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Community gathers to remember



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Plymouth Symphony conductor Nan Washburn leads the symphony in the playing of the Star Spangled Banner as a color guard of Plymouth and Canton Township police post the colors during Wednesday's 9/11 remembrance concert

Symphony concert helps memorialize events of 9/11

"This will be our reply to violence: To make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before."

Leonard Bernstein

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Heeding Leonard Bernstein's words, the Plymouth-Canton community responded to the violence of Sept. 11, 2001, with a concert designed to honor those lost in the tragedy of the terrorist attacks of a year ago

Highlighted by a beautiful rendition of an original song, "Children of the Earth," the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra put on a concert Wednesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Titled "Honoring the Memory, Embracing the Future Our Community Remembers September 11, 2001," the concert was designed to bring solace and strength to a community trying to put the events behind them and move forward into the hope of the future

The song, for which the words and music were written by Plymouth resident Pamela Conn, was performed by some 200 children from the Plymouth Counsellors Youth Chorale, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

high school chorus and the U-D Jesuit High School boys' choir

It was an acknowledgment that hope rests with youth that was important to the evening's success, according to conductor Nan Washburn

"We wanted to make sure it not only honored those lost on 9/11, but also signaled hope," Washburn said. "We realized early on our best hope was our young people, so much of the concert was devoted to

PLEASE SEE CONCERT, A2



Stephanie Murad awaits the start of a special concert featuring the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

Tax hearing set

Plymouth Township residents get a chance to let the board of trustees know what they think about their millage rate at a hearing set for Sept. 24

The township board will conduct its Truth in Taxation public hearing during its regularly scheduled board meeting at 7 p.m. that night a step required before the township can set its millage rate

The township current levies a total of 3.29 mills including police and fire services

Call the township offices at (734) 453-3840

Penniman update

Residents along Penniman can expect another few weeks of construction before contractors have finished on one of the city's main arteries



City Manager Paul Sincock said Wednesday contractors were finishing up work on the water system this week and hoped to start putting in curbs as early as next week. Five days after the curb work is finished, paving of the street can begin, Sincock said. "It would help if we can keep this good weather," he said.

Beautiful babies

For a first year project the Plymouth Jaycees Beautiful Baby contest turned out pretty well, thank you

The King Nicholas Nowakowski and the Queen Lily Carney each get a \$100 savings bond. Nicholas is the son of Stephanie and Kevin while Lily is the daughter of Brian and Lisa

The Prince Mark Baker and the Princess Elena Roberts each get a \$50 savings bond. Mark is the son of Geoff and Susan while Elena is the daughter of Jean and Steven

Money raised in the contest will be used to fund Jaycees projects including the Easter Egg Hunt, Kid Care ID and Christmas baskets. For information about the Jaycees call the hotline (734) 453-8407

Child safety

Parents are being asked to pre-register if they want to join members of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department Internet Task Force to learn how to keep their children safe from online dangers

Call (734) 699-0200 to pre-register for the one day free workshop offered 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the western campus of Wayne County Community College District in Belleville. The campus is located at 9555 Haggerty

Multi-faith Salem service brings community together

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

Local residents came together under the umbrella of music and religion Wednesday evening to remember those

killed last Sept. 11, pay tribute to heroes borne from the tragedy and celebrate a new American spirit rising from it.

At Salem High School, about 400 people gathered in the auditorium for a multi-faith "Community Remembrance" service

that featured prayer, inspirational music and an interview with Plymouth Salvation Army Commander Steve Hull

The desire to come together as a community was cited by those attending the service at Salem

"I'm here to remember people who gave their lives for others and to remember that God is in control. He loves us and he can comfort us," said Plymouth resident Bob

PLEASE SEE SERVICE, A2

Township to trim budget

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The effects of Sept. 11 on the insurance industry and the drop in interest income caused by the resulting downturn in the economy have Plymouth Township officials scrambling to balance its 2003 budget

The budget presented to township trustees at a Sept. 4 workshop shows expenditures exceeding revenues by some

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A5



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Several young dancers from Joanne's Dance Extension hold hands as they await their turn on the Coffee Bean Stage, across from the Post Office on Penniman, Saturday afternoon

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A3

Festival hits right combo to make cash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plenty of good entertainment, lots of good food and three days of exceptional weather helped the Plymouth Fall Festival net a profit this year

"I'd like to take credit for the great weather, but unfortunately I can't," said Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee. "Everything went extremely well"

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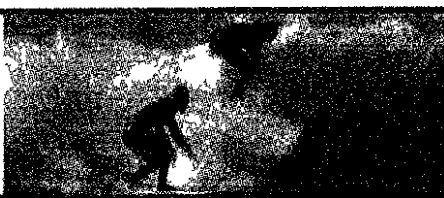
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Back to Basics
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CONCERT

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them”
The concert started with the symphony's rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, during which a color guard made up of Canton and Plymouth Township police posted the American flag.

In addition to Conn's original song, the youngsters sang Homeland, and two other pieces featured an alto-sax solo from Zachary Shemon and a piano solo from Robin Lin. While all of the music drew loud applause, it was the children's performance of Conn's song that brought down the house.

"To hear the children sing this is one of the great thrills of my life," said Conn, whose other "thrills" include an Academy Award for a documentary "The

sincerity of the children took something I composed and turned it into everything I ever hoped it would be.

Conn also gave a nod to Andre Meyers, who put her

words and music into orchestral arrangement. "The orchestration by Andre Meyers is exceptional," she said. "He took my music and interpreted it perfectly."



PAUL HURSCHEMANN | OBSERVER

Children from area choirs were on hand to perform a pair of songs, including an original song written by Plymouth resident Pamela Conn.

The concert, sponsored by Canton Project Arts-Canton Township, Plymouth city commissioners and staffers, and a grant from the Plymouth Township board, drew some 1,600 people to OLG. Another 400 put their names on a waiting list. All had their own reasons for attending. Liz Olli is a parishioner at OLG, and felt a need to be part of the evening.

"It just brings me closer to God and to my family," said Olli, a Plymouth resident. "I never

thought a day could hit like this one but, and it brought tears to my eyes."

Sandra Agoston was there to see her 15-year-old daughter, Jessica, sing. But she also felt the historical tug to be part of things. "We weren't close to what actually happened, but it's a part of our history," said Agoston, who lives in Novi. "You feel like you still have to pay tribute. It's the only way you can feel connected."

The children, as much as any-

thing the focal point of the evening, were connected in a very real way. Angela Temple, a 16-year-old Canton High School senior, felt a need to pay tribute to those who lost loved ones in the attacks.

"It's important that we remember them," said Temple, a Canton resident who turns 17 later this month. "People need to realize life is short, so do what you can with it."

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SERVICE

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Chapman, a member of Canton Community Church. "And also to pray that something like this doesn't happen again."

Rochelle Sherwin of Canton attended the service as part of a small contingent from Aglow International, a Christian women's group. "Our purpose is to promote common ground regardless of your affiliation," she said. "I think one of the few good things coming out of 9/11 is that it's taken our focus away from the little things, the things driving us apart."

Her companion, Canton resident Carolyn Baserbe, added "It's taught us to remember we have a common goal."

Congregations participating in the service, entitled "9/11 Looking Back and Moving Forward," included Calvary Baptist Church, Canton Community Church, Canton Friendship Church, Crosswinds Community Church, New Hope Church and Salvation Army Church of Plymouth.

Set against a backdrop that included lines from Psalm 28, verse 7 - "The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in him, and I am helped" - prayers were offered for victim's families and rescue

workers, the nation and the church. A band from Calvary Baptist sang three selections and soloist Judy Cash performed another. The Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian gave a sermon.

Carol Baum of Canton attended the 90-minute service with her family, as did many others. She said she took special care Wednesday to make sure her 8-year-old daughter, Kate, wasn't overwhelmed by media attention to the anniversary.

"I knew there would be something (on 9/11) at school but I didn't turn on the radio at all this morning," Baum said.

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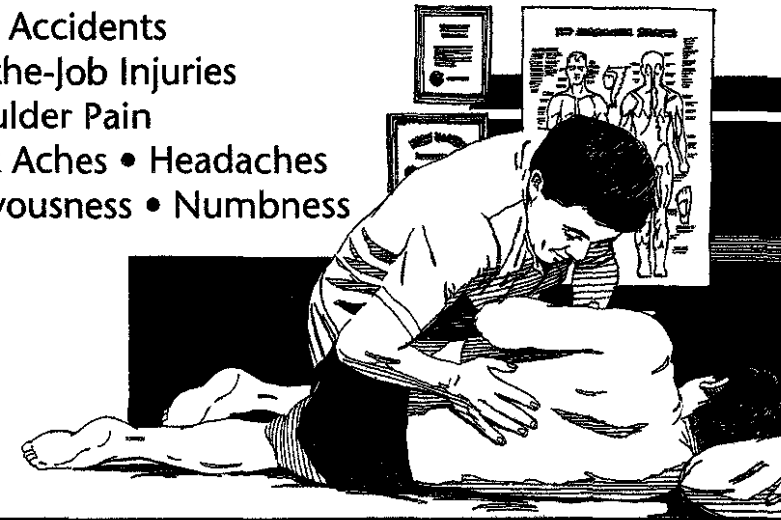
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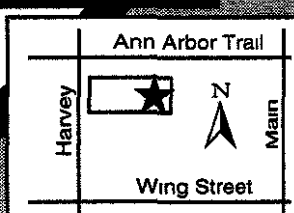
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Debbie Piotrows of Canton and Matt Muma of Plymouth (nearly obscured by smoke) work the pits during Sunday's chicken barbecue sponsored by Plymouth Rotary as part of the Fall Festival

FESTIVAL
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We put out a good product, and people came." Although final figures won't be tabulated for another month, Baldwin said, "We should have between \$5,000-\$10,000 left (after expenses), and that's without collecting money from the non-profit groups."

The Fall Festival depends on \$15,000 from an event program booklet, the carnival, which gives 25 percent of its gross, plus money collected at the beer tent, to offset costs. Much of the remaining money comes from the non-profit groups, which pay a \$25 application fee, \$150 for each booth space, plus 25 percent of net profits.

Baldwin said the financial picture is looking so good, there's the possibility the non-profits may get some of their money back this year, with the Fall Festival still banking the \$10,000 needed for next year's seed money.

The good weather also meant additional profits from the carnival. Last year it rained two of the three festival days and the carnival generated \$10,000. This year, with three sunny days, the carnival paid the Fall Festival committee \$21,500.

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Although the non-profit organization figures won't be known until mid-October, Baldwin said last year the non-profits paid the festival nearly \$19,000, which should go up because of the good weather and increased attendance.

"The question becomes, 'What do we do with the money?'" said Baldwin. "We'll have to come up with a rebate system to all of the non-profits. We only need about \$10,000 for next year."

The Fall Festival put on its own craft show this year, which made about \$3,000 and also helps "take the burden off the non-profits. The more money the Fall Festival can



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN/OBSERVER

Sasha Ljundhammer of Plymouth 5 seems to really enjoy her sausage and pancakes at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in The Gathering Saturday morning

generate, the more the non-profits get to keep," said Baldwin.

The Fall Festival committee meets Sept. 24, and Baldwin believes they've finally turned the corner in the ability to record annual profits. As a result, the Fall Festival committee may be able to work out a deal whereby the non-profits pay a flat fee for their booths.

"I'd like to see where the non-profit groups pay between \$300-\$500 to participate, and they would keep the rest of their money," he said. "The Fall Festival is not designed to make money. We don't need it."

Baldwin hinted the beer tent, after two years, could be a source of discussion before next year's event. Partly because of its location behind the Wilcox House, traffic in the tent was generally slow.

"We'll have to see how well it



Flutist Alexander Zonjic performs on the main stage on Penniman for a capacity crowd filling the streets and Kellogg Park Saturday evening



Nick Price of Plymouth, 12, looks up after digging into a cream pie during the Observer Pie Eating Contest Saturday afternoon in Kellogg Park. Nick came up short in the contest which was won by Steven Edwards of Westland, 9.

did, compared to the effort it takes," he said. "We won't suffer if there's no beer tent."

As far as other plans for next year, that will be discussed by the committee, Baldwin said.

he envisions the possibility of additional activities for senior citizens.

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Plymouth Mayor Bill Graham takes a turn at the griddle during the Kiwanis pancake breakfast Saturday morning

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OBITUARIES

Robert Rzepecki

A memorial service was conducted Sept 5 in Las Vegas, Nev., for Robert Rzepecki, 67, formerly of Livonia.
Mr Rzepecki died Sept 3. He was born March 13, 1935 in Detroit. He was a member of St Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia before moving to Las Vegas in 1996.

Survivors include wife, Carol, sons, Glenn of Powell, Ohio and Mark of Belleville, grandchildren Ryan and Rachel of Powell Ohio, brothers, Richard of Plymouth Township, Donald of Dearborn and William of Tucson, Ariz.
He was preceded in death by

his parents, the late Andrew and Stella Rzepecki of Dearborn.

Mr Rzepecki served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. He sold background music for Martin & Snyder and then with Comcast. The family requests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

Jessie M. Coates

A Memorial Service for Jessie Coates, 94, of Plymouth will be held Sept 14 at 11 a.m. at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Hugh McMartin, chaplain of the Lutheran Home of Livonia, officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Blenheim, Ontario.

Mrs Coates was born March 26, 1908 in Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada and died Sept 8 in Livonia. She came to Detroit in 1924 and was active in the womens club of Nativity Lutheran Church and worked as a personal shopper at J.L. Hudson Co.

She moved to Florida upon her husband's retirement from Chrysler and returned to Michigan upon his death. She was a 20-year resident of Plymouth and a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She loved her Main Street apartment, across from the old high school, because all the parades went right by her window. Her apartment was parade central for her many family

members. She was a constant source of sound advice for her granddaughters on handling the daily stress of life. Examples of her needlework can be found in all of her families homes.

Mrs Coates was preceded in death by her husband, William Robert Coates, in 1974.

Survivors include son, Emerson (Diane) Coates of Plymouth, daughter, Maxine (James) Tudor of Livonia, six grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Risen Christ Lutheran Church or Lutheran Home of Livonia, 28910 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI 48151.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mehar Kaur Singh

Services for Mehar Singh, 79, were held Sept 7 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the funeral procession leaving for White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Mrs Singh died Sept 3 at St Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Mrs Singh was preceded in death by her husband, Nazar Singh.
Survivors include children, Jerry Gurteg Singh (Gurjit Kaur), Baldeep Singh (Rajinder Kaur), Gurdip Kaur (Rachhpal Singh) Bhandal, Karamjit Singh (Harjinder Kaur), and Gunwant Kaur (Harminder Singh) Rai, and

sisters, Mohinder Kaur Sandhu and Amarjit Kaur (Gopal Singh) Grewal.
Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Phyllis M. Milton

Services for Phyllis Milton, 87, of Plymouth, were held Sept 9 at St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev Paul E. Schaefer officiating. Burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Mrs Milton was born June 30, 1915 in Thorold, Ontario, Canada and died Sept 5 in Plymouth. She was a registered nurse for over 30 years. She worked for the State of Michigan at the Detroit Psychiatric Hospital and the Plymouth State Home.

She came to the Plymouth community in 1984 from Detroit. She was a member of St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and of the Grand River Baptist Church in Detroit, now in Livonia. She enjoyed stained glass work, riding her bike across the state, and playing with her beloved pets. She enjoyed traveling and being with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Meryl Milton. Survivors include daughter, Isabell Sand of Plymouth, foster daughter, Mona Howard Fryman of Cincinnati, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
Memorial contributions may

be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army.
Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Doris A. Fisher

Services for Doris Fisher, 90, of Westland were held Sept 3 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev John J. Sullivan officiating.

Mrs Fisher was born Nov 1, 1911 in Cleveland, Ohio and died Aug 31 in Westland. She was raised in Superior, Wis. and moved to Plymouth in 1943. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Superior and received her degree from St. Mary Hospital in Superior as a Registered Medical Laboratory Technician.

She attended the Bradbury School of Music in Duluth, Minn., where she received a teaching certificate for piano. She worked for a physician in Plymouth for 20 years.

She played morning Mass for Rev. Byrne at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, where she had been a member since 1943. She enjoyed painting, piano and arts and crafts.

Survivors include sister, Anita Vogel of San Antonio, Fla., sister, Florence C. Levandowski of Livonia, and several nieces and nephews.
Memorial contributions may be made to Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center.
Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Plymouth) will be held Sept 14 at Glendale Presbyterian Church, 155 E. Fountain, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr Stewart, who died Sept 4 in Cincinnati, grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1949.

He had been a member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1955 with a master of science in engineering degree. He worked for various firms, retiring in 1987 after 22 years with Cincinnati Milacron.

Survivors include wife, Marilyn, three daughters, one son, four grandsons, and brother, Charles.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association of Cincinnati, 144 Linn St., Cincinnati, OH 45203.


Joshua A. & Julia E. Russell


Services for Joshua and Julia Russell will be held Sept 14 from the Canton Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Joshua passed on Sept 6 and Julia on Sept 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Survivors include parents, John (Elizabeth) Russell, grandparents, Neil (Rusty) Russell and Timothy (Mary) Caughlin, great-grandparents, Edna Mae Rush, John (Jeannette) Caughlin and Barbara Fourmier, aunt, Krista (Chris) Reszewski, and uncle, Sean Caughlin.

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Local church breaks ground on expansion

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Groundbreaking for a \$2 million expansion project will be held this weekend at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth Township.
"God is in the house," said an elated Matt Adams, president of the church congregation. "It's good to see the growth in our church. There are a lot of young families."
It's the second sanctuary expansion project in two years, according to Adams. "We will be doubling the size of the church to accommodate about 400 people. We currently have about 300 people who attend our two Sunday services."
The groundbreaking will be

held during the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service at the church, which is located at the corner of Ann Arbor and McClumpha roads.
"We financed the project through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and our congregation has a three-year capital campaign in which we are giving over-and-above our weekly tithes," said Adams.
"To help cut down on costs, the church created a project management team to oversee the expansion project."
"The team consists of church members who are familiar with construction expenses and experienced in the expansion of churches," said Adams.
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BUDGET

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\$1 million The township board must approve the budget, which sits at approximately \$13 million, by Nov. 1, according to supervisor Steve Mann. "We've trimmed a little, but we're still looking for places to cut," Mann said. "It's definitely a tight budget. We're going to have to put a lot of work into balancing it. But we're still very financially sound."

The initial budget presented to board members last week included "wish lists," submitted by department heads, including new services, programs or equipment they'd like to have in a perfect budgetary world. Mann said that budget wasn't likely to pass, anyway.

"It's a 'wish list, and it probably wouldn't pass in its entirety even in the best of financial climates," Mann said.

The economic pinch has been caused by a variety of factors, according to Mann. Plymouth Township lost about \$400,000 in state revenue sharing funds, he said, and nearly an equal amount in interest income.

In years past, according to township treasurer Ron Edwards, the township has been able to earn interest at rates above 5 percent. At the moment, however, the township's money is earning interest at only about 2 percent.

"When you're dealing with millions of dollars, it adds up," Edwards said. "About 5 percent of the total township revenue is dependent on interest income."

Meanwhile, expenses continue to rise, particularly those associated with personnel costs, which Mann said make up about 70 percent or more of the budget. Liability insurance and health care costs continue to skyrocket, especially in the wake of 9/11, he said.

"The insurance industry took a huge hit post-9/11, and those costs have been filtering down," Mann said. "Health care has been going up double-digits, and that's going to continue."

On top of all that come the programs Mann himself would like to see happen. For instance, the township has to worry about pay increases for police and firefighters, and soon will have to pay out retroactive raises to its administrative workers, with whom the township reached tentative agreement on a contract just last Friday.

A joint recreation agreement with the City of Plymouth could cost the township about \$500,000, with only a small part of that already budgeted.

"We're looking at equipment and new programs in the budget, and see where we can trim," Mann said. "Joint recreation is one of the things in the mix. The board is going to have to decide what it wants to do."

Also on tap is an \$8 million township hall project. The township is currently negotiating with Don Massey to buy some nine acres of land at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road. Mann said the township would sell its current property at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley to offset the cost of acquiring the Massey property.

However, he admitted, the township will most likely have to seek a bond issue from its voters to pay for the new township hall.

"Inflation and increases in

expenses are outpacing our revenue source," Mann said. "We're probably going to have to ask voters for a bond issue."

One area not being considered for cuts is personnel. Mann said that, at the moment, no layoffs are contemplated, although positions that haven't been filled could be cut.

"Once we hire someone we want to make sure we can keep them employed," Mann said. "It's not good for morale, and it's not good for the community, to have to endure layoffs."

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department took part in the following runs between Sept. 2-8:

■ **Sunday, Sept. 8** — Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail and on Haggerty, rescue at Union and Ann Arbor Trail.

■ **Saturday, Sept. 7** — Rescues on Holbrook, on Ann Arbor Trail west of Beck and at S Main and Penniman, rescue at a public building on 5 Mile hazardous materials run on Pilot, commercial rescue run on Northville Road, residential rescue run on Fox Ridge.

■ **Friday, Sept. 6** — Mutual aid provided on Jamestown Circle, residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Sutherland, on Marlowe, on Haggerty and on Coolidge, downed wires on Roe, accident at westbound M-14 and Sheldon, accident with wash down on eastbound M-14 at Haggerty, rescue at a public building on 5 Mile, accident on northbound I-275 at I-96.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 5** — vehicle accidents at Harvey and Linden, at Schoolcraft and Haggerty and on northbound I-275 at 5 Mile, commercial res-

cue runs on Ann Arbor Trail and on Lilley residential rescue runs on Robinson, N Mill, Oakview, Shadywood and Hilltop East industrial rescue run on Sheldon.

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 4** — Residential rescue runs on Plymouth, on Maple, on Parkview and on Northville, downed wires at Farmer and Amelia, commercial rescue run on General, industrial rescue run on Dunn, investigation on Ross, open burnings on Powell and on Schoolcraft, vehicle accident and wash-down in the

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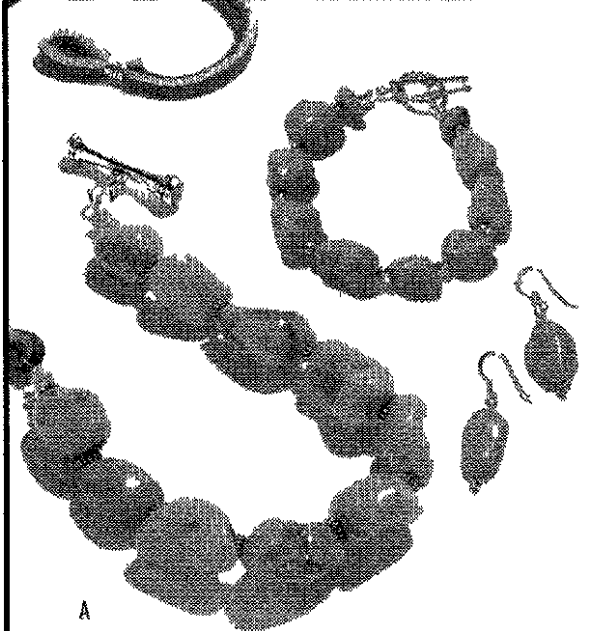
■ **Tuesday, Sept. 3** — Vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road and on northbound I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road, residential rescues on Pinecrest and on Postiff, commercial rescue run on Northville Road.

■ **Monday, Sept. 2** — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Lincoln, on Sheldon, on Northville Road and on Roe, carbon monoxide detector run on Pointe Crossing, investigation on Haggerty, rescue at Ann Arbor Trail and Main.

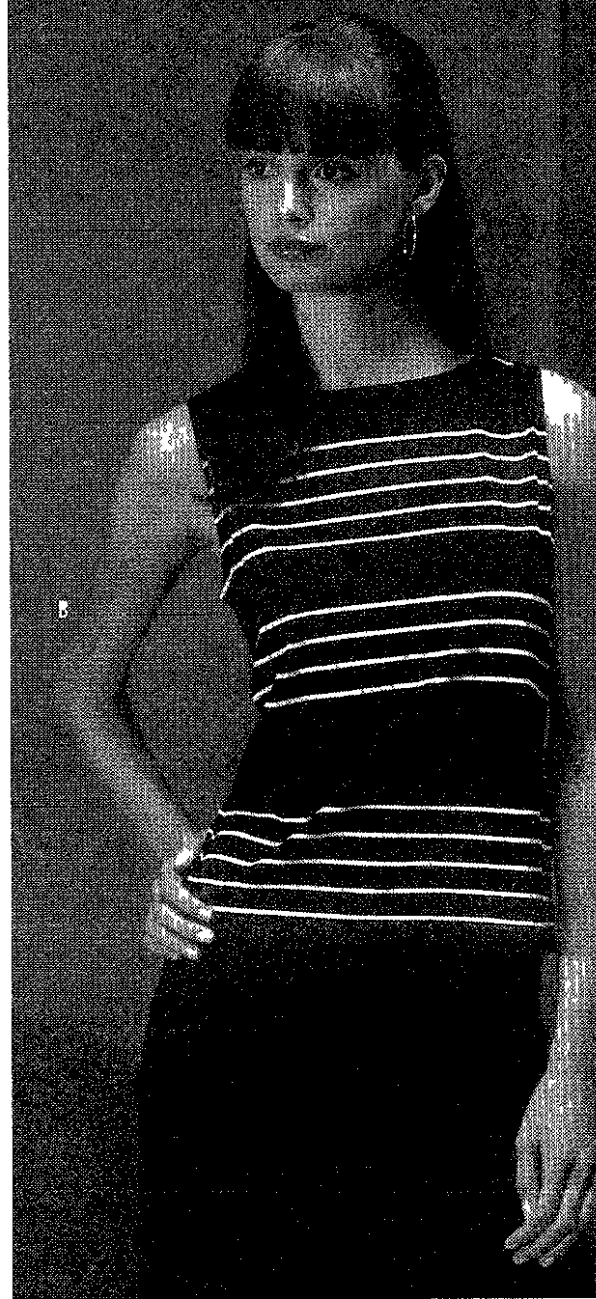
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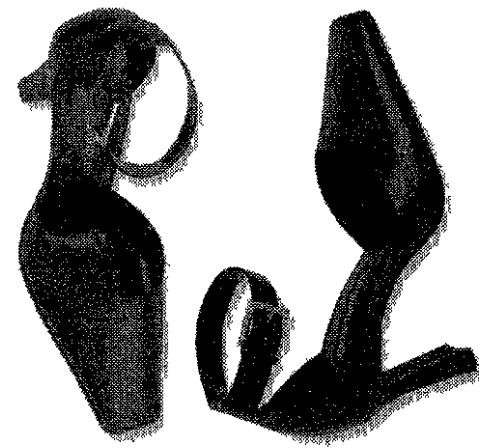
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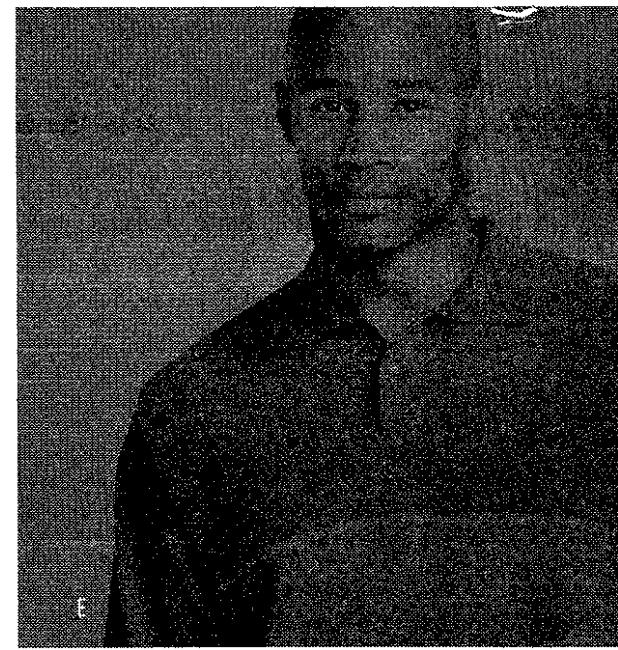
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Joint rec plan needs good look

It's pretty tough to blame the folks at City Hall for being excited about the potential deal struck by the joint committee on recreation. After all, it's a win-win situation for the city, which not only gets some \$500,000 in cash from Plymouth Township, but also gains control of Plymouth Township Park and the yet-to-be-built soccer fields at Haggerty and M-14.

The deal means an infusion of cash and facilities to the city. Under the pact, which still must be approved by both the city commission (considered likely) and the Plymouth Township board (considered less than even-money), Plymouth Township would dump the \$225,000 it already budgeted for recreation into the city coffers.

It would also allocate another \$300,000 to match the city's recreation budget plus what the township would normally pay as an operating fee.

What it means to the township is a little less clear. For sure, it means the fees paid by township members to participate in what are now city programs would level off, commensurate with what city residents pay.

Since 60 percent of the participants in city recreation programs now come from the township, it's a cut in pricing for which township residents have long clamored.

Other advantages to the township are fuzziier. Mann claimed there will be an expansion of programs and an enhancement of services the city has already been offering.

If that happens, perhaps it becomes a good deal for the township. If baseball and basketball programs are offered, if existing soccer programs are expanded, then perhaps it's a good deal for the township.

We're always supportive of joint ventures between the city and township, when they make sense for both sides.

Current cooperative arrangements — the dispatch agreement and the community fire department — certainly seem to do that, although the city would like more say in budgetary matters when it comes to the fire department.

Mann may have a tough time selling this idea to his board, particularly in light of tight budgetary times, when the initial township budget has expenses about \$1 million higher than revenue.

There are things to like about the idea of a joint recreation venture. Before they commit some \$500,000 to the plan, though, township trustees should make sure the advantages to their constituents are clearer than they appear to be at the moment.

Informed electorate vital to democracy

For The Observer, the beginning of election season is an important time of year. We believe that keeping our readers informed about candidates for public office is a vital part of what we do as a community newspaper.

We also think it's essential to provide our readers with a forum to express their views on candidates and the critical issues they will face as elected officials. We invite our readers to actively participate in the election process by expressing their views.

We ask our readers to keep their letters to 400 words or less, and to write about the issues and why the candidate they support would be better to address those issues.

We do not welcome scurrilous attacks, blatant misrepresentations and unsubstantiated information. We do not turn form letters sent out in batches by special interests groups.

In the week before the Nov 5 election we will not run any letter that raises new issues. Letters that raise issues too close to an election do not give candidates and their supporters adequate time to respond.

We make a special effort during the election campaign season to run as many letters as possible. In the past, we have run special Sunday opinion pages in addition to our regular Thursday opinion page to accommodate a flood of election letters and our endorsement editorials.

We believe your letters are important and are a valuable contribution to the political dialogue.

In addition to covering the candidates and their campaigns, the Observer also contributes to that dialogue by offering our endorsements of candidates.

We believe we provide just one of many perspectives on the candidates and the issues.

We urge our readers to seek out other perspectives as well, to attend candidate debates, forums and speeches, read letters from other readers, evaluate campaign literature, and, most importantly, to cast your vote.

Democracy succeeds only when everyone participates.



DONALD J ALLEY

One tradition takes part in another as Plymouth Community Band director Carl Battishill leads the band in a Sunday performance during the annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

LETTERS

Protest just 'witch hunt'

I read your article in the Observer from Aug 22, and my comment is that the person that started this protest against Attorney General Jennifer Granholm isn't even from the Plymouth area. It just looks like he is looking for a 'witch hunt' and he is totally wrong in what he is doing. This is very wrong in every sense.

I am a Catholic and I support Jennifer. She is a fine person and would be an excellent governor and maybe some day our next president.

Abortion should never be an issue in politics. I am against abortion, but this is not the factor here as for our next governor. The person that started all of this stuff, should not be allowed to make judgment on people and their lives. He just wants his name in the newspaper and on television. This is the wrong thing.

I may not live in Plymouth now, but I grew up in Plymouth and went to Our Lady of Good Counsel school from first to eighth grade and it is a fine school. I also went to Catholic high school in Ann Arbor, at St. Thomas. For the past 10 years I have been on my parish's Pastoral Council in another town in Michigan, plus on the Worship Commission for eight years.

The church cannot represent any politician. They can't back a person or put them down. This is a fact. No one has the right to tell a person who to vote for, ever.

Gail Drouillard

Former Plymouth resident

Editor's note: Jennifer Granholm is not eligible to be president of the United States because she was born in Canada.

Supports Granholm

I am a Roman Catholic. I am a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. I support Jennifer Granholm.

Thomas J. Marunich

Plymouth

Tie the Knot?

Years ago my girlfriend received a letter that really ticked her off. Not only did her landlord raise the rent, he wanted her to commit to another 12-month lease. That's it! she exclaimed. "I'm starting the house-hunting tomorrow."

Being the practical sort that I am (as well as the owner of a three-bedroom condo) I argued that it wasn't a very good idea. She asked why, and before the conversation had ended we were engaged.

I can't help but have that same funny feeling whenever Plymouth Township talks about creating a new township hall. It's not a good idea. In fact, I think it's time to tie the knot with the City of Plymouth. Now I know half of you are already calling this letter heresy, while the rest of you are dismissing the idea as a worn-out 100-year-old debate. But I ask you, as I asked my girlfriend, to hear me out.

Steve Mann thinks a new hall would cost about \$6-9 million dollars. What does the community get for that price, other than fancy digs for a bunch of redundant administrators and bureaucrats? Can our kids play there? Or swim there? Will it lower our taxes or improve our roads?

The Township doesn't really need it any-

way because there's plenty of room down at Plymouth City Hall. Don't worry, if they don't all fit we can leave some of the redundancy behind, and there's some shrinking we can do at city hall, too.

Plymouth Township is a municipality with an inferiority complex. They've got a large population, a strong tax base, and room to grow — yet they yearn for a small-town atmosphere with a sense of community. They think it's Ann Arbor Road. As Mann says, "We don't want it to become a heavy commercial road."

Guess what, Steve? Too late! The City of Plymouth is a municipality with a superiority complex. They've got the best small town in southeastern Michigan (and they know it). They also have a minuscule population that is landlocked with no room to grow. Their tax base is light and that burden is borne almost entirely by homeowners. They bicker over how much to pay for the underpass, and they can't scrape together enough loose change to buy a public restroom (or maybe they just don't like the outsiders who might use it?).

"The Plymouths" should be Plymouth. We are one community. The sooner we realize this the better off we all will be. I know there would be no regrets if we were to merge. Do I have any regrets about that merger with my girlfriend? Ten years and three children later, it was the best decision of my life.

Jeff Sisolak

Resident of The Plymouths

Gun issues

In response to The Burglar's letter to the editor in the Sept 5 issue of the Plymouth Observer:

Dear Burglar (if the mask fits), Thank you for your advice. I will get rid of my gun since the chances of you shooting me with my own gun are much greater than me shooting you with it. It will also save me jail time if I were to shoot you only to protect my property and not my life.

If I had a gun, I would never keep it loaded because this would give you an extra advantage in shooting me when you find my gun in my night-stand, dresser or closet. I will, however, teach my children never to touch a gun without the supervision of an adult. Many law-abiding gun owners have proven they are not responsible enough to educate their children and their neighborhood children about the dangers of guns.

The number of invading burglars shot is minuscule compared to the number of children shot by their own parents' legal, loaded guns. As for your comparison, those items do not accidentally shoot high speed projectiles across the room into the heads of children.

The Homeowner and Parent

Plymouth

Column's details disputed

I know politicians are not supposed to respond to Editorials written by the owner of newspapers who buys ink by the barrel, but last Thursday's Editorial by Phil Power must be the exception.

First of all, Mr. Power must have known about the Airport Bonds proposal before the Wayne County Commissioners did. We knew the issue would be before us soon and many of us had committed to vote for the proposal. But the official presentation

was not made until Thursday, Sept 5, 2002, the very day Mr. Power's editorial was printed. Fact is, we did approve the bond proposal following the presentation.

Mr. Power did not stop at this inaccurate accounting. He then went on to claim that the commission was responsible for an embarrassing mixture of corruption and incompetence at the airport. No commissioner was ever accused of impropriety in dealing with airport contracts.

Mr. Power says that commissioners have a taxpayer paid car. This is not true either and my husband wants to know why we are making our car payments out of the family general fund if we have this sweetheart deal? Maybe the chairman has a benefit? Some executive staff have this benefit.

Mr. Power says that the commission meets once every two weeks. Now my husband wants to know where I am the rest of the days. If this were the case, we wouldn't have the Hines Park Tour and Economic Development program, the Phoenix Mill Women and Work Museum, the Underground Railroad Quilt and Pillow project, the new Wayne County Tourism project, as well as resolving all the other constituent problems that commissioners do. When the state threatened to take away Wayne County's ability to continue to provide Mental Health services to its citizens, I went on the board to help resolve this issue. As chair of the Wayne County Women's commission for economic issues, we have developed a mailing list of over 400 elected officials and community leaders to learn more about key issues. I could go on and on.

I am participating in the airport authority lawsuit not because I want to continue control but because I want to make sure that the legislation that was passed is constitutional. Just because legislation is passed doesn't mean it is in the best interest of the people. I believe in a government of the people, by the people and for the people, not of the commission, by the county executive and for the governor.

Follow the tax money. What did the tax payers pay for, what do they own, and who should have oversight? Who has better legal standing than the Wayne County Commission to ask the courts to decide the constitutionality of this legislation and what is in the best interest of the taxpayer? Next time you write an article about the Wayne County Commission, give me a call and then you'll have both sides of the story.

Lyn Bankes

Wayne County Commissioner

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Character gains strength from tragedy of Sept. 11

Initially, I shied away from writing a column on the anniversary of 9/11

I wasn't entirely sure if I could add any particularly new or striking insights, especially given the enormous outpouring of media attention over the past week or so. And I certainly didn't want to indulge in the kind of macho chest-thumping or maudlin sentimentality to which we've been over-exposed.

But I know in my bones that the events of 9/11 were so horrific and the consequences so profound and long lasting that they deserve at least a word or two written in the context of your hometown newspaper.

In my ruminations, the two words that keep coming to mind and "confidence" and "innocence." Even more than the loss of so many lives, the ultimate effect of 9/11 has been to erode our sense of confidence in so many aspects of our daily lives, while losing our blithe sense of innocent optimism about ourselves and the world around us.

Confidence in our security as a nation. In a column I wrote a year ago, within hours after the two hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center towers, I argued "Up to now, mainland America has been protected from direct attack by two mighty oceans. But in an age when planes can fly, evil viruses can be spread from an aerosol bottle and nuclear weapons smuggled in suitcases, oceans alone are no longer a guarantee of security."

Anybody who has fumed in slow security lines at Detroit Metropolitan Airport or been obliged to take off their shoes or experienced a strange feeling in the pit of their stomach when the airplane abruptly banks hard left over New York knows that as a people we have lost, possibly forever, our old happy-go-lucky feeling about our and the country's security from attack. The uncertainty alone represents a profound change in the way we feel about our daily routine.

Confidence in the effectiveness of our military response. We smashed the Taliban and pushed Al Qaeda out of Afghanistan, but it looks very much as though we have neither killed nor captured the big fish. Worse, it looks as though the nasty cancer of terrorism has metastasized into quasi-independent cells in Pakistan, the Sudan and God knows where else. We might have the most powerful military force in the world, but fighting a shadowy enemy in the smoky, ill-lit bazaars and lawless mountains is not solely a military issue.

Innocent expectation that everybody around

the world loves us. America is now so economically, technologically and militarily dominant that we have become the focus for the fears and hatreds of the world's less privileged. What a puzzle, though, that the vast majority of the world's poor would still give anything to come live in America!

The end of innocence: Maybe what's really happening as a result of 9/11 is that we are growing up as a nation.

Innocent confidence in the integrity of our own government. Nationally, more than 1,000 men of Middle Eastern descent are still being held in jail without being charged, often without access to a lawyer and some without their identities being made known. For Heavens sake, what happened to the fundamental right of habeas corpus? Our government justifies this by arguing we are at war. But the war against terrorism is not purely military, and our ability to live up to our stated principles has a lot to do with our ability to win.

This is especially a problem in Michigan, the home of the largest community of Arab Americans in the country. An Arab friend of mine — very intelligent, hard working, a loyal American citizen with a face too dignified to cry — tells of casual stereotyping and rigorous profiling that is now permissible against his people but impermissible against other groups.

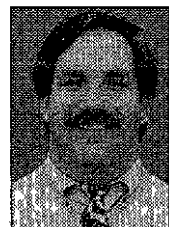
The end of innocence. Maybe what's really happening as a result of 9/11 is that we are growing up as a nation. Children have innocent expectations that everybody will like them and a confident optimism that everything will be OK, whereas adulthood is often characterized as the end of innocence and the beginning of a chastened confidence. My friend, no longer innocent but chastened at the quandary of living as a loyal Arab-American, hastens to point out that his next door neighbors keep checking in to make sure he and his family are all right.

At the end of the day, the true measure of mature character is the capacity to gain strength and compassion from tragedy. At the anniversary of our greatest national tragedy since Pearl Harbor, and I am absolutely convinced that we are passing this test.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953 2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net



Phil Power



Brad Kadrich

American spirit was in full force in Plymouth

You couldn't turn on a television or a radio, or open a newspaper this week without reliving the horror that was Sept. 11, 2001. Of course, every story has two sides. We also got to relive the countless examples of heroism that took place in the immediate aftermath of the horrible terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon, and the thwarted attempt that ended in wreckage in a Pennsylvania field.

Those are all great feel-good stories, much needed in the wake of the evil perpetrated for the first time ever on American soil. The guys in the Pennsylvania plane who attacked the hijackers, the police and firefighters who gave their lives trying to get people out of the World Trade Center, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani standing strong in the face of the horror.

Those are the stories that got played out in the media, the stories everyone got to hear about. But, as we observed the first anniversary of perhaps America's worst moment this week, it occurred to me there are stories even more stirring, even more heart-warming that never got told, at least not beyond these pages, beyond local boundaries.

Local doctors who hurried to New York for no other reason than to help. Blood drives, concerts, church services, community hugs that were necessary, an outpouring of support vital to the recovery process.

The local Salvation Army, Plymouth United Way and Habitat for Humanity all suffered financial setbacks in the wake of 9/11. The Salvation Army was particularly heavily hit. An organization that traditionally thrives or perishes on the backs of its mail drive suddenly found donations drying up as donors instead sent their money to New York. But all three battled back, on the strength of little more than faith. The Salvation Army, once staring at a potential \$120,000 deficit in its budget, now figures to come pretty close to breaking even. The United Way, which does so much good in the community because its dollars stay in the community, more than matched its goal for this year's campaign.

But more than that, people who weren't even affected — at least not directly through the death of a loved one — had questions and sought answers after the attacks. For instance, NorthRidge Church, which generally draws about 5,000 people on a normal Sunday, saw more than half-again that number at the Sunday service after the terrorist attacks.

Many of them are still searching, and NorthRidge, for one, went above and beyond the call to get them. Senior pastor Brad Powell and the church's video team spent several days in New York, working the red tape and making the effort to talk to firefighters, police officers and others involved in the aftermath. They even brought two New Yorkers — a police inspector and a firefighter — to Plymouth last weekend to speak to the flock

in what was, by all accounts, a tender and moving observance.

"We're in the people business and we want to be relevant to where people are," Powell said, explaining the church's extraordinary efforts to bring lessons learned from the tragedy home. We think it's important the lessons learned in the wake of 9/11 aren't forgotten as we get farther away from them."

Other churches around the area did what they could to make sure answers — at least as many as possible — were forthcoming. Several of them banded together for a remembrance service at Salem High School Wednesday night.

The Plymouth Symphony put on a concert Wednesday night at Our Lady of Good Counsel, a soulful night of music that helped a sold-out crowd cry, laugh, enjoy and remember, all with one performance.

And judging from the media coverage, the ratings and the attendance at such events, Americans do want to remember, even as they try to forget those awful moments a year ago, when four planes tried to take away our spirit, our faith, our pride.

Most of the attention this week has been focused on New York, and rightly so, for obvious reasons. Closer to home, local residents are trying to keep track of their own footprints, trying to make sure they never forget the lessons learned from 9/11. Their efforts have shown in the way they've given blood, the way they've donated money, time and effort to relief efforts. Kids have sent toys, adults have sent money and belongings, all to people they don't know for reasons they don't quite understand.

For all the bad news you hear on television or in the papers, for all the selfish reputations of which Americans are sometimes accused, nothing pulls the American people together more than a tragedy of these proportions.

The American spirit is alive and well in New York City, in Washington, D.C., and in Pennsylvania. Those people — especially New Yorkers who suffered the most — have put that spirit on display, as much to get themselves through the tragedy as to tell the terrorists, "Nice try, but you can't defeat us."

But that same American spirit is just as alive and well and just as much on display within the borders of our community.

It's alive in the video programs at NorthRidge Church, and the magic wands wielded by Plymouth Symphony conductor Nan Washburn, and in the compassionate speeches made at Salem High School.

Anyone who thinks the American spirit will die with the destruction of a couple of buildings should look a lot closer into the American heart to see just how wrong they are.

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Study finds county residents looking for school reform

Wayne County residents living outside the city of Detroit say that funding is the top problem facing local schools and they would like to see increased financial support by both state and local governments.

Nearly half (48 percent) of Wayne County residents surveyed said they favor a tax increase to fund school improvements, while 45 percent oppose a tax increase for schools.

Most of the respondents said they strongly oppose increases in the property tax, sales tax

and income tax, but 59 percent said they would strongly favor an increase in the tobacco tax to help fund school improvements.

The findings highlight the results of the second survey of Concerning Kids A Skillman Study conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut.

Concerning Kids has concluded the second phase of a two-year study of metro Detroit residents, ranking their opinions on issues relating to school-age children.

The results of the second survey, conducted June 19 to July 29, 2002, provide a more in-depth look at the public's opinion relating specifically to education.

A base-line study was conducted on a range of children's issues in March.

The Skillman Foundation commissioned the Concerning Kids study to explore public perceptions regarding issues involving children. Issues that affect children have tremendous long-range implications.

The data gathered from this

study provides a valuable service to Wayne County residents and to the Metro Detroit community," said Kari Schlachtenhaufen, president of the The Skillman Foundation. "The results will allow local area leaders to better understand residents attitudes and concerns on children's issues."

Wayne County residents living outside the City of Detroit identified the top three most important issues facing public schools as financing (20 percent), quality of teachers (14 percent) and overcrowded

classrooms (10 percent). Despite these issues, however, a sizable majority of residents (57 percent) believe their schools are doing a better than average job of educating students, giving their local schools a grade of B or better.

All of those queried agree that changes in the educational system would better prepare students for their future. Among the findings, out-Wayne County residents said that

- A majority (62 percent) believes Wayne County schools need 'major' reform
- State spending on education is too little (51 percent)
- Student achievement standards are "about right" (52 percent)
- Student achievement would rise with reduced class size (85 percent)

■ A core curriculum to mandate what is taught within each subject would improve performance (79 percent)

■ MEAP tests are a poor (19 percent) or fair (33 percent) way of testing achievement

■ 43 percent of out-Wayne County residents feel the teachers in their district are paid about the right amount"

■ 36 percent of out-Wayne County residents feel the teachers in their district are paid "too little"

An executive summary, actual study results, and several interview subjects who took part in the study are available upon request.

Founded in 1960, The Skillman Foundation is a resource for improving the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit.

Airport changes insurer for bonds

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

After the tragedy of Sept. 11 and the instability it caused in the American aviation industry, Metro Airport's managers have had to go looking for a new company to insure their bonds for the coming years.

On Thursday, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners gave the nod to a plan to restructure bond payments. At the same time, they washed their hands of responsibility for those payments.

According to Wayne County Airport Authority Chief Financial Officer Tom Naughton, the financial hiccup in the aviation industry has suffered in the past year have made loan guarantors leery of their business with airports in the U.S.

The bonds came up for review as scheduled," he said. "The banks were unwilling to expose themselves to that much risk."

The bonds, worth \$135 million, were issued by the airport in 1996. Two German banks signed on to provide letters of credit on the bonds — guaranteeing that bond purchasers would be paid off even if the airport couldn't

meet its obligations. The letters were to be renewed or dropped in October.

More and more, they're not so willing to make that commitment.

"European banks are taking a different view of U.S. airports after 9-11," Naughton said. "They're at a higher risk now."

The new deal adds an insurer, Ambac, who will hedge the banks' bets. The airport will benefit as well, saving millions of dollars over the life of the bonds.

The bonds will expire in 2017. County commission approval of the deal was necessary because of the legal wrangling going on between the commission and the new airport authority.

According to County Commissioner John Sullivan, part of Thursday's vote divorces the county from any fiscal responsibility for the bonds.

"The county and the taxpayers are no longer liable for the financial obligations of those bonds," he said. "You would think that the banks would want another group connected with them."

The bonds will be paid back entirely by airport revenues, he said.

The commission and the air-

port authority are fighting in court over who has the right to control the airport.

Commission members say that the authority, created by an

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Meadow Brook Music Festival ends its summer season with Oktoberfest featuring German food beer dancing and the sounds of The Vagabonds Tommy Schober Sound of Sorgenbrecher and more The event runs 1-8 p.m. Saturday Sept 14 at the festival grounds on the Oakland University campus Rochester Hills Admission is \$5 Children age 12 and under are free

Victorian festival

Take a trip back in time to a simpler era with a visit to downtown Northville's 14th annual Victorian Festival Friday Sunday Sept 13-15 A parade kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Friday Festival hours are 2-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday Activities include storytelling free horse and carriage rides street entertainment antique show fine art market old-fashioned games and more Sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce (248) 349-7640

Art exhibit

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University campus in Detroit The exhibit runs through Oct 18 (313) 577-2423



BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Artists and performers from all over the region, nation and world are packing their bags for Detroit No, they're not coming to see the wondrous Ford Field for themselves they're coming to the 16th annual Detroit Festival of the Arts, running Friday-Sunday, Sept 13 through 15, in Detroit's cultural center

Lillian Bauder, an executive with Taylor-based Masco Corporation, is this year's festival chairwoman She was a natural choice for the job She's one of the vice chairs of the board of the Detroit Institute of Arts and has been working on developing the blocks between the DIA and the symphony

The Detroit Festival of the Arts, she said, is unique in an unfortunately ironic way

"It's an event that's known nationally and internationally, but not locally," Bauder said "Very few people in the Detroit area know about it"

Despite that, the event attracts hundreds of thousands of people to the

city's cultural center every year That, by itself, is nearly enough as people from the city and the suburbs get together to appreciate all forms of art "There's so much happening," Bauder said

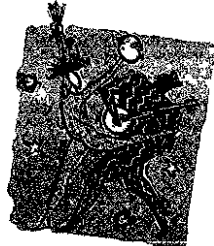
Doug Roberts makes handcrafted art tiles The Farmington Hills resident has been working with tile since 1988 This will be his third year at the Detroit festival

It's a good time to be in tile There are a lot of artists out there, Roberts said It's become very popular

A lot of the popularity of tile, he said, most likely stems from Pewabic Pottery, which has carried the tile standard for more than a century He said the Detroit festival is a good platform for his art

"It's one of my favorites," he said The quality (of the art on display) is high and they've got a lot of events for people to take part in — that and the weather is usually pretty good at this time of year

Roberts also said he gets a lot of business as a result of taking part in the show Aside from the on-the-spot sales from the large crowds, he gets a lot of residual business from people who saw his work and, months later, call him with orders when they redecorate their



Public school string programs on the critical needs list

This month Erich Hudson is leaving for college Erich has a passion — a dream of teaching kids to play music, especially on string instruments

Erich, whose friends and students call him 'Ick', is entering this field at a very good time A study released by the American String Teacher's Association with the National School Orchestra Association (ASTA/NSOA) estimates between the years 2002 and 2004 nationwide there are going to be as many as 5,000 openings for string teachers

Statistical evidence now confirms that we are facing a shortage of string teachers Studies have shown the number of students studying string instruments (violin, viola, cello and bass) has increased steadily at all levels since the early 1980s Two thirds of teachers surveyed in the ASTA/NSOA study report increases in their districts between 1995 and 2000 Forty percent of the teachers



Larry
Hutchinson

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Detroit Festival of the Arts



The Detroit Festival of the Arts offers a variety of fun Italian trio Fiamma Fumana (above) fuses traditional songs with a folk-rock pop sound The Zulu Connection (left) are masters of the African form of stilt dancing and ancient mystical masquerades Luminaria (below) provides a walk on the wild side Architects of Air build the structure that treats visitors to radiant light and color as well as musical and interactive surprises

kitchens

Michael MacManus of Bloomfield Hills has been making silver contemporary jewelry for the past nine years The former commodities trader promised himself that once he reached a target age, he would return to artistic pursuits he couldn't afford while raising a family

I had worked myself to a frazzle, he said So I started a part-time job, converted my garage into a studio and worked on jewelry

Since then, he's sold his rings, bracelets and other items at the Detroit Festival of the Arts He said the time of year and nature of the event work out well for him

"It's in September, so the weather cooperates," MacManus said "It's not a huge event, but there's a lot of community participation"

The show itself is good for sales as well That the show is juried — not just any joker with something to sell can participate — makes for a very interesting atmosphere

"They change jurors as well," he said "You can get an award one year and not be accepted the next It's very competitive"

Some of the artists on hand didn't have to pass quite the same jury as MacManus and the other fine artists The DaimlerChrysler Children's Fair, in

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Wayne State's Gullen Mall, will feature the arts and crafts of 100 area children Jennifer Gaynett, 10, of Farmington Hills is one of those children who will

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, B3

Tapawingo stars as Up North culinary Utopia

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Are you planning a color tour Up North this autumn? In addition to arboreal splendor, garner a panoply of delectable, savory and creative palate satisfactions with a dinner at Tapawingo in Ellsworth

You'd better reserve soon because the word is out about the Tap's culinary maestro, 27-year-old Executive Chef Stuart Briozza

Pair Chef Stuart with renowned chef/proprietor Harlan 'Pete' Peterson, pastry chef Nicole Krasinski and Sommelier Ron Edwards, who recently trucked his skills from Brian Polcyn's Five Lakes Grill in Milford to the Tap, and you have an unbeatable team, creating a veritable culinary Utopia

Tapawingo, a rare balance of formality and hospitality, entertains on several levels, from its splendid lake view setting, to the challenging menu creations, on to an extraordinary wine list Embodying some of the most beautiful landscapes in



Tapawingo chef/owner Harlan "Pete" Peterson, sommelier Ron Edwards and executive chef Stuart Briozza pose at Tapawingo

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BRIEF HISTORY

Peterson, once an automotive industrial designer for Ford Motor

Company, had an epiphany in 1976 when he went to France He attended a week of cooking classes at the famous La Varenne, then located in Paris but now in Burgundy

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HUTCHINSON

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surveyed also report an increase in the number of string teaching positions during the same period

Of the teachers surveyed, 22 percent anticipate they will retire in the next five years. Most school systems already are having difficulty finding qualified string teachers to fill openings.

When Erich graduates he should find a job market that welcomes him with open arms. This is great for Erich.

But what are the larger implications for our culture and why should the rest of us be concerned?

So much of the world's great music involves string instruments. The sound of strings is the heart of the orchestral sound. Think of the score to the movie *Star Wars* or *Indiana Jones* without the sound of the orchestra and its soaring

strings. Listen to the power and the beauty of the great symphonies by Beethoven, Brahms or Tchaikovsky.

The great composers wrote for the symphony orchestra because it is so powerful and expressive.

Research tells us that there is a whole list of behavioral, developmental, social and spiritual benefits of studying music. But my colleagues and I in the Detroit Symphony did not pursue studying music because it was good for our brains or taught us discipline.

We did it because we love music.

When we were all struggling with our grief during the tragic week of Sept. 11, the art museums in New York City opened their doors to the public free of charge as a "sanctuary of respite and contemplation."

When I heard that, it reminded me of the arts, and especially music, provide us with a sanctuary from the clutter and clutter of everyday life.

FINDING TEACHERS

We have some difficult issues to confront if we are going to find the talented and committed string teachers we need to give all students access to studying string instruments. Although surveys show student enrollment in school orchestra programs has steadily been on the increase, still only 18 percent of school districts across the country offer orchestra instruction while 98 percent offer band.

Even greater is the concern that a strong inequality of access still exists among students of different socioeconomic levels. For the last 10 years string instruction has been offered mostly in the wealthier suburbs. Because students who go into the teaching profession tend to want to teach in areas like the ones they grew up in, it becomes even more difficult for rural and urban communities to recruit and retain well-qualified teachers. Ben Pruitt, the

Instrumental Music Supervisor for the Detroit Public Schools, confirms "We need to fill music positions period. All music is on the critical needs list in the Detroit Public Schools."

When I questioned Erich about the kind of position he would like, he said Berkley High School — where he went to school. He also listed a number of other districts, all of them suburban schools with well-established string programs.

Another promising future string teacher is Cecelia Sharpe. Cecelia is a product of Detroit Public Schools. She has a bright, friendly personality and is a sophomore at Wayne State University as a music education major. She plays the cello as her primary instrument and wants to teach strings in the public schools. When I asked her what kind of position she would like she said "I want to teach in the Detroit schools. I want to give back some of what I've been

given. I want (students) to know that with focus and determination it is possible for them to play any type of music on any instrument that they may desire."

Another critical issue is that training for new string teachers needs to be more comprehensive. In Michigan's public schools, certified music teachers may teach K-12 music classes. Certification is not specialized. Of the string teaching positions filled last year only 62 percent were filled with teachers whose primary instrument was a string instrument.

Most universities only require one semester of string instrument training for certification. Erich already has a head start. His primary instrument is the cello but he also plays the other string instruments.

Obviously there is no simple solution to these problems, but all of us who are professional musicians and music teachers have a role to play. We have to continue to develop programs so more students have access to this wonderful resource.

Some programs already exist that give students a chance to teach early in their development. Erich had the opportunity to take a class called Student Service Learning. This program gave Erich a chance to work for 10 weeks with senior citizens and 10 weeks as a teaching assistant working with students.

Giving more advanced students a chance to discover the joys of teaching is the main purpose of a new initiative by ASTA/NSOA called the National String Project Consortium. This is a program where young students, beginning in the third grade, study string instruments at a local college campus.

It is important to give our developing students and future teachers diverse performing and teaching experiences. Youth orchestras like the Detroit Sinfonia and the Detroit Civic Orchestra, sponsored by the Detroit Symphony draw from many different kinds of communities, including Detroit.

We need to carefully encourage and nurture Erich, Cecelia and many more talented young people like them to enter the teaching profession. The cultural foundation of our society depends on how well we introduce the next generation to this wonderful sanctuary of music.

Marshall "Larry" Hutchinson was named 2001 Michigan String Teacher of the Year. The Farmington Hills resident is now in his 20th season as a bassist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Hutchinson is one of the guest columnists appearing in a series that introduces Observer & Eccentric readers to the people behind the institutions and organizations in the arts community. Arts & Entertainment reporter Linda Chomin returns next week.



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"Casablanca Night" will include a dinner at 7:30 p.m., music by Al Townsend's Couriers and a cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Black and white cloth-

ing or military uniforms from that era is the suggested attire.

The pancake breakfast will start at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, 12 and under.

The open house runs 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22. Admission is free to the museum and gift shop. The event will include face painting, aircraft tours, refreshments, photographs, used book sales and museum tours.

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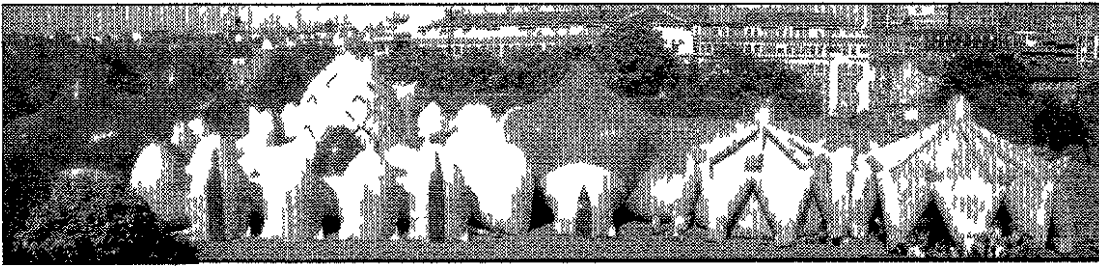
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DETROIT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Metro Times Stage
 5 8:30 p.m. WDET After Work Festival Party
 5:30 6:30 p.m. and 7 8 p.m. Roots Vibration - reggae
 8:30 10 p.m. Linton Kwesi Johnson and the Dennis Bovell Dub Band - UK Dub poet/band
Wayne Stage
 5 6:15 p.m. The Reel Happy String and Swing Band
 6:30 8 p.m. Grupo Salvaje - Latin
Marshall Field's Project Imagine Cafe
 4 5:30 p.m. Alquimia Humana - flamenco
 6 7:30 p.m. Nadim Dilaikan - Arabic
 8:30 10 p.m. Marcus Belgrave and the FTS - jazz
Comerica Cafe
 4 30 6 p.m. Just Jill - acoustic
 6 30 8 p.m. Jelly's Pierced Tattoo - R&B/funk
Blues Alley
 4 5 p.m. Paul Miles
 5 6 p.m. Joe Hunter
 6 30 8 p.m. B.B. Queen & Stomp
 8 30 10 p.m. Johnny Bassett and the



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Blues Insurgents
SATURDAY
Metro Times Stage
 1 3 p.m. Nadim Dilaikan - Arabic
 3 30 5 p.m. Street Sounds - California quintet
 6 7 30 p.m. Les Yeux Noirs - French gypsy band
 8 30 10 p.m. Dr. Al Kooper and the Funky Faculty - rock
Wayne Stage
 12 30 2 p.m. Mosaic Singers - youth choir
 2 30 4 p.m. Georgia Sea Island

Singers - Gullah traditional
 4 30 6 p.m. Woss Chinese Music Theatre - Chinese traditional
 6 30 8 p.m. Andy Bey Quartet - jazz piano/vocal
Marshall Field's Project Imagine Cafe
 1 3 p.m. Lonesome & Blue - bluegrass
 4 5 30 p.m. Mady Kouyate - Senegalese kora
 6 7 30 p.m. Fruit - Australian rock
 8 30 10 p.m. Emeline Michel - Haitian vocal
Comerica Cafe
 1 2 30 p.m. Stephen Grant Wood - folk/pop

3 4 p.m. Fred Johnson - vocal improv
 4 30 6 p.m. Fiamma Fumana - Italian folk/techno
 6 30 8 p.m. Black Bottom Collective - R&B/spoken word
Blues Alley
 1 30 2 30 p.m. Lonesome Dave - blues guitar
 3 4 15 p.m. Tribute to Sippie Wallace featuring Thornetta Davis
 4 45 5 15 p.m. Festival Workshop Jam with Robert B. Jones - open jam
 5 30 6 30 p.m. Maggie's Farm
 6 30 8 p.m. Kerry Price
 8 30 10 p.m. Precious Bryant

SUNDAY

Metro Times Stage
 1 3 p.m. Immigrant Suns - world/rock
 3 30 5 p.m. Gangbe Brass Band - Benin traditional
 6 7 30 p.m. Paris Combo - French cabaret
 8 30 10 p.m. Simon Shaheen and Quantara - Arabic
Wayne Stage
 12 1 30 p.m. Michigan Opera Theatre - Detroit Touring Company
 2 3 30 p.m. Harmonia - Eastern European ensemble
 4 5 30 p.m. Woss Chinese Music Theatre - Chinese traditional
 6 7 p.m. Les Yeux Noirs - French gypsy band
Marshall Field's Project Imagine Cafe
 12 1 p.m. Tamara Bedricky - singer/songwriter
 2 3 30 p.m. Georgia Sea Island Singers - Gullah traditional
 4 5 30 p.m. Fiamma Fumana - Italian folk/techno
 6 7 30 p.m. Tlen Huicani - Mexican folk

8 30 10 p.m. Danu - Celtic rock
Comerica Cafe
 12 30 1 30 p.m. Mosaic Quartet - youth performers
 2 3 p.m. Fruit - Australian rock
 3 30 5 p.m. Emeline Michel - Haitian vocalist
 5 30 7 p.m. Susana Sevane - Spanish bagpipes
Blues Alley
 1 2 30 p.m. Rollie Tussing - Blues guitar
 3 3 30 p.m. Festival Workshop Jam with the Butler Twins - open jam
 3 30 4 30 p.m. The Butler Twins
 5 6 p.m. Little Koko
 6 30 8 p.m. Robert Penn
 8 30 10 p.m. Henry Butler Group
Writer's Voice Tent (Main Library)
 1 30 p.m. Writer's Voice Members
 2 15 p.m. Linda Nemecek Foster
 2 40 p.m. Ann Holdreith and In & Out the Edge
 3 10 p.m. Faye Kicknoway
 3 30 p.m. Michael Datcher
 3 50 p.m. Jenoyne Adams
 4 10 p.m. Sean Thomas Dougherty
 4 30 p.m. Li Young Lee



One of the highlights of the Detroit Festival of the Arts is street theater. Camaleo features three overstuffed gentleman who walk around the festival grounds with an old camera.

FESTIVAL

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sell their own art in Gullen Mall. She got a tip about the show from her grandmother. "She got a brochure about the show in the mail," Gaynett said. "She showed it to me and I thought it would be interesting." She will display her hand-painted flowerpots. She took

pictures of her work and sent them to festival organizers. The sponge-painted, hand-drawn pieces will be up for sale in the mall on Saturday. There isn't a price on them yet. Gaynett's mother, who has sold ceramic cats at other shows, will help her with the pricing duties. Aside from the 100-plus juried artists displaying their crafts, there will be more than 60 hands-on activities, 10 per-

formance stages, a literary festival, European street theater and several different types of food. "That's a lot of culture to pack into a weekend," Bander said. The event brings all facets of the city's artistic community together in a way that flags the cultural center nicely. "People don't normally think of coming downtown for culture," she said. "This will change that."

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American Mars With Boxstep and Jetway 8 p.m. Friday Sept 13 \$7 Age 21 and over
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Tickets (248) 645 6666
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Location: 318 West Fourth west of Washington in Royal Oak
Tickets (248) 645 6666
Chava Alberstein 7 p.m. Thursday Oct 10 \$35 \$45 and \$60 plus a \$2 facility fee Age 21 and over
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Sundays in September include 7 p.m. show 120 East Huron Ann Arbor Tickets \$22.50 Thursday and Sunday \$27.50 Friday and Saturday (734) 663 0681

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Clarkston Village Players
Visiting Mr. Green by Jeff Baron 7:30 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday through Sept 15
Last of the Red Hot Lovers 7:30 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. Friday Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Sept 26 to Oct 6
Tickets \$10 Thursday and Sunday \$12 Friday Saturday (248) 625 8811

Main Stage Theatre Guild
Nunsense runs Thursday Sunday Sept 12 15 at 29516 West Seven Mile Livonia Shows are 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday
Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students (248) 888 7685 or (586) 344 7774

Stagecrafters
The Pirates of Penzance a comic opera opens Sept 13 and runs through Oct 6 at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak
Performances this month run Thursday Sunday
October shows are Friday Sunday Thursday Saturday shows at 8 p.m. Sunday shows at 2 p.m.
Tickets are \$14 \$16 (248) 541 6430

8th annual School District/Community Musical
Footloose 7:30 p.m. Thursday Friday Sept 12 13 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 14 and 2 p.m. Sunday Sept 15 in Hunt Auditorium at North Farmington High School \$10 \$8 seniors and students k12 (248) 426 4740



Dave Bennett (left), Dave Tatrow and Chuck Moss join the rest of the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band for a concert 3-6 p.m. Sunday Sept 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road between Seven and Eight Mile Livonia. Tickets are \$12, \$10 Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club members. For information or tickets call (248) 476-2674 or (248) 855-1342.

DINNER THEATER

Genitt's
In the Game 6:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 14 at the restaurant 108 East Main Northville \$45 includes dinner (248) 349 0522

Will Taylor Production
Designs on Murder a struggling designer's fashion show turns deadly when the star model is found shot in his dressing room 7 p.m. Thursday Sept 26 at Buca di Beppo 38888 Six Mile Livonia. Please RSVP by Sept 23 \$30 including choice of pasta or pizza (810) 513 7247

Marquis Theatre
Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday Sept 14 15 at the theater 135 East Main Northville \$7.50 (248) 349 8110

CHILDREN'S PRODUCTIONS

Paper Bag Productions
I Believe in Make Believe runs Sept 14 15 21 22 28 29 and Oct 5 6 12 13 19 20 26 27 and includes a hot dog chips cookie and apple lunch. Lunch is at noon with the show at 1 p.m. Saturdays lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m. Sundays 29516 West Seven Mile Livonia. Tickets are \$10 for lunch and show \$7 for show only (248) 888 7685 or (586) 344 7774

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Collectible Toy Show
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Sept 15 at the Plymouth VFW 1426 South Mill \$5 kids under 10 free (734) 455 2110

Detroit Festival of the Arts
The 16th annual festival features more than 100 artists 10 performances stages a literary festival a 75 ton sand sculpture European street theater food and a children's fair with more than 60 hands on activities and family entertainment 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday Sept 13 and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday Sunday Sept 14 15 children's fair hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday (313) 577 5088

Oktoberfest
Featuring The Beautiful Sounds of Germany 5-9 p.m. Friday Saturday Sept 27 28 at Metzger's German Restaurant 305 North Zeeb corner of I-94 Ann Arbor (734) 668 8987

Redford Theatre
Sitting Pretty starring Clifton Webb Maureen O'Hara and Robert Young 8 p.m. Friday

Saturday Sept 13 14 and 2 p.m. Saturday Sept 14 organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier guest organist on Friday is Dave Calendine Saturday matinee Gus Borman Saturday evening Sharron Patterson at the theater 17360 Lahser at Grand River Detroit \$4 (313) 531 4407

Parisian Soiree
Classical chamber music cabaret songs champagne and more 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Sept 13 14 Kerrytown Concert House 415 N 4th Ave Ann Arbor Features pianist William Bolcom and vocalist Joan Morris vocalist Deanna Relyea and pianist Jerry DePuit tango dancers Peter Soave accordion Annual gala opening \$15 \$20 \$30 (734) 769 2999 or www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
Odds Bodkin performs a program geared to families with older children 7:30 p.m. Friday Sept 20 at the church 320 West Seventh in downtown Royal Oak Tickets are \$15 \$12 for students and senior citizens A story telling workshop 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Sept 21 costs \$65 Tickets available through the church at (248) 541 4100 or www.thethirdcoast.com

BENEFITS

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At the Fox Theatre Saturday Sept 14 to benefit JVS Tickets \$250 VIP \$200 premium seating \$100 general (248) 559 5210 www.jvsdet.org

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Get a commemorative shirt exercise and the satisfaction that comes with helping a good cause when you participate in the Detroit Zoo's annual 5K run or one mile fun run/walk on Sunday Sept 22 Entry fees before Sept 13 are \$12 for walkers and \$17 for runners on race day they'll be \$15 for walkers and \$20 for runners Start time is 9 a.m. at the administration entrance for the run and 9:10 a.m. at the zoo's front gates for the walk The event raises money for the zoo's veterinary hospital Get a registration form at the zoo located at Woodward and the I-96 service drive register on line at www.detroitzoo.org/dzrs or call the zoo at (248) 541 5717

Franklin Village Band
Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan are invited to join the Franklin Village Band All instruments welcome but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads For more details call Bill Prisk (248) 474 8869 or Bob Zimmerman (313) 535 4119

Livonia Youth Choir
Is looking for new members for the choir for the 2002-2003 year Auditions for choir members will take place in September for girls and boys (with unchanged voices) who will be in grades 4-8 in the new school year The choir practices weekly on Monday evenings and performs two concerts a year (734) 425 1749

Madonna University Chorale
All voices especially tenor and bass For information about the chorale call Dr David Wagner



Internationally known classical guitarist Fabio Zanoni performs 8 p.m. Wednesday Sept 18, in Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan Livonia. Tickets are \$20, \$15 students Zanoni will also conduct a master class 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept 20 in the Science Lecture Hall The fee is \$15 For tickets or to register for the class, call (734) 432-5706 or send e-mail to hrguitar@aol.com Born in Brazil, Zanoni played his first solo concert at age 16 and made his orchestral debut at 18 in Sao Paulo

associate professor of music (734) 432 5708 or e-mail dwagon@madonna.edu

Marquis Theatre
Auditions for ages 8016 for *The Velveteen Rabbit* 6 p.m. Sunday Sept 15 performers must prepare a song in their vocal range and bring sheet music at 135 East Main Northville (248) 349 8110

Metropolitan Singers of Southfield
Looking for new members of all ages for this group of adult men and women The group consists of bass tenor soprano and alto voices and welcomes all singers of pop folk holiday and oldies The ability to read music is not required If you like to sing and can carry a tune come join us The new season began Sept 9 in the vocal music room at Birney Middle School on the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Evergreen (248) 932 0390 or (248) 545 8743

Michigan Classic Ballet Company
Holds its annual company auditions 11 a.m. Saturday Sept 14 (apprentices ages 7-9) Parts for *The Nutcracker* also will be auditioned at the Geiger Classic Ballet Academy 782 Dennison Court Bloomfield Hills One year scholarships to the academy available for male dancers ages 10 and up *Nutcracker* perform

Dearborn Ballet Theatre
Auditions for *The Nutcracker* Saturday Sept 14 ballet features 125 dancers and acrobats ranging in age from 4 to 75 12:30 1:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 1:30 3 p.m. ages 8-11 3:30 3 p.m. acrobats 3:30 4:30 p.m. age 12 and up and 4:30 p.m. adults performers should have at least basic dance and/or acrobatic experience dancers age 12 and older should bring toe shoes at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Avenue at Greenfield Dearborn Auditions fee is \$10 (313) 563 2488 weekdays between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. For performances Nov 29 30 and Dec 7

Detroit Concert Choir
Auditions for tenors and basses volunteer positions are available as well as several paid section leader positions for professionally trained singers Sept 16 30 day and evening times available To schedule an audition call (313) 882 0118

Detroit Institute of Arts
Volunteers needed to help with *Degas and the Dance* Oct 20 to Jan 12 flexible schedules are available including week days weekends and evening shifts if you would like to serve as an ambassador in the galleries assisting visitors from around the world or want more information about DIA volunteer opportunities call (313) 833 0247 or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

Farmington Musicale
Looking for new members the women's chorus begins rehearsals 10 a.m. Wednesday Sept 18 at St John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Farmington Hills (734) 455 3565

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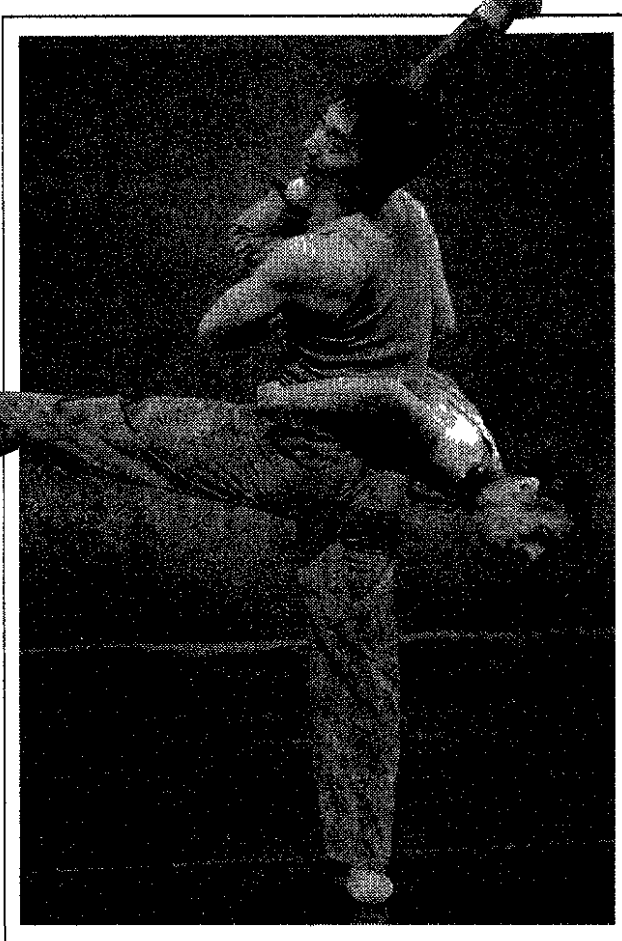
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experience necessary All who audition will be cast at the arts council 774 North Sheldon Plymouth \$150 (memberships for students are \$30 for a year) For performances Dec 6 8 at arts council and local school tour Dec 9 19 (734) 416 4278

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
Open auditions of the 57th concert season 4-9 p.m. Thursday Sept 12 at Plymouth City Hall and 2-5:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 14 at Evola Music Center in Canton posted positions for per service wage include principal oboe third utility clarinet 2nd horn 2nd and 3rd trumpets principal and assistant viola principal bass and string section players substitute musicians are needed for all instruments and other openings may be posted as necessary To schedule an audition or would like to audition at another time call (734) 968 9909

PSpirit of Detroit Chorus
Auditions for women's championship chorus 7:10 p.m. Tuesday evenings at St Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile west of Inkster Livonia The chorus performs 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday Oct 5 in Farmington Hills For more information call (313) 937 2429



The Detroit Dance Collective presents *Atmospheres Dialogues with the Unknown*, a dance performance/video installation 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept 19-20, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, east of the Southfield Freeway, Dearborn Tickets are \$12, \$10 students and seniors Reservations recommended as seating is limited Call (313) 965-3544 The evening is billed as an extraordinary experience for the senses Audiences, bathed in colorful video projections, will become part of the dynamic environment For effect, wear light colored clothing.

ances Dec 14 15 Mercy High School in Farmington Hills (248) 334 6964

Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture & Film
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Orchard Ridge Theater Company
Open auditions of *Dracula* by Bram Stoker 7 p.m. Thursday Sept 19 in Smith Theater at Oakland Community College 27055 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills For performances Nov 6 9 (248) 522 3593

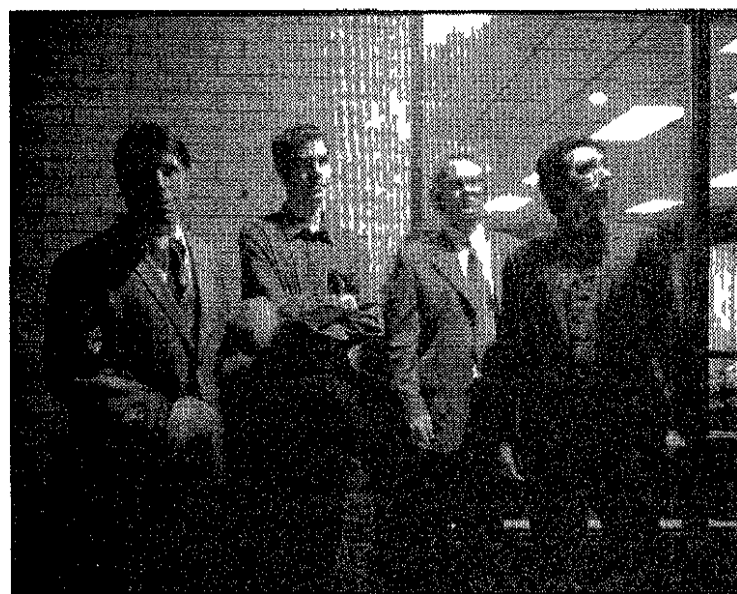
Plymouth Community Arts Council
Auditions for Whistle Stop Players production of *Grimms Gorgeous Girls Goldilocks Cinderella Snow White Red Riding Hood Sleeping Beauty and 12 Dancing Princesses* 6:30 8 p.m. Thursday Sept 19 and Sunday Sept 22 children age 6 and up from throughout the region are welcome Select one date and come at 6:30 p.m. and stay until 8 p.m. for the workshop audition No preparation or

Stagecrafters
A Christmas Story 11 a.m. registration noon auditions Saturday Sept 14 6 p.m. registration auditions 7 p.m. Sunday Sept 15 historic Baldwin Theatre 415 S Lafayette Ave downtown Royal Oak Scripts available administrative office for two day checkout Show dates Nov 8 10 14 17 21 24 (248) 541 8027

The Community House
Auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* Friday Saturday Sept 13 14 a one minute monologue and a few bars of a favorite song will be required for the presentation of Sarah Smith Productions at The Community House 380 South Bates Birmingham For more information or to reserve an audition time call (248) 644 5832

Wayne Renaissance Chorus
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American Mars is David Feeny, Mike Popovich, Garth Girard and Thomas Trimble. Catch them Friday at Ferndale's Magic Bag.

American Mars to take the stage in Ferndale

When Detroit's own American Mars released its second record last winter, audiences quickly stood up and took notice. And for good reason. The spacey alt-country delight known as *No City Fun* delved into intriguing musical territory, allowing listeners to lose their way in the dreamy melodies and stormy ambience of songs like *Over the Gun*, *If Monday Were Mine*, and *Loneliness is Murder*. Dave Feeny's tell-tale pedal steel evolved into a signature element of American Mars' sound. The instrument lends just enough melancholy beauty to compliment Thomas Trimble's thoughtful, often introspective lyrics.

Whether American Mars is performing amid an intimate setting or presiding over a large audience, it's almost impossible to look away. The band often adds a visual element to its live shows - like home movies or video projected onto flowing white sheets. The upcoming performance is sure to include some new surprises.

American Mars perform with special guests Overcoat, Recording artists Boxstep and Detroit's Jetway, featuring former members of Ansonia, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover is \$7.21 and older. Call (248) 544-3030. For more information see www.americanmars.com

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola

Matthew invites 'Everybody Down' to The Shelter

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The Chicago-based quartet Matthew is just starting to make a name for themselves in modern and indie rock circles. But it hasn't taken very long for the band to grab our attention - thanks to a solid foundation of catchy-but-meaningful rock songs and a strong belief in themselves.

Everybody Down is Matthew's latest release from Rykodisc. They've just hit the road with Gene and will make their first-ever Detroit appearance tomorrow.

Here's what singer Brian McSweeney shared about the band a recent interview with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

O&E: So you're just back from Europe, how did the tour go?

B.M.: "It was wonderful. Europe is always beautiful. It's the third time we've been. Ryko U.K. is keeping us very busy. They're licensing our record to a few different record companies in Paris, Germany, Holland and then Ryko U.K."

O&E: Tell me how Matthew originally came together?

B.M.: "Matt (Sumpter) and I grew up together. I've been playing music since I was 19 years old. We met because we were dating the same girl at the same time and we didn't know it."

"We've been playing together for several years. The band we were in broke up. Matt moved up here. I was the guitar player and he was the drummer in Lackluster. When the singer quit and decided to become a solo artist, the two of us set out writing songs together."



Matthew, a Chicago-based rock band, will make their first Detroit-area appearance tomorrow at Detroit's Shelter. The band is singer Brian McSweeney (left to right), guitarist Jason Sipe, drummer Matt Sumpter and bassist James Scott.

"We worked on songs for about a year and a half. We had been doing this for a while. We knew we wanted to be a four-piece rock band."

O&E: Tell me what each member brings to the project?

B.M.: "Matt and I are the backbone. I've always believed for a rock band it is really important to have a great drummer. He and I have always been the structure of the songs. The other bassist (James Scott) and guitar player (Jason Sipe), they are more of the colors. They're the paint on the canvas."

O&E: Having spent so much time on tour since the start, how long did it take for this record to come together? And have some of the songs been around for a while?

B.M.: "A few songs were probably done for more than four years. A few of them are as new as a year old. The newer songs, I think, are a little more cohesive as a band. *In Your Car* was added at the eleventh hour. *Breathing* we did in the studio. *The Darkest*

taxing thing is writing the songs. It's just a long process. It just takes a lot of patience."

O&E: Where do you feel Matthew fits into the Chicago music scene?

B.M.: "I feel we're becoming more a part of it. We didn't really grow up here. We made the record and first thing, started touring. We were lucky enough that our booking agent (who sends us) outside the US. We haven't been home."

Slowly, it's kinda building. We have our first big show at the Metro on the 12th. It's the first show of the tour with Gene. It's pretty exciting."

The following night Matthew and headliners Gene will perform at the Shelter, below St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Call (248) 645-6666 for tickets and information.

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Jason Lee (left) and Tom Green cook up goofball schemes to raise \$29,000 in college tuition in the movie, Stealing Harvard, which opens Friday in local theaters. Leslie Mann also stars.

Enrichment classes and activities offer knowledge and fun

Talking with members of community-based organizations in Oakland County makes me want to go back to school. The Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center, Community House in Birmingham, and Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester offer everything from classes in drawing and dance to a trip to see the Bolshoi Ballet Saturday, Nov 23...

The Community House has a lineup that space doesn't allow us to print - trips to the 140-piece exhibition Degas and the Dance at the Detroit Institute of Arts Thursday, Nov 21...

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Mary Fortuna can't wait for fall classes to begin in September. Paint Creek Center for the Arts has been offering everything from painting to clay and photography for 20-years.

Elton John, Tim Rice update *Aida* with pop music

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
STAFF WRITER

The name's the same. The story line is the same. And that's where the similarities end.

The Fisher Theatre is playing host to *Aida* for four weeks. This isn't the same *Aida* as the opera written by Giuseppe Verdi in 1871.

It's the Broadway hit *Aida* written by the successful *The Lion King* duo — composer Elton John and lyricist Tim Rice.

Giuseppe Verdi wrote the famous opera at the age of 68. It became only one of several operas — *Nabucco*, *I Lombardi*, *Rigoletto*, *Il Trovatore*, *La Traviata*, *Otello* and *Falstaff*, that made Verdi's name immortal in the world of music. He's known today as the greatest of the operatic composers.

Verdi based *Aida*, on an existing story. John and Rice did the same, only with a more modern twist to the age-old love story.

"It's very interesting to see how a contemporary composer looks at an story from opera in new terms," said David DiChiera, director of Michigan Opera Theatre. "Nothing will replace the masterpiece, *Aida*, just like the musical, *Rent*, won't replace Puccini's *La Boheme*. I hope people will enjoy the new *Aida* and then when MOT redoes Verdi's opera in a few years from now, they will come and see what a great opera composer did with it. They might just find they enjoyed the traditional opera

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just as much as they did the newer version."

"If Verdi were in the audience of our *Aida*, I think he would like this rendition," said Jeremy Kushner, who portrays the male lead, Radames, in the national tour produced by Disney Theatrical Productions. "This is a really good show. Even if people aren't fans of Elton John music, they are going to fall in love with it."

The musical *Aida* opened March 23, 2000 on Broadway. It earned four 2000 Tony awards — Best Score, Best Lead Actress in a Musical (Heather Headley), Best Scenic Design (by Bob Crowley) and Best Lighting Design (by Natasha Katz). *Aida* also earned the 2001 Grammy Award for the Best Musical Show Album.

LOVE STORY

Aida is a story about the Nubian princess, Aida, who is stolen from her country, Nubia, at a time of war between Egypt

and her country Radames, an Egyptian army captain, is aboard the boat that takes *Aida* and other Nubian captives back to Egypt. Once they arrive, he sends her to his betrothed, Egyptian princess, Amneris.

Radames has promised to marry Amneris. But like all love stories, things get complicated after Radames and Aida fall in love. The story ends when the lovers Radames and Aida are both buried alive in a tomb beneath the sands of the Egyptian desert, where they can spend an eternity together.

If you're familiar with *The Lion King*, you know the burial scene will be handled with kid gloves.

The John/Rice *Aida* production brings a modern bent to the story. It begins in a 21st century museum, where a man and a woman touring an Egyptian exhibit find themselves attracted to each other.

There are touches of humor added to the dramatic story, such as in the show-stopping number, *My Strongest Suit*, with its strong Motown songs. Amneris, played on the tour

AIDA

What: The John Elton/Tim Rice musical performed by the national touring company.

When: 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 5. Additional performances at 1 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 12 and on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

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by Kelli Fournier, sings the comedic song complete with a fashion show unlike any other. *Aida* marks Fournier's Broadway debut. She's also a veteran of other stage roles and television credits.

Paulette Ivory portrays Aida. She hails from London's West End where she's had a musical career. She's also been in television, in films and is a recording artist.

Kushner is from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He originated the role of Ren in *Footloose* for his Broadway debut and played Roger in the national touring company of *Rent*. He also performed in the original Canadian companies of *The Who's Tommy* and *Rent*.

Kushner joined *Aida* in February 2002. He takes time off from work in musicals to promote his band, whose debut

compact disc, *In Time*, came out in the spring.

Kushner said parents can bring their families to see *Aida*.

"There is something for everyone in this story," he said. "It is definitely a different musical than *The Lion King*. Whether one comes to see the costumes or the staging or to hear the music, they will walk out loving the story."

Elton John described *Aida* in this way: "It's truly a pop musical with spoken dialogue. It has all kinds of recognizable song types with very urban-base rhythm and blues and gospel-inspired songs. It's my version of what *Aida* should be in a modern way."

"What makes *Aida* so interesting to me is that the story is so great, so pertinent," he added. "It's a beautiful, complex love story, where bigotry and hatred are swept out the window and love, compassion, forgiveness and understanding triumph. In this day and age, I'm a great believer in the human spirit triumphing over evil in any way."

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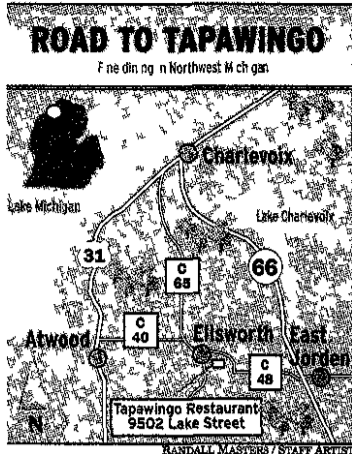
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From that time on, Peterson said, "I wanted to be part of the world of cuisine because I had never experienced anything like it. I was hooked."

Back in the U.S., Peterson worked as chef at the Rowe Inn, also in Ellsworth, until 1984 when the parcel, suitable for a small restaurant on beautiful St. Clare Lake, became available. He bought it, opened Tapawingo, and five years ago, remodeled and expanded it. A modest, contemporary decor with muted colors, announces that food is the show. When your plate is empty, the incredible scenery plays an interlude.

In the early years, Peterson served as both chef and proprietor. However, he noticed something special about Chef Stuart when he hired him nearly two years ago, barely graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, but with kitchen work experience under skilled chefs since he was 15 years old.

At first, Chef Stuart held the title Chef de Cuisine and worked with 'Pete'. In a few short months, he earned the title of Executive Chef. 'Pete' has given me full reign, Chef Stuart noted. That includes the stage and clientele. I've not been under any restraints and it has been easy for me to understand the Tap s



clients from the beginning.

Peterson more than returns the compliments.

"I am in awe of Stuart's talents," he said. "There are food passionate people and then there's Stuart. He has boundless energy and amazing creativity. Chef Stuart has advanced the intricacy of food preparation at the Tap, whose world-traveled guests have heightened expectations. The first hors d'oeuvre presentation indicates that Chef Stuart is far ahead of any anticipation curve, that lengthens course after course."

FOOD AND WINE

To create his menus, Chef Stuart uses seasonal produce from several northern Michigan farms. Game hens, rabbits and ducks are sourced from a local farm in Boyne City. There are generally two fresh fish options

available, flown in from a purveyor located in the northeast.

The freshest lamb takes on a multitude of personalities from a simple roasted rack with seasonal plate garnishes to a nine-spice rub, ushering in North African and Moroccan flavors, paired with a Mediterranean vegetable plate garnish.

"Rabbit," Chef Stuart said, "has been the biggest challenge for me." Basically, what has become his rabbit art form defies description. It includes a cure and confit of the front legs. Sausage from the rear legs serve as the loin portion of the Frenched rack. It's served with a cannelloni crepe, stuffed with the confit meat and appropriate vegetable garnish. "It will be on the winter menu again," Chef Stuart assured.

Sommelier Ron Edwards, who has passed the advanced level examination on his way to hopefully achieving Master Sommelier status, is a consummate wine pro. The Tap's wine list includes blockbusters, icons, legends and cult wines for those who want them. But Edwards goal is to add more value-oriented wines in the \$50-\$80 range. He is expanding the number of crisp, vibrant, food-friendly wines from New Zealand and more particularly, Albarinos from Spain. Syrah and blends from the southern Rhone fit his aims to get wine drinkers out of a rut. "I want Americans to explore the world of wine," he concluded.

Tapawingo offers one and two-day cooking classes, except in summer months. Peterson conducts food and wine tours to Europe. Alexander Zonjic & Friends entertain at garden parties. One is upcoming on September 15, 2002 from 2-5p.m. at \$125 per person inclusive of Zonjic's performance, all foods, beverages and gratuities.

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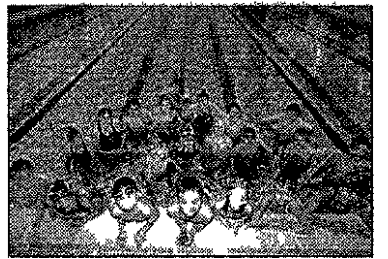
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Detroit tour

The North Rosedale Park Home and Garden Tour will take place 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 14 in northwest Detroit.

The culturally diverse community is bordered by Grand River, West McNichols, the Southfield Freeway and Evergreen. When it was first platted in the early 1920s, the area was rural and originally part of Redford Township.

Seven houses built between 1925 and 1953 - varying in architectural style and size - and three gardens will be featured on the tour.

Tickets are \$15 and available at these Detroit locations: Rosedale Hardware, 19140 Grand River, (313) 532-3848; Java In The Park Coffee House, 18714 Grand River, (313) 838-5252; and Nu Graphix, 19025 Grand River, (313) 836-2121.

Tickets can also be bought Saturday at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, where the tour will begin.

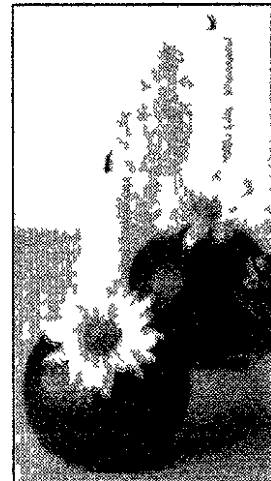
North Rosedale Park in Detroit is comprised of just over 1,700 homes. The neighborhood features a variety of architectural styles including Tudor, French, Country, Provencal, Eclectic, Colonial, Neoclassical and Arts and Crafts.

Among the numerous amenities in the residences are wet plaster finishes, fine hardwood floors and moldings and interesting ceramic tile installations.

Artistic apple

An apple for the teacher is still a popular tradition. An Apple a Day arrangement - an apple with fresh flowers in it - rates an A+ for creativity. Your child will have fun turning an ordinary apple into a makeshift vase. Here's how to do it from the floral experts at 1 800flowers.com.

Select an apple that stands up nice and straight. Remove the stem. Using a sharp knife, an adult should pierce

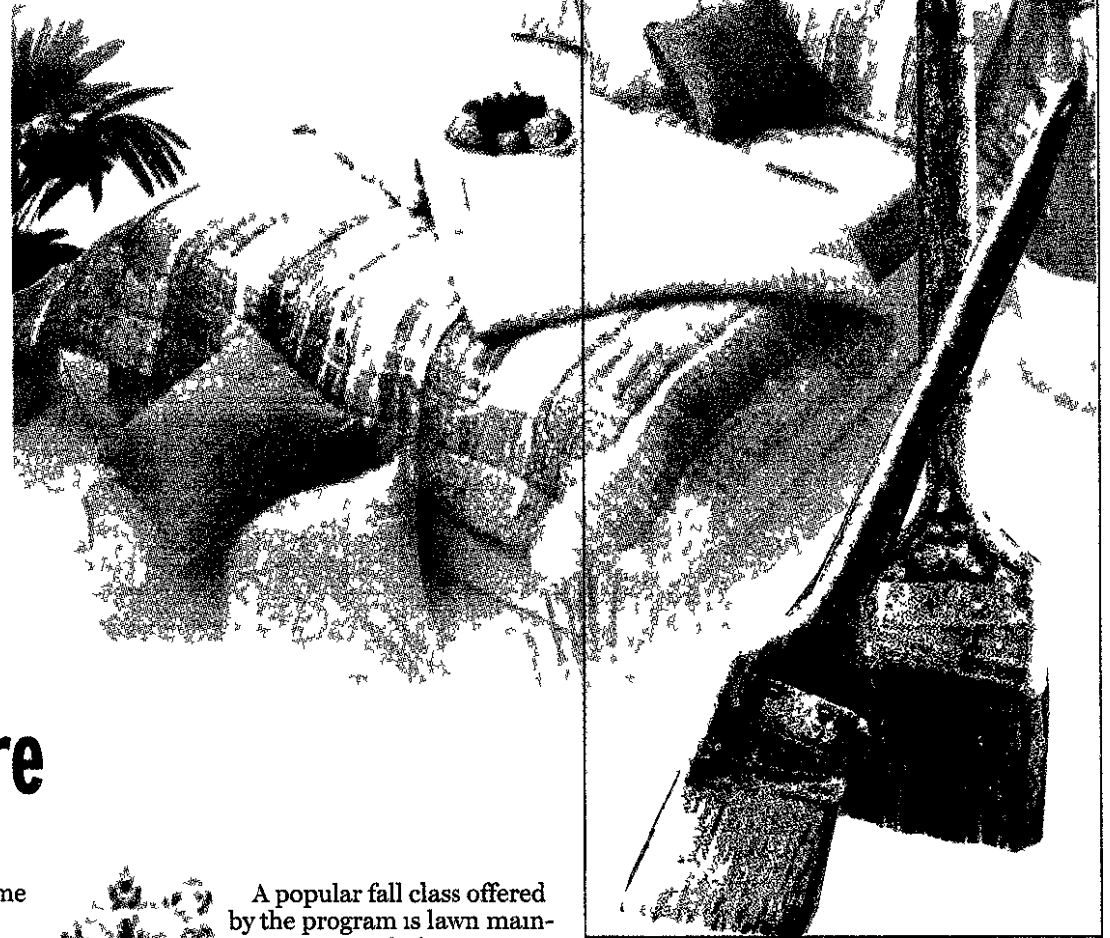


the apple skin at the top. Next, choose an assortment of flowers to place into the apple. Daisy poms have sturdy stems and can be inserted directly into the apple. But first be sure an adult gives the flowers a fresh cut on an angle at the desired length.

Vegetable and fruit vases are a fun and easy craft to help creativity bloom in and out of the classroom. Why should youngsters have all the fun? For a more advanced project, core an apple and insert a beeswax candle for an unusual place setting or fall decoration.

For more fun gifts for students and teachers, click on 1800flowers.com.

Interior design classes



Community education offers help with remodeling, decor and more

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Do-it-yourself remodeling and decor projects are dreams come true for homeowners on a budget.

But, as many have discovered, project completion is easier to say than do.

If procrastination doesn't permanently forestall plans, waning determination - in the face of incomplete instructions, a

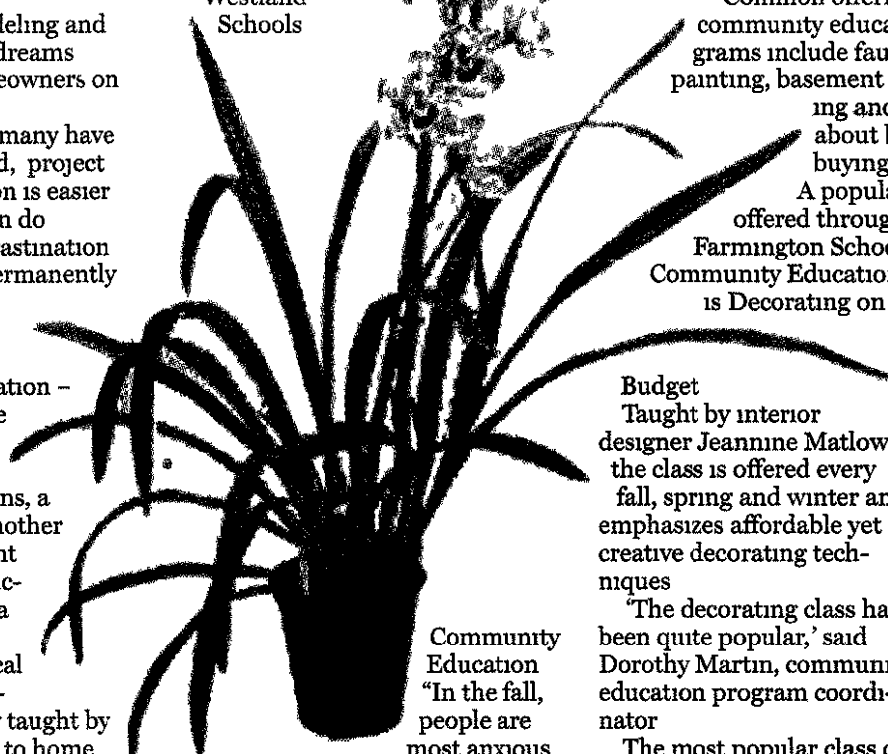
lack of know-how or yet another trip to Home Depot - might

How about a little instruction and guidance, maybe a venue to ask questions? Classes offered through local schools' community education programs are not only taught by local experts but also close to home.

With the fall semester around the corner for adult education and

enrichment, now is the time to survey class offerings.

"Usually in the fall we have a very good turnout," said Carolyn Hatcher-Baron, coordinator of Wayne-Westland Schools.



Community Education "In the fall, people are most anxious

to acquire information about what they want to do."

A popular fall class offered by the program is lawn maintenance. Taught by a master gardener, the class covers all aspects of lawn care with an emphasis on teaching homeowners how to treat and prepare their yards for the fall and winter months.

Common offerings among community education programs include faux finish painting, basement remodeling and seminars about building or buying a house.

A popular class offered through Farmington Schools Community Education is Decorating on a

Budget. Taught by interior designer Jeannine Matlow, the class is offered every fall, spring and winter and emphasizes affordable yet creative decorating techniques.

"The decorating class has been quite popular," said Dorothy Martin, community education program coordinator.

The most popular class offered by Plymouth Canton Schools Community Education is by far

Christmas Decorating & Entertaining.

Taught by Anne Musson, interior design consultant at Gabriella's gift and home store in downtown Plymouth, the class is designed to inspire homeowners with inexpensive and innovative ideas for decorating during the holiday season.

"There's close to 200 people that attend," said the program's coordinator, Gayle Harshman.

The class (with same instructor) is also being offered by Livonia Public Schools Community Education and

Enrichment.

Why is the class so popular? Great ideas, said Harshman.

"She shows you how you can make your home look like a home on a house tour. She can show you how to decorate your home from

one extreme to the next."

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Designer's eclectic 'finds' create exotic, elegant home environment

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Sleuthing is a hobby of Phyllis Whitehead.

"You never know what you may find," said Whitehead, an interior designer.

Examples of what she has found on her excursions through the countryside are among the eclectic furnishings in her Birmingham residence - one of six featured on Designers' Homes on Tour Sunday, Sept. 22 (see related story).

Whitehead's house was built in the 1880s. Two restoration and renovation projects have been done there since Whitehead moved into it in 1994. She estimates that the house is now between 3,500 and 3,600 square feet, it was originally about 2,000 square feet.



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Phyllis Whitehead stands on a stairway that is covered with carpeting featuring a leopard design.

The residents took care to reproduce the original house,

using old moldings, hardware and doors, or replicas. But they have also put their own personality on it.

"I've had a lot of fun doing it," Whitehead said.

The furnishings she has brought to the house - antiques, flea market finds and new pieces - range in age from the 1800s to the present. The look, elegant and exotic, has been described as "French Quarter meets Key West."

Animal prints and figures, and floral patterns and forms, blend with brocade and ornate designs and shapes.

In the dining room, the upholstery on the chairs around the table features animal stripes, the chandelier and a mirror on one wall have exquisite scrolls and curves.

In the living room, pillows on a

PLEASE SEE FINDS, C2

DESIGNERS' HOMES ON TOUR

What: A tour of six interior designers' homes in the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Lathrup Village area, presented by the International Furnishings and Design Association Michigan Chapter. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Chapter scholarship fund.

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22.

Cost: Tickets are \$20, and may be bought in advance at Antiques Centre of Troy, (248) 649-4399, Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham, (248) 646-7847, and Novi, (248) 449-7847, Beaver Tile and Stone in Farmington Hills, (248) 476-2333, and Rochester, (248) 299-8100, Michael's Lamp Shop in Lathrup Village, (248) 557-8828 and Center Street Design in Northville, (248) 380-6045.

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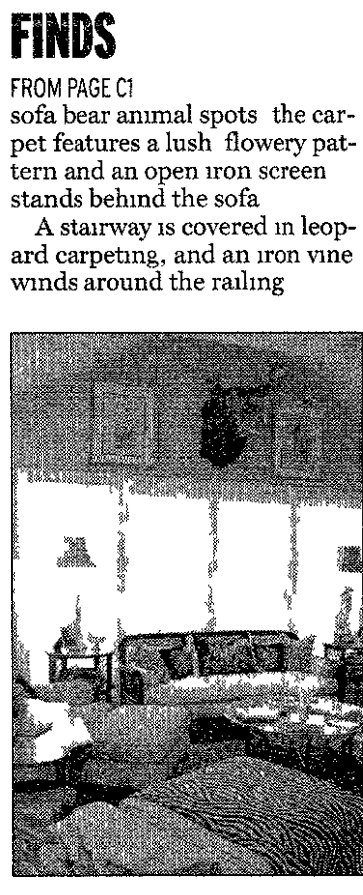
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Phyllis Whitehead refers to a sun room as a garden room because it gives the feeling of sitting in a garden. Accessories include lamps made from garden statues and a moose head between framed floral prints

I like to pick things that are from nature in fabrics and color, Whitehead said.

In front, the added verandah porch is reminiscent of the era of the house. Over the garage, the new carriage house holds a conference area for Whitehead's business and a guest suite. In back is a five-hole putting green and a courtyard.

Maple floors run throughout the house. The walls are covered with art, including works by contemporary artists and large, colorful vintage posters.

Architectural elements add distinctive touches - such as white columns from an old Roma Hall, a labeled door from a janitor's closet, and a door of bronze, copper and steel scrollwork.

The kitchen features towering stands on a countertop, and floor-to-ceiling cabinets on one wall. Majolica pottery, antique glassware and china are displayed.

Adjacent to the kitchen is a bar - formerly the dining room - that contains a vintage French chandelier Whitehead found in New Orleans.

The first floor is open, great for entertaining.

"You can stand in the kitchen



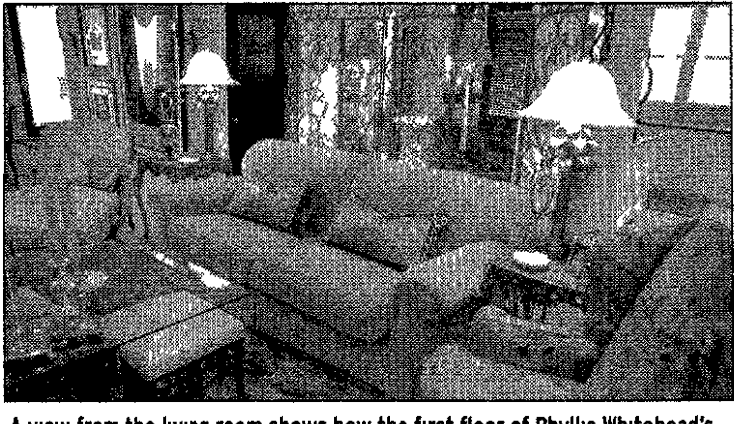
The dining room, like other rooms at Phyllis Whitehead's residence, features an eclectic mix of animal prints, floral designs, art and vintage posters. The house will be on Designers' Homes on Tour Sept. 22.

and talk to anybody (anywhere)," Whitehead said.

Whitehead refers to a sun porch as a garden room. With all the windows, it gives you the feeling of being in the garden, she says.

"This is my room," Whitehead said.

"It's a nice place to sit." The room features lamps made from garden statues, a moose head mounted between framed floral prints, and animal patterns on a furniture covering and pillows.



A view from the living room shows how the first floor of Phyllis Whitehead's house is open. A door from a janitor's closet and an iron screen are among the furnishings.

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As I promised: Here's more about that new washing machine

A few months ago I promised you that I would let you know more about a certain washing machine.

If you remember, a company in Ohio wanted my help in launching this new style washer into the retail industry. It isn't available in any retail stores across the country. The company brought one to me so that I could look at it and give the company an evaluation. At the time I was amazed with its simplicity and how it was constructed.

I received many phone calls from our readers who wanted to know more about it, but as I

said, "I can't say any more until I visit their factory and find out if this is a chicken barn operation or a legitimate operation."

A few days ago I went to the factory to see with my own eyes. The building is 30,000 square feet in a new industrial complex with the appearance inside and out of being immaculate. The president of the corporation and his key people are well involved in the community and respected in the business world.

I spent a few hours in the factory and watched as they built a washing machine from start to finish.

CLEAN, QUIET

For the many people reading this who have seen the rust buildup on the inside of their washer cabinets, this washer is painted inside and out. The bottom structure is also made of steel and is also painted.

The reason I point this out is because many of the cabinets today aren't painted inside and the rust conditions are a serious concern to the service industry. This company wants its products to look good after 15 years of service and it even makes the inner and outer tubs out of stainless steel.

The washer isn't a front loader but loads from the top. It will also take a load of 16 regular bath towels without being overloaded.

If the college kid comes home for the weekend and attempts to wash 90 pounds of clothes in one load, all he or she can do is burn up the belt and not the motor. The average person who can hold a screwdriver can change the belt in five minutes. No service technician required.

The machine is extremely quiet when operating, and the spin cycle so smooth you can balance a nickel on edge on the machine during it. This tub

I'm not being paid by the manufacturer or the retail store that will carry this machine. I'm buying one of these washers for my home ...

balance is because they use shock absorbers, similar to those of a car, and I can tell you how many homeowners complain about a vibrating washing machine.

We are being told today that manufacturers are now gearing up to change the washer industry to all front loaders so they can meet the energy ratings set forth recently by the U.S. Department of Energy. This new washer I am writing

about already meets those Energy Star Ratings and it is still a top loader. No bending over to lift that heavy armful of clothes.

I remind you that it isn't in retail locations to be seen or bought, and that I am currently working on the introduction of this washer into a retail location in this area.

You can see this washer on a few ships in the U.S. Navy, which are so pleased with its performance that they have recently placed an order for more to be delivered.

AT THE SHOW

You will be able to see this washer when I do the home show Friday-Sunday, Sept. 13-15, at the Troy Sports Center, on E. Big Beaver Road at John R. (Show hours are 5-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 455-7226 for more information.)

I expect the display model to be right beside me. It will have a plastic, see-through front on it so you can see how it works and the simplicity of the inner workings.

One last thing to point out in this world filled with so much unethical behavior: I am doing this for you, the consumer. It is as simple as that.

I am not being paid by the manufacturer or the retail store that will carry this machine. I am buying one of these washers for my home, which means I am writing a check for it.

It seems almost corny that someone will take his own time and drive four hours away to do something for others, but that's the way it is. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

Community home and decor classes

Plymouth-Canton Community Education, (734) 416-2937

- Basement Remodeling, 6-10 p.m. Nov 5 and 7, \$99
- Builder's Pre-License Seminar, 6-10 p.m. with two two-week sessions offered starting Oct. 14 or Oct. 21, \$205
- First Time Home Buyer, 7-9 p.m. Oct 9, \$19
- Christmas Decorating & Entertaining, 6:45-9:15 p.m., Nov 6, \$20
- Houseplants & Indoor Gardening, 7-9 p.m. Sept 30 and Oct 7, \$30
- Faux Finishing Techniques, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sept 30, \$28
- Glass Art Painting (simulates stained glass), 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oct 9, \$20
- Ceramic Tile Painting, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov 5, \$10
- Holiday Wreath, 7-9 p.m. Nov 4, \$20

Livonia Public Schools Community Education and Enrichment, (734) 523-9277

- Christmas Decorating & Entertaining, 7-9 p.m. Nov 4, \$20

Feng Shui Basics, with two sessions offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept 25 or 9-11 a.m. Oct 5, \$20

- How to Build Your Own Home, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks starting Sept 17, \$207
- Basement Remodeling, 6-10 p.m. Nov 4 and 6, \$99
- How to Buy a Home, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept 25, \$18
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- Selling Your Home Yourself, 10 a.m. to noon, Sept 28, \$18
- Houseplants, 7-9 p.m. Oct 16, \$12
- Think Spring (prepare for winter), 7-10 p.m. Sept 17, \$18

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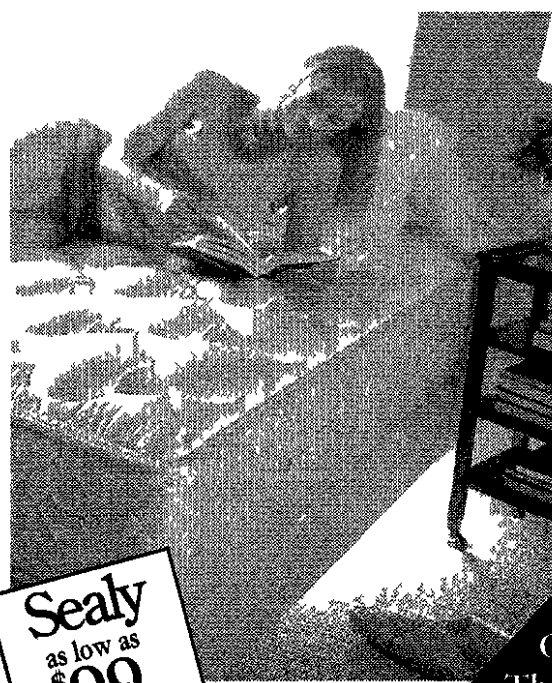
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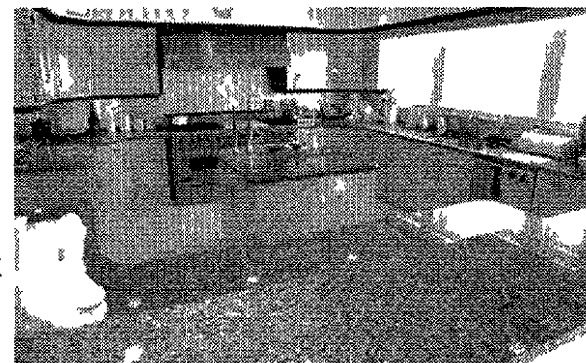
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If you know the sequence of bloom time, you can design the garden to have a display from bulbs for many weeks.

In early spring look for snowdrops, winter aconite, crocus and glory-of-the-snow. Soon the bright daffodils appear, as do hyacinths with their sweet perfume.

Tulips are at their glory in mid-spring, especially the Triumph tulips and the tall Darwin hybrids. Later in the

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WHERE

Bulbs can be planted in almost any flower bed, in borders and along walkways, even under trees that aren't yet in leaf at that time of year.

There is a window of time when the sun hits the areas under the leafless trees, letting the sunshine in to help the bulbs achieve their performance.

You might want to create naturalistic clusters of bulbs in lawns and around tree bases, and daffodils and crocuses work very well for this purpose. To achieve a natural look, simply gently toss the bulbs in the bedding area and plant them where they land.

Be aware of the color of the plants so that you can create a harmonizing picture.

You may want to list the bulbs and their color and bloom time before you visit the nursery or place your order. The ultimate height of the plants will also come into con-

sideration.

This will assure that you will have a pretty spring garden that is pleasing to look at and of which you can be proud.

PUSCHKINIA

One of my favorite spring-flowering bulbs is puschkinia, which blooms from late March into April.

Puschkinia is also known as striped squill. Its blooms are fragrant and the 1-inch flowers all have a blue stripe that is visible when you really look closely. At a distance, the flowers have a faded look. Their beauty will last for several weeks on the 4- to 8-inch tall stems.

Mine grow near the edge of the deck where we can really get a good look each time we're out there.

You might want to try something completely different this year and naturalize puschkinia in the lawn, as they are long-lived and spread readily if they like where they are growing. A bonus is that chipmunks, voles and their kin won't eat them, unless they are very hungry.

If you want the bulbs to be extra safe from the animals, a simple solution is to mix a handful of sharp crushed gravel around the bulbs as you put

them into the ground.

PROGRAMS

Two exciting programs about bulbs that you won't want to miss will take place Sunday and Monday, Sept. 22 and 23, at Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R in Troy. Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, Va., will be the speaker.

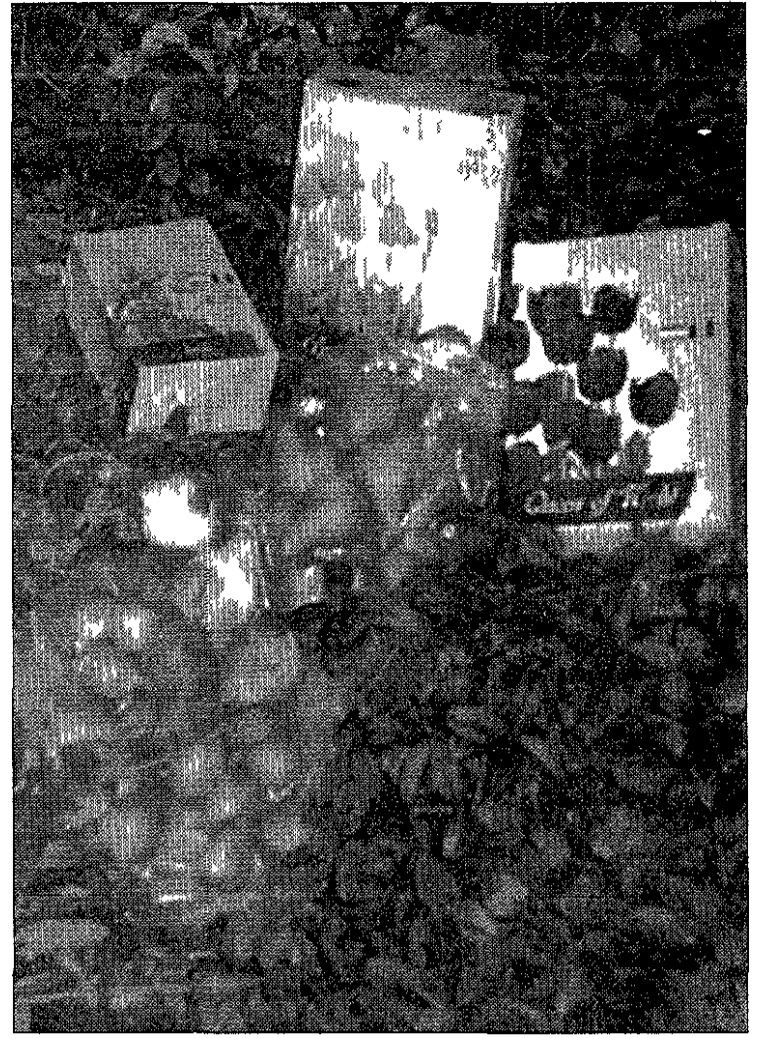
At 1 p.m. Sept. 22, Brent will present Living Flower Arrangements: Bulbs for Containers, a slide lecture that illustrates the many kinds of bulbs that are suitable for growing in containers. The fee for this lecture is \$5 (refunded with \$5 off any purchase the day of the class).

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MARTY FIGLEY

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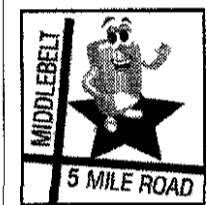


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1. **Live by example.** You cannot expect your children to keep their room organized when you have clutter piles around the house. The best tool for teaching is showing someone how to do something, not just communicating verbally.
 2. **Lay out a workable organization schedule.** Chores or tasks should be age appropriate. You cannot expect your 3-year-old to make his bed, but you can show him how to pick up toys and put them in a basket.
 3. **List the things that need to be done on a daily or weekly basis.** This should be a written plan that everyone understands. Don't make assumptions. If you expect your teenager's room to be picked up, make a list of what needs to be done. The list may look like this:
 - Pick up clothing off the floor and take the items to the laundry room
 - Put books on the bookshelf
 - Organize your school papers in a binder or a file system
 - Throw away all trash
 - Make your bed
 - Close the closet door and shut the dresser drawers
 - Find a home for every item in your room
 4. **Launch a workable system for them.** A plan will fail if discipline isn't used. You will need to make sure your children are following the plan. They may need daily reminders to pick up toys, shoes, coats, backpacks, etc.
 5. **Label their things.** When you organize toys, put a label on the container. Use a picture if your child is too young to read.
 6. **Lend a helping hand.** Sometimes your child may feel overwhelmed and may need your help. Take, for instance, your 13-year-old daughter's closet that is crammed with clothes. She may need you to help her make decisions as she sorts through the clothes.
 7. **Lead your children down the organization road.** Organization is a difficult skill to learn. Begin teaching this skill before your children learn to walk. Create a sense of order in their life. Help your children pick up their things and put them in their home.
 8. **Listen to what they say and ask questions.** The best way to get cooperation is to listen. Ask your child to give you a good reason why his socks are in the middle of the family room floor. Ask him if it is fair for you to pick up his things. After all, you aren't asking him to pick up your things.
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Fall is good time to talk about caulking

A typical fall task is caulking. Caulking helps seal drafts, but more importantly it ensures that paint and wood will last longer by sealing places where water can seep in.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Moisture can be an enemy to your home. If you ever underestimate the power of water, think about the Grand Canyon. Caulk also fills gaps that can make even a good paint job look shabby. A professional-grade caulk gun can cost \$20 or more. Not a good investment for occasional use. When buying a caulk gun, look for one that has smooth operation, has a non-slip ratchet and is dripless. You should be able to find one with these features for about \$5.

Many caulk guns come with an integral cutter to remove the end of the caulk tube. This cutter often leaves a ragged end, which makes putting a smooth bead of caulk down rather difficult. Use a utility knife to cut the tube.

There are many types of caulks on the market. By and large acrylic and polyester caulks will fulfill most household needs.

Acrylic latex is a good all-purpose caulk. This is available in many colors, and it's water based so cleanup is easy. This product skins over and dries rather quickly, so it can be painted with latex paint almost immediately. Buy the best quality acrylic caulk available.

Polyurethane caulk is better than acrylic in most ways. It is, however, stickier and much more difficult to apply.

Polyurethane also needs mineral spirits for cleanup. Though acrylic doesn't last as long as polyurethane caulks, its ease of use and lower cost make it a good option. Polyurethane is a must for

concrete and other masonry. Make sure the caulk is paintable.

HOW IT'S DONE

First, remove any old loose caulk. Clean all the debris using a brush and vacuum. Work some primer into the gaps. This helps seal the wood and gives the caulk a better gripping surface.

Cut a 45-degree angle on the tip, puncture the inner seal and draw the gun toward yourself as you squeeze a thin bead of caulk. The idea is to just bridge the gap, not fill it. Thick beads will pull away from wood as it dries. Thin beads stretch as the wood expands and contracts.

Before the caulk skins over, 'tool' it by running a damp (use water for acrylic, thinner for polyurethane) finger over the joint.

This helps press the caulk into the work and leaves an attractive concave finish. Keep a wet cloth handy for cleanup.

Avoid caulking under windows, the horizontal joints of siding or anywhere that will prevent water from 'weeping.'

Combustion appliances such as dryers, water heaters and stoves need air to burn. In tighter, well-caulked homes this air may come down the chimney, which is bad.

To check for this, close all windows and doors. Run hot water until the water heater comes on for about a minute.

Place a smoldering match near the vent hood at the top of the heater. If the smoke is drawn up the chimney, you're OK. If it's pushed back, have your home checked by a qualified furnace technician.

Harry Jachym is a licensed builder, teaches construction trades to high school students and is the general contractor for Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County. Since we all seem to ask our fathers for repair or remodeling advice, Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Kleim, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Winners in sunflower contest to be announced next week

The winners of this year's High Hopes sunflower contest will be announced in the At Home section on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Prizes for the tallest sunflower and the sunflower with the largest seed head will be awarded 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake

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We drool over the borrowed jewels, we envy the date of that handsome George Clooney. We watch our stars sashay, promenade and pirouette down the red carpet, all the while mugging for the camera. This glitterati of America, who we want to be.

And yet they remind us, we are not them.

Even so, this force that is Hollywood is driving women/mothers/wives to exercise videos, to stair-steps and treadmills. We read about their diet tips and beauty secrets. As each New Year is ushered in we are filled with resolve to begin that year with a healthy new diet and exercise regime. As the goodies glare at us from the refrigerators, we pop that chocolate in our mouths, adjust our long-line bras, and toss our girdles in contempt. We will exercise!

We want to look just like Lara Flynn Boyle or Jennifer Aniston or Courtney Cox Arquette. We want to be at the award shows, we want to be a part of the glitz, the glamour. We want to name drop, we want our homes featured on Cribs, our lives taped, but most of all, we want to sell our own exercise video.

We want to name drop, we want our homes featured on Cribs, our lives taped, but most of all, we want to sell our own exercise video.

Maybe I will release my own exercise video.

Here are some previews:
■ Run with me as I dash the forgotten lunch to school (400 calories burned, 100 bonus points if enraged),
■ Climb stairs with me as I haul the laundry from one floor to another (600 calories burned, 200 bonus points if you drop a pair of socks on the fifth step),
■ Twist with me as I lift the forgotten backpack from the middle of the floor (calories burned determined by the contents, 300 bonus points if you end up in traction).

Note: Screaming at the kids/dog or husband will not burn bonus calories, but may boost the adrenaline.

Or maybe I will host my own awards show. I would give my awards to real people, I would give an award to all the rescue workers who risked and gave their lives last year at the World Trade Center. I would give an award to all those who worked for days to pull trapped miners to safety.

I would give an award to the people who survived Hitler, to the people that fought and fight our wars. I would give an award to those that give of themselves every day of their working lives, doctors, nurses, teachers, coaches.

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ON THE WATER FRONT



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Above, Phil Hoffmeyer front and his coaching staff, from left, Yvonne Lynn, Aaron Reeder and Susan Krupin have the Cruisers ready for another outstanding season. Right, interest in the 27-year-old Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swimming program is at an all-time high, according to team officials.



MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Here are Cruiser highlights from last month's 2002 USS Michigan State Meet.

- The Cruisers placed fifth overall out of 80 teams for combined score (a club record)
- Female team placed sixth overall
- Male team placed sixth overall
- Nick Dixon placed 16th in the Mid-West Sectional for Mens 1,500 Meter Freestyle
- Dixon qualified for 3 additional sectional events, 800 and 400 Meter Freestyles and 200 Meter Fly
- Jill Peterson 13, qualified for the Womens 50 Meter Freestyle sectional event
- Allison Schmitt took second place in the Women's Fly for her age category (11-12) the highest individual finish in any category

Cruisers show swimming is alive and kicking as a youth sport

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

When the subject is youth sports in Plymouth and Canton, images of soccer moms and hockey dads spring to mind. Little Leaguers probably hold down the third spot in terms of participation, with the Canton Junior Baseball Association active on area playing fields throughout June and July.

But young swimmers could be getting ready to lap the competition, based on the growing popularity of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers.

Interest in the 27-year-old program is at an all-time high, said Cruisers coach and Plymouth resident Phil Hoffmeyer. There are 160 kids - from age 5 to high school graduates - participating in the fall program and a waiting list nearing 100 as well, Hoffmeyer said.

"It's becoming a bigger and bigger sport with the success of the U.S. swim team in the last Olympics and strong interest locally as well. So it really doesn't surprise me that we're at this level," Hoffmeyer said.

"There's a promising rivalry now between the U.S. and Australian teams (long considered the top swimmers) and everything is televised these days by ESPN."

FEEDER PROGRAM

Canton and Salem High Schools have had strong programs for years, with swimmers often going deep into the state tournament. In fact, about 90 percent of the swimmers on all three high school teams (with Plymouth High School fielding a small junior varsity squad this year) have come through the Cruisers program, according to Hoffmeyer.

Hoffmeyer, 27, and associate coach Sue Krupin are former Cruiser and Salem swimmers. Aaron Reeder, the other associate coach is a Canton resident and a former Canton High School swimmer.

The program is under the auspices of the Plymouth-Canton schools Community Education Department. Practice sessions are usually held at the two high schools and Central Middle School, although the opening of Plymouth High School has led to some concern that "we'll be pushed out," Hoffmeyer said recently.

A temporary solution that included shifting practice schedules was worked out when supporters of the swim program appeared before the school board in late August but the real answer lies in building another pool, Hoffmeyer said.

The team competes in meets sanctioned by the United States Swimming Association throughout the year. There are summer and fall seasons.

DIVING IN

Finding practice space and navigating the political waters aside, the main attraction for most Cruiser swimmers is the sport itself.

"It's good exercise and you can have fun," said Kelley Hodges, 12, a Plymouth resident who has been a pool rat since her mom enrolled her in a toddler class.

Nick Dixon, now swimming for Salem, has been a Cruiser for eight years - since he was 7. "I feel like it's been part of my life for my whole life," the Canton resident said. "It gives you something to stay dedicated to, to keep you in shape and to stay focused."

Said Andy Knisely, 14, of Canton, who has been swimming with the Cruisers for 2-1/2 years. "I like the sense of accomplishment when you go to a big meet and you do well."

Knisely is one of about nine swimmers on the new Plymouth High School team. He plans to continue the sport in college.

PLEASE SEE CRUISERS, C7

WestSide Singles hasn't missed a beat in 20 years

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

For the last three years, Felicia Parmelee has spent almost every Friday night at WestSide Singles dances.

"I have met tons of new people and I dated two guys I met, the Redford resident said. "It's fun - if you want to go dance or meet people, you can do that, too. Usually they have a good crowd."

For 20 years, singles like Parmelee, 47, have had somewhere to go on Friday night - other than a bar - to meet other singles.

And during those years, there have been at least 200 marriages that resulted from the weekly dances, according to the club's founder, Ed "Westside" - a surname he chose for privacy reasons. A few couples who met at the dances have chosen to have their marriage ceremony at the hall before a WestSide Singles dance.

In fact, Westside met his wife, Annita, at a WestSide Singles dance 17 years ago.

Two decades later, every Friday night, Westside and Annita are there working the dances together.

Countless other singles met, dated and or just had a Friday evening out, he added.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

WestSide Singles celebrates its 20th anniversary from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday at Burton Manor in Livonia featuring "Channel Six Band" and D.J. Diane Hajdyla, of Dearborn Heights.

Hajdyla also met her husband, Gary, at a WestSide Singles dance and they recently celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary.

"I think (the dances are) great, especially for people 30 and up, because there's really nowhere to go and have a good time and dance," Hajdyla said. "The atmosphere isn't so much like a bar."

"There's so many other bars, and you go in, and find that they're all young kids," she added. "It's hard to meet any-

one that way. The dances give people an opportunity to meet, dance and not feel as pressured as they would in a 'bar'."

The dances are usually held at Burton Manor, or if those halls are booked at another location, such as Woodland Country Club in Wayne and New Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

"The WestSide Singles is different from other singles' clubs because the group does not have a membership fee," Westside said. "We don't have member and non-member fees for anything. Nobody needs that kind of expense."

Before 8:30 p.m. dance admission is \$4 and after it's \$6.

It all began, Westside said, when he started meeting with other singles in groups at sports outings, baseball, softball and tennis games, and there was nowhere to go when it started to get dark.

PLEASE SEE ANNIVERSARY, C7



Ed and Annita have brought together many couples over the years at their WestSide Singles Club.

CRUISERS

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During the high school season, Cruisers are inactive on the club team

Many team members include swimming among a host of extracurricular activities

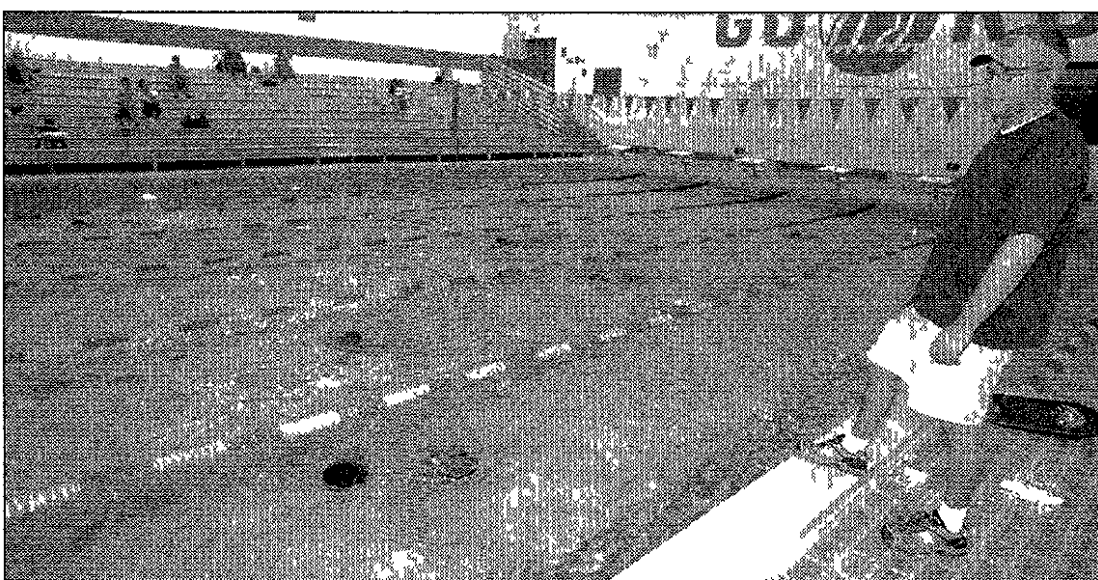
Alex Derian-Toth, 17, of Plymouth, is also on the Canton High School soccer team, student council and participates in running sports

Well-rounded kids

Hoffmeyer said the program puts academic performance and participant conduct at the top of its guidelines and hasn't experienced any serious problems

Team policy dictates that swimmers "act as guests" in the pool area and locker rooms and show "respect to coaches at all times"

Kelley Hodges, who attends Our Lady of Good Counsel, said she isn't allowed to practice or attend meets until her homework is done, "which is no problem"



Cruisers coach Phil Hoffmeyer keeps an eye on his swimmers during practice

Parents are actively involved as well. They provide transportation and handle the concessions at weekend meets in the metro Detroit area and as far away as Okemos, Mich.

There is an annual banquet and the team hold a fund-rais-

er or two during the season

Swimmers raised \$5,000 last season at a Cruiser-a-thon, swimming laps for donations

Hoffmeyer would like to add a golf meeting and someday host a USS meet

"Of course that gets us back

to building additional facilities in the area," he said

For more information about the Plymouth Canton Cruisers go to www.cruiserswimming.com

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ANNIVERSARY

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"It kept growing and people brought things to barbecue and you'd just start to have fun or someone would meet someone and you'd have to go because it was getting dark," Westside, a Canton resident, said

"I thought why not take this indoors and you can stay with it longer and we started doing it every Friday?"

Westside decided to rent a hall

Word got around and "it kept growing," he added

He added a d j , who plays mostly Top 40 songs, appetizers, occasionally invited radio personalities and asked guests to come dressed up

When WestSide Singles first started it was a family affair and he enlisted the help of his parents and friends

Since then he has a staff of about 15 people many of whom are friends

The idea took off

His mailing list includes 5,000 people who receive WestSide Singles event calendars

Most of the people attracted to WestSide Singles are from 25 to 55 years old

A PLACE TO SOCIALIZE

Every week he estimates the dances attract between 200 and 250 people, mostly from Wayne County, but drawing

from other communities, as well

"Twenty years later it's a social get together for adults - a place to dance, meet, mingle and socialize," Westside, 47, said

Often times couples who met at a WestSide dance and got married will return for a night out or an anniversary celebration, Westside said

Thinking about the WestSide Singles 20th anniversary, he added, "It's a long time

Twenty years

It's amazing I never imagined that I ran it as a business and a clean business since day one and that's why I'm still here"

Running a clean business, he said, meant not allowing admittance to anyone under the legal drinking age and if potential guests weren't dressed up they were asked to come back after they changed clothes

Westside said he'll continue running the dances until "one day people don't come"

There is a \$10 admission fee for the Westside Singles 20th Anniversary Dance

Westside plans to give away door prizes, including concert tickets

Everyone will also be invited to place a free personal ad with "Singles Network," a dating magazine

For more information about the anniversary and other dances, call the WestSide Singles Hotline at (734) 981-0909

STANDISH

FROM PAGE C6

So many awards that should be given

But I don't think anyone would watch my exercise video, and I don't think anyone will watch my awards show

But people do watch the Emmys

America loves its award shows

The Emmys, the Oscars, the Tonys

We love seeing out thinner than life stars, we love seeing the glitz, the glamour

It is what our country sometimes seems to be made of

But then, reality strikes, and

we see it all for what it really is

Entertainment

So, this year while watching the Emmy awards, while this year's winner for best actor or actress stands, award in hand, thanking God, thanking spouse, thanking manager and thanking really good lighting, we just need to stop, for only a

moment and remember the real stars are in this wonderful world we call our own

It shouldn't only be heaven that knows

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Grim-Bignell

Debra Greer of Traverse City and C William Grim of Cadillac announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Kaye Grim of Canton to Robert Frank Bignell, son of Carol Harrison of Canton and Michael Bignell of Brighton

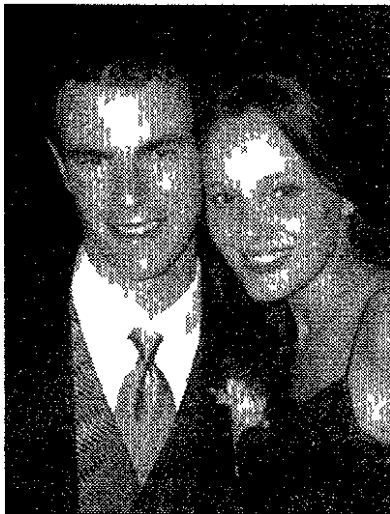
Kari is a 1993 graduate of Traverse City High School and a 1997 graduate of Northwood University

She is currently employed as a senior financial systems analyst at ACN, Inc

Robert is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and 1997 graduate of Michigan State University

He is currently employed as a finance officer at Comerica Bank

An October wedding is planned at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village



Davis-Konley

James and Beverly Davis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lyn Davis to Christopher Brian Konley, son of Brian and Kathleen Konley of Plymouth

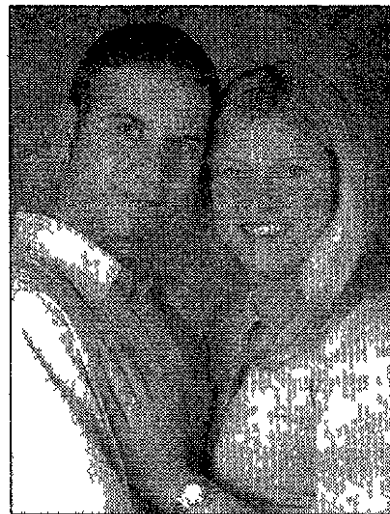
Janet is a graduate of Ladywood High School and of Schoolcraft College with a degree in child development and special education

She is currently employed with UAW Ford Child Development Center

Chris is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is graduating from Eastern Michigan University in spring of 2003 with a degree in communications

He is currently employed by Engineering Reproduction Center

An October wedding is planned at St. Anne's Church of Detroit



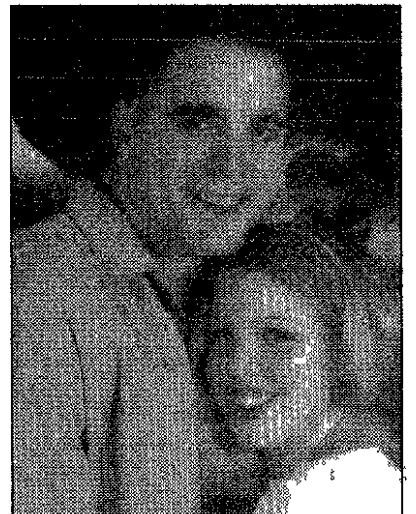
Zelek-Hollmig

Alan and Joyce Zelek of Canton are proud to announce the marriage of their son, Senior Airman Terence R. Zelek to Julie Lynn Hollmig, daughter of Carolyn Hollmig of Del Rio, Texas and Sam Hollmig of LaVerne, Texas

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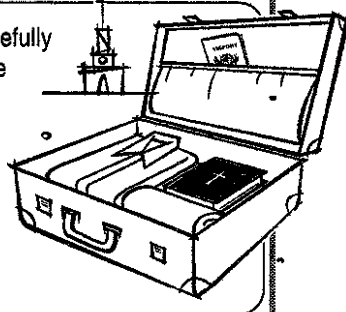
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Sidelines

Twisters unbeaten

The Michigan Twisters ran their unbeaten streak to eight in a row Saturday with a 42-6 thrashing of the Motor City Cougars at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium.

The Twisters got a pair of touchdowns from Jason Gibson and two more from their defense with Kevin Smith taking one interception back 68 yards for a score and DaVaughn Smith returning another 19 yards for a TD. An interception by Aaron Brothers (from Canton) who handed the ball to Richard Peoples (Westland) was returned to the Cougar 3-yard line setting up one of Gibson's scores. Jaquan Wright and Andrew Sheibar also had one touchdown apiece.

The Twisters travel to Lima, Ohio to battle the Lima Thunder (4-3 for the season) at 4 p.m. Saturday. They return home to play the once-beaten Battle Creek Rage Sept. 21. In their first meeting this season, the Twisters edged the Rage 34-31.

A stroke short

The scoring was a match-almost.

Salem met Farmington Harrison in a non-league golf match Monday at San Marino in Farmington, and three of the four counting scores posted matched. The one that didn't was the lowest score of the day, a 37 posted by the Hawks. David Koch — one stroke better than the Rocks' lowest score.

Which meant Harrison edged Salem by a single stroke, 155-156.

Joining Koch for Harrison were Chris Fitzgerald with a 38 and David Doig, Eric Zatkin and Paul Mazanka each at 40. Salem was paced by Andy Thackaberry and Jon Gordon, each with a 38. Joe Pomorski and Aaron Cheesman were next best for the Rocks with 40s, followed by Charlie Suder (41) and Dale Stevens (42).

CC grad shines

Eastern Michigan University junior linebacker Dave Lusky (Redford Catholic Central) had a team-high 12 tackles (six solos, six assists) in the Eagles' 63-17 Mid-American Conference football loss Saturday to visiting Toledo.

He had one tackle for loss. EMU slips to 0-2 on the year.

Top WHAC players

Madonna University fresh from its conquest of the Julie Martin Memorial women's volleyball tournament title over the weekend reaped a pair of individual honors from the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Senior outside hitter Shelley Stanton (Linden) was named Player of the Week as she racked up a total of 92 kills with a .638 hitting percentage in five straight wins. She also had 67 digs, four solo blocks and nine block assists as MU improved to 12-2 on the year.

Senior Natalie Sayre (Grand Rapids) was named WHAC Setter of the Week after averaging 14.9 assists per game in the five matches. She also had eight aces and nine kills.

Strong start leads Ocelots to 4-2 victory

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Such a declaration seemed almost — ridiculous.

After everything Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has been through in the previous week, to listen to their coach, Dominic Scicluna, say that what he needed to do for the second half of their match yesterday with Delta College was 'create a challenge' wouldn't have seemed outlandish if the Ocelots were getting their behinds booted.

And it could have been predictable. Considering a week earlier SC soccer had received more media coverage than in its entire athletic history — not for something the Ocelots had accomplished, but because of a fight during their game at Kellogg CC, during which SC's Ryan Mallard had allegedly kicked, then stepped on, the head of an opponent — a let-down was understandable.

But that wasn't the problem Scicluna was addressing at half-time. It wasn't that SC was playing poorly. The Ocelots were ahead 3-0, and he felt altering his lineup would help his players' learning process.

It almost backfired, but SC repelled the Pioneers' second

half comeback attempt and held on for a 4-2 victory. The Ocelots, who beat the University of Windsor 5-1 Saturday, improved to 5-0 with the victory. Delta is 2-2.

"I put our forwards in back, put in a new keeper and Zoran (Goljic) was not sweeping," Scicluna said. "I made changes they weren't prepared for, so they could discover the pain associated with playing another position. It was a learning experience for them."

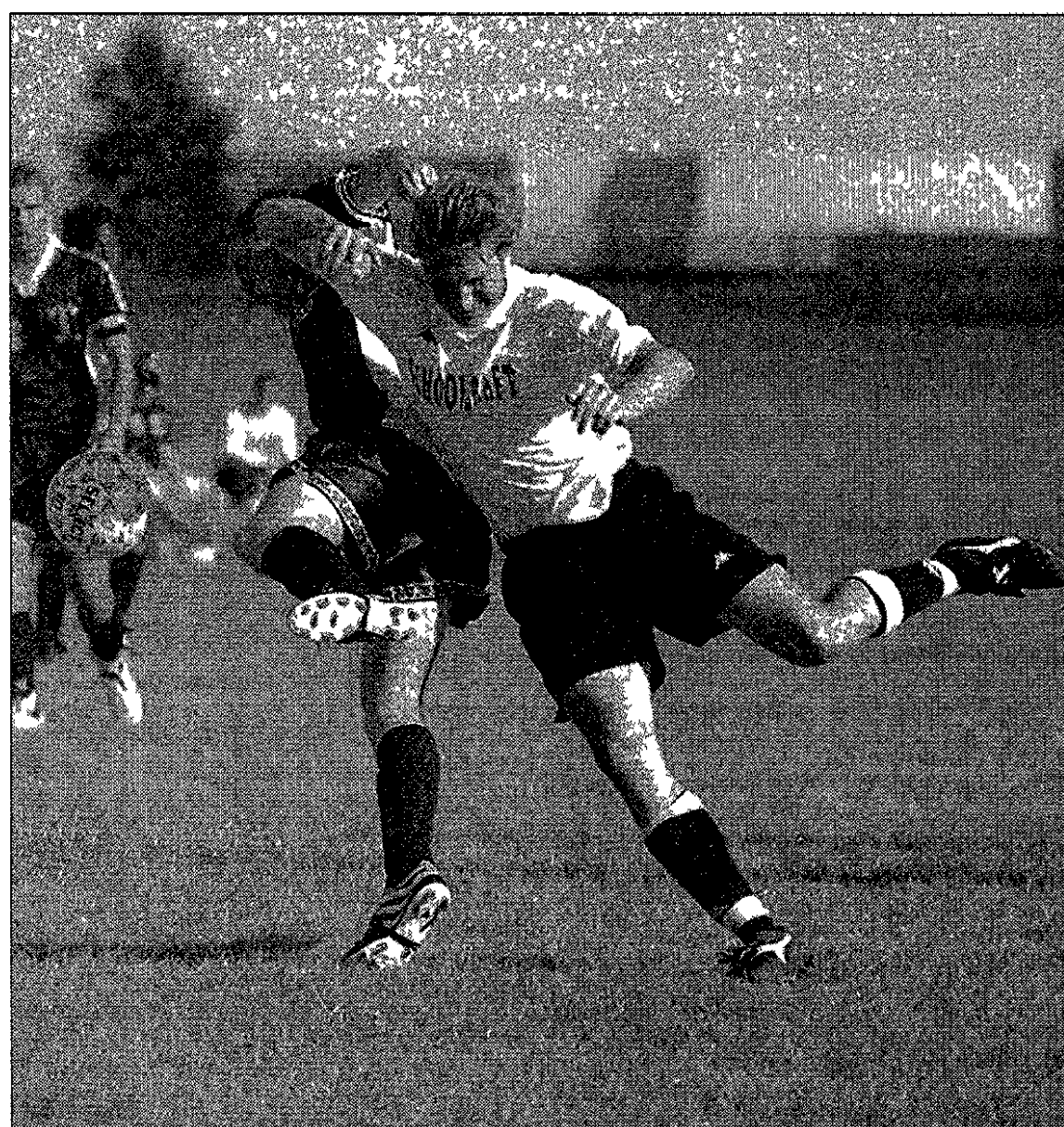
I created conditions that would challenge them.

It didn't seem like there would be much of a challenge in the opening half. William Friend fielded a crossing pass from Salvador Odjeukeng and 31 seconds into the match had a goal, putting SC up 1-0.

At the 13:10 mark Goljic made it 2-0 after slicing through several Delta defenders, then beating Pioneer keeper Chris Grynya. Walter Watts assisted.

Ten minutes later the Ocelots got their third goal from Watts after Delta's Grynya misjudged the ball, leaving him alone to knock it in. David Comito got the assist.

"We just weren't playing well," said Delta coach Harry Whelan. "We were only playing about 60



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Coming out of his usual spot in goal for the second half, Schoolcraft's Eric Sicilia (white jersey) battles Delta's Craig Lill for the ball.

to 70 percent of our abilities, and we had to do much better than that."

With the wind at their back and an altered lineup of their own, the Pioneers did improve in the second half. Less than four minutes in, Eoin Whelan broke in alone on Dickson Mann, III — who had replaced SC's Eric Sicilia (from Livonia

Churchill) in goal — and knocked it in to cut the Ocelot lead to 3-1.

SC recovered and regained its three-goal cushion eight minutes later, Friend taking a pass and beating the defender to make it 4-1. But Delta wasn't giving up yet, five minutes after SC's goal, Sherwin Connell grabbed a mis-play by the Ocelot defense and

scored to make it 4-2.

After that, Scicluna put Goljic back on defense and the Ocelots held on — but it wasn't easy. Delta had other scoring chances but couldn't capitalize.

"We should have actually drawn that game," said Whelan.

Perhaps. And maybe the Pioneers will get the chance to prove it later this season.

Salem seems good, but Stevenson's still better



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Jenny Crabill, a Salem team co-captain, finished seventh in the 200 individual medley and eighth in the 500 freestyle at last year's WLAA Finals.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Well, looking at the bright side, one of those teams that always gave Salem's girls swim teams trouble in the past — including last year — won't any more.

That's because North Farmington, which edged Northville for second place at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships last year, has moved to the Oakland Athletic Association with Farmington and Farmington Harrison.

Of course, perennial champ Livonia Stevenson — winner of the last 11 league titles — and Northville, which could provide a challenge for the Spartans this year, are still around. And if the WLAA Relays, which were Saturday at Salem, are an indication, those two will remain atop the conference.

The Rocks have a very good shot at finishing third, considering who's back and some very promising newcomers.

But first the one key loss. Gone is state

qualifier Monica Glowski, certainly Salem's best swimmer a year ago. She was the WLAA champ in the 100 fly and placed fourth in the 50 free.

Just about everyone else returns. Bolstering that group are some promising freshmen and a sophomore contingent that coach Chuck Olson described as "very strong — our biggest strength right now."

The Rocks have four senior captains: Jenny Crabill, Rachel Underhill, Nicole Genrich and Cami Carnes. Crabill was seventh in the 200 individual medley and eighth in the 500 free at the WLAA's in 2001. Underhill was seventh in the 100 back, Genrich will swim various free events, and Carnes is a solid diver.

Also returning are junior Danielle Powers, who was seventh in the 100 free and eighth in the 50 free at the WLAA's, sophomore Ashley Aquino, an 11th-place finisher in diving and a 12th in the 100 fly, Heather Michalsen, a sophomore who placed eighth in the 200 IM and 11th in the

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D4

With a new coach (again), Canton will grow

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls swim program always seems just on the verge of good things.

Sure, the question always seems to be how good. Can the Chiefs ever mount a challenge to Livonia Stevenson, winner of the last 11 Western Lakes Activities Association championships?

That question seems impossible to answer with certainty, not just for Canton but for every team in the WLAA year after year. For Canton, it's not a question of building a challenger to the league's top team. It's a question of building stability.

The Chiefs have had five different coaches in the last five years. This season's coach is Yvonne Lynn, the former swim standout at Salem HS and Oakland University who takes over for Andrea Gaston, who left to take a teaching position in another district.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Alison Goldsmith, now a sophomore, showed plenty of promise in several events last year.

"I was definitely interested in (coaching Canton)," said Lynn, "when I knew there'd be an opening. Considering the program's recent his-

tory, an opening seemed more a probability than a possibility. And whether or not Lynn stays beyond this year is problematical, she is currently a substitute

secondary teacher in the Plymouth-Canton system, hoping to get a full-time position.

She'd certainly like to return, whatever difficulties are associated with the job. "There's a lot more to it than I thought," Lynn admitted. "I was expecting it to be really scary, I thought the girls would be hard on me because I'm new."

"But they haven't been. They've made it a lot easier for me."

Certainly there's a lot to build with. For starters, she has Ed Weber as an assistant coach. Weber coaches the Canton boys team.

Then there's the numbers, which haven't diminished despite the constant changes. Canton has 60 girls on its team (compared to 64 apiece for Stevenson and Northville and 61 for Salem), considering 33 are juniors and seniors, the indication is interest remains strong.

Among the more talented returnees is

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Salem boys 9th at Brother Rice - are good things ahead?

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Geoff Baker refuses to be overly optimistic in regards to the Salem boys cross country season.

Never mind that the Rocks boast perhaps the strongest returning contingent of runners in the Western Lakes Activities Association, led by Justin Hajduk, who placed second at the WLAA Conference Finals a year ago and was sixth at the state meet.

Some are putting — or at least trying to — Salem on the hot spot as the conference favorite. Baker, Salem's coach, would rather defer the honor, for now, anyway.

Last Saturday's Brother Rice

Invitational at Kensington Metropark was a good example of just what the Rocks are capable of. Two of their top returning runners, Chris Vranak (leg injury) and Adam Warner (cramps), were out of action. Still, Salem placed ninth in the 23-team field.

Any time you can finish in the upper half of the Brother Rice Invitational, that's not a bad thing, Baker said. It's not bad. It was a hot day, tough conditions to run in. But everyone had to race in the same conditions.

I thought going in we could have medalled and brought home some hardware. But with Chris and Adam out, I'm happy with what we got.

It should also be noted no one

from the WLAA could match Salem's shorthanded performance. Livonia Stevenson was 10 points behind the Rocks and Livonia Churchill was much further back.

Salem returns its top seven runners from a year ago, a team that placed sixth in the conference and fourth at the state regionals. Hajduk, who was third at Brother Rice in 16:43, leads the pack, there's also Vranak, Warner, Randy Bearden (38th at Brother Rice in 17:55), Jim Leddy (67th in 18:35), Dave Anderson (75th in 18:47) and Erik Ness (79th in 18:49). A promising newcomer is freshman Jimmy Walsh (85th in 19:00).

Those eight are, at present, the core of this team. All but Warner,

who's a junior, and Walsh are seniors. Stevenson and Walled Lake Western could provide a challenge in the WLAA. Canton, the defending champs, lost most of its starting lineup, as did second-place Northville and third-place Churchill. That leaves the door open. Now all the Rocks need to do is walk — or rather, run — through it.

SALEM GIRLS SOLID

Four of the Salem girls finished in the 40 to 50 range at Saturday's Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark. Problem was, the Rocks had no one running with the frontrunners, and there was a dropoff from their pack in the

40s to the 60s.

We had a lot of first-year runners running varsity," explained Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "It really opens the eyes of the young kids. It was a good stepping stone for us. We didn't have a great day, we didn't have a bad day. I was happy with the way we ran. It's a good starting point for us. What we need to do is develop a No. 1 runner."

No one took that challenge Saturday in conditions that can only be described as brutal. Amanda Kassem was the Rocks' first finisher, placing 41st (22:00), Lusa Keski-Hynnala was 43rd (22:12), Lianne Griffiths was 46th (22:24) and Monica Przebenba was 47th (22:25). Stephanie Hajduk was next

best in 59th (22:56), with Lauren Medley 60th (23:03) and Meghan Galvin 62nd (23:08). Ern Jensen, a senior who ran with the Salem junior varsity team, was sixth in the JV race in 22:39, a time that would have placed her near the top 50 in the varsity race.

She would have definitely helped us out, said Gerlach, adding that Jensen ran JV because she wasn't among Salem's best at the team's time trial.

Clarkston won the race with 37 points. The Wolves were followed by Saline (92), Livonia Churchill (102), Livonia Stevenson (125), Rochester Adams (157), Troy (195) and Salem (236).

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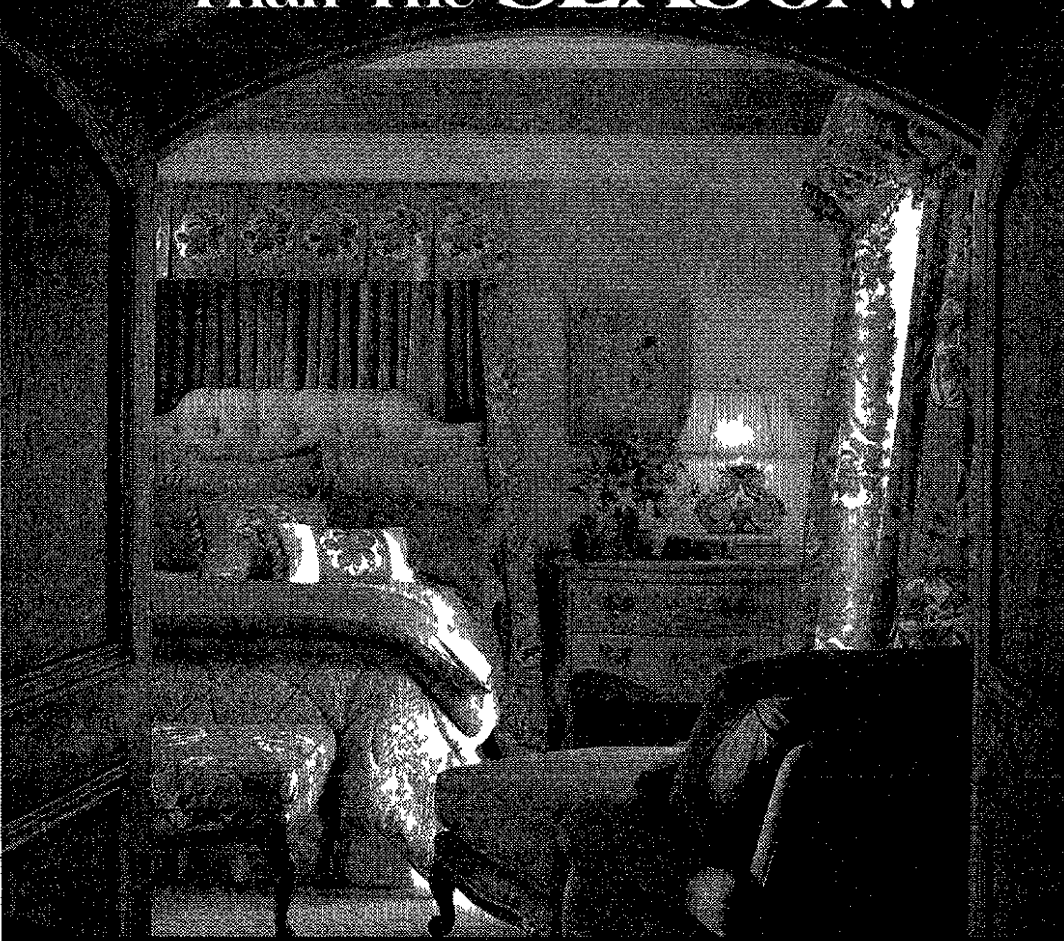
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MU captures tourney title

It wasn't exactly a clean sweep. That's something Hillsdale College's volleyball team can be proud of, because that's what the Chargers prevented.

Hillsdale won the opening game of its championship match with Madonna, 30-18, in the final of the Julie Martin Memorial Tournament Saturday at Madonna.

That, as it turned out, was the only game the Lady Crusaders lost. They went on to defeat Hillsdale in the next three sets, 30-25, 30-25, 30-18 to hand the Chargers their first loss of the season and to capture the tournament title.

That win, combined with earlier tourney victories over Huntington (Ind.) College (30-13, 30-17, 30-25), ninth-ranked Georgetown (Ky.) College (30-9, 30-23, 30-26) and Saginaw Valley State (30-22, 30-20, 30-17), raised Madonna's record to 12-2. Hillsdale is 7-1.

Senior outside hitter Shelley Stanton was named tournament MVP after collecting 79 kills, 55 digs, 11 blocks and six service aces. Natalie Sayre, a senior setter who had 185 set assists and eight aces in the tournament,

VOLLEYBALL

was selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setter of the week and Stanton was the player of the week.

Also named to the all-tournament team were Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin), who had 50 kills, 44 digs, 14 blocks and five aces, and Laura Lesko, who finished with 52 kills and 16 blocks in the tournament.

The key performers in the four-game victory over Hillsdale in the final were Stanton, who totaled 21 kills (with a 48.6 kill percentage), 10 digs and four blocks, Sayre, who had 61 set assists, three blocks and two aces, Morrill, with 18 kills (47.1), 18 digs and four blocks, Lesko, 16 kills (80.0), two aces and five blocks, and Natalia Timna, with 14 kills (40.6) and two aces.

As a team, the Crusaders hit 518, had seven service aces and 19 blocks in the match.

OCELOTS ON A ROLL

After winning five of eight matches at the season-opening

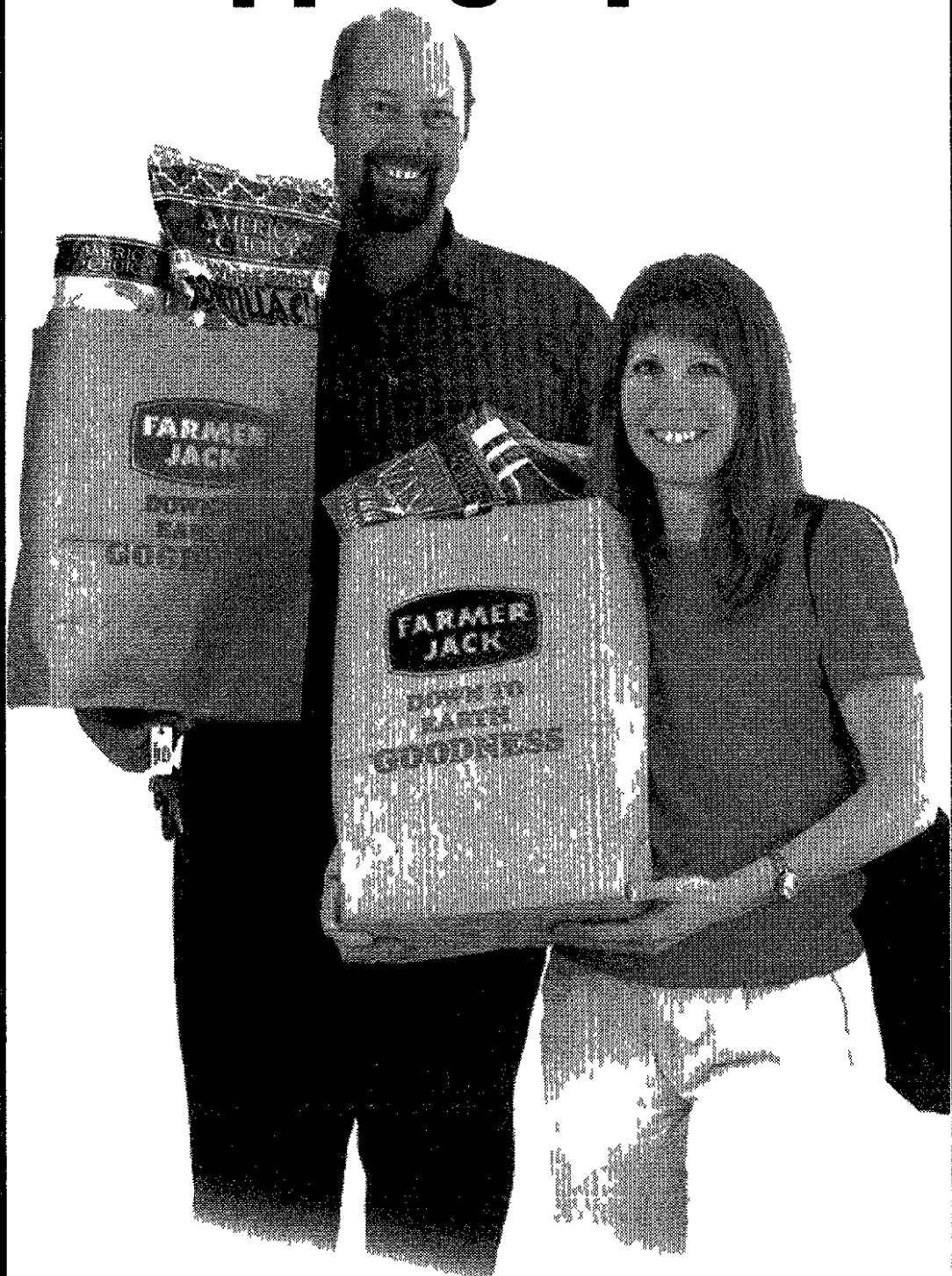
St. Clair Tournament Aug. 30-31, Schoolcraft College really got it going last week, beating Delta CC 30-23, 30-12, 30-20 last Thursday at Delta and topping Macomb CC and Alpena CC both twice Friday and Saturday at the Alpena Conference Quad. The five-straight wins puts Madonna's match record at 10-3.

At Alpena, the Lady Ocelots beat Macomb 30-24, 30-24, 25-30, 30-20 and 30-18, 30-16, 30-15, and stopped Alpena 30-9, 30-21, 30-18 and 30-11, 30-16, 30-12.

In those five wins, Holly Soldenski had 77 kills and 10 service aces, Carly Szajnecki collected 48 kills, 42 digs, 15 blocks and eight aces, Stephanie Koslows had 44 kills and 10 aces, Katie Drews (Livonia Stevenson) had 35 kills and 11 blocks, and Ioana Vescan finished with 209 set assists, 34 digs and 26 aces.

At the St. Clair Tournament, Soldenski (a 29.3 kill percentage) and Koslows each had 38 kills, and Koslows led SC with 15 aces. Meghan Mitchell had a team-high 58 digs, Noelle Swartz (Canton/Westland John Glenn HS) led with 15 blocks and Vescan had 136 set assists.

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Madonna women win, draw on road trip

Two second-half goals enabled Madonna University's women's soccer team to battle back and tie nationally-ranked Lindenwood College, 2-2 Thursday in the first of two matches the Lady Crusaders played last week in St. Charles, Mo.

On Friday, Madonna came from behind once again to defeat William Penn (Pa.) 2-1 in overtime to improve its record to 3-0-1 overall. William Penn is 1-2 against Lindenwood.

SOCCER

Thursday, the Crusaders trailed 1-0 at halftime but got goals from Sarah Pack (from Canton/Westland John Glenn) and Becky Guibord to earn a draw. Sarah Hartsell (Livonia Churchill) was in goal for Madonna, she made 13 saves as Lindenwood outshot the Crusaders, 15-9.

Friday's match against William Penn was nearly as trying as the Crusaders were forced to play overtime for the second-straight day. Penn took a 1-0 lead at the half, but Kelly Delaney knotted it in the second half for Madonna to force OT. The game-winner was scored by Guibord.

This time, the Crusaders had the shot advantage, 12-6 over William Penn, with Guibord scoring on the only shot taken at either goal in OT.

Hartsell made five saves in the victory.

MU MEN STOP ALMA

In a non-league soccer match played Wednesday at Greenmead in Livonia, Madonna dominated

the first half but found itself tied with Alma College 90 seconds into the second.

Fortunately, a couple of veterans came through for the Crusaders, Salvatore Pirane getting the go-ahead goal midway through the second half and Dan Kurtinatis adding an insurance marker nearly 10 minutes later as Madonna posted a 4-2 victory.

The Crusaders opened the scoring just 7:17 into the match, Justin Fishaw (from Canton HS) drilling a shot over Alma keeper Marty Ciurlik's head following a pass from Nick Szczechowski (Salem HS).

Pirane scored his first goal of the match, and the season, at the 37:41 mark on a pass from Evan Baker (Canton) to put Madonna up 2-1.

But Alma's Evan Hammontree knotted it once again early in the second half, setting the stage for Pirane's and Kurtinatis' heroics. Chris Derrig assisted on Pirane's second goal, Casey Cook drew the assist on the score by Kurtinatis, scored on a header following Cook's corner kick.

Joe Suchara (Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna, making six saves.

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Ruggiero watches women's hockey gain in popularity

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Angela Ruggiero has seen the evolution of girls hockey. For that matter, the Harrison Township native continues to be part of the sport's evolving popularity among women.

Last Thursday afternoon, the defenseman on the 2002 silver medalist U.S. Olympic women's hockey team had a captive audience at Livonia's Edgar Arena as she conducted a clinic for a pair of 10-and-under girls teams, the Livonia Knights and the Ann Arbor Huskies.

The two teams then squared off for a game vying for the coveted "Ruggiero Stick." "With only one hour it's hard to focus in on a lot of stuff, I just want the kids to have fun," said Ruggiero, who now resides in Harper Woods.

Canada and the U.S. leading up to the Visa Skate to Salt Lake Tour. Following the Winter Olympics, she visited Europe, then spent the summer conducting clinics around the country before returning to Harvard to take a class.

"I took two years off, my priorities were altered," said Ruggiero, who was an All-America for two years. "I'm looking forward to the college season. I think we have a pretty good team at Harvard."

The loss to Team Canada in the gold medal game hasn't dampened her spirits. Ruggiero realizes the rivalry between two nations will endure. "In women's hockey we're the number one and two teams in the world," Ruggiero said.

"I played in boys teams until I was 14," said Ruggiero. "Then I played on girls team when I went to prep school. I felt it was an opportunity of a lifetime, not only for hockey, but also for academics. Even though the game was slower



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Angela Ruggiero, a defenseman on the 2002 U.S. Olympic women's hockey team, continues to try and spread the popularity of her sport.

and I had to adjust to the non-check (rules)." Ruggiero believes women's hockey will continue to gain speed.

"It's so exciting to see little girls play because colleges are offering more and more hockey scholarships," she said. "We've gone from 5,000 USA hockey registered players to 40,000 registered."

"As soon as I graduate I'm going to push college hockey in Michigan," she said. "Michigan has the talent pool for good college players, but most of them are going east."

"You have put money into it. The University of Minnesota has its own rink now. Men don't want to give up the ice time, but col-

leges have to take the initiative because we're developing youth players. I think it's absurd Michigan or Michigan State doesn't have women's hockey."

Ruggiero said she may coach some day. She's coached pre-teen girls teams since she was 16. She comes from a hockey family, her younger brother Billy played for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. She has a sister who also played.

"My parents, my family have always been involved and dedicated to the sport," Ruggiero said. "Right now I'm restricted by the NCAA, but once I'm done with school I'm going to put my own camp together. We need girls camps in the summer."

With her Harvard background and Olympic experience, right now it seems there's no better ambassador for the sport of women's hockey than Ruggiero.

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Price turns out right in Wayne cage triumph

Junior Renita Price scored 16 points as Dan Kaminski notched his first victory as girls basketball coach at Wayne Memorial with a 42-34 triumph Tuesday over host Taylor Kennedy.

Wayne, 1-2 overall, jumped out to a 20-7 first-half advantage before Kennedy roared back to tie it in the third quarter.

Wayne was able to pull away in the final 2:30 to ice the victory.

Shannah Jones added six points for the Zebras, who made 14 of 34 free throws on the night.

Erica Alexander and Rachel Grump scored 12 and 11, respectively, for the Eagles (0-2), who made 10 of 23 free throws.

ALLEN PARK 77 CLARENCEVILLE 16 On Tuesday Sarah Faletti's 20 points carried the Jaguars (2) past Livonia Clarenceville (0-3) in a non-conference game.

Danielle Farkas added 12 points for Allen Park, which led 31-12 at halftime before going on a 34-3 third quarter run. Emily Collins, a junior guard, scored five for the Trojans.

DEARBORN 52, STEVENSON 44 A 16.6 third quarter run proved to be the difference Tuesday as the host Pioneers (3-1) featuring only one senior and one junior trimmed Livonia Stevenson (0-4) in a non-league.

Sophomore Chris Falzon led Dearborn with 12 points, five coming in the third period. Yvonne Hamood, a freshman, added 11.

Senior Mary Taylor led the Spartans with 14 points, hitting seven of nine shots from the floor. She also grabbed 10 rebounds and finished with three steals.

Freshman Danielle Smith contributed 13 points, hitting three triples to go along with three steals. We played as well as we've played this year, Stevenson coach Amy Rozman said. Free throws were definitely a factor.

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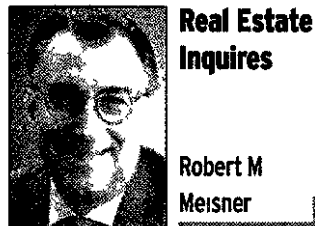
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It's very difficult for a purchaser to learn that unless he goes to an attorney who has experience with that developer or knows of that developer's reputation.

The best thing to do is to find out each and every project in which the principals of the developer have been involved and check as to whether or not there has been any litigation and/or other complaints to the state regarding the developer.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate corporate law and litigation. He can be reached via e-mail at bmeisner@mich.com.

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Homeowners insurance costs soar: Here's what you can do

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

You gotta' have it. It's skyrocketing in price. So what are you gonna' do?

We're talking homeowners insurance. Mortgage lenders generally require it and, unless you're independently wealthy, it's probably a real good idea to have it anyway.

Homeowners insurance will pay to fix your home when damaged by mechanical failure, weather, fire or vandalism. It also will pay medical and compensatory benefits if someone sustains an injury on your property.

Policies also cover you if your child damages someone else's property. And more and more policies offer riders at an additional cost to cover sewer and drain back-ups in the basement.

Char Rosenbaum, an associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates Real Estate One in Birmingham, knows the value of homeowners insurance from personal experience.

"I had a refrigerator with a defective part, it sprung a leak and went all over the hardwood floor," she said. "The estimate was \$13,000. Insurance covered it. I paid a \$500 deductible. To me, you can't be without it."

First off, know that insurance companies are in business to make money. They don't

make money when they pay out more than they take in.

Pat Moore, an independent insurance agent with Metro Agency in Livonia, represents six different companies that offer homeowners insurance.

"Last year, one of those companies reported that their loss ratio was 138 percent," he said. "That means they paid out \$1.38 for every dollar they took in."

Ice damming and summer storms here have proven costly in recent years.

Insurance companies are investors, too. The tanking of the stock market and low interest rates on fixed-rate investments also have impacted financial statements.

So that leaves premium hikes to pick up the slack.

"We're seeing increases of 20-25 percent since the first of the year," Moore said. "That's average and all are going up."

The insurers' explanation? "Due to deteriorating loss experiences - that's what they tell us in writing," Moore said.

Before you get too upset, know that in Texas, State Farm isn't offering homeowners insurance for new customers and Farmers Insurance Group isn't renewing on individuals who recently filed claims, the Associated Press news service reports.

In Michigan, Farmers accepts both new and renewals. State Farm accepts a new cus-

tomers here only if it loses an existing customer "to manage growth," a spokeswoman said. Denver L. Smith, an agent with Farmers in Southfield, said he's been hearing from clients - loud and clear - at renewal time.

"It's been a frustrating time in the industry," he said.

Consumers can pursue a couple of strategies to reduce the cost of homeowners insurance, agents advise.

"Far and away, probably the most effective thing they can do to decrease premiums is move up the \$250 deductible to \$500," Moore said. "That's not going up a whole lot, \$250 if you change and file a claim, and you still get pretty good coverage."

Smith suggests an even higher deductible. "Five hundred dollars is getting to be standard in the industry. If you go to \$1,000, you get quite a lot more savings."

Purchasing auto insurance and homeowners insurance from the same company also can yield discounts, Moore said.

"Previously, I think the prudent shopper would buy homeowners insurance from Company X, auto insurance from Company Y and boat insurance from Company Z," Moore said.

"Now, companies are pushing that the most cost effective way is to look at a personal

protection program where you try to find one company to do all of it," he said.

Smith recommends that homeowners go over their policies with their agents to make sure the homes are rated correctly as to location, structural materials, layout and fire suppression considerations.

Making a few inexpensive improvements around the house not only will make it safer but also could result in insurance savings, he added.

"If they have a central burglar alarm, that's one thing, deadbolt locks, another," Smith said. "A fire extinguisher in the house would be a plus. All of those would result in a discount."

Membership in certain professional associations also might bring discounts, he said.

Carol Moreno, associate broker with RE/MAX Village Professionals in Clarkston, doesn't believe the cost or availability of homeowners insurance affects markets here.

"I don't see it holding anything or anybody up," she said. "Sometimes, mortgage companies will require flood insurance. It can be truly expensive."

Moreno, a 15-year veteran, is a former president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

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Can you see yourself buying a \$185,000 home with only \$5,550 out of your own pocket? The FHA's small down-payment provision and the market's very low mortgage interest rates have now created compelling reasons for renters to buy homes sooner instead of later.

You may be an FHA loan candidate if you have a very small down payment, if you have bruised credit, or if you cannot otherwise qualify for a conforming mortgage. With the FHA, you may receive your down payment as a "gift," and you may use a non-occupant co-borrower, if required, to help you qualify.

You may also be excited to know that the maximum FHA loan value for single-family dwellings in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties is now \$172,900. In Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Livingston Counties, the max increases to a whopping \$185,250.

Today, the monthly payments on FHA mortgages at these upper limits would range from \$950 to 1,025 for an ARM and from \$1,090 to \$1,175 for a 30-year fixed-rate product. Add on a few hundred dollars a month for real estate taxes, homeowners insurance, and mortgage insurance, and you are in your own home.

Renters, listen up! You should be able to buy a home using the FHA guidelines for almost 40 percent more than the rent you are paying right now and still come out ahead. Let's say your current rent is \$1,150 per month, and your marginal tax bracket is 33 percent. The payment on a home purchase of \$185,000 (assuming property taxes and homeowners insurance of \$3,000 and \$600 per year, respectively) would be about \$1,550 per month.

Because you will be receiving an income tax benefit, in this case equal to about 33 percent, of the \$15,000 of taxes and interest you will be paying during the year, your effective monthly home payment will be reduced by about \$415 to \$1,135 - less than your \$1,150 rent!

Need more? As your \$185,000 home appreciates at even a minimal 4 percent per year, it will be worth about \$210,000 in 36 months yielding a four-fold return on your 3 percent down payment. Thanks, FHA!

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer and originates FHA mortgages throughout Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522 or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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LISTING REMAX

Find correct location, lifestyle with practice retirement

(AP) - Many baby boomers have special dreams for their retirement, touring the country in an RV, moving to the sunny climes of Florida or Arizona, cruising the oceans.

Yet some are destined to find that their long-anticipated new lifestyles just don't work for them. That recreational vehicle could be too cramped for two. Florida might turn out to be hot and muggy. Exotic cruises might be expensive and, at times, stomach churning.

Some boomers and retirees have found that one way to try to avoid expensive mistakes is to do some trial runs, essentially practice retirements.

That's what Charlie and Larri

Johnson did. They quit their jobs in 1994 and spent the next six years cruising the Caribbean in their 53-foot tawler, Bearboat.

A practice retirement is a great idea, said Larri, 55. Sometimes people have a whole different perception of what it's like. Take cruising. It's not umbrella drinks on the back deck every night. It's not beautiful sunsets every night.

She said they had met people who spent a lot of money on a boat and, after hitting bad weather or struggling with a mechanical problem for the first time, cruised back into port and put a for sale sign on the craft.

Larri said she and Charlie had

'Sometimes they've changed, or they're upset with the cost of living where they are, or they want to get away from crime or they're looking for a place that is a better fit for their later years.'

Sherie Corley
gerontology teacher

to learn to work as a team and to play to strengths such as hers in navigating, his in weather forecasting. They started with short jaunts out of Florida and eventually set out for the Windward and Leeward islands.

They're now living on their boat in a marina in St. Petersburg, Fla. Charlie, 58, a retired Navy officer, has started a business helping to outfit boats for other cruisers while Larri has gone back to public relations work.

When they eventually do retire, Larri said, "I can't imag-

ine we'd retire and sit in chairs and watch TV, I think we will always be doing something on the water."

Sherie Corley, who teaches gerontology, said many people want to find a place or lifestyle that is compatible with their image of retirement.

"Sometimes they've changed, or they're upset with the cost of living where they are, or they want to get away from crime or they're looking for a place that is a better fit for their later years," she said. "A lot want to be closer to their kids - but not in their kids' laps."

Corley, who is in her 40s, said one way to try out new locations is to house swap.

"We're in a home exchange crowd," she said. "We do it for the travel. But we're finding that some people use it to come to our area, check it out and see if they want to be in this area permanently."

She said some retirees' relocations turn out to be disasters if they haven't thought the move through.

"There are people who visit Colorado a couple of times and then build a 5,000-square-foot house up in the mountains somewhere," Corley said.

"Just who is going to visit you in the middle of nowhere? How are you going to get around in winter? What are you going to do when you need medical care?"

Duane Lindgren, 66, spent a number of years working as an agricultural consultant in the Middle East before he and his wife, Barbara, 64, moved to central California.

They enjoyed camping in a small trailer on vacations to the Pacific coast, so they were comfortable with their decision on retiring in 1997 to take to the road in a pickup with a 35-foot Fifth Wheel trailer in tow.

"We hit about half of the states in the next four years," he said. "A lot of RV people will go and stay some place for three or four or five months. But we kept moving because we liked that."

When the time came to find a more permanent place to retire, the Lindgrens also did some experimenting. His wife wanted to settle in Texas, where a daughter lives, but he was more comfortable with the Northwest.

"We had liked Oregon, so we took three or four trips up the coast," he said.

About a year ago they built a home in Florence, Ore., which Lindgren describes as "one of the nicest small towns you'll ever find with air so fresh you can't imagine it."

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Robert R. Jones, a luxury custom builder based in Bloomfield Hills, has been appointed to the Michigan Residential Builders & Maintenance and Alteration Contractors Board.

The board, appointed by the governor, is primarily responsible for the licensure and regulation of persons in the construction industry.

Jones is a former president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders and the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Marilyn Chicorel Megdell, an associate broker, joins the West Bloomfield office of Max Brook Realtors.

Megdell has acquired the professional designation of Graduate Realtor Institute and brings 18 years experience in the business.

She also has a bachelor of science degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and lives in Waterford.

Etkin Skanska, a construction company with offices in Farmington Hills, has been awarded ISO 9001 certification for good management and quality delivery of services.

Levi Smith of Levi F. Smith Real Estate represented Franklin Bank in the renegotiation of its 50,000-square-foot lease space in the Franklin Business Center in Southfield.

Levi F. Smith, in business 14 years, is a commercial tenant advocacy brokerage firm in Southfield.

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Web provides tips on moving

(NAPS) - Did you know that moving midweek is cheaper?

That packing blankets in the dryer can prevent damage to the appliance?

Or that moving expenses may be tax deductible?

Consumers now can find these insights and more at www.budget.com, Budget Truck Rental's interactive Web site for local and one-way, long-distance moves.

The tips are coupled with a range of services to help consumers save time, money and aggravation on moving day. A mover's guide with everything from checklists to truck size and boxes/supplies needed for a move are included.



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ker with ERA Alliance in Farmington Hills, and West Bloomfield Community Education offer a class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9 15 p m Tuesday, Sept 17, at Orchard Lake Middle School Topics include setting price, target marketing, financing techniques and purchase documents Cost is \$30 To register, call (248) 865-4488

BUY HOME CLASS II
Juliette Bauman, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic in Livonia, and Colonial Mortgage present a free class for home buyers 6 30-9 p m Wednesday, Sept 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia To register, call Bauman at (734) 779-9977

DRUG TESTING
The Washtenaw Contractors Association sponsors a seminar, "Drug Testing in the Construction Industry," 7 30 a m Thursday, Sept 19, at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road at I-94, Ann Arbor Cost, which includes breakfast, is \$17 for members, \$22 for non-members To register, call (734) 662-2570

HOMEARAMA
The BIA presents Homearama Macomb, 13 new houses for public view, Sept 19-Oct 6 at Cornerstone Village Subdivision, off Card Road just south of 22 Mile Road, Macomb Township Hours are 2-9 p m weekdays, 10 a m to 9 p m Saturday, and 10 a m to 6 p m Sunday Cost is \$7, with children under 12 free Discount coupons are available at Standard Federal Bank branch offices For information, call (248) 862-1019

LICENSE CLASS
Schoolcraft College offers a 40-hour class required to

obtain a real estate license 5 30-10 30 p m Thursday, Sept 19-Nov 7, on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. Cost is \$269, \$215 20 for senior citizens To register, call (734) 462-4448

CORNET MEETING
CoreNet Michigan Chapter, a group of commercial/ international Realtors, hosts a lunch and tour of the new Ford Field noon Thursday, Sept 19, at the stadium, 2000 Brush, Detroit Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members To register, fax or e-mail Kelly Taylor at (734) 722-5304 or KellyJTaylor@Comcast.net

NATIVE PLANT SALE
The Oakland Land Conservancy and Friends of West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation will hold a native plant sale 9 a.m to 2 p m Sunday, Sept 22, at Karner Farm on the east side of Halsted Road about a half-mile north of Maple Road in West Bloomfield Free to enter with plants, trees, vines and shrubs at various price points For information, call Oakland Land Conservancy at (248) 601-2816

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
Several area firms combine to sponsor a conference, 'Get Green 2002 Paths to Environmental Design,' 8 a m to 5 p m Wednesday, Sept 25, at Ford Motor Conference and Event Center, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn Cost, which includes a choice of five seminars and lunch, is \$20 To register, contact Betty Hoover at Ford & Earl Associates, (248) 524-3222

BUY HOME CLASS III
Flagstar Bank and RE/MAX present a free class for home buyers 7-8 30 p m Thursday, Sept 26, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Pointe Blvd, Suite

140, off Haggerty between Eight and Nine Mile Roads, Novi To register, call Vicki Heany at (248) 348-3000, Ext 253

CHAINSAW SAFETY
The Michigan Recreation and Park Association conducts a chainsaw safety and maintenance workshop 8 a m to 2 30 p m Thursday, Oct 3, at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center in that community Cost, which includes lunch, is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members To register, call (517) 485-9888

CONDO CLASS
Robert M Meisner, a lawyer and columnist for the O&E, and Oakland Community College present a class, "Introduction to Condominium Operation Essentials for Success," 7-9 p m Tuesday, Oct 8-29, at the Bingham III Office Park, Suite 467, 30200 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms Cost is \$95 To register, call (248) 522-3618 or (248) 644-4433

EFFECTIVE PLANNING
Michigan State University Extension sponsors a series of classes on effective community planning 6-8 30 p m Wednesdays through Oct 30 at the Wayne RESA Building, 5454 Venoy, Wayne Topics include retaining tax base and community character, environmental issues with storm water management, developing brownfields, and eliminating nuisances Cost is \$35 per class For information, contact Kristine L Hahn at (313) 833-3417

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BIA UPDATES
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BUY HOME CLASS
Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100, and her financial services team present a free, no-obligation class on how to go about purchasing a home 7-9 p m Tuesday, Sept 17, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile Road, Suite 100, just west of I-275, Livonia To register, call (734) 420-9600

BUILD HOME CLASS
Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a 16-hour seminar, "How to Build Your Own Home," Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept 17-26, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia Topics include estimating costs, building codes/permits and construction basics Cost is \$207, plus \$25 for two textbooks To register, call (734) 523-9277

REMODELERS CLASS
The remodelers council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a Certified Graduate Remodelers course on business accounting and job costs 8 a m to 3 p m Tuesday, Sept 17, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$125 To register, call (248) 862-1033

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Former resort community needs help to revitalize, authors say

(AP) - For more than half a century, Idlewild was a summertime Mecca for the elite of Midwestern black society.

Now two Western Michigan University professors have written a book that they hope will focus attention on the once-thriving resort community in northern lower Michigan and kick-start a concerted effort to revitalize it.

As it is, Idlewild is a hodgepodge of well-kept and dilapidated houses, vacant commercial buildings and successful businesses.

Sociologist Lewis Walker and historian Ben C. Wilson, co-authors of *Black Eden: The Idlewild Community*, say Idlewilders must figure out what kind of revitalized community they desire.

Do they want a place for retirees? A historical area? A resort town again, only this time for all races?

"They must decide on what it is that they want to become and then go after the resources and the necessary personnel to make these things happen," Walker says.

But Idlewilders can't be expected to do it all, Walker and Wilson maintain.

The community lies in Michigan's poorest county roughly between Ludington, Big Rapids and Cadillac.

According to the 2000

Census, Lake County had a 14.7 percent poverty rate in 1999, compared with the statewide rate of 7.4 percent, median household income was \$26,622, compared with \$44,667 statewide.

"With 600 people (living there) year-round and an elderly population and a poor population living on a limited income, these people can't contribute much to the revitalization," Walker says.

"To me, the broader plan would involve some of the people who benefited from Idlewild during its heyday."

One way entertainers could offer assistance would be to help organize and perform in a series of fund-raising concerts, either outdoors in Idlewild, which does not have an indoor venue large enough for a big show, or in major cities.

Profits from the shows could be used to help the community, Walker says.

The authors say they wrote *Black Eden* for two main reasons: to chronicle Idlewild's history and current problems - something they say has never been done in a book - and to promote the community's revitalization.

"We just felt that, given its rich history and its origin, it deserves a place in Americana, not just in black Americana (and) it deserves to regain some

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of its past glory,' Walker says.

Created from nearly 2,700 acres of defaulted timberland in the 1910s, Idlewild was a popular resort area for more than 50 years. It was a place where blacks were always welcome to relax and enjoy outstanding music, fine food and comfortable lodging.

In short, it was a markedly different place for blacks than much of the United States at that time.

Many of the nation's greatest black entertainers performed there, including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, The Four Tops, B.B. King, Sammy Davis Jr. and Aretha Franklin.

"As the story goes, 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,'" recalls Jerry Butler, a singer with several hit songs from the late 1950s through the 1970s. He says he performed once in Idlewild, in 1960 or 1961.

"The music and the applause

and all of that had a tendency

to soothe a lot of the other problems," Butler said. "For instance, we couldn't stay in all the finest hotels. Certain restaurants didn't want to serve you. But when you were at a place like Idlewild, you were secluded from all of that."

Then Congress passed the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, which included provisions prohibiting racial segregation or discrimination in places of public accommodation, such as hotels, restaurants and nightclubs.

"A lot of African-Americans felt it incumbent upon them to do something about the patterns of segregation in this country" after the act's passage, Walker says. Those integrationists started spending their leisure time - and their money - in clubs and resort areas that used to be restricted to whites.

By the late 1960s, Idlewild was a ghost of its former self.

Resorters stopped coming, businesses closed and the growing number of vacated and dilapidated buildings became a constant, sad reminder of the poor, rural community's glory days.

Today, its largest inn, the Morton Hotel, has only 17 rooms.

Even so, George Thomas, 62, who has lived in Idlewild off and on since 1956, says the quality of life there has steadily improved in recent years.

New sewer lines have been installed, some run-down buildings have been razed and a few new homes have gone up. More out-of-towners seem to be eating and listening to music at the Morton Hotel and the Red Rooster restaurant and lounge, he says.

"I think we're getting more people just coming in than like there was just a few years ago," Thomas says. "They're coming in for the entertainment."

In the mid-1990s, FiveCAP Inc., a Community Action Agency based in Scottville, succeeded in getting a portion of Lake County that includes Idlewild to be designated as a Federal Enterprise Community.

It was the first such area in Michigan to receive the designation, which was established to improve economic and community development in rural regions.

Under its 10-year strategic plan developed for the program, FiveCAP has brought new homes to Idlewild and secured property where the new Idlewild Historic and Cultural Center will be built.

Mary Trucks, FiveCAP's executive director, says her organization will continue to help rebuild Idlewild. Like the authors, she also says help is needed from the entertainers who used to perform there and from the community's summertime visitors.

"It's going to require these individuals who have a sentimental and emotional attachment to Idlewild," Trucks says.

Butler, a smooth baritone known as *The Iceman* for such hits as *He Will Break Your Heart* and *Only the Strong Survive*, is now a Cook County (Ill.) commissioner and he still sings professionally.

He says sentiment about Idlewild shouldn't be factored into any investment decision.

"I have always been of the opinion that if you're going into business, you don't go into business for a worthy cause. You go into business to make money," he says. "Then you can do, if you make money, all the worthy causes you want."

"Bill Gates doesn't have any problem finding a worthy cause to give money to," Butler says.

Small towns target night light pollution with ordinances

(AP) - When residents of a small town a few miles from the entrance of Zion National Park in southwestern Utah crane their necks upward at night, city officials want to ensure there's something worth looking at.

The city council passed an ordinance regulating the placement and intensity of outdoor lighting.

"We just wanted to protect neighbors from offensive lighting and protect our view at night," said Doug Wilson, LaVerkin city manager.

"We'd love to see other cities in the county be proactive on this as well."

The law details types of outdoor lights allowed and how much light they are permitted to emit. The city's zoning officer could issue tickets to violators.

"I looked up last week, and it seemed like the stars were disappearing," Wilson said. "If they don't do something soon, it may be too late."

Other towns, including some in northern Michigan, have studied similar night light pollution measures.

"We've got a beautiful night sky here, and I think this is a positive move," said Shirley Ballard, a planning commission member of Rockville, Utah. "We'd like to keep our night sky pure."

LaVerkin's ordinance was supported by Brent Bennett,

director of a proposed South West Science Center in near-by Hurricane. The center also wants to build an astronomical observatory.

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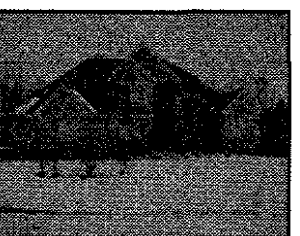
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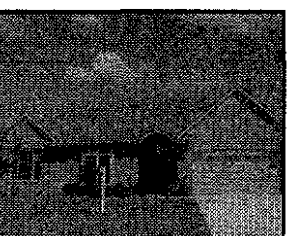
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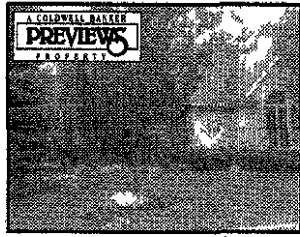
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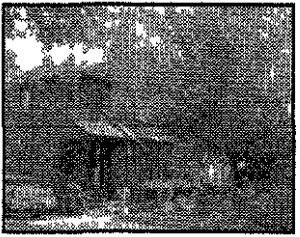
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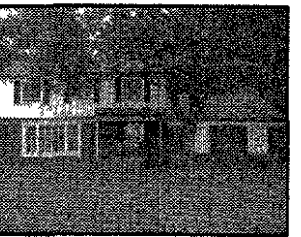
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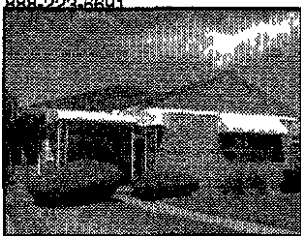
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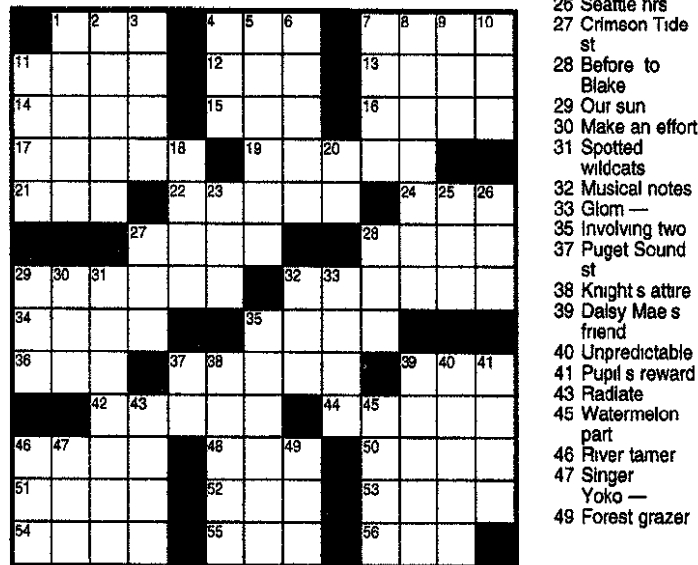
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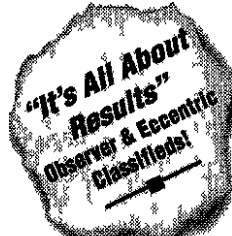
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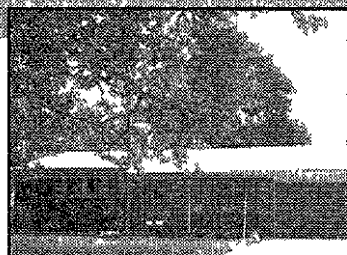
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30 hrs per week for busy real estate office. Exp in AR/AP & knowledge of Quick Books preferred. Send resume to Accountant

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PLYMOUTH Meticulously maintained! 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch home with professionally finished basement Double wide and extra wide lot! Ext furniture and appliances stay Beautiful landscape and brick paver drive way and patio (00ADA) \$247 000 734 455 5600



LIVONIA Pride of ownership! 3 bed room 1 5 bath Fairway farms ranch Master bedroom w/access to bath Updated kitchen FR w/gas fireplace Doorwall to fenced yard w/covered patio Finished basement Furnace & central air approximately 5 years Newer win dows (15GOL) \$209 900 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH Home tour candidate! 4 bedroom 2 bath 1910 built & recently renovated & restored w/original charm & character! Living room w/new cozy fire place & 3 season finished porch for added square footage This is a MUST SEE! (81STA) \$259 400 734 455 5600



CANTON TOWNHOUSE 2 BR 1 5 BA w/many updates All redone in 01 Kitchen & baths carpet lighting sinks counters & cabinets Appliances stove refrigerator microwave dishwasher & hot water heater all new in 01 Private entry w/newer exterior door full view in 2001 \$122 500 (10ORC) 248 349 5600



GREAT HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD 4 bedroom 2 bath home that never been lived in Brick cape cod Hardwood floors full basement plaster walls w/covered archways \$5 000 allowance for electrical & kitchen floor \$149 000 (07COL) 248 349 5600



DESIRABLE WHISPERING MEAD OWS Meticulously maintained 3 BR 2 BA ranch w/neutral decor New roof in00 Large wood deck mature land scaping and backs to a green belt area Living area s a large great room that is open & bright w/fireplace & dining area \$249 900 (64SAN) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH-Walk downtown 3 bed rooms 2 bath colonial with 1920/20 chansma Curved archways to living and dining room with hardwood floors Sunroom with 3 walls of windows Updated bath with claw tub Kitchen with maple cabinets 3 car garage \$169 800 (28ADA) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Be in good company! 3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer roof furnace central air storm doors service panel basement block windows & fresh paint thruout 2 car garage & basement (38HAS) \$149 900 734 455 5600



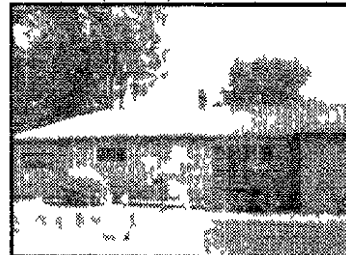
CANTON Woods pond & peaceful! 3 bedroom 2 bath Don's miss this updated and exquisite ranch! Newer ranch! Newer roof central air siding & water heater All of this on a 1.3 acre lot over looking pond stream & woods! (34THO) \$284 900 734 455 5600



KENDALLWOODS FINEST Impeccably maintained & updated brick ranch w/3 BR 1 5 BA on a large park like lot with trees Newer baths & kitchen furnace & central air 99 oak floor thruout living room w/fireplace finished basement deck patio & more Awesome! \$227 900 (28THO) 248 349 5600



QUALITY COLONIAL Popular Kimberly Oaks 4 bedrooms 2 5 bath home Updates include gourmet kitchen w/dual ovens entry door w/side lights Levelor blinds & w ndow treatments garage door & gutters Partially finished basement \$259 900 (61HUB) 248 349 5600



2 GARAGES MECHANICS WILL love this opportunity A 3 car detached + a 1 5 car attached garage This spacious ranch has central air large lot updated kitchen Fresh paint thruout & much more Better hurry \$129 999 (09WAR) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Better homes & gardens! 3 BR 2 BA Estate sized lot overlooking Hines Park w/approximate ly 2800 sq ft of living area Gourmet kitchen w/Euro cabinets (01) oversized FR w/fireplace Library & lower level master suite w/bath Main floor master also! (11ANN) \$279 500 734 455 5600



GARDEN CITY Real doll house! 3 bed room 1 bath bungalow w/open floor plan Large kitchen w/oak cabinets & newer vinyl floor Spacious 3rd bed rooms some hardwood floors updated bath newer vinyl shingles furnace air conditioning & windows (45JOH) \$134 800 734-455 5600



PLYMOUTH 705 South Main St. 734-455-5600
NORTHVILLE 175 CadyCentre 248-349-5600

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3+ ACRES IN BRIGHTON Beautiful 4 bedroom 2 5 bath colonial on over 3 acres New windows in 2002 Formal dining room fireplace attached 2 car garage partially finished basement and 1st floor laundry Hartland schools One year home warranty included \$299 500 (46GRA) 248 349 5600



END UNIT 1ST FLOOR MASTER Turn key & move into this immaculate condo with tons of upgrades Large kitchen with doorwall to deck & hardwood Cathedral ceiling in great room Partially finished basement Kitchen appliances included \$299 900 (62SAR) 248-349 5600



WESTLAND Great curb appeal! 3 bed room 2 bath brick ranch w/over 1300 sq ft of living area Enjoy the recent addition of an oversized FR w/doorwall updated country kitchen Updated bath w/jet tub newer carpet windows fur nace and central air (29BEE) \$169 500 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH Downtown Plymouth ranch! 3 bedroom 1 5 bath ranch Close to parks & on a quiet street! Hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms Newer windows furnace & central air Updated electrical hot water heater partially finished basement 1 5 car garage (73KEL) \$187 800 734 455 5600



LIVONIA Country in the city! 3 bed room 2 bath 1998 contemporary has a huge lot (270) and a first floor master bedroom 2 full baths huge basement Set back from the road Wooded back yard 2 car garage (38WAY) \$224 900 734 455 5600



MECHANICS DREAM HOME Great starter home w/South Redford schools Large mechanics dream garage heated w/electric opener & 100 amp service 3 bedrooms 1 bath bungalow w/newer vinyl siding Roof tear off 94 newer win dows updated bath \$112 900 (73SOU) 248 349 5600



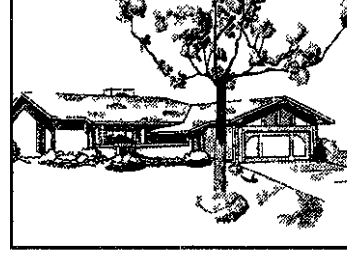
INCREDIBLE HOUSE & LOT Spacious cape cod on a heavily wooded 5 plus acre fenced lot Great blend of old world charm & modern updates MB suites on 1st and 2nd floor 4 BR 3 BA w/oak floors updated kitchen & newer master bath \$395 000 (01BET) 248 349 5600



THIS COULD BE IT Spacious 4 BR 2 5 Ba colonial on private setting Built in 1996 Hardwood floors dual staircase Large kitchen w/maple cabinets & walk in pantry There are many many upgrades Home warranty included \$509 900 (21HIL) 248 349 5600



CANTON Cantons best condo! 3 bed room 3 bath Just like new! Study & 1st floor laundry Kitchen updated Dining room with doorwall leading to deck over looking woods Central air Cathedral ceiling oak cabinets ceramic baths & 2 car garage Basement (40CHE) \$249 000 734-455 5600



SOUTH LYON Move in ready! 3 bed room 3 bath colonial completely reno vated in 2001 Maintenance free exteri or Master on main floor or 2nd floor Enormous kitchen w/snack bar 1st floor laundry & deep lot (04LIB) \$224 900 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH Custom contemporary! 4 bedroom 3 2 baths Contemporary open floor plan Spiral stair case in 3 story foyer atrium w/skylights Over \$10 000 in recent upgrades! Great room opens to sunroom Finished lower level walkout! (77WES) \$685 800 734 455 5600



DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE CONDO 3 bedrooms 3 5 bath with first floor mas ter bedroom loft hardwood floors walk out basement & first floor laundry Only 2 years old \$344 900 (25FRAN) 248 349 5600



GREAT 1ST TIMER HOME If you're looking for home you don't have to work on this is it Totally updated 3 BR 2 BA ranch w/romantic fpl in FR hwdw floors berber carpeting fin bmt 2 car garage & fenced yard w/deck Updated kit & baths 12 month home warranty includ ed \$199 500 (73ANN) 248 349 5600



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED 3 bedroom brick ranch offers 2+ BA lib huge master bedroom fin basement and a 2 car attached garage Great sub with sidewalk and community pool Schools & shopping close Warranty included \$169 000 (14BRA) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Fabulous! 2 bedroom 2 5 bath ranch on nearly an acre! Upgraded custom kitchen with appliances & ceramic floor Formal dining room fireplace in living room & woodstove in family room Jacuzzi tub in bath & skylights 3 car garage! (17EVA) \$359 900 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH Stately! 4 bedrooms 2 5 bath 2 story w/2 story foyer crown moldings thru out downstairs 2 way fireplace thru library & family room Formal living room dining room & large kitchen 1st floor laundry Private wooded lot (89RED) \$398 000 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH Immaculate! 2 bedroom 2 bath Spacious ranch condo Open floor plan Updated kitchen & breakfast room with appliances included Large living room w/gas fireplace Finished base ment End unit w/extra wide doors Handicap accessible (00WOO) \$187 900 734 455 5600



SUPER UPDATED COLONIAL 3 bed room 1 5 bath home with newer kitchen windows doors and baths Finished basement with glass block windows \$164 900 (61WIL) 248 349 5600



JUST LIKE NEW Completely updated ranch sits on a great lot overlooking a park 3 spacious bedrooms 2 5 baths & 2 5 card side entry garage \$269 400 (42FAR) 248 349 5600



CHECK OUT THIS VALUE Spacious 3 BR 2 5 BA tri level on approximately 45 acre country sized lot LIVING ROOM DR FR w/fireplace and W/O + den or 4th BR on LOWER LEVEL Oversized garage Novi schools Super price Area sales are much higher \$212 000 (59WOO) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND Check out the updates! 3 bedroom 1 5 bath brick tri level with a newer furnace roof carpet central air windows & above ground pool w/deck! 2 car garage & finished basement (25GLO) \$159 900 734 455 5600



DEARBORN Great starter home! 3 bedroom 1 bath brick ranch Close to Oakwood Hospital & X ways Covered ceilings refurbished hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms Freshly painted neutral decor Newer kitchen coun ters & floors Basement (20SOU) \$107 000 734 455 5600



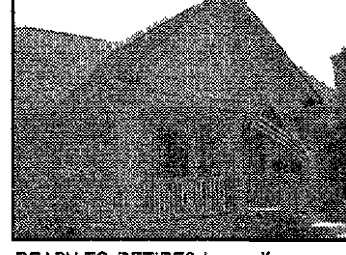
NOVI Brand new Novi condo! 2 bed room 2 5 bath 2 car garage Soaring ceilings hardwood floors oak & ceramic bath 1st floor laundry basement large loft area Moen fixtures All for under \$240 000! (19YEA) \$239 900 734 455 5600



BRICK FRONT RANCH Nicely landscaped 3 bedroom home w/vinyl siding Updated windows newer furnace w/air conditioning newer roof updated kitchen w/lots of cabinets ceramic tile tub enclo sure breakers & copper plumbing \$94 900 (70MAR) 248 349 5600



WOODCREEK QUAD ON 1+ ACRES This prime park like setting is out standing Brick paver walk & patio circle drive 2 car att + 1 car detached garage 3 BR 2 5 BA spacious fire place master bedroom suite fin LL Many updates \$349 000 (54WEL) 248 349 5600



READY TO RETIRE? Is a golf course in your backyard in your plan? End unit 4 BR 3 5 BA Tanglewood condo is loaded with quality upgrades hardwood floors maple cabinets finished walkout with bedroom & bath family room & hobby room \$449 000 (42SW) 248 349 5600

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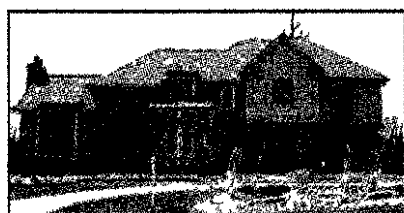


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NORTHVILLE \$1,250,000
MAGNIFICENT CUSTOM HOME IN FOX HOLLOW! 4 BR 3 5 bths cherry hwd flrs & granite counters 12 x 12 entertainment/ bar area off GR Main flr BR w/private bth perfect for guest/in laws & 2 staircases (01FOX2)

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NORTHVILLE \$1,250,000
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings gourmet kit w/granite Magnificent mstr ste fin d w/o bsmt Numerous amenities!(54WOO2)

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SALEM \$564,900
PERFECT FOR DISCRIMINATING BUYERS! Custom designed brk Ranch Maple floor & trim throughout Gourmet kitchen w/computer desk 1st fl laundry is oversized You must see 4 seasons room w/ waterfall!(V624)

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BELLEVILLE \$495,000
ONE OF A KIND 2002 new construction 2000 Sq Ft 3 5 bath Ranch w/1300sf bonus up stairs 2 car attached and basement on 1 58 acres Upgrades list in home (J441)

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NORTHVILLE \$449,900
TURN KEY CONDITION! IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Lg home on lg lot with circular driveway 4 BR 2 5 baths brand new furnace & hwh Built-in microwave & oven Near downtown Northville!(00NOR2)

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CANTON \$309,900
STUNNING 2 STORY FOYER Hardwood floors in entry hall & kitchen Interior professionally painted Main floor laundry French doors fireplace & main floor master Ste w/WIC (N471)

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CANTON \$309,900
EXQUISITE 4 BR, 2 5 BA COLONIAL Walk to park 9 ft ceilings lots of upgrades neutral decor 2 stry foyer lg gourmet kit mstr has cath ceiling dual closets skylight whirlpool tub (D39542)

734-591-9200



GREEN OAK \$309,000
ONE OF A KIND! Fabulous 1997 bit cape on prvt 3/4 acre lot Meticulously maintained & upgraded thru out Open flr plan 1st flr mstr gourmet kit side entry gar & w/o lwr lev (P10014)

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PLYMOUTH \$289,900
PLYMOUTH BEAUTY! Newer spacious desirable 4 BR Brick Colonial Gourmet kitchen FR w/FP 1st flr laundry full bsmt & 3 car garage Extras galore & immediate possession (07PLY2)

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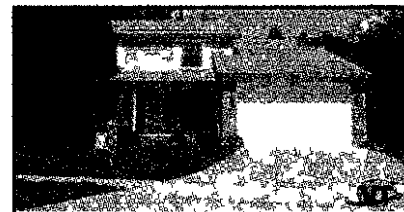
CANTON \$289,900
THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! 3 BR 2 5 BA colonial features hrdwd flrs in 2 stry foyer leading to powder rm & modern day kit w/ GE Profile appli Entertain on the 400+ sf deck So much more!(P41524)

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LIVONIA \$269,900
GREAT FAMILY HOME in Idyle Hills Estates! 5 BR 3 bths FR w/FP beautiful yard w/heated pool deck gazebo bbq grill patio/ flower gardens Original owners gave this home TLC!(47ELL2)

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LIVONIA \$268,500
BACK TO NATURE! This 2000 sf brk colonial has it all - location quality value & charm Yd backs to wooded nature area. 4 BR 3 5 BA 2 car attd gar fin bsmt FR w/ FP more (B17482)

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CANTON \$229,900
\$5000 BUYER BONUS!! This custom colonial offers hardwood flrs throughout 1st flr laundry light bright kit updates throughout & more! Fin bsmt warranty & appliances!(D44300)

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CANTON \$224,900
OUTSTANDING LOCATION! Great neighborhood & curb appeal 4 BR 2 5 baths 1 B14 SF & updated oak kitchen Newer furnace roof a/c & hwd floor in foyer (26CAR2)

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ROMULUS \$220,000
3 BEDROOM COLONIAL WITH FULL BASEMENT Tastefully decorated open staircase fireplace in great room located in area of new homes (C600)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$219,900
LARGEST OF THE BROWNSTONES CONDOS Plenty of room to enjoy Your new home has a fireplace in the living room w/ vaulted ceilings 3 Floors of comfort Close to shopping & entertainment (C704)

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LIVONIA \$219,900
CHARMING LIVONIA COLONIAL 4 BR 2 BA 1300 sq ft Peaceful serene setting nestled on 3/4 acre wooded lot property could be split into 2 possibly 3 sites (M20250)

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WESTLAND \$199,900
HARD TO FIND RANCH HOME on popular private road Almost an acre lot with trees & privacy Tons & tons of updates wndws entry drs vinyl siding & gutters deck & much more! Come see!(O35775)

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CANTON \$199,900
GREAT INVESTMENT! Affordable Canton home w/Plymouth Canton schools & all the updates! Awesome location w/a huge fenced backyard that backs to a 3+ acre park (23H1211)

734-455-7000



YPSILANTI \$184,900
MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS! Spacious 3 bdrm 1 5 bath colonial in a family friendly neighborhood Formal LR & DR FR w/frplc Partially fin bsmt remodeled kit & updates galore!(23R7881)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$183,120
BE NIMBLE, BE QUICK, JUMP INTO THIS! Winner for the beginner or empty nester 3 bdrm stylish neutral ranch Basement garage fenced yard Newer windows & c/a 02 Immediate occupancy (23F14120)

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LIVONIA \$174,900
SOUGHT AFTER STATE STREET! This Livonia brk ranch is awaiting its new owner Come take a look & be pleasantly surprised 3BR dining area FR bsmt 2 car garage Great price!(W31724)

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GARDEN CITY \$169,900
FABULOUS RANCH! Pride of ownership inside & out in this 3 bdrm home Updated kit FR w/custom frplc 2 full updated baths Designer backyard w/2 tiered deck lighted fish pond (23B32262)

734-455-7000



BELLEVILLE \$169,900
HOME ON 1 ACRE 3 BR with basement outbuildings on an acre Circle drive updated kitchen and entry level! Great way to start room to add later (T418)

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LIVONIA \$154,900
SHOWS BEAUTIFULLY! Newer kit main bath carpet in mstr new a/c fresh paint coved ceilings bay wndw in DR newer wndws & more! Pride of ownership thru out!(C9602)

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WESTLAND \$154,900
GOODBYE TENSION! Come home with nothing to do but relax! You can in this dramatic 2 br 1 5 ba condo Built with quality and cared for with pride 1335 sq ft of gracious living!(P35577)

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REDFORD \$153,900
3 BR, BRICK BUNGALOW, PRICED TO SELL! Come ready to roll up your sleeves & discover the charm of this solid brick home New roof & gutters in 2000 Lg fenced yard w/deck (94BEE2)

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DEARBORN \$149,900
DEARBORN BUNGALOW! Brk 980 SF 3 BR many updates including windows roof electric & AC Professionally landscaped garage bsmt fenced yard & immediate occupancy (00MAD2)

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CANTON \$149,900
THIS ONE IS A 10! Neutral airy 2 bdrm end unit ranch in desirable Palmer Place Freshly painted private entrance 1 car att gar full bsmt & beautiful deck Move in condition!(23Y43608)

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GARDEN CITY \$144,900
ONE LEVEL BEAUTY! 1810 Sq Ft of living on one floor Huge rooms (rebuilt 1995) 3 BR 2 bath with family room and large lot (B317)

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GARDEN CITY \$134,900
HERE IT IS! 3 bedroom Bungalow (third unfinished) updated to the max Large lot and 24x30 garage w/9 door and two driveways (B319)

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NORTHVILLE \$134,900
CREAM PUFF, IMMACULATE NORTHVILLE CONDO! 2 BR upper level! 1 story w/vaulted ceilings & open flr plan 2 full baths 2 carports nicely decorated in neutral tones So affordable!(B1NOR2)

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WESTLAND \$129,900
WAITING FOR YOU! is this 3 BR 1 5 bath Brk Ranch w/finished basement 2 5 car garage and updates (roof windows etc) (W124)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$129,900
DEARBORN HGTS HOME SHOWS PRIDE of ownership! Immaculate 3 BR 2 bth brk Ranch Full bsmt 2 car garage updt incl roof CA hwh plumb sprinklers security sys E of Telegraph S off Joy (51VIR2)

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REDFORD \$129,900
GREAT VALUE ON THIS full brick bungalow in South Redford! Full bsmt some newer wndws 2 5 car garage c/a upstairs BR w/adjacent 9x8 study area was finished 2 yrs ago Much more (N11416)

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NORTHVILLE \$128,900
CONDO CONVENIENCE AT AFFORDABLE PRICE! One story ground level Condo features 2 BR 2 full baths eat in kitchen formal DR Complex is near downtown Northville & offers easy access to I-275 (S3SUR2)

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REDFORD \$124,900
CHARMING BUNGALOW IN QUIET REDFORD UNION neighborhood Newer windows rf & aluminum siding Fenced in treed backyard w/one car garage Basement is finished Updated kitchen & newer carpeting (W20539)

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NORTHVILLE \$339,900
SUPER 5 BR NORTHVILLE COLONY HOME! Updts incl win roof furn AC/siding Prof fin bsmt 2-phone lines beautiful yard brick paver patio close to shopping/ x way Highly rated Nthville schls!(41POR2)

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FARMINGTON \$209,900
COMPLETELY UPDATED 3 BR BRICK RANCH within walking distance to downtown Farmington Fin d bsmt 2 car garage on large lot (15POW2)

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LIVONIA \$142,900
PAINT BRUSH SPECIAL! Price under market this 1700 sq ft ranch on a huge lot has an updated kitchen huge family rm 4 BR Do some cosmetics and watch your equity grow!(P19614)

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LIVONIA PC 070502 \$123,900
CUTE 2 BR RANCH with formal dining rm (could be 3rd BR) With attached garage sits on country lot Beautiful perennials gardens and fountain w/ pond (D18421)

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BEVERLY HILLS Fr & Sat 9 4 32381 Norchester just W of Southfield off 14 Mile or Beverly Baby items clothes office furniture exerc se equip ment misc household more

BEVERLY HILLS Huge Sale! Multi Family Fr & Sat 9 4 18202 & 18271 Beverly 13 1/2 Mile & Southfield

BIRMINGHAM Thurs Fri Sat (?) 10 3 1563 Stanley Blvd Southfield & 14 Kid s cloth ing toys household more

BIRMINGHAM Thurs Fri Sat 12 9 4 579 Puritan Huge Designer decorative items clothes china kids Antiques books

BIRMINGHAM 2 family Sept 14 9 5 1183 Dorchester off Adams of Maple Dining room set brass bed etc

BIRMINGHAM all childrens clothes toys & equip + much more Thurs & Fri 9 5 Sat 9 1 225 W Lincoln 1/2 mi le W of Woodward

BIRMINGHAM AWESOME MOVING SALE Furniture household items clothing books sports equipment TV stereo equipment Sat Sun Sept 14 15 8AM 5PM 817 Vinewood (N of Maple S of Oak runs off Old Woodward)

BIRMINGHAM Huge Yuppie sale Furniture jewelry cloth ing housewares orientate or nental rugs & more Everything must go Fr Sept 13 Sat Sept 14 10 5 851 Ann Street W of Old Woodward N of Lncoln

BIRMINGHAM N 10 4pm 1569 Buckingham (N of Maple/E of Adams) Couches dining room table rug ect

Garage Sales 7110

BIRMINGHAM Thurs 9 3 945 Poppleton W of Adams between 15 & 16 Furniture cloth ng some antiques misc

BIRMINGHAM Thurs & Fr Sept 12th & 13th 9 4 Lots of kids stuff household goods etc 812 Wmbleton N of Maple off of either Woodward or Adams

Bloomfield Friday the 13th sale 9 4 Follow signs South of Maple 1 block East of Inkster

Bloomfield Hills Fr Sat 9 4 4951 Burnley N of 16 Mile off Kens ngton Furniture whe wicker bed room set clothes stove misc

Bloomfield Hills Attc Treasures Sale & antique appraisals Bloomfield Senior Center 7273 Wing Lake St 9/14 9 12 30

Bloomfield Hills Fr Sun Sept 13 15 10am 4pm Furniture computer equip misc 2515 Coldspring S of Square Lake Road 2 Bks W of Woodward

Bloomfield Village Fr Sept 13 10 3 374 Tilbury Rd (Cranbrook & Maple) Baby & kids items & Toys

CANTON Brookside Sub Fall sale Cherry Hill & Lotz Sept 12 15 Thurs thru Sun Some arts & craft Misc items

CANTON Sale for Mothers strollers car seats 0 4T girls clothes name brands toys 9 12 thru 9 14 44137 Sherdan S of Joy E of Sheldon

CANTON Eclectic collection garage sale bash everything must go Rolling Ridge Sub 7506 Charrington N of Warren between Canton Center & Sheldon Sept 12 14 8 30 4 30

CANTON Sub Sale Forest Trails S of Joy W of Sheldon Thurs Sat Sept 12 14 9 4 Lots of great stuff!

CANTON Sept 12th 15th Large garage sale Household items kitchenware misc treasures 7484 Pointe off Warren to Hillsboro to Pointe or Morton Taylor to Ryegate to Pointe

CANTON Holiday Park 3 Family Subdivision Sale! 39866 Edmundson off Haggerty & Joy Thursday & Friday 9 5

CASS LAKE Garage Demolition Sale Sat & Sun 10 6 Refrigerator stove air conditioner wood burning fireplace antiques & more Everything must go 1 blk W of Cass Lake Rd N of Orchard Lake off Willow Beach 248 345 7200

COMMERCIAL Sat Only 9am 3pm 3120 Edgewood Park Drive W of Union Lake S of Commerce Crafts Christmas decorations appliances fur niture cool stuff Some junk

DAVISBURG Community Wide Sale 9 13 & 14 10/4 Mill Pond Park Andersonville & Davnsburg Rds

DEARBORN Downsizing sale Sept 13 15 9 5 8 Avington Lane NW corner of Rotunda & Greenfield

DEARBORN 22622 Marlboro Outer Drive & Military area Sept 12 14 9 5 Longaberger baskets bikes antique wicker sofa & chair & tools

DETROIT 3 family lots of stuff! Household clothes fur niture exercise equipment misc September 14th & 15th 9 5 Sat Sun 9 5 Fri Sept 20 Plymouth Rd E of Telegraph

FARMINGTON Hills huge garage sale antiques furni ture lots more 2 weekends starting Fri Sept 13 noon 5 Sat Sun 9 5 Fri Sept 20 noon 5 Sat Sun 9 5 21929 Leyte 9 Mile & Inkster Forest Park Sub

FARMINGTON Hills Sept 13 14 8 5pm Vintage sheet music office supplies lots of misc 23059 Purdue N of 9 W of Middlebelt

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LIVONIA Sat Sun Sept 14 10 8AM 4PM 33963 Orangelawn (SW corner of Plymouth & Farmington)
LIVONIA Woodwork educational products of all kinds size 12 16 clothes (some never worn) jewelry toys crib & much more more Starts 9am Sept 13 15 Between Newburgh & Haggerty 38800 Ann Arbor Trail
LIVONIA Fri Sun 9 50m clothes/beds furniture & much more 19507 Baintbridge (off 7 Mile/Merriman)
LIVONIA Huge 4 family sale Sept 13 15 9 5 Kids clothes oak entertainment ofr household items books too much to list 9901 Garretts S of Plymouth E of Middlebelt
LIVONIA Furniture garage baby items misc 14941 Newburgh S of 5 Mile
LIVONIA Large Sale Oak dresser washer household items girls/baby clothes toys old time cameras & much more 84159 Wood (off 6 Mi & Whittby) Sept 12 14 9am 5pm
LIVONIA Lots of tools & toys 9571 Deering (between Plymouth & W Chicago) Fri Sat 9am
LIVONIA Sept 13 thru 15 9 5 9081 Louise N of Joy House items over 50 carpet & vinyl items 331 231 2790
LIVONIA Toys dollhouse & access exercise equip videos bikes Coach purchas es tools clothes much much more 19201 Gary Ln N of 7 Mile W of Farmington Rd Fri 9 Sat 9 5 Sun 11 4
LIVONIA 11018 Fairfield (S of Plymouth Rd) Sat Sept 14th 8 5pm 1 DAY ONLY Misc too good to throw out
Livonia 4 homes/Bennett St bet 6 & 7 Mile W of Merriman Starts 9/12 9 5 Bunk beds desks hutch library & end tables air com pressor styling chair & antiques slide crib & more!
LIVONIA Clearance sale featuring Home Interiors & Gt's Fri Sun 10am 5pm 19416 Baintbridge N side of 7 Mile 2 sts E of Merriman
LIVONIA Huge 5 Family Sale 19415 Baintbridge N of 7 Mile 2 blocks E of Merriman Thurs Sun 9 5pm Must see tons of everything Furniture appliances kids stuff
LIVONIA Thurs & Fri 9 5pm 18590 Gail (7 Mile & Farmington) Band Saw G 1 Joe quilts dressers etc
LIVONIA Fri Sun 9am 5pm 19961 Sunbury between 7 & 8 Mile & Middlebelt & Inkster Lots of glassware misc
LIVONIA 1ST time good stuff 29546 Curtis bet Six & Seven Mile 1 block W of Middlebelt Thursday Sept 12th Saturday Sept 14th 10 5

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LIVONIA BEST YET lots of good stuff toys collectibles furniture housewares & more! Fri & Sat 10 3 9119 Colorado bet Farmington Merriman Joy & Plymouth
LIVONIA Sat & Sun 9am 3pm 15069 Cavell W/Inkster S/5 Mile PC exercise equipment TV baby clothes refrigerator more
LIVONIA Saturday Sept 14th 9 4 Home goods books toys clothes records & more 31220 Puritan St E off of Merriman bet 5 and 6 Mile
LIVONIA Thursday & Friday Sept 13 14 9 5 2 family toys to lots 13997 Hubbard bet Merriman and Farmington N of 196
LIVONIA YARD SALE 11700 Deering Fri & Sat 9am 5pm N of Plymouth W of Inkster Lots of kids stuff
MADISON HTS huge sale Good stuff electronics tools furniture Christmas mens much more Sept 12 13 14 10 8 26126 Alger 11 Mi/Inkster W of John R
NORTHVILLE selling 35/yr collection of fine old glass candlesticks water pictures much good varied misc 20336 Woodhill btw Main & Clement Fri 9 4 Sat 9 2
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PLYMOUTH Thurs Fri 9 3 Women's clothes glassware new infant clothes Little Tyke items 1979 Honda Goldwing motorcycle 2330 mi 1000cc fully equi exc cond w/pur chase another Honda for parts 42136 Fve Mile Rd 1 mi W of Haggerty
PLYMOUTH 5+ family sale 9375 & 9381 Canton Center (S of Ann Arbor Rd) Tons of stuff Sept 12 14 9am
PLYMOUTH Big Big Big!! Someth ng for everyone Sept 12 14 10 5 13775 Ridgewood off of N Territorial btwn Sheldon/Beck
PLYMOUTH Sept 13 14 9 5 40417 Pinetree 275 & Ann Arbor Rd Many baby items fireplace organ misc items
PLYMOUTH Friday 9 4 Golf clubs tv BBQ furniture etc 9031 Quail Run Dr N off Ann Arbor Rd & Ridge
REDFORD 9/12 9/14 9am? Sports cards clothes baby furniture & misc 18405 Centralia (Beck Daily & Pickford)
REDFORD Sat Sept 14 10 4 Furniture dishes pic tures household misc 17200 Olympia 6 Mile & Beach Daily
REDFORD Multi family Charly Sale 100% of profits to help for needy Fri Sat 9/13 & 9/14 9 6 9265 Louis 2 bks E of Beach Daily 1 blk S of W Chicago
REDFORD Sat & Sun 9 4 12850 Winston (Off Glendale) Furniture lamps & misc
REDFORD Thurs Sat 9am 4pm 9159 Hemmingway S of West Chicago E of Inkster Kids stuff crafts etc
REDFORD Friday Sept 13th & Saturday Sept 14th 8 30 5 Children's clothes baby stuff couch & more! 18668 Seminole East of Inkster & South of 7 Mile
Redford Sat 9 5 End of sea son garage sale everything must go something for every one 9385 Kintoch W Beach Daily S off W Chicago
Rochester Hills Fri Sat 9AM 6PM 869 Allison Dr (S of Tenken W of Livernos) Misc household
ROCHESTER HILLS Huge 3 family sale Childrens videos \$1 coats jeans sweaters 50e toys 2 pc king bed set 862 Spartan Dr (Avon & Old Perch) Wed Sat Sept 11 14
ROCHESTER HILLS Fri 8 1 Girls designer clothes size 10 12 womens designer size 4 tennis clothes kids com puter games furniture All quality merchandise 1832 Blue Grass off Dutton Rd
ROCHESTER Thursday & Friday Sept 12th & 13th 8 4 Furniture clothing odds & ends 5743 Beechview (Oakland Valley Sub) off of Rochester Rd

Garage Sales (7110)
ROICHESTER HILLS 26 unit sale! Thursday September 12th Saturday September 14th 9 5 Kings Cove condo N of Tenken between Livernos and Rochester Roads
ROMULUS Mr G's HUGE PULL BARN SALE 6351 Hevler (1 St E of Hamani S Vandrom) Thurs Sat 10 6pm
ROYAL OAK 1303 North Pleasant 12 Mile & Crooks 8am 4pm Sept 13 14 Combining 2 households one of everything must go!
SALEM BARN SALE Sept 12 14 8680 Brookville N Territorial/Curtis
Southfield Antiques col lectibles & more 27433 Lexington Pkwy (N of 11 W of Greenfield) Sat Sept 14 9 4
SOUTHFIELD Sat Mon Sept 14 16 10am 6pm 24685 Mulberry Dr 3 bks W of Lahser & just S of 10 Mile Includes new steel entry door Household appliances jewel ry clothes carpenter tools CDs & tapes etc
Southfield Sub Garage Sale Cambridge Village Sat Sept 14 9am 4pm North side of 11 mile West of Pierce and East of Southfield Rd Enter on Lexington Parkway About 27 homes in the subdivision are participat ing with items for sale
TROY Annual Wexford Condo Wide Garage Sale Sat Sept 14 9AM 5PM 1 blk E of John R S of Big Beaver
TROY Moving! Fri & Sat 8am 5pm 1578 Heatherwood N of Long Lk off of Northfield Parkway Furniture household goods garden items
TROY Multi Designer clothes bedding household 387 Paragon N of 17 W off Livernos Sept 12 14 8am?
TROY Big garage sale Bunk beds antique furniture & toys Sat 9am 5pm 1915 Beach Lane Dr off Maple
TROY Oak River Sub sale Sept 19 22 9 5pm S of Long Lake West side of Coolidge 2033 Sundew
TROY 4838 Pickford Dr off Tyler S of Long Lake E of Rochester 9am 4pm Saturday No pre sale antique furniture toys games baby items etc
W BLOOMFIELD corner Oakleaf & Old Pine Way in Lakewood Sub (behind West Acres) enter S off Commerce Rd on Cedar Bank 1/2 mile W of Green Lake Rd follow signs Several homes participating Thur Fri Sept 12 13 9 5
W BLOOMFIELD Awesome Sale Almost new & antique furniture kitchen appliances bedding clothes shoes rugs misc items Fri Sept 13 10am 4pm 4166 Southmoor Lane off Lone Pine & Middlebelt

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W BLOOMFIELD AWESOME GARAGE SALE! Furniture antiques col lectibles CD's books house hold items great home decor kids stuff much more 4026 Iverness 1 blk S of Long Lake between Orchard Lake & Middlebelt
W BLOOMFIELD Furniture (w upholstered) bedroom & chairs dressers wicker cak tables Bentwood chairs child's oak desk garden tools etc (No clothing or misc) Thur Sat 12 4 ONLY! 2826 Pine Heights Tr (2 bks W of Middlebelt on Phinev Dr btwn Square Lake & Pine Lake Rds) Cash only no checks
WAYNE Sept 13 15 9 5 500 Pcs of glass Depression Carnival Lunch sets furniture 4357 Columbus off Forest between Howell & Wayne
WEST BLOOMFIELD Sale! Multi family Sept 13 15 Furniture & Baby clothes etc 2115 Lawndale Ave (Inkster & Wycliffe Ave)
Westland Thurs Sun 9am 5pm 563 Worcester (S/Cherry Hill E/John Hx) Bedroom set kitchen table bks baby goods house hold/dishes plus size clothing
Westland Moving Sale 6022 Huff (N of Ford W of Newburgh) 3 families Children's clothes toys & Hotwheels Fri Sat 9 3pm
WESTLAND 1982 Ackley Sept 13 14 15 10 6 Upperware candles crystal misc S of Palmer
WESTLAND Sat & Sun Lots of misc & new Holiday items 31649 Conway Ann Arbor Tr & Merriman
WESTLAND Thur Fri 9 5 & SUNDAY 9 5 Tons of stuff! 32455 Avondale (Venoy & Merriman)
WESTLAND Fri Sat 9/13 & 9/14 10 4 Bedroom set entertainment center snow blower 93 Mercury Baby womens clothes household items & misc 2339 Wishie S of Palmer E of Newburgh
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Moving Sales (7130)
DETROIT Fri Sat 10 5 18304 Fenton St 4 bks W of Telegraph N of 6 Mile Some collectibles & misc
FARMINGTON HILLS Sat 11 Furniture computer desk mahogany dresser Farmington Square Condos 32013 W 12 Mile Blg C #206 W of Orchard Lk E of Farmington Rd
Livonia Moving sale Rosedale Gardens 10004 Blackburn (Plymouth Rd & Merriman) Sept 13 14 9 4
LIVONIA Thurs Sun 11 6 14464 Houghton Lunden/ Newburgh Everything must go! Details (734) 953 8633
LIVONIA Thurs & Fri 10 4pm 33761 Angele (Enter E off Stark on Parkdale)
NOVI Huge Moving Sale Appliances furniture dryer & washer oven desk! Much more! Everything MUST go! Sat Sept 14 5am 4pm 41642 Charleston Ln Maples of Nov 14 & Decker
ROCHESTER Moving / Garage Sale Fri Sat Sept 13 14 9AM 3PM Tons of household items furniture lawn equipment clothes misc 4016 Oak Tree Circle (N of Snell W of Rochester Oakland Farms Sub)
ROCHESTER Stoney Point Sub 1046 Point Place Blvd Sat Sept 14 12 5 Living room dining room bedroom sets baby grand piano lots of misc 248 976 8058
TROY Fr Sat & Sun 10am 6503 Crabbapple S of South Blvd E of Coolidge Quality furniture including 2 bedroom sets antiques baby baby clothes misc 248 868 0001
TROY Somerset Park Apts 9/14 9/15 & 9/20 9/21 10 5 Couch char tables dinette set accessories 2140 Coolidge Hwy #107 D (248) 443 7528 E (248) 649 6044
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