Dedicated to enriching quality of life and strengthening the economy by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage and fostering cultural creativity, HAL also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Film Office and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information about HAL, visit www.michigan.gov/hal.





James Carville and Mary Matalin will discuss their opposing political views at an Inforum program Sept. 13

Matalin & Carville offer up political views at Inforum Sept. 13

Political pundits Mary Matalin and James Carville, joined in marriage but with careers on opposite sides of the political aisle, will speak at an Inforum (formerly the Women's Economic Club) program at Detroit's Cobo Hall on Sept.13.

"All's Fair in Love, War and Politics" is the Washington power couple's theme.

Tickets for the event, sponsored by Comerica Bank, are $35 for Inforum members, $40 for guests who register with a member, $55 for others and $350 for a table of 10. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with adjournment at 1:30 p.m.

Registration can be made on line via the Inforum web site www.inforummichigan.org or by calling Inforum 877-633-3500.

One of the nation's hardest-hitting conservative political commentators, Matalin has slugged it out in the political trenches as an election-time political strategist and as a trusted advisor to the corridors of power. One of the country's foremost Republican political strategists, she is known for her astute insights, intellectual integrity and her straight-talking, no-nonsense take on the hot-button issues and political headlines of the day.

She appears frequently as a political commentator, served as co-host of CNN's Crossfire and has written for *Newsweek* and the *Los Angeles Times*. Most recently, Matalin was hired to run Threshold, a conservative publishing division of Simon & Schuster.

Carville is known for his razor-sharp wit and penetrating analysis of the political world. Offering bombastic, enthusiastic, shoot-from-the-hip, no-holds barred, liberal political commentary, combined with a quick wit and a Southern drawl, the "Ragin' Cajun" is instantly recognizable in his frequent appearances on CNN's political news programming and other venues.

Carville has managed more campaigns than any political consultant in American and around the world.

Inforum, formerly the Women's Economic Club, is a professional women's alliance established to strengthen the business environment in Michigan by creating opportunities for women to lead and succeed. It is one of the largest and most prestigious business forums in the nation. It has more than 2,000 members in its Southeast Michigan (Detroit), Mid-Michigan (Lansing) and West Michigan (Grand Rapids) affiliates, who benefit from presentations by national figures and local experts, attend seminars and networking events and receive training through the Inforum Center for Leadership.

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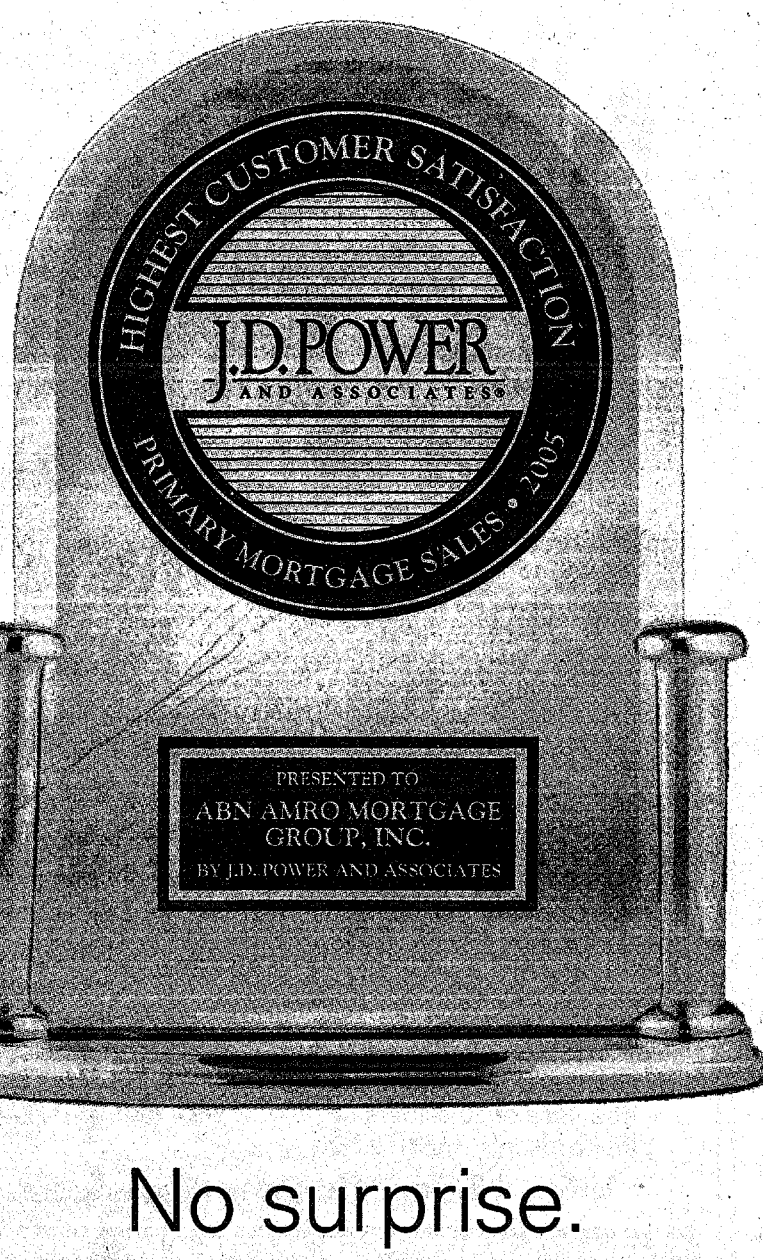

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As suburbs grow in diversity, we need to address tensions

On Sunday, Aug. 13, the *Canton Observer* ran a story on apprehension in the township's Muslim community following the reports from London about an alleged plot to bomb several transatlantic airliners.

The story was pretty straightforward. Our reporter spoke with Dawud Walid, executive director of the Michigan Council on American-Islamic Relations. His comments focused on misunderstandings about Muslims and Arabs (not always the same thing as there are many non-Arab Muslims and many Arabs who are not Muslims). He spoke frankly about how Islam is viewed by many in the majority as a "foreign ideology." He urged people to get beyond stereotypes.

Hugh Gallagher

Walid's only political comment was in reference to a phrase used by President George W. Bush, "Islamic fascism."

"To dehumanize a faith and religion of 1.6 billion people is wrong," Walid said.

A reader sent an email to complain that CAIR was an organization sympathetic to terrorists and pointed to an anti-CAIR Web site to bolster his concerns. Some former CAIR officials have been under investigation for links with suspected terrorist groups. But, on the other hand, CAIR also sponsors sensitivity seminars with the FBI, has condemned terrorism on its Web site and presents itself as a civil rights group representing the interest of Muslim Americans.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Census Bureau released a mid-decade, short-form census for cities with more than 65,000 residents. Across the country, the census found a growing immigrant population, an enlarging cultural, social and ethnic diversity. As has been the trend for decades, the U.S. Hispanic or Latino population has been growing and now represents 14.5 percent of the nation's population.

Our suburbs have also been changing. The rigid racial and ethnic separation that has been a subject of national discussion and local anguish is beginning to develop some openings. Livonia and Dearborn, two communities that have been singled out for the racial attitudes of some residents, have shown increases in the percentage of African-Americans in their communities. Dearborn is the center of metro Detroit's Arab community and has been for decades. Troy has an Asian population of 11,092 representing 13.2 percent of the city's population. In Farmington Hills 12.2 percent of the population is African-American, 10.3 percent is Asian.

In Canton, the Asian population is 13,162, representing 14.5 percent of the township's population.

On Thursday, the *Canton Observer* headline read: "Census figures show Canton is growing larger, more diverse."

Canton grew faster than any community in the state with a 19-percent population spurt. The census estimates the population at 90,501.

This is a community that has attracted a diverse population — racially, ethnically, religiously and economically diverse. People come for the jobs and others follow.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said, "It's not uncommon for people of other cultures to seek out and gravitate toward communities where there are others who share their culture. We have a mosque and two Hindu temples, so there is a strong eastern community here."

The two stories in the Canton paper reflect the hopes and fears of our changing communities. Change is always hard. Religious, ethnic and racial differences always create tension, suspicion and some animosity.

Two separate pairs of Arab-American young men were arrested last week on "suspicion" of possible terrorist activity. The men were released and statements were made assuring everyone these men were not terrorists.

For police it is certainly a damned if you do and damned if you don't situation at a time when terrorist threats and actions are all too common. The continuing — and, some would say, worsening — situation in Iraq and the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict have tightened our anxiety. Police can't ignore suspicious activities, yet they can't create a situation where a large segment of our population always feels harassed. Not an easy tightrope to walk.

But, in the end, we have to live together. Arabs have been in southeast Michigan since the teens of the last century, but a great new wave came with the oil boom of the 1970s.

Immigration has always been a key part of America's story and its glory. Most of our ancestors came as immigrants from harsh places with internal conflicts and oppressions. They came for freedom, economic opportunity and for peace.

We need that peace. We need to ease tensions with understanding.

Angry blogs and mindless rants don't serve the cause of peace or security or the ongoing American story.

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Venerable Belle Isle is still jewel worth visiting

We all have lamented the closing of the Belle Isle aquarium (old news now), but it occurred to me that the aquarium is gone because all of us who said we treasured it actually hadn't been visiting it.

So Sunday afternoon, I took my own cruise down Grand Boulevard to Belle Isle, which I hadn't been to in over a year. Stopping by the aquarium, of course, was pointless, but I wanted to see what else the grand old island still has to offer the occasional visitor.

Greg Kowalski

The island is a little frayed, but still entirely acceptable as a nice place to pass a sunny Sunday afternoon. Some people were barbecuing, some were fishing and some were even swimming. And it was a nice mix of people, black and white, young and old. There was a very relaxed atmosphere over the whole place. People were laid back and enjoying the wonderful weather.

Slowly circling the island, I decided to pull over and visit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, another spot I hadn't been to in years.

What a fabulous place it is. Since I was there last, it has added a new feature. Now you can view a short history film about the Detroit River, which shows scenes of the great old ships that used to ply the waters many years ago. I've always had a fascination for the big boats and years ago I used to take photos of them as they passed.

The Great Lakes have their own version of the romance of the sea, which is perfectly captured in the museum. The fabulous collection of wooden model ships is still on display. And you can go onto a genuine bridge of a lakes freighter, which extends over the waterfront and gives you an exact view of what the operating ships' crews see.

Framing the entrance of the museum is the Gothic Room from the City of Detroit, one of the finest ships to ever travel on the lakes.

Once a great passenger ship, it dripped with elegance and luxury until it tragically was dismantled for scrap in the 1940s. (Don't confuse this with the City of Detroit ship that made the news this week when it was learned its bell was stolen from its underwater resting place. That City of Detroit sank in 1873.)

What a tragic loss, but not expected in our society, which tends to discard everything old, regardless of how beautiful or important it was.

Craftsmanship, artistry and quality characterize the artifacts on display, ranging from wooden ships' wheels to the jewel-like lenses from old lighthouses.

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Much of what is in the museum represents a world that no longer exists. Elegant passenger steamers no longer ride the waves.

Even the beloved Bob-Lo boats are gone. Not that river travel is dead. Looking out over the water, giant ships still rumble by regularly.

There were only a handful of people in the museum Sunday. And these days, it is only open on weekends, and on a limited schedule.

The Detroit Historical Museum, which operates the Dossin museum, is in its own battle for survival.

After an hour or so, I continued my drive around the island. The nature center, I noticed, was also open, but I saved that for another day.

Belle Isle likely will never be what it once was, but nothing is as it once was. A century ago, the island was jewel of the Detroit River and a place were everyone went to relax and play.

But there weren't many other places to go then. Detroit only extended to Grand Boulevard and there was little but farms beyond that.

Still, Belle Isle remains a jewel. It may not sparkle as brightly as it used to, but it's still pretty impressive.

If you haven't been south of Eight Mile since the ice age, you might want to take a ride there. Just take I-75 south to East Jefferson. Or if you are adventurous, take I-75 to the East Grand Boulevard exit and follow that great old roadway. It leads directly to the Belle Isle bridge.

And into history.

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The 'Tint' effect

Local woman's magazine is for women of all colors

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Margarita Barry wants to celebrate women of every color.

She has used her writing talent to do just that by creating a new magazine called *Tint*.

"People want a magazine that they can really relate to," she said. "Our target audience is any woman 18-35."

Barry features a lot of women of color in her magazine because, "they have been the ones who haven't been included in the mainstream media," said Barry, 21.

She describes herself as multiethnic because she is Native American, Mexican and African American.

The magazine is divided into sections on entertainment, real life, mind, body and spirit and culture and style.

Contributing writers and artists determine the content.

"It's up to the contributors and whatever is on their minds and whatever they want to voice out about," Barry said. "It might be their personal story or thoughts on how black women are portrayed in the media. It's my job to mentor and help them along their paths. There's tons of creative people there."

Tint is Detroit-based but "internationally received," Barry said.

She wants the magazine to be intellectual, to dig deeper into local issues and issues abroad.

"These are issues women care about," she said.

Barry, a Farmington resident, grew up in Detroit and graduated from Southfield High School in 2003.

The first issue of *Tint* debuted as an online magazine. She has 4,000 people on her e-mail list.

Now a print magazine, it is published quarterly and is available at select book stores, including Book & Beat in Oak Park.

The next issue will be published this fall.

Barry started the magazine when she was a freshman in college at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Now a student at Wayne State University, Barry is studying graphic design and journalism. She expects to graduate in 2008.

Fund-raising is one of the biggest business hurdles, Barry said.

She is seeking advertisers, trying to raise money from subscriptions and working to get grants.

She recently received a grant from dosomething.org, a group that recognizes young people who are making contributions in their community.

Barry will use the $500 grant to further develop the magazine which dosomething.org called "smart, edgy and progressive."

Having readers is Barry's proudest accomplishment.

"The most important thing is to have an audience who looks forward to each issue," Barry said.

For more information visit www.tintmag.com.

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Margarita Barry of Farmington is the editor of Tint, a magazine geared toward women of all ethnicities.

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Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza is Sept. 24

Outstanding dishes from more than 50 of southeastern Michigan's finest eateries and beverage suppliers await adventuresome diners at Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza. The event is 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus.

All proceeds support student scholarships. In its 15-year history, Culinary Extravaganza has raised more than $1.3 million and funded thousands of scholarships.

A sample of 2006 participants include Detroit's Asian Village, Rattlesnake, Seldom Blues and Traffic Jam restaurants; Milford's Five Lakes Grill and Gravity Bar & Grill; Dearborn's The Henry Ford, and The Ritz Carleton; and Novi's Shiro and Steve & Rocky's.

Plymouth will be represented by Fiamma Grille & Compari's on the Park, Inn at St John's "Five," the Hilton Garden Inn, Jeff Zak Catering and LaBistecca Italian Grille. Schoolcraft's own American Harvest, the Cold Stone Creamery and the Cantoro Italian Market are from Livonia.

Farther afield are The Farm Restaurant from Port Austin and L. Mawby Vineyards from Suttons Bay.

Patrons can tour the Schoolcraft culinary arts instructional kitchens, stop in at a free wine tasting seminar and check the items in the silent auction, including a train trip and overnight stay in Toronto or a weekend stay on Bois Blanc Island.

The winning ticket in a raffle drawing will sent its owner to Rome, Italy for a week, while the second and third prize winners receive a diamond bracelet and dinner for six at the American Harvest Restaurant.

Culinary Extravaganza tickets are $50 per person. Raffle tickets are $5 each or three for $10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

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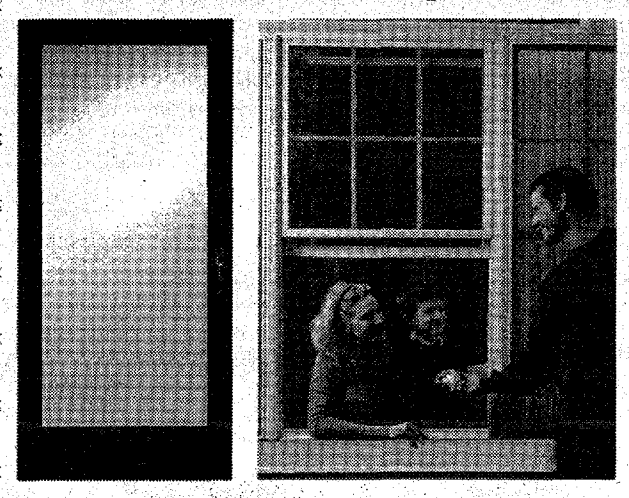
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The problem was, there was no model or protocol for extended, high intensity rehab for spinal cord injuries.

Physical therapist Polly Swingle, however, knew there could be more, and in Charlie, she found someone that would unconditionally put himself in her hands if she could stretch the envelope. Sometimes creating techniques on the run, Polly started him on an un-weighted treadmill program, before it was a recognized treatment, and took him from the first three minute session with 150 lbs un-weighted, to 40 minutes with no un-weighting. Progressing through walkers and crutches, Charlie took his first three unassisted steps in 2005 and has recently taken 14.

On October 1, 2003 Polly (DMC's 2002 PT of the Year) and Charlie founded The Recovery Project to provide the opportunity for all persons with Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injuries to experience this level of rehabilitation and find functionality through dedicated hard work and aggressive physical therapy. We offer:

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Lumley beats odds, makes U-M soccer team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Most teenagers receive iPods, CDs or gift certificates on their 18th birthdays.

Alex Lumley received an opportunity to play big-time college soccer.

And the opportunity was wrapped in maize and blue.

On Aug. 10, the former Salem soccer standout and soon-to-be freshman at the University of Michigan was notified that he had earned a coveted spot on the Wolverines' varsity soccer roster.

Lumley earned the against-the-odds distinction of being one of just two walk-ons to make U of M's highly ranked team by outperforming seven other talented candidates at a two-day, invite-only tryout held Aug. 9-10.

Lumley

"During the final practice at tryouts, I noticed that coach (Steve) Burns was going up to and talking to the other players who were trying out," Lumley recalled. "After he talked to each one, they looked kind of upset."

When Burns eventually made his way over to Lumley following the tryout, it wasn't to wish him happy birthday.

"He didn't talk to me during the practice, so I was wondering if he forgot about me," Lumley said. "As soon as the practice was over, he came over and said he liked the way I played and that I had made the team.

"I called my parents and my dad was like, 'I can't believe it!' He's a big soccer fan, so he was pretty excited."

Earlier this year, Lumley's intentions were to attend school at Kalamazoo College, which had recruited him to play soccer.

"At the very last minute — on May 1 — I decided to go to Michigan," Lumley said. "I decided I wanted to be closer to home, I'd always liked Michigan, and I knew I could play for the club team there."

Lumley's big break came when Burns attended one of his club team's games and was impressed by the 5-foot-7, 128-pound mid-fielder's skills.

"Even though he invited me to the tryout, I wasn't real confident about making the team because there were so many really good players trying out," Lumley said. "In fact, I knew they practiced in the mornings, but I made out my class schedule with mostly morning classes any way."

Lumley is listed as a mid-fielder on the Wolverines' team Web site. He said he could also play defense.

"Wherever they want me, I'm ready," he said.

Lumley said he's accepted the fact that, as a freshman walk-on, his playing time will be minimal.

"The chances of me seeing the field during games are slim," he said. "The main thing the coaches want from us is to improve and play as hard as we can during practices so that we push the starters."

Lumley joins fellow Salem graduates Kevin Savitskie and Brian Popeney on the Wolverines' roster. Savitskie and Popeney, both seniors, were recently selected as two of the team's three captains, which must be reassuring to Lumley, considering Savitskie was also a walk-on.

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2006 Prep Football Preview

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Junior running back Dalton Walser, pictured above during the 2005 Division 1 championship game against Rockford, is one of several speedy running backs that will be carrying the ball for Canton this fall.

Ready to rumble

Chiefs look to take 2005 success one step further

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's football team will be decked out in slick new Nike jerseys when it hits the field Friday night for its season opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

However, many of the players wearing the new threads will look hauntingly familiar to the Chiefs' 2006 opponents.

Canton returns 12 players — eight on defense and four on offense — who either started or saw significant playing time during last season's surge to the Division 1 state final game against Rockford.

Leading the returners is two-way starter Deshon McClendon, a 5-foot-6, 185-pound senior running back/free safety. McClendon, who set the school's single-season rushing record last season, will be joined in the full-house offensive backfield by first-year starting quarterback Ben Vaughn, a 6-1, 205-pound junior, and a combination of any two of the following runners: seniors Chris Woudstra (5-10, 170), Chris Bogdanski (5-9, 165), Derek Perino (5-9, 160), Nick Moores (5-11, 215), Antwan Hawkins; and junior Dalton Walser (5-10, 175).

Vaughn, who was unbeaten as a junior-varsity starter the past two seasons, has all the tools you'd want in a signal-caller, Baechler said.

"He can run, he has great vision and he has a strong arm," Baechler said. "He's a great athlete."

Vaughn will be backed up by first-year senior Steve Paye (6-4, 220), who will also serve as a starting linebacker.

Vaughn's two primary receiving targets will be returning starting tight ends Brandon Fender (6-0, 210) and Billy Turner (6-1, 215). The duo's experience will be as valuable as their blocking and pass-catching abilities, Baechler said.

"The fact that they have a year of experience under their belts is huge," Baechler stressed. "There is a lot of stuff our tight ends need to know, so having them both back will be great for our offense."

Baechler said Turner will see considerable time at linebacker as well, which means he will be spelled quite often on the offensive side of the ball by senior Okemdi Oparaeke.

As usual, the Chiefs' offensive

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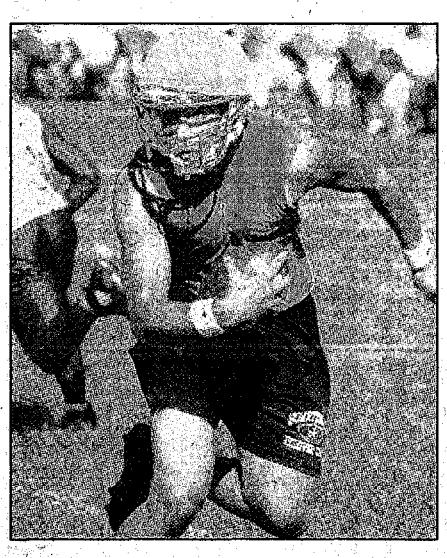
Ben Vaughn

ALL ABOUT THE CHIEFS

- **Head coach** – Tim Baechler (9th season);
- **Number of varsity players** – 62;
- **Returning starters** – 12 (4 offense; 8 defense);
- **2005 record** – 11-3 (advanced to Division 1 state championship game against Rockford);
- **2006 opener** – Friday, Aug. 25, at Ann Arbor Pioneer;
- **Primary offense** – "Tough" (full-house backfield, two tight ends);
- **Players to watch** – senior RB/FS Deshon McClendon; senior C Jeff Phillips; senior RB/CB Chris Bogdanski; senior RB/CB Chris Woudstra; junior QB Ben Vaughn; senior LB Colin O'Shaunessy; senior DT Donnie Laramie.

Young Wildcats look for growth in '06

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Mix in a small dose of experience with a large helping of youth and what do you get?

Plymouth girls basketball coach Richelle Reilly is about to find out.

The Wildcats experienced a wildly successful 2005 campaign, racking up a 16-5 record and a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season title. But the nucleus of that success — potent low-post players Jeanine Moise and Kim Olech — has graduated, leaving Reilly with some huge holes to fill in the paint.

"Our two biggest strengths this season are probably our depth and athleticism," said Reilly, the only coach the five-year-old Plymouth program has had. "The key to how well we do this year will be how we grow as a team as the year goes on."

Orchestrating the Wildcats' offense will be sophomore point guard Jalesa Moise (5-foot-3), the younger sister of Jeanine. Moise showed no signs of being intimidated last season despite her freshman status.

"Jalesa is very aggressive with the ball and she has great court vision," Reilly said. "She's strong defensively, too."

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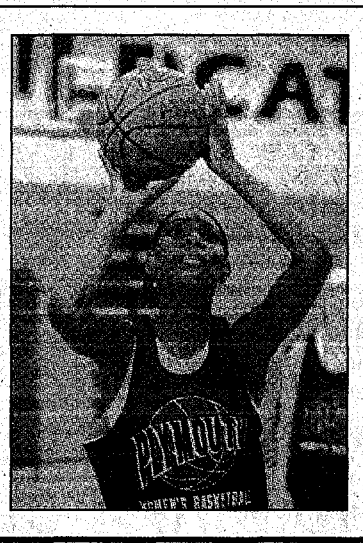
Sophomore center Shaakira Heywood will give the Wildcats a strong inside presence this season.

Baseball tryouts

■ The Canton Cannons 11U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, on Field 1 at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park. Players who are 11 or under as of April 30, 2007, are eligible to play for the USSSA/Triple-A level team.

The Cannons will play approximately 40 games, including four or five tournaments.

Contact head coach Chris Tidwell at (734) 891-6116.

■ The Plymouth/Canton Cardinals U14 travel baseball team, a member of the Kensington Valley League, will be holding tryouts for its 2007 squad on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park in Canton.

The Saturday tryouts will run from 2-4 p.m. while the Sunday tryouts will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Players are encouraged to arrive up to 15 minutes early to register.

Contact head coach Doug Heuer at (248) 763-2850.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 12U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 10, at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Beck.

All players must be 12 or under on April 30, 2007, and reside in or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton. Send an e-mail to sudzy190@aol.com; or call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

Hole-in-one

On Aug. 9, Canton resident Colleen Jones aced the 143-yard ninth hole on the Schuss Mountain Golf Club at Shanty Creek Resort & Club. It was the first hole-in-one Jones has recorded since she started playing 15 years ago.

Canton boys x-country practice

Practice for the Canton High School boys cross country team will be held beginning at 5 p.m. Aug. 21-25 in front of Canton's Phase III.

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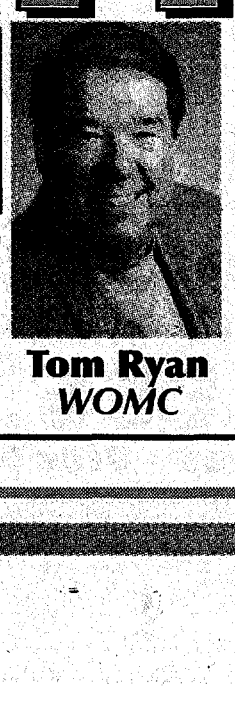
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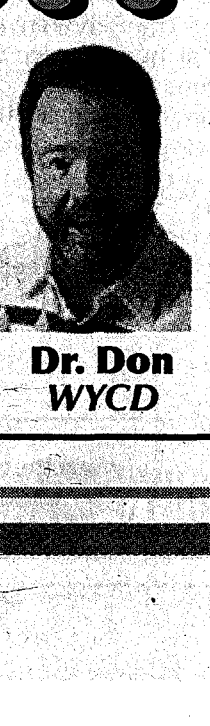
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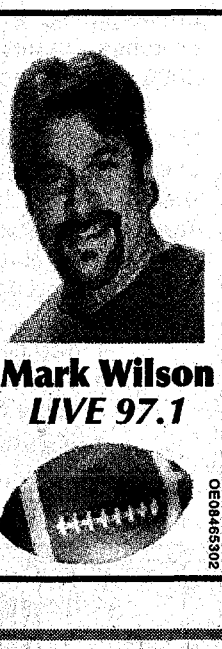
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Golden Oaks

The U10 Canton Oaks Red soccer team finished 3-0-1 and won the 1st Division at the Northwest Soccer Festival in Maumee, Ohio on Aug. 12 and 13. In the spring, the Oaks finished first in Division One in the WSSL. They also were crowned champions in the Canton Cup and the Hudson SC Invitational Tournament, finishing a combined 8-0. The team consists of: Kyle Mettlach, Nick Wendel, Jack Zemanski, Carter Schenk, Andrew Murphy, Hunter Olson, Noah Lindlbauer, Champ Kozlowski, Nicholas Gonzalez Danny McEachen. The team is coached by Mark Zemanski and Jim Mettlach.

Salem graduate Smith among top GAM finishers

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

GOLF

The Golf Association of Michigan Women's Championship had it all – ideal playing conditions, clutch shot-making and a second-round rally.

Held Tuesday and Wednesday on the pristine layout of Pine Lake County Club in West Bloomfield, a field of 72 talented and devoted amateur golfers competed in the 36-hole tournament that awards the Betty Richart Trophy to the overall low gross scorer.

Mary Vajgrt of Kalamazoo took home that honor this year, courtesy of a sterling 1-under par 71 Wednesday that erased a seven-shot deficit following her opening-round 78.

Vajgrt's two-day total of 149 bettered that of Andrea Ratigan of Troy and Laura Bavaird of Kalamazoo, both finishing two strokes back at 151.

"We didn't have a playoff this year (Shasta Averyhardt defeated Mandi McConnell in a playoff in the 2005 event), but we did have somebody come from behind on the second day to win it, and that is just as exciting," said GAM Executive Director David Graham. "We just had a superb tournament on a superb golf course under tremendous conditions. The ladies really enjoyed it and the credit goes to everyone involved at Pine Lake for making it happen."

After day one, it appeared it would be a two-player race with Louisa Shu, who has starred for her Birmingham Seaholm girls golf team the past three seasons, and Kathryn Strawser of Flushing sharing a two-stroke lead after carding rounds of 1-under 71.

However, neither managed to have the same magic in their bags on Wednesday. Playing side-by-side in the day's final grouping, both Shu and Strawser finished 10 strokes higher, coming in with 81 apiece. The field was divided into three flights – 'A', 'B' and 'C' – based on handicaps. Vajrt and Ratigan were both in the 'A' flight, while Bavaird competed in 'B'.

Darby Peters, a product of Lake Orion High School, finished second overall in the 'B' flight with a two-day score of 156. Megan Petzko, of Coldwater, was first among 'C' flight competitors, recording rounds of 79 and 78 for a 157 score.

Several other O&E-area participants competed and registered solid outings. Included on that list was Kristen Polanski of Livonia, who followed up a first-day 80 with a sterling 74.

"I shot 74 today and played well," Polanski said. "I made some good chips and putts.

"This tournament is really cool," she went on. "They do a really good job because you're playing with players of all ages and it makes it a lot of fun."

A similar feeling was recorded by Sarah Nirenberg of West Bloomfield, who shot 86 and 95 consecutive days.

"I hit the ball better yesterday and putted better today," said Nirenberg. a 2006 Cranbrook Kingswood High School graduate. "I played last year and had a great time. It's a nice opportunity to play with amateurs in your area. I played in the Michigan Open, but I know people here because it is a little more local."

The remaining area players included: Shannon Warner (79-78 – 157), Livonia; Ashley Smith (81-81 – 162) Plymouth; Claudia Cenko (84-81 – 165), Beverly Hills; Ashley Hamilton (83-83 – 166), Lake Orion; Alexandra Lipa (84-83 – 167), Birmingham; Stacey Goins (86-81 – 167), Rochester Hills; Lauri Ponikiewski (85-87 – 172), Livonia; Jennifer Kubert (90-90 – 180), Livonia; Katherine Solomon (89-94 – 183), Franklin; Pamela Jeremias (95-91 – 186), Redford; Michele Weiss (90-98 – 188), Southfield; Linda Truxell (95-96 – 191), Bloomfield Hills; and Michelle Sroka (95-107 – 202), Livonia.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Aug. 25
Pinckney at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Plymouth vs. Hudsonville at EMU, 2:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Wednesday, Aug. 23
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 24
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Salem, Canton and Plymouth at Gary Balconi Invitational, 10 a.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, TBA
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 24
Inaugural Salem Blue/White Meet at Cass-Benton, 4:15 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 26
Canton at South Lyon, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 21
Salem at East Lansing Invitational at Forest Akers G.C., 7 a.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 1 p.m.
Canton at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Plymouth at Brighton Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Franklin Rd. at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C., 3:15 p.m.
Canton at Brighton at Oak Pointe G.C., 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 24
Macomb Christian at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25
Canton at Saline Invitational at Brookside G.C., 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Saturday, Aug. 26
Salem at Troy Invitational at Willow Metro Park, 8 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 26
Wildcat Invitational at Canton H.S. pool, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Aug. 24
Wayne State at Madonna Univ., 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 25-26
MI at UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saurday, Aug. 26
Schoolcraft at Great Lakes Christian, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 21
Madonna at Houghton College (N.Y.), 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Madonna at Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 6 p.m.
(Univ. of Windsor Tournament)
Schoolcraft vs. U-M Club, noon.
Sunday, Aug. 27
(Univ. of Windsor Tournament)
Schoolcraft vs. James Madison Club, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Saturday, Aug. 26
Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.) Invitational, 11 a.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

GOLF RESULTS

FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL
BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Aug. 18 at Huron Meadows

Team standings: 1. Detroit Country Day, 287; 2. Novi, 298; 3. Livonia Churchill, 307; 4. Walled Lake Central, 309; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 310; 6. Rochester Stoney Creek, 310; 7. Plymouth, 311; 8. DeWitt, 312; 9. West Bloomfield, 313; 10. South Lyon, 315; 11. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 321; 12. Troy, 322; 13. Birmingham Seaholm, 322; 14. Plymouth Salem, 322; 15. Temperance Bedford, 340; 16. Farmington, 347; 17. North Farmington, 348; 18. Farmington Harrison, 376.

Tourney medalist: Alex Lyall, Novi, 70.

AREA TEAM RESULTS

Country Day: Grant Mills, 71; Matt Felsenfield, 71; Chris Haboian, 71; John Whiting, 74; Chris Ellinghausen, 77.

Churchill: Tommy Lucko, 72; Josh Proben, 76; Josh Brist, 79; Steve Suzio, 80; Kevin Robinson, 81; Brian Bint, 90.

W.L. Central: Brad Nedrow, 76; Casey Johnson, 77; Nick Green, 78; Shawn Catto, 78; Joel Catto, 80; Joe Starrs, 87.

W.L. Northern: Jon Murphy, 75; Greg Smith, 77; Joe Lemanski, 78; John McMahon, 80; Adam Schmaltz, 80; Tyler Storm, 85.

Stoney Creek: Brent Yurik, 73; Dave Seaton, 77; Chris Couchie, 79; Kyle Ziolkowski, 81; Chris Benner, 83; Eric Blake, 84.

Plymouth: Mike Gerisch, 73; Jimmy Vicek, 78; Matt Talbot, 79; Jeff Selasky, 81; Kyle Eisiminger, 84; Kyle Sanders, 87.

West Bloomfield: Mike Lewis, 73; Alex Simmons, 79; Ben VanSwearingen, 80; Kevin Gill, 81; Kevin Casey, 82; Dan Malach, 85.

Andover: Joel Kestenberg, 76; Jeremy Werner, 81; Peter DeFrain, 82; Brent Hertz, 82; Jonah Mandel, 85; Jake Barnett 88.

Troy: Mike Fichter, 78; Joel Zastrow, 81; John Noonan, 81; Mike Rayfield, 82; Ryan Spence, 83; Jon Shin, 88.

Seaholm: Brad Berger, 75; John Maddox, 79; Sean Grant, 82; Brian Cash, 86; Ben Bailey, 88; Mike Schloop, 89.

Salem: Tyler Jeleniewski, 73; Quentin Higgason, 77; 3. Jeff Szroka, 84; Adam Powers, 88; Brian Fifield, 88; Eddie Mazorowicz, 89.

Farmington: Ian Ellis, 80; Ryan Diehl, 82; Shane Kesthely, 92; Derek Kessler, 93; Tom Bence, 97; Joey Zonzini, 109.

North Farmington: Patrick King, 85; Todd Kaplan, 87; J.J. Lawley, 88; Brian Noble, 88; Court Murtland, 97; Yovaan Totharam, 98.

Harrison: Jalen Farmer, 88; Zach Ficht, 95; Zack Durham, 96; Phil McKelvey, 97; Jay Ronan, 97; Mike Roberts, 98.

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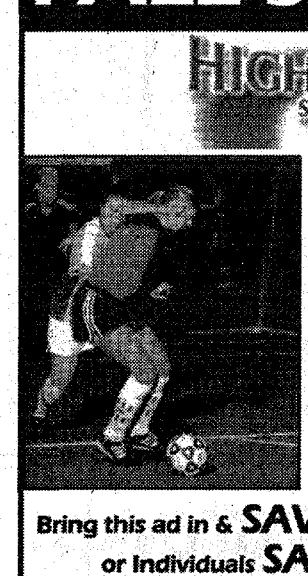

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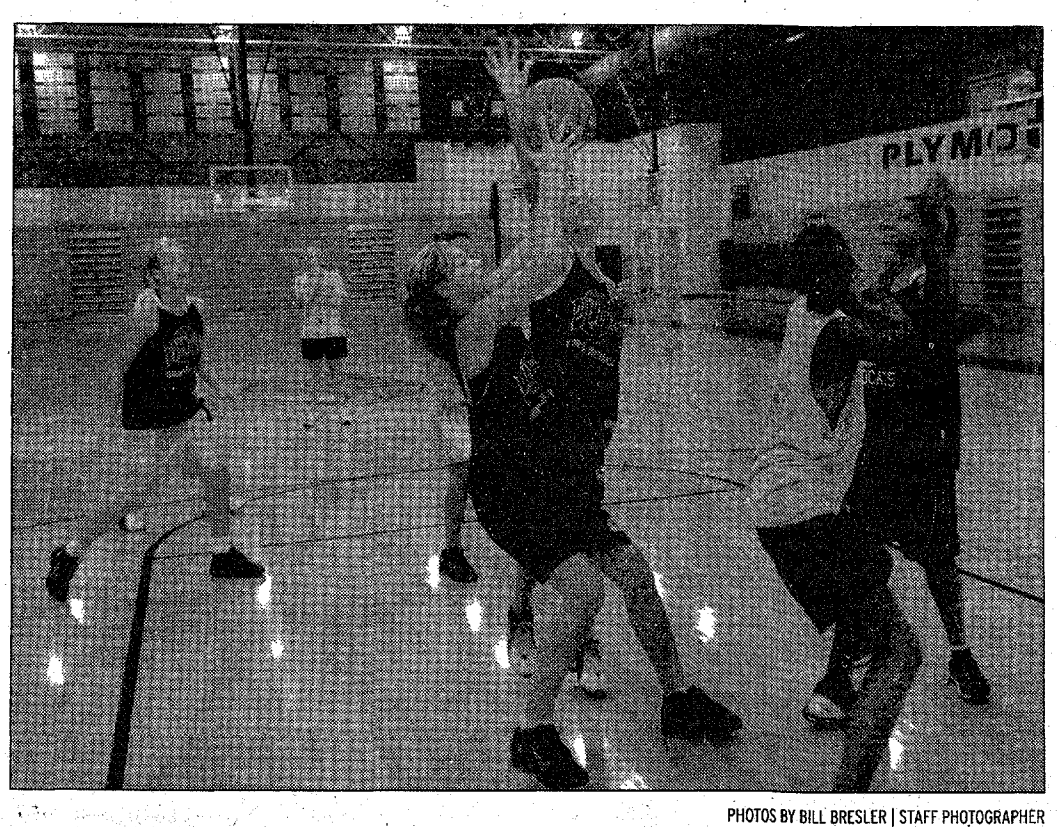

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Plymouth basketball players battle for a rebound during a practice last week. The Wildcats will be trying to duplicate or improve on last season's 16-5 mark.

WILDCATS

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Moise's backcourt mate will be senior shooting guard Val Klemmer (5-6), who also logged big-time minutes last season.

"Val's biggest strength is her knowledge of the game," Reilly said. "She offers a lot of stability for the younger players.

"Offensively, she's a good perimeter player — she can shoot the three — and she can take the ball to the basket."

Plymouth's most-effective inside player may be Chrystien Guyton, who plays much bigger than her listed height of 5-8, Reilly said.

"Chrystien is strong, athletic and a very good rebounder," Reilly said. "She'll get physical around the basket and is not afraid to go get the ball."

Guyton will line up alongside sophomore center Shaakira Haywood, a 6-footer who possesses advanced defensive skills.

"Shaakira has great shot-blocking ability," Reilly said. "She's especially effective when she is helping on defense."

Another sophomore, Kelsi Robinson (5-9), may be the team's leading scorer before the season ends in November or December, in Reilly's estimation.

Sophomore point guard Jalesa Moise is the Wildcats' lone returning starter.

"Kelsi is one of the players we're going to be looking to score for us," Reilly said. "She's a good shooter and a slasher. She knows how to get to the basket."

Reilly said as many as nine of her players will be receiving ample playing time, including the sister tandem of 5-9 guards Chelsey Quinlan, a senior, and Megan Quinlan, a sophomore.

"Chelsey will provide a steadying influence to the team," Reilly said. "She's also a very strong defender.

"Megan is an aggressive offensive player and a strong defender."

Another set of sisters — senior Amber Davis (5-3) and junior Megan Davis (5-5) — will also provide the Wildcats with all-important depth and offensive firepower. Among the team's key reserves are senior guard Jennifer Beaudoin (5-7), senior forward Trisha Watkins (5-10) and junior guard Megan Mihelick (5-8).

The Wildcats open their 2006 schedule Tuesday, Aug. 29, at home against Adrian.

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Winds of change blow through the Ontario Hockey League

With the Plymouth Whalers Training Camp right around the corner (Aug. 30), there are plenty of changes of note around the Ontario Hockey League.

The Sault Greyhounds have a new home — the sparkling Steelback Centre. The Greyhounds will play their first eight games on the road before hosting the Sudbury Wolves on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

In spite of great ice and an old-school atmosphere at the Memorial Gardens, a new rink was needed in Sault Ste. Marie.

"We have a core of fans that would sit outside to watch a Greyhounds game, and thank God for those loyal fans," Sault Ste. Marie general manager Dave Torrie told the Sault Star. "That core we have to count on, but we also have to attract a younger crowd. When you go out with your wife, family or friends, we want it to be a night out and the game to be part of it."

The Whalers are one of the last teams to play at Steelback Centre, not visiting Sault Ste. Marie until Friday, Jan. 19. But if you want to travel to see the Whalers play — and don't mind traveling at way to do it — the Soo is a straight five-hour shot north up I-75, weather permitting.

Although they aren't moving into a new building, the Oshawa Generals will spend the first two weeks of the season on the road while renovations are being completed at the Oshawa Civic Centre.

The Civic Centre has the lowest ceiling in the OHL — maybe no more than 12 feet off the ice surface — and like the Memorial Gardens, it's time for some changes in Oshawa. The Generals will go with general manager Brad Selwood as head coach, taking over for Randy Ladouceur.

Whaler fans looking to soak up some OHL tradition should consider a trip to Oshawa when Plymouth plays there on Friday, Dec. 15. Oshawa is just east of Toronto, roughly four-and-a-half to five hours east of Plymouth.

Barring a playoff matchup, the Whalers will play for the last time at the Kingston Memorial Centre this season on Sunday, Nov. 5. A new facility will be built in Downtown Kingston in time for the 2007-08. The Frontenacs have also change head coaches, with Bruce Cassidy taking over for Jim Hulton.

Like Kingston, the Mississauga IceDogs and Toronto St. Michael's Majors will be playing in new buildings, but not this season.

In case you missed it this summer, Majors owner Eugene Melnyk — who also owns the NHL's Ottawa Senators — purchased the IceDogs, with the intent of selling Mississauga and then moving the Majors from tiny St. Michael's College Arena to the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

The listed capacity of St. Michael's Arena is 1,617, but that's with at least 500 people standing.

The Majors have done the best they can with their rink — and there's an excellent, old-school flavor there — but it's just too small by OHL standards. So the Majors will move to the Hershey Centre in 2007-08.

Depending on the rumor of the day, the IceDogs will eventually end up in Buffalo, Niagara Falls or North Bay, but stay tuned.

Also, former head coach Greg Gilbert left Mississauga to take the Toronto Marlies' head coaching job in the American Hockey League. The IceDogs haven't named a head coach yet.

The Windsor Spitfires will continue to play out of Windsor Arena, but with new ownership taking over for the departed Steve Riolo, there's hope for a new rink eventually.

New Windsor owners Bob Boughner, Warren Rychel and Peter Dobrich are pumping new life into the Spitfires, with Boughner retiring as an NHL player to take over as head coach of the Spits and Rychel as the team's general manager. Assistants D.J. Smith and Bill Bowler were rehired and former Spitfire Mark Turner brought in as Video Game Analyst. Former Whaler and Spitfire Mark Ridout was hired as strength-and-conditioning coach. Ridout played 16 games in Plymouth in 1997-98, adding one assist and 74 PIM's before getting traded to Windsor, where he played the bulk of his OHL career.

The Spitfires aren't the only team in the West Division to make a coaching change. The Sarnia Sting have hired former Erie head coach Dave MacQueen with the hope of jump-starting a young Sarnia team that has finished last in the West Division over the last two years.

MacQueen's long-time assistant — Peter Sidorkiewicz — takes over as head coach of the Otters.

Peter DeBoer and Steve Spott return behind the bench in Kitchener and they'll be joined by former Whaler Troy Smith, who joins the Rangers as an Assistant Coach in charge of Player Development. Smith played defense and some right wing for the Whalers between 1995-99, scoring 11 goals and 47 assists for 58 points and 239 PIM's in 230 regular season games.

Another Eastern Conference team, Peterborough, hired former Ottawa assistant Vince Malette as its new head coach.

The Ontario Hockey League office has made some changes, promoting Ted Baker to Vice-President and creating an opening for a full-time referee in chief, to be named in the near future.

The Whalers also added to their coaching staff, hiring former intern Adam Mattson as Video Coach.

Court of Appeals deals MHSAA another setback

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan High School Athletic Association suffered a setback Wednesday when a three-judge panel of the U.S Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati upheld a lower court's ruling that the MHSAA's sports schedule discriminates against girls in some sports.

On May 2, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated the Sixth Circuit order of July 27, 2004, that would have exchanged boys and girls tennis and golf seasons, as well as the girls basketball and volleyball seasons, returning the case to the same three-judge panel that issued the July 2004 order with instructions to reconsider the case in light of the Supreme Court's decision early that year in a non-sports related case arising in California.

The federal lawsuit was originally filed in 1998 against the MHSAA by Diane Madsen and Jay Roberts-Eveland, two Grand Rapids-area mothers of female athletes, in conjunction with their group Communities for Equity, which argued that girls in Michigan were at a disadvantage for scholarship opportunities playing volleyball in the winter and basketball in the fall, opposite of the college calendar.

The MHSAA argued against the change, citing that a majority of its member schools polled did not desire switching seasons.

In December 2001, U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen said the scheduling of seasons violated the equal-protection clause of the 14th Amendment, as well as the federal Title IX statute and Michigan civil rights law. In a brief statement, the MHSAA said it "will be studying its options following this decision, which will include a motion to the Sixth Circuit for a rehearing *en banc*, which must be filed within the next 14 days. The 2006-07 school year athletic calendar is not affected by this decision."

CHIEFS

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line will consist of mostly first-year senior starters. Jeff Phillips (5-11, 215), who missed the 2005 campaign due to injury, will anchor the unit from his center position. He'll be flanked by guards Nick Dunleavy (6-1, 220) and Kiel Price (5-10, 180). Will Khoury (6-4, 305) will man the right tackle spot while Kyle Brodzik (5-11, 240) is slated to begin the year as the starting left tackle.

Baechler noted that junior Justin Scott (5-11, 205) and senior Brandon Lasko (6-2, 235) will also be in the mix for playing time.

"Our offensive line is still telling," Baechler said Friday morning, a few hours before the team's four-way scrimmage. "I've seen improvement day after day, but they need to see themselves playing on film against other teams before they can start picking up the little things it takes to get better.

"Two things I know about our O-line is that they will be physical and they'll get off the ball."

The Chiefs' defensive line is big, athletic and mobile. Seniors Donnie Laramie (6-3, 295), Wardell Fuqua (5-10, 285) and Jay Bailey (6-2, 290) all played big minutes last season. Juniors Matt Barylski (5-10, 190) and Tevin Brooks (5-11, 185) will provide solid D-line depth.

Canton's starting line-backing corps will consist of seniors Colin O'Shaunessy (6-0, 215), a hard-hitting three-year letter-winner, Paye, Chris Hasse (6-0, 185) and junior Dan Wanshon (5-11, 195).

Judging by the way Paye has looked the first two weeks of practice, you'd never know he hasn't strapped on pads since the eighth grade, according to Canton's ninth-year coach.

"He's such a natural football player," he said. "It's unbelievable how fast he's grasped our offense and defense."

Canton's secondary returns three starters, including free safety McClendon along with speedy cornerbacks Woudstra and Bogdanski. The lone newcomer in the starting secondary is junior Adam Powers (5-11, 180), who will man the strong-safety position. Perino and Hawkins will be key defensive-backfield reserves.

The place-kicking duties will be handled by O'Shaunessy, who was nearly perfect on extra points last season.

Baechler said his team's schedule will be anything but a cakewalk.

"I saw John Glenn's scrimmage (Thursday) night and their offense looked awfully good," he said. "And we beat Northville, 35-0, last year, but it was a sticky 35-0. They're extremely well-coached and they have a lot of guys back, so there's nobody on our schedule you can overlook."

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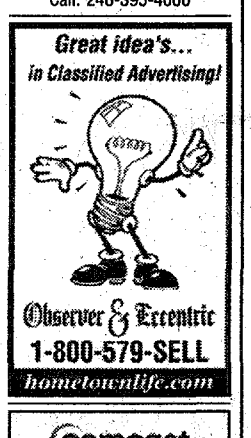

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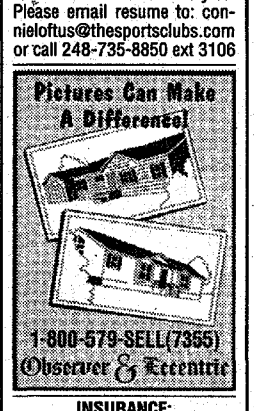

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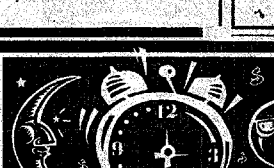

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The programs will be offered from Sept. 18 through Oct. 27. The cost is $57 for program members and $74 for community members.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is also looking for preschool instructors for these programs. If you are interested, call the number listed above.

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

■ Tryouts for the 2007 PC Pride girls fastpitch softball program will be held Aug. 26-27 and Aug. 30. The Pride offers teams in 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age brackets.

The Saturday, Aug. 26, tryout will run from 1-5 p.m. with registration starting at 12:30 p.m. The Sunday, Aug. 27, tryout will run from 1-6 p.m. with registration at 12:30 p.m. The Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryout will run from 6-8 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Saturday and Sunday tryouts will be held on fields 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center, which is located on 46555 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The Tuesday tryout will be held at Heritage Park, on Heritage Park Drive in Canton.

For more information, visit the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.com/pcpride; or call Scott Ampe at (734) 495-0789.

■ Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m.-noon; 14U will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and 16U will run from noon-2 p.m.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Monday, Aug. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located on Plymouth Road, just east of Haggerty.

Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old by April 30, 2007. For more information, contact Larry at (734) 812-3280.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 U13 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at Heritage Park Sunday, Aug. 27, beginning at 4 p.m. Players should arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 Vipers, an 11-and-under Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Plymouth Township Park (field No. 2), which is located off Ann Arbor Trail (between McClumpha and Beck roads).

Eligible players must be younger than 12 years old by April 30, 2007.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 or tboucher14@yahoo.com; or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224 or arg8@aol.com.

■ The Pirates 2007 14-and-under baseball team, which represents the communities of Plymouth and Canton, will be conducting tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Heritage is located behind the Canton Township offices on Canton Center Rd., just south of Cherry Hill.

Players must have a birth date on or after May 1, 1992, and enjoy playing at a competitive level.

The team is expected to participate in a total of approximately 40 games — both league and tournament — beginning in April of 2007. Players will also have the option of participating in a fall baseball league beginning in mid-September.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking an additional player for the fall 2006 season. Interested 11- and 12-year-olds should contact Rob Sudz at (734) 420-058. Players must be residents of or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton.

LEARN TO SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association is accepting registration for its Mighty Mini-Mites learn-to-skate program designed for the beginning player (must by 4 years-old by Dec. 31, 2006).

The program, which costs $350, runs Saturdays from September through March. Full equipment is required.

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The PCHA instructional program is taught by experience USA Hockey certified coaches.

For more information, e-mail pchammm@comcast.net; or visit www.pchockey.or/pchaminimites.html.

FALL YOUTH LACROSSE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering a fall instructional lacrosse program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Registration runs through the entire month of August.

The season runs from mid-September through the first week of November.

Practices will be mid-week nights only. The program will also help prepare players for the spring competitive season.

For more information, visit the City of Plymouth Web Site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us; or contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.

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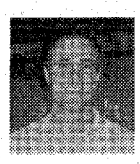

LESSON ON GOLF

by Jeff Lesson

THE TIGER EFFECT

Remember when Tiger Woods burst on to the scene some ten years ago? Remember how he was really supposed to get more minorities - especially African Americans - involved in the game? While the "Tiger Effect" certainly has impacted minority interest in the sport, it has been from more of a spectator level.

Following Tiger Woods at any event he plays in will usually be a good size contingent of minorities. This was certainly true at the recent Buick Open in Grand Blanc. But the sport needs more minority participation. It just has not happened on the scale we had hoped.

Golf has always been somewhat of a sport for the affluent. Tiger Woods has done much to attempt to change that. He has helped set up access to golf facilities in several inner city areas around the country. But it has not been enough. Tiger needs help.

The sport simply needs to become more affordable for the masses. Even if that means some public courses won't be as pristine green as they had been, it is something that has to happen.

Right now there are just not enough golfers period. Many tee times, even on weekends at prime courses, often go unfilled.

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Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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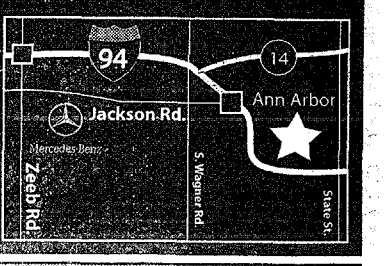

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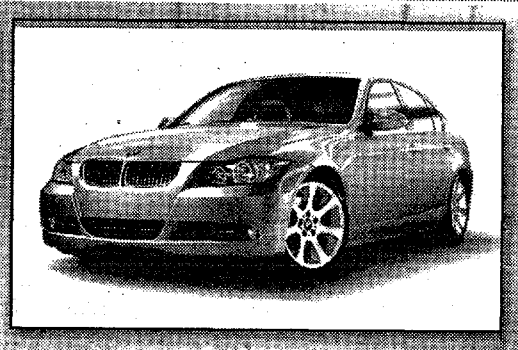

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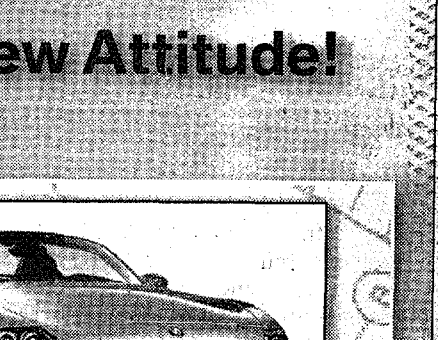

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Being on your own is big decision

Do you need a lawyer to be emancipated?

Still a Minor in Garden City

To become an emancipated minor, you don't necessarily need an attorney. However, an attorney is the best person to help you file all the necessary paperwork with the court. Becoming an emancipated minor is not an easy thing to do ... and for good reason! Once emancipated you are responsible for your own health care, for your own food and housing, and for your own clothes! The courts do not take this issue lightly. In order to become emancipated, you must prove that your parents are not doing what they should be doing as parents: Providing you with food, clothing, housing and health care. In addition, you must provide evidence that you have a job that will support all of your needs, you must be able to show proof that you have a place to live and a way to pay for it, and you must have two people that support your desire to be emancipated. These people must be a social worker, teacher, doctor, clergyperson, or other professional who can testify that you are mature, responsible and able to live on your own. The last and most important requirement is that you are at least 16 years old!

Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

Before deciding to apply for emancipation, think about whether or not it's worth it. At 18 years old, you are considered an adult. If the situation at home is really unsafe and you think you'd be able to do better on your own, by all means, find adults who can help you. But, if you can stick it out another two years after your 16th birthday, start saving your money now so you'll be in a good financial position to strike out on your own on your 18th birthday. Rent, food, clothes, gas, and car insurance can easily cost $800 to $1300 per month for the bare minimum! Life is hard enough on a good day — be careful not to set yourself up for failure before you even begin!

Is there a better way to relieve anger than to take it out on someone else? How can you control your anger?

Really Angry Garden City

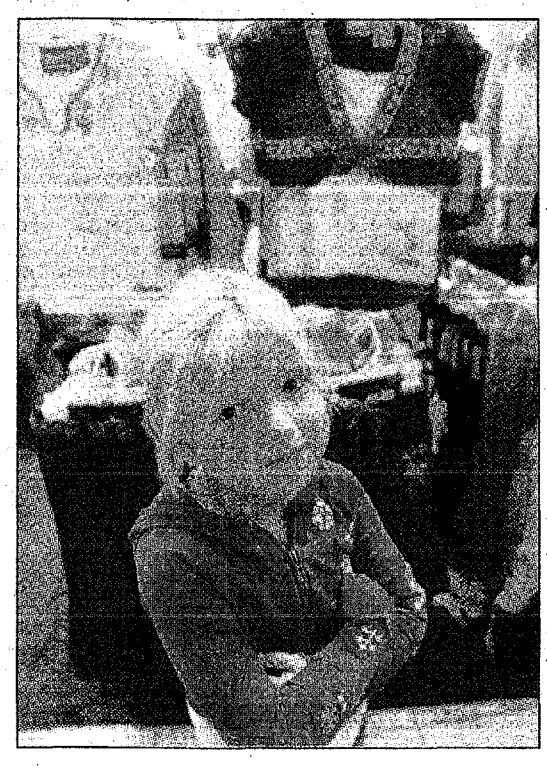
It sounds like you are already aware that it isn't right to take your anger out on someone else — that's a great first step in managing your anger! Anger is an emotion like any other emotion: Love, happy, sad, or frustrated. It's easy to know how to express ourselves when we're in love, when we're happy, when we're sad, or even when we're frustrated. For some reason, many people don't know how to express themselves when they're angry. Feeling angry is normal, what matters is how we express it.

If you're feeling too angry to talk to the other person calmly, take a walk, take a few deep breaths, sit quietly with your eyes closed, or listen to some music in order to clear your head and calm down. Some people release anger and frustration by hitting a punching bag, pounding a pillow, or throwing ice cubes down on the sidewalk or driveway (away from cars or other people, of course!). Other people release anger by writing poems, drawing, playing a musical instrument, writing songs, or writing in a journal.

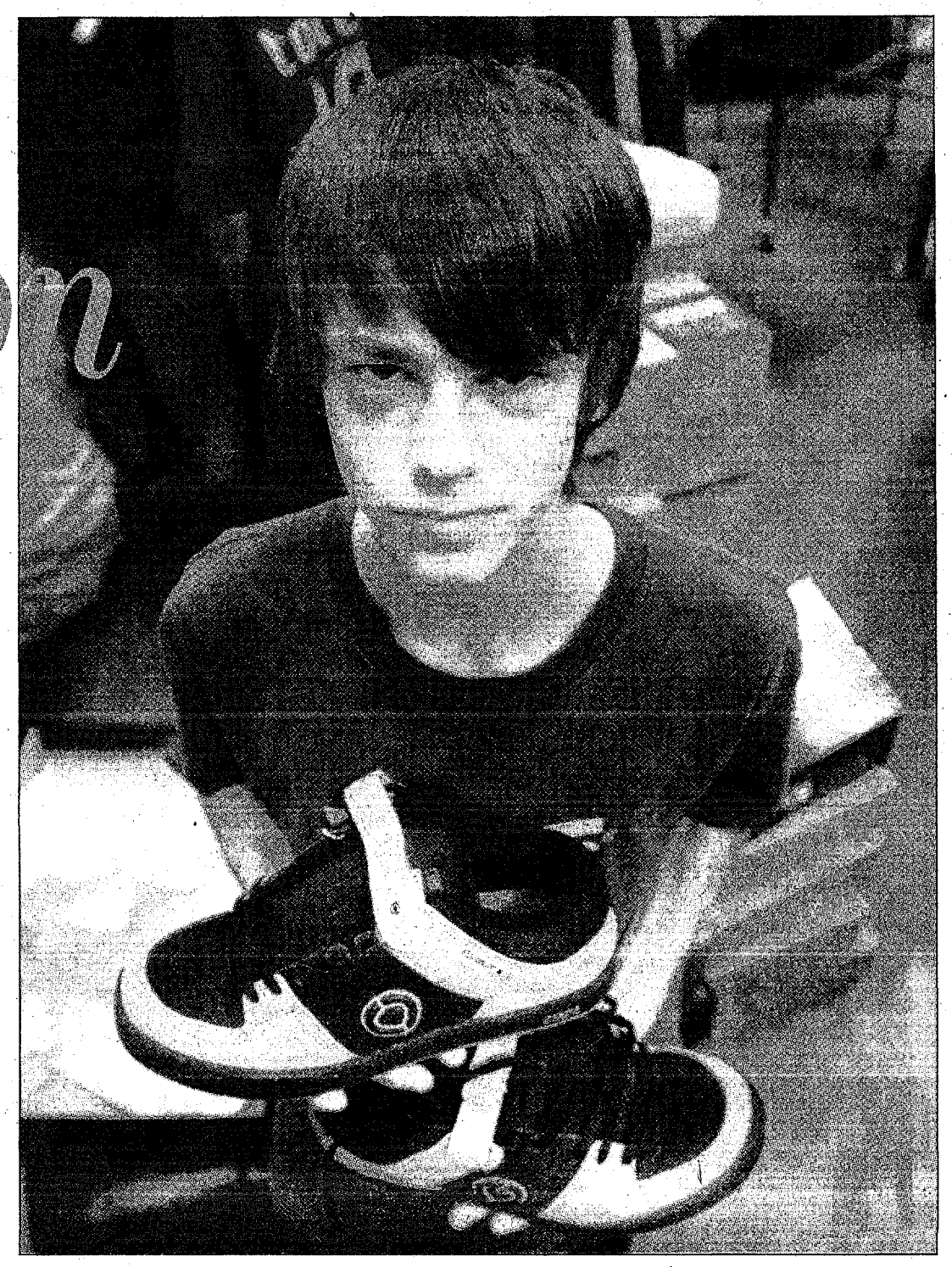
These are all suggestions to help you cope with your angry feelings until you are able to talk to the person about why you're angry. If you don't take this last important step in managing your anger, the problem will keep happening. Here's the recipe for discussing your feelings (it's called using "I" messages): "I feel angry when _____." Fill in the blank with whatever it is that you feel angry about. If a friend lied to you, then you could say, "I feel angry when I'm lied to. People shouldn't lie to each other." If your mom yelled at you, you could say, "I feel angry when I'm yelled at. People need to talk to each other instead of yelling." The key is to always express your emotions with respect for the other person and without blaming the other person for making you angry. You are responsible for the way you handle your emotions. Sometimes our emotions seem to overwhelm us ... that's when it's time to take a break before the situation spirals out of control!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.

The great *fashion* debate



Samantha Chapa knows what she likes; hoodies and layered outfits.



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These shoes by Circa will work for Tyler Murch whether he's at John Glenn High School or skateboarding.

Moms and kids shop for back to school

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Denise Murch is happy to hear slimmer cuts of jeans are coming back, but she's more concerned about the price than the latest style. The Westland resident always looks for bargains. When son Tyler, 15, selects a $70 pair of Circa shoes for skateboarding and school, Murch doesn't seem worried. Last week she bought Tyler and his brother Brad, 12, several shirts at Pac Sun and received a $25 gift card she'll use to purchase the shoes which are buy one pair, get one free.

In the children's department at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Katie Smith of Canton was selecting shorts and shirts for her grandson while granddaughters Hannah and Aubrey Lint, ages 6 and 12 of Ohio, were hunting for outfits.

It's back to school shopping time and mothers and kids are debating which fashions will be worn and at what cost. Mothers at Parisian in Laurel Park Place and Pac Sun at Westland Shopping Center are leaning toward conservative clothing on sale.

Guy Taylor is expecting the last two weeks of August to be busy with back to school shoppers in search of the slimmer cuts.

"The fashion was baggy," said Taylor, manager of Pac Sun, a store founded for surfers in California about 20 years ago. The store caters to ages 12 to 30. "A lot of T-shirts have been made slim instead of big and boxy. The new denim dark black and indigo jeans are slimmer."

Denim is popular with the younger set as well. At Gymboree in Laurel Park Place, Nimoza Favazza is selling "a lot of denim with prints and flowers on them."

"Our clothes are mix and match so one pair of pants goes with everything," said Favazza who manages the store for ages newborn to 9.

"(The colors) brown and pink are big and in the store. Before that it was plum. Every two to three weeks we get a new line in which is usually a different color. What's new that's in is the footless tights worn with skorts and skirts or dresses."

Eleven-year-old Julia Leak is headed to middle school with new clothes in the latest colors and styles.

In the children's department at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Katie Smith of Canton was selecting shorts and shirts for her grandson while granddaughters Hannah and Aubrey Lint, ages 6 and 12 of Ohio, were hunting for outfits. Aubrey liked a skirt from Ferocious Chik.

Julia Leake, an 11-year-old student at North Middle School in Belleville, chose a pink paisley top and brown striped gauchos from the racks. Her mom Carol says it's important to keep bare midriffs covered at school.

"We're seeing a lot of the gauchos which were popular for summer and transitioned into fall," said Carrie Tobias, manager of the Parisian department where parents are spending about $300 per child for back to school clothes.

"We have a gaucho jogging suit they can wear with tennis shoes or sandals to be comfortable at school.

"For boys the Parisian brand polo T-shirts look dressy enough for school to pair with shorts, khaki pants or blue jeans. For older boys it's cargo khaki pants. Some look worn away at the seams or look

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Send kids to school with lots of love, enthusiasm

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Sending a child off to kindergarten or first grade this year? Teacher Cathie Williams has some common-sense advice for parents.

"We want them to be able to come to school and immediately fall in love with learning," said Williams, a kindergarten teacher who'll be among those opening Plymouth-Canton's new Workman Elementary in Canton this year. That love of learning comes from developmentally appropriate activities, teaching through play and children's interests, she said.

"A lot of times, the parents are more worried than the children," said Williams, a 12-year teaching veteran in Plymouth-Canton and a Canton resident. It's helpful to take children in to meet the teacher and see the school.

Seeing the playground or bus stop is a big help, she said. Kids can get excited about school through such activities as picking out a backpack and other supplies.

"It is important to get them involved in the excitement," Williams said.

She said it isn't necessarily good to start the school year, when days are often still warm, with a lot of new clothing for kids: "The children should wear the clothes they're comfortable in. Comfortable clothes, comfortable shoes," she said.

These days, most youngsters starting school already have experience with preschool or day care. Williams has found that helps them adjust to being in school.

"They find that they can be independent, confident and strong," she said.

Williams encourages parents to set a firm bedtime before school begins.

Separation anxiety can show up in physical com-

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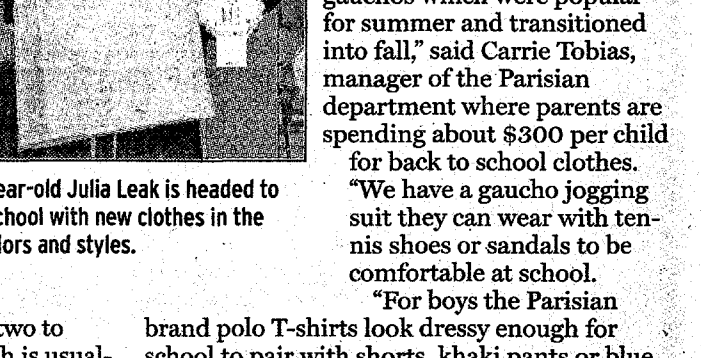

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Classroom desks and chairs are ready to go at Workman Elementary as the school district gets set to open its newest building.

AROUND TOWN

Alzheimer's walk
The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease takes place Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. It marks the 15th-annual Memory Walk to benefit the metro Detroit Region of the Greater Michigan chapter. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's 2k fun walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at www.alzgmc.org or call (248) 351-0280.

MADD 5K walk
Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K noncompetitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30, at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Baby Walk
The 2006 MCARE Michigan Baby Walk to benefit research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome takes place Sunday, Sept. 17 at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck in Northville. For more information, contact event manager Carol Facca, sidsnews@comcast.net

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speaker Sharon Brevoort will talk about "Timelines and Chronologies: Placing Your Ancestor in Historical Context." A help session starts at 6 p.m., and the public is invited. For information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

Fibromyalgia workshop
The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free fibromyalgia workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Flea market
The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Farmington Players auditions
Auditions for "Moon Over Buffalo," which will run Nov. 17 to Dec. 2, are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, (6:30 p.m. sign-in) at The Farmington Players Barn Theater (32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills). This is a door-slamming, madcap farce from the award-winning author of Lend Me a Tenor (Ken Ludwig), where everything that could go wrong does! For more information and script availability, please call the director, Brian Tupper at (248) 553-4506 and leave a message. Please visit www.farmingtonplayers.org for the complete audition notice with role descriptions and requirements.

Golf outing
The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan holds its fourth-annual Movement for Life Golf Invitational Monday, Aug. 21, at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The day's festivities include 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch, followed by dinner and a live auction and raffle. The cost for the day is $200 per golfer. Pre-registration is required by calling Jim McIntyre, (734) 615-4272.

Art/craft festival
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is $3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyhomalley@aol.com

Tournament of charities
The fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities golf event to benefit children and families in southeastern Michigan takes place at the State Course of the Year, Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with the 18-hole shotgun at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the tournament is $1,200 and includes four rounds of golf for a four person team, four sets of thank you gifts, four pairs of Nike golf shoes and four seats at the banquet at the end of the day. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, e-mail laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, Ext. 120 You can also register at www.mtocgolf.org and indicate your support of Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Charity golf
A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call (734) 662-5999, Ext. 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Web site, www.mtocgolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

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Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley, (734) 462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion
Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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Area golfers can enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes at the Karl L. Seavitt Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Boys and Girls Republic, based in Farmington Hills.

The outing will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Tanglewood the Lion in South Lyon, with tee off at 12 p.m. Costs are $150 per person; $500 per foursome and $75 for a strolling buffet only. Hole sponsorships are $750, which includes a foursome.

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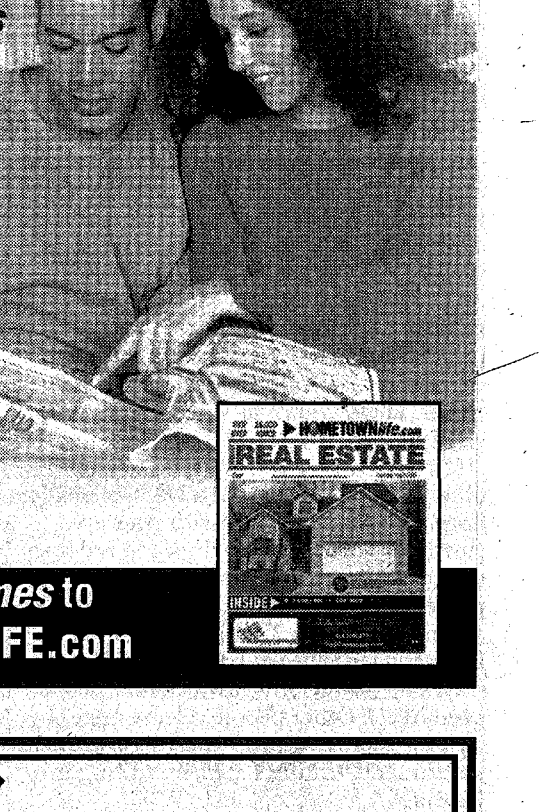
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plaints, such as stomach aches, she said. "Listen to your child's concern." It's important to let a child express emotions, and to keep school day goodbyes brief, with "I'll pick you up at such and such time" and a hug or kiss.

Workman, in the Cherry Hill-Denton area, will be opening for the first time this year, and Williams is looking forward to a great school year. "It's going to be an incredible, awesome experience," she said. "We're building a school with the community."

Over at Hulsing Elementary in Canton, Principal Carolyn Washington is also looking forward to a year full of learning. "The first day of school is an exciting day for kids," said Washington, a Canton resident who's been teaching since 1974. "Teachers are just as apprehensive as kids."

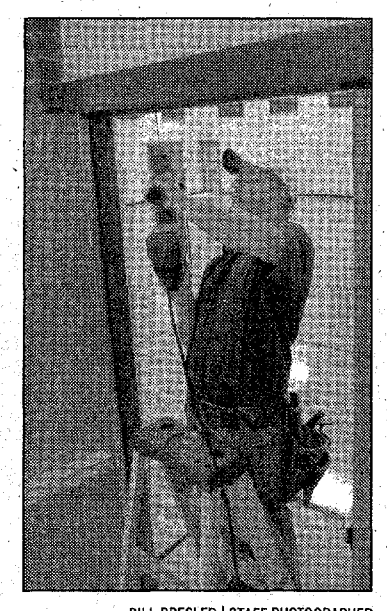
Washington, who called herself a "helicopter parent," recalled sending her daughter to school on the bus, and following in her car. Her daughter asked her to refrain from following the bus.

"Sometimes parents are apprehensive and kids sense that apprehension," Washington said. Being positive about school helps children: "Teachers are there to help you. They make learning a pleasurable experience. You're going to have a good school year."

She agreed with Williams that comfortable clothes are best, including tennis shoes, safer for girls than dress shoes on the playground. Washington also has thoughts on how to work well with school staff.

"It's very important to realize that this is a partnership," she said. Trust and respect are vital, as is regular communication including such things as a family divorce or a child's special needs.

"Communication and trust, trust is extremely important," Washington said. Her school has home school folders which parents should check nightly,



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Jamie Haas installs door hardware at one of the entrances to the gym at Workman Elementary. The gymnasium floor is freshly finished.

as teachers do daily.

Web sites, including that of the National Education Association (nea.org), the teachers' union, also have information on how parents can help kids get off to a good start. Parental involvement in your child's education can mean:

- Reading to your child
- Checking homework every night
- Discussing your children's progress with teachers
- Voting in school board elections
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state.

"Read to your child when your child is going to sleep," Washington recommended. "They've got to learn to appreciate reading." Asking questions about what you've read is helpful, she added, and reading time doesn't need to be lengthy.

"Those conversations around the dinner table are so important," Washington said, in encouraging parents to ask kids about their school day.

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Supporters to shop until they drop

Local businesses outside of Laurel Park Place are pitching in to help as well. Blackwell Ford in Plymouth is not only displaying cars but has donated $500 to JDRF.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Mona Brown is always trying to come up with ways to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) so when Jill Engel suggested a private sale event on Aug. 27, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Brown jumped at the chance to shop until she drops. As Building Captain for the Ford Global Walk Team at Ford Credit, Brown has worked on fund-raising efforts to find a cure for diabetes since 1999. Her father died from the disease in 1983.

"It's all about shopping. Being a female that's what it is all about," said Mona Brown of Canton. "It's a private shopping event only from the standpoint that it's a benefit but it's open to the public."

Ford Motor Co. and Parisian at Laurel Park Place team up for the benefit 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, after the store closes to the public. Tickets are only $5 with the entire proceeds benefiting JDRF based in Southfield.

Guests that evening receive a 20-percent discount on almost all items in the store. To bolster their energy between purchases Max & Erma's, California Pizza Kitchen and Sweet Lorraine's provide refreshments. Local businesses outside of Laurel Park Place are pitching in to help as well. Blackwell Ford in Plymouth is not only displaying cars but has donated $500 to JDRF.

In the past Parisian has supported a number of fund-raising activities for First Step, the American Heart Association, and Michigan Humane Society.

"Parisian gets involved because it's being part of your community," said Jill Engel, special events coordinator. "We do a lot of community events. That's what makes Parisian so different is that we are involved with community things. When Ford asked us just for a donation for their online auction for their Global Walkathon to raise money for juvenile diabetes, we were most excited about partnering.

"Laurel Park Place is donating prizes. And we have great fashion for the fall. Anyone doing back to school or fall fashion shopping they get to do it for JDRF. Based on how successful the event is we hope to turn this into an annual event to help juvenile diabetes."

While store manager Randy Dell is excited about raising funds for JDRF, he's also hoping to create an awareness about Parisian.

"Because Ford is so big in our community we've looked for a way the last couple of years to partner with Ford and increase exposure in the communities, but I'm probably most excited about having the opportunity to make a difference with the charity fund-raiser. We're hoping to raise a couple thousand dollars at least. I'm grateful that our company allows us the latitude to work within the community to assist where we can."

Brown hopes that people "just get out and buy a ticket" for the private shopping event.

Ford Motor Co. initially became involved with JDRF in 1983 when it hosted a walk fund-raiser that continued annually until 1990 at the Research & Engineering Center in Dearborn. It was then JDRF merged smaller walk sites into one at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren. In 1998, Ford organized a formal walk team with Edsel Ford II as Corporate Team Chair and by 1999 founded the Global Walk Team. Since then the Ford family of employees around the world has raised $19 million for diabetes research.

On Sunday, Sept. 17, two walks will be held at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor and the GM Tech Center in Warren. For more information, visit www.jdrf.org or www.jdrfdetroit.org, or call (248) 355-1133.

"It humbles me to see these events taking place because things are very difficult at Ford and GM and people still step up to the plate and volunteer and contribute dollars," said Brown.

"The nice thing about JDRF is that about 85- to 87-percent of the donations actually go to research."

Parisian is in Laurel Park Place, 17625 Newburgh at Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets for the Aug. 27, private shopping event are available from the customer service department at (734) 953-7500, or from Ford JDRF Walk Team Captains.

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FASHION

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more rugged.

"Most parents are buying new gym shoes, and more retro tennis shoes are popular."

Jay Young, director of community services for Livonia schools, says as long as fashions meet the standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with a good learning environment and do not disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to health or safety, children can wear whatever they want into classrooms of Livonia Public Schools.

Dress codes vary by the district. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are very specific about what is and isn't permitted as far as dress – no low rider pants, halters and spaghetti strapped tank tops, short skirts or shorts, shirts or blouses that create revealing necklines, bare midriffs or shoulders. In high school especially, no clothing advertising or promoting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or weapons is allowed.

In Livonia schools principals decide on policy.

"In the judgment of a principal if it's disruptive a student will be made to make modifications," said Young, .

"We leave it up to the culture of the building. Bare midriffs would be considered disruptive in most places, but it's really the call of the principal. Very short skirts would be considered disruptive."

Stacie Beyer and daughter Logan, 5, of Novi were looking for functional, fashionable shorts and dresses that were pretty and conservative.

"The school is now requiring a workout every day," said Stacie Beyer in the Parisian children's department. "They need shoes they can get on and off themselves, and (clothes in which) they can move freely."

Samantha Chapa and her friends Emily and Sarah Gelinas, ages 12 and 10, and older sister Brittany Chapa, 12, were looking for shirts to layer and leggings to wear under skirts to South Lyon schools while mom Kathy Chapa was looking for bargains.

"I always get the sales," said Kathy Chapa who was toting Von Maur shopping bags in addition to Parisian.

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(Presidential Ballroom)
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Seating begins: 11:30 am
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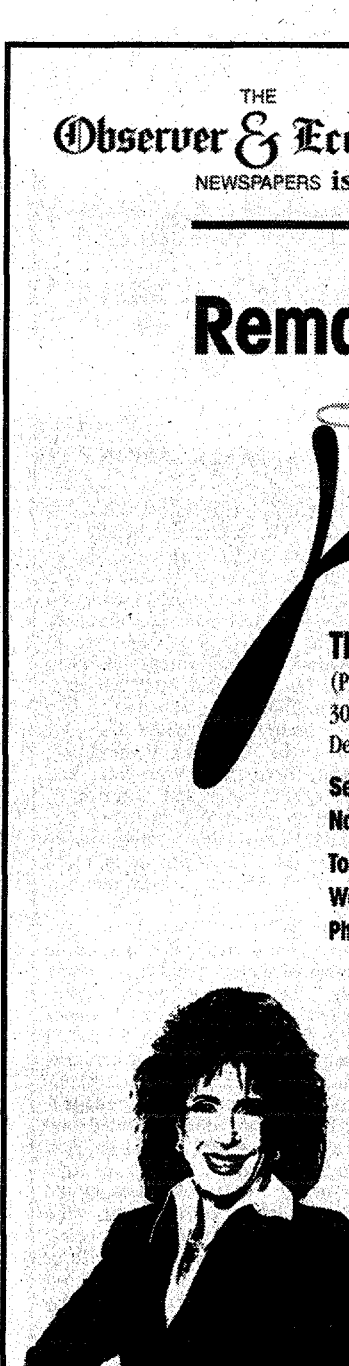

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Keynote Speaker: ABC 20/20 Correspondent and Author, LYNN SHERR
Coffee table discussion featuring Florine and media personalities*.

Net proceeds benefit: Beaumont Ministrelli Women's Heart Center, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and U-M Cardiovascular Center.

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Tickets:
-$60 individual
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Seating determined by the date reservation is received.

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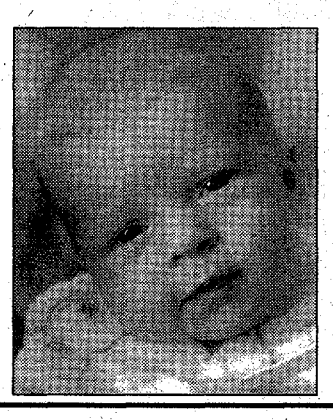
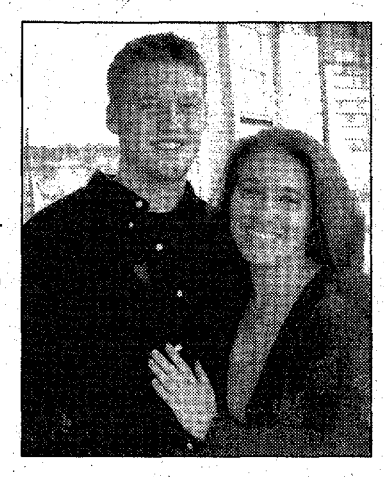


Leah Marie Bolognino

Carl and Justine Bolognino of Plymouth announce the birth of their first grandchild, Leah Marie Bolognino, born June 20, 2006.

Leah Marie was born to former Plymouth residents Charlie and Rachel Bolognino of Plymouth, Minn.

Leah weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20.5 inches at birth. She is also the granddaughter to Jeff and Suzanne Johnson of Flint.



All-Chernenkoff

Thomas and Judy All of Brownstown announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Marie All, to Steven Russell Chernenkoff, son of Russell and Celeste Chernenkoff of Livonia.

Kristen and Steve are seniors at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Kristen is studying elementary education and Steve is majoring in marketing and business management.

They plan a November 2007 wedding.

ENGAGEMENTS

Davis-Ott

Robin and Mary Davis of Oakwood Village, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Marie Davis, to Brian Andrew Ott.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Bedford High School in Ohio and a 2005 graduate of Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio. She is volunteer coordinator for Adoption Network in Cleveland.

The prospective groom of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, is the son of Mark and Janet Ott of Canton. He is a 1999 graduate of Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Case Western Reserve University. He is a senior developer for PsyMax

Solutions in Cleveland.

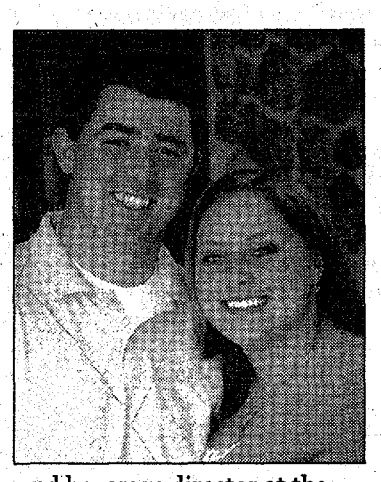
A May 2007 wedding is planned for Holy Rosary Church in Cleveland.

Jaskolski-Steele

Bob and Mary Jaskolski of Howell announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Jaskolski, to Brian Steele, son of Joe and Kathy Steele of Grosse Pointe.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in social studies (elementary education) from Grand Valley State University, and is working at Costco while seeking an elementary teaching position.

The prospective groom earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality tourism management from Grand Valley State University and works as food



and beverage director at the Grosse Pointe Club.

An April 2007 wedding is planned.

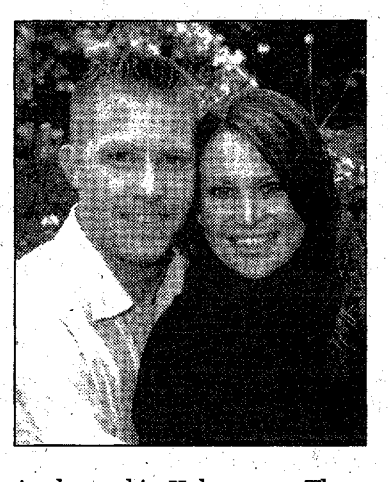
LaChance-Briggs

Patricia and Scott LaChance of Portage announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Beth LaChance, to Douglas Thorson Briggs, the son of Pamela and Loren Briggs of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be earned a degree in human resource management from Western Michigan University and is the human resource manager at Stryker Instruments.

The prospective groom earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Western Michigan University and is a quality engineer at Summit Polymer.

A September 2006 wedding

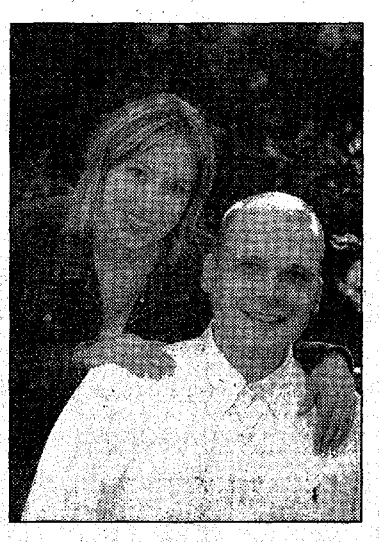


is planned in Kalamazoo. The couple plans a honeymoon to Kauai, Hawaii, and will reside in Dallas.

Polaczyk-Slatton

Merry-Jean Harshman, of Livonia, and stepfather Edward Harshman, of Lathrup Village, along with father Joseph Polaczyk, of Detroit, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Merry Polaczyk, of Westland, to Lance Aaron Slatton, of Westland, son of Jan Scicluna, of Trenton, and Marvin Slatton, of Carleton and step-father Paul Scicluna, of Malta.

The couple will be married in late October at the Hartland Music Hall in Hartland with a wedding reception at the Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland. Pastor Tim Terhune, of Faith Bible Church in Livonia, will officiate.



Lapham-Almodovar

Trish Young and Farmington native Harry Lapham, Jr., announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Marie Lapham, of Livonia, to Felix Ruben Almodovar, of Livonia, the son of Ruben and Carmen Almodovar, of Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The bride-to-be was born and raised in Farmington and attended Our Lady of Sorrows School and graduated from Mercy High School in 1998. She has a bachelor's degree from Alma College and is working toward another degree in accounting and CPA certification.

The groom-to-be was born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico and he came to Michigan to attend college. He will soon graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering from

Eastern Michigan University.

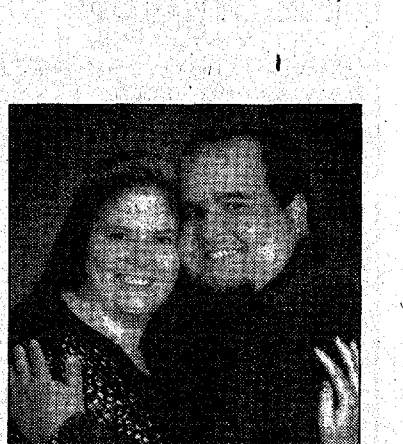
The couple will be married in late August at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington and a reception will be held at the Marriott in Livonia. They will spend their honeymoon in Aruba.

Turkowski-Kremer

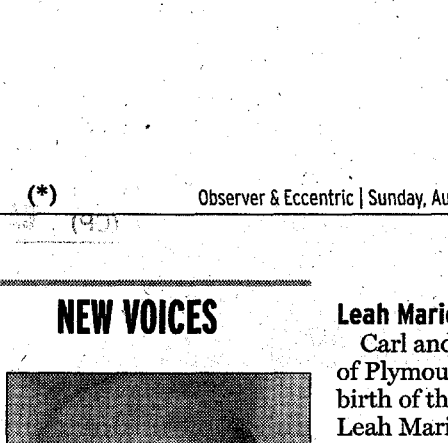
Gerald Paul and Lois Turowski of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Marie Turowski of Canton, to Samuel Thomas Kremer of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Portage Central High School and graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Pulte Homes in Canton.

The prospective groom is the son of Michael and Kathryn Kremer of Farmington Hills. He is a 2000 graduate of Farmington High School and a



graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by C.H. Robinson of Ann Arbor.



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GEORGE APPLETON BALL, SR. PhD

age 85 of Rochester Hills, August 12, 2006. Loving husband of the late Mary Jane Ball. Dear father of George A. Jr. (Anne) Ball, Janet A. (James) Delaney, David L. (Jennifer) Ball and Cindy J. (Mark) Eby. Grandfather of David (Amy) Ball, Karen (Arthur) Dobley, Jennifer (Dhammika Dharmapala) Delaney, Michael (Jessica) Delaney, Jeffrey Ball, Eric Eby and Nikki Eby. Great grandfather of Benjamin and Nathaniel. George obtained his PhD in engineering science and applied physics at Harvard University and worked in research for Chrysler for over 30 years. Along with his wife, George was a founding member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ. Memorial service Sunday, September 3, 2006, 2:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to the Church. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook at www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

MARIAN A. BORDINE

FOUNDER, BORDINE NURSERY, PASSES AWAY AT 91. Marian A. Bordine was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 23, 1915. She graduated from Southwestern High School as an excellent scholar during the Depression. In Marian's younger years she worked at C & F Grocery Store and then for the Detroit Board of Education supervising 200 people in a WWII program. Marian met Darrell Bordine, her late husband, at the Greystone Ballroom in Detroit. The eloped to Ohio in 1936. Darrell was a truck farmer from Milan, Michigan and saw the current Rochester Hills Bordine Nursery location on June 17, 1939-the same day is first child, Bruce, was born. Darrell and Marian purchased the Rochester Hills site from a bankrupt greenhouse with trees growing through the roof! The original land purchased was 6 ½ acres (now 36 acres) on a two-lane Rochester Road. Marian lived with her parents on 20th & Bagley (near the Ambassador Bridge) while Darrell stayed at the greenhouse to start the family business. In 1942, Marian quit her job with the Board of Education to work hand in hand with her husband. Over the years, Marian did everything from tending to the crops, taking car of the bookkeeping, doing the Christmas buying and putting together the Bordine Spring Catalogs. Marian was also a life member of the Rochester Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Marian's husband, Darrell, passed away in 1978. Marian did not enjoy living on her own, so a year later, she moved in with her best friend, Doris Fenner (who was Bordine's first CPA from Fenner, Melstrom & Dooling). Marian Bordine and Doris Fenner retired in 1980 and enjoyed traveling throughout North America in their motor home. They enjoyed their winters in Hobe Sound, Florida. Up until recent years, "Mrs B" (as the "Purple People" at Bordine Nursery affectionately refer to her) could still be found every Spring in the greenhouse tending to her beloved geraniums. Marian is survived by her best friend, Doris Fenner; son, Bruce Bordine; daughter, Carole Manning Whaley (David); late son, Earl Bordine, M.D.) and daughter-in-law Jesslyn Bordine; daughter-in-law, Pauline Schafer; 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be directed to "The Women's Fund" of the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester and to the Rochester Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home of Rochester. Funeral Services have taken place. Share memories at www.mem.com.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

MILDRED PAULINE BEERS

age 87 began her new adventure and was reunited with husband Maury on Monday, August 14 after resting comfortably at her 30-year residence in Westland, Michigan. After putting up an extremely brave fight against Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma for the last eight years and losing Maurice last January, Mrs. Beers is now reunited with her beyond-life partner and the rest of her family which she missed so much. Born January 24, 1919 in Madison, Ohio to parents Lawrence and Waite Eller of Geneva, Ohio. Mrs. Beers entered life as part of a very large, rural farming family and was preceded in death by her parents, three brother: Clarence, Merrell and Lawrence Eller Jr and six sisters: Vesta White, Lula Beaber, Mabel Wolcott, Susie Maltby, Ethel Cosgrove, Lela Pethtel, Verness (who died in infancy) and, of course, her husband and now eternal partner, Maurice C. Beers. Mr. Beers passed during January 2006. Mildred Beers was a Life Member of Nankin Chapter #238 and the Grand Chapter of Michigan in the Order of Eastern Star. She served in many capacities throughout the years but, most notably, 1972-73 and 1991-92 as Worthy Matron of Strathmore and Plymouth Chapters and was appointed to the Grand Committee of Michigan in 1977 (Meinhart-Malacos). She also was the Grand Representative of Indiana in Michigan in 1998. Through OES and many other charitable organizations such as the March Of Dimes and countless others, Mrs Beers gave both of her time and resources to help others in need throughout her lifetime. If she has any regrets after her long and productive life, we're sure it's that she won't be here to celebrate the Detroit Tigers World Series win this year. (She'll be lending her support from "above".) She is survived by her sons, Richard Beers of Las Vegas, NV and James Beers, currently of Westland, MI. As someone who always tried to supply guidance, love and tolerance to "her boys" she will be deeply missed but always appreciated. She is also survived by her two remaining sisters: Maxine King and Clouris Arden, both of Geneva, Ohio, sister-in-laws Verna Oehlenschlager of Wooster, Ohio and Viola Beers of Temecula, CA. She also leaves hundreds of friends, nieces, nephews and extended family. She was loved and admired by many. The world will miss Mildred Beers very much, but her generous nature and lifetime accomplishments will always be remembered and set examples for others. Visitation will be at LJ Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd in Westland Michigan on Friday, August 25 from 6 – 9PM and Saturday, August 26 from Noon – 4PM. The funeral service will commence on Saturday at 2:30 PM, finishing with the Order of Eastern Star recognition at 3:30PM. For details, call RJ Griffin at 1-734-522-9400. An OES Luncheon will be held at Wayne Masonic Temple following these services. Mildred will be laid to rest along with husband Maury and his parents at Glenwood Cemetery in Conneaut, Ohio following a service at Marcy Funeral Home in Conneaut on Monday, August 28th. Graveside services will be held the following Tuesday. Marcy Funeral home: 1-440-593-4253. Donations will be made to: Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801. Envelopes will be available at the funeral homes.

JOHN R. "Jack" FITZGERALD

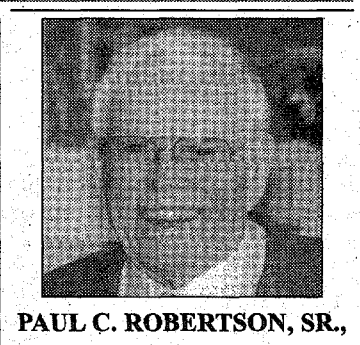
Age 77, passed away August 15, 2006 at his home in Higgins Lake, surrounded by his family, after a courageous 4-year battle with ALS. He never lost his trademark sense of humor or his love of life in Northern Michigan. He was born in Detroit, the only child of John A. and Ruby (DeKoning) Fitzgerald. He was employed for 30 years at Burroughs Corp. (Unisys) in Plymouth and was a resident of Livonia for 27 years. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Gertrude "Trudy" (Jansen); children Jan and Kerry Kaplan of Westland, Bob and Patti Fitzgerald of Charlevoix, Dan and Susan Fitzgerald of Brighton, and John J. and Kimberly Fitzgerald of Beverly Hills; eleven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Higgins Lake Baptist Church at noon, Saturday, August 26.

HELEN B. ROBERTSON

Age 89, August 16, 2006. Loving wife of 12 years to the late Paul C. Robertson, Sr. Dear mother of Robert Brookman and Janet Brookman. Grandmother of Rob, Molly and Matt, as well as two great-grandchildren. Also survived by Paul's children: Paul C. Robertson, Jr. (Jan), Mary Jane Bower (John), Martha Giles (Greg), Julia Romaine (Jim), David W. Robertson (Nancy) and John B. Robertson (Kathy). She was preceded in death by her first husband Arthur Foster Brookman. Memorial Service Saturday, August 26, 2006, at 11 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. Memorial Tributes to Canterbury on the Lake (Memo line: Good Samaritan Fund), 5601 Hatchery Road, Waterford, MI 48329. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RETA MARIE SIMONS

Age 93, of Purcellville, VA, formerly of Stuart, FL, died July 8, 2006, in Leesburg, VA. Born on March 24, 1913, in Regina, Canada, a daughter of the late John D. Petersen and the late Silvia Maul Petersen. Reta received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan where she helped set up the Women's Continuum. Working towards her doctorate in Psychology and counseling, she stopped short and decided to defer to fashion a similar program for Oakland Community College, Bloomfield Hills, MI. She served as Professor and Director of Counseling and Placement for Oakland Community College. Mrs. Simons was also a private pilot, a graduate of Detroit Conservatory of Music (Piano), Marle School of Classical Ballet, and a jewelry designer. Mrs. Simons was active in multiple professional societies and sat on many boards. One of her proudest accomplishments was serving as the Founder and first Chairman of the Board of Project Transition, Detroit, Michigan, a training program for women offenders to affect lasting social readjustment. She conceived of, instituted, and oversaw the program. . It was the first live-in, go to school, and employment program for female offenders in the United States. With regret, she resigned after 5 years so she could spend more time as executive wife of Walter J. Simons, Treasurer and Int. VP of Chrysler Corp.When they retired to Sewells Point in Stuart, FL, she started the first Chapter, in Stuart, of the Christ Child Society. Reta loved people and tried to help wherever she could. In addition to raising her three children in Bloomfield Village, she also raised 2 teen foster children. After her husband of 50 years died in 1986, she married Linus MacKenzie, who passed away in 2000. In 1998 she sold her beloved "Windy Hill" property, in Northern, MI. where many friends enjoyed time and her children and grandchildren enjoyed years of activities. Her son, Jay Simons, and his wife Georgiene, of Melbourne, FL, her daughter, Dr. Cheryl McGee of Purcellville, VA, 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandsons, two nieces, one nephew, and five great nieces and nephews survive her. One son, Dale L. Simons, died in 1994, and one brother, Jack Petersen, also predeceased her. A family memorial service and interment will be conducted August 20, 2006, in Torch Lake, Michigan, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband and son. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the ASPCA. Arrangements By: Loudoun Funeral Chapels, Leesburg, VA.



PAUL C. ROBERTSON, SR.,

formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died August 17, 2006, at age 89. Founder of Robertson Brothers Co. Husband of the late Ruth and the late Helen Brookman. Dear father of Paul C., Jr. (Jan), Mary Jane Bower (John), Martha Giles (Greg), Julia Romaine (Jim), David W. (Nancy) and John B. (Kathy). Stepfather of Robert and Janet Brookman. Grandfather of 21 and great-grandfather of nine. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy (between Maple and Big Beaver) Sunday 2-5PM and Monday 4-8PM. Funeral Service Tuesday 10AM at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Visitation at church begins Tuesday at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital or First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham Organ Fund.
View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DEE McMULLEN

age 98, of Plymouth, passed away August 18, 2006, in Northville, MI. Beloved husband of Pauline, loving father of Thomas (June), Don (Norma), Ron (Delores), Larry, Harry (Linda), Jack (Linda), and the late Dale McMullen and Doris Sluder, grandfather of 20, great-grandfather of 43, and great great-grandfather of 22. Mr. McMullen was a wire cutter for 20 years with the Burroughs Corporation and he worked for the Lincoln Mercury dealtership in Plymouth part time for 30 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Tennessee. Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug.20, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, from 3-9 pm, funeral services will be held at the funeral home Monday, Aug. 21, at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or the Amercian Cancer Society.

BARBARA K. SLOCUM

Age 75, August 17, 2006. Wife of William R. Slocum. Mother of Gail Logsdon and Scott Slocum. Sister of Bruce M. Kinney. Grandmother of Molly and Kelsey Logsdon. Memorial Service, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, 11am Wednesday, August 23rd. In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to charity of choice. Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Company, 1-248-644-6000

In Memory Of

In Loving Memory
8/28/29 – 8/22/03

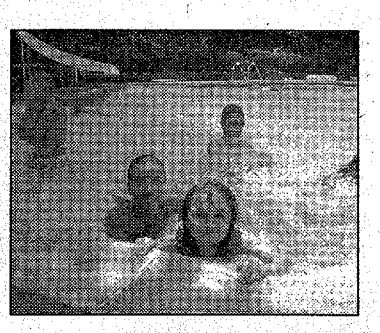
NORMA McQUEEN

Three years have passed since we lost you. You are deeply missed by your family and friends. We thank God for the time that we had with you. You are always in our thoughts and prayers and the many happy memories we have of you will live in our hearts forever. In life we loved you deeply, in death, we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place no one else will ever fill.

Your Loving Family and Friends

Families host children they hope to adopt

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



By Tuesday Anastasiia was having fun at a pool party in Clarkston with Sonja Glover, a Livonia woman who is hosting the Ukrainian orphan with her husband, Brian.

Anastasiia was afraid to go into Pontiac Lake the day after her flight from Ukraine last weekend. By Tuesday, the 7-year-old orphan was floating in a tube at a pool party in Clarkston and Sonja and Brian Glover couldn't be more excited about watching her grow. The Livonia couple is one of 11 Michigan families hosting a child for three weeks with the hope of adopting.

Anastasiia and the other children think they're coming to America to experience life in this country. They have no idea that one day these generous families could be their parents, brothers and sisters.

The Glovers have no children of their own that's why they decided to contact Adopt a Miracle, a nonprofit Colorado-based adoption agency specializing in international adoptions. Anastasiia comes from an orphanage in the city of Makiivka in the Doneck region. A total of 23 of the home's children, ages 7 to 12, are being hosted by families around the United States.

"We've been trying for about six years and haven't been able to have a child," said Sonja Glover. "We were nervous, but we just bonded with Anastasiia."

"I noticed she was very timid until we brought out the squirt guns," added Brian Glover. "She bonded with everybody during a good squirt gun fight. How rewarding it is even hosting them."

Although Anastasiia's brother Illya was too young at age 5 to make the trip, the couple would like to make him part of their family, too, but families do not necessarily have to be considering adoption to host a child. Currently families are being sought for the next group of orphans coming from Russia in December. The cost to host a child is $2,500 and covers their plane ticket, visa and medical care. For more information, visit www.hostachild.com.

Valerie and Robert Schendel adopted Marina, 12, two years ago from a Kazakhstan orphanage after hosting her in their Clarkston home. Adoptions cost around $25,000. Today, Valerie is the area coordinator for the Host a Child program. On Tuesday the Schendels threw a pool party for the Michigan host families and children. She and Robert are hosting 10-year old Lakshmi whose father was born in India and mother in Ukraine.

"Once my husband, Robert, and I saw the children in the orphanage and how they got left behind, I decided I was going to find as many homes as I could. I believe all children need to be in a family environment and not in an institution," said Valerie Schendel.

"I'm a volunteer and a mom. Just because you host a child doesn't mean you have to adopt them. You can give the child a three week vacation and try to advocate for the child, to find the child a home."

The Glovers have a list of activities scheduled for Anastasiia's stay including the zoo, indoor rock climbing, and a trip to Kellogg's to see how cereal is made.

"We have a list of things to do," said Sonja. "We want to teach her to ride a bike. We bought books to teach her. My family is Macedonian and the languages are similar but as far as the language barrier we're just going to wing it. We have a cheat sheet of things she points to when she wants something. When she wanted her hair cut she went to get the scissors."

Sonja isn't worried about communicating with Anastasiia at least for the four days that escort Viktoriia Bylybenko serves as a translator. Bylybenko says Ukrainian children don't learn English until second grade. Anastasiia just finished first grade. Bylybenko is one of two escorts who traveled with the children to Michigan.

"There are more and more orphans in Ukraine," said Bylybenko of Kiev. "They have a low life level. A lot of people don't have enough money to supply the kids with food and clothes."

Anastasia Borsch doesn't think orphanages have changed much since she was adopted at 16 by a Massachusetts family. The 27-year-old Farmington Hills resident feels empathy for Anastasiia and hopes to spend time with her. Borsch lived in Russian Orphanage No. 46 from age 7. She came to the U.S. as an exchange student and was adopted by the host family.

"It seemed like a lifetime this morning waiting to see Anastasiia," said Borsch.

"Here, Anastasiia has this freedom she never had. We didn't play much. We wanted to go outdoors but had to do homework and cleaning. When I was little I remember seeing kids get adopted and asking 'why not me, am I bad?' In the orphanage we don't have family experience."

Valerie Schendel says the reason there are host programs is because "most people want (to adopt) an infant or toddler, but older children are every bit as lovable if given a chance.

The Glovers like the idea that Anastasiia and her brother are school age so Sonja can continue working as a manager at Old Navy. Brian is a regional sales rep for Michigan and northern Ohio for Garden of Life nutritional supplements so part of the time can be spent with the children at home when he's not on the road. When either is unable to be there, Sonja's family can help since they live only four blocks away.

"By the time a child is 6 their chance of being adopted is declining," said Schendel who has four adult children of her own in addition to Marina. "By 16 orphanages let them go. Most often a girl's only hope is prostitution. Boys turn to drugs. Orphans are second class citizens around the world.

"I just think of myself as a mom and anyone who wants to be a mom will love these children."

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

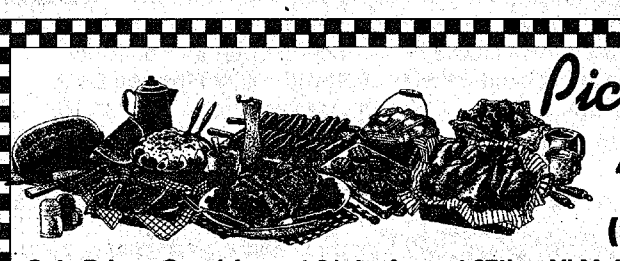
1. "Judge and Jury," James Patterson and Andrew Gross
2. "Angels Fall," Nora Roberts
3. "The Messenger," Daniel Silva
4. "The Ruins," Scott Smith
5. "Phantom," Terry Goodkind

NON-FICTION

1. "Fiasco," Thomas E. Ricks
2. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
3. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron
4. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
5. "Godless," Ann Coulter

PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "The Cat's Meow," Warren Kimble
2. "I Love Tools," Philemon Sturges
3. "One of Those Days," Amy Rosenthal
4. "Baby Shoes," Dashka Slater
5. "Big Brown Bear Goes to Town," David McPhail



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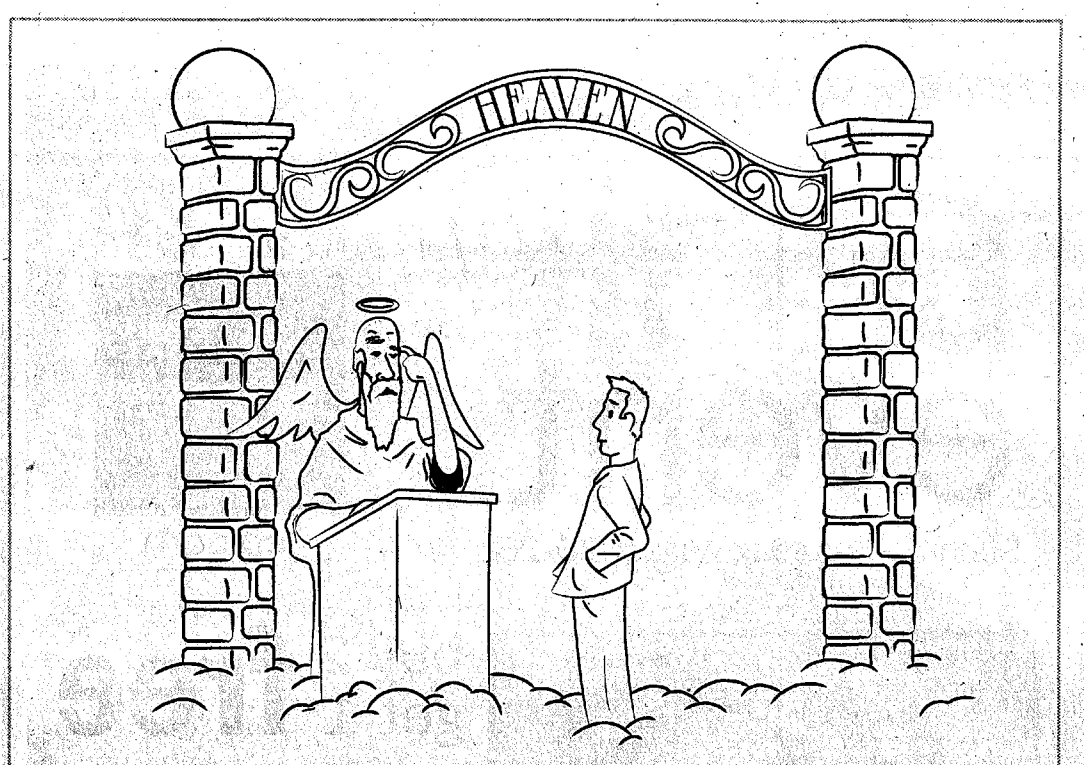

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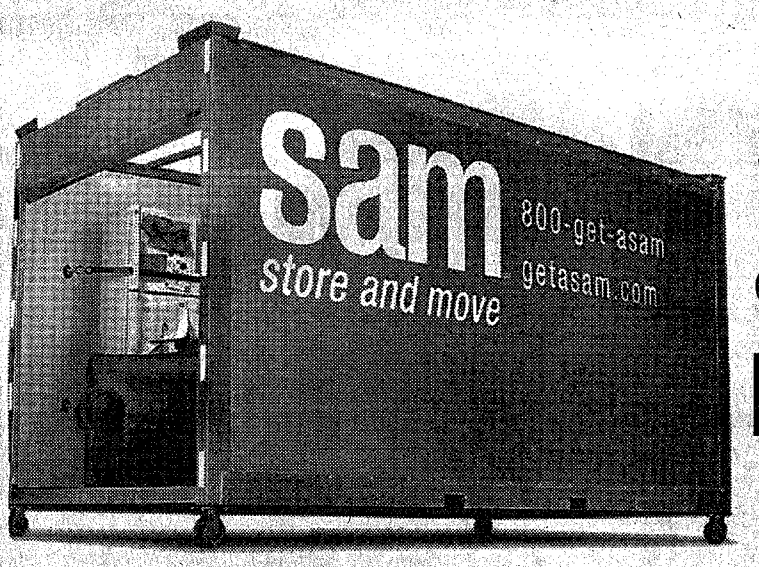

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WEDDING

Paskievitch-Meszaros

Julie Marie Paskievitch of Whitmore Lake and Mark Joseph Meszaros of Canton were married Aug. 12 at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church in Whitmore Lake. The Rev. Gerald Gawronski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Nancy Paskievitch of Whitmore Lake. She is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a preschool teacher at the Discovery Center in Ann Arbor.

She was attended by Janet Paskievitch, sister of the bride; Lisa Paskievitch, sister-in-law of the bride; Amanda Welton, friend of the bride; Tracy Meszaros, sister of the groom; and Diane Meszaros, sister-in-law of the groom.

The groom is the son of Alex and Carol Meszaros of Canton. He is a 1992 graduate of Canton High School and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by American Aqua Inc. in Saline.

He was attended by Greg Meszaros, brother of the groom; Bradley Paskievitch, brother of the bride; Tony Coshatt, friend of the groom; Gilbert Gonzales, friend of the groom; and Chris Brooks, friend of the groom.

A reception was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. The couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They will make their home in Canton.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Richardses celebrate 50th anniversary

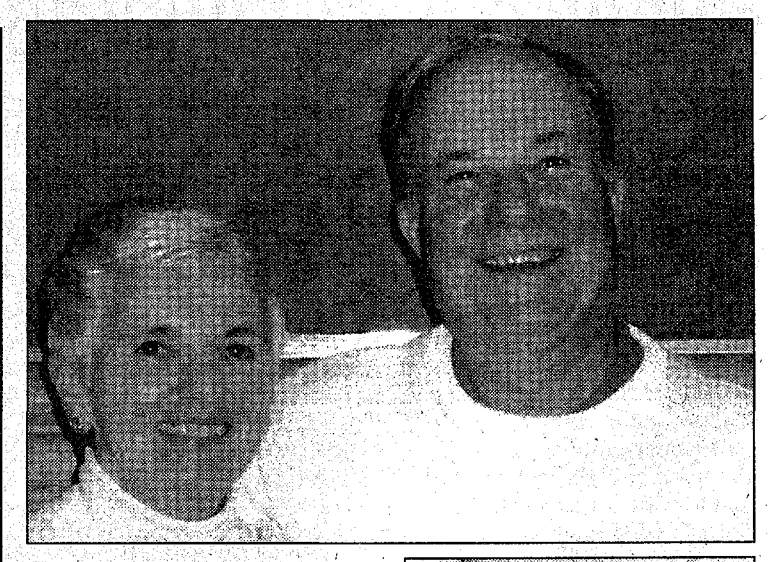
Gordon and Glenda Richards will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1. They were married Sept. 1, 1956, at the First Methodist Church in Ferndale and have lived in the same location in Westland for 46 years.

They have six children, Gordon, Geri, John, Jim, Craig and Jeannie. They have 16 grandchildren.

Glenda has been a past volunteer at the Cooper Elementary School for 20 plus years. She is a past officer of the Parent Teacher Association and a past member of the Parent Education Group at Whittier Junior High School. For the past 18 years she has been a volunteer member of the Garden City Hospital Guild Association.

Gordon served 4 1/2 years in the U.S. military. He served as a paratrooper and was a veteran of the Korean War and is a member of VFW Post 3323 in Westland. He is past member of the Westland Youth Athletic Association. He was a charter member of the Arbor Trail Estates Civic Association. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology and Wayne State University/ He is retired from Sperry Corp. where he worked for 26 years.

They will celebrate their anniversary with a family gathering.



Fritsch 50th anniversary

Glenn and Dianne Fritsch of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married Sept.8, 1956, in Detroit.

The couple has three children, Pat and Patty Fritsch of Livonia; Kathy and Kevin Summers of Livonia; and Susan and Evan Stitt of Peachtree City, Ga.

They have seven grandchildren.

They enjoy traveling, volunteering at St. Aidan's Church, and wintering in Florida.

Glenn is retired from AAA in Dearborn.

A party is planned at DeLuca's for family and friends on Sept. 2.

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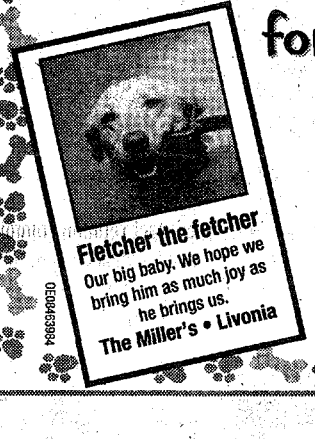

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Johnstons celebrate 50th anniversary

James R. (Bob) Johnston and Patricia (Melville) Johnston of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 14. The couple was married July 14, 1956, in Detroit.

They have two children, Ronald (Laura) Johnston, and Linda (Bruce) Elenbogen, and two grandsons, Andrew and Josh.

Bob Johnston is a retired electrical engineer from Burroughs Corp. Pat is a retired secretary.

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WEDDINGS

Bax-Hibner

Mandy Hibner and Philip Bax, both of Redford, were married July 29 at an outdoor ceremony at Waterford Oaks County Park in Waterford. Pastor Mark Evans of St. John Lutheran Church, Romeo, officiated. A reception for 200 guests immediately followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Timothy and Kathy Hibner of Romeo. Mandy is a 1998 graduate of Romeo High School. She is self-employed as a state licensed home appraiser. Her maid of honor was her sister, Alison Hibner. Bridesmaids included close friends, Ericka Florence, Melanie Lapan and Melissa Drake. Lindsey Albone, Mandy's cousin, was the flower girl.

The groom is the son of Ed and Pat Bax of Livonia. Phil is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School. He is employed by Sterling Millwork as a carpenter foreman. Phil's best man was a close friend, Greg Job.

Groomsmen were friends, Ben Marcums, Jacob Goedde and Craig Bax, the groom's brother. The bride's brothers Jeremy Hibner and Nathan Hibner served as ushers. Tyler Streeter, Mandy's cousin, was the ring bearer.

Powers-Thompson

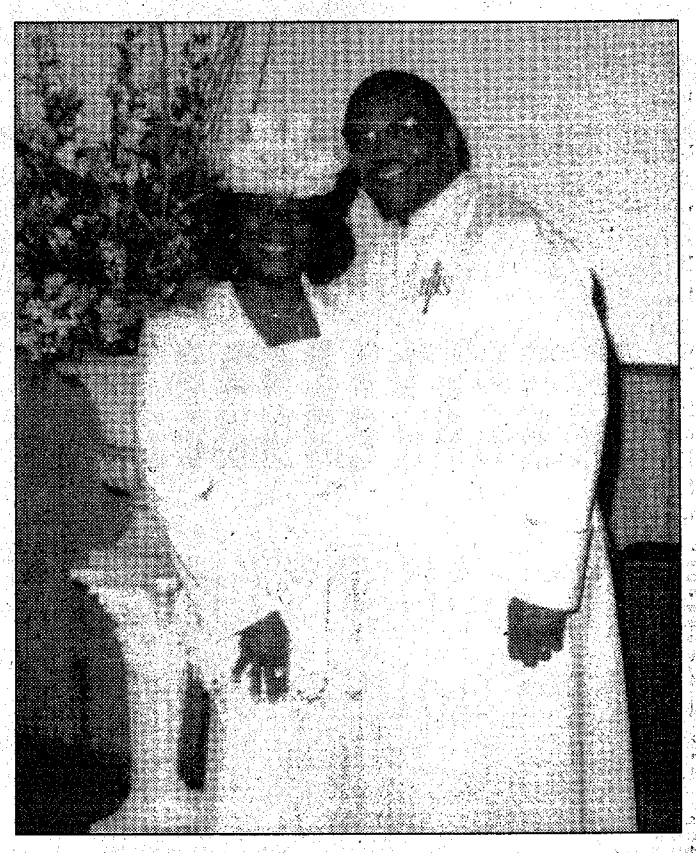
Steve and Debi Johnson of Plymouth announce the wedding of their daughter, Carol Christina Powers, to Robert Michael Thompson, son of Greg and Debbie Thompson of Walled Lake. The couple was married May 12, 2006 at Mill Race Historical Village with Pastor John Shinn officiating.

The bride earned a degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University and works as a chef. The groom is a Wayne State University graduate and is in the U.S. Army.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Beth Biddle, her sister, and by bridesmaids Christina Wight, Stephanie Kivell and Melissa Westfall.

The groom was attended by best man James Kirby and groomsmen Kyle Martin, Andy Brown and Dan Ramala.

After their reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, the couple honeymooned by exploring Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



Congregation honors pastor

The congregation of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church in Westland will celebrate the 10th anniversary of District Elder Luke A. McClendon's pastorship with a reception at 2:30 p.m. today at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Romulus. Elder McClendon is shown with his wife Mary Fran McClendon.

Tea Aug. 26 lauds women's voting rights

Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of women winning the right to vote in 1920, is being celebrated 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, with "Tea and ERA" at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies, the education arm of Michigan ERAmerica, is the main sponsor of the program, which will feature an ERA: Legislative Update, a brief film entitled "Unfinished Business for the Constitution," and a live Suffrage Reenactment of Ernestine Rose, who spoke to the Michigan Legislature in 1846 and asked for the right of women to vote.

Donation for the afternoon tea and program is $20. Checks should be made payable to Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies and mailed to 21697 McClung, Southfield, MI 48075.

Also co-sponsoring the afternoon are the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Michigan, the Business and Professional Women of Michigan, League of Women Voters of Michigan, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit.

Additional informational is available by calling (248) 355-5233 or (734) 425-3572.

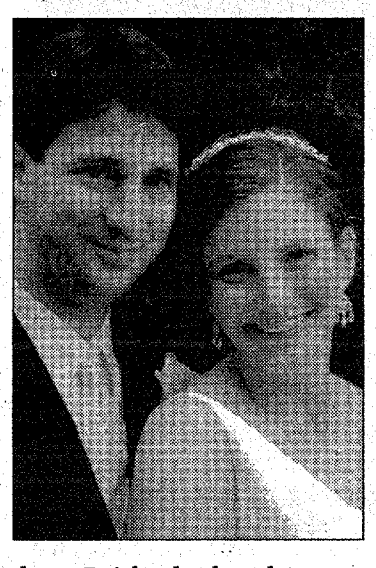
Sparks-Mitchell

Jerry Sparks of Alpena and Mary Simmons of Marysville announce the wedding of their daughter, Kimberly Jean Sparks, to Eric Bradley Mitchell, son of David and Deborah Mitchell of Canton. The couple was married April 29, 2006 at Sterling Heights United Methodist Church.

The bride is a graduate of Marysville High School, Western Michigan University, the Seton Hall School of Law and is an attorney in Northville.

The groom is a graduate of Canton High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is an engineer at Albert Kahn Associates.

The bride was attended by Nicole Kwiatkowski, Cari Socia, Abigail Mitchell, Sarah Mitchell, Amanda Reichenbach and Anna and Alex Reichenbach.



The groom was attended by Ryan McClain, Christopher Jones, Keith Provenzano, Jason Mautone, Gary Lewandowski, Jon Stevwe and Jay Schultz.

After a reception at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights and a honeymoon trip to Sandals Grande, Ocho Rios in Jamaica, the couple established their home in Northville.

Abrahamson-Vail

John and Karen Abrahamson of Livonia are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Adam Abrahamson to Amy Elizabeth Vail, daughter of Christina and Paul Vail, of Sarnia, Ontario.

Amy and Adam were married July 15, 2006, at St. Paul's Church in Sarnia, and the reception followed at the Guildwood Inn in Sarnia.

The maid of honor was Molly Vail, sister of the bride, and the best man was Matthew Abrahamson, brother of the groom. Anita Scott served as a bridesmaid, and Michael Abrahamson (Seminole, Fla.) served as a groomsman.

After their honeymoon in Port Stanley, Ontario, the couple will reside in Sarnia, and attend Lambton College, where Amy is studying nursing, and Adam is studying chemical production engineering.

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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Belleville High School

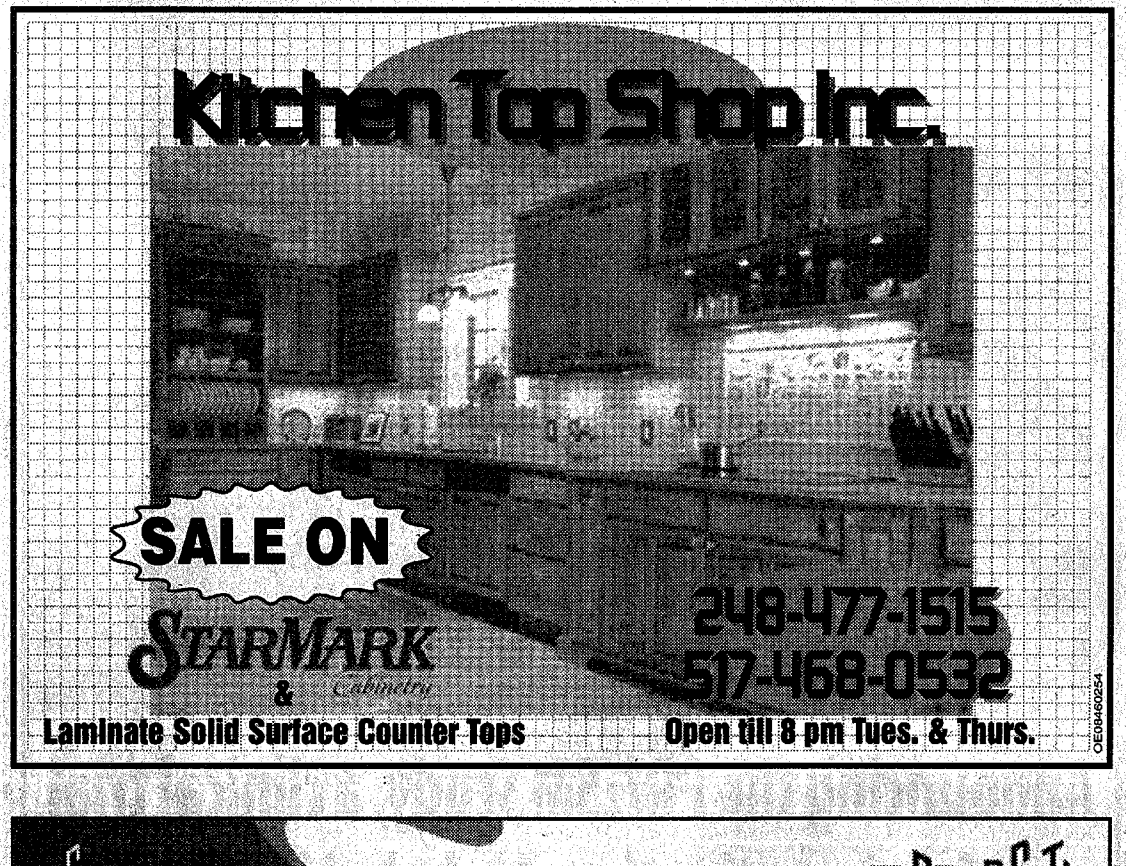
All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chair, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reaquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact chair Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

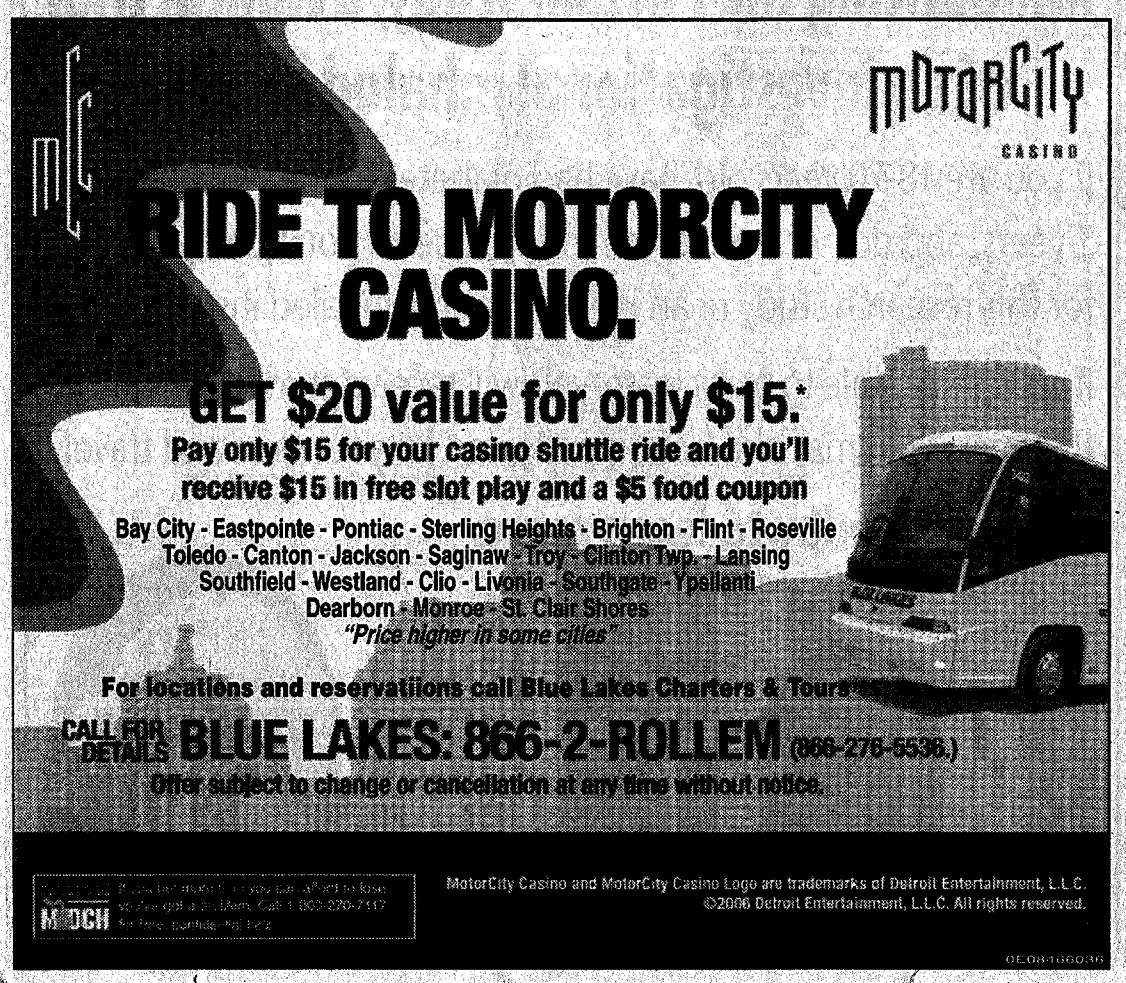
Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost $45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or email jpope14.tampabay.rr.com.

Bishop Borgess High School Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.





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Immunize

Vaccinations prevent infectious diseases

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jackie Lanier-Ingram is cautioning parents that just because the recent outbreak of mumps cases in the Plymouth-Canton area has died down, children still need immunizations in order to be protected against infectious diseases. It's Lanier-Ingram's job to keep track of the diseases and oversee the school immunization program for the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

Children are required to have all of their records up to date with diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; polio; measles, mumps and rubella; influenza type B; hepatitis B, and chickenpox (varicella) vaccinations before starting school or attending a child care center.

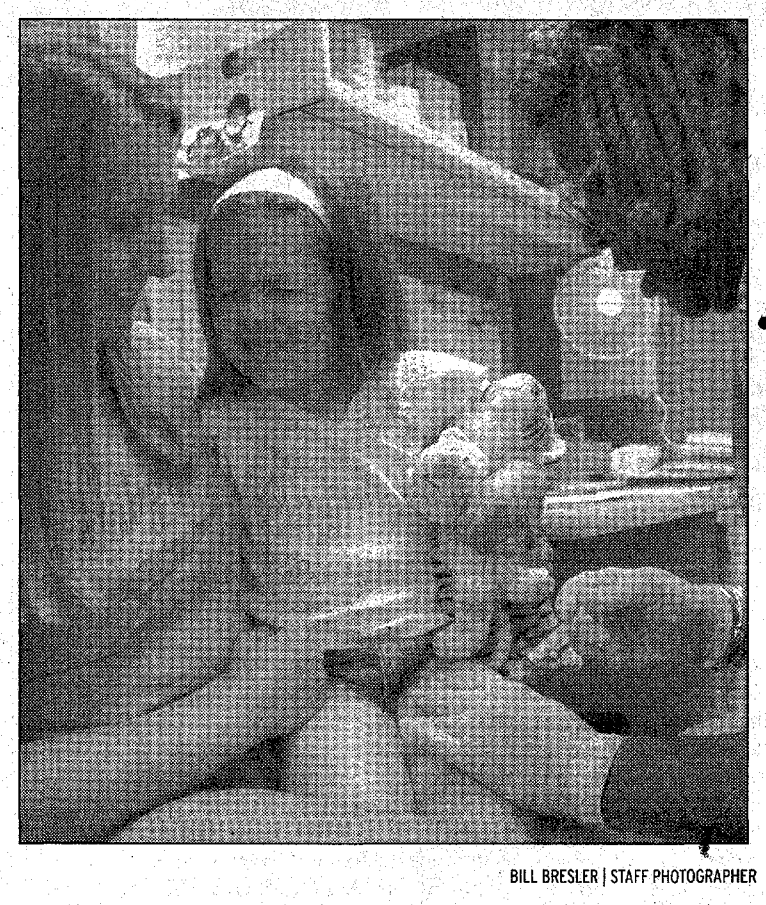
Beginning Jan. 1, 2007, children (2 months to 4 years old) will also be required to have a pneumococcal conjugate vaccination (PCV7) before attending preschool, Head Start or licensed child care programs.

Older children must provide the school with a record showing that a child has received all of the above immunizations, except for influenza and PCV7. Although not a requirement, Lanier-Ingram recommends the influenza vaccine to avoid complications and missed school days. Her 7-year-old and 14-year-old children have had all of their shots.

"Although we don't see the frequency of diseases as we saw years ago, it's because we've done a good job of getting our children immunized," said Jackie Lanier-Ingram, disease control manager for the Wayne County Health Department.

"It's important that they have all of their shots. Make sure they're protected."

Although the Oakland County Health Division hasn't recorded any cases of mumps, George Miller is concerned about a slight increase in whooping cough (pertussis), a disease which can lead to rib fractures, pneumonia and hospitalization. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there were more than 25,000 cases of pertussis in the U.S. in 2004, and the numbers continue to rise. Although the annual average was more than 200,000 cases between 1934 to 1943, the routine recommendation for pertussis vaccination in the 1940s and 1950s eventually led to a historic low of 1,010 cases in 1976. Since the 1980s, the number of reported pertussis cases has increased although the cause is unclear.



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Jennifer Sexton holds daughter Brianna Sexton, reacting to an immunization injection from Constance Joyner, a registered nurse from Canton. Brianna starts kindergarten in September at Schweitzer Elementary in the Wayne-Westland school district.

"It reminds us immunizations remain very important," said George Miller, health officer for the Oakland County Health Division. "It's been shown in the past, like with polio, that we can prevent some catastrophic diseases in children and adults. We're constantly stressing kids need to be up to date with immunizations. We'd like to see them come in before school starts, not after school starts when the lines are long."

Kay Renny, a registered nurse at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA) said the CDC is so concerned about the increase in whooping cough nationally that in 2005 the governmental agency licensed Tdap vaccines for diphtheria and tetanus that includes pertussis (Adacel for ages 11-64 and Boostrix, ages 10-18) to help reduce the number of cases of pertussis among adolescents. For many years, adolescents and adults received Td (tetanus and diphtheria) boosters that did not contain pertussis vaccine. Immunity to pertussis wanes approximately 5-10 years after completion of childhood pertussis vaccination, leaving adolescents and adults susceptible to pertussis, according to the CDC.

"Babies get immunized and get their last DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) shot around age 4, so if you have siblings and parents who contract pertussis they can give it to the smaller child who is at more risk," said Renny, a Rochester resident who manages VNA's community programs. "A study showed almost one-third of pertussis transmission at home was caused by a mother, 20 percent by a sibling.

"We can educate parents through their kids. I ask parents when was the last time you had a tetanus shot. You should get one every 10 years. The CDC is asking everyone to get a tetanus shot with pertussis one time."

Renny is equally worried about the spread of bacterial meningitis among college freshman living in dorms. The fast-acting disease produces inflammation in the lining of the brain and spinal cord, and can cause death if not treated immediately.

The VNA offers immunizations for bacterial meningitis (for ages 15 and individuals entering college this fall) and Tdap (ages 11-64) at its clinic in Oak Park.

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Walk-in immunization clinics

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■ Oakland County Health Division offers three clinic locations at 1200 N. Telegraph, north of Elizabeth Lake Road, south of Dixie Highway, Pontiac, call (248) 858-1280; 27725 Greenfield at 11 1/2 Mile (Catalpa), Southfield, call (248) 424-7000, and 1010 E.W. Maple, east of Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, call (248) 926-3300. For more information, visit the Web site at www.co.oakland.mi.us/health.

■ Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. Walk-ins 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday ; and by appointment 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-7100. For information on school immunizations, call (734) 727-7036. For general information, call 734 727-7000.

■ St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers an Infant and Child Immunization Clinic for children under age 18, 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Five Mile entrance and bring all available immunization records to be updated; parent or guardian must be present. The fee is $10 per child. Registration not required. For more information, call (734) 655-8950.

■ Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan offers meningitis (for age 15 and individuals entering college this fall) and Tdap (ages 11-64) immunizations at its Oak Park clinic, 25900 Greenfield, between 696 and 11 Mile, Suite 600 in the Crown Pointe Plaza. The clinic prefers appointments, but walk-ins are welcome from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

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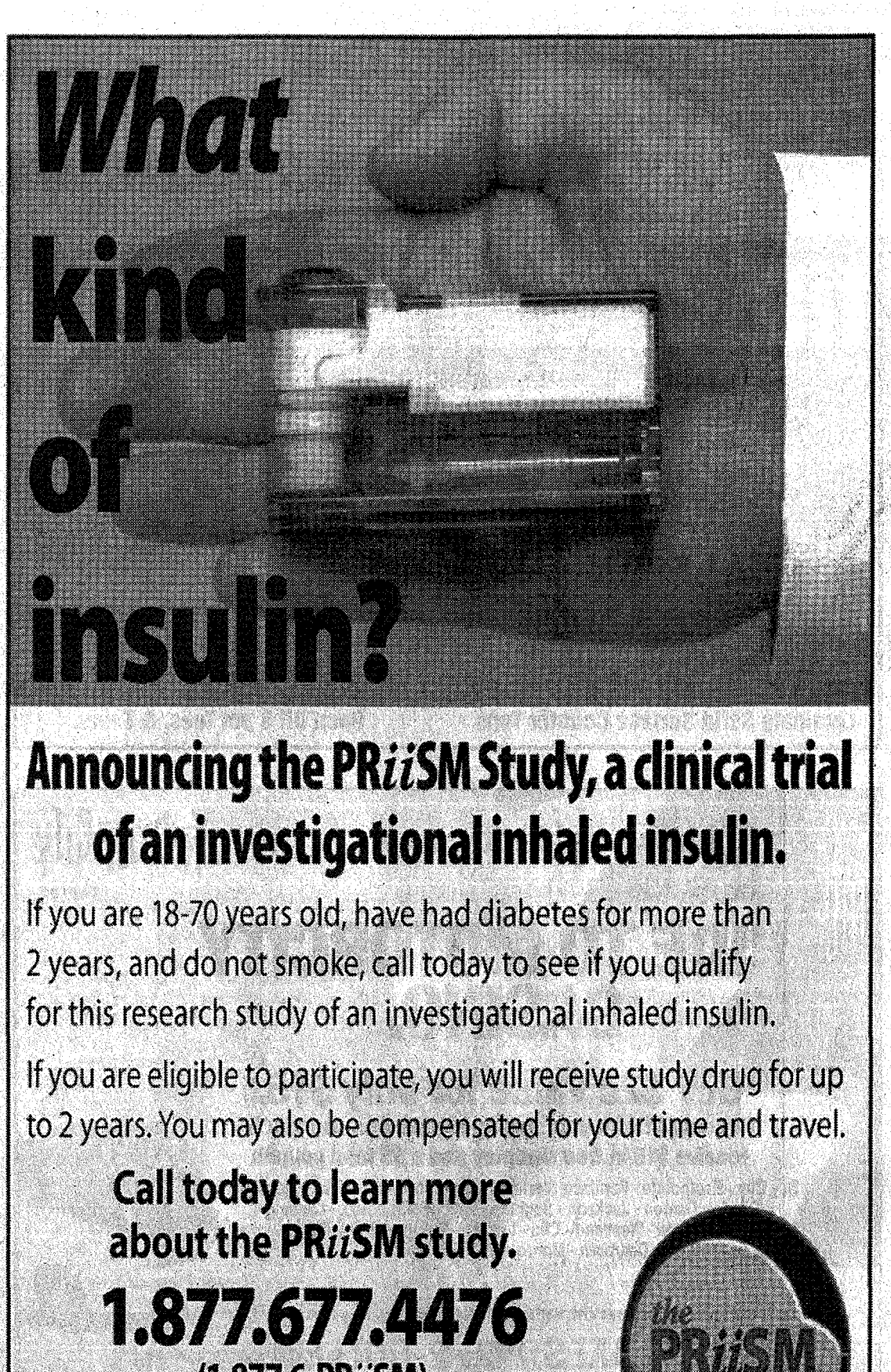

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Divorce support
Legal aspects of divorce with attorney Susan Elkouri discussing issue such as child support, custody, property settlement, pensions, spousal support, post-judgment issue, etc. 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Food allergy walk
9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Kensington Metropark, Milford. For more information, visit www.foodallergy.org.

Women's cancer walk
The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute presents a one-mile non-competitive walk with all profits to benefit women's cancers research and awareness programs 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward Ave. and I-696, Royal Oak. Gates open at 8 a.m. $10 for adults age 13 and up, $5 ages 2-12, free for children under age 2. For information, call (800) KARMANOS. Register online at www.cancerwalk.org. Form a team and win prizes or join the Red Shoe Club to donate only. Visit Web site for details.

Fibromyalgia workshop
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

Panic relief
Panic and anxiety program to help cope with panic, anxiety and agoraphobics, learn to control panic attacks and anticipatory anxiety, learn how attitudes and current thoughts affect panic and anxiety noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Livonia. If you are interested in attending the meetings, call (732) 940-9658.

UPCOMING

Tai chi classes
Open house the week of Sept. 4, classes start week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

Common pediatric conditions
6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in classroom I of the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Features Dr. Harvey Leo talking about asthma and how life threatening food allergies pose a significant issue for both adults and children. Dr. Scott Moore discusses ear infections and their causes and treatment options. Pediatric neurologist Dr. Brian Woodruff focuses on childhood headaches and seizures, symptoms and diagnosis, and treatment options. Pre-registration required. Visit wwwsjmercyhealth.org or call (734) 712-5800.

Mini health fair
Livonia Parkinson's Support Group is hosting a Parkinson Mini-Health Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.
An Ask the Doctor sessions with Dr. N. Taylor, D.O., a neurologist, will be offered. Vendors with information about Parkinson's Disease will also be available. For information, call (734) 421-4208.

Benefit performance
The Rat Pack is Back goes smoke-free for a performance Sept. 12, at the Gem Theater in Detroit to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's research, education and advocacy initiatives. The show recreates one of the famous Las Vegas performances with Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean. Tickets are $50, $110 for a special pre-show and VIP dinner at the Century Grille Restaurant. Call (248) 784-2030.

Educational program
Presented by The Alliance for The Mentally Ill of Oakland County, Families In Action Educational Program begins Wednesday Sept. 13, for people with a loved one that has been diagnosed with a form of mental illness. It is a series of 10, two- hour weekly sessions. The family members who conduct the program are people that have lived the hardships of mental illness and have been trained on how to share their experiences with others.
Classes are held on the St. Regis Parish School Campus in West Bloomfield and open to all Metro-Detroit residents. Class size is limited. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 348-7196 for additional information or visit www.amioakland.org.

Empowered to care
A training series focusing on providing care and support 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27, and Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, in the 2 East A Conference Room at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.
Weekly topics include teaching listening and communication skills to build empathy, helping children to deal with grief, how to talk to the dying, learning to be sensitive in our diverse world, the impact of religion on health care delivery, ministering to the mentally ill, and the cycle of substance abuse and treatment options. Cost is $35 for all sessions or $6 per session. For information or to register, call (248) 471-8850. This series is especially helpful for clergy and church/synagogue workers, health care providers, pastoral care volunteers, and family members.

Golf benefit
Putt Putt Charity Challenge presented by Heartland Health Care Centers 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Oasis Putt Putt Golf Center on Five Mile, Plymouth.
The fund-raiser benefits several different charities in the area including American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society. Sponsors choose the charity their donations go to. All donations are welcome. Any donations for goodie bags would also be appreciated. For more information, or sponsorship, call (734) 455-0510 or send e-mail to 4040admiss@hcr-manorcare.com.

Kidney disease walk
To find a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease 10 a.m. (9 a.m. registration) Saturday, Sept. 16, at Rotary Park, 32184 Six Mile, Livonia. Pre-register online at www.pkdcure.org and follow walk links to Detroit Walk. Fee is $15 adult, $10 age 12 and under. For more information, call (248) 478-5159 or (248) 632-1328.

Liver Foundation walk
10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 (registration at 9 a.m.), at Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville, to raise money and awareness of liver diseases. The walk is wheelchair and stroller accessible. The American Liver Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to preventing, treating and curing hepatitis and other liver diseases through research, education and advocacy. 100-percent of net proceeds go to fight liver disease in Michigan. For information or to register, call (888) MY-LIVER (888) 695-4837 or log onto www.liverfoundation.org/michigan.

Educational program
Presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, a program to promote the use of complimentary therapies for cancer patients and the metro-Detroit community 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive. Registration is $15 for current Karmanos patients, $25 for general public, $50 for VIP tickets which includes special seating and gift). Call (313) 576-9281 to register for Experience Wellness program.
Attendees will have the chance to experience and observer therapies such as massage, reflexology, Reiki, tai chi, yoga and more.

Passport to safety
A day dedicated to the safety of children, includes bike and water safety, 911 training, choking and poisoning, stranger danger, and computer, automobile, and fire safety 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at laurel Park Place, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniapassporttosafety.com.

SIDS walks
Saturday, Sept. 16, 8:45 a.m. check-in, 10 a.m. start, at Dodge Park, 40620 Utica Road, Sterling Heights.
Fund-raiser for Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS, a nonprofit to reduce the risk of death for infants.
Sunday, Sept. 17, 12:45 p.m. check-in, 2 p.m. start, at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck, Northville. For information, visit www.mibabywalks.org or send e-mail to jquiring@msn.com, or call (800) 331-7437.

JDRF walk
To benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Sunday, Sept. 17, at two locations in Gallup Park in Ann Arbor and the GM Tech Center in Warren. For more information, visit www.jdrf.org or www.jdrfdetroit.org or call (248) 355-1133.

Bariatric seminar
Educational seminar on minimally invasive gastric bypass surgery 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, Five Mile, west of Levan. Speakers are Surgeon Tallal Zeni, M.D., medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, director, Bariatric Program. To register for the free seminar, call (734) 655-2692. For information, call (877) WHYWEIGHT.

ONGOING

Meningitis vaccinations
Parents, be sure your student is immunized for bacterial meningitis. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is offering vaccinations at its Oak Park office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. Walk-ins welcome, advance registration is preferred. Call (248) 967-8755 for more information.

Water aerobics classes
For moms and senior citizens, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP), continues through August noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at Sheldon Pool, 3123 Van Court, Livonia, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen. No charge For registration information, call (313) 664-8420.

Hospice volunteers
Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers, training in your area is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts two-three hours and can be conducted one-on-one with our trainer to meet the demands of your schedule. For more information, call Brian at (248) 320-0106.

American Red Cross blood drive Aug. 24 to help stabilize supply

The American Red Cross Blood Services of Michigan continues to urge donors statewide to prepare for emergencies by rebuilding a blood supply ravaged by a summer shortage.

The annual Farmington Hills blood drive is being held 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. Appointments can be made by calling (248) 473-1816.

There will be free bone marrow testing. This puts the donor into the National Bone Marrow Registry. You don't have to donate blood to be registered.

"Giving blood is a simple way you can help the ability of your community, state and nation to respond to crisis during these incredibly vulnerable times," said CEO Diane E. Ward of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services. "Every day, we hear from people who say how good it feels to know they can make a difference by simply volunteering to give blood."

Donating blood, recruiting a friend or family member to give, or signing up to sponsor a blood drive will help strengthen a blood supply severely weakened by low donor turnout. Blood shortages frequently occur in the summer, but natural disasters, increased traffic accidents, a waning economy, and a scorching heat wave have compounded this year's shortage.

The two Red Cross blood regions serving Michigan report an overall blood supply of two days, with critical blood types like O-positive and O-negative at emergency levels of a day or less. The Red Cross considers a three-day supply safe, with five- to seven-days optimal.

Building a strong and stable blood supply is key to helping the nation prepare, prevent and respond to emergencies-particularly during the upcoming National Preparedness Month in September.

"It's critical for blood to be available around-the-clock to meet ongoing and unexpected challenges," said Ward. "Together, we all have the power to make a difference simply by giving or encouraging others to donate blood."

Blood donors must be at least age 17, weigh 110 pounds, be in good general health, and provide a valid photo ID upon donation.

To make an appointment at a blood drive near you, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

Walk and run for fitness

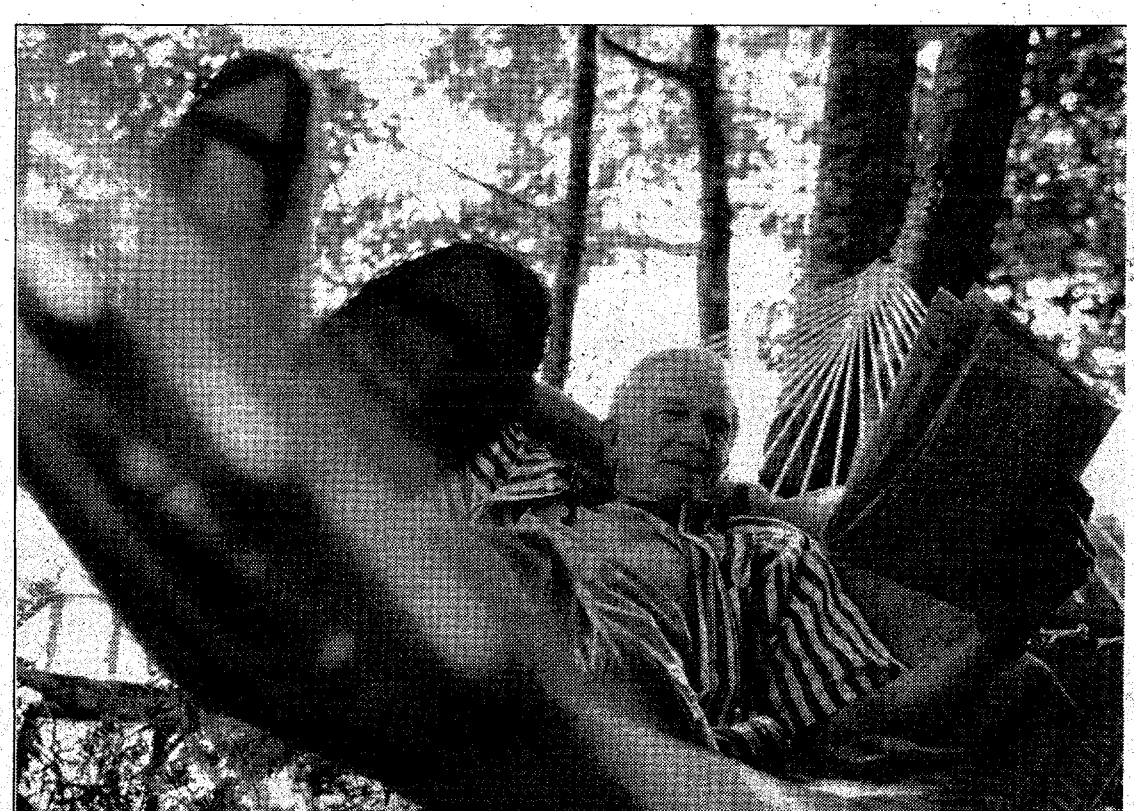
Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Joe from Royal Oak e-mails asking which is more beneficial, a hard run or a brisk walk.

Joe, the answer may be a combination of them both! For runners, walking breaks will add endurance as well as reduce stress on joints and muscles. Walkers, however, can enhance their workout and boost levels of good cholesterol by adding a little running. Good cholesterol, HDL, helps you burn those extra calories. A good rule of thumb is one minute of jogging for every four minutes of walking. So, all in all, you can win the race for good health with a casual strolL.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.



Arthritis Today

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Osteoarthritis of the knees represents the effect of a lifetime of living. The arthritis occurs because of wear and tear on the knee cartilage. The knee joint has 2 compartments, one on the inside of the knee, the other on the outside. What you see as bowlegged is the result of excessive wearing on the inside of the knee, being knock kneed comes from undue wear on the outside of the knee.

Physicians make the diagnosis from the history of your pain that your knees hurt with activity and are relieved by rest and the examination that reveals bony enlargements of the knee and/or fluid in the knee joint. X-rays, which should be weight bearing (standing) films, confirm the diagnosis.

No medicine exists that can bring back cartilage once lost, just like nothing now manufactured can put tread back on your worn tire. However, treatments available will help you get more life out of the knee, just like you can put air in that tire and get more wear from it.

Your physician can prescribe a pain medication such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Physical therapy may strengthen the quadriceps and hamstring muscles to lessen pressure on the joint, and knee injections may decrease pain for weeks to months. Though I am skeptical, orthopedists use artificial hyaluronate such as Synyisc, Hyalgan, or Starzl to lubricate an osteoarthritic knee.

The aim of each of these therapies is to keep you moving. When they no longer work, you don't buy a rocking chair, you see an orthopedist for a knee replacement.

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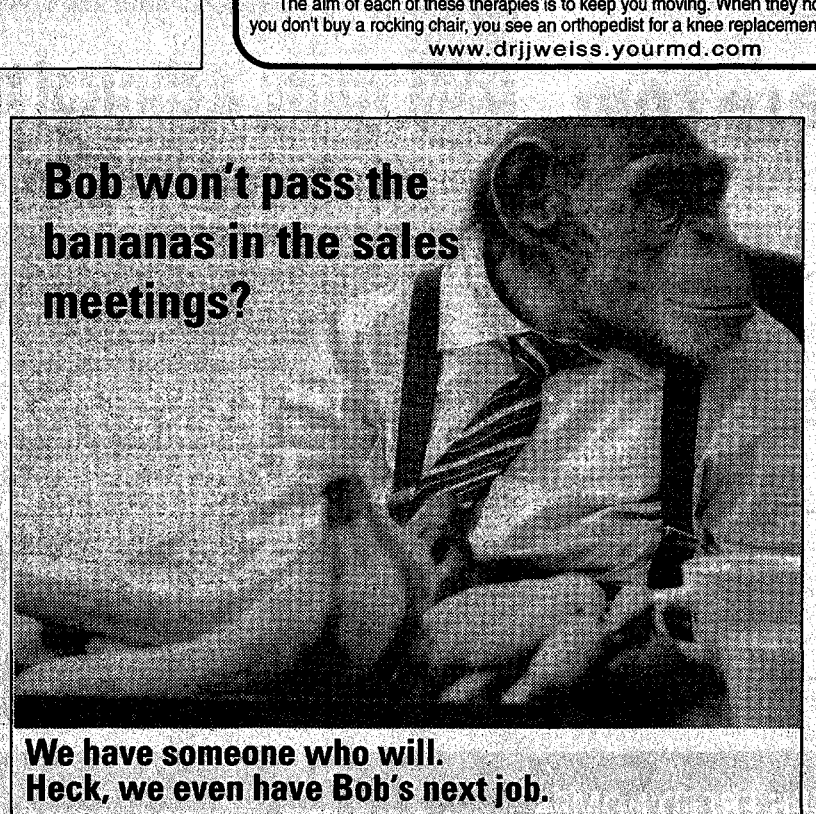

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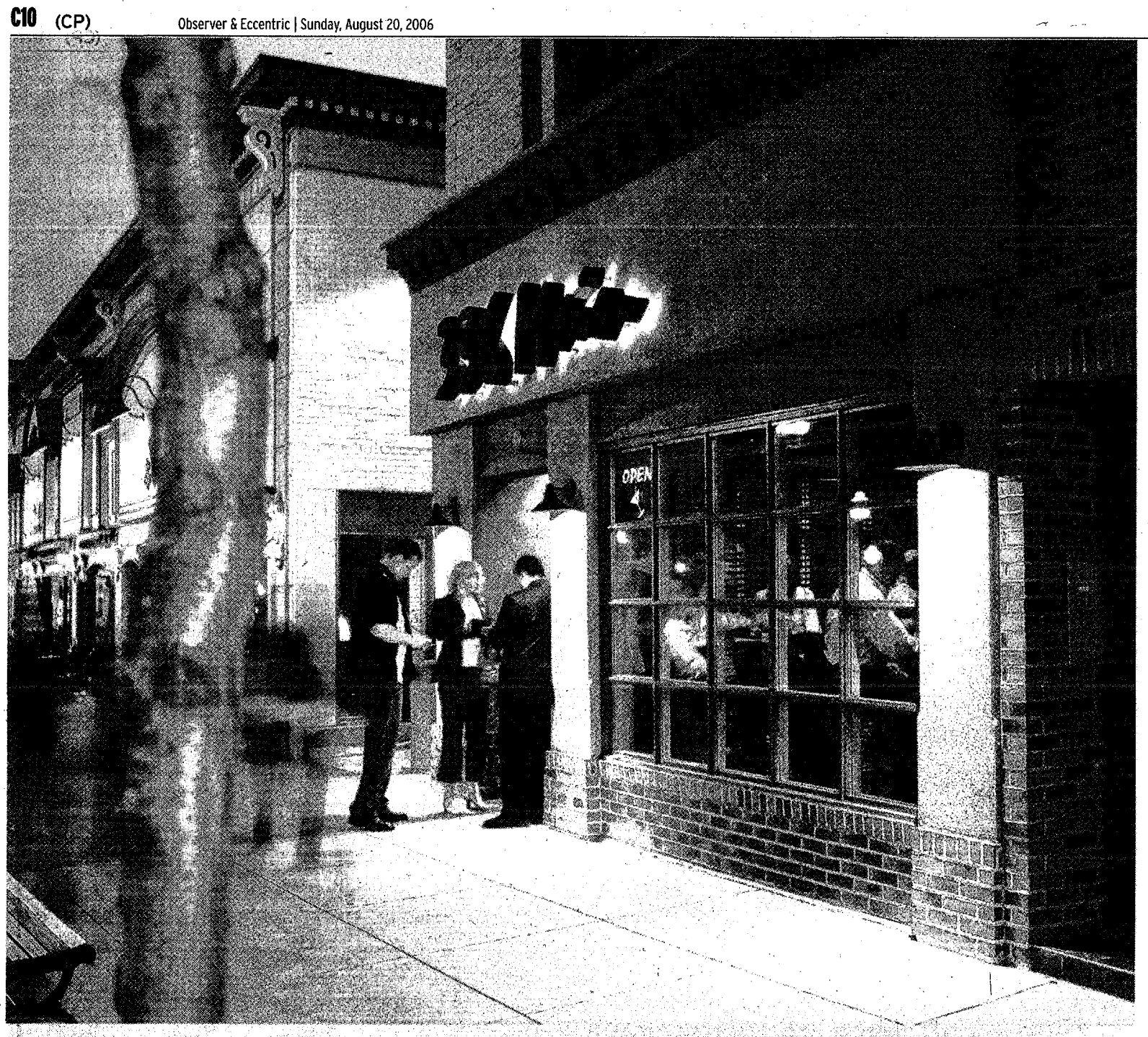

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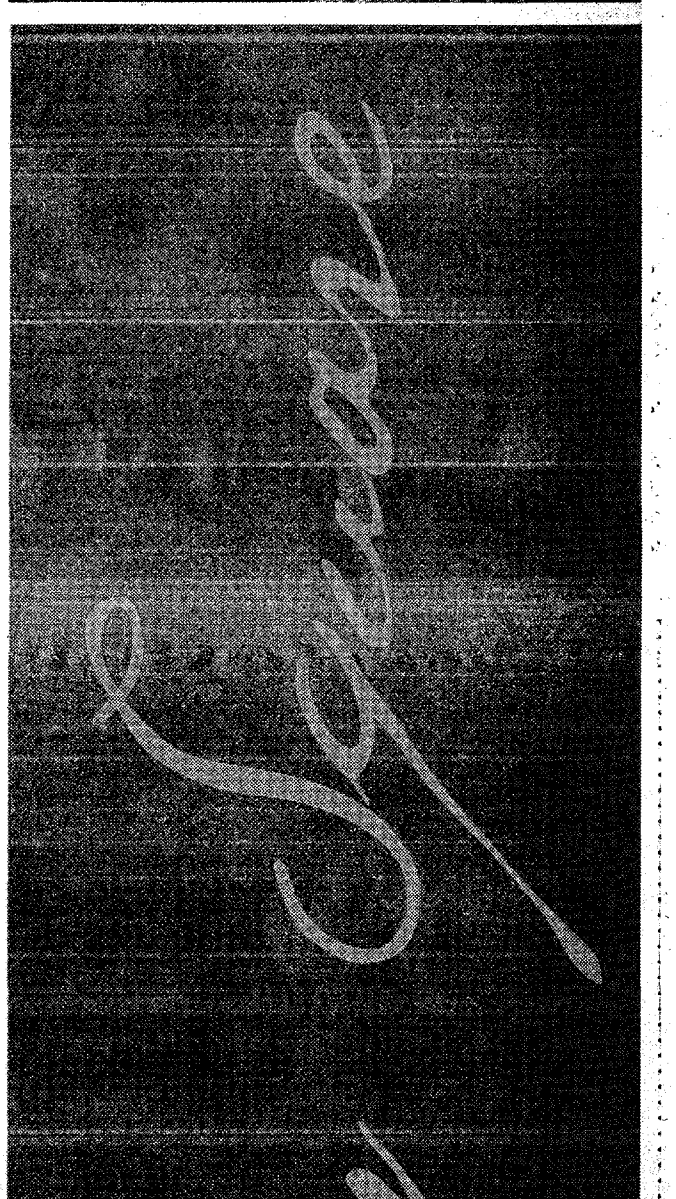

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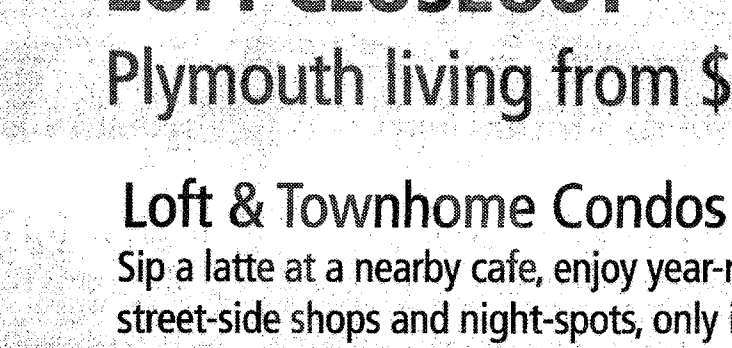

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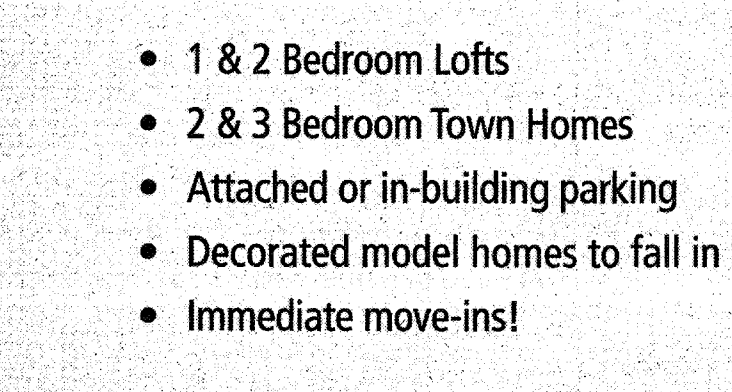

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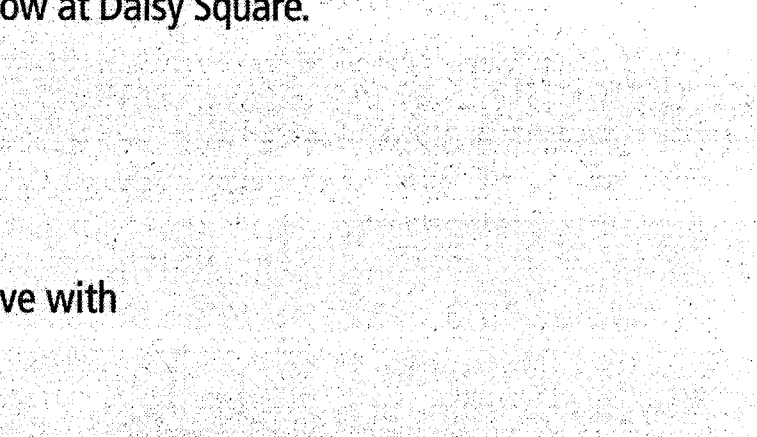

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Moon-dusters
Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/$6, associates/$5.50, members/$5. Dress: women - date style clothes, men - jackets and ties. For more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Pig Roast
Fourth annual Pig Roast Aug. 20 at Papp Park, Taylor. Cost $20. D.J., games and refreshments included. Call Michele at (313) 996-8644.

Free Concert
Steve King and the Dittilies Friday, Aug. 25, at Kellogg Park, Plymouth. Call Kathy for details at (734) 513-9479.

Monthly Dance
Saturday, Sept. 2, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago. Cost is $10. Refreshments included. 8 p.m. to midnight. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information at (734) 261-5716.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Join the e-mail list at www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon

Euchre
Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. $5/members, $6/nonmembers.

Volleyball
Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m.
Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is $6.
In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost $2.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship
Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights
- Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
- Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
- Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

Tennis Anyone?
The nets are up at Rotary Park on 6 Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. anytime the weather is above 45 degrees. Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Young dancers wanted to perform

Local ballet companies are looking for dancers to audition for upcoming performances.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company holds open auditions for all dancers from beginning to advanced, male and female for the 2006-2007 season Sunday, Aug. 27, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia.

The season includes workshops, rehearsals and performances.

Audition fee is $10. For more information, call (734) 427-9103 or (734) 464-7310.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents The Nutcracker every year in December.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company holds auditions for the 2006 dance season Sunday, Aug. 27, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Suite 200 Canton. Dancers will be divided by age – noon to 1 p.m. ages 7-9, 1-2 p.m. ages 10-12, and 2-3:30 p.m. ages 13 to adult.

All dancers, especially boys are invited to audition for positions. Selected dancers are expected to continue a course of study at their current dance school. Rehearsals are scheduled to minimize conflicts with fall dance programs.

Dancers will be cast for the 2006 Nutcracker performances Dec. 8-10. Rehearsals are held on Sundays beginning in September.

The dancers will be adjudicated in a Ballet Master Class. The classes will be taught by Dawnell Dryja and Alexey Kulpin. Both teachers are professional dancers with the Grand Rapids Ballet.

Female dancers must wear ballet shoes, a solid color leotard, pink tights and have their hair in a bun. Older dancers should bring pointe shoes. Boys should wear black tights, white T-shirt and ballet shoes. All dancers must bring a picture and a resume. There is a $5 audition fee per dancer.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet, a nonprofit organization under the direction of Dawn Greene, was founded in 1989. For more information, contact Greene at (734) 676-7233 or send e-mail to pcbc@comcast.net.

Finch club to present annual bird show

The Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club presents its Annual Bird Show 9 a.m. to completion Saturday, Aug. 26, at Quality Inn and Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Judges for the competition include Patrick Vance of Michigan and Alfred Mion, Canada.

Spectators are welcome to the show hosted by the not-for-profit organization.

For more information, call Jim Heffernan at (313) 247-5900.

SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements run in the Sunday editions of the Observer.

There is no charge to submit an announcement.

To obtain a copy of our forms for engagements,weddings, anniversaries and births email Hugh Gallagher at hgallagher@hometownlife.com.

Or send the following information to Hugh Gallagher, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150:

For engagement announcements, include:
- Names, addresses and cities for the bride, groom and both sets of parents
- Where bride and groom attended (or attend) high school and college and years graduated
- Where bride and groom are employed
- Wedding date
- Wedding location
- Daytime phone number and e-mail address in case we have any questions.

For wedding announcements, include:
- All of the above, plus
- Clergy's name
- Names and cities of all attendants
- Reception location
- Honeymoon location
- City where couple will reside

Please send photos in a vertical format. If you are e-mailing a photograph, please send it as a "jpeg."

Photographs may be picked up after publication; or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you have questions regarding your announcement, call (734) 953-2149.

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE
AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

UNIT #415 - GARY GAZDECKI/PLYMOUTH LEDGER OF 42171 ANN ARBOR RD, E., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Office Equipment, desks, chairs, file cabinets, signs, tables, and misc. items.

UNIT #518 - ROBERT TAYLOR (STANDARD OFFICE SOLUTION) OF 9282 GENERAL DRIVE #195, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Tires, chairs, copiers, computer equipment, tanks, boxes, tables, lights, dog cage, and misc. items.

UNIT #619/668 - CLAUD STOPCHINSKI (MY CPR SERVICE) OF 42173 E. ANN ARBOR RD., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Pallets of computer printers/approx. 100, copier, other misc. items.

UNIT #706 - ONALEE SULEWSKI OF 1450 W. ANN ARBOR RD., #24, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Mixer, boxes, holiday decorations, toys, household items, and other misc. items.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday**, the 5th day of September, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings at the City Commission Chamber, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving amendments to the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975 as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the north line of Church St. & the east line of Union St; thence south along the east line of Union St. to the north line of Lot 19, Fralick's Addition; thence east along the north line of above said lot 19 to the east line of Lot 19; thence south along the east line of above said lot to the north line of Lot 11, May Subdivision; thence east along the north line of above said lot 11 to the west line of Elizabeth St.; thence south along the west line of Elizabeth St. to the south line of Lot 14, May Subdivision; thence west along the north line of George B. Shafer's Subdivision, a distance of 204.6 ft. to the east line of Lot 240, Assessor's Plat No. 9; thence south along said lot a distance of 165.00 ft. to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence west along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the east line of Lot 710, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the north line of Lot 733, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence west along the north line of said lot to the east line of Lot 734, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west along the south line of Maple Avenue to the east line of Deer St.; thence south along the east line of Deer St. to the southwest corner of Lot 763, Plymouth Plat No. 21; thence west along the south line of Lots 759 and 760, Assessors Plymouth Plat No. 21, a distance of 130.94 ft.; thence north along the west line of said Lot 759 a distance of 132.65 ft. to the south line of Wing St.; thence west along the south line of Wing St. to the west line of Lot 131, Nash's Plymouth Subdivision; thence north along the west line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west to the west line of Lot 285a2b1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 148 ft. to the south line of Lot 285a1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence west along the south line of said lot a distance of approximately 105 ft. to the west line of Lot 285a1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 82 ft. to the north line of Lot 285a1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence east along the north line of said lot to the southwest corner of lot 288, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of Lot 288 to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence east along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the southeast corner of lot 347, Plymouth Plat No. 13; thence northerly along the west line of S. Harvey St. to the south line of Church St.; thence east along the south line of Church St. to the west line of Lot 191, Plymouth Plat No. 8; thence southeast along the west line of said lot; thence east along the south line of said lot; thence northeast along the east line of said lot to the north line of Church St.; thence southeasterly along the north line of Church St. to the point of beginning at Church and Union Streets.

Copies of the proposed Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Commission shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Manager

This notice is given by order of the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan.

This is a public meeting and any interested person is invited to attend. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser
Clerk, City of Plymouth

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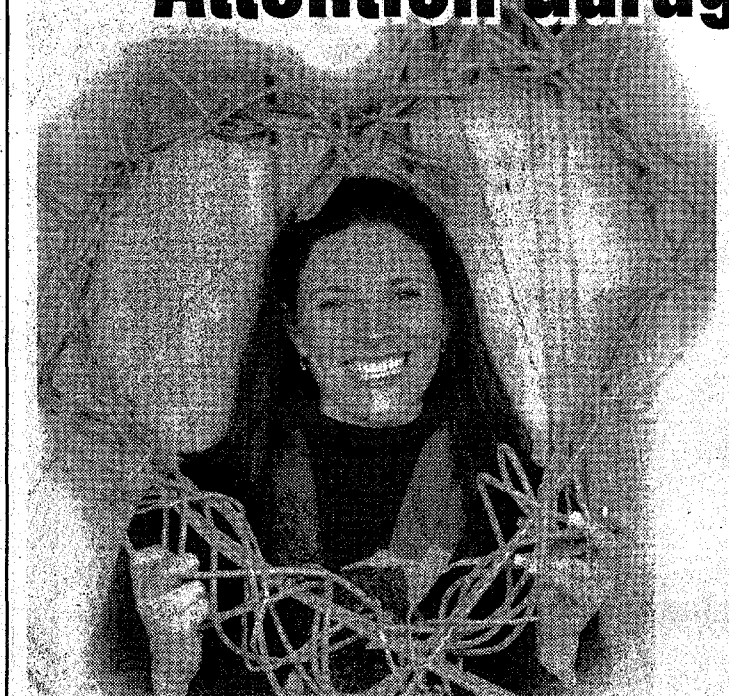

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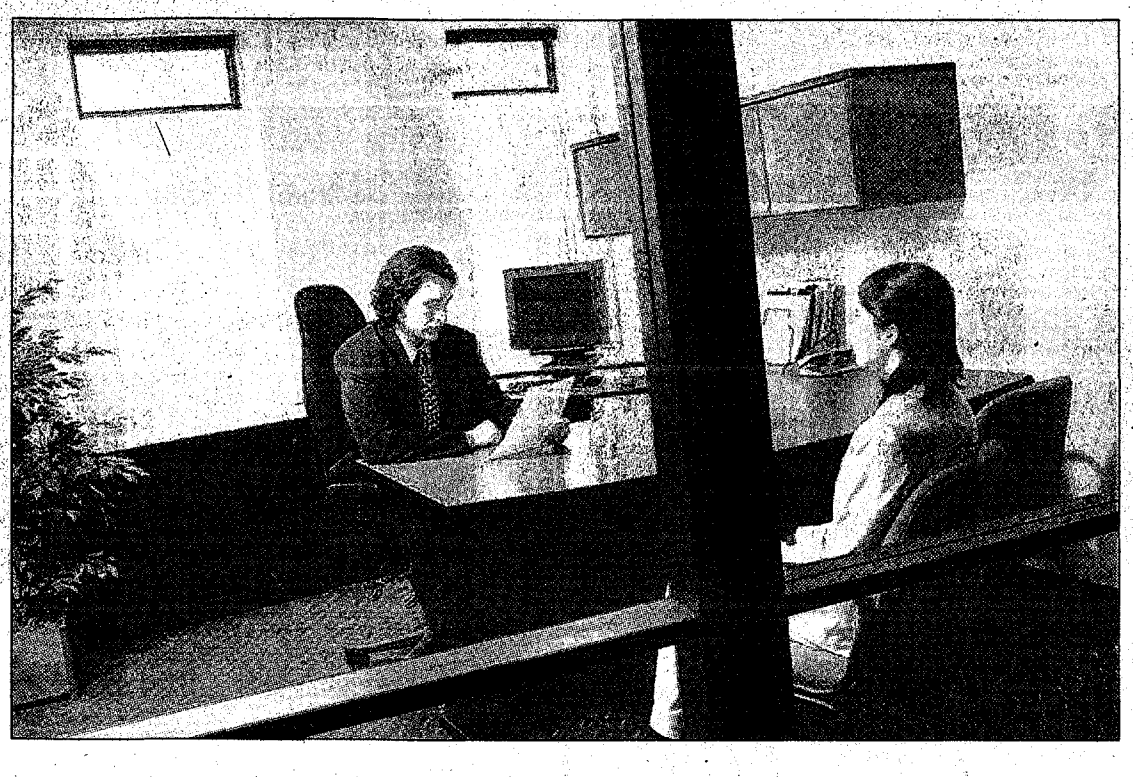

When Chris Brant is conducting workshops for jobseekers, she holds up a mockup of a check for $1,000 and asks why she should hand over the check.

"I want the best person who can do this job for me," said Brant, director of career services for Madonna University in Livonia. "You really need to show them how you are a good match for them."

Sometimes, job applicants focus too much on their own needs and wants, such as car payments, rather than what they can do for a prospective employer. "The bottom line in a job interview is why they should hire you," said Bob Thomas, director of career services at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

Brant and Thomas encourage applicants to do research on prospective employers. "It shows that you're interested in the employer," she said.

A job applicant needs an idea of what the company is about, she added, and what he or she has done that applies to job needs. "Most companies do have a Web site that you can go to," Brant said, adding that motivated applicants applying to a job at a public place often go to visit in advance of an interview to see how they'd fit in.

"There's no excuse not to know something about the company," Brant said. She works with Madonna students and graduates who aren't getting interviews on their resumes; if they're getting interviews but not offers, the focus is on interviewing.

"The No. 1 suggestion for interviewers is to prepare," said Thomas. "Preparation about the employer is very important. You need to be familiar with the basic information about the company."

You should also be able to state concisely your experience, he said, using it to answer behavioral questions such as what was your most successful situation selling an idea to someone in your field.

Madonna University does mock interviews which are videotaped and reviewed. "We always have a demand for that," said Brant, who checks the taped interviews to see if the applicant is overly nervous or not engaging with the interviewer.

She encourages people looking for work to use college/university placement offices; Madonna's workshops are open to nonstudents for a small fee. The state agency MichiganWorks is another source of help, and Brant notes that Madonna's Web site has links to a number of other sites at which applicants can post resumes online.

Brant encourages applicants to make a "dry run" before the interview to check out location and parking. Don't show up too early, she recommends, as you'll make the interviewer feel pressured, but do be a little early.

"They want to look like they can do the job they're applying for," Brant said, noting not all jobs require business attire. Again, a visit ahead of time can help you decide what to wear on interview day.

"It's always better to be overdressed rather than underdressed," said Thomas. OU also does workshops for students and alumni, including mock interviews generally done with human resources recruiters. Also, clinics are done in which six-eight people pair up for interviews which are critiqued.

"It's very competitive," Brant said of the local job market. "Employers can ask for exactly what they want." She finds being informed and confident is helpful to job-seekers.

"The job market in Michigan is still sluggish," agreed Thomas. "Some areas are better than others." Health care is strong, he finds, as is accounting and finance. Marketing and management jobs vary according to the industry, Thomas said.

These days, most employers want resumes sent via e-mail or directly on the company Web site. A hard copy will still be needed for the interview, she said.

Applicants may need to expand their job search geographically, Brant said, or possibly into related fields. Talking to people working in the field you want to enter is helpful.

"I think you have to be realistic" about where you'll start, Brant said.

Thomas finds some college graduates face challenges in making the transition to full-time work, although most now have work experience from school days which often means they take longer to graduate. "It makes the transition a little easier," he said of student work experience.

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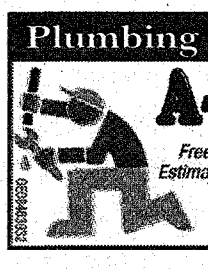

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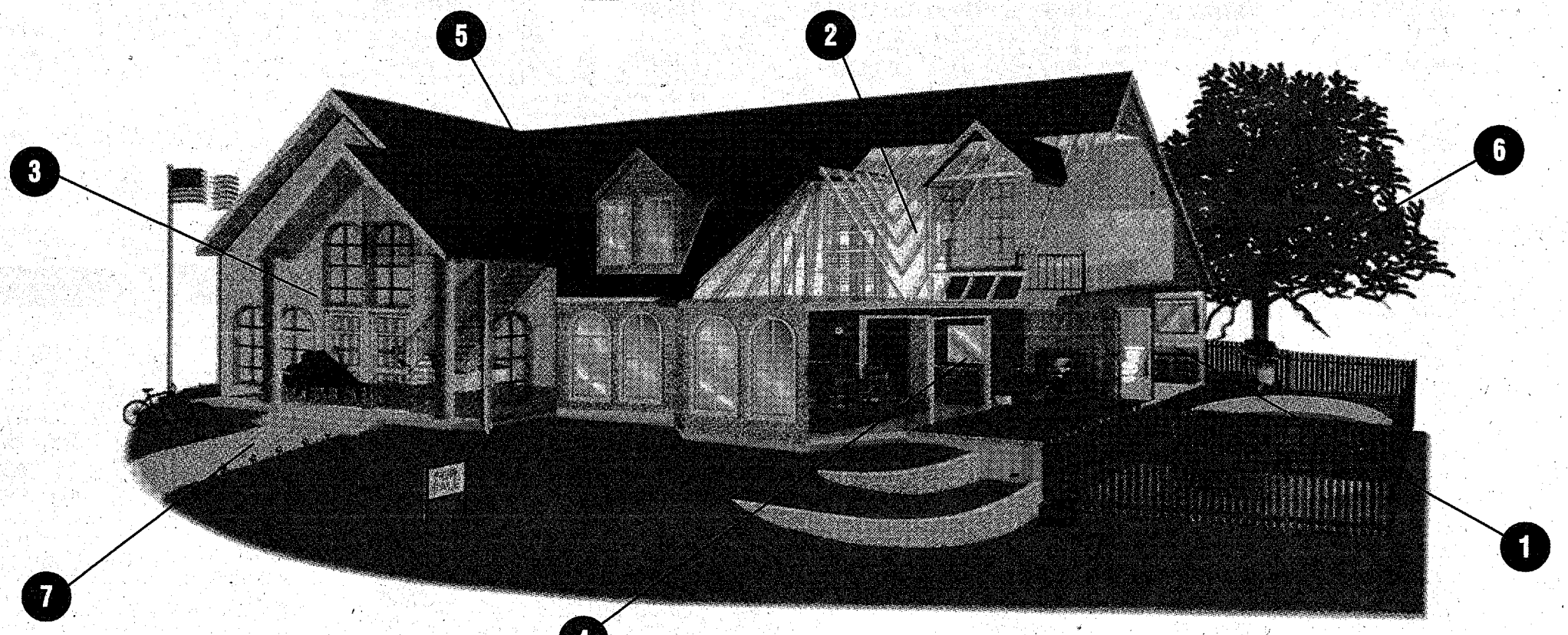

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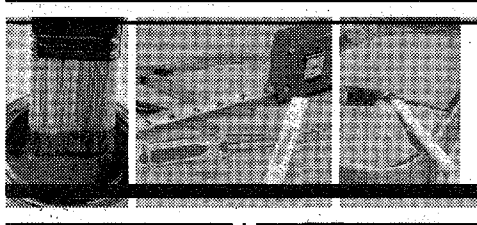

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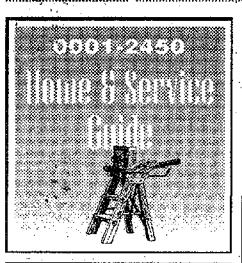

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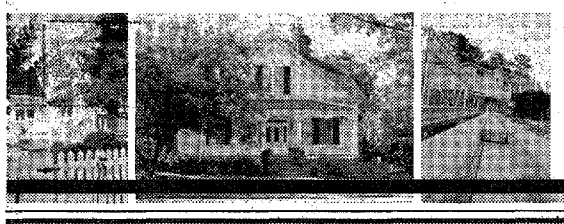

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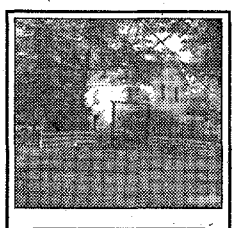

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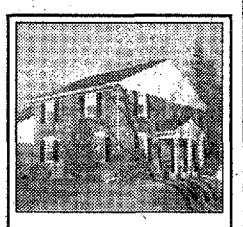

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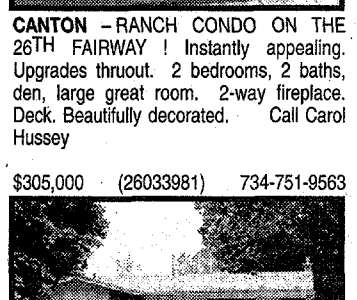

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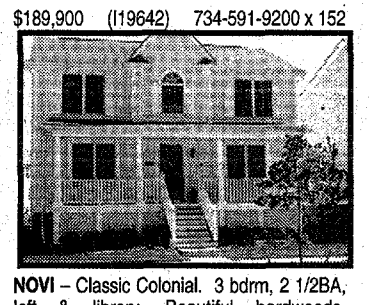

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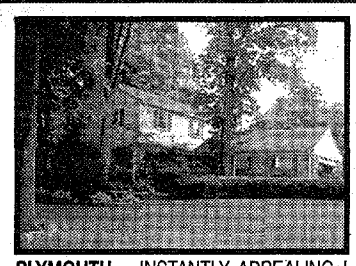

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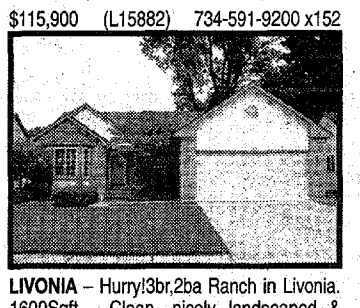

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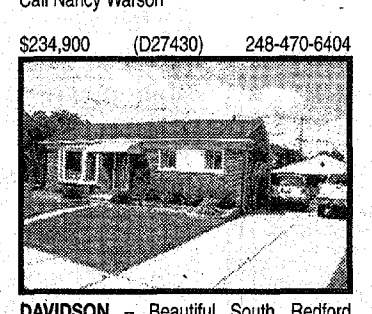

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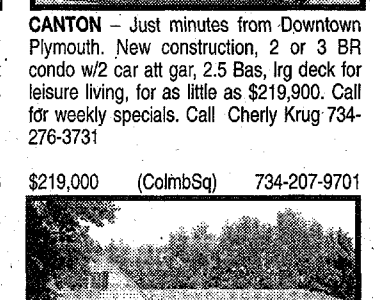

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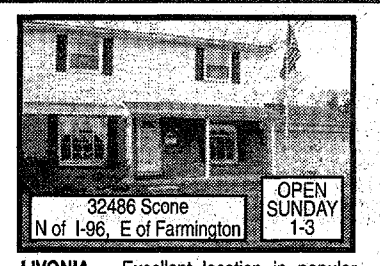

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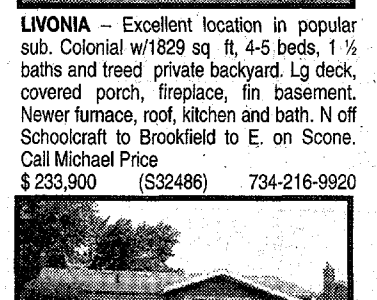

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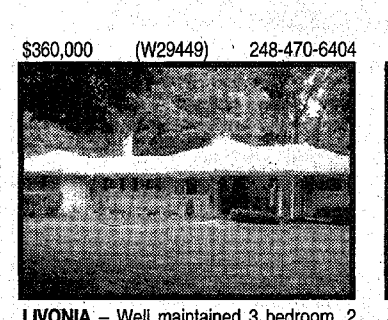

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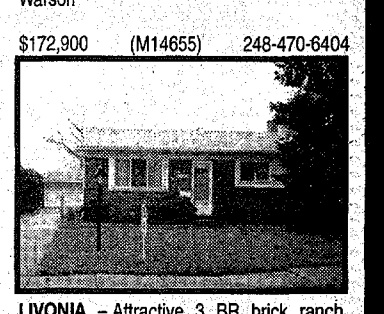

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Realtors join forces to showcase loft living

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Unusual times sometimes call for unusual actions.

A soft real estate market, for instance, may have prompted a handful of local real estate professionals to drop their competitive gloves and — at least for one day — join forces to market some unique residential properties in Royal Oak.

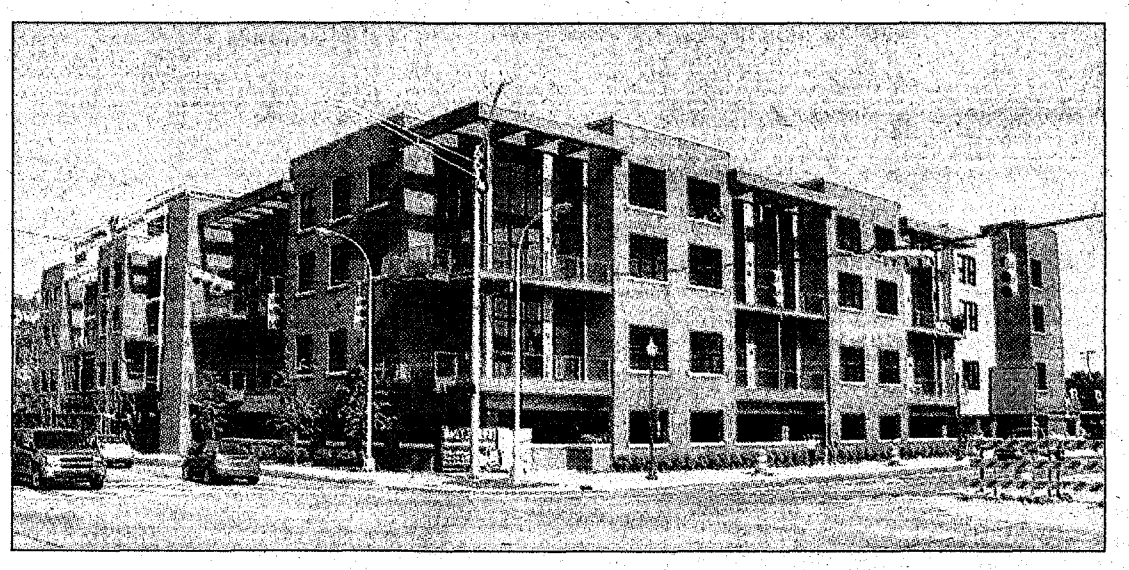
On Wednesday, Aug. 23, Realtors from five Oakland County firms will showcase seven unique, two-story condominium lofts located in five different Royal Oak developments.

Ruth Clevers of Weir Manuel Realtors in Birmingham said she helped organize the event to showcase a unique living opportunity in southeast Michigan, and it made more sense to work with other Realtors marketing similar properties to widen the potential buyer base.

"I organized this tour so anyone interested in upscale loft living could easily inspect several projects in one evening," Clevers said. "Each property is one of a kind, and an open house tour makes it easy for people to investigate living options, then stroll to downtown Royal Oak for dinner at one of the delightful outdoor cafes.

"Today's condo buyers want to be able to walk out their front door and be in a lively downtown shopping and dining district, and downtown Royal Oak is certainly not the quiet business district it used to be."

A quarter century ago, Clevers said, downtown Royal Oak had a five-and-dime store, two movie theaters and small retailers catering to area residents who "came to town" on Saturdays to shop. The nature of retailing changed over the years and the central business district reinvented itself several times to capture new markets and new shoppers.



A unique, two-story loft home inside the Main Street Lofts development is one of seven properties being showcased Wednesday in a special Royal Oak open house.

Each of the showcase units will be open for viewing from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. Clevers said guests will be treated to food and beverages and entered into a drawing for door prizes.

Two years ago, the pulse of the downtown changed again when the first high-rise loft-style condominium project was built on the site of a former bank building at 5th and Main Street. Clevers said the development, SKYLOFTS, was an instant success, selling out before construction was complete.

Since then, a number of other projects have come on board, and are in various stages of completion. And unlike downtown Birmingham, where strict height restrictions are enforced for the downtown business district, the sky is the limit in Royal Oak.

"Royal Oak today is the loft condominium destination of choice in metro Detroit, with a dozen unique projects offering in town living in a wide style and price ranges from $200,000 to $1 million," Clevers said.

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A map showing the location of the loft homes can be picked up at any of the tour stops:

- Main Street Lofts, 111 N. Main
- Center Street Lofts, 112 N. Center
- Lofts@11, 686 W. 11 Mile
- 610south, 610 S. Troy
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In addition to Weir Manuel Realtors, other participating real estate companies/Realtors are:

- Real Estate One, Troy: Susan Hunt, (248) 813-4900
- Woodwardside GMAC, Royal Oak: Susan Carter, (248) 549-7400
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Weir Manuel's Clevers can be reached for more information about the event at (248) 644-6300.

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- Your Realtor will also put it in Realtor.com. This is the database that the public sees. According to Realtor.com about 80 percent of buyers use Realtor.com before buying their house. Once again, this gives your house much more exposure than simply putting a sign in front of it.
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Buyers get a tremendous amount of services from Realtors for free most of the time. This includes finding homes to look at, setting up appointments, finding out the market value, writing the purchase agreement, and bringing the transaction to a close.

Typically, it's the seller who pays both agents. Therefore, the people who usually look at for sale by owners are the bargain basement hunters, who will try to pay the very least possible.

- There is an issue of security. If you put a sign in front of your house you are inviting total strangers into your house. How do you know that these people won't be a security threat to you and your family before they get into your home? You can't. Buyers that Realtors bring in are often pre-qualified and at the very least the threat would be to them and not to you.

The real estate market in Michigan is pretty slow. That makes it even more critical to have access to all the resources that Realtors can provide to get your house sold for the most money.

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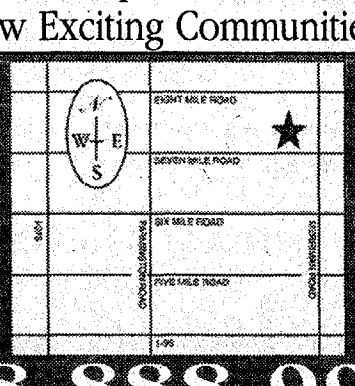

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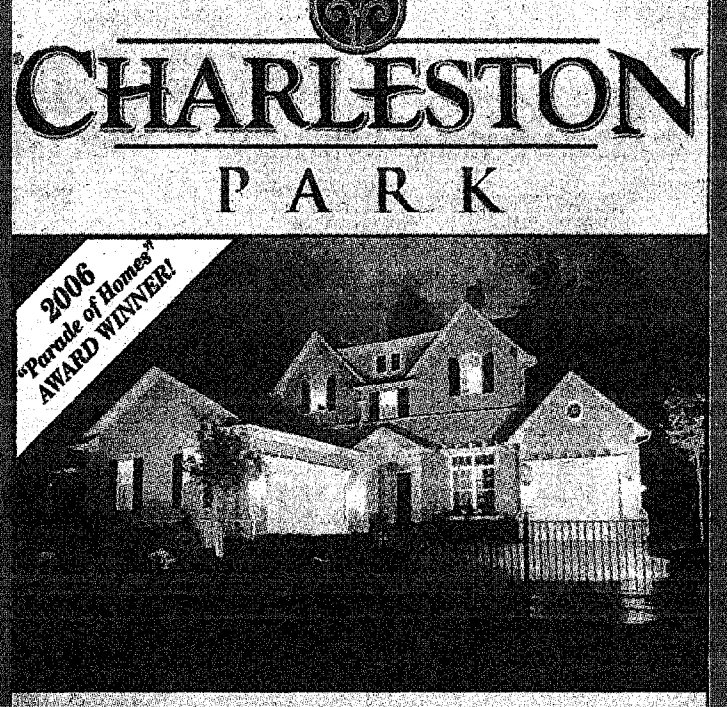

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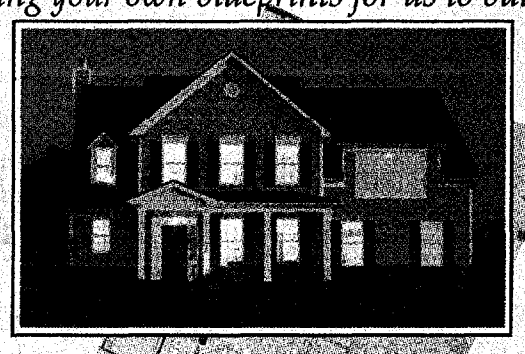

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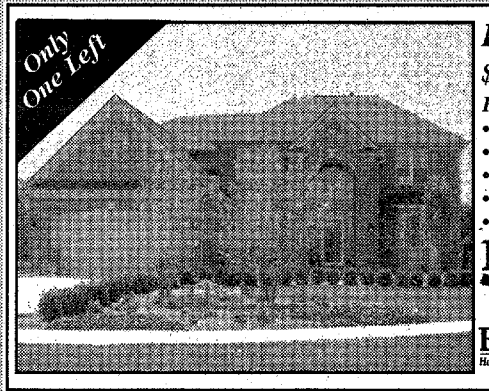

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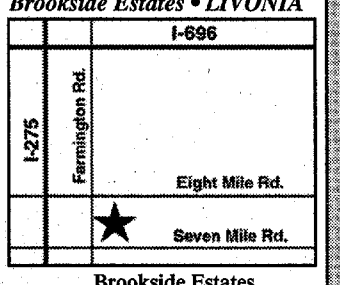

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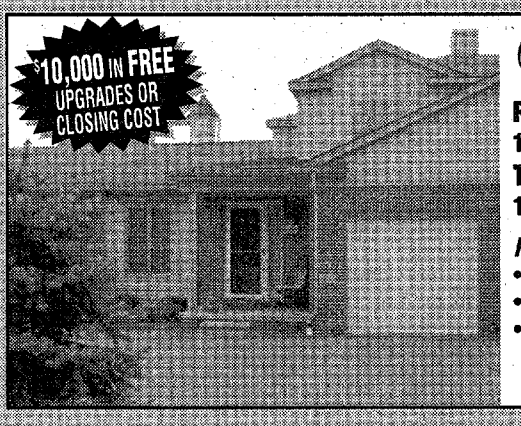

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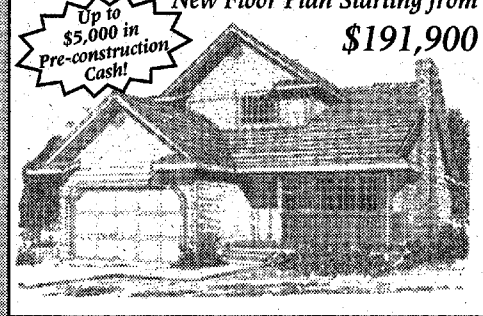

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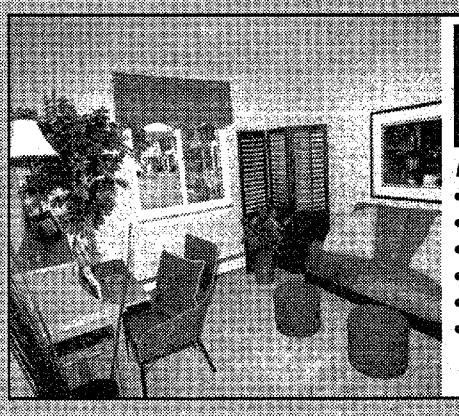

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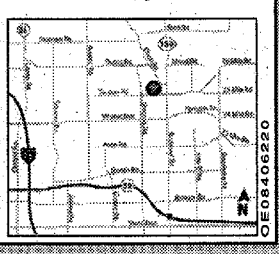

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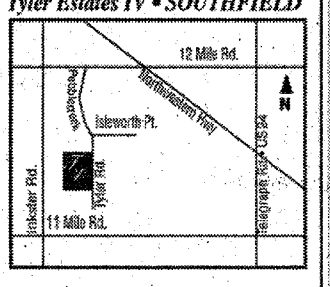

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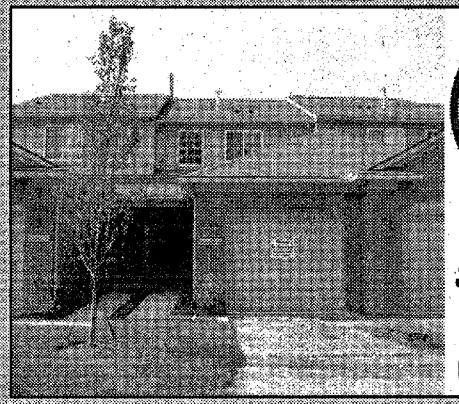

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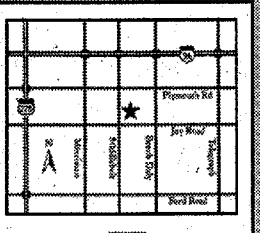

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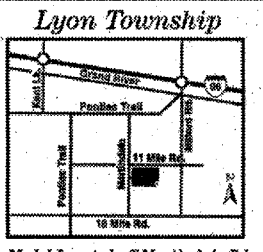

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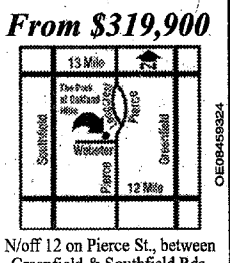

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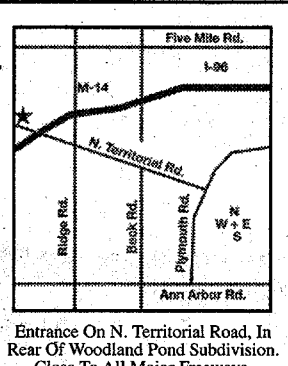

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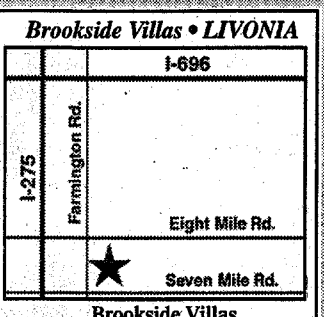

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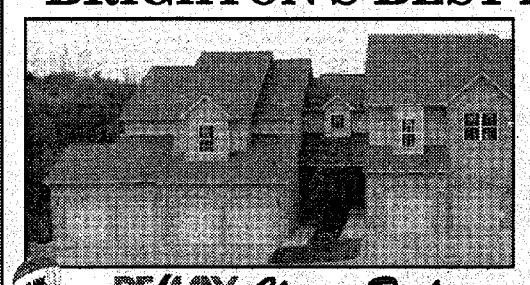

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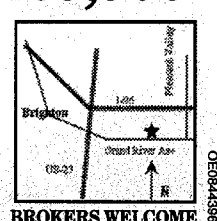

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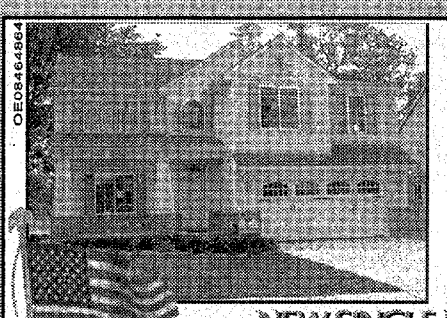

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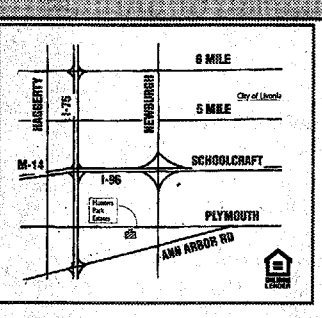

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34920 Bunker Hill Dr	$250,000
30030 Kingsway Dr	$375,000
35112 Meadow Ln	$212,000
29329 Regents Pointe	$195,000
22100 River Ridge Trl	$258,000
29117 Shenandoah Dr	$310,000
33246 Slocum St	$269,000
23923 Susan Dr	$281,000
37860 Wendy Lee St	$179,000
25242 Witherspoon St	$320,000

Farmington Hills

27820 Berrywood Ln	$115,000
27815 Kendallwood Dr	$227,000
28056 Kendallwood Dr	$240,000
27923 Quail Hollow Rd	$243,000
28735 Salem Rd	$357,000

Garden City

32216 Balmoral St	$127,000
32370 Brown St	$236,000
2015 Cardwell St	$110,000
1000 Deering St	$132,000
5641 Deering St	$128,000
32262 Elmwood St	$209,000
30751 Florence St	$122,000
33140 Florence St	$93,000
33140 Florence St	$135,000
250 Gilman St	$140,000
1642 Gilman St	$83,000
6417 Hawthorne St	$149,000
6940 Helen St	$136,000
31255 Hennepin St	$240,000
6161 Inkster Rd	$144,000
28428 Leona St	$161,000
33604 Leona St	$152,000
28945 Rush St	$92,000
6507 Sharon St	$148,000
28937 Warren Rd	$400,000

Livonia

34745 Eight Mile Rd	$500,000
15845 Alexander St	$184,000
36766 Angeline Cir	$169,000
19353 Antago St	$245,000
29145 Barkley St	$205,000
29622 Barkley St	$167,000
32550 Barkley St	$248,000
11300 Blackburn St	$209,000
28528 Cleveland St	$159,000
15660 Doris St	$169,000
36307 Fairway Dr	$115,000
34447 Fargo St	$100,000
18321 Glengarry Dr	$355,000
30732 Grandon St	$176,000
15455 Green Lane Ave	$145,000
19485 Hardy St	$166,000
9056 Hartel St	$120,000
29108 Lyndon St	$182,000
35695 Lyndon St	$290,000
19019 Melvin St	$142,000
31076 Munger St	$175,000
33186 Myrna Ct	$265,000
37828 N Laurel Park Dr	$192,000
29536 Nottingham Ct	$174,000
35847 Orangelawn St	$183,000
35981 Perth St	$194,000
36732 Pinetree St	$172,000
35227 Richland St	$185,000
20163 Riverside Dr	$358,000
9912 Roseland St	$114,000
38388 Ross St	$208,000
16456 Surrey St	$183,000
14642 Susanna St	$186,000
31818 W Chicago St	$220,000
15353 Williams St	$218,000

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23121 Argyle St	$581,000
24331 Fairway Hills Dr	$215,000
40767 Lenox Park Dr	$283,000
40781 Lenox Park Dr	$315,000
40791 Lenox Park Dr	$297,000
40550 Rock Hill St	$210,000
43168 Sandstone Dr	$300,000
44854 Stockton Dr	$143,000
28800 Summit Dr	$268,000
24287 Thatcher Ct	$455,000

Plymouth

1093 Ann Arbor Rd W	$160,000
11696 Brownell Ave	$257,000
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40785 Crabtree Ln	$263,000
40579 Firwood Dr	$197,000
750 Pacific St	$210,000
11766 Parkview Dr	$211,000
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101 S Union St	$312,000
774 Starkweather St	$275,000
11043 Terry St	$200,000
11106 Tremont Ln	$331,000
801 W Ann Arbor Trl	$697,000
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Redford

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9201 Berwyn	$149,000
11421 Brady	$126,000
18675 Brady	$119,000
18258 Centralia	$125,000
18492 Dalby	$98,000
19310 Delaware Ave	$172,000
9328 Dixie	$120,000
13571 Farley	$139,000
17405 Five Points St	$111,000
14874 Fox	$310,000
9630 Garfield	$140,000
26250 Hope	$156,000
19909 Indian	$113,000
20491 Indian	$133,000
15876 Kinloch	$137,000
18411 Lennane	$110,000
15898 Lexington	$113,000
16688 Lola Dr	$141,000
9598 Mercedes	$126,000
12840 Royal Grand	$116,000
8856 Salem	$97,000
9120 Salem	$114,000
9168 Salem	$121,000
8953 Seminole	$153,000
9119 Seminole	$170,000
19786 Seminole	$124,000
19781 Sumner	$115,000
27176 W Six Mile Rd	$134,000
14810 Woodworth	$212,000
15153 Woodworth	$240,000

Westland

35743 Avondale St	$131,000
7515 Bison St	$145,000
35740 Booth St	$103,000
35731 Castlewood Ct	$124,000
30775 Cherry Hill Rd	$125,000
6912 Chirrewa St	$162,000
37743 Colonial Dr	$122,000
2316 Deerfield Ct	$51,000
38496 Emerald Ln N	$215,000
8629 Hugh St	$95,000
8680 Hugh St	$157,000
35719 Hunter Ave	$122,000
4911 Julius Blvd	$124,000
33057 Mackenzie Dr	$175,000
34285 Marquette St	$115,000
29775 Marshall Dr	$246,000
6190 N Newburgh Rd	$182,000
400 Pattingill St	$175,000
8529 Perrin Ave	$162,000
238 S Christine	$128,000
1553 S Hambleton St	$183,000
1512 S Karle St	$120,000
1684 Shoemaker Dr	$109,000
30921 Somerset St	$129,000
30510 Steinhauer St	$146,000
2260 Stockmeyer Blvd	$188,000
37155 Vista Dr	$337,000
6026 Wilmer St	$137,000
1834 Wilshire St	$181,000
33285 Winchester St	$175,000

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Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Livonia office, 36642 Five Mile. Find out about costs, compensation, training, and prelicense requirements. RSVP: (734) 266-9000.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and building tradespeople. Cost is $205, including manual, sample questions and test application. A $25 deposit is needed by Aug. 24 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register during business hours, or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

■ In cooperation with Henry Ford Community College an eight-hour seminar, Basement Remodeling, 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Aug. 28 and 30, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of basement space. The instructor will explain space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials and the basics of construction. He will also discuss structural aspects of adding a home theater as well as working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. Cost is $95 for residents plus $10 for textbook and materials, or $104 for nonresidents plus $10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment by Aug. 24 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

■ A 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 9 and 16, at the Hilton Suites Hotel, 2300 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as rights and responsibilities. It covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. Cost is $220 including textbook and a book covering home building information pertinent to southeast Michigan. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 7 to Oakland Builders Institute, (800) 940-2014.

■ A 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's examination offered in cooperation with Henry Ford Community College, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 12, 14, 19 and 21, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is $189 for residents plus $20 for textbook and sample questions, $208 plus $20 for textbook/sample questions for nonresidents. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 8 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

Building Industry Association

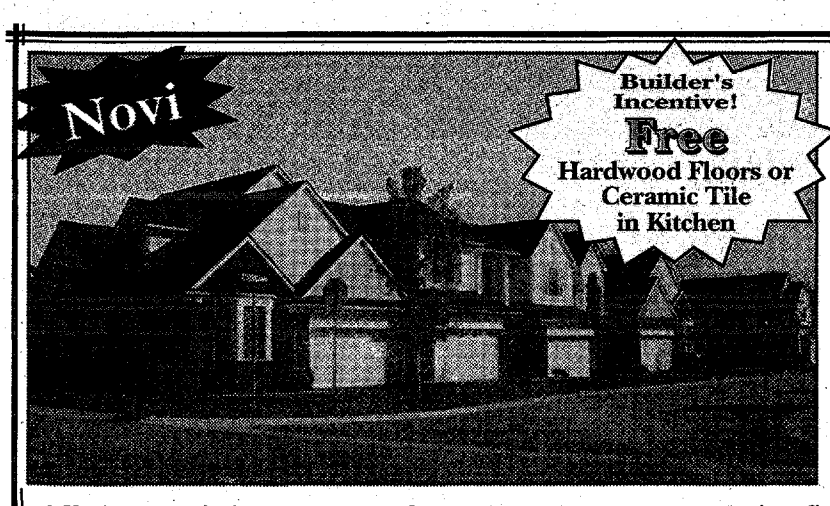
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ Women's Council's "The Secrets of Succeeding in Business as a Female" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Mary Ellen Sheets, CEO and founder of Two Men and a Truck, will be the speaker at the seminar, open to all BIA members and guests, including men. Fee, including lunch, is $15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests, with a portion to benefit the American Cancer Society. To register, call (248) 862-1017.

■ Two-day "Green Building" seminar 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7-8, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will discuss strategies for incorporating environmentally friendly principles into homes. Fee is $325 for Remodelors Council members, $350 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, $400 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A series of builder's license preparation courses 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. A daylong session will also be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at BIA headquarters. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fee is $200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Remodelors Council will sponsor a "Sales & Marketing for Remodelors" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Participants will learn how to analyze a market for promoting building products, primary sources of marketing information and how to interpret data. Fee is $140 for Remodelors Council members, $160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.



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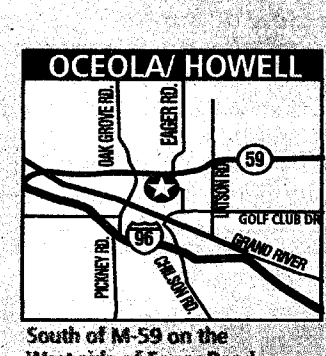

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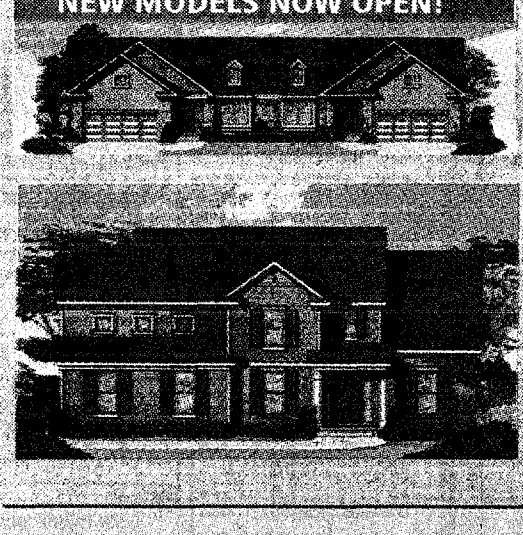

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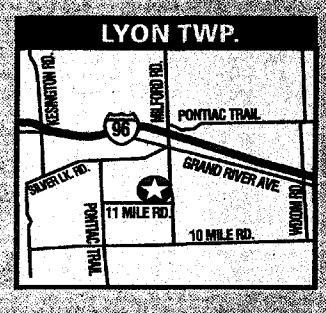

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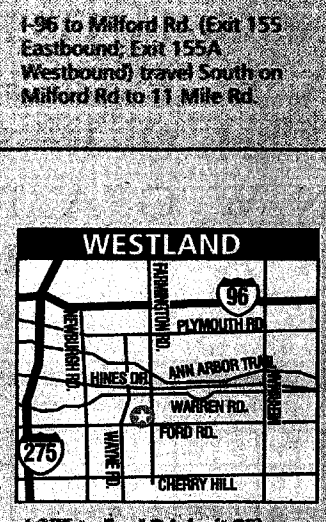

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ACROSS

1 Crumple up
4 Beth Daniel's org.
8 Smile broadly
12 Lisbon's loc.
13 Goddess's statue
14 Minute amount
15 Apply a jimmy
16 Windshield cleaners
18 Fortune-telling card
20 Degree holder
21 Where Eng. is
22 Permit
23 Cartoon shrieks
27 Geol. formation
29 Whale school
30 Newswoman Shriver
31 Argon, in the lab
32 Blvds.
33 Diamond —
34 Border st.
35 Ivory source
37 Amazon milieu
38 Lemon cooler
39 Garr or Hatcher
40 Clown's getup
41 Twosome, briefly
42 Bearing
44 Pace
47 Rest
51 Come to the rescue
52 Lecturer's spot
53 Fall guy
54 Ruby or Sandra
55 Pout
56 Masseuse employers
57 Billboards

DOWN

1 Shed tears
2 Mystique
3 Rehearsal (2 wds.)
4 Memory jogger
5 A Bach
6 Used a chisel
7 On the lookout
8 So what? (2 wds.)
9 Help-wanted abbr.
10 Tucked away
11 Kettle and Bell
17 Price wd.
19 All right
22 Part of LAX
24 Speaker's pause
25 Warm-hearted
26 No different
27 Marshal Dillon
28 For real
29 Qt. parts
30 Playing marble
32 Vail gear (2 wds.)
33 Trouser part
36 Jr.'s dad
37 Finale (hyph.)
38 Naval force
40 Makes one's way
41 Gym class
43 Big Ben numeral
44 — bien, monsieur!
45 Like the Piper
46 Byron's works
47 Hwys.
48 Water, on the Seine
49 A thousand G's
50 Ecol. bureau

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	A	D	■	I	D	E	A	■	B	E	A	K
H	I	E	■	T	A	X	I	■	Y	E	L	L
A	R	M	E	D	■	P	S	S	T	■	A	M
V	E	I	L	■	S	O	L	O	E	D	■	■
E	D	■	U	N	I	S	E	X	■	R	E	F
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C	A	T	E	R	S	■	P	E	A	L	E	D
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C	A	■	E	R	I	K	■	A	S	T	E	R
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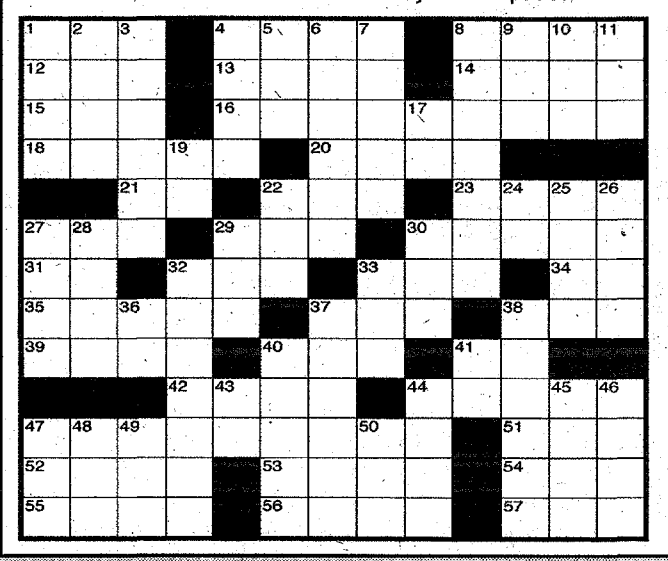

SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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E U A X S A O L N Q
T B D I A M O N D U
I Y T O P A Z S L A
N G F O P A L D A M
A M E T H Y S T R A
Z H U B I A M B E R
N W G A R N E T M I
A A W W E E T Y E N
T O U R M A L I N E

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

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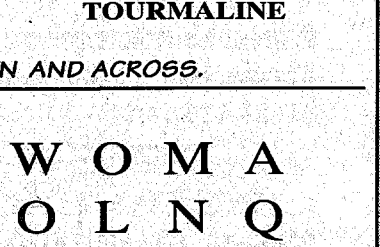

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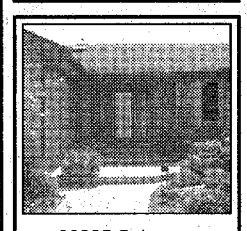

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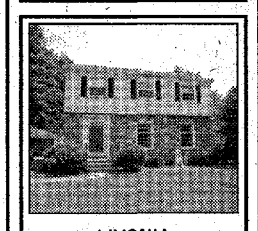

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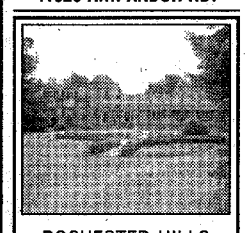

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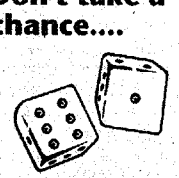

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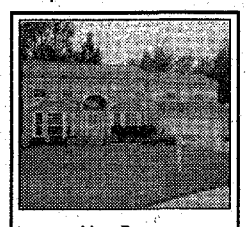

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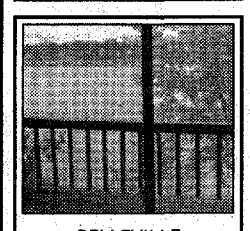

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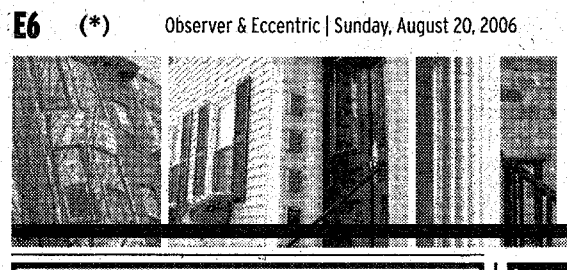

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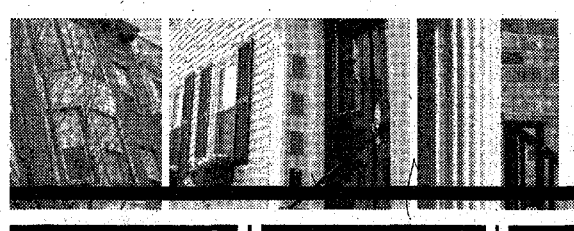

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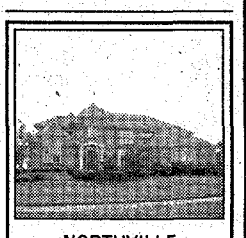

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7100 Estate Sales 7100

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Bloomfield Hills 2447 Bratton, btwn. Telegraph & Woodward, N. of Square Lake Rd. Aug 24-26th, 9-3pm. New items & many great bargains!

BLOOMFIELD- ANNUAL SALE. Candles, placemats, clothing, curio cabinet, baby Pram, some antiques, misc. Aug. 24-26, 3725 W. Pemberton, 1 blk N/ Long Lake, 1 blk W/Telegraph.

CANTON 1439 Ranier, S. of Ford Rd., btwn. Lilley & Morton Taylor Rd. Aug. 24-26, 9-5. Multi-Family Sale. Variety of household items.

CANTON 43181 Washington Way, Warren & Lilley Rd., Aug. 25-26, 9-4pm. Furniture, books, household, toys, kids' clothes, & much, much, more!

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GARDEN CITY-
Aug. 24-26, 9-5, 29085 Alvin, Middlebelt/ Cherry Hill. Household, Christmas, some tools, misc.

LIVONIA - 30973 Kenwood Court, 8 Mile/Merriman. Aug. 24-26, 9-5pm. Girl's bdrm set, hot tub, mattresses, toys, clothes, games, lots of misc.

LIVONIA 14316 Yale, Schoolcraft & Levan Rd., Aug. 24-26, 9-4pm. Household items, books, clothing, kitchen items, & lots more!

LIVONIA 15506 Nola Circle, 5 Mile & Hix Rd. Aug. 22-23, 9-3. Lg. sale! Furniture, clothes, household.

LIVONIA 29822 W. Chicago, 1 blk. W. of Middlebelt, Aug. 24-27th, 10-5pm. Multi-family. House plants, household, boys' clothing, furnishings, etc

LIVONIA 3 FAMILY. Aug. 23-25, 8:30-4, 9156 Gillman, off W Chicago, 2 blocks E of Harrison. Kids clothes, appliances, bikes, misc.

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LIVONIA
ESTATE SALE
33026 Allen, E. of Farmington, S. of 5 Mile, off Lyndon. Aug 25-26, 9-5pm. Furniture, rugs, jewelry, handbags, collectibles, kitchen items, outdoor goodies.

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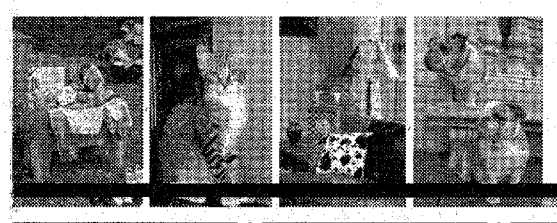

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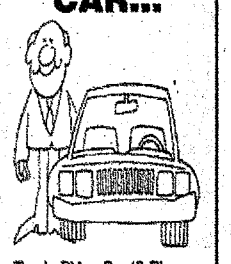

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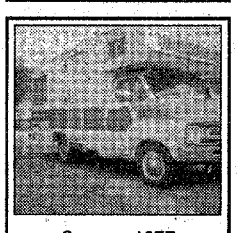

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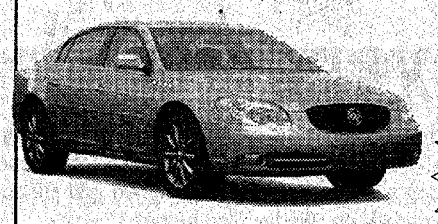

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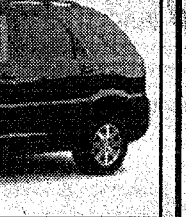

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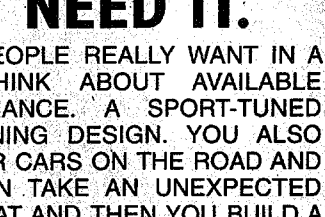

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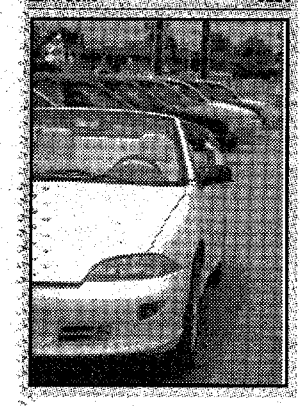

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2006 Hyundai Azera Limited is all about the luxury

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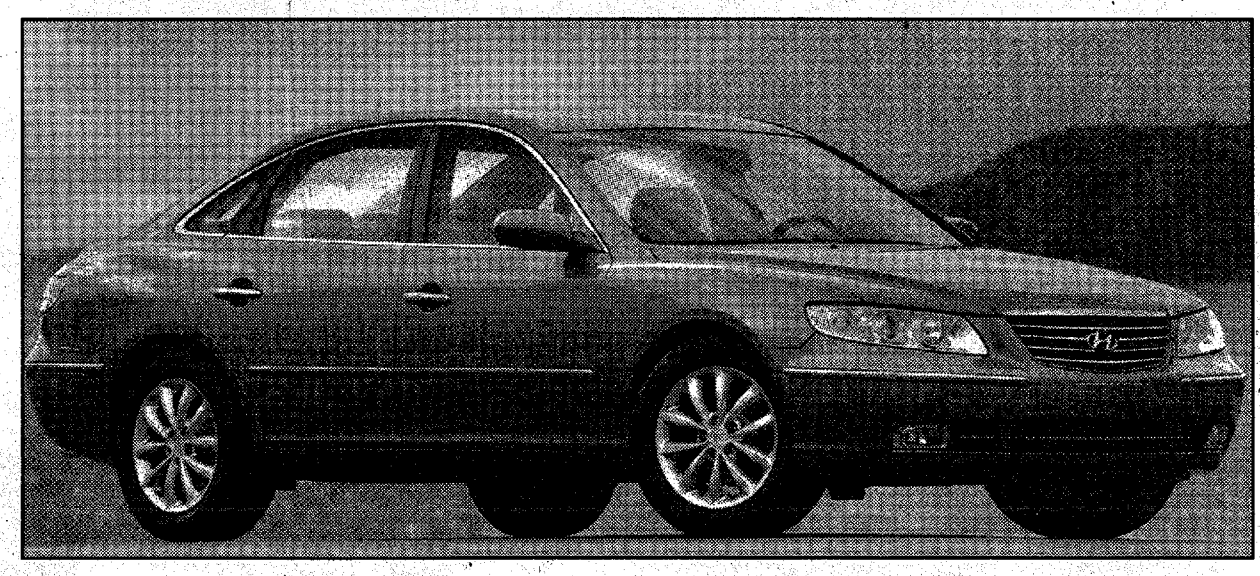
A luxury Hyundai? Seems like an oxymoron, doesn t it? Until now, Hyundai has been known not so much for the models it s built as for the warranty program it offers —five year bumper-to-bumper and 10 year powertrain coverage. That could change with the all-new Azera. With this model, Hyundai is attempting to break into the premium sedan market, taking on competitors that include the Toyota Avalon and entry level models from Lexus and Infiniti. And, surprisingly, at least to me, Hyundai seems to be on the right track with Azera.

We ll start with the way it s styled. The first thing I think of when I look at the Azera straight on is that it reminds me of a Saab, only a bit wider up front. The Azera has the same type of narrow warp-around headlamps, but the resemblance stops there. The lines are smooth and well-designed (not that the Saab s aren t, by the way). The rear of the car is very nice; the taillamps form a bridge over the license plate frame with the Azera name spelled out. The Limited is the top-of-the-line (the base model is the SE) and comes with chrome insert trim bumpers, fog lights, heated outside mirrors, 17-inch, 10-spoke aluminum wheels and a full-size spare tire. A sunroof is available as an option.

Hyundai has done a nice job with the interior. The car has plenty of room, front and back, and the trim is nice to look at, with wood and chrome accents. The instrument panel is well laid out, although the driver information center s orange display is hard to read while wearing sunglasses (or maybe it s just my sunglasses). The steering wheel is wrapped in leather and features woodgrain trim. It also houses both audio controls and cruise control.

The standard leather seats (not available on the SE) are comfortable and provide good support. They are, as you would expect, power adjustable —eight ways for the driver and four ways for the front seat passenger and can be heated. The rear seating area has separate climate ducts but no separate control; everything is controlled up front, unlike most other premium sedans that have their own rear climate controls. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down seats, and the rear seating area features map pockets on the back of the front seats. The



2006 Hyundai Azera Limited Vehicle class: Large car. Power: 6-cylinder engine. Mileage: 19 city / 28 highway. Where built: Asan, Korea. Base price: $26,835. Price as tested: $29,335

center console opens for storage and contains two cupholders and a 12-volt power plug inside.. There is a flip-down storage area under the audio system for things like cell phones.

The Azera Limited comes with automatic climate control, the above-mentioned cruise control, rear window defogger, integrated garage door opener, remote keyless entry, electric rear sunshade, compass, power windows, and tilt steering column. Power foot pedals, rain-sensing wipers and an integrated memory system are available as part of an option package.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system. You can upgrade to a system by Infinity that gives you 10 speakers, a sub-woofer and a six-disc CD changer, but RDS is not included. RDS is the system that allows FM stations to send text to your radio — song and artist information —and allows you to search for a station based on its format. The system sounds pretty good, but, unfortunately, has no direct way for you to connect an iPod or similar mp3 player and no satellite radio option, either.

Overall, the Azera Limited gives you a nice driving experience. The powertrain is very good. The standard engine is a DOHC 3.8-liter V6, rated at 263 horsepower and 255 lb.-ft. of torque. It s mated with a very smooth five-speed automatic transmission, which you can shift yourself, if you like. You get off the line fairly quickly and have enough power for passing and merging, and it s a fairly quiet powerplant. It s EPA rated at 19/28 mpg and it does use regular fuel.

The ride is a little disappointing, though. While not uncomfortable by any means, it s not as smooth as one might like in a premium sedan. The suspension is a double-wishbone system with gas shocks and stabilizer bar, independent both front and rear. The bumps aren t smoothed out enough for me, but it handles freeway speeds very well.

Handling, on the other hand, is very good. The Azera comes with power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering and it s very precise. It handles tough cornering easily and is a breeze to park. The Azera comes with Electronic Stability Control and Traction Control.

The Azera Limited comes with power-assisted, four-wheel ABS brakes and they perform very well. You also get eight airbags, including dual front airbags, front and rear seat-mounted side-impact airbags, and roof-mounted side-curtain airbags, both front and rear. Active front head restraints are standard, as are individual head restraints for rear passengers.

And yes, the famous Hyundai warranty is still available. Five year/60,000 miles bumper-to-bumper coverage and 10-year/100,000 mile limited powertrain coverage come standard. Azera owners also get 24-hour roadside assistance for five years.

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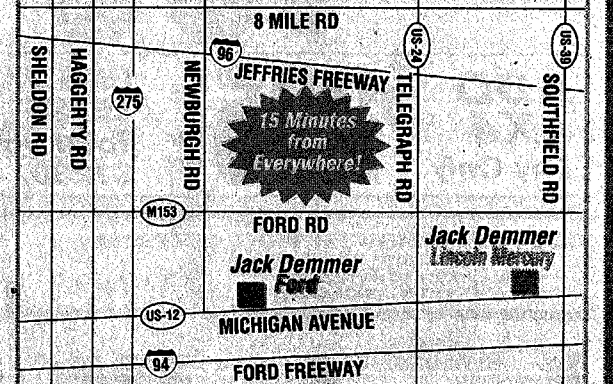

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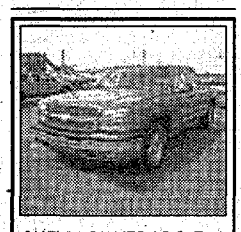

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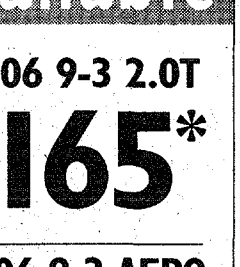

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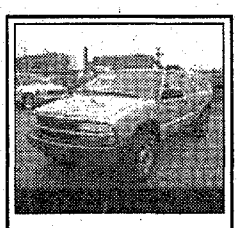

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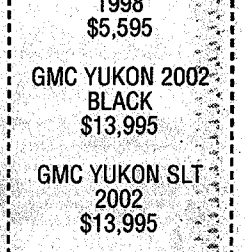

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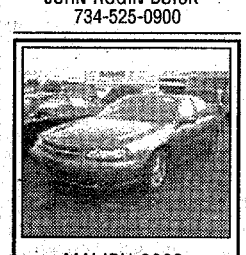

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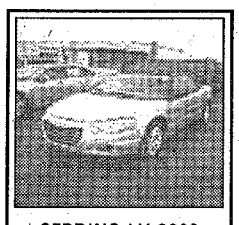

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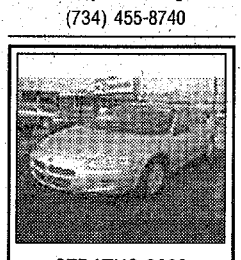

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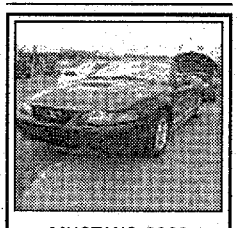

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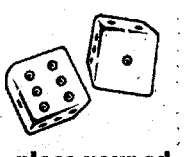

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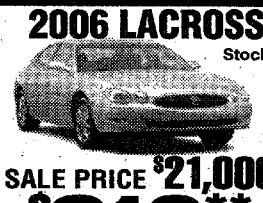

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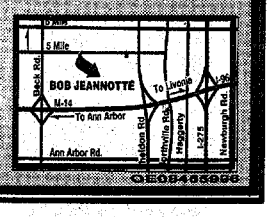

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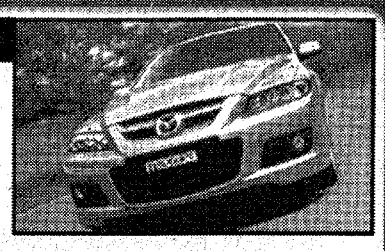

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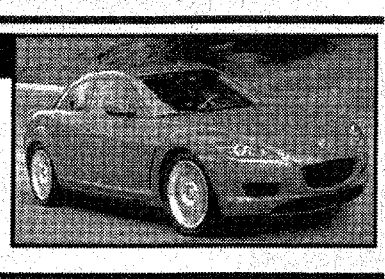

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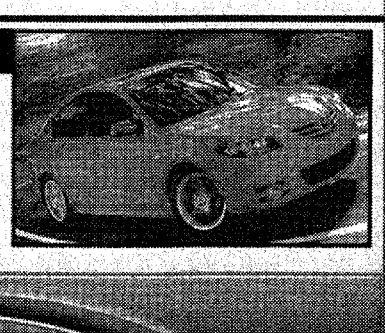

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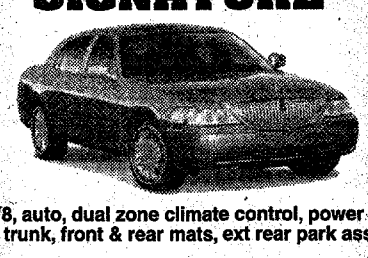

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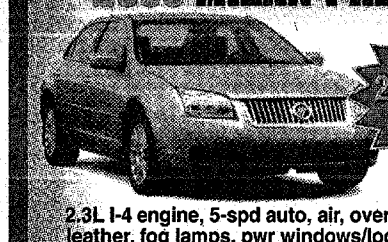

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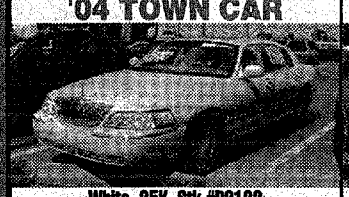

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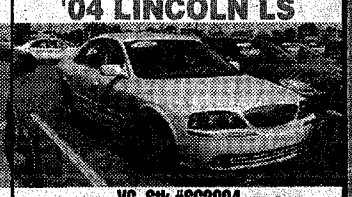

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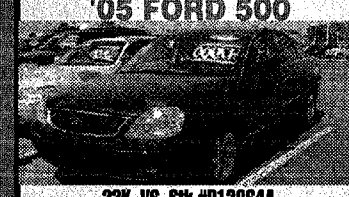

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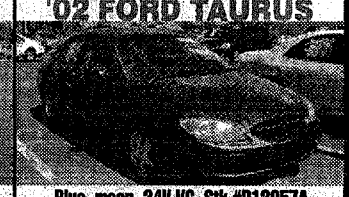

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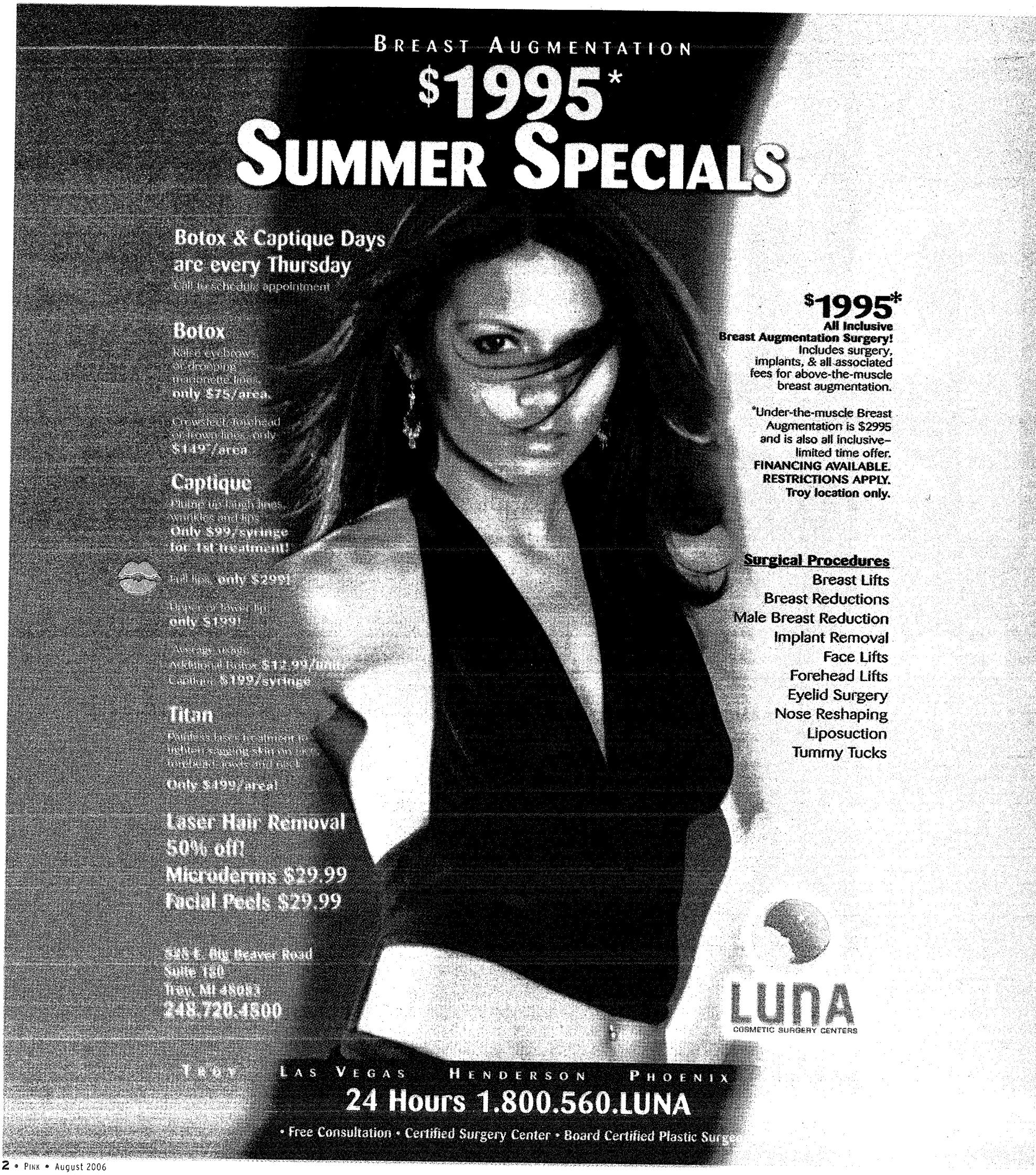

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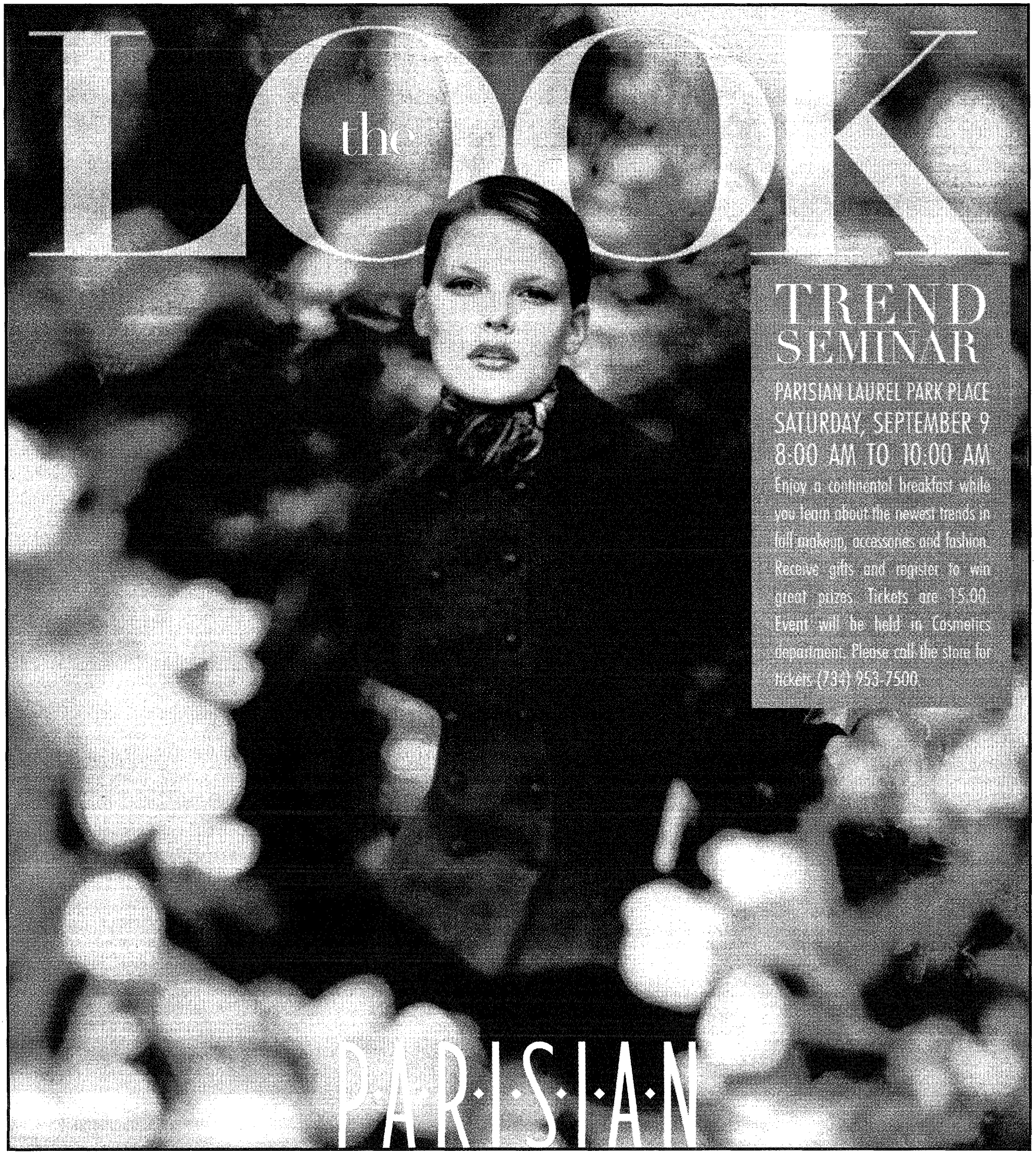
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editor's note

Results are in for PINK Picks Contest!

Dear Readers —

You sure know how to pick 'em.

PINK's 2nd Annual Reader PINK Picks Contest was a huge success.

Readers across the Metro area, ages 13 to 71, shared their top picks for what to wear, hear, see and do, in hopes of winning a $500 shopping spree at Laurel Park Place.

A panel of PINK Ladies here at the O&E grabbed out pink highlighters and gathered to judge the contest, but it was much harder than we thought.

Many of your entries were so well thought out, so delightful and so seriously fabulous that we simply couldn't decide.

So we picked more than one winner!

- Our top prize, the $500 gift certificate, went to 22-year-old Farmington gal **Kimberly Otsuji**. Read her picks on Page 12.

We also awarded three runner-up prizes:

- **Michelle Landry**, 20, of Bloomfield Hills, won a $50 gift certificate to Rococo Boutique in Northville. Landry's picks will appear on the Aug. 24 PINK Page.
- **Tricia Taormina**, 15, of Livonia, won a $50 gift certificate to Urban Blues in Northville. Her picks will appear Aug. 31.
- **Cathy Bumgarner**, 29, of Westland, won a $50 gift certificate to Studio 427 Art Gallery and Taurus Cafe in Northville. Her picks will run on the Sept. 7 PINK Page.

But the great entries didn't stop there. We will publish a couple more surprise reader entries throughout the fall, as well as dozens of Honorable Mention picks ... so stay tuned to PINK to find out what Metro Detroit women are buying, reading and talking about.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to enter our PINK Picks contest, and thanks for reading!

Watch for more fun contests in upcoming editions of PINK.

Wensdy (White) Von Buskirk
Editor, PINK

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Go back to school in style

Temperatures are still high, but there's no reason to sweat Fall fashion. Layering is the hottest trend right now for the school-age set, which makes it easy for teens and tweens to find pieces they can wear right now and add to later.

For Her:

In early Fall, girls may start with a tank or lacy camisole, topped with a long tunic. Leggings and skinny jeans are must-haves, and work great with oversized tops, including long cardigans, shirtdresses and sweaters. Skinny leg jeans are hippest in dark washes.

Other slim bottom choices include city shorts and pencil skirts. Hooded fleece jackets, cropped hoodies, cowl necks and deep V-necks also are perfect for layering.

For Him:

He'll love jeans or cargo pants with plenty of pockets, topped with hooded sweatshirts, zip-up jackets and logo tees screened with images — especially skulls!

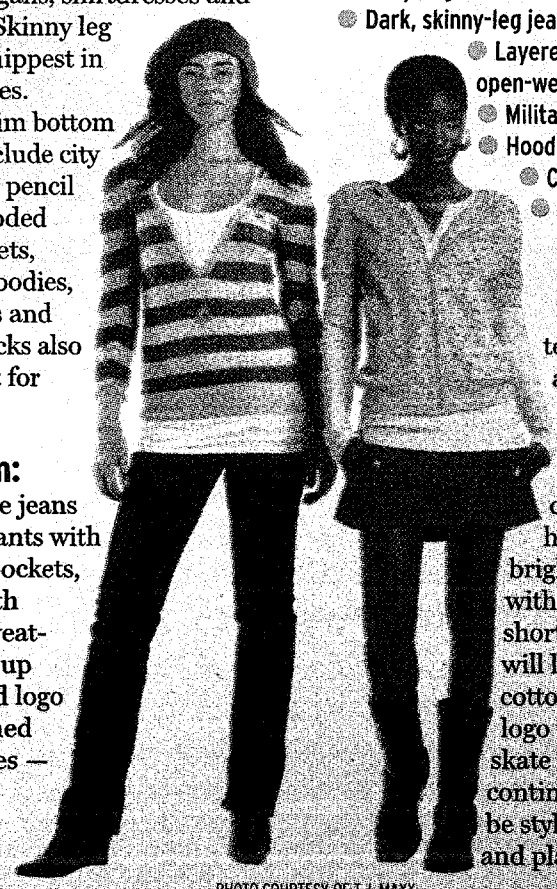
BTS Shopping List:

Children

- Rugby stripes on shirts, scarfs & tees.
- Tiered skirts.
- Brightly colored kilts.
- Gauchos.
- Cargo pants and cargo shorts.
- Hoodie sweatshirts.

Teens

- Leggings under miniskirts, shorts or oversized tops.
- 1980s' accessories, such as wide belts, slouchy bags and even legwarmers.
- Dark, skinny-leg jeans.
- Layered tank tops under open-weave sweaters.
- Military-style jackets.
- Hoodies.
- Cargo pants for him.
- Screened tees.



For Tweens:

As always, preteens enjoy age appropriate versions of teen fashions. Girls will layer cropped appliqué hoodies over bright tees, paired with leggings under a short jean skirt. Boys will love jeans, soft cotton hoodies and logo tees. Surf and skate influenced looks continue, Prepsters will be stylin' in bright polos and plaid dress shirts.

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On the Cover

Yuliya models an Elie Tahari ensemble from Saks Fifth Avenue, including a rivermoss military jacket ($568), brown velvet embellished skirt ($498) and wine silk gauze blouse ($228). Elie Tahari is the featured designer at this year's Fash Bash, Aug. 26. For more, turn to page 13.

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Parisian presents 'The Look'

Get a preview of what's hot for the coming season as Parisian hosts "The Look" at both of its Metro Detroit locations. Each year, Parisian highlights the season's hottest trends in fashion and beauty in its award-winning "magalog." Pick up a preview copy of the glossy publication at "The Look" events at Laurel Park Place and The Village of Rochester Hills. Then, get a feel for Fall as models show Parisian's best new merchandise.

Book an appointment for a makeover at your favorite cosmetics counter to sample the newest seasonal colors, and register to win stylish prizes. Parisian Laurel Park Place adds a twist to "The Look" with an exclusive live fashion show and trend seminar at 8 a.m., featuring Fall's freshest sportswear, accessories and makeup. Join PINK Editor Wensdy Von Buskirk as she helps host this private event. Tickets, $15, include a box breakfast from Sorelle' Tea Company and a goodie bag.

In the meantime, start your shopping list with these top 10 trends courtesy of Parisian:

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Parisian, The Village of Rochester Hills
Noon-3 p.m. Sept. 15 This free event features informal modeling, complimentary makeovers and light refreshments while you shop. Call (248) 276-6705.

Top 10 Fall Must-Haves

1) **Chains and pendants:** Lay on the charm with lockets, crosses and other jewels of choice. Metals matter, especially in burnished finishes. Look for interesting chain manipulations for an eye-catching edge.

2) **Short jackets:** Go boxy or fitted — shape is the key to Fall jackets. Look for cropped cuts with military touches to layer on style.

3) **Cropped pants:** Wonderful, winterized fabrics take pants to new lengths. Patterns please the palette with ultra-delicious stripes, tweeds and plaids.

4) **Knit dressing:** Head-to-toe knits address an '80s sensibility with a modern twist. Comfort meets style in leggings, dresses and soft skirts.

5) **New shape sweaters:** Pump up the volume with tunics, exaggerated V-necks and kimono sleeves. Pair with leggings or narrow denim silhouettes for a flattering, fashion-forward look.

6) **Slim bottoms:** Slim jeans, leggings and straight leg pants prove to be the perfect Fall shape. Walk the line by making them neat and narrow — but not skin tight!

7) **Fancy skirts:** Gathered, pleated or pencil thin, skirts are shaping up to be a Fall favorite, taking gals from their desks to dinner. Look for details like embroidery, lace and beautiful borders.

8) **Romantic blouses:** From poetic to peasant, often with an empire waist, romantic blouses add a feminine feel to Fall.

9) **Best boots:** From knee-high to mid-calf and PINK's favorite ankle styles, boots add the finishing touch to any wardrobe.

10) **Wide belts:** Worn on the hip or at the natural waist, wide belts make accessorizing a cinch!

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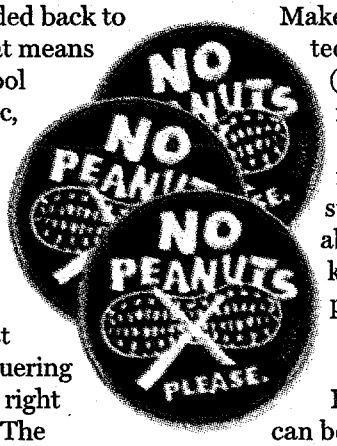
School supplies: safe and sound

By Wendie DeLano

Labor Day is just around the corner and soon your kids will be headed back to school. You know what that means — it's time for back to school shopping! Before you panic, check out some of the cool items we found to keep your kids organized and stylish their first day back.



Cool packs

Whether your child is just starting pre-school or conquering the third grade, finding the right book bag is the key to cool. The Fairfax line of bags at **Pottery Barn Kids** ($35-$49) has something for every little personality. They all have ample room for storage with lots of pockets and include reflective straps for safety. The pre-school backpacks in the line are cute as can be, and fit perfectly in a cubby. Choose the elephant or the alligator design ($19). The bags come in pink, light blue, navy, green or red and if you order online (www.potterybarnkids.com) you can personalize the bag for just $6.

Cute labels

Is your child always losing his stuff? Make sure his back to school gear is protected with labels from **Mabel's Labels** (www.mabel.ca/). The labels are made of super strong adhesive or iron-on so you can label everything from clothing and shoes to toys and supplies. Date labels are also available for lunch bags to let caregivers know exactly when food was prepared. Labels start at $16 per pack.

Allergy alerts

Having a child with a food allergy can be a constant worry once school starts. Now there's a fun, hip way to remind school officials your child has a severe allergy — a new collection of patches, stickers and clothing from Jeeto! The patches can be sewn or ironed onto shirts, pants, hats and backpacks so the message comes across loud and clear! You can find "No Peanuts Please" patches ($12.95) at **The Purple Bear**, 244 East Maple, Birmingham. You can find the complete Jeeto! allergy line at www.jeeto.com.

Stay Cool

By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

Nothing means summer more than a festival filled with arts and crafts, parades of kids throwing candy and tons of vendors selling fried food and lemonade. While checking out everything under the sun at the Farmington Founders Festival last month and catching a few hot rays, PINK asked some local festival-goers:

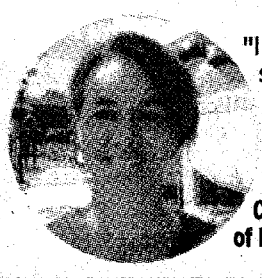
How do you beat the heat?

"I wear tank tops and drink lots of cold water."

Kelly Narowitz, Farmington Hills

"Actually, I have one of those (handheld) electric fans."

Denise Kobos, Livonia

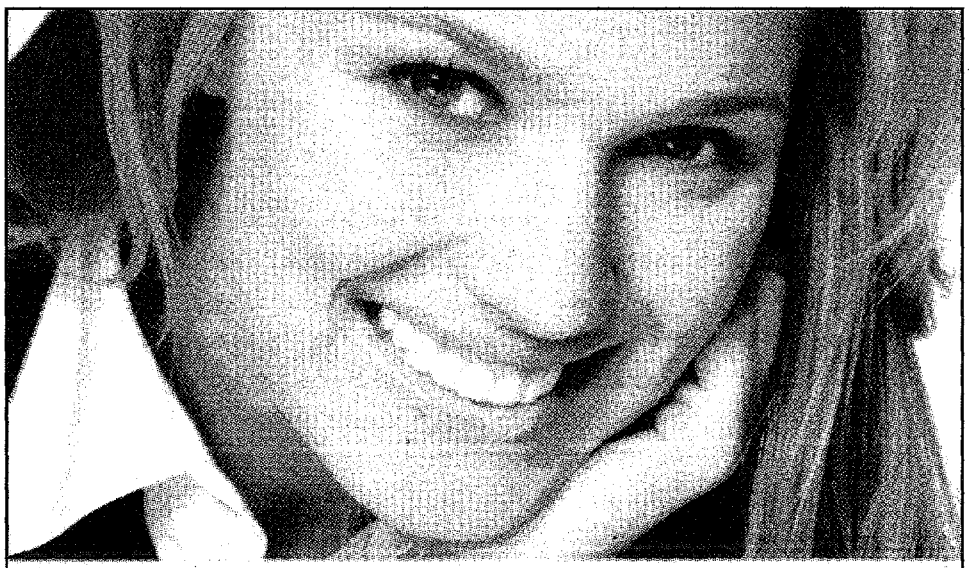


"I run through the sprinklers with my kids or go get ice cream."

Laurie Nelson, Colorado (formerly of Farmington Hills)

"I go to the pool and drink Screwdrivers. You get a little fruit juice in there!"

Terri Davis, Farmington Hills



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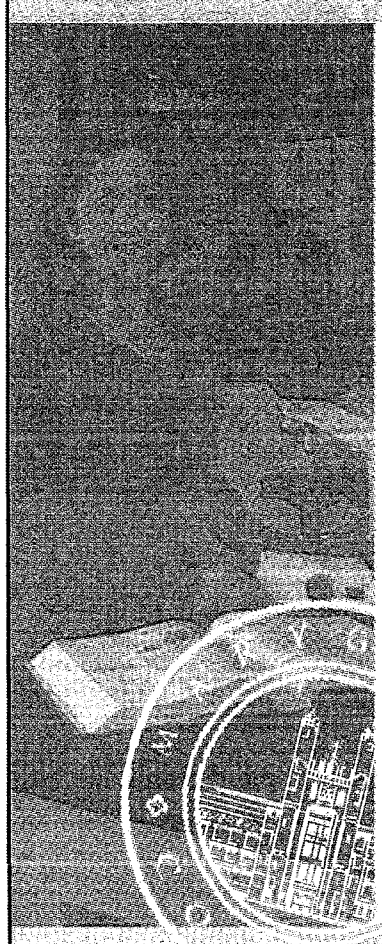

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● By Christy Breithaupt

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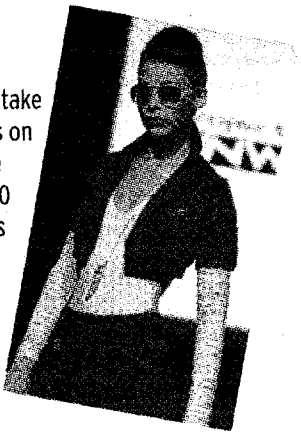
Macy's Department Stores will officially take over Marshall Field's on Saturday, Sept. 9. Be among the first 1,000 guests at any Macy's store that day and receive a free "mystery amount" gift card! During grand opening celebrations at all locations, shoppers will be treated to the latest Fall looks, and their first peek at Macy's private labels, including the trendy I.N.C. brand. Pictured here is the winning Project Runway outfit designed for I.N.C., available in limited supply at Macy's Somerset and Ann Arbor. Visit www.macys.com for more information.

Remarkable Women

Florine Mark of Weight Watchers will present the 7th Annual Remarkable Women Luncheon noon-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. The event includes a keynote address from ABC News 20/20 correspondent Lynn Sherr, and honors "Remarkable Women" from across Metro Detroit. More than 600 women attended last year. Tickets, $55-$60, benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, U-M Cardiovascular Center and the Beaumont Women's Heart Center. For information, call (248) 479-1377, or visit www.florineonline.com.

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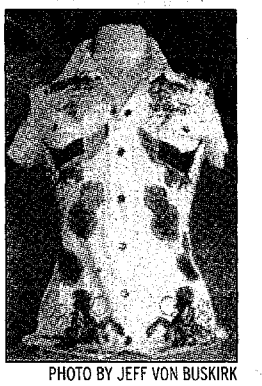
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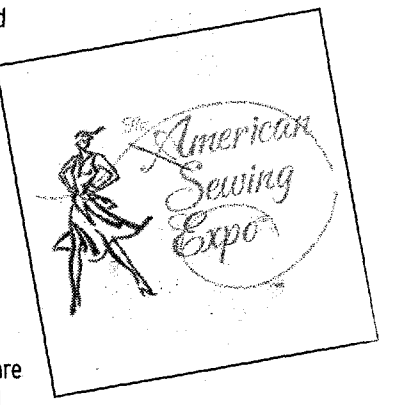
Haven't been to Northville lately? It's worth the trip. A free fashion show at the downtown gazebo 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 will highlight all the great clothing stores in "the new Birmingham." Stop by to see fashions for women of all ages, like this Butterfly Dropout Western button-down from Urban Blues, along with great Fall looks for men, children, brides and expecting moms. Proceeds from sales at the event benefit Mott Children's Hospital.

American Sewing Expo
Whether you're a novice or pro, you'll find inspiration at the American Sewing Expo, coming to the Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The Novi Show includes shopping, seminars, fashion shows, hands-on classes, contests and national fiber arts exhibits. Esteemed teachers will lead workshops in quilting, garment making, doll art, embellishment, home decor and more. $30,000 in prizes will be awarded. Tickets are $12, classes are $12 per hour, and all-day workshops are $95. For more, call (248) 889-3111 or visit www.AmericanSewingExpo.com.



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Make It Work

Designer Sarah Lapinski was named winner of the Haberman Fabrics "Make It Work" fashion design contest with this dress, modeled by Kelly Preston. From a field of 65 designers who entered sketches, 10 finalists were given two weeks and $100 to create a garment for a TV reporter to wear to Detroit's "Fash Bash." Lapinski's dress featured a floor-length pleated skirt pinned up with a dip-dyed flower.

"I'm enamored with this dress," said Kara Janx of *Project Runway*, who served as a judge. "It's consistent with what's going on in fashion, and it has a subtle beauty with a striking color palette."

Pore Perfection

Blush

By Christina Kallery

I'll admit it: summer's not my favorite season. While balmy nights, weekend festivals and cute sundresses get gold-star ratings, the skin woes brought on by Michigan's infamous heat and humidity can make me long for cooler, less clog-tastic days. Determined not to let a few blackheads spoil my summer fun, I asked Dr. Matthew Galumbeck, founder of beauty line Skin Amnesty, to spill his hottest pore-perfecting secrets.

Step 1: Cleanse Skin

"The best way to minimize pore size is to thoroughly cleanse the skin," says Dr. Galumbeck. "You need to remove all impurities and sebum." If your complexion is oily or acne-prone, pick a cleanser containing blemish-fighting ingredients like salicylic acid. Sensitive types should choose a milder formulation. And never go to sleep with your makeup on — it's a recipe for blackheads and other complexion busters.

Step 2: Exfoliate

Nixing dead skin cell build-up is key for maintaining clear pores. "Most people should exfoliate three times a week using a product with a gentle exfoliator such as jojoba beads," Dr. Galumbeck advises. "The jojoba beads dissolve as you use them so you can't overdo it and irritate your skin." You can also try an over-the-counter chemical exfoliator.

Step 3: Mask Up

Pick a product specifically formulated to draw out impurities and clean pores. Apply once a week after exfoliation and leave on for roughly 10 minutes, depending on instructions.

Extra Credit:

If you must, GENTLY extract clogs. "Any licensed aesthetician would tell you never to extract at home because of the risk of scarring the skin," cautions Dr. Galumbeck. "However, if you must, take a warm shower and then apply gentle pressure to the blemish with two cotton swabs."

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My Tryst with 'Slurpee'

What's your secret little indulgence?

Are you Dairy Queen fiend? A chocoholic? Or, maybe you drool over anything Frito-Lay.

In the words of my dear late "Nanna" from Yorkshire, England, "A little of what you fancy does you good!"

I have way too many "fancies," and one is a Slurpee from 7-Eleven.

I was born on 7/11 (never mind the year), and my husband appreciates all those little stores around town that remind him not to forget my special day.

But the 7-Eleven stores are even older than me! On July 11, 2007, this iconic name in convenience shops will celebrate its 80th birthday.

The famous Slurpee, however, is 41 years old, and Detroit ranks among the five top "slurping" cities in the world.

What is it about this slushy sensation? One thing's for sure — it's not just for kids. I've been nosing around a few area 7-Elevens, and I see all sorts of people taking a welcome Slurpee break.

"Regulars" know there's a real knack to grabbing a preferred size cup, snapping on the corresponding lid and turning on the tap to pour just the right amount of this frozen gold.

Mike Kodaly owns the 7-Eleven franchise on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, and David Ortega is the affable store manager. Ortega says, "Slurpee lovers range from kids to professionals to retirees. There's a big 'after school' crowd, and I sometimes help our senior customers prepare their drinks. People also carry them out in numbers."

Flavors include choices for the diet-conscious — uh, that would be me! Aside from Diet Pepsi and Crystal Light, there are the basics — orange, cherry and Coke — as well as such frosty surprises as Kryptonite Ice Green Mountain Dew (in honor of the movie, *Superman Returns*), Arctic Blast Blue "Dew" or "Purple s'creme," a lilac-hued vanilla favorite.

Blend the choices for a flavor burst and kaleidoscope of color. I just discovered a hint of cherry adds some zing to my usual Diet Pepsi.

Farmington Hills resident Kim McColl and her sons, Max, 8, and Benny, 5, enjoy Slurpees about three times a week. She says, "The boys love them for a special treat, and the more they mix up the colors the better."

Straws even come in a spectrum of colors to heighten the moment. Or, buy an edible candy straw made especially for "slurping." (Now that's sweet!) Sizes run the gamut, and theme cups and sport mugs are available for purchase.

Slurpee's no stranger to media attention. On its birthday, 7-Eleven celebrated by offering 7.11-ounce freebies, and David Letterman hyped the fun on his late show. Ortega says, "Slurpee has also appeared on Fox2 TV. We made up a big rainbow one, and put in a candle for its birthday."

Visit www.slurpee.com for fun facts, Slurpee tees and other gear.

Forever avoiding "brain-freeze," Elaine "Lainey" Perlin Crossley can be reached at (586) 612-7177.

reader! **pink picks**

© By Kimberly Otsuji

Kimberly Otsuji's mother was right ...Mary Ann Otsuji taped our 2nd Annual Reader Pink Picks entry form on the fridge and urged her five daughters to fill it out and send it in.

"She said 'You all have such good taste. Somebody will win if one of you girls does it'," Kimberly explains. "So, finally I gave in to the pressure."

Mom knows best. A panel of PINK judges picked the 22-year-old Farmington resident out a field of more than 200 entries to win a $500 shopping spree at Laurel Park Place. Otsuji graduated from Detroit Country Day High School and recently finished up her bachelor's degree from Gordon College in Massachusetts. In the fall, she'll move to London to work as a Lacrosse coach and teacher. With her taste, and that $500 gift card in the pocket of her designer jeans, we're sure Otsuji will find some great clothes at Laurel Park Place for her new job. The only problem is figuring out how to pack a lifetime of style into two 50-pound suitcases! Here are Otsuji's picks, and stay tuned to PINK as we print more standout entries in weeks to come!

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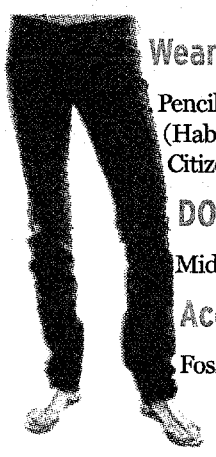


Wear It!

Pencil jeans in a dark wash
(Habitual, Seven,
Citizens of Humanity)

DON'T Wear It!

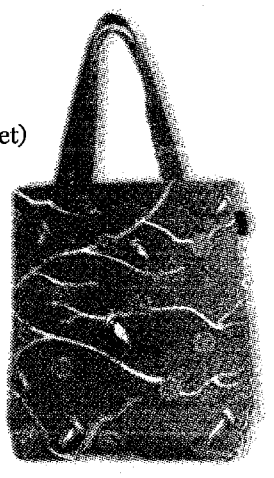
Midriff-baring crop tops

Accessorize It!

Fossil wide band leather watch

Tote It!

Roo Tote
(w/hidden side pocket)



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Fash Bash

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Yuliya models an Elie Tahari look on Beaubien Place Rooftop Deck at the General Motors World Headquarters, where Fash Bash will be staged Aug. 26 overlooking the Detroit/Windsor International Skyline. The wine velvet jacket, ($478), brown challis skirt ($398), and brown brocade bustier ($298) are available at Saks Fifth Avenue. See Elie Tahari's complete Fall 2006 collections at Fash Bash.

Style Profile: Designer Elie Tahari

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

Elie Tahari is the featured designer at this year's Fash Bash, sponsored by the Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Elie Tahari's womenswear is known for its feminine lines and embellishments. Guests at Fash Bash will see the Fall 2006 womenswear collection, along with the Detroit debut of Elie Tahari's menswear in Detroit. PINK caught up with the designer to find out more:

What is the driving inspiration behind your line?

My wife Rory is the main inspiration behind my womenswear and accessories collections — she embodies the style and grace of the woman I create everything for. With menswear, the clothing is for the man who ranks comfort and style on equal footing. It is New York chic, with the laid-back element of California fashion.

What is the specific inspiration behind Fall 2006?

The Elie Tahari Men's collection is inspired by both the chic style of Manhattan and the casual element of Los Angeles.

Designer Elie Tahari

What elements of your background do you feel make you a successful designer?

I started over 30 years ago when I immigrated to the U.S. I was lucky enough to meet with a wonderful man who gave me an opportunity to work in his store. I learned how retail worked and gained insight into the fashion industry. It's not that I thought something was lacking in women's clothing, but rather I had my own thoughts of what makes women look beautiful and sexy.

What is your personal definition of style?

Style is about dressing with complete freedom and individuality. One should be polished, but casual and comfortable at the same time.

Where do you see your line headed in the future?

For the past few years my company has enjoyed explosive growth and we have a number of things in development which is very exciting for everyone at the company.

Fash Bash will mark the debut of your men's line in Detroit. What made you add menswear to your label?

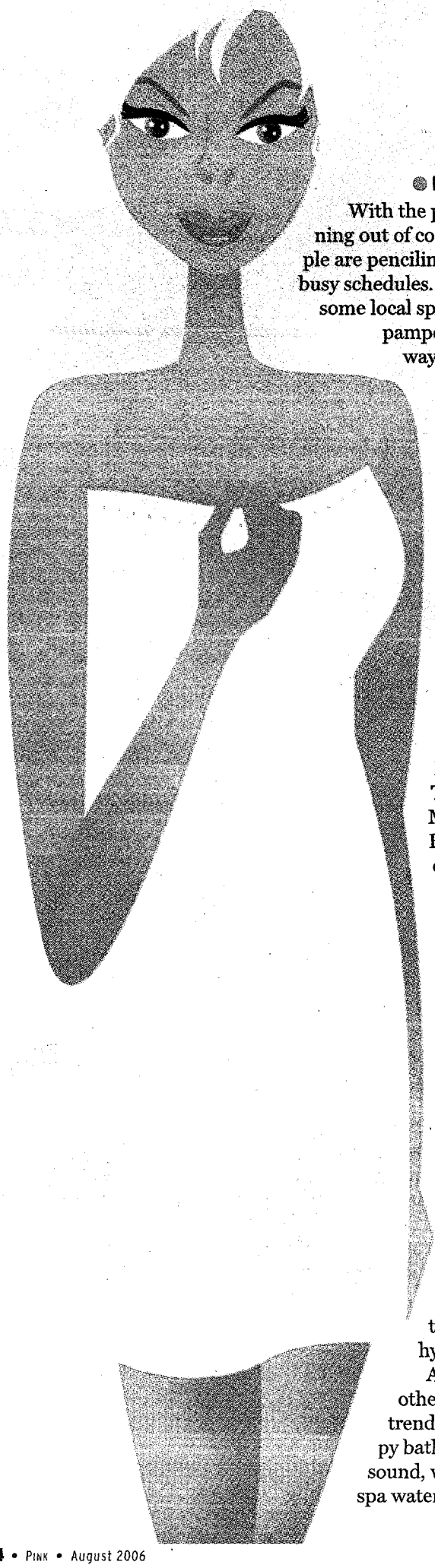
I feel as if there is a category of menswear that is missing from the fashion world. Not all men have to get dressed up in suits each day for work, but yet they still want to look professional and stylish, and this collection fills that void.

Your company is considered a pioneer in retail business technology and communication. How do you keep Elie Tahari on the cutting edge?

I've always been fascinated with technology. We have a great team of experts that are continually looking to improve our business — focusing on how to make it more effective and efficient to serve our customers in the best way possible.

Spa Trends

The latest in pampering



By Wensdy Von Buskirk

With the pace of modern life spinning out of control, more and more people are penciling relaxation into their busy schedules. PINK checked in with some local spas to find out the latest pampering trends infusing their way into Metro Detroit:

Hot Hydrotherapy

Spas trace their origins to the ancient world of public baths — in fact the word 'spa' is an acronym for the Latin phrase for "health through water." Modern spas are returning to their roots by offering creative water treatments to relax and rejuvenate.

Om Spa in Dearborn developed the "Hammam Detoxifying Body Treatment" as a nod to Mediterranean Hammam Houses, where visitors sat on a stone floor in a hot room, and were drenched by buckets of water from above. At Om, dim lighting, steam and rich scent help recreate the ritual of the Hammam House.

Guests are massaged with detoxifying oils of coffee and orange, then rinsed by the vichy shower, which has seven water jets trained on the chakras of the body ($225 for 110 minutes). Spa Manager Claire O'Reilly said the vichy shower is growing in popularity because it leaves the skin revitalized and hydrated.

According to SpaFinder, other growing water-based spa trends include color hydrotherapy baths, vapor caves, liquid-sound, watsu, deluge showers and spa water parks.

More and More Men

Forget metrosexuals and ubersexuals — average Joes are seeking out spa treatments like never before. According to Spa Finder, men make up 30 percent of all U.S. spa-goers, and local spas are seeing a rise in male clientele.

Carol Lewis of **Carol Lewis Day Spa** in Birmingham reports men are booking appointments for ear cleaning, facials to heal acne, and waxing (the back is the most popular area).

In reaction to the trend, men-only spas are cropping up across the nation that carry men's grooming products, and offer old-school amenities like traditional barber services, boxing robes, bars, sports viewing, cigar rooms, pool tables and gyms. In Southfield, partners Gina Coleman and Gia Marable opened a bi-level split spa in June with separate areas for both sexes — The Green Room for women, and **Manhood: A Grooming Gallery for Men**. Services at Manhood include manicures, pedicures, haircuts and styling, facials, ear candling and aromatherapy, along with hot rock, full body and upper body massage. Manhood also includes a café, lounges with flat-screen televisions, and Wi-Fi Internet.

Spa Parties

Groups of gals are now booking spa time together to celebrate weddings, baby showers or simply an indulgent girls night out. **Style the Salon** in West Bloomfield hosts private "Pampered Glamour Nites" for parties of 15 or more, that feature boutique shopping, hors d'oeuvres, hairstyling and spa services like manis & pedis, make-up and facials.

Across town, **The Franklin Spa** stages "Tuesday Night Beauty Bars" each week, offering a martini and manicure for $19. The spa also caters to divas-in-training with four new glam-gal party concepts, including "All Dressed Up and Runway To Go," which treats 5- to 10-year-olds to a complete dress-up makeover, then lets them strut their stuff in a runway show.

At **Ashka Salon** in Canton, co-owner Steve Curry says bridal parties, bachelorettes and moms clubs are booking sample service days, where they pay one price and get a taste of several indulgences.

Spa Trends:

- Booking time instead of treatments so you can decide once you get there.
- Online spa certificates (try www.carollewisdayspa.com) to print out for last-minute gifts.
- Couples massages followed by fresh fruit and champagne toasts.
- Off-menu spa treatments tailored to individual spa-savvy clients.
- Social spa-ing with group-friendly activities like Tango-Zen lessons, Texas Hold'em, group mud experiences and singles' nights.
- Spa tourism featuring mind/body/spirit activities like labyrinth walks, energy work, chakra balancing, acutonics, meditation, yoga and good, old-fashioned sleep aided by plush bedding and blackout shades.

Source: SpaFinder.com

Recently, a booster club for the Plymouth High School Wildcats held a pamper day fund raiser. Ashka spent the afternoon pampering 30 ladies, then split the ticket price with the Wildcats. "It was really nice, and gave them exposure to salon and spa services while contributing money to their cause," Curry says.

Medical Spas

Many plastic surgeons are opening spas in their facilities to treat patients to a more complete experience, offering spa services that promote healing as well as relax patients who may be apprehensive. At **Visage Spa** in Bloomfield Hills, Dr. Michael Freedland embraces holistic health along with modern medicine. Patients get facials to cleanse and prep their skin for surgery. After procedures like liposuction, they recover in a hypobaric oxygen healing chamber to promote healing.

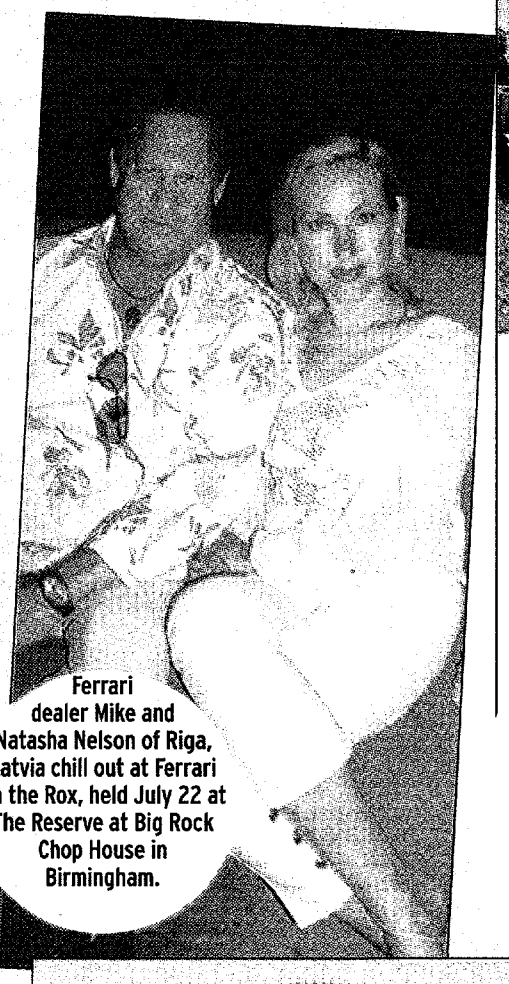
Doctors at the Birmingham Institute of Plastic Surgery send patients to the **Orchid Day Spa** downstairs, where aestheticians work under the supervision of plastic surgeons to provide laser hair removal, glycolic peels and permanent makeup.

If a patient doesn't make a good candidate for plastic surgery, doctors often recommend microdermabrasion or other non-surgical treatments to improve their appearance.

pink carpet

By Sally Gerak

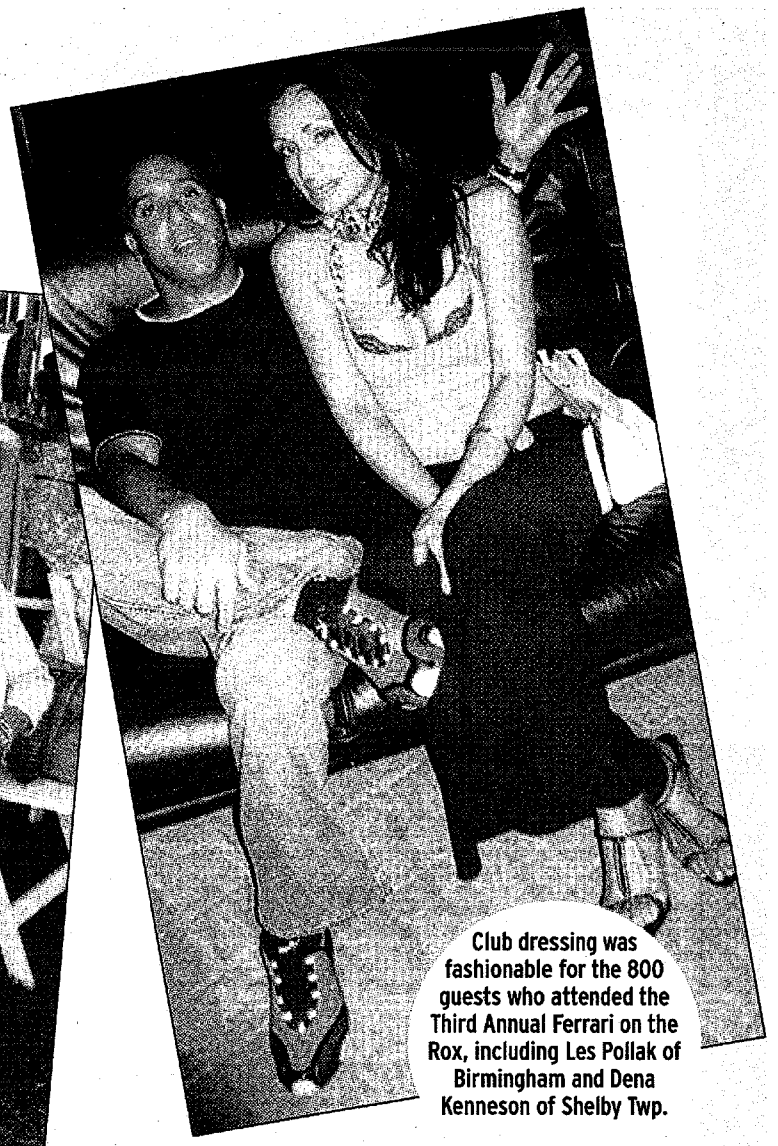
Summer is the time for easy style, and PINK attended several soirées this season to track down local PINK Carpet looks:



Ferrari dealer Mike and Natasha Nelson of Riga, Latvia chill out at Ferrari on the Rox, held July 22 at The Reserve at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham.

Florine Ministrelli, of West Bloomfield, wears a crochet tunic over an ensemble of white as she dances with hubby Peter Ministrelli at her Sunday Night Fever birthday party, held at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

At the Detroit Polo Club's Mane Event at Ford Headquarters, hats were the fashion statement. Here, Shauna Ryder Diggs of Grosse Pointe tops off her colorful outfit with a straw chapeau.

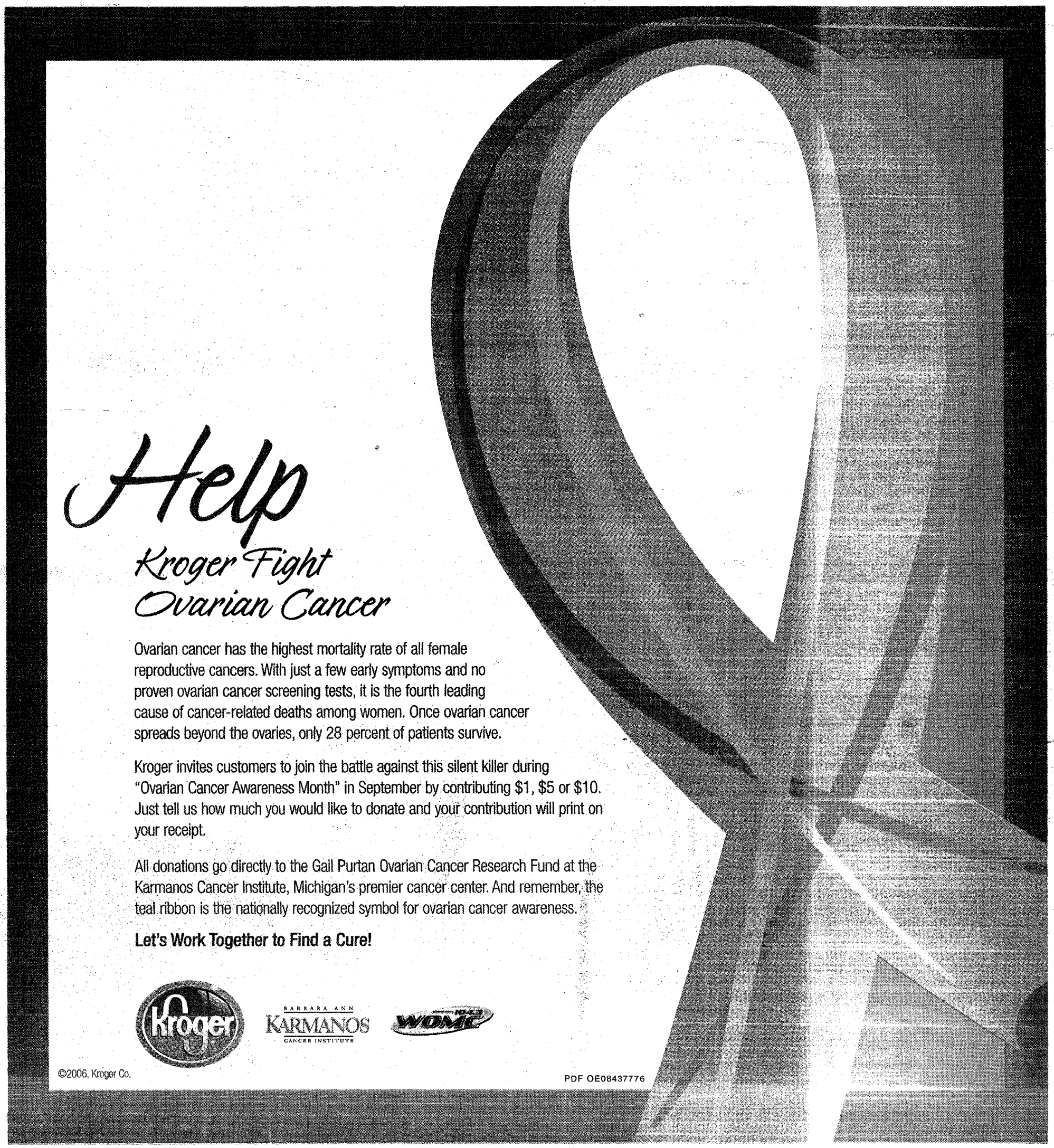


Club dressing was fashionable for the 800 guests who attended the Third Annual Ferrari on the Rox, including Les Pollak of Birmingham and Dena Kenneson of Shelby Twp.

Madeline (left) and John O'Neill of Bloomfield Hills, and Emily Otting of Farmington keep cool in a neutral palette at Mane Event, to benefit Henry Ford Hospital.

Robin Zohourian (left) of Rochester, Tlanda McDonald of Bloomfield Hills, and Debbie Cousens of Clarkston embody summer elegance at the Concours d'Elegance Gala Dinner, held Aug. 5 on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall.

Bonnie Jobe of Bloomfield Hills looks chic in a sparkly St. John knit, as she poses beside a 1928 custom Mercedes Benz SS at the Concours d'Elegance.



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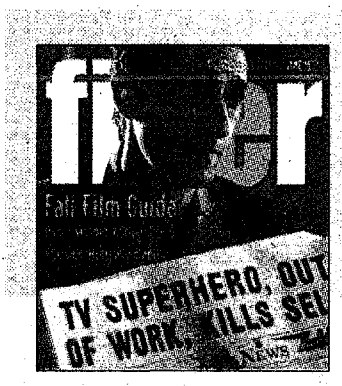

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Bringing burial ground to life

Students get history lesson clearing cemetery

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 16, 1889, the *Plymouth Mail* published a letter from one of Plymouth's earliest settlers, John Tibbits, whose family once owned nearly 400 acres of what would later become Plymouth Township.

In the letter, Tibbits lamented the fact the family cemetery, located on an acre-and-a-half, had become overgrown with weeds and brush. So much so he couldn't tell where his relatives were buried.

"I would like to die and be buried in the old family burying ground where sleep most of my kindred, but I found such a mess of tangled brush that I found it difficult to locate the exact spot where all my kindred were buried," Tibbits wrote. "Such a state of things is not very creditable to any Christian community. The first white man dying in Plymouth was named Chase, who died at our house, and was buried in the old cemetery sixty three years ago."

Nearly 117 years later, that parcel — located only a few yards from the north edge of North Territorial, a half-mile west of Sheldon — is still overgrown with weeds and brush, and hidden so well that very few people even know there's a cemetery located there, let alone find evidence of gravesites.

However, last fall, Salem High School history teacher Darrin Silvester recognized the significance of the century-old cemetery, and decided to involve his Michigan history class in helping to restore it.

"To my knowledge, it's the oldest cemetery remaining in Plymouth," Silvester said. "The oldest had been

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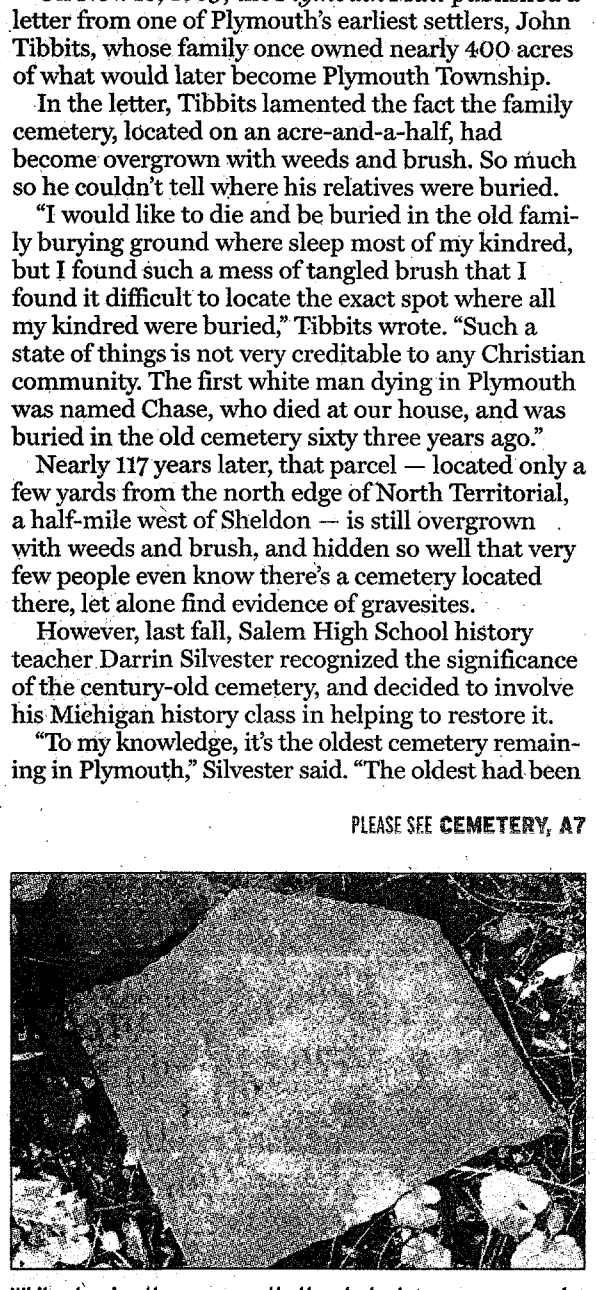

While clearing the overgrowth, the student group uncovered a few traces of what remains of the 19th-century headstones.

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Salem sophomore Myles Aten (left) and Canton senior Kyle Kurtz work on clearing brush from an old cemetery revealing whats left of the 19th-century headstones.

Priorities in order

Survey tells board voters saw different set of needs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters turned down a two-question $120-million bond proposal in May because they had different priorities than those put forth by the Board of Education.

That was the finding of an $18,000 post-election survey conducted for the district by pollster Ed Sarpolus of the Lansing-based research firm EPIC/MRA, which Sarpolus presented to trustees Tuesday night.

"There was a lot of talk it was the economy, stupid," Sarpolus said. "Your community ... has a perception of what they believe the priorities are in this school district, and any proposal from you has to match their priorities."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think of the survey results? Let us know by e-mailing a letter to the editor at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or calling (734) 459-2700.

What school board trustees discovered during a synopsis of the 73-question survey was voters opposed a new pool at Plymouth High School (22 percent), athletic improvements at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (16 percent), a new theater at Plymouth High School (11 percent), new athletic fields at Canton High School (9 percent) and an auxiliary gym at Salem High School (4 percent).

Despite the fact those issues were placed on the second ballot question for $24.8 million, voters also turned down the first-question bond of $95.4 million for building expansions, a new middle school in Canton and a Career and Technical Education (CTE) center at the high school park.

"You have 78 percent of the community that don't have kids in the schools that are voting," Sarpolus said. "So, it's nonparents who are making the decisions for you at the ballot, not the parents.

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Another Chelsea?

Theater company aims to stage productions in Plymouth

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, founded by actor Jeff Daniels, has become one of southeast Michigan's biggest supporters of small theater productions by developing playwrights, actors, designers and directors, while drawing audiences from all over.

With that success story in mind, Craig Hane believes Plymouth can become the next Chelsea, and the Plymouth Historical Museum – or even a renovated Penn Theatre – the next Purple Rose Theater.

Hane, a Farmington Hills native who now lives in Plymouth, is more than mindful of the idea; he's banking

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TO THE STAGE

Here's a list of the productions Barefoot Productions plans for its premier season:

- *Talking With...* by Jane Martin; 11 women "talk" among the audience, telling diverse tales; Oct. 26-29.
- *The Elephant Man* by Bernard Pomerance; the true story of John Merrick, a man whose body is hideously deformed but which covers a sensitive and intelligent being; Dec. 8-10 and Dec. 16-17.
- *Later Life* by A.R. Gurney; Feb. 14-18.
- An Evening of Mystery; Featuring two one-act murder mysteries, *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard and *An Inspector Answers* by Norman Phillip Hart; April 2007.

All performances in the lower level of the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main.

Truck accident forces M-14 closure

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A truck driver hauling canisters of oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen apparently didn't see stopped traffic in the M-14 construction zone and slammed into the back of a stopped car, triggering an accident that left one man on his way to the hospital and his truck overturned on the crowded highway.

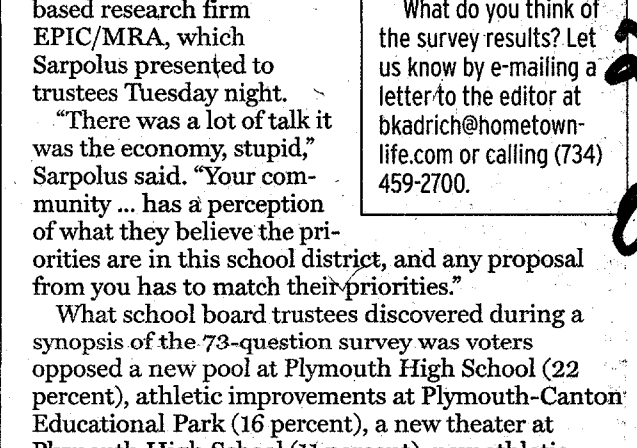
The accident, which happened around 4 p.m. Monday, forced Michigan State Police to close M-14 — already swollen with traffic due to the construction project — for about eight hours between Gotfredson and I-275.

According to MSP Sgt. Rita Murphy, the truck driver "apparently didn't see (traffic) stopping, ran into the car in front of him, went off to the side and hit a couple more cars."

The chain reaction, she said, caused the truck to jackknife and then roll over, spilling the canisters it was carrying onto M-14. That hazardous materials situation forced the closure of the highway, she said.

Westbound traffic was redirected to I-275, while eastbound traffic was shuttled onto Ford Road.

According to Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Randy Maycock, the Western Wayne County HAZMAT team was called in, and the canisters were cleaned up without incident. PCFD firefighters helped secure the scene, coordinated the arrival of a Medflight helicopter and tended to medical care.



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Firefighters don air masks before removing canisters of gasses that spilled from an overturned truck after an accident that left M-14 shut down for some eight hours Monday afternoon.

"It made for quite a mess," Maycock said.

The driver of the car initially hit by the truck was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti, where he was treated for minor injuries and "was fine," Murphy said.

Maycock said three PCFD firefighters were transported to the hospital with minor injuries; all three were treated, released and cleared for duty the same day.

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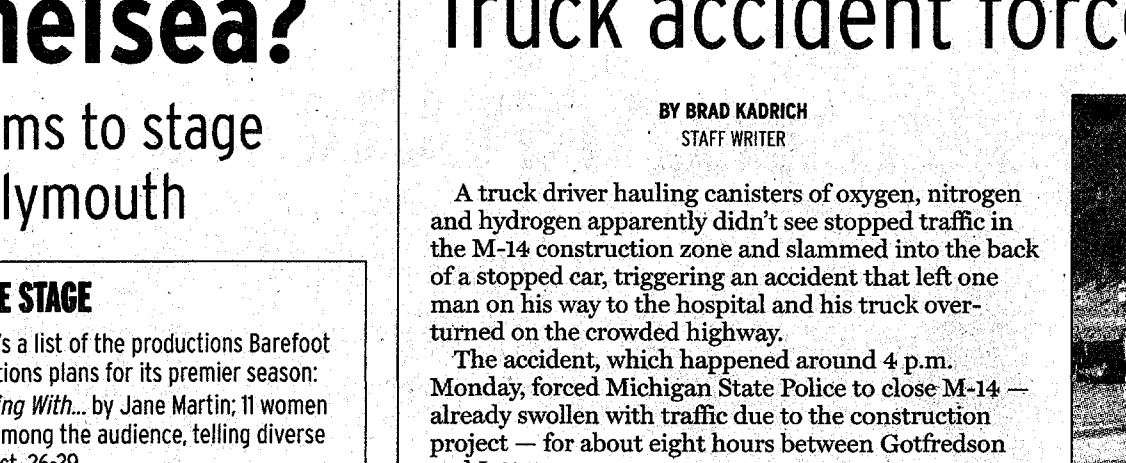

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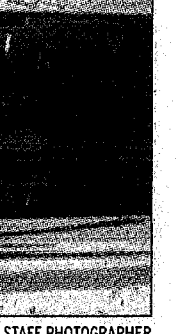
Coming Sunday in Health



As children return to school, many are burdened by anxieties about their classes, teachers and classmates.

Calling all chili cooks

Organizers of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, returning to Plymouth this year after a one-year absence, are looking for Chili Cooks to compete in the event, set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 in downtown Plymouth.

The winner takes home $1,000 in prize money, a great, big chili-pepper trophy and the chance to compete in the Chili Cook-off World Championship put on by the International Chili Society, where the world champ will win $25,000.

Along with the traditional red Chili competition there is a Chili Verde contest (Green Chili) and a Salsa contest. A best-booth contest and People's Choice winners will also be awarded prizes.

Just want to just come and sample chili? More than 60 different chilies will be available at $1 per sample, starting at 3 p.m., for those who just want to sample the chili.

Area restaurants will get in on the excitement at the "Restaurant Chili Challenge," serving up their best chili and competing to be the best restaurant chili in the land of western Wayne County.

Fifteen restaurants will be competing for this year's award, including the defending restaurant, downtown Plymouth's Omelette & Waffle Café. Bowls of chili will be available at $4 per bowl 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All money raised during this event, which also includes a motorcycle bike show and a Chili Ride planned by Motor City Harley Davidson, goes to Habitat For Humanity.

To register or for more information contact Annette Horn at nativewest@sbcglobal.net or call (734) 455-8838. There's also information on the Web at www.chilicookoff.com. For bike show or Chili Ride information, call (248) 473-7433 or go to www.motorcityharley.com

Tiny Tots openings

The Plymouth Family YMCA and Salvation Army Tiny Tots preschool program still has openings for its 3-year-old program, which meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Salvation Army center on Main Street.

The program fee is $90 a month plus a registration fee of $35. This programs focuses on the academic development of your child through social, physical, emotional and mental activities.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Family YMCA, (734) 453-2904, or the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464 today.

Entertainment books

■ The Beckridge Chorale (formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus) has the new 2007 Entertainment Books and is selling them to support their charitable and educational activities.

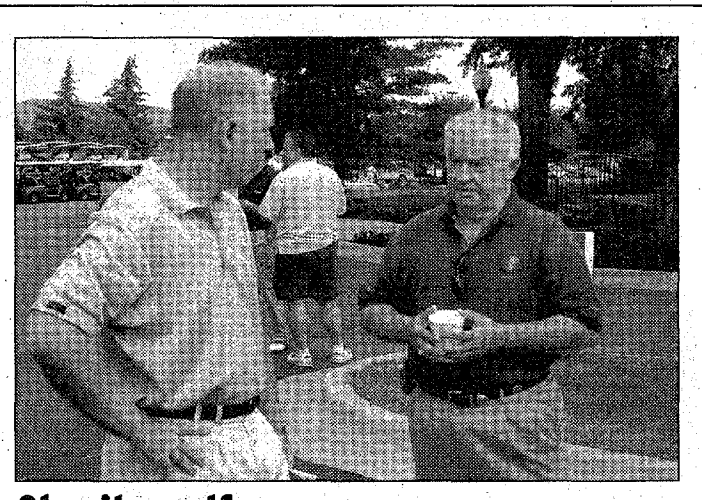
The book contains 2-for-1 and 50-percent-off deals for restaurants, entertainment, hotels, sporting events, plane fares, car rental, etc. Retail price is $25; however, the chorale is offering them for $20.

The books will be delivered, and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6829.

■ The Plymouth Optimist Club is also selling the books, at their new fund-raising price of $20. They can be picked up at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

The book offers up to 50-percent savings on casual dining, fast food, fine dining, travel and hotels, entertainment and sports, and retail and services on everything from apparel to flowers.

Proceeds benefit children's causes. For information, call (734) 453-8253.



Charity golf

Jim McElya, CEO of Cooper-Standard, talks with John Tuohy, past National Commandant, Marine Corps League, at the charity golf outing Cooper-Standard Automotive sponsored to raise funds for "Marines Helping Marines," a charity assisting veterans of the military and their families, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township. The event raised some $20,000 for "Marines Helping Marines," a program created by the Marine Corps League in 2004 to benefit veterans of all U.S. branches of the military in a wide variety of situations, and also assist veterans' families who require financial assistance to stay with their loved ones at military hospitals or care centers.

Plymouth Newcomers

The Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors have the following events coming up:

■ Sept. 8-10: Annual free Children's Coloring Contest at the Fall Festival in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Open to children ages 2-12. Winners will be showcased at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and will receive an age-appropriate prize.

■ Sept. 14: Annual Fall Membership Mixer Kick-Off at Boulders Restaurant, 1020 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

Blood drive

St. Kenneth Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27.

Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are also welcome. St. Kenneth Church is located on Haggerty near 5 Mile.

For more information, call Norma Moss, (734) 451-1822.

Crafters needed

Crafters & Vendors are needed for The Plymouth Salvation Army's Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 14.

The fair runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to rent an eight-foot table is $25. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Call Cassie at 734-453-5464 or e-mail cassie_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org for more information.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9.

The exchange is open to everyone; bring a healthy plant, take a healthy plant. The club will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House.

Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

Old-Timers picnic

The annual Plymouth Old-Timers Picnic takes place noon Thursday, Aug. 24 in the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park.

A catered meal will be provided for $8 per person. Long-time residents of the community should plan on attending!

For more information or to make a reservation, call Richard Sharland, (734) 453-4661.

Senior Fest

The annual Plymouth Senior Fest Picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Waterford Bend Park at 6 Mile and Northville Road.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 6 at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging office, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Tickets are $6 and are available to residents only. The ticket includes a box lunch, entertainment and prizes.

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Recent research again warns that young school children carry backpack loads that endanger their health. The latest study involved five boys and five girls, all aged 13, who wore identical backpacks that were outfitted with pressure sensors in the shoulder straps. At first, the children wore backpacks that weighed 10% of their body weight. Then, they wore backpacks that were equal to 20% of their body weight, followed by backpacks weighing 30% of their body weight. As the weight increased, the children's pain increased. The recorded surface pressure was higher than the pressure threshold at which normal skin and muscle blood flow is obstructed. Parents are advised to reduce children's backpack weight and to use hip straps for even more weight distribution.
Keeping your child's backpack cleaned out, storing old assignments, and leaving extras such as video games and inline skates at home can help to lighten the load. When your family requires physical therapy care, call the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.
P.S. Most experts recommend that children carry no more than fifteen percent of their body weight in their backpacks, but any weight that causes pain or strained posture is too much.
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Rotary works for clean water

Fund-raiser aims to help developing countries

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Kennedy looked down at the icy cold bottle of water she held in her hand, and paused before the words left her mouth: "Children die every day because they don't have clean drinking water."

Kennedy, who is president of the Canton Rotary Club, has joined leaders from five other local Rotary International clubs - two from Livonia, two from Plymouth, and the Northville Rotary - to take on a little piece of the huge effort to bring drinkable water to the developing world.

"It's a conglomerate of Rotary clubs that are all hellbound to help the clean water effort in Central America," said Greg Greene, Livonia Rotary, of The Agua Project (TAP), one of Rotary International's projects abroad.

To help raise money for the TAP projects, the local Rotary clubs are hosting a fund-raiser this November at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

The two projects will bring biosand water filters to homes in Honduras, and will bring a water pipeline and the filters to a community in El Salvador.

It's just a little help to solve a big problem, said Wayne Titus, who is also on the local TAP committee.

"Three million children die from diarrhea every year," he said, adding that the main cause is contaminated water. Further, in countries where many of the men and women work on farms to provide for their families, they don't have enough water to keep themselves strong, and are susceptible to kidney disease as a result.

"The average American uses about 35 gallons of water per day," Titus said, putting the issue into perspective. "The average person in the developing world uses just three. That's about the same as a single toilet flush."

El Salvador in particular needs help, he said, because its water infrastructure was destroyed during a civil war in the 1980s. Then in 2001, an earthquake shifted the aquifers, making much of the drinking water non-potable.

"Then in 2005, hurricane Stan sat over most of Central America, and caused 2,000 deaths," Titus said. "We never heard about that here in the United States, because we were dealing with our own issues post-Katrina."

And that's something that people ask him about all the time.

"People ask me all the time why we would do something like this in Central America when we have so much need at home," Titus said. "I say that at least here we do have some kind of social safety net. It's not perfect, but there is something. There, people can't count on anybody for help, not their government, not anyone."

The kick-off event for the local TAP projects is 1:30-4:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

"We're hoping it will become an annual event," Greene said. "The need is not going away any time soon."

In addition to bowling, there will be pizza and soft drinks served, and there will be prizes and drawings. The group is not only looking for people who want to participate by bowling and donating money, but also groups who wish to help sponsor the event, and who wish to donate prizes.

"Actually, we could use a sponsor to provide water," said Canton Rotary's Martha Snow.

For more information, contact Wayne Titus at wbt@amdgservices.com, or at (734) 737-0866, Ext. 1091.

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Plenty of available safe water is a given for most of us. But that's not true in many other countries. Local Rotarians Greg Greene, Lisa Kennedy, Wayne Titus, Martha Snow, and Jan Eisen will join forces with some help from Canton Super Bowl's Mike Reffitt (standing second from left) to raise funds for the Agua Project.

Spaghetti on the menu at Fall Festival

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Fall Festival and food go together, what with the pancake breakfast and the Sunday chicken dinner.

This year, that tradition gets an addition with the debut of a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Saturday, Sept. 9.

"Our primary motivation for doing it is we have two beneficiaries," said Kate Rosevear, community service chair for the club. A "Field of Dreams" playscape for disabled people at Tanger Center, a Plymouth-Canton school facility, is among those.

The school at Five Mile near Haggerty has a large, underutilized area, Rosevear said, and Rotarians have engaged the services of an architect. "The concept is for people of all ages," she said of the playscape, which will be located at the school for local children ages birth through 6.

"The other beneficiary of our efforts is the Friends of the Penn," Rosevear said. That group seeks to bring cinema and live entertainment back to the dark Penn Theatre on Penniman across from Kellogg Park.

The spaghetti dinner will be served 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the east end of Kellogg Park. Price for dinner is $8 at the door, $7 presale. That includes pasta with a meat or marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage.

"We've had a lot of good advice," said Rosevear of help offered by the other service clubs. The Plymouth Rotary, which meets at noon Friday weekly at the Plymouth Cultural Center, has offered advice based on its successful chicken barbecue.

Kiwanians have been helpful with advice based on their pancake breakfast, as have others, said Rosevear, also a future club president.

At the Plymouth A.M. Rotary event, there'll be an opportunity to win a Toshiba CD/DVD player or 21-inch flat screen TV, or a two-night trip for two to Chicago or Toronto.

The donors are Walter's Appliances of Canton and Rosevear's travel agency, Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

Tickets for the spaghetti dinner will be sold by club President Mark Hammar at his workplace, the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Rosevear will also have tickets at her travel agency on the southwest corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon. Tickets will also be sold at Gabriala's, owned by Rotarian Larry Bird, on Main across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

"Being that this is our inaugural fund-raiser dinner at the Plymouth Fall Festival, we're hoping for a good response from the public," said Hammar. He hopes the event fills a niche between the Kiwanis pancake breakfast Saturday morning and the Plymouth Rotary chicken barbecue Sunday.

"It gives us an opportunity to inform the public as to what the Rotary A.M. club does in the community," Hammar said. It's also an opportunity to recruit new members.

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary meets 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Cultural Center.

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Camp designed to get marchers ready

Plymouth-Canton band hits the field for summer preparations

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

While many students are relishing the respite of the waning days of summer, a group of 187 dedicated local high school artists is already gearing up for a challenging season of performances in the competing marching band circuits.

The nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band filled a sizeable section of the Plymouth High School parking lot the week of August 14, with nine-to-five movement and music during the at-home band camp. That was the second weeklong camp of the summer, not to mention several mini camps.

All that practice has already paid off for the award-winning marchers.

"By now everyone knows each other," said assistant drum major Dave Brooks, a Plymouth junior. "They have their drill now, so it's not just doing the basics everyday. They're getting the excitement of actually putting a show on the field at this point."

Band director Marc Whitlock is pleased with the progress to date as the band prepares for a weeklong away camp at Lake Ann near Traverse City the week of August 21.

MARCHING IN TUNE

Here's when the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hits the field this season:
- Sept. 16 - Novi High School
- Sept. 23 - Woodhaven-Brownstown
- Oct. 7 - Bands of America Regional Championships at EMU's Rynearson Stadium
- Oct. 14 - Great Lakes Invitational at home
- Oct. 28 - MCBA State Championships at Ford Field
- Nov. 9-11 - Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Indianapolis RCA Dome

"From a design standpoint, we're about a week ahead of last year," he said, "so we're hoping we can maintain that."

So does trumpeter Caroline Williams, a Plymouth freshman. Although this is her first year of high school, it's her second with the band since she started performing while an eighth grader.

"They're pushing us harder this year," she said. "We're getting drill earlier and the show is a lot cleaner already. I love the show. I love the music and the marching. The drill is harder, but it's working really well."

This year's show is entitled "The Passion Within."

"We look at certain icons to represent what passion is in an artistic format," explained Whitlock.

The movements include The Dancer; The Painter; The Musician; and Love; and feature music from the soundtrack of "Finding Neverland," Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," "The Prayer," and the theme from "The Red Violin."

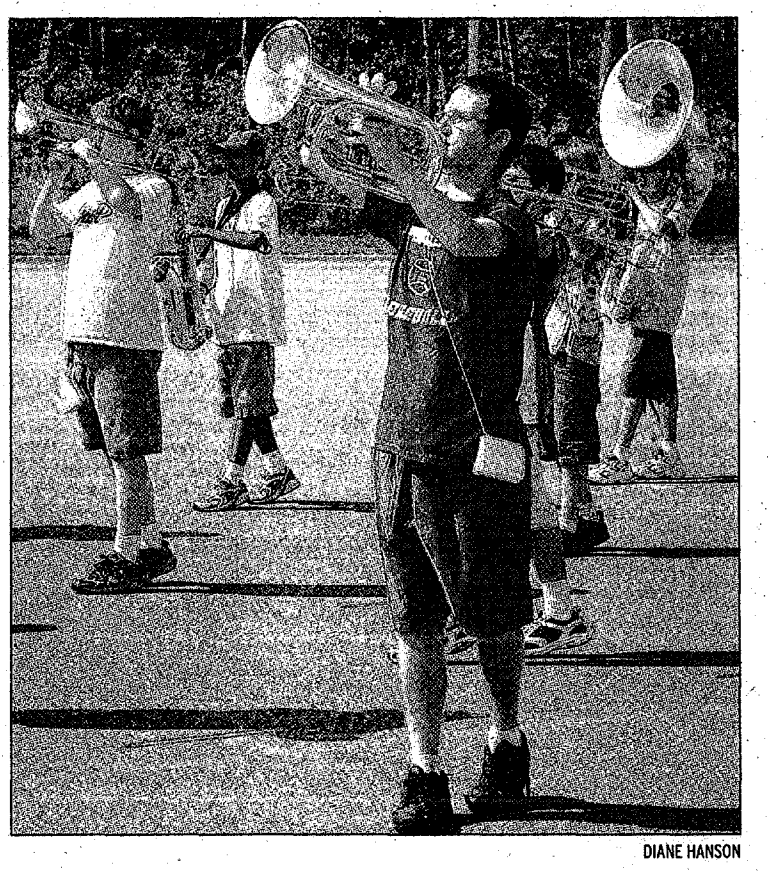
"There's a wonderful screaming saxophone quartet in the middle of the second movement," said Whitlock. "It's extremely fast-paced. It starts at 172 beats per minute and by the time it's finished; it will be more than 200 beats per minute."

"That basically means they'll be taking 200 steps per minute or more than three steps per second. They're really moving!"

Whitlock has nothing but kudos for the students, his staff which includes new assistant director Chris Rutt from Pennsylvania, the music boosters, and the community as the fall season begins.

"The kids are great," he said. "The chemistry of the group is really strong. There is a good work ethic and a positive nature about the group during rehearsal time."

"We are very privileged to be in a community that really enjoys and supports the fine arts," noted Whitlock. "It truly takes a community to make a great product like the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band."



DIANE HANSON

Baritone player Mike Wells marches the opener of this year's P-CMB competition piece with fellow low brass section members during at-home band camp in the Plymouth parking lot on Aug. 17.

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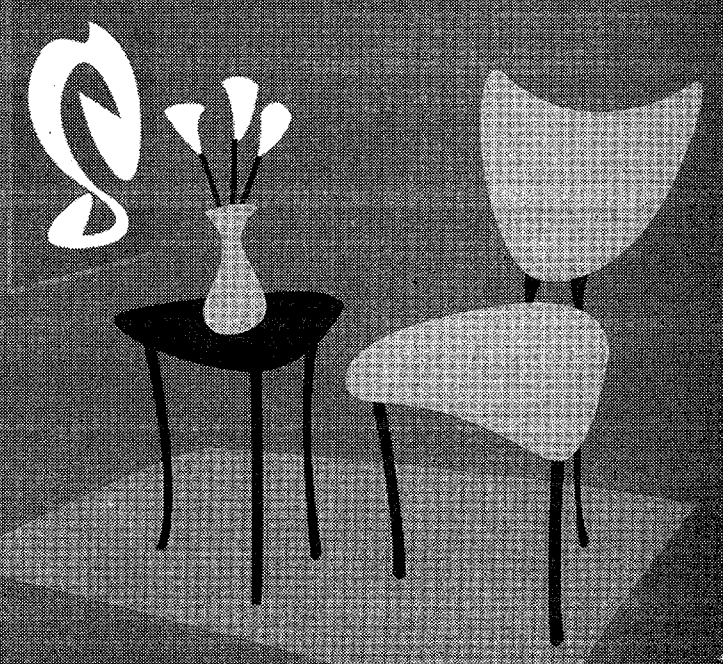

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DEATHS

B

George Appleton Ball Sr.
Ball, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Aug. 12.

Mildred Pauline Beers
Beers, 87, died Aug. 14.

Marian Bordine
Bordine, 91, died.

D

Edwin H. Drescher Jr.
Drescher, 84, of Livonia, died Aug. 10.

F

John R. "Jack" Fitzgerald
Fitzgerald, 77, formerly of Livonia, died Aug. 15.

G

Janice Tibus Gallesero
Gallesero, 47, died Aug. 17.

L

Nancy R. Leonard
Leonard, 89, died Aug. 20.

M

Christopher Joseph Mayone
Mayone, 44, of Beverly Hills, died Aug. 20.

Dee McMullen
McMullen, 98, of Plymouth, died Aug. 18.

P

Helene Elaine Pietila (nee Maatta)
Pietila, 86, of West Bloomfield, died Aug. 11.

William H. Powell
Powell, 94, of Westland, died Aug. 21.

R

Helen B. Robertson
Robertson, 89, died Aug. 16.

Paul C. Robertson Sr.
Robertson, 89, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 17.

S

Reta Marie Simons
Simons, 93, formerly of Bloomfield Township, died July 8.

Barbara K. Slocum
Slocum, 75, died Aug. 17.

W

Jennie L. Worley
Worley, 73, died Aug. 15.

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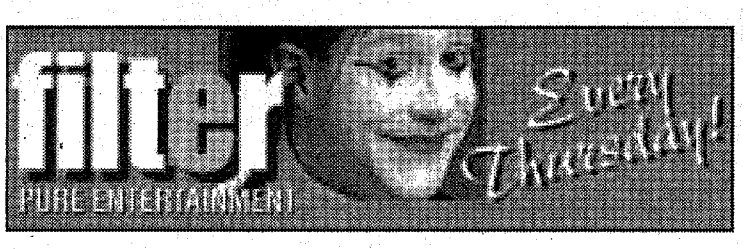

Plymouth man heads to Israel for study

At a time when global health issues are constantly in the news, with stories on Avian Flu, the AIDS epidemic and natural disasters making headlines daily, health professionals with the specialized skills required to successfully meet these new and growing challenges are in demand.

Christopher LaFond of Plymouth will be at the forefront of this field when he begins his studies at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Faculty of Health Sciences Medical School for International Health in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center.

On July 30, LaFond began his first year as a member of the class of 2010 at the MSIH, located on Ben-Gurion University's campus in Beer-Sheva, Israel, in the country's Negev Desert region. The MSIH's class of 2010 includes men and women who originally hail from the U.S., Canada, Poland, Germany, Israel and Nigeria.

The students spend their first three years at the MSIH attending classes at Ben-Gurion University's Beer Sheva campus. During the fourth year, students may take up to five months of clinical electives at Columbia's affiliated hospitals in New York and must complete a two-month hands-on clinical clerkship in locations including Kenya, Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Peru and Vietnam.

LaFond received a bachelor of science degree in Biology in 2004 and a master's of public health degree with a focus in epidemiology and global health in 2006, both from the University of Michigan. He is the son of George and Ann LaFond of Plymouth.

Prior to enrolling in medical school, LaFond studied in Uganda as an undergraduate and returned to the area as a graduate student to perform research investigating the use of Antiretroviral Therapy in Internally Displaced Person camps. While in Uganda, he also volunteered with a Comboni Missionary member to visit the homes and rehabilitation centers of former child soldiers who had escaped the Lord's Resistance Army.

LaFond has also worked as a research assistant with the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation laboratory at the University of Michigan and has presented the results of his work investigating the Gulu, Uganda Cholera outbreak at the 10th European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training in Menorca, Spain in 2005.

In addition to its four-year American-style curriculum, the MSIH integrates subjects such as infectious diseases, nutrition and disease prevention, humanitarian emergencies, cross-cultural competencies, and community health. Students receive the training essential to practice medicine in varied cultural settings and clinical conditions; skills that will help them pursue careers in the emerging fields of global health and population-based medicine.

The MSIH prepares physicians to work with diverse populations throughout the globe. Now in its ninth year, the Medical School for International Health enrolls more than 100 students from around the world, and counts two Palestinian-Americans among its alumni. Graduates of the MSIH are engaged in residency training and fellowships at over 70 medical centers in the United States. After completing residency training, alumni are expected to make significant contributions to global health through clinical work, policy development and medical education.

For more information on LaFond or the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Faculty of Health Sciences Medical School for International Health in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center, contact the Columbia University office at (212) 305-9587, or visit http://cumc.columbia.edu/dept/bgcu-md

Governor makes local appointments

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has appointed Keith L. Bennett of Plymouth, program director for Goodwill Industries Detroit, has been appointed to represent parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty in representing themselves or are unable due to their disabilities to represent themselves on the Michigan Rehabilitation Advisory Council for a term expiring Sept. 14, 2007.

Bennett succeeds Larry Patton, whose term expired.

Also, Sharon A. Rivera of Canton, international representative for the UAW International, was appointed to represent business, industry, and labor, and the State Workforce Investment Board for a term expiring Sept. 14, 2008. She succeeds Kenneth Miller whose term has expired.

Link in Korea

Link Engineering announced its Brake Testing Laboratory is open for business in Korea. This laboratory is a joint venture with SE Systems, a sales representative for Link in Korea for over 20 years. This laboratory will provide brake testing services to customers throughout Asia, according to Link officials. It is located in the Seoul metropolitan area providing easy access for customers in the region.

This facility is unique in the region being the first such independent laboratory established to provide brake testing services. It has generated a lot of interest from customers with a well attended opening ceremony.

"When we announced the concept of this laboratory, we got an immediate positive response from our customers," Young Shin, president of SE Systems, said. "They have continued to support our efforts and are encouraging us to add additional capabilities as quickly as possible."

In describing this new endeavor, Tim Duncan, Link's Vice President for Testing Services, stated, "This new test capability comes at the perfect time. The amount of testing we are doing for Asian customers is rising rapidly and this new facility will allow us to be more effective in supporting this customer base. This is a critical aspect of our goal of providing the fastest and most accurate brake testing services to all of our customers around the world."

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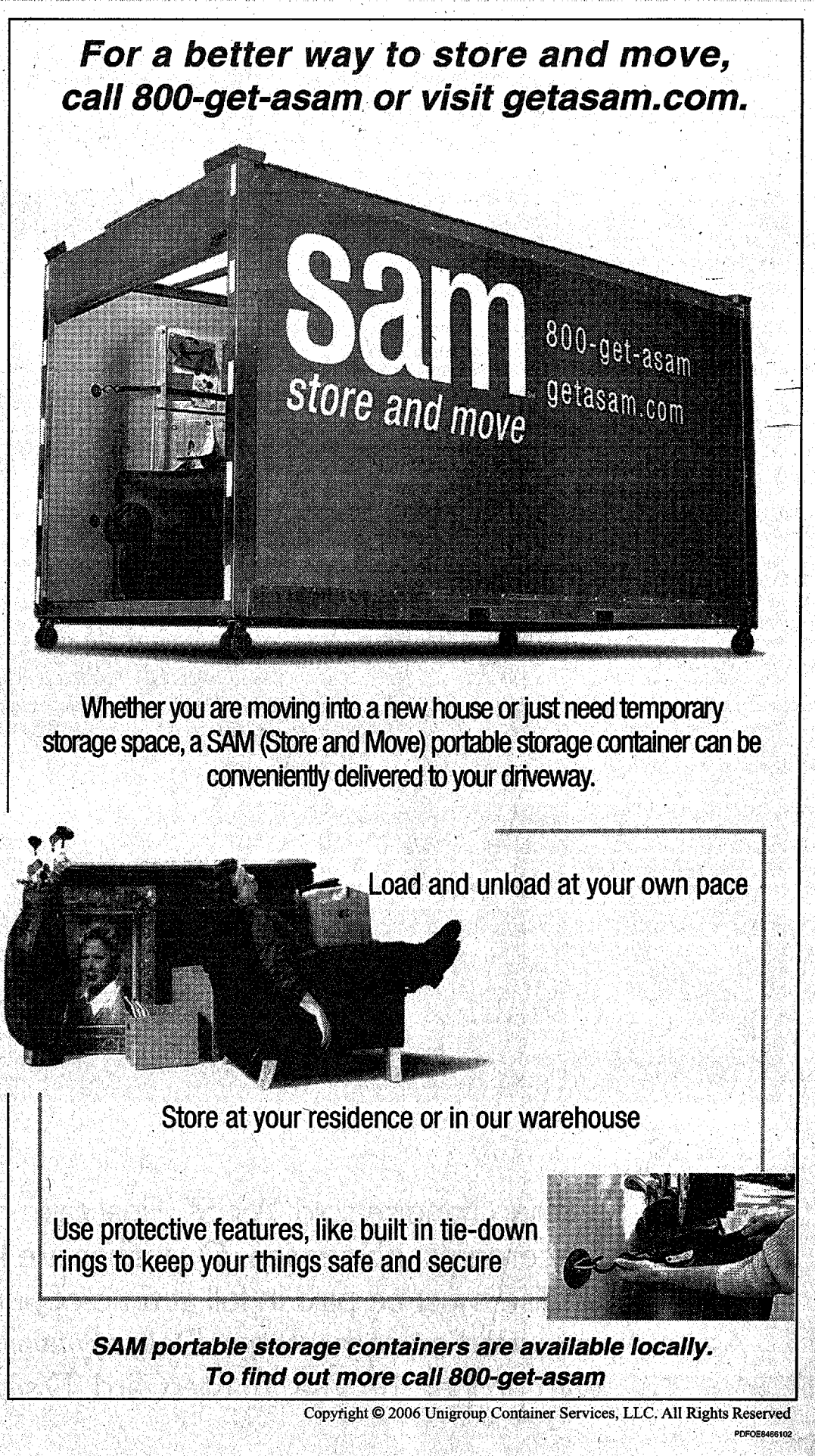

SURVEY

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"You have a core group of parents or interested bodies that show up at every board meeting, but they usually represent less than 3 percent of the voters," he said. "The question is, what about the other 97 percent that make the decisions?"

The school board was apparently listening to the minority when it developed the bond proposals.

"At the time, when we went for the second ballot proposal, we thought we were listening to the pool parents who crowded the room," board Vice President Judy Mardigian said, "and the staff at the Park about the CTE. This has been very, very helpful to me."

Survey respondents made it clear on what they would support in a future bond issue.

"Everything is about maintaining, improving, expanding what you have, that's their focus," Sarpolus told the board. "The public is willing to support you, the key thing is what's included in the ballot proposal."

Topping the list of priorities voters would support, according to the survey, were 10 new buses at a cost of $1 million (71 percent approval); spending $13 million for adding classrooms, gyms and other improvements to the existing elementary schools (68 percent); adding classrooms, cafeterias and band rooms at the middle schools for $11.1 million (69 percent); improving the existing Career and Technical Education facilities (64 percent); and construction of a $28.3 middle school in Canton (63 percent).

"Anything over 60 percent is where I would start," Sarpolus said. "You're going to have to do more education for anything under that."

That would put a new Career and Technical Education Center at P-CEP for $24.3 million (55 percent) and renovating Central Middle School to house current Starkweather Alternative Education students at a cost of $12.9 million (49 percent) on the bubble, potentially dragging down a bond proposal tentatively set for February, if they are included.

"Central, that's a hard sell," admitted Sarpolus. "It doesn't mean you don't need it, but you're going to have to do more education to get from 49 to over 60 percent.

"You have time to find out if you can educate the community on your needs and move their priorities to match yours," he said. "If you don't have time to do it, it will be a hard sell."

Sarpolus said school officials need six-seven months to educate voters on the needs of the school district.

"We need to get the priorities right, needs versus wants as perceived by the public," said trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski. "We need to get the community in the schools so they can see firsthand what's going on ... what we are doing for the average-and-less students.

"Moving forward with another bond, we need to make sure that we're frugal with this, and meets those priorities," he said.

The Board of Education will begin discussing the formulation of a February bond issue during a workshop session scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Anyone wishing to see the entire survey should go to the school district's Web site, www.pccs.k12.mi.us

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Focus may shift in 2nd bond effort

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After listening to details of the EPIC/MRA survey on why voters in May turned down the two-question $120 million bond proposal for construction and renovations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, bond committee co-chair Kary Amin of Plymouth Township said the results were crystal clear.

"I think it means it was a mistake to go after the second bond," said Amin, who noted he was surprised by the lack of support for a new swimming pool at Plymouth High School. "There were a significant amount of people, such as the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, with concerns about the scheduling of pool events. I thought that would get people out to approve of a pool, but obviously it's considered a luxury and unnecessary.

"The community has spoken," he said. "We'll go back to the drawing board and come up with something scaled down, probably without the athletic and fine art components, and hopefully it will pass next time."

School board vice president Judy Mardigian said the survey was an eye-opener.

"I gained a lot of insight into our community, that most don't have kids in the schools," Mardigian said. "I think the next bond will focus on educational needs."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who did not support the bond during her campaign to be elected to the board, said the survey will give the Board of Education an idea of which direction to go for the future.

"I feel it was a reality check for the school board," Gonzalez said. "I'm in favor of getting a bond steering committee together and doing some in-depth research of our actual bare-bones needs in the district."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said the survey results validated his decision not to support the bond proposals.

"There was very definitely a perception of needs versus wants, and we didn't match them," Ham-Kucharski said. "The repurposing of Central was considered a hard sell on the list, but I would like to approach that. I don't know if we have enough time to educate voters to do a February ballot."

Plymouth Township resident Nancy Conzelman campaigned vigorously against the bond proposals in May.

"I think it's clear the board didn't have its priorities straight with the voters," said Conzelman. "I don't think they will listen the next time.

"I think it will be a challenge for the board to focus on messages that maybe they don't necessarily want to hear," she said. "People in Plymouth and Canton are concerned about the kind of education their kids are receiving, and I don't think voters agree that these grandiose building projects that take so much of the board's attention away from education are the best for the district."

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Salem sophomores, from left, Kevin DeBear, Diana DeAngelis, and Holly Hamel join their friends and classmates in clearing brush from an old and neglected 19th-century cemetery.

CEMETERY

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at the Presbyterian Church on Church Street (in Plymouth), but by 1915 they closed the cemetery and moved what they could to Riverside Cemetery.

"The last burial (on the former Tibbits property) was, ironically, the same year they started taking everyone out of the Presbyterian Church cemetery," he said. "Jonathan Shearer was buried there in 1915. No burials have happened since then."

For years, to those who knew of the historic land, it's been called the Shearer Cemetery. Not much is know past that.

The oldest stone found on the property was discovered under 10 inches of dirt, proclaiming the Aug. 23, 1832, death of Hiram Jerome Tibbits, the 9-year-old son of of John Tibbits.

"There's no definitive number, but my guess is there were about 35-40 people buried here," Silvester said. "I would guess about 20 remain.

"It was taken care of until near the Depression," he said. "The mausoleum had a coffin with a glass-like top, and you could see the body of John Joseph Shearer."

Silvester initiated efforts to clean up the cemetery and search for information about the plot of land by giving credit to his students who would help.

"I like historic preservation, so I thought I'd change the class a bit," Silvester said. "I wanted to do what we could to teach kids to remember their past, and to understand it."

Several times last year, students would arrive at the hidden site to clear the brush and find clues to Plymouth's history.

"I live right down the street and pass it every day going to school, and I didn't even know there was a cemetery here, especially an old one," said Chris Bilek, 15, of Plymouth Township. "It's more like preserving an historical landmark than cleaning a cemetery.

"You can't let something this historical just disappear in the woods," he said.

Silvester is looking for grants to help clean the site and eventually construct a monument to those who were buried on the land.

"Our goal is to get a monument erected and write a short publication about its history," Silvester said.

Silvester is searching for grants to help restore the Shearer Cemetery. He can be reached at silvesd@pccs.k12.mi.us.

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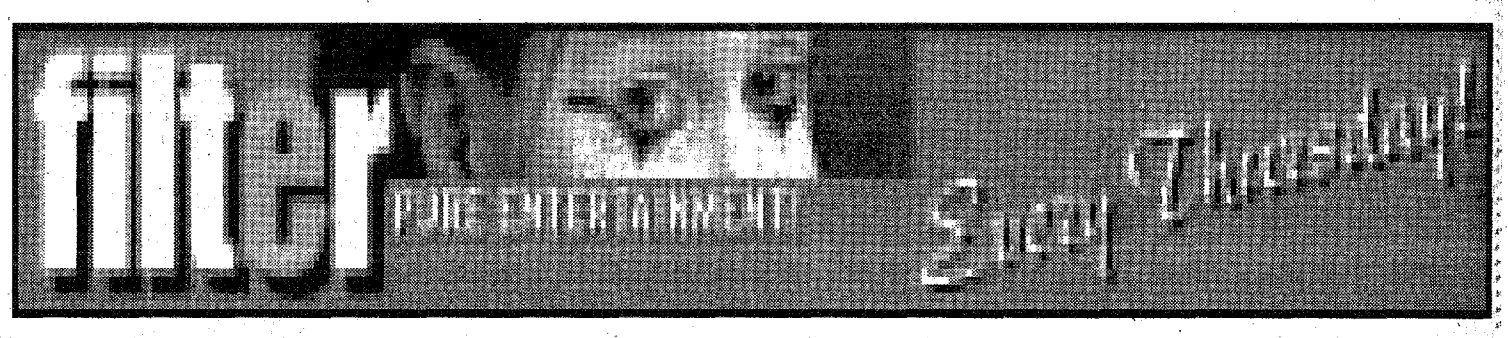

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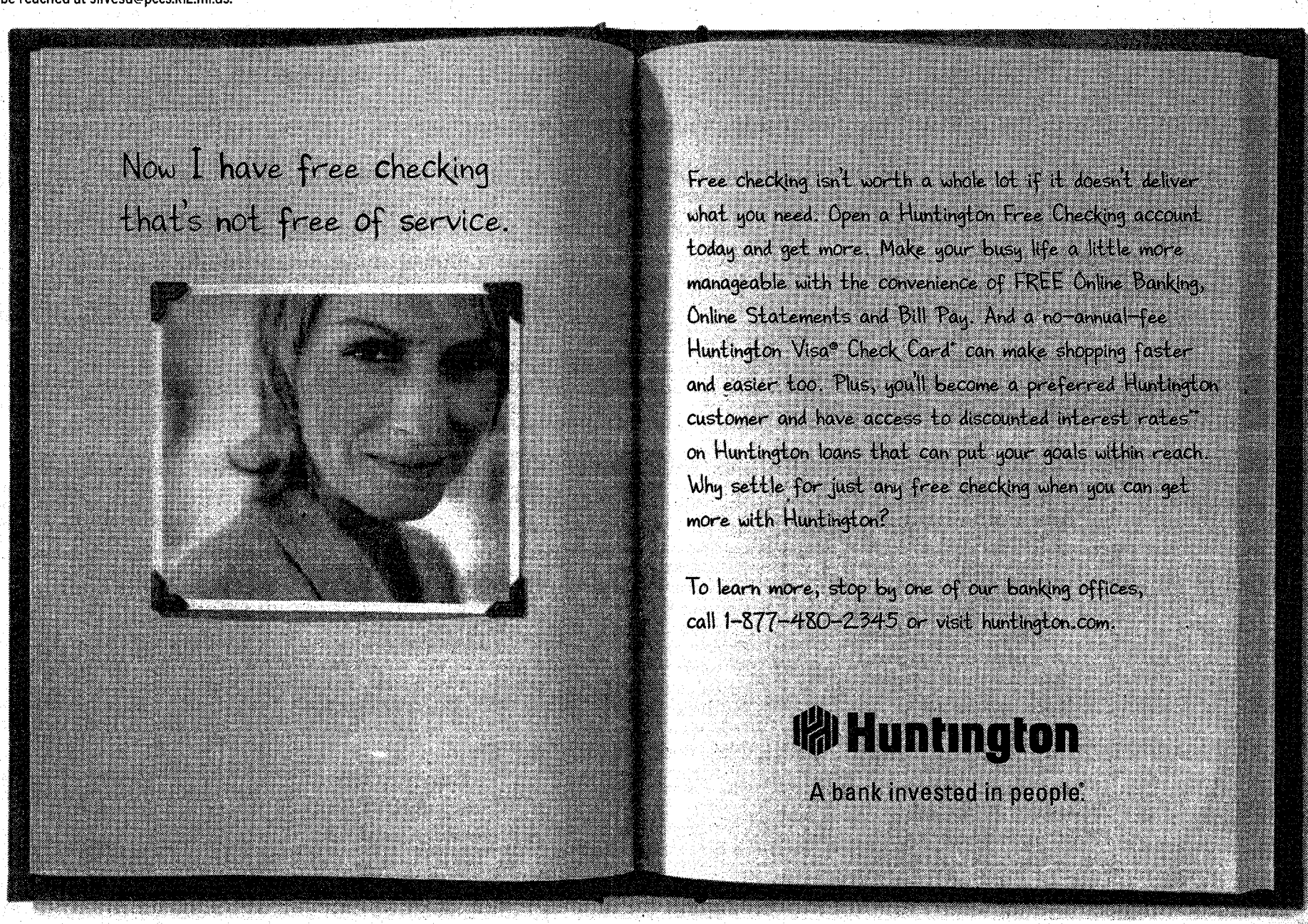

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THEATER

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on it to fulfill his dream of operating his own community theater production company, which will conduct live performances in the Plymouth Historical Museum this fall.

"Plymouth is screaming for a venue like this," said Hane, whose love of community theater has challenged him for 25 years, most recently with a production company in Dearborn Heights. "I can tell Plymouth is supportive of the arts ... there are art events and concerts. But, the one thing we feel is missing is live theater.

"We want to keep it small and intimate, the same kind of intimacy as the Purple Rose," he said.

For those reasons, Hane dubbed his community theater company Barefoot Productions.

"We want you to come to the show and feel comfortable and relaxed, for the love and fun of it," Hane said. "I want these shows to be a very intimate connection between the audience and the show, to feel like you're right there in someone's living room."

Hane said the venue may even look like someone's living

Podolski

Hane

room, with the stage simply represented by a 5-foot-by-7-foot rug, with handmade costumes and donated props. Seating will be limited to about 100 people, reminiscent of the old 99-cent theaters.

"In the old days, 99-cent houses didn't have to pay professional actors the going rate if there were less than 100 seats in the theater," said Hane. "Many of the smaller stock houses throughout the country had only 99 seats so they could contract with professional actors, but not have to pay the higher wages."

Hane said ticket prices, which have yet to be set, are expected to be in the range of $10.

Sanford Burr, the interim executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum – whose son is an artistic director at 124-year-old Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater – said he likes the idea of live theater downtown.

"It would expose more people to the theater," Burr said. "It would also give potential actors an opportunity to be involved in theater, and learn from the exposure."

Barbara Bloom is the president of Spotlight Players – formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild – which holds four productions a year at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township. Bloom said there's room for more live theater in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

"I'd like to see one on every corner," Bloom said. "I think Plymouth is a viable area for something like that.

"In a survey by the (Canton) Leisure Services Department, the No. 1 entertainment source was live theater, and the No. 1 way to get involved was volunteering," she said. "It would make sense that would spill over into Plymouth."

Hane, 44, has been producing, directing and designing since 1980. He founded and ran Theatre Pacifica in Santa Barbara, Calif., for five years before returning to his roots in Michigan.

Hane's partner in Barefoot Productions is Pete Podolski, 20, of Riverview, a junior at Wayne State University who has trained with Second City-Detroit and the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

Hane said the first production will be *Talking With ...* by Jane Martin, Oct. 26-28, a collection of 11 female monologues with the characters interacting with the audience. It was a production he directed at the Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre that will be transformed to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

While most of the same actors will be pre-cast for the first production, Hane promises future works will include open auditions for local talent, including *The Elephant Man*, which is scheduled for December.

"Whenever we hold open auditions, and we cast somebody, that person becomes part of the company," Hane said. "I start a file on them, and then two or three shows down the line, when I need someone for a specific part, they could be cast again without trying out."

By day, Hane is the office manager at the Fairwood Medical Clinic in Plymouth. However, his dream is to someday take the nonprofit Barefoot Productions to new heights.

"My dream has been to have my own production company," Hane said. "Theater is a dying art. Somebody has to keep it going."

Teen golden in Tae Kwon Do contests

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Alex Covert, who won gold at the recent National AAU Tae Kwon Do Championship, is now looking forward to competing for a place on the AAU Tae Kwon Do National Team.

For as a long as Alex Covert can remember, he's been involved with martial arts — he started training at 3 years old.

"I remember being on the floor kicking and punching. I was a mascot when I was too little to train. I got right into it," said Covert, 15.

That training is paying off. Earlier this year, the Salem High School sophomore achieved first-place finishes in both forms and sparring at the 2006 AAU Tae Kwon Do Championship held in Mt. Pleasant.

That achievement earned him the right to compete at the National AAU Tae Kwon Do Championship held recently in Knoxville, Tenn.

Covert took first place in Olympic sparring against 32 competitors. His sparring competition, in the 121- to 130-pound division for 14- to 17-year-old black belts, consisted of five two-round bouts and three gold-medal round bouts.

Covert also placed fifth in the 14- to 15-year-old forms division.

"I competed when I was 14, but I didn't win. This year, I beat the guy who beat me last year," said Covert, who is now looking forward to competing for a place on the AAU Tae Kwon Do National Team at team trials Sept. 9 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "It would be a privilege to be on the team. I would love to be on the team."

Making the AAU National Team would open the door for Covert to travel internationally and compete, representing the United States.

Martial arts is a family affair for the Coverts. Alex trains with his father Christopher, a seventh-degree black belt and the owner for 25 years of Olympian Chung Do Kwan in Garden City. Mom Laura is a third-degree black belt and younger brother Austin is second-degree black belt.

"We're a whole Tae Kwon Do family. We joke that we're going to put a black belt on the dog," Covert said. "We've taken a break sometimes — not really quitting — but we always miss it too much and come back."

While Tae Kwon Do is his primary sport, Covert still finds time to play soccer and run track at Salem High School.

"I'm good at soccer and fast at track, but they never come close to Tae Kwon Do. I make a commitment to the (soccer and track) teams, so I would not let them down by not showing up," he said. "If I miss (Tae Kwon Do) classes, I will train on my own."

While some people have called him cocky, Covert said his martial arts training has really helped develop his self-confidence.

"When I step into the ring, I know what to do. I get nervous sometimes, but I do my best and then see what happens," Covert said. "I'm lucky to have found what I love at 15. People say I could take over my father's studio someday. God has a plan for me. I've always been interested in finding new things — something that's me, not my dad."

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INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7th, 2006 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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"Where Is the Water Heater on the Space Shuttle?"

I'll give you a $20 gift to get to the bottom of this...this ad, that is.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words **"Canton Center Road at Geddes Road Intersection Improvements"**, along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until **3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2006** at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

CANTON CENTER ROAD AT GEDDES ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Project includes widening and drainage improvements to the intersection of Canton Center Road and Geddes Road. The improvements include removing existing pavement, placing 1,759 square yards of 10-inch non-reinforced concrete pavement, 419 square yards of 8-inch reinforced concrete pavement, 242 tons of bituminous aggregate wearing course pavement, 242 tons bituminous aggregate leveling course pavement, 484 tons of bituminous aggregate base course pavement and modification to the drainage system as necessary.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI), 44978 Ford Road, Suite A, Canton, Michigan 48187. A nonrefundable fee of $65.00 will be charged for the bid packet.

Bid documents are on file for review at Northwest Consultants, Inc, Canton Township – 2nd Floor Engineering, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

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.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Publish: August 24 & 27, 2006

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Plan ahead for medical emergencies at school

It's time to start preparing for back-to-school. Beyond pencils, notebooks and a new backpack, emergency physicians are urging parents to prepare for potential medical emergencies to ensure a safe school year for their children.

"Being prepared is key for so many things and this goes for medical emergencies as well," said Dr. Frederick Blum, President of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "Your child is in a much better position to receive prompt medical attention if emergency personnel do not have to take time to get parental consent, track down medical records or investigate immunization histories."

Many schools include medical forms in the enrollment process, but it is a good idea for parents to make sure their children's schools have their children's most recent medical information. ACEP offers medical forms to help you with this process on their Web site (http://www.acep.org/webportal/PatientsConsumers/MedicalForms/) and the following tips for parents:

Complete a consent-to-treat form and give copies to the school or day care provider for them to keep in your child's record and to take with them if your child goes to the emergency department. It's also a good idea to give copies to family members, friends, or babysitters who may care for your child. Your child will always receive lifesaving care in an emergency room, but the form gives a physician permission to treat your child for less serious medical problems when he or she is in someone else's care. Caregivers should make sure to bring the form with them if they take your child to an emergency department.

Organize your child's medical history records and update emergency medical contact information. Provide a copy of this information to your child's school or day care provider with instructions to take it with them to the emergency department if your child is sick or injured. Phone numbers change often. Make sure your child's records include updated emergency contact information.

"Families often develop a more relaxed daily routine in the summertime and it pays to remind children of some basic safety information once school starts," said Blum. "When medical emergencies happen, it is much easier to follow a plan than it is to try and come up with a plan when people are emotional and someone is hurt."

Review and do a dry run of your child's route to school, explaining potential hazards along the way. This is a great time to discuss safety rules for going to and from school.

Make sure your children know how to use the telephone for help. Post emergency contact numbers by every telephone in your home. Have them practice reciting the information they will be asked for if they call 9-1-1: name, address, and a description of the problem.

Develop a family emergency plan in case something happens on the way to, or while attending school.

Be aware of any emergency plans and evacuation plans your children's schools may have established.

For a free brochure on preparing for medical emergencies involving children, which contains a useful list of important emergency telephone numbers and a consent-to-treat form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to When Your Child Has an Emergency, ACEP, 2121 K Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, D.C., 20037. To get the brochure online, visit www.acep.org and click on "patients and consumers" and then "pediatrics."

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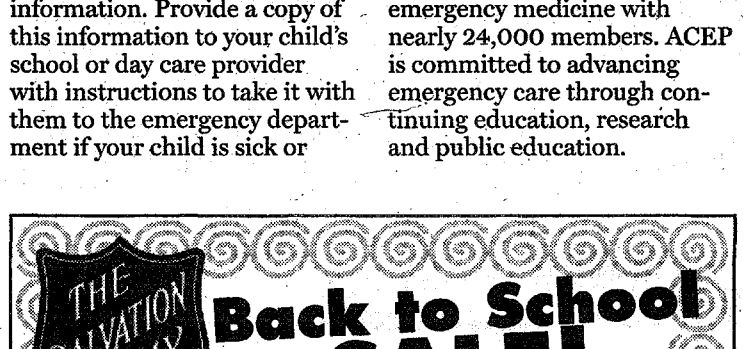

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OUR VIEWS

Next bond must be well-crafted

Now we know it wasn't the economy that killed the doomed bond proposals put forth by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in May.

It was more likely their own greed, overconfidence and behind-the-scenes machinations that spelled the end of the proposals.

According to Ed Sarpolus of Epic/MRA, the Lansing polling firm, the two bond questions failed for one reason: The board ultimately asked for too much. Too much money, too many things voters viewed as "wants" and not "needs."

In a district where officials constantly decry the lack of available funding from the state, voters decided asking for an additional $30-some million for a pool and a theater and renovations to athletic facilities was simply too much.

The interesting part is those things weren't high on the list of items the bond steering committee recommended. The initial thought was to go for some $94 million in a single bond question; in the 11th hour, the decision was made to add the $26 million second proposal.

That decision, according to an interpretation of the study by Sarpolus – and he's one of the best – likely cost the district both proposals.

Now, the question becomes what does the board do about going back to voters.

They have to do it; it's the only way they're going to recoup $2.3 million they spent buying property. It's too late to do it in November, so February seems the likely option.

It'll take some effort to craft a proposal voters will swallow.

The survey shows they don't want a pool or athletic improvements or a theater, which are favored by one faction. Likewise, voters don't appear to support the idea of building an elementary school in the western end of Plymouth Township, favored by at least one board member.

The school board has gotten burned at least twice now by decisions not to listen to the panels they've empowered to help — once with a redistricting plan and now with the bond steering committee.

When putting together the inevitable February bond proposal, the district must be careful to trim the list down to things they need: building renovations, a new middle school in Canton, the $2.3 million recoupment. The other things — the pool, the theater, the athletic facility upgrades — would be nice to have.

Voters weren't nice enough in May, and it'd be a gamble to depend on their niceness in February.

Support our local growers at markets

August is probably the best time to buy fresh produce in Michigan. As summer winds down, it's time to enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of labor of your local farmers by visiting the local farmer's markets.

Many local communities highlight the summer with a farmer's market. Birmingham, Clarkston, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and Rochester are some of the local communities that host these events. The markets offer a great way to visit these suburbs, whether you want to go with a friend or neighbor, spouse or child. It's a great social event and a chance to not only purchase fresh fruit and vegetables, but it serves as an opportunity to shop in these communities.

The produce can't be beat. The only way you'll get fresher tomatoes, summer squash, green peppers or cucumbers, is if you grow your own.

The farmer's market is a great way to meet farmers and their families who you are supporting by buying their products. You putting food on your table helps them put it on theirs.

The market also provides a wonderful link between consumer and farmer. Farmers can see how new varieties sell, and receive direct input on these products before they set up production on a larger scale. The public can try a new variety.

Farmers also can promote other aspects of their farm (i.e. hay rides, family days, tours, pick your own, etc.) It's a great way to promote Michigan's growing agri-tourism.

Farmers have planted, watered and nurtured fields to ensure that they can sell crops to the locals. They've worked hard to bring freshness and nutrition to the table.

Why not support your local grower?

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"Great! Now I'll never get out of eating my veggies!"

LETTERS

Street favoritism?

On Aug. 19, 1996, the Plymouth City Commission authorized a ballot proposal for the general election that year which would allow the city to issue $12 million in bonds for the purpose of street repair.

A six-page, multi-color brochure sent by the city to voters before the general election promised, "The bond program would include the repair of all city streets over the next 20 years." A map showing which streets would be repaired in what year was included as part of the brochure. The bond issued passed 2,743-1,268 and the street repair program began the following year.

Your recent article ("Road fund out of money," *Plymouth Observer*, Aug. 13) was the first indication many residents had that the city's promise to repair all city streets would not be kept. The article, however, left several questions unanswered:

- Wouldn't it have been more appropriate to use money from the water and sewer fund to do the necessary repairs to the water mains and sanitary sewers rather than using the bond money that had been earmarked for street repair? If there wasn't enough money in the water and sewer fund to pay for necessary repairs, shouldn't the city have requested a separate bond issue for that purpose?
- Since the original street repair program was to include mostly just resurfacing, shouldn't the additional expense for things such as replacement of curbs and driveway approaches have been specially assessed to residents on streets where those upgrades were desired?
- It appears city administration has known since at least 2001 there wouldn't be enough money to complete the program as promised? Why hasn't there already been another ballot proposal to generate the funds necessary to finish the work? Since there is no money left and since there is apparently no ballot proposal planned for this year's election, are we to assume there will be no street repair program in 2007? If not in 2007, then when?
- Is it true, as some in the neighborhoods are suggesting, that certain streets received preferential treatment to assure they got repaired before the money ran out? Was the plan promised by the city in 1996 followed? If not, what methods were actually employed to determine the order of street repair? Is there evidence of favoritism?

Perhaps your paper will consider a follow-up story in the near future to address these issues and to help assure the subject of street repair in Plymouth isn't simply forgotten.

Douglas Miller
Plymouth

Politics is local

I would like to applaud Mr. Kadrich for his editorial following the primary election on Aug. 10 ("Will ugly campaigning cease now that primary is over?"). His advice to the Democratic House candidate Marc Corriveau, that he should be "edgy today," hit the mark — no pun intended. The almost Draconian methods Beth Stewart's opponents used to defeat the moderate candidate are reason for alarm.

I found Tom Hickey's attempt to alleviate guilt, or possibly to save some face, by writing the letter "Setting record straight" to the *Observer* to be lacking. The fuzzy math, attempting to create an illusion of a $2,500-plus in-kind contribution from the museum to the Stewart campaign, was almost humorous.

Having worked for a campaign which spent roughly $1,300 on the race, I believe certain individuals need to get honest, the most important being the bulk-rate permit has a one-time fee of $160. I have a hard time keeping a straight face when a campaign that has a fund-raising capacity of more than $100,000 splatters the cover of local papers over allegations surrounding $160.

The complaints about the use of the museum by Stewart for a rally was also a farce, as other candidates made use of the property, in the same legal way I did for my graduation party in 2002.

At the end of the day, voters, citizens and the community should know that Beth Stewart lost her job over a $160 mistake and thousands of dollars in negative campaigning. It is too bad that primary voters validated an ideology that says personal glory trumps personal integrity.

It is a shame to see the local news media allowing a podium for these petty and misleading attacks. In this primary, where complaints that there where no original ideas or unconventional candidates, the local papers failed the communities. Non-stereotypical candidates on the right, Don Schnettler and Jason Vorva, were silenced along with Joe Hawver on the Democratic side.

Regardless, I only hope Corriveau is prepared to handle the next negative wave on the other side of the District 20 race. Unfortunately, what Republicans like Mark Abbo do not understand is that, at the end of the day, you have to be able to look people in the eye.

Mike Siegrist
Canton

Money talked

Filthy, nasty, dirty politics and negative campaigning were declared the winners of the 20th District State House race in the Republican Primary Aug. 8.

Money talked. Big money — nearly $100,000 worth, with strings attached to Lansing, out-state Michigan and Washington, D.C., bought victory for their hand-picked candidate.

Over-the-top newspaper headlines kept spinning the story week after week and kept it going to the benefit of the instigators of the story. The constant barrage of incomplete information and innuendoes planted doubts in the minds of readers, questioned a woman's well-earned honesty and integrity and cost her not only her current job but also the opportunity to serve the members of the communities she so deeply cared about for the past 22 years.

The politics of personal destruction triumphed in our communities on election night.

All of the above sound like the key ingredients for a ready-made best-selling novel, but regrettably it's the true life drama which played out in "Norman Rockwell's" Plymouth this summer.

With inner strength and grace, the family of Beth and John Stewart has endured the allegations, the trail of gossip and misinformation and the verbal assaults on their integrity and standing within the greater Plymouth/Northville communities.

The extent of the nastiness of this campaign has left their daughters, Laura, 24, and Sarah, 21, disillusioned with politics and the community in which they grew up. Is this the price an honorable family must pay if one of its members decides to run for office?

To her credit, Beth Stewart steadfastly refused to engage in negative campaigning even after her political opponents/foes crossed the line and went after her.

To her credit, Beth Stewart deflected criticism away from the museum, trying to shield the "community jewel" she had nurtured for 22 years — nearly half of her life. Isn't that what a morally responsible and caring individual would do? Perhaps Beth Stewart's "crime" is that she cared too much about what she had worked so long and hard to build in her hometown.

To her credit, Beth Stewart carried her head high and carried her campaign forward. On the night of the League of Women Voters campaign forum in June, a poised and well-composed Beth Stewart showed up and delivered the most complete responses to the questions in spite of the endless negative publicity being generated by her political foes.

Beth and her husband, John Stewart, have left a lasting legacy of commitment and caring to the greater Plymouth/Northville communities and to western Wayne County. No one can take away their 22-year record of giving of their time and talents so generously. Both have set the bar high for others who choose to follow.

We are fortunate to have individuals such as Beth and John Stewart in our community.

Martha A. Trafford
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"The survey is designed to talk to people who don't get to board meetings to express their opinions. In most school districts, 70 percent-plus are voters who don't have kids in school ..."

– Ed Sarpolus, pollster, on the benefits of doing a survey into the failure of two Plymouth-Canton schools bond questions

Home foreclosures spell equal opportunity pain

Losing one's home has to be the equivalent to a knockout punch in a heavyweight title bout. Not only does it hurt physically, it is an emotional blow from which it is hard to recover.

Looking at the multitude of statistics on the sour Michigan economy, perhaps the one that is under the radar screen — but should possibly scare us the most — is the sharp increase in home foreclosures.

According to www.foreclosure.com, there were more than 9,000 foreclosures in Michigan during 2005. This year to date, there are more than 10,000 foreclosures with four more months left in the year.

Tom Watkins

Each foreclosure is heartwrenching, signifying not just a broken home, but broken hearts with families being torn apart and their American Dream shattered.

Don't believe for a second that this phenomenon is taking place only in the lower-wage earning communities. Foreclosures are an equal opportunity body blow, hitting communities from Livonia to Bloomfield and from Garden City to Troy.

In the upscale community of Northville, where I live, Chip Snider, Northville Township manager, was recently quoted: "At the white-collar level, this community is suffering. In one subdivision, there are 29 foreclosures going on right now and these are upscale homes. Everyone is feeling the pinch."

I recall talking to a homeless man, back in the economic downturn of the 1980s, who made a powerful observation when he said, "The difference between you and I is a job and a home."

Much of the foreclosure activity can be blamed on Michigan's downward spiraling economy and high unemployment, but also on a life crisis such as divorce, death or serious illness impacting the family bread winner.

These job losses are exacerbated by the business of huge equity loans, adjustable rate and interest-only loans that have made "easy money" — so easy that it lures homeowners into some dangerous financial situations. These creative loans are wonderful during good times, but with the economic tsunami that has hit Michigan shores, this "easy money," could sweep you right out of your home.

With Google coming to Michigan, perhaps it is fitting to "google" home foreclosure to see the multitude of businesses willing to help you benefit off someone else's economic pain by buying their foreclosed home at bargain basement rates.

My dad always said: "If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is!" Owning a huge home by using the "easy money" interest-only or adjustable rate loans have put many American and Michigan homeowners at great peril. Homeowners banking (excuse the pun) on property values rising along with their incomes, while interest rates dropped or remained low, are paying the piper through home foreclosure today.

With interest rates rising and the national economy slowing down, it is likely that the economic tsunami washing people out of their homes will continue and perhaps pick up steam.

That bang you hear is the housing bubble bursting. Many economists fear that the housing bubble that has been fueling our economy is not just slowing down — it is busted. This has increased not only foreclosure rates, but has created a huge backlog of new and used home inventory on the market, driving down home values. In many cases, homeowners that have taken interest-only loans or borrowed against the equity on their homes are waking up finding they owe more on the house than it is worth.

The silver lining may be that if you have savings and a job and are looking for a bargain on a home, now is a great time to buy. Further, we certainly can market Michigan as a low-cost place to buy a home — compared to our neighbors on the east and west coasts.

We could take the Chinese philosophical view that of out of every crisis comes opportunity, if we want to see the sunny side of this foreclosure pain. Entrepreneurs are snapping up bargain basement-priced homes, movers are having a banner year and foreclosure assistance businesses are sprouting up as the sour economy and loss of family homes are creating new markets and record profits for these businesses. So, out of pain, new businesses are being created. But this is not the type of job growth anyone wants to crow about!

The efforts to diversify our economy and create decent high-paying jobs for the 21st century are laudable and necessary goals. The sad fact is, however, that these efforts provide little comfort to the person who lost their job and their home and are leaving Michigan to find a life and a home somewhere else and are not coming back.

Michigan cannot thrive when we continue to shed jobs and people. Unless our political leaders create a business-friendly environment that provides fertile ground for job growth, we will continue to see population loss and home foreclosure pain.

Michigan cannot afford another body blow or knockout punch.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools 2001-05 and as president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996-2001. Read his internationally recognized report: The New Education (R)evolution at www.nacol.org. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

2006 political slogan ought to be 'no garbage in our town'

I do my best to live my life measured by a simple litmus test: Do my personal choices, my public service, my treatment of others represent a lifestyle that makes my children, my wife, my friends and God proud?

I dream that when my children grow up and I am gone, one day they will be able to see every detail of my political life as though they are reading a book. Will they be proud? Or at least, not ashamed?

I hope Mark Abbo tries to live that way, too.

These past few months, I watched the 20th House District race unfold, mostly from the sidelines. Struggling to choose a side, I took myself through the usual litany of checklists — resumes, overall background, issues, interpersonal skills, etc. I narrowed my choices to Beth Stewart and Mark Abbo and gave both candidates high marks across the board. Until recently, I thought either would have been a fine choice.

Bob Doroshewitz

Then came the character question. Character, integrity, honor, dignity. Those are ideals that should never be treated casually, tossed about when it is politically convenient to do so. Those are the first yardsticks for sorting politicians and are far more important than political parties, resumes, endorsements and photo ops. If you can't pass the character test, you can't pass go.

I hope Mark Abbo agrees.

Early in the campaign, both candidates passed go. Then came one of the strangest (and perhaps dumbest) things I have ever seen in politics. The guy that was way ahead in the race — the guy with the money, the mega signs, the thousands and thousands of pieces of slick literature, the majority of key endorsements — turned ugly on his opponent, soiling himself along the way. It seemed to me he not only was interested in beating Beth Stewart, but in ruining her, as well.

One could only speculate as to reasons why.

There has been enough written about dirty politics and I won't lecture about the hypocrisy of the countless candidates fronting their churches for political gain — citing the obligatory church membership whilst behaving in ways that would surely disappoint their maker. I will focus on the practical side.

It is impossible to know whether Abbo's attacks widened his lead or narrowed it, but it is clear to me he was going to win this race anyway, maybe by more if the attacks never occurred. Was this merely a poorly thought-out strategy or perhaps something more sinister?

Abbo was going to win anyway. Does he get that, do you suppose?

I can only speculate on motive. Was it nastiness for nastiness sake? Perhaps an opportunistic "get even" for some vague past hurt? I don't know for certain, but I do know that I feel I need a shower. I can't imagine how ashamed I would be of myself if I set out to ruin someone just for the sake of ruining them. I would not be able to hold my head up in public.

Would Mark Abbo be equally ashamed if that were his motive?

Senseless as a random freeway shooting, this was like a football team ahead by three touchdowns late in the fourth quarter. The coach calls in his dirtiest player and says "go break the quarterback's knees — not because we need to to win the game, just to show them we can."

My hope is that the Abbo campaign just made an awful choice, a horrible heat-of-the-moment decision and this is not indicative of Mr. Abbo's character and integrity. I pray that is true, mostly for Mark Abbo's sake, not for mine.

I can't imagine any job in the world I would want if I had to trash someone else to get it. I'd have to shave with my eyes closed every morning. And I can't imagine why anyone would want to vote for someone who would.

Can you tell me if Mark Abbo would want a job under those circumstances?

Beth Stewart is, without question, a shining example of our town's best, the people that make this a great place to live. She dedicated 17 years of her life to build one of the finest museums in metro Detroit, on surprisingly little pay. Most of us wouldn't even get out of bed for the couple hundred bucks a week net pay she was getting. Finding a replacement of her caliber is sure to be a near-impossible task.

Maybe we can count on the Citizens to Save the Museum to find that replacement. Is Mark Abbo going to finish the job and "fix" the museum that his team worked so diligently to "save"? I would have thought by now they'd have a dozen or so candidates lined up, or are they simply going to walk away from the museum now that the deed is done.

In the August 2004 primary, two of our finest public servants were brutally attacked by smear campaigns that already consisted of unsigned, defamatory literature. This was total trash that no self-respecting person would ever put his fingerprints on, cowardice set in motion by a group of people that really proved to be not that bright.

Both candidates that were the targets of these attacks won their elections by crushing margins.

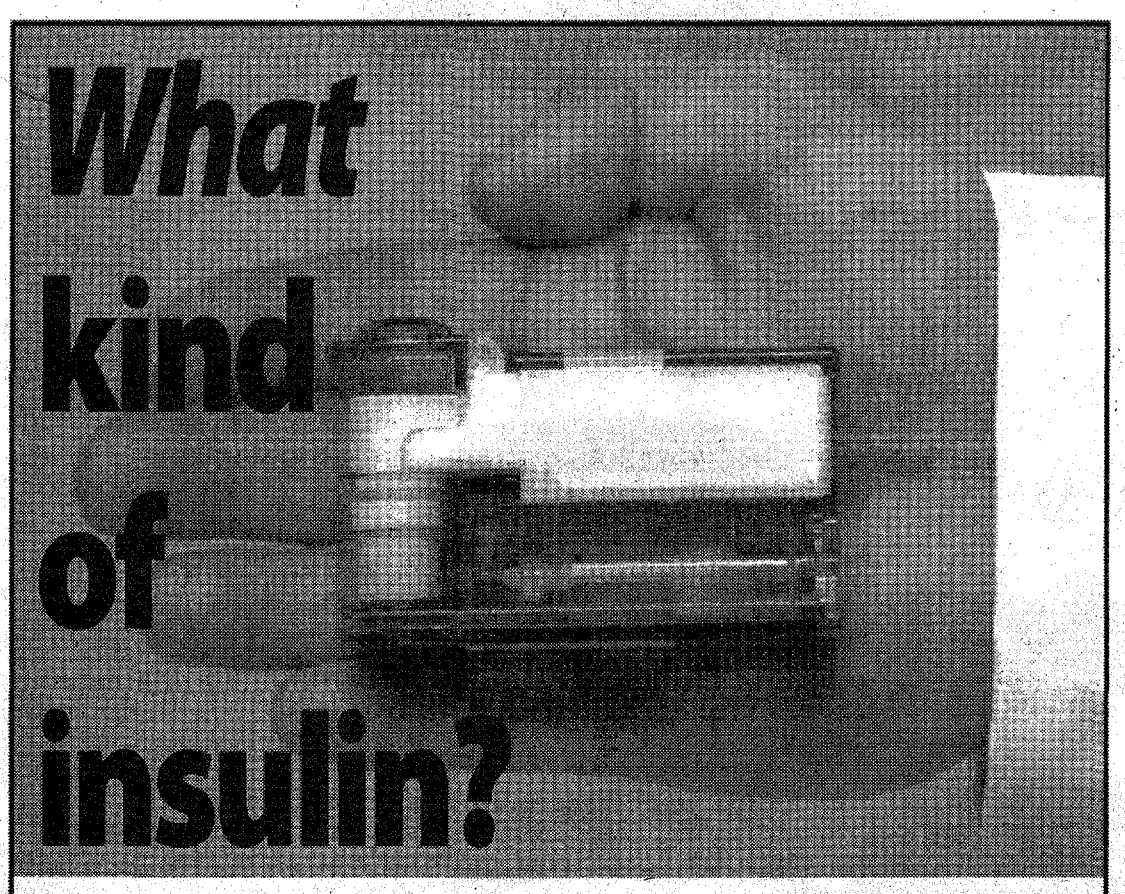
In 2004, the voters clearly shouted, "None of this garbage in my town!"

In 2006, I say, "None of this garbage in my town!"

Will you join me?

Will Mark Abbo join us, too?

Bob Doroshewitz is a trustee serving on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.



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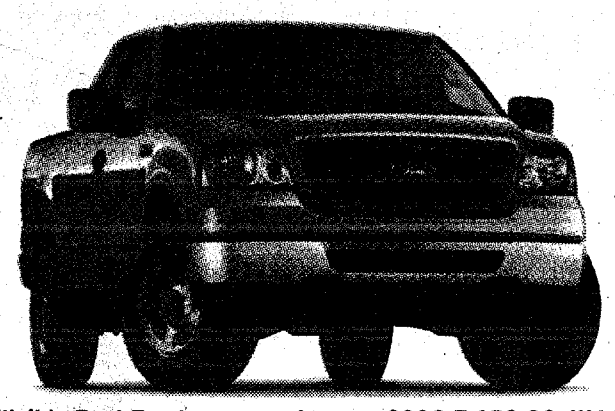

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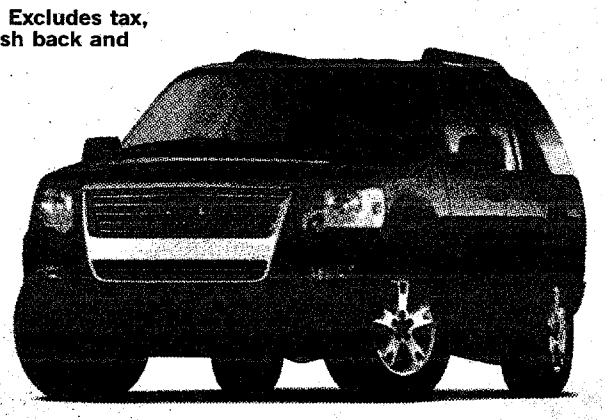

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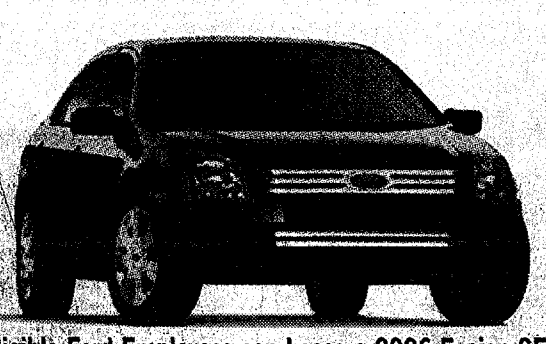

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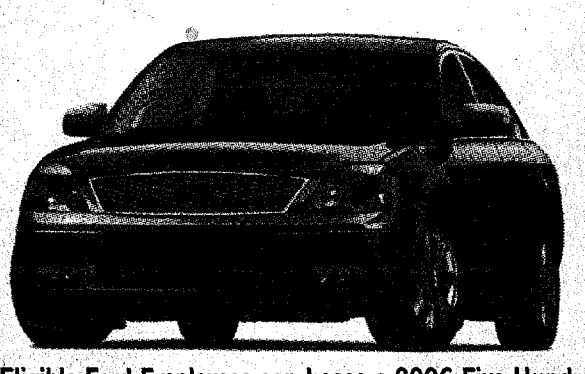

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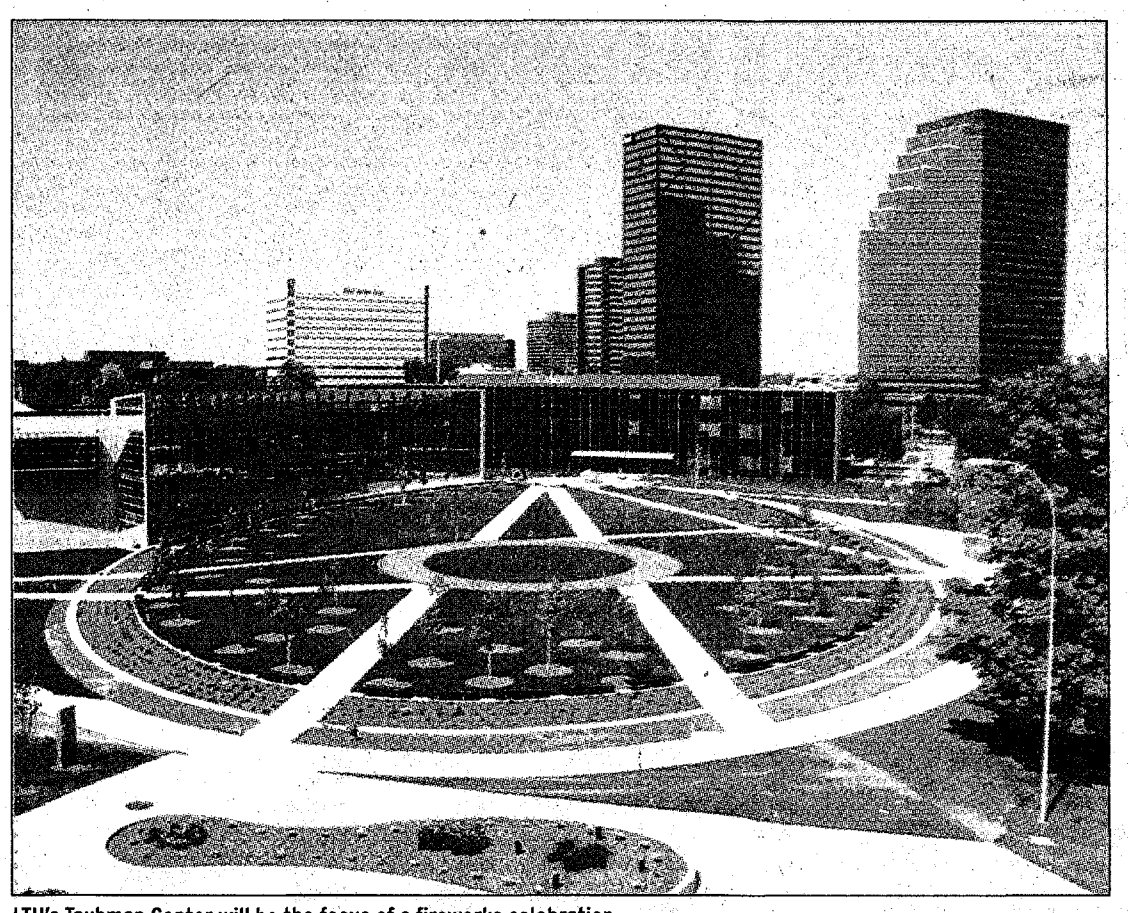

LTU's Taubman Center will be the focus of a fireworks celebration.

LTU fireworks show will light September night

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

A celebration for Lawrence Technological University's new Taubman Student Center will lights the skies Sept. 8.

Southfield City Council members Monday approved a fireworks permit for Lawrence Tech. The 10-minute show will start around dusk in a parking lot near the 10 Mile/Northwestern Highway campus and should be visible to many Southfield/Lathrup area.

Southfield Fire Marshal James Dundas signed off on the display. He's seen to it that the school has picked up the requisite insurance policy and he'll be there to inspect the rig for safety.

University architect and associate Dean of the College of Architecture and Design Joe Veryser said the building of the Taubman Student Services Center and the redevelopment of the quad were both done with a promise to the city in mind.

"We got a site plan from the city," he said. "Years ago, we agreed to improve the storm water management system on any building we were working on."

Both the center and the quad have features that absorb and divert storm water rather than let it run into the storm sewer system. The Taubman Student Services Center has a green roof and the quad was landscaped with special grasses and soil that soak up water.

This is important because the school, the city and environmental groups are concerned about what goes into the storm sewer system because they empty in the Rouge River.

LTU President Louis Walker said the dedication of the quad marks the end of the school's capital projects.

"It's the focal point of the campus," he said. "The quad fronts all of the school's academic buildings."

He said the quad has a series of geothermal wells 300 feet beneath it that serve to both heat and cool the Taubman Center. The water/glycol mix is pumped up in the summer to help cool the buildings and again in the winter to heat them. The mixture stays at a near-constant 52 degrees and makes it 34 percent more efficient than traditional buildings of that size.

"It's a lab for environmental and green practices," Walker said.

The entire project was two years in the making and cost almost $14 million.

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Center aims to keep jobs in state

Lawrence Technological University has created a new Professional Development Center to provide coaching, consulting, and know-how on business acceleration.

It's designed to help individuals and businesses keep abreast of changing market demands and keep their businesses competitive.

The center is especially designed to help Michigan companies remain competitive so they can maintain and expand their employment levels in the state.

"Michigan faces some tough economic challenges, and companies need access to the best business practices in order to compete successfully," Lawrence Tech President Lewis Walker said.

PDC Director is Benjamin Benson teaches in the MBA program at Lawrence Tech's College of Management and specializes in entrepreneurship, business acceleration, and business readiness. He has more than 20 years of experience consulting for large companies like Caterpillar, La-Z-Boy, and State Farm, as well as with small businesses and entrepreneurs launching new businesses.

"The cost of failure — going out of business or facing unemployment — means that the stakes are high. You don't address these issues with casual or 'canned' training and seminars. You do it one job at a time," Benson said.

Looking for the missing skill set is key, said Tim Meloche, the PDC's program manager.

"We have a number of clients we have helped already. They describe their current challenge and we zero in," he said.

Existing programs already developed to meet industry needs include Leadership Development, Entrepreneurship, Lean and Six Sigma, Program and Project Management, Product Lifecycle Management, Insurance Studies, and International Business.

The PDC also designs and delivers credit and noncredit certificate programs, professional coaching, seminars, and workshops.

These services can be delivered at Lawrence Tech's main campus in Southfield, at one of the university's off-campus learning centers, at the workplace, online, or through a combination.

For more information about Lawrence Tech's PDC, call Meloche at (248) 204-4055 or meloche@ltu.edu or visit www.ltu.edu/pdc.

New programs to begin

Lawrence Technological University will inaugurate several new degrees and graduate certificates when classes begin for the fall semester on Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Undergraduates now can earn degrees in biomedical engineering, chemical biology, and media communications. There is a new minor in energy engineering.

Lawrence Tech also is launching a new master's degree in mechatronic systems engineering.

Graduate certificates are being unveiled in architecture design and practice; architecture history, theory, and criticism; instructional technology; robotics; sustainable architecture; transportation design; and urban design.

"Many of these new programs are being started in direct response to the need to diversify and improve Michigan's economy and take advantage of new opportunities in the global market," said Lawrence Tech President Lewis Walker.

The final day for students to register without an additional fee is Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Orientation and registration for new students continues today Aug. 24. New students who can't make it to orientation or have questions should call (800) CALL-LTU, Ext. 1.

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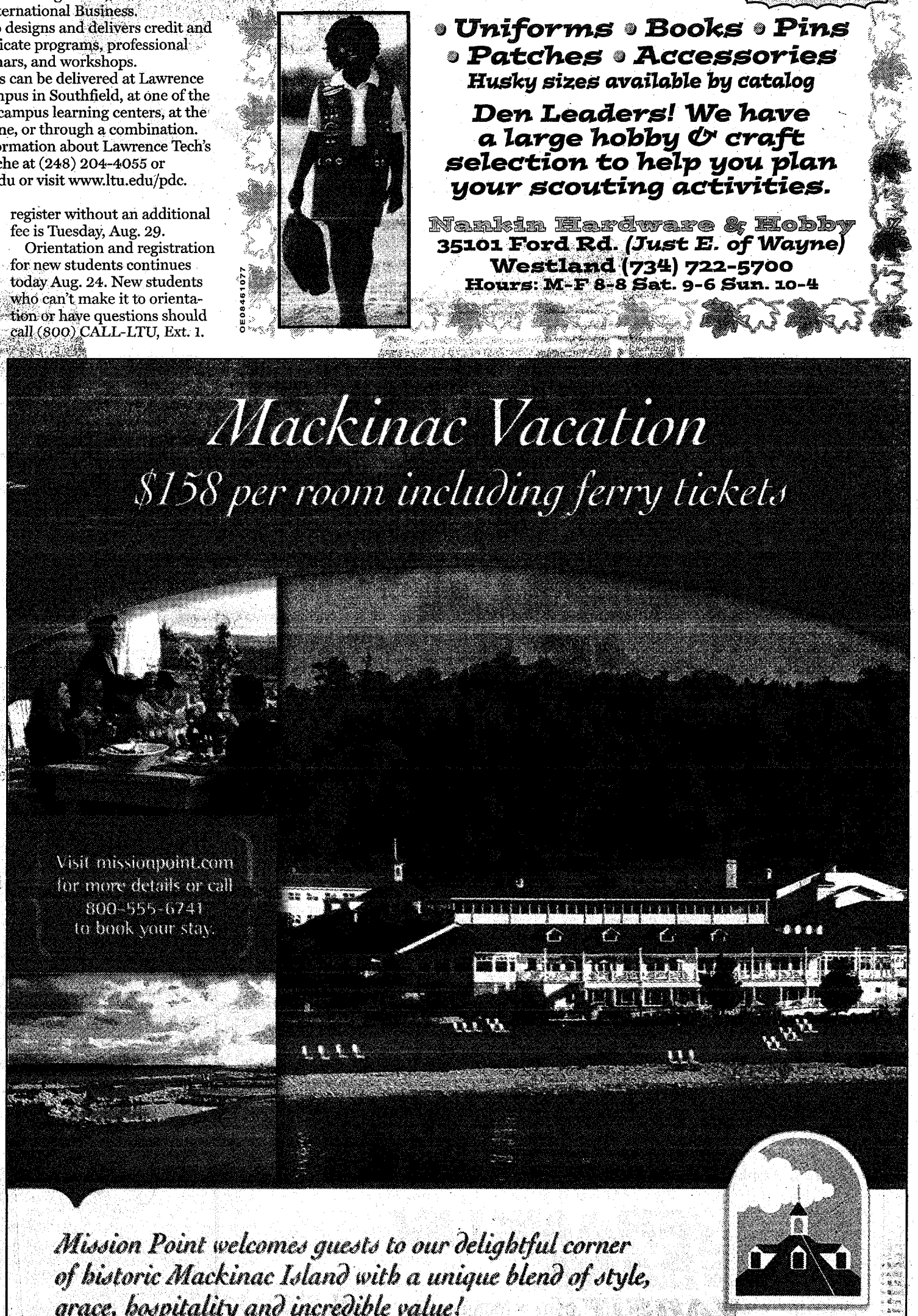

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AROUND TOWN

Alzheimer's walk
The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease takes place Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. It marks the 15th-annual Memory Walk to benefit the metro Detroit Region of the Greater Michigan chapter. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's 2k fun walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at www.alzgmc.org or call (248) 351-0280.

MADD 5K walk
Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K non-competitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30 at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Baby Walk
The 2006 MCARE Michigan Baby Walk to benefit research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome takes place Sunday, Sept. 17 at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck in Northville. For more information, contact event manager Carol Facca, sidsnews@comcast.net

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speaker Sharon Brevoort will talk about "Timelines and Chronologies: Placing Your Ancestor in Historical Context." A help session starts at 6 p.m., and the public is invited. For information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

Fibromyalgia workshop
The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free fibromyalgia workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Flea market
The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

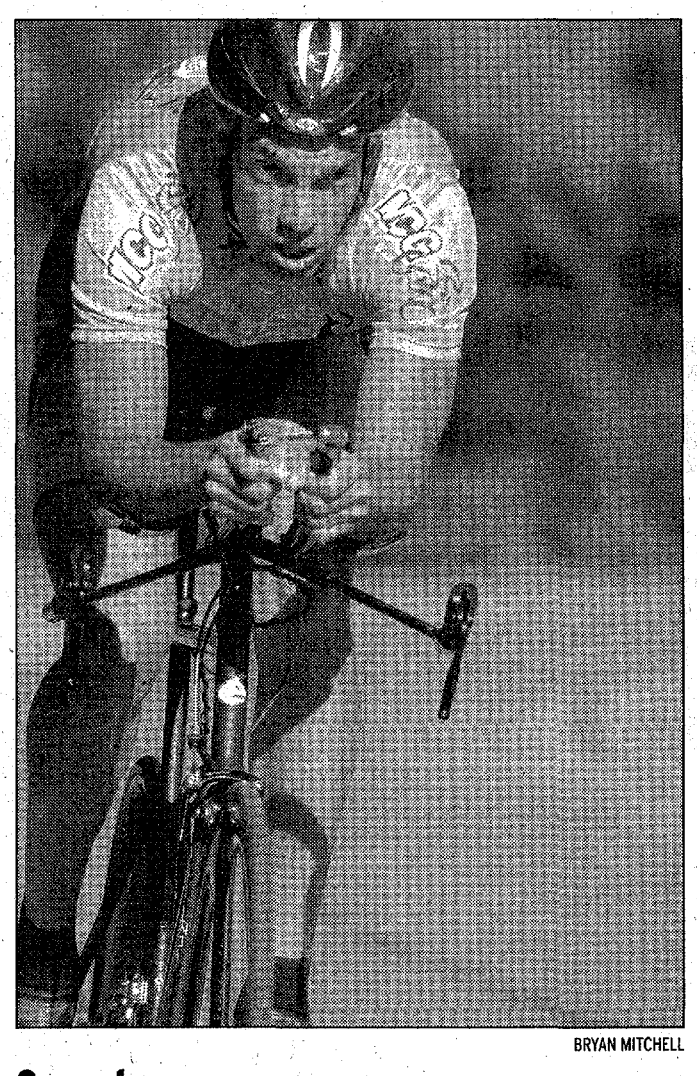
Art/craft festival
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is $3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyhomalley@aol.com

Tournament of charities
The fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities golf event to benefit children and families in southeastern Michigan takes place at the State Course of the Year, Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with the 18-hole shotgun at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the tournament is $1,200 and includes four rounds of golf for a four person team, four sets of thank you gifts, four pairs of Nike golf shoes and four seats at the banquet at the end of the day. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, x120 You can also register at www.mtocgolf.org and indicate your support of Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.



BRYAN MITCHELL

Speed racer

Bicycle racer Gary Deangelis of Plymouth raced in the Hines Park Time Trial along Hines Drive in Westland. The race was 12 miles long and Deangelis, who races for Sunrise Sports, finished eighth in Category 1/2 with a time of 27 minutes, 25.30 seconds. The winning time was 25:47.69. Full results and information can be seen at www.hinesparktt.com.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion
Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2006. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2006 for the following:

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Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's website at *http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us*.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7th, 2006 for the following:

FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB ROOF TOP UNIT REPLACEMENT

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, 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.

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1996 Toyota	Corolla DX (White)	1NXBB02EXTZ484876
Car Trailer		No VIN
1986 Lincoln	Continental Base Mo	1LNBP97FXGY625936
1993 Dodge Spirit	Highline (White)	3B3XA46K5PT626069
1998 Ford	Crown Victoria (Blue)	2FAFP71W4WX147455
1998 Plymouth	Neon (White)	1P3ES47Y0WD525631
1991 Ford F150	(Silver)	1FTEF15N7MLA69576

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

+Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7th, 2006 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2006. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2006 for the following:

CARD ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: *http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us*.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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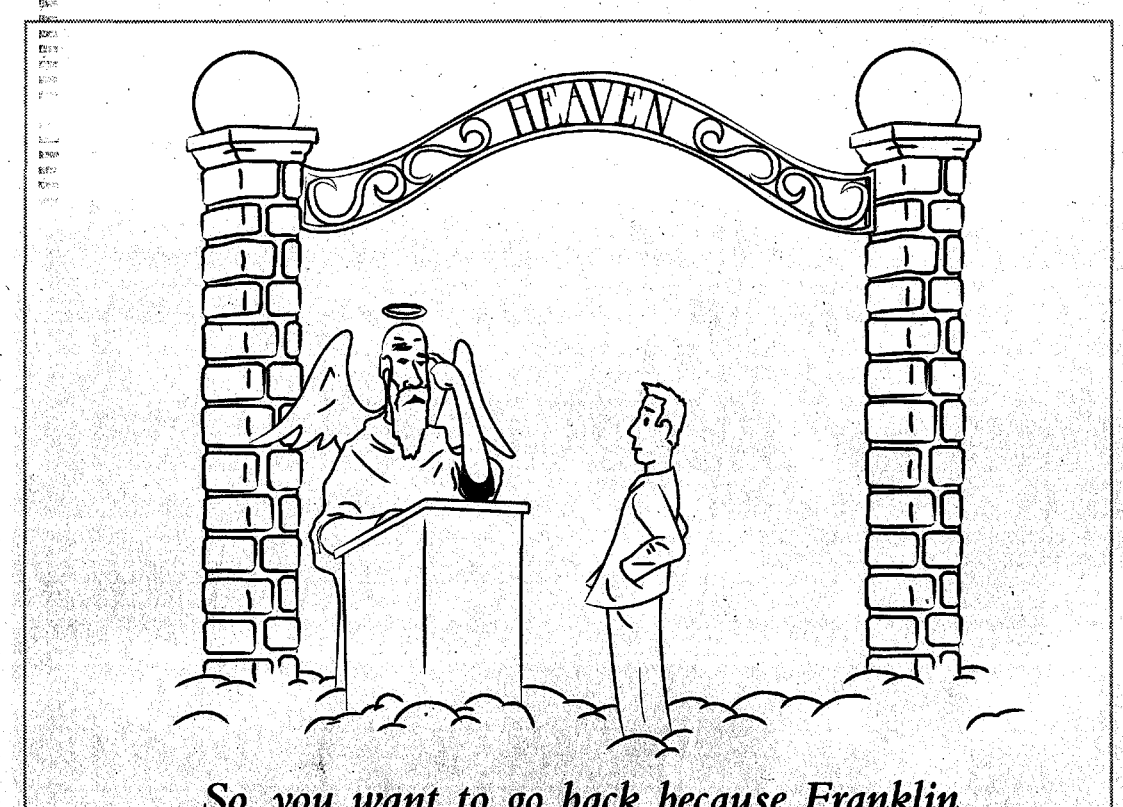

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Candidates juggle their careers, families and political ambitions

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Johnson

Bouchard

Running for any office is a lot of work, running for a statewide office has been compared to a full-time job.

In the current election season, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and County Clerk Ruth Johnson, full-time county employees, are running for U.S. Senate and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Both positions pay $133,588 a year.

Bouchard said his first job is the job he's got now.

"My duties as sheriff have priority," he said. "I'm sacrificing everything else: personal time, recreation and sleep."

He said a lot of people in Michigan are working two jobs and that's how he's approaching the balancing act between his life as a law enforcement officer and his run for one of Michigan's two seats in the U.S. Senate.

"I'm getting about five hours of sleep a night," Bouchard said.

On Aug. 14, the DeVos for Governor campaign announced that Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson got the nod to be the GOP's lieutenant governor candidate.

After returning from a trip to the Upper Peninsula's version of the State Fair in Escanaba, she said she's going to do her full-time job before taking time campaigning for her next one.

"I made it clear that the voters of Oakland County elected me to be their clerk," Johnson said. "My first responsibility is to Oakland County residents."

In short: The clerk job needs to be done and she'll be in the office doing it. She said she would be spending her off hours, where possible, campaigning with the DeVos operation. This means a lot of long hours for her in the next three months.

"I flew down from the UP yesterday, did a three-hour interview with PBS on the voting machines and then went to the Republican County Convention," Johnson said. "Then I went to the office to work."

She said none of this would be possible without the help of her husband, Don, and her mother helping to take care of her daughter, Emily.

President of the Police Officers Association of Michigan James Tignanelli said you can't ask someone to quit their day job while running for office.

"It doesn't bother me, it's typical," he said. "Anyone who runs for anything has a job. I wouldn't expect them to quit their job."

He said Bouchard and Johnson are like executives of any large operation – they have subordinates who know their jobs and can keep them apprised of what's going on while they campaign.

It's not like this hasn't happened before.

"When (Gov. Jennifer) Granholm ran for governor it wasn't an issue that she was the attorney general," Tignanelli said.

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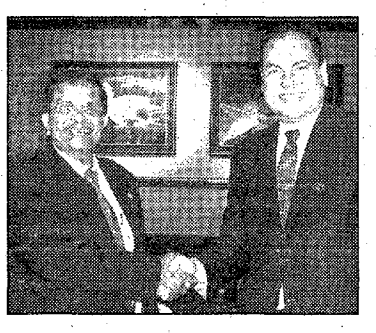
Businessman is on a mission to promote best practices

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER


Dilip Pithadia meets with Robert Cresanti, Department of Commerce undersecretary for technology, at a ceremony in May recognizing examiners for the Baldridge Award.

Dilip Pithadia is on a mission to boost the economy of Michigan, the United States and his native India by promoting better business practices.

"My mission is very simple," he said. "That we adopt the golden nugget of knowledge, best business practices."

The Farmington Hills resident is in his second and last year as a member of the board of examiners for the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award.

The awards are presented annually by the U.S. Department of Commerce to businesses which exemplify best practices. The awards are given in various categories, including health care, education and manufacturing. Pithadia serves on the manufacturing expertise group.

The Baldridge looks at seven criteria for the awards: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; process management; and business results.

Pithadia, a senior manager with Visteon in Van Buren Township, is a national ambassador for quality for the Department of Commerce and volunteers his time to spread the word locally and globally.

In May, Pithadia was recognized for his service as an examiner at a dinner in Washington, D.C. Now he is also ready to launch his own foundation to work with small businesses to learn what works best.

He is concerned about the pallid economic outlook for southeast Michigan and has been working with the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"We are losing the battle. I've been doing this for the last 3 1/2 years," he said.

Pithadia said his mantra is "innovation, transparency and agility," which he calls the winning formula for success in the global marketplace.

"Where we target the most is the top and the bottom: leadership and business results," he said. "Leadership is missing, leadership is a thing of the past. They are interested in making an organization non-transparent, we want to return to transparency. We get camouflaged results, not results as they are. We want real results."

He said management needs to be responsible to "stakeholders" not just stockholders. Stakeholders include employees and the community at large.

"How long do we have to bleed before you understand we have to do something?" he said.

The professional engineer has taken his message to the chambers of commerce in Toledo, Grand Rapids and beyond.

WORKING IN ASIA

Pithadia is a native of Rajkot, Gujarat, India, and emigrated to the United States in 1979. In the last year, he has been meeting and communicating with leaders throughout his native country about how they can develop their fledgling business climate by learning from those who have been successful.

"The president of India (Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam) sent me an invitation letter, 'What can you do for your country to help us out?' I met with a lot of chief ministers of the state and told them if you don't produce quality goods, it won't do any good," he said.

Pithadia also wrote to Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who challenged him to become involved with the Asian Quality Consortium.

"We need to cut down on inefficiencies, cut down waste and eliminate redundancies," he said.

Pithadia said India has many obstacles to overcome. He said it needs a better infrastructure to provide rail connections, access roads, electricity and potable water.

"There is a lot of poverty, illiteracy, children and women are not given rights. That's what I'm fighting against," he said.

Pithadia will complete his year as a Baldridge examiner and then hopes to launch his Pithadia Foundation.

"I'm launching a nonprofit to preach to medium-scale and small-scale industries that don't have the resources of learning best business practices," he said.

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Local author's book focuses on rise of the Christian Right

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Kim Blaker stood in her basement in a quiet Canton subdivision, surrounded by some 13,000 books, stacked neatly on shelves, categorized by subject and author. You could say she's a bit bookish.

In fact, by day (and most nights) Blaker operates an online bookshop from her home. So it just seemed natural when the book lover turned book author.

Blaker

Blaker published her first book, *The Fundamentals of Extremism: The Christian Right in America*, in 2003, when the United States was still reeling from Sept. 11, 2001.

So far it's sold more than 7,000 copies and an Egyptian publisher this year bought the rights to publish the book in Arabic. The translated version was released earlier this summer.

"When I was taking college courses 10 years ago, I had focused my research paper on the effects of religion on society," Blaker said. "I was intrigued by Christian fundamentalists and the negative effects on those families and society as a whole."

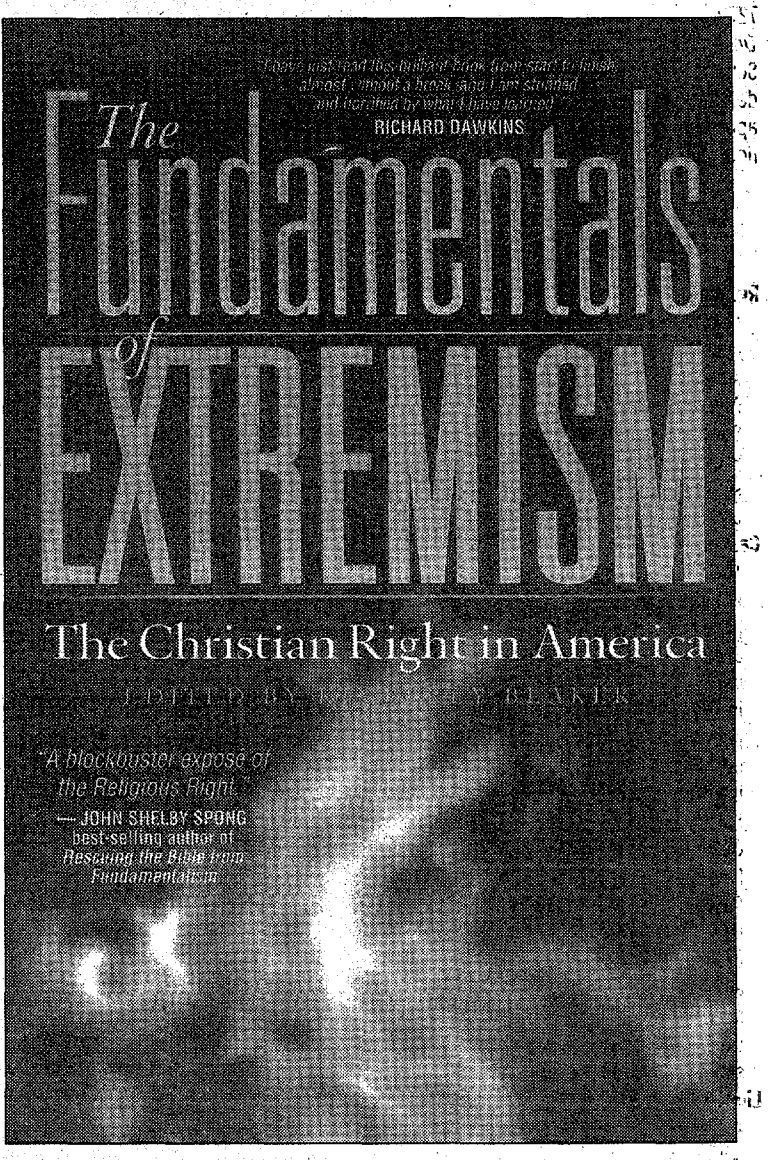
At the end of 2001, Americans were abuzz with talk of fundamentalists, but only as fundamentalism applied to Islam. At the same time, the fundamentalist Christian movement was growing in numbers and political clout, Blaker said.

"I knew it was time to write this book. It had to be released," she said.

And she did. She wrote three of the chapters and called upon other authors and scholars to assist in the writing, then she edited the entire book.

Blaker's controversial viewpoints and critical exposure of Christian fundamentalism have been both highly touted, by scholars and academics, and vociferously criticized, particularly among American conservatives.

The highly controversial book has been dubbed "a blockbuster exposé of the activities of the Religious Right," by best-selling author John Shelby Spong, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. It has also been endorsed by world-renowned evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, among other scholars.



Kimberly Blaker published her first book, 'The Fundamentals of Extremism: The Christian Right in America,' in 2003. It has sold more than 7,000 copies and was recently published in Arabic.

The book has been adopted as part of the text for a variety of academic courses within the social sciences. Course titles include Anarchy, Nationalism, and Fundamentalism; American Culture; to a variety of Women's Studies programs at such prestigious institutions as Bowdoin College, Ohio State University, UCLA, and University of California, at Irvine.

Extremism is an in-depth examination of the causes and characteristics of Christian fundamentalism and its effects on women, children, African-Americans, gays and lesbians, politics, education, and American society.

"There is a strong correlation between fundamentalism and an authoritative personality style. Often that leads to aggressive and violent behaviors," Blaker said. "Then there are those who would not be considered fundamentalist but would be considered evangelical conservatives who try to impose their beliefs on the rest of society."

Blaker specifically noted that gay rights and women's rights are impinged upon as the fundamentalist Christian movement has become more vocal in the political arena.

And the political divide continues to grow, she added.

"One of the scary things – given the atmosphere with the war and terrorism – is that we'll see more growth in fundamentalist views," Blaker said. "It's scary because we see so many of our rights and freedoms violated as a result."

When she was approached this year by Shorouk International Bookshop, a leading Egyptian publishing house, about translating the book into Arabic, Blaker was conflicted.

"The book is obviously controversial, but the fact that it's being published and read in the Middle East by the opponents of the fundamentalist right made it more so. I had contemplated not having it translated," she said. "At that time, I was conflicted. I wrote the book to inform people. To say I would censor it from certain groups, I couldn't do that."

Since its Arabic release, a Canadian company has approached Blaker about publishing the book in more languages and selling foreign publishing rights in more countries, she said.

The American edition is available through most booksellers and retails for $15.95. The Arabic edition is available at Amazon.com for $19.95. For more details, visit www.NewBostonBooks.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

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PUMP HOUSE RENOVATIONS

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB CLUBHOUSE PAINTING

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

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CLUBHOUSE SIDING REPLACEMENT

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction August 29, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1991	Toyota	Camry	4 Dr	4T1SV24E1MU427516
1992	Toyota	Corolla	4 Dr	1NXAE91A2NZ283109
1993	Ford	Tempo	2 Dr	1FAPP31X1PK222249
1993	Ford	F-150	P/U	1FTDF15Y8PLA54613
1994	Dodge	Intrepid	4 Dr	1B3ED56T8RF236707
1998	Mercury	Villager	S/W	4M2ZV1117WDJ18726
1997	Mercury	Sable	4 Dr	1MELM50U6VG642317
1988	Chevy	Cavalier	4 Dr	1G1JC511XJ7116310
1993	Oldsmobile	88	4 Dr	1G3HN53L1PH319426
1997	GMC	Yukon	S/W	1GKEK13R7VJ737024
1984	GMC	Van	Van	1GDEG25H9E7519537
1972	Dodge	Motorhome		B31BF2V628299
1973	Dodge	Winnibego		R39CG3S217297
	Boat & Trailer			14410134
2000	Lincoln	LS	4 Dr	1LNHM87A2YY886450
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Plymouth Paper

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 09/08/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd*Canton* 734-981-0300

3048	Smith	Household Items
4042	Ost	Household Items
4207	McGhee	Household Items
4270	Young	Household Items
5202	Peploski	Household Items
6015	Prejon	Household Items
6230	Merritt	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734-398-5416

4025	Osborne	Household goods
4038	Simpson	Household goods
4274	Bryant	Household goods
3015	Macko	Household goods
4016	Multi Racial Fmly	Learning Dev/Musical instr.
4145	Steele	Household goods
5224	Stevens	Household goods
2003	Viola	Household goods

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000

1024	Gross	Household items
1220	Fowler	Household items
1256	Ponoski	Household items
1486	Klingensmith	Household items
2390	Parker	Household items

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522-7811

1011	Everson	Household goods
2051	Gebhard	Household goods
9037	Gebhard	Household goods
4031	Flumerfelt	Household goods
5098	Redding	Household goods

Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd* Taylor*313-292-2950

6185	Caulton	Household
6011	Farraj	Household
3095	Gould	Household
5071	Orobledo	Household
9092	Kellerman	Household
5058	Pace	Household
9029	Roberts	Household
5093	Smith	Household
3057	Burch	Household

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Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000

1158	Hanna-Haas	Household
3090	Towns	Household
4148	Tuttle	Household

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200

1029	Landis	Household
3036	Ray	Inventory Gutter
3056	Gant	Household
4052	Austin	Household
5003	Eadie	Household
9124	Zalenski	Files Boxes

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Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor * 2500 S. Industrial Hwy; Ann Arbor; *734-973-2212

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8029	Tashach	Household
1027	Czeski	Household

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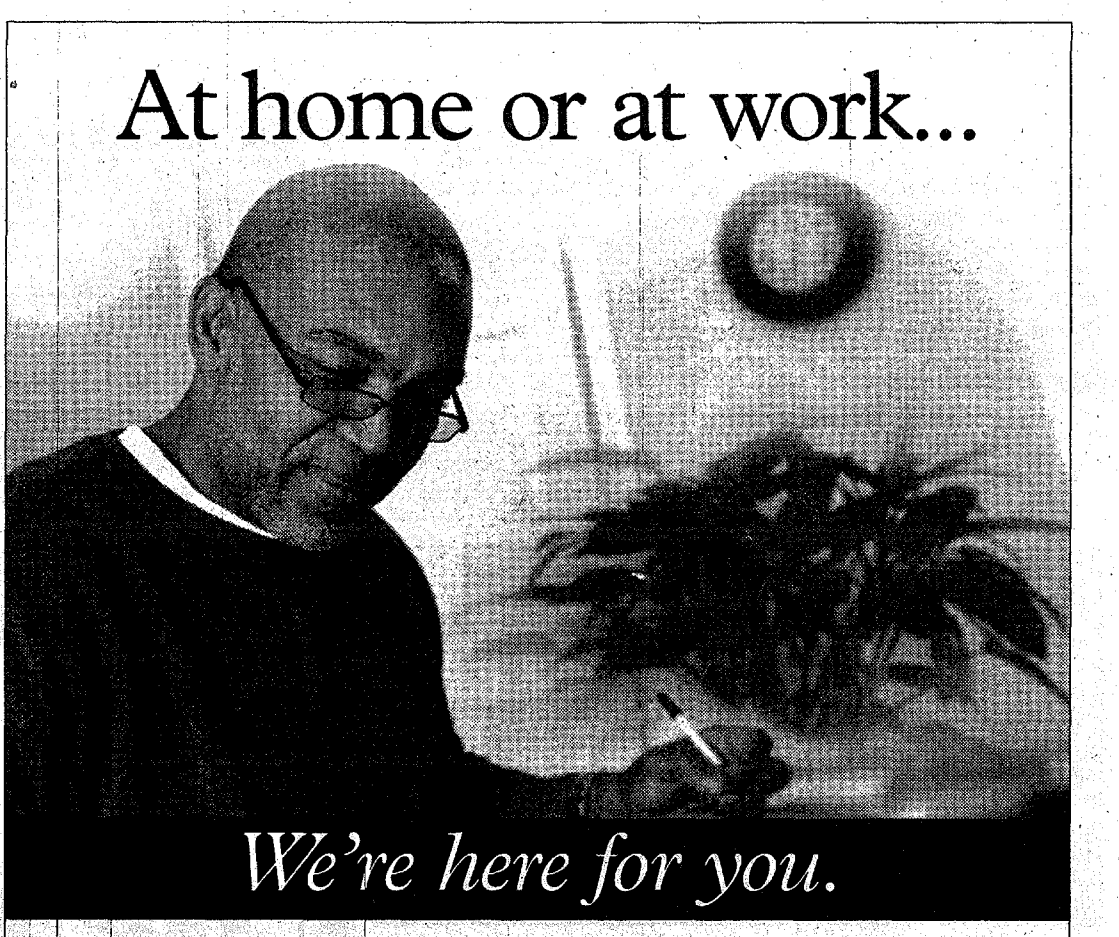

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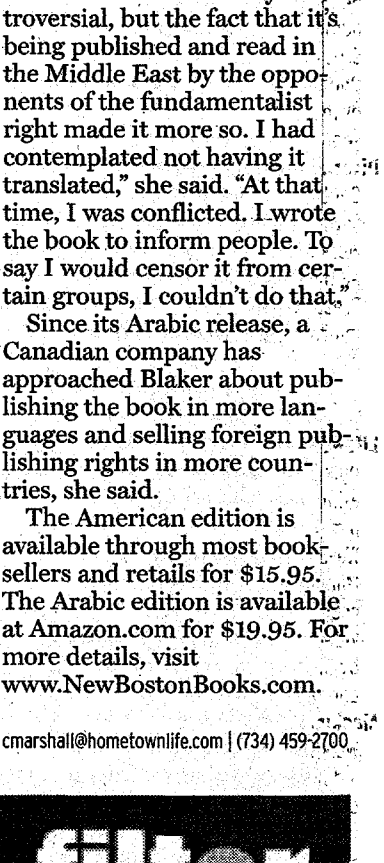

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

AUGUST

Rummage sale
Great assortment of merchandise, low cost lunch available, handicap accessible 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 24-25, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

Casting call
The Passion Play of Detroit is seeking volunteer cast and crew members to participate in a dramatic depiction of Jesus Christ and the events surrounding His death burial and resurrection in "HE'S ALIVE." Bring your talent and passions to this impacting community outreach at the vision/casting meeting 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck, between Five and Six Mile roads, Northville. Passion Play Ministries International is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to equipping people from all nations with the greatest hope message the world has ever known. Visit www.passion-play.org or call (248) 246-6391.

Lighthouse Cafe
7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. $5 payable at the door. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Free concert
Members of Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, will meet at the fountain for a free concert featuring Steve King and the Dittlies 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. Call (734) 513-9479.

Bicycling group
10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Kensington Metropark, Milford. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Women's fellowship
International cuisine potluck 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Room C317 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Guest speaker is Lydia from Taiwan who speaks on how she came to the Lord. Please bring a family dish from your ethnic background. For more information, call Single Point Ministries office at (248) 374-5920.

Allen Family concert
Featuring Todd Allen, his wife Michelle and their eight children 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee. Call (248) 474-0350, ext. 221.

Mom2Mom sale
Table renters wanted for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. $1 admission. Bake sale. Cost is $25 for 6-ft. table, $30 for 8-ft. table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information (734) 532-7818 or send e-mail to Harrisar@aol.com.

Divorce recovery program
Continues 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays to Sept. 28, and Oct. 19 to Dec. 4 (no workshop Thanksgiving Day), presented by Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

UPCOMING

Lifeworks
Dick Bont continues his series on creating and recreating relationships 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No registration or cost for this event. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920. Presented by Single Point Ministries (30 years and older).

Mackinac Bridge walk
Walk the bridge Labor morning, spend a day on Mackinac Island, enjoy an evening vesper cruise, have devotions in the shadow of the Mackinac Bridge Sunday morning, trip departs Saturday, Sept. 2 and return on Monday, Sept. 4. The price is $299 (two per room) or $230 (three-four per room) and includes two nights lodging at Baymont Hotel, bus transportation and ferry crossing to Mackinac Island. To be sensitive to the variety of Christian backgrounds in Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up), there will be no alcoholic beverages and no gambling. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group
10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Monthly dance
Bethany Suburban West presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 2 (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is $10, refreshments included. Call (734) 261-5716 for information.

Holiday picnic
Noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, in Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets $5 adults, $2 children under age 12, includes picnic foods grilled between noon and 2 p.m., and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass to complement the meal and join us for sun, food, games, fellowship and fun. To be sensitive to the wide variety of Christian backgrounds in Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up), there will be no alcoholic beverages or gambling. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

Catholic programs
You've been coming to Catholic liturgies for years with your spouse, but just haven't taken the plunge to become Catholic yourself. The opportunity has arrived at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Sept. 5th sees the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic. Call David Conrad, Director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

Fall program
Explore contemporary moral issues via sci-fi. Morality, conscience, human dignity - the Catholic Church's understanding of these topics shapes her understanding of today's hot topics: euthanasia, assisted suicide, the theory of just war, stem cell research, and more. Join us for an explanation and exploration of these and other topics using sci-fi episodes starting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Remarried workshop
7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6, to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for 1 session or all 13.

Prosperity program
Stretton Smith's 4 T Prosperity Program 8 p.m. Wednesdays Sept. 6 to Nov. 22, at unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Sign-up fee including book is $35.. Call (734) 421-1760.

Mom2Mom sale
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School in Redford. Admission $1 per adult. Strollers welcome. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, there are still some available. Call (313) 415-1977.

Bible study
Explore the Gospel of Mark, chapters 8:22 to 16:8 Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Family festival
Begins with a picnic at noon at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Highlights include a classic car show, live music, games, moonwalk, face painting, soap box derby cars, hayrides, ice cream novelties, and much more for all ages. Come meet the new pastor Phil DiLernia. The festival is free and all are invited. For more information, call (734) 721-7410.

Vendors wanted
For Yard and Craft Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton, Belleville. Space available indoors and outdoors. Call (734) 941-2378 or (734) 495-0811.

Remembrance service
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford, will hold a service of prayer, music, and scripture 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, marking the 5th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. Please join us in worshipping our Lord and Savior as we commemorate/remember lives that were lost and place ourselves in God's hands. Any questions, call (313) 937-2415, or e-mail jmanor@hosannatabor.org.

Spirituality of aging
A look at our spirituality and our purpose in live now, at this age and time, with Sister Arlene Kosmatka, O.P. beginning 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Brunch praise and worship
Fall Into The Arms Of Jesus with speaker Robin Sullivan at Brunch, Praise & Worship, Fellowship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept.16, at the Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty, Novi. $18 per person by Sept. 8, $22 at the door if available. Order at Robinsullivan.com or by phone at (248) 921-5453. Limited Seating.

Victorian tea
ROC International Church of Northville will again be sponsoring a Breakfast Tea to celebrate Northville's Victorian Festival 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. A delicious breakfast, the finest teas and an atmosphere of genteel friendship will set the tone for this year's inspirational message of faith. Beginning this season, the Tea introduces the series, A Victorian Romance. The Proposal will be the first of a three part journey of romance and love. Subsequent teas will highlight The Wedding (2007)
and finally A New Life Together (2008). Tickets are $20 each and can be purchased at Northville Candle Shop, Northville Chamber of Commerce, La Corsetiere or by calling (248) 982-7489. Victorian Dress is optional.

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 18-19, at St. Mel's Church activity building, 7506 Inkster road, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (734) 425-0732.

Re-marriage retreat
Remarried Ministries present a weekend getaway to Maranatha Retreat and Conference Center in Muskegon Sept. 22-24. Cost is $299 per couple and includes two nights lodging, five meals, speakers Brent and Bonnie Keen, music by Bonnie Keen. Campfires, fun and fellowship. Remarried couples can call (248) 374-5912.

Religious education
Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions begin Sept. 24, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Attend 9:30 a.m. Mass as a family on Sunday followed by separate education sessions for children and adults that runs until noon.

Mom2Mom sale
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. $1 admission. Bake sale. Call (734) 421-8628.

Crafters needed
Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Crafters wanted
For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555. S. Lilley, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Personal ministry
Join us as we study the Word of God. Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime
For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Scripture studies
7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Fall registration
Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools, grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

Worship schedule
New schedule continues to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall, Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

TOPS
Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study
7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service
Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study
Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

School registration
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Senior activities
Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities
St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for $4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services
All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

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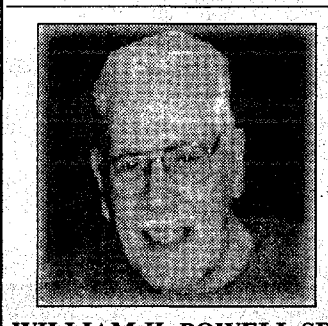
CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH MAYONE

Age 44, of Beverly Hills, died suddenly August 20, 2006. Beloved husband of Sharon. Loving father of Sidney and Joseph. Dear son of Jerome and Jeannine Mayone. Brother of Jeannine Marie Ziomek (Steven) and Coryn Mifsud (David). Grandson of Suzanne LaBounty and uncle to 6 nieces and nephews. Son-in-law of Steve and Joan Timko. Chris was a Vice President at National City Bank. He was a graduate of Hillsdale College and the American Graduate School of International Management. He was very active at St. Regis Parish, serving on the Parish Council and the Finance Committee. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-8 PM and Friday 2-8 PM at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) with Scripture Service Friday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 AM at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser. Visitation at church begins Saturday at 9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Mayone Children's Educational Trust Fund, c/o 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48084. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EDWIN H. DRESCHER, JR.

Born June 29, 1942 passed on August 10, 2006 a longtime resident of Livonia, Michigan. He is survived by his sister Bette McNahon of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, a nephew Darren Wilder, and a dear aunt, Bette MacNeil, of Beverly, Mass., as well as his many cousins. He was born in Lowell, Mass. and attended Chelmsford, Mass. Public Schools, graduating from Chelmsford High School in 1960. He subsequently graduated from Northeastern University cum laude with a BA in Business Administration. Ed served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon, GA for two years. He then had an illustrious career at Ford Motor Company until his retirement in 1993 as a financial analyst at Transmission & Chassis Division in Livonia. He was an active member of the Board of Directors of Purlingbrook Condominium Association where he resided for many years. Mr. Drescher devoted his retirement as a volunteer and Board Member to many HIV/AIDS related organizations including AIDS Partnership Michigan, WINGS, and FRIENDS Alliance. Memorial contributions may be made to WINGS, 405 Livernois, Ferndale, MI 48220. A memorial dinner will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2006 at 4:00PM to take place at Como's Restaurant at the corner of 9 Mile Rd and Woodward, Ferndale.



WILLIAM H. POWELL SR.

age 94 of Westland, formerly of Livonia, August 21, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Luella J., Loving father of Jim (Lorraine), Richard (Cindy), Mary Lou (Steve) Mirka, Gerri (Charley) Allen and William H. Jr.. Also survived by seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral service Friday in state 10 a.m. until 10:30 mass at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Visitation Thurs. 2 p.m.- 9 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd. Westland (btwn. Ford and cherry Hill). Memorial donations to St. Benedict Catholic Church, 60 Church St. Highland Park, MI 48203 and Boy Scouts of America, Detroit Council, Sunset District would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence log on www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JANICE TIBUS GALLESERO

After 47 years of living, loving and laughing, Janice passed away on Thursday, August 17th. Born in Detroit, Michigan on September 25th, 1958 to Barbara Tibus Brice and Joseph Edmund Tibus (who predeceased her in 2005), Janice is also survived by her beloved son John, two sisters, Dawn Charlton and Cheryl Tibus and two brothers, Shawn Tibus and Joe Tibus as well as 2 nieces, 5 nephews, a grand niece and nephew. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 26th at the Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. A celebration of her life will begin at noon.

MILDRED PAULINE BEERS

age 87 began her new adventure and was reunited with husband Maury on Monday, August 14 after resting comfortably at her 30-year residence in Westland, Michigan. After putting up an extremely brave fight against Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma for the last eight years and losing Maurice last January, Mrs. Beers is now reunited with her beyond-life partner and the rest of her family which she missed so much. Born January 24, 1919 in Madison, Ohio to parents Lawrence and Waite Eller of Geneva, Ohio. Mrs. Beers entered life as part of a very large, rural farming family and was preceded in death by her parents, three brother: Clarence, Merrell and Lawrence Eller Jr and six sisters: Vesta White, Lula Beaber, Mabel Wolcott, Susie Maltby, Ethel Cosgrove, Lela Pethtel, Verness (who died in infancy) and, of course, her husband and now eternal partner, Maurice C. Beers. Mr. Beers passed during January 2006. Mildred Beers was a Life Member of Nankin Chapter #238 and the Grand Chapter of Michigan in the Order of Eastern Star. She served in many capacities throughout the years but, most notably, 1972-73 and 1991-92 as Worthy Matron of Strathmore and Plymouth Chapters and was appointed to the Grand Committee of Michigan in 1977 (Meinhart-Malacos). She also was the Grand Representative of Indiana in Michigan in 1998. Through OES and many other charitable organizations such as the March Of Dimes and countless others, Mrs Beers gave both of her time and resources to help others in need throughout her lifetime. If she has any regrets after her long and productive life, we're sure it's that she won't be here to celebrate the Detroit Tigers World Series win this year. (She'll be lending her support from "above".) She is survived by her sons, Richard Beers of Las Vegas, NV and James Beers, currently of Westland, MI. As someone who always tried to supply guidance, love and tolerance to "her boys" she will be deeply missed but always appreciated. She is also survived by her two remaining sisters: Maxine King and Clouris Arden, both of Geneva, Ohio, sister-in-laws Verna Oehlenschlager of Wooster, Ohio and Viola Beers of Temecula, CA. She also leaves hundreds of friends, nieces, nephews and extended family. She was loved and admired by many. The world will miss Mildred Beers very much, but her generous nature and lifetime accomplishments will always be remembered and set examples for others. Visitation will be at LJ Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd in Westland Michigan on Friday, August 25 from 6 – 9PM and Saturday, August 26 from Noon – 4PM. The funeral service will commence on Saturday at 2:30 PM, finishing with the Order of Eastern Star recognition at 3:30PM. For details, call RJ Griffin at 1-734-522-9400. An OES Luncheon will be held at Wayne Masonic Temple following these services. Mildred will be laid to rest along with husband Maury and his parents at Glenwood Cemetery in Conneaut, Ohio following a service at Marcy Funeral Home in Conneaut on Monday, August 28th. Graveside services will be held the following Tuesday. Marcy Funeral home: 1-440-593-4253. Donations will be made to: Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801. Envelopes will be available at the funeral homes.

ISABEL LAIRD BUCHANAN

Age 101, a resident of Heather Hills Retirement Community, Grand Rapids (formerly of Birmingham), passed away Sunday, August 20, 2006. Born September 5, 1904, in Onsted, MI, she was the daughter of Donald and Elizabeth (Manson) Laird. She earned her teaching certificate from Ypsilanti State Teachers College, following which she taught school in the Brooklyn area. In 1928, she earned a BA Degree from Michigan Agricultural College, then taught high school classes for three years in St. Louis, MI, and substitute taught in the Flint area. She was a member of the American Association of University Women. Isabel resided in the Birmingham area for many years where she attended the First Presbyterian Church and where she was active with the Ladies Circle. Her husband, James R. Buchanan, preceded her in death in 1969. She was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Edward H. Laird and James M. Laird. Surviving are one son and two daughters, James L. (Joan) Buchanan of Grand Rapids, Judith Anne (John A.) Jordan of Atlanta, GA, and Jean B. Schrage of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Services were held at the chapel of White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI, on Wednesday, with Reverend Carolyn Wharton officiating. Memorials may be made to Faith Hospice, c/o Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Services, Grand Rapids, MI
www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com

NANCY R. LEONARD

Age 89. August 20, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Arthur for 56 years. Loving mother of Jane Leonard. Dear sister of Ann Richardson. Sister-in-law of Mary E. Leonard. Also leaves many beloved friends. Memorial Service to honor Nancy and Arthur will be held Wednesday, August 30th, 7 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until time of service. No flowers, Please. Memorial contributions to the Tree Remembrance Program for placement at the Governor Warner Museum, c/o City of Farmington; or the SEVA Foundation.
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Paul Melrose named executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center

The Rev. Dr. Paul Melrose was recently named executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan.

The announcement was made by Carol Turner, chairperson of the Center's Board of Directors. The Rev. Dr. Wesley L. Brun, D.Min., L.P.C., who has been the executive director since the center's founding in 1986, announced his retirement as of July 1.

After a national quest, the Search Committee of the Board of Directors nominated the Rev. Dr. Paul Melrose, D.Min., L.M.F.T. to be the new executive director, and the board unanimously endorsed the selection.

Melrose has been on the staff at the center for the past six years and has been the Director of Clinical Services at the center. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York (M.Div.) and Andover Newton Theological School (D.Min.). He did his clinical training at the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute. He is licensed in New Jersey (L.P.C.) and Michigan (L.M.F.T.), is a "Diplomate" in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and an "Approved Supervisor" in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Melrose

Melrose is an ordained "Elder" in the United Methodist Church. He serves the American Association of Pastoral Counselors as chair of the Institutional Accreditation Committee. He brings to this position more than 20 years experience as a center administrator, supervisor and clinician. He assumed his duties on July 1.

The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan was established by a consortium of churches in the Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield area in 1986, to provide pastoral counseling and psychotherapy to individuals, couples and families in our area.

It has grown now to a staff of 11 counselors working through five offices in the metropolitan area. It is accredited by both the Samaritan Institute in Denver and by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors in Washington D.C. In addition to counseling and psychotherapy, the center is also an approved training center of the AAPC and provides training programs for clergy and counseling professionals as well as lay persons in church and community groups. It has programs of grief recovery, preparation for marriage, anger management, assertiveness training and substance abuse intervention.

A special service of worship, "A Celebration of Ministry," marked the center's 20th anniversary and a reception was held to honor Brun for his years of service to the center and the passing of the mantle to Melrose was held on Sunday, June 11 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

For more information about the Samaritan Counseling Center and any of its services, call the center at (248) 474-4701 or visit their Web site at www.samaritancounseling-michigan.com.

Torch Drive sets $61 million goal

United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Board of Directors announced it has approved a 2006 Torch Drive goal of $61 million.

The goal was recommended and unanimously supported by United Way's 2006 Campaign Cabinet, led by Torch Drive General Chair, Richard E. Dauch, co-founder, chairman & CEO, American Axle & Manufacturing. Last year's Torch Drive goal was $66.5 million. More than $64 million was raised.

"We are facing tremendous economic challenges, due to the structural changes impacting our region's manufacturing industry and business community," said Dauch. "Those changes, along with rising health care costs, have dramatically increased the need for health and human services. This year's goal was based on in-depth research and thoughtful discussions, with a clear understanding of the importance of attaining our goal in order to best serve those who need our help most. We are grateful to have a chance to serve."

Dauch added, "We invite all businesses, groups and individuals to take an active role in strengthening our region by contributing to United Way's campaign. It is critical that this campaign be a success in order for us to continue to meet the needs of our community. I am confident that with the help of a dynamic campaign cabinet and thousands of volunteers and contributors, we will achieve our goal."

United Way's Torch Drive helps support hundreds of programs and services devoted to nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, promoting health and wellness, and empowering neighborhoods and communities throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"We are grateful for the generous commitment of Dick Dauch, the numerous volunteers, and all our supporters and partners who help us attain the resources necessary to improve lives and change the underlying causes of problems in order to make a lasting difference throughout our region," said Michael J. Brennan, president & CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "Together, we can accomplish what no single group or individual can do alone."

This year's Torch Drive will kick off Friday, Sept. 8, with a 6:30 a.m. lighting of United Way's 54-foot torch in downtown Detroit. There will also be several volunteer activities, including sorting food, painting, beautification projects and agency makeovers where volunteers will create four resource libraries throughout the region to enhance early childhood literacy levels.

The Torch Drive concludes Nov. 15. For more information, call (313) 226-9300 or click on www.onewaytohelp.org.

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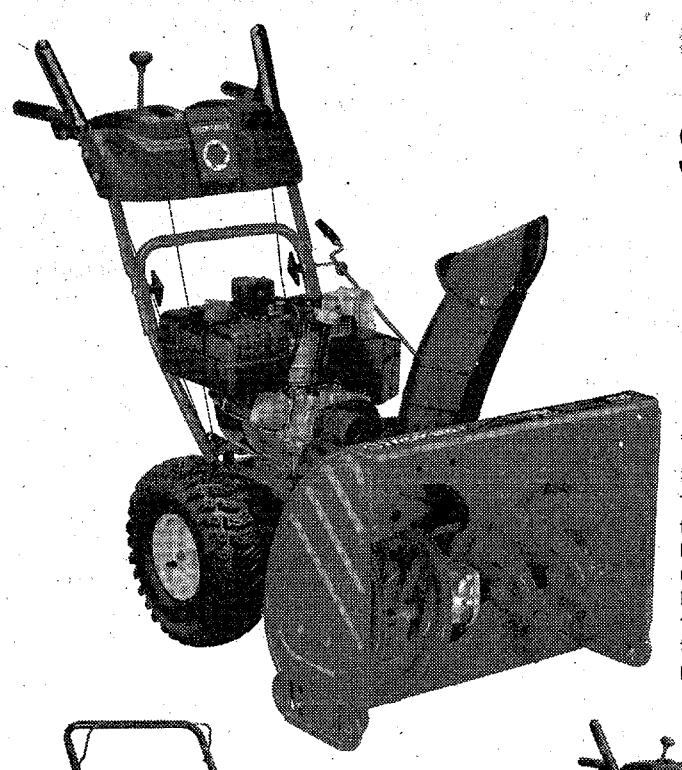

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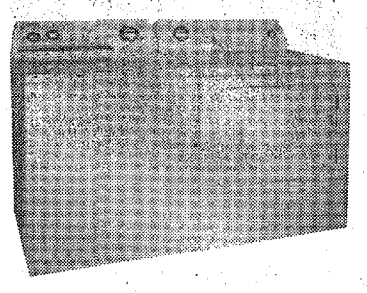

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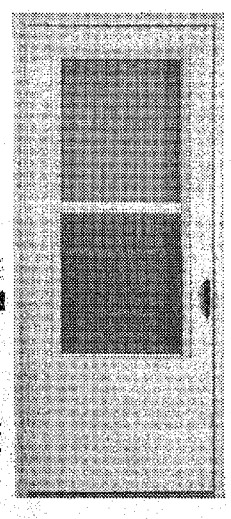

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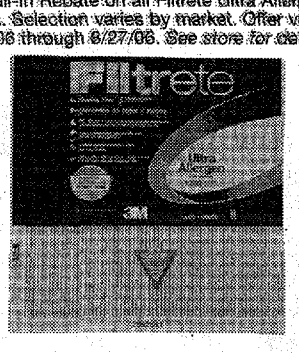

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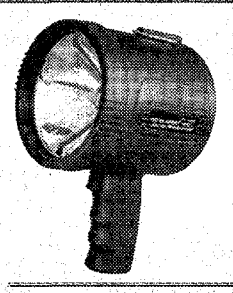

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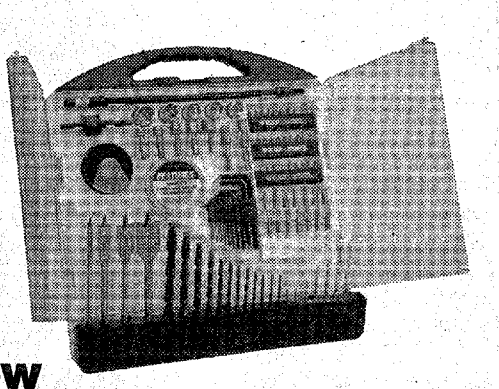

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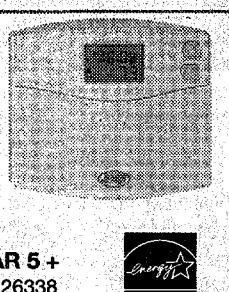

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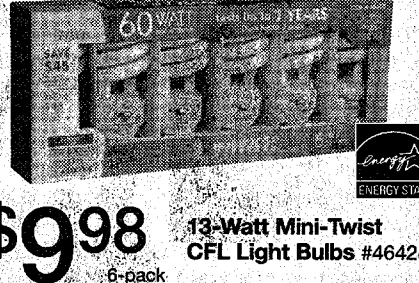

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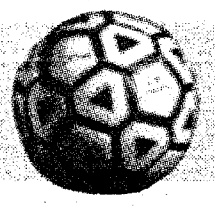

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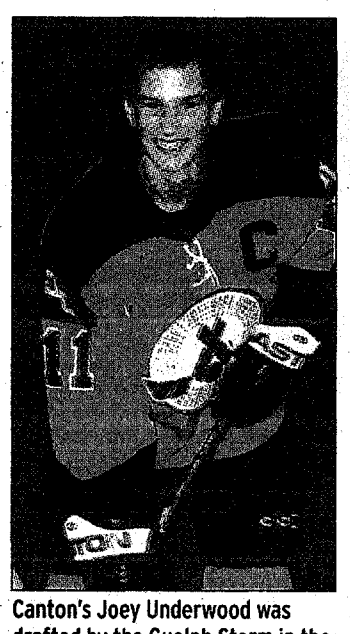

Canton's Joey Underwood was drafted by the Guelph Storm in the 7th round of May's Ontario Hockey League Entry Draft.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Joey Underwood will be swapping golf for Guelph later this month.

The 16-year-old Canton resident, who was expected to be one of the top returning players on this fall's Canton High School golf team, was drafted by the Guelph Storm in the seventh round (128th overall) of May's Ontario Hockey League Entry Draft.

Guelph is located in southern Ontario, about an hour west of Toronto — or roughly a three-and-a-half-hour drive from Canton.

"I had a feeling Guelph was going to take me because they showed quite a bit of interest in me before the draft," said Underwood, who will move to his new home-away-from-home on Aug. 28. "I'm excited. I've already been up there a couple of times and I've met the family I'll be living with. They're very nice, and Guelph seems like a great place to live. It reminds me a lot of downtown Plymouth.

"I'll miss playing on the high school golf team because I was just getting to the point where I'm a competitive varsity player, but playing in the OHL is an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Speaking of passing, the smooth-skating defenseman had an eye-opening 2005-06 season for the Detroit Compuware 90s team, tallying 22 assists and 12 goals in just 55 games.

By signing a contract with Guelph, Underwood will receive money toward a college scholarship and $50 per week from the team. He also relinquishes his rights to play collegiate hockey.

"There were a lot of things about Joe that we like," said Guelph head coach Dave Barr, a former Detroit Red Wing. "First of all, we liked the fact that he was a captain because it says a lot about his leadership abilities. More importantly, he knows how to play the game. He's almost always in the right position on the ice and he doesn't make a lot of mistakes.

"Joe will find out quickly how big and fast the guys in our league are, but we feel he's the kind of player who will adapt to the style of play in the OHL very quickly. That's why we drafted him."

Underwood admits he isn't the same person — at least physically — that he was when the Storm selected him three months ago.

"I've gained 15 pounds over the summer," said Underwood, who has bulked up from 160 to 175 pounds. "After the draft, the team gave me a booklet that had a workout program they wanted me to follow. A friend of mine has some weights in his basement, so I spent a lot of time down there this summer."

Barr said Underwood's added muscle will come in handy once the Storm's OHL schedule kicks in next month.

"He'll be skating against guys that are 190, 195 pounds, so you don't want to be giving away 35 pounds to them," said Barr. "He's only 16, so I'm sure some of the weight he's put on was due to natural development, but it also shows he's been working hard in the weight room."

Underwood, who will attend Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Guelph, said his family — parents Doug and Tammy; and siblings Ben, Jake and Emily — are as excited as he is about the next step in his promising hockey career.

"Guelph's only three-and-a-half hours away, so I'm sure they'll be coming to a lot of my home games," he said. "With me gone, Jake's happy because he gets his own bedroom now. But at the same time he's bumming because I was the one who was going to drive him to school. Now he's going to have to take the bus."

Like every OHL-caliber player, Underwood admitted he has aspirations to play in the NHL someday.

"But it's not something I think about a lot," he said. "If I make it, that would be great. If I don't, I'll go to college, get a degree, and try to become a doctor."

Or — who knows? — maybe a professional golfer.

2006 Prep Football Preview

Fans should think twice before taunting extra-special athletes

Grid Picks

Ed Wright

As we approach the kick-off of the 2006 prep football season, student cheering sections from Mount Clemens to Iron Mountain should heed the following warning: Directing trash-talk at the opponents' best player can be hazardous to your team's health.

Case in point: Minutes before last year's Division 1 semifinal playoff game between Macomb Dakota and Canton, several Dakota students directed a series of short jokes at Chiefs' two-way star Deshon McClendon, who stands 5-foot-6.

The jokes weren't short as in brief one-liners, but short as in, "Hey, No. 1 (McClendon's number), you're short!"

Needless to say, the strategy backfired.

The ticked-off McClendon, who runs through defenses like a bull in a china shop when he's in a *good* mood, torched the Cougars' defense for close to 200 yards rushing and three TD's

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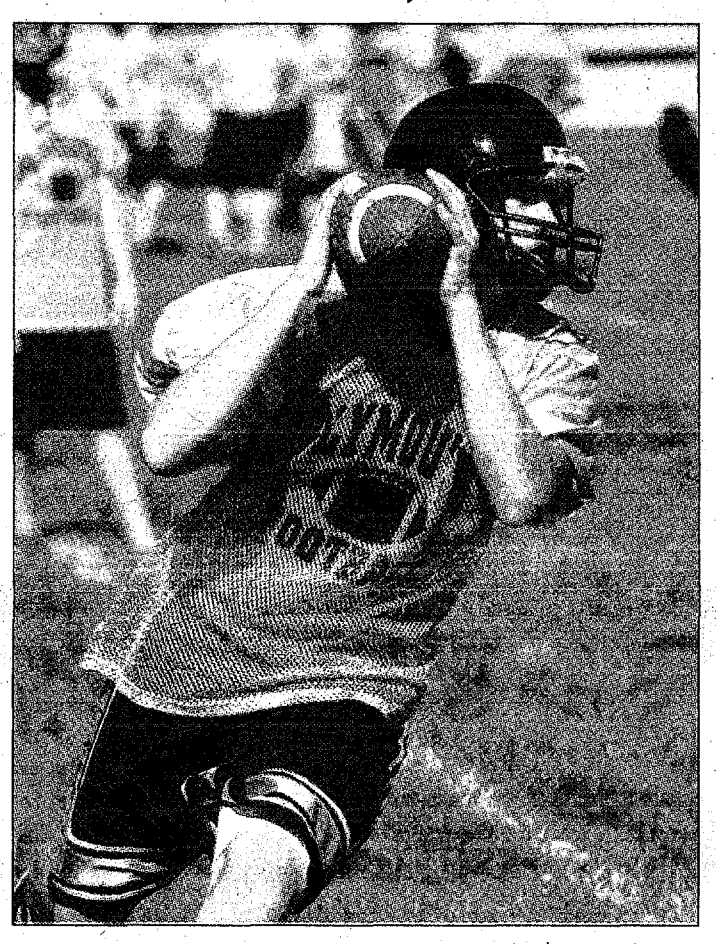

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Senior quarterback Matt Barrera will be running the show for the Plymouth offense after serving as Brent Jones' back-up in 2005. Barrera can throw accurately with both his right and left arms.

In good hands

First-year starting quarterback set to guide Wildcats' offense

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Even though the only starting quarterback Plymouth's football program has ever known has left for Hope, the Wildcats' 2006 predicament is far from hopeless.

Former Plymouth field general Brent Jones, who led the team to a 7-3 record and a post-season playoff appearance last season, has graduated and taken his considerable leadership skills to Hope College.

While his departure has left a huge void, it is one that should be filled quickly and more than adequately by last year's understudy, Matt Barrera, a speedy 5-foot-11, 176-pound senior.

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ALL ABOUT THE WILDCATS

- **Head coach** – Jay Blaylock (5th season);
- **Number of varsity players** – 61;
- **Returning starters** – 8 (3 offense; 5 defense);
- **2005 record** – 7-3 (knocked off in opening-round Division 1 playoff game by Detroit Cody);
- **2006 opener** – Saturday, 2:30 p.m., vs. defending Division 2 runner-up Hudsonville in the Big Prep Showdown at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium);
- **Primary offense** – multiple-set veer;
- **Players to watch** – senior QB Matt Barrera, senior RB Nathan Gholston, senior WR/DB Sam Jones, senior OL Sabatino Ruggerio; senior LB Nick Rosochacki; junior LB Spencer Tobin; and senior DB LaBroderic Caldwell.

2006 Girls Hoop Preview

4-year star Houdek primed for last hurrah

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

No, Becci Houdek has not been playing point guard for the Canton girls basketball team forever.

It's just seemed that way to Western Lakes Activities Association coaches over the past three years.

The 5-foot-9 Houdek, who is about to embark on her fourth year as a starter, possesses a rare blend of ability, court savvy and all-out hustle that has left opposing coaches and players shaking their heads in fits of frustration.

Last year, with Houdek at the controls, Canton compiled a 19-5 record while earning a Class A District title. The then-junior averaged nine points, four rebounds, five assists and close to two steals per contest.

"Becci's biggest strength is her ability to find the open player," said Canton second-year coach Brian Samulski. "Becci has great vision and she's a great defensive player, too. She spent a lot of time shooting the ball this summer, so along with being an outstanding point guard, she's increased her ability to score from the perimeter.

"With (last year's leading scorer) Lisa Ealy gone, we need Becci to score a little bit more than she did last year, but not a lot more. We have some other players who can help pick up the slack, too."

Among the other players is senior forward Ja'nee Morton (5-9), who averaged 9.9 points and five rebounds per contest in 2005. Morton may not be the tallest player in the league, but her unparalleled leaping ability makes her one of the WLAA's most feared rebounders.

"Ja'nee has great athletic ability," Samulski said. "She knows how to get the ball to the rim and she knows how to finish. A lot of her points come off of putbacks. Ja'nee's defense has improved a great deal the past two years, too, which has made her a complete player."

Senior Lauren Delapaz (5-7) will join Houdek in the Chiefs' starting backcourt. A two-year letter-winner, she saw significant crunch-time minutes during last year's late-season run.

"Lauren is a great competitor who competes every play, both on offense and defense," Samulski said. "She's definitely one of our strongest defensive

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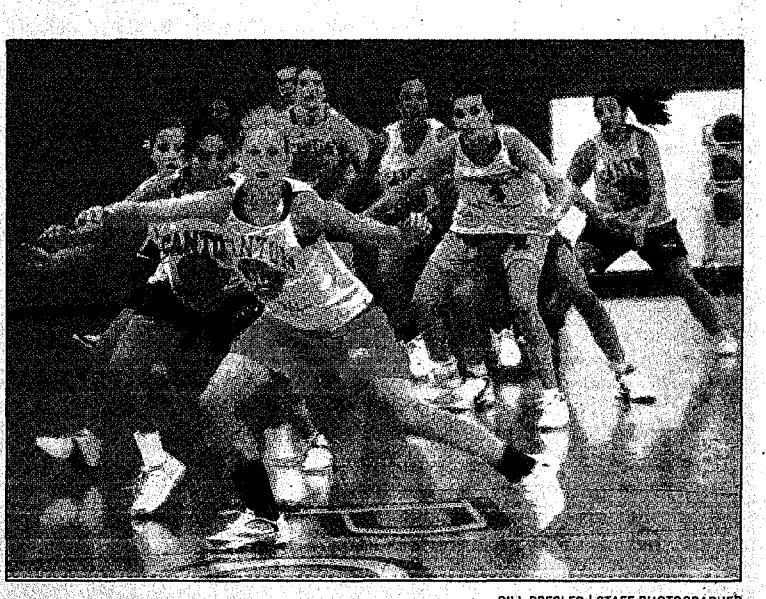

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Senior point guard Becci Houdek leads Canton's basketball team in a defensive drill during one of the team's first practices of the season last week. The Chiefs will be attempting to defend their 2005 WLAA tournament title this season.

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SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

■ Tryouts for the 2007 PC Pride girls fastpitch softball program will be held Aug. 26-27 and Aug. 30. The Pride offers teams in 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age brackets.

The Saturday, Aug. 26, tryout will run from 1-5 p.m. with registration starting at 12:30 p.m. The Sunday, Aug. 27, tryout will run from 1-6 p.m. with registration at 12:30 p.m. The Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryout will run from 6-8 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Saturday and Sunday tryouts will be held on fields 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center, which is located on 46555 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The Tuesday tryout will be held at Heritage Park, located on Heritage Park Dr. in Canton.

For more information, visit the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.com/pcpride; or call Scott Ampe at (734) 495-0789.

■ Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m.-noon; 14U will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 16U will run from noon-2 p.m.; and 18U will run from noon to 2 p.m.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Canton Cannons U11 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, on Field 1 at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park. Players who are 11 or under as of April 30, 2007, are eligible to play for the USSSA/Triple-A level team.

The Cannons will play approximately 40 games, including four or five tournaments.

For more information, contact head coach Chris Tidwell at (734) 891-6116.

■ The Plymouth/Canton Patriots U11 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts Sunday, Aug. 27, from 2-5 p.m. on Field #1 of McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Adams at (248) 943-1232.

■ The Plymouth/Canton Cardinals U14 travel baseball team, a member of the Kensington Valley League, will be holding tryouts for its 2007 squad on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park in Canton.

The Saturday tryouts will run from 2-4 p.m. while the Sunday tryouts will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Players are encouraged to arrive up to 15 minutes early to register.

For more information, contact head coach Doug Heuer at (248) 763-2850.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 12U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 10, at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Beck.

All players must be 12 or under on April 30, 2007, and reside in or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton. For more information and to pre-register, send an e-mail to sudzy190@aol.com; or call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

■ The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Monday, Aug. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located on Plymouth Rd., just east of Haggerty.

Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old by April 30, 2007. For more information, contact Larry at (734) 812-3280.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 U13 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at Heritage Park Sunday, Aug. 27, beginning at 4 p.m. Players should arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27.

■ The Pirates 2007 14-and-under baseball team, which represents the communities of Plymouth and Canton, will be conducting tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton Township.

Heritage is located behind the Canton Township offices on Canton Center Rd., just south of Cherry Hill.

Players must have a birth date on or after May 1, 1992, and enjoy playing at a competitive level.

The team is expected to participate in a total of approximately 40 games — both league and tournament — beginning in April of 2007. Players will also have the option of participating in a fall baseball league beginning in mid-September.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking an additional player for the fall 2006 season.

Interested 11- and 12-year-olds should contact Rob Sudz at (734) 420-058. Players must be residents of or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton.

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The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association is accepting registration for its Mighty Mini-Mites learn-to-skate program designed for the beginning player (must by 4 years-old by Dec. 31, 2006).

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The season runs from mid-September through the first week of November.

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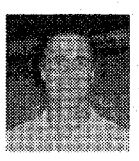

LESSON ON GOLF

by Jeff Lesson

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The above title represents the number of major championships and total PGA Tour victories Tiger Woods has now won after the most recent win at the PGA Championship.

Jack Nicklaus holds the all time record for major championships with 18. Jack won his 12th major at age 33. Tiger is age 30. Nicklaus has been a role model for Woods ever since he was a youngster. They also have similar games.

Both are deadly with the fairway irons. It's all about how many greens you hit in regulation on the PGA Tour. Nobody has been better at that in the history of golf than these two guys. They both were deadly on the approach shot. This was important given the tendency of both to stray from the fairway off the tee. They both were sometimes willing to accept a drive into the rough because they knew they had the strength and accuracy with their irons to make up for a stray drive.

Both were also extremely clutch putters.

The difference between them in their respective primes is that Tiger Woods has one of the best wedge games of all time. His imagination and execution around the green has been second to none, especially coming down the strech. Who could forget that shot from just off the green at Augusta to win the 2005 Masters?

I do not know how many majors Tiger will win before he calls it a career. But I do know that he is perhaps the most driven man in the history of sports. I also know it will be more than 18.

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Early indicators are positive for 'Cat kickers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

If the Plymouth boys soccer team were a stock, it would be wise to invest a few dollars on the Wildcats heading into the 2006 campaign — at least based on Monday's pre-season three-way scrimmage against Rochester, Rochester Stoney Creek and Dearborn.

Plymouth, which served as the host, went 3-0 and yielded just one goal against the formidable competition.

The effort gave coach Jeff Neschich reason for optimism less than a week before the season-opening Gary Balconi Invitational, which is set for Saturday on the P-CEP campus.

"Things look very promising after the way we played Monday," said Neschich. "I couldn't be any happier with the way things went. We beat three top-caliber teams. We were a little shaky in spots, but our defense played great and we're already passing the ball better than we did at last year.

"We play in such a tough league. The two teams at the Park — Canton and Salem — are always tough, and then you have to deal with teams like Livonia Stevenson and Northville."

For the second consecutive season, the Wildcats will be led by junior Colin Rolfe, an All-WLAA and Division 1 honorable mention All-State selection in 2005. Rolfe will see time at both mid-field and forward — wherever he's needed the most — this season, Neschich said.

"Colin is such a dynamic and creative player," said Neschich. "He has tremendous skills and he's very smart out there. I'm looking for big things from Colin again this season."

Another key Wildcat will be senior Anthony Sasinowski, who scored two goals in Monday's games.

"Anthony has a complete game," Neschich said. "He's great defensively and he can score, too."

Plymouth's top defender is returning senior starter Travis Norris, who will serve as the leader of the Wildcats' defense.

"Travis is a very smart player," Neschich praised. "He's very consistent. He'll run our defense back there and help make things easier on our goalie."

Norris will be flanked by fellow defenders Steve Schaeffler and Brad Brennan, both of whom are seniors.

The Wildcats' offense received a boost with the return of senior Andrew Koet, who sat out the entire 2005 season with an injury after leading the team in scoring as a sophomore. He'll combine with senior forward Jeff Lucco to form a potent 1-2 punch.

"I moved Jeff up from defense to forward this season because we lost quite a few forwards from last year's team," Neschich explained. "It's not set in stone yet, but that's the way I'm leaning. He's playing great. He gives us toughness, attitude and his effort is awesome at all times."

Twin brothers Tyler and Trevor Floyd, both juniors, have earned starting spots, according to Neschich.

The goal-tending duties will be shared — at least early in the season — by senior Mike Baretta and junior Brian Rasmann.

Among the players who will provide the Wildcats with valuable depth will be forwards Amir Pakray and Robert Matar; mid-fielders Tommy Etienne, Vinh Nguyen, Gordon Libby and Nick Plescia; and defenders Austin Kasinowski and Mike Corona.

Neschich was especially complimentary of Nguyen, who is just a freshman.

"Vinh's a phenomenal player," he said. "He's very close to cracking the starting line-up."

The Wildcats open Saturday Balconi tournament against Novi Catholic Central. The opening kick is set for 10 a.m.

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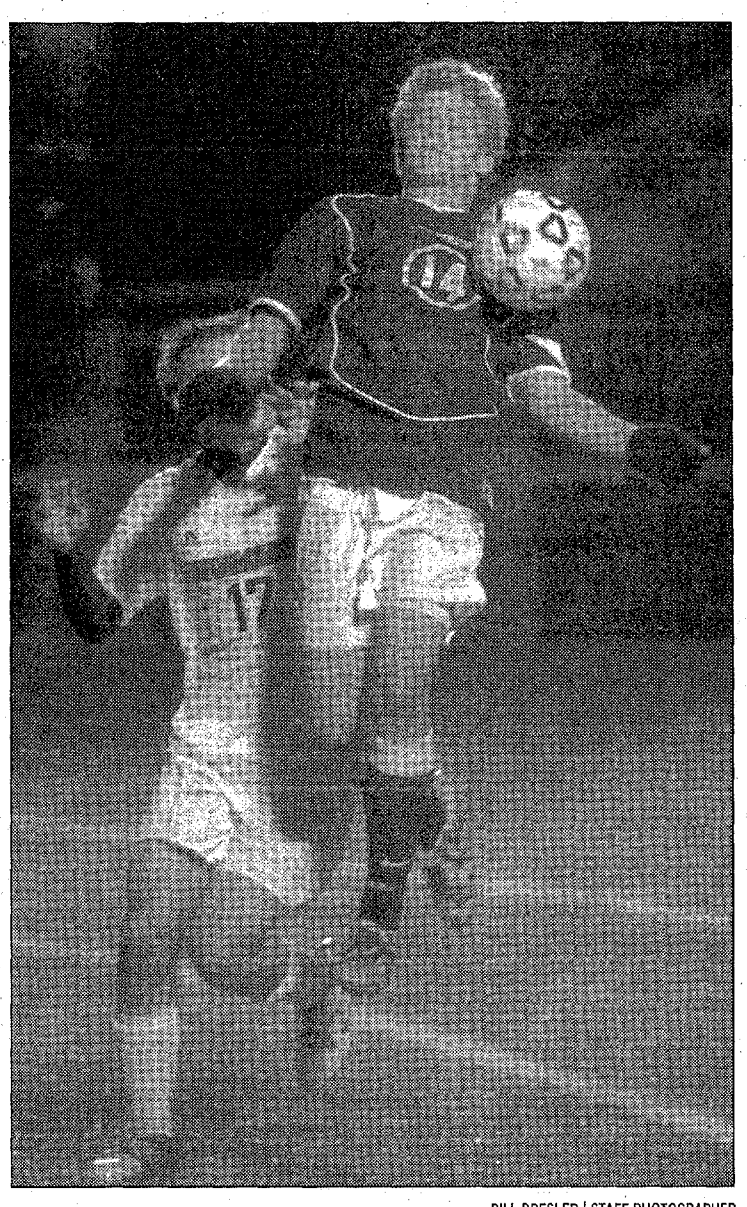

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Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (14) is looking to lead the Wildcats to a lofty finish in the WLAA's Western Division.

Key returners make Rocks WLAA contender

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

With 12 letter-winners returning from a team that finished 14-6-4 in 2005, Salem's boys soccer team should extend its stay on the Western Lakes Activities Association's "Teams To Beat" list.

"I'm excited about the group we have coming back," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We have a lot of players with experience returning at key positions.

"I like our balance and our overall depth. I don't know if we'll be dominant in any one area, but we really don't have any glaring weaknesses either. If we're able to defend at the level we did last year with a similar goals-against average, we should be strong."

The most important returning starter may be senior goal-keeper Brian Field, who registered eight shutouts in 2005.

"Brian is definitely going to be a key player if we're going to be successful this year," said McCarthy. "He's played very well for us in the past and he's a leader on this team. He's going to have to be effective for us to be successful."

For the second consecutive season, Field will be backed up by senior Matt Smokovitz.

The team's top two non-goalie returners are senior captains Brooks Belhart, a mid-fielder/forward, and Jon Gibson, a defender.

"Brooks is a strong finisher who is strong with the ball," said McCarthy. "He has good vision and is creative in the final third.

"Jon will be our central defender, like he was last year. He has good size and he's an aggressive player. He's outstanding in the air."

The Rocks' top returning goal-scorer is senior forward Tom Bennett, who found the back of the net seven times in 2005. Senior mid-fielder Adam Brown also had a productive junior campaign, racking up four goals and a team-high eight assists.

Senior Bobby Towne will provide the Rocks depth in the mid-field while sophomore Kevin Cope is set to begin his second season as a key defensive starter.

Cope could be only the second player in McCarthy's 15-year tenure at Salem — the first being current University of Michigan captain Brian Popeney — to start four consecutive years.

Other returning letter-winners include seniors Baze Efremov (forward), Dan McLaughlin (defender), Kyle Freeman (defender) and Aaron Florn (mid-fielder).

Top new-comers who are expected to make contributions include junior defender Alex Drake, sophomore defender Jeremy Stoychoff, junior mid-fielders Nick Schreiber and Scott Dreaver, and sophomore mid-fielder Dan Radasovich.

McCarthy predicted Livonia Stevenson, Northville and Canton will be the teams to beat in the always-competitive Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Stevenson is going to be very good," he said. "Northville will be very, very tough and Canton will be right there, too."

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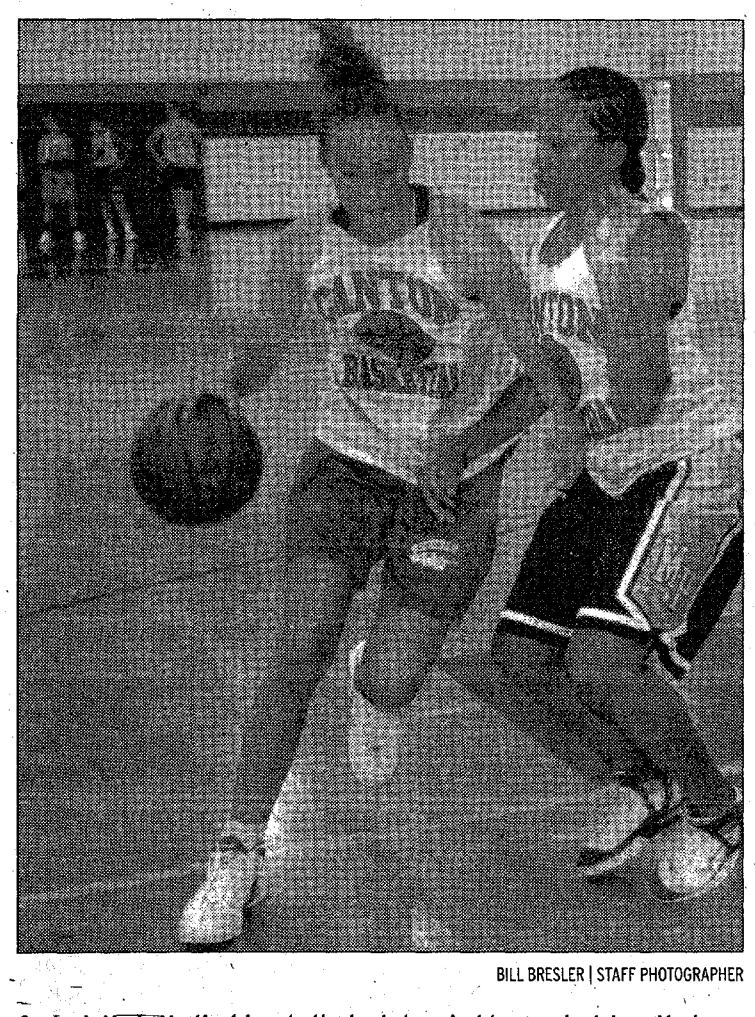

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Canton's Marie Martin drives to the basket against teammate Ja'nee Morton during an early-season practice last week.

HOOPS

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players. Her 15- to 17-foot jump shot is also improving, so we'll look to her for some perimeter scoring this season."

Joining Morton in the paint will be junior center Marie Martin (6-1), a three-year varsity player who gives the Chiefs a solid low-post scoring threat and a shot-blocking threat on the other end.

"Marie is much more aggressive this year than in the past," said Samulski "Her mid-range shooting is improved, she's a good defensive player and she's a great screener."

Junior forward Baylee Hollowell (6-1) is slated to be the Chiefs' fifth starter. A solid junior-varsity contributor last year, Hollowell is the team's best back-to-the-basket player, in Samulski's estimation.

Canton's top reserves will include junior forward Hilary Payne (5-10), sophomore guard Leslie Weisz (5-5) and freshman forward Kaylie Martin (5-9), the younger sister of Marie.

Samulski projects Salem, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin as the teams to beat in the WLAA this season.

'Our goal is to compete every day, work hard and see what we can get done. If we compete, defend, rebound and take care of the ball like we're capable of doing, we should have a very good season.'

Brian Samulski
Canton second-year coach

"The Western Division is very solid from top to bottom as Franklin, Plymouth, Northville and Walled Lake Western should all be competitive," he said. "Our goal is to compete every day, work hard and see what we can get done. If we compete, defend, rebound and take care of the ball like we're capable of doing, we should have a very good season."

The Chiefs own a brutal non-conference schedule that includes Birmingham Marian, Howell and West Bloomfield, the team that defeated them in a Class A Regional semifinal game last season.

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Friday, Aug. 25
Pinckney at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Plymouth vs. Hudsonville at EMU, 2:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 24
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Salem, Canton and Plymouth at Gary Balconi Invitational, 10 a.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, TBA
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 24
Inaugural Salem Blue/White Meet at Cass-Benton, 4:15 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 26
Canton at South Lyon, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, Aug. 24
Macomb Christian at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25
Canton at Saline Invitational at Brookside G.C., 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Saturday, Aug. 26
Salem at Troy Invitational at Willow Metro Park, 8 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 26
Wildcat Invitational at Canton H.S. pool, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Aug. 24
Wayne State at Madonna Univ., 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 25-26
MI at UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 26
Schoolcraft at Great Lakes Christian, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 26
Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 6 p.m.
(Univ. of Windsor Tournament)
Schoolcraft vs. U-M Club, noon.
Sunday, Aug. 27
(Univ. of Windsor Tournament)
Schoolcraft vs. James Madison Club, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Saturday, Aug. 26
Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.) Invitational, 11 a.m.

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Senior Nate Gholston's speed will provide the Wildcats' offense with breakaway potential on nearly every play.

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PLYMOUTH

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"Matt is going to be a great quarterback," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "He played in Brent's shadow last year, but I don't think we're going to miss a beat with Matt at quarterback. He has great speed and a very strong arm."

Barrera — who can throw long, tight spirals with both his right and left arms — will be just one of 14 first-year starters for the Wildcats, who employ a two-platoon system that requires few players to play both offensively and defensively.

"This is a very coachable and hard-working team, which should help us overcome the inexperience," said Blaylock. "I've seen improvement every day at practice. We made a few too many mistakes at our four-way scrimmage (with South Lyon, Warren DeLaSalle and Grand Ledge), but everything is fixable."

A trio of seniors at the offensive skill positions — running back Nate Gholston (5-8, 179), and receivers Sam Jones (6-0, 171) and Chris Sanchez (5-9, 158) — will help make Barrera's transition to the No. 1 unit that much easier. After being hampered most of last season by an arm injury, the 100-percent-healthy Gholston gives the Wildcats sprinter's speed from the tailback position.

"Nate is ready for a breakout year," said Blaylock, referring to his three-year starter. "He's been running very hard in practice."

Before transferring to Plymouth in the summer, Sam Jones was a key member of Birmingham Brother Rice's secondary during the Warriors' 2005 run to the Division 2 state championship. He will contribute on both sides of the ball — as a receiver and defensive back.

"Sam has great speed and instincts to the ball," Blaylock said. "Our other receiver, Chris Sanchez, is extremely strong for his size. He's a great blocker on the perimeter. He's one of those players who can run by you one play and knock you down the next."

Other key offensive weapons for the Wildcats will be junior running backs Rico Tyus (5-10, 184) and Myron Puryear (5-10, 155), and senior receiver Kulraj Sandhu (6-4, 203). Sophomore Ronnie Goble (6-3, 202) and junior Mike Hanchett (6-3, 184) will share tight end responsibilities.

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Plymouth's offensive line will be bolstered by the play of twin-tower senior tackles Sabatino Ruggerio (6-3, 325) and Dominic Walker (6-2, 291).

"Even though they're over 290, they can move," Blaylock assured.

Other players who will play significant roles on the Wildcats' offensive line include Dean Hubbard (5-11, 286), Junior Fails (5-10, 215), Sam Richards (6-2, 223), Eric Barrera (5-9, 196), Joe Jordan (6-1, 266) and Steve Betts (5-11, 206).

The Wildcats' defense will be paced by three returning senior starters: Nick Rosochacki (6-2, 178), who led the team in tackles last season from his middle-linebacker position; corner-back LaBroderic Caldwell (5-9, 166) and defensive lineman Mo Hakkani (5-8, 239).

"LaBroderic is a lock-down corner with great speed," said Blaylock. "He's also a big-time special-teams player. Mo made a big impact on our defense as a junior."

Hakkani will be joined on the starting defensive line by seniors Gerald Lou (6-0, 210) and Anthony Bono (5-10, 202); and two-way starter Richards, who is a junior.

Joining Rosochacki in the linebacking corps will be returning starter Spencer Tobin (5-11, 181), Vince Darolfi (6-0, 201), Kyle Wallath (6-0, 184) and Derek Bradford (6-0, 191).

Playing major minutes in the secondary along with Sam Jones and Caldwell will be Mike Schwartz (5-9, 163), Jeff Schwartz (5-10, 168) and Andy Price (6-0, 158).

"We are excited to play a very tough schedule," said Blaylock. "We open with the Division 2 runner-up (Hudsonville) and we play the Division 1 runner-up (Canton) in Week 3. Our schedule has seven potential playoff teams on it, but we'd have it no other way. We look forward to the challenge."

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Ignition, Velocity Sports agree to sponsorship deal

The Detroit Ignition, a Major Indoor Soccer League expansion team based in Plymouth Township, has entered into a corporate partnership agreement with Velocity Sports Performance, Ignition president Greg Bibb announced Tuesday.

The agreement will provide Velocity Sports Performance with numerous marketing and sponsorship benefits with the club as well as being recognized as the "Official Sports Performance Center of the Detroit Ignition."

Through the partnership, the Ignition will receive a variety of training benefits throughout the 2006-07 season. As per club policy, the financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"The Major Indoor Soccer League is highly competitive with every team searching for the extra ingredient or edge that will translate into victories," Bibb stated. "The knowledge and experience of Velocity Sports Performance will provide our players with the best in speed, conditioning, and training, which will par dividends for our club as we compete for an MISL championship."

"We are looking forward to having the opportunity to work with the Detroit Ignition in this exciting new partnership," stated Velocity Sports Performance owner Gary Staub. The Ignition will kick-off its inaugural MISL season at Compuware Sports Arena on Saturday, Nov. 4. Call the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), or visit the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com.

GRID PICKS

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in the Chiefs' 35-21 victory.

The performance brought to mind a line from a song by the late, great Jim Croce, who sang (and I paraphrase), "You don't tug on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind, you don't pull the mask off the 'ole Lone Ranger and you don't ... make fun of potential All-State running backs a few minutes before they line-up against your football team."

Here are a few other pre-competition taunts people would be wise to keep to themselves:

■ Dale Earnhardt Jr. fans shouldn't shout "You drive like my grandma!" at Jeff Gordon minutes before the Daytona 500;

■ Chicago White Sox fans shouldn't yell, "I've seen better heat at a slow-pitch senior-citizens softball game!" at Joel Zumaya while he's warming up in the bullpen before an eighth-inning appearance;

■ Telling me, the defending Grid Picks champion, that, "Jimmy 'The Greek' Snyder can pick football games better than you — and he's been dead 10 years!" while I'm typing up my Grid Picks column. (The last time somebody did this to me, I got so fired up, I broke three keys on my computer keyboard); and, finally...

■ Don't tell Joey Harrington he throws like a girl a short time before he plays against your favorite NFL team.

(On second thought, that last one is probably OK.)

The bottom line is: Directing trash-talk at the wrong targets is a lot like spitting into the wind — it will always come back to haunt you.

Like the Observerland football teams, Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons, Garden City/Redford Sports Editor Tim Smith and myself will be looking to get off on the right foot — or "Wright" foot — this week. But be warned: Our won-loss records may be tarnished a bit by first-week jitters.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all 7 p.m. unless noted; each team's 2005 final record is in parentheses.)

Canton (11-3) at Ann Arbor Pioneer (8-3): The Chiefs thrashed the Pioneers 42-12 last season, setting the tone for a magical season that extended all the way to the Division 1 final at Ford Field. Considering the hosts are without the graduated Richard Franklin this season and the Chiefs are returning eight defensive starters, it could prove to be a long night for the Pioneers' offense. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton); Emons (Canton).

Pinckney (0-9) at Salem (3-6): Judging by Pinckney's winless 2005 campaign and the fact that the Pirates were outscored 254-116 last season, this is an ideal first-game opponent for new Salem head coach Parker Salowich. The one scary thing about Pinckney is that a lot of younger players gained valuable experience last season, which makes them dangerous. The Rocks will unveil their new "West Coast" offense at home before what should be a larger-than-normal crowd. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Smith (Salem); Emons (Salem).

Lansing Eastern (2-7) at Livonia Churchill (1-8): The Quakers didn't make any of their opponents quake in their boots last season as they were outscored 297-74. Based on their 8-4 mark in 2004, the Chargers are dangerous in even-numbered years. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

Garden City (3-6) at Livonia Franklin (10-1): The host Patriots shouldn't have too much trouble handling the Cougars, who could have a tough time in the trenches during the early going. **PICKS:** Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Emons (Franklin).

Livonia Stevenson (7-3) at Lincoln Park (4-5): Even though they lost several key components from last season's playoff run, the Spartans' wide-open offense should still be of the high-octane variety. The Railsplitters may hang tough for a while, but look for Stevenson to win going away in a track meet-like game. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

Westland John Glenn (3-6) at Belleville (2-7): Both the Rockets and Tigers will be looking to put forgettable 2005 campaigns in the rear-view mirror. John Glenn's offense looked crisp in its pre-season scrimmage, but veteran Belleville coach Bob LaPointe has rarely had back-to-back poor seasons during his illustrious career. **PICKS:** Wright (John Glenn); Smith (Belleville); Emons (John Glenn).

Wayne Memorial (2-7) at U-D Jesuit (4-5): This is a crucial game for the Zebras, who would like to have a victory in their pocket before they venture into the ultra-tough WLAA Western Division schedule. U-D Jesuit started off 4-0 last year before falling into an 0-5 abyss during the second half of the season. **PICKS:** Wright (Wayne); Smith (Jesuit); Emons (Jesuit).

Lutheran Northwest (6-4) at Livonia Clarenceville (5-4): The motto for this game should read, "The few, the proud..." as Northwest will suit up just 20 players while Clarenceville will counter with 21. Northwest won last season's showdown, 28-14, but the Trojans should feed off their rowdy home crowd. **PICKS:** Wright (Northwest); Smith (Clarenceville), Emons (Northwest).

Lutheran Westland (4-5) vs. Harper Woods (4-5) at Old Harper Woods High School: Look for Lutheran Westland two-way standout Mike Schatz to have a big impact in this game, which features two teams searching for an identity following lackluster 2005 seasons. **PICKS:** Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper Woods); Emons (Lutheran Westland).

Redford Union (8-2) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (6-4): There's no Chris Brown this year. But coach Miles Tomaisaitis still has plenty of excellent returning seniors in players such as Dezmond Latham and Robert Pennywitt. **PICKS:** Wright (RU); Smith (RU); Emons (RU).

Lakeland (3-6) at Redford Thurston (5-4): The first game on a brand new field should get the host Eagles pumped up to start the season opener. But the main thing is forgetting the hype and sticking to business. Thurston coach Bob Snell is confident in his offensive line, which should give first-year quarterback Arron Payne plenty of protection. **PICKS:** Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Emons (Lakeland).

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Plymouth (7-3) vs. Hudsonville (11-3), 2:30 p.m. at Eastern Michigan University: An interesting sidelight to this "Big Prep Showdown" game is that Plymouth transfer student Sam Jones will be playing his second-consecutive game against Hudsonville. Jones was a key member of the defending Division 2 champion Birmingham Brother Rice secondary in 2005. Perenially powerful Hudsonville is not a team anyone would willingly choose to play in back-to-back games — even if the games are nine months apart. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Hudsonville); Emons (Hudsonville).

Southfield Christian (first year) at Redford Covenant (1-6), 1 p.m.: It's the second year for Redford Covenant's football program and the first for Southfield Christian. The Spartans have a new coach, mostly new players and a new attitude. **PICKS:** Wright (Southfield Christian); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant).

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Salem golfer records a round to remember

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

School doesn't officially start until Sept. 5, but Salem golfer Quenton Higgason is already hitting the books.

The record books.

Higgason, a junior, set the school record for the lowest 18-hole round on a par-72 course when he fired a three-under 69 during the first round of Monday's 34-team East Lansing Fall Classic. The old record was 70, which Adam Wilson, the son of current Salem golf coach Rick Wilson, set on the same course — East Lansing's Forest Akers East — in 1998.

"The amazing thing is that Quenton was seven-under with four holes to play," said Rick Wilson. "He chipped in for a two at the ninth hole, then birdied four of the next five holes. There was really a buzz going around the course."

Higgason recorded an 88 on the tougher West course to complete his 36-hole day with a 157 total.

Higgason's historical round helped the Rocks finish the tournament with a score of 659, which placed them "somewhere in the middle of the pack," according to Wilson. Haslett took first with a 608 followed by Okemos (614).

Junior Tyler Jeleniewski turned in his usually solid performance by posting scores of 79 and 83 on the Forest Akers East and West courses, respectively. Also contributing were freshman Aaron Thompson (84-88), junior Brian Fifield (89-89) and sophomore Jeff Szroka (85-96).

"It's a very well-run tournament," Wilson noted. "The state finals are played here, so the kids who are able to make it back here for that are familiar with the course.

BRIGHTON INVITATIONAL

Saline captured medalist honors by compiling a 295 total at the challenging Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton. Plymouth finished 13th at 321 while Canton placed 19th at 332.

Scoring for the Wildcats were Jeff Selasky (76), Mike Gerisch (78), Matt Talbot (81) and Jimmy Vlcek (86).

The Chiefs were paced by sophomore Andrew Rickerman and freshman Brendan Muir, both of whom fired 82's. Also scoring for Canton were senior Derek Trosper (83) and senior Mike Haar (85). Fifth-man Clark Albers carded an 88.

CANTON 4TH AT QUAD

In a quad match played Monday afternoon at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon, Canton finished fourth with a 324 total, 18 shots behind first-place Northville, which hosted the event. Novi Catholic Central placed second at 313 while South Lyon notched third at 323.

"It was our first time out and we don't have a lot of experienced players back, so I thought we did OK," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "It was a respectable showing. We held our own with South Lyon, which usually has a pretty good team. We need to improve, though, as the year goes on."

Rickerman led the way with a four-over 76. Also scoring were Haar (80), Trosper (83) and freshman Zach Conrad (85). Albers (86) and sophomore Jeremy Lindlbauer (87) were just out of the scoring mix.

Northville's Wes Gates earned medalist honors with a three-over 75.

GOOD START FOR EAGLES

Plymouth Christian Academy is off to its most promising start in the school's history following season-opening victories over Michigan Independent Athletic Conference powerhouses Oakland Christian and Southfield Christian.

On Monday, the Eagles ousted Oakland, 158-162, in a tri-meet held at Bald Mountain Golf Course in Clarkston. The four-player, nine-hole score was the lowest PCA coach Kurt Johnston can remember during his nine years as coach.

Junior Ross Gerulis and senior Derek Elenbaas both registered 38's to lead the Eagles. Junior Mitchell Geracz and sophomore Scott Hampson weren't far behind with 41's. Even though, seniors Aaron Lorincz (44) and Matt Saagman (47) failed to break into the scores that counted, they still drew the praise of Johnston.

In the other tri-meet matchup, the Eagles dropped a 149-158 decision to Lutheran Northwest, which was led by Nathan Hall's 34. The medalist's round was punctuated by a hole-in-one on the 193-yard 17th hole.

PCA followed up its outstanding performance Monday by nipping Southfield Christian, 166-167, on Tuesday in a dual meet held at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton. Geracz fueled the huge victory by carding a round of 37, which included four birdies. Other contributors included Gerulis (39), Lorincz (44) and Hampson (46).

The Eagles' 2-0 start in the MIAC is making Johnston a believer.

"I knew we'd be good this year because we only lost one regular — Keith Boruta — off last year's team," said Johnston. "I expected to be competitive, but I'm pleasantly surprised by how well we've played."

Salem junior Tyler Jeleniewski, pictured during a 2005 meet, fired rounds of 79 and 83 at Monday's East Lansing Fall Classic at Forest Akers East and West golf courses.

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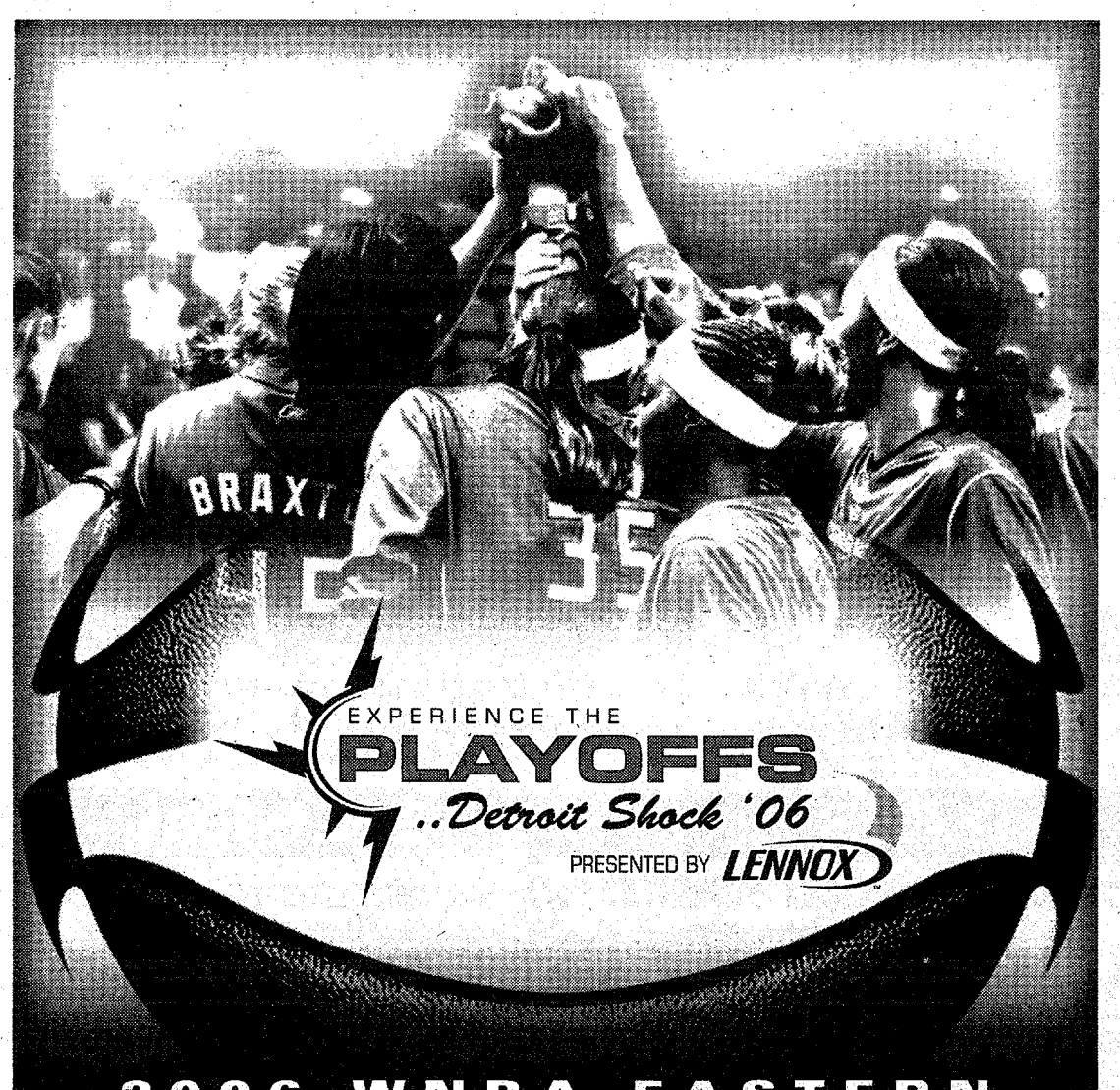

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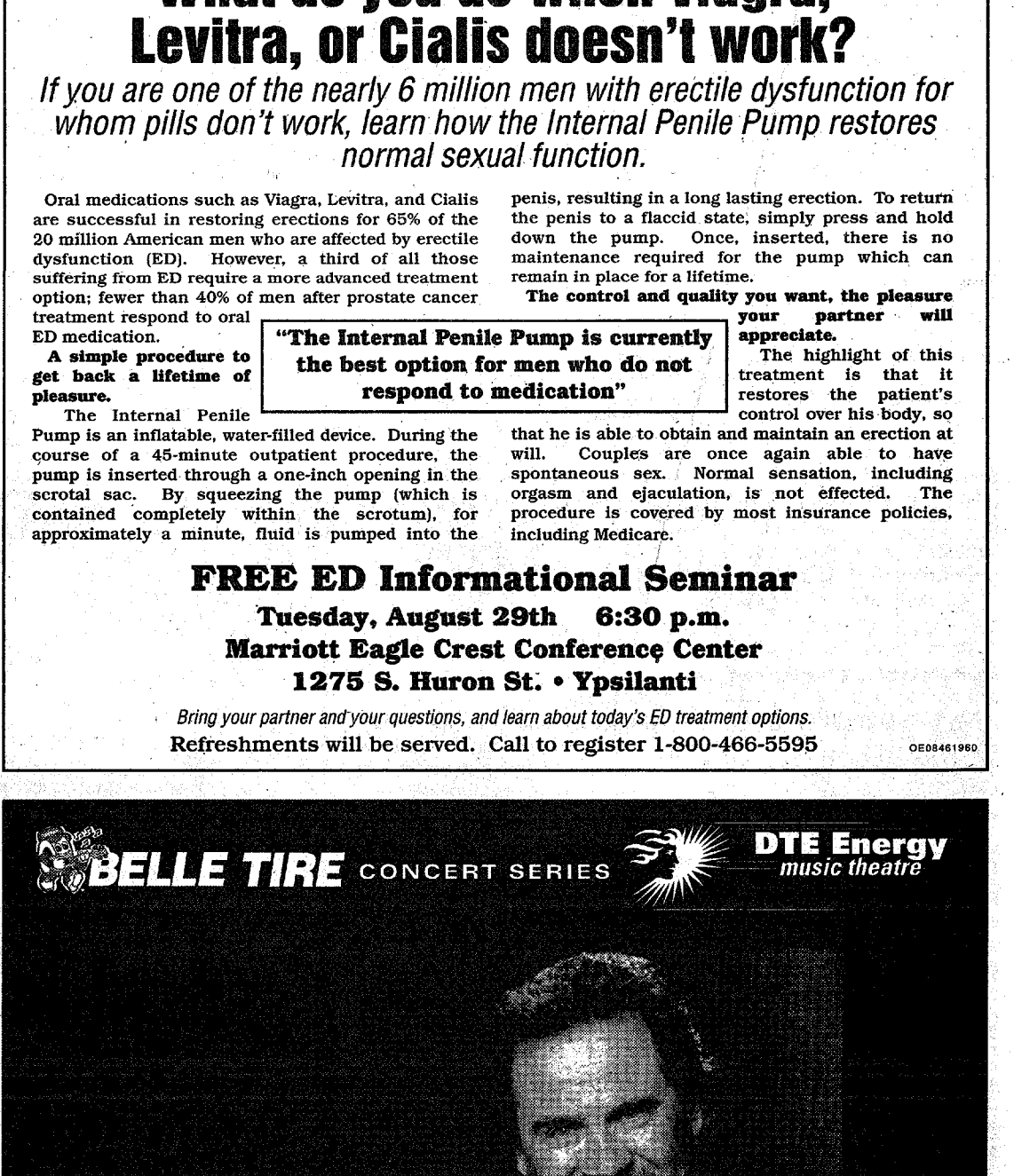

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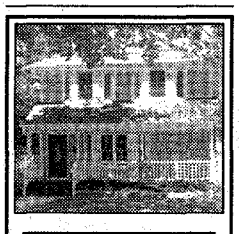

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Plymouth 3347

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Redford 3350

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In this 2094 sq.ft. 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home. New kitchen with new stainless appliances, new hardwood floors, natural fireplace, new carpet throughout, finished bsmt. For picture and virtual tour visit:
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Rochester 3360

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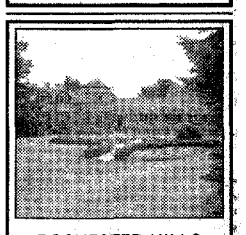

ROCHESTER HILLS
Open House Sun. 1-4pm
Entertainer's Paradise
2955 Mohawk Circle
3,400 sq. ft., 1-1/2 story 3 bdrm., 3.5 bath, approx. ¾ acre lot secluded cul-de-sac location. Beautifully landscaped front/rear, new kitchen w/granite & marble, living rm. w/loft, fireplace, master suite, w/double-sided fireplace, oak floors, door wall to deck overlooking pool. Fenced backyard surrounded by evergreens, cedar gazebo, w/brick paved/cement patio; 2 car attach. garage & 2 car detached garage; fenced dog kennel area. 40 yr. roof installed 1998. Near Oakland University. $599,000. 248-891-0654

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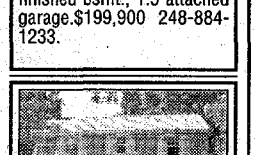

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Open Houses 3030

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OPEN SUN 1-4
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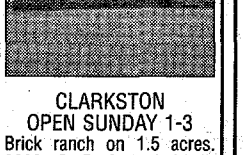
CANTON- Open Sun 1-6. 324 Savannah Dr., off Cherryhill & Canton Ctr. 4 bdrm, 3 1/2 baths, finished bsmt, formal living /dining, gas fireplace in family room. Neutral decor. Move in condition. 2 1/2 car attached garage. $349,900. 734-765-2119



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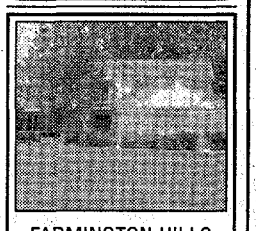

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LIVONIA OPEN SUN. 1-4
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PLYMOUTH, BY OWNER Just remodeled. 1100 sq. ft. 3 bdrm ranch w/ lg kitchen/ island & fireplace. Spacious deck w/ private garden yard. $194,500. OPEN SUN., 1-4pm, 215 Garling, E of Lilley, N of Ann Arbor Trail, or call for appt., 313-310-9443.

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ACROSS

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4 Like the Kalahari
8 Dazzles
12 FBI acronym
13 Gambling town
14 Trace mineral
15 Pouched animals
17 Reverse
18 Red Wings org.
19 Hilltop
20 Switch positions
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26 Move quickly
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28 Cut timber
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36 Well-put
37 Hoover Dam's lake
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46 Chits
47 Pale cheese
52 Throw in the microwave
53 Huge hairstyle
54 Common ID
55 Crude metals
56 Amount borrowed
57 Laptops

DOWN

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3 8 pts.
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6 Motel of old
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50 Computer key
51 ER personnel

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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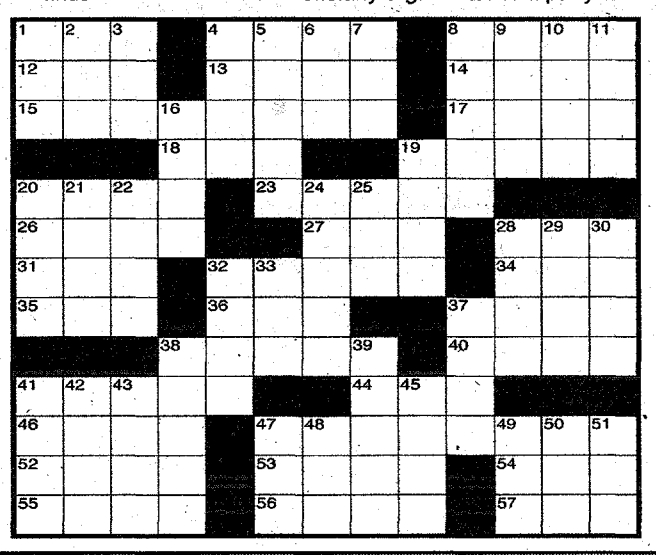

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

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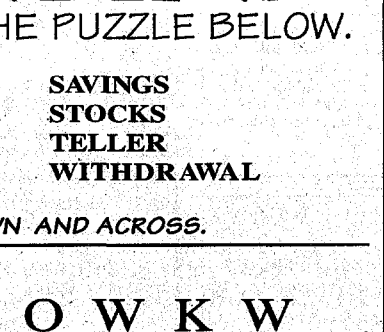

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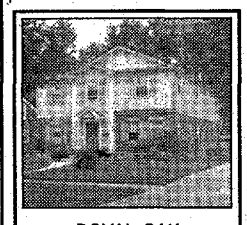

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Troy 3410

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Walled Lake 3420

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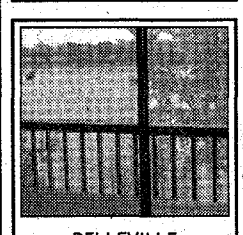

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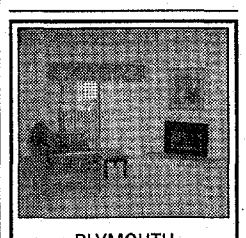

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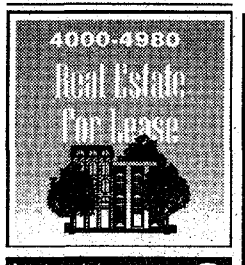

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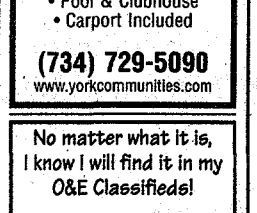

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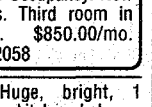

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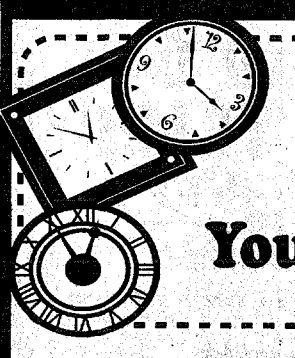

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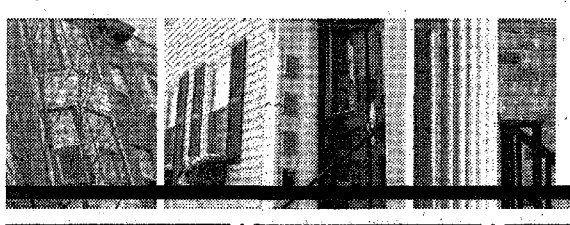

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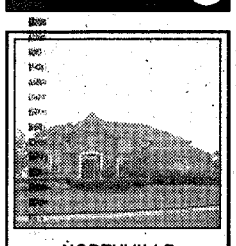

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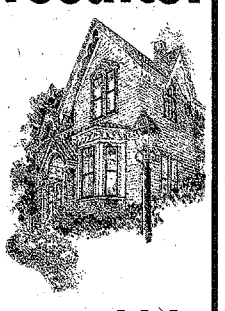

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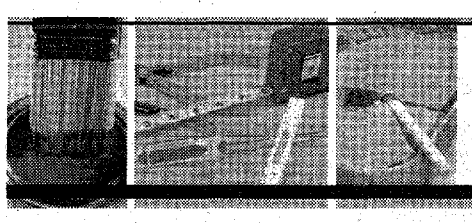

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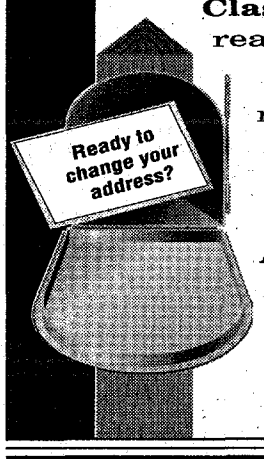

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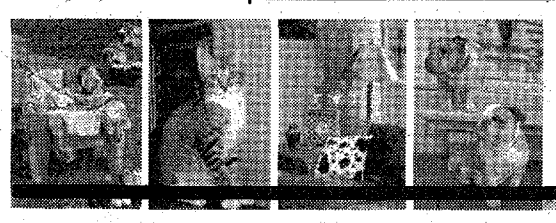

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CONTENTS: Antiques & collectibles • China • Hummels • Jade & Rose quartz • Signed crystal • Doultons • Swarovski • Old car & plane models • Wedgewood plaques • Sterling • 1960's toys • Great rock & classic records • Fixtures • Rugs • Sets of china • Silverware • Glassware • Lots of art • Chinese items • Lots of new small appliances • TV's • Armoires & more!

PLUS: Furniture by Henredon, Drexel, Century & more like: King bedroom set • buffets • cabinets • night stands • wicker • chairs • many small cabinets • 2 sleeper couches • sets of chairs • couch & loveseat • leather couch, loveseat & chair • coffee & end tables • wall unit • 4 book cases • old chests • bookcases & cabinets • outdoor furniture • leather chairs & recliner • kid's bedroom set • Very loaded kitchen, basement & garage with tools, tiller, 4 bikes, torpedo heater, old generator, air compressor, Miller welder, table saw, drill press • wheel chairs • Lots of garage items • Tons of household items • Men's & women's clothing • Gold, diamond & costume jewelry • gold watches & so much more!
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AN UNBELIEVABLE SALE BY
ANTIQUES ON MAIN
248-705-9665
THURS THRU SUNDAY
AUGUST 24-27, 10 – 4
25065 Glenbrooke, Southfield
Greenbrooke Park Homes
N off 10 Mile,
½ m W of Telegraph
Antiques, clocks, china, crystal, silver, light fixtures, art /old prints, books, & jewelry! PLUS unbelievable amount of Ladies' clothing, handbags, belts, & shoes (6M) vintage to contemp designers! Men's too!

For a complete list of contents, visit aomestatesales.com

ANOTHER ESTATE SALE! ON FRANKLIN RD.
Fri.-Sat., Aug. 25-26
10-4PM
29900 FRANKLIN ROAD. #166
Weatherstone North Townhouses
(S. of 13 Mile)
Traditional & Antique Contents
Davis mahogany Sheraton sideboard, Davis pine dining room table, black lacquered Grand Rapids chairs, beautiful light wood breakfast set, Davis master bedroom, Sherrill white sectional, French desk, silver tea set, sterling flatware, Wallace Sir Christopher, Lamoge Jupiter china, pottery, antique tables, graphics & art, antique bric-a-brac, mink coat size 14, clothes, plus household misc. See you there!
EDMUND FRANK & ASSOC. LIQUIDATORS & APPRAISERS
313-854-6000

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ANOTHER ESTATE SALE BY IRIS
Fri.-Sat., Aug. 25-26
10-4PM
17156 SHERVILLA
in Sherwood Village
Located S. off Lincoln (10 1/2 Mile), just E.of Southfield Rd.

"Home Filled with Traditional & Antique Furniture!"
Chickering grand piano • Ebony dining room set • 3 bdrm sets • Victorian writing table & dresser • antique clock • antique oil paintings • carved mahogany table • leather-bound books • Royal Doulton china & serving pieces • crystal & silver • washer, dryer, fridge • lots of misc!
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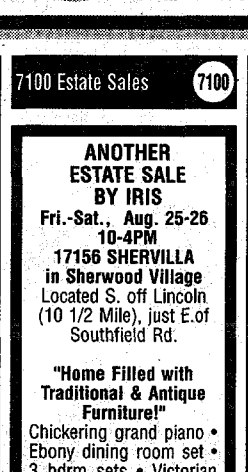
Appraisers & Liquidators for 45 Yrs in Metro Area.

BIRMINGHAM 860 Ridgedale, Maple & Adams Rd., Aug. 25-26,10-5pm. Moving Sale! Furniture, antiques, jewelry, china, name-brand clothing, toys, tools. NO EARLY BIRDS.

Designer Home - 5000 sq.ft.
Paintings & collectibles
Furniture & 62" big screen TV
Sat., Aug. 26, 10am-5pm.
28751 Wintergreen,
12/Halsted, Farmington Hills.



ESTATE SALE - Fri.-Sat., 9-5. 2129 Tall Oaks Drive, off Coolidge, btwn Long Lake & Square Lake. Refrigerator, quality household items, furniture, & some antiques.

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE
Fri.-Sat., 8-5pm. Furniture, bedding, housewares, china, tools, bikes, Kayak & more! 8895 Woodlore South Drive, Joy & Beck. 248-760-5197

7100 Estate Sales 7100

Featured Magazine Home Estate Sale!!
By Everything Goes
Fri-Sat, Aug 25-26, 10-4pm
Sun, Aug 27, 11-3pm.
3202 CHAMBORD DR.
W. Bloomfield, 48323.
W. off Middlebelt, btwn
Walnut Lk & Lone Pine.
All furnishings by: WALTER HERZ Interiors, custom silk sofas, chairs, chaise & 12 dining chairs, leather sectional & sofa groups, marble & glass dining table, silk area rugs, lamps, table groups, 8 panel screen, 2 king bdrm sets, armoire, wall unit, granite table, piano & more! **ARTWORK:** Lg oil by M. Mouly, Tarkays, Picasso, Miro, Coburn, Chagall, Erte litho & bronze, more! **ACCESSORIES:** Rugs, Venetian mirrors, granite & stone pedestals, plasters, pots, vases, candle sticks, crystal, silver, serving pcs, dinnerware, wood carvings boxes, & great decorative items, more! **CLOTHING:** Designer women's clothing, handbags, shoes, belts, leather, suede & cloth coats, jewelry & more! **EXERCISE:** Complete room or equip & weights, pool table, golf, sports, ski & more! **ELECTRONICS:** Lg. screen TV's, stereo equip, etc. Patio & deck furniture, outdoor planters & more!
OFFICE: 248-855-0053.

GREENTREES ESTATE SALES
Fri. & Sat., Aug. 25 & 26
10am-4pm
26125 Meadow Dr., Franklin
E off Franklin Road just N of 13 Mile. Traditional furniture in excellent condition, King bedroom, large dining room set with breakfront and buffet, sofas, mahogany corner cabinet, curio cabinet, large French mirror with shelf, computer desk & chair, rugs, framed art work, lamps, upright freezer, linens. Dept. 56 Dickens Village, Hammond organ, Seeburg 1950s Jukebox, Schwinn exercise bike, records, tools, lots of decorative accessories

LIVONIA
37715 Lancaster, N of 5 Mile, W of Newburgh. Fri., 8am-4pm; Sat., 8am-noon. Baby jogger, toys, books.

LIVONIA- Aug. 24-26, 10-4. 9005 Deering, Inkster/Joy. Contents of home: furniture & misc. items.

WEST BLOOMFIELD- MOVING..Everything must go! Oriental furnishings, living room set, bdrm set & accessories, and lots more. 3343 Woodview Lake Rd., off Lone Pine, btwn Orchard Lake Rd. & Middlebelt. Aug. 25-27. 10-6.

7100 Estate Sales 7100

REDFORD- 14109 Berwyn, 3 blks W/ Beech Daly, 1 blk N/off Schoolcraft. Fri & Sat., 10-4. ENTIRE CONTENTS 3 bdrm home. A MAN'S DREAM-Tools, Tools, Tools. (Hand & Power) incl. Pipe Fitters. Beer sign collection, poker table, Jim Beam bottles, Deer heads, antiques, extensive bar equip., electronics, roll top & computer desks. CASH ONLY.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 3-Estates 1-Sale! Aug. 24 & 25, 9:30-4. 5572 Stratford Dr. 248-396-4932 www.estateworthy.com

PALMER WOODS
1629 Lincolnshire. 2 blks W/Woodward, 1 blk N of 7 Mile. Aug. 26-27, 9am-4pm. 50 yr. collection, vintage fabric, porcelain & glassware. Blowout sale, cash & carry.

Baby & Children Items 7150

BABY/Youth Furniture High-end (Italian), white, Bellini, like new; Crib/bed, dresser/changing table, armoir, day bed w/trundle and more. Best offer! 248-681-8222

Household Goods 7160

BED - 1 ABSOLUTELY NEW PILLOW-TOP KING SET
In plastic, must sell! $175.
Can deliver. 734-231-6622

BED - 1 ABSOLUTELY NEW PILLOW-TOP QUEEN SET
In plastic, must sell! $115.
Can deliver. 734-231-6622

BED - 1 SET, 2 PIECE, QUEEN PILLOW TOP MATTRESS
New in plastic, sell $125.
734-891-8481, Can Deliver.

BED - 1 SET, 3 PIECE KING PILLOW TOP MATTRESS
New in bag, only $195.
Deliverable, 734-891-8481

BED - Full-size Mattress Set
New, still wrapped, with warranty, sacrifice $100.
Call 734-891-8481

BEDROOM SET- 10 pc. child or youth bedroom set. Light oak includes: bunk bed, desk with hutch & chair, 2 small dressers with bookshelves & dresser with mirror. EXCELLENT condition. Birmingham/Troy area. $875. 248-258-6733

COUCH cream (blue/mauve flowers), like new. $300; 2 blue wing back chairs, $100 each. 734-459-7973

Desk (Maple) w/48" return, 4 drawer/shelf/ 3 chairs, new $1900, asking $600; 4 piece queen bdrm. set $350.
734-421-2430.

DINING ROOM SET
BROYHILL, Dark Pine. Table, chairs, china cabinet, tea cart. Great cond. $1000/best.
(810) 629-8441

Household Goods 7160

DINING ROOM SET 1950 Duncan Phyfe, mahogany. Table & 6 chairs, telephone side chair included, $900/best; Buffet, dark wood, $200. (248) 200-0253

DINING ROOM SET
10 pieces, exc. condition.
Must see! $950.
Call 734-394-5635

DINING TABLE wood/4 chairs, like new. $75; Futon Chair, $15; Bedroom set, full, dark wood; $500. 248-442-2084

DISHES Noritake china (Long Ago). 8, 5 piece place settings, platter/vegetable bowl, hostess set. $700 734-354-0238.

DISPLAY CABINET- 31"w x79" H x 11" D, dark oak, like new, paid $750, asking $300. 2 available. 248-258-9252

FREEZER Frostless, Kenmore, $150; gold side-by-side refrigerator, $75; Sears Craftsman workbench, $75 (value $300). (313) 701-5000

FURNITURE White lacquer bdrm set w/ desk & full mattress/ frame. Cherry wood contemporary dining room set w/ leaf & 4 chairs; glass & wood cocktail table. (248) 661-4514 or 248-931-5264

FURNITURE Lg. 3pc room divider; living room set, 3 pc. sectional & chairs. Exc. cond, like new. (248) 200-0052

FURNITURE - Thomasville couch, chair, & ottoman. Spent $4000, for sale $700. Ethan Allen coffee table $200.
248-363-8331

FURNITURE- King Bed w/ 2 nightstands, mission style, solid maple $300; Pine media cabinent w/ 2 drawers $100.
(248) 706-1330

La-Z-Boy couch & loveseat coffee table/2 end tables $225 Futon w/bunk bed $125. 248-476-0805 after 5pm.

MISC. ITEMS Kids armoire & nightstand, $25, king bdrm set, headboard, dresser, mirror & 2 nightstands $250, girls 12 speed bike (purple) $35, electric stove/oven, $40.
(248) 548-8577

MISC. ITEMS- Roll top desk $125, computer desk tall, $50, all wood TV cabinet $100, Innotek Invesible fencing unit and collar used 6 months, $125. Boxing gym set two bags, $50. 248-340-9330

PATIO FURNITURE
POTTERY BARN outdoor wooden patio set, table & 4 chairs, white canvas umbrella. $400/all; Wicker ottoman, $100. (248) 703-1203

TELEVISION
It's Football Season!
Mitsubishi 65" HDTV projection, under warranty $2000
248-514-8165

Household Goods 7160

SOFA & LOVESEAT Flowered (beige/black) $700; glass kitchen table w/4 chairs (black) $100 248-683-5041.

SOFA SET- 3 pieces, Great quality, exc. cond., light beige. Additional pieces avail. $500. 248-683-7180

TANNING BED $200; Entertainment Ctr $55; Grill $55; Stereo, sewing machine $50, floor lamp $30. 734-308-5892

SECTIONAL - 5 piece, contemporary, ivory abstract print, 2 arms, 2 without, 1 curved corner. $200. 248-656-2623

VIDEO SCAN SYSTEM TV Mitsubishi, 28.5 x 40". Woodgrain cabinet. 1980s vintage. $400/best offer; KITCHEN/ DINING SET, Pennsylvania Dutch, 1975. Oval trestle table, 2 leafs, 4 armchairs, 4 straight-back. $800/best. (248) 476-2604

Appliances 7180

GAS RANGE Maytag, 2 ovens/5 burners, 1 yr. old, like new. Original $1,600, asking $800. Also, sharp above counter microwave, $50.
248-473-4153.

MISC 30" Magic Chef electric oven/range (self-cleaning) $45; GE 900 dishwasher (black) $45; GE Spacemaker microwave 30" $45; Kenmore side/side refrig. $45.
734-634-7343.

REFRIGERATOR - white KitchenAid, glass pull-out shelves, excellent condition, $400. 248-624-7312

Upright freezer $100, refrigerator $100, queen size box spring & mattress $85, washer $75, dryer $85. 4 new parson chairs $200. (248) 465-0262

WASHER & DRYER, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, all good condition, $40 each.
248-939-3659

WASHER & DRYER lg capacity. Maytag. approx. 5 yrs. old, matched set. $175 for pair. 313-724-0735, after 11am

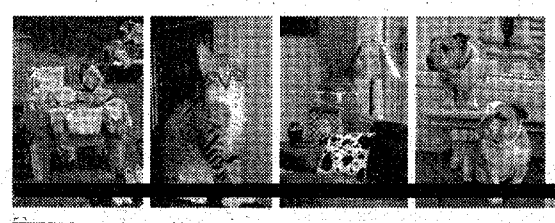
WASHER & DRYER
Kenmore Advantage, almond, good condition, $200/both.
734-718-7239

WASHER/DRYER Kenmore stackable, large. Used 6 mos. Original $700, asking $450. 734-414-1761

WASHER/DRYER GE (Gas) w/manuals. Good operating cond. Move/Pick-up required. $125/best 248-682-4990

Pools. Spas. Hot Tubs 7190

HOT TUB
Four person, 15 jet, Beautiful! Like New! w/cover. $1500
734-637-8561



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Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs 7190

HOT TUB New in Box, with warranty. Colored lights, waterfall. Financing. Deliverable. $1,975. 313-586-0008

Bargain Buys 7200

CHINA CABINET Light oak $500/best offer Call Beth or Ray 248-398-1484.

SWING SET $50; Little Tykes playhouse $80/slide $50; Electric Dryer $75; Jeep Power Wheel $50; Nice computer desk $40 248-462-4003

WEIGHT BENCH Weider Powerflex w/weights, like new. $150. MTD lawnmower w/ bag. Runs. $50. 734-421-3815

Building Materials 7220

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR PARTS - Aug 25-30, 9-6pm. Farmington Hills, 22149 Haynes, off 9 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. 248-477-2455

Business & Office Equipment 7240

OFFICE CUBICLES

(3) w/ hutch, $175 ea; all 3 for $500. (734) 522-2028

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Commercial/ Industrial Machinery For Sale 7310

LOGAN LATHE Porta mag, drill press, band saws, machinist/ power/ hand tools, hydraulic lifts. Must sell! (248) 545-8146

Hospital/Medical Equipment 7460

WALKER with wheels. New $100, will sell for $50. Blood pressure machine, digital, exc. cond. $50. 734-397-1808

Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment 7480

FORD 1900 TRACTOR Exc cond, 575 hours, 4 implements, stored inside, $5250 negotiable. 248-651-6735.

Lawn equip., riding mowers, tractors. Used, good cond. $300-$2000. 8.5 x 10 snowmobile trailer. Also small engine repair. (248) 673-1724

MOWER- Troy Built, 33" cut, walk behind, like new. $675/best. 734-455-1476

RIDING MOWER Grasshopper, Model. 1212. $700/best. Call 734-981-4618

TORO Riding Lawnmower Recycler/Rider, double rear bagger, $350; Snowthrower, Craftsmen 5hp, heavy-duty, $300. Both exc. cond. ******SOLD******.

Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment 7480

WOOD CHIPPER- Bolens-$100. Giant Vac/leaf blower-$100. Lawnboy Mower-$50. Smoker-$20. 248-693-9667

Lawn, Garden Material 7490

MOWER- RIDING BOB CAT PREDATOR 61". 1 year old, $5,900/best 248-348-8025 or 248-894-9665

Miscellaneous For Sale 7500

AIR HOCKEY TABLE mint condition! $150. (248) 435-0206

FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS Available for households with incomes as high as $80,000. Visit www.FreeMedicine.com or call 1-573-996-3333 to request FREE BROCHURE.

MISC ITEMS- Elementary teaching materials (grades 2-5), Game Cube w/ 11 games-$100, gently used brand-name teen clothing (size 0-3). 248-471-3518

PINBALL- Bally's monte carlo pinball. Best offer; GE Washer/Dryer-like new $300; Old LP's from 60's-80's. 248-737-9262

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Musical Instruments 7510

CELLO, PALENTINO 3/4 student cello w/ hard case & bow. Exc. condition. $750/best. (734) 522-3825

FRENCH HORN Yamaha model 668. Brass. Very good condition. $1200. 248-851-8024

GUITAR COLLECTOR Will pay top dollar for old Fender (Stratocaster), Gibson, Martin or any USA made guitars/basses. Any condition. Honest, reliable. Call Steve (517) 242-4866

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PIANO Baldwin 5'6" baby grand; exc. cond; walnut; built 1941. $4,200. 248-626-7756

PIANO, BABY GRAND, GRINNEL like new. Mahogany. $4750. 248-350-8991

PIANO, STORY & CLARK Console w/ bench. Pecan finish. Good condition. $500. (313) 510-9333

PIANO- 20yr. old Kimball baby grand upright. Mahogany. Exc. cond. $550/best w/books. 248-644-6028 248-933-1120

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Musical Instruments 7510

Piano- Weber Upright. Beautiful high gloss cherry finish. Excellent condition. Appraisal available.Must sell. $1200. 248-473-0376

PIANO- Baby Grand, Kohler-Campbell. 1910. Mahogany. Good condition w/ bench. $3000/best. 248-693-9667

PIANO- Baby Grand (Chickering) One of the finest pianos ever manufactured. Expert craftsmanship, exquisite musical qualities, french provincial style w/cherry -satin finish w/bench. Exc. condition. $6500 734-981-4964

SAX Alto, Vito. Excellent condition. New $1500, asking $700. 248-910-3008

STEINWAY M GRAND PIANO 5'7" ebony, great condition, Asking $18,000. 248-703-8460

VIOLINS- 4/4 & 3/4 Beginner to Intermediate violins. Excellent cond./new strings. Recently appraised. Firm price!! $350 ea. 248-421-6451

Sporting Goods 7520

LADIES GOLF SET With bag, very fine cond., $50, 734-425-1617

Trampoline, Jump King trampoline w/sides. Good shape. 3 yrs old. $125. (734) 261-3977

Wanted to Buy 7540

CASH PAID for used Dish Network receivers & flip cell phones. Will pickup. Call toll free 866-860-0110. Have models #'s ready.

Birds & Fish 7820

PHEASANTS- Two female Golden Pheasants. To good home. 734-777-2351

Cats 7830

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Flea-dip, de-worm, frontline treated $10. (734) 828-7279

Dogs 7840

BISHON FRISE PUPS AKC 3 mos. Shots, Wormed, 2 female, 2 male. (248) 623-7107

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Dogs 7840

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LOOK

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Household Pets 7880

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Lost - Pets 7930

LOST - Dog, Irish Setter/ Spaniel mix, reddish brown female. "Cocoa". Ford & Wayne Rd. area. 734-788-3170

LOST COCKATIEL Clawson gray/white yellow head. Answers to Rudy. Please call if found. 248-931-2431

LOST PARROT Green with orange on wing, 13". Answers to "Bernie". 24 yrs old. Reward! 734-634-7395

LOST: GOLDEN RETRIEVER Microchipped female w/ pink collar, Light Golden. Farmington Hills area, 12 Mile btwn Orchard Lake & Middlebelt, Sunday, Aug. 20. (248) 528-0131

LOST: VERY LARGE MALE TABBY CAT Light gray with mixed Black & White stripes; fixed, longhair, very scared. Hates outdoors. Near 7 Mi. & Farmington. Name Rascal. $500 reward. 248-477-8378

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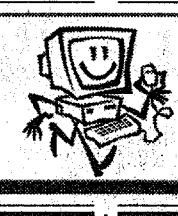
Garage Sales



Look for These Garage Sales On The Internet! www.hometownlife.com

Garage Sales 7110

AUBURN HILLS HUGE 3-DAY GARAGE SALE -- FRI THRU SUN, AUG 25-27; 8AM TO 4PM. Furniture; lamps; collectibles; toys; plus-size clothing (M&F); china & glassware; books; linens; tools; household & decorative items; 131 Robert Court, Auburn Hills.

BERVERLY HILLS Furniture, tools, housewares, clothing, electronics, sports. 8am-5pm, Fri. & Sat., Aug. 25 & 26, 30275 Stellamar, 13 & Evergreen.

BEVERLY HILLS- Aug 26 & 27, 10-4. 31605 Mayfair, corner of Carl Elder, S/Beverly. Piano, leather chair, futon, sofa, 2-dining sets, computer desk.

BEVERLY HILLS- Moving Abroad! Everything goes - furniture, appliances, books, toys, beanie babies, dishes & glassware, tools, you name it. Fri & Sat 8/25-26, 9 am. 16204 Elizabeth, Beverly Hills, 48025.

BIRMINGHAM 1617 Sheffield, near 14 Mile & Woodward. Aug. 25-26, 9-5. Early childhood teaching materials-guides, big books, manipulatives & more, plus household, vintage, etc.

BIRMINGHAM 431 Baldwin, August 25th-26th, 9am-4pm, remodeling items, new cabinets, lighting, hardware, misc.

BIRMINGHAM Multi-family sale. Thurs & Fri 9-4, Sat 9-12. 2085 Dorchester (N. of Maple btwn Coolidge & Eton) Household items, some furniture.

BIRMINGHAM Estate Sale. Unique home furnishings & collectibles including African art. Fri, Aug. 25, 10-5; Sat., Aug. 26, 10-4, 932 Humphrey, W. of Woodward..

BIRMINGHAM - Multi-family quality sale. New ipods, digital camera/printer, designer clothing/purses, some furniture, exec. cond. extra lg. scrubs, exercise equip., childrens' books, household items & much, much more! Thur-Sat, Aug 24-26th, 444 Pilgrim Ave., N. of Maple, W. of Southfield.

BIRMINGHAM- Gigantic Garage Sale. Multiple house sale has 100's of items! Must see to believe! furniture, lamps, bike & fitness equip. 100's of misc, items-must see/must sell. Fri., Aug 25th, 10-7. 1188 Davis, N/14 Mile, W/ Woodward.

BLOOMFIELD Fri., Sat., Aug. 25 & 26, 9am-4pm. Great stuff from 3 homes - furniture, household, heirlooms, sports, clothes, more! 2761 Bridle Rd., E of Woodward, S of Square Lake.

BLOOMFIELD

Sat., Aug. 26, 9am-4pm, 1913 Long Point Dr., 48302.

BLOOMFIELD • GETTING MARRIED SALE • Combining homes! 2620 Alveston Dr., Hugo Hills Sub, Fri.-Sun, 9 until ?.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fri.-Sat., Aug 25-26, 9-3pm. 2 Families. 5114 Forest Way, W. of Telegraph, S. of Lone Pine.

Bloomfield Hills 2447 Bratton, btwn. Telegraph & Woodward, N. of Square Lake Rd. Aug 24-26th, 9-3pm. New items & many great bargains!

Bloomfield Hills 6876 Vachon Dr., S. of 15 Mile, Wing Lake Rd., W. of Dorian. Aug 25-26, 10-5pm. New stuff, crystal, antique decorations, & more!

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE Great stuff, several families. All proceeds go to Greyhound Rescue. 2300 W. Maple. Northside, E. of Cranbrook. Sat. Aug 26, 9-3

BLOOMFIELD- ANNUAL SALE. Candles, placemats, clothing, curio cabinet, baby Pram, some antiques, misc. Aug. 24-26, 3725 W. Pemberton, 1 blk N/ Long Lake, 1 blk W/Telegraph.

BLOOMFIELD- 5 Family Sale Aug. 24-26, 9am. 1833 Argosy Ct., Btwn Franklin & Inkster, N/Quarton. LOTS OF EVERYTHING!

BRIGHTON- Huge garage sale w/ tons of baby stuff! 8/24-8/26 9am-7pm. 4592 LeBlanc Ct. Brighton 48116

Garage Sales 7110

CANTON 43181 Washington Way, Warren & Lilley Rd., Aug. 25-26, 9-4pm. Furniture, books, household, toys, kids' clothes, & much, much, more!

CANTON 1439 Ranier, S. of Ford Rd., btwn. Lilley & Morton Taylor Rd. Aug. 24-26, 9-5. Multi-Family Sale. Variety of household items.

CANTON - Estate Sale. Thurs.-Sun., 9-4pm. 40651 Lotzford, btwn Cherry Hill, Ford, Haggerty & Lotz. Tools, baby items, clothes, & misc.

CANTON HUGE SALE! FURNITURE, etc. Thurs., Fri, Sat., Aug. 24,25,26, 9am-4pm, 7548 Charrington, Canton Center, N of Warren

CANTON - HUGE SALE! Bunk beds, dresser, 26" TV, kid's clothes, toys, Thurs.-Fri., 9-5pm. 1233 Dundee Dr., E. of Lilley, S.of Cherry Hill.

CANTON- 47335 Northgate Dr., (Huntington Place Sub). Thurs-Sat., Aug. 24-26, 9-4. Lots of children's stuff.

CLARKSTON 4929 Menominee Lane, Sashabaw Rd to Oak Hill Rd., E. to Dartmouth. Aug. 24-25, 8:30-4. Bdrm set, TV, seasonal decorations, etc...

CLARKSTON- 5426 Greenview Clarkston Rd./Pine Knob. Aug. 24, 10-3; Aug. 25-26, 9-5. Winter/Summer Skis, ice skates, Barbie house, more.

CLAWSON- Fri. & Sat., Aug. 25 & 26, 9-4. 93 Madison, 2 blks S/ 14 Mile, 7 houses off Main. Furniture & homegoods.

COMMERCE Thurs.-Sat., 9am-3pm, 8330 Kingfisher Ct., N of Wise, W of Union Lake. Antiques, 2 bdrm sets, household goods. (248) 210-5551

COMMERCE TWP- SUNDAY ONLY! 9am to 4pm. Dealers welcome. Folk art, antiques, vintage collectibles, household. Cash only. NO children's items and please no early birds. 1888 Treyborne Circle.

COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE

Aug. 25-27, 9am-4pm,

NOVI RIDGE APTS. & TOWNHOMES

on 10 Mile Rd. btwn Meadowbrook & Novi Rd.

FARMINGTON - Thurs.-Sat., 9-4pm. Some antiques, clothing, baby stuff, household items. 33706 Macomb, Grand River & Farmington Rd.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Sale. Aug 25-30, 9-6pm. 22149 Haynes, off 9 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. Lots of Electrical contractor parts.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug. 24-27, 9am-5pm, Woodbine Sub. N/10 Mile, btwn Inkster/Middlebelt.

FARMINGTON HILLS SUB SALE - Colony Park West, N. of 12, E. of Drake, Aug 24-27, 9-4pm. Baby items, toys, clothing, furniture, household, jewelry, art, books, etc...

FARMINGTON HILLS- 25118 Chapelweigh, off 11 Mile, E/ Middlebelt. Aug. 24-26, 9-5. 3 Family Sale. Girls clothing, antiques, baby furniture.

FERNDALE MOVING SALE! 551 E Drayton Sat & Sun. 8/26-27 Antiques, furniture, clothes, toys, hot wheels, matchbox, Corgi, sports cards, autographs, stamp collections, guitars, amps, records, tons, of collectibles.

FRANKLIN ESTATE SALE Fri., Sat., 10-6. Fine womens clothes size 0-16, furniture, electronics, kitchen, more! 26009 Hersheyvale, N of 13 Mile off Franklin. CASH ONLY.

GARDEN CITY Estate Sale, Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 24 & 25, 10am-4pm, 30432 Rush, off Henry Ruff btwn Middlebelt & Warren. Misc. items.

GARDEN CITY 33040 Rosslyn, btwn. Venoy & Farmington Rd., btwn. Cherry Hill & Ford Rd. Aug. 24-26, 9-6pm. Toys, tools, and household items.

GARDEN CITY Yard sale. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 8:30am-6pm. Misc. items, furniture, jewelry. 33442 Kathryn, btwn Ford & Cherry Hill, off Farmington.

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GARDEN CITY- Aug. 24-26, 9-5, 29085 Alvin, Middlebelt/ Cherry Hill. Household, Christmas, some tools, misc.

GARDEN CITY- Thurs-Sat., Aug. 24-26, 10-5. 203 Middlebelt Rd., 1 blk N/Cherryhill. Household & Christmas items, 1949 Ford Steak Truck.

GROSSE POINTE PARK 781 Harcourt, S. of Jefferson. Fri.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Black light & other old posters, antiques, furniture, framed art, tapestry, yarns, books, & misc.

LIVONIA 15750 Sussex, 5 Mile Rd. & Newburgh Rd., Aug. 26th, 10-4pm. EVERYTHING FROM A TO Z!

LIVONIA Dancer's sale! 37750 Pickford Dr., 7 Mile & Newburgh Rd., Aug. 25-26, 9-4pm. Gently used dancewear, boys'/girls' clothing, & misc.

LIVONIA 14316 Yale, Schoolcraft & Levan Rd., Aug. 24-26, 9-4pm. Household items, books, clothing, kitchen items, & lots more!

LIVONIA 29822 W. Chicago, 1 blk. W. of Middlebelt, Aug. 24-27th, 10-5pm. Multi-family. House plants, household, boys' clothing, furnishings, etc

LIVONIA Multi-Family - 9834 Mayfield, E of Farmington, S of Plymouth. Aug. 24 & 25, 9am-4pm. Large power tools, hockey equip. (goalie also), bikes & much more!

LIVONIA - 30973 Kenwood Court, 8 Mile/Merriman. Aug. 24-26, 9-5pm. Girl's bdrm set, hot tub, mattresses, toys, clothes, games, lots of misc.

LIVONIA - Aug 24-29, 9am-4pm. 12100 Boston Post, NW of Stark/Plymouth Rds. area. Antiques/collectibles, Victrola, radios, crank telephone. Art prints, cameras, religious, costume jewelry, hatpins, old toys, farm items, crank telephones.

LIVONIA Everything must go! Aug. 24-27, 8:30-5pm. 38115 Richland. E. of Hix, N. of Ann Arbor Rd. Toys, clothes, household misc.

LIVONIA - 36446 Sunnydale, W. of Levan, N. of 5 Mile. Aug. 24-26, 9-4pm. Household, furniture, wardrobe closet, clothes, toys, jewelry, misc.

LIVONIA 3-day garage sale! Fri thru Sun, Aug 25-27, 9am to 3pm, 15101 Alexander St btwn 5 mile and Middlebelt

LIVONIA - 5 Family. Thurs.-Sun., 9am-? Collectibles, jewelry, glasswares, tons of things for everyone! 30555 Seven Mile, SE corner of Flamingo.

LIVONIA 28243 Terrence, btwn. Middlebelt & Inkster Rd., 5 & 6 Mile. Aug. 25-27, 10-4pm. Four-Family. Tools, cement saw, mixer, clothes, golf, household, TV, & more!

LIVONIA - LARGE SALE Lots of clothing, books, kid's bikes & misc items, Thurs.-Sun., 9-5pm. 18550 Golfview, W. of Wayne Rd., S. of 7 Mile.

LIVONIA - 15532 Westmore, E. of Farmington, N. of 5. Antiques incl: Shirley Temple doll, lamps, Red Skelton signed picture. Thurs.-Sat.

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE 33026 Allen, E. of Farmington, S. of 5 Mile, off Lyndon. Aug 25-26, 9-5pm. Furniture, rugs, jewelry, handbags, collectibles, kitchen items, outdoor goodies.

LIVONIA Huge Multi-Family Sale Thurs.-Sat., Aug 24-26, 9-3pm. 16710 Stanmoor, S. off 6 Mile, E. of Middlebelt.

LIVONIA- Aug. 24-26, 9-5. 29534 Lori, S/ 5 Mile, off Middlebelt. MULTI-FAMILY: household, yard, toys & more.

LIVONIA- Sat., Aug. 26, 9-5. 32014 Maine, N/Joy, W/ Merriman. Mint cond. brand name boys & girls clothing, infant-thru size 14. furniture, toys, antiques & more.

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LIVONIA- Aug. 24 & 25, 9-5; Aug. 26 & 27, 10-3. 33239 W. 8 Mile Rd., E/Farmington. INVENTORY REDUCTION & CLEARANCE SALE! Mexican pottery-glassware, silk-florals, boxes of ribbons, heart baskets, craft items, Christmas trees, garlands, wreaths, 1000's ornaments (by the piece or box), plant hangers (100+), 6 van seats, sporting equip., furniture & much more.

LIVONIA- Aug. 25-27. 15875 Oak Dr., off 5 Mile, btwn Middlebelt/Inkster. Baby furniture, collectibles, costume jewelry, toys, wrestler dolls, room a/c, sports jerseys, misc.

Livonia-Westland- Multi Family Sale! Aug. 25, 26, 27; 10-6pm. 8135 Flamingo St. North of Ann Arbor Trail. Clothes his (big) & hers (a lot of 4&6's), teens, some Abercrombie, Furniture, bikes, Household items, collectibles, games, sporting goods, jewelry making beads, comics some classics, Movies & much more.

Madison Heights 27327 Alger, 11 Mile Rd. & John R., Aug. 25-26, 9-4pm. Rain or shine. Antiques, furniture, collectibles, Nascar, beer items, too much to list!

NORTHVILLE 9-1 Aug. 25-26. Furniture, household goods. 49026 Rainbow Ln. S. (W. of Beck, S. of 6 Mile) bargains galore!

NORTHVILLE 17501 E. Northville Trails, 6 Mile & Haggerty Rd. Aug. 24-25, 8-4pm. HUGE Multi-Family Sale!

Northville 16526 Brooklane, 6 Mile Rd. & Sheldon Rd., Aug. 25-26th, 9-3pm. Furniture, accessories, clothes, toys, etc... Something for everyone!

NORTHVILLE/NOVI~ MULTI-FAMILY SALE 22006 N. Center btwn 8 & 9 mile, Aug 25th & 26th, 8AM-4PM. Furniture, households, toys, & much more!

NOVI- Moving/Garage Sale. Aug. 24-26, 9am-4pm. 47495 Cheltenham Dr., 9 1/2 Mi, W off Beck. Furniture, household, tools, lawn, piano, bar, etc.

NOVI- furniture, children's furniture & items. Home decor, clothing & more. Aug. 25-27, 10-5, 45580 S. Lake Dr., 248-910-2180, for directions.

PLEASANT RIDGE (W) Aug. 26th 9-4pm 108 Cambridge & 72 Oakdale. Furniture, household, vintage gas range, dishwasher, baby/childrens'/toys.

PLYMOUTH Garage Sale. Baby things, misc. Fri.-Sat., 10-5pm. 14314 Shadywood, Hines & Wilcox.

PLYMOUTH - Aug 25-26, 9-5. Clothes, furniture, organ, camera, books, teacher supplies & more! 13285 Latheron Dr., W. of Beck, S. of North Territorial.

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PLYMOUTH 9175 Briarwood, btwn. Ann Arbor & Joy Rd., Aug. 24-25 9-6pm; Aug.26th, 9-12pm. Clothes, toys, household, furniture, & some tools.

PLYMOUTH 10163 Canton Center, Trailwood Sub. Aug. 24-26th, 9-5pm. HUGE sale! Furniture, Longaberger baskets, books, toys, designer clothing (all sizes 4-14), many teacher items, home-schoolers welcome!

PLYMOUTH DEER CREEK SUB, 12065 Fox Ridge. American Girl doll accessories, Bitty Baby accessories, Dakin horse barns, crib, rocker, some furniture. Fri., Aug. 25, 9am-4pm.

PLYMOUTH Aug. 25-26, 9-5pm.11027 McClumpha, btwn Ann Arbor Rd/Ann Arbor Trail, Ebay buyers delight, furniture, old games, household, misc.

PLYMOUTH HUGE GARAGE & BASEMENT SALE! Thurs-Sat., Aug. 24-26, 9am, 42503 5 Mile Rd. Antiques, furniture, toys, dolls, fishing, pool table.

Plymouth Moving Sale, Aug 24-27, Thurs-Sun, 9-5. 528 Maple Street, Downtown. Furniture & Household Goods. Vintage. Deco dressing table, dressers, & dining table. '50's blond wood dinette set. Little Tykes Cottage toddler bed. Upright piano. LOTS MORE!

PLYMOUTH: ANTIQUE YARD SALE Sat. Aug. 26, 9am-5pm, 9650 Southworth, btwn Ann Arbor Rd. & Ann Arbor Tr., btwn Haggerty Rd & Lilley Rd. Not garage sale items!

PONTIAC - Huge Estate/ Moving/Multi-Family Sale Lots of furniture, collectibles, household, designer goods, great finds, something for everyone. Sat. 9-6pm & Sun, 9-5pm. 541 West Iroquois, Orchard Lake & Telegraph.

REDFORD 15502 Delaware, N. of 5 Mile, W. of Beech Daly. Aug. 24-26, 9-6. Awesome, Multi-Family! Children/adult clothing, toys, furniture, etc...

REDFORD - GARGANTUAN SALE! THAT'S RIGHT, I'M BACK! 6th annual sale. No junk, just great interesting stuff. Great vintage serving pieces. Lovely decorative items, vintage linens, vintage jewelry, hats, some furniture, lots of CD's, new ladies clothing accessories, new/new ladies clothes, size 10 thru 14/large. Eclectic collection of great stuff, opera records sets never played! Sister & cousin also featuring items. Bring cash. 12124 SAN JOSE, 1 blk. E. of Inkster, N. off of Plymouth Rd. LIVONIA/REDFORD area. AUGUST 24th, 25th, 26th. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 9AM to 6PM.

REDFORD MOVING SALE--1 day only, Sun. Aug. 27, 9-5. 15420 Delaware, N/5 Mile, 1 blk E. of Inkster. Everything goes!

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REDFORD 18800 Sumner, S. of 7 Mile Rd., Aug. 26-30th, 9-4pm. Tools.

REDFORD Sat & Sun., Aug. 26 & 27, 9am-4pm, 24735 Lyndon, corner of Salem. All kinds of stuff including Fall & Winter clothes, jackets, bedding, furniture.

Redford 26711 W. Davison, S. of Schoolcraft, E. of Inkster Rd. off Columbia. Aug. 25, 10-4pm. Older toys, Little Tykes, clothes, & much, much more!

REDFORD 3 FAMILY SALE. Household, furniture, jewelry, etc. Aug. 26 & 27, 9am-? 20745 HUGO ST., 8 Mile btwn Orchard Lake & Farmington.

REDFORD - NOT YOUR AVERAGE GARAGE SALE!! Aug. 24-26, 9am-5pm, 14223 San Jose, 1 blk. N of 96, 3 blks E of Inkster.

REDFORD- 17631 Norborne. Thur & Fri., Aug. 24-25 & Sun-Tues., Aug 27-29, 9am-6pm. Household, electronics, Organ, treadmill, adjustable bed, etc.

ROCHESTER Huge Multi-family sale. Aug. 24-26, 9-4. 3285 Landview Dr., E/ Rochester Rd., S/Buell. Toys, clothes, household and much more.

ROCHESTER Stony Pointe Sub. Sale Parkdale & Rochester Rd., Aug. 24-26, 9-4pm. TOO MANY THINGS TO LIST!

ROCHESTER HILLS sofa beds, chairs, TVs, dining set, lift chair, MUCH MORE! Fri., 10-6; Sat., 9-6, 1450 Antler Ct., Deer Run Sub, off Avon Rd.

ROCHESTER HILLS - 123 Gunder, W. of Adams, North of Walton, Bellarmine sub, Aug 24 & Aug 25. Kids furniture, toys & clothes, tent, landscaping clay, more.

ROCHESTER HILLS: 3 FAMILY SALE Aug. 25 & 26, 10am-6pm, 205 Wimpole

ROYAL OAK YARD SALE 915 N. Alexander(11.5 E.of Main). 8/24-26 Th-S 9-5 kids & adult clothes $1, sunglasses, books, household items, etc.

ROYAL OAK Large sale, Sat. only, 9am-3pm, 224 Austin, btwn 11 & Catalpa. Antiques, carpets, furniture, Victrola, old radio, wicker, etc.

ROYAL OAK - HUGE SALE All Proceeds to Silver Lake Animal Rescue League Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 24-26, 9am-5pm. 4201 Custer, at Normandy (Main/Crooks). Furniture, electronics, jewelry, collectibles, appliances, tools, baby items, clothing, & more.

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SOUTH LYON- MOVING SALE 12370 Sunview Ct, S/10 Mile W/Rushton. Aug 26-27, 9-5. Computer system, weight machine, dumbell set, sofa, loveseat, king bed/mattress, country decor, antique bed set, canning jars.

SOUTHFIELD 11 Mile @ Inkster Rd, Cumberland Village, Bldg 7 - 8/23 - 8/27, Call for info; CASH ONLY! (248) 346-7599.

SOUTHFIELD Block Sale. Oak Glen Dr., N. off 9 Mile just W. of Beech. Aug. 24-26th, 9-6pm.

Southfield 23354 Churches W. of Telegraph, off 9 Mile Rd. Aug 26th, 10-4pm. Lots of antiques, tools, and miscellaneous items!

SOUTHFIELD- Sale! 28035 Fairfax Street.VHS Tapes, Vinyl Records, Books & Comic books August 26th and 27th 10am - 7pm

TROY MOVING SALE! Aug. 24-26, 9-4. 73 Streamview, S/Long Lake, E/Livernois. Furniture, plants, lighting fixtures, TV, speakers & decorative.

TROY 990 Huntsford, N. of Big Beaver, E. off Crooks, Aug. 25-26, 8-4pm. Fridge, dishwasher, microwave, & washer, antique chairs, bikes, 9 ft. Christmas tree, drafting table, drums, flute, golf clubs, patio set, TV's, women's suits/dresses (22-26)

TROY MOVING SALE Thurs only, 8/24. 4402 Clarke, 9am-6pm. Take Shallowdale off Rochester Road, N of Wattles.

TROY- HUGE MOVING SALE: 8/29-8/30, 9am-6pm, 4402 Clarke, Troy. Take Shallowdale off Rochester, N of Wattles.

TROY- Large garage sale. Household goods, furniture, quilts, some linens, etc. 1661 E. Waddles, btwn Rochester Rd. & John R. Aug. 24-26, 9-4

Walled Lake Area 1518 Lakeview, N. of Maple, E. of Benstein Rd., Aug. 24-26, 10-4pm. Neat stuff & nice clothes, designer boys (10-14), women (all sizes), books, sports, DVD's/videos.

WATERFORD WE'RE BACK!!! Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Williams Lake Rd & Airport Rd., is having their GIGANTIC Yard Sale on Aug. 24, 25, 26, Thurs., & Fri., 8am-7pm; Sat., 8am-11am. BAKE SALE on Thurs., Sat. is Bargain Day. Treasures inside & outside, upstairs & downstairs.

WAYNE 4344 Myron, Aug. 24-27, 9-5pm. Howe Rd. btwn. Michigan Ave. & Annapolis Rd. To Gertrude to Myron Rd. Clothes, household, furniture, tools, and antiques.

WEST BLOOMFIELD- 8/24-26 9am. Farmington/ Shillingham. B/W dark room equip, electronics & computers, antiques, collectibles, furniture, clothing. Schwinn Collegiate Bike, Pre-Core treadmill, misc..

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WEST BLOOMFIELD 7356 Heather Heath Lane, off 14 Mile btwn. Orchard Lake & Middlebelt. Aug 24-26, 8-5. Trampoline, sports equip., windows, etc. Everything goes!!

WEST BLOOMFIELD 3300 Westacres, btwn Union Lake & Pontiac Trail. Thurs-Sat., 9am-3pm. Antiques.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 5327 Old Pond Way, N. of Walnut Rd. & W. of Farmington Rd., Aug. 25-26th, 9-4pm. TOO MANY THINGS TO LIST!

WEST BLOOMFIELD BIRCHES SUB SALE, Aug. 26 & 27, 9am-3pm. W of Orchard Lake Rd., N of Green Rd., enter off Orchard Lake Rd.

WEST BLOOMFIELD- Boys Gone Wild Multi-Family Garage Sale! Hockey, cleats, Nike, And1, Abercrombie, Polo, Gap, winter jackets, bunk bedding, elect games, leather, furniture, Aug. 24,25,26 10a-4pm. 5839 Tabor, 48322

WEST BLOOMFIELD: YOU MUST SEE THIS!! Furniture, tools, household items, clothing, garden art, much more! Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm, 2221 Lakeshire Dr., W off Inkster, N of Quarton.

WESTLAND MULTI-FAMILY SALE. Aug. 24 & 25, 10am-4pm, 7563 Berwick, Ann Arbor Trail & Merriman. Albums, kids stuff, souvenirs, misc.

WESTLAND 1320 Alvin, Cherry Hill & Venoy Rd. Aug. 25-26 9-6pm. Dinette set, printer, skis/boots, Pier One chairs, vacuum, bookcases.

WESTLAND Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm, 39230 Worchester, btwn Palmer & Cherry Hill. Baby clothes, video games, books, Big & Tall clothes. MORE!

WESTLAND TONS OF KIDS STUFF! Thurs. and Sat, 9am-5pm, 33473 Farmington Ct., N of Ford, W of Farmington.

WESTLAND - 32701 Merritt, Farmington/Ann Arbor Trail. August 24-25, 9-6pm. Collectibles, designer clothes, furniture, toys, a/c. 5 Family.

WESTLAND - AUG 25, 26, 9-5, 35118 Birchwood, E of Wayne, S of Cherry Hill, boys clothes, toys, books, household items, lots of misc.

WESTLAND SUB SALE Cherry Hill & Hix Road. August 24-26, 9-5pm.

WESTLAND- 8166 Donna., S of Joy, W of Middlebelt. Aug 25 & 26th. 8-5pm.S mall appliances, CD's, mens shirts, books, household items,etc.

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ROCHESTER- Moving Sale, 1369 Ross Ln, Stoney Creek Ridge N; N. Runyon, W. Dequindre; Furniture, clothes, toys, home decor, xbox games, etc. 8/24 & 8/25 10-4, 26th, 9-12

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DEARBORN - Moving Sale. Furniture & accessories. Ranch mink & coyote fur coats, best offer. Thurs.-Fri., Aug 24-25, 9-5pm. 5461 Calhoun, Ford & Schaefer.

DEARBORN HTS Maple furniture, couch, leather recliner, computer desk, dryer, lamps, wicker chest, drawing table, baby beds & Misc. Fri.-Sun., 10-5pm. 8658 Columbia, btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Trail. 313-562-9091

FARMINGTON HILLS- Moving Sale, Thurs-Sat. 8am-4pm, clothes, furniture & much more. 35605 Huntsman Ct., off Drake, btwn 13 & 14

ROCHESTER HILLS - Thurs, Aug 24, 8-1pm, Sat, Aug 26, 1-4pm. Furniture, electronics, misc, to much to list!!. 1784 Blue Grass Drive, off Dutton.

CANTON Moving Must Sell! Amana Refrigerator, white, w/ ice/water dispenser; Frigidaire gas range; dining table/ 4 chairs; recliner, headboard. Misc. furniture. 734 740-9015

ROYAL OAK 2603 Woodland Ave., W of Crooks, N off Webster. Aug 25-26th, 10am-5pm. Furniture: couches,loveseats, chairs, coffee tables & more!

TROY- EVERYTHING MUST GO! Aug. 24,25,26, and Aug. 31, Sept. 1 & 2, 8am-3pm, 2774 Palmerston, off Adams, btwn 16 & 17 Mile.

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GAUGING YOUR RISK FOR AN EMPLOYER

WORKWISE

by Mildred L. Culp

You might as well be hard-nosed about it, in tandem with employers. When you re job hunting, you re presenting a significant risk to an employer. Statements about your accomplishments on your resume aren t enough. Stretch yourself a bit more and think about how an employer perceives your ROI. Some of the most qualified job seekers are potential flight risks in today s competitive market, according to David Fetherston, director of the M.B.A. Center for Career Development at F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College in Babson Park, Mass.

Companies are competing for market position through differentiation and value, Fetherston states. They want to minimize their risk in the investment the job represents. He advocates viewing yourself as a product and applying it to a business problem. You have to be the solution to a business challenge.

HR consultant and labor attorney John Roslansky of Wellesley, Mass. s, Law Offices of Roslansky & Magee explains that, once on the job, knowing your potential ROI is particularly important for negotiating salary or bonuses. What does your position cost the company? What value-added do you bring?

PAIN

Both Fetherston and Roslansky use a sales expression, the pain, as your focus in the hiring process. It refers to analyzing the company s need and where you fit into it. Roslansky points to the importance of a vision and timing: Most companies look at financial performance on a quarterly or monthly basis.

Review a job description or, if it hasn t been formulated, get the details from the employer, Fetherston suggests. Translate your background into the language of that job description, he says. The more gaps you can fill between the job requirements and your actual professional and academic background, the more accurately you can predict how quickly that you ll be effective in that job. Roslansky estimates that internal roles, such as operations or marketing, will require about six months and that sales cycles and product complexities stretch business development and sales productivity into approximately nine months to a year.

However, selling isn t enough. You have to be intelligent about what you re offering -- develop a business plan -- and what needs you ll fill. The better the questions (you ask), Roslansky notes, the better the answers. Noting on your resume that you reduced staff 15 percent at a company, for a savings of X dollars, isn t enough. Will you do the same at the new company? Will the positions that evaporate total the same amount? Will you reduce them in less time, for greater or more immediate savings?

BUYER S PERSPECTIVE

It s not all about you, says Fetherston, a former hiring manager. There are buyers and sellers on both sides of the table. Absolutely, there s a lot about human interaction, and it s absolutely part of it. The brutal reality is that, especially at an M.B.A level and more expensive (positions), you re being hired to fulfill a need for that company, By hiring a more expensive person, they re (anticipating) a payback.

It s not all about the money at all, he adds. The word that s thrown around a lot is fit. From this perspective, organizations are mosaics, collections of people who aren t the same, with different experiences and value to bring to the table . . . Employers want people who can collaborate on teams in flat organizations. (It s important to) create awareness of the value of team-orientation. Non-hierarchical companies want doers. Once you re there, he observes, every encounter, internal or external, is a form of interview. We are always competing and always being interviewed.

Roslansky says to demonstrate your value-added on your resume and in conversation: If you can t, your opportunity to develop your career is hindered. He mentions that because of constant organizational change, where budgets shift, jobs are cut and new products and services are developed, you ll be able to apply this skill over and over. Corporations want to know whom to keep, who not, which functions are helpful, he states. If you re better able to demonstrate your value-added, you re better able to stay employed, move into a new position and find a job you ll be happy at.

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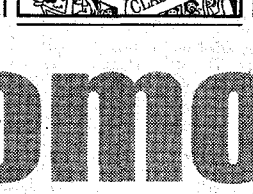

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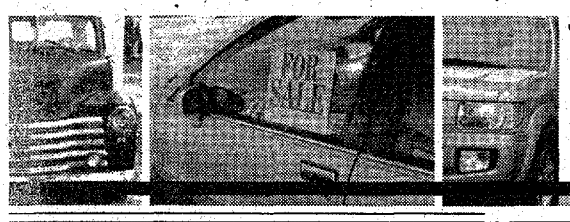

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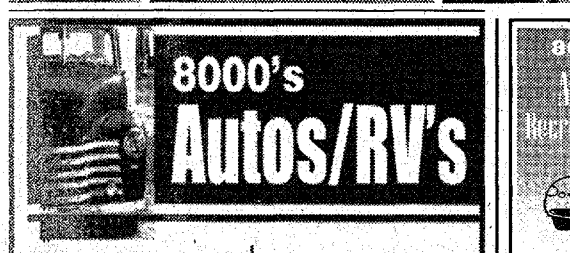

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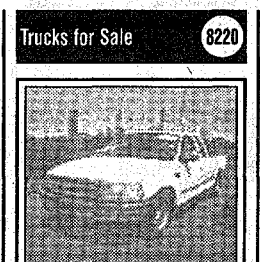

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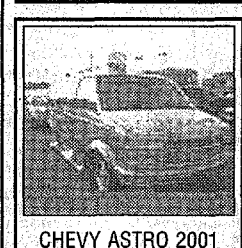

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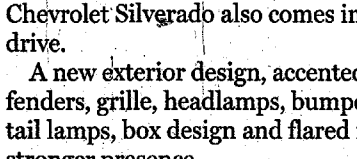

By Tenisha Mercer
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2007 Chevrolet Silverado Vehicle class: Pickup truck. Power: V-8, V-6 engines available. Mileage: 15 city / 20 highway. Base price: $22,843-$38,330.

Built on a new, stronger platform, the 2007 Chevrolet Silverado adds better fuel economy, a smoother ride and improved handling to General Motors best-selling pickup truck.

A new boxed frame, front suspension and rack-and-pinion steering support offer increased stability. A revised Hotchkiss-type rear suspension improves handling. There s a choice of five suspension systems that are specially designed for off-road capability, street performance and towing capacity.

Offering a smoother ride and quick handling, the Chevrolet Silverado is powered by six Gen IV small-block V-8 engines that, combined with a strong chassis, delivers one of the industry s highest rated towing capacity at 10,500 pounds. StabiliTrak is standard on certain models, and the Silverado is outfitted with a new anti-lock braking system.

The Silverado has bragging rights of its own: Its light-duty model topped the J.D. Power and Associates large pickup category, while heavy duty models ties for second place with the GMC Sierra, according to the 2006 Initial Quality Survey.

The 2007 light-duty models won t be available until October, while heavy-duty models will go up for sale during the beginning of 2007. There are three cab styles to choose from regular, extended and crew cab, along with three cargo box lengths that are 5 foot 8 inches, 6 foot 6 inches and 8 foot long.

Available in three trims, WT, LT and LTZ, the Chevrolet Silverado also comes in two and four-wheel drive.

A new exterior design, accented by unique front fenders, grille, headlamps, bumpers, power dome hood, tail lamps, box design and flared rear fenders, give it a stronger presence.

The grille is wider and taller than past models. A sloping windshield increases aerodynamics. A chrome bumper is standard on LT models, while LTX models have body-colored bumpers. Seventeen-, 18- and 20-inch wheels are available with 18-inch wheels standard on the Z71 package, while 21-inch wheels are optional on the LT and LTZ models. There are also nine colors to choose from, among them dark blue metallic, silver birch metallic, victory red and desert brown metallic.

Six-way or eight-way power adjustable front bucket seats are available, depending on the trim level. A new 40/20/40-split bench seat available in Silverado LT and Sierra SLE models offers seating for three, as well as concealed, lockable underseat storage and a 12-volt power outlet.

The rear seats in extended cab and crew cab models have more supportive cushion material, firmer support structures and revised seat back angles. Extended cab models offer more legroom.

Entry to the rear seat/storage area of extended cab models is eased with new rear access doors that open 170 degrees.

The WT and LT models offer a more basic design, but the LTZ features luxury touches such as a unique instrument panel, larger console with more storage and distinctive trim, heated, 12-way power sets and six-disc CD/MP3 compatible sound system with Bose speakers.

Crew cab LTZ models include a rear-seat audio system, a large glove box that holds up to 5 liters and more interior color options such as ebony/light cashmere and dark/light titanium.

The LTZ s instrument panel is 5 inches lower and more forward than previous models, while the WT and LT models instrument panels are 3.5 inches lower and more forward for more storage room.

Cloth seats are standard on the WT and LT models, while leather seating and six-way power adjustable driver s seats are optional on the LT. A new, lockable storage bin that can store objects as big as a laptop computer is built into a new folding bench.

Comfier rear seats for the crew cab and extended seats are bonuses. New, stadium style seating with a 60/40 split design that offers more loading space on extended cabs when folded up. Sections of the seats can be folded up for more storage room and space for backseat passengers.

There s also easier rear access on extended cab models with new rear access doors that open 170 degrees. Entry to the rear seat/storage area of extended cab models is easier with new rear access doors that open 170 degrees.

Power rear windows lower to 170 degrees, while a power sliding rear window is offered on extended cab and crew cabs with LT and LTZ models.

There are two new interior trims, along with more front legroom and rear head and hiproom.

New technology such as active fuel management and variable valve timing betters fuel economy. Customers can also fuel their trucks with E85 ethanol, gasoline or a combination of both with an optional flex fuel engine. Otherwise, engine choices range from a 4.3 liter V-6 with 195 horsepower to a 6.0 V-8 with 367 horsepower for heavy duty towing needs.

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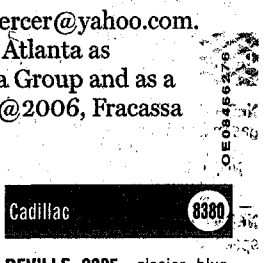

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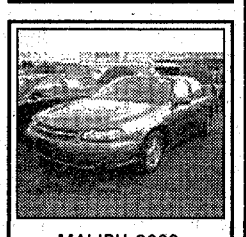

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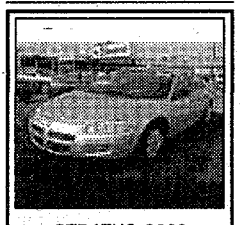

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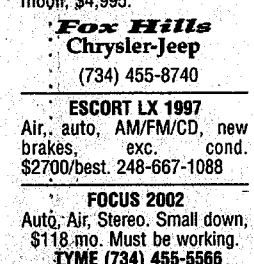

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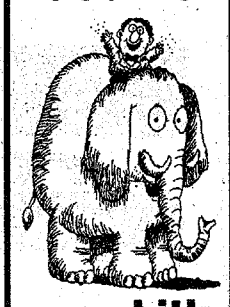

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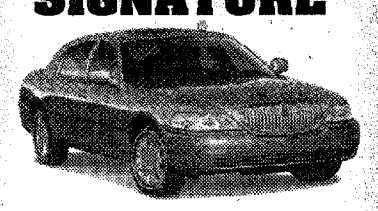

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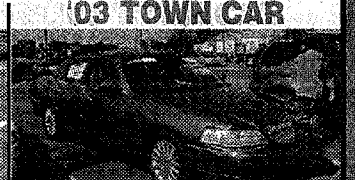

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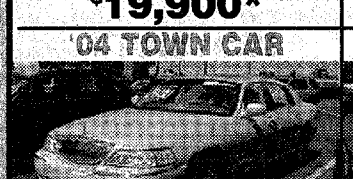

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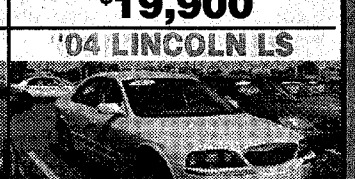

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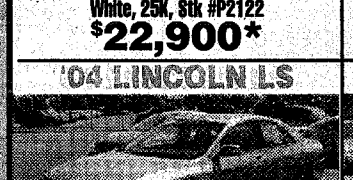

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V6, 25K, 3rd seat $16,900*

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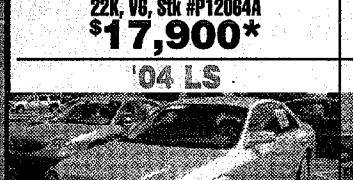

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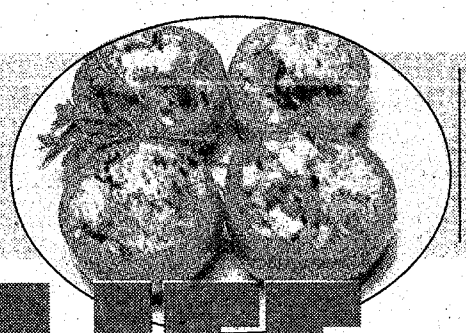

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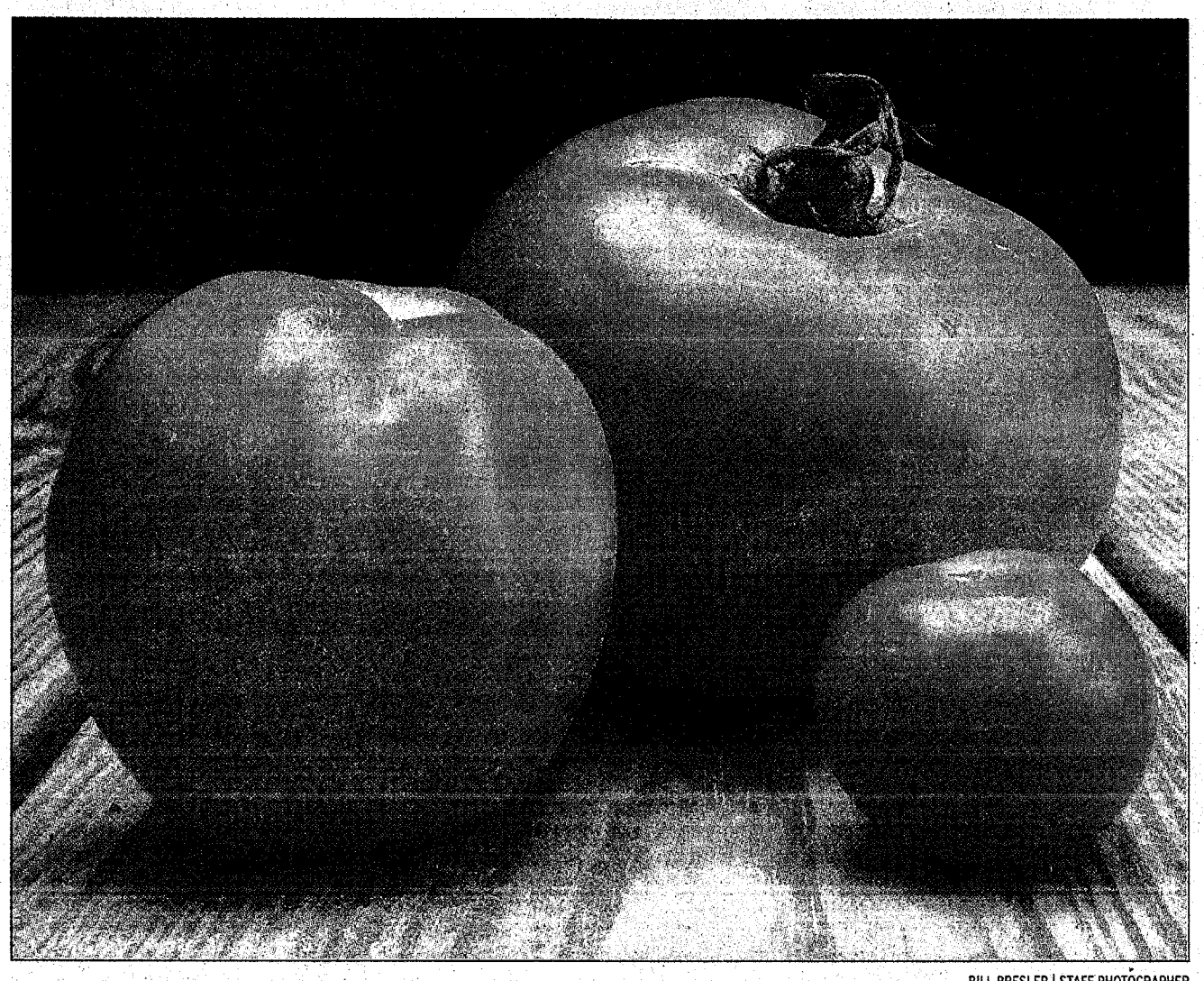

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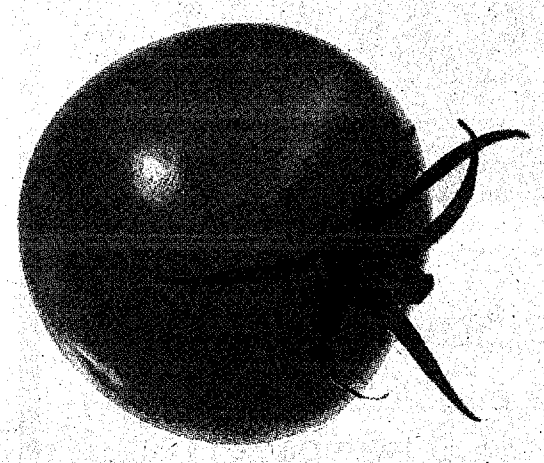
Ahh, there's nothing like the sweetness of garden-fresh tomatoes.

Full grown

Now's the time to harvest those tomatoes



BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Their stems are weak, the plant is fragile, and all it takes is one cool morning with a little frost to destroy them.

They take nurturing and care all spring and summer long, needing water nearly every day and stakes to hold them up over the ground.

Sometimes they need dust to stop worms from ravaging them; other times they may need fencing or screening to keep the woodchucks or other rodents away. An errant swing with a rake or mishap with a lawn trimmer can be disastrous.

We're talking tomatoes. Romas, cherries, grapes, beefsteak, early girls, etc.

How do we love them? Let us count the ways.

Grilling them with dried basil, Parmesan cheese and a splash of balsamic vinegar is all they needed one day to serve with some steaks.

There's gazpacho, a fine use for those friendly red delicious foods, cucumbers and green peppers.

You can take the time to create a spaghetti sauce or a pizza sauce from scratch without all the salt and preservatives added by the food chemists at the large food manufacturers.

There's fresh tomato-basil soup or pasta with pesto, tomatoes, olives and zucchini, or cold pasta salads with a simple Italian dress-

PLEASE SEE **TOMATOES, D5**

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OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Too many people all shook up over Elvis sightings

In all the hoopla from the Woodward Dream Cruise we missed an important date last week.

Aug. 16 was the 29th anniversary of the passing of Elvis Presley.

The usual celebrations occurred in Memphis with devotees from around the world consuming mass quantities of fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches while celebrating the man who defined the term hunka-hunka burning love.

As part of the celebration, and undoubtedly timed for effect, filmmaker Adam Muskiewicz offered a $3 million reward for proof that Elvis is still alive.

Dick Purtan

The cynical among us may claim that this is just another cheap publicity stunt designed to attract attention to his documentary *Truth About Elvis.*

(By the way, you only get your cash when the Internal Revenue Service recognizes that Elvis is still alive. Apparently, a signed 1040 is more conclusive proof of life than, say, a DNA sample.)

It is hard to fathom that a larger-than-life personality (and we do mean – oh, never mind) such as Elvis would remain in hiding for so long without one peep or thankyewverymuch.

I mean, the whole boy band craze should have sent him running to the nearest recording studio.

And you would think that someone – Willie Nelson, Barbra Streisand, Jimmy Buffett, anyone – would have dug him up for a duet CD. (Sorry, it was just too easy.)

So, I went on an exhaustive search of Elvis sightings. A quick Google search revealed more than 267,000 related Web sites!

Did you know that there is a Web site called the Elvis Sightings Bulletin Board? It's a load of English rubbish.

However, hundreds and hundreds of people with too much free time log on with their ridiculous Elvis stories. (One was having dinner with Johnny Depp when Elvis walked in.)

Then on the much more credible honorelvis Web site we see that a certain Mr. Paul Doe (doesn't sound fake to me) not only saw the King in Berlin in 1991 but actually had a picture of him. (That's him on the left waaaay over there in the background.) The Bigfoot photos are clearer than what Mr. Doe snapped.

There is deadelvis.com (very gothic), elvispresleynews.com (they think the whole thing is disrespectful and wrong) and even the Elvis Information Network, featuring a presentation from the National Elvis Presley Convention titled *Elvis: Sightings and Faith: Making Sense of the Seemingly Absurd.* (Seemingly?)

And don't forget Elvis Underground: The Church.

I wish I was smart enough to make this stuff up, but this is yet another example of where truth is stranger than fiction.

Elvis sightings are a fascination that borders on obsession surrounded by a thin shell of fantasy.

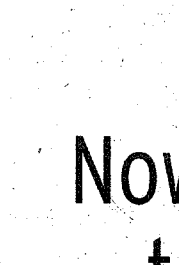
I get what Elvis was – cultural icon, King of Rock 'n' Roll, voice of a generation. He changed the way we listen to music – and the radio.

Unfortunately, he also spawned a campy, kitschy – and some would say cheesy – industry of everything from the legendary velvet Elvis paintings to, well, rewards for proof of his existence.

Can't we all just leave the man alone? Hasn't he suffered enough? Let's just let him live the years he has remaining in peace.

But if you happen to know where he is, I'll split the $3 million with you.

Ladies and gentlemen, **Dick Purtan** has left the column. But you can "sight" him every morning from 5 to 10 on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Windows Vista is coming: Should you care?

As you may know, a new version of Windows is imminent, and it's called Vista.

What you may not know is why you should care.

After all, Windows XP works pretty well, right? OK, it works except for its nightmarish security problems. This operating system has more holes than a cheap canoe. It's the computer equivalent of Swiss cheese, I'm saying.

Thank you, I'm here all week. Please remember to tip your servers.

Assuming Vista ships on schedule — November for businesses, January for consumers — you can expect a firestorm of media coverage in the coming months. All of which will invariably lead many of you to the same questions:

Is Vista really any better than Windows XP?

If so, can I install it on my current PC? And if not, am I obligated to finish reading this column?

In a nutshell: Yes, possibly, and I'm hurt.

I spent a few weeks playing with a beta copy of Windows Vista, and while I'm not ready to pass final judgment yet (the final version will undoubtedly change considerably), I can tell you what I like and don't like.

WHAT'S GOOD

Arguably the most important improve-

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Playhouse auction to benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute

Rariden Schumacher Mio (RSM) Interiors was selected by the Karmanos Cancer Institute Partners' Auction Committee to create the theme and design of the interior of this year's main live auction item.

The Birmingham-based interior design firm partnered with Swanson Meads Architects of Birmingham, Sebold & Kage Custom Builders of metro Detroit, Gethsemane Landscape Architectural Builders of Oakland Township and Dillman & Upton of Rochester to create the Karmanos Playhouse for The Partners Give Into the Night event.

The playhouse will be the available for purchase at the live auction at the event, which will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road at Coolidge in Troy.

Proceeds will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The playhouse is on view during mall hours through Sept. 9 in the lower center atrium at Somerset South.

Somerset Collection and Coldwell Banker Schweitzer of Birmingham are presenting the playhouse.

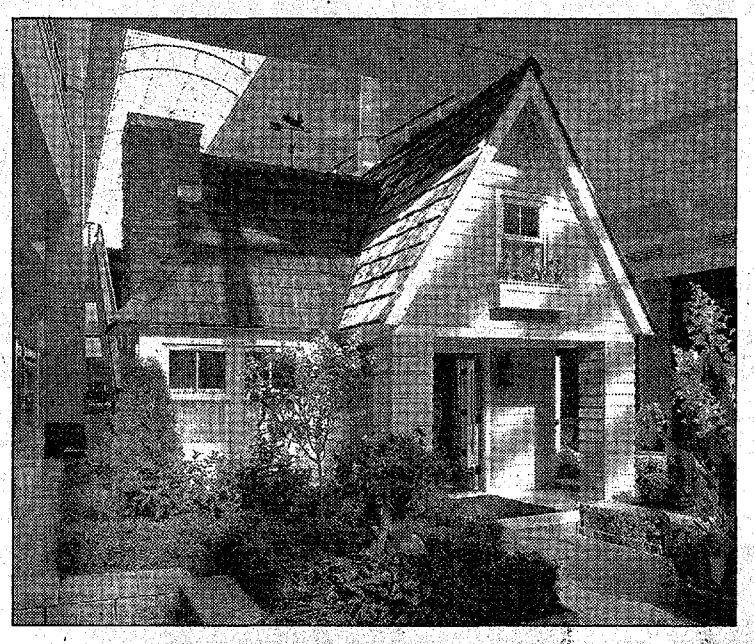
RSM's inspiration for the playhouse was fashioned by the festive nature from a historic fabric – a French toile circus scene – and the breeziness of an Eastern seaboard cottage.

"When approached by the Auction Committee, we did not hesitate to accept the challenge," said Rosemary Cotter, RSM founder.

"We consider it an honor to be involved with such a wonderful event and organization."

Cotter, Jill Schumacher and Michelle Mio are principals in the firm.

Other area businesses who contributed materials and services to the playhouse are American Warehousing & Distribution Services, Armstead & Johnston Construction Inc., Bella Cucina, Birmingham Door Company, Carlson Home Luxuries, Cedar Restoration, Crate & Barrel, Creative Hardscapes, French's Upholstery, Giddings Masonry Inc., Jacaranda, Jennifer Haver, Jet Construction, La Belle Provence, Marvin Windows, Nautic Marine Transport, Oakland Finishing Group, Patrick M. Cooney, Pewabic Pottery, Pottery Barn Kids, Pratt & Lambert Paints, Realstone Systems, Reid Glass, Russell Hardware, Scalamandre Fabric, Snap Construction, Unilock, Universal Plumbing and Walgren Painting.



Swanson Meads Architects of Birmingham, Sebold & Kage Custom Builders of metro Detroit, Gethsemane Landscape Architectural Builders of Oakland Township and Dillman & Upton of Rochester also created the playhouse. It is on display at the Somerset Collection in Troy through Saturday, Sept. 9.

The Partners is a group of young professionals allied in the fight against cancer.

Over the past 12 years the group has donated more than $5 million to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute through its fund-raising efforts.

At this year's The Partners Give Into the Night, more than 700 young metro Detroit professionals will enjoy the auction, fine dining, live entertainment and dancing. Catherine and Nathan Forbes will be the honorees. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with cocktails, strolling dinner and silent auction. Tickets are limited.

For information, call the Karmanos Cancer Institute at (313) 576-8112 or visit kci-partners.com/phpbb/events.htm.

Rariden Schumacher Mio (RSM) Interiors of Birmingham created the theme and design of the interior of the playhouse that will be auctioned at an event to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Bonsai show

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will have its annual show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Admission is $6 for adults (which includes the Matthaei conservatory), $2 for children and teens.

Visit http://www.annarborbonsaisociety.org.

More than 100 member trees will be on display. Members will be available on the show floor to answer questions. Demonstrations of bonsai design will be offered each day. Vendors of plants, pots and bonsai tools will be available.

Native wildflowers

A free workshop, Native Wildflowers for the Home Landscape: Planting and Maintaining an Earth-friendly Fall Garden, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, in the second floor Multi-purpose Room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall. Sign-in will be at 6:30 p.m.

Advance registration is requested. Call the Westland Community Relations Department at (734) 467-3198 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Native plant specialist Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature of Laingsburg, Mich., will be the guest speaker.

The program will review the origin of native wildflowers, identify easy-care plants for the fall garden, and provide maintenance tips.

Native wildflowers will be available for sale before and after the slide presentation.

Summer Faire

Bring the whole family for some good old-fashioned summer fun at Heavenly Scent Herb Farm's 17th annual Summer Faire, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at 13730 White Lake Road in Fenton.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, rain or shine. Admission is $2.

The event will feature complimentary garden tours, lunch by Heavenly Scent, master gardeners on hand to answer questions, a free children's activity center, harp and dulcimer music, and the crafts of many unusual artisans.

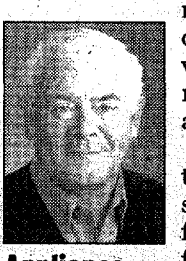
Spend some time enjoying, learning and creating with herbs. Browse the shoppe and stop by the greenhouses.

For more information, call (810) 629-9208 or visit www.heavenlyscentherbfarm.com.

Readers share good news about appliances

In a previous column I asked readers to give me some good news about major appliances and boy, did they ever.

There has been more correspondence than I have ever received, most of it dealing with attachment to older appliances.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

It is apparent that many consider my favorite saying a fact of life: "They don't make them like they used to."

A very interesting point was made in just about all of the letters: Their appliances needed little or no service at all. Many of these stories talked about appliances going back some 50 years and still operating today.

What a tribute to the manufacturers and the quality they produced once upon a time. I will say no more!

A lady from Livonia wrote about an old timer in the repair business who is now in ill health and how much she depended on him. She told me she really misses Mr. McCarthy.

Chuck in Farmington wrote glowing words of praise for the honesty of Bill & Rod's Service and the parts availability at the Servall Company.

He also said, "Machines are a little more complicated now. Just getting them open for service requires a manual."

I want to thank all of you who read this column and in particular the many who took the time to drop me a note.

You have helped the writing of this column to be a very worthwhile project and given me great enjoyment with your words.

MAYTAG TESTING

My darling wife, Valorie, is testing a new Maytag Neptune front load washing machine on the cement floor of our basement laundry room.

Three months now of using it and she doesn't have any complaints. As a matter of fact, she absolutely loves it.

Let me say, I bought this washing machine. It wasn't given to me. I also will tell you that I had nothing good to say about this washer when Maytag first introduced it some eight years ago. I used to write and talk about all the negative things that homeowners were communicating to me, and eventually a class action suit was filed against Maytag with a judgment to the benefit of thousands of buyers.

To my knowledge all of the poor engineering put into the older Neptune is corrected and I've been told it's a great front loader today.

Conclusion: The Maytag Company did more damage to its image of dependability in just a few years than some appliance companies can do in a lifetime.

I touch on this subject again because I know that there are homeowners who are waiting for the final results of Valorie's testing before they go out shopping for a front loader.

You will end up waiting a while, and you'll now read why.

The conversation goes like this:

"Val, how often do you wash a load of clothes, two or three times a week?"

"Oh, once a week, sometimes every week and a half."

"What! I can't say once a week in my column; people will think we wear dirty clothes."

"Look, Joe, when I was a teacher I bought enough undergarments to last three months. Your favorite Christmas present is shorts and socks so we're both in the same tub."

Now you know why it's going to take a while to test out this machine. But I'll keep reporting as it happens right here in this column. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded.

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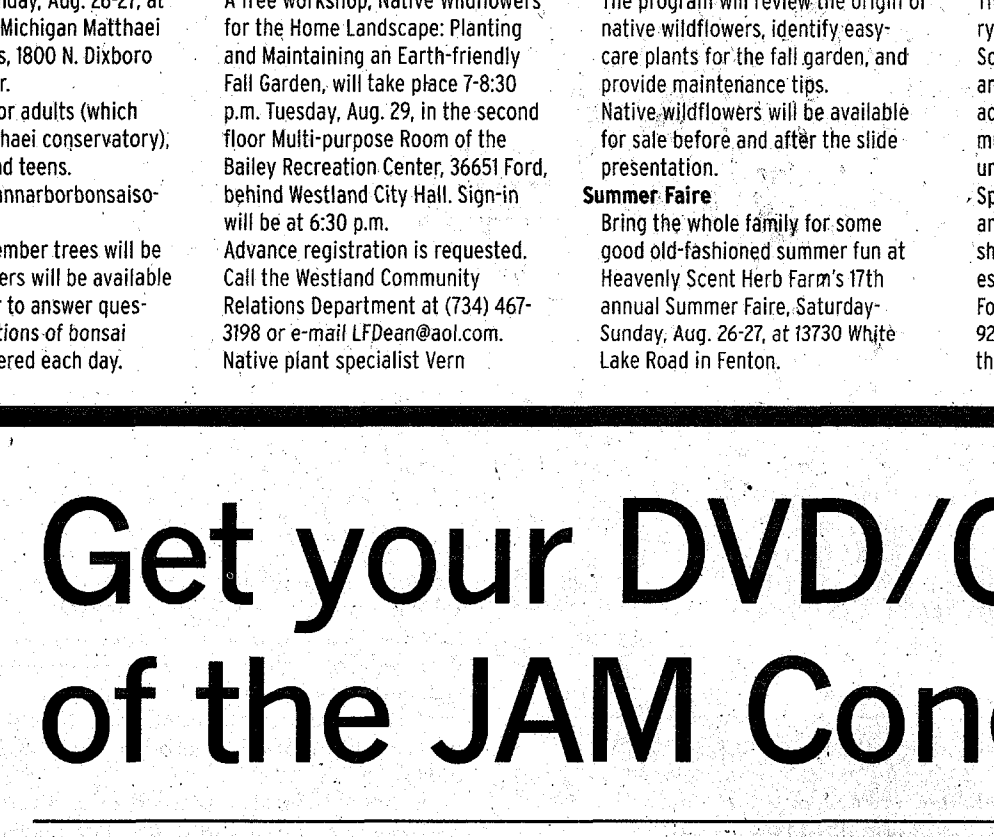

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*Sting, Jon Bon Jovi & Mary J. Blige were recorded at a different location

BROIDA

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ment in Windows Vista is better security.

For anyone who has ever fallen victim to a spyware infestation, virus attack or other malware-related security breach, this should come as good news indeed.

Microsoft's new "layered security" approach promises to prevent these nefarious programs from sneaking into your PC and remove any that may already have taken up residence. What remains to be seen is whether these measures actually work.

Because malware often slips in via your Web browser, Microsoft has focused much of its security efforts on Internet Explorer 7.

This updated browser features built-in protections against nefarious sites and so-called "phishing" attacks, which attempt to trick you into supplying personal information.

IE7 also sports a 21st-century makeover, with a new interface and long-overdue features like tabbed pages and a built-in RSS reader, which automatically fetches updated information from sites you "subscribe" to.

Most users work with a large number of files — Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, digital photos and so on.

But finding a specific document or image can be a nightmare, especially if you're among the organizationally challenged.

Vista's new search tools take all the work out of finding files. Just click the Start button and type a word, phrase, filename or any other relevant info into the Instant Search box; Vista will immediately start locating matching files.

This may not sound like a huge deal, but once you've experienced this simplified searching firsthand, you'll wonder how you ever worked without it.

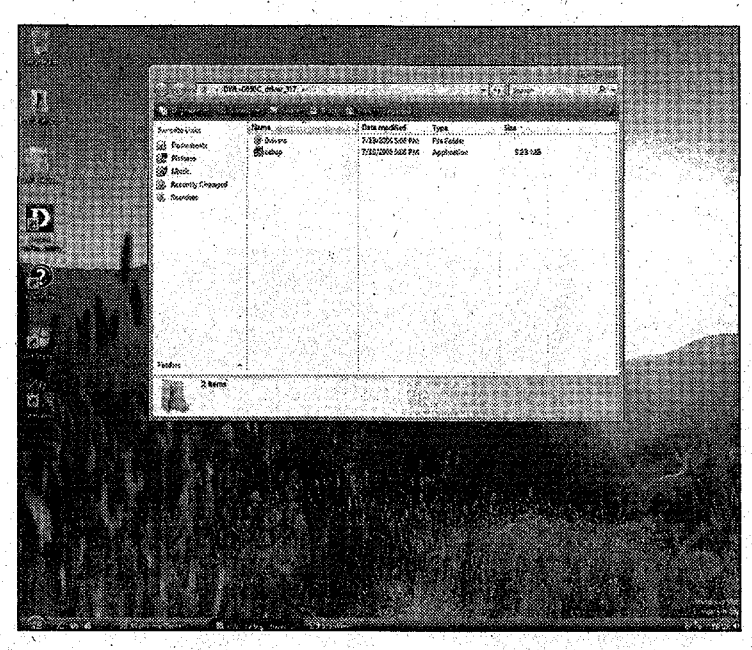
If you've never been particularly diligent about making backups, you'll appreciate Vista's new Backup and Restore Center.

It features an enhanced version of the System Restore tool that debuted in Windows XP, plus a new backup utility that archives files, settings and even applications.

There's also a Previous Versions feature that can store older versions of documents — great if, say, you accidentally copy over a file you were working on.

Other Windows Vista amenities include easier network setup and management; improved "sleep" modes for both desktops and notebooks; "gadgets," mini-applications that reside on your desktop and show news, weather reports, photos, personal calendars and the like; and even speech recognition (for dictating documents, e-mail, etc.).

Vista also touts improved help and remote-assistance systems and loads of attractive tweaks to the interface.



The Windows Vista interface has been redesigned with an emphasis on simplicity, but there's still a learning curve.

WHAT'S BAD

Although there's a lot to like about Vista, there are a few key downsides to consider.

For one thing, your current PC may not be able to run it. Vista has fairly steep hardware requirements, and certain features won't function unless your system has adequate horsepower.

To find out if your machine will work with the new OS, visit Microsoft's Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor (www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready/default.mspx).

From there, you'll need to decide which of the five versions of Windows Vista you want to buy. There's Vista Business, Vista Enterprise, Vista Home Premium, Vista Home Basic and Vista Ultimate — all with different price tags.

Microsoft hasn't yet divulged all the details on what differentiates the five flavors of Vista, but it will certainly make for a confusing trip to the computer store.

Finally, there's the learning curve that comes from migrating to any new operating system. Vista looks and acts quite a bit differently from Windows XP, especially in terms of system operations and file management.

For instance, Internet Explorer 7 does away with the traditional File, Edit, View and other pull-down menus, instead hiding all these options in a hard-to-find Tools menu. Same goes for the new version of Windows Media Player.

And it'll undoubtedly take you some time to get familiar with the new "breadcrumb" method of folder navigation, which isn't immediately intuitive.

So what's a tech-phobic (or even tech-savvy) user to do? Wait. Whenever Vista does finally ship, you're under no obligation to upgrade. Windows XP won't suddenly stop working, nor will Microsoft stop supporting it with patches and security updates.

What's more, installing an OS upgrade can result in all kinds of problems, not the least of which is a computer that no longer boots.

Better you should wait until you're in the market for a new PC, which will come with Vista preloaded.

In the meantime, head to a computer store and spend some time tinkering with Vista on a demo system. See if you like the look and feel. Read up to see if users have encountered any major problems with the OS.

Even if you're not ready to take the plunge today, chances are good you'll end up using Vista someday, so it pays to be prepared.

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HOME CALENDAR

Ruffles and shams

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com.

The schedule includes Dust Ruffles and Pillow Shams, Thursdays, Sept. 7-28 (cost is $80).

Spruce up a bedroom by creating a pleated or gathered dust ruffle and new pillow shams to match the decor. The first session will be a discussion of style, fabric choices and supplies. Students will make a custom dust ruffle and pillow shams in the next three sessions.

Dog training

The Wolverine Dog Training Club is celebrating "50 great years of training dogs and people." It has classes for every level in obedience and agility, and incorporates Rally in some of its obedience classes.

The club's next class session will begin Thursday, Aug. 24. Visit its Web site, www.wolverinedtc.com, for information.

Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays through September.

It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week.

Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment.

Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is $10. Visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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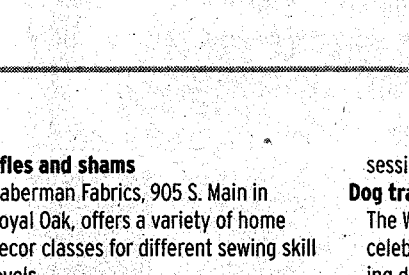

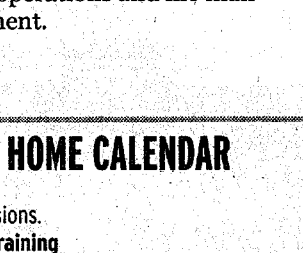

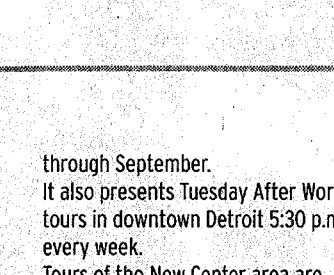

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Pets put best foot forward for 'Letterman'

They came from far and near and stood in the hot sun outside the Berman Center for Animal Care, hoping their pets could make the cut for the "Stupid Pet Tricks" segment of the *Late Show with David Letterman.*

More than 50 pet owners brought their two-legged and four-legged friends to the Westland facility Sunday in the first round of auditions.

Forget the cameras and studio lighting. It was talent coordinator Brian Teta with a video camera who captured their antics on tape for viewing by the show's producers.

A duck, a cat, a pony, a two-toed sloth and dogs of all shapes and sizes — wearing everything from Harley Davidson leather to wigs and Superman capes — answered the audition call. It was the show's only scheduled audition for the Midwest in 2006.

Some pets ignored the crowd that ringed the room, and did their tricks, dunking basketballs in kid-sized nets, bouncing a balloon off their nose and taking a goldfish from their owner's mouth.

Others did nothing or made a beeline for the bleachers instead of fetching a fake mouse. They left the room with disappointed owners who muttered that they would do it at home or without the crowd.

It's hard to say who did well Sunday. Pet owners have to wait until mid-September to find out if they get a callback from *Letterman* producers.

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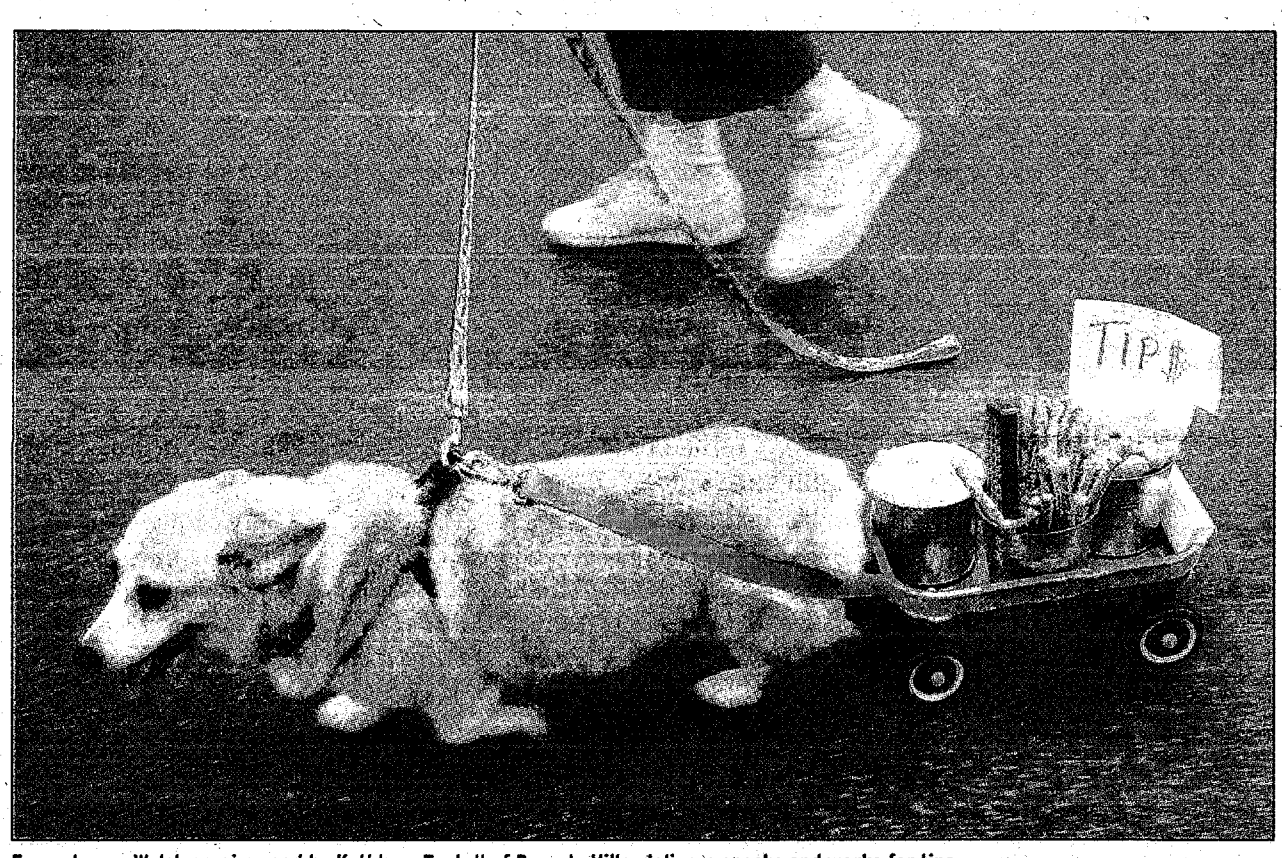
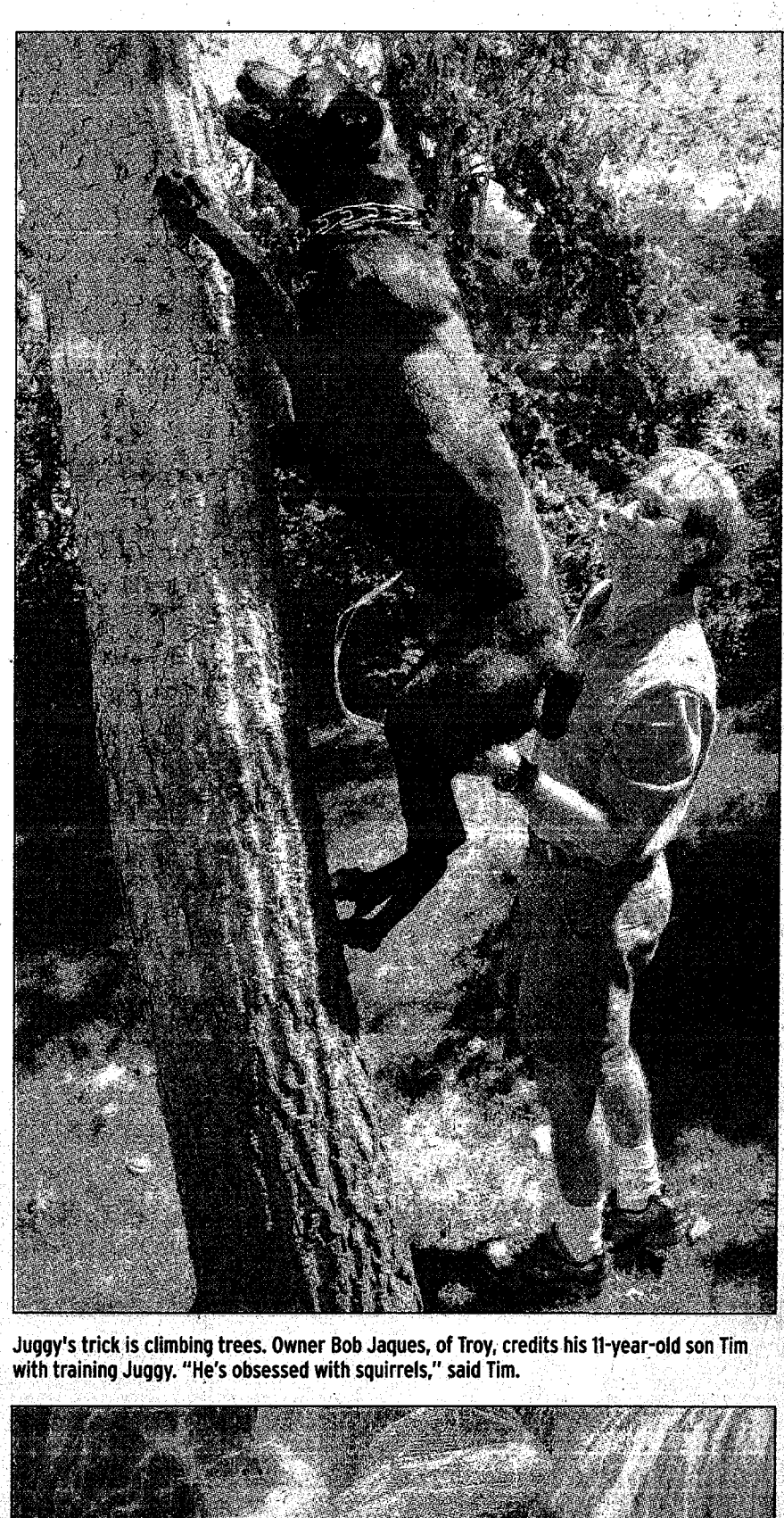
Not sure about performing in front of a crowd, it took a little coaxing to get Skippy, a 7-year-old golden retriever mix, to jump through a hoop, much to the relief of owner Susie Marlowe of Ferndale. Stage fright hit some of the Letterman hopefuls, who quickly left the room with their human companions.

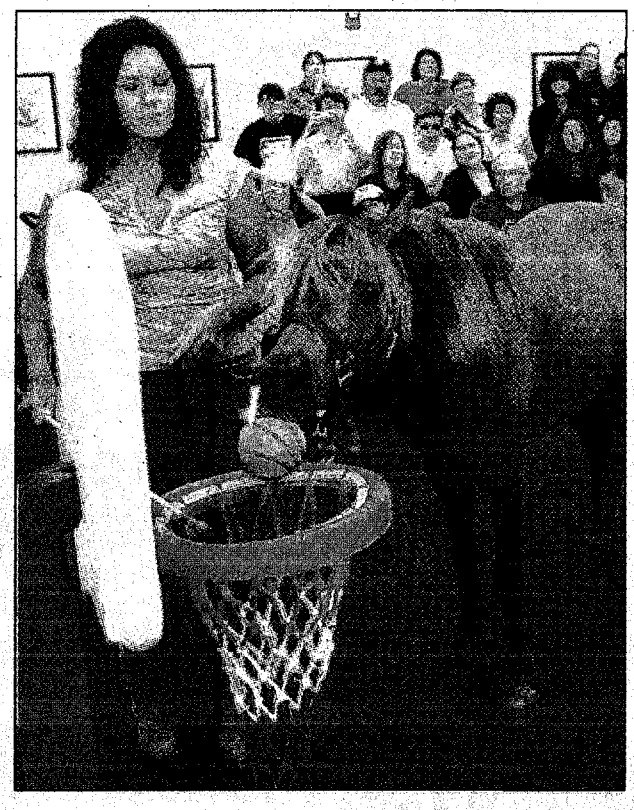


Emmy Lou, a Welsh corgi owned by Kathleen Tootell of Beverly Hills, delivers snacks and works for tips.



Juggy's trick is climbing trees. Owner Bob Jaques, of Troy, credits his 11-year-old son Tim with training Juggy. "He's obsessed with squirrels," said Tim.

Smokey is a pretty smart canine. Owners O.D. and Lena Bennette hold up three fingers and Smokey barks three times. He's good up to six fingers, and the Eastpointe couple is training him to bark up to 10 times for 10 fingers.



Peanut the pony plays basketball for owner Cynde Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Border collie Buckeye plays catch by bouncing a ball off his nose and into Ron Postiff's baseball glove. They are from Rochester Hills.

Trudy Hylant of Troy, and 3-year-old Lulu are "Tori and Mrs. Spelling." "She'll kiss anybody, but she won't kiss me," said Hylant.

TOMATOES

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The choices are endless — baked, broiled, fried, grilled, sautéed and stewed.

They're great raw with just salt and pepper sprinkled on them. Onion, vinegar and garlic create awesome combinations.

They combine well with cheeses — Feta, goat, mozzarella and Parmesan.

Herbs work too, like mint in tabboulleh or marjoram on baked tomatoes. Basil and tomatoes are, of course, culinary legends. Basil, tarragon, thyme or parsley also work well with fresh tomatoes on a summer crostini.

Use them in combination with other vegetables from the garden, farmers market or local grocer.

I cold-smoked about 30 jalapenos for about three hours last week to create some chipotles, about four of which I then piled on a bacon, lettuce and (of course) tomato sandwich. A nice smoky burn, but not overwhelming, as the cooking cuts the heat and mellows the pepper perfectly. More jalapenos will be smoked and will be used shortly in some salsa.

To make salsa, place about five tomatoes in water for about 15 seconds and then peel them. (Use a variety of tomatoes, if you'd like, but Romas work well.) Chop them in half, rinse and remove the seeds, then chop them. Mix with 1/2 clove of minced garlic and 1/4 cup of chopped onion.

Roast a jalapeno, let it sit in an enclosed small jar for 30 minutes, then peel and seed that. Use about 1/4 to 1/2 of that finely chopped jalapeno for the salsa. (Use the seeds too if you like a good hot salsa.)

Add a bunch of cilantro (OK, about 1/4 cup) chopped, and you've got excellent salsa.

The choices are endless. Happy harvesting!

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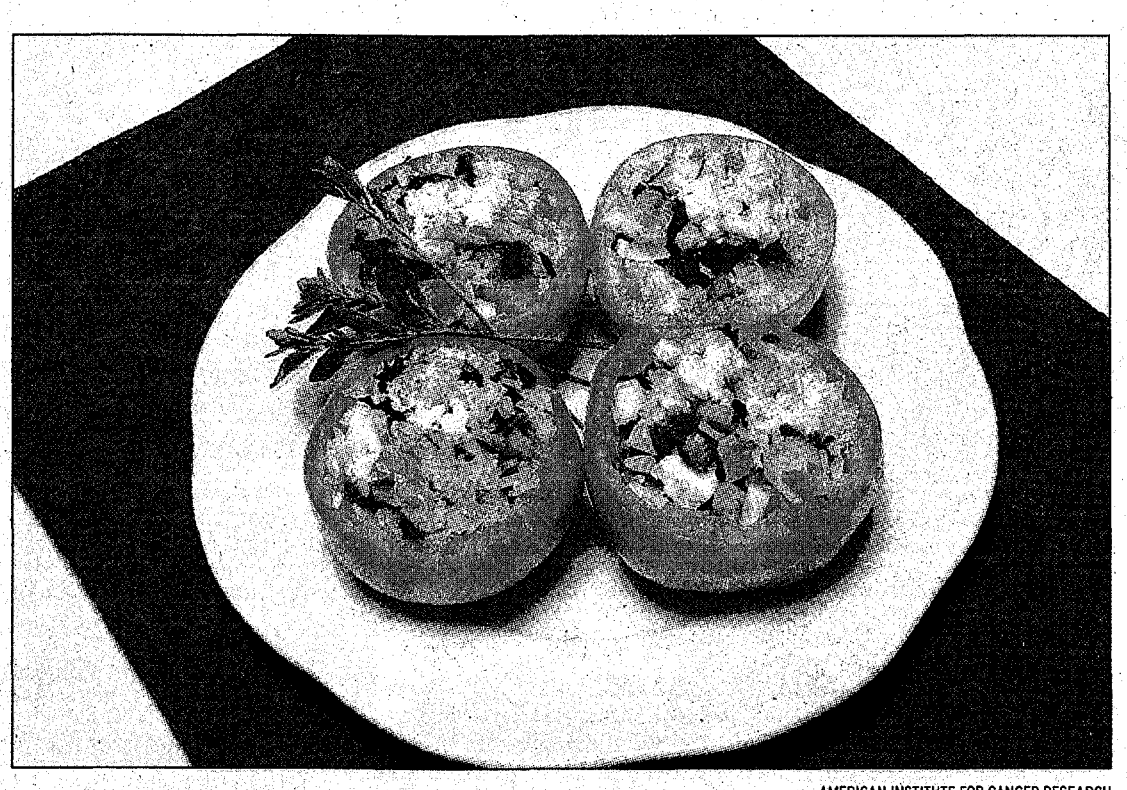

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1/4 cup onion
6 cups tomato juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup parsley, snipped
3 teaspoons chive
1/2 cup and 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
3/4 cup celery
6 drops Tabasco sauce
2 grinds of fresh black pepper

Mix all ingredients. Chill soup thoroughly. (You can also puree a portion of the vegetables if you prefer a smoother textured soup.)

Garnish with a dollop of sour cream. (For a little Southwestern flair, also garnish with chopped cilantro and/or guacamole.)

Note: This soup tastes better the next day, but remember you lose a day of the soup's shelf life.

BAKED TOMATOES

3 large tomatoes
1/2 cup crushed saltine crackers
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed

Halve tomatoes, then lay cut side up in shallow baking pan. Season with salt and pepper.

Mix crackers, butter and basil, then sprinkle on tomatoes.

Bake uncovered in a 375-degree Fahrenheit oven about 20 minutes. Serves 6.

MARINATED HERBED TOMATOES

6 tomatoes
2/3 cup salad oil
1/4 cup vinegar
1/4 cup parsley, snipped
1/4 cup green onions, sliced
1/2 teaspoon marjoram, crushed
Romaine lettuce leaves

Peel tomatoes, place in a deep bowl. In a screw-top jar, combine oil, vinegar, parsley, green onions, marjoram, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Shake well. Pour over tomatoes.

Cover and refrigerate overnight, stirring mixture over tomatoes occasionally. Serve on Romaine lettuce.

Recipes from Ken Abramczyk.

Stuff that tomato with rice, veggies

It's the too-many-tomatoes time of year. They're at the markets and in back yards. Co-workers leave bags of them on your desk. What to do?

Stuff them.

Fortunately, tomatoes are welcome in almost any dish. Fragrant herbs such as basil, oregano, dill, parsley and thyme are wonderful seasonings for tomatoes, but more pungent spices like curry powder, cumin, or chili powder also blend well into tomato-based sauces. Tomatoes stuffed with rice, feta, pine nuts and vegetables are delicious too.

Tomatoes are a rich source of vitamins A and C and the potent phytochemical lycopene, one of the few dietary sources of that cancer-fighting antioxidant. Some studies suggest that lycopene especially helps to protect against prostate cancer.

Lycopene is found in red or pink fruits such as watermelon, papaya, pink guava and pink grapefruit as well as in tomatoes. Antioxidants can help protect against the kind of damage that gets cancer started, and the antioxidant nature of compounds within tomatoes has long been known.

Recent studies suggest that tomatoes may help combat cancer in additional ways, at later stages of the process. In the laboratory, tomato components have stopped the proliferation of several cancer cell types, including breast, lung and endometrium. Tomatoes have attracted particular attention from prostate cancer researchers because lycopene and its related compounds tend to concentrate in tissues of the prostate.

The best tomatoes are vine-ripened and deeply colored. They should feel heavy for their size. Unripe tomatoes can be ripened in a paper bag at room temperature. Do not refrigerate fresh tomatoes because their texture will become mealy and their taste watery.

Any large, firm tomato will work in the following recipe.

STUFFED TOMATOES WITH FETA AND PINE NUTS

Nonstick cooking spray
1 tablespoon pine nuts
4 large, ripe tomatoes
3/4 cup cooked brown rice
1 green bell pepper, seeded and minced
1/2 cup yellow squash, finely chopped
4 tablespoons feta cheese, crumbled
1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons fresh oregano, minced
2 tablespoons fresh basil, minced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350º F. Coat a shallow baking pan with cooking spray and set aside.

In small skillet, toast pine nuts over medium heat for 2 minutes until golden brown, shaking pan frequently. Set aside. Slice off stem end (top) of tomatoes. Using a spoon, gently scoop out pulp. Finely chop pulp and place 2/3 cup of pulp in a large bowl (discard any remaining pulp).

Add rice to pulp along with toasted pine nuts, bell pepper, yellow squash, 2 tablespoons of feta, minced onion, oregano, basil, salt and black pepper. Mix well. Stuff rice mixture into tomato shells. Transfer tomatoes to pan and top with remaining feta cheese. Bake 20 minutes, until top is golden. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 120 calories, 4 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 18 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 119 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

Several communities host farmers markets throughout the summer and fall:

Ann Arbor Farmers Market
7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, 315 Detroit St., Ann Arbor, (734) 994-3276.

Birmingham
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, until Oct. 22, Parking Lot 6, on east side of North Old Woodward (248) 433-3550.

Clarkston Farmers Market
8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through October, across from Depot Park in downtown Clarkston, just west of Main Street on Depot Road, clarkstonfarmersmarket.org.

Detroit Eastern Market
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2934 Russell St., Detroit, (586) 393-8800, www.easternmarket.org.

Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, Farmington Road and Grand River, www.downtownfarmington.org.

Livonia Farmers Market
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, through October, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia, (734) 525-8718.

Royal Oak Farmers Market
January-April: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays; May-October: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 316 E. 11 Mile Road, two blocks east of Main, (248) 548-8822.

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Popularity of Spanish wines explodes

Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

With 3 million acres, Spain has more land under vine than any other country on the planet.

Popularity of Spanish wines has literally exploded. Familiar regions such as Rioja and Ribera del Duero are being joined by new stellar areas such as Rias Baixas and Sardon de Duero.

RIAS BAIXAS

Rias Baixas is located in the Galicia region of northwest Spain. Representing 92 percent of plantings, the white grape variety Albariño is the foundation of wine production in this cool region.

In this column previously, we've written about the grape variety and wine called Albariño from the Rias Baixas. One we've not noted is 2004 Bodega Don Olegario Albariño ($23). What's special here is that this is the only wine made at the bodega (winery) and it's produced solely from estate-grown grapes. Floral aromas, white fruit, tantalizing citrus and grapefruit flavors are the hallmarks of this inviting and crisp wine.

NAVARRA AND RIOJA ALAVESA

Located in northeastern Spain, Navarra borders the Basque region. In 1647 Bodegas Julian Chivite was established there. Now, through 11 generations and recent major state-of-the-art renovations, Chivite is the largest producer in Navarra.

If you still believe big is bad, then you need to try wines under the Gran Feudo label, a moderately priced tier of wines from Chivite.

■ 2002 Gran Feudo Crianza (oak aged) ($13) is a blend of tempranillo, garnacha (a.k.a. grenache) and cabernet sauvignon that was aged 12 months in French and American cooperage. It was aged 12 months further in bottle before its recent release. Try it with grilled burgers.

■ 2001 Gran Feudo Reserva ($18) is a step up in fuller fruit character and structural complexity, so pair it with grilled pork tenderloin, lamb or steak.

In 1998, Chivite purchased the Rioja Alavesa property. There, under the Viña Salceda label, we recommend three wines: 2002 Vina Salceda Crianza ($17) is principally tempranillo, aged 15 months in American oak cooperage; 2001 Viña Salceda Reserva ($22) has bolder fruit and bigger structure to pair with a grilled steak, while 2000 Conde de la Salceda Reserva ($51), aged 18 months in French oak, is internationally-styled with big berry fruit and powerful structure to enhance a juicy steak or grilled lamb.

SARDÓN DE DUERO

Representing ancient vineyard rebirth is Abadia Retuerta in Sardón de Duero. In 1988, Novartis pharmaceutical acquired the Retuerta estate, site of the Santa Maria de Retuerta Monastery and its 12th century Romanesque church.

Today, a revived Abadia Retuerta, under the technical direction of Château Ausone's famed oenologist Pascal Delbeck, is a vast project including 550 acres of vines, harvested individually as 54 different parcels, and one of the most technically progressive winery and barrel facilities in the world.

Wines from Abadia Retuerta to consider are: the generously fruited 2003 Rivola ($17), a succulent blend of tempranillo and cabernet sauvignon; 2002 Abadia Seleccion Especial ($22), principally tempranillo with cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Aging 18 months in primarily French oak enhanced a wine with ripe berry and black cherry aromas with noticeable spice and vanilla. This lengthy wine screams "serve me with grilled lamb." The 2000 Cuvee Palomar ($51), a 50/50 blend of tempranillo and cabernet sauvignon, is both powerful and elegant.

LA RIOJA ALTA

Bodegas Roda farms 16 tempranillo and graciano 30 -to-90-year old vineyards throughout La Rioja Alta. The 2001 Roda II ($44) is principally tempranillo from the best vintage in the region since 1964. Its more powerful sibling 2001 Roda I ($66) is 100 percent tempranillo and a deliciously beautiful expression of this notable red grape from Spain.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Pairing wines generally describes food and wine matches. Not in the case of some "pairs" from **Dry Creek Vineyard** in California's Dry Creek Valley.

Dry Creek Single Vineyard 2004 Fumé Blancs (both $25).

DCV3 is a vineyard planted in 1972. Crisp, fresh citrus and grapefruit are the hallmarks of a slightly spicy wine.

Taylor's Vineyard Musqué was planted to the musqué clone of sauvignon blanc five years ago. It's a more delicate style showcasing stone fruits, particularly white peach, and complementary minerality.

We like both wines for different reasons. Since the price is the same, try the wines as a pair and make some personal decisions.

Dry Creek Single Vineyard 2003 Zinfandels (both $30).

Somers Ranch was planted in 1990 and sings zin characters of ripe plum, dark cherries and blackberries that explode in the mouth.

Beeson Ranch was crafted from vines more than 100 years old. It's opulent and rich with the mellow hallmarks of old vines zin.

Alcohol for both wines is a reasonable 14.5 percent. Again we highly recommend both wines although the "styles" are different. Try them as a pair with friends and decide which you like – it could be both!

If a retailer does not stock specific wines we recommend, ask that they be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

Make up this quick spanakopita in muffin tins

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – Spanakopita from scratch to finish in under an hour?

It didn't seem likely. Most recipes for this savory "pie" (made from layer upon layer of feta cheese, chopped spinach and parchment-thin phyllo dough) take more than an hour of assembly and baking.

I wanted something a little more weeknight-friendly.

One traditional option was spanakopita triangles. Instead of baking the dish in a large pan similar to lasagna, this method stuffs small parcels of phyllo and folds them into triangles.

This trick certainly cuts prep time, but I find it also results in a less flavorful spanakopita. Phyllo is so delicate, folding it around the spinach and cheese requires that substantially less filling is used. And in my world, more feta is better.

But that got me thinking. I'd recently been impressed by a technique that shaved time off a meat loaf recipe by baking it in muffin tins, rather than as a slower-cooking loaf. Should work for spanakopita, too.

It did, though I learned a few lessons over the course of half-a-dozen batches.

For my first attempt, I lined the muffin tins with phyllo, then heaped in the filling, capping it with several more sheets of phyllo.

It wasn't a success. Traditional spanakopita has many layers of dough and filling. The lack of phyllo layered throughout the cheese and spinach produced a goopy, soggy mess. This was easily fixed. I also learned that while standard muffin tins work, oversized tins are even better.

QUICK SPANAKOPITA

(Start to finish 45 minutes, 20 active)

Olive oil cooking spray
10-ounce package frozen spinach, thawed
1-½ cups (about ½ pound) crumbled feta cheese
¾ cup cottage cheese
1 small yellow onion, diced
2 eggs, beaten
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon dill seed
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Twenty 9-by-14-inch sheets phyllo dough

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Liberally spray the muffin tins with olive oil. Set aside.

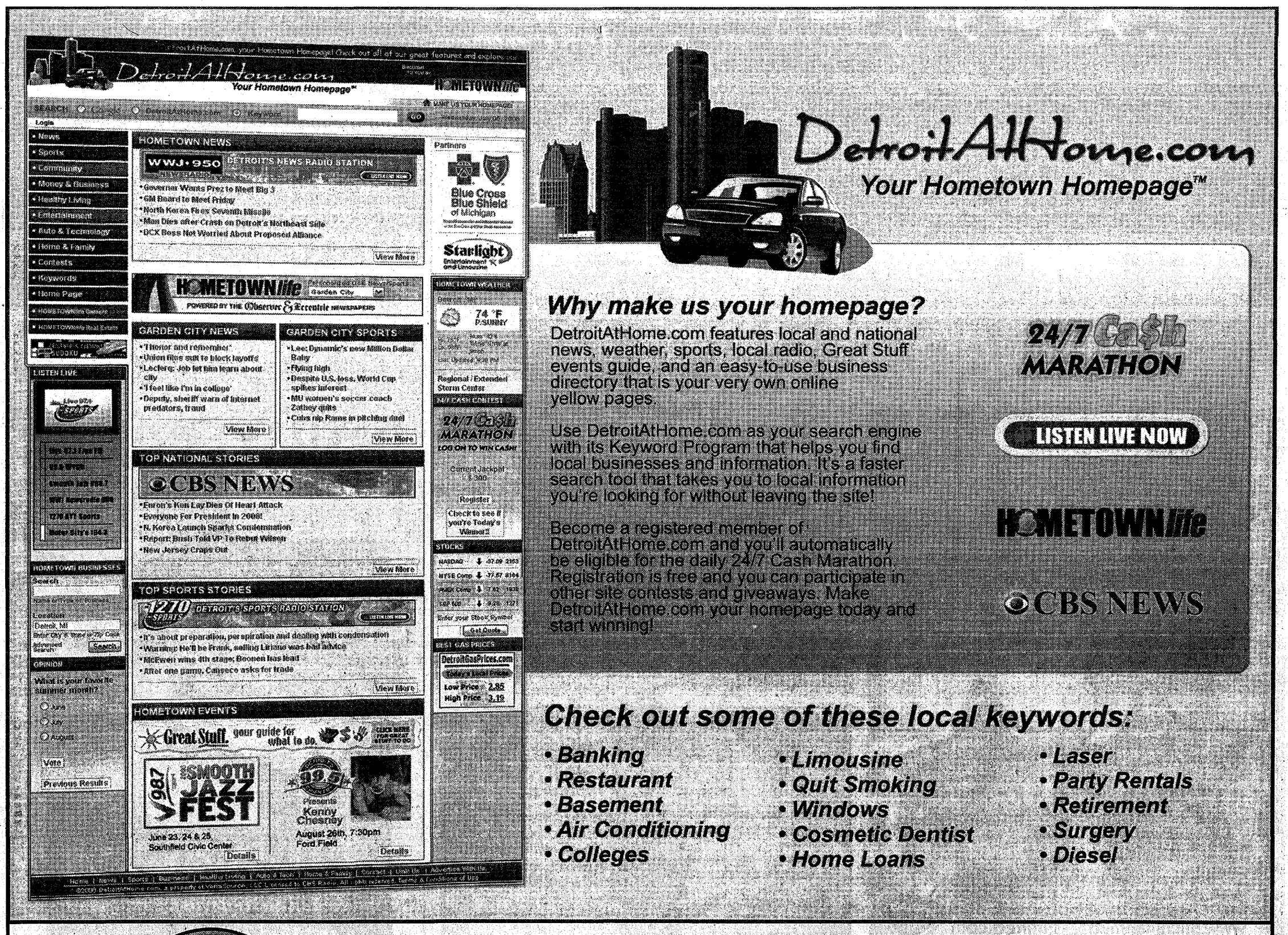
Place the spinach in a kitchen towel, wrap tightly and twist it over the sink to remove excess water. Transfer the spinach to a cutting board and finely chop.

In a large bowl, combine the spinach, cheeses, onion, eggs, parsley, lemon juice, dill seed, nutmeg and salt and pepper. Mix well and set aside.

Unfold the phyllo sheets on a dry counter, leaving them stacked. Using a large knife or pastry scraper, cut the sheets into halves vertically.Gently press two or three pieces of the phyllo into each muffin cup. The edges of the dough should fold outward over the sides. Lightly spray the phyllo with olive oil.Spread 1 to 2 tablespoons of the spinach mixture in each cup. Press another two pieces of phyllo into each cup over the spinach. Lightly spray the phyllo with oil.Continue layering spinach mixture and phyllo, lightly spraying each with oil. Finish with a spoonful of spinach mixture, then fold the edges of phyllo over the top.

Spray each cup again with olive oil. Bake for 25 minutes, or until the edges of dough are lightly browned. If the phyllo browns too quickly, cover pan with foil.

Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Makes 4 servings.



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● By Wensdy Von Buskirk

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Ladies Who Launch is a national networking organization that brings businesswomen together through a sassy, interactive Website, e-newsletters and in-person 'incubators' that meet in cities across the globe.

More than 40 women have participated in Metro Detroit incubator sessions since they were started last year by Kate Richard, owner of miss kate and Shoe La-La in Birmingham. Interest has grown so much locally that LWL will host its first live event in town from noon-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 at The Reserve, 325 S. Eton, Birmingham.

The day will include inspiring speakers, vendor booths, shopping, lunch, mingling, entertainment and gift bags.

"It's a chance to connect with others and celebrate big ideas, entrepreneurial spirits and creative talents," explains Richard. "For those of you with wanderlust contemplating just when-oh-when you will ever get off your derriere and start that creative project you've been thinking about — sit no more. This is the day to go for it!"

Expert speakers will offer advice about launching a business from scratch, including start-up nuts and bolts, pitching the press, balancing a busy life, creating rewarding relationships, and unconventional approaches to old habits. Attendees also can sign up in the morning for one-on-one consultations at MiLLie (Masters in Launching) booths, and learn how to become a "Featured Lady" on LWL.

Power suits and briefcases are quickly becoming passé as women learn modern paths to success through LWL. Richard and the other 'Ladies Who Launch' are proof that anything is possible.

"By announcing your dream, business and desires to the world and putting yourself in a supportive environment that is working toward your goal, you will begin to move forward like magic," Richard says.

Tickets to Ladies Who Launch LIVE are $100 by Sept. 7, and $120 at the door. Mention PINK to get $15 off advance ticket purchases. A percentage of proceeds from vendor sales benefit The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. For more information, visit www.ladieswholaunch.com or call Kate Richard at (248) 646-1695.

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Rainbow pinkpicks

● By Michelle Landry

Michelle Landry, 20, of Bloomfield Hills was second runner-up in our Reader PINK Picks contest. She won a $50 gift certificate to Rococo in Northville. Here are Landry's picks, and stay tuned to PINK for more of our fabulous reader entries!

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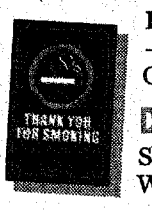

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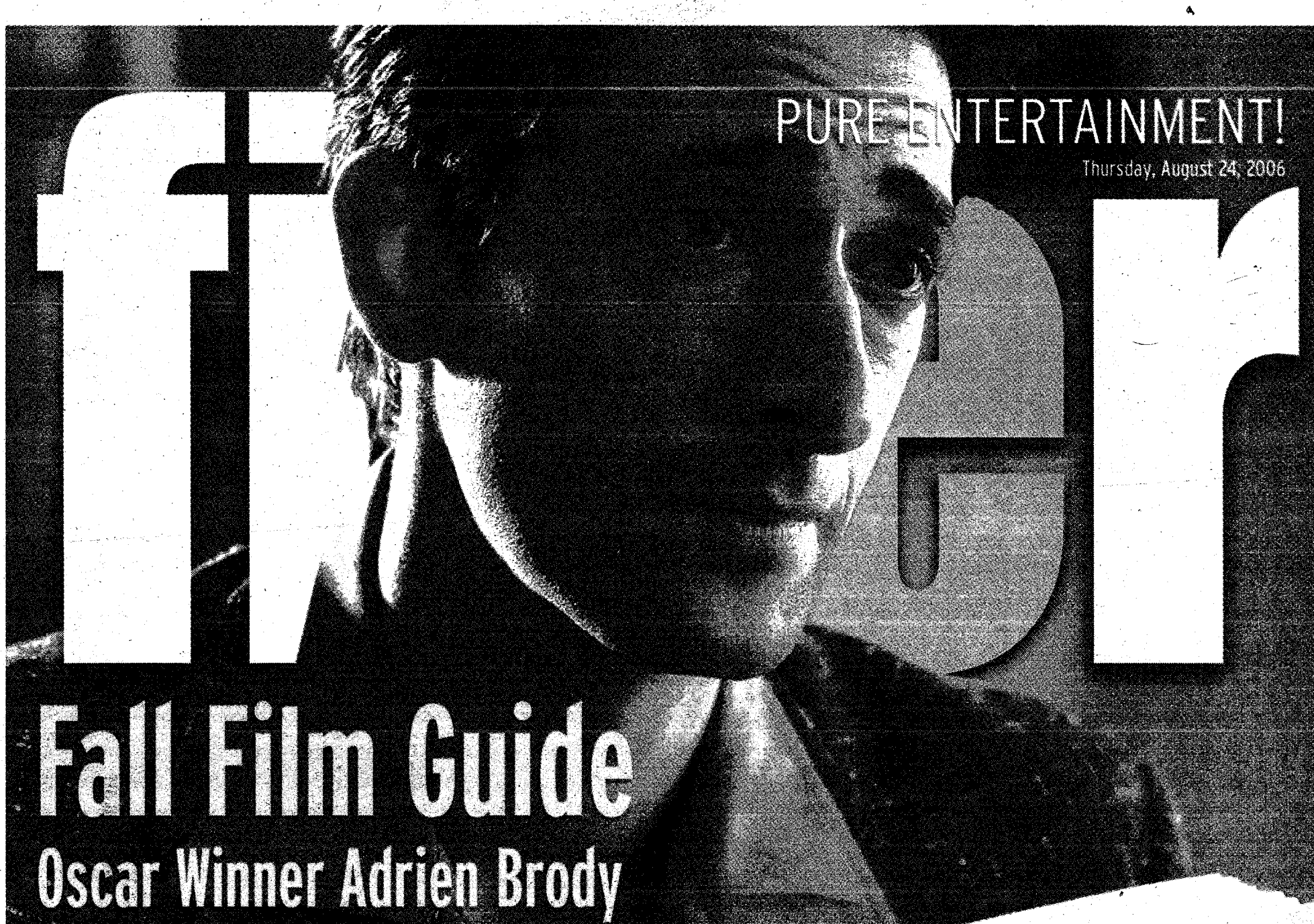

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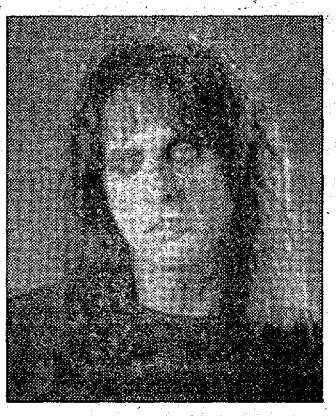

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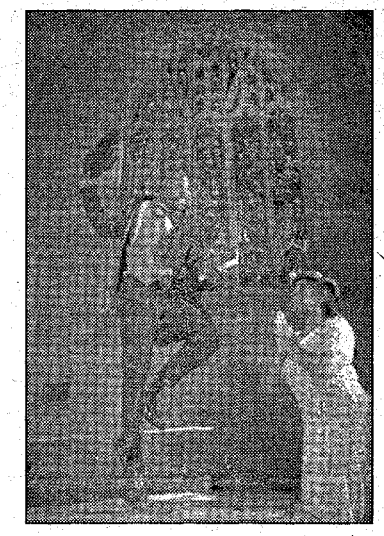

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ON THE COVER

Adrien Brody stars in "Hollywoodland."

Alice Cooper, who appears tonight at the Michigan State Fair, will hit the studio again in January to work on his 32nd CD.

He's still Alice

And there's still the guillotine and electric chair on stage

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

When the roars of 10,000 fans erupt as they recognize the opening chords of the song *School's Out,* Alice Cooper gets a natural high.

When they start singing the words of *Billion Dollar Babies* and *Eighteen,* there's no way the 56-year-old singer can ever say he's tired of singing his standards.

"I don't want to be one of those singers who doesn't give the audience what they want," Cooper said. "Of course we'll sing some new songs, but we know people come to see Alice Cooper for those hits and for the theatrics."

And Cooper's on-stage theatrics are just as eccentric as ever. The guillotine, the electric chair, and a few new ideas will be part of his show Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit.

In the audience will be old fans, new fans and his 94-year-old aunt who refuses to miss a show, Cooper said during a phone interview Sunday just an hour prior to his concert in El Paso.

On tour he's promoting his 2003 album *Dirty Diamonds,* a garage rock, gritty CD written in classic Cooper style.

"I like songs that tell stories in three minutes," Cooper said. "Chuck Berry and Ray Davies ... masters ... Lennon & McCartney ... masters. They told a story and you could picture it."

SHOWS AT THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Hot Ticket

Admission: Free with tickets to the fair, $9 general; $4 kids 12 and under and free to kids two years and under

Music Schedule

Alice Cooper with The Dirty Americans, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24
Ginuwine, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25
Galaxy, 7 p.m. Sunday Aug. 27
Twisted Sister with Proper Villains, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28
Billy Currington and Joe Meyer, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29
Three Dog Night, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30;
Morris Day & The Time and **The S.O.S. Band**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31
Avant, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1
Colgate Country Showdown, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2
Raven-Symone and **The Radio Disney D-Tour**, 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 3
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Cooper worked to do just that in the humorous song *Sunset Babies (All Have Rabies),* which pokes fun at Paris Hilton, and his favorite song *Perfect.*

"I sent Perfect to McCartney ... I told him if I ever wrote a song reminiscent of The Beatles style, even if it would be one of their throwaways this was it. It's a song with the Everly Brothers harmonies, the tambourine ... it's not a stage song."

"Dirty Diamonds sounds like Eyes of Alice Cooper with more polish on it," Cooper said. "On Eyes I wouldn't allow the band to do overdubs. We did everything in the studio: Write, record it and put it to bed. I don't want a Queen album or a Def Leppard album that's perfectly recorded. They're terrific, you can't knock those albums, but that's not the sound I'm looking for. I'd much rather have the sound of an early Stones album."

By now he knows what works on stage. New songs like *Dirty Diamonds* and *Saga of Jesse Jane,* the latter which he sings on the phone with a southern twang. "Are you just a normal guy who dresses like a butterfly?" Cooper sings. "I wanted it to sound like Johnny Cash."

When Cooper isn't touring the world (after Detroit he heads to England) or golfing in Sedona, Ariz., he's hosting his five-nights-a-week radio show, that can be heard on 94.7 WCSX-FM from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

But this time, Cooper is more interested in talking about his concert. At the Fairgrounds, fans will also hear Alice standards like *Be My Lover, I Never Cry, Welcome to My Nightmare, No More Mr. Nice Guy* and more.

"You'll never see me go unplugged at my shows," Cooper said. "You're going to see and hear what you would hope for ... all the theatrics and all the hits."

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Arts DuJour returns to Somerset

Art

Once again, Somerset Collection will be transformed after hours into a massive, elegant buffet; accented with dancers, singers and more on Sunday, Aug. 27, for Arts DuJour.

The event is the official "appetizer" for Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats — Oakland County's taste, music and arts festival Labor Day weekend.

While Arts Beats is an outdoor causal affair, Arts DuJour is the opposite — where elegance is the best definition.Held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Somerset Collection South in Troy, Arts DuJour features food, music, art and local celebrities as a glimpse of what's scheduled at the big festival. It also raises money for more than a dozen not-for-profit organizations in the metropolitan Detroit area.

This year, Frank Fountain, president of the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, his wife, Sharma Fountain, along with Bob Thibodeau and Carl Galeana of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) will be honored.

Nearly 60 of metro Detroit's top restaurants, caterers and purveyors of fine food will be offering selections from their menus.

"No other event in town can boast such an amazing presentation of delicious food," said event producer Jon Witz.

Participating restaurants include Andiamo Italiana, Atrium Grill at Embassy Suites, Bahama Breeze, Buca di Beppo, Charley's Crab, Garden Fresh, Great Oaks Country Club, Jalapenos Restaurant, Kerby's Koney Island, Moo Moo's Organic Bistro, Pudge's Place, Rangoli Indian Cuisine, The Melting Pot and Zumba Mexican Grille.

Entertainment includes musical acts The Project and Karen Newman and her band, including Michael King and Steve Acho.

The event always includes a world touch. Performances include Nadanta, one of North America's premiere Indian dance groups founded in the early 1980s, aimed at preserving Indian dance traditions. Returning to this year's is the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, one of the finest contemporary dance companies in Michigan, which will perform modern dance throughout the evening.

The Capital Grille hosts an Afterglow party at 9 p.m. featuring a cash bar with signature Stoli Doli martinis, champagne, cognac, cigars and complimentary coffee.

Arts DuJour tickets are $100 and include all food and beverage. Purchase by mail, telephone or at www.artsdujour.org

Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats takes place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-4, in downtown Pontiac. Visit www.artsbeatseats.com, or call (248) 334-4600.

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September films are dramatic

Soon the children will be back at school, the summer festivals are over, and fall settles in. That also means a new round of movies will be released. Here's a look at what will be hitting the theaters next month.

Opening Friday, Aug. 25 at the Birmingham 8 and expanding to other theaters Sept. 1.

The Illusionist

A supernatural mystery that combines romance, politics and magic, featuring Edward Norton and Paul Giamatti as two men pitted against each other in a battle of wits: Norton as mysterious stage magician Eisenheim, and Giamatti as Vienna's shrewd Chief Inspector Uhl, with Jessica Biel sharing the screen as the beautiful Sophie von Teschen.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

DOA: Dead or Alive

Based on Tecmo's best-selling "Dead or Alive" videogame franchise starring Devon Aoki, Sarah Carter, Natassia Malthe, Matthew Marsden, Jamie Pressly, Eric Roberts and hot newcomer and Aussie pop star Holly Valance. PG-13.

Idlewild

The story of the loves and ambitions of two struggling performers is told through intricate musical numbers and choreographed dance sequences. An original musical starring OutKast members André Benjamin (André 3000) and Antwan Patton (Big Boi). Set against the backdrop of a 1930s southern speakeasy, "Idlewild" explores the lives of Percival (Benjamin), the club's shy piano player, and Rooster (Patton), the club's showy lead performer and manager. Ving Rhames, Oscar nominee Terrence Howard, newcomer Paula Patton, Tony Award winner Ben Vereen and Oscar nominee and Emmy winner Cicely Tyson. R.

Invincible

Inspired by the true story of Vince Papale, a down-on-his-luck teacher and part-time bartender (Mark Wahlberg) lives every fan's fantasy of moving from the stands to the field when he makes it onto his hometown's professional football team during an open tryout. Starring Greg Kinnear and Elizabeth Banks. PG.

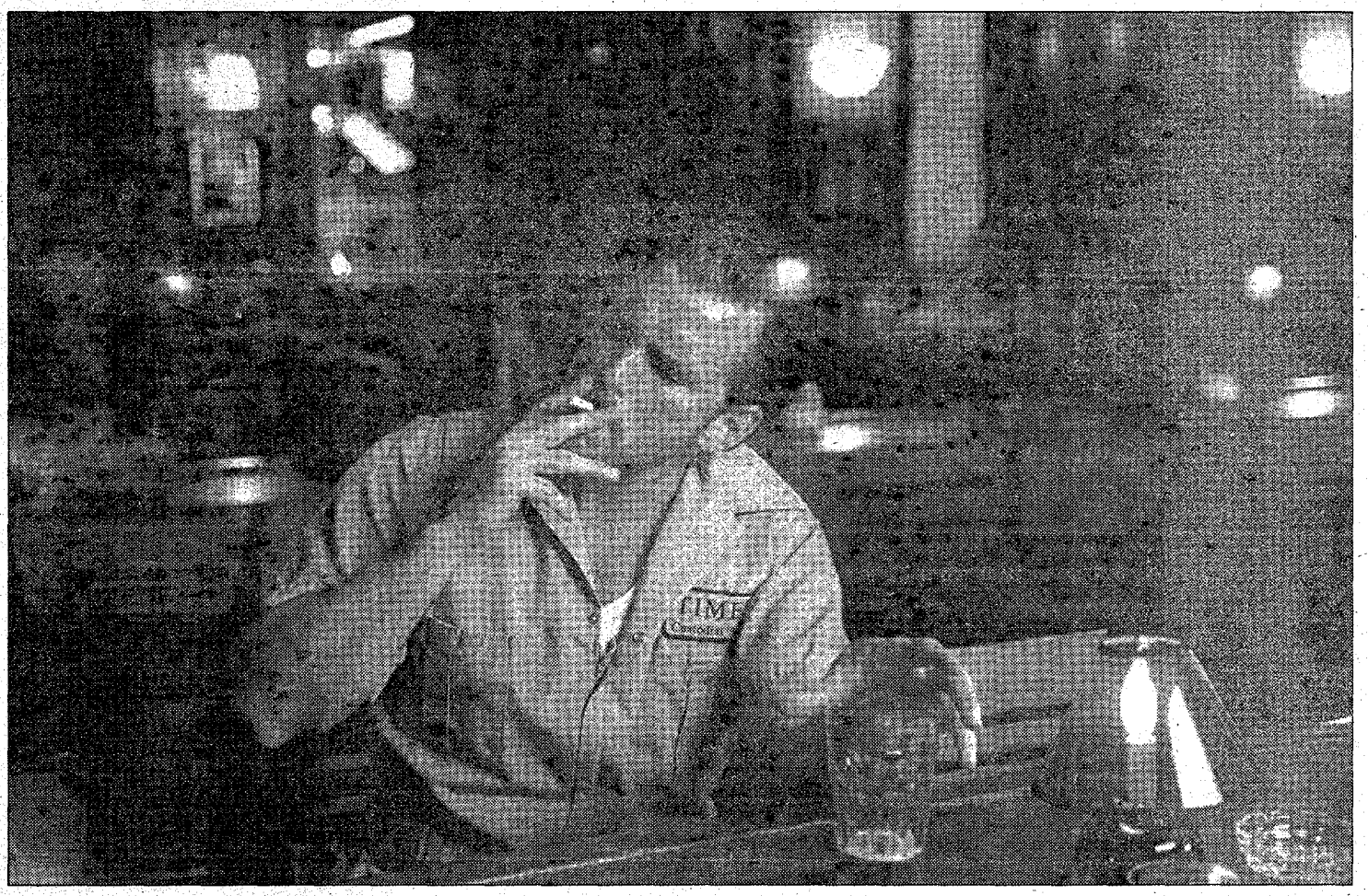
The Protector

In this fast-paced action film spiced with Muay Thai moves, Kham's (Tony Jaa) life is turned upside down when a notorious Asian gang steals his family's prized elephants, which were to be offered as a token of devotion to His Majesty the King of Thailand, and smuggles them to Australia. This film is not yet rated.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

Crank

Chev Chelios (Jason Statham) is about to begin his morning with an unexpected wake-up call. Groggy, practically unable to move and with a heart that's barely beating, he hears the voice of thug Ricky Verona, who reveals Chev has been poisoned in his sleep and only has an hour to live. Chev is a hit man who freelances for a major West Coast syndicate. A run-of-the-mill job the night before instead went awry: he let his target slip away in an effort to quit professional killing and start a new life with his girlfriend Eve (Amy Smart). Now, Chev must keep moving to stay alive. R.



Matt Dillon and Lily Taylor star in 'Factotum,' based on a novel by Charles Bukowski.

Crossover

An urban drama set against the world of street ball. The story follows Tech (Anthony Mackie) and Cruise (Wesley Jonathan), who must bring every move they have to the floor to unseat the reigning champions from the throne they have held for far too long. There are no rules. PG-13.

Factotum

Based on the novel by Charles Bukowski, published in 1975. The character of Henry Chinaski (Dillon) is widely known to be Bukowski's alter ego. Mostly he quests for the booze and women that sidetrack and seduce, rather than inspire greatness. When he falls for Jan (Lily Taylor), the soulful connection fails to save either from their self-destructive ways, and the relationship totters between earnest connection and reflective loathing. R.

The House of Sand

Don't mistake it for "The House of Sand And Fog." Here Áurea's (Fernanda Torres and Fernanda Montenegro) saga starts in 1910, when, in pursuing a dream she never shared, she arrives in a caravan at a labyrinth of sand in Maranhão, northern Brazil. Her husband, Vasco (Ruy Guerra), believes this land to be prosperous and she is condemned to a life in this barren place, her only female company being her mother, Dona Maria. Pregnant and dissatisfied with her destiny, she tries everything to find a way out. R.

The Quiet

Popular cheerleader Nina Deer's (Elisha Cuthbert) world is turned upside down when her parents (Edie Falco and Martin Donovan) adopt a recently orphaned deaf girl, Dot (Camilla Belle). But in this suburban home, things are not what they seem. Dot's arrival puts a crack in Nina's idyllic social life and the dark secrets her family harbors soon become exposed. An intense story about family secrets, friendship, trust, and betrayal where happy faces disguise ugly truths. R.

Trust the Man

A comedy about the challenges of love and marriage among modern day New Yorkers, it features romantic escapades of two couples: a successful actress (Julianne Moore) and her stay-at-home husband (David Duchovny); and her slacker younger brother (Billy Crudup) and his aspiring novelist girlfriend (Maggie Gyllenhaal). The film follows these four on their search for love in the midst of careers, family, infidelity and the ever-daunting search for Manhattan street parking. R.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

The Covenant

Privilege and beauty abound at Spencer Academy, a New England boarding school for the region's reining elite. The film tells the story of the Sons of Ipswich, four young students bound by their sacred ancestry. As descendants of the original families who settled in Ipswich Colony in the 1600s, the boys have inherited special powers – but the one hitch is that the misuse of these powers can shorten their lives and, once they turn 18, can actually kill them. This film is not yet rated.

Drawing Restraint 9

Opens exclusively at the DIA. The film concerns the theme of self-imposed limitation and continues Matthew Barney's interest in religious rite, this time focusing on Shinto. This film is not yet rated.

Hollywoodland

An exploration of fame and identity. The drama, inspired by one of Hollywood's most infamous real-life mysteries, follows a 1950s private detective (Academy Award winner Adrien Brody) who, while investigating the mysterious death of "Superman" star George Reeves (Academy Award winner Ben Affleck), uncovers unexpected connections to his own life as the case turns more personal. R.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

The Black Dahlia

Two ex-pugilist cops, Lee Blanchard (Aaron Eckhart) and Bucky Bleichert (Josh Hartnett), are called to investigate the homicide of ambitious silver-screen B-lister Betty Ann Short (Mia Kirshner), an attack so grisly that images of the killing were kept from the public. While Blanchard's growing preoccupation with the sensational murder threatens his marriage to Kay (Scarlett Johansson), his partner Bleichert finds himself attracted to the enigmatic Madeleine Linscott (Hilary Swank), the daughter of one of the city's most prominent families – who just happens to have an unsavory connection to the murder victim. This film is not yet rated.

Black Snake Moan

A blues guitarist (Samuel L. Jackson) abandoned by his wife tries to redeem the soul of a girl (Christina Ricci) addicted to sex in a rural town. R.

Everyone's Hero

A young boy, (Jake T. Austin) finds himself at an extraordinary crossroads: He has a chance to be a hero and make a difference against incredible odds – or he can play it safe. With faith in himself instilled by his family, he teams up with a sassy young girl (Raven-Symone) and some off-the-wall sidekicks and embarks on a sometimes perilous, often funny, cross-country quest. Christopher Reeve was the original director on this computer-generated animated feature, the late actor-director's dream project. G.

Firsts in bursts

A Broadway musical makes Mosaic history

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit is just one of those organizations that manages to reach high goals in poetic ways, year after year.

When Mosaic's current artistic director Ken Anderson was 14 years old and an aspiring actor, Rick Sperling — who ultimately founded Mosaic Youth Theatre — was directing a production of the Broadway musical *Purlie* for a Detroit theater program in which Anderson was enrolled and performing.

Now, Anderson is directing *Purlie* for Mosaic Youth Theatre — the first musical to be performed by the organization, an internationally acclaimed performing arts training program for young people.

"We've always done plays with music, but that's different," Anderson said. "Yes, this is the first musical that Mosaic has ever done."

Purlie, which runs Aug. 25-27 at Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts in Detroit, unfolds the story of Purlie Victorious, a young man who takes on segregation and racism in a small Georgia town in the early 1900s.

A FIRST

What: Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit presents *Purlie*, the award-winning Broadway musical.
When: Aug. 25-27. Performances at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.
Tickets: Adults, $18, and students and seniors, $12, call (313) 833-4005 or visit www.mosaicdetroit.org.

The musical is based on the play *Purlie Victorious* by Ossie Davis and features music by Gary Geld and lyrics by Peter Udell.

Sperling is performing the role of Ol Cap'n in the production, so the show also marks Anderson's first time directing his mentor.

Another first for Mosaic — auditions for the production were an open call. Mosaic, which was founded in 1992 in response to arts funding cuts in Detroit schools but today serves both city and

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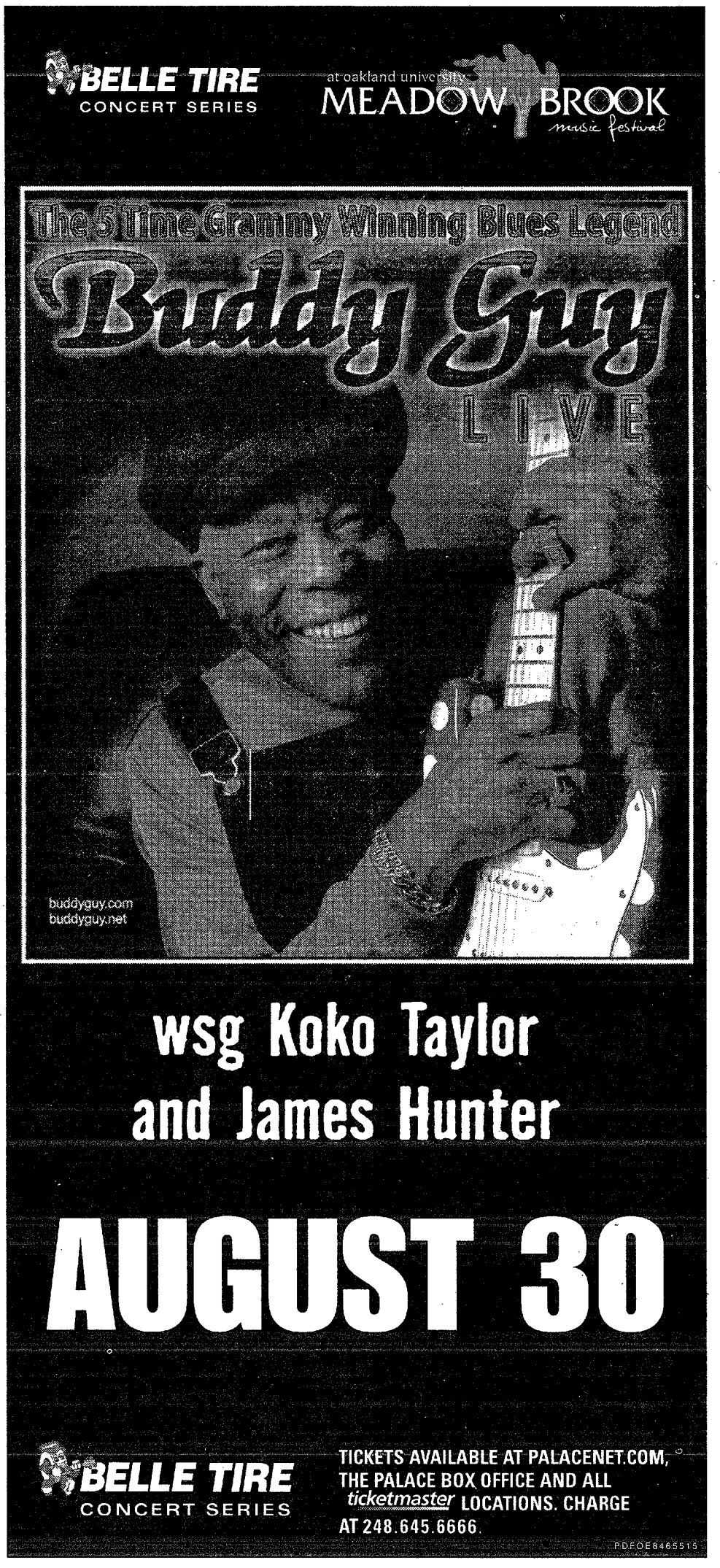

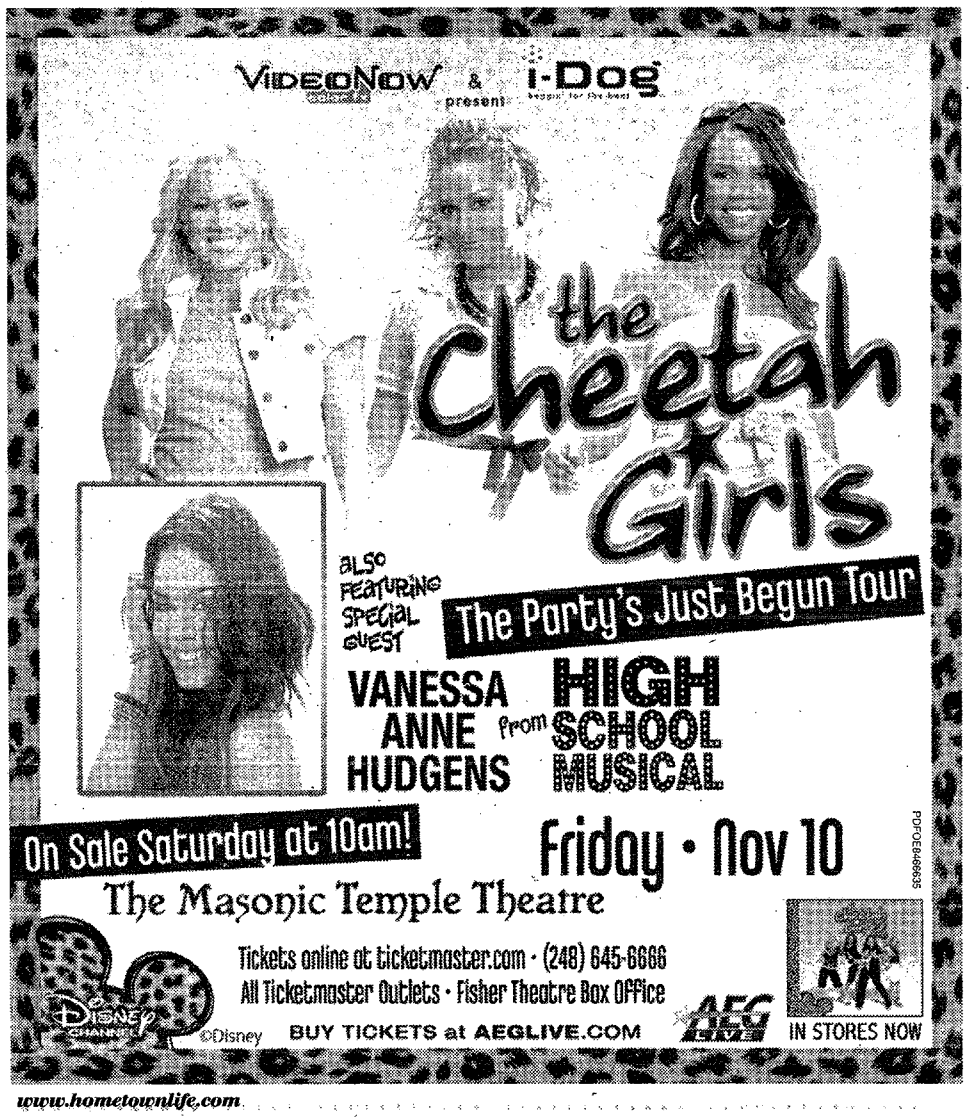

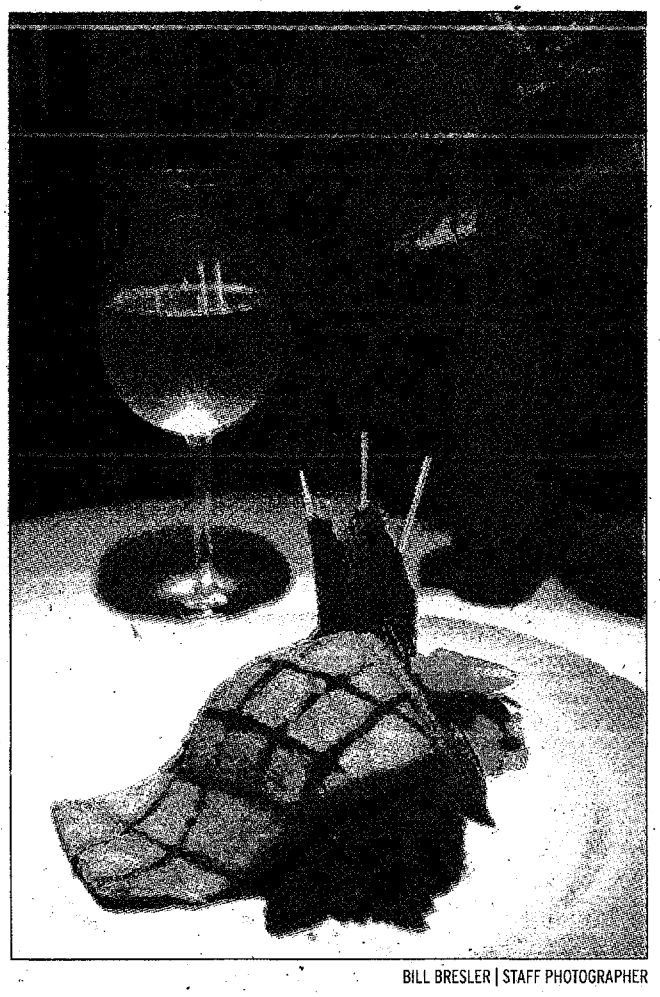

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Atlantic Salmon Provençale is served with beurre blanc on house potatoes, and a sauce Provençale of red onions, capers and tomatoes.

Second generation

Mackinnon's is in creative culinary hands

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Flying solo as executive chef at Mackinnon's in Northville since October last year, second-generation Ian Mackinnon is making his mark on the restaurant and pleasing diners.

Since he was 10 years old, Ian, now 27, worked in the Mackinnon's kitchen with his father Tom Mackinnon, now executive chef at Five Restaurant inside the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

"I nearly completed a degree in mechanical engineering, but the lure of the kitchen was too great," Ian said. "I've always loved playing with food. When most kids my age were playing with Play-Doh, I played with marzipan and cheese."

Table Hopping

MACKINNON'S

Where: 126 E. Main St., Northville, (248) 348-1991.
Open: Lunch Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dinner Monday through Saturday from 4:30-9 p.m.
Food style: Southern French and Mediterranean-influenced dishes prepared by French cooking techniques.
Cost: Dinner including starch, vegetable and bread basket with choice of soup du jour or house salad $16-$38. Lunch $13-$26.
Reservations: Recommended.

EVOLUTION

Mackinnon's has a loyal clientele, and while Ian has changed the menu for the 65-seat restaurant, he said, "Blown Up Duck, the restaurant's original method of slow-roasted duckling served with a raspberry reduction sauce, American Kobe beef, appetizers such as Crab Stuffed Mushrooms and Pâté Maison will remain on the menu."

Dover Sole also remains. Otherwise the fish section of the menu has been ramped up. "Mackinnon's salmon was always popular but I've changed that to Wild Alaskan Salmon Provencale," Mackinnon said.

Also new are Parisian Scallops, sea scallops atop a toasted crepe bowl with sesame-seared leek and roasted red pepper confit, presented with a roasted garlic buerre blanc.

Other innovations include Leland Tilapia, fresh Pacific tilapia filet lightly herb breaded and pan seared then plated with a Leland cherry and vodka coulis. Moroccan Blackened Ahi Tuna

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ioli is sashimi-grade Ahi blackened to :mperature and presented with a ıramelized shallot and caper aioli.

Updated Rack of Spring Lamb is now :asoned and char-grilled to diner reference then presented with a can- ied rhubarb demi-glace.

ROPICAL TERRACE CAFÉ

Perhaps the most underutilized area t Mackinnon's was the outdoor patio. here's still enough warm weather left) enjoy its updated 30 seats for which :servations are strongly suggested.

A "terrace" menu includes smaller ortions and sandwiches. In general, 's lighter fare.

Among special touches is the table- ide Caesar salad preparation.

Pair it with Baguette Bourguignon, a :esh baguette filled with braised ngus sirloin, caramelized onion and orseradish bordelaise sauce and take our mouth on a French vacation.

ITCHEN FUN

"We're having fun in the kitchen," Mackinnon said. That "we" includes 4-year-old chef de cuisine Ryan utter who "truly loves food" and pas- ry chef Nate Gasiorowski, 23, who arned a culinary degree from Washtenaw Community College. He's also a talented pianist, who, dressed in full chef's gear, often entertains late-night diners on weekends. Try his Chocolate Chocolate Creation for dessert.

"The flavors of foods we cook are intricate, detailed and intense," Mackinnon said.

"We want each to be like a story unfolding on the diner's palate. It starts with bright colors that attract the eye and includes natural reductions and French sauces that dance in the mouth."

Add the hospitality experience of maitre d' Kevin Richards to the dining room side and Mackinnon's is more than first-rate dining experience.

WINE PRICING

"Back in the 1980s, a restaurant could charge any price it wanted and wine sold," Ian said. "Today, diners are wine educated and they know wine prices. We charge a few dollars over retail for the 50-label inventory. We will maintain that pricing structure as we create a new wine list of 200 labels to be introduced in November this year."

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. E-mail her at focusonwine@aol.com

Mitchell's Fish Market opens

City bites

Mitchell's Fish Market will debut its third Great Lake region location on Friday, Aug. 25 at The Village of Rochester Hills, an $80 million shopping center located at the northeast corner of Walton and Adams Road.

The new 7,300 square-foot restaurant will seat more than 290 guests. The upscale-casual restaurant will feature a Chris-Craft luxury boat feel with deep red mahogany woods, leather upholstery and handcrafted details.

Mitchell's Fish Market flies in fish daily from the coasts. Daily selections of seafood will change based on availability, season and freshness.

The menu is printed twice daily and includes over 80 chef-driven menu items such as Cedar Roasted Atlantic Salmon; Hoisin Glazed Yellow Fin Tuna and Chilean Sea Bass, served Shang Hai style (steamed with ginger and scallions served with sticky rice, spinach & rice wine soy sauce.) The restaurant also offers true seafood classics, such as award-winning Lobster Bisque, Chesapeake Bay Crab Cakes, and many other selections to appeal to a wide spectrum of coastal diners. Land lovers will find plenty of delicious menu offerings including the finest choices of prime and dry-aged steaks.

Mitchell's Fish Market's commitment to making the finest drinks extends from the kitchen to the bar. Cocktails are made with house made sours, fresh fruit purees and fresh squeezed juices.

Private dining will be available for up to 32 guests in the Angler's Cove Lounge. Guests wishing to enjoy their meal al fresco will want to take advantage of the outdoor patio, which seats 40. Mitchell's Fish Market also will feature a retail seafood menu where guests can purchase fresh fish and seafood to go. The restaurant will be open daily for lunch and dinner. For more information on Mitchell's Fish Market, visit www.mitchellsfishmarket.com.

Mitchell's Fish Market opened its first Detroit location in May 2003 in Birmingham. A second location opened in February 2005 in Livonia. In addition to the Mitchell's Fish Market concept, Cameron Mitchell Restaurants also operates Cameron's Steakhouse in Birmingham.

Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance, to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers,* 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Please include a short summary with details of the event, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information.

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YOUR GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT

ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

The Art of Screenprint, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, $3-$6, (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

Cranbrook Art Museum

An exhibit of Philip Treacy's hats for muse Isabella Blow runs through Aug. 27, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, $4-$6, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

Metalsmithing

Critical Mass: Metalsmithing at Cranbrook under Gary Griffin, through Oct. 15, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, $4-$6, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

Moving Sculpture

Time and Transformation, through Sept. 17, University of Michigan Museum of Art's temporary space, 1301 S. University, U-M campus, Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu.

More DIA

Annie Leibovitz: American Music, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, Sept. 24 through Jan. 7, visit www.dia.org

ART GALLERIES

Sherry Gallery

Abstractions of life paintings, through Aug. 26, 1274 Library St. at Grand River, Detroit, (313) 961-4500.

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Mershimer, Murphy and others, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

Lawrence Street Gallery

Plein Air, paintings by Sarah Schrift, Aug. 29 to Sept. 20, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

Orchard Lake Art Gallery

4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021.

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show at the Highland Lakes 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.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Pi Benio, fiber, and John Leyland, ceramic sculptures, through Sept. 23; gallery talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 16; closing reception, 6-9 p.m. Sept. 22, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Photography exhibit featuring "Encrypted Margins," unaltered photography by Gloria Pritschet, and "Horizontal and Vertical Panoramas" by Richard Hackel through Sept. 29. Reception for Richard Hackel 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, plymoutharts.com, (734) 416-4278.

ART, ETC.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

John Glick, part of Michigan Masters Series, Sept. 8-29, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8, Robinson Gallery, special slideshow by Glick, 7 p.m. Sept. 21, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Community House

Sylvia Clark's works in oil are being showcased during the month of August in the Martha Maxwell Gallery located on the second floor of the Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832.

Kindred Spirits, Birmingham Society of Women Painters

62nd annual juried exhibition, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, DeSalle Gallery, Sept. 8-29, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8; 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

32nd Art in the Park

Event with more than 190 artists, music, food, activities and auction to benefit Common Ground Sanctuary, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 16 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17, Shain Park, Birmingham..

Livonia Civic Center Library

9th Exhibition of Fine Arts with 50 area artists, 32777 Five Mile (east of Farmington Road), (734) 466-2490.

Livonia City Hall

Juried art show of Visual Arts of Livonia, through Sept. 28, 33000 Civic Center Drive (east of Farmington Road, south of Five Mile), (734) 466-2540

Michigan Watercolor Society

59th annual Exhibition Travel Show, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, mwcsart.com, (313) 831-1250.

Farmington Library

Rosa Paulus, one-woman art show, month of August, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. (248) 553-0300

Kresge Art Museum

Closed August, first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, www.artmuseum.msu.edu, (517) 353-9834.

BLUEGRASS

Bluegrass Festival

Noon to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9, Civic Center Park, featuring Cherryholmes, Steep Canyon Rangers, Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike, The Cats & The Fiddler, and host band Special Consensus, free, Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, (248) 370-9353

BOOKS

Congregational Church of Birmingham-United Church of Christ

Asya Raines and Charles Fleetham, authors of *"Asya's Laws - Lessons in Love Lost and Found"*, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, European dinner at 6:30 p.m., $10, proceeds from dinner and portion of book sales donated to church, 1000 Cranbrook Road, on the southwest corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

CLUBS

220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

313.Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover $5, www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm.

The Ark

316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451, www.theark.org.

Bachelor's One

1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

Belmont Bar

Mademoiselle Mondays, $10, for martini and manicure, therapeutic massage $1 minute, punk nights Tuesdays, live rock Wednesdays, DJs and local bands on weekends, 10215 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, (313) 871-1966.

Blind Pig

Longtime hip music spot, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com.

Blue Martini

Live music 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005.

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Buddha Lounge

Thursday, DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament. Saturdays DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese; Sundays, Karaoke; Tuesdays, Deep House; Wednesdays Jamtramck jazz band. www.gobuddha.net. (313) 535-4664.

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food, dancing, music, 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 322-5550.

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid-back, small, friendly, 22824 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 546-8331.

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends, hip, laid back, friendly, 22740 Woodward, just south of Nine Mile in Ferndale, (248) 591-DINO.

Edison's

220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Elysium

Lounge, dance and happy hour 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysium-lounge.com.

Emerald Theatre

Concert house, dancing. 32 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, (586) 913-1920.

Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Gator Jake's

DJ Tony T, Wednesday-Friday, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700, www.gator-jakes.com

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

33338 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, call (248) 474-5941 for more information.

Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

2555 W. 12 Mile (at Coolidge) in Berkley, (248) 399-6750. For information on Blackthorn, visit www.blackthorn1.com.

The Locker Room Saloon

Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.lockerroomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.com

The Magic Bag

Gary Jules & Jim Bianco, Aug. 24; Glengarry Bhoys, Aug. 27; Charlie Hunter, Aug. 31; Chris Duarte, Sept. 7; The Surrogate Band (The Pink Floyd Tribute), Sept. 8; Melissa Ferrick, Sept. 12; Jamie Kennedy, Sept. 15; PM Dawn, Sept. 21 Joseph Arthur, Oct. 2, and Ekoostik Hookah Oct. 13, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hotline (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Rainbow Room

Laid-back atmosphere, dancing, 6640 E. Eight Mile, Detroit, (313) 891-1020.

X/S

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) [illegible] 9797.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix jazz favorites.
The restaurant also features live jazz eve night of the week, located in Tower 400, 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to th Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located a Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Ro Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Token Lounge

28949 Joy, Westland, (734) 513-5030.

Wild Woody's

DJ Doug E Fresh, Thursday-Saturday, 325 Gratiot, Roseville, (586) 294-5331, www.wil woodys.com.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Comedy Jamm, open mic night Thursday nights, starting 8 p.m. through October, 314 Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo am teur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, $10-$15, 253 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketm ter.com.

Improv Inferno

Citizen Improv, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Super Karaoke, 10 p.m. Wednesdays; The Catfight p.m. Thursdays; High Octane, 10 p.m. Thursdays; Biff! Bang! Pow!, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays; The Damnation Game, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The X Show, midni Fridays and Saturdays; The Corner, 7 p.m. Sundays, Get Up! Stand Up!, 8:30 p.m. Sun The Weekend Wild Card, 10 p.m. Sundays, T Sweet Spot with Eye Candy, 11 p.m. Sunday 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, www.improvinferno.com.

Joey's Comedy Club

Big Baby, Aug. 24-26; John Evans, Aug. 30 Sept. 2, 36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261 0555, also has comedy at second location 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joeyscomedy.com.

Second City

Bobble Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, $15-$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448.
For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticke master.com.

Wise Guys Comedy Club

40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand-up, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 5 9900, www.comedycastle.com.

DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

Chelsea

Sounds & Sights through Sept. 7, live ente tainment, carriage rides, kids activities, ar market, (734) 475-1145 or www.chelseafest vals.com.

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mas the Tank Engine
)-minute ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, eet and take a photo with Sir Topham Hatt, ts and crafts, storytelling, live music, Aug. -27, Crossroads Village & Huckleberry ailroad, 6140 Bray Road, Flint, $16 ages 2 and , for information, call (800) 648-PARK or ww.GeneseeCountyParks.org, for tickets call 66) 468-7630, or visit ww.ticketweb.com/thomas.

ot exhibit
Robot City," new interactive exhibit, contin- es through Sept. 17, 5020 John R, Detroit, $6- , call (313) 577-8400 or visit ww.detroitsciencecenter.org.

nbrook Institute of Science
Playing With Time," runs through Sept. 4, 9221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, $5-$7, call 77) GO-CRANBROOK or visit ww.cranbrook.edu.

roit Science Center
chibits include *As Time Goes By*, new exhibit bout the aging process, and *A Journey to Our uture*, now open to accompany center's new ermanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 ohn R, Detroit, $6-$7, call (313) 577-8400 or sit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

roit Zoo
The Peregrine Falcon: Return of an ndangered Species" exhibit with photos, nteractive displays and videos, runs through ept. 8, open daily during regular zoo hours, a.m. to 5 p.m., at no additional charge, zoo dmission $7-$11, (248) 398-0900, www.detroit- oo.org.

STIVALS

neo Peach Festival
ine art and craft show, classic car show, car- ival, Sept. 2-4, 175 Croswell (one block west of an Dyke between 31 Mile and 32 Mile roads, omeo (586) 752-4249.

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ncast Summer Film Series
ree films, through Aug. 26, every Saturday at ampus Martius Park, downtown Detroit, ntertainment starts at 8 p.m., films show at bout 9 p.m. Visit www.comcastfilmseries.com.

ND-RAISERS

Voyage
eatures Michigan's three master sommeliers, ines, gourmet foods, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, McInerney Center, Oakland County nternational Airport in Waterford, proceeds enefit research, prevention and treatment of ardiovascular diseases at Henry Ford lospital's Heart & Vascular Institute, tickets 100-$1,000, (313) 874-4088 or enryford.com/wine, preview dinner 6:30 p.m. ug. 22 at Coach Insignia in Detroit, $500, (313) 74-4088, henryford.com/wine.

ts & Glory Walk
enefit Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of merica, Saturday, Sept. 9, at Maybury State ark in Northville, michigan.ccfa.org, (248) 737- 900.

m Theater
The Rat Pack Is Back!" tribute to Dean Martin, ammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Joey Bishop, charity preview 8 p.m. Wednesday, ept. 13, benefits Detroit's Coalition on emporary Shelter, $100, includes pre-show dinner reception at Gem's Century Grille, (313) 63-9800, www.gemtheater.com

rmingham Area Seniors Coordinating uncil and Center
Third annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive to benefit The Lighthouse of Pontiac through Friday, Sept. 15, jars of peanut butter and jelly can be dropped of at BASCC, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Lighthouse of Pontiac distributes the ars to families in need, call (248) 203-5270 for information.

MUSIC

Sonny Turner appears with the Platters along with Kathy Young, The Reflections, Joey Dee & the Starliters at A Rock 'N' Roll Summer Dream VI, 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Tickets are $25-$55. Call (313) 943-2345 Ext. 1.

Steppin Out
16th annual AIDS Walk Detroit, 3.2-mile (5K) walk and run, 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, walk begins at 11 Mile and Troy street in downtown Royal Oak, (248) 399-WALK, www.aidswalkde- troit.org.

Culinary Extravaganza
Dishes from 50 of southeastern Michigan's eateries and beverage suppliers, benefit for student scholarships, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, $50, VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia, (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008.

Detroit Uncorked
Wine event features 800 wines from around the world Sept. 29 at Ford Field, presented by Ford Motor Co. and created and organized by Detroit Wine Organization, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction and more, bene- fits The Children's Center, $75 for DWO mem- bers and $80 for nonmembers. DWO member- ship is free, visit www.detroituncorked.com or call (313) 262-1112.

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club
Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (north- west corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, $8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Jazz and dinner
"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

MORE MUSIC

Latin Dance Party
Final Fourth Fridays with Ford concert, Grammy-award winning performers Cyro Baptista and Beat the Donkey, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25, Campus Martius Park, Detroit.

Nuttin' But Strinz
Violinists Damien and Tourie Escobar blends classical music, jazz, R&B, hip hop, Saturday, Aug. 26, 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Greater Wayne County Chapter, The Links, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, $125, (248) 582-8465.

KerryTown
415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations rec- ommended, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytown- concerthouse.com.

Station 885
Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House
Reservations recommended for 87-seat con- cert house, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I- 275), Livonia, shows 8 p.m., no alcohol, no smoking, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum
20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum
Featured exhibit is *It's a Nano World*. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission is $5-$7, planetarium, $1-$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center
Premiere of Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show, *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*, $6, shows run indefinitely, 5020 John R, Detroit, $6-$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission $5 adults, $3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Haunted Garage Sale and Swap
1-5:50 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, University of Detroit Mercy, Chemistry Building of the McNichols campus, 40001 W. McNichols, Detroit, visit www.motorcityhauntclub.com.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
"Earth's Changing Climate: What's in Store for the Future," 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, dis- cussion with Henry Pollack, professor emeri- tus, $5, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills, register at (248) 656-4663.

Take a ride
Ride in the Experimental Aircraft Association's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor Aircraft 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, Oakland County International Airport, $50 per person, EAA members $40, (800) 843-3612, www.fly- theford.org.

Concorso d'Italia
100 Italian classic cars, including Ferrari, Maserati, Alfa Romeo, DeTomaso, Lancia and Fiat, grand tour the Grosse Pointes by vehi- cles, starting at 4 p.m. to Festival on the Hill, event is 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, $15.

Michigan's Family Album
Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collec- tion, runs through Jan. 14, 2007, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373- 3559.

Drive-In movies
Compuware Sports Arena, double features, through Sept. 3, $6-$8, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Township, (734) 927-3284.

Veggies in Motion
Third annual Vegan Retreat, Aug. 25-27, Tibbits Nature Sanctuary & Land Stewardship Center in Columbiaville (10 miles northwest of Lapeer), $30 adults, $10 children under 12, free camping on site, www.veggiesinmotion.org, (248) 616- 9676.

Ballroom dancing
8-11 p.m., third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 473- 1830.

Rochester Hills Museum
Fun Friday events, bring picnic lunch, swim- suit and water shoes to enjoy entertainment noon to 2 p.m. and 100-foot Slip & Slide, $2, 1005 Van Hoosen, Rochester Hills, (248) 608- 8261, www.rochesterhills.org.

St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station
Free Family Fun Days, fourth Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., inside the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 398-7518, www.healthexplorationstation.com.

Preservation Wayne
Walking tours offered of five historic areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), Saturdays at 10 a.m. or Tuesdays after work, through September, $10 per per- son, visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Southfield Public Library
During August, sneak peek of Books & Beyond Festival, Sept. 16-17, clay sculptures, wall hangings, contemporary paintings, needlework, wearable art clothing, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224, www.sfldlib.org.

UniverSoul Circus
Sept. 7-17, Chene Park, Detroit, $10-$35, www.ticketmaster.com

Movies at the Redford Theatre
Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537- 2560.

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit
Purlie!, Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts, through Aug. 27, $12-$18, children 5 and under not permitted in the- ater, www.mosaicdetroit.org, call DIA to charge by phone (313) 833-4005.

Ann Arbor Bonsai Society
Annual show featuring 100 member trees on display, demonstrations, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Visit www.annarborbonsaisoci- ety.org.

SUMMER SERIES

Detroit Zoo
Wild Summer Nights at the Detroit Zoological Institute featuring live enter- tainment and extended hours, Wednesdays, through Aug. 30, 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 398-0900 or www.detroit- zoo.org.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

Oakland Theatre Guild
Barefoot in the Park, Aug. 25 to Sept. 3, Starlight Theater inside Summit Place Mal between Kohl's and Claire's stores, 315 N. Telegraph, in Waterford, (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net/Box_Office.

Village Players of Birmingham
Quilters, musical celebration of the pioneer- ing spirit, Sept. 8-24, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple), $15, (248) 644-2075.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Numerous musicals, movies, concerts, magic, dinner theater, bands, kids' shows, orchestra and comedy.
Open for free tours, art exhibition and tickets: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Charge tickets by phone: (734) 394- 5460.
Visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Ridge), Canton.

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suburban children, annually auditions youth ages 6-18 and places its students in one of several programs — either one of its performance ensembles with its rigorous training or a series of more traditional classes.

Students selected for Mosaic's theatrical ensembles go on to perform the organization's offerings for the season.

The first open call for auditions brought about 40 actors from the community, with many being Mosaic alumni.

The age range of the actors was between 4 and 75, Anderson said.

The result was "a lot of cross-generational inspiration," said Anderson, adding that young Mosaic members learned from Mosaic alumni, while the latter were inspired by their younger counterparts.

"It feels like a milestone to me but it's a really cool picture for the organization because alumni wanted to stay involved," he said. "It's the fruit of what's happened in just the last 14 years."

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Silly, silly

JET opens stage season with parody musical

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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ewish Ensemble Theatre artistic direc- Evelyn Orbach believes the theater is a form.

An arena where people come together. kind of a sacred space," she said.

ut, in addition to giving theater audi- es something to think about, the stage is to make people laugh.

o JET is opening its 2006-2007 sea- with the parody *Hello Muddah Hello lduh!* The production opens Saturday, g. 26, and continues through Sept. 17 at Aaron DeRoy Theatre in West omfield.

he musical is based on the absurd sic and lyrics of Allan Sherman — the ish-American musician, satirist and vision producer who recorded eight albums of parody music the likes of *Hello Muddah Hello Fadduh.*

The show follows the life of man named Barry Bockman but features Sherman's songs as Bockman and his wife encounter various characters. The two-act production, which runs about two hours with an intermission, is a new work presented last season by JET in its annual festival of new plays.

JET's season continues with Arthur Miller's *The Price* opening Oct. 17 and in total includes in five productions.

"Usually I'm looking for a play of profound and deep meaning. But this is a

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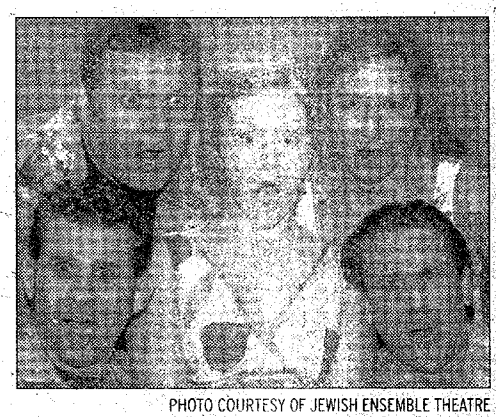

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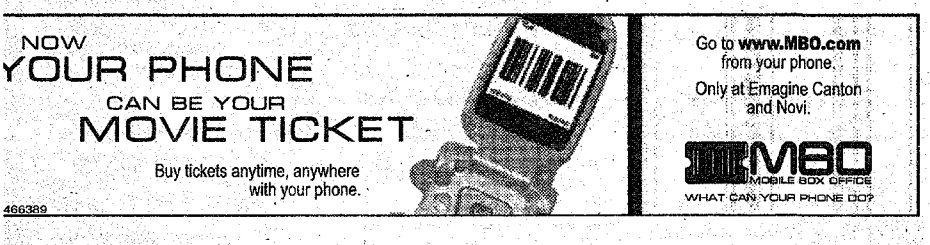
Eric Gutman (from left bottom), Catherine Lutz, Fred Buchalter and Matthew Stewart (left top) and Leah Smith star in Hello Muddah Hello Fadduh! to open Jewish Ensemble Theatre's new season.



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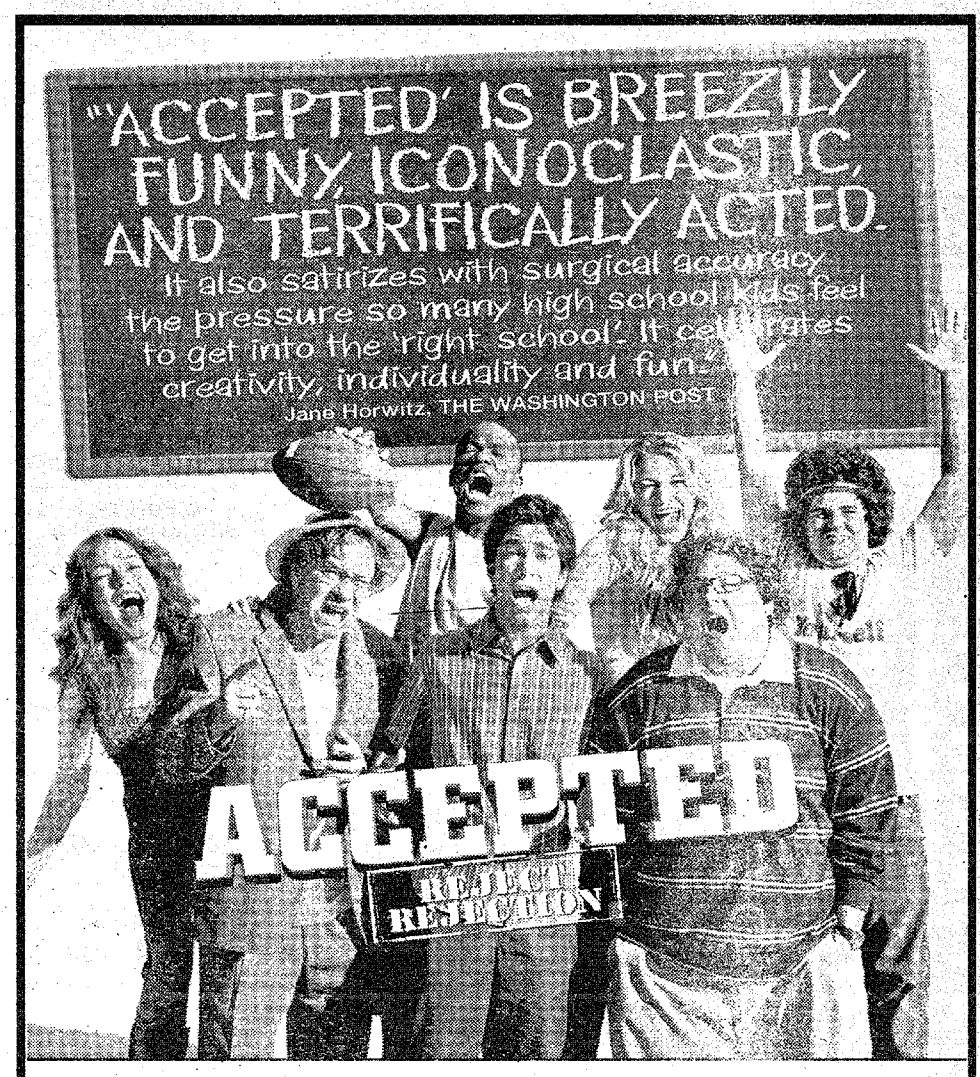

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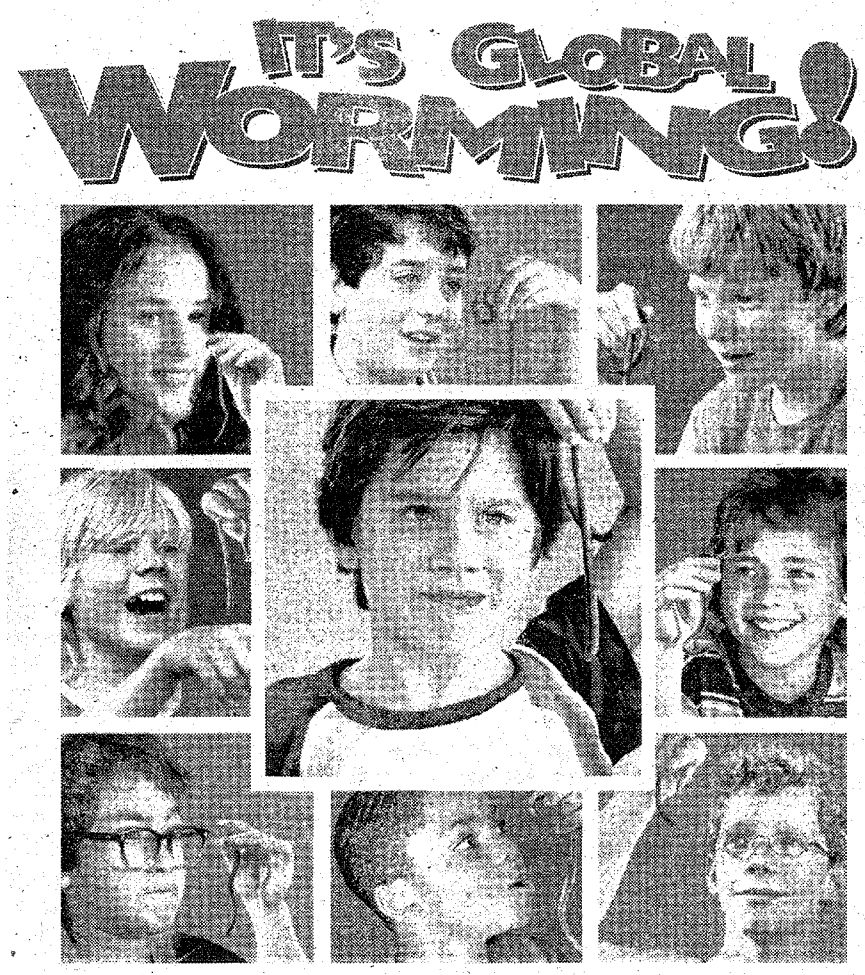

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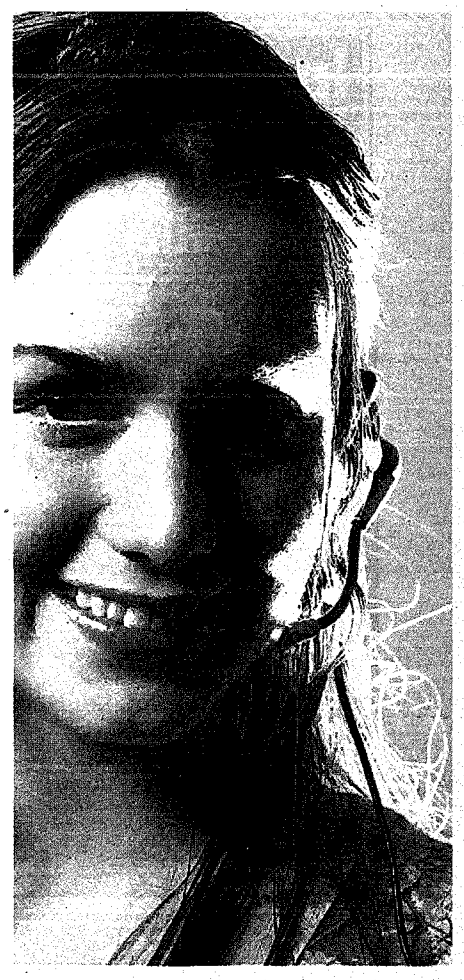

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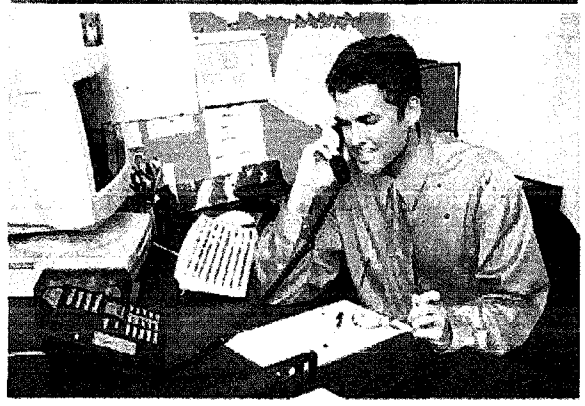

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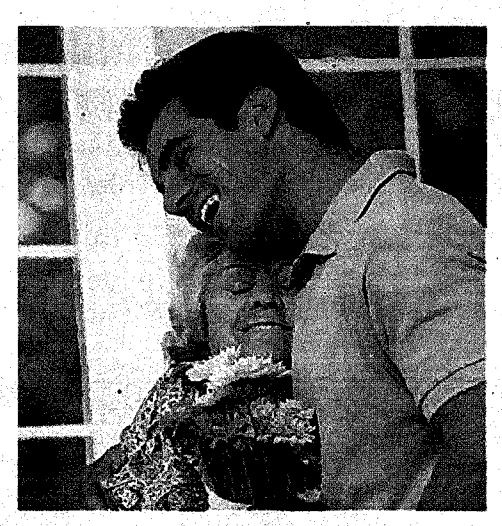

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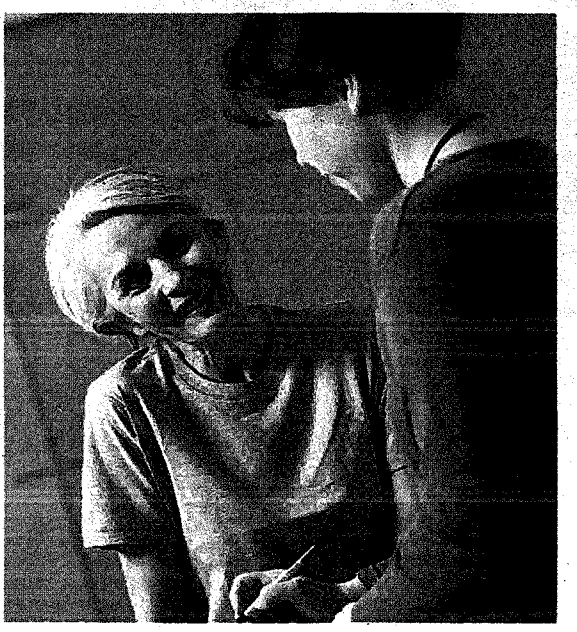

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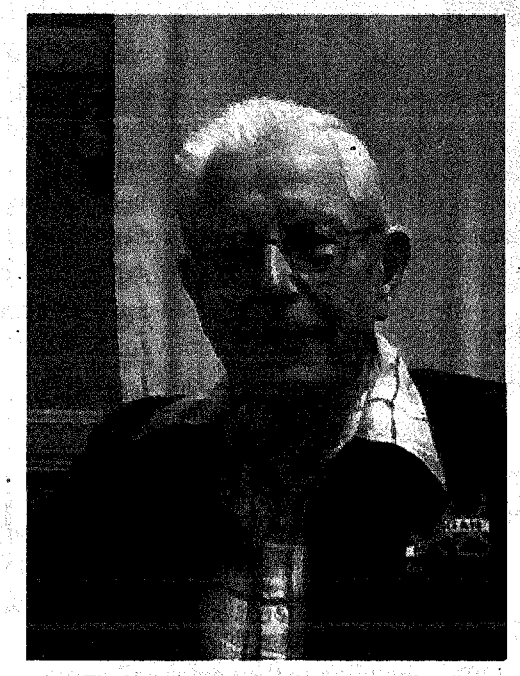

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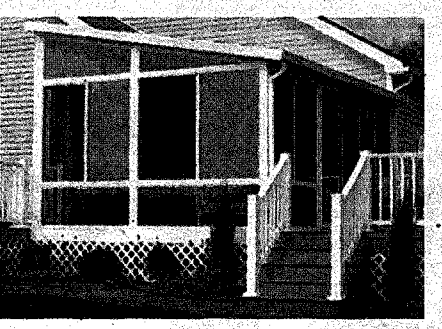
Enjoy the Colors and Flavors of the Season

By Kaitlyn Buss
Special Writer

Ever sit in your house, looking out the window to the blue sky, watching the breeze as it runs through the treetops wishing that you could be in the great outdoors *and* comfortable? Consider getting that special room from Four Seasons Sunrooms of Ann Arbor.

Although there are many downsides to experiencing a Michigan winter, there is much to be enjoyed in the variety of our four seasons. When adding on that extra special room, why make it out-of-order for a whole season? Simply build on a four seasons' sunroom that allows you to enjoy the colors and flavors of each season.



Sunrooms also allow you to express your personality and have a little fun. "Why wouldn't you add something that most people, when they've done it, end up saying is their favorite room in the whole house?" says Bob Clark, owner of Four Seasons Sunrooms -- Ann Arbor.

Although you have many rooms in your house, they will not provide you with the light needed for your rest and rejuvenation. Winter is an especially trying time and few Michiganders get the sunlight they need to keep up. Why not take advantage of sunlight when it's there, and even be able to enjoy the snow – all in the protection of a Four Seasons Sunroom?

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There are many styles and sizes of glass room additions to choose from at Four Seasons Sunrooms. Pick the doors and windows you like, choose an exterior finish, select options, and you're done! Their helpful staff will answer any questions, demonstrate how things work, and help you every step of the way. When you're done, you'll have designed a sunroom that's a perfect fit for your home and lot.

Four Seasons Sunrooms of Ann Arbor have decades of experience designing, building and servicing Southeastern Michigan. They have the experience, skills and dedication needed to provide the ultimate in customer service — and the assurance of your peace of mind.

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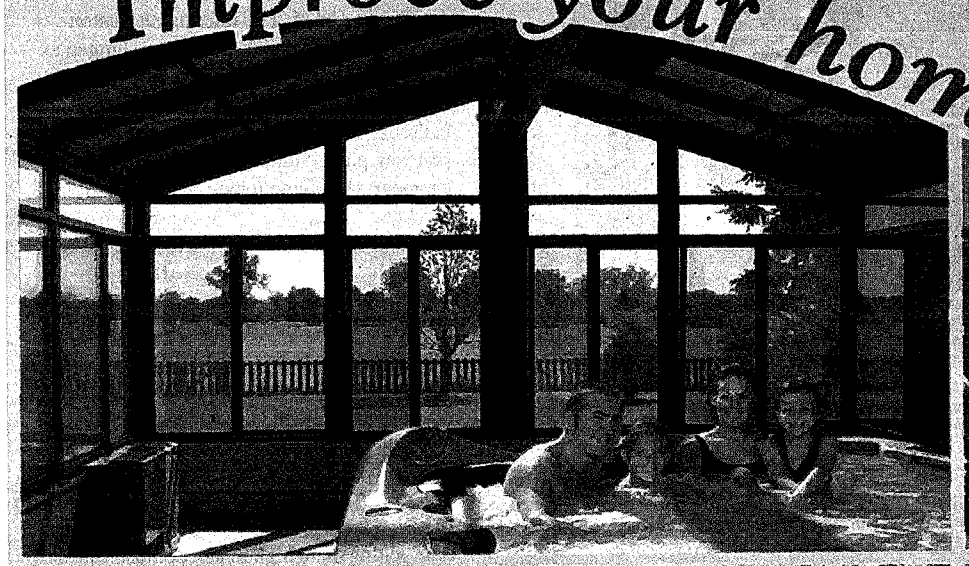

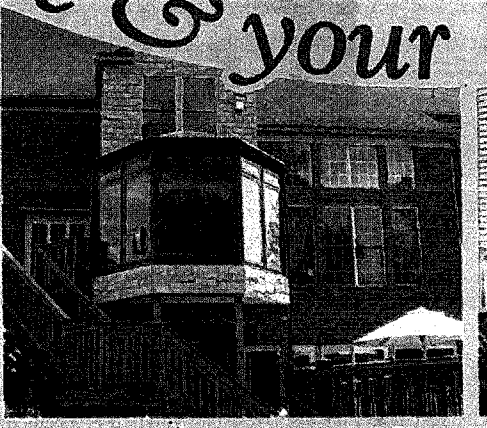

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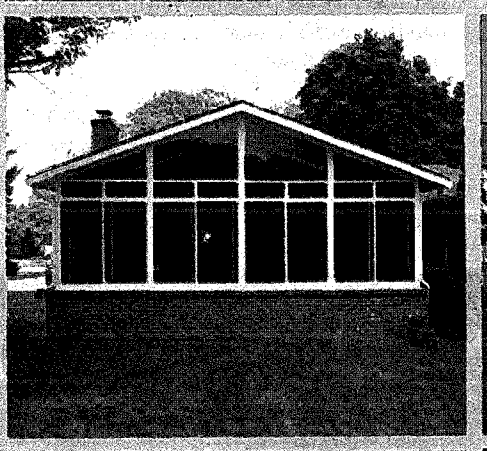

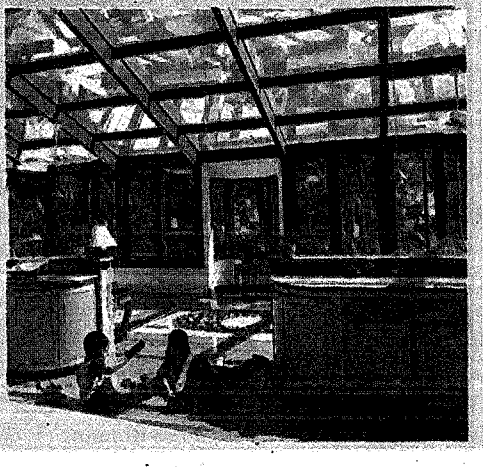

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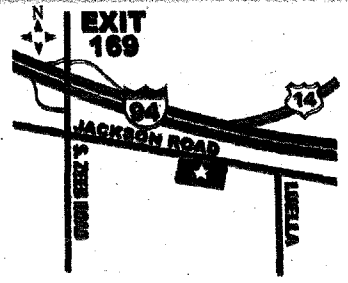

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Remember those old Fred & Ginger movies? Astaire and Rogers waltzed across the silver screen as though they were floating on air, making the intricate dance steps look effortless.

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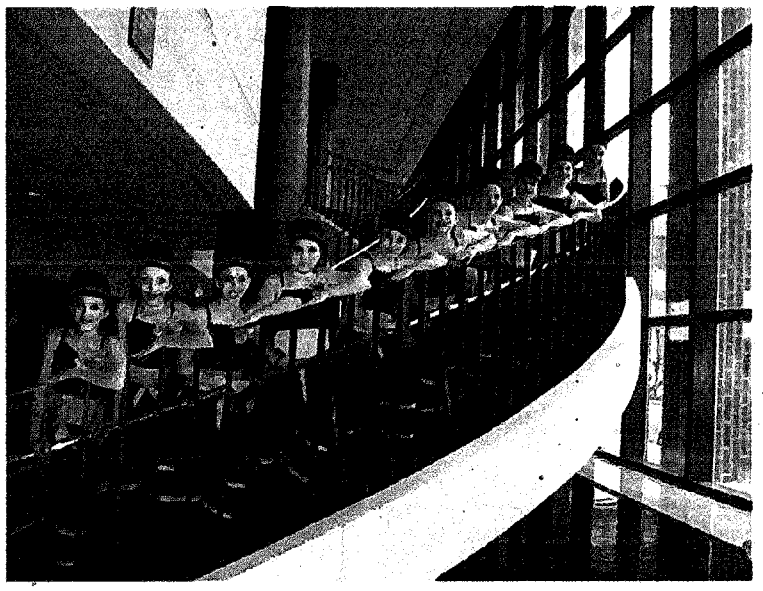
This is exactly what you will find at the Canton Premiere Dance and Performing Arts Center.

Debbie and Greg Custer are celebrating their fourth year as proud owners of this state-of-the-art facility, and their investment in the business of dancing has paid off with resounding community success.

Dance is a very physical activity. It entails a lot of jumping, which can put stress on bones and joints. Most dance footwear does not provide very much cushioning or support, so the shock of dance movement puts a lot of pressure on the knees and back of a dancer.

For serious students of the dance, the best way to prevent against potential injury is by choosing a studio with a professional "floating floor." A floating floor is composed of a surface that rests on a system of high-density foam, to absorb the shock of jumping.



The top layer of the dance floor is composite "Marley" floor –tough, durable, and made of a very heavy duty, slip resistant vinyl. It is accepted worldwide as the best surface layer for recreational to professional dance.

Facilities such as the Royal Academy of Dance, in London, England, The American Ballet Theatre in New York, and the Riverdance touring show all use Marley floors as their dance surfaces. A Marley floor allows dancers to perform any number of complicated, interwoven dance steps while maintaining a considerable degree of control.

Many studios opt for regularly tiled floors because of the expense involved in installing the professional Marley.

"We must be the only [dance studio] owners who are not former students of dance," says Debbie Custer, Director. "We are all about customer service."

Debbie and Greg have three daughters who competed and trained in dance for 15 years. That has given them first-hand knowledge about what makes an exceptional studio.

The myriad of class offerings at Canton Premiere Dance include, but are not limited to: ballet, pointe, tap, hip hop, free running, acrobatics, jazz, break dancing, lyrical, modern, ballroom, musical theatre, voice, salsa, cheer, pompon, pilates, tumbling/gymnastics, choreographed jump roping, aerobics and step aerobics. Classes are small – maximum of six for ages 5 & under, and a maximum of 12 for ages 6 & older.

You will also find Karate, piano, guitar and acting lessons.

The Custer family has a strong sense of community involvement. They offer pompon classes to girls who attend middle schools in Canton, Plymouth and Salem. Those lessons help to ensure that these students will have an easier time getting on to high school pompon squads. Debbie and Greg have also opened up their performing arts center to the competitive dance teams from Eastern Michigan University.

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American Blind and Wallpaper offers a distinctive "shop at home" enterprise.

ABWM Shop At Home Division has become one of the fastest growing sectors of the business. Knowledgable and friendly personnel transform what was once an arduous process into effortless style as they guide each patron through the decision-making process.

"What makes us stand out is our unique ability to offer [to] our clientele [the kind of] 'big company' price discounts with [the] small-town feel of personalized customer service," says Ari Alderman, Director of Shop At Home. "We create a relationship with our customer [by walking] them through the entire process."

ABWM retains the services of more than one dozen designers who have been trained in-house. It is one of the few major design companies to offer competitive pricing.

The creative team of experts from Shop At Home provides an experienced decorator who will travel to your residence, business or commercial location with hundreds of samples in tow. After the free initial consultation, the decorator will guide the way from consultation to installation, making the process as easy as possible for the client.

Being able to "shop where your windows are," so to speak, provides a much-needed resource for busy home-owners whose careers and child-care duties fill almost every waking hour of the day. ABWM Shop At Home Division enables clients to view and select from an wide variety of window-treatment samples and special-order wallpapers, directly from the creature comforts of their own familiar surroundings.

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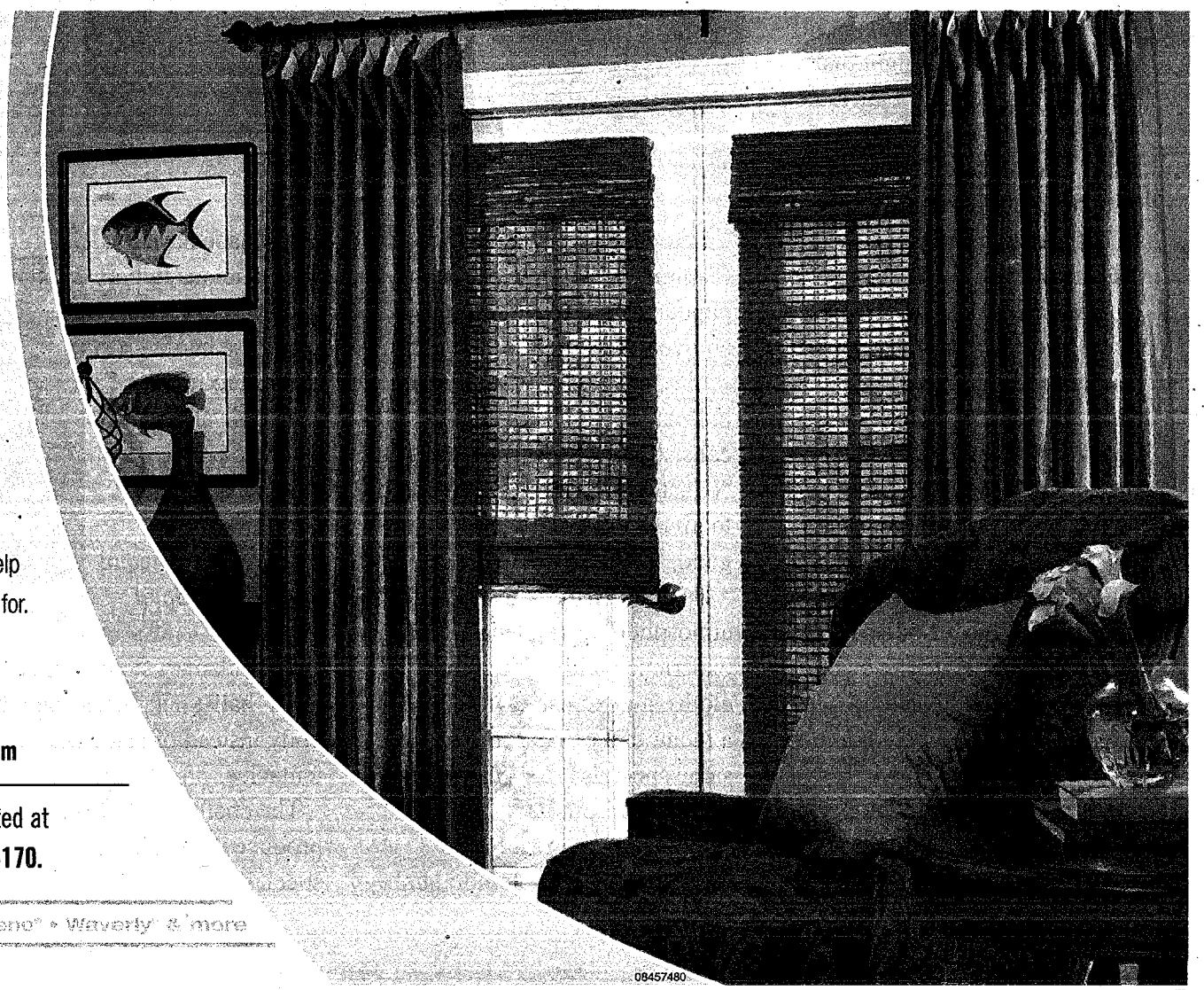

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Let Your Appetite Do the Choosing in Downtown Plymouth... Comparis on the Park or Fiamma Grille

The next best thing to an airline ticket to Italy is a ride to Downtown Plymouth to dine at Comparis on the Park. Or, if you want great steaks and seafood in and upscale casual restaurant, go right next door to Comparis and dine at Fiamma Grille.

For an hour or two at Comparis on the Park or Fiamma Grille diners feel like they're at a street café in Rome, or maybe Florence. Both restaurants offer outdoor dining, authentic Italian cuisine and music broadcast from Italy and brought to Plymouth via satellite dish.

"Comparis has drawn a great crowd almost every night that we've been open and I attribute that to the fact that we give really good service," explained Patrick Long, general manager of both restaurants.

Compari's opened six years ago and became such a success that owners Frank and Maureen Yaquinto decided to open Fiamma Grille, a slightly more upscale steak and seafood restaurant which also offers daily pasta specials, in August of 2005.

Frank Yaquinto has been immersed in the art of serving food and drink since, as a young boy, he watched his father, who owned a bar, and went on to buy a Dino's Pizza franchise.

The couple went on to operate Paisano's carryout in Dearborn. "And from there it just grew," says Frank Yaquinto. That business was so successful they opened a Paisano's full scale restaurant across the street. The Yaquintos also owned Joey's Comedy Club in Dearborn.

Interior view of Comparis on the Park

Likewise, in Plymouth the Fiamma Grille grew out of the popularity that the Yaquintos enjoyed at Comparis.

"The biggest draw to both of our places is that we are consistent," Frank Yaquinto said. "(Customers) know we're going to give them good service and good, quality food."

Fiamma Grille offers an adult atmosphere in an elegant dining experience with white linen table cloths, an extensive wine list and a menu that offers some of the same specials that became so popular at Comparis.

Fiamma is known for its steaks, seafood, Colorado lamb chops, Lake Superior walleye, as well as an all-Michigan cheese platter, 25 appetizers and a two-page menu.

Comparis with it's fun, relaxed atmosphere is known for its homemade pastas and delicious Italian dishes. Pizza lovers would be hard pressed to find a better pie anywhere else, including Comparis' unique Fettuccini pizza made with fettuccini noodles on top of the crust.

Interior view of Fiamma Grille

The calamari steaks are cut in thick, half-inch pieces from the body instead of using only the tentacles.

The chefs at both restaurants produce up to a half-dozen specials every day.

According to Yaquinto, both restaurants run on the same premise: "Good friends and good food." Both restaurants offer catering and banquet accommodations.

"The average customer is someone who lives within a few miles, but we draw from the entire metro area," Long said.

All four of the Yaquinto's children either work or have worked at the Plymouth restaurants.

"We're family oriented," Frank Yaquinto adds. "And we have a great staff."

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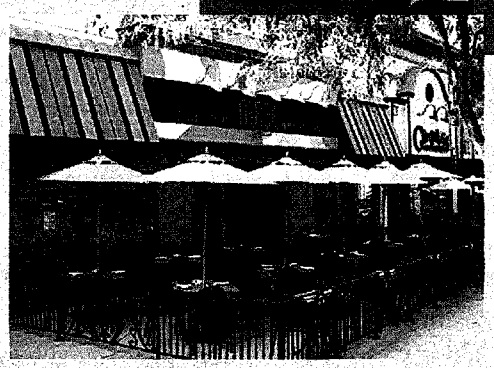

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Diet Center Clients Lose 1,500 Pounds!

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Special writer

Clients of Diet Center of Canton lost more than 1,500 pounds during the center's first year.

Owner, Linda Aubuchon's goal next year is to tip the scales at more than 3,000 pounds lost.

"I've been delighted with my Diet Center experience," according to David Hammond, who lost more than 40 pounds eating what he called "normal food" on a plan that didn't create terrible cravings.

Hammond lost 22 inches and reduced his body fat by 7.7 percent.

"I felt full at the end of the day and watched the pounds drop off," Hammond, 39, says. "I'm so excited with the experience that I've decided to go for another 20lbs. With their help, I know I'll get there."

Before he joined Diet Center, one of the things the Canton resident was most skeptical about was the one-on-one counseling provided by Diet Center.

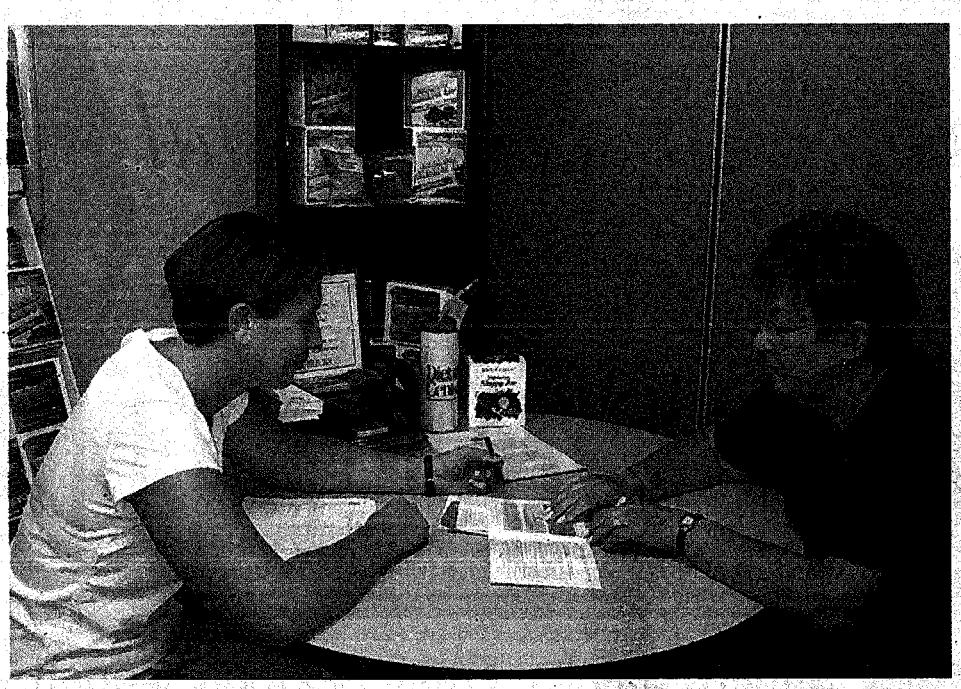
"I thought it was probably fluff and marketing shtick and anyway, I'm a big strong man, what do I need counseling or support for?" Hammond says. "Well, guess what? I did need it and it really helped. Much more than I ever thought. It helped me to plan ahead and develop strategies for lunch or dinner parties and still keep the integrity of the diet. More importantly, it was like having a supportive friend encouraging me to keep going."

Diet Center, a franchise with headquarters in Akron, Ohio, is successful, because programs are personalized for every individual, Aubuchon says.

When potential clients inquire about the Diet Center program, Aubuchon asks what their reasons are for losing weight.

"I ask what their motivations are, the things that are important to them and why their other dieting efforts haven't worked," she adds. "I try to gauge someone's readiness."

And if the prospective client doesn't seem ready she tells them Diet Center isn't a good idea for them at the time.



Diet Center Counselor Katy Krueger works with client Pat Horn, who's lost 46 pounds.

"But, if it makes sense and we both think there is a potential fit, we agree to get together to discuss the situation in greater detail, including program costs," Aubuchon adds. "There's no pressure and since we primarily grow through referrals, we are obviously motivated to help our clients meet their weight loss goals. After all, it doesn't do me any good to sign someone up who isn't going to be successful."

Another happy client, Pat Horn, 68, of Canton, lost 46 pounds and 71.25 inches in seven months with the Diet Center.

"I've been there done that: Weight Watchers, Medical Weight Loss, TOPS, which are all good programs," Horn says. "I just found the perfect fit for me with Diet Center. Especially advantageous is the one-on-one counseling; weighing in several times per week and always having someone ask what's coming. They even go so far as to get menus on line and suggest the best options when eating out."

Aubuchon recently began an outreach program to talk about a variety of health and nutrition topics in public forums and at her business.

The next free seminar is planned at Diet Center from 7-8 p.m., Aug. 29, and the focus will be on encouraging healthy eating for children.

"These free talks are a great way to give back to the community while gaining exposure for Diet Center," Aubuchon says. "I'm especially passionate about children and healthy eating. I have two kids myself and it's important I do everything I can to help them achieve healthy eating habits. This will hopefully prevent me from passing down my food and body image issues to them. I hope to help other parents do the same."

Actually, Aubuchon knows what it's like to want to lose weight and fail with other diet plans. She says she's tried "every program, product, pill, gimmick and exercise gadget out there." She even tried hypnosis.

"The most important thing I learned from all my trials and failures was that any nutritionally sound program will work for you if you work the program, and the key to being able to work a program is to find one best suited to your lifestyle," says Aubuchon pointing to the 60 percent of Americans who are overweight.

After losing 70 pounds and keeping it off for more than three years, she says she's "absolutely passionate about weight loss and not just about my weight loss."

"I've found clients appreciate hearing these things from someone who has gone through the same things they're going through," she adds.

Aubuchon says her average client stays with Diet Center for three to four months and in that time period loses, on average, 25 pounds.

"Everyone is a little different," she adds. "But, it's about two pounds a week. It's reasonable, sustainable and healthy. We don't offer quick weight loss and we don't have a magic pill."

Aubuchon says she chose to get involved with Diet Center, because its program most closely resembles what worked for her: a combination of one-on-one counseling with personalized meal planning, food products and vitamin supplementation.

"I put my program together by piecing together various programs I'd done over the years," she says. "My clients don't have to do that because Diet Center offers a complete solution."

Diet Center has three programs, which are further personalized to fit any lifestyle. A Diet Center counselor works with each client to build a program that will work best.

"Diet Center helps you get your weight off while meeting all your nutritional needs and that's just the first step," Aubuchon says. "Our programs include stabilization and maintenance phases to ensure the weight stays off forever."

Cost depends on how much a client wants to lose and the design of their individualized program.

"This level of service is not cheap," Aubuchon adds. "And it's not for everyone."

But, it worked well for Horn, Hammond and many other clients during the last year.

"The experience has been nothing but positive," Hammond says. "I'm only mad at myself for not doing this sooner. For the last 10 years, I've agonized about my increasing weight, but have not been able to do anything about it. I'd try to diet, would lose a little bit of weight, start to plateau, and then give up. It never would stick. Diet Center's plan is the first diet plan that has worked for me long-term."

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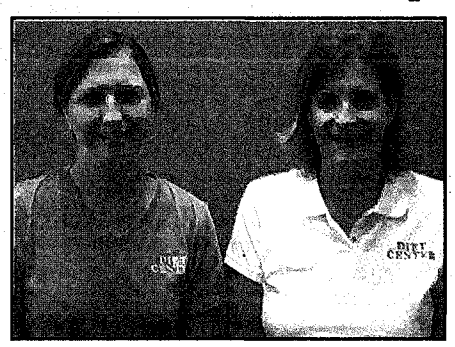

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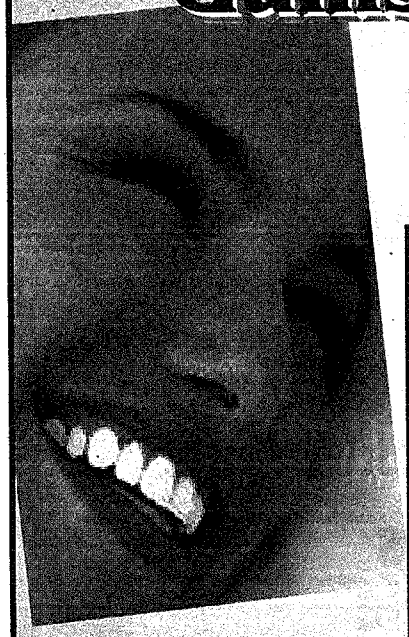

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Advances in the treatment of gum disease make it possible to keep your teeth for a lifetime!

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Special writer

So many technological changes have been made in the dental industry that in 37 years of practice, Dr. Raymond J. Katz, has seen pain virtually vanquished from dental procedures. "It's not the same as it was," explains the Livonia dentist. "There's no probing and poking anymore in terms of looking for cavities, because we do it with a laser. Most of the procedures are not that uncomfortable anymore so the pain associated with dental work isn't there anymore."

He points to different types of lasers--one for detecting cavities and one for work with soft tissue to treat gum disease. "We find a lot of periodontal disease," Katz says. In fact, more than 80 percent of the population suffers from some form of gum disease, Katz says stressing the importance of maintaining healthy gums for general health. If the infection from the gums gets into the blood stream it can cause problems with the heart, diabetes and other health concerns.

Katz uses lasers to treat gum disease without surgery. This laser periodontal therapy sidesteps the pain felt during the procedure and is groundbreaking dental technology. "It's much more comfortable," Katz explains. Traditional periodontal therapy can cause pain for weeks after the procedure. In comparison, the discomfort felt after the laser technique is usually gone within a few days.

Many patients come in complaining that they suffer from extreme headaches. A large percentage of those patients have an improper bite. New technology enables Katz to determine the correct position of the jaw with computers that allow the most accurate fit, then placing an appliance called an orthotic.

Another technological breakthrough allows Katz to use digital radiography that projects X-rays onto computer screens and makes them easily read in front of the patient who can see them, too.

Katz says he takes blood pressure readings on all patients before he treats them for various procedures. "Local anesthetic would elevate the blood pressure and that could be dangerous with patients who have high blood pressure," he says.

Sedation is available for patients who have extreme fears of dental work. "It's a pill that puts them in a relaxed state and have them relaxed through the whole procedure," Katz says. "They are conscious through the procedure, but they are just very relaxed. But we do most of the work virtually pain free."

Pictured in back row: Connie, Dr. Katz, Vickie, Carie
Front row: Dawn and Amber

Most people keep their teeth rather than getting dentures, which is a major difference from today than when Katz began his practice three decades ago. "There's no reason people can't keep their teeth for a lifetime," Katz adds. "It's more and more realistic. When I started practicing I would do quite a few dentures, but now it's very minimal. We treat periodontal disease better and we have an ability to save teeth better. We won't extract a tooth if we can save it."

"Some of the equipment I use today actually amazes me," Katz adds.

Over the years, Katz says, many of his patients have been with him the entire 30 years. "But, there's quite a turnover in the people moving in and out of the area," he says. "We see a lot of new patients."

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For example, one of the classes explains where to sit in a place of worship, at a conference or a theater. Each place and every situation calls for a different strategy and the right spot depends on the hearing loss, the person and the environment.

"As a general rule you want to be up near the front with the better ear obviously to the speaker," Arnold says. "If both ears are impaired you may want to be in the center."

Lighting is also critical for the hearing impaired to better see the speaker and enhance the lip reading opportunities.

"In a small group, like a family room, the person with the hearing loss should be able to look at the person talking," Arnold says. "We all lip read to an extent. Someone with a hearing loss is generally more skilled with this task. They want to be sure they can see the speech sounds on the person's face."

Background noise can be a problem among people with hearing loss, even when they're wearing advanced hearing aid technology. So, the hearing impaired people need to think about where they sit and place themselves as far away from noise as possible.

For instance, in a restaurant they need to look for a seat that is away from the clatter of the kitchen, sounds from the street and music from speakers.

The first step to finding the best devices and help for people with hearing loss is recognizing they have a problem. Oftentimes, Arnold says, people postpone getting help by ignoring the problems they face in every day life. The effects, however, can be devastating emotionally.

"Hearing health care is important at all ages," Arnold says. "It is something that is very insidious. You don't realize what you're missing when you have hearing loss. Hearing health is something that should be checked and cared for." Hearing loss is a family issue. Everyone is affected.

Hearing is so crucial to communication, she adds. "There has been study after study that show those who have hearing loss, over time, may begin to isolate themselves, because it's too difficult to participate in conversations," Arnold says.

"Sadly, the people who have isolated themselves for long enough may become depressed, because they no longer enjoy the things in life that make them the happiest.

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Catering to Customers' Wishes Key to Hawthorne Valley's Longevity

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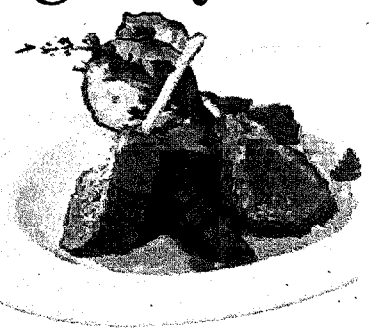


The family run Hawthorne Valley Country Club focuses on customized service that loyal patrons have come to expect.

Even the unusual requests are fulfilled. Like, the time a bride and groom landed by helicopter on Hawthorne's golf course to arrive for their reception in a Hawthorne banquet room.

Catering to the customers' every wish has been the key to longevity of the Westland business, which opened in 1985, according to Frank Mourtos, Hawthorne Valley Country Club general manager and son of Hawthorne founder, George Mourtos.

"We do all kinds of interesting things and we welcome the ideas," explains Frank Mourtos who works side by side with his father six days weekly.

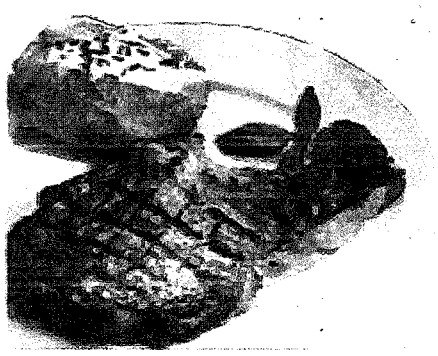
Hawthorne Valley has five banquet rooms seating 30 to 300 guests at 500 to 600 wedding, shower, retirement and anniversary parties annually.

Hawthorne Valley is also open to the public with a full service restaurant offering diner's salads, steaks and a wide variety of other menu items.

A dinner theater is also featured. From Oct. 21-Nov. 25 Saturday shows are the comedy thriller, "Murder Among Friends." Tickets are prepaid and include a cash bar.

"We work with people to make things right for them," Frank Mourtos adds. A catering business that caters to the customer's needs seems to be the right ingredient that has given George Mourtos, 65, longevity in the food service.

He got involved in the restaurant business shortly after he came to the United States from Greece when he was 14. He and his brother, Harry Mourtos, started Better Made Café down the street from the Better Made potato chips plant on Gratiot in Detroit. The Mourtos brothers served up burgers, hot dogs and breakfast foods in a tiny Coney Island with a dozen stools.



George Mourtos went on to open Acropole restaurant in Roseville. As he saw his businesses grow and grow, the next step was to open the Hawthorne Valley Country Club complex with the lavish multi-room banquet settings, restaurant and nine-hole Donald Ross designed golf course. Hawthorne also has a full liquor license.

But, George Mourtos' business sense hasn't gotten so big that he has forgotten about quality. "We're not a factory where we stamp out parties," Frank Mourtos says. "We are live people who are here in the restaurant and banquet rooms and we do care. In today's market, customers need to be paid attention to and pampered. We strive for the best in product quality, consistency and customer satisfaction. "Here, it's the Old Greek way," he adds. "You're the cook, chef and bottle washer. Wherever there is a void, you jump in and there's no void."

Hawthorne's restaurant specializes in a menu that offers full meals without hidden "a la carte" charges that run the bills up. For instance, salads are $8.95 and dinner entrees begin at $11.95. They are served with soup and salad or cole slaw and choice of potato.

Hawthorne was recently remodeled with brand new lunch and dinner menus featuring items, like a bone-in rib eye, a wide variety of sandwiches and a new focus on health conscious offerings, like salads and seafood. To ensure freshness, Frank Mourtos says, the food is ordered every week and "nothing sits around."

"Above everything else, we tailor to peoples' needs," he added.

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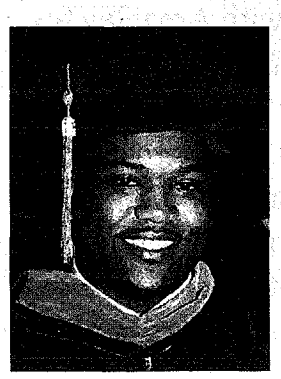

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In addition to fostering success in the classroom, Madonna University nurtures the whole student. The school offers on-campus housing, and over 25 clubs and organizations for student involvement. Madonna's 11 different men's and women's sports teams help student-athletes hone their leadership and team building skills, while Crusaders home games provide the student body and community an opportunity to show their school spirit.

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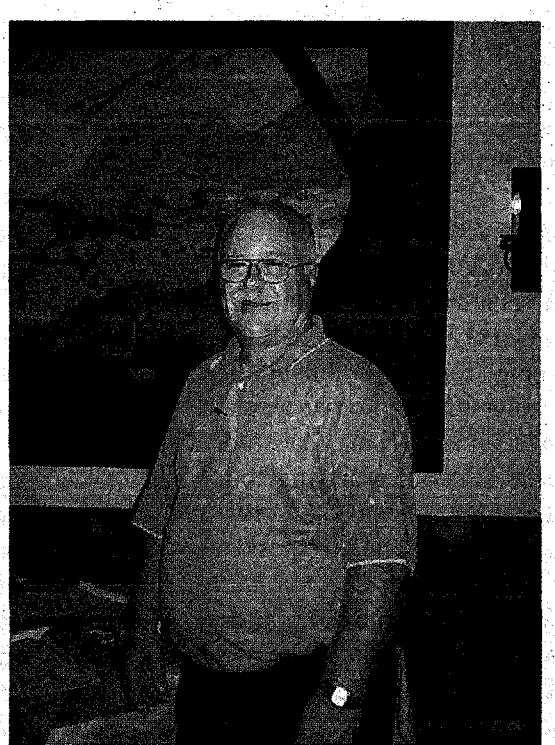
Amantea Restaurant, Where Food is Considered an Expression of Love and Tradition

Amantea's is a family-style Italian-American restaurant that takes its name from the small town in Italy where owner, Domenic Porco, was born.

The quaint, scenic town is located in the province of Cosenza, which is situated deep in a vale at the junction of the Crati and Busento rivers. Amantea rises from a hilltop that overlooks the Mediteranian coast on the deep estuary of the Catocastro river.



Owner, Domenic Porco

Once primarily a village of fishermen, Amantea is fast developing into a tourist resort favored by those who visit Italy's Calabria mountains.

The restaurant has been a fixture on West Warren Street in Garden City for more than thirty years. Mr. Porco opened his doors in 1975, after having worked in nearly all aspects of the restaurant business for 20 years previously.

Italian family life still centers around the dining table, where food is considered more an expression of love and tradition than it is for simple nourishment. Domenic Porco maintains his restaurant in that same tradition, with the focus squarely on quality foods and preparation.

Delicious meals, great service, and affordable prices have enabled Amantea's to thrive during difficult economic times, when restaurants often rank among the first casualties.

When we hear the words "home cooking," we can almost taste mom's mouth-watering delights, and some of the most renown fare at Amantea's is no exception.

At 86 years young, Mr. Porco's mother bakes one of the best chocolate cannoli cakes to be found in southeastern Michigan and she still comes in to the restaurant twice each week to oversee preparation of the uniquely distinct Calabrese ravioli, Gnocchi, Lasagna and soups.

Diners can feast on such hearty American favorites as 22-ounce porterhouse steak or enjoy the lighter fare of fish and veal dishes.

Among the chef specialties are the aforementioned homemade ravioli, lasagna, pizza and Amantea's award-winning ribs.

Contributing to the genial atmosphere are son Samuel Porco, one of Amantea's managers, as well as the professional and knowledgeable wait-staff, some of whom have been with the Porco family for 31 years. Two other managers, Al Lalama and Scot May have been with Amantea for more than 20 years.

Amantea's has a liquor license and seats two-hundred and fifty patrons. The restaurant is available for corporate parties and other business functions.

Interior view of Amantea Restaurant

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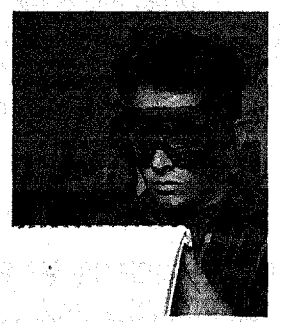

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"Optimum"

What do we think of when we hear that word?

When used as an adjective, the dictionary defines it as that which is most wanted or desirable; that which produces the best result.

When Tom Kroeger left his career as a teacher in 2004 to start his own business, he incorporated both the mission statement and singular goal directly into its name: Optimum Reading.

After graduating with his Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, Kroeger spent more than 30 years in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District. He dedicated his resources to improving the reading skills and fluency of adolescents and adults. During his last two years there, he worked with a package of reading improvement programs called Reading Plus®. Using this with over 200 students, Kroeger soon recognized this as an exceptional combination of assessments, programs, and technology, and selected it for use as the keystone program of Optimum Reading.

The Reading Plus® program is designed to improve reading fluency and comprehension for all ages. Reading Plus® assesses and develops visual, perceptual, and cognitive skills essential for fluent silent reading

The program begins with the Reading Placement Appraisal™. This computerized test establishes levels for vocabulary, comprehension, and reading rate. A customized program of lessons is generated for the student by this test.

The next step is done with the Visagraph III™. This is a unique test which actually measures a person's eye movements as he or she reads through a one hundred word selection of prepared text.

Those who are tested must put on a special pair of goggles which are connected to a computer. Sensors inside these goggles track eye movements as the individual reads the passage, measuring the number of times the person stops and backs up, as well as how their eyes move around the page and the duration of every pause. The computer maps the eye movements, and compares the results to previously tested groups. Kroeger then analyzes the test results with the student and trains them in how to use the programs identified by the Reading Placement Appraisal™.

Visagraph III™ visual efficiency measurement is done at the Optimum Reading office. It provides clear information about how well a person's eyes are working together while reading. 60-80% of people with reading problems have a visual processing problem, and this test will identify that.

The software package uses a variety of tools to train one's specific reading habits. Some lessons flash a word on a computer screen for a split second; others reveal a few words at a time. Short quizzes throughout the exercise ensure that the individual is absorbing the information he or she has read. As the student successfully works through the lessons, the reading speed increases and the vocabulary becomes more challenging. Typical reading improvement is 1.8 grade levels for comprehension and a 50% speed increase.

Reading Plus® is a proven, research-based online program of reading assessment and improvement. The program has helped over 500,000 readers of all ages develop their reading. The total Reading Plus® program addresses all the elements of reading cited by the National Reading Panel, including:

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Fluency

Initial consultations are free and staff will review the reading needs of the potential client. Initial consultations also include free use of the Reading Placement Appraisal™.

Those who enroll in Optimum Reading will receive four months of Reading Plus® sessions online, which include online monitoring, email feedback, and progress reports by Michigan certified reading teachers.

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60 Years of Comfort and Style

By Diane Gale Andreassi

A commitment to full service, a custom fit and quality made shoes have been the hallmarks of the Garden City Hershey's Shoes store for 60 years and that dedication to the customer has given birth to a new store, Hersheys Too Comfort Shoes in Novi five years ago.

The first store was opened in 1946 on Ford Road in Garden City and some customers, their children and grandchildren keep coming back for that extra care they receive.

"Loyal customers won't go anywhere else," explains Tom Welch, Hersheys' owner.

"A lot of the elderly customers like to shop at the store, because of the personalized service," he says. "We have grandparents who make their kids bring their kids to the store. It's the service and the fact that we fit the children properly and give you the right size."

It's not always easy to get a clear reading from your child about whether a shoe feels just right, Welch says.

"We measure their feet and we're cautious about the fit," he added. "And they get the old fashioned service."

Welch has seven or eight people working at a time in the Garden City store to ensure prompt service. The sales staff isn't on commission, which encourages them to take their time with each customer to provide the best service.

"We don't like people to have to wait and that's why I have such a large staff," he added.

If you've tried to find a comfortable shoe and failed at other places, Welch says, he likely has something in stock just right for you.

"We have a lot of sizes, widths and different brands," Welch says. "We cater to anybody who doesn't want a standard shoe."

In fact, Hersheys sells more wide shoes than anything other size. Hersheys is also one of the oldest businesses in Garden City.

"We can fit almost any child who comes in, because of the large inventory and the same with the adults if they have foot problems," Welch says. "And we have one of the biggest selections of children's shoes in the metropolitan Detroit area."

Finding the right shoe for the best comfort isn't always as easy as walking into a store, picking up a style you like and walking out with the size you think, probably fits. Your foot really should be measured, Welch says.

"If the shoes are too small they can bother your feet," he adds. "When you buy a better shoe, for instance a SAS, you buy a better quality of materials and get a better fit. The size is very important for a comfortable fit. Only the quality shoe companies make the different sizes and widths."

Welch has built a lifetime of experience and knowledge in the shoe business. He started working as a stock boy for the original Hersheys owner in 1970 after graduating from Franklin High School in Livonia.

He started selling shoes and learned the business before the owner retired. Welch and his business partner, Nick Dippold, took over in 1981.

When Dippold retired in 1998, Welch knew he wanted to expand to Novi after customers kept asking why he didn't open a store in that area.

He started out selling men's and women's SAS shoes and added Stride Rite for kids. Many more name brands have been added.

"It has become really tough, because the large big box stores are putting many independents out of business," Welch says. "But, we have a niche in being able to offer a lot of sizes, widths and service. And they don't carry the quality that I have. When people want a quality shoe they come to Hersheys."

Welch established a sale area at the Garden City shop. One side of the store is dedicated to full service with regular prices and the other half of the store features many shoes on sale.

"Everybody's feet are different," Welch said. "Every style is different. The reason we've been around so long is because we give good service, proper fits and quality merchandise."

For more information about the Hersheys stores go to www.hersheyshoes.com.

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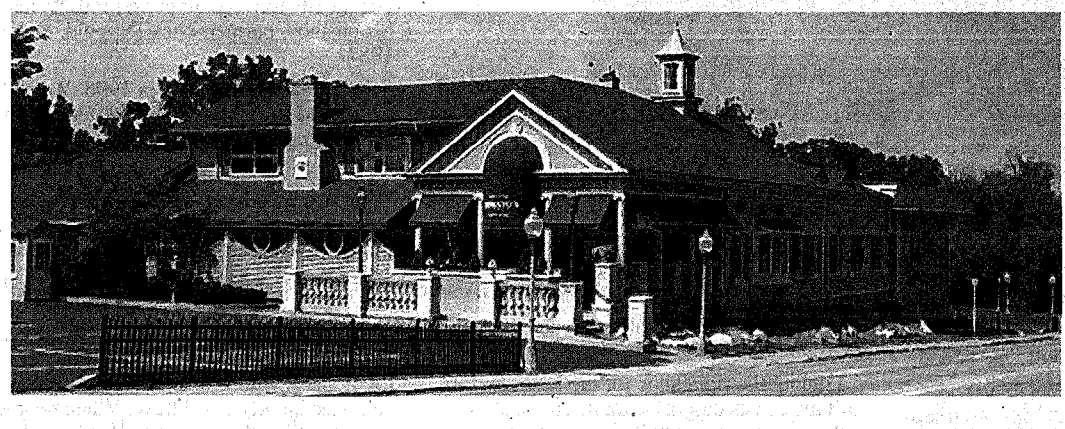

Enjoy casual elegant dining in Plymouth, featuring traditional cuisine with a contemporary flair. Magnificent fireplaces, old style brick and wood accents with beautiful, seasonal outside patio seating, create Ernesto's incredible world famous ambiance.

Everyone at Ernesto's is committed to making this a thoroughly memorable dining experience. Ernesto's offers a menu with an extensive wine list. Only in the world's finest restaurants will you experience the same level quality and care. You will be impressed with the quality of food, service and special treatment all guests enjoy.

Chef Ernesto was one of those rare individuals who approached every aspect of life with passion. As you will experience, the preparation and serving of authentic Italian food was his foremost passion. Chef Ernesto taught his staff all that he knew about hospitality as well as how to prepare glorious Italian food. He taught how to serve their guests with enthusiasm - to value and pamper them. Most of all, it was the sparkle in a diner's eye as they savored one of his creations that gave deep meaning and drive to Ernie's life.

The staff at Ernesto's continues to use the knowledge acquired from Chef Ernie to better serve their guests. They treasure that legacy and hope you will agree as you dine with them.

Ernesto's is proud to announce that they have listened to the community and refreshed their establishment to better serve their customers. The kitchen at Ernesto's, under the direction of Sou Chef Casey Philo, is excited to be offering several new menu items. These items add a little Mediterranean flair to their traditional Italian favorites.

Looking to launch the menu by the end of August, they will be adding several new fish and seafood entrees and new delicious appetizers.

Meanwhile, General Manager Cheryl Bohcle is eagerly working to ensure all guests feel at home while dining.

Ernesto's is the only place to celebrate your special occasions or business meetings offering nine unique and beautiful dining areas for your special needs. They offer a full range of catering and banquet services for your home or office onsite or off and they are happy to accommodate any special dietary needs of your guests. Rooms are available for wedding receptions, showers, rehearsal dinners, corporate meetings, and more.

Messina Room - completely private with a marble fireplace and marble dance floor - seating approx. 100 people.

Beacon Room - comfortable but elegant with cozy fireplace and beautiful chandeliers - seating 30 people.

Walden Room - Palladian windows, raised terrace and fireplace - seating 65 people.

The Deck - canopied and overlooking Hines Park - weather permitting - seating 80 people.

Franklin Room - large oval table and wood burning stove dominate this room - seating 20 people.

Tack Room - a cozy atmosphere for an intimate gathering - seating 10 people.

Library - a dining room so intimate it looks to be from a 19th century home - floral draperies and large windows - seating 14 people.

The Bachas Room - rich color tones, terra cotta floors and private bar - seating approx. 100 people.

Main Dining Room - country inn with stone fireplace - seating 100 people.

Ernesto's has even more to offer than casual elegant dining and banquet/catering services, Ernesto's lounge offers a great place to meet friends after a long day at the office. Friendly bartenders offer drink and appetizers specials.

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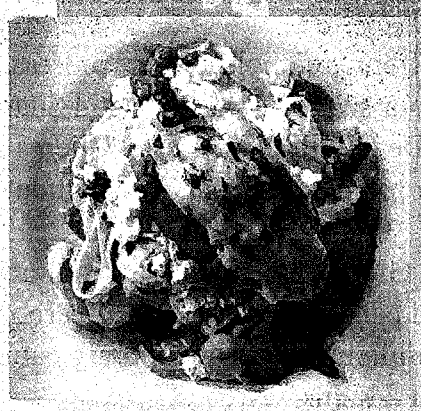


A Sample of the New Features on Our Menu:

APPETIZERS:

Moroccan Chicken Brochettes
Marinated chicken breast seasoned with Moroccan spices, skewered with red onion and bell pepper, then grilled and served with an herbed dipping sauce.

Stuffed Portabella Cap
Marinated Portabella cap stuffed and roasted, then topped with parmesan cheese, sun-dried tomato vinaigrette and balsamic reduction.

CHICKEN & DUCK:

Duck Confit
Slow roasted confit of duck served over parmesan whipped potatoes with a brandied blackberry and current demi-glace and seasonal vegetables.

SPECIALTY PASTAS:

Lobster & Rock Shrimp Fettuccini
Garlic broiled Maine lobster tail over sweet rock shrimp sautéed with fresh asparagus, garlic, and shallots then tossed with fettuccini in a rich, house-made lobster-feta cream sauce.

STEAKS & CHOPS:

Porcini Rubbed 12 oz NewYork Strip Steak
Grilled and rubbed with our seasoned Porcini blend, then served with parmesan whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetables and a drizzle of balsamic reduction.

SEAFOOD:

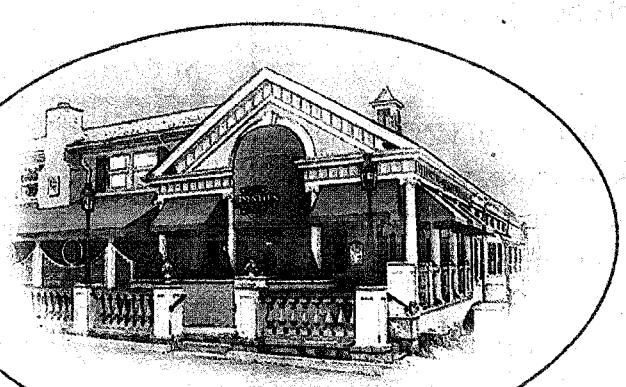
Scallops Frico
Colossal sea scallops dredged in parmesan cheese, pan-seared and served over angel hair pasta that is tossed in a sun-dried tomato pesto with asparagus and a garlic cream sauce.

Tilapia al Bagna
Fresh Tilapia fillet dredged in seasoned flour and pan-fried then topped with a Citrus-Basil Bagna Cauda with orzo and rice pilaf and vegetable.

Grilled Halibut
Alaskan Halibut topped with fresh tomato concasse, basil and a drizzle of balsamic syrup over wilted spinach and roasted garlic on orzo and rice pilaf.

Banquet Services Available

We provide a full range of catering and banquet services for your home or office. Let Ernesto's take the work out of your next party, BBQ, graduation, rehearsal dinner, bridal or baby shower



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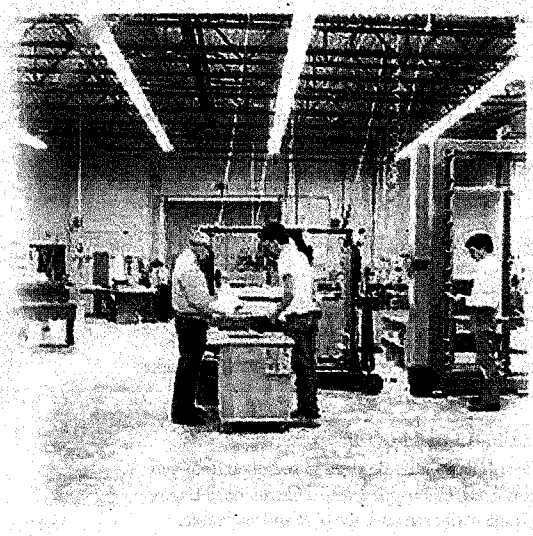
Firm Offers *FREE* Design Service

By Jackie Beuckelaere, free-lance writer

"Offering complimentary professional design service is the key to our success," stated Justin Sharer, kitchen and bath specialist at De Giulio Industries. "Clients are able to judge the value of our products and services without commitment or obligation."

De Giulio Industries is a manufacturer of cabinetry for kitchens and bathrooms. Based in Dearborn, the firm produces traditional and contemporary cabinetry in a wide range of styles and designs. More than forty of these are displayed in the idea-packed Showroom, along with countertops and built-in appliances.



The intention, according to Claudia Bay, design consultant, is to show concepts in layout for better functionality as well as better use of space. With this view in mind a wide variety of cabinets are displayed with the most innovative accessories in the industry.

Clients are invited to tour the firm's manufacturing facilities, located to the rear of the Showroom. Cabinets for kitchens, bathrooms – or for any living space – are custom-made to exact requirements. "If you can sketch it, and it fits, we can produce it," expressed Eric Williams, plant manager. Referring to product quality, he stressed that no particle board is used in any component of cabinet construction.

De Giulio Industries is also certified in CORIAN and ZODIAQ fabrication. "By keeping work processes in-house, we are able to enjoy a reputation for getting the job done in a timely manner," said Paul Rausch, the company's project supervisor.

Employees, not sub-contractors, perform installation services. This insures that personnel are trained in new techniques and that a project proceeds efficiently from start to finish. "This integrated system, where design, manufacturing, and installation all come from a single source, is what appeals to our clients," stated John De Giulio, the company's general manager.

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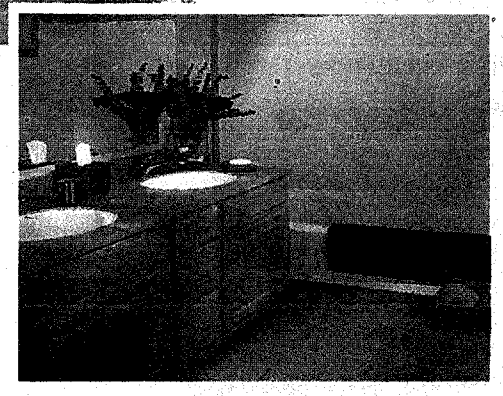

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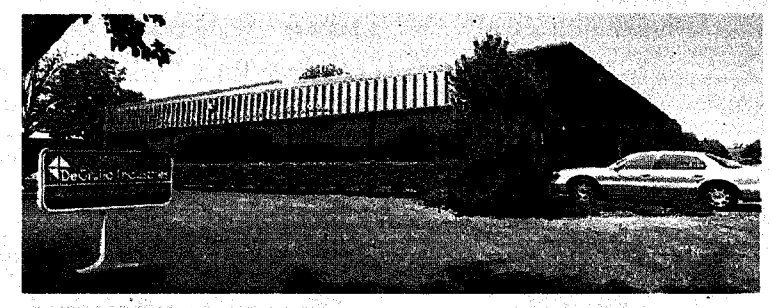

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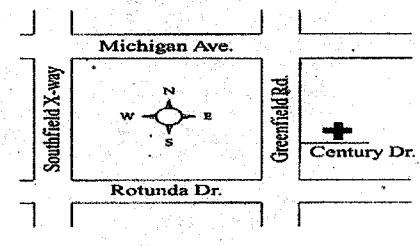

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Why "Special" Doesn't Mean Lesser

Great Expectations—Providing Solutions For Children With AUTISM, ADHD and Other Learning Challenges

Livonia, MI – August 24th, 2006 –

Shortly after my son's diagnosis with a challenge that officially (at least in the minds of some professionals), qualified him as **"special needs"** I was given the poem "Welcome To Holland" by a very well meaning social worker.

In short the poem is about a person who plans and then goes on a trip to Italy—but lo and behold when they get off the plane they are not in Italy but Holland. The remainder of the poem explains the importance of enjoying where you are (Holland) and dealing with the disappointment of not getting what you had hoped for (Italy).

The poem was written by the mother of a child with Down Syndrome and is suppose to help illustrate the realities of having a special needs child. I've never really cared for the poem because to me in it's message of "accepting" it actually sends a message of settling and lowering your expectations.

This is a problem because one of the greatest challenges for parents of children with "special needs" or "learning disabilities" is the constant pull to lower your expectations for your child. Some call it acceptance, some call it healing and some simply call it facing reality. You're encouraged as a parent to do this because in theory it's the first step in helping your child. The reasoning is that by doing this you will make sure that your child doesn't spend their life trying to meet your "unrealistic" goals for them. The problem of course, is that by lowering your expectations you're helping to insure that your child never achieves beyond the stereotypes that have been created for their given "disability"/"challenges".

It was based on our own personal experiences and the knowledge earned while working to make sure that our son doesn't get stuck in "Holland" if he wants Italy that motivated my wife and I to open Great Expectations, a children's therapy and learning center, in Livonia. The name was carefully chosen because it represents both the type of expectations that we have for every child that walks through our door and the type of expectations that we want every child and parent to have for themselves when they've completed their time with us.

At Great Expectations we work with children of all ages, grades and ability levels. Our services are focused in four areas : Speech Therapy, Sensory Integration, Attention and Focus Building and Academic Tutoring. An example of some of the programs we offer include :

The S.T.E.P. Therapy System

The S.T.E.P. (Sensory Training and Education Program) Therapy System is a unique drug-free, non-cognitive multi-faceted approach that combines: Vision Therapy (light), Vestibular Therapy (motion and balance) and Auditory Therapy (music) to improve a person's sensory and cognitive processing abilities. S.T.E.P. therapy is helpful for a wide variety of conditions including Autism, Sensory Disorders, ADD / ADHD, Developmental Delays, Delayed Speech, Poor Socialization, Weak Focus and Attention, Brain Injury, Birth Trauma and a variety of other Learning challenges and difficulties.

S.T.E.P. Therapy helps to recondition and retrain the brain – and the brain's response to different stimuli – which in turn allows many children to accomplish new milestones while speeding up their development in other skills areas. With S.T.E.P., it's not unusual to see jumps in Speech, Fine and Gross Motor skills, Organization as well as, a greater comfort level interacting with other children and adults. Situations that the children might have found too overwhelming to deal with in the past (loud noises, large crowds and new situations) frequently become far less intimidating and can actually become manageable, which for children with Autism or related sensory disorders is often times a huge hurdle.

Reading Plus

The Reading Plus System is a unique program that improves reading skills by providing targeted development in the five critical elements of reading—Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension. It does this by not only working on the person's visual and reading skills but also by improving the mechanics of how they read.

The first step in the program is an evaluation done with a pair of high tech goggles that literally scans the child's eyes as they read a sample story. The results from these goggles are then able to be graphed and broken down to show the mechanics of how the person reads and how their eyes track as they read.

By analyzing those mechanics the program is able to show that a person's reading difficulties are frequently not a result of poor memory, focus, laziness or simply being a "slow" or a "bad" reader but are instead a result of poor eye coordination and improper—but correctable—reading mechanics. Using this information we are able to create a customized program to improve a person's reading speed, comprehension and knowledge retention. This allows them to achieve better results and larger improvements in a couple of months than they'd be able to generate on their own in years (if ever).

Play Attention

The Play Attention System is an innovative interactive learning program used to train the brain to overcome attention, concentration and focus challenges. Based on NASA technology (that was originally used to train astronauts and test pilots) it improves focus and attention in a fun video game style format. The program, which was featured on *Good Morning America,* has shown to be tremendously successful in helping children and adults with ADHD and other focus and attention problems dramatically improve their attention spans and ability to focus.

Through these programs, as well as, one on one **Speech Therapy** and **Academic Tutoring** we work to insure that every child meets their true potential while accomplishing as much as they possibly can.

Recently the importance of keeping high expectations for yourself and not accepting a "Holland" or "good enough" mindset was driven home by the inspiring story of Jason McElwain. Jason, a 17 yr old high school student with Autism, in his first (and only) varsity basketball game scored 20 points in the final four minutes of the game by sinking six three pointers. The feat set an Athena High School record, earned Jason the ESPN ESPY award for Best Moment In Sports and also earned Jason a movie deal about his story. Jason's story is a perfect example of why being labeled "special" doesn't equate to accepting less or expecting less than greatness for yourself.

To help your child reach their full potential call 734-762-0332 to schedule a visit or evaluation. We are located at 31580 Schoolcraft Rd between Merriman Rd. & Farmington Rd. ww.MyGreatKid.com.

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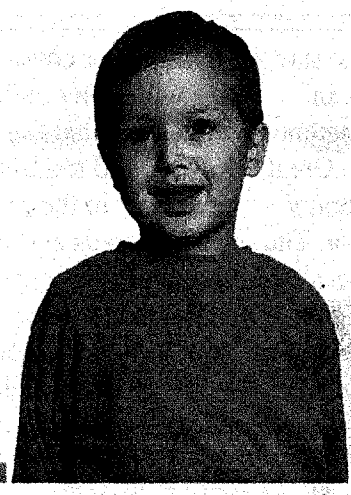
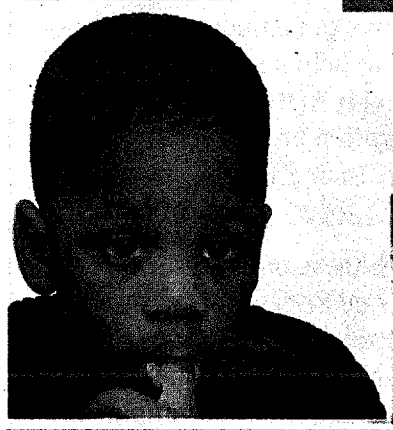

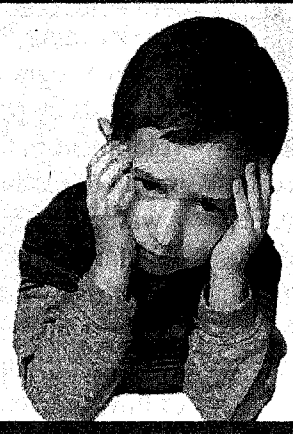

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"The biggest compliment I have received was from (our daughter's) first grade teacher saying that if I hadn't told her about all the problems our daughter had, the teacher would never have known. Our daughter now can sit through class, pay attention and answer questions. A complete turn around from last year ... Our family life is much calmer, no more temper tantrums. For the first time she and her older sister play together. The best thing is that she loves school and doesn't wake up crying anymore!!! Thanks again, **I have the best Christmas present ever. I now have a healthy and finally happy family.**" - K.L., Mother of a 6 yr old from Canton

"My son's reading achievement levels have exceeded where I hoped they would be ...he **doubled his rate of reading, increased his comprehension and greatly improved his fluidity**. Mission accomplished!" - D.H., Mother of a 9 yr old from Canton

"I sit here writing this letter with tears in my eyes but a huge smile on my face. I don't even know where to start to thank you for the changes in our son. First and foremost it **increased his speech and language abilities tremendously**, and from day four or five his ability to answer questions and have a little bit of back and forth conversation .....**improved eye contact, more interaction, he is more affectionate, he is potty trained**! The time and money invested was well worth the outcome. We checked into other facilities in MI but chose you because we were so impressed with your facility, your kindness and sincere desire to help." - S.W., mother of 4 yr. old with Autism

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