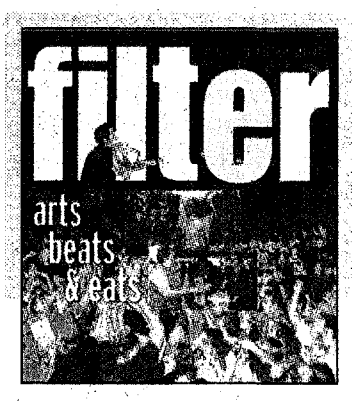

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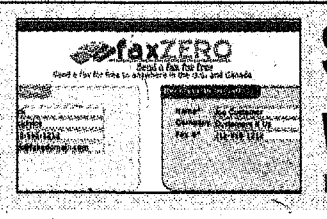

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Dead tree headed for wood chip pile

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The orange spot painted on the side of a huge tree along Ann Arbor Road is faded, having been put there a couple of years ago when state and county officials moved through town, marking trees for removal.

With traffic volume along Ann Arbor Road having increased significantly during the M-14 construction project, though, some residents are worried the dead tree is only a severe storm or high wind away from becoming a danger to drivers.

The tree, which sits just east of Canton Center Road on the north side of Ann Arbor Road, hangs over Ann Arbor Road like a vulture, seemingly waiting to come crashing down on unsuspecting motorists. Other branches, some as wide as 14 inches, hang over telephone and cable television wires stretched above the sidewalk.

That's what has residents worried.

"Over half the branches of that tree could fall across Ann Arbor Road as the tree continues to rot," Plymouth resident Jim Winebrenner said. "Even if a pedestrian is not hit by falling branches, they're heavy enough to sever the lines. Service to a large area could be disrupted."

Winebrenner took his concerns first to Wayne County, but county forestry officials said the tree was the state's concern, since Ann Arbor Road is a state road.

Mike Sanders, area maintenance engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation, told Winebrenner money is an issue in getting the tree cut down.

Sanders said the tree in question is in a group of a half-dozen trees the state wants to cut down. He said he gave a work order Tuesday to Wayne County

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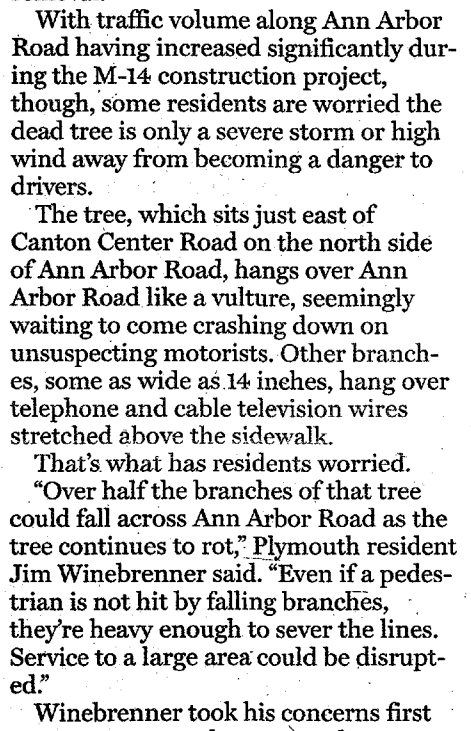

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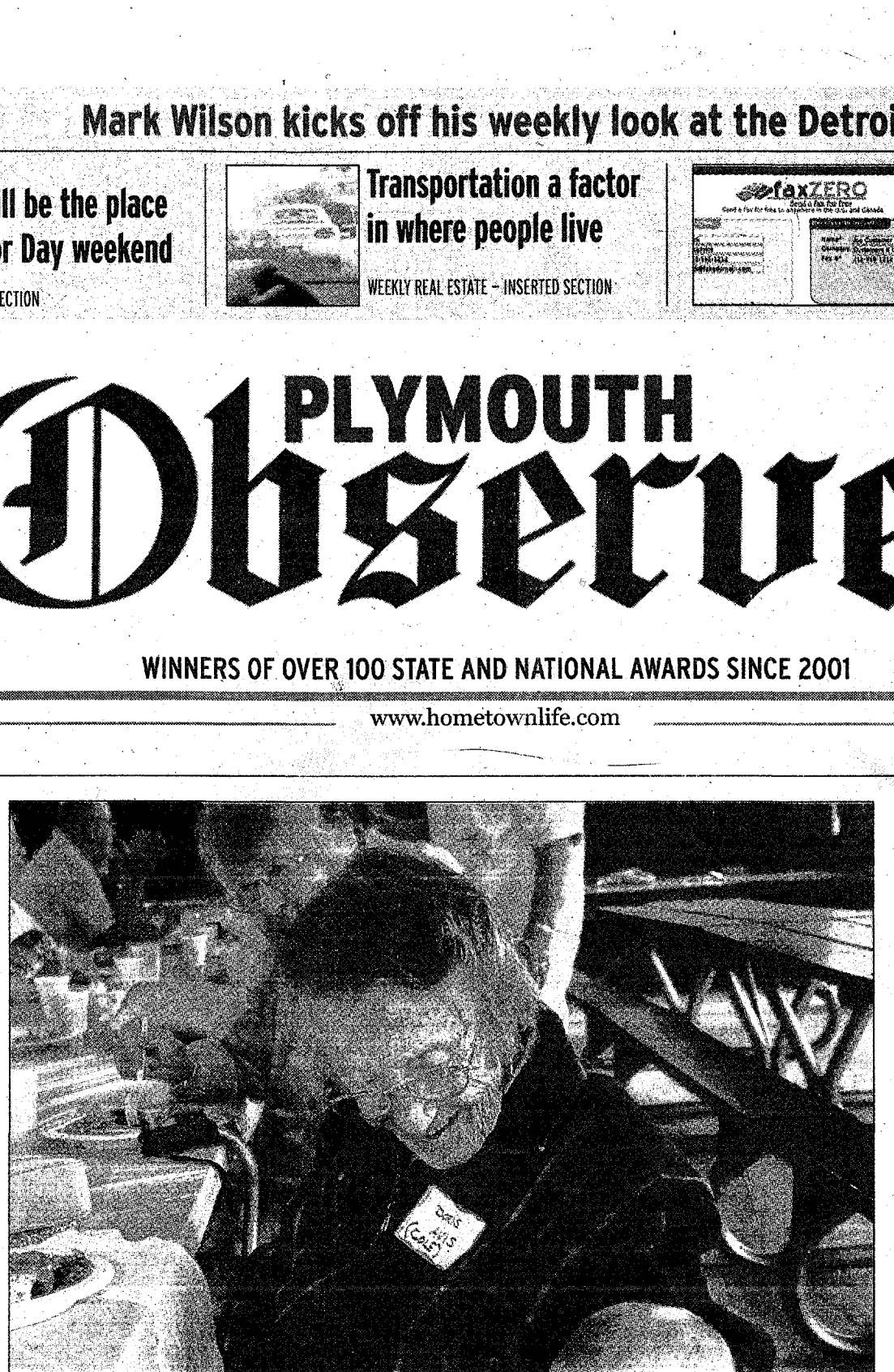
This dead tree, which hangs over Ann Arbor Road and utility wires above the sidewalk, has been ear-marked for removal by the county.



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Never too young

Doris Avis enjoys a few moments with 14-month-old Sophia Broker during the annual Plymouth Old-Timers picnic at Plymouth Township Park. Seniors from around the area were feted with a catered meal at the annual picnic in the park's pavilion. Sophia is a granddaughter of senior club member Richard Sharland.

Board bandies bond ideas

Timing, specifics still need to be decided

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education pushes forward with plans to ask voters — most likely in February — for a bond to pay for as-yet-undetermined renovations and possible new buildings, at least one trustee has reservations about presenting another bond issue in less than a year to — in part — recoup $2.3 million for the general fund budget.

Supt. Jim Ryan and trustees have made it a priority in the next bond to ask voters for the money, which was taken from the general fund to pay for property on Cherry Hill Road, west of Canton Center, in Canton Township to be used for a new middle school.

The effort was derailed in May when voters turned down a two-question bond proposal for $120 million, which included the $2.3 million reimbursement. The district has until April 2007 to recoup the money in a bond proposal to repay the general fund, with election dates in November and February the only two remaining before the deadline.

However, Trustee Dianne Gonzalez doesn't want to rush to a bond issue just to reimburse the general fund.

"I don't feel comfortable making the decision to defend this property and go for a bond to recoup $2.3 million simply because we need the money for this property," Gonzalez said. "The $2.3 million represents a valuable piece of property we own, there's no money lost there. I want to do my own research ... and I want to make the right decision."

Gonzalez said she doesn't want to rely on research done several years ago by the board which resulted in the purchase of the property in Canton, or the recent EPIC/MRA survey on why the May bond issue lost.

"I don't feel as comfortable with this piece of property as you do because I don't have the research," she said. "If you want me to go along with the bond, if administration wants me to go along with the bond, they're going to have to prove to me that we need the bond.

PLEASE SEE **BOND, A5**

Renovations give Knights' hall a new look

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When diners show up Monday for the annual Labor Day Ox Roast at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Plymouth, they're going to find the new atmosphere club members have wanted for years.

That's because the hall, located on Lilley near the railroad tracks, has undergone a renovation project for which club members have been clamoring for years.

The entryway and foyer have been replaced and renovations have been made to the lounge area, a look designed to enhance the environment and draw more people, according to Knights of Columbus spokesman Jay Hillis.

"The changes have created a much more pleasant, comfortable environment," Hillis said. "We think the upgrades will help increase hall rentals and membership, and they make the building look better."

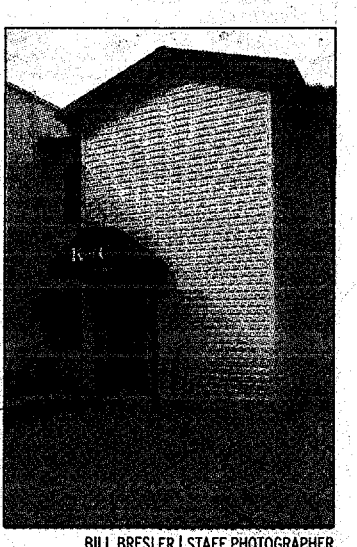
Improvements to the building, which Hillis said has been around "more than 40 years," have been in the planning stages for a couple of years now. The club has saved money over the years and came into some extra money a couple of years ago.

That allowed the plans to accelerate, and changes to be made, including an elevator to the upstairs banquet hall and remodeling of the rest rooms that will make the hall more handicap-accessible, Hillis explained. The building includes a new facade, a new brick walkway connecting the building and parking lot and improvements to the parking lot itself.

The lodge features large and small meeting rooms/banquet halls available for rent for events such as civic meetings, club banquets, graduation parties and awards dinners.

And on Monday, the club hosts its annual ox roast, featuring roast beef, baked potato, corn, cole slaw and rolls. The Ladies Auxiliary hosts a rummage sale and the day includes games, balloons and candy for youngsters.

For room reservations or more information, call (248) 596-9189.



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The Knights of Columbus Hall on Lilley recently underwent a remodeling project that included interior and exterior work.

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Coming Sunday in Health

New technology reduces time in the dentist's chair.

Goodfellow volunteers

The Plymouth Goodfellows are looking for volunteers for the 2006 Christmas season. A commitment to the Goodfellows is only September through December, a short amount of time for a great cause as the group tries to ensure no child in Plymouth goes without a Christmas.

The group's first meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Plymouth library. Further meetings will be Oct. 24 and Nov. 14, also at the library.

The Goodfellows' biggest fund-raiser day is the newspaper sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

To volunteer, or to advise the group of a family in need, call (734) 262-3199.

Blood drive

Contours Express - Plymouth/Canton, which is located at 8014 Sheldon Center in Canton, will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Sept. 14 from 1-7 p.m.

Club members along with family and friends will be coming together to donate blood for the American Red Cross. Blood supplies continue to be critically low. To schedule an appointment, please call Contours Express at (734) 416-9350. Anyone who attempts to donate at this event will receive a free two week pass.

Craft show

Delta Kappa Gamma's annual Craft and Home Show is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at West Middle School at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon in Plymouth.

The show features 100 quality crafters and home vendors and a quilt raffle. Proceeds from the show fund college scholarships for high school graduates. Admission is $2 and lunch is available.

Celebrate with George

On Saturday, Sept. 2, popular Kellogg Park entertainer George Harvell hosts a party to celebrate his 11-year anniversary as an employee at the Plymouth Kroger.

The event, which Harvell is hosting to thank Kroger customers and co-workers, will be held 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harvell will have photos on display and light refreshments will be served.

The Plymouth Kroger is located at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

Kindermusik preview

Evola Music of Canton is inviting people to a free preview of its fall programs, while enjoying music, movement, stories, songs, instrument play and the latest research on musically enhancing your child's development.

Fall classes begin Sept. 9, and Evola officials are urging early registration, because classes are filling quickly.

Free Kindermusik storytimes for September include 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Caribou Coffee, 44601 Five Mile in Plymouth, (734) 459-4473; and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, (734) 454-0178.

For more information, visit www.kindermusikatevola.com or call (734) 455-4677.

Kindermusik at Evola Music offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. Evola offers Kindermusik classes for children ages 0 through 7 years, including the new Sign and Sing and Family Time curriculum. Evola Music Center is located at 7170 N. Haggerty Rd. between Joy and Warren. For more information call (734) 455-4677 or visit www.kindermusikatevola.com.

Local paper

Leah Hanson of Canton and her nephew, Dylan Hanson of Plymouth, hold up the Observer while on board the USS Alabama, a World War II battleship docked in Mobile, Ala., on a recent family vacation.

Rummage/bake sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having a rummage/bake sale during the Plymouth Fall Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 7-9 at the IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The sale is a major fund-raiser for the group, with all proceeds to be used to benefit veterans. In the past, the money has been used to buy gifts for the Ann Arbor Veterans' Hospital Christmas Shop, send selected high school students to Boys' and Girls' State, provide the veterans at the VA Hospital with evening entertainment of Bingo, prizes and refreshments and to support other worthwhile causes.

For more information, call (734) 254-9617.

Photography exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a two-person photography exhibit featuring unusual artistic perspectives Sept. 1-29.

Richard Hackel works with panoramas that include more than one point in time. By revolving the camera beyond one revolution, he documents in landscape a change of people, events and seasons. The horizontal panoramas show what is around and behind. The vertical panoramas show the less familiar view of looking up overhead and down to the ground.

Gloria Pritschet uses magnifying lenses and a hand-held manual Nikon camera to look for images in the "marginlands" that lie between the familiar and the unknown, the habitually seen and the imagined. Her Encrypted Margin series on exhibit includes botanical, seaside, metal and ice images.

The photography can be viewed at the Arts Center 9 a.m to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (734) 416-4278 for additional viewing times. A reception for Richard Hackel will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

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

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.

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Your physical therapist is an excellent resource should you require further information about keeping fit in our senior years. If you would like additional information about anything discussed in today's column, please 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.
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Kitchen sink? No problem

New eBay store can handle the toughest sales

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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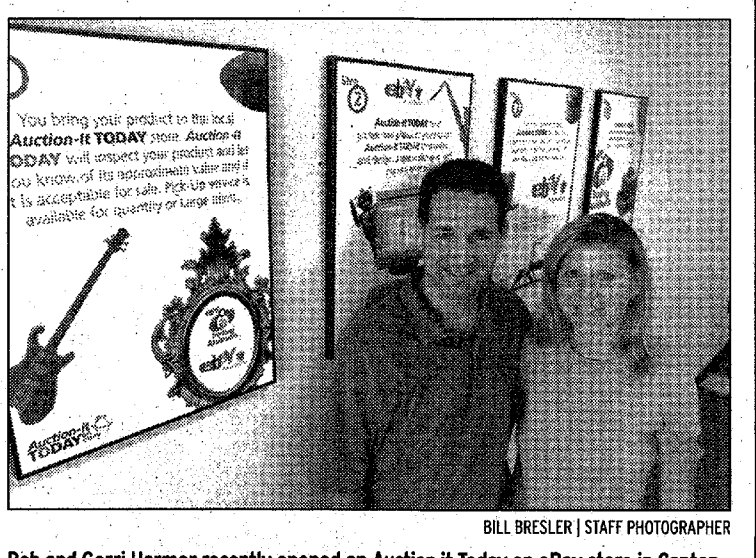

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Bob and Gerri Harmer recently opened an Auction it Today on eBay store in Canton.

Bob Harmer has sold just about everything but the kitchen sink using the online auction house eBay. But now that he's opened up an Auction it Today on eBay store in Canton, he's even selling one of those.

"That has to be about the weirdest thing we're auctioning right now," he said. "Someone is selling his entire kitchen - the cabinets, appliances and the sink."

Here's how it works: Customers bring in items they want to sell on eBay. Though Bob and his wife Gerri Harmer recommend minimum bids of at least $10, items can be anything, from household goods to electronics to jewelry to high ticket goods like cars and boats.

The Harmers help customers determine how much they should expect for their auction items, then photograph the goods, post them on eBay, and let the bidding begin. Bidding goes on for one week, at which time, the Harmers collect the money, ship the goods and a week later cut a check for the entire purchase price, less a commission, to the seller. Items which are not sold can be re-posted for auction, can be picked up by the seller, or donated to charity.

"It really takes all the hassle out of the experience," Bob Harmer said of why customers would come to the store rather than posting their own items on eBay. "It can be quite time consuming, and most people aren't set up to take the quality photographs we can. We are also able to merchandise the items better because we do this every day."

The Harmers discussed opening the auction store for months.

Bob Harmer had for eight years worked as an automotive designer, but before that had owned a few franchises, including a video store franchise and a sandwich shop. Gerri Harmer had been for years a business owner, operating a home day care service.

When Bob Harmer's employer began outsourcing design work, the couple decided to prepare for the worst. He looked to one of his hobbies - buying and selling on eBay, which he had done for himself, his family and his friends. He looked at two online auction franchises, and liked Auction it Today on eBay the best because it's local - headquartered in Brighton - and the company pays its franchises faster, which enables the franchisees to pay customers more quickly.

As it turned out, Harmer's hunch about impending layoffs was dead-on, and he was downsized. Fortunately the Harmers were ready to dive into their plans to open the store.

They found a 1,500-square-foot store on Joy Road in Canton. The store includes a front lobby where the Harmers greet and assist customers, as well as a warehouse area in the back of the store, where auction items are sorted by date and customer number.

Some items sell fast, and fetch a good price, Gerri Harmer said.

Items such as specialty tools, electronics, designer handbags and luggage, some designer clothing, and collectibles usually attract bids within seconds or minutes.

Other items - things that are very low-priced and would normally be found at garage sales, and jewelry (unless it's from a well-known jeweler such as Tiffany & Co.) don't sell particularly well.

The most expensive thing the Harmers have sold on eBay is a $27,000 Saab, to a buyer in Las Vegas. And right now, they have a car, two trucks and a boat posted, as well as a fair collection of smaller household items and antiques.

Having the store will enable them to sell things they would not have been able to sell from their home, such as overstock and out-of-season items from retails stores.

But sometimes the Harmers are surprised by what sells, so it never hurts to try, they said.

"We posted a spring-loaded wooden baby gate," Gerri Harmer recalled. "I figured it had very little value so I posted the minimum bid at 99 cents. It wound up selling for $30. When I asked the buyer why she wanted it, when she could buy new in a store for about that price, she said that she was looking for this particular model and couldn't find it anywhere. You just never know."

Auction it Today on eBay is located at 43351 Joy Road, at Morton Taylor. For more information, call (734) 207-7563, or visit online at www.auctionit-today.com.

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Boutique aims for name-brand niche

Consignment shop offers chance at clothing deals

BY BRAD KADRICH
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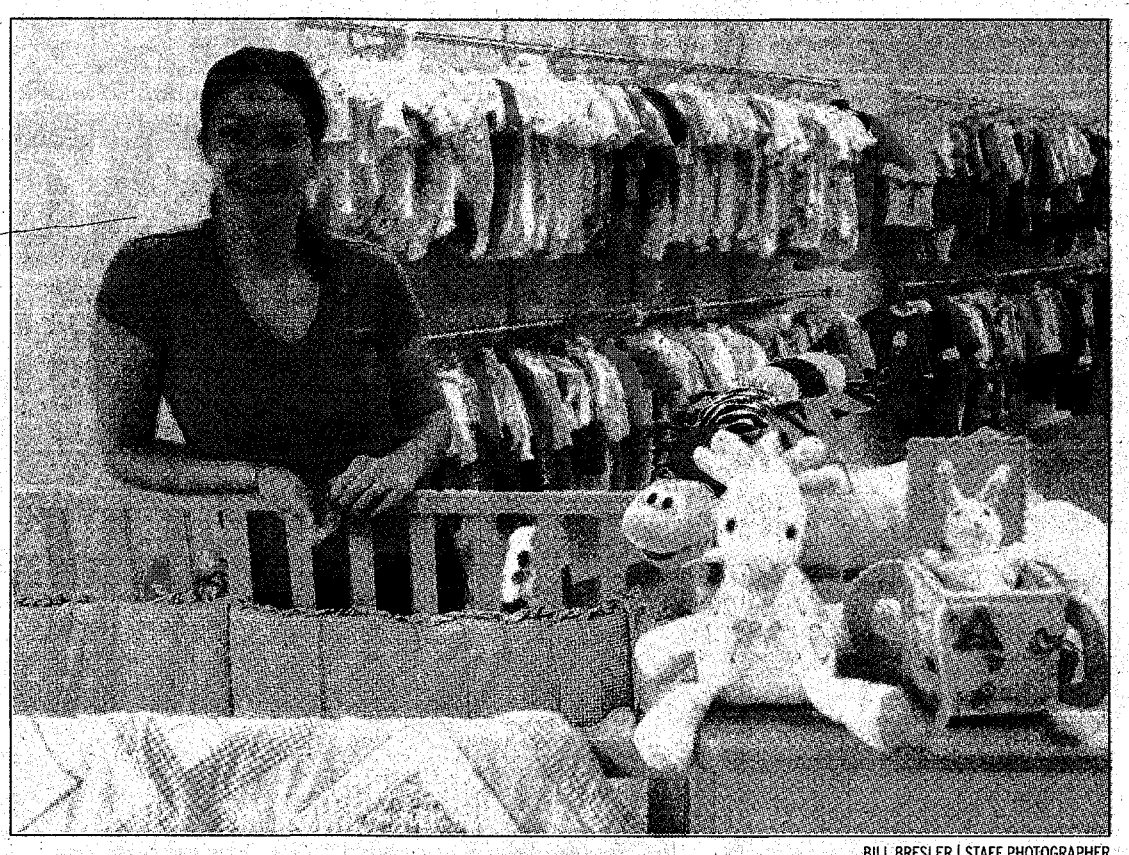

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Alyse Jividen opened Riley Grace Boutique, a consignment shop for children's and maternity items, in downtown Plymouth a few weeks ago.

Alyse Jividen knows new businesses frequently struggle, so when she was searching for a name for her new consignment shop, she wanted one that would help keep her motivated if times got tough.

The name came fairly easily to her, and the Riley Grace Boutique was born.

The store, named after Jividen's two daughters, is a consignment shop for children's and maternity clothes Jividen opened three weeks ago on Forest in downtown Plymouth.

"I just thought having something close to my heart might make me determined to work harder to keep it running if there are hard times," Jividen, 29, said of the name choice, picked for daughters Ava Riley, 5, and 3-year-old Emma Grace.

She's hopeful there won't be hard times, though, because she thinks there's a niche for a shop like Riley Grace. Jividen, a 2002 graduate of Wayne State University, got the idea from her own experiences as a new mother, and from watching friends pay top dollar for clothing and other baby accessories.

It can, as every parent knows, run into big money.

"A lot of the people you know have more than one child, and it's expensive," Jividen said. "If you can get good, brand-name stuff at a fraction of the price, that would be great."

Jividen started taking consignments in her Plymouth home. Riley Grace accepts gently used clothing on consignment for 75 days, with the consigner getting 50 percent (60 percent on items sold for $50 or more).

After 50 days, the items get marked down 25 percent. After 75 days, the items are either returned or donated to charity.

"Hopefully, that'll be rare that things get returned," Jividen said. "That's my goal."

Items available at Riley Grace are name-brand items — GAP, Ralph Lauren, Gymboree, Zutano, Mini-Boden. Maternity items from GAP Maternity, Mimi Maternity and A Pea in the Pod are also available.

Clothing has been the most popular seller so far, although Jividen said she's already sold a couple of bassinets. The signature piece so far is a crib/dresser combination put together by her husband, Jason, who assembles cribs in his spare time off from his job at Ford.

The crib is the showpiece in the Riley Grace window — for now.

"Jason put it together and it sold on the first day," Jividen said. "We've already had people lining up in case that sale falls through."

The couple is happy to be back in Plymouth, where Alyse Jividen, a 1994 Salem High School graduate, grew up. She moved away when she met Jason, and the couple recently moved back to Plymouth from Brownstown.

She said when they moved away, there didn't seem to be much attraction for young people. However, when they came back, she said, things were different.

"I couldn't believe when we were looking in the area there were moms and kids all over the place," she recalled. "The opportunity arose and I thought it would be a fabulous idea. I think there's enough business to go around in Plymouth."

So far, she's been right. Jividen said there hasn't been a day go by yet when someone didn't come in to consign something; likewise, she's made sales every day since the Aug. 8 opening.

"In an environment like this, everything is nice," Jividen said. "We look over the clothing really close, make sure it's all good. It works out well for the consigners, and it's good for the buyers, too."

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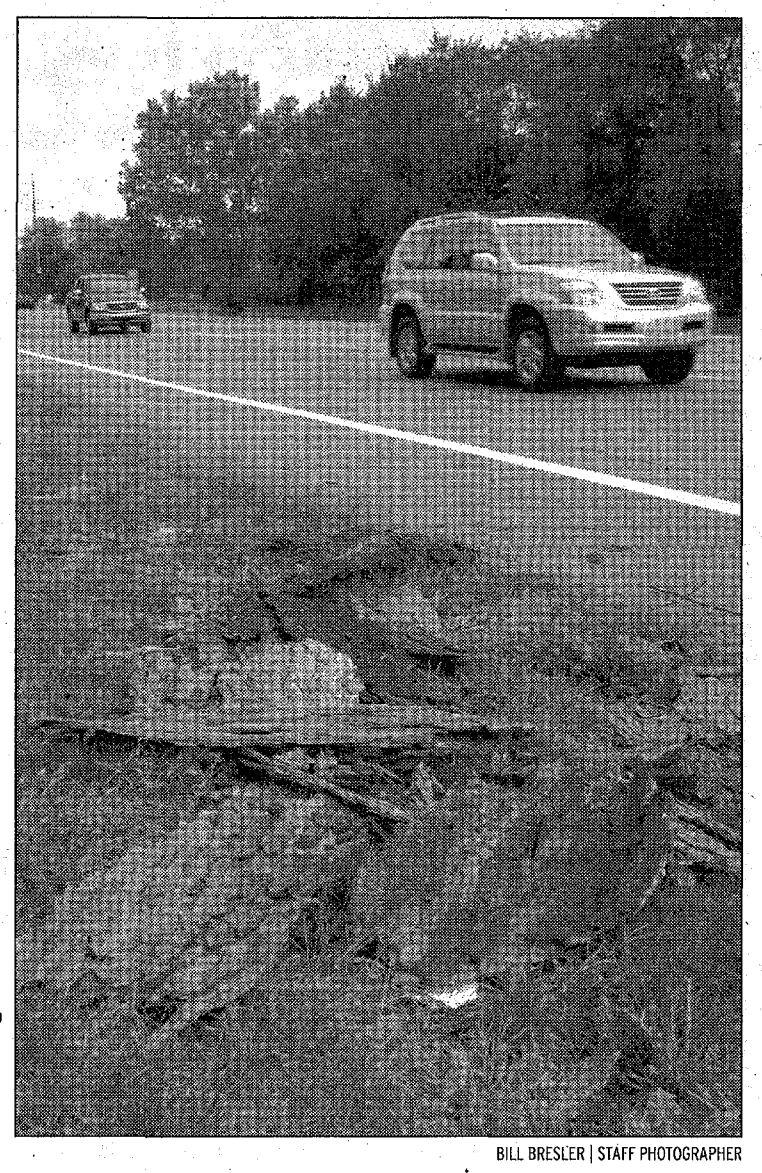

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Large pieces of bark and branches fall out of this tree, on the north side of Ann Arbor Road just east of Canton Center. The county hopes to remove the tree by next week after residents complained about it.

TREE

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officials to take down the Ann Arbor Road tree, and others on the same priority list.

"They have to be cut down by the end of the fiscal year because of the way money was allocated," Sanders said. "I'm hoping it can come down this week, but certainly by the end of next week it should come down."

Removal of the tree can't come soon enough for residents like Winebrenner.

"Branches on that kind of tree can fall at any time," he said. "I've also learned that, though most dead branches fall during storms, large limbs can also fall during absolutely calm weather. The bottom line is these limbs could fall at any time, and that's not safe."

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BOND

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"I just wonder what other property is available," Gonzalez added. "We're building a new middle school a mile from Discovery (Middle School). To me, it seems like we're making the same historical mistake that was made before, when all (the middle schools) were built too close together. I would like to put together a bond steering committee and do some in-depth research on what our district needs."

According to a survey completed by EPIC/MRA and pollster Ed Sarpolus, voters turned down the proposals, in part, because they thought the district was seeking too much money and that athletic and extracurricular improvements in the proposals weren't necessary.

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).

Vice President Judy Mardigian said she's prepared to move forward with a bond, but not just to recoup money for the general fund budget.

"It's to provide additional space for overcrowding," Mardigian said. "But if we don't go for February, we lose our window of opportunity, so $2.3 million in cuts are almost a certain reality. There's almost no way around it.

"If we seriously go down a road where we're not sure if we want to go in February, we need to take a hard look at what kind of reductions we're willing to stomach, what kind of class sizes we're willing to accept, because I don't see how we avoid that," she added. "It's not a scare tactic, it's a reality. It's not the reason to go for a bond, but it's certainly a factor."

Trustee Steven Sneideman said while he supports collecting updated data, he's almost certain a new middle school on the purchased property is a good idea.

"If we're going to decide on elementary school additions, whether it's a new school or additions to existing schools, we need to understand it ourselves and be able to explain it," Sneideman said. "The same for the middle schools.

"We still bus hundreds of kids from Canton to Plymouth every day, and I think that says a lot," he added. "I would like to get more specific on that to understand where the kids are who are traveling miles to get to school to verify it's the right property. I think logically it is, but I still want to verify it."

Sarpolus told trustees they aren't far off from passing a bond, considering the first question garnered 49 percent of the vote. He noted confusing ballot language on how much taxpayers would pay in additional millage made it difficult for voters to say yes.

"If your ballot language is confusing, or what you say to them is different than what they read on the ballot, they're more inclined to vote no," Sarpolus said. "Not because it's necessarily no against the proposal, but because they're confused."

Sarpolus said trustees and the bond steering committee need to start immediately educating residents on the issues, as time is running short to reach the 78 percent of people who don't have children in the school district before a February ballot proposal.

Nancy Eggenberger, the co-chair of the bond steering committee, said Sarpolus had some good points in the survey.

"I don't think we did a good enough job of helping people understand the issues," Eggenberger said. "We understood the needs, but we didn't do a good enough job of helping people understand them.

"I liked the idea of getting senior citizens more involved in the schools," she added. "There are so many ways they can help that would be great, like reading to elementary school kids. The more we get the community involved, the better off we are."

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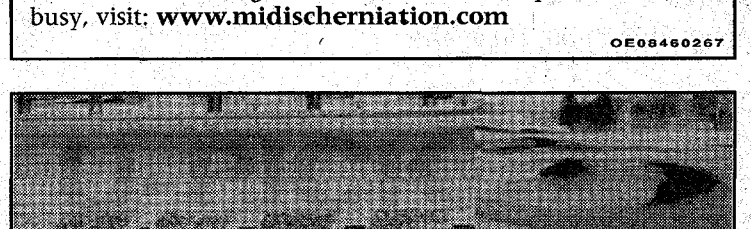
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Glenn holds a state-regulated license to offer financial services and specializes in advising senior clients on how to preserve their assets, increase their income, and reduce their taxes. Author of the book "Mistakes Retirees Make With Their Finances And How To Avoid Them", Glenn said his mission is to "help retirees plan for a financially secure future."

In addition to being an approved member of the NEB, Glenn is also a member of the Society of Ethical Agents, the American Academy of Safe Money Specialist and was named as a "Who's Who" in Executives and Professionals. He has earned the prestigious Certified Senior Advisor (CSA) designation through advanced study on topics such as Social Security & Taxation, Medicaid, Senior Housing & Assisted Living, as well as specialized courses on Financial & Estate Planning for Seniors. He's received the Certified Fund Specialist (CFS) designations through the Institute of Business & Finance and the Certified Elder Planning Specialist (CEPS) through the Institute of Elder Planning Studies.

Dul scholarship

Aubrey Oldford, daughter of Larry and Michelle Oldford of Plymouth, has received a $1,500 scholarship from the Dul Foundation in Plymouth.

Oldford is entering her senior year this fall at Michigan State University and plans to graduate in June with a degree in pre-law. Last summer, Oldford had the opportunity to study abroad in Eastern Europe and recently volunteered at Capital Area Humane Society in Lansing. Oldford's mother, Michelle Oldford, is employed with Clips & Clamps Industries as Sales & Marketing Manager.

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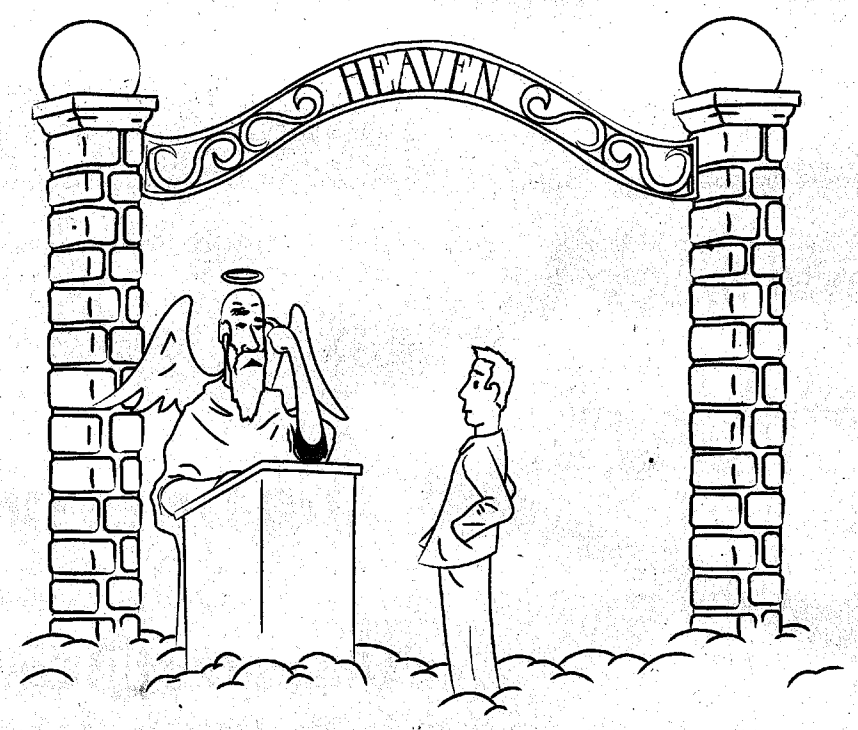

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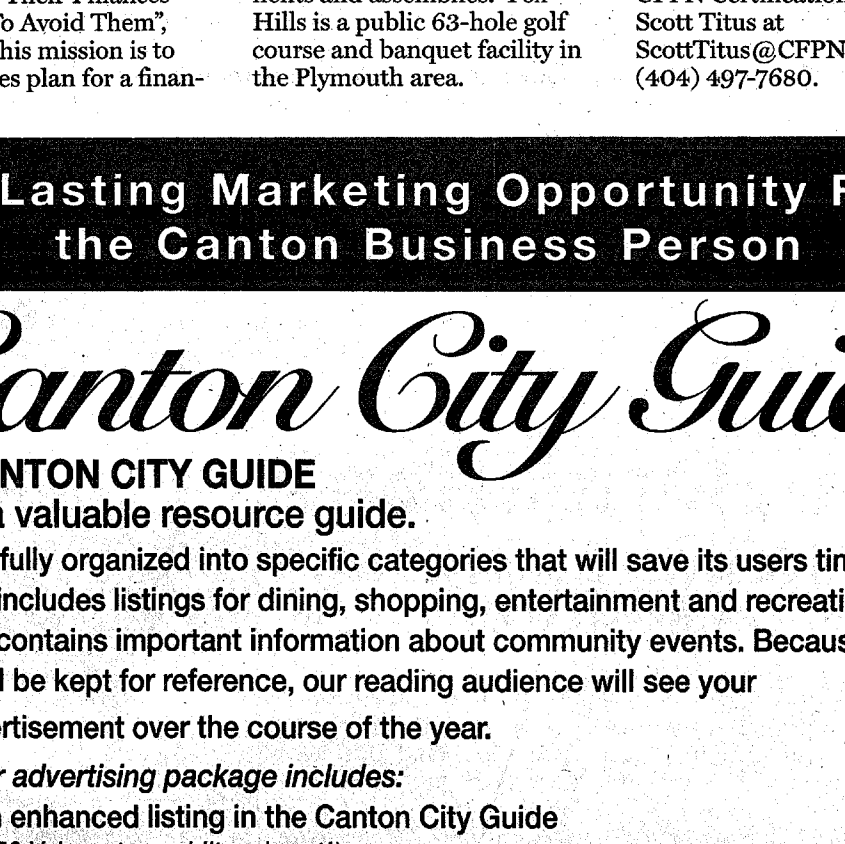

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Police warn of vehicle break-ins

Plymouth Township police have a practical warning for township residents, particularly those on the west end of town: Lock your car.

According to police, township residents have been hit hard by a recent rash of car break-ins, particularly in the west end.

In all cases, police say, suspects are apparently cruising neighborhoods, checking the door handles on parked cars. If vehicles are found unlocked, thieves are entering the vehicle looking for items that are easy to steal: loose change, laptop computers, Ipods, etc.

"We are reminding residents to be diligent regarding vehicle security," said department spokesperson Jamie Senkbeil. "We're also asking any resident who may have seen anything or anyone suspicious to call us."

The Plymouth Township Police Department can be reached at (734) 453-3869.

AROUND TOWN

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

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Fall training begins Sept. 5. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Sally Ride festival
Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30, at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend. The Ann Arbor Science Festival will take place at the University of Michigan on the North Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is $18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration required. Teachers, parents and students can register and learn more about the festivals by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561-5161.

St. Mary's classes
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers the following classes and programs:

■ St. Mary and the Alzheimer's Association offer an Alzheimer's Grief and Loss Support Group the first Thursday of each month, starting Sept. 7, from 3-4:30 p.m., in Classroom 1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The group offers information, discussion and support to family members, friends and caregivers who care for someone in the end-stage of dementia, or have lost a loved one. There is no fee, and no registration is required. For more information, contact Audra Frye, (248) 426-7055.

■ An education course, "Families in Action," a 10-week course for families dealing with a loved one with a mental illness. Classes are held Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Nov. 7, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. For more information or to register, contact John Tait, (734) 655-5812.

■ The hospital's Bariatric Center celebrates its first anniversary with a Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the community 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in an outdoor tent on the hospital's north grounds. There will be gently used clothing for sale for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL). The 70 St. Mary Mercy Hospital bariatric patients have lost a total combined weight of over 3,800 pounds. For more information, call (734) 655-2692.

■ St. Mary Mercy offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its Bariatric Center. To learn more about it, the hospital offers a free educational seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

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.

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 to 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

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

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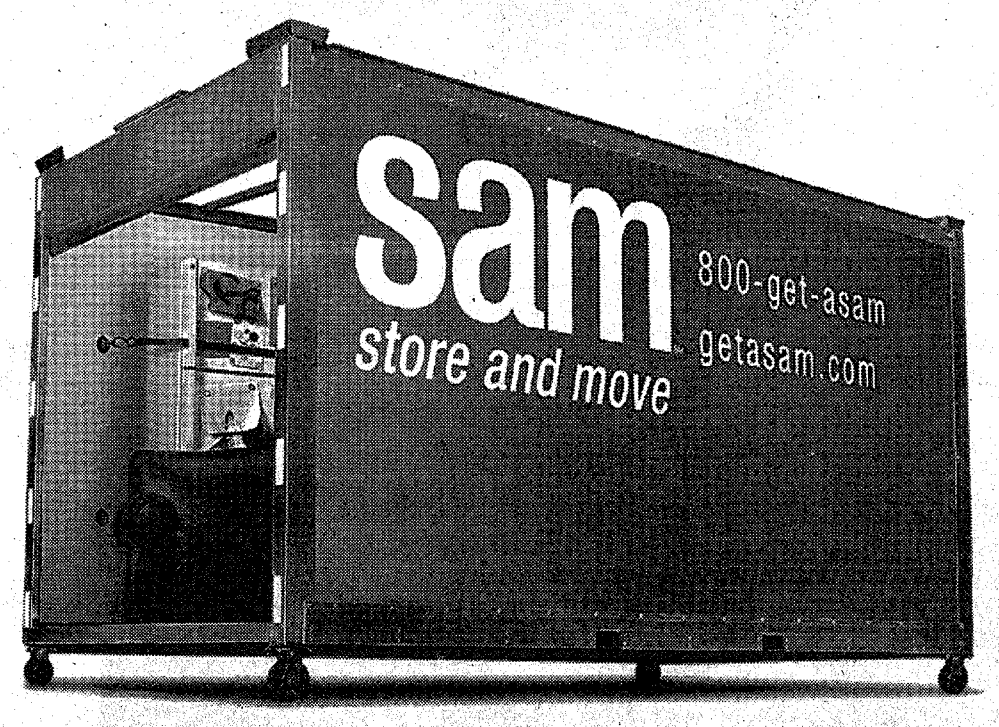

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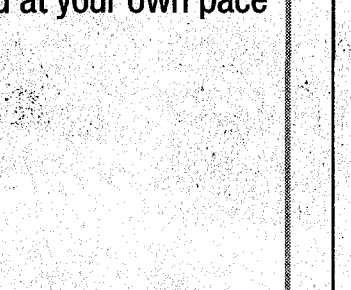
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Trendy style meets thrifty budget at new H&M

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On Sunday, Aug. 31, Twelve Oaks mall in Novi will welcome the addition of Swedish fashion retailer H&M, Hennes & Mauritz.

The opening marks the third Michigan location for H&M. Stores at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor and Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights opened last spring. While the store may be new to the area, the H&M brand has been an established source for affordable, trendy clothing and accessories for more than 50 years.

"The city of Detroit has strong roots in the music and automotive industries and these influences are woven into the fashion scene," said Sanna Lindberg, H&M's U.S. country manager. "We are thrilled to bring fashion and quality at the best price to the Twelve Oaks Mall, and offer our Novi customers a means to express their personality with H&M."

The single-story location measures approximately 6,000 square feet and will focus on women's fashions. It also offers H&M's first lingerie department in Michigan.

Customers are expected to run out on opening day to purchase the tracksuit H&M designed for Madonna this year. It will be available in black, white and purple – with separates starting at $24.90. The retailer is also known for its collaborations with style icons like Stella McCartney and Karl Lagerfeld.

Twelve Oaks Mall marks the 105th H&M to open in the U.S. To celebrate the opening, the retailer will offer the first 100 customers a complimentary shirt and a 20 percent discount.

Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Twelve Oaks Mall. H&M will open at 27474 Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 449-7053.

What's in Store

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.

Drivers need to be cautious, heed kids

As nearly 1.8 million Michigan students (pre-K-12) prepare to head back to school, AAA Michigan reminds motorists to slow down and watch out for pedestrians.

"Children get caught up in the excitement of the season and forget to look out for cars," said Jack Peet, AAA Michigan community safety services manager. "Many youngsters have trouble making accurate judgments about traffic speed and distance, so drivers have to particularly aware."

One-fifth of all children 14 years or age and younger who die in motor vehicle crashes are pedestrians, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These pedestrian fatalities are more likely to happen in the afternoon hours, when school is letting out.

Drivers should look out for children who may dart out into the street near school zones, playgrounds, bus stops and in neighborhoods.

AAA's School Open - Drive Carefully campaign encourages motorists to stay alert in areas where children are present, paying special attention during the morning and afternoon hours while children are coming to and from school.

Drivers should look out for children who may dart out into the street near school zones, playgrounds, bus stops and in neighborhoods. School-age children can be especially vulnerable in areas with heavy traffic volume, parked vehicles on the street, higher posted speed limits and few pedestrian-control devices.

As part of the School's Open - Drive Carefully campaign, AAA Michigan offers drivers tips to keep school children safe:

- Studies show that more than one-third of motorists in school zones or neighborhoods just "roll through" intersections with a stop sign. Slow down in or near school and residential areas, and be sure to come to a complete stop in all intersections.
- Drive with your headlights on – even during the day – so children and other drivers can see you.
- Look for clues such as AAA School Safety Patrol members, crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds which indicates children could be in the area.
- Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.
- Practice extra caution in adverse weather conditions.
- Pay particular attention near school during the morning and afternoon hours.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading and unloading students.

"Drivers should always be aware of their surroundings, but especially around children," said Peet. "Remember: school's open – drive carefully."

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OUR VIEWS

Unions still matter during hard times

On Monday we celebrate Labor Day, a time to reflect on the important contributions of workers in the growth and prosperity of the United States and on the special place of organized labor in the country's political and economic history.

But these are hard times for America's unions. In 2005, only 12.5 percent of wage and salary workers were union members. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, that marked a decline from a high of 20.1 percent in 1983, the first year for which comparable union data was available. But figures from the Labor Research Association report union membership in 1954 at 32.3 percent of the workforce.

Locally, the decline in the auto industry is creating new concerns for the United Auto Workers. A proposal by Ford Motor Co. to offer buyouts to its 82,000 hourly workers in the U.S. could mark a sharp reduction in UAW membership, which was already reeling from similar buyouts by General Motors earlier this year.

Corporations have been quick to move operations to the union-resistant South and to undeveloped countries where unions have been unable to gain a foothold.

Unions have been forced to accept major concessions on wages, health care and pensions which many members see as a retreat from past victories against corporate unwillingness to share profits.

The ascendancy of a conservative Republican Congress and president have also cost key government support for union causes. It is a changing economic world and some would argue that America's unions have been slow to understand the changes and adapt.

Young workers have no memory of what conditions were like before unions and often regard union membership and union dues as an imposition.

These are hard times, indeed, for organized labor. But it is important to remember that, especially in southeast Michigan, unions lifted the majority of workers and their families into the middle class. They fought for and won the eight-hour day, affordable medical coverage, good wages, safer work conditions, a voice in company operations for workers, day care programs, wider acceptance of women and minorities in the workforce and much more.

Perhaps they have peaked, but unions will continue to be a voice in this region and nationally, even as they struggle to define what their role will be.

Later start won't alter education

All over the state, as summer begins its decline into autumn, children are starting to get antsy, just as their parents are growing ever more excited. Most schools in the state will begin classes Tuesday, meaning it's just about time for the kids to put down the video games and soccer balls and once again pick up the books.

Actually in years past, most children would already be in class, but a new state law is taking effect this year in more and more school districts across the state that prevents school from starting before the Labor Day holiday weekend. Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the law, Public Act 144 of 2005, into law Sept. 29, 2005.

The only exceptions to the rule are districts that already had teacher contracts in place before the law was signed that specify the days teachers will work.

The point of the law is to give a boost to the state's tourism industry by letting families take advantage of the holiday weekend and go on vacations later into the summer. Some critics have said the law means the state is putting the economy ahead of the education of our children.

But the law really doesn't alter the amount of instruction students must have during the course of the school year. Schools are still required to provide nearly 1,100 hours of instruction. Districts just need to figure out how to squeeze those hours of instruction into the course of the school year. Some districts have chosen to end a week later in June, while others have eliminated the number of days they have off during the year.

The Tourism Industry Coalition of Michigan and other pro-business groups have advocated the change for years, believing it could mean an estimated 2,000 new jobs, more than $100 million in economic activity and another $10 million in added tourism-related tax revenue for the state that wouldn't have occurred if school started before Labor Day.

Perhaps those numbers are pie in the sky, but for small towns across the state that rely on summer tourism, the change could be significant. It will give them an extra week in which their cash registers will be ringing. That can only be a good thing for a state economy that hasn't exactly been humming along in recent years.

Plus, giving families some extra time to spend together shouldn't be frowned upon, despite the fact that some parents are ready for the school year to start (e.g., get the kids out of their hair). What's one more week?

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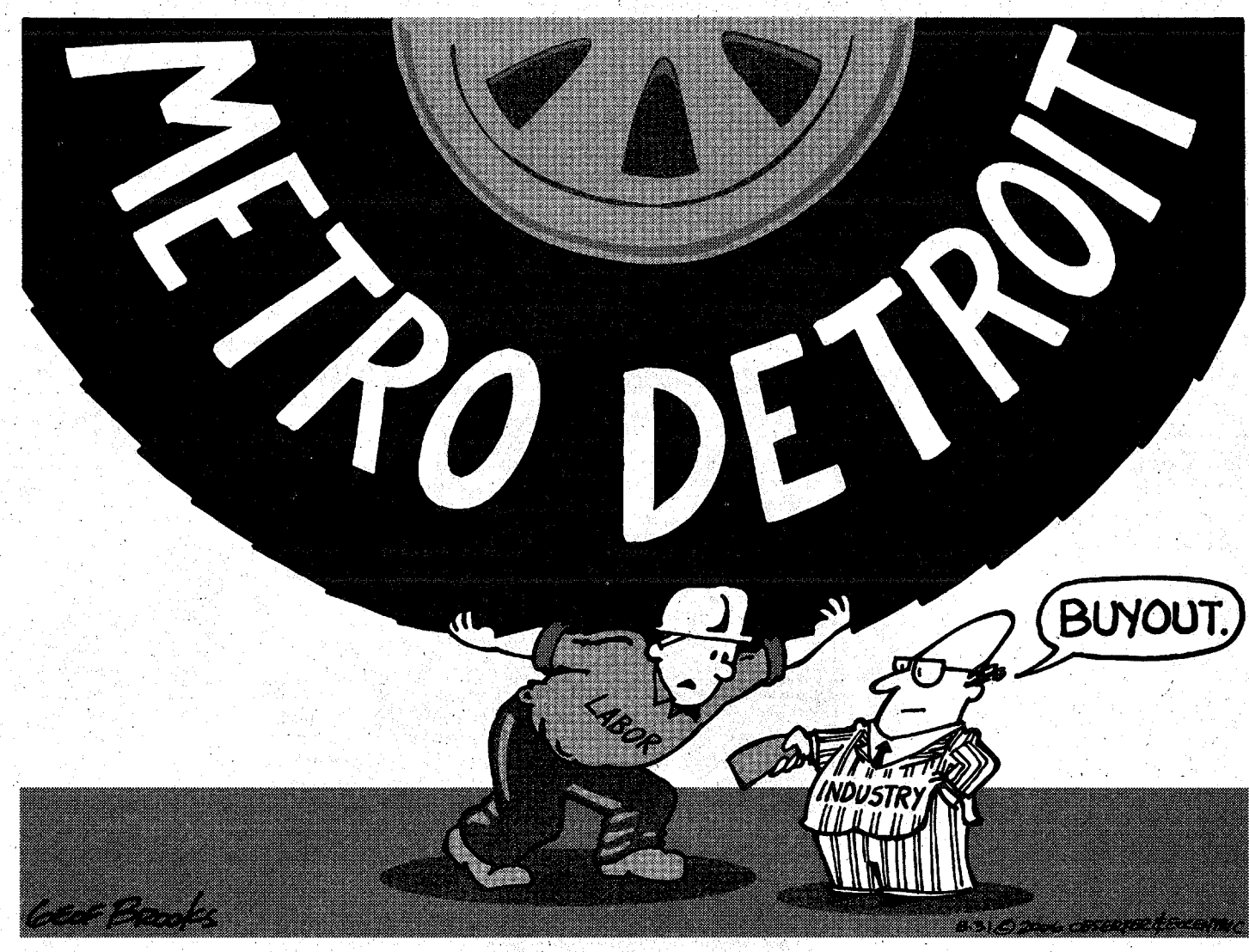

LETTERS

Simple premise

I have just come from the Plymouth-Canton school board meeting where survey results were presented regarding the recently failed school bonds.

To those of us who perform customer-focused business analyses, the results of the survey were far from surprising. They were simple. Give your customers a product that provides them with a value and they will buy it.

In the case of the schools, this "product" is a viable bond proposal and the results of the survey confirm what many of my fellow community members attempted to tell the school leadership prior to the May bond.

The proposals the district brought forward did not reflect the priorities of the community. In addition, the district could not show us how it would pay to operate the additional facilities it wanted us to pay for.

I think the survey simply validates what many of us were saying ... "wrong bond." All we asked was to show us why your proposal is a value and how you will pay to operate it and we'll buy it. Instead, the superintendent, the bond steering committee, the school board and even some of their family members personally attacked its customers and told us we were "not for the kids" if we didn't vote for a bad bond proposal.

Give your customers a product that provides them with a value and they will buy it. Pretty simple to me and I didn't even need the survey.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Permanent light

Thank you in behalf of the homeowners of the Plymouth Commons Subdivision for your article about the traffic light at Ridge and Ann Arbor roads ("Residents want Ridge light to be permanent," *Plymouth Observer*, Aug. 27).

Kim DelCol is a resident in our subdivision and the near tragedy she experienced involving her daughter is just one example of our concerns about the possible removal of that traffic light. There probably isn't a single homeowner, at least in our subdivision, who hasn't had a "near miss" or other problem with that intersection.

While the construction work on M-14 has definitely increased traffic on Ann Arbor Road, it has only served to bring an existing problem to MDOT's attention. The intersection sits at the top of two hills with limited visibility both east and west. Together with speeds of 50 to 55 mph (often greater, since the next traffic light westbound is five miles away), a driver entering the intersection can often underestimate their reaction time.

The current light should stay in place for the same reasons that MDOT used to justify it in the first place. The cost of installation is over with, the maintenance issues are minor and the benefits are already being enjoyed. And just because the traffic count will drop when work on M-14 is completed and the accident/fatality statistics that MDOT uses to judge its worthiness diminish, doesn't mean the risks disappear altogether for our children, spouses and friends.

Unfortunately, I'm not sure if any of the MDOT officials live in the area where their own family members might face this intersection. If they did, we probably would see a different opinion from their office!

Paul W. Bortell III
Plymouth

Anything possible

The Michigan Department of Transportation officials warned Ridge Road area residents that the light was only temporary.

George Romney told us the Michigan income tax was only temporary.

So what the hey! Anything is possible in the Land of Lakes, when it comes to official statements. No breath holding, please.

Dick Ford
Plymouth

Approve road millage

It was with some significant interest I read your article ("Road fund out of money," *Plymouth Observer*, Aug. 13) regarding the lack of current funding to finish the city of Plymouth street/road rebuilding program.

As was noted by Shawn Keough of Wade Trim, the original program did not include, nor did it envision, the current level of repair and/or rebuilding of the city's street network.

The original program was intended to provide for the milling and resurfacing of streets with little or no effort put into curb rebuilding or any repair or replacement of the roadbed or underground infrastructure (water and sewer).

In other words, the project was, in my humble opinion, cosmetic in nature with a relatively short life span, and did not address underground utilities or road base structure and their respective failures. Granted, some streets did merely need resurfacing and little more. Commissioner Loiselle hit the nail on the head when he "noted everything was wrong" as little planning or forethought was really given to the project for the long term.

After some fits and starts as to how to proceed, the 1999 City Commission suggested the proper approach to the project should be to identify those areas where there were significant occurrences of water main breaks and or sanitary and storm sewer problems. Also under consideration would be the condition of the street surface itself and traffic volumes.

The analysis conducted by the city administration and Wade Trim provided a priority list and repair road map far more comprehensive, and somewhat different, than the original plan.

The City Commission was advised and knew that the remaining bond proceeds would likely not cover the extent of repair and replacement recommended, but it was the intent of the commission to provide the best possible level of repair and replacement with available dollars and look to a voter-approved future extension of the road millage to finish the project.

The plan as currently executed has provided for not only the replacement and repair of street surfaces but also the attendant roadbeds, and significant water and sewer improvements. The water and sewer improvement work has led to many fewer water main breaks and lessened the infiltration of ground and storm water into the sanitary sewer system.

It should be noted that water loss within the system due to main breaks and water infiltration into the sanitary sewer system both have a significant financial impact on the City's Water and Sewer Fund operations. It should be further noted that the Water and Sewer Fund paid for the upgrades to the water and sewer system. Street repair bond proceeds were not used to upgrade the water and sewer system.

The improvements to date provide for a long-term fix, and have a long-term positive effect on property values in the community. I would venture to say that there are likely very few communities in Michigan that have undertaken such an aggressive approach to public road and utility infrastructure repair and replacement. It would be a shame not to see this program continue and therefore I would encourage voters to approve an extension of the millage and the current project program. Some of you may say that's easy for me to say as I no longer live in Plymouth, but I did pay the millage through 2004 and felt it was a good investment in the city.

Seeing as I lived on a concrete paved street, with few if any surface or utility problems, it is therefore very likely I would have been on the very end of any project priority list. If still living in Plymouth, I would most certainly vote for extending the 2-mill levy to fund ongoing street improvements, as such improvements are mutually beneficial to all residents and taxpayers.

William S. Graham
former mayor and city commissioner
60-plus year resident

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"It's specifically based on the performance on the MEAP tests ... Not only the achievement level, but also improvement over time. What's occurring there is we're not achieving at the level to meet the standard ... "

- Mike Bender, Plymouth-Canton director of secondary education on why Starkweather failed to meet AYP requirements

Labor Day should be more than parties and parades

More than a hundred years ago, workers decided they deserved a day of celebration for their labor. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

Whew, a holiday weekend is about to begin — hooray! Labor Day is here. I can smell the hot dogs cooking, hear splashing in the lake and swimming pools and the know the moans from the kids and cheers from the parents are ahead, realizing that summer is over and it is back to school!

Yet, Labor Day should take on a particular significance this year with Michigan's unemployment rate at 7 percent — nearly twice as high as the national average — and the fear that is caused by the constant drum beat of negative economic news pounding on both white- and blue-collar workers.

Tom Watkins

It does not seem to matter if you are living in affluent neighborhoods or working-class communities, few do not know the personal human tragedy that the loss of income and hope can cause.

Has a member of your immediate family lost a job recently? Or perhaps it's a neighbor who is out of work. You can see the financial and emotional strain of unemployment. It takes its toll on friends and family alike.

More than a hundred years ago, workers decided they deserved a day of celebration for their labor. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. It was dubbed the "workingman's" holiday! Peter McGuire, an Irish-American cabinet maker and pioneer unionist with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, proposed a day dedicated to all who labor.

McGuire introduced his idea May 18, 1882, at a meeting of the Central Labor Union.

"Let us have a festive day during which a parade through the streets of the city would permit public tribute to American Industry," he said.

The holiday was born in New York City and it spread across the country as the rights of workers were demanded and won.

On June 28, 1894, long-time labor antagonist President Grover Cleveland, under pressure from the voters, signed a bill establishing the Labor Day holiday.

While the idea of a labor holiday originated in New York City, there is no place on earth as identified with the labor movement as Detroit. The United Automobile Workers union not only fought for better wages and working conditions, but has a proud tradition of fighting for social justice for all Americans.

Clearly, this great country of our was based on extraordinary vision, principles and ideals, but it was built by blood, sweat and tears of working men and women. We built a nation that has the highest standard of living for working people in the history of the world. Our workers are the most productive and have helped define our skylines, build interstate highway systems, connect peninsulas and islands with magnificent bridges, picked up our trash, educated our children and. with Rosie the Riveter, made Detroit the Arsenal of Democracy and helped us win two world wars.

Yet, as my teenagers like to say, "That was then — this is now."

Today, with the shrinkage of the domestic auto market bought about through technology and foreign competition, the "American Dream" is fading for many Michigan autoworkers who are slipping out of the middle class.

The blue-collar middle class in Michigan and America is clearly being eroded and many fear it will become extinct if something is not done soon.

For Michigan and America to remain strong, we cannot mortgage our workers' future, our basic principles of fairness and our way of life. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives and the vibrancy of our democracy depend on the strength of working men and women of this country.

We cannot expect to build a better world and spread democracy while we undermine and impoverish the American worker.

Yet sadly, much of the enthusiasm for working men and women to "celebrate" their day is melting away like an ice cream cone on a hot summer day.

So today, every American should get "mad as hell" and in the fine labor movement tradition demand that our government, at every level, do something, or as FDR said, "Do something and if that does not work, do something else, but for God's sake, do something!" to protect our way of life.

Here are some suggestions.

- Demand that President George W. Bush meet with the auto executives and work on policies and laws that benefit our auto industry.
- Protect our intellectual, innovative and creative property from foreign competitors that are stealing us blind.
- Develop a training and retraining program that will rival the Marshall Plan to provide the skills, training and education to every worker in need.
- Invest in education, especially math, science and the arts. Be bold, like President John F. Kennedy was when he called for putting a man on the moon within the decade. Propose big ideas and pledge to make America the creative, innovative brain bank of the world.
- Find ways to provide affordable, decent health insurance to the more than 43 million (and growing) people without it.
- Invest in research and development.
- Support global trade, but assure that it is fair and enforceable.

On this Labor Day, let the American people, with Michigan leading the way, put pressure on today's president and Congress to invest in America's working men and women.

Now that would be something to celebrate.

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.

There's a lot going right as district begins new school year

Our No. 1 goal is improving student achievement, and we have proof that our students are doing just that. We had all 15 elementary schools and all five middle schools earn "A's" on their Educational Report Card. We had every school but our alternative education school make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). We celebrate the fact that we measure up, and expect all our schools to continue improving.

Recently, I was able to view a videotape titled, "Celebrate What's Right with the World." It featured Dewitt Jones from *National Geographic* magazine talking about his philosophy of life. He said he has learned during this life not to wallow in what was wrong with the world. There are plenty of challenges we face and it can be easy to be negative.

However, Jones was uplifting as he talked about his vision for himself. That vision caused him to have passion and creativity, and allowed him to celebrate what is best in people. It caused me to make some adjustments to my personal attitude and realize there is much to celebrate in what is right with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan

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We will open our 16th elementary school next week when more than 700 students come to Thomas Workman Elementary School. Located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Denton Road, this building was completed on time and under budget. It is how we show respect for and thank our taxpayers for their support.

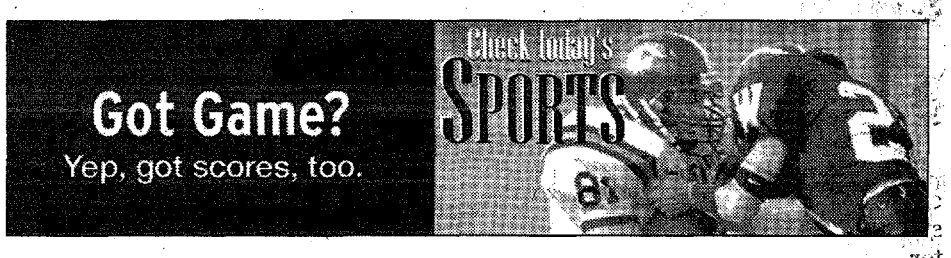
Remodeling work has also been completed at Farrand, Fiegel, Gallimore and Isbister Elementary Schools, as well as at West Middle School. These renovated buildings join Allen, Bird and Smith Elementary Schools in the lineup of schools that have new ceilings, floors, windows, air conditioning, etc., that will serve our students well for many years to come.

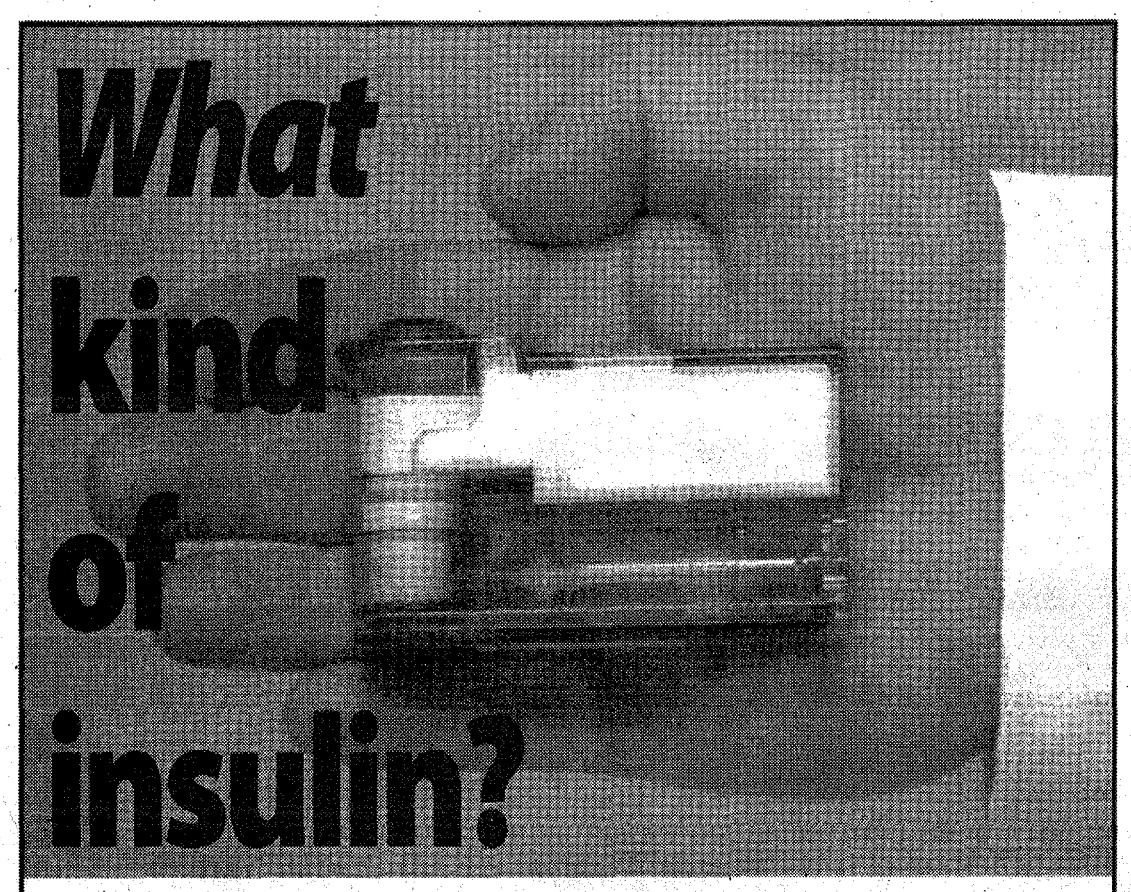
Our enrollment will again grow for the 2006-07 school year. With almost 1,000 new students arriving in the last two years, we anticipate more than 400 new students will attend the fifth-largest school district in the State of Michigan this year. We are a destination for many parents who want quality schools along with the quality of life provided in the six communities that make up the district.

Finally, our Board of Education continues to work hard on a decision regarding our building needs. Ed Sarpolus from EPIC/MRA has reported the results of a survey ordered by the board, and they continue to meet to discuss their options. This board has taken very seriously the input from the community and this survey, and is working hard to decide this district's biggest needs to be addressed by a future bond issue.

As you can see, there is much to celebrate about what is right in our school district. I have high hopes that the 2006-07 school year will bring us further success and continued student achievement. I hope you will continue to stay informed about the activities and the growth of our school district. We want to be worthy of your trust and support. I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan is superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.





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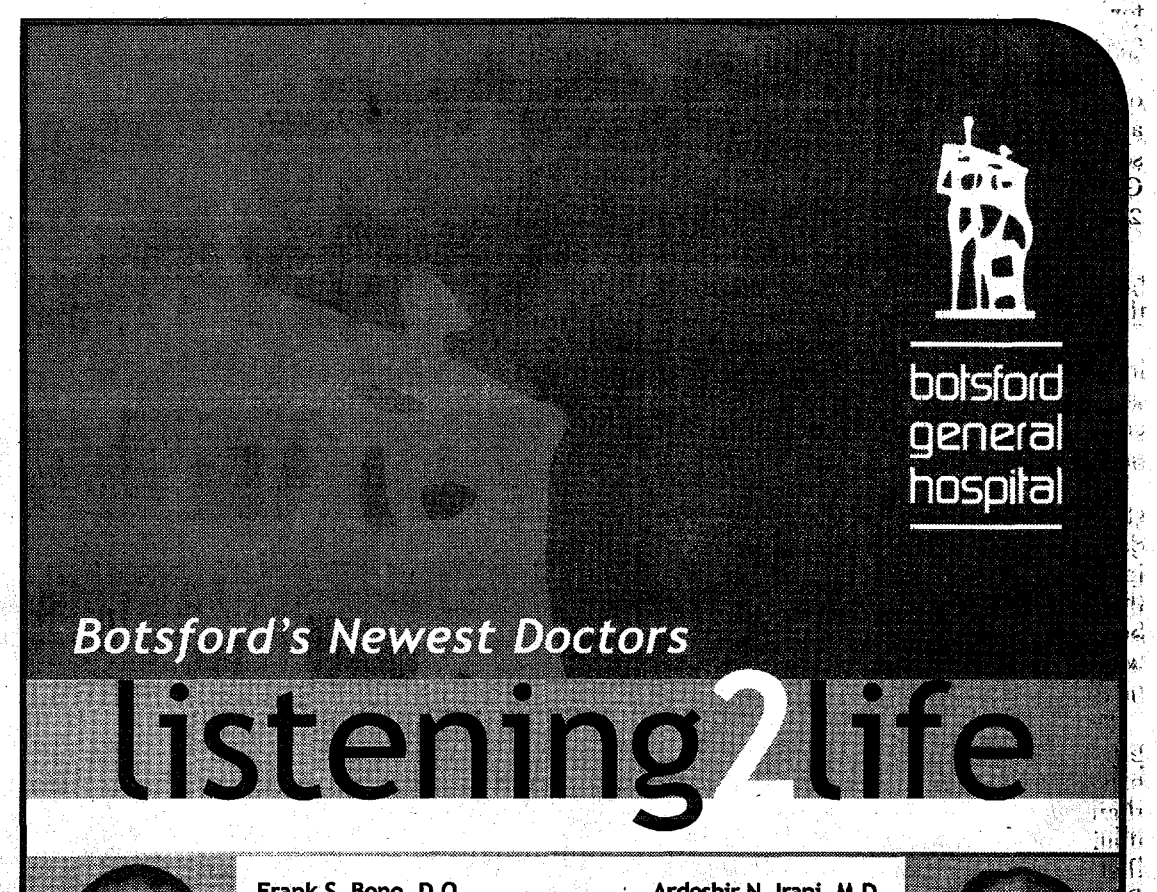

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First year of college critical to success

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

It seems pretty obvious – to succeed at college you have to go to class. But according to a national expert on college students' first year, many students fail to grasp the idea.

"Where do students get the notion that they can choose not to go to school?" said Dr. Betsy Barefoot, co-director of the Policy Center on the First Year of College in North Carolina.

"In public school, we are particular about attendance with truant officers and such. In college, we turn the tables and it's really up to you. We turn control over to the student."

Barefoot is bringing her expertise to Schoolcraft College as part of the school's First Year Initiative. The Policy Center on the First Year of College began 1999 with a grant from the Pew Charitable Trust as an outgrowth of the University of South Carolina's National Center for the First-Year Experience. The nonprofit independent center now operates out of Brevard, N.C.

"We work to help colleges and universities improve the first year and the way they bring students into the academic experience," Barefoot said.

Schoolcraft is one of 36 colleges involved in a yearlong analysis and improvement plan. Central Michigan University is the only other Michigan school involved.

Barefoot

On Monday, Barefoot met with Schoolcraft staff and faculty. She will be surveying staff, faculty and students.

"I will be a coach, reactor, critical friend. I will respond to everything they do," she said.

The first year is thought to be critical for the success of a college student.

"The first year is often a time period when students solidify whether to pursue higher education or not pursue higher education," Barefoot said. "It affects attitude – is this important, significant or a waste of time. Students decide to get a major or change a major. They get good grades or they dig a hole they have a hard time getting out of."

She said the A students will get down to business but what were once known as "gentleman C" students will have a hard time making their limited goal unless they adjust to such simple rules as going to class and reading their textbooks.

"As Woody Allen said, '90 percent of success is just showing up,'" she said.

Adjusting to college is even harder for students at a commuter college like Schoolcraft, where students are often trying to balance school, work and family. Barefoot said the college's small class sizes and strong student support system have been helpful.

"We suggest that institutions create a welcoming and friendly environment, where students are brought in as members of the academic community," Barefoot said.

She urges students to meet with faculty on an informal basis and interact with them as mentors and role models. She also suggests that students become involved with other students through campus activities.

"Students need to know what is expected of them, but we also think that colleges need to be explicit about what they expect but also need to know what students expect of them," she said.

Here are some other suggestions for first-year students:

■ Make friends with someone in class whom you don't know. If you already know classmates, this will bring new friends into your life. If you come into the class knowing no one, you now have a friend and that can be helpful if you need to borrow someone's notes or are confused about an assignment.

■ Be sure to attend orientation. Orientation is optional on most campuses, but Barefoot said it is important to learn all you can about the campus. "Not participating in orientation is like buying a car without having the operating manual," she said.

■ Become involved in a campus activity such as a club or as a volunteer. You will begin to feel more a part of the institution and find your niche.

■ If you need to work, find an on-campus job and limit the hours to 20 or fewer. Working on campus is a way to get to know the institution from the inside, as well as meet faculty and staff.

■ Make college a priority in your life.

■ Parents should be supportive. They should provide some financial help if possible to let students experience being a full-time student. They should encourage students who live on campus to stay on campus and not come home for weekends.

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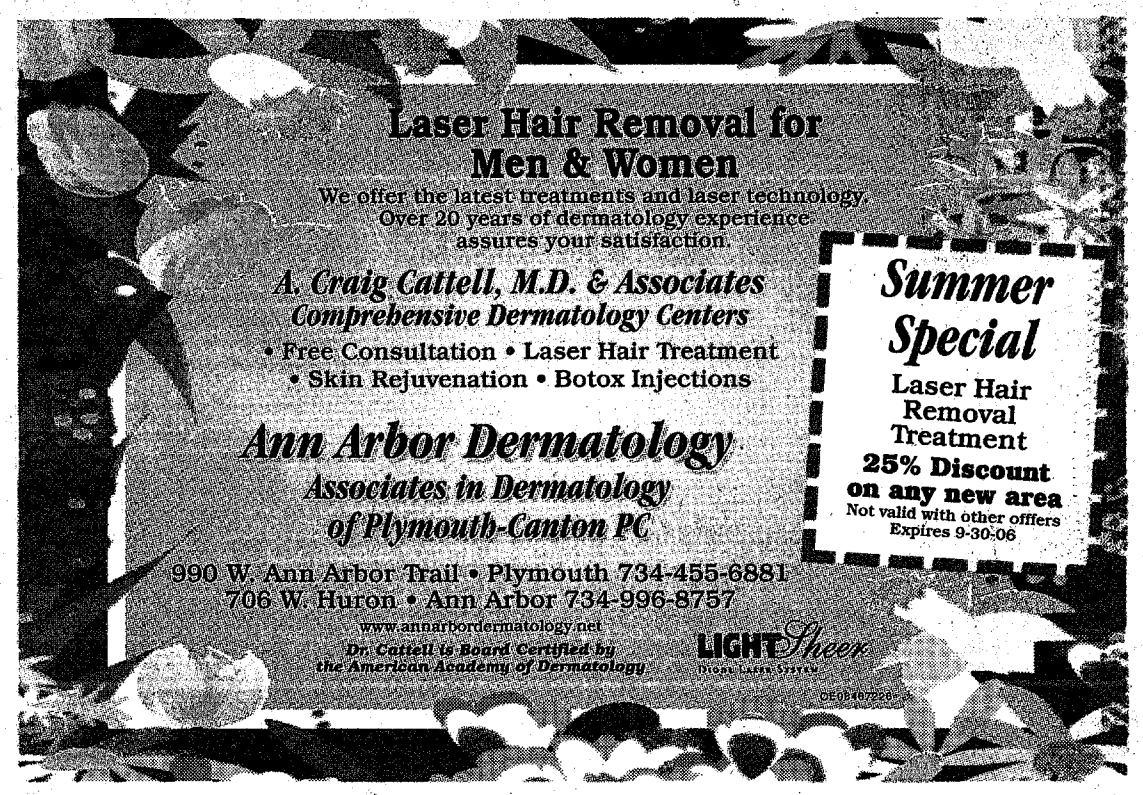

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- August 22, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo, Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda adding G-20, Consider Tentative Preliminary Plat for Sheldon Estates Subdivision. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by * to approve the Board Joint Study Minutes of July 17, 2006. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Abstain: Bennett (absent) Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of July 18, 2006. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Abstain: Bennett (absent) Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes for July 25, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments:** Kay Caccamo, Rosemary Caccamo, Elizabeth Toth-Nowak, Dan McCausland and Charlie Page spoke in favor of presenting the American flag, and yellow ribbon at Todd Caccamo's place on the dais. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Expenditure Recap for August 8, 2006**

General Fund	**101**	**$ 374,136.78**
Fire Fund	**206**	**138,364.40**
Police Fund	**207**	**149,837.46**
Summit Operating	**208**	**69,648.09**
Street Lighting	**219**	**18,511.39**
Cable TV Fund	**230**	**2,738.15**
Twp Improvement	**246**	**827.00**
E-911 Utility	**261**	**37,629.91**
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	**267**	**1,182.73**
Federal Grants Fund	**274**	**100.00**
Auto Theft Grant	**289**	**261.61**
Downtown Dev. Auth.	**294**	**34,199.47**
Cap Proj-Road Paving	**403**	**1,159.50**
Golf Fund	**584**	**45,918.04**
Water & Sewer Fund	**592**	**1,674,864.17**
Trust & Agency Fund	**701**	**50,109.13**
Construction Escrows	**702**	**38,880.52**
Post Employ. Benefits	**736**	**49,898.36**
Total - All Funds		**2,688,266.71**

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Expenditure Recap for August 22, 2006

General Fund	**101**	**$ 251,342.35**
Federal Grants Fund	**274**	**540.00**
Fire Fund	**206**	**18,177.64**
Auto Theft Grant	**289**	**99.50**
Police Fund	**207**	**214,508.14**
Cap Proj-Road Paving	**403**	**240,092.07**
Summit Operating	**208**	**5,011.20**
Golf Fund	**584**	**37,053.36**
Cable TV Fund	**230**	**685.00**
Water & Sewer Fund	**592**	**417,431.69**
Twp Improvement	**246**	**75,947.93**
Construction Escrows	**702**	**71.25**
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	**267**	**39.00**
Total – All Funds		**1,260,999.13**

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR GREENFIELD DIE & MANUFACTURING CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the public hearing for September 12, 2006, to Consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation for new personal property at their facility located at 7295 Haggerty Road. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR DIVERSIFIED MACHINE, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILTITES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the public hearing for September 12, 2006, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Diversified Machine, Inc. for new personal property at their facility located at 7261 Commerce Blvd. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD OF CANVASSER'S REPORT OF THE AUGUST 8, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the report of the Board of Canvassers meeting of August 10, 2006 and to attach these minutes to the August 22, 2006 meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried by all members present.

Charter Township of Canton Vote Certification Form: Write-Ins/Precinct Certified Delegates
Primary Election, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan

Precinct #	Name	Office	Party Affiliation	Certified Vote Total
10	John C. Williams	Delegate to County Convention/Precinct Delegate	Democratic	1
27	Patricia H. Murray	Delegate to County Convention/Precinct Delegate	Republican	1
33	Cynthia Johnson Williams	Delegate to County Convention/Precinct Delegate	Democratic	2
35	Patrick Slavens	Delegate to County Convention/Precinct Delegate	Democratic	3
37	Robert Bovitz	Delegate to County Convention/Precinct Delegate	Republican	1

The remaining unofficial election results can be found on the Canton website at www.canton-mi.org, voting. Item 4. AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK TO SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PLYMOUTH CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Clerk to sign the easement agreement with Plymouth Canton School District for the public square on the corner of Denton and Cherry Hill. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR DELTA KAPPA GAMMA'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for Delta Kappa Gamma's annual craft fair on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at West Middle School. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. CAPITAL PROGRAMMING - TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TRANSCRIPTION MACHINE. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to reprogram Police Capital Outlay Account 207 301 977 0000 from Line Item # 1 in the amount of $672.50 in order to create a new capital line item for the purchase of Dictaphone System, #0003752, Micro Cassette ExpressWriter Plus Transcription Version (with foot control & headset) including a 1-year warranty from DTP Sales & Services, 3984 Pepsi cola Dr., Melbourne, FL 32934. Cost Center P00049 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. CAPITAL REPROGRAMMING FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE PROJECTOR. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to reprogram Police Capital Outlay Account 207 301 977 0000 from Line Item #1 in the amount of $971 in order to create a new capital line item for the purchase of Sanyo PLC-XU73 2500 lumens portable projector from Sanyo Presentation Technologies, 21605 Plummer St.., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Cost Center P00049 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) MOM TO MOM SALE. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for Tri-City Christian MOPS Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, September 10, 2005, at Tri-City Christian Center at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. B2 LLC, BOWMAN, KERCHEN AND BIESDIADECKI REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution rezoning request of B2 LLC, Bowman, Kerchen and Biesdiadecki. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of B2 LLC, Bowman, Kerchen and Biesdiadecki WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 24 acres located on the north side of Cherry Hill Road between canton Center and Beck Roads be rezoned from RR, Rural Residential and R-2, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District ; and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and, WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone tax parcel nos. 063-99-0031-000, 063-99-0032-000, 063-99-0033-000, 063-99-0035-000, from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District; and to rezone the north part of parcel no. 063-99-0036-000 from R-2, Single-Family Residential to R-3, Single- Family Residential District. Item 2. CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LAND USE CONDITIONS FOR TACO BELL/KFC RESTAURANTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution to amend special use for Taco Bell/KFC. Motion carried by all members present.. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Amended Special Use for Taco Bell/KFC WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Eric Rauch, has proposed to amend the special land use approval for Taco Bell/KFC, located on Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Old Canton Center Roads, identified as tax EDP #133-02-0075-306 to adjust the hours of operation from 7:00am through 11:00pm to 10:00am through 2:00am; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed adjustment of hours to be inconsistent with the surrounding development and recommended closing hours be restricted to 12:00a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 2:00a.m.on Friday and Saturday; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent/ inconsistent with the surrounding development and subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Eric Rauch, to adjust the hours of operation for the Taco Bell/KFC to 10:00a.m. through 2:00a.m. daily subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Or NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE adjusted closing hours for the Taco Bell/KFC to 12:00a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 2:00a.m. Friday and Saturday subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 3. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR T-MOBILE MONOPOLE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for T-Mobile Monopole. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for T-Mobile Monopole WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Mark Jones, has requested special use approval for TMobile Monopole to be located on Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Beck Roads, identified as EDP# 131-99-0016-701 ; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives of the Township, subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Mark Jones, to conduct the special use for the proposed T-Mobile Monopole subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR BECK ROAD FROM MICHIGAN AVENUE TO GEDDES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to amend approve the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and the County of Wayne for the asphalt pavement on Beck Road from Michigan Avenue to Geddes Road . Motion carried by all members present. Resolution Whereas, the Charter Township of Canton believes quality roads are a vital part of any community, and Whereas, certain improvements were necessary to Beck Road from Michigan to Geddes to increase traffic safety and to encourage economic development, and Whereas, the Charter Township of Canton had committed to paving Beck Road from Michigan to Geddes Road and County of Wayne and Canton Township entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on June 15, 1999, and Whereas, the Charter Township of Canton paid it's share in the amount $257,000 on 8/15/2000 and Wayne County has the final project cost is $662,149.03 of which the County's share is $529,719.22 and the Township's share is $132,429.81 that resulted in an overpayment by $124,570.19 to be reimbursed by Wayne County, and **Now, therefore be it resolved,** that the Canton Township Board of Trustees does hereby approve the proposed Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and County of Wayne for the asphalt pavement on Beck Road from Michigan Avenue to Geddes, and **Be it further resolved,** that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Beck Road from Michigan Avenue to Geddes Road on behalf of the Charter Township of Canton. **Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PURCHASE ORDER NO. 60374 IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,450 TO NATURE'S WAY LANDSCAPING & DESIGN FOR RESTORATION WORK. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase PO 60374 to Nature's Way Landscaping & Design in the amount of $6,450 for restoration work completed for the 2005 sidewalk program. These $11,400 in total funds to be taken from the $12,470 retainage held from Audia concrete's contract for the 2005 sidewalk program. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PURCHASE ORDER NO. 50234 IN THE AMOUNT OF $27,063.50 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PILGRIM HILLS WATER AND SANITARY SEWER PROJECT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to decrease PO 50233 by $27,063.50 and increase PO 50234 in the amount of $27,063.50 to MLP & Associates for additional work performed for the Pilgrim Hills Water & Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED FEE SCHEDULES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Municipal Services Department fee schedules dated August 22, 2006 to become effective on September 1, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS TO DDA FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SIGN ORDINANCE REVISIONS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the reimbursement of $19,000 to the DDA for the Township's share for the contracted professional services to revise the Township's Sign Ordinance; and further, that the charges be made against account #101-853-818-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item. 9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PURCHASE ORDER NO. 54513 IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,337.99 AND PROVIDE PAYMENT TO COOP-ARZ EXCAVATING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,217.50 FOR THE RIDGE ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase PO 54513 to Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc. in the amount of $2,337.99 (Construction in Progress Account # 592-000-158-000) for additional work completed on the Ridge Road water main project. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to provide final payment to Coop-Arz Excavating, LLC in the amount of $3,217.50 (Construction in Progress Account # 592-000-158-000) for additional work performed. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. APPROVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that Canton Board of Trustees establish the position of Executive Director of Public Safety and Operations, name John Santomauro as the Executive Director and in recognition of John's long and successful service to Canton enter into a five year retirement incentive agreement to retain Director Santomauro's services. In consideration for his continued employment, Canton will purchase one year of service time, up to five, in the MERS retirement system. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to establish a position of Executive Director for Public Safety and Operations. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Board of Trustees accept the assignment of right to purchase tax parcel 71-052-99-0013-000/ commonly known as 930 N. Lotz Road from Dearborn Realty for future road right-of-way. The purchase price and closing costs shall not exceed $138,000 and will be funded from the Community Improvement Fund. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. BUDGET AMENDMENT POLICE – JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PURCHASES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of the following equipment funded by Justice Assistance Grant funds: Audio equipment for the front desk, Zoom camera for the booking room, Wall mounted television/DVD/VHS for the briefing room, Three DVD/VHS combination players, DVD/VHS combination recorder, Six PDA's, Six memory sticks, Scanner for the Detective Bureau, Display Board, Four monitors for Dispatch Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment for these equipment purchases: Increase Revenues:
Federal Grant-LLEBG/JAG #207-000-507-0000 $11,167
Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 $11,167
This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from $14,030,371 to $14,052,258. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF TWO RESCUE SQUADS (AMBULANCES). (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the purchase of two rescue squads to Rolland Specialty Vehicles & Products, Inc, PO Box 6888, Toledo, OH 43612 in the amount of $237,880, Fire Capital Outlay Equipment 206 336 977 0000, Cost Center P00055 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. APPROVAL OF BID TO PRINT THE FOCUS NEWSLETTER. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid for printing the monthly *Focus* Newsletter with National Wholesale Printing Corp. for a twelve month period, for $25,884 (Communications, Printing and Publishing, Account #101-240-900-0000), and further, that pursuant to the bid specifications, the bid may be extended for an additional two year period upon mutual agreement of National Wholesale Printing Corp. and the Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. BUDGET AMENDMENT – TRANSFER OF POSITION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION BUDGET TO LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the transfer of the Volunteer Coordinator position from the Community Services Division to the Leisure Services Department: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Community Services Salaries	#101-250-705-0000	$(20,658)
Fringe Benefits-Community Services	101-250-720-0000	(8,263)
Salaries-Leisure Services Dept	101-750-705-0000	20,658
Fringe Benefits- Leisure Services Dept	101-750-720-0000	8,263
Total		$0

This budget amendment decreases the Community Services Division budget from $338,538 to $309,617 and increases the Leisure Services Department budget from $494,696 to $523,617 and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present.
Item 16. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT – COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE REASSIGNMENT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment to move the Council for Community Excellence budget from the Township Board Department to the Recreation Services Division: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Council for Community Excellence (Rev)	#101-101-880-0100	$ (5,000)
Council for Community Excellence	101-101-880-1000	(7,500)
Council for Community Excellence (Rev)	101-691-880-0100	7,500
Council for Community Excellence	101-101-880-1000	5,000

This budget amendment decreases the Township Board Department budget from $451,697 to $439,197, increases the Recreation Services Division budget from $2,204,635 to $2,217,135, and does not change the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present.
Item 17. INTERFUND TRANSFER & BUDGET AMENDMENTS – LAND PURCHASES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of $285,859 from the Public Improvement Fund to the Community Improvement Fund for the purchase of property. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer: PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from

Fund Balance	#245-000-699-0000	$285,859

Increase Appropriations:

Transfer to Community Improvement Fund	#245-265-965-2460	$285,859

This budget amendment increases the Public Improvement Fund budget from $1,449,226 to $1,735,085.
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND: Increase Revenues:

Transfer from Public Improvement Fund	#246-000-676-2450	$285,859

Increase Appropriations:

Capital Improvements-Public Works	#246-440-970-0000	$285,859

This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from $3,609,401 to $3,895,260. I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the purchase of property from Wayne County: Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101-000-699-0000	$50,776

Increase Appropriations:

Capital Outlay-Land & Improvements	#101-200-971-0000	$50,776

This budget amendment increases the General Government Dept budget from $644,204 to $694,980 and the General Fund budget from $28,081,649 to $28,132,425. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 18. AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the emergency purchase of chemicals for pythium control at Pheasant Run to Turfgrass, Inc., P.O. Box 667, South Lyon, MI 48178, in the amount of $5,315. Funds for purchase order #60902 are to be taken from Account 584-**756-930-0000, Maintenance and Repair of Grounds. Motion carried by all members present.**
Item 19. APPROVE PAYMENT FOR SALT FOR THE 2005-2006 WINTER SEASON. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the payment of bulk salt to Wayne County, Accounts Receivable, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226 in the amount of $12,643.19. Funds are available in the 2006 Parks budget account number 101-270-930-0000, Maintenance and Repair. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 20. CONSIDER TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SHELDON ESTATES SUBDIVISON. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for tentative preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates Subdivision. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Tentative and Final Approval of the Preliminary Plat for Sheldon Estates Whereas,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, has requested tentative and final approval of the preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates to be located east of Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, identified as EDP# 085-99-0005-701; and, **Whereas,** the Planning Commission reviewed the Tentative Preliminary Plat and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant tentative approval of the preliminary plat, and whereas the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the plat and made a recommendation to approve the plat as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **Now therefore be it resolved,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, to grant tentative and final approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Sheldon Estates, subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any additional conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **OTHER:** The Board Study meeting for August 29, 2006 is cancelled. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

– Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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Hot Rod Helen

Weekly rides keep 88-year-old local woman going strong

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Forget Motorcycle Mama. Helen Pigeon is a motorcycle great-grandma.

The 88-year-old Canton woman regularly rides on the back of the bike owned by her son, Jim Pigeon. In fact, they have a standing date to ride on Tuesdays, after playing pool at the Shark Club on Ford Road.

Helen Pigeon sounds like an unusual senior, but the widowed grandmother of five (she also has five great grandchildren) says the rest of her weekly activities are more sedate. "I play a little bridge," she said.

While she likes both pool and biking, Helen says she is not too good at either.

"Jim says it just gets me out of the house," she said

Helen has been riding since her son first took to riding motorcycles in 1964, when he was just 18. Jim, a retired Detroit police officer, is now 60.

"It's fun," Helen said. "I like it because you can look up and see the blue sky."

Jim's reasons for riding were originally different. "It's a chick magnet," he admitted, laughing.

The pair usually take Jim's Yamaha touring bike, although he also owns two choppers. "The back seat is more comfortable," Jim said about the Yamaha.

Their usual route is through Hines Park, where they also go for the annual Mother's Day Run, an event put on by ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education). Both Jim and Helen are members, and Jim is also awareness director for the Wayne County division of ABATE.

This year, it rained on the date of the run and attendance was lower than usual, Jim says, so the trip to Hines Park almost didn't happen, but his mother would have none of it.

"Mom said, the heck with it, let's go," Jim said.

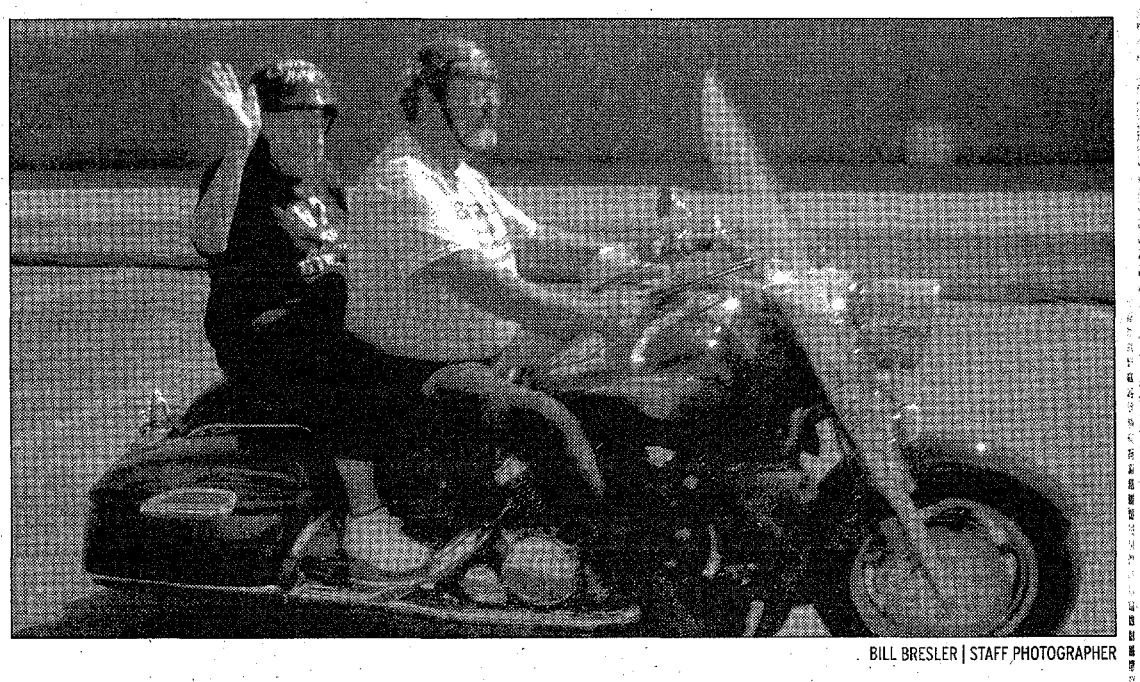
"They had me in a water suit. I was completely covered," Helen said. "It was very exciting. I enjoyed it."

Helen admits that their standing date to take the bike out on Tuesdays is rarely canceled due to inclement weather. "Well, maybe if the snow's too deep," she said.

The duo always wear helmets, as is Michigan law, although Jim says ABATE has tried to get the law changed to make helmet wearing a choice. "A helmet has never prevented an accident," he said. He's a strong proponent of freedom of choice, so even though he was a policeman, Jim says "I'm not necessarily in favor of seat belt laws."

Jim, who has been in a few motorcycle accidents, teaches motorcycle awareness to kids in driver's education, and in the class, he stresses overall safety rather than focusing on helmets. He says he tells the kids that you have to be very wary of car drivers when you're a motorcyclist. "You would be amazed at the crazy things people will do – (like) cut right in front of you," he said.

Helen also supports making the wearing of helmets optional. "I think it's just up to the individual, really."



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- Canton, Inkster, Livonia, and Plymouth (including Crestwood School District) - Starfish Family Services at (888) 887-9980
- Harper Woods, Highland Park and Hamtramck - Wayne Metro CAA at (313) 957-3043
- Wayne and Westland - Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center at (734) 419-2630

ERA supporters boost women's rights

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

To date, 35 of the 38 states needed have ratified, including Michigan. There is no longer a time limit on ratification, Callow told the approximately 50 supporters.

Jane Strand of Detroit tells her children and grandchildren of the importance of passing the Equal Rights Amendment.

"The Equal Rights Amendment needs to be ratified. Equity is still an issue," said Strand, who represented the state American Association of University Women at a Saturday tea celebrating Women's Equality Day. "Young women probably feel they don't need it. They haven't come through what we've come through."

Strand was also at the Livonia Civic Center Library Aug. 26 to represent One United Michigan, working for "no" votes on this November's civil rights initiative on the Michigan ballot. She noted that women in Michigan earn only 67 cents to a man's dollar, in 49th place among the states.

Laura Callow of Livonia was among speakers. She's chair of the sponsoring Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies, the education arm of Michigan ERAmerica.

"We are celebrating the 86th anniversary of women getting the right to vote," Callow said. "We still need a second constitutional amendment to guarantee all our rights."

She gave a legislative update on the ERA, which was introduced in 1923 by Alice Paul just a few years after women won the vote. The ERA passed both houses of Congress and became an amendment in 1972, going to states for ratification.

To date, 35 of the 38 states needed have ratified, including Michigan. There is no longer a time limit on ratification, Callow told the approximately 50 supporters.

She cited Illinois, Missouri, Florida and Arkansas as states where legislative action will be under way in 2007.

"You have to keep reminding people," Callow said. "There's a whole new generation that needs to be educated."

She cited attacks against Title IX, which includes guarantees of equity for women and girls in school sports. Callow urged the women and men present to push for equity in sports scheduling.

"I'm happy to tell you the ERA has not gone away," Callow said, adding that women's rights have been threatened recently by the Bush administration.

Strand spoke briefly on the November ballot issue on affirmative action, noting it continues to give women and minorities a level playing field and opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have.

Mickey Edell of Canton, state AAUW president, was among those present. She noted that women have power, and should observe "the importance of celebrating Women's Equality Day."

Three women who recently died – Betty Friedan, Coretta Scott King and Detroit Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey – were remembered Saturday, with Faith Robinson reading a poem in their honor. Lynette Brown of Bloomfield Township re-enacted the story of 19th century suffragist Ernestine Rose, who was born in Poland, moved to America and worked for women's property rights.

"Keep on working because good can happen," she told them in representing Rose.

Co-sponsors for the day were AAUW, the League of Women Voters of Michigan, Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom of Metropolitan Detroit.

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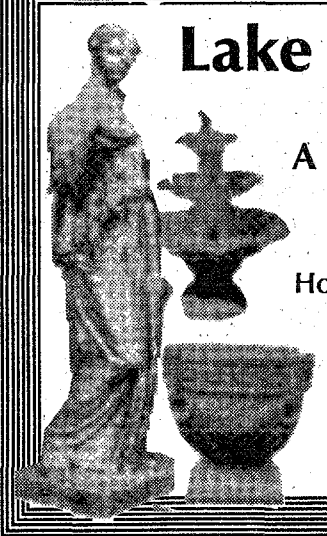

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER

Special worship
Services are planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Victor Halboth 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford. Halboth has served at Grace Lutheran Church since 1957. His wife Blanche has been church secretary for 35 years. Leading the services will be their son, Rev. Timothy Halboth, senior pastor at Grace church. A reception follows each worship service in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call (313) 532-2266.

Mackinac Bridge walk
Walk the bridge Labor Day 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.

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.

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.

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.

Laugh out loud
Guest comedian is Nazareth 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets $5. Free child care provided. Presented by Single Point (age 30 and older). Call (248) 374-5920.

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.

Bicycling group
10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, take I-275 south to Exit 1A (South Huron Road), east on Huron to park entrance, south to Washago Pond. 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.

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.

Family festival
Begins with a picnic at noon Saturday, Sept. 9, 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.

GriefShare
A free recovery seminar and support group begins 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. Call (734) 941-1511 or (734) 941-1670. For more information, visit www.griefshare.org.

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.

Ladies Bible studies
Begin Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.
Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress 9:30-11:15 a.m. ($15 registration feed includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor 6:45-8:15 p.m. ($20 fee and no child care.

Lay Caregiver program
Register by Sept. 13 for program with Dr. Paul Melrose, executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center, who discusses what is the safe and appropriate sense of space and distance between people 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is $10. Call (248) 474-4701 or send e-mail to info@samaritancounselingmichigan.com.

Yard sale
Various tables of goodies including used household items, miscellaneous items and specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants and crafts of all kinds 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. There will be a used clothing sale inside the church for $1 a bag (plastic grocery), a good court, and a special drawing for two elephants. For information, call (734) 722-1735.

Monthly breakfast meeting
Bethany Suburban West meets Saturday, Sept. 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479 for information.

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.

Community picnic
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at New Beginning United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Join in the fellowship, fun, games, and food. For information, call (313) 255-6330.

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.

UPCOMING

50th celebration
St. John Bosco Church celebrates its 50th anniversary with a 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 1, with Adam Cardinal Maida presiding, reception follows the mass in Sheltreau Hall, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

Blood drive
The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Parish mission
7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 8-12, at St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Refreshments follow in Social Hall. Rev. Richard Hart OFM Cap. presents Sharing the Good News. Sunday evenings topic is What is the Treasure We Share?, Monday - Too Good a Secret to be Kept, Tuesday - Do You Love Me?, Wednesday - Are we a Forgiving Community? (reconciliation service), and Thursday - A Work that Cannot Fail. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

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 Church is at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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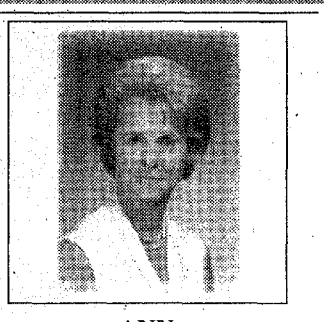
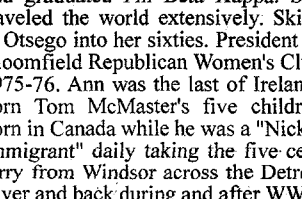


ANN McMASTER SCOLLAY

Age 87, of Troy, MI died peacefully August 24, 2006. She didn't fully recover health and coveted independence following hip surgery three years ago. Widow of George Scollay who died in 1980 after four decades of marriage. As a young secretary at Albert Kahn Associates, Ann moonlighted as an Oleg Cassini model. At mid-life, she started at Wayne State University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She traveled the world extensively. Skied at Otsego into her sixties. President of Bloomfield Republican Women's Club 1975-76. Ann was the last of Ireland-born Tom McMaster's five children born in Canada while he was a "Nickel Immigrant" daily taking the five cent ferry from Windsor across the Detroit River and back during and after WW1. He was a finish carpenter on such construction as the Michigan Theater Building in downtown Detroit. Graveside services for Ann were private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with Rev. Lana Russell. A Memorial Tea will be held at Kirk in the Hills at 3 pm on September 18, 2006. Memorials may be made in Ann's name to Kirk in the Hills, 13400 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Surviving are 12 nieces and nephews: Erin McMaster Paschke of Dearborn, Colleen (Ron) Noce of Dearborn Hgts., Tim McMaster of Bloomfield Hills, Bill (Diane) McMaster of Sterling Hgts., Linda (Dave) Mehney of Grand Rapids, Pam McMaster of Shelbyville, Sandy McMaster (Terry) Slayton of Rockford, Jean Riley of Sparks, NV., Robert (Carmen) Edmondson of Inkster, Tom (Cindy) Edmondson of Farmington Hills, Jean Edmondson of Warren, and Meg (Dr. Rick) Stouffer of Chapel Hill, NC. Aunt Ann's family is deeply appreciative of the dedicated care she received at Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford.



BARBARA L. AUSSEM (formerly Sterrit)

age 61, August 26, 2006, peacefully at home in Beverly Hills. Realtor for Max Broock Realtors. Beloved mother of John C. Sterrit, IV (fiancée Sara). Dear sister of Richard L. Byer, Timothy A. Byer (Lynda), David B. Byer (Kristine) and Keith J. Byer (Barbara). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial service Thursday 2:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EVELYN L. PROKOP

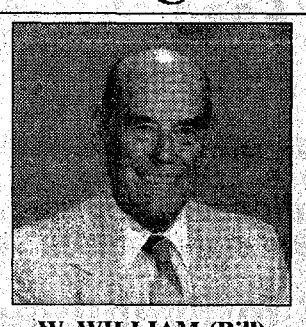
Aug. 26, 2006, Age 86 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Frank J., Dear mother of Frank (Mitzi) & the late Clark, Sister of Katherine Williams. Grandmother of Tanya (Eric) Seif, Laura (Paul) Norton, Melissa (Eric) Starner, Christina (David) Critchell, Frank V. & Angela Prokop. Also survived by 8 great grandchildren and numerous nieces & nephews. Memorial service Tuesday 2 PM, August 29, 2006 at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family requests memorials to the Westland Friendship Center or charity of choice. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

EMILY (MILLIE) V. SPAKOFF

Age 79, who loved to celebrate life with family and loved music, nature, and laughter, passed away at home, unexpectedly, on August 23, 2006. Services were held in her hometown of Harbor Beach, MI. She is survived by her dear husband, Alex Spakoff, with whom she shared 60 years of her life; her loving daughters, Sandy (Lynna) Spakoff of Hagerstown, Maryland, Debbie Swartz and her husband Mark of Perry, MI, and Shari Spakoff of Camano Island, Washington; her granddaughter Natalya (My Little Sweetheart) Swartz; and her sisters, Helen Wencley and Jane Helm. Predeceased by her brother, Walter Wayes, and sister, Catherine Wayes. Millie deeply loved her husband and children, and found renewed joy in her granddaughter, Natalya, whom she adored. We will miss her feisty, spunky, and ornery (but real and honest) spirit here on earth. Her family and friends deeply grieve her loss, but know that she is finally free of pain and suffering. May God bless her.

IRMA E. KELLEY

Age 83, passed away at Alexander Mercy Living Center in Royal Oak on August 29, 2006. Beloved wife of Alfred R. Kelley of Royal Oak. Dearest mother of Barbara L. (Terry W.) Glenister of Pittsburgh, Donald R. (Donna L.) Kelley of Berkley and Nancy J. (John L.) Daly of Chelsea. Loving grandmother of Julie & Shelley Glenister and James & Joseph Daly. She was preceded in death by 4 siblings. Friends may call on Friday from 3-9 PM at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley (2 blks. W. of Woodward). Funeral Service on Saturday at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin (W. off of Franklin Rd., S. of 14 Mile.) She will lie in state at 10:30 AM until the time of the funeral service at 11 AM. Rev. James Greer officiating. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery, Southfield. Those who wish may make contributions in memory of Mrs. Kelley to: Franklin Community Church and/or the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Kelley was born Irma Esther Papp on April 20, 1923 in Bucyrus, Ohio. She wed her husband of 63 years, Mr. Albert R. Kelley in Scranton, PA on Aug. 30, 1943. She was a homemaker who lived with her husband in Bloomfield Hills in the same house for 42 years. They were members of Franklin Community United Methodist Church, where she was quite active- especially involved with the rummage sales. Mrs. Kelley and her husband loved to play bridge and were world travelers. she enjoyed reading and played golf when she was well.

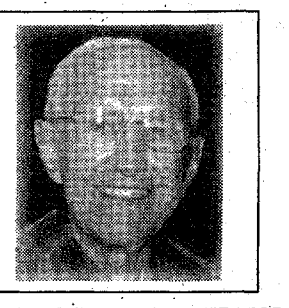


W. WILLIAM (Bill) ELDRIDGE III

Of Hilton Head Island, SC, Washington DC and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, August 6, 2006 at his Washington DC residence. He was preceded in death by his first wife Alice Marie Hadley Eldridge. Survivors include his sons W. William (Bill) Eldridge, IV (Anne) of White Lake, MI and Thomas Hadley Eldridge (Nancy) of Anchorage, AK; granddaughters Jillian and Kelly, his cousin Betty Ahrens of Florida and his wife Frances Ulmer. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on September 29, 2006. A memorial will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at the home of Anne and Bill Eldridge. Please contact the family for further details.

JOYCE L. ORR

age 88 of Northville Twp. died August 24, 2006. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Phyllis (David) Patton, James "Duke" (Carol), Kim (Jim) Gray, Cheryl (Dave) Hinkel. Grandmother of Drake, Kelley, Joanna, Richard, Christian and Jadelin. Great grandmother of Brooklin and Samantha. Sister of Barry (Kathy) McCabe. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Thursday from 2 to 9 pm. In State Friday, 10:30 until time of Service at 11 am at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 West 6 Mile, Northville. Family suggests memorials to ALS. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



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Of Clarkston; formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Sarasota, FL; August 26, 2006; Age 81; beloved husband of Rose for almost 60 yrs; greatest & dearest father of Maria (Bob) Strom of Wixom, Linda (Warren) Hilderbrand of Clarkston, Tom (Sherry) of Grayling, Nancy (Mike) Weightman of Clarkston, Bob (Ginny) of South Africa, and Madeline (Dave) Yenchko of Farmington Hills; preceded in death by his son Louie, granddaughter Tara Graziano and grandson Bryan Weightman; precious papa of 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; brother of Albert (Tisha) and Henry (Cathy), brother in law of Sara (the late Eugene all of IA. Louis served the US Army during WWII. He enjoyed bowling, tennis, golfing and table tennis. He retired as an executive at Ford Motor Company. Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston Monday 7-9pm and Tuesday 3-5 & 7-9pm with a scripture service Tuesday at 4:30pm. Funeral Mass Wednesday 10am at St Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston where friends may visit directly at the church from 9:30am until time of mass. Rite of Committal Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Society of the Little Flower or American Heart Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

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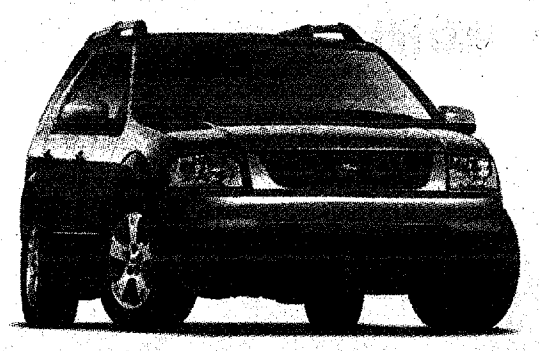

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Belhart leads Rocks to 1st at Balconi

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's no better way for a high school soccer team to kick-start its season than by winning the talent-laden Gary Balconi Invitational.

Consider Salem's season kick-started.

Led by the sizzling right foot of senior Brooks Belhart, the Rocks (4-1) captured their first Balconi title since 2003 by going 3-0 in Saturday's eight-team event, which was played on the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park soccer fields.

Of the four goals Belhart tallied during the day, none was more significant than the penalty kick he deposited into the back of the net in the second half of Salem's 1-0 victory over Royal Oak in the championship contest. The winning goal was set up when Salem's Tom Bennett was hauled down by a Royal Oak player while on a break-away.

"Brooks had a very good day," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He's a very strong finisher. When he gets the ball in front of the net, his scoring percentage is high."

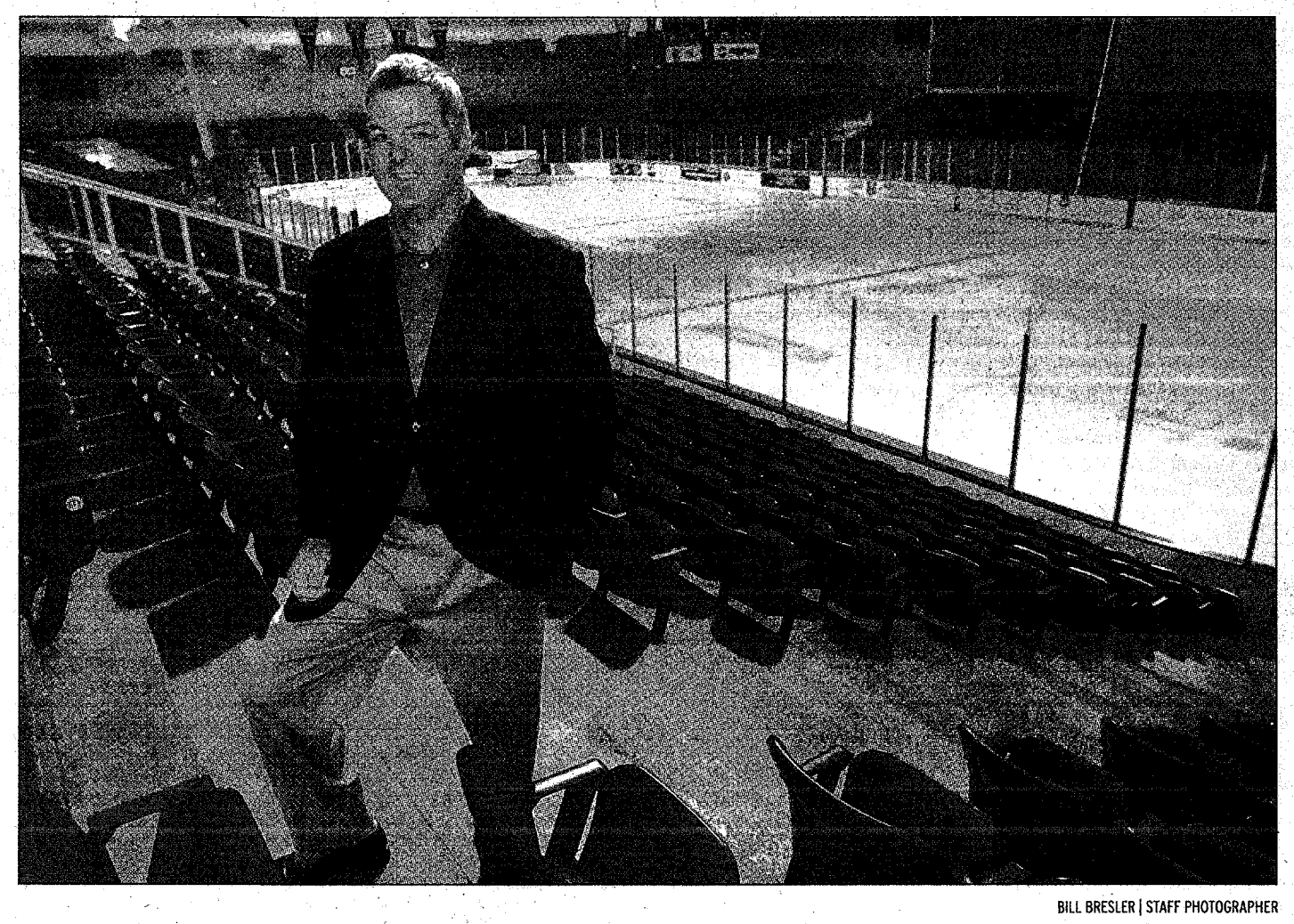
Salem opened the tournament with a convincing 5-2 victory over the University of Detroit Jesuit. Belhart and Bennett both scored a pair of goals and sophomore Jace Bearden added one. The Rocks relied on a strong defensive effort to upend P-CEP rival Canton, 2-0, in the semifinal matchup. Sophomore Kevin Cope opened the scoring in the first half before Belhart added an insurance goal on a penalty kick in the second stanza.

Senior Brian Field was stellar in net for the Rocks throughout the tournament, notching a pair of shutouts. Field played all but the second half against U-D Jesuit when fellow senior Matt Smokovitz relieved him.

"Obviously, we wanted to win, but it was important to get off to a good start," said McCarthy. "It sends a message to the kids that if they play well, the opportunity will be there to have a successful season."

On Monday, the Rocks dropped a 2-1 decision to Northville in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played on the P-CEP varsity soccer field. Jon Gibson scored the lone Salem goal, which was assisted by Cope.

"We couldn't have played much better," said McCarthy, referring to the match that was played in a drenching rain. "We got a lot of quality shots; we just couldn't finish."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and head coach Mike Vellucci is pictured in what would be considered his second office – the main ice rink at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Vellucci has compiled close to a .600 winning percentage during his four-year coaching career with the Whalers.

Career hat trick

Whalers' Vellucci finds success in multi-dimensional job

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Welcome to a typical, adrenaline-filled, no-time-to-waste Monday morning in the life of Mike Vellucci.

By 9 a.m., the president, general manager and head coach of the Plymouth Whalers is seated at his desk in his Compuware Sports Arena office, which, fittingly, overlooks an Olympic-sized hockey rink.

Before he downs his first cup of coffee, the 40-year-old Vellucci may:

- Discuss a trade with a fellow Ontario Hockey League general manager;
- Meet with associate coach Todd Watson to tweak the Whalers' penalty-killing strategy;
- Call one of the team's season-ticket holders to ensure that he or she is happy with their accommodations; or
- All of the above.

Considering he successfully devours daily to-do lists that are longer than a hockey rink's blue line, Vellucci would be the perfect candidate to deliver a speech to a group of aspiring young businessmen on how to multi-task effectively.

That is, if he had the time.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Holding down the three most-important jobs of an ultra-successful OHL franchise can be non-stop hectic, but Vellucci wouldn't have it any other way.

"I love what I do because I'm working on something different every day I come to work," he said. "No two days are alike. One minute I could be working on our power play. A half-hour later I could be calling season-

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THE VELLUCCI FILE

- **Name:** Mike Vellucci;
- **Age:** 40;
- **Born and raised in:** Farmington;
- **Family:** wife, Sue; daughter, Allison, 9; son, Ryan, 3;
- **Occupation:** President of Compuware Hockey; General Manager and Head Coach of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers. His four-year head-coaching record is 144-82-36-10 (.596 winning percentage);
- **Playing days:** Was a member of the first-ever Compuware youth hockey team in the late-70s; went on to play for the OHL's Belleville Bulls before being drafted by the NHL's Hartford Whalers in 1984; made his NHL debut with Hartford in the second half of the 1987-88 season; finished pro career in Lusteau, Austria.
- **Other interests:** spending time with family, golf (7 handicap), fixing up houses;
- **Non-hockey sports highlight:** fired a 1-under 71 at Western Country Club.

Fans full of optimism as Lions play out the hazy, crazy days of summer

Mark Wilson

A long cold winter has once again turned into an optimistic summer. We've all seen it around here for years. It's like clockwork. Another bad Detroit Lions season, fans saying they will never return, and a few months later, voila! They are back to ride the bandwagon yet again. It's a rite of passage for anyone who follows the NFL in our community.

Just eight months ago, they were marching in the streets outside Ford Field. Lions President Matt Millen was the subject of most of the ire. "Fire Millen" signs were all over downtown that final home game in December. It was a week before Christmas and very few were in a holly jolly mood. Lions "fans" were dressed in orange, rooting on the Cincinnati Bengals. It was a miserable day.

Since then, the Lions have changed coaches again and Millen has been saying how he finally has the right guy in Rod Marinelli. He has even joked about last year.

"My kids had a 'Fire Millen' sign on the Christmas tree. I certainly understand the frustration, but I am bound and determined to get this thing right," said Millen, whose five-year record stands at a dismal 21-59.

Marinelli got some street cred immediately for hiring former St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz as offensive coordinator. Martz has a Super Bowl ring and a second Super Bowl appearance on his resume. Super Bowl is the operative phrase there, because in Lions history their only connection is being the host city to two of those contests.

Martz is considered an offensive whiz. He is the mastermind behind Kurt Warner, Marshall Faulk, Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt in St. Louis. When you have an offense with the moniker

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PICK THE PROS

Mark Wilson joins three other metro-area radio jocks for this season's *O&E* Football Contest "Pick the Pros." Go to www.hometownlife.com for more information and to sign up for the pro football contest and look for Mark Wilson's weekly column on the Detroit Lions in Thursday's *O&E* sports sections.

Spotlights

GCYBSA news

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association is seeking candidates for its board of directors. Two, three-year positions on the board are available.

Volunteers are also being sought for other positions in the organization, which serves 2,400 young players in Canton and Plymouth.

Nomination forms are due Sept. 12. Elections will be held Sept. 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Canton Softball Center. For more information, contact csc.canton-mi.org (GCYBSA) or call (734) 394-5489.

Wisniewski lauded

Canton High School graduate Matt Wisniewski was one of five members of the Michigan State University swim team who earned honorable mention honors on the College Swim Coaches of America's Academic All-American team.

Wisniewski

Wisniewski, a senior at MSU, compiled a 3.81 grade-point average during the 2005-06 season. The former Chief also excelled in the pool, as he was part of the Spartans' school record-setting 200-meter freestyle, 400 freestyle and 200 medley relay teams.

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Charles Wolfe III registered a hole-in-one on Saturday while playing a round of golf with his father, Charles Wolfe Jr., on the Lakes of Taylor Golf Course in Taylor. Using a five wood, Wolfe drained his tee shot on the 205-yard third hole for his first-ever ace. Wolfe finished with an 18-hole score of 86.

Baseball tryouts

The 11U Plymouth-Canton Patriots travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park. For more information, contact coach Matt Adams at (248) 943-1232.

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ticket holders or working on a plan to raise more advertising revenue. An hour later, I could be working on a trade with another GM. It's something different all the time.

"It can get pretty busy at times, but, hey, I've been doing this for a while, so I'm used to it."

He's also good at it.

Since taking the coaching reins from former Whalers coach Pete DeBoer in the summer of 2001, Vellucci has compiled a stellar 144-82-36-10 mark. His general manager skills have also proven to be exemplary judging by the fact that several of his players have been drafted by National Hockey League teams.

"Mike is absolutely a top-notch sports executive who understands the dollars-and-cents end of sports management as well as the competitive part of it," said Whalers owner Peter Karmanos. "Mike is a real student of the game. He's an astute strategist and he works harder than anybody else at what he does.

"It wouldn't surprise me at all if someday Mike was the general manager of a top-notch NHL team."

LONGTIME FRIENDS

The Karmanos-Vellucci relationship dates back to the late-70s when the slick-skating defenseman played for Karmanos's first Compuware youth hockey team.

"Mike was a very, very talented and skilled athlete on that team and at each level he played at after that," remembered Karmanos. "I think he would have had a successful NHL career if he wouldn't have blown out his knee."

At the age of 17, Vellucci left his home in Farmington to play for the OHL's Belleville Bulls, where he racked up 13 goals, 52 assists and 237 penalty minutes in two seasons.

His advanced blue-line skills caught the eye of the Hartford Whalers, who drafted him in the seventh round of the 1984 NHL Entry Draft.

Following three years in the minors, Vellucci made his NHL debut with Hartford late in the 1988 season.

"Some of the players on that team were Mike Liut, Ron Francis and Ulf Samuelson," Vellucci said. "My first game was in the Boston Garden. I suited up for four games, but in the NHL you don't get credit for a game played if you're not on the ice for at least one shift, so, officially, I played in two games."

SWITCHING GEARS

Following the brief NHL stint, Vellucci logged four more seasons in the minors before wrapping up his professional hockey career in Lusteau, Austria.

"In May of 1992, Jim Rutherford and Mr. Karmanos told me at my wedding that when I was ready to hang up my skates to look them up and they'd get me a job in hockey," Vellucci recalled.

"That summer, I decided that, since I was married, I didn't want to be traveling all over, not knowing where I'd be living every summer. I wanted to get on with my life. I gave it my best shot, but I felt it was time to do something else, so I called Mr. Karmanos and he offered me the job of general manager and coach of the Compuware Tier II team. I also ran the Oak Park Ice Arena."

The three-jobs-at-once experience proved to be an apprenticeship of sorts for Vellucci, who would be promoted by Karmanos to his current duties in 2001.

"During the season, I put in a lot of 12- to 15-hour days," Vellucci said. "On game days, I'm here from 9 in the morning until midnight or 1 a.m. the following morning.

"We're a weekend-league team, so there are some Monday mornings when we don't get back from, let's say, Sault Ste. Marie until 5 a.m., but I still have to be here at 9 a.m. to talk about how we're going to sell tickets for the next weekend and to meet with Todd to talk about our next opponent.

"There are times when you get the 'February blues,' but I recharge my batteries in the summer. To be honest, I love every minute of this job. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

TEAM EFFORT

Vellucci said he wouldn't be able to fulfill his many obligations without the help of the Whalers' entire staff, especially Watson.

"Todd puts a lot of the practices together, breaks down the game video," Vellucci said. "There's no way I'd be able to do all the stuff I do without him and the rest of the people here."

Vellucci had a hard time picking the one aspect of his job he likes best.

"I'm a very competitive person, so I love being behind the bench during games," he said. "I also like calling other GMs and talking about possible trades.

"But I'd have to say the best part of it all is the day-to-day interactions I get to have with the players. I like helping them get through their school work, helping them work through their off-the-ice problems and issues."

The ultimate thrill for Vellucci unfolded this past June when he watched two of his former players — Justin Williams and Chad LaRose — help the Carolina Hurricanes win the 2006 Stanley Cup.

"My wife would tell you that I get more nervous watching my former players play in the NHL than anything else," he said, smiling. "When I was watching Chad LaRose out there during a penalty kill in the Stanley Cup finals, I was saying to myself, 'Come on, Rosie, let's see how well we taught you.'

"My No. 1 goal with this job is to help these kids get to the next level —not just in hockey, but in life. There's not a better feeling than seeing them make it big."

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Prep football prognosticators struggle through Week 1 games

Grid Picks

Brad Emons

I can't call myself a Monday Morning Quarterback because I'm not usually up that early.

I'd rather make that a Monday Afternoon QB.

Things got a bit blurry in the wee hours last Friday night after I finished writing up my seventh high school football game. And it took me until Monday afternoon to digest what exactly happened over the weekend.

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The prognosticators didn't exactly get off to a roaring start as defending champion Ed Wright, the Plymouth-Canton sports editor, started out at 7-6, one game behind myself and Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith, both at 8-5.

But you know the high school football season is in full swing when the phone calls return and e-mails start coming.

Thankfully, no one chided me or took it personally about my first-week selections.

But a few parents wanted to make sure I got a few things straight.

There was an e-mail from a father who wanted me to take note that his son, just coming off thumb surgery the previous week, was wearing a cast and was an effective tackler both on kickoffs and in the backfield.

Yes, you've got to admire that kind of toughness.

Another father called to say that his son actually had one more carry and 11 more yards for his first night stats, contrary to what the team statistician reported. He wanted this newspaper to get it straight "because two or three colleges are recruiting him."

Yet another mother from the same school had trouble finding the story on her son's football team in on our online edition. (I do know for a fact that it appeared in the print edition along with a photo.)

She also inquired whether it was the coach's responsibility to report information, or is it the newpaper's? Since I can't be at seven games at once, I told her that it's the coach or team statistician's job to report the game if I'm not in attendance.

She seemed to understand. Then there was the father that left a message on my voice mail who wanted to make sure I spelled his son's first name correctly.

"It's Kris with a K," he said. "It's happened a couple of times already."

Yes, it's important to get it right because you can also spell it Cris with a C (like Cris Carter of the Vikings), or Chris with a Ch.

I should know, people have called me Bradley (when it's Bradford) and pronounced it Emmons (when it's E-mons) many times.

Hopefully I can work the first-week kinks out myself and do a little better than 8-5 prognosticating.

And remember, don't take it personally.

Here's a look at this weekend's games.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Clarenceville (1-0, 1-0) at Luth. Westland (0-1, 0-1), 4:30 p.m.: Lutheran Westland went into Clarenceville's house last year and came away with a surprise 24-20 victory. This time the Trojans are flying high after a 39-20 Metro Conference triumph over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. Meanwhile, Lutheran Westland is coming off a heartbreaking 28-26 overtime setback to Harper Woods. **PICKS:** Emons (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville); Smith (Lutheran Westland).

Liv. Franklin (1-0) at Liv. Stevenson (1-0): This promises to be a good one in a rematch of last year's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game. The Patriots, 2-0 last year against the Spartans, appear to have another high-powered offense after racking up 513 total yards in a 41-0 win over Garden City. Stevenson's interior defensive front, meanwhile appears to be more formidable than a year ago after holding Lincoln Park to just 136 total yards in a 29-6 win over the Railsplitters. **PICKS:** Emons (Franklin); Wright (Franklin); Smith (Stevenson).

Northville (0-1) at Liv. Churchill (0-1): Churchill's 20-13 overtime setback last week to Lansing Eastern certainly hurt, but the Chargers can make amends with a WLAA crossover victory this week at home over the Mustangs (coached by Ryan Hockman), who fell to very good South Lyon team, 47-21. **PICKS:** Emons (Northville); Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill).

Canton (1-0) at Westland Glenn (1-0): The last time these two teams met was during the 2003 season – coach Chuck Gordon's last at Glenn – when Canton won both meetings, 20-7 and 24-6 (in the playoffs). Glenn's defense appears to be much improved, but the Rockets, coming off a 27-6 win over Belleville, will face the ultimate test against Canton's explosive attack. The Chiefs cruised last week against Ann Arbor Pioneer, 35-0. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).

Wayne (1-0) at W.L. Central (0-1): The Zebras pulled off a major surprise last week with an 18-13 triumph on the road against University of Detroit-Jesuit thanks to a last-minute touchdown by fullback Brad Leverenz. Central, the favorite to win the WLAA's Lakes Division this season, opened against state-ranked Milford before falling by only eight, 20-13. **PICKS:** Emons (Central); Wright (Central); Smith (Central).

Salem (0-1) vs. Plymouth (0-1) at CEP: It wasn't the kind of start Parker Salowicz envisioned in his debut as Salem coach, losing to Pinckney at home, 42-13. The Wildcats, meanwhile, ventured last Saturday to Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium and lost to Division II state runner-up Hudsonville, 28-13, as turnovers proved costly. **PICKS:** Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

Red. Thurston (0-1) at Romulus (1-0): This game takes on added meaning because it's the start of the Mega-Blue season for both teams. Thurston unveiled its new field by losing to White Lake Lakeland of the Kensington Valley Conference, 27-6, while Romulus blanked Dearborn Heights Robichaud of the Mega-Gold, 20-0. **PICKS:** Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston).

Garden City (0-1) at River Rouge (0-1), 7 p.m.: The Cougars, stinging from a 41-0 setback last week to Livonia Franklin, travel to Rouge for a Mega-Blue Division matchup. Rouge is guided by former Detroit East Catholic coach Leonard Holmes, is coming off a 28-6 loss to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. **PICKS:** Emons (Garden City); Wright (River Rouge); Smith (Garden City).

FRIDAY'S GAME

Redford Union (1-0) at Taylor Truman (0-1): The Panthers won in a shootout last Friday against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 37-32, in a battle of state playoff qualifiers last year. Truman, meanwhile, opened with a 35-23 loss to Ypsilanti of the Mega-Gold. In this Mega-White matchup, can RU's linebacking corps slow down Truman's Wing-T attack. **PICKS:** Emons (Truman); Wright (Truman); Smith (Redford Union).

SATURDAY'S GAME

Romulus Summit (0-1) at Red. Covenant (1-0), 1 p.m.: Covenant escaped last week with an 18-13 win last Saturday over Southfield Christian, which played its first-ever varsity football game. Summit Academy, which boasts 450 students, lost to Petersburg-Summerfield on Friday, 39-2. Covenant is the second smallest school in enrollment (103) among the MHSAA's 619 football schools. **PICKS:** Emons (Summit); Wright (Summit); Smith (Covenant).

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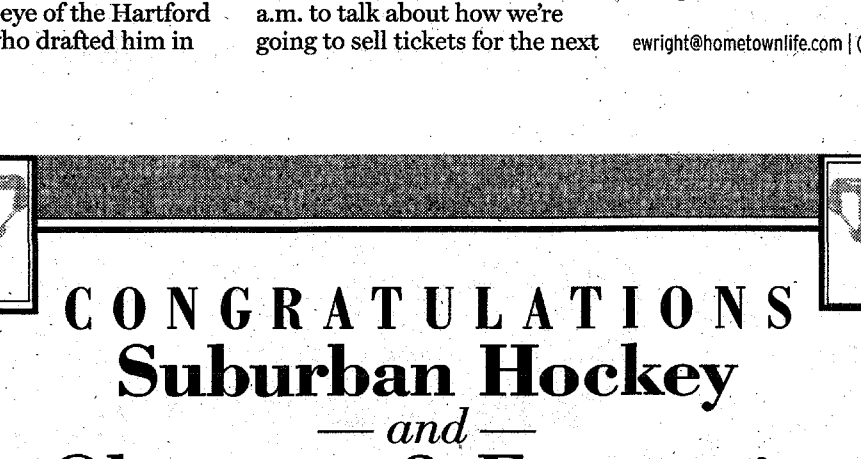

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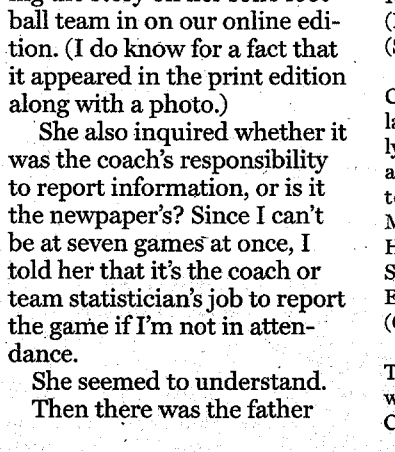

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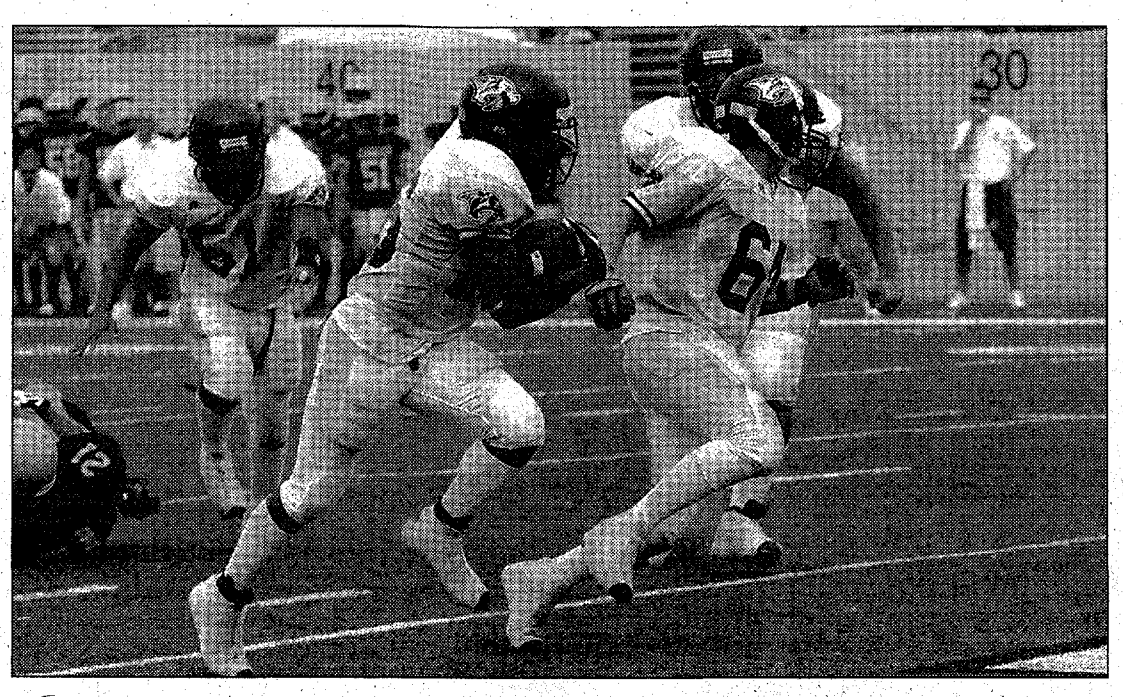
Plymouth falls to Hudsonville

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER



PHOTOS BY RICK BOGDANSKI

Plymouth running back Rico Tyus high-steps into the end zone with the Wildcats' first touchdown during the third quarter of Saturday's Big Day Prep Showdown II at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium. Despite Tyus's effort, state-ranked Hudsonville upended Plymouth, 28-13.

Lining up against Division 2 powerhouse Hudsonville in the opening football game of the season is comparable to taking an advanced-placement calculus final exam on the first day of school.

Difficult, to say the least.

Plymouth hung with the Eagles for most of Saturday's Big Day Prep Showdown II battle at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium before eventually succumbing, 28-13.

"The one thing we said couldn't happen if we were going to win happened — we made too many mistakes," Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said moments after his team's season-opening setback. "When you play a team as talented as Hudsonville, you have to execute, and we didn't do that very well, at least in the first half.

"I was glad with the way the kids kept battling the whole game. The effort was definitely there."

Despite the loss, Blaylock said he has no regrets about accepting the stiff, early-season test.

"Our coaching staff has always said that we have to beat teams like Hudsonville if we're ever going to be considered one of the elite programs in the state," Blaylock said. "We showed this week that we weren't quite ready. We still have a little ways to go."

Hudsonville's Jon Tanis, who shared "Player of the Game" honors with Plymouth's Nate Gholston, was responsible for the Wildcats' first critical mistake when he stepped in front of a Matt Barrera pass and returned it to the Plymouth 9-yard line midway through the first quarter. Four plays later, Eagle tailback Jordan Jonker converted the interception into six points when he bulled into the end zone from 1 yard out.

After the Wildcats went three-and-out on their next possession, the Eagles manufactured a 12-play, 87-yard drive that was capped by Scott Dykema's two-yard TD plunge to up their advantage to 14-0 with 10:09 to play in the first half. The biggest play on the drive was a 30-yard scamper by Jonker that put the ball on the Plymouth 6-yard line.

Sparked by a 22-yard run by Gholston, the Wildcats advanced the ball to the Hudsonville 33-yard line on their ensuing possession, but a fourth-and-4 pass to wide receiver Chris Sanchez was broken up.

It didn't take long for the tide to turn black and white — at least temporarily — in the second half as the suddenly revitalized Wildcats stuffed Jonker on a fourth-and-3 play from the Plymouth 43-yard line. Buoyed by the momentum shift, the Wildcats marched down the field for their first score — a 7-yard, up-the-gut run by junior running back Rico Tyus with 5:49 left in the third quarter. Jeff Lucco's extra point made it 14-7.

"Even when we were down 14, we knew we could play with them and the kids felt they could come back," Blaylock said. "The coaching staff did a ton of teaching during the half and we made some key adjustments."

Plymouth's fortunes continued to brighten two plays after Tyus found paydirt when Wildcat defensive back Sam Jones intercepted a John Kramer pass at the Plymouth 36-yard line. However, Hudsonville's defense stiffened and forced a punt.

The Eagles mounted another drive — this one a 12-play, 73-yard clock-eater — that ended with Jonker scoring from 1 yard out to make it 21-7 with 8:38 left.

Plymouth answered by moving the ball deep into Hudsonville territory on its next possession, however, Tanis swiped his second interception at the Eagle 2-yard line.

Two plays later, Fowle iced the victory with a 90-yard sprint to make it 28-7.

The Wildcats' final tally came on a 42-yard Barrera-to-Sanchez TD strike with 1:18 left. Lucco's extra point was wide right.

Hudsonville narrowly outgained Plymouth in total yards, 278-236, although the Wildcats won the first down battle, 10-9.

Gholston picked up 111 hard-earned yards on 21 carries. Barrera ran for 36 yards on nine attempts and completed 5-of-17 passes for 66 yards.

"Matt made some great plays and he had a few errors," Blaylock said. "With quarterbacks, it's usually an experience thing, so Matt will be fine once he gets a little more experience."

Fowle finished with 165 yards on 14 carries while Jonker registered 87 on 19 runs.

WILSON

FROM PAGE B1

"Greatest Show on Turf," you have something special there. His charge will be to turn the Lions into something similar.

"I like our three quarterbacks. Any one of them could start in this league. We don't have a one, two or three. I like them all equally," Martz said earlier this summer.

Jon Kitna came over from the now-dreaded Bengals. He saw what it was like here on that fateful day last December. He decided to sign with the Lions as a free agent anyhow.

"It's a great chance for me to lead a team again. With Mike Martz around, I think we can do some great things," Kitna said.

Here's a fun fact to know and tell. There have been 75 years of football dating back to the old Portsmouth, Ohio, days. In that time, only three Lions quarterbacks have had even one 20-touchdown passing season. Bobby Layne did it in 1951, Earl Morrall in 1963 and Scott Mitchell in 1995. That's it. Kitna alone has had two different 20-touchdown seasons.

"We just can't worry about the past here. All we can do is move forward," Kitna said.

Marinelli did another good thing. He brought in Donnie Henderson from the Jets as his defensive coordinator. It's almost like having two of them, since Marinelli was a defensive line coach in Tampa. He and Henderson are working together to solidify the Lions' defense. The Lions will employ the vaunted "cover two" defense that Marinelli helped make successful with the Buccaneers. He won a Super Bowl with the Bucs using that defense.

"It's all about fundamentals," he said: "I like guys who love football. I like guys who want to block and tackle. If we do those little things all the time, we'll win football games."

That has been Marinelli's rally cry since he got the gig back in January. Nothing has changed as the Lions head into their final preseason game against Buffalo. Ironically, the Bills are coached by the last Lions head man, Dick Jauron. He was a million dollar a year defensive coordinator under Steve Mariucci, and did a decent job with a depleted Lions defense in 2005.

There have been 75 years of football dating back to the old Portsmouth, Ohio, days. In that time, only three Lions quarterbacks have had even one 20-touchdown passing season.

Marinelli was brought in to bring some order back to a floundering franchise. It's one that needed discipline in the worst way. The former military man spent one year on a tour of duty in Vietnam. So far, the Lions have seemingly bought into what Marinelli is selling.

"This has been the best camp I have seen in a while," veteran fullback Cory Schlesinger said. "I've been around a dozen years and seen lots of camps, but this has been good and tough."

The perception is that Mariucci ran a "country club." If nothing else, it was a split locker room toward the end of the Mooch regime. Mariucci still has about $10 million coming to him from the Lions while he works this season on the NFL Television Network.

It will all come down to talent. Injuries have permeated this training camp. Shaun Rogers, Boss Bailey, Teddy Lehman, Dan Campbell, Charles Rogers and others all missed significant preseason playing time. That must change if 2006 is to be better than 2005.

Mark Wilson is host of the Lions pre- and post-game shows on WKRK-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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Canton, MI 48188
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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 14th, 2006 for the following:

ROOFTOP 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for a their facility located at 7295 N. Haggerty Road, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Terry G Bennett
Clerk

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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

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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
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Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd* Taylor*313-292-2950

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Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000

1158	Hanna-Haas	Household
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Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200

1029	Landis	Household
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4052	Austin	Household
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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 09/11/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following location:

Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor * 2500 S. Industrial Hwy, Ann Arbor; *734-973-2212

1059	Walton	Household
8029	Tashach	Household
1027	Czeski	Household

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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.

SALE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Diversified Machine Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 7261 Commerce Blvd, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 2 South, Range 8 East, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as described as follows; Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, T.2.S., R.8.E., thence North 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 85.5 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of Section 1, thence South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 49.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing South 88 Degrees 45 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 696.16 feet to the Easterly Right of Way of I-275 Expressway and a non-tangent curve concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 11,334.15 feet, to which point a radial line bears North 81 Degrees 06 Minutes, 34 Seconds West,, thence Northeasterly, 759.83 feet along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 03 Degrees 50 Minutes 28 Seconds (The chord of said curve bears North 10 Degrees 48 Minutes 40 Seconds East, 759.69 feet), thence North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 27 Seconds, East, 526.00 feet, thence South 02 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds East, 743.59 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.50 acres of land. Parcel no. 003 99 0008 713. (7261 and 7375 Commerce Boulevard)

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Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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Robinson's 21 leads Wildcats to victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth sophomore guard Kelsi Robinson left a lasting first impression on visiting Adrian Tuesday night in the season-opening basketball game for both teams.

Led by Robinson's 21 points and seven rebounds, the Wildcats cut down the Maples, 48-40.

"Kelsi is a very capable scorer, as she showed tonight," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "She's athletic, highly skilled and she's very coachable."

Twelve of Robinson's points were the result of four triples.

Other key contributors for Plymouth were senior guard Val Klemmer (eight points), sophomore center Shaakira Haywood (eight points, seven rebounds), senior forward Chrystien Guyton (seven boards) and sophomore guard Jalesa Moise, who finished with five points and two steals.

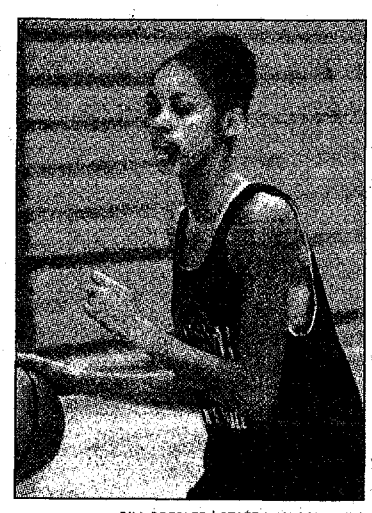
"Jalesa had a couple of big steals and lay-ups in the middle of the fourth quarter that helped us gain momentum down the stretch," said Reilly.

Jolyn Timms led the Maples with 11 points.

Plymouth led 11-10 after one quarter and 19-17 at the half. The Wildcats extended their advantage to 35-31 after three quarters.

"We were down four or five points in the first half, but the girls kept their composure, they kept playing defense and they chipped away at Adrian's lead," said Reilly. "Like a lot of young teams, we were a little inconsistent in the first half. We'd make a mistake, but then we'd come back and make a great play."

The Wildcats will try to double their win total tonight when they host Farmington Hills Mercy at 7 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Mercy, however, it was moved due to problems with the Marlins' gym.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth sophomore guard Kelsi Robinson, pictured above during one of the Wildcats' pre-season practices, registered 21 points and seven rebounds in Plymouth's 48-40 victory over Adrian Tuesday night.

PCA 43, Baptist Park 22: The Eagles opened their season with a one-sided victory over host Baptist Park, which managed to score just eight points in the second half.

Peggy Abraham paced the victory with a team-high 10 points, eight of which came in the momentum-seizing third quarter. Lauren Beckett, Jessica Murphy and Megan Greve all contributed six points a piece to the Eagles' balanced scoring attack.

Tara Pyles led Baptist Park with 10 points.

"We started a little slowly in the first half, but we pressed them in the second half, which allowed us to get a lot of steals and easy baskets," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "I think we had some opening-night jitters in the first half. In the second half, the girls came out ready to play. Overall, I was very pleased with the girls' performance."

The Eagles return to action tonight in a non-conference battle at Huron Valley Lutheran.

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PREP SWIMMING

Wildcat Challenge
Saturday, Aug. 20 at Canton High School
(Note: No team scores were kept.)

400-yard medley relay: 1. Monroe (Kirsten Smith, Julia Horenstein, Bobbi Balogh, Brooke Balogh), 4:27.79; 2. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Alyssa Liakos, Lauren Maslyk, Sarah Palczynski), 4:42.13; 3. W.L. Central, 4:46.05; 4. Woodhaven (Lindsey Marshall, Shelby Rose, Rachel Leonard, Merissa Strawsine), 4:58.37; 5. W.L. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Chloe Reuter, Kayla Knight, Lauren Bell), 5:05.03.

100 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Maricat Eggenberger, Molly McKinstry, Emily Clanton), 53.84; 2. Monroe (Brooke Ody, Alana Servis, Chelsey Perry, Tessa Tekieli), 54.31; 3. Woodhaven (Emily Gorkiewicz, Amy Akers, Lindsey Marshall, Rachael Sanders), 55.74; 4. W.L. Northern (Hailey Mottershead, Stephanie Hathaway, Janelle Young, Kathryn Wachtel), 59.89.

100 butterfly relay: 1. Monroe (Melinda Dewald, Candace Savonen, Haley Misiak, Julia Horenstein), 1:00.40; 2. Plymouth (Chelsea Frid, Michalle Chang, Beth McReynolds, Stephanie Goulet), 1:01.97; 3. Woodhaven (Merissa Strawsine, Jordan Greene, Brittney Connochie, Lindsey Marshall), 1:04.67; 4. W.L. Central (Brittany Buchanan, Emily Head, Dianna Taylor, Abby Pevelko), 1:04.95; 5. W.L. Northern (Hailey Mottershead, Kayla Knight, Chole Reuter, Heather Mengel), 1:09.19.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe (Amanda Thompson, Morgan White, Bobbi Balogh, Brooke Balogh), 3:49.23; 2. W.L. Northern (Lauren Cockles, Lauren Bell, Katie Rinkevich, Dana Haise), 4:05.96; 3. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk, Nicole Ambrose, Alyssa Liakos), 4:07.22; 4. W.L. Central (Rachael Dalian, Jordan Daykin, Amanda Peterman, Madi Sewell), 4:16.95; 5. Woodhaven (Amy Akers, Briana Rosinski, Shelby Sims, Rachael Sanders), 4:28.68.

100 breaststroke relay: 1. Monroe (Tessa Tekieli, Andrea Apetroaei, Haley Misiak, Stephanie Staelgraeve), 1:11.02; 2. Plymouth (Stephanie Goulet, Sarah Palczynski, Chelsea Frid, Emily Clanton), 1:13.54; 3. Woodhaven (Angie Buttigieg, Lauren Burns, Tressa Bielak, Candice Bresnahan), 1:16.98; 4. W.L. Northern (Allison Daniels, Heather Mengel, Hailey Mottershead, Chloe Reuter), 1:20.48; 5. Plymouth (Ashley Liakos, Hailey Appie, Chantel Cote, Megan Dunbar), 1:23.76.

100 backstroke relay: 1. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Melissa McKinstry, Maricat Eggenberger, Molly McKinstry), 1:03.40; 2. Monroe (Brooke Ody, Alana Servis, Chelsey Perry, Julia Horenstein), 1:03.53; 3. W.L. Central (Rachael Dalian, Jordan Daykin, Kelly McCarthy, Madeline Verbeke), 1:05.05; 4. Woodhaven (Brianna Rosinski, Brittney Connochie, Jordan Greene, Shelby Sims), 1:07.22; 5. W.L. Northern (Claire Swainson, Josy Goodwin, Janelle Young, Danielle Saigon), 1:08.46.

400 medley relay: 1. Monroe (Morgan White, Kirsten Smith, Amanda Thompson, Brooke Balogh), 4:18.90; 2. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Sarah Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Alyssa Liakos), 4:39.73; 3. Woodhaven (Briana Rosinski, Angie Buttigieg, Rachel Leonard, Amy Akers), 4:54.79; 4. W.L. Central (Abby Pevelko, Rebecca Lee, Marissa Wilson, Michelle Gaunt), 5:16.24.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe (Kirsten Smith, Bobbi Balogh, Chelsey Perry, Amanda Thompson), 1:46.67; 2. W.L. Northern (Katie Rinkevich, Dana Haise, Lauren Bell, Lauren Cockles), 1:52.15; 3. W.L. Central (Madi Sewell, Brittany Buchanan, Michelle Gaunt, Rachael Dalian), 1:57.68; 4. Woodhaven (Shelby Rose, Emily Gorkiewicz, Rachael Sanders, Lauren Burns), 2:01.03.

200 backstroke relay: 1. Monroe (Morgan White, Julia Horenstein, Candace Savonen, Brooke Ody), 2:08.60; 2. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Molly McKinstry, Stephanie Goulet, Chantel Cote), 2:15.53; 3. Woodhaven (Briana Rosinski, Brittney Connochie, Merissa Strawsine, Jordan Greene), 2:20.38; 4. W.L. Northern (Danielle Saigon, Josy Goodwin, Janelle Young, Kathryn Wachtel), 2:33.22; 5. W.L. Central (Rachel Ritzenthaler, Sarah Oliver, Dianna Taylor, Abby Pevelko), 2:36.20.

500 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe (Chelsey Perry, Morgan White, Bobbi Balogh, Candace Savonen), 5:09.23; 2. W.L. Central (Madi Sewell, Michelle Gaunt, Jordan Daykin, Marissa Wilson), 5:24.57; 3. Plymouth (Tiffany Hsieh, Melissa McKinstry, Maricat Eggenberger, Alyssa Liakos), 5:36.05; 4. Woodhaven (Emily Gorkiewicz, Amy Akers, Shelby Rose, Rachel Leonard), 5:39.54; 5. W.L. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Lauren Cockles, Kayla Knight, Josy Goodwin), 5:43.79.

200 breaststroke relay: 1. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk, Emily Clanton, Sarah Palczynski), 2:28.32; 2. Monroe (Tessa Tekieli, Andrea Apetroaei, Stephanie Staelgraeve, Kirsten Smith), 2:28.67; 3. W.L. Northern (Allison Daniels, Heather Mengel, Stephanie Hathaway, Katie Rinkevich), 2:39.40; 4. Woodhaven (Angie Buttigieg, Lauren Burns, Tressa Bielak, Candice Bresnahan), 2:43.52. 5. W.L. Central (Kaitlyn Barry, Brittany Buchanan, Rebecca Lee, Madi Sewell), 2:45.50.

200 butterfly relay: 1. Monroe (Brooke Balogh, Candace Savonen, Melinda Dewald, Amanda Thompson), 2:01.49; 2. W.L. Northern (Lauren Bell, Kayla Knight, Andrea Wozniak, Dana Haise), 2:08.49; 3. Woodhaven (Emily Gorkiewicz, Tressa Bielak, Merissa Strawsine, Jordan Greene), 2:10.99; 4. W.L. Central (Kaitlyn Barry, Brittany Buchanan, Rebecca Lee, Madi Sewell), 2:15.22; 5. Plymouth (Chelsea Frid, Stephanie Goulet, Melissa McKinstry, Beth McReynolds).

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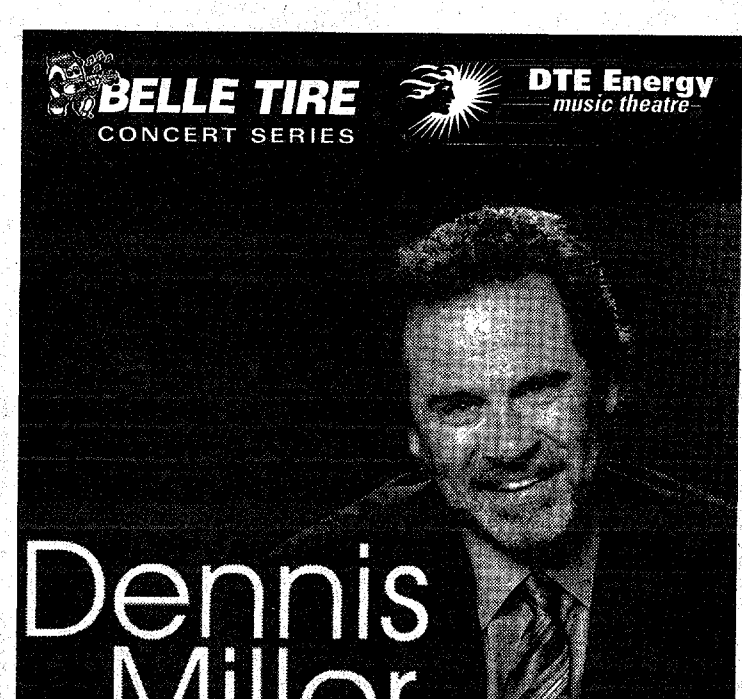

Dugan's goal ignites Chiefs in 3-1 triumph

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER

Canton's boys soccer team passed its first early-season test with flying colors Monday night when it overwhelmed perennially strong Livonia Stevenson, 3-1, in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played in a steady rain on the Spartans' home turf.

The convincing victory improved the Chiefs' record to 3-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA.

Senior Ryan Dugan lit the fuse for the pivotal victory over Stevenson when he headed a direct kick off the foot of Keith Campbell into the back of the net with 17:29 left in the opening half.

Canton senior Andy Huang doubled the Chiefs' advantage to 2-0 with just 1:20 left before halftime when he scored off a pass from Patrick Nolan.

The Chiefs took total command of the contest 14 minutes into the second stanza when Campbell drilled a direct kick past Stevenson keeper Giovanni Enea to make it 3-0.

Stevenson avoided the shutout when Alex Wozniak scored with 13:25 left.

Junior goalie Matt Revers was solid in front of the net for the winners, recording eight saves.

"It looked like it was going to rain for days," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team dropped to 1-1. "The field was slick, but it held up great. If it was grass, the field would have been ruined for the rest of the year. We hope to learn from tonight's experience."

BALCONI INVITATIONAL

On Saturday, the Chiefs went 1-1-1 in the annual Gary Balconi Invitational, which was played at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park complex.

Canton opened the tourney with a scintillating 3-0 triumph over Midland Dow thanks to a pair of goals from junior forward Eric Piwowar and one from senior Austin Poirier. Huang, Matt Epelman, Kyle Biega and Sherif Hassanien notched assists for the Chiefs.

Senior keeper Parker Laabs recorded the shutout for the Chiefs.

After falling to eventual champion Salem, 2-0, the Chiefs dropped down to the consolation bracket, where they tied Novi Catholic Central, 0-0. Revers notched the shutout against the Shamrocks.

WOLVERINES FALL

The Canton Agape Christian soccer team dropped a 5-2 decision to host Washtenaw Christian Academy Tuesday afternoon.

The setback dropped the Wolverines to 0-2.

Tyler Majeski and Donald Mullet scored Agape's goals. Mark Mullet picked up an assist on Majeski's net-finder.

Junior goal-keeper Jared Miller recorded eight saves for the Wolverines.

Free soccer shoot

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a free "Soccer Shoot" Saturday, Sept. 9, at Heritage Park (behind the township hall and library) in Canton Township. Registration is set for 9 a.m. with the shoot slated to kick off at 9:30 a.m.

The competition, which is sponsored by the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, will be divided into four divisions each for boys and girls: 7-and-under, 8- & 9-year-olds, 10- & 11-year-olds, and 12- & 13-year-olds. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

Canton harriers fourth at invitational

PREP BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

The Canton's boys cross-country squad opened the 2006 season on Saturday with a fourth-place showing at the six-team South Lyon Invitational.

Bedford won the event with 44 points followed by Livonia Churchill (55), South Lyon (58), Canton (75), Livonia Stevenson (100) and Sterling Heights Stevenson (164).

Leading the Chiefs were medal-winners Duncan Spitz (seventh place in 17:49), Kyle Clinton (11th place in 17:58), Zack Spreitzer (15th place in 18:11), Greg Reed (18th place in 18:23) and Derek Hoerman (24th place in 18:38).

Also competing for Canton were Aaron McClellan (26th place in 18:43) and Dave Catalan (33rd place in 19:22).

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
SOUTH LYON INVITATIONAL
Aug. 26 at Island Lake

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Temperance Bedford, 44 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 55; 3. South Lyon, 58; 4. Canton, 75; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 100; 6. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 164.
Individual winner: Alex Folk (Bedford), 16 minutes, 58 seconds (5,000 meters).
Churchill finishers: 5. Joe Varilone, 17:34; 8. Mark Waterbury, 17:54; 9. Brandon Grysko, 17:56; 13. Brian Robertson, 18:08; 21. Mark Pilat, 18:29; 29. Matt Hecksel, 19:00; 31. Paul Folk, 19:13.
Canton finishers: 7. Duncan Spitz, 17:49; 11. Kyle Clinton, 17:58; 15. Zack Spreitzer, 18:11; 18. Greg Reed, 18:23; 24. Derek Hoerman, 18:38.
Stevenson finishers: 6. Mike Gibbons, 17:46; 19. Dave Antishin, 18:24; 20. Kevin Reschke, 18:29; 27. Shawn Howse, 18:46; 28. Blake Morgan, 18:51; 34. Graham Liddell, 19:23; 37. Justin Lipsky, 19:37.

Canton lady harriers fifth at South Lyon

PREP GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Canton girls cross country team placed fifth in Saturday's seven-team, season-opening South Lyon Invitational.

Northville won the event and Livonia Stevenson finished second. The Chiefs compiled 131 points.

Sophomore Sarah Thomas led the Chiefs with a seventh-place showing in 21:08. Canton's Paula Schubatis also medaled thanks to her 25th-place effort in 22:48.

Canton's three other point-earners were Melanie Kulczycki (30th in 23:15), Katelin David (34th in 23:55) and Katie Rymond (35th in 24:25).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 31
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.
PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran, 7 p.m.
F.H. Mercy at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Birmingham Marian at Canton, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 31
Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Lutheran Westland
Time Trials at Nankin Mills, 4 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Lutheran Westland
Time Trials at Nankin Mills, TBA
Canton at Troy Athens, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, Aug. 31
PCA at Belleville, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Trenton Relays
at Wayne State, 5 p.m.
Plymouth at Woodhaven, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Sept. 1
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.
(Univ. of Great Falls Montana Classic)
Madonna vs. Montana St. Northern, 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. National American (S.D.), 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.
(Univ. of Great Falls Montana Classic)
Madonna vs. Minot State (S.D.), 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Univ. of Great Falls, 9 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 1
Madonna at Point Loma (Calif.), 3:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2
Madonna at Holy Names (Calif.), 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 1
Madonna vs. St. Francis
at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

A WEEKEND WITH LAR DAN

It's not every day you can play golf with the likes of Larry "Lar Dan" Silver (don't ask), Jeff "Bird" Sternberg and Mark "Happy" Rosen. Nor is it every guy who can claim a cast of characters such as these as his friends. You know, the kind of guys that your significant other would only consent to you spending time with them if it were a golf weekend up north (and significantly up north). What a great idea!

So, off we went, along with Howard Berlin, Martin Tannenbaum, Mitch Rechter and David Radner for comic relief. Folks believe me, the only place this group could ever safely mix is on a golf course. And that is exactly the beauty of this game. It is the only game that affords this kind of camaraderie.

Two foursomes, three automobiles, four arguments about dinner and eight different personalities. Add to that handicaps between 12 and 25.

Our journey began at the Tom Weiskopf gem in Roscommon, Forest Dunes. Mitchell Rechter was the upset medalist there with a score of 84. Were it not for Dave Radner joining him on the 18th tee, he was a lock to break 80.

Golf continued (if that's what you want to call it with our group) at the beautiful Boyne Highlands resort. We played three great tracks there. The Ross Memorial, The Hills and my favorite in the state - The Heather.

The fact that this writer shot a career round of 77 on the Heather has nothing to do with the above ranking. After all, the best club in his bag is the pencil.

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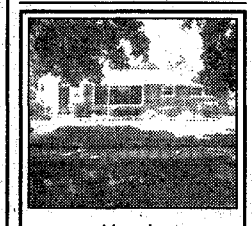

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FARMINGTON Comfortable, 3 bdrm., 1 bath. Near Botsford. $112,000
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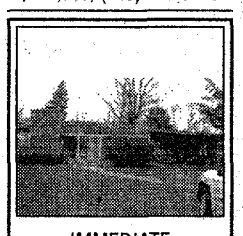

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Garden City 3170

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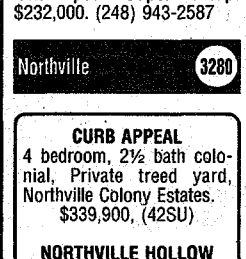

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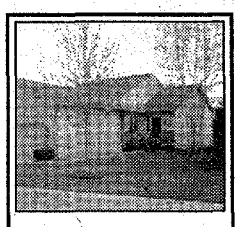

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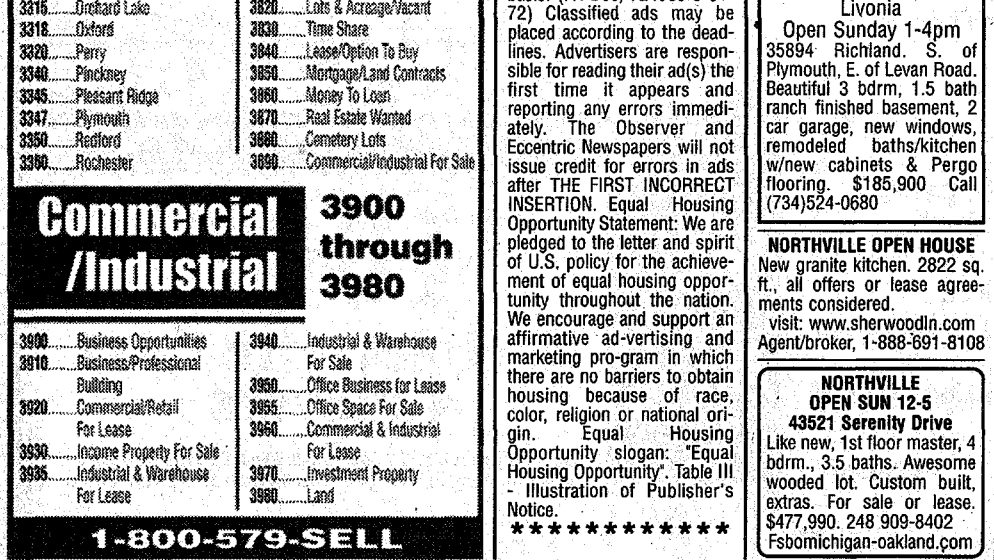

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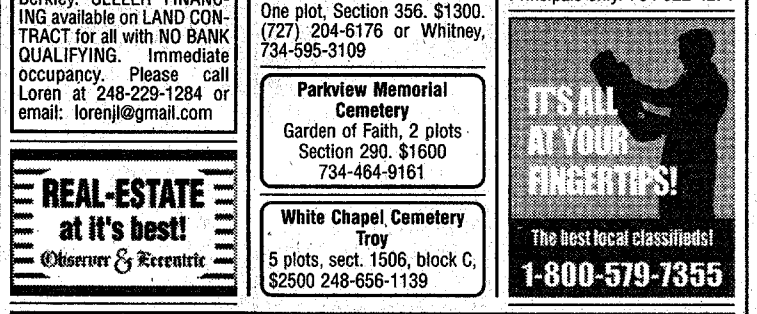

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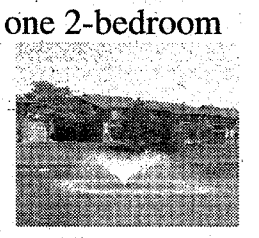

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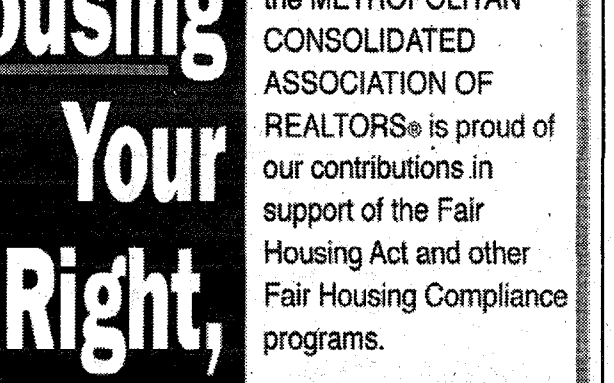

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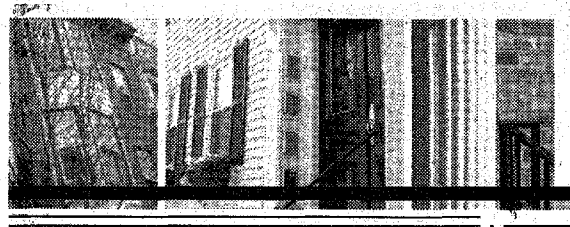

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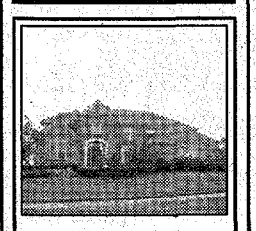

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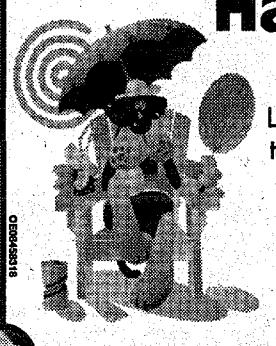

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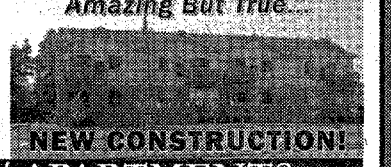

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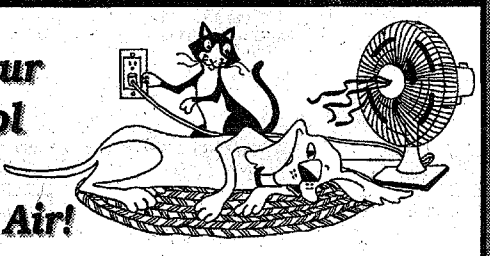

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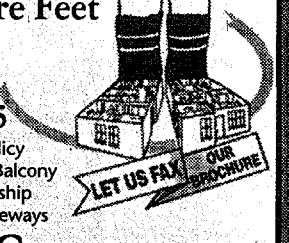

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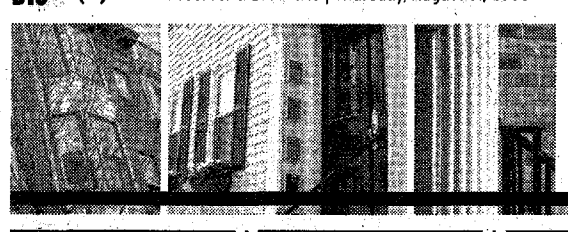

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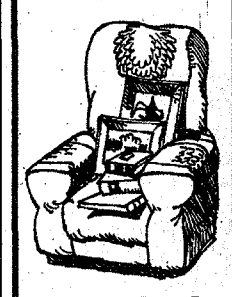

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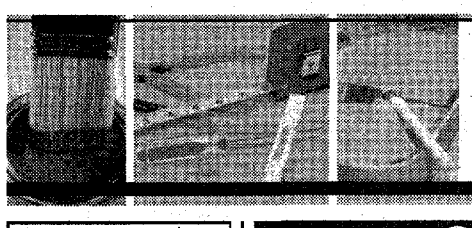

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by Mildred L. Culp

When you re in limbo, the fog can seem impenetrable. You may be able to articulate some of your problems, but you re confused and can t act or are afraid to act, according to Bob Maurer, clinical psychologist at the School of Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles. The situation is complex, involving every aspect of our lives, comments coach Lauree Ostrofsky, whose company of the same name is based in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. So you wait, looking for a sign to your way out.

CAUSES

Organizational stress can contribute to the feeling of being in limbo. In fact, in today s workplace, you may have endured so much stress that you can t see the extent of it. Maurer cites any kind of reorganization, change in employers or financial reversals resulting in reduction in pay or benefits. Watch for a new CEO or someone being promoted to that position, a new position, someone different assessing someone s role and performance, advises Leslie Ungar, coach at Electric Impulse Communications Inc., in Akron, Ohio. Liz Bywater, president of Bywater Consulting Group L.L.C., in the Philadelphia suburb of Yardley, maintains that extreme job uncertainty and organizational change have the potential to impact anyone and everyone. The situation is intensified if personal problems intervene, making it difficult, she notes, to handle the bumps.

Within the office, Ostrofsky adds, interrelationships between boss and employee (and vice-versa), can contribute to the feel of being in limbo. So can difficulties with co-workers, competitiveness in the office, even the need to succeed where everyone uses a different definition. Ungar states that organizational stress boils down to one thing: It s always about how it s going to affect me.

MOVING ON

Maurer indicates that it s critical to identify what s making you feel in limbo, whether it s fear of moving forward or doubt about what direction to move in. Ostrofsky concurs, suggesting that you determine the number of sides to the problem. There may be more than one or two. What are you in limbo between? she asks. Look at them as honest and worthy options. Bywater offers some comfort, stating, You won t fall into a pit if things don t settle down.

Ostrofsky recommends nurturing openness to your eventual decision by trying on your options. Her process is simple and practical:

-- When you wake up, look in the mirror, and decide, for example, that you re going to change jobs or make your current one work.

-- If you re going to leave, try to live the day that day and not get fired. Live with that knowledge in you. Sometimes as soon as you say that, the weight gets lifted.

-- Or, you may question yourself, thinking, This doesn t feel right. Don t make a decision, but act as if you are making one.

-- The next day or next hour, try the other and see how that feels. This gives you the opportunity to be open to whatever you may choose.

Maurer, the psychologist, is a proponent of insights of kaizen, the Japanese philosophy which promotes taking extremely small steps to accomplish large goals. He writes in One Small Step Can Change Your Life: The Kaizen Way (Workman, $16.95) that this philosophy of small (comfortable) steps toward improvement was introduced to Japan after the War, when General Douglas MacArthur s occupation forces began to rebuild that devastated country. The resulting success of Japanese business at the end of the last century reflected that rebuilding.

The author points out that low-key change helps the human mind circumnavigate the fear that blocks success and creativity . . . For example, he suggests asking a small, gentle question once or twice a day, which programs the mind, questions like: What can I learn from this? What lesson am I to learn from this problem? What could I be grateful for even while I am struggling?

Questions are the way the brain prefers to be programmed, he continues. Based on the repetition of the question, the brain decides that this is important and searches for the information. It gives you access to that information on its own time and schedule. Maurer writes that the small steps of kaizen disarm the brain s fear response, stimulating rational thought and creative play. Try it . . . and close the door on being in limbo.

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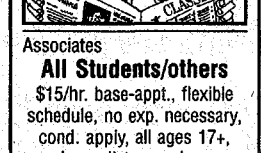

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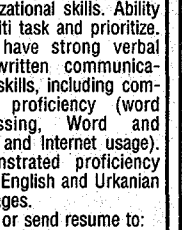

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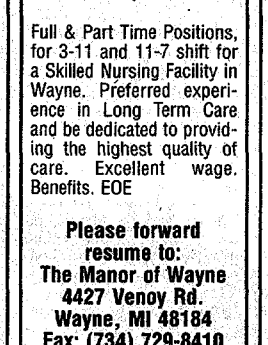

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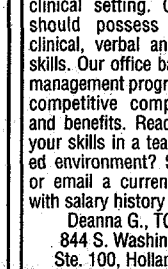

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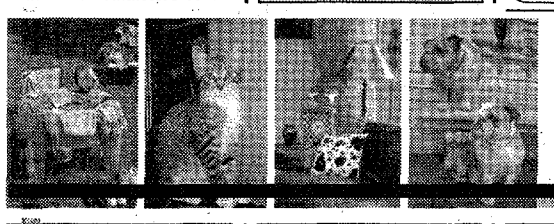

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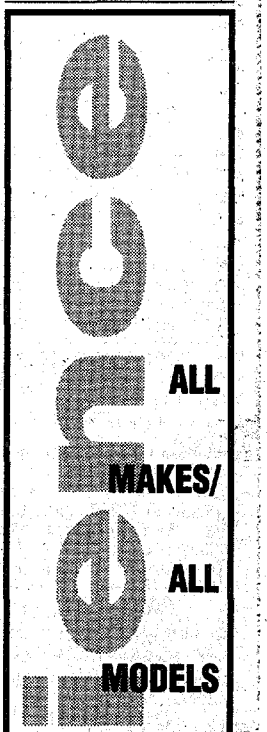

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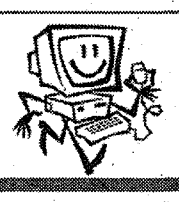

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BRIGHTON Moving Sale Saturday September 2nd Everything Must Go! 6546 Edgewood Dr Brighton, Grand River to Academy to Knox, Follow Signs! 810-229-2438

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CLARKSTON- Mon., Sept. 4th, 9-4. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd. E/ Sashabaw. 248-394-0200. Church Wide Sale of collectibles, housewares, toys, men's tent & more. Family Fair, Classic Car show, Children's Games, Live & Silent Auction, Food & more.

CLAWSON 2 GIANT multi-family sales. Something for everyone! No junk! Sept 1 9-5pm; Sept 2nd 9:00-?, 242 & 260 Bellevue Ave., S off 14, E. of Main.

DETROIT- N. Rosedale Park. 16708 Greenview, btwn 6 Mile/Puritan. Sept. 2-4, 10-6. Antiques, New kitchen, granite tops, bldg supplies, landscaping & much more. MOVING!

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Sale. 25811 Castlereigh, Aug. 31- Sept. 2, 9-5. Household, furniture, kid's stuff, vintage pieces, etc..

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FARMINGTON HILLS Thurs-Sat., 10am-6pm, 33659 Lyncroft, 48331. CDs, kids toys, kicker amp, books, PartyLight, plus size womens & mens clothes, more!

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Nice furniture & garage sale. Sat. Sept. 2, 9am-2pm. Leather recliner sofa, matching rocker recliner, off-white love seats, coffee & end tables, Bentwood/Rattan dining set, glass 4 shelf display case, modern king bed set & more. 32009 Leelane, 1 blk S. of 10 Mile, off Orchard Lake.

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FRANKLIN VILLAGE LABOR DAY MONDAY ONLY-9AM-4PM - 26081 Carol. Behind Post Office off Franklin Rd., between 13 and 14 Mile. Come Early. Cool Stuff.

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GARDEN CITY
Power tools, outboard motor, misc. 30714 Bock. Sept. 1&2 9:30am-4pm.

GARDEN CITY - 29621 Bock, S. of Ford, E. of Middlebelt. Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 9am-6pm. Household, clothes, toys, skis, sports. Everything goes!

LIVONIA We're Back Again! Great Prices, Lots For Everyone! 11018 Loveland, S of Plymouth, E of Farmington Rd. Aug. 31- Sept. 2, Thurs, Fri, 9-4; Sat., 8am.

LIVONIA 16663 Parklane, 6 Mile & Westbrook, Aug. 31, Sept 2, 10-6. Antiques, collectibles, furniture and what-not's No pre-sales.

LIVONIA 15053 Fairway, S. of 5 Mile, E. of Levan Rd. off Country Club. Aug. 31-Sept 2, 9-5pm. Antiques, tools, kids' bdrm furniture, electronics, 45's, mink jacket, clothes

LIVONIA 32918 Illinois, Farmington Rd & Kentucky Rd., Sept. 2-3rd., 9-4pm. Multi-Family Sale

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LIVONIA 36543 Roycroft, Levan & 5 Mile Rd., Sept. 1-3rd, 9am-5pm. Dishwasher, fridge, cartop carrier, tools & miscellaneous items.

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LIVONIA/ WESTLAND 35115 Joy (Corner Joy & Wayne Rds.). Thurs., Fri., 9am-4pm. Dinette set, toys, clothes, games, DVDs, books, tapes.

NOVI- 3-family, 8/31-9/1. 8-4, 22102 York Mill Circle, S/9, E/Beck, Barcley Estates Sub.: furniture, bikes, toys, books, clothes,movies, etc,

OAK PARK- 23210 Sherman, 1 blk N/9 Mile. Sept. 1 & 2, 9am-5pm. Big Garage/Outside Estate Sale! Household, antiques, glass, clothes, Christmas, Carnival glass & more.

PINCKNEY
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 1-3, noon-3pm, 10417 Hill St., Crystal Beach Sub. Household, furniture, toys, etc.

PLYMOUTH MULTI-FAMILY SALE, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 9am-4pm, 12363 Duxbury Ct., off Ann Arbor Tr btwn Sheldon & Beck. Bikes, records, toys, etc.

PLYMOUTH Furniture, antiques, boys clothes (new & used), toys, misc. Thurs., Fri., Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 8am-5pm, 1351 Linden, E of Sheldon, S of Ann Arbor Tr.

PLYMOUTH 9055 Rocker, Ann Arbor & Joy Rd, Sept. 1-3, 10-6pm. Antiques, household, women's clothing (12-22), appliances & misc.

PLYMOUTH Big Garage Sale - Labor Day Weekend - 11637 Parkview Dr., E of I-275, off Ann Arbor Trail. Thurs., Aug. 31 - Sun., Sept. 3, 9am-5pm. Housewares, hardware, automotive, & much more!

PLYMOUTH 45560 Leighwood Ct., W. of Sheldon, S. of Ann Arbor Trail, Sept 1st, 9-3pm. Laser printer/scanner, Astra ten-speed, household, etc...

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WATERFORD Huge Multi Family Sale! Like new clothing (toddler-adult), furniture, misc. Lots of toys. Thurs., 9am-5pm, Fri., 9am-2pm, 2583 Stanmoor Dr., Bayberry off Clintonville.

WAYNE - Fri.-Sun., Sept 1,2,3, 10-5pm. 4173 Carnegie St., N. of Annapolis, W. of Howe. TV, grill, a/c, mower, household items & more!

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WEST BLOOMFIELD 5383 Pocono, N. of Walnut Lake, E of Drake, Sept. 1,2,3, 9-5. Huge Multi-Family. Furniture, household, jewelry, kids, misc.

WEST BLOOMFIELD- 8/31-9/2, 9am-3pm. 5956 Shillingham, off Farmington, btwn Maple/Walnut Lk. Furniture, baby clothes, bedding, misc.

WESTLAND Moving Sale. 8619 Fremont, Joy & Middlebelt Rd., Aug. 27- Sept 16, Mon-Fri. 4-8, Sat-Sun. 9-6pm. Tools, appliances, misc.

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WESTLAND Indoor/Outdoor Rummage Sale - Sept. 1 thru Sept. 9. Many new and used items, computers, household items, furniture, medical equipment, leather coats. Full Gospel Temple Lighthouse Home Mission, 34033 Palmer Rd., between Wayne Rd & Venoy. Proceeds to buy food for the needy. 734-326-3885

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LIVONIA EVERYTHING MUST GO! Some furniture. Thurs., Fri., Sat., Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 9am-4pm, 15731 Penn Dr., Quakertown Sub.

NOVI 140 Penhill, off W. Park Dr., Aug. 31st -Sept 1, 9-6pm; Sept. 2nd 8-12pm. Trampoline, ping-pong table, entertainment center, couch, household, bikes, & more!

REDFORD 11399 Lenore, (Telegraph, 2 blocks W of Plymouth), Sat., Sun., Mon., Sept. 2,3,4, 9am-4pm.
EVERYTHING MUST GO!!

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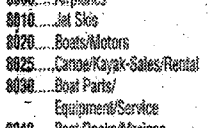

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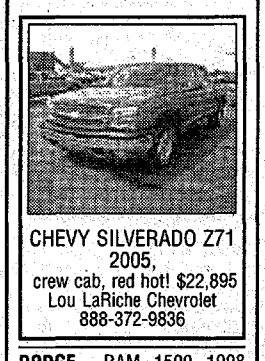

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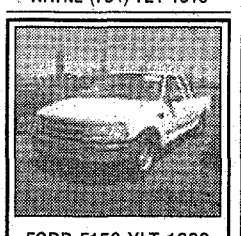

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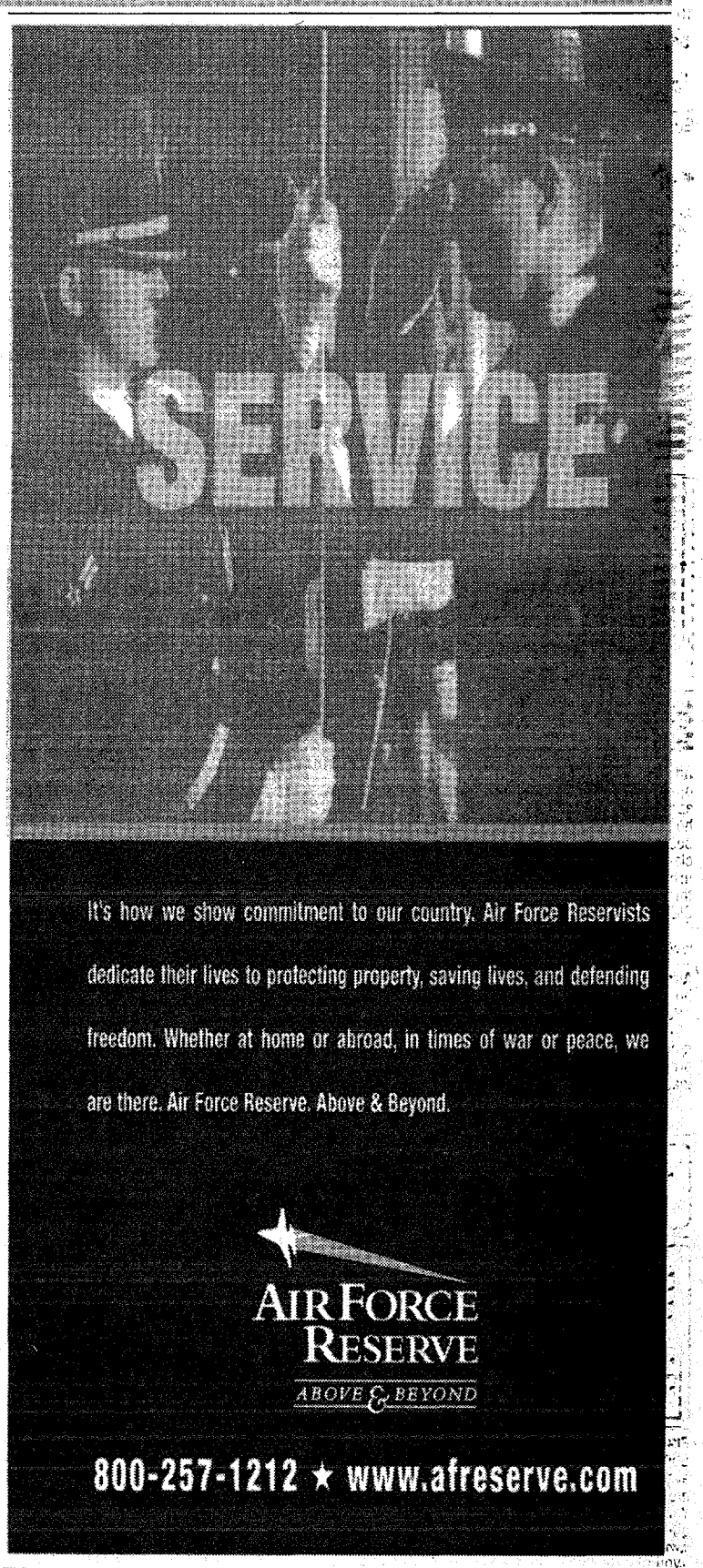

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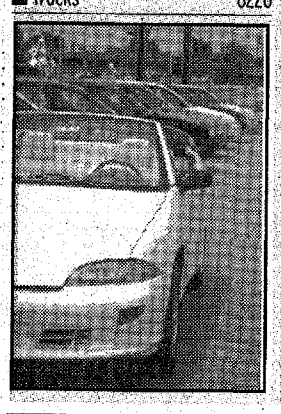

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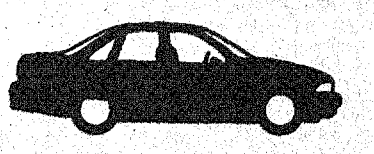


Dodge tries and accomplishes that task with the 2006 Dodge Charger. Harking back to its muscle car days of the 1960s, the 2006 Dodge Charger does a remarkable job at reviving the famous retro streetcar by adding modern-day technology, power and contemporary styling after a nearly 30-year absence.

But Charger fans, take heart. While there are some similarities to one of the greatest muscle cars of the 1960s like the design cues that s where they end. For starters, the 2006 Charger is a sedan, not a coupe, a fact that may unsettle diehard Charger fans.

But the 2006 Dodge Charger does manage to build on its iconic, race car image by packing a 250-horsepower, high output V-6 engine or a much faster 340 horsepower Hemi V-8 engine.

It s managed to race its way back into the hearts of a new generation. The most important thing: it s fast, just like its predecessor, while combining the comforts of a sedan.

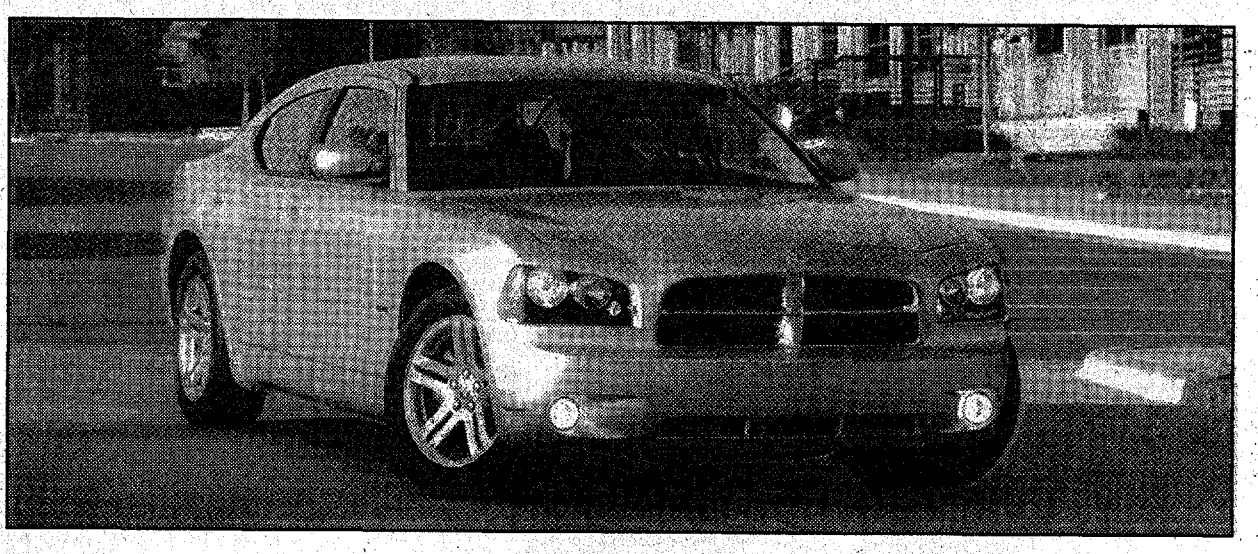
Offering a blend of styling and racing performance in a sedan, the 2006 Dodge Charger has simultaneously drawn fans who remember the Charger s racecar prowess of decades ago, while drawing in new converts that don t.

We like that Dodge decided to make this a sedan and not a coupe. It s no fun to cram car seats into a two-door car, nor is it convenient to keep leaning the front seat forward to make way for kids to crawl in and out of the back seat. A four-door car is perfect.

But while sedans are perfectly capable family car, it s too easy to get bored by them. A lot of times, they re just so blah. Not the case with the Dodge Charger.

Take a look inside and it s easy to see that this is no run-of-the-mill sedan interior. A clear dashboard with silver accents on the steering wheels, instrument panels, doors and center panels.

Its style is undeniable. It looks, and is, cool. Sharing its rectangular face, long hood and arced roofline with the 1960s version, the new model isn t too muscle to sport a family around in. With its sloping back and strong roofline and front end, the Charger offers just the right blend of street and muscle intertwined with a sedan.



2006 Dodge Charger. Vehicle class: Five-passenger sports sedan. Power: V-8, V-6 engine options. Mileage: 17 city / 25 highway. Where built: Brampton, Ontario. Base price: $27,697 MSRP.

The Dodge Charger has enough seating for five adults and ample trunk space. Available in the SE, SXT, R/T, R/T with Road/Track Performance Group and the Dodge Charger Daytona R/T, the four-door vehicle builds on performance and handling.

It features a near 50/50 weight distribution that delivers firm steering and handling in a rear-wheel drive. The R/T model has a road and track performance package with 18-inch performance tires, nine-land performance steering gear and Nivomat shock absorbers.

Seventeen-inch tires are standard on the Charger SE and Charger SE. On the SE model, cruise control, remote keyless entry, power windows doors and windows are standard. Leather seats are standard on the R/T, while the SE and the SXT get cloth seats.

If power is what you want, the Dodge Charger R/T brings it with a 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 engine with 390 lb. ft of torque. The engine s multi-displacement system deactivates four cylinders in 40 milliseconds when full V-8 power is not needed.

Coupled with a five-speed transmission that gives drivers a choice of fully automatic or manual gears, the R/T also has 20 percent improved fuel economy. That s a good thing, considering that the last models of the Charger in the 1970s were lamented for their lack of fuel economy.

You won t have that problem with the 2006 version.

The 2006 Dodge Charger SE and SXT have a 3.5-liter High Output V-6 engine with 250 horsepower and 250 lb.-ft. of torque. All models come equipped with an electronic stability with brake assist, anti-lock brakes and all speed-traction control system, resulting in handling that feels nimble like a sedan, but with the power of a muscle car.

A Charger SXT package adds a 60/40 split folding rear center with center armrest, eight-way power adjustable driver s seats, a 276-watt Boston Acoustics speakers and a cargo net.

The Daytona R/T package adds 18-inch aluminum wheels, a black honeycomb grille, an exclusive front fascia with a chin spoiler and Daytona and Hemi decals and insignia.

A Hemi engine with an additional 10 horsepower, air filtration system, a 6-CD radio with MP3 capability and DVD GPS navigation system is optional on all models.

The Dodge Charger SRT8 offers even more might. It s equipped with a 425-horsepower 6.1 liter Hemi engine with a race-inspired interior. The 2007 model will be available in the fall with a limited edition Super Bee nameplate and a new TorRed paint scheme on limited 2006 R/T models.

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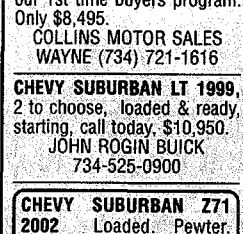

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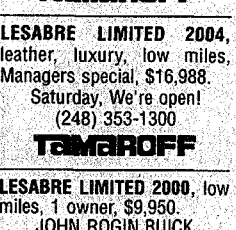

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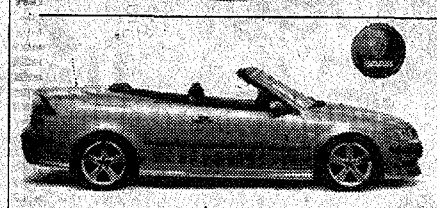

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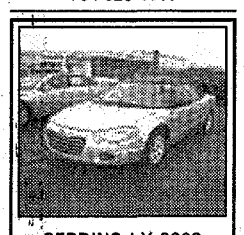

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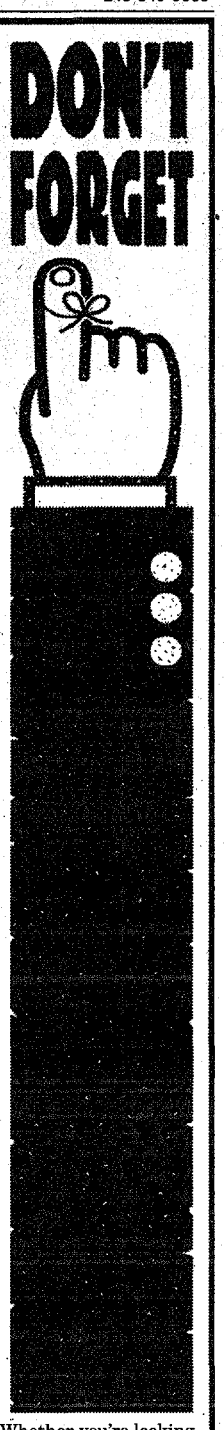

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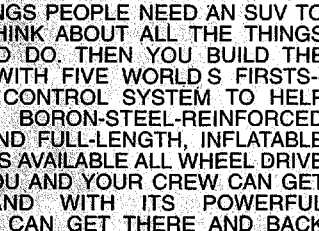

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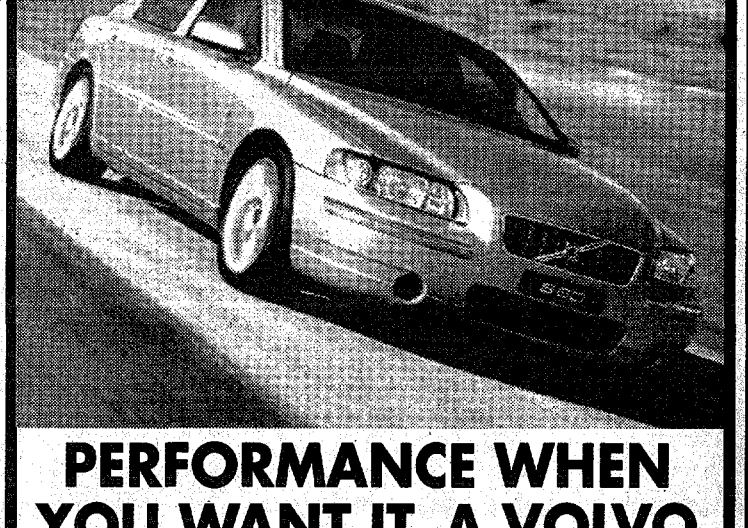

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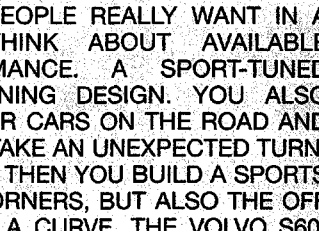

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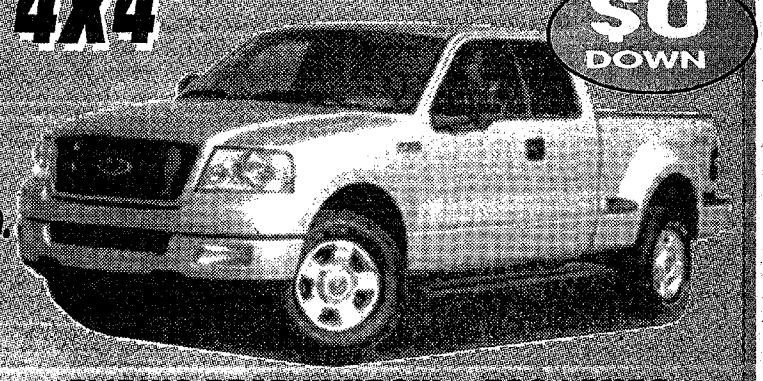

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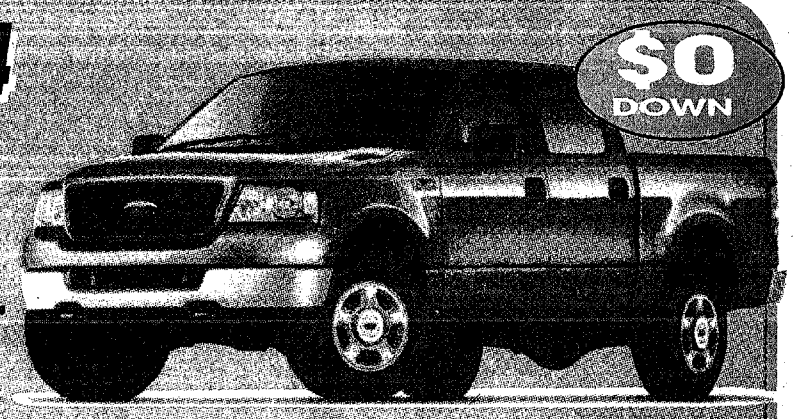

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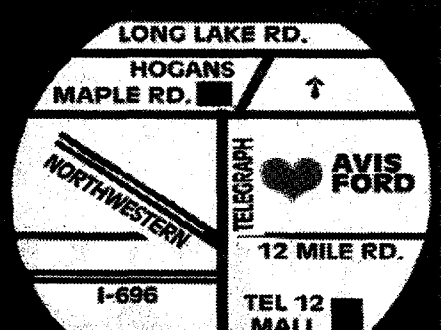

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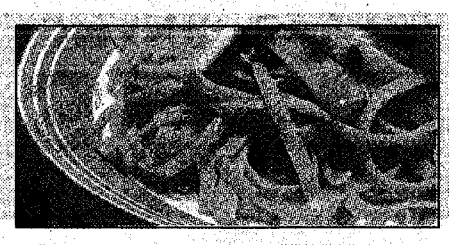

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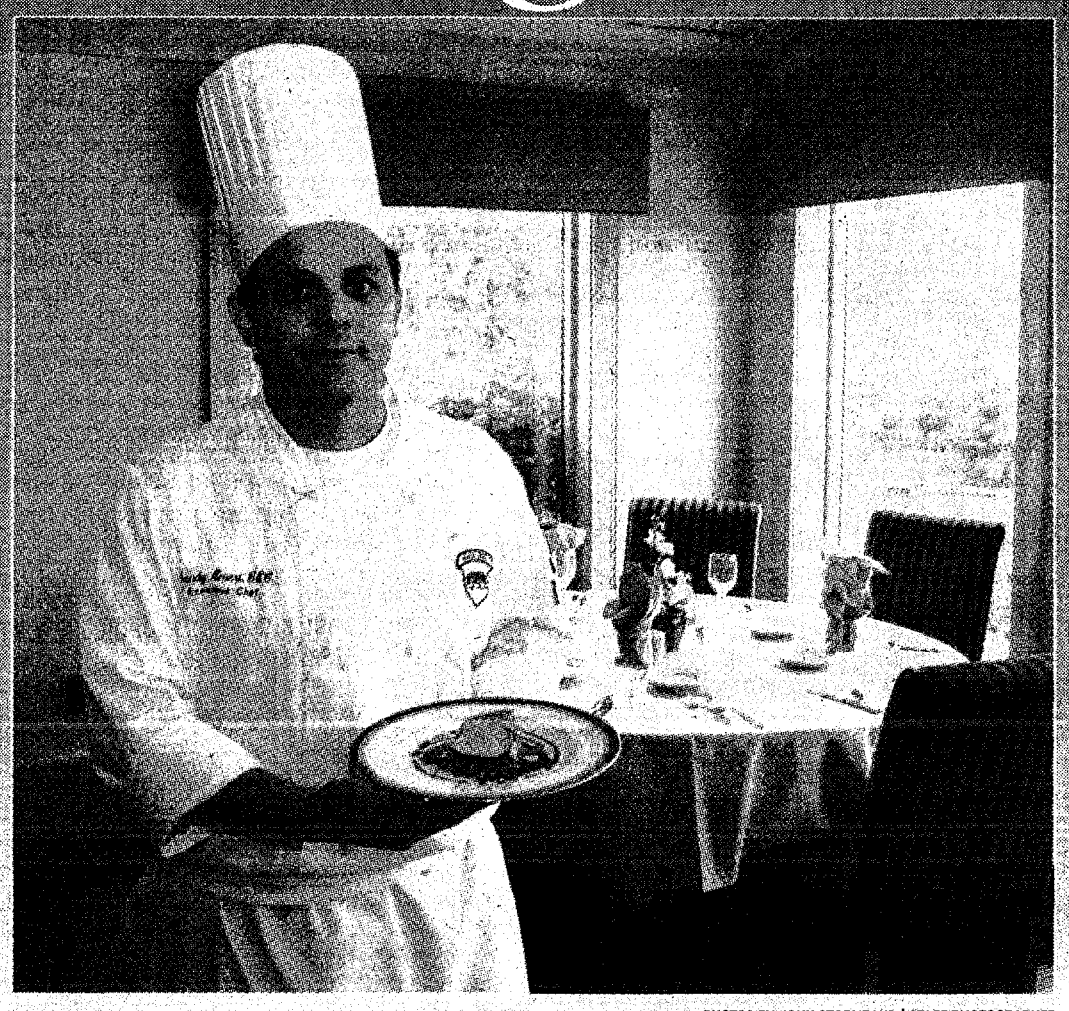

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Randy Emert, executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, will prepare smoked pork tenderloin with spaghetti squash salad and sweet pepper for the Schoolcraft Extravaganza on Sept. 24.

Chef remembers how scholarship helped him

SCHOOLCRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: Food and beverages from more than 50 southeastern Michigan restaurants and beverage suppliers.
When: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24
Where: VisTaTech Center, north end of Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia
Tickets: $50 per person. Proceeds support student scholarships.
For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

When Randy Emert was a teenager in Farmington, he cleaned bathrooms and floors at the old T & M Asphalt building in Farmington, a place where his mother was employed.

One day Mike Ford, one of the owners, asked him why he wasn't going to college.

"Can't afford it," Emert replied. "What would you do if you had a chance to go to college?" Emert was asked. Emert told him he wanted to attend Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program.

T & M paid for Emert's schooling at Schoolcraft. Emert never forgot that scholarship he received from Ford, which put him on a path to his current job as executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester.

That's a big reason why he participates every year in the Schoolcraft Extravaganza, held this year on Sept. 24. (See related information.)

All proceeds from the event support student scholarships distributed by the Schoolcraft Foundation. In its 15-year history, the Culinary Extravaganza has raised more than $1.3 million and funded thousands of scholarships.

Scholarship money from the

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Emert's smoked pork tenderloin features spaghetti squash salad and sweet pepper.

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Baseball puts new spin on football season

Is it me or is everything just starting to blend together? Here it is the last day of August. Before you know it we'll be seeing advertisements for Halloween.

Once that happens you know you'll see Jolly Old St. Nick inviting you in for the pre-pre-pre-holiday sales.

Didn't I just pull the grill out of the garage for our Memorial Day barbecue? And I swear that the Fourth of July was last week.

Dick Purtan

What spawned this confusion about the time-space continuum was my sudden realization that college football begins this weekend. Not any football, mind you, but Wolverine-as-the-center-of-the-universe football.

The Saturdaze of Maize and Blue return in all their splendor with a noon kickoff versus Vanderbilt. (I know, Michigan isn't the only team playing this weekend, but we have an agenda here.)

On a normal college football Saturday I find myself neatly divided between rooting for Michigan and rooting for Michigan State.

(They call me Mister Politically Correct. I'd rather stand between Hezbollah and Israel than a Wolverine and a Spartan.)

But this year the balance has been tipped in favor of the team from Ann Arbor. (Much to the delight of my Michigan grad daughter Jackie who works with me every morning.)

The reason? Simple. The radio station that pays my salary is now the Flagship radio station for University of Michigan football. (Mr. PC.)

Beginning this week you'll be able to hear every bone-crunching hit, every referee whistle, every playing of the Michigan fight song in crystal-clear, high-definition FM stereo at 104.3.

Still, it does seem a little early for football, doesn't it? There's something about watching or listening to a football game in shorts and a T-shirt that doesn't feel right.

It took me a while but I finally figured out what my mind/body/season confusion is all about.

Baseball. It has been a long time since baseball in September had any real meaning – to us, anyway.

Sure, cities like New York, Boston, St. Louis and Atlanta routinely experience the joys of fall ball. Postseason possibilities are an annual occurrence – there.

Here, it's like we're being visited by a long-lost friend who is also returning our hedge trimmers.

This September (and October) we have two reasons, two teams and two seasons to occupy our minds and time. The Tigers' quest for a ring and the Wolverines' march to the BCS.

It's nice that September is a two-sport month for Detroit. And, if the Lions get off to a good start . . . .

And that's when I woke up.

(Next week: A rebuttal column from my five daughters who attended Michigan State. Let the fireworks begin.)

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People appear on your radio at The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC every morning from 5 to 10.

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Rick Broida

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Dahlia show
The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 54th annual Dahlia Show noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.
For information, call (248) 373-6275.

Daylily plant sale
The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society will have its Fall Blowout Daylily Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the First Congregational Church of Birmingham parking lot, 1000 Cranbrook Road, west of Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.
Hundreds of different modern daylily flowers, plus perennial treasures, including hosta, peony and iris, will be featured.
Local hybridizers will be available to answer questions.
Pay by cash, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. For more information, visit www.daylilyclub.com or call (248) 739-9006.

Plant sale
The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have its annual plant sale noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at 314 N. Main in Clawson.
Admission is free. Guests are welcome.
For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

Pests
The Community House Garden Club will present Ridding Your Home and Garden Environment of Unwanted Pests 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.
Nick and Angela Burgess of C.J.B. Pest and Mosquito Control in Farmington Hills will make a presentation regarding integrated pest management using attractants and illusionary measures with chemical and non-chemical devices.
The methods used comply with many gardeners and organic gardeners who would rather not use chemicals for pest control.
The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. Donation of $5 requested at the door. Or, join The Community House Garden Club, $20 for six meetings.
For more information, contact Pat Jerzy at (248) 594-6410, patj@communityhouse.com.

Hill & Dale Garden Club
The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.
The topic will be Black Gold: Indoor/outdoor Composting by Janet and Alan Geisler.
The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Sclawy at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Plant exchange
The City Plant Exchange will take place 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Farmington Hills City Hall, on 11 Mile at Orchard Lake Road.
For more information, contact Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374 or calamintha@yahoo.com.

Edible landscape
Goldner Walsh Nursery will present The Edible Landscape, the second lecture in its Our Neck of the Woods series, noon Saturday, Sept. 16.
Cost is $15. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations.
Goldner Walsh Nursery is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.
The presentation by Ken Asmus of Oikos Tree Crops in Kalamazoo will include a slide show, live plants and some great-tasting landscape ornamentals.
The talk will focus on edible and native edible landscape plants that are hardy to our zone with ornamental qualities sought in landscape plants for yards. Asmus has searched many ecotypes and hybrids to produce the finest edibles found in our area with traits such as disease resistance, increased hardiness, growth rate and increased fruit production.
Whether you are trying to increase the wildlife in your back yard or find out which landscape plants make the best jellies, or if you just like the thought of food for man or beast in your yard, this talk is for you.
Register for a chance to win a Pawpaw tree (Michigan banana) valued at $100.

Trees, shrubs
Learn about the many uses of woody trees and shrubs and how to select and arrange them in your landscape, and learn about various plant materials available to landscape your yard, in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.
The three-week class, Woody Trees and Shrubs, will begin Wednesday, Sept. 20. It will take place at the Schoolcraft campus on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia.
Cost is $73 (senior cost, $58.40), book and supplies included.
For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Fall planting
English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506); Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500); Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433); and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900).
Visit www.englishgardens.com.
Fall is for Planting will be the topic Sept. 6. Fall is the best time of year to plant. Learn how to bring color into your yard and garden this fall with English Gardens' list of favorites for seasonal color. Proper planting and care techniques to ensure success will also be discussed.
Planting Spring-flowering Bulbs will be the topic Sept. 13.

Rose programs
Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public.
The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township.
Admission is free. Reservations aren't required.
Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather.
For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.
The schedule includes Fall Bed Preparation and Rose Planting Demonstration (1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4), and Insect and Disease Control for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11).
The fall bed and rose planting program is a slide program and garden demonstration addressing the special challenges of planting roses late in the year.
The insect and disease control program is a slide lecture and garden tour, with emphasis on natural and cultural control.

Conference
Registrations are being accepted through Thursday, Aug. 31, for the Unusual Gardening Conference, which will take place 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Ford Education Center at the Detroit Zoo.
The conference is presented by the Michigan School of Gardening, in cooperation with the Practical Gardening Institute.
Registration is $95 ($75 for Practical Gardening Institute members), including parking, admittance to the zoo, lunch, all five presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and book signing with Janet Macunovich. Bring your books to the signing, or buy copies at the conference.
To register, go to www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com and visit the Gardeners' Market.
The conference will feature in-depth seminars, and time to interact and talk with presenters and fellow gardeners. Topics will be Gardens of the World (Pam Palechek), Vines and Vertical Features (Sue Grubba), Water Gardens (Scott Bates), Rock Gardens (University of Michigan Herbarium curator Tony Reznicek) and 8 Months of Color (Janet Macunovich and Steven Nikkila).

Cruelty to animals can lead to bigger problems

I like to jog the path at Garden City Park. (My pace barely exceeds that of a walk, but the fact that I get sweaty allows me to call it jogging.)

A few weeks ago, as I was jogging on the path, I saw three kids ahead of me looking at a tree. Two of them looked to be about 12, the other was about 7.

One of the kids lifted his arm, holding a thick, 6-inch long piece of branch.

He threw it as hard as he could at the side of the tree away from me.

About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

I then saw a squirrel race up the back of the tree away from him, breathing hard, and looking like a camper hiding from Jason in a *Friday the 13th* movie.

The Garden City Park squirrels are pretty spoiled. They line the walking trail around the park, hoping for snacks. This one got more than he bargained for.

The kids noticed me heading toward them at the pace of a glacier, and began slowly walking. One took the time to grab another mini-log for the next squirrel.

As I passed them, I told them I had seen what one had done, and advised them if I saw it happen again I would get the police.

They denied it at first, but finally promised not to do it again, and I jogged down the path well ahead of them, with no way to know if they kept their word.

I began thinking to myself how little what I said meant and how it might haunt me.

Parents rarely thank someone who tells their little darlings to behave, so I could have been yelled at.

If I had gotten a police officer, he likely would have told the kids to quit, and then walked away wondering why I was bothering him over a squirrel.

It comes down to cruelty. I see hitting a semi-tame squirrel with a piece of wood for no reason other than the pleasure of causing pain as awful, and a first step toward escalation of the need for that kind of thrill as an adult.

Someone like rock star and hunting guru Ted Nugent might take the opposing view, saying something like, "Woo-hoo – did you get him good?"

The point would be, what is animal cruelty?

WHAT IS CRUELTY?

People have come to my clinic to tell me that their neighbor leaves his or her dog out all day, and complain to me that the neighbor is being cruel.

Maybe they're right. One lady said her daughter-in-law was cruel to her Labrador because he wasn't allowed up on the couch. Maybe not so much.

Cruelty is in the eye of the beholder, or, because these are often criminal acts, in the eyes of the witness.

Is bullfighting cruel? Then what about running with the bulls in Pamplona? Dogfighting? Sure. But is it cruel to have dogs pull a sled across midwinter Alaska?

What about hunting? Would hunting with a bow, which gives better chance of escape, be less cruel than using a gun, which usually gives a faster kill? Would it be more cruel to ban hunting, and let the animals starve from uncontrolled populations?

The problem is, much like the word suffering, the definition of cruel varies by each person defining it. What feels like a minor ache to you might be suffering if I were experiencing it.

A dog tied to a pole with a 6-foot rope in a back yard might seem normal to the owner who put him there, but neighbors might be more likely to call the howling and crying and lack of ability to move suffering, and in turn, cruelty.

It all depends on your definition, and on the definition within your community, but feeling the need to hurt animals could mean even bigger problems.

CONNECTION

There has been a long noted connection between serial killers and animal abuse.

Individuals first show their dominance over animals when young, and then need escalation of the act as they age, finally turning their aggression and rage toward humans.

The teenagers who performed the heinous acts at Columbine High School bragged about torturing animals. Jeffrey Dahmer, Albert DeSalvo, David Berkowitz, Ted Bundy and most of the other serial killers started out abusing animals.

I'm not saying those kids at the park are going to become serial killers, but research has shown that individuals who hurt animals are five times more likely to be violent toward their spouses, or their children.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead is commonly quoted as saying, "One of the most dangerous things that can happen to a child is to kill or torture an animal and get away with it."

The Humane Society investigators try to keep people from getting away with it.

Michael Robbins, director of Marketing and Communications for the Michigan Humane Society (MHS), said the MHS Cruelty Investigation Department team, made up of just six people total, investigates more than 4,000 cases of animal cruelty a year.

"The Michigan Humane Society defines animal cruelty as intentional mistreatment, neglect, abuse or a criminally negligent act that causes pain or suffering to an animal," Robbins said.

"Unfortunately, there are many forms of cruelty including physical abuse and neglect.

"Forms of cruelty that may not be perceived as such include abandonment (either in a home or outdoors), inadequate means of shelter, and lack of adequate medical care, or willfully or negligently allowing an animal to suffer."

WHAT TO DO

What if you find yourself in the same position I was in, having witnessed something you would consider cruelty, but unsure of how to proceed?

"Contact the local animal control or police department," Robbins said.

"The Michigan Humane Society's Cruelty Investigation Department services the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

"In other cities, please contact your local animal control/police department which has the authority and responsibility to enforce our state's animal cruelty laws, and any local ordinances, in that area.

"Be persistent, don't take 'no' for an answer!"

The MHS Web site, www.michiganhumane.org, deals with these issues. You can use the site to see what penalties there are for animal cruelty.

But the secret for stopping cruelty isn't in punishment, but is in education.

"Respect for all living things is at the heart of this issue and underscores the importance of instilling 'social education' in children," Robbins said. "That is why humane education is a core program at the Michigan Humane Society."

This program includes in-school programs, an anti-violence program, and Summer Tails, a week-long day camp for youngsters "that focuses on human-animal interaction, respect for all living things and caring for and training companion animals."

I think I know of three kids who could use that program.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City 48135. Mail questions or comments there. He also hosts the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit the Web site at www.animaltalkradio.com, and write to Brad@animaltalkradio.com.

CHEF

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foundation goes a long way to help students for all the programs at Schoolcraft, and not just culinary students, according to Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft.

"It's fantastic," Konowalow said. "It gives students the opportunities that they could never afford on their own. It's put several students through the Brigade program (a postgraduate advanced culinary program at Schoolcraft). I can't say enough about it.

"It's important that the Foundation does this work. I think of lot of students would not be able to start the program or complete the program without it. That's why all of our chefs are involved with it and volunteer their time and effort."

Schoolcraft helped Emert with knife skills and the importance of using fresh ingredients.

"It's important to be educated properly," Emert said. "You need to learn techniques, learn how to make sauces and how to communicate with other cooks and chefs in the industry."

The extravaganza features more than 50 of southeastern Michigan's eateries and beverage suppliers. The event also showcases many of the talents of Schoolcraft culinary arts graduates.

Schoolcraft's best known graduate is chef Brian Polcyn. Today he owns Five Lakes Grill in Milford, and was nominated earlier this year for a James Beard Award for Best Chef in the Midwest. Polcyn and Michael Ruhlman co-wrote *Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing*, and that book also was nominated for a James Beard award. (Polcyn's instructional manual for his Charcuterie class at Schoolcraft was the basis for the book.)

Also in attendance will be Gravity Bar & Grill, whose chef is Reva Bell, a Schoolcraft graduate and a member of the school's Salon team that won a national American Culinary Federation title.

Back Home Bakery of Canton is owned by Tracy Pawlowski, another Schoolcraft culinary graduate. Pawlowski will be at the event, featuring baked goods from her store.

Schoolcraft's own American Harvest will be showcasing the talents of students under the tutelage of culinary instructors.

The event also has its share of new restaurants and food vendors this year.

The Cantoro Market of Livonia, Fiamma Grill and Compari's on the Park from Plymouth, The Henry Ford in Dearborn and the Inn at 5ive in Plymouth, are all new to the event, Konowalow said. (Compari's is owned by Jon Bernardi, also a Schoolcraft graduate.)

Plymouth also will be represented by the Hilton Garden Inn, Jeff Zak Catering and LaBistecca Italian Grille.

Many Detroit eateries will be on hand. A sample of this year's participants include Detroit's Asian Village, Rattlesnake, Seldom Blues and Traffic Jam restaurants. Dearborn's The Henry Ford, and The Ritz Carlton; and Novi's Shiro and Steve & Rocky's also will serve food at the event.

Not all the booths will be from the Detroit area. Outstate participants include The Farm Restaurant from Port Austin, owned by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel who is also an instructor at Schoolcraft, and L. Mawby Vineyards from Suttons Bay, a winery known nationally for its Brut wines.

Black Star Farms will feature dessert wines.

Patrons can sample the food and tour the Schoolcraft culinary arts instructional kitchens. They also can 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 event will not feature a live auction this year, but the silent auction was expanded. "The raffle has a fantastic prize," Konowalow said. The winning ticket will send 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. Raffle tickets are $5 each or three for $10.

But the main event is the food.

Emert will prepare smoked pork tenderloin with spaghetti squash salad and a red pepper balsamic glaze. He appreciates the scholarship he received from the owners of T & M Industries, now located in Wixom.

"It's the reason I do this to help. I had a full scholarship, and hopefully, I can help others," Emert said.

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HOME CALENDAR

Champagne Chair Contest Tour

The Design Within Reach 2006 Champagne Chair Contest Tour is at the Design Within Reach Studio, 168 W. Maple in Birmingham, now to Tuesday, Sept. 5 (call (248) 593-9640).

The annual contest challenges participants to create a chair no larger than 4-by-4-by-4 inches from nothing more than the wire, cork and foil of two champagne bottles. Glue is the only permitted adhesive.

This year's winning entry, The Patrick Chair by Krista Charles of Indianapolis, was made from a single cork, sliced with a jeweler's saw.

This year's contest drew more than 600 entries from around the world as well as from 42 states. Winning chairs and many honorable mentions can be viewed at www.dwr.com/champagne.

Sewing 101

Want to tackle home decorating projects but consider yourself sewing machine challenged? Learn the basic operation of a sewing machine in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

The two-week class, Sewing 101: For Home Decorating, will begin Monday, Sept. 18. Cost is $49 (senior cost, $39.20); bring your own sewing machine. Stitch settings, threading the machine, winding bobbins, notions, interfacings and machine accessories will be featured. No projects will be assigned. You'll leave class with a review packet of instructions. Call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Northville home tour

The Northville Historical Home Tour, sponsored by the Northville/Novi American Association of University Women, will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. The tour will feature four homes in downtown Northville.

Tickets are $15. They are available in Northville at Petite Maison, Pear-Aphanaila, Gardenviews and the Chamber of Commerce; in Plymouth at Cozy Cafe; and by calling (734) 207-1942.

Plantings for pots

Two hands-on workshops offered by Deborah Silver at Detroit Garden Works, 1794 Pontiac Drive in Sylvan Lake, will cover plantings for pots, arrangements and topiaries for the home and garden, and holiday decor.

Tuition for each two-part workshop is $95 and includes boxed lunches at each session. Each workshop is limited to 20 participants, so register now to reserve your space. Registrants will be sent a packet of information regarding homework that will be due at the first session.

For more information and to register, call Sue at (248) 335-8089.

The first workshop, Autumn Pots, Decoration and Topiary Design, will meet 10 a.m. to noon Sundays, Sept. 17-24. It will focus on pots and decoration and topiary design and construction using dried and synthetic materials.

The second workshop, Winter Pots and Holiday Decorating, will meet 10 a.m. to noon Sundays, Oct. 15-22.

Goldner Walsh designers win award

Cathy Bell Fritz and Jim Slezinski, landscape designers with Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac, have been honored by the Perennial Plant Association (PPA) with a Landscape Design Merit Award.

PPA president Janet Anderson presented the Goldner Walsh designers with a plaque for winning the award. The award was granted by the PPA for excellence in design.

Bell Fritz and Slezinski's design, Symphony Showhouse Garden, was created as a temporary showhouse exhibit.

It featured a large terrace area that offered visitors an opportunity to surround themselves with elements of water and plants even after nightfall.

The duo and 11 other winners were presented with their awards at the 2006 Perennial Plant Symposium in Montreal, Quebec, in July.

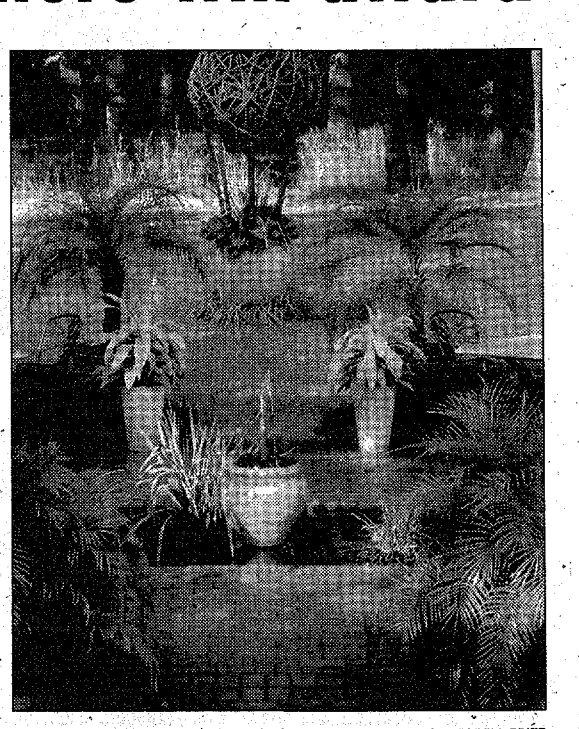
The symposium is the only week-long event dedicated solely to the perennial industry. It drew 700 professionals from around the world. The PPA accepts applications for the Landscape Design Awards every year in 11 different classes of design based on project type and cost.

A judging panel of horticulture, design and perennial professionals identified design submissions worthy of Merit or Honor Award status, with no more than one Honor Award granted per class.

All entrants are encouraged to show effective uses of new cultivars, color combinations, textures and seasonal combinations.

The PPA, based in Ohio, is a professional trade association dedicated to improving the perennial industry by providing education to enhance the production, promotion and use of perennial plants.

Every year it hosts the Perennial Plant Symposium and Trade Show as an avenue for education, networking and professional development, and as a place to honor the best in the industry.



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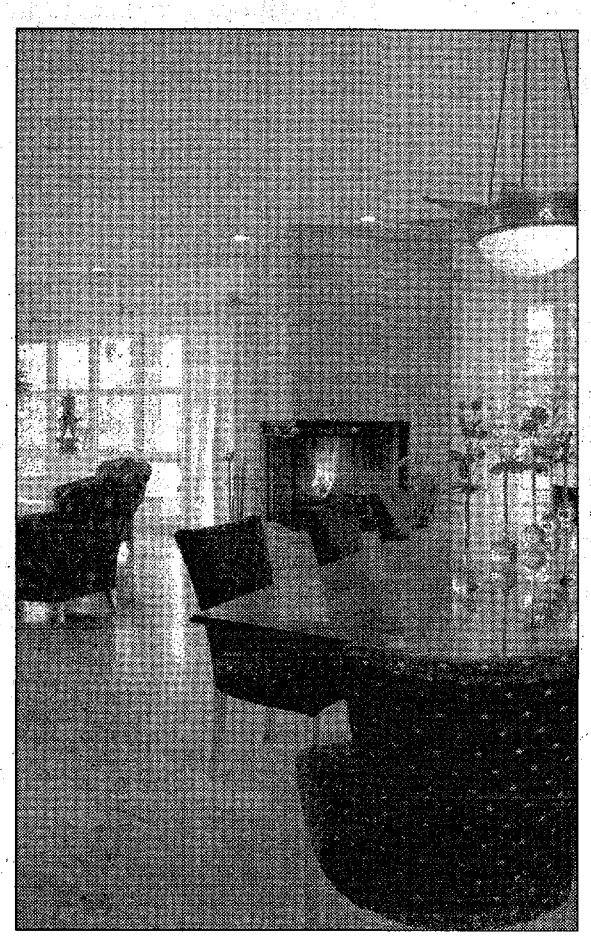
The Perennial Plant Association honored Goldner Walsh Nursery landscape designers Cathy Bell Fritz and Jim Slezinski with a Landscape Design Merit Award for this Symphony Showhouse Garden, which they created as a temporary showhouse exhibit.

Panel discusses design influences



The fireplace is the focal point in this living room, a Saroki project.

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

From lofty traditions to loft projects, various influences affect contemporary architecture and design in metro Detroit.

Such were comments featured at Influences in Contemporary Architecture and Design in Detroit, a panel discussion at Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy last Thursday.

The event, open to the public, was sponsored by MDC and *Dwell* magazine.

"Detroit has a great Arts and Crafts history and Cranbrook is the embodiment of this to me," said panelist Michael Poris of McIntosh Poris Associates. "Every time I go there I see new things."

Poris, a Birmingham resident, talked about the GM Tech Center, which was designed by such greats as Saarinen, Knoll, Eames, Bertoia and Calder.

"This was the absolute center of design in the country," he said. "There had never been a complex or campus built like this.

"In the 1950s Detroit was the center of design in the country. Detroit is still one of the only cities that makes things."

"The influence we see in design is technology," said panelist John Gallagher, *Detroit Free Press* architecture critic.

"One thing that I've seen a lot of in Detroit in the last five years is fountains.

"Fountains were about the base," now they're about the movement of water, Gallagher said. An example is the fountain in the Compuware building in Detroit, of which the water cascades down 14 stories.

Panelist Victor Saroki of Victor Saroki & Associates Architects discussed how the firm considers the surroundings as well as the esthetics of a project.

"The most important aspect . . . is the client. Then we look at the surroundings, the environment. Are we building in a neighborhood or downtown? We always try to understand . . . what makes that community."

Saroki, a graduate of the School of Architecture at Lawrence Technological University, showed slides of a project from more than 12 years ago that involved keeping a modern esthetic. The fireplace was the focal point of the living room.

Saroki also showed images of the firm's District Lofts in the Rail District of Birmingham. Features of the lofts – a model of which is open to the public – include four-story buildings, underground parking, the kitchen as the focal point, and sliding panels that close off rooms.

"Design is about communication," said panelist Clay Dean of General Motors, design director for small and midsize cars. "It conveys the sense of values of the person who buys that product."

Fashion, furniture, sporting gear and architecture were among the elements considered in designing new Saturn cars, he said.

Nostalgia is a key element in designs of the PT Cruiser and the Village of Rochester Hills shopping center, said Dean, a Rochester resident.

"Cranbrook has this incredible tradition . . . of craft," said panelist William Massie, architect-in-residence and head of Architecture Department at Cranbrook Academy of Art.

"We tend to want to move into service direction. I'm more interested in manufacturing."

Moderator Sam Grawe, executive editor of *Dwell*, asked the panelists about the "lofting of America."

"It's another way of saying urban living," Gallagher said. "It gives people a chance to enjoy cities."

"People are busy now, and don't have time to take care of a lawn," Poris said.

"When I think of Detroit, I don't think of the city limits," Saroki said. "I think of metro Detroit.

"Detroit has a lot of good things going. So do suburban downtowns."

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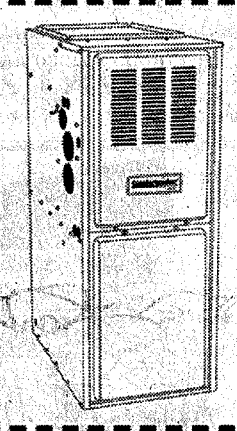

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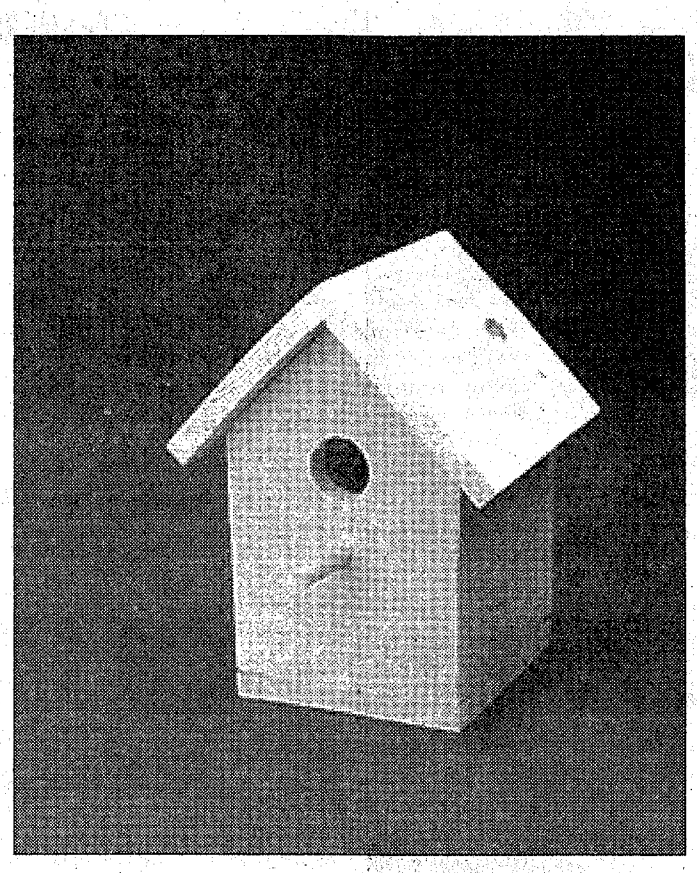
Birdhouse project

The next Kids Workshop at The Home Depot stores will feature a birdhouse project. The free workshops will take place between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Sept. 2, at all Home Depot stores. Youngsters ages 5-12 will build the project with expert advice from knowledgeable Home Depot associates. The Home Depot will provide the complimentary project kits, tools and expertise to build the kits, along with special child-sized orange aprons. Kids Workshops are free, how-to clinics designed for ages 5-12, available monthly at all Home Depot stores. Children, accompanied by an adult, use their skills to create objects that can be used in and around their homes or their communities.



HGTV's *If Walls Could Talk* coming to Michigan

If Walls Could Talk, the weekly series that appears Sundays on HGTV, is coming to Michigan to film homes with intriguing pasts and unusual stories.

The series, which premiered in September 1998, has aired more than 200 episodes – each filmed in historic neighborhoods throughout the country.

If Walls Could Talk is produced for HGTV by High Noon Entertainment in Denver, Colo.

Homeowners who would like to be considered for the program should call Keri Grogan at (303) 712-3302 or e-mail kgrogan@highnoonentertainment.com.

Now in production on its eighth season, the series will kick off with new homeowners who make surprising historical discoveries about their homes as they explore and restore them.

A lucky few will be amazed to learn that the historic artifacts they've discovered are worth a fortune when the *If Walls Could Talk* appraiser drops by for a look.

Each half-hour episode features homeowners from across the country who share their amazing discoveries. Recent stories include:

- A Connecticut family moves into a neglected 1800s Victorian only to find antiques and a mysterious locked cabinet. What they find inside tells the touching story of their home's original owner.
- Then, in the attic they discover original paintings and the *If Walls Could Talk* appraiser pays them a visit. The expert reveals their discoveries are worth thousands of dollars.
- A husband and wife turn a turn-of-the-century bank into their dream home. In the process they find the original bank vault full of safety deposit boxes that are still locked.
- A Colorado couple find books, clothing and jewelry in their new home. The clues add up to the story of a best-selling author who lived in the house until she disappeared.
- A New York bachelor buys a 100-year-old mansion and makes a chilling discovery in the basement: His home sweet

Seal driveway to prevent cracking

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Daniel asks: "I have a concrete driveway, and this spring I started noticing that the surface of it is getting cracks and flaking in some areas. What do I do about this?"

This is a common problem on unsealed driveways in areas where there can be freezing temperatures. Concrete is porous, and melted snow gets into the pores. When the weather freezes up again, the water still trapped inside expands and can crack and flake the surface of the concrete. To prevent this from happening, you will need to seal your driveway. First, use a pressure washer to clean the surface. Next, use a latex-based or acrylic patching product on any problem areas. Once this is done, apply several coats of a concrete/masonry sealer.

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you're paying $30 per month for that line (a low estimate), you'll save $360 annually.

OK, but how much will a fax service cost you? It varies, but prices range from free to around $20 per month.

K7, for instance, charges nothing — no setup fee, no monthly subscription, no costs whatsoever.

The only catch is the ad that appears on the cover page of each fax you receive — hardly a catch at all, in my book.

As an added bonus, K7 also provides you with a voicemail box; messages are delivered via e-mail as audio files you listen to on your PC.

There are some limitations, of course: K7 will store only up to 20 voice and/or fax messages at a time (though once you retrieve them via e-mail, you can store an unlimited number on your PC).

But for someone just getting started with Internet faxing or trying to save money on phone bills, K7 is an impossible deal to beat.

That said, you may want more features than K7 offers — like the ability to send faxes instead of just receiving them.

To see a complete range of fax services, head to FaxPrices.com, where you'll get price comparisons based on your specific needs and fax volume.

SENDING FAXES

You might think that sending a fax without a fax machine is darn near impossible, but it's surprisingly easy — especially if your documents are electronic and stored on your PC.

All you need is an Internet connection and a service like FaxZero (www.faxzero.com), which, true to its name, lets you send faxes free of charge.

Just type in the recipient's name and fax number and select a Word or PDF document stored on your hard drive.

When that's done, you'll have to check your inbox for a confirmation e-mail and click the link contained therein — but after that, the fax gets sent just as though it had originated from your office machine.

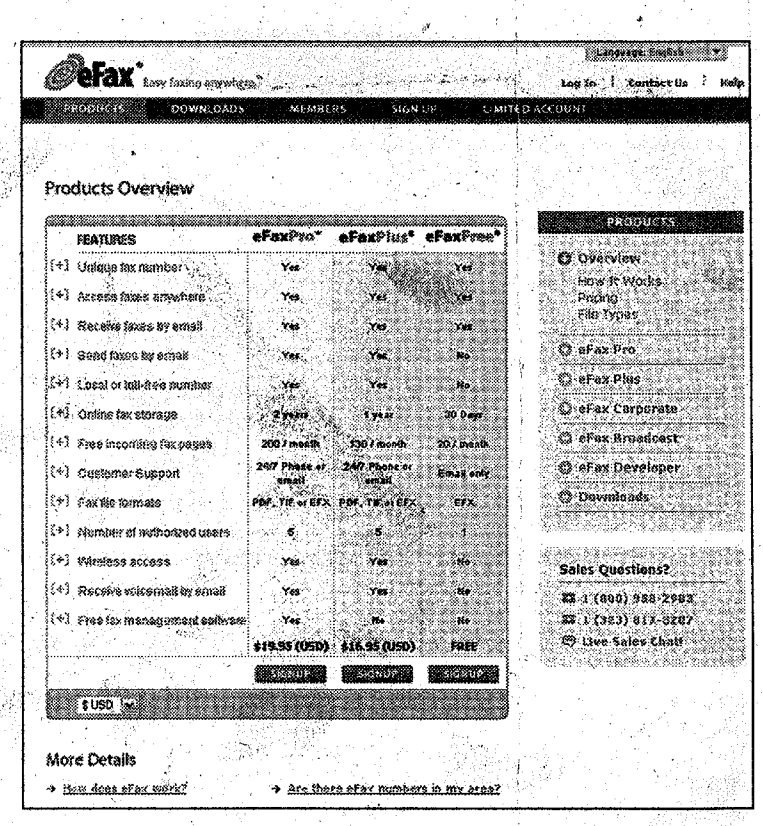
The free version of FaxZero limits you to one document and a maximum of three pages, and no more than two faxes per day. What's more, the recipient will see an ad on the cover page — not exactly professional.

If you're willing to pay $1.79, you get to send an ad-free fax of up to 10 pages.

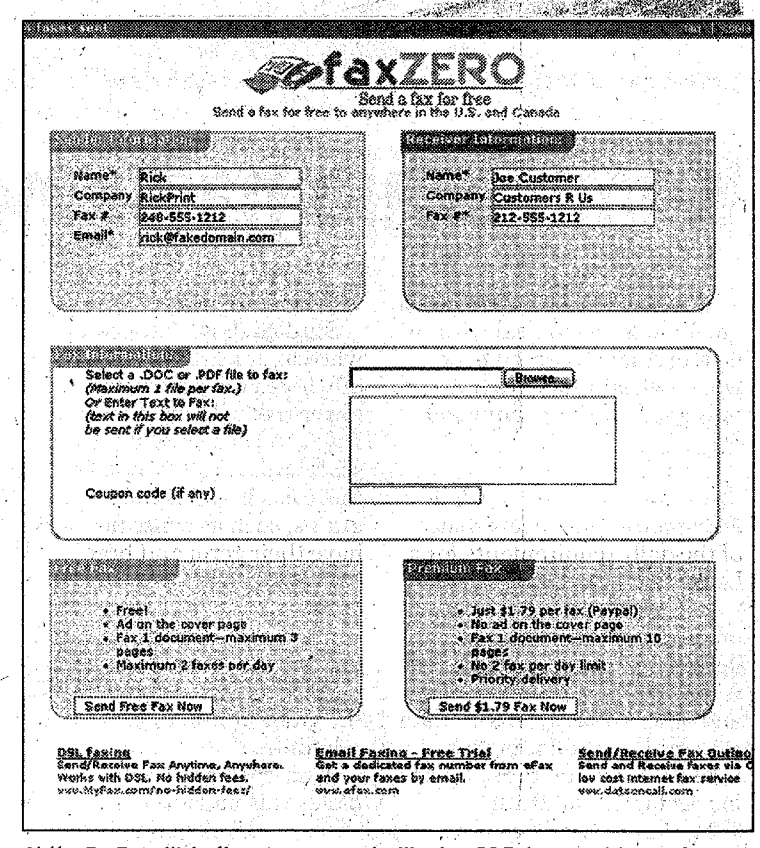
Services like eFax and Send2Fax offer a lot more flexibility, like the ability to broadcast faxes and send directly from your e-mail program, but you'll pay a monthly subscription fee and/or per-fax charges.

All this presumes that your documents reside on your PC, but what happens if you need to fax old-fashioned paper?

That's where a portable scanner comes into play: It will turn your pages into images that can then be faxed using



eFax, one of the Internet's oldest fax services, offers a wide variety of features, including toll-free fax numbers and broadcast faxing.



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The Visioneer Strobe XP 100 (www.visioneer.com), for instance, measures about the size of a paper-towel tube, but offers full-color, sheet-fed document scanning.

Plus, it's powered by your notebook's USB port, so you don't have to bring along a heavy power brick. Just toss it in your briefcase and you can scan-and-fax just about anywhere.

The Strobe sells for $199.99 and comes with the well-regarded ScanSoft PaperPort Deluxe software for organizing scanned documents.

While you've got the credit card out, consider picking up a portable printer for creating hard copies of those faxes you receive via e-mail.

One option is the new HP Deskjet 460cb (www.hp.com), a compact color printer that comes with a removable battery. It costs $239.

Just because fax machines don't travel well doesn't mean you can't send and receive faxes while traveling.

With your notebook PC, an Internet connection and the right services and gear, you'll never miss that bulky, office-bound dinosaur.

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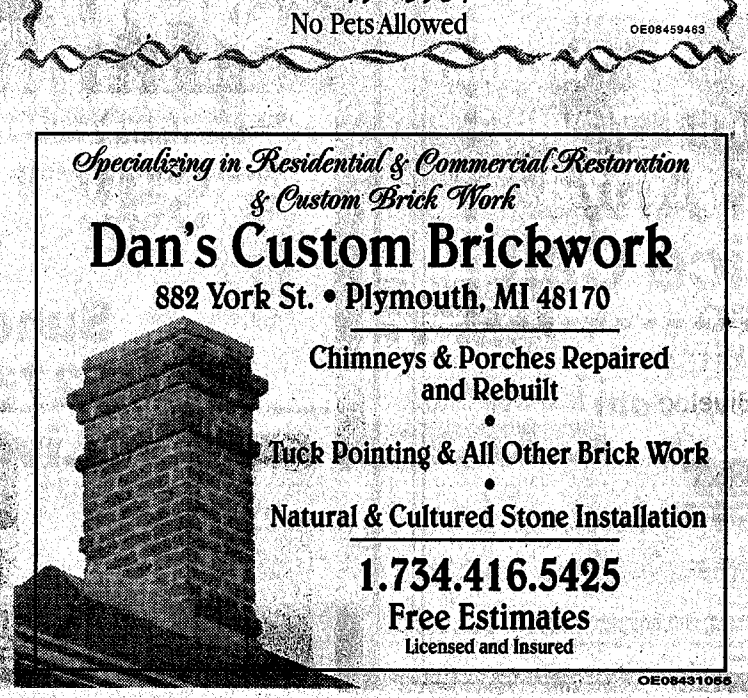

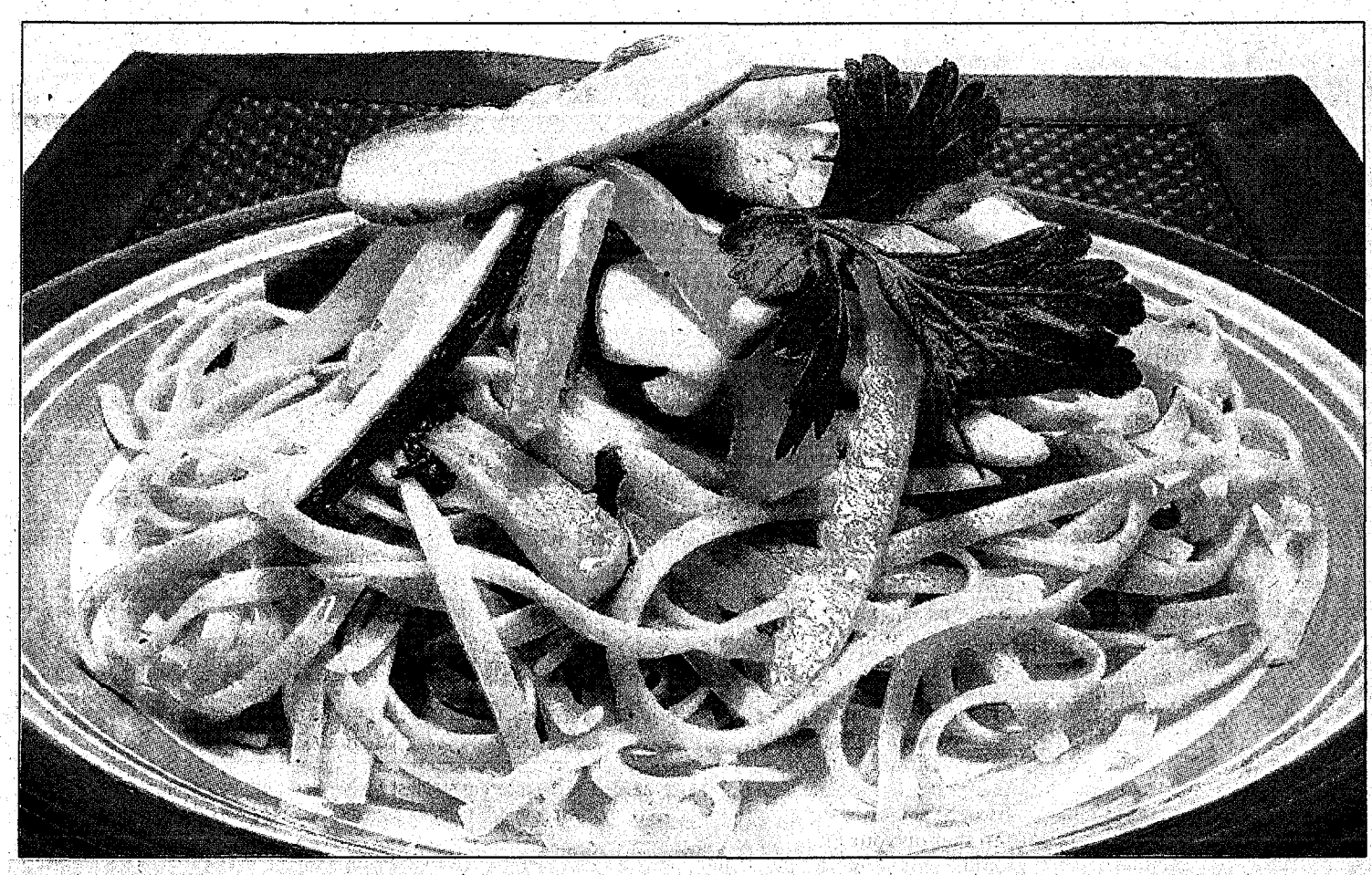

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Zucchini, carrots, basil and peppers add color as well as nutrients to this whole wheat pasta dish.

Whole grain pasta perfect for veggies

An uncooked pasta sauce is a quick, cool way to deal with the heat of August. Served over whole-wheat pasta, it's not only good and easy, but good for you.

A sauce of vegetables and mushrooms over some whole-wheat fettuccine meets many of the daily requirements for a healthful diet.

Whole grains are chock-full of nutrients and have a wonderful nutty taste. Whole wheat, corn, oats, brown rice and other whole grains contain powerful antioxidants that fight cancer, as do those found in vegetables and fruits.

The key to whole grains' enormous cancer-fighting potential lies in their wholeness. A grain of whole wheat is composed of three parts: endosperm, bran and germ. When wheat or any grain is refined, the bran and germ where most of the protective phytochemicals and fiber are stored are removed.

Studies show that people who eat at least three servings of whole grains a day have a lower risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer and seem to maintain a healthy weight more easily. Since refined grains, such as white flour, have their germ and bran removed, whole grains are higher in fiber and contain 10 times the amount of vitamin E; four times the potassium, magnesium and zinc; three times the vitamin B-6; and twice the selenium.

A no-cook pasta sauce completes this nutritious grain. Cut some portabella mushrooms into generous chunks to make the sauce meaty and satisfying. The zucchini, carrots, basil and peppers add color as well as nutrients.

Whole-Wheat Pasta with Zucchini, Mushrooms and Basil

1 small yellow bell pepper, seeded and sliced very thin
½ medium orange bell pepper, seeded and sliced very thin
1 medium zucchini, sliced very thin
1 medium carrot, peeled and sliced very thin
½ cup finely-chopped fresh basil, loosely packed
1 garlic clove, minced
1 teaspoon orange zest
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1½ tablespoons canola oil
½ teaspoon salt, or to taste
Pinch of cayenne
12 ounces whole-wheat linguine
2 large portabella mushrooms, cleaned, with stems removed
½ cup flat-leaf parsley, loosely packed, for garnish

Put the bell peppers, zucchini and carrot in a medium bowl. Add the basil, garlic, orange zest, vinegar, oil, salt and cayenne. Toss the ingredients well to combine. Set the mixture aside to marinate.

Cook the pasta according to the package instructions. Meanwhile, prepare the mushrooms. Cut the edges off each mushroom to make squares. Discard edges or save for later use. Halve each square. Slice away the brown undersides, including the gills, and discard.

Then slice the mushrooms into long, thin strips and add them to the bowl with the marinated vegetables. Toss well, until the mushrooms are moist and start to soften.Drain the pasta and divide it among 6 shallow bowls or plates. Top each serving with an equal share of the vegetables. Spoon the marinating liquid over the vegetables. Garnish with the parsley and serve.

Makes 6 servings. Per serving: 252 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 47 g. carbohydrate, 10 g. protein, 9 g. dietary fiber, 208 mg. sodium.

Recipe from American Institute for Cancer Research's new cookbook, *The New American Plate: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life.* 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.

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.

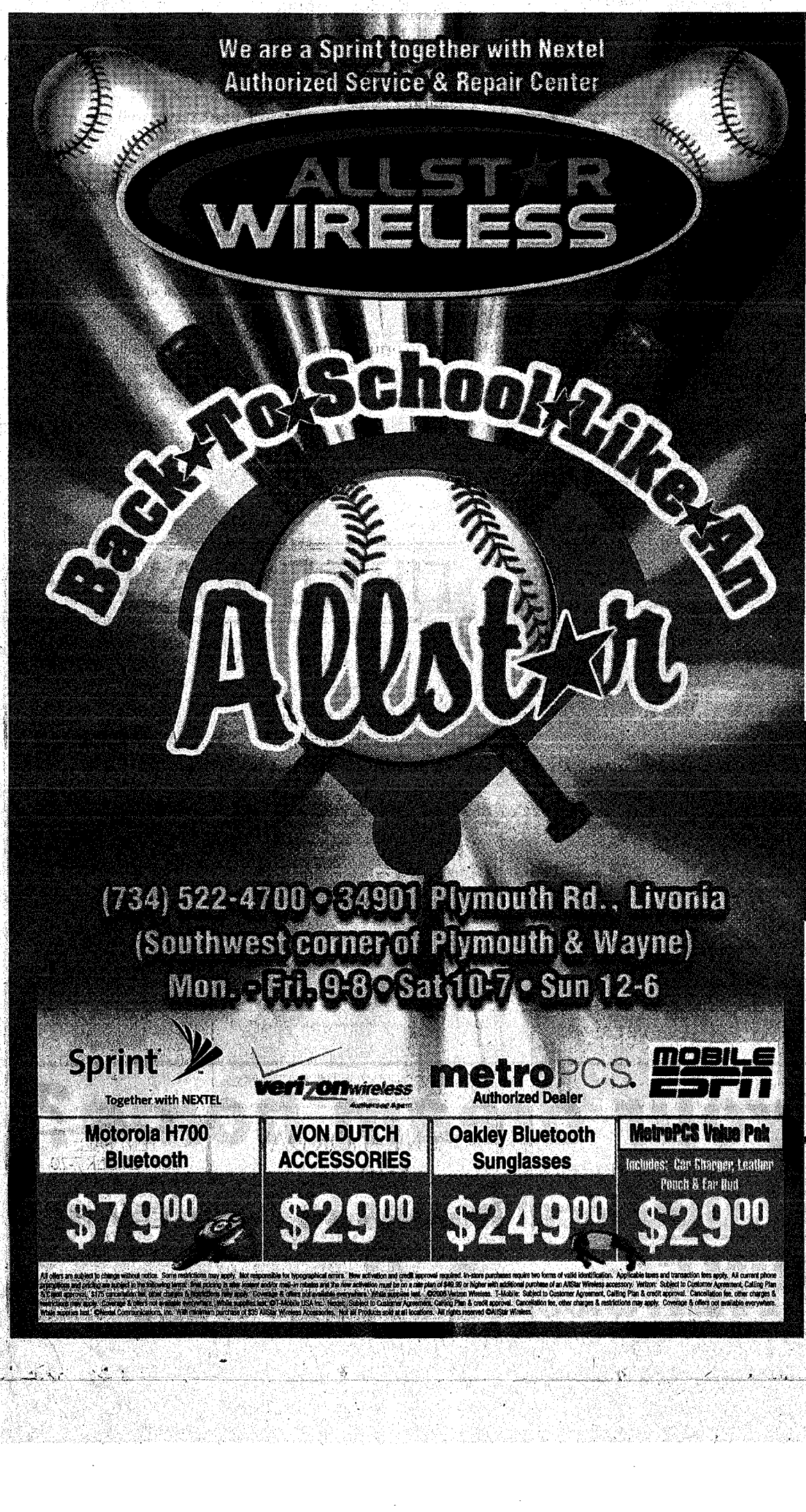
Livonia Farmers Market
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, through October, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia, (734) 525-8718.

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.

Northville Farmers Market
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Sheldon and Seven Mile roads, Northville, (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org.

Plymouth Farmers Market
7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, through October, 386 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 453-1540.

Ypsilanti City Farmers Market
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 1 S. Huron, Ypsilanti, (734) 439-8676.



FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Cooking classes

The Community House offers the following culinary classes to the public this summer and fall: Make Your Own Take-Out, Asian inspired food, sample food and take home recipes, $5 material fee payable to instructor, class taught by Katie Renton, owner of Chef Girl Productions in Birmingham, 7:30-9 p.m. Sept. 14, $30; Parents and Teens Cook Together, learn about yogurt berry parfait, glazed salmon, chicken nuggets and smoothie pops, sample and take home recipes, also taught by Renton, 7:30- 9 p.m., three Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 20, and Oct. 11, $75 and $15 tasting fee payable to instructor at class. To register for these classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

Cooking demonstrations

Chris Hessler, Kruse & Muer executive chef, prepares dishes using produce from Rochester Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 9, Rochester Farmers Market, Third and Water streets, one block east of Main, market open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 28, (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Wine exploration series

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a series of wine classes. Taste six wines representing six regions throughout the world, learn to read wine labels and order from restaurant menus at An Introduction to Wine, Wednesday, Sept. 20, $28. Other classes include California and the Pacific Northwest, Wednesday, Sept. 27, $28; French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 4, $26; More About French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 11, $26; Italian Wines, Oct. 25, $26;The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Wednesday, Nov. 8, $26; Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Wednesday, Nov. 15. All classes begin at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Indian cooking

Suvir Saran, master chef and author of *Indian Home Cooking,* presents four cooking classes highlighting the world of Indian cooking, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 22-25, at the culinary arts instructional kitchens at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Each session is $109, the series is $399. Two hands-on sessions and two demonstration sessions are available. For more information, call Michele Bialo at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5223 or email mbialo@schoolcraft.edu.

Grapevine School of Wine

Register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

Zuppe

Learn about healthy Italian soups from Giovanna Cappi, including pasta é faglioli (bean and pasta soup), minestra d'orzo (barley soup) and ribollita (Tuscan twice-cooked bean and bread soup); 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday Sept. 25, $24 plus $6 fee payable to instructor at class, To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Quivira Vineyards goes biodynamic

Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Quivira (Kee-vera) Estate Vineyards and Winery is located in northern Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, Calif. Its motto is "better wine, better world." They live by that statement and here's how.

For three years, the Quivira vineyards have been farmed according to a system of agriculture known as biodynamic. Basically, it means working with the forces of nature that create and maintain life. It is a form of organic farming that takes a holistic view, working toward the health of the environment of the property, not just the grape vines.

In November 2005, Demeter Association certified Quivira as both a biodynamic and organic farm. This means that the farm must be self-sustaining and self-contained. Minimal amendments may be brought onto the property to augment the natural resources. This maximizes unique characteristics of the property, assuring that the wines produced are truly reflective of the soil and environment.

Being self-contained implies self-regulation. Diseases and pests must be controlled using only organic sprays and beneficial insects that are incorporated into the farm to balance predator-prey relations. There is no such thing as a bad bug. Although biodynamic farming emphasizes working with natural forces, the most important factor is that the farmer must pay close personal attention to the vineyard and learn to interpret what it says.

BOTTOM LINE

The ultimate goal of biodynamic farming is to make better wines. It was the belief that a healthy environment yields healthy vines, better fruit and ultimately better wines, that lead Quivira to this new farming practice.

"We want our wines to represent a 'taste of a place.' " said winemaker Grady Wann. "We have come to believe that biodynamic is the purest pathway to the creation of distinctive wines that authentically represent our property and people."

So how have things changed at Quivira since it began biodynamic farming? Wann explained that biodynamics requires intimate participation in the vineyard, observing and understanding the needs of the vineyard and since chemicals are not an option, problems must be avoided. A lot of time is spent on prevention. Cover crops, grown between the vineyard rows, are designed to suit specific soil requirements. Attention is also paid to crop yield and canopy adjustment to get appropriate sunlight on the grape bunches.

Although biodynamics has a reputation for a bit of vineyard "voodoo," Quivira follows the method to the letter, even though they have to rationalize the use of some preparations. The proof is in the health of the vines and the taste of the wines.

ON THE LABEL

Future bottlings of Quivira wines will be labeled either "Made From Certified Biodynamically Grown Grapes" or "Made From Certified Organically Grown Grapes." They cannot be labeled "organic wines" because small amounts of sulfur dioxide must be added to maintain freshness and longevity of the wines.

IN THE BOTTLE

We judged the following Quivira wines excellent and offer winery-suggested food pairing for 2004 Sauvignon Blanc Fig Tree Vineyard ($16). A recipe for a Clementine and Endive Salad can be found at www.quivirawine.com. Also try fresh oysters or Asian food. Quivira 2004 Steelhead Red Wine Creek Ranch ($18) is a blend of grenache, zinfandel, syrah and mourvedre. Try it with pasta and red sauce, burgers or ribs. The 2004 Quivira Zinfandel ($20) is fabulous with roast lamb, steak and braised short ribs.

LATEST NEWS

Quivira is undergoing ownership change, probably by October this year. The new owners purchasing Quivira from Henry and Holly Wendt are Pete Kight and his family, who say they are committed to biodynamic grape growing and the highest quality wines. Kight is the founder, chairman and CEO of CheckFree, who entrepreneured online banking in 1981.

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

Labor Day grilled steaks need "killer" **Cabernet Sauvignon.** The following list offers them from heavyweights to light on the wallet.

OVER $50 AND OUTSTANDING:

2003 Dominus Napa Valley $109
2002 Beringer Napa Valley Private Reserve $116
2002 Fisher Vineyards Napa Valley Coach Insignia $70
2003 Chalk Hill $67
2003 Duckhorn Napa Valley $60
2003 Groth Oakville Napa Valley $55
2001 Rodney Strong Symmetry $55
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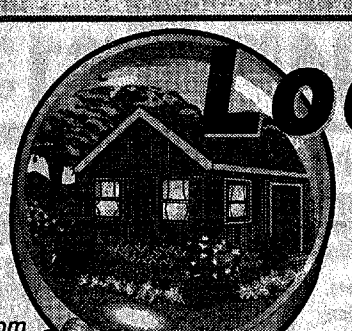

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Roll out the Red Carpet

Macy's takes over Marshall Field's

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

As the fashion season turns from cotton eyelet to cashmere, Macy's will celebrate its official transition to a national retailer with a Sept. 9 conversion that expands the brand to more than 800 stores nationwide.

In Michigan, Macy's will take over 22 locations of Marshall Field's.

"This is a truly monumental and historic moment for Macy's," said Frank Guzzetta, Macy's North chairman and CEO. "We hope that our new customers are as excited to have us as we are to be a part of their communities."

Here are some of the events Macy's has in store for Metro Detroit shoppers:

Thanksgiving Parade On Parade

3-8 p.m. Sept. 6, Oakland Mall parking lot

Preview the world-famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Customers will see parade inflatables, learn how to build a float, get pictures taken as parade characters, and learn about the history of the famed annual event.

Roll Out the Red Carpet

9 a.m. Sept. 9, All Macy's Stores

Enjoy a red carpet celebration to introduce Macy's. Be one of the first 500 customers at the store before 11 a.m. and receive a Macy's gift card valued at $10. One lucky winner at each store will get a $1,000 gift card. A special Shopping Party at Somerset from 1-5 p.m. will include entertainment, refreshments, fashion seminars, cooking demos, makeovers and more. Kids can leave their hand print on a new balloon for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Fashionista Shopping Party

5-8 p.m. Sept. 13, Macy's Somerset

Grab your girlfriends and get in on the hottest new fall trends from Cynthia Steffe, Milly, Vince, L.A.M.B., I·N·C and others as you sip and sample tasty treats. At 6 p.m. Mariana Keros will offer style tips and expert trend advice. R.S.V.P. at 1-800-634-3537 by Sept. 11.

Shop For A Cause

Sept. 16, All Macy's locations, during store hours

For the first time, all Macy's North stores will participate in Shop For A Cause, a one-day shopping event designed to help support local nonprofits. Participating organizations will sell $5 shopping passes to the event that provide savings offers on merchandise. The organizations will keep 100 percent of proceeds from the sale of the shopping passes, while shoppers will benefit from special exclusive deals.

COURTESY OF MACY'S

Macy's carries many private brands, including the trendy INC label. This limited edition INC outfit was designed by a contestant on the hit reality show 'Project Runway.'

pinklist

H&M Opens at Twelve Oaks!
Fashion-philes will have to travel no more to shop their beloved H&M. The Swedish retailer Hennes & Mauritz, known for its trés chic and affordable fashions, will open at noon today at Twelve Oaks Mall. Check out the latest for Fall in men's, women's and children's wear, including the much-anticipated track suit designed for Madonna, and Michigan's only H&M lingerie "shop in shop." The first 100 customers will get a free H&M tee, along with 20 percent off all purchases. Twelve Oaks marks H&M's third location in Michigan. Stores at Briarwood and Lakeside malls opened this spring. Call (248) 449-7053.

reader pink picks

By Tricia Taormina

Tricia Taormina, 15, of Livonia, is a runner-up in our 2nd Annual Reader PINK Picks Contest. She won a $50 gift certificate to Urban Blues, a hip new denim boutique in downtown Northville. Here are Taormina's stylish faves, and stay tuned for more reader picks in upcoming PINKs!

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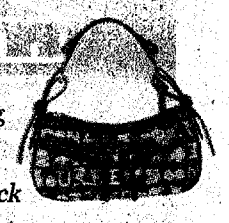

DVD It!
Just My Luck

Accessorize It!
Long strands of gold necklaces

Kick It!
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Wear It!
Sweater dresses over leggings, and anything plaid or jewel-toned

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ON THE COVER

Join in on the party at the Chrysler Arts, Beats and Eats.

Buckwheat Zydeco performs at 9:45 p.m. Saturday at the Detroit International Jazz Festival.

A new face

Detroit Jazz Festival features more than music with boat cruises, fireworks

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Hot Ticket

2006 DETROIT INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FEST

When: Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4
Hours: 6-11 p.m. Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, noon to 11 p.m. Sunday and Monday
Where: From the Compuware Building on Woodward to Campus Martius and along Woodward to Jefferson and at Atwater.
What: Jazz music on multiple stages, music and food. The jazz festival is now in its 27th year, formerly known as the Montreux-Detroit Jazz Festival.
Details: www.detroitjazzfest.com

For years it was known as the Montreux-Detroit Jazzfest.

Now it's known as the Detroit International Jazz Festival and it's bigger than ever.

The festival that has spanned 27 years is Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday, and is located in different areas throughout downtown from the heart of the Campus Martius area to the Detroit River.

Approximately 100 bands will perform on six stages and play every type of jazz imaginable — smooth, fusion, classic, gypsy and Dixieland to name a few. One of the highlights probably will be the emerging Hot Club of Detroit, a young band that has gained massive respect among jazz aficionados and musicians. Hot Club plays Djengo Reinhardt style music and will perform at 3:15 p.m. Monday on the Absopure Waterfront Stage.

Friday evening is Motown Throwdown featuring live music from the popular and lively Funk Brothers and Temptations Review starring Dennis Edwards on the Chase Bank stage at Campus Martius.

Then there's names like Sergio Mendes and Brasil 2006, Diane Schuur with the Wayne State University Jazz Big Band, Taj Mahal, Joan Osborne, the Holmes Brothers, Ahmad Jamal, Oscar Castro-Neves, Dr. John, Buckwheat Zydeco, Kirk Lightsey's Detroit Four + 1, Richie Havens, Mose Allison and others.

There's also jazz on the Detroit Princess riverboat at Hart Plaza. It's $10 for adults, children under 12 are free. Departures are at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept 2; 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, and 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4. Tickets are available on the dock, or at www.detroitprincess.com

Saturday night there's fireworks on the river.

The Food Network will host a "challenge" pitting local pastry chefs against each other to decorate jazz-themed cakes. The contest is Sunday afternoon, but the fun begins Saturday. The third-floor lobby at the RenCen Marriott on Saturday and

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The Funk Brothers 7 p.m.
The Temptations Revue starring Dennis Edwards 8:45 p.m.

Spirit Of Detroit Stage
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John Brannen 2:30 p.m.
CJ Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Amphitheater Stage
Steelheads 12:15 p.m.
Shahida Nurullah 2:15 p.m.
Brasil Brazil featuring Ana Gazzola & Sonia Santos 4:30 p.m.
Oscar Castro-Neves 6:45 p.m.
DJF Fireworks Display 9 p.m.
Sergio Mendes Brasil 2006 9:30 p.m.

Boogie Bayou Pyramid Stage
Ernie Rodgers & Rapa House 1:15 p.m.
Jim Dapogny 2:45 p.m.
Regal Brass Band of New Orleans 4:30 p.m.
Charlie Gabriel's New Orleans Traditional Jazz Band 6:45 p.m.
Buckwheat Zydeco 9:45 p.m.

Absopure Waterfront Stage
Urban Transport 1:15 p.m.
Lou Donaldson with Dr. Lonnie Smith 3:15 p.m.
Lewis Nash Quartet Tribute to Tommy Flanagan featuring Lewis Nash, Peter Washington, Renee Rosnes and Steve Nelson 5:45 p.m.
Gerald Wilson Big Band 8 p.m.

Music Hall Jam Academy Stage
IAJE Reading Band noon
Kennedy M.S. Jazz Ensemble 2:15 p.m.
Vincent York's Jazzistry 3:15 p.m.
Eaton Rapids High School 4:45 p.m.
Jazz Clinic 5:30 p.m.

Ford Spirit Of Detroit Stage
Root Doctor 1 p.m.
James Cotton Blues Band 3:30 p.m.
Taj Mahal 6:15 p.m.

Chase Campus Martius Stage
Spyder Turner noon
Joyce Cooling Band 2:15 p.m.
Hiram Bullock with Will Lee 5 p.m.
Rachelle Ferrell 7:45 p.m.
Kirk Lightsey's Detroit Four + One featuring Kirk Lightsey, Bennie Maupin, George Bohanon, Bert Myrick and Cecil McBee 9:45 p.m.

Family Jazz Stage
Jazz-a-ma-Tazz with Hayes Greenfield 1 p.m.
The Art of the Folk Tale with Sumarah Karen Smith 2:15 p.m.
DeBlon and the Jazz Kids 3 p.m.
Storytelling with Rob McCabe 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Amphitheater Stage
Paul Keller Ensemble 12:15 p.m.
Donald Walden & Free Radicals 2:15 p.m.
Sean Jones Quartet 4:30 p.m.
Moutin Reunion Band 6:45 p.m.
Ahmad Jamal 9:30 p.m.

Boogie Bayou Pyramid Stage
Tumbao Bravo 12:30 p.m.
Terry Lower Sextet 2:15 p.m.
Regal Brass Band of New Orleans 4:30 p.m.
Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas 6:45 p.m.
Marcia Ball 9:30 p.m.

Absopure Waterfront Stage
Sheila Landis and Brazilian Love Affair 1:15 p.m.

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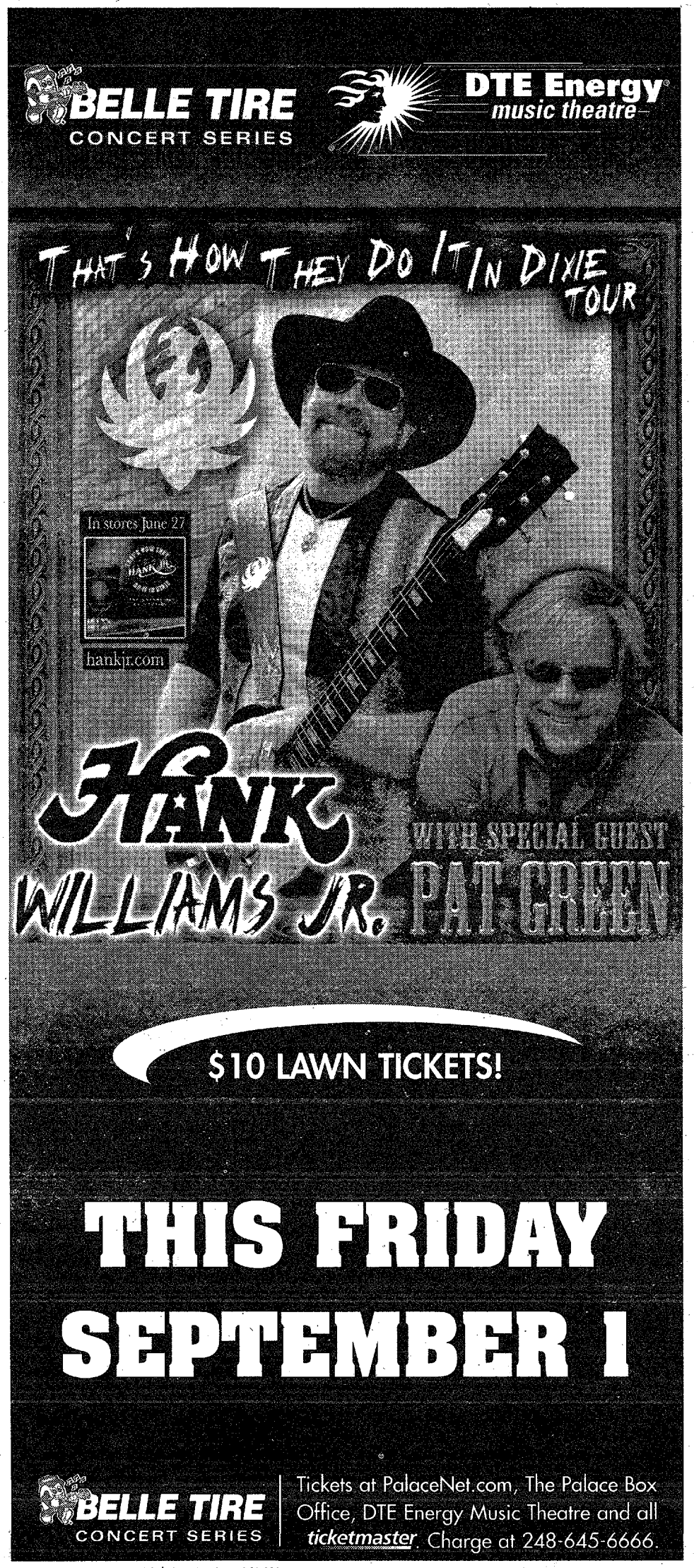

SCHEDULE

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Ilona Knopfler 3:15 p.m.
organissimo 5:45 p.m.
Jaco Pastorius Word of Mouth Big Band with Will Lee 8 p.m.

Music Hall Jam Academy Stage
Troy High School Jazz Ensemble noon
Northview High School Jazz Ensemble 2:15 p.m.
Vincent York's Jazzistry 3:15 p.m.
Ferndale High School Jazz Ensemble 4:45 p.m.
Jazz Clinic 5:30 p.m.

Ford Spirit of Detroit Stage
Orquesta Sensacional 12:15 p.m.
Steelheads with Andy Narell 2:15 p.m.
Pucho and His Latin Soul Brothers 4:45 p.m.
Richie Havens 7:15 p.m.

Chase Campus Martius Stage
Sun Messengers with Thornetta Davis 1:15 p.m.
Catherine Russell 3:30 p.m.
The Holmes Brothers 6 p.m.
Joan Osborne 8:45 p.m.

Family Jazz Stage
Jazz-a-ma-Tazz with Hayes Greenfield 1 p.m.
The Art of the Folk Tale with Sumarah Karen Smith 2:15 p.m.
Deblon and the Jazz Kids 3 p.m.
Storytelling with Rob McCabe 4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 4

Amphitheater Stage
Gospel Extravaganza with Sean Jones, Minister R. Janae Pitts, Wayne State University Gospel Chorale, University of Detroit Mercy Ensemble of Praise, Chosen C.L.A.S, and Triumph Church Mass Choir 10 p.m.
Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle 2 p.m.
Joe Locke Milt Jackson Tribute with Mike LeDonne, Bob Cranshaw and Mickey Roker 4:15 p.m.
Detroit Jazz All Stars with Barry Harris, Curtis Fuller, Louis Hayes, Marcus Belgrave, Rodney Whitaker and Charles McPherson 6 p.m.
Diane Schuur with the Wayne State Jazz Big Band 9 p.m.

Boogie Bayou Pyramid Stage
Johnny O'Neal noon
Buddy Budson Sextet 2 p.m.
Terrance Simien & Zydeco Experience 4:15 p.m.
Donald Harrison Quintet with Christian Scott 6:15 p.m.
Beau Soleil avec Michael Doucet 8:15 p.m.

Absopure Waterfront Stage
Gerard Gibbs & Re 'Organyz 1 p.m.
The Hot Club of Detroit 3:15 p.m.
The Clayton Brothers Quintet 5 p.m.
Ed Palermo, Tribute to Frank Zappa with Napoleon Murphy Brock 7:30 p.m.

Music Hall Jam Academy Stage
Northville Band Club noon
Henry Ford Community College 2:15 p.m.
Vincent York's Jazzistry 3:15 p.m.
Louis Smith Dedication 4:45 p.m.
Jazz Clinic 5:30 p.m.

Ford Spirit of Detroit Stage
R.J.'s Rhythm Rockers Joe Weaver Tribute 12:15 p.m.
Lyman Woodard 2 p.m.
Mose Allison 4 p.m.
Dirty Dozen Brass Band 6:45 p.m.

Chase Campus Martius Stage
John Sinclair & Motor City Blues Scholars 1 p.m.
Bon Temps Roulle 3 p.m.
Regal Brass Band of New Orleans 5:30 p.m.
Dr. John and the Lower 911 8 p.m.

Family Jazz Stage
Jazz-a-ma-Tazz with Hayes Greenfield 1 p.m.
The Art of the Folk Tale with Sumarah Karen Smith 2:15 p.m.
Carl Cafagna's Kids 3:15 p.m.
Storytelling with Rob McCabe 4 p.m.

Hamtramck Festival is an authentic community celebration

Looking for a way to celebrate Labor Day weekend the old-fashioned way?

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Family fun

Of course, there's a host of activities planned for Hamtramck's 26th annual Labor Day Festival, slated for Sept. 1-4 in downtown Hamtramck.

For families and teenagers, there's a midway, games and children's activities. For food connoisseurs, there's the best in Polish cuisine that metro Detroit has to offer. (Don't settle for just pierogis, when there's also Polish sausage.)

And, there's plenty of live music to keep the party rolling both at the festival and at Hamtramck's infamous venue for alternative listening, Paychecks Lounge, located 2932 Caniff. Here's the lineup.

Outdoors at the festival:

■ Friday: Shipwreck Union, Muggs and The Skeemin No Goods.

■ Saturday: Hoarse with Jarrod Champion, Sleeps Til Dusk Rockstar with Amino Acids and Ghost City with Grande Nationals and Greyling.

■ Sunday: Big Daddy Lackowski with Misty Blues, P-A-U-L with The Clan and The Vamps, The Brave Rifles with The Nice Device and the Polish Muslims.

■ Monday: Catfish Mafia with Salt Miners, HighLife with Whitney Morgan and Orbitsuns.

Paychecks Lounge (all shows start at 9 p.m.; $5 for 21 and over and $7 for 18-20; for information, call (313) 874-0909):

■ Friday: Season High, The Hearsemen, Night Toucher and Philo.

■ Saturday: Rebel Devil, Mojo Filter, Comatose Collin and Paradox.

■ Sunday: Motor City Orphans, Annie Gunn & The Vices, Scott Kinson Band, Doop & The Inside Outlaws and Darwin's Revolution.

Nicole Stafford

HAMTRAMCK STYLE

What: 26th annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.
When: Friday, Sept. 1, to Monday, Sept. 4. Hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday-Monday.
Where: Downtown Hamtramck.
Information: Visit www.hamtramckfestival.com.

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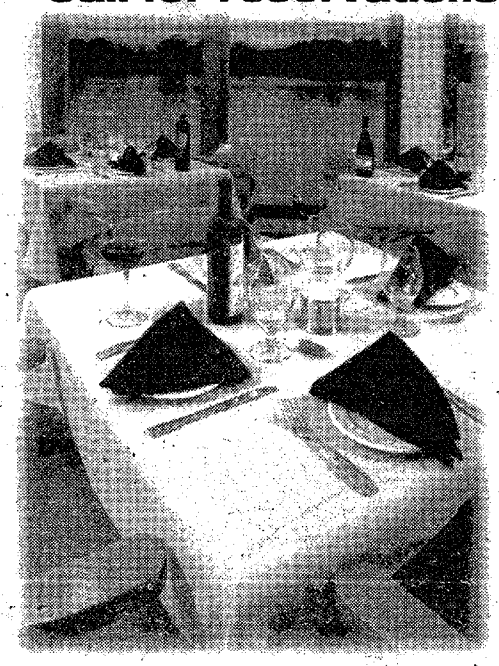
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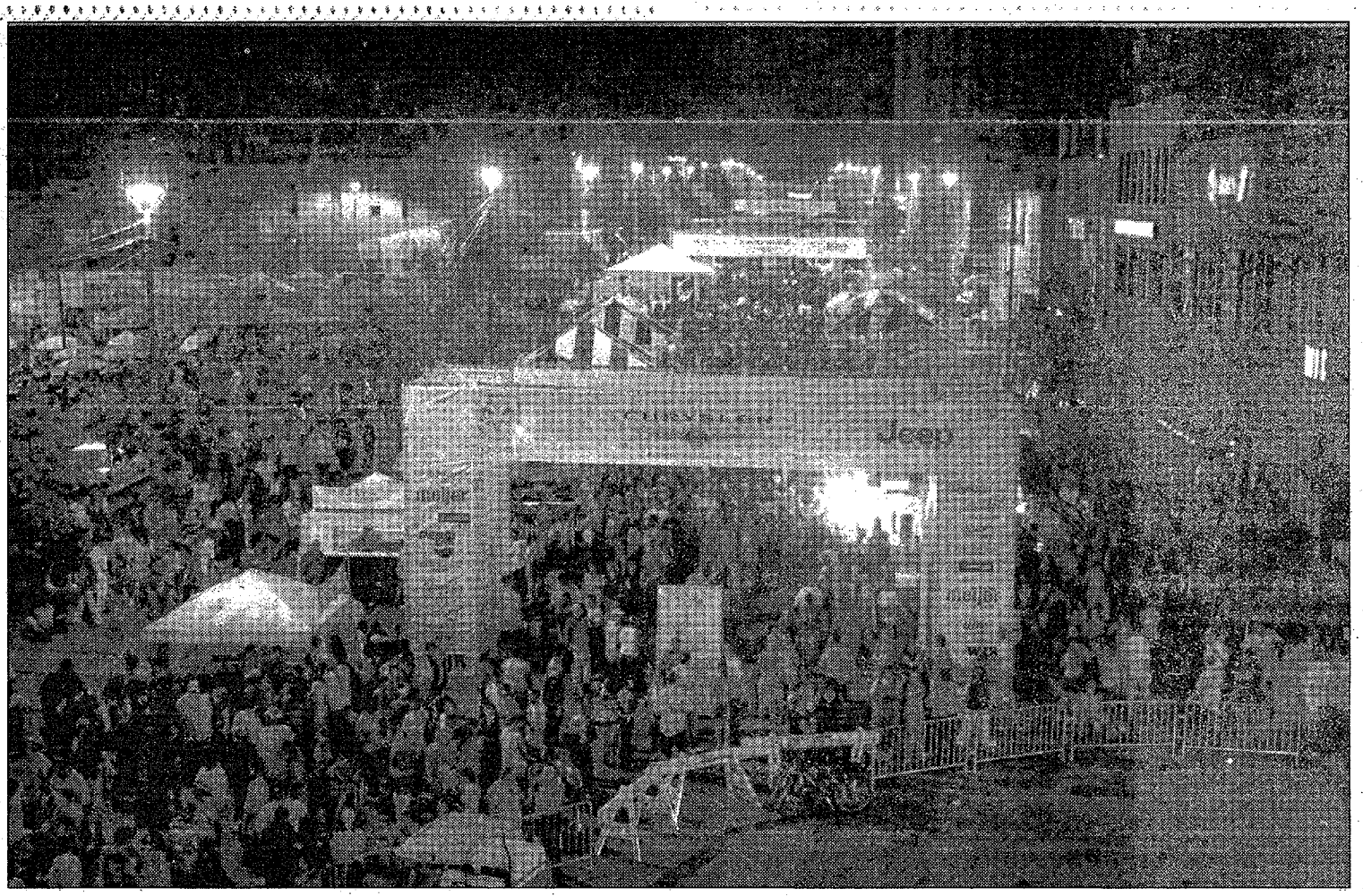

Hundreds of thousands of people will fill the streets of downtown Pontiac to see bands like Ziggy Marley and The Verve Pipe.

You can't beat these eats and artists

Festival returns for ninth year

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Local and national artists; casual and gourmet food samplings plus emerging local and nationally known bands are the heart of Chrysler Arts, Beats and Eats.

It all returns to Pontiac for the biggest festival of the year Labor Day weekend.

There's also sports for kids, spas with massages, a Malibu Rum Caribbean musical tent and a lot more.

There's seven stages of music and it's all free. National musical acts include Ziggy Marley and The Verve Pipe. Locally, there's a Battle of the Bands on Friday, Sept. 1. Saturday includes (but isn't limited to) electronic music, and rock is featured Sunday and Monday. Musical genres include country, rockabilly, rhythm & blues, electronic, gospel, swing, rock, funk, jazz and reggae. Enjoy the Malibu Rum Caribbean musical tent.

But it's not all music. There's also the arts and food, too, and sports for kids, spas with massages and a lot more. Local highlights include:

CHRYSLER ARTS, BEATS & EATS

What: Oakland County's taste, music and arts festival
When: Labor Day weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4
Where: Downtown Pontiac
Hours: 4-11 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.
Admission: Free
Details: www.artsbeatseats.com or (248) 334-4600

For a full music schedule, please turn to page E11.

THE DODGE MIXED STAGE

■ The Twistin' Tarantulas (9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2), a self-proclaimed "hard-edged, roots-driven, rock 'n' roll band with the intensity of a five-alarm blaze," promises a show that is unforgettable;

■ Mike Smith & The Electric Glove (7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3) features lead guitarist Mike Smith (who also plays for the Howling Diablos at 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2) performs rock instrumentals;

■ 60 Second Crush (3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2), was nominated for a Detroit Music Award and features heavy guitar and

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THE ARTS

Artists from around the world set up shop at the juried art fair. Mediums include ceramics, digital art, drawing, fabric, glass, graphics, jewelry, metal, two-dimensional mixed media, three-dimensional mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and wood.

Some of the local artists are: Stanford H. Baker of Ann Arbor, ceramics; Bryon Hunter and Michael Sapp, both of Detroit, drawing; Elizabeth Westerman, Grosse Pointe Park. glasswork; Michael McCullough, Farmington Hills, graphics and printmaking; jewelry by Adam Shirley, Birmingham; Michelle Reynolds, Oak Park, Antoni Kozlowski, Shelby Township and Michael MacManus, Bloomfield Hills; Donna Beaubien, Troy, mixed media; Philip Borkowski, Ann Arbor, mixed media; Jason Phillips, Detroit, painting; Rod Carter, West Bloomfield, and Carlos Gonzalez, Royal Oak, photography, and Kwame Awuku, Detroit, and John Curry, Auburn Hills, sculpture.

THE BEATS

There's live music throughout the festival and also at The Michigan Lottery Stage located atop the Phoenix Center.

If you're unfamiliar with the Phoenix, you might be pleasantly surprised. At the top of that parking garage is almost a park-like atmosphere.

"Year after year, there is no other event, other than (the festival) that can boast such a large variety of quality, free admission music attractions," said Jon Witz, Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats organizer.

"For many musical acts, this event has become one of the great gigs to look forward to and aspire to each year, because it has an audience of thousands of appreciative fans."

The full national schedule is as follows:

MICHIGAN LOTTERY STAGE

Friday:
Hot Rice, 4 p.m.; Randy Scott, 5:30 p.m.; Chuck Mangione, 7 p.m.; Blessed Union of Souls, 8:30 p.m., and The Verve Pipe, 10 p.m.

Saturday:
OD4, 4 p.m.; Quincy Stewart, 5 p.m.; Alexander Zonjic, 6 p.m.; Ohio Players, 8:30 p.m. and Cameo, 10 p.m.

Sunday:
Firehorse, 4 p.m.; Trigger Darlow, 5 p.m.; Joecaine, 6 p.m.; Katrina Elam, 7 p.m.; SHeDAISY, 8:30 p.m. and Kenny Wayne Shepard, 10 p.m.

Monday:
Persuasion, 1 p.m.; Stewart Francke, 2:30 p.m.; .38 Special, 4 p.m. and Ziggy Marley, 6 p.m.

THE EATS

The following restaurants will offer food samples:

- Allinosi's Ice Cream
- Andre's Louisiana Seafood Shoppe
- Beans & Cornbread
- Bert's
- Bon Vie
- Bo's Roaster Company
- Bravo
- Buca di Beppo
- Bullfrogs
- Buscemi's
- Chan's
- Coldstone Creamery
- Espresso Machine Experts
- Harbor House
- Hunter House
- Ice Cream Express
- Kay's Caribbean
- Kerby's Koney Island
- Kola's Food Factory
- Lady Di's Ice Cream Shop
- Larry's Soul Food
- Lazybones
- Longhorn Steakhouse
- Marios
- Mercurios
- Motor City Cafe
- Olympian
- Parties w/ Class
- Pi
- The Original Polish Kitchen
- Potato Factory
- Premier Desserts
- Rainforest Cafe
- Rangoli
- Rice Bowl
- Sweet Georgia Brown
- The Almond Hut
- Trenton Ice Cream Shoppe
- Union Jacks
- Waves Inn
- Zumba's Mexican Grill

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a punk flavor;

■ Brothers from Another Planet (6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3), an original mix of alternative, power pop, rhythm & blues, hard rock and hip hop;

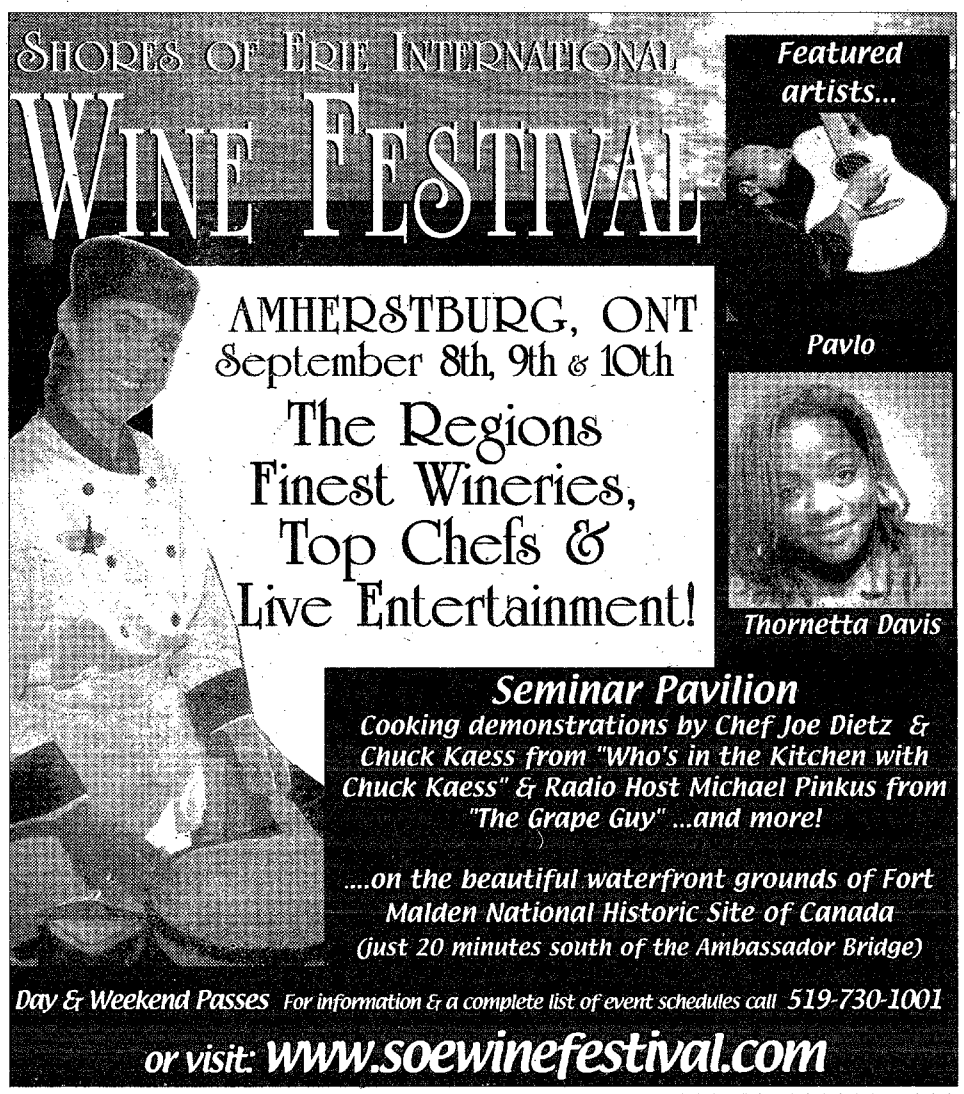
■ Cass Avenue Ramblers (6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2), hailing from southern Michigan, engage crowds with their interesting mix of bluegrass and southern gospel music;

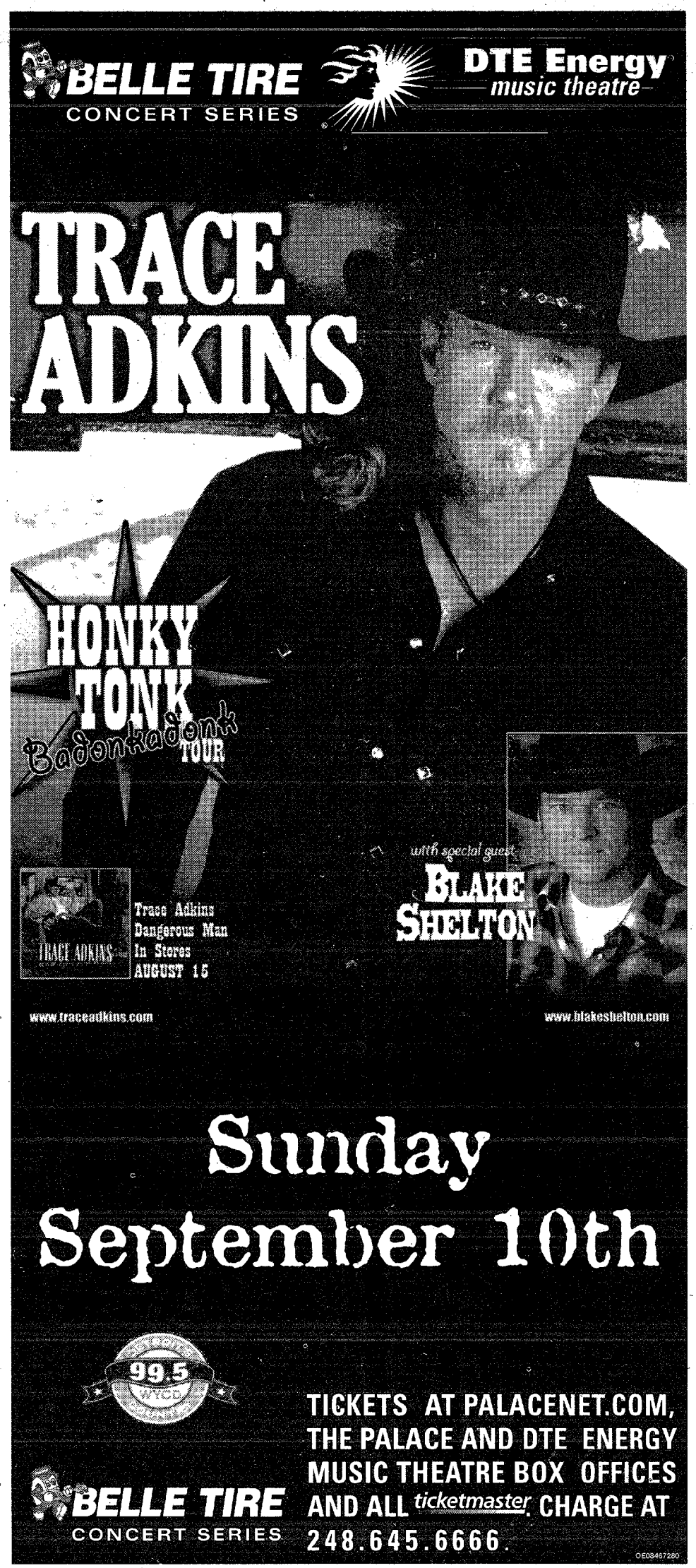
■ Wally Pleasant (7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3) combines comedy and folk singing in his act;

■ Midtown Underground (8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1), old school funk, jazz, and rhythm and blues originating from the art district in Pontiac;

■ Penny Wells (6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2), vocalist and songwriterwith a "sweet and smooth" sound;

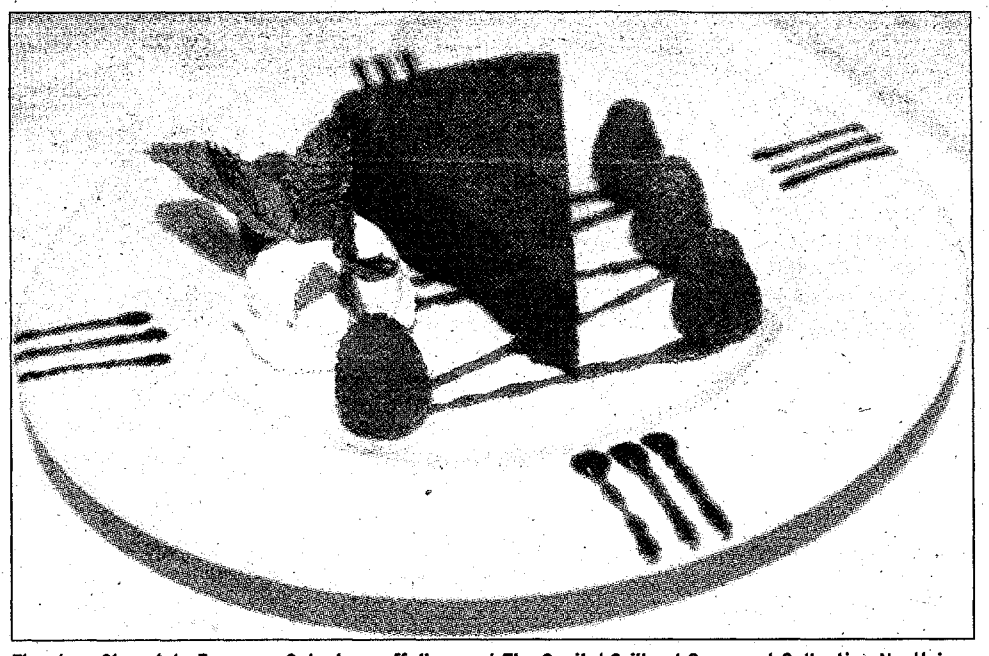
■ Singer/songwriter Darnell Kendricks (4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4) performs jazz.





The Capital Grille

New executive chef is fired up



Flourless Chocolate Espresso Cake tops off dinner at The Capital Grille at Somerset Collection North in Troy.

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Table Hopping

It is a statement that has been echoed by many: "We don't reserve a table at a steak house because we buy top grades and cuts of beef, then grill them at home to the doneness we prefer."

So why would you go to a steak house?

The Capital Grille's executive chef Gary Tottis answers: "For starters, we get the very best cuts of beef. They're quality inspected: We buy beef five days from slaughter and dry age it for 14 days on-premise, under proper temperature and humidity control. Then, our in-house butcher cuts the steaks to size.

"Unless your home has the capability of hanging and dry-aging steaks and you also have an in-house butcher, you'll never have quality as good as The Capital Grille."

FIRED-UP CHEF

Tottis, an early 1980s graduate of Schoolcraft College, may be known to locals from his long tenure at Charley's Crab in Troy. He's done other restaurant kitchen stints between Charley's and The Capital Grille, but I've never seen him as fired up as he's been since coming on board with The Capital Grille in mid-June.

Counted among Chef Tottis' early culinary tutors is Chef Emeril Lagasse, the popular Food TV network host. They were in the kitchen together at Commander's Palace in New Orleans. "There," he said, "I learned to create dishes using just a few ingredients that combined, give a dish complex flavors. That's my style of cooking.

"To showcase the flavor of great steaks, they must be the highest quality and simply prepared."

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CHEF'S FAVORITES

Tottis, 45, of West Bloomfield, cut straight to the chase and pointed out his three favorite menu preparations starting with pan-fried calamari with hot cherry peppers as an appetizer.

His favorite steaks are the 22-ounce porcini rubbed Delmonico with 8-year-old aged balsamic vinegar and sliced filet mignon with cippolini onions and wild mushrooms (shiitake, oyster, portabella and crimini) served with fig essence.

OTHER OPTIONS

By nature of the top beef, lobster and tuna served at The Capital Grille, pricing is, as we say, up there. However, for lunch a crock of savory French Onion Soup ($7) and the "wedge" salad with bleu cheese and crumbled bacon ($7) will keep you going without busting your wallet. If you're a light eater, the same items are on the dinner menu.

Appetizers such as lobster and crab cakes, smoked Norwegian salmon and The Grille's steak tartare can be paired with lobster bisque for a lighter dinner or lunch. Two other delicious choices are the ribeye steak sandwich with caramelized onions and cheese or shrimp scampi with roasted tomatoes over linguini, both served at lunch.

If you're a seafood lover, Chef Tottis always has a uniquely prepared seafood special.

THE CAPITAL GRILLE

Where: Somerset Collection North, 2800 W. Big Beaver, Troy (248) 649-5300.
Open: Lunch, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dinner, Monday-Thursday, 5-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. and Sunday 5-9 p.m.
Food style: Great steaks superbly prepared.
Cost: Lunch, $11-$18; Dinner, $20-$38.
Reservations: Recommended.

WINE LOVERS' PARADISE

The Capital Grille has one of the top wine lists around. So much so that the Aug. 31 issue of the *Wine Spectator* elevated The Capital Grille in Troy from its Award of Excellence to Best of Award of Excellence.

The list, which every person at the table receives because it's part of the menu, may be daunting, but servers such as Mathias McGuire are skilled enough to lead you to choices both in your price range and taste preference. Don't be shy to ask for wine advice.

And for dessert? Put in an order for flourless chocolate espresso cake.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Chef Takashi returns

City bites

Takashi Yagihashi, the popular former chef of Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills and Okada in Las Vegas, returns to the Detroit area next weekend.

Yagihashi is also Macy's Culinary Council chef and will conduct a cooking demonstration at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Macy's at Somerset Collection North, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Yagihashi will prepare some of his favorite seafood dishes.

The event helps celebrate the name change of Marshall Field's to Macy's. Attendees will also learn more about Macy's Tools of the Trade cookware.

Macy's phone number at Somerset Collection North is (248) 816-4000. For more information on cooking demonstrations at all the Macy's stores, call (800) 265-COOK or visit www.macys.com.

LEARN INDIAN COOKING

Explore the world of Indian cooking with its exotic smells and rich tastes in a new series of classes at Schoolcraft College featuring Suvir Saran, author of *Indian Home Cooking*.

Saran also is co-executive chef at New York City's Dévi, a restaurant that has won the praises of Frank Bruni at the *New York Times* and Gael Greene at *New York Magazine*.

Saran will present four sessions Sunday through Wednesday, Oct. 22-25 from 6-9 p.m. in the culinary arts instructional kitchens in the VisTaTech Center. Each session costs $109; the series fee is $399.

Participants in the hands-on sessions must have taken the continuing education class Cooking 101: Skill Development, or obtain the chef's approval.

For more information, contact Michele Bialo at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5223 or e-mail mbialo@schoolcraft.edu.

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The Art of Screenprint, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, $3-$6, (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

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

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.

Art House Gallery

Exhibition of drawings, paintings, photographs, sculpture created within 10 blocks of the gallery, Sept. 1 to Oct. 22, reception 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 1, 215 W. Cady, Northville, visit www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/ArtsCommission/ArtHouse.htm

Ford Gallery

Gifts of Art Exhibition, collection includes lithographs, silkscreen prints and etchings from artists like Jamie Wyeth, Barbara Wood and Carol Jablonsky, Sept. 11 to Oct. 13, opening reception 4-6 p.m. Sept. 11, second floor of Ford Hall at Cross and Normal streets on campus of Eastern Michigan University, (734) 487-0465.

Lawrence Street Gallery

Plein Air, paintings by Sarah Schrift, through Sept. 20, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Oakland University Art Gallery

???Sculpture, Matt Blake, Kevin Ewing, Evan Larson, Brian Nelson, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 9, exhibit Sept. 9 to Oct. 8, open from noon to 5 p.m. except on Mondays, located next to Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, (248) 370-3005.

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.

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

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

Book signing

Linda Godfrey, author of Weird Michigan, 3 p.m. Sept. 9, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville, and 3 p.m. Oct. 8, 2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.

CLUBS

The Buzz Bar

Jazzfest weekend with Allen Barnes, Sept. 1; Johnny Bassett, Sept. 2; Mile and Phil Hale Jazz Jam, Sept. 3; Jeremy Ellis Freestyle Jazz, Sept. 4; R.J. Spangler Trio, Sept. 5; Thornetta Davis, Sept. 6, and Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under A Buzz P-Funk Jam Session and John Arnold's Brokefunk, Sept. 7, 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com

Edison's

Thornetta Davis, Sept. 1-2; Bazooka Charlie, Sept. 7; Close Call, Sept. 8-9; Aaron Vaughan, Sept. 14, Mystery Train featuring guitarist Jim McCarty, Sept. 15-16, The Snakes, Sept. 21, Code Blue, Sept. 22-23, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

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.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

bugs Beddow, Sept. 16, 400 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 965-4600.

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.

The Magic Bag

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 hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

FAMILY

Robot exhibit

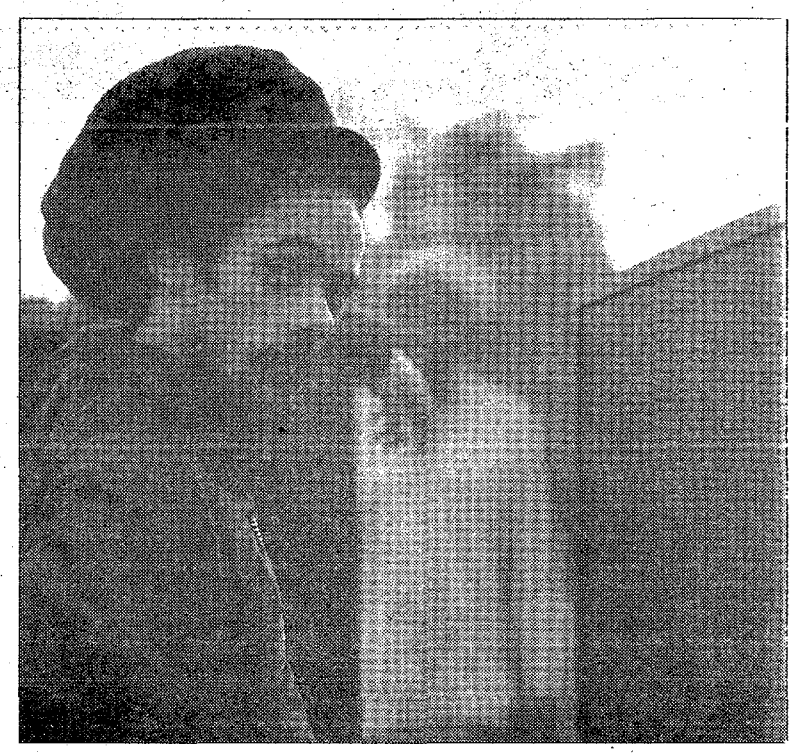
"Robot City," new interactive exhibit, continues through Sept. 17, 5020 John R, Detroit, $6-$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Cranbrook Institute of Science

"Playing With Time," runs through Sept. 4, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, $5-$7, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include As Time Goes By, new exhibit about the aging process, and A Journey to Our Future, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, $6-$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.



MUSIC

Dominion 'Junior Gong' Marley performs at Meadow Brook Music Festival Friday, Sept. 1 as special guest with Ben Harper. For tickets visit www.palacenet.com or call (248) 845-6666.

Detroit Zoo

"The Peregrine Falcon: Return of an Endangered Species" exhibit with photos, interactive displays and videos, runs through Sept. 8, open daily during regular zoo hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at no additional charge, zoo admission $7-$11, (248) 398-0900, www.detroitzoo.org.

FESTIVALS

Romeo Peach Festival

Fine art and craft show, classic car show, carnival, Sept. 2-4, 175 Croswell (one block west of Van Dyke between 31 Mile and 32 Mile roads, Romeo (586) 752-4249.

FUND-RAISERS

Evening at La Cage II

Mock beauty pageant to crown "Miss Kitty" (with men dressed as women), song-and-dance numbers, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 8:30 p.m. Sept. 9 (doors open at 7 p.m.), to raise funds for improvements to indoor pavilion and outdoor Greek Theatre at Cranbrook, where the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild performs, $35-$100, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com

Guts & Glory Walk

Benefit Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Saturday, Sept. 9, at Maybury State Park in Northville, michigan.ccfa.org, (248) 737-0900.

Gem Theater

"The Rat Pack Is Back!" tribute to Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Joey Bishop, charity preview 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, benefits Detroit's Coalition on Temporary Shelter, $100, includes pre-show dinner reception at Gem's Century Grille, (313) 963-9800, www.gemtheater.com

Meadow Brook Theatre

Donna McKechnie, Tony award winner and star of the original A Chorus Line, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, $75 for the performance only and $125 for the show and a post-show reception with McKechnie, performance helps raise money for Meadow Brook's development campaign, Meadow Brook Theatre is on campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, (248) 377-3300, www.mbtheatre.com

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council 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 jars to families in need, call (248) 203-5270 for information.

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.aidswalkdetroit.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.

Kadima benefit

Comedian Judy Gold, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, benefits Kadima of Southfield to help provide treatment to people suffering from mental illness, afterglow follows event, $100, (248) 559-8235 Ext. 128.

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, benefits The Children's Center, $75 for DWO members and $80 for nonmembers. DWO membership is free, visit www.detroituncorked.com or call (313) 262-1112.

MOVIES

Movies at the Grant

Poseidon, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 14, coffee and doughnuts, box lunch, $4, Grant Community Center, 29260 Grand River (just east of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills.

ARTS, BEATS AND EATS MUSIC SCHEDULE

THE LOCAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

DODGE MIXED STAGE

Friday, Sept. 1
Urban Nomads (rock) 5 p.m.
Phil Treais (pop) 6 p.m.
Penumbrae (alternative pop) 7 p.m.
Judy Harrison & High Impact (country) 8 p.m.
Barbara Payton (rock) 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2
Barb Barrett (acoustic folk) noon
Lola Morales (Latin fusion) 1 p.m.
Horse Cave Trio (roots Americana) 2 p.m.
Bambuti featuring Efe (African Drum/dance troupe) 3 p.m.
Blackman & Arnold (Latin) 4 p.m.
Fiddlers ReStrung (fiddlers/bluegrass/Celtic) 5 p.m.
Brandon Wiard & The Saviors (pop Americana) 6 p.m.
Basiks (reggae) 7 p.m.
Deadstring Brothers (Americana/National) 8 p.m.
Twistin Tarantulas (Rock-a-billy) 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3
Seven Come Eleven noon
Back Forty (funkgrass) 1 p.m.
Satin Dolls (1940s standards) 2 p.m.
Quixotic (jam rock) 3 p.m.
50¢ Headrush 4 p.m.
The Orbitsuns (psycobilly) 5 p.m.
The Lash (Celtic rock) 6 p.m.
Mike Smith & The Electric Glove (rock instrumental) 7 p.m.
Tumbao Bravo (Cuban) 8 p.m.
Impact 7 (R&B) 9 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 4
3 Daddy O (rock) noon
The Euphorians (roots rock) 1 p.m.
TJ Kelly (country) 2 p.m.
Rev. Robert Sexton Allstar Blues Review (blues) 3 p.m.
Laura Wilkie (country) 4 p.m.
The Snakes 5 p.m.
Zydecrunch (Zydeco) 6 p.m.

MILLER ROCK STAGE

Friday, Sept. 1
Matt Keil Band (rock) 5 pm.
Whack The Mole (classic rock) 6 p.m.
LLE (rock) 7 p.m.
The {Edit} Concern (rock) 8 p.m.
Radiocraft (rock) 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2
Avenue (rock) noon
Shoe (rock) 1 p.m.
The Mydols (rock) 2 p.m.
60 Second Crush (rock) 3 p.m.
Broadzilla (rock) 4 p.m.
Hard Lessons (rock) 5 p.m.
Cult Heroes (Detroit rock) 6 p.m.
Joey Gaydos Group (rock) 7 p.m.
The Muggs (rock) 8 p.m.
Howling Diablos (funk/rock) 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3
Time Cube (rock) noon
Deep Space Six (jam rock) 1 p.m.
The Offramps (power pop punk) 2 p.m.
Alright Tokyo (pop) 3 p.m.
Bump (rock) 4 p.m.
Tripper (rock) 5 p.m.
Brothers From Another Planet (rock) 6 p.m.
Rev. Right Time & The First Cuzins of Funk (funk rock) 7 p.m.
The Surrogate Band (Pink Floyd Tribute Band) 8 p.m.
Ray Street Park (rock) 9 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 4
The Unheard (rock) noon
Killer B's (rock) 1 p.m.
Greenstreet (rock/pop) 2 p.m.
Guitar Army (rock) 3 p.m.
The Pickups (Rock) 4 p.m.
Calling Marvin (modern rock) 5 p.m.
Reefermen (rock) 6 p.m.

DIET PEPSI ACOUSTIC STAGE

Saturday, Sept. 2
National Bird (pop) noon
Frankie D. (pop) 1 p.m.
Royal Garden Trio 2 p.m.
Great Lakes String Quartet 3 p.m.
Jen Cass (folk) 4 p.m.
Jalal Maria (R&B) 5 p.m.
Cass Avenue Ramblers (bluegrass) 6 p.m.
Peter Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane (blues) 7 p.m.
Tony Lucca (pop) 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3
Handsome Dan (alt folk) noon
Rachanee (folk pop) 1 p.m.
Jimmy Atto (pop) 2 p.m.
Great Lakes String Quartet 3 p.m.
Beth Stalker (pop) 4 p.m.
Day 41 (contemporary modern) 5 p.m.
Organic Jazz Trio (jazz) 6 p.m.
Wally Pleasant (comedy pop) 7 p.m.
Mustard's Retreat (folk) 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 4
Dave Stoddard (pop) noon
Annie Capps (folk) 1 p.m.
Paul Miles (blues) 2 p.m.
Gary Rasmussen & Cole Garlak (classic rock) 3 p.m.
Great Lakes String Quartet 4 p.m.
Jan Krist (folk) 5 p.m.

MARTELL R&B/JAZZ STAGE

Friday, Sept. 1
Blue Infusion (blues) 5 p.m.
Charlie Kemp Jazz Quartet (jazz) 6 p.m.
Alyssa Simmons (soul/pop) 7 p.m.
Midtown Underground (soul/funk) 8 p.m.
Dr. Pocket (jazz) 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2
Spot 55 (jazzy blues) noon
David Myles & The Mylestons (R&B) 1 p.m.
Chris Canas & The Blues Revolution (blues) 2 p.m.
Carl Caballero Band (blues) 3 p.m.
Valerie Barrymore & The Foundations of Funk (funk) 4 p.m.
Stacey Barrett (R&B) 5 p.m.
Penny Wells (R&B) 6 p.m.
Jesse Palter Quartet (jazz) 7 p.m.
Lin Roundtree (smooth jazz) 8 p.m.
HotSauce (soul/funk) 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3
New Strategy (smooth jazz) noon
Sweet Claudette (Blues) 1 p.m.
Charles Anthony (R&B) 2 p.m.
Nightengale (R&B/Jazz) 3 p.m.
Lady Champagne & The Funk Band (standards/soul) 4 p.m.
Rev. Marc Falconberry (blues) 5 p.m.
Mark's Project (R&B) 6 p.m.
The Project (R&B) 7 p.m.
The Troubadours (Latin jazz) 8 p.m.
Straight Ahead (jazz) 9 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 4
Pete "Big Dog" Fetters (acoustic blues) noon
J-Qube (jazz funk) 1 p.m.
Chunky Funk Band (R&B) 2 p.m.
Sax Maniacs (R&B) 3 p.m.
Darnell Kendricks (smooth jazz) 4 p.m.
Laith Al-Saadi (blues) 5 p.m.
Cool Moose Orchestra (Jazz) 6 p.m.

THE DETROIT NEWS/COMCAST STAGE

Friday, Sept. 1
Four Deep 5 p.m.
The Red Rocks (2006-Battle of the Bands Champions) 6 p.m.
Killer Flamingos (2005-Sonic Summer Champions) 7 p.m.
Battle of the Bands including Free Element, The Prime Ministers 8-11 p.m.
Finalist TBD 11 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2
Natalie Cochran (MOT) noon
Kim & Michael Parr 1 p.m.
Sara Celina 2 p.m.
Audra Kubat 3 p.m.
HUSH 4 p.m.
em-j featuring Marissa Guzman 5.p.m.

ELECTRONIC MUSIC NIGHT SPONSORED BY PAXAHAU

Andy Toth (D Records, Detroit) 6 p.m.
Chuck Flask (Paxahau, Detroit) 8 p.m.
Steve Bug (Pokerflat Recording, Hamburg) 10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

SPONSORED BY WRIF-101.1 WITH FEATURED ARTISTS

Overloaded noon
Mind Candy 1 p.m.
50¢ Crush 2 p.m.
Ugly 3 p.m.
Brian Schram Band 4 p.m.
Inviting the Crash 5 p.m.
Ashes of Soma 6 p.m.
Paper Street Saints 7 p.m.
Dirty Americans 8 p.m.
JoCaine 9 p.m.
Zug Izland 10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 4
(Sponsored by RIFF2 (rock bands)
Dutch Pink noon
Capitol Cities 1 p.m.
Wolfbait 2 p.m.
Grande Nationals 3 p.m.
Ghost City 4 p.m.
Koffin Kats 5 p.m.
Grayling 6 p.m.

FLAGSTAR BANK CULTURAL STAGE

Friday, Sept. 1
Nadanta 5:30 p.m.
Eisenhower Dance Ensemble 6:30 p.m.
Planet Ant 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2
Eisenhower Dance Ensemble 1:30 p.m.
Aztec Storyteller 3 p.m.
Matrix Theatre Interactive 4 p.m.
Planet Ant 5 p.m.
African Storyteller 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3
Eisenhower Dance Ensemble 1:30 p.m.
African Storyteller 3 p.m.
PuppetArt 4 p.m.
Planet Ant 5 p.m.
African Storyteller 6 p.m.

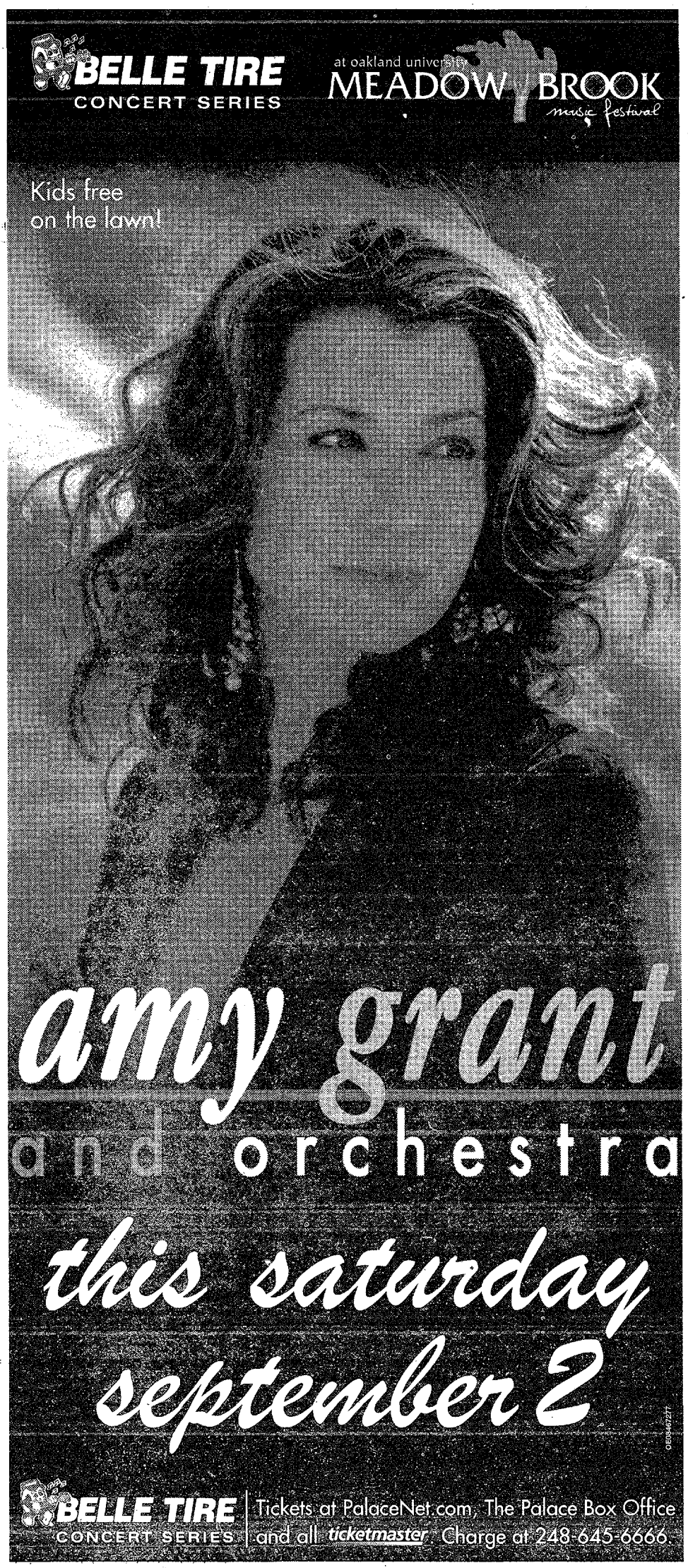
Monday, Sept. 4
Eisenhower Dance Ensemble 1:30 p.m.
Aztec Storyteller 3 p.m.
Planet Ant 4 p.m.
African Storyteller 5 p.m.

MACY'S KIDS STAGE

Saturday, Sept. 3
Juggling Workshop noon
Hola! Have a Fiesta! 12:30 p.m.
All About Michigan 1 p.m.
Tomato Collection Musical Sing-a-Long 1:30 p.m.
Animal Balloon Workshop 2 p.m.
Science of Critterography 2:30 p.m.
Magic Show 3 p.m.
Tomato Collection Musical Sing-a-Long 3:30 p.m.
Around the World Multi-Cultural Show 4 p.m.
Illusionist 4:30 p.m.
Ventriloquist/Sing-a-Long 5 p.m.
History of Clowning 5:30 p.m.
Tomato Collection Musical Sing-a-Long 6 p.m.
Magic Show 6:30 p.m.
Reading is Fun 7 p.m.
Tomato Collection Musical Sing-a-Long 7:30 p.m.
Fun w/Rosco! 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 4
Rosco the Clown noon
Magic Show 12:30 p.m.
Sing-A-Long 1 p.m.
Juggling Workshop 1:30 p.m.
Reading is Fun 2 p.m.
Around the World Multi-Cultural Show 2:30 p.m.
Hola! Have a Fiesta! 3 p.m.
Animal Balloon Workshop 3:30 p.m.
Juggling Show 4 p.m.
Rosco the Clown 4:30 p.m.
Illusionist 5 p.m.
Sing-A-Long 5:30 p.m.
Animal Balloon Workshop 6 p.m.
Reading is Fun 6:30 p.m.
Around the World Multi-Cultural Show 7 p.m.
Science of Critterography 7:30 p.m.
Fun w/Rosco! 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 5
Tomato Collection Musical Sing-a-Long noon
Rosco the Clown 12:30 p.m.
Magic Show 1 p.m.
Around the World Multi-Cultural Show 1:30 p.m.
Variety Fun Show 2 p.m.
Tomato Collection Musical Sing-a-Long 2:30 p.m.
Reading is Fun 3 p.m.
Animal Balloon Workshop 3:30 p.m.
Science of Critterography 4 p.m.
Musical Show 4:30 p.m.
Juggling Workshop 5 p.m.



People Mover features jazz

Music lovers attending the Jazz Fest via the People Mover get a head start on the music because "Jazzy People Mover" stations are featuring live music.

The Detroit People Mover has partnered with Alexander Zonjic's Hi-Falutin' Music company to showcase local performers during the four-day festival.

"When my friends from the Detroit People Mover approached me, I thought 'what a great idea' to showcase jazz and add to the festival mood Labor Day weekend," jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic said.

PEOPLE MOVER SCHEDULE

Friday

3-6 p.m. Joe Louis Arena Station — Johnny Bassett Quartet featuring Johnny Bassett, guitar; Renell Gonsalves, drums; Duncan McMillian, keyboard and Keith Kaminski, saxophone

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cadillac Center Station — Van Cephus Quartet

Saturday

2-5 p.m. Joe Louis Arena Station — In The Pocket (Jazz ensemble from Detroit Symphony Civic Jazz program)

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cadillac Center Station — Michael Gabriel Quartet

Sunday

Noon to 3 p.m. Grand Circus Station — Yancey Jazz Quartet

2-5 p.m. Ren Cen Station — Jessie Palter Quartet

Monday

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grand Circus Station — Sean Dobbins Quartet featuring Mark Byerly, trumpet

Noon to 3 p.m. Ren Cen Station — Sheila Landis Group

3-6 p.m. Cadillac Center Station — Urban Transport featuring Vincent Chandler, trombone; Dean Moore, saxophone; Thaddeus Dixon, drums; Josef Deas, bass, and Mark McGruder, piano.

JAZZ

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Sunday evenings from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. will be home to the cool RAPA House Jam. It's a longtime festival favorite where young musicians meet seasoned masters and the music goes wild.

Motor City Casino Cafe Walk will offer a full-service "restaurant row" where festival-goers can sit down and order from a menu.

There's also a Jazz Talk Tent where Mose Allison, Kirk Lightsey, Lou Donaldson, Bennie Maupin are among the artists participating in Meet the Artists sessions hosted by James Gallert and Lars Bjorn. Panel sessions are scheduled with local radio personalities and musicians along with national jazz writers Howard Mandel, Bill Milkowski and Ira Gitler, who will delve into the Detroit Invasion of New York. Other sessions feature the wonder of Jaco Pastorious, the wacky genius of Frank Zappa and the tradition of the New Orleans brass bands.

Monday is Gospel Day, beginning at 10 a.m. with the Wayne State University Gospel Chorale, followed by the University of Detroit Mercy — Ensemble of Praise, Chose K.L.A.S., and the Triumph Church Mass Choir. With special guest, Mack Avenue Records' own Gabriel, trumpeter Sean Jones.

Is that enough to get you there?

TOP 10 MOVIES

Here is a list of top grossing movies from the weekend of Aug. 25 with the estimated weekend gross.

1. *Invincible*, $17 million
2. *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*, $8 million
3. *Little Miss Sunshine*, $7.5 million
4. *Beerfest*, $6.5 million
5. *Accepted*, $6.5 million
6. *Snakes on a Plane*, $6.4 million
7. *World Trade Center*, $6.4 million
8. *Step Up*, $6.2 million
9. *Idlewild*, $5.9 million
10. *Barnyard*, $5.43 million

Source: IMDbPro.com

Youngsters can enjoy M-Care Sportapalooza

For kids 5-13, there's friendly, age-appropriate athletic contests at the M-Care Sportapalooza at Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats.

There's five events: a warm-up consisting of running, stretching and light jogging; a basketball toss; golf challenge; football toss and soccer shoot-out.

Events are supervised by the Detroit Sports Club and take place in the center of the family-friendly Free Press Village. Children's stages, craft areas, a kiddie carnival will be set up nearby.

MALIBU RUM MUSIC OF THE CARIBBEAN

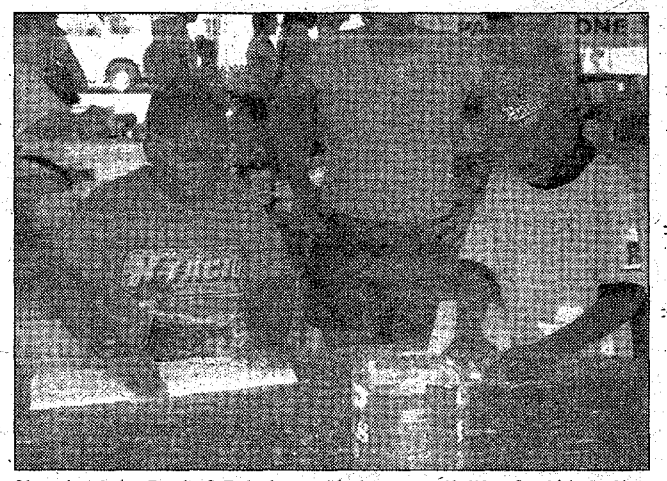
A 30-by-100 foot tent on Pike Street contains a bar with Malibu specialty drinks, seating and live music.

The musical schedule was not complete at press time but some of the acts include OC Roberts & the Samaritans and Ras Kente & The Take No Prisoners Band.

RELAX

The Detroit Free Press Twist LifeSpa is a spa area designed to rejuvenate guests and raise funds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Spa treatments are inside the event's only air-conditioned venue and cost $5 for five minutes; $10 for 10 minutes and $15 for 15 minutes, including back massages, manicures, hand paraffin dip, hand massage, and makeup touch-ups.



Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats has added more activities for kids to the festival's lineup.

ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY
VIBRANT
"Hip-hop's greatest entertainers take center stage for a vibrant, joyous musical."

PEOPLE
WONDROUS
"There's something wondrous and refreshingly innovative everywhere you look in 'Idlewild.'"

FOX-TV
"MAGICAL."
Shawn Edwards

USA TODAY
"RIVETING."
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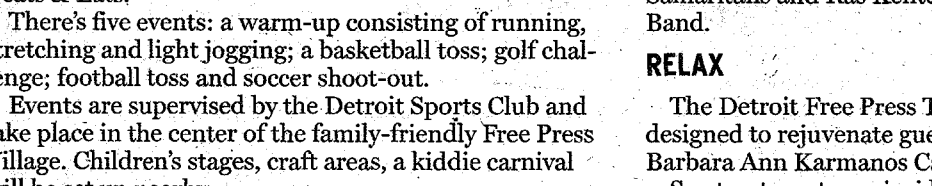

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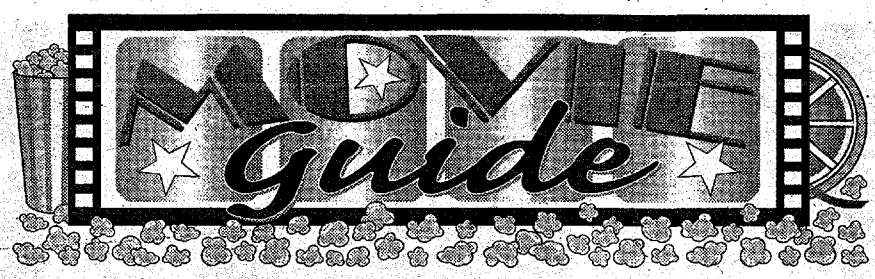

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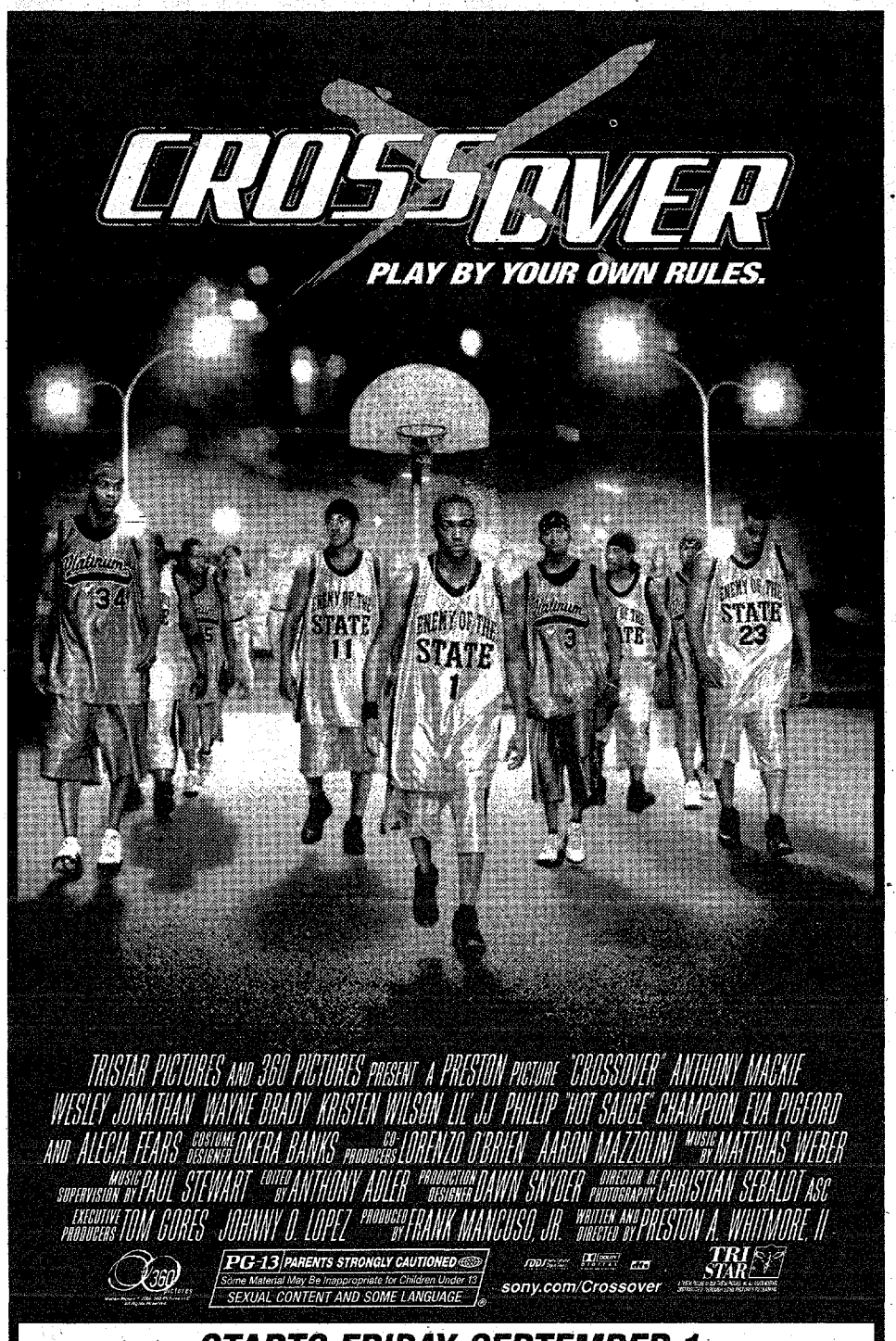

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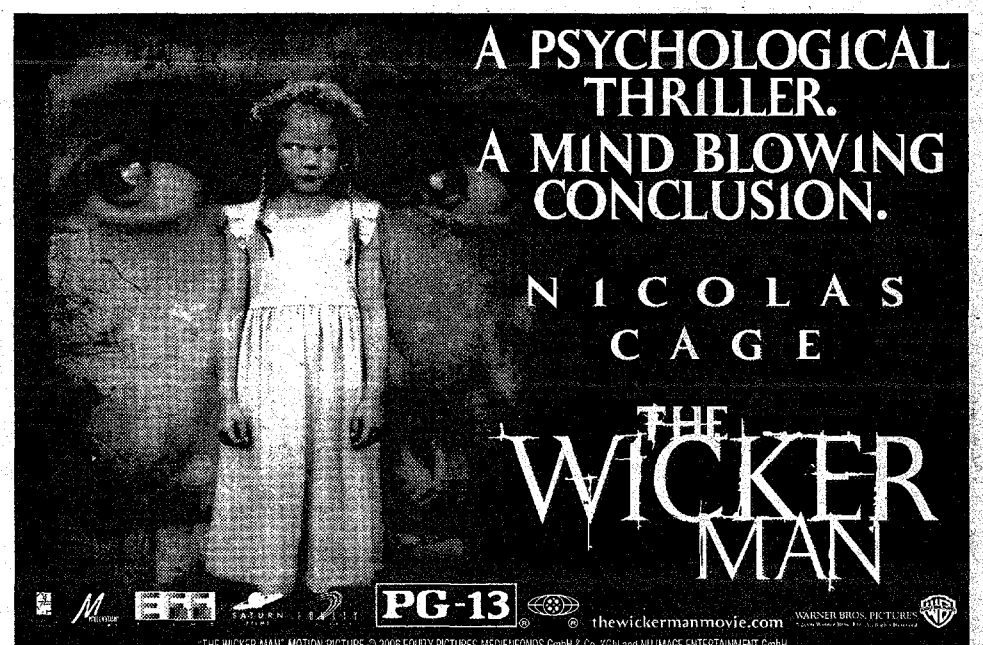

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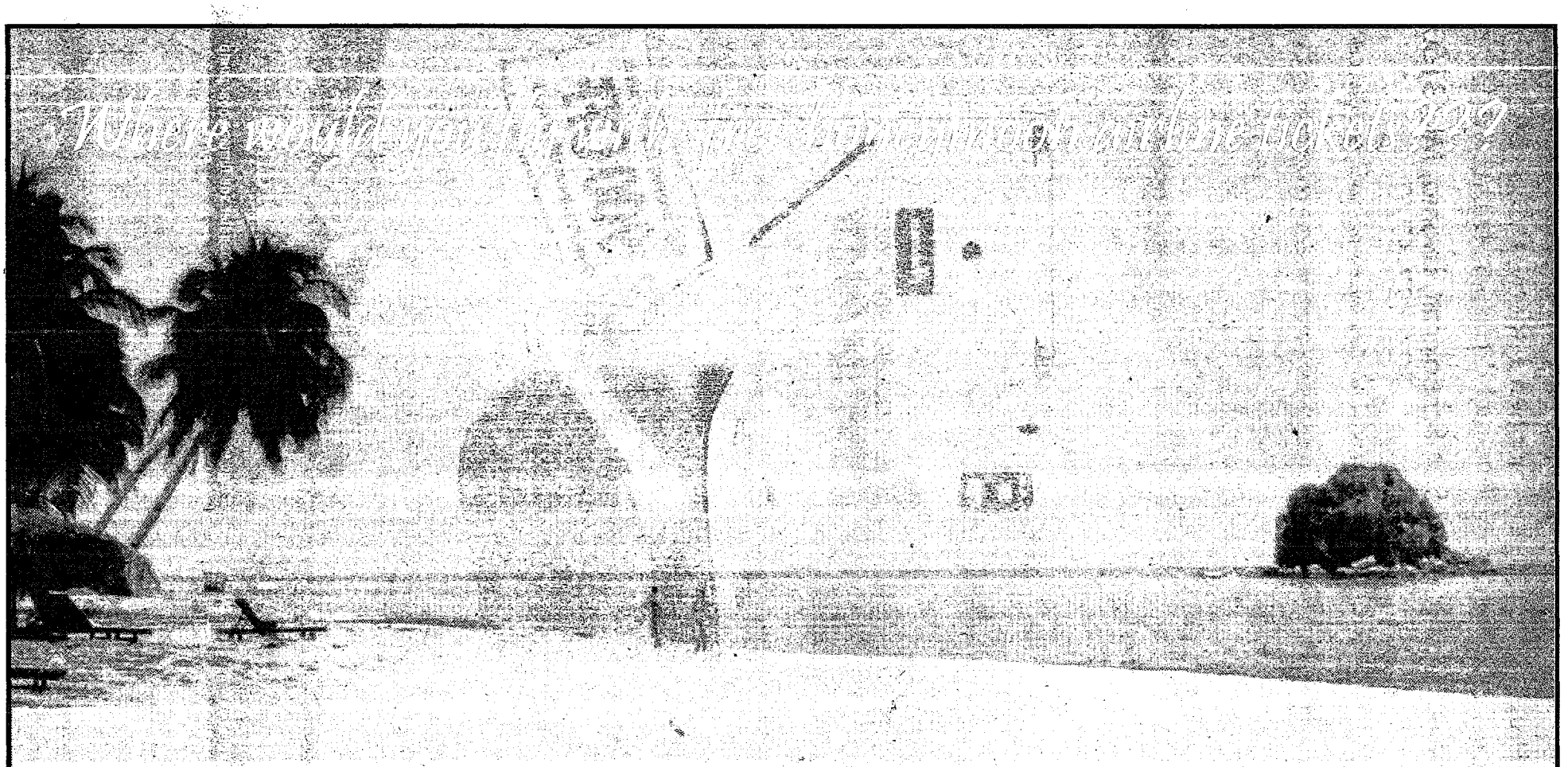

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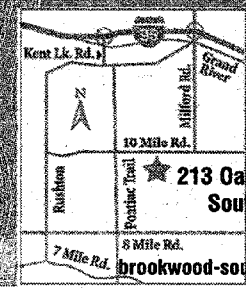

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FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS... 2 nice build sites in the Village. Close to schools and community parks. Survey complete. **$39,900 each.**

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HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 10-14, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

40477 Bay Harbor Ln	$155,000
6631 Burnham Dr	$178,000
7067 Copper Creek Cir	$193,000
7370 Corbett Dr	$250,000
473 Georgetown St	$182,000
49756 Great Falls Rd	$441,000
6832 Kennesaw Rd	$380,000
1709 Longfellow Dr	$188,000
48395 Manor Bridge Dr	$46,000
1823 Maple Park Dr	$248,000
1827 Maple Park Dr	$232,000
1857 Maple Park Dr	$257,000
1861 Maple Park Dr W	$250,000
1869 Maple Park Dr W	$269,000
1702 Orchard Dr	$83,000
39710 Peters Dr	$182,000
48315 Roundstone Ct	$281,000
51125 Sleepy Hollow Ln	$288,000
746 Stonehenge Dr	$192,000
43765 Sweet Cherry Ln	$220,000

Farmington

33246 Slocum St	$250,000

Farmington Hills

27690 Acorn Park Ct	$310,000
22128 Buckingham Dr	$350,000
22850 Colgate St	$116,000
38863 Country Cir	$148,000
35523 Fredericksburg Rd	$315,000
30630 Maplewood Cir	$322,000
23180 Purdue Ave	$220,000
30487 Salisbury St	$230,000
38214 Saratoga Cir	$206,000
26424 Springfield Dr	$155,000
32237 Tall Timber Dr	$319,000

Garden City

31478 Balmoral St	$205,000
30408 Dawson St	$169,000
33225 Florence St	$155,000
5731 Inkster Rd	$100,000

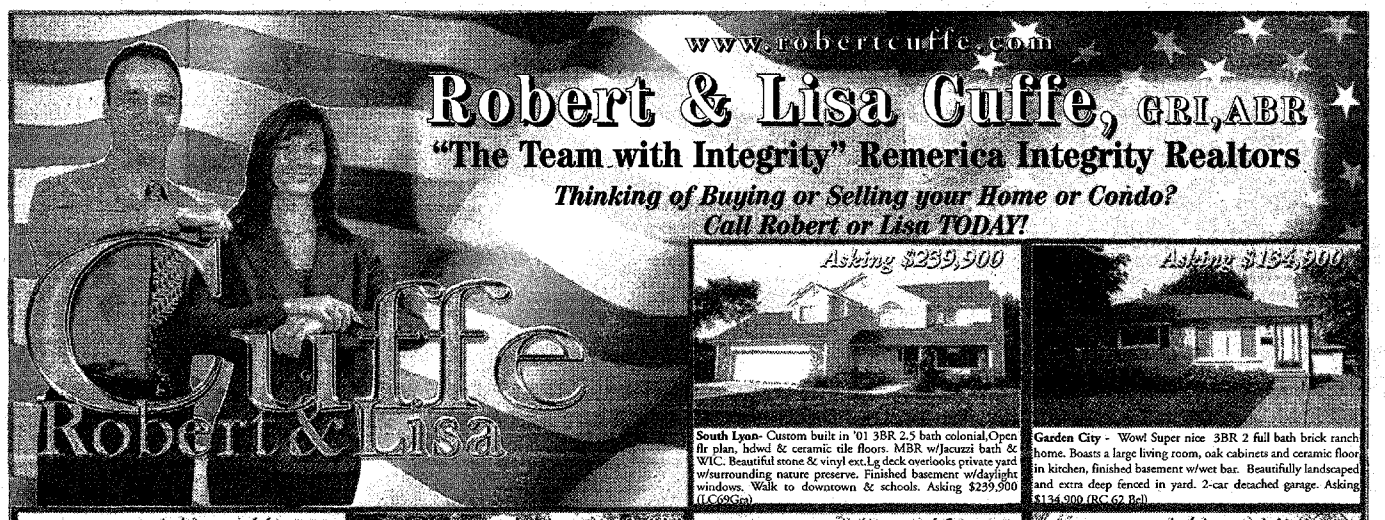
Livonia

29421 Barkley St	$145,000
36343 Dardanella St	$200,000
33001 Fargo St	$71,000
14660 Garden St	$165,000
28846 Joy Rd	$111,000
32397 Maria Ct	$200,000
18775 Merriman Rd	$248,000
29329 Perth St	$156,000
36630 Pinetree St	$176,000

Novi

22059 Barclay Dr	$485,000
45000 Bayview Dr	$161,000
29308 Douglas Dr	$291,000
50026 Drakes Bay Dr	$1,041,000

PLEASE SEE **HOMES SOLD, 3**



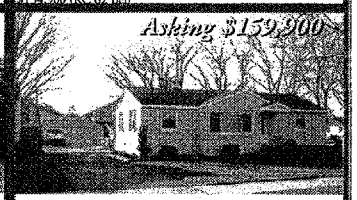
South Lyon- Custom built in '01 3BR 2.5 bath colonial.Open flr plan, hdwd & ceramic tile floors. MBR w/Jacuzzi bath & WIC. Beautiful stone & vinyl ext.Lg deck overlooks private yard w/surrounding nature preserve. Finished basement w/daylight windows. Walk to downtown & schools. Asking $239,900 (LC69Gin)

Garden City - Wow! Super nice 3BR 2 full bath brick ranch home. Boasts a large living room, oak cabinets and ceramic floor in kitchen, finished basement w/wet bar. Beautifully landscaped and extra deep fenced in yard. 2-car detached garage. Asking $134,900 (RC 62 Bel)

Howell – View gorgeous sunsets from this sought after Lake Chemung custom built 5 BR 2.5 bath colonial. Hardwood floors in kitchen, L.R. & D.R. Lg Master ste w/ cathedral ceiling has 2-sided F.P. & Jacuzzi tub. 2 separate decks that overlook the lake. 2-car attached garage. Asking $449,900 (RC56Bla)

Livonia – Well maintained 3 BR brick ranch on a quiet cul-de-sac location. Finished Basement, Attached garage, sprinklers, Newer windows, furnace and H.W.H. Updated kitchen opens to generous family rm w/gas fireplace. Doorwall to deck w/retractable awning. Asking $ 219,000 (RC 99 Bai)

Northville – Gorgeous 4 bedroom 3.5 bath Colonial offers a 2 –tiered deck overlooking the private woods. Large island kitchen w/ nook and jenn-air appliances, cathedral ceilings in Great room & Master suite. finished lower level, 3 car side entrance garage. Asking $ 465,000 (RC 56 Woo)



Livonia – Attractive 3BR 2bath ranch w/ lots of living space. Large Master Suite w/own bath, Liv rm, and newer addition Family Rm. Newer vinyl siding, furnace and windows. Large deck off family room opens to generous fenced yard. Newer 2-car garage. Asking $159,900 (RC81Mor)

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42528 Wimbleton Way	$325,000
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356 Sunset St	$176,000
12303 Wendover Dr	$373,000
Redford	
27219 Five Mile Rd	$157,000
11340 Arnold	$125,000
12859 Berwyn	$119,000
25937 Cathedral	$47,000
17318 Centralia	$140,000
26740 Joy Rd	$50,000
9050 Kinloch	$138,000
15416 Lennane	$120,000
18399 Negaunee	$90,000
9300 Telegraph Rd	$260,000
11399 Virgil	$107,000
Westland	
7321 Iroquois St	$145,000
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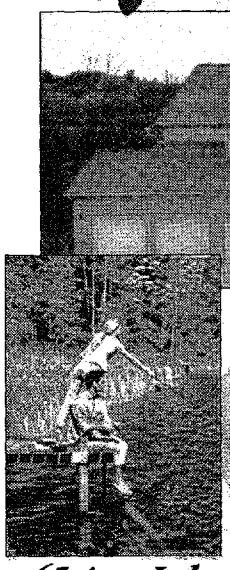

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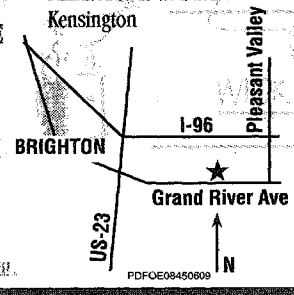

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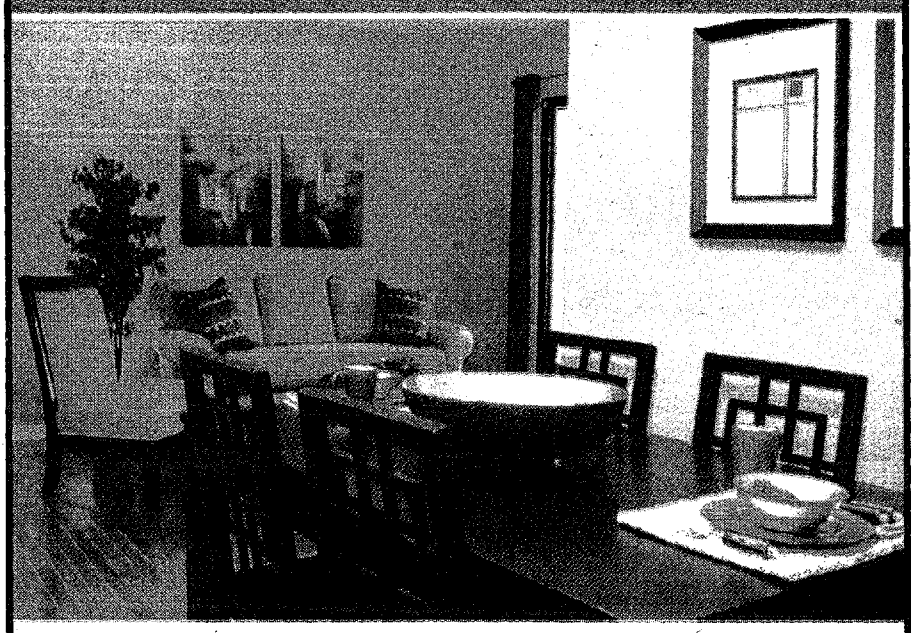

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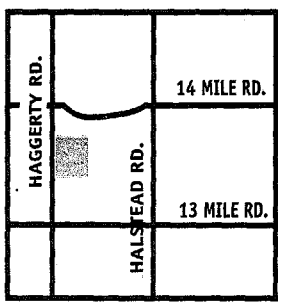

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Transportation a factor in where people live

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Richard Strausbaugh was interested to hear the average metro resident's commute to work is 26 minutes.

"Mine is 30, give or take a couple minutes," said Strausbaugh, who drives from Northfield Township to his business on Ford Road in Westland, Westland Floor Covering. "For 17 years, we commuted twice that far so this is real pleasant."

The average metro Detroiter's commute has crept up from 23.3 minutes in 1990 to 26 minutes in 2000. The national average commute is 25.5 minutes, said Xuan Liu of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, a 3.1-minute increase between 1990 and 2000.

"It's growing a little bit," Liu said of commuting time in Detroit.

Liu is coordinator of the data center for SEMCOG, working with colleagues to analyze and forecast where people live and work. "We believe transportation affects land use and land use affects transportation," said Liu, who's also completing his Ph.D. in urban planning at the University of Michigan.

Washtenaw County was the pilot area, with study done on I-94 and U.S. 23 impact showing more homes and jobs along those freeways. A database is now being developed for the entire metro area.

SEMCOG's working on a computer model with aid from University of Washington faculty on the land use process. "We actually use transportation as an input into that analysis."

They've determined that although people generally don't like to live right by freeways, nearby access to them is a major factor in deciding where to live.

"We're working on this model right now," Liu said.

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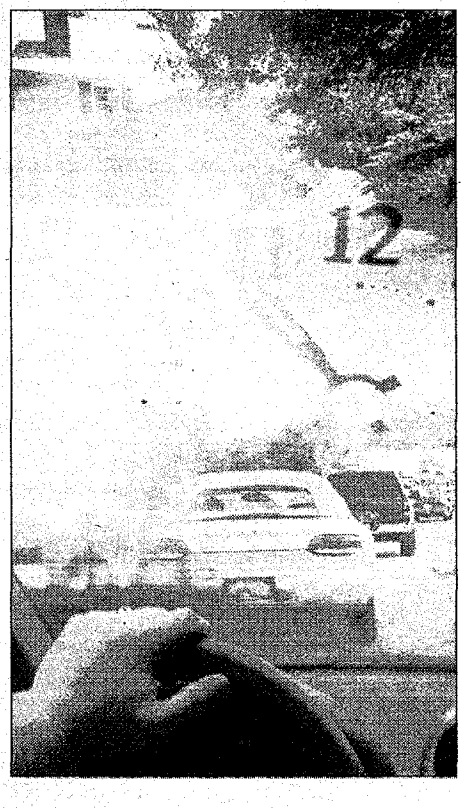
"I carpool with my wife," said Liu. "Carpooling is a good thing." Detroit lags behind other cities in mass transit, he agreed, adding that good transportation does aid development.

"You need an integrated policy of transit and land use," he said. A good transit plan plus a land use plan equals a great impact.

"You can really see the bigger impact of that policy," Liu said.

He and colleagues don't have much contact with Realtors but do hear from developers who want to know which areas will be developed. That information is useful to developers who want to know where growth will be, he said.



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Dock construction a key part of easement

Q. We have been granted an easement as a back lot owner to get lake access and we are wondering whether we also have the right to construct a dock on the lake to moor our boat. The person over whose property we have to travel to get to the lake claims we only have access to the lake but not a right to construct a dock or permanently moor our boats. What do you think?

A. It all depends on the language of the easement but if the easement gives you the right for access to and use of the riparian rights to the lake, the courts have held that erecting or maintaining a dock near the water's edge is a riparian right. If the easement expressly grants both access to and use of the riparian rights to the lake, constructing and maintaining a dock is within those rights and you would have the right to construct the dock. You are best advised to consult with an attorney to review your easement and to take the appropriate action against the person who is depriving you of that right.

Q. Our management company has retained a contractor for our condo association who has turned out to be bad, but the contractor says he has done a number of sites for the management company and cannot understand why the association is upset. We are so angry, we want to terminate the management company. What do you recommend?

Robert Meisner

A. I have given lectures on management company liability and one of the key points which I try to emphasis is that management companies should not put all of their eggs in one basket as it relates to contractors and/or professionals, particularly, if that contractor or professional does not work out well for the association. In this particular case, I do not know that you can blame the management company for the contractor's ineptitude but obviously, there may be guilt by association. You should bring this matter to the attention of the management company and ask it to get another contractor and/or to otherwise assist in remedying the problems which you have with the contractor or you will consider other professional property managers.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for $9.95 plus $1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for $24.95 plus $5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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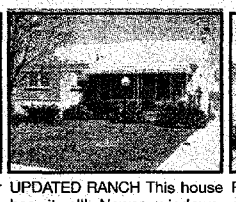
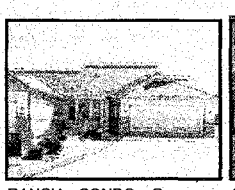
LIVONIA CONDO Nice floor plan offering 2 bd, 2 baths, & 1100+ sq ft. Cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, covered balcony, & all appliances stay. Home warranty provided for buyer. A must see!
(P-866FI) $139,800



UPDATED RANCH This house has it all! Newer windows, roof, furnace, AC, oak Kitchen, hwd floors, fresh paint, & oversized Garage. Come take a look.
(C-046BU) $144,900



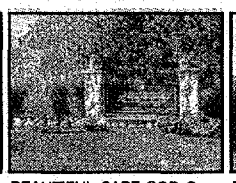
RANCH CONDO Gorgeous condo offers ceramic tile, Great Room w/soaring ceiling & gas frpl, private deck, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt w/ daylight window, 2 car Garage & private entrance. A must see!
(P-450CO) $299,900

CLASSIC COLONIAL Sharp 4 bd brick home w/soaring ceilings, hwd floors, big windows, custom design, Great Room w/gas frpl, Library, master w/cathedral ceiling, & master bath w/jetted tub.
(P-435SO) $494,500

VILLAGE CHARMER Exceptional Cherry Village home featuring volume ceilings, hwd floors, designer Kitchen w/ Corian, nook overlooking Patio, private Den, & master w/bath & WIC.
(P-335CO) $299,900

CUL DE SAC LOCATION Built in 1999, this 4 bd colonial offers an amazing oak Kitchen, 10k in recent updates, Family Room w/ doorwall to huge Deck, large master w/spacious bath, & so much more.
(C-294DU) $250,000

COUNTRY ESTATES Gorgeous home with cherry stained plank floors on 1st floor. Custom Family Room w/ built-ins, formal Dining Room, Living Room, Master Suite w/ spacious WIC & full bath.
(C-965QU) $339,900



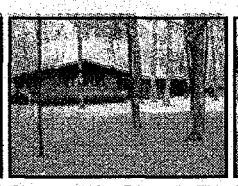
BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD Open & spacious! Built in 2003, 1st floor master suite w/jetted tub, maple Kitchen, formal Dining Room w/trey ceiling, full daylight bsmt, inviting Great Room w/frpl & 2 story windows, & much more.
(C-868BU) $350,000

PEACEFUL RETREAT Lovely Glengarry Village home featuring a 2 story Foyer w/ hwd floors, gourmet oak Kitchen, FR w/frpl, newer carpet, formal Living & Dining, finished bsmt w/rec room, & large Deck.
(P-215DA) $369,900

WOW This home is only 3 years old & still looks & feels like new. Upgrades galore from the full front brick exterior to the stamped concrete walkway, GR w/2 story ceiling, island Kitchen, & master bath w/soaking tub.
(C-653FO) $299,900

TOTALLY REMODELED 2 bd, 2 bath ranch home in great area. Remodeled Kitchen, bath, hug Master w/double closets, updated carpet, doors, furnace, roof, & freshly painted.
(C-226GA) $99,900

SMALL CONDO COMMUNITY Close to downtown w/an open view to park-like setting from the deck. Large great room w/ recessed lights & fireplace, full kit in finished bsmt , new roof & windows to be replaced by assoc.
(C-490MA) $174,900

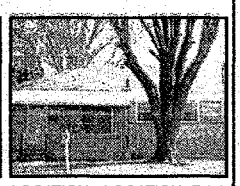


SPRAWLING RANCH This home sprawls on _ acres of a wooded & hilly, deep lot. Boasting 4 bd, 2.5 baths, finished walkout, spectacular views from many large windows, 2.5 car Garage, & Patio.
(C-795MA) $384,900

HOW SWEET IT IS 2 bd bungalow offers newer vinyl siding & windows, comfy Kitchen w/ all appliances, garage, fenced yard, maintenance free exterior, & a corner lot.
(C-928ME) $99,500

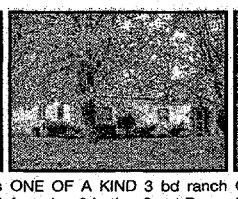
GORGEOUS CONDO! 2 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 story condo located in a nice neighborhood. Lovely wooded view from large deck, Great Room w/cathedral ceiling, marble baths, custom Kitchen, 1st floor laundry, attached garage, & large Master.
(C-705AN) $219,900

WALLED LAKE RANCH Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh paint, new carpet, attached Garage, private bsmt, & more.
(C-488DO) $139,999



LOCATION, LOCATION Brick 3 bd ranch w/full bsmt, Florida Room, & oversized garage. Newer windows, front door, Kitchen floor, & neutral paint. Hwd. Floors under newer carpet & all appl stay. Home warranty!
(C-337EA) $125,000

CLASSIC BEAUTY Gorgeous 4 bd colonial w/beautiful landscaping, hwd floors, island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, finished lower level, updated roof, windows, furnace, A/C, & pavestone driveway & walkways.
(C-212HI) $419,000



ONE OF A KIND 3 bd ranch featuring 2 baths, Great Room w/frpl & wetbar, Dining Room, remodeled Kitchen, corner lot, attached garage, & large yard.
(C-919JOH) $179,900

GREAT BUY! Priced to sell home in Livonia. This home offers 3 bd, 2 baths, partially finished bsmt, very large backyard, & a 1 yr home warranty.
(C-630JO) $153,900

DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Beautiful move in condition home. Updated t/o w/hwd floors, jetted tub, large Family Room, newer furnace, A/C, roof, plumbing, & elec. Immaculate.
(P-345RO) $339,900

BRICK COLONIAL Wonderful location w/open floor plan, neutral carpet, Family Room, prof finished bsmt, Master Suite w/WIC, Deck w/hottub, & close to everything.
(P-158BU) $229,900

PICTURE PERFECT You'll have plenty of time to explore downtown Plymouth living in this immaculate, neutral condo. Finished bsmt, 2 bd, 1.5 baths, 1st floor laundry, & attached garage.
(P-320AN) $208,900

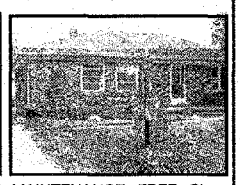
POPULAR GOLF COMMUNITY Tucked into Pheasant Run Sub, this 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial offers a 2 story Foyer, formal DR/LR, 2 story Family Room, island Kitchen, spacious Master w/bath, & paver patio.
(P-444AU) $359,900

ESTATE BUILDING SITE Complete privacy on this 10 acre parcel in Salem Twp. Wooded, walkout site w/serene views, Plymouth-Canton schools, close to xways. Call for further details.
(P-000CUA) $279,900

GARDEN CITY BUNGALOW 3 bd, 1 bath home w/updated Kitchen, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, & appliances stay.
(P-436DA) $139,900

GREAT LOCATION Elegant colonial in Historic Northville. 5 bd, 3 baths, hwd, Great Room w/frpl, oak Kitchen w/ snack bar, luxurious Master w/ bath, Library, 2nd floor laundry, & mature landscaping.
(P-621OR) $375,000

A REAL GEM This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial has it all! 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, Family Room w/hwd, Master w/bath, updated ceramic baths, fresh paint, & special touches t/o.
(P-680PO) $283,900



MAINTENANCE FREE Charming ranch in great neighborhood offers coved ceilings, leaded glass doors, hwd, updated bath, 1st floor laundry, Kitchen w/nook, new garage roof, & updated plumbing & hwh.
(P-316SH) $159,900

CANTON
PRICED TO SELL! Barely lived in 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo built in 2005. Open 1st floor w/9ft ceilings, maple Kitchen, Master w/cath ceiling, WIC & bath.
(C-536PE) $154,900

CANTON
GREAT LOCATION Great home offers fresh paint, updated windows, roof, carpet, granite, FR w/frpl, huge yard w/pool & deck, & more.
(C-846CHEV) $229,000

CANTON
ONE OF A KIND 5 bd colonial in popular Windsor Park. Huge Master w/wic & bath, updated kitchen & baths, freshly painted, neutral t/o, backs to commons, & patio.
(C-930FL) $279,900

CANTON
NEW COLONIAL Beautiful home in Hamlet Gardens, Kitchen w/granite, cherry cabinets, Jacuzzi tub, area tennis, pool, & walking trails.
(C-488LA) $439,999

CANTON
WELCOME HOME Elegant home featuring a formal LR/DR, Theater area, 4 bd, 3 full & 3 half baths, 3 car Garage, & more.
(C-874LI) $485,000

LIVONIA
CHARMING CAPE 4 bd, 2 baths, huge Master updated Kitchen w/Pergo, remodeled bath w/jacuzzi tub, new roof, windows, siding, & more.
(P-375FL) $182,500

LIVONIA
MOTIVATED SELLERS! Neutral decor, 3 bd, 2 baths, updated windows, 2.5 car Garage, hwd, oak Kitchen, Master w/ bath, & a home warranty.
(P-524PE) $159,900

LYON TWP
GREAT CAPE COD 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod backing to 6 acre park w/walking path. New furnace, open floor plan, windows, 1st floor Master, & peaceful setting.
(C-656ST) $269,900

NORTHVILLE
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Super location backing to a wooded area. Vaulted ceilings, Wallside windows, balcony, neutral décor, updated roof, carport, & all appl stay!
(P-732TA) $140,000

NORTHVILLE
ADORABLE BUNGALOW Cute home w/plenty of closet space, covered Patio, large lot w/fruit trees, berry bushes, fenced, & walking distance to downtown.
(P-760CA) $199,900

NORTHVILLE
OUTSTANDING RANCH Beautiful custom ranch backing to commons w/serene pond views. Completely remodeled in 2005, Brickscaped Patio, & immed occup.
(P-005WO) $569,900

PLYMOUTH
PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 bd, 1 bath, Kitchen w/all appl, large LR w/doorwall to Deck. dining area, neutral carpet, & low association dues.
(P-650PL) $109,900

LIVONIA
UPDATED HOME 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/new oak Kitchen, FR w/fp, formal LR/DR, 1st floor laundry, & Den. Updated bath, windows, furnace, & large Deck.
(P-002RO) $328,500

PLYMOUTH
FIXER UPPER 3 bd, 2 bath ranch w/walkout bsmt, Master w/doorwall to Deck, formal Dining, on 2/3 of an acre siding to Hines Park. Needs work, bring your ideas.
(P-861BU) $182,000

PLYMOUTH
A DOLLHOUSE!! Adorable ranch in quiet neighborhood. Newer kitchen, bath, & windows, open floor plan, 2 car Garage, & in walking distance to downtown.
(P-230GA) $183,500

PLYMOUTH
I'M GORGEOUS Stunning custom built ranch w/3 bds, 2 baths, 7 sky-lights, gourmet Kitchen, pri-vate Patio, excellent location. (P-
(P-525GO) $264,900

PLYMOUTH
A RARE JEWEL Close to downtown. 3 bd condo w/ finished bsmt, garage, updated Kitchen, formal dining, gas frpl, & enclosed courtyard.
(P-854LY) $184,900

PLYMOUTH
CUTE CONDO Adult community condo in affordable Plymouth. 2 bd, 1 bath, ranch, full bsmt, carport, updates t/o, area pool & clubhouse.
(P-637NE) $130,000

WESTLAND
UPDATED RANCH
3 bd, 2 bath ranch on quiet street, loaded w/updates, large yard w/Deck, prof painted t/o, hwd floors, & neutral carpet.
(C-751LI) $179,900

WESTLAND
GREAT STARTER HOME 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/many updates, lower level w/frpl, 3 season sun porch, fenced yard, & all appl inc.
(P-254ME) $159,900

WESTLAND
HIDDEN JEWEL Private wooded view on a quiet cul-de-sac backing to Hines! Built in '94, 3 bd, spacious neutral floor plan, finished bsmt, sprinklers & lots more.
(C-358PE) $182,500

WESTLAND
ENTERTAINING Enjoy the summer in your new home w/a pool & hot tub! Loaded w/ updates, Kitchen w/granite, berber carpet, oversized bedrooms, & super clean.
(C-232SH) $149,500

WHITMORE LAKE
READY TO BUILD Two parcels available, sewer tap paid for by seller, boring test on file, zoned residential, & private lake access on Horseshoe Lake. Just bring your plans.
(C-000OL) $49,900

YPSILANTI
ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! Totally remodeled ranch condo overlooking beautiful Ford Lake. Open floor plan, 3 bd, 2 baths, gated com-munity w/ clubhouse & pool.
(C-859CL) $149,900

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BRIEFS

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. Keller Williams will also host a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. RSVP: (734) 459-4700.

Real Estate Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (exit No. 37 at I-75). Mansa Musa will discuss "Avoiding Fraud for the Real Estate Investor." For information, call (313) 386-7228 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org. The group meets 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, and has a free informational meeting 6-7 p.m.

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Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	6.25	0	6.125	0	J/A/V/F
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466-3800	6	2	5.75	2	J/A/V/F
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FEATURE HOMES

ARGENTINE/LINDEN

Lakefront - 1,900 sq. ft., built in 1989, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths on 100 ft. sandy beach. Million dollar views from Great rm, kitchen & wrap around deck. 2.5 car garage. Located on cul-de-sac. $550,000

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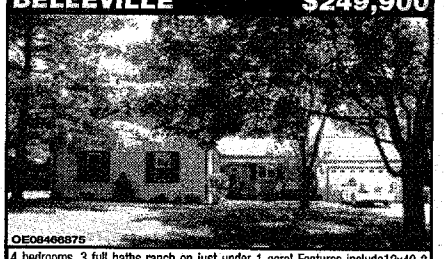
SILVER LEAF HOLDINGS, LLC c: 248-789-8396

BELLEVILLE $249,900



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4 bedrooms, 3 full baths ranch on just under 1 acre! Features include12x40 3 *seasons room, master suite with cath ceiling, walk-in closet & master bath w/* Jacuzzi tub, gazebo & 24x32 pole barn with cement floor!

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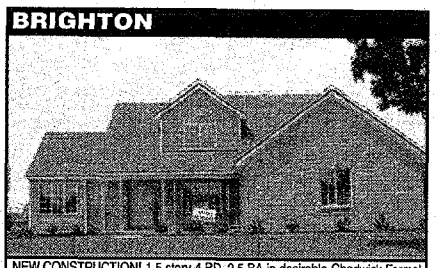
BRIGHTON



NEW CONSTRUCTION! 1.5 story 4 BD, 2.5 BA in desirable Chadwick Farms! Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabinetry & granite countertops. Vaulted ceilings, *luxurious 1st floor master suite w/large* walk-in closet. 2,000 sq. ft. with 3 car garage, sprinkler system & hydro seed included. $309,900MLS#25152746

Call Debbie Leek (810) 225-1708
MITCH HARRIS www.mitchharris.net

BRIGHTON

NOW is the best time to invest in a parcel in the new Brighton sub near Kensington Park w/prices starting at $69,900 & homes appraising for $350K - $450K, 0 down financing available in area of newly approved shopping mall & movie theater. 3/4+ acre lots overlooking acres of common area. BUY NOW WITH THESE LOW PRICES - BUILD LATER! MLS#25120930 DIR: Take Pleasant Valley N to Commerce - W 1 mile to Hilsborough Subdivision.

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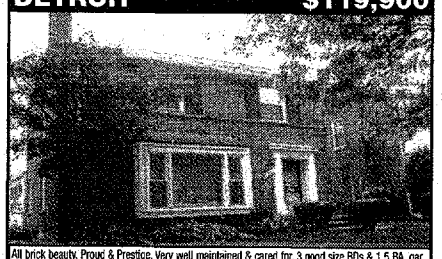
DETROIT $119,900



All brick beauty. Proud & Prestige. Very well maintained & cared for. 3 good size BDs & 1.5 BA, gar., cozy Florida rm with heat used as TV rm. Bsmnt is 80% finished. Great for kids or anybody. Truly an impressive home. Priced to sell w/a motivated seller. No pets-Non smoking home LATPAO. MLS#26081837

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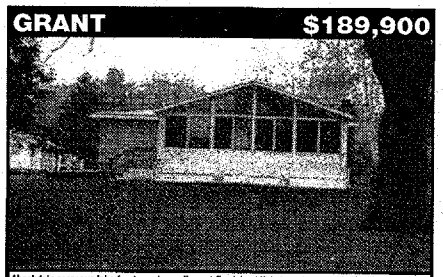
GRANT $189,900



Absolutely gorgeous lake front ranch on all sport five lakes! This is an impeccably kept home. 3 BDs, 1.5 BA & a four season sunroom w/a view of the lake that will take your breath away! Everything stays. Tools, furniture, appl., everything! Prime flat lot - no hills! Dock & seawall, same owners since '72. Used year around and loved year around. Home warranty included. MLS#25169806

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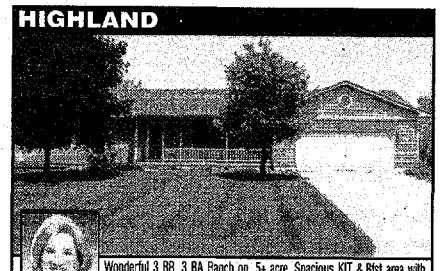
HIGHLAND



Wonderful 3 BR, 3 BA Ranch on .5+ acre. Spacious KIT & Bfst area with hdwd floors. Formal LR w/frplc. MBR w/BA. Fin w/o w/FR, frplc, office, work-shop, & BA. 2+ car gar w/insulated workshop. Elevated decking. Central air, sprinkler system. All-sports lake privileges. $240,000 (MR78TAG)

Call Marsha Rimpley (248) 363-1200 Ext 1616
CENTURY 21 TOWN & COUNTRY

HIGHLAND

A generous buyer incentive comes with this elegant Cape Cod. 3 BR, 2.5 BA w/soaring ceilings, hdwd flrs, custom moldings, deluxe lighting. Inviting frplc & arched windows in GR. Island KIT w/snack bar. FF Mstr Suite. Loft FR. Bsmt, 3-car gar. Beautifully landscaped lot backs to woods. $384,500 (MR78ANC)

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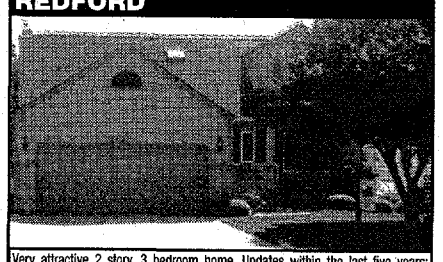
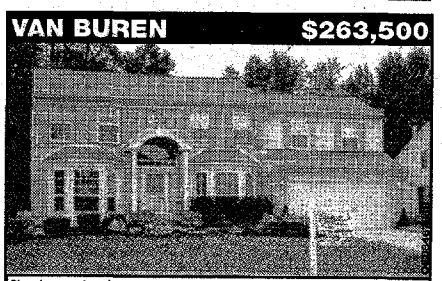


Very attractive 2 story, 3 bedroom home. Updates within the last five years: furnace, c/a, roof shingles, new vinyl siding, remodeled kit, wood firs in kit & family rm. Walk-out bsmnt. Nicely landscaped. First flr laundry, att 2.5 car garage.

Call Ron Fron - Cell - (313) 815-8840
Clark & Fron Realtors - Office - (734) 425-7300

VAN BUREN $263,500



Stunning spacious home on premium lot. 3 bedrooms, 2.1 baths, den & loft. 1st floor laundry, sprinklers, stamped patio with 8 person Jacuzzi. 2453 sq ft. Family room with natural or gas fireplace. 2 car attached garage. Must see!

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Remerica Country Place (734) 981-2900

WESTLAND $180,000

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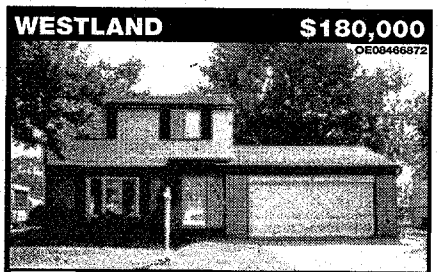

This 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath home offers a family rm w/fireplace & full partially fin basement. Updates incl newer windows, carpet throughout, air conditioning and furnace, roof with 40 year warranty, huge deck, & above ground pool.

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YPSILANTI $199,900

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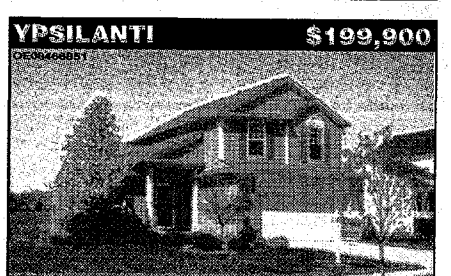

3 bedroom, 2.5 bath beauty with full finished basement, security system. Great room with fireplace, kitchen with oak cabinetry, island and pantry, & master bedroom with vaulted ceilings. 16x16 wood deck and so much more!

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YPSILANTI $214,900

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Stunning 4 bedroom, 3 full bath home features a full basement pre-plumbed for 4th bath, new roof in 2005. Newly remodeled kitchen, 1st floor master suite, 18x12 wood deck. Close vicinity to parks & more!

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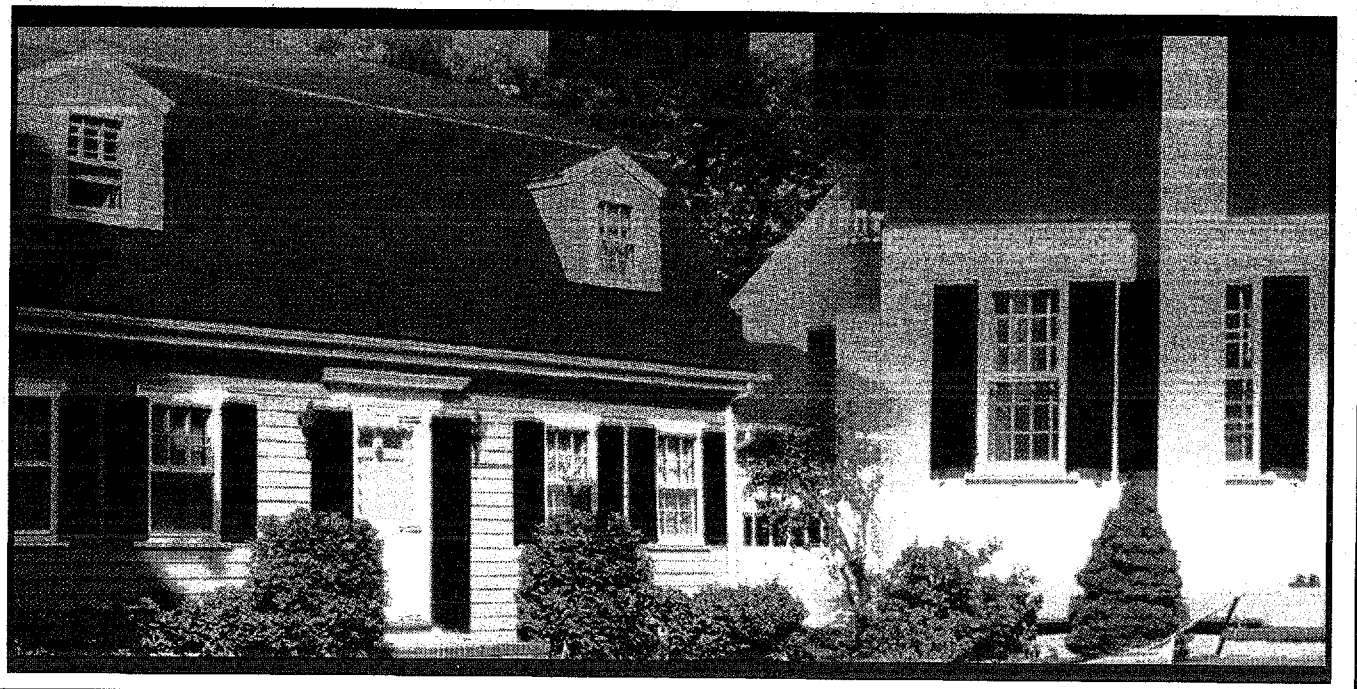

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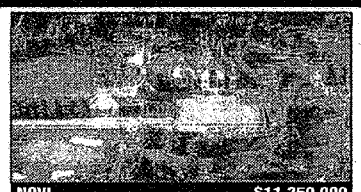


NOVI $11,250,000

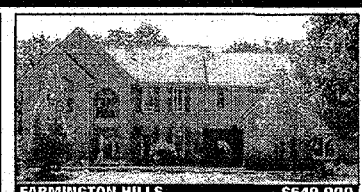
Private gated estate on 20 landscaped acres. No expense was spared. Master w/dual bath & sitting rm. Conservatory morning rm. Wine cellar & tasting rm. 10 car garage. Fabulous inground pool. Separate guest area. MLS# 26135358 734-453-6800

NORTHVILLE $1,200,000

Island Kit W/built-ins, Hw Flrs, Lib W/cust B/ins, Conserve W/slatefir/+b/ins, Cust Litng T/o, All Ba Upgr, Finwo Ll W/2nd Gran Kit, F/p Theatre Rm, Ba W/dual Steam Shwr.Sauna.Prof Lndscp Brick Terrace W/stone Flr. MLS# 26030928 248-347-3050

PLYMOUTH $799,900

Elegant & distinctive Cape w/over 8000 sqft. Stunning W/O home backing to tranquil pond. Finished LL features kit, ba, br, spa rm & liv area. 1st flr mstr w/FP, jac tub, his/her WIC, priv balc. Sun rm w/pond views. MLS# 26109058 734-453-6800



FARMINGTON HILLS $649,900

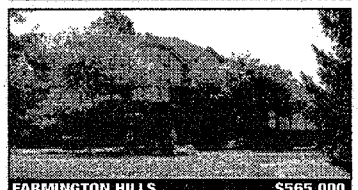
Hickory Oaks colonial nestled among towering trees, sits on tranquil 1 acre lot. 4BR, 4.1BA boasts over 5000 sqft w/fin walkout basement. Huge gourmet maple kit opens to 2 story GR. Formal LR & DR. Must see! MLS# 26099334 734-453-6800

GREEN OAK $635,000

W/110acre Lake W/beach, Clubhouse, & Marina, Boat Slips Avail, 2 Story Great Rm W/fp, formal Dining rm. Granite Kit W/hrdwd Flr, 42" Cabinets, Dble Oven,1st Flr Mstr Ste W/vaulted Ceiling, mstr Bath W/jet Tub MLS# 26135036 248-347-3050

NOVI $569,900

Waterfront living at its finest! Spectacular 3BR, 3.1BA magazine quality condo on one of the finest waterfront settings on Island Lake. Gourmet kit w/granite cntrtops. Finished 3rd flr-loft. Your own boat slip. MLS# 26097864 734-453-6800



FARMINGTON HILLS $565,000

hwd floors in foyer,hallway,lr,dr & study,Fin bsmt w/rec rm,office, full bath w/steam rm&dry sauna, granite in kitchen,new cpt t/o,arch dim. roof,deck w/gazebo & hot tub. 3 car garage & more! MLS# 26145591 248-347-3050

NORTHVILLE $539,000

1st Floor Mbr Suite. Highly Remod Kit W/granite. Prof Fin w/o W/kit, Full Ba, Br4 Or Office, 40x29 Fr. Mstr Ste W/jet Tub, Sep Shower, Walk-in, Deck. Everything Is Highly Maintained & Cared For. Total Sq Ft 3820! MLS# 26134143 248-347-3050

PLYMOUTH $537,500

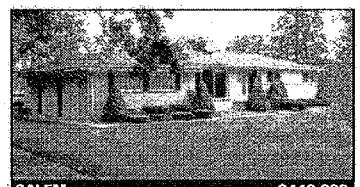
Phenomenal home & price! 4BR, 4.1BA col on private wooded court setting. HDWD firs in LR, study, kit, nook & FR. 2-story FR. Lux master. Prof finished lower level. Top-notch prof landscaping. Great patio & backyard. MLS# 26143781 734-453-6800

NEW BOSTON $475,000

Maple cabs & floors,limestone floors, volume ceilings, 1st fl mstr ste,bonus rm loft or 4th bdrm,Kohler fixtures t/o,fin bsmt w/rec rm,office,game rm & home theatre, 2.5 acres. 3.5 car garage,hi-eff furnace & hwh. MLS# 26130414 248-347-3050

FARMINGTON HILLS $450,000

4 bdrm 3.5 ba w/2 stry din rm. Lge island kit w/dbl oven, Hrdwd firs-foyer, 1st fl lndry w/cer tile, 1st flr den, 1st fl mst w/wic & bath w/jet tub/sep shower. 3lrg br. Fin w/o. w/ 2nd kit, 5 br, lndscp, deck MLS# 26080554 248-347-3050

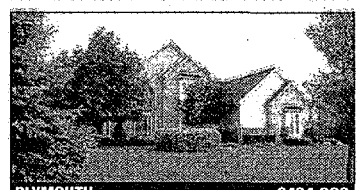


SALEM $449,900

Bring your horses! 4BR 1.1BA ranch on 3.12 acres. 24x60 outbuilding w/gas heat/cool, 220 amp serv, 1/2BA & more. Home remodeled 1989. LR w/gas-nat FP. FR offers park like views. Fin LL. Orig owners, L/C terms. MLS# 26144254 734-453-6800

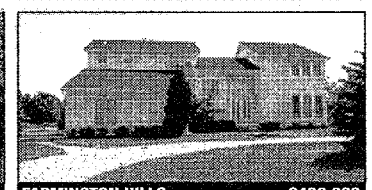
NORTHVILLE $439,900

$50k in Upgrades In Kit/baths W/granite T/o: Incids Stainless Appl, Maple Cabinetry, Kohler Sinks And Faucets. Cul-de-sac Location W/priv Front Entrance. Lrg Mstr Has 2 Wic's. Vaulted Ceilings. MLS# 26144040 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH $434,900

Colonial W/neutral Decor. 2 Story Foyer W/curved Strcase, Lrg Island Kit Overlooking Family Rm W/fp. Mstr Suite W/oversized Wic, Mstr Ba W/Jet Tub. Prof Landscaped Yard W/deck & paved walkway. 3 Car Garage. MLS# 26110346 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS $430,000

2 story foyer, spacious GRw/fp, formal DR & priv study, new granite t/o. 2 skylights in GR w/bridge above, custom kit w/extra walls of cabinets, MSTR suite w/2 skylights & glamour ba w/Jacuzzi, alarm, 1st fl lndry. MLS# 26146191 248-347-3050

CANTON $405,000

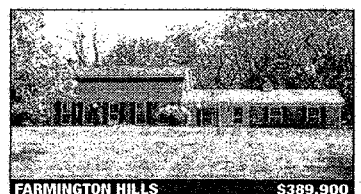
Custom col priv & secluded .96 acres for kids to play. Mstr ste w/WIC, jet tub. HDWD foyer, kit, DR, study & pwd rm. Eat-in kit w/upgr cherry cabs. Paver patio w/ fire pit & hot tub. Fin LL w/5th BR/BA. 3 car gar. MLS# 26143019 734-453-6800

COMMERCE $390,000

2-story foyer w/ceramic tile, 1st fl mstr suite w/jacuzzi & shower, 2.5 car gar, deck w/paver patio w/fountain, extensive crown mldg t/o, 4 acre commons area w/ waterfall & gazebo in sub, p. fin. bsmt. w/rec rm MLS# 26146327 248-347-3050

HAMBURG $390,000

Ranch Backs to woods w/Screened porch w/Trex deck & paver patio.Hwd in foyer,kit & half BA,3.5 car garage,p. fin. w/o w/FR,half BA & 3-way fp,25 yr. roof w/gutter guards, GR w/cathedral ceiling,& incredible views! MLS# 26102590 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS $389,900

Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2.1 bath Dutch colonial that sits on 1.27 of an acre in a quiet cul-de-sac. Desirable Wood Creek Farms. Great Farmington schools. Close to all freeways. MLS# 26084415 248-646-1800

CANTON $364,900

4 Bdrm w/Island Kit Upgrade Adds 4 Ft. Neutral Throughout W/lots Of Upgrades. Mstr w/Glamour Ba & His/her Closets. Funds To Complete Sidewalk, Grading & Install Trees In Spring. $10k Landscaping Allowance Included. MLS# 26087979 248-347-3050

SOUTH LYON $344,900

Brick 4BR, 2 ½ BA colonial backs To Woods On A Cul-de-sac Street! Hdwd Flrs,Huge Kitchen,2 Story FR w/ FP,1st Flr Laundry,Office/library,DR W/bay Windows.Daylite Extra Block Bsmnt!Easywalk To Downtown South Lyon! MLS# 26092886 248-347-3050

CANTON $339,900

Perfect cul-de-sac location for this ranch condo. Golf course and wooded views from all windows. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Custom kitchen, den, 2 car attached garage. Full daylight basement. A beauty! MLS# 26143585 734-453-6800

NORTHVILLE $338,500

Links of Northville! You,ll wonder if anyone has lived here. 2001 built, upgraded condo features: Tiger maple flrs, cherry kit, Corian ctrs, GE kit appl. Mstr w/jetted tub, BR2 w/priv BA, full bsmt, 2 car garage. MLS# 26102202 734-453-6800

FARMINGTON HILLS $337,500

Special Home! 4 BR, 2.5 bath colonial on a picturesque setting w/mature trees backing to commons. Kit-nook w/newer appl's. Master w/updated bath. FR w/new doorwall & natural FP. All bathrooms updated. Finished bsmt. MLS# 26138602 734-453-6800

CANTON $329,900

Dynamite ranch on int lot. 2 tier brk paver patio, vol clgs, granite flrs in foyer. 2way FP, 20" porcelain tiled kit flr, maple cab, SS appls. Oak flr in DR & GR. Lux mstr ste, 2 WIC, cent vac. Includes BI LCD TV. MLS# 26142118 734-453-6800

CANTON $329,900

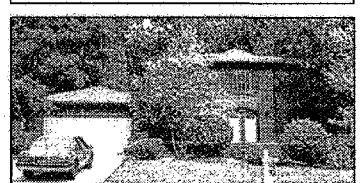
Incredibly sharp & clean 4BR, 2.1BA Pulte Baybrooke on an interior low traffic setting. Enormous kit & nook. Open FR w/gas FP. Lux master w/vaulted clgs, WIC & fash bath w/ jetted tub. Full bsmt. Walk to Summit. MLS# 26125882 734-453-6800

NORTHVILLE $327,000

Condo W/Wooded Views W/pond & w/o.T/o-hdwd Flrs,Lighting,Ceramic Tile Baths.Kit W/all Appls Merillat Cab,Breakfast Nook.LR W/fp,2 Drwlls To Deck.Mstr W/ dual Wic,Bath W/soaking Tub,Shower,Dual Sinks,Skylight. MLS# 26131685 248-347-3050

FARMINGTON HILLS $320,000

Brick Paver Patio, Vaulted DR, vaulted LR W/fp W/ custom Cherry Surround,kit W/island, Custom Ceramic Backsplash, FR W/built-in Ent. Ctr, fp, Crown Molding, Mstr Ste W/fp, Dual Closets, Glamour Ba W/jet Tub, Fin LL. MLS# 26146416 248-347-3050



NOVI $320,000

Priv wooded backyard, multi-tier deck, new vinyl windows, newer lighting & plbg faucets t/o, alarm, 1st flr lndry, hwd fls in foyer. kit open to FR w/natural fp, lrg mstr w/bath & 2 WIC. Also for lease @ $2,700/mo. MLS# 26108755 248-347-3050

CANTON $314,900

Exceptionally well priced 4BR, 2.1BA colonial built in 2002. Spac kit & nook (all appl,s incl). FR w/gas FP is spac & open to kit. Formal DR. 2-story foyer. Lux master. Oversized s/e garage. Backs to tree line. MLS# 26106536 734-453-6800

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GREEN OAK $305,000
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba Located On 2 Acres On A Priv Street. Lrg Updated Kit W/ All Appls., Door-wall Leading to Yard W/ Neutral Decor. Updates includes: Roof, Siding, Driveway, Carpet, C/a. 3 Car Attached Garage.
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MILFORD $295,000
Enjoy all the comforts and charm this historic home. Hrdwd flrs in foyer, living rm dining rm and upstairs. Formal dining rm w/crown moldings, newer wigdows and roof, finished lower level w/office. Lrg fenced yard.
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SUPERIOR $255,000
Pulte St. James model in popular Bromley Park. Freshly painted interior w/new landscaping & brick paver patio & side walk. Terrific lot next to common area. 4 large BR,s, 2.1 baths. Gourmet kitchen w/hdwd flrs.
MLS# 26139082 734-453-6800

LIVONIA $249,900
3 BR, 2-1/2 BA home in "Bluegrass Farms" backing to nobody offering lots of privacy. Kit-BN w/updated cbnts, flrs, sink & more. Updated wndws. All new appls 2005 (frig, DW, range & hood). FR w/gas FP. Finished LL.
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CANTON $240,000
Gourmet kit w/all appliances, nook w/drwl to deck. Huge family rm w/2nd drwl, ceiling fan & FP. Formal liv rm & din rm w/bay wndw. Mstr ste w/private glamour bath. Updates include windows, carpet & neutral paint.
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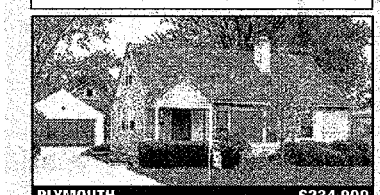

PLYMOUTH $234,900
Look no more! Gorgeous 3 BR, 1.5 BA Cape Cod located in downtown Plymouth. This completely updated home boasts w/character & charm. HDWD flrs t/o, 2-FPs. New windows, siding & driveway. Part finished basement.
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LYONS $232,000
Beautiful, clean on an acre - pole barns allowed. 3 yrs old: roof, windows, CA, siding. 3 bdrms, 2 BAs, updated kit. 2+garage+bsmnt. Fireplace in FR.
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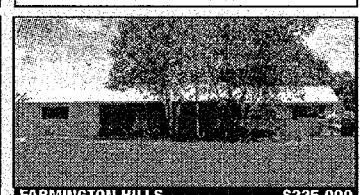

FARMINGTON HILLS $225,000
LR W/gas FP. Kit W/cooktop, Ceramic Backsplash, Eat-in Nook W/drwll To Deck/brick Paverpatio, 1st Flr Lndry/mud Rm, Season Sunroom/ FR Mstr Ste W/priv Bath. W/new cabs & countertop, 2 Car Att. Garage, Fenced Yard.
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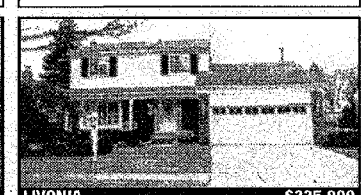

LIVONIA $225,000
4 bdrm Colonial w/landscaping incld newer raised paver patio & heated pool. Updates incl new furnace,remodeled kit & newer windows. w/gas fp, formal din rm, underground sprinkler system, 1st flr lndry.
MLS# 26062258 248-347-3050

LIVONIA $224,900
3 bdrm, 3 bath, w/ a 1st floor laundry. Built in '99, w/ cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, large kit w/ 42" oak cabinets, 3 bdrms, master bedroom w/ full bath. A fin bsmnt w/ fireplace & full bath. Fenced yard.
MLS# 26130800 248-347-3050

LIVONIA $224,900
4 Bdrm Open Floor Plan. Kit w/Granite Counters & Hdwd Tiled Foyer & Hall, W/fp Hearth. Heated Above Gr Pool W/ Cedardeck. Updates: Windows, Furn., Roof, Alarm, Cooper Plmb, Newer Carpet & Paint.
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CANTON $210,000
4 bdrm, 2.5 bath w/open kit w/oak hdwd flr t/o hallway & foyer, newer bathrooms & windows large bay win in LR. Backyard oasis w/patio, in-ground gas BBQ, shed, att 2 car gar. Home sits across from large park.
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NORTHVILLE $205,000
New Kit, Cabs, Countertops, Flrs & carpet. Formal LR, Dining Area W/corner Window, Vaulted Ceiling, Fin LL w/ wet Bar, Game Rm, All Appls Stay, 2 Car Garage, Fenced Yard, Newer Front Windows, 6 Panel Doors.
MLS# 26137138 248-347-3050

LIVONIA $204,000
Sharp 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch w/FR. Doorwall leads to beautiful patio w/gas grill, fenced yd & sprinkler sys. 2 car att gar. Located in Castle Gardens-close to parks, pool club & shopping. 1 year home warranty.
MLS# 26124414 734-453-6800

LIVONIA $200,000
Condo boasts beautiful hardwood floors t/o the main level, stone flooring & tons of cabinets in large kitchen, vaulted ceilings t/o, great rm with a gas fireplace, library, large bedrooms & kitchen, all appl stay!
MLS# 26115351 248-347-3050

PLYMOUTH $199,000
Charming home w/unique details. Freshly painted t/o, plstr walls hdwd flrs & encl porch. New crpt, blk wndws & new furn/c/a in 05. Huge lot! Walk to Miller Park. A fantastic find in Plymouth & priced to sell.
MLS# 26144019 734-453-6800

NOVI $192,500
Kit w/extra tall cabs & pantry. Mstr ba w/sep tub & shower. Fin bsmnt w/half ba, lndry w/cabs & countertop, office, storage rm, wet bar area & home theater w/tiered seating, spec lighting & red velvet curtains.
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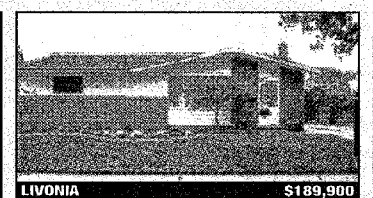

LIVONIA $189,900
3 Bdrm, 2 Full Ba with H/wd Flrs, Updated Kit W/beautiful Cabinets, New Stove & Fridge W/a Custom Wine Closet. Updates In Last 4 Yrs Include Roof (complete Tear Off), C/ A, HWH. Fin Bsmnt W/full Bath & Wet Bar.
MLS# 26144865 734-591-0333

WESTLAND $180,000
Gorgeous contemporary 3BR colonial. Open flr plan, FR w/FP & cath clng. Kit w/ceramic tile, spacious master ste w/vaulted clg & WIC. Fin LL w/lrg rec rm, prof lndspd yd w/sprinkler sys. This home is extremely clean!
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LIVONIA $175,000
Spacious condo. Open Layout Inc:A Loft That Can Be Used As An Office, Reading Area, or A Children's Play Area. Centralized Location. Inc Couches, Dining Table(Some Other Furniture Negotiable) Updates T/O.
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TAYLOR $175,000
Spotless 3 Bdrm 2 Bath! Family Rm w/Fireplace. Master Has Sitting Rm and 2 Closets. Other Bdrms Have Hardwood Floors. Oak Cabinets. Glass Block Windows In Bsmnt. Patio, Huge Yard. 1 Yr Home Warranty Included.
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HIGHLAND $174,900
ADORABLE Updated Cape Cod on 2.65 acres with private pond. Charming setting with picket fence. Hardwood floors, archways, cove ceilings, 3 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, walk-out basement, 2 car garage. Stone/vinyl exterior.
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CANTON $163,900
Neutral Decor 2 Bdrm, 1.5 Baths. LR W/fp, Bright Kit W/all Appls, Dining Rm W/door Wall To Paver Patio. 1st Fl Lndry. Attchd Garage. 2 Lrg Bdrms W/glamour Bath, W/Soaking Tub, Sep Shower.prof Fin Bsmnt.
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GARDEN CITY $145,000
The Wndws, Roof, Siding, Gutters, C/A & H20 Tank Have Been Updated. You'll Love The Neutral Decor, The Bsmt Is Part Fin. All Appliances Stay Including A Portable Dishwasher, Stove, Fridge, Washer & Dryer.
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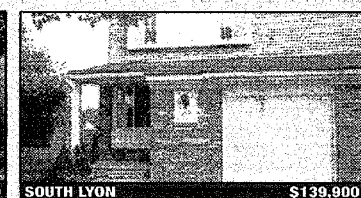

SOUTH LYON $139,900
Stunning end unit. 2 bedroom kitchen, all appliances. Doorwall leads to deck over looking private side yard. Newer carpet and paint. Large master suite bedroom w/ walk in closet. Private entry, attached garage.
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REDFORD $137,900
3 Bdrm 2 Bath, Brick Ranch. Deep Fenced Yard, 2.5 Car Garage W/workbench. Many Updates Inc; Kit Paint, Carpet, Tile, & Driveway. 3 Bdrm Can Be Used As Dining Rm. Fin Bsmt W/built-ins. All Appls w/1yr Home Warranty.
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WESTLAND $125,000
Cozy 4 Bedroom Westland Bungalow With Family And Dining Room Addition. Located On Low Traffic Street With Very Large Lot And Backyard For Entertaining. 2 Car Attached Garage With Plenty Of Storage. Must See!
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REDFORD $124,900
Professionally updated from top to bottom. Refinished hardwood floors in the living & dining rooms, new carpet in the bedrooms, new bath, new kitchen, new appliances, newer windows, hot water heater, & furnace.
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WAYNE $120,000
Remodeled Kit W/new Cabs, Pergo Type Flring & Built In Dishwshr. Remodeled Ba w/Ceramic Tile, Vanity Cab W/ underside Lights. New 6 Panel Doors, Crown Molding & Refin Hdwd Flr. Newer Gar. Landscaping W/privacy fence.
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NOVI $2,500
HW fls in foyer, half ba, hallway, kit & FR. Paver patio, c/a, alarm, p. fin. bsmt. w/rec rm, cathedral ceiling in FR w/fp open to kit, jacuzzi & shower in mstr suite, Corian counters in kit, Also for sale.
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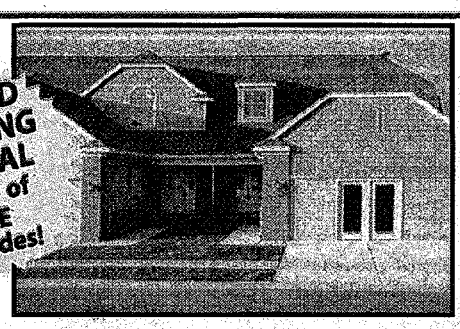

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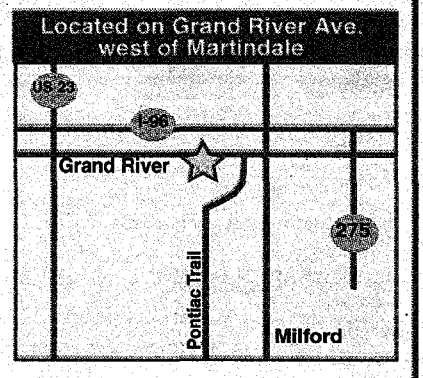

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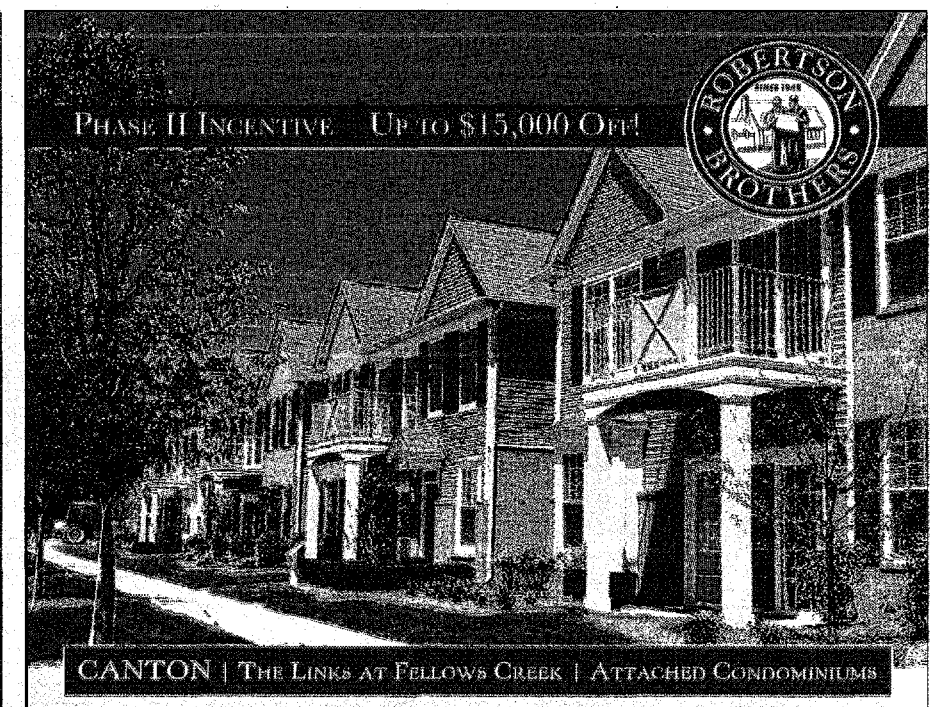

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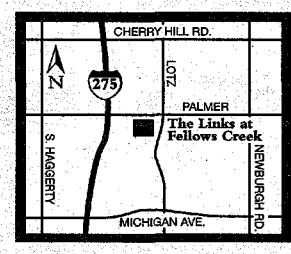

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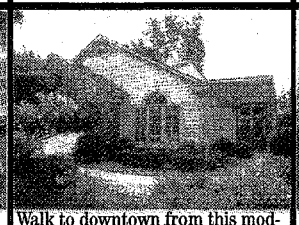
Large Historic home just 3 blocks from downtown. 2400 Sq Ft, 4 br, 2.5 ba, Master br has WIC and bath, 2 car det gar. Screened back porch and deck, oversized lot. $275,000

Modern convenience in the Milford Historic District. 3 br, 2.5 ba, 1st fl master, 1st flr laundry, sun room, large deck, fenced back yard, 2-car gar. $299,900.

Elegant Victorian just 2 blocks from downtown, 2800 Sq Ft, 3 bd, 2.5 ba, modern granite kitchen, beautiful floors and woodwork, 2 car det gar. $420,000



Walk to downtown from this modern home with 2500 Sq Ft, 3 bd, 3 full baths, 1st floor master with jetted tub and shower, 2 car gar. $324,900

The pool's open at this wonderful 4 bd, 3.5 ba home, with in-ground pool, deck and patio and 4-season sun room, 2-car gar, 2 fireplaces. $278,000.

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CANTON - Enjoy this charming 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial in Sunflower Village Sub w/ tennis cts, pool & club house. 2 tier deck overlooking professionally landscaped yard. Many updates + beautifully fin d basement w/ office space. $289,900 (D75Han)

NOVI - Fantastic 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath condo w/ open flr plan, neutral carpet, new ktchn cabs & ceramic flr, updated baths, master w/ cathedral ceiling & walk-in-closet, cedar deck & privacy fence, etc. Complex offers clubhouse, pool & tennis! $129,900 (D02Woo)

CANTON - Spacious 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo in beautiful golf course/pool & tennis community. Offers soaring ceilings, great rm w/ frplc, 1st floor mstr w/ luxury bath, gourmet ktchn, lrg windows, 16x12 deck for entertaining + more! $314,500 (L81Lex)

W. BLOOMFIELD - Like "new construction"! This 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch offers new hardwood flrs in liv rm, great rm & ktchn, double French drs to great rm w/ skylite, full stone frplc & door wall to to huge patio & large yard, 2 car garage + more! $188,888 (L10Dep)

FARMINGTON HILLS - Large 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath family home in Meadowglen Sub. Includes freshly painted interior, new windows thruout, new H2O heater, fin d basement w/ full bath, deck overlooking prof landscaped yard & view of common area. $329,900 (L61Bay)

MILFORD - Charming 3 bdrm, 2 full bath ranch on beautiful hillside lot within walking distance to historic, quaint Milford. Spacious floor plan, warm oak ktchn, neutral liv rm, 2 lg decks, paver patio + more. Home Warranty included. $169,900 (L18Mai)

REDFORD - This beautiful, custom built ranch is a must see! Offers many updates including ktchn w/ oak cabinets. Hardwd flooring in dining rm & hallway. Gas frplc in living rm. coved ceilings. Very well maintained & landscaped to perfection! $226,900 (L42W.Ch)

LIVONIA - Great 1st flr condo located in back of complex near woods. Updated white ktchn w/ newer counters, sink, & wood-like flr. Hamilton porch enclosure w/ glass & screens, newer Wallside wndws, bsmt storage, car port & comm. pool. $59,000 (L85Far)

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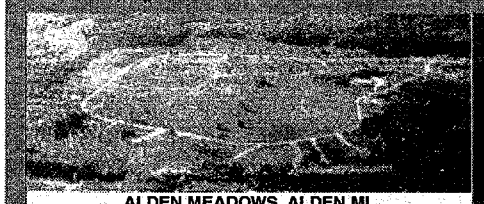

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4.75 acres. Alden Meadows in Northern Michigan's pristine wilderness offers 160 acres of unsurpassed beauty w/estate sized parcels with rolling meadows, heavily forested hardwoods, mature apple orchards & magnificent views of Torch Lake. 300 ft of shared ownership on Spencer Creek.

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BRIGHTON SCHOOLS

Contemporary 5 bedroom in executive sub. Soaring ceilings, finished walk-out basement. View to woods over deck, paver patio. Miles of trails past woods, ponds, gazebo, basketball court.

MLS #26141213 **$398,900**

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FENTON SCHOOLS

Waterfront lot, Allsports Lake. Large, wooded, walkout, located on an unique peninsula (close to US 23 & shopping), price below tax assessment for a quick sale, lowest taxes in area. Seller motivated! Terms available, call Judi Baki.

$179,900

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GREGORY

10 Acres w/pond. 3 BD brick ranch w/1.5 BAs. Large open flr plan w/new kitchen, wood firing throughout & much more. 2.5 car garage & large pole barn. Home warranty included.

MLS #26055270 **$249,900**

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GREAT PRICE

HARTLAND SCHOOLS

$37,400 less than appraisal! 2.5+ acres! 4+ car garage! 3 bedrooms & 3-baths! Finished walk-out! Must see! Motivated seller!

MLS #26112103 **$288,600**

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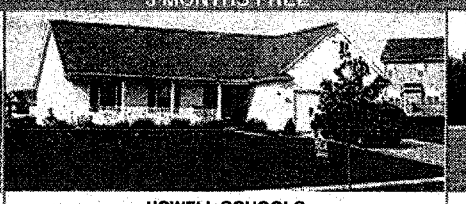

HOWELL SCHOOLS

Beautiful Ranch! Seller will pay your 1st 3 month's payments (not to exceed $1,500/mo) w/full price offer! 2900 sf incl. LL!

MLS #26052408 **$219,500**

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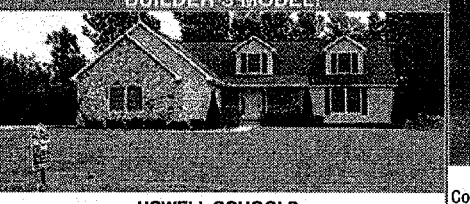
BUILDER'S MODEL!



HOWELL SCHOOLS

Never lived in! 1+ acres! 1 mile to I-96! 2464 sf. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, daylight basement! Too many upgrades to list!

MLS #26147245 **ONLY $250,000**

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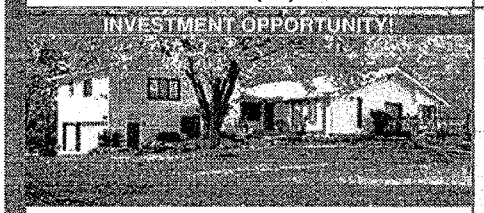
HOWELL SCHOOLS

Country wooded views *2.3 acres *3 bed/3.5 bath ranch *Fin. W/O basement w/rec area & office *Plus, separate efficiency apt. *Large porch & 2-tier deck *Huge outbuilding/garage.

$248,950

Susan Davidson (517) 944-6110

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!



HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS

1.5 Acres! 2519 sf w/700 sf above 3 car garage, used as apartment! Needs TLC! Seller will look at all offers. $260,000.

MLS #25141508 **$260,000**

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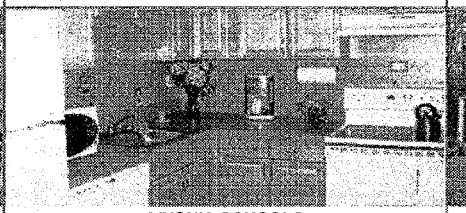

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Updated and well maintained condo! Beautiful maple cabinets! Condo community has pool, tennis & clubhouse! Perfect for 1st time home buyers & investors!

MLS #26124439 **$91,000**

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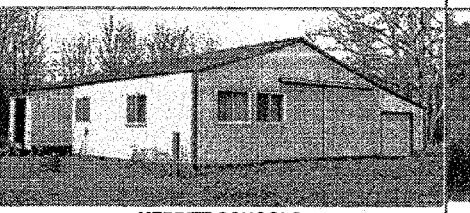

MERRITT SCHOOLS

Vacation property or hunting camps. Cabin & up to 124.5 acres. Mostly wooded, three ponds. Houghton Lake area. Contact agents for details and price.

MLS #26122005

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS

Secluded parcel set back off road. Several walk-out sites available. All perked and surveyed, ready for you to build your dream house!

MLS #26119917 **$190,000**

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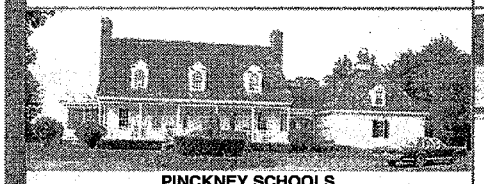


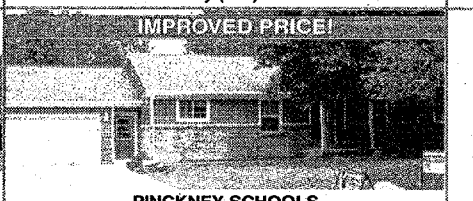
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS

Beautifully landscaped cape cod overlooking private all sports Lake Wallaby. 18.81 acres. Only 11 other parcels surround the Lk. Existing homes valued at $1M & up. Great lk for fishing. Located in Golf Comm w/Equestrian Center close by. Close to State Land, riding & hiking trails, Fin bsmt incl 1/2 size basketball ct, gym w/22' ceilings, indoor hot tub & bar. Horse barn w/lg paddocks.

MLS #24117440 **$1,799,000**

Joseph Dekroub (810) 227-4600

IMPROVED PRICE!



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS

Impeccable Ranch home updated throughout. Offers plenty of living space w/finished bsmnt. Cathedral ceiling, FP, decks, awesome 2 car garage, the list goes on. Plus you have access to both the Portage Chain via Strawberry Lake & to pristine Bass Lake! Come see for yourself. All for $248,900.

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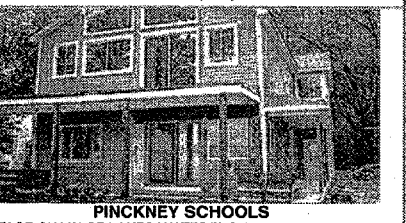

PINCKNEY SCHOOLS

PORTAGE CHAIN OF LAKES WATERFRONT. New construction. Over 2,100 sf includes 3 BDs, 3 BAs & 3 car garage. Granite, hardwood, master deck overlooking the lake. McGregory to Second to Portage to Rabbit Run to 11834 Algonquin Bluff.

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40 splittable acres in Pinckney area. 2400 sf home with a beautiful hilltop setting, large pole barn. Only $449,000.00. M-36 to Pingree, 2.5 miles to home. By appointment only.

$449,000

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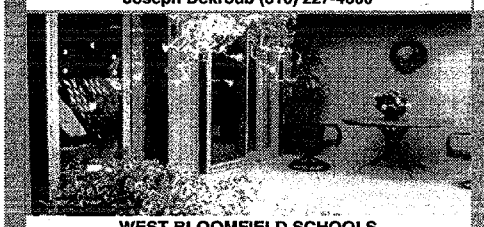

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS

Beautifully remodeled condo. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, finished daylight basement, huge great room with marble fireplace. Farmington Rd., & 15 Mile.

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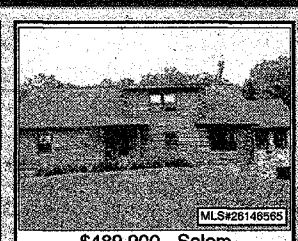
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$489,900 - Salem
Charming log home on 5 Acres!
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$262,000 - South Lyon
Gorgeous colonial, beautiful yard!
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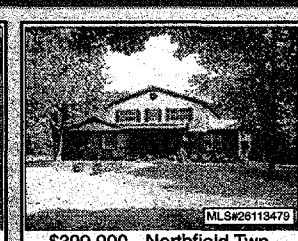
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$399,900 - Northfield Twp.
Updated colonial on 10 Acres!
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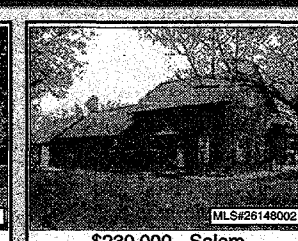
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$230,000 - Salem
Beautiful 1800 s home completely updated!
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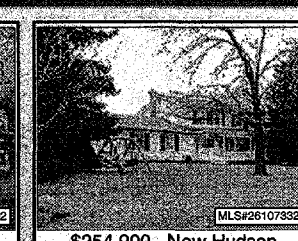
MLS#26107332
$254,900 - New Hudson
Pristine colonial on large lot!
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$33,900 - Detroit
Investors Alert!!
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Mint 2 BR Condo
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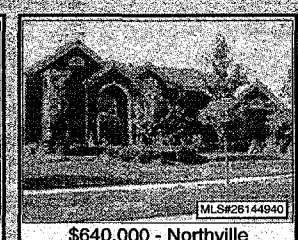
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Outstanding Spacious Home
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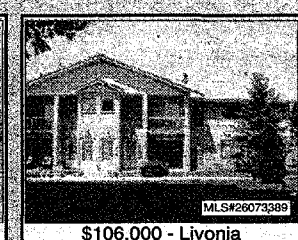
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2 BR 1.5 BA Condo
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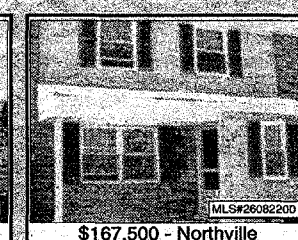
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This is the Condo for you
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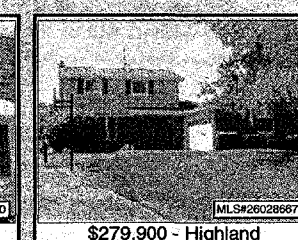
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$279,900 - Highland
Water Front Colonial
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$414,900 - Milford
Ranch home w/ serene setting
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$186,900 - Westland
3 BR 2.5 BA home
248-348-6430/349-6200

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$128,900 - Milan
Blocks from downtown
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3 BR 2 BA brick Ranch
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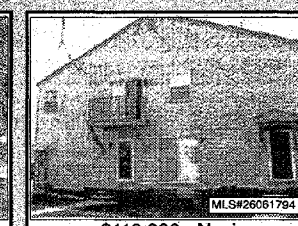
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Sharp 2 BR ranch condo
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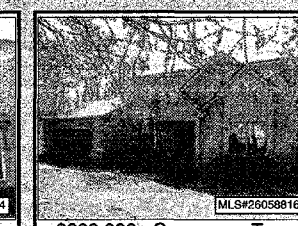
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4 BR 2.1 BA Colonial
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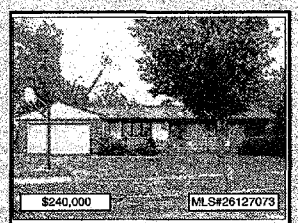
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Highland
Lg lot w/ lake view.
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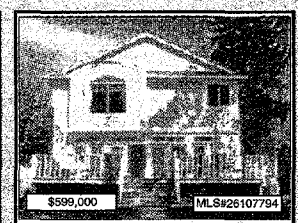
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Commerce
Gorgeous views of lake.
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Commerce
1st flr mstr w/ whirlpool tub.
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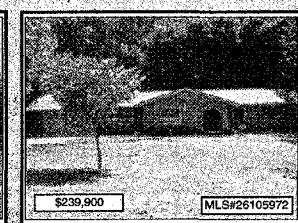
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Hartland
On .64 acre lot
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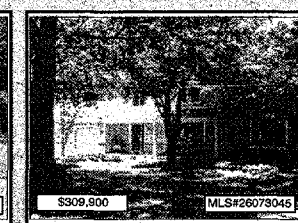
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Highland
Fin w/o w/ wet bar & 1/2 BA.
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Milford
FR overlooks covered porch.
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$200,000 - Wixom
Charming home w/Loon Lake access!
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$125,000 - Salem
Beautiful 2 Acre building site!
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Luxury condo downtown!
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$320,000 - Green Oak
Reduced!! Immaculate colonial!!
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Beautiful golf course Condo
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$334,900 - White Lake
Fin w/o to woods/golf course
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$400,000 - Northville
Custom brick Ranch
248-348-6430/349-6200 26109423

$145,000 - Redford
Spacious, updated Bnglw
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Victorian charm
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$105,000 - Novi
Own for the price of renting
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Great Tri-Level w/ 3 BR
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Adult Comm CoOp
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Ranch Condo in Stonehenge of Novi
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$420,500 - Northville
1st flr mstr Condo
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$169,000 - Brighton
7+ splittable acres
248-348-6430/349-6200 24080021

$319,000 - Farmington Hills
Spacious 3 BR Ranch
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$239,900 - Canton
4 BR Colonial
248-348-6430/349-6200 26105126

$514,900 - Northville
4 BR, 3.5 BA home
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$269,000 - Milford
1.6 acre lot.
248-684-1065 26132059

$84,750- White Lake
Private cul-de-sac.
248-684-1065 26083592

$249,900 - Milford
Horses & outbuildings.
248-684-1065 26078925

$279,900 - Brighton
Over 1/2 acre lot.
248-684-1065 26143640

$259,000 - White Lake
Lg deck off FR.
248-684-1065 26030651

$389,900 - Milford
Deck to park-like yard.
248-684-1065 26090123

$275,000 - Milford
Historic home in village.
248-684-1065 26099311

$199,900 - Commerce
2 car attached garage.
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$348,000 - White Lake
Lg lot on cul-de-sac.
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$278,000 - Milford
Gorgeous fieldstone fp.
248-684-1065 26072411

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Lg family room w/ fp.
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$949,000 - Milford
Full finished LL walk-out.
248-684-1065 26145398

$219,900 - Highland
2700 total sq ft w/ fin bsmt.
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$185,000 - Milford
Mstr br w/ sep ba w/ jetted tub.
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