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Interact grant

Plymouth Canton Interact Club has been awarded a grant by Prevention Network, a statewide program which for 20 years has offered services such as technical assistance, training, mini-grants and networking opportunities to community groups to support their involvement in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention

When presented with the opportunity to apply for the grant the club's officers - Meagan Bartlett (Salem) Kevin Burdette (Canton) Dan Bowden (Salem) Kim Heaney Amanda Kelley and Nicole Sumpter - jumped at the opportunity to make a difference in a growing population of teenage smokers

Plymouth Canton Interact was awarded a \$2,500 grant to target underage tobacco use in the Plymouth-Canton community The Interact Club is in its second year in its charter granted by Rotary International The club is sponsored by Plymouth AM and Canton Rotary Plymouth-Canton Interact Club's primary mission is community service

Chili is coming

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, Salsa Competition and Motorcycle Bike Show returns Sunday, Oct. 10, to the streets of downtown Plymouth

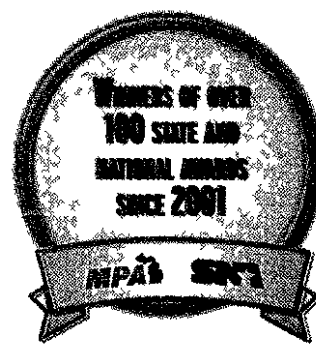
The event starts 8:30 a.m. with check-in and setup followed by a cooks' meeting at 9:30 a.m. Salsa and chili judging



ing takes place between noon and 3 p.m., with samples available to the public for \$1 apiece starting at 3 p.m. Awards are announced at 5 p.m. The motorcycle bike show runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bobby Lewis & the Crackerjack Band is among the live entertainment between noon and 5 p.m. and chili and food booths will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event also features opportunities to shop Plymouth's unique downtown stores, and activities for children For more information, call Chili Chairperson Annette Horn, (734) 455-8838

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Among the many events returning for the annual Plymouth Fall Festival is the Rotary Chicken Barbecue which volunteers such as last year's helpers Craig Anderson (left) Derek Elenbaas and Mitchel Gergcz help get off the ground The barbecue takes place Sunday

Entertainment hits the streets

Buskers newest act for storied Plymouth Fall Festival

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

A troupe of professional street entertainers will make their Plymouth Fall Festival debut this weekend

The entertainers are called buskers - a British term for professional street entertainers They'll be putting on skits and entertaining festival visitors by Kellogg Park near the Box Bar and on Forest Street

The buskers will be just one of the featured entertainment acts when Plymouth hosts the annual festival Friday Sunday

Plymouth A.M. Rotary arranged bringing the buskers to town, thanks to help from several local sponsors

Bob Anderson, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority director and A.M. Rotary event chair, said he became entranced by buskers after seeing them in action in Colorado

"I used to live in Aspen and Boulder and got to see these profes-



PAUL HURS HMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Various forms of art are popular attractions at the annual Plymouth Fall Festival as Julie Siefeler of Flint 6 (left) and her sister Grace 4 found out last year

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sional (buskers) who did shows Anderson said

The Denver Busker Festival and later on, the Windsor (Ontario) Busker Festival helped cement Anderson's decision to bring them to Plymouth

"I thought the scale of Plymouth would be perfect," Anderson said "People here like things that are cool and slightly different

One example is the ultra early morning July 4 Parade

We've done all sorts of things here," Anderson said

Busker festivals are popular throughout Canada, Europe, Asia and Australia Three of the buskers coming to Plymouth are Canadian one is from Germany, one is from New Zealand and one is from the United States

Sponsors helping make the busker visit possible include Johnson Controls, UBS Financial Services (formerly Paine Webber), Daisy Square Development and Waste Management Inc

PLEASE SEE STREETS, A4

Church hopes program brings Catholics back

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Ray Schneider had been through a divorce and, like many Catholics, felt like he no longer fit the church's mold, so he left

In the early 1990s, Schneider was looking for a way back in, and the ministry at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth Township offered him the realization that he would, indeed, be welcomed with open arms

Schneider accepted the invitation and, since 1994, has been a

member of the St. Kenneth parish Now, the ministry at the church is hoping to do that for all disaffected Catholics, offering "Catholics Come Home, a program for inactive Catholics who feel the way Schneider felt

"I had been away from the church for awhile," said Schneider "When I was searching for a church, this was the church I felt more welcomed at We know there are others like me, so let's try to reach out to them"

The four-session series starts

Sept. 19 at St. Kenneth

There are 20 million inactive or alienated Catholics," said Jerry Green, pastoral associate at St. Kenneth They've been alienated, or hurt by the church, or just drifted away Sometimes they've been inactive for 20 years, and they're unaware of changes in the church since Vatican II

Catholics have left the church for a variety of reasons, divorce and remarriage being one of the leading ones, according to Green

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the 'Catholics Come Home' program Peggy and Ray Schneider (from left) and Pastoral Associate Jerry Green of St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township are trying to bring Catholics back to the church

State cops probe fatal M-14 crash

The single-vehicle accident killed two Friday

Michigan State Police are still investigating a single-vehicle accident that claimed the lives of two Melvindale men Friday afternoon

Killed in the accident were the driver, 39-year-old Henry Youngblood, who was pronounced dead at the scene His passenger,

42-year-old Kirk Speckman, was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he died Friday

Sgt. Michael Shaw of the MSP's Metro South post in Taylor, said Tuesday alcohol was not a factor in the crash, which happened on westbound M-14 west of Sheldon before 4 p.m. Friday The accident,

which involved Youngblood's Chevy Trail Blazer, forced police to close M-14 for some three hours

Neither victim was wearing a seat belt

"Both were ejected when the vehicle rolled over," said Shaw "Alcohol wasn't a factor, but not wearing seat belts sure was"

Shaw said the accident is "still under investigation"

Staff writers Julie Brown and Brad Kadrich contributed to this story

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer



Tough decisions

Hospice care offers an alternative for those with painful terminal illness Sunday's Health section looks at new ideas on end of life care

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LIBRARY CLOSING

The Plymouth District Library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 11-12, for the Plymouth Fall Festival. The library will re-open on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m.

PAGEANT CONTESTANT

Angie Nicole Wright of Plymouth was recently selected to participate in the Nationals Inc 2004 Miss Teen Detroit pageant competition Sept 12.



Wright, the daughter of Tim and Debbie Wright of Plymouth, submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Patty Neidert, this year's Detroit Pageant Coordinator.

Wright will compete for her share of \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will compete in the Miss Teen division, one of three divisions that will have young women between the ages of 10 and 19 competing in modeling routines in casual and formal wear.

Wright will show her personality and interviewing skills while speaking with this year's Detroit judging panel.

Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Wright wins the title of Miss Teen Detroit, she would represent Detroit and the surrounding communities as the Cities of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, FLA. More than \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Florida.

Community businesses, organizations and individuals will help Hellmer participate in the competition as official sponsors. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support that allows them to participate.

HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES

Plymouth Fall Festival goes this weekend will have an opportunity to partake in an old-fashioned horse and carriage ride from Kellogg Park to the Daisy Square Condo and Townhomes from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Riders can then take a stroll through several fully decorated models. According to Jim Colella, Director of Sales and Marketing, "We thought that offering a free horse and carriage ride would be a great way

for people to see how closely connected to the Plymouth downtown the Daisy Square Condos actually are."

The ride will take people down Umon Street past the Gathering where the Rotary Chicken Barbecue is taking place on Sunday, past the Plymouth Library, Plymouth City Hall, the Plymouth Historical Museum and then it will stop at Daisy Square.

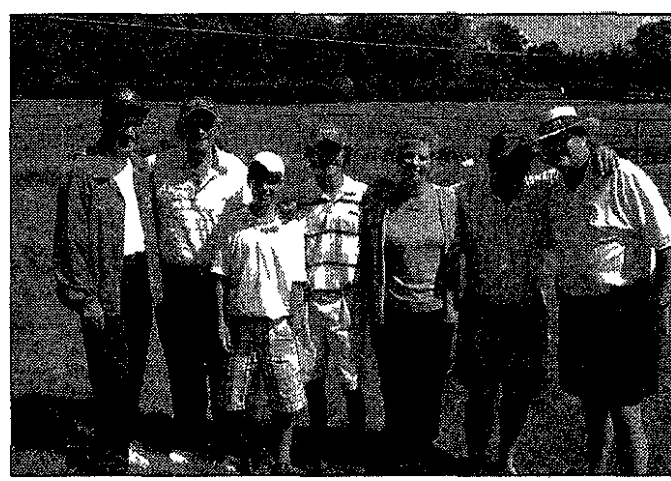
Daisy Square, an upscale residential community, is being developed at the site of the former Daisy Air Rifle factory which produced BB-guns for boys for decades. Joseph Freed Homes is the developer of the planned community on a 9-acre plus site that will include 56 loft condos and 101 town homes within walking distance of downtown Plymouth.

TOP EMPLOYEE

Richard Smith is the September 2004 Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bennigan's restaurant, one of 33 restaurants owned and operated by LaBelle Management. LaBelle officials said crew members are selected for the honor "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."

CHOIR BOOSTERS

The PCEP Choir Boosters meet at 7 p.m. Sept 14 in the choir room at Salem High School. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month. Other dates are Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb



Charitable golf

Past Kiwanis International president Gene Overholt, Hall of Fame hockey player Bill Gadsby, Fox Hills owners Sandy and Doug Miley and Dave Siegrist pose for a photo during the 22nd-annual Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth golf outing. Gadsby autographed copies of his book and spent the day on the course. Kiwanis supports the Plymouth Fourth of July Parade, Children's Hospitals, Michigan Special Olympics, Kiwanis Park, Feeding Children International and many local organizations. Kiwanis is proud to "Serve the Children of the World." "The club wishes to thank all the participants, sponsors, contributors and workers at the outing," said Siegrist, who chaired the event.

anyone meeting the needs of older adults, from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept 30 at the Plymouth District Library.

Registration for the conference, also hosted by the library, Senior Alliance and Neighborhood Legal Services-Elder Law, starts at 5:30 p.m. Topics include legal issues, services and resources, how to choose a nursing home and overcoming adversity and stress. The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext 236.

MOSAIC MEETINGS

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds 'Mosaic' meetings 9-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. These meetings provide a time for Moms to develop new friendships with other Moms. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call Resha Kozler at (734) 207-0658.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

The Plymouth District Library is initiating a new community service program to utilize the talents of knitters and to teach young people how to knit.

Any experienced knitters who would like to donate a few hours over the next few months and teach a teen to knit, should contact Ellen Stross at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext 232, estross@plymouthlibrary.org.

The program receives \$11 from each book sold. Money from choir fund-raisers is used to buy additional music and other items not funded by the district. It also allows the students to participate in competitions, festivals and special activities, such as paying for transportation to "The Lion King" last year.

CONFERENCE FOR CAREGIVERS

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts "Conference for Caregivers," a free conference for seniors or

8, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 13.

Parents are encouraged to become involved with the group that has as its mission support for the students and teacher through volunteerism, fund raising and advocacy.

For their fall fund-raiser, Entertainment Books will be distributed to students the second week of school. Thousands of dollars worth of savings from local restaurants, grocery and retail stores, entertainment establishments, and more can be found in these coupon books that sell for \$30.

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Former chamber president remembered

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

A former Plymouth bicycle shop owner and former president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of



Mr. Loisel

Commerce remembered for his quiet generosity died Saturday in Florida. Gerard "Jerry" Loiselle, 83, formerly of Plymouth, lived in Belle Air Beach, Fla., for the past 20 years. He previously owned Jerry's Bicycles, which was located on Ann Arbor Road where Specialty Pets is located today.

Born May 12, 1921, in Valleyfield, Quebec, Loiselle's Canadian birth kept him from serving in the U.S. armed services during World War II, said his son, Plymouth City Commissioner Ron Loiselle. The elder Loiselle was originally a welder by trade.

"He worked in the Willow Run plant on airplanes," Loiselle said.

He also was a former Afternoon Rotary member and former president of the Plymouth chamber. He actually served as chamber president while living in Florida, and flew into town for meetings, according to his son.

Surviving are children Ron (Frances) Loiselle of Plymouth, Larry (Suzanne) Loiselle of Garden City, Dan (Louann) Loiselle of Northville and Valerie Scofield of Westland, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding in death was his wife, Phyllis, who died in 1997. Loiselle's son said his dad was very generous. "He helped buy the (Plymouth Chamber of Commerce's) first building," he said, describing a building on the corner of Union and Main which the chamber used for more than 10 years.

He was always very generous with his time and his money," he said.

Cremation rites were accorded. A memorial service is planned Sept. 18 at Church of the Isles in Indian Rock Beach, Fla.

Spotlight donation helps expand theater program

BY LAUREL THOMAS GNAGEY
CORRESPONDENT

A perfect example of what can happen when school and community come together is how Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district Superintendent Jim Ryan characterizes the effort that made it possible for high school students to have two more opportunities this year to be involved in the performing arts.

Thanks to a permanent loan of a theatrical lighting system from the Spotlight Players community theatre organization, and the district's ability to find a few dollars to rewire the DuBois Little Theatre, students now have double the number of extracurricular productions in which to become involved.

"In essence, any time students, faculty and the community get together, good things happen," Ryan says.

When Spotlight Players moved out of the old Northville Hospital and began to plan for productions in the new Canton Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, they contacted teacher Shannon Henry to see if she could use the 12-dimmer, 40-instrument lighting system.

"Education has always been an important element of our mission," says Spotlight Players President Ken Kuna. "We knew we had valuable equipment but had no permanent home for it. It was a nice fit we had the equipment, she had a need."

When the call came, Henry, the students and several booster parents already were in the process of fund-raising with a goal of making the Canton DuBois Theatre another performance venue, in addition to the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School, home to the Park Players.

Fund-raising already had provided for the addition of a new portable sound system, a new floor and several costume racks.

When Spotlight Players offered the lighting system, it was a dream come true. "I knew we finally were on our way to making the DuBois the truly wonderful theatre it was meant to be," Henry said. "We finally could expand the per-

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

■ Sept. 9 after school - informational meeting to outline plans for the DuBois Theatre season

■ Sept. 13-16 after school - auditions for Our Town

■ Nov. 4-6 and Nov. 11-13 at 8:00 p.m. - Our Town will be performed in the DuBois Little Theatre, Canton High School on Canton Center Rd. at Joy. Tickets are \$8.

Donations for a spring musical may be sent to the PCCS Educational Excellence Foundation (EEF), E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please indicate on the check that you are making a contribution specifically for the Canton DuBois Theatre musical.

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formance opportunities for our students in a legitimate theatre that would provide a professional model and experience — a place where students could perform.

Spotlight Players board member Pat Filios was the first to suggest the donation in what she calls a mutually beneficial arrangement. The lights for Henry's theatrical expertise. In addition to teaching at PCCS and in Orlando, Fla., Henry's career includes 20 years as a professional actor in the U.S. and London.

Filios knew first hand about Henry's knowledge and experience because two of her three daughters went through high school with drama as a creative outlet.

One daughter, Liz, is a senior in musical theater at the University of Michigan. Daughter Cate, a freshman at Michigan State, just finished a class with Henry in the spring.

Filios said the Players relationship with Henry is built on the premise that if students become involved in theatre at school, they also may participate in community theatre now and in the future. To that end, Spotlight Players board members hope to continue to support Henry as she builds the DuBois Theatre program.

"The high school is so big and getting bigger every day," Filios said. "There are a lot of talented kids and not a lot of parts."

Canton High School Principal Cassandra Smith agreed, noting more than 300 students audition for approximately 50-70 parts combined in the two Park Players productions each year — a number that also keeps growing.

"Our recent district survey showed a tremendous interest in dramatic arts among incoming freshmen," Smith said. "It is wonderful that, with this help from Spotlight Players, we will be able to offer more students the opportunity to learn and grow through experiences in theatre."

Ryan said participation by nearly 80 students in a new drama club Henry formed last year in response to the district survey also convinces him there is a need.

"We've got a good thing going there with Mrs. Henry and what she is doing in the DuBois," Ryan said.

"She makes kids take risks and great things happen."

For the first production, Henry plans to have students risk a great deal by letting their acting skills — not fancy sets or costumes — dominate the stage in the production of Our Town.

The classic drama by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thornton Wilder takes place on an empty stage with minimal props, requiring the actors to tell the story a challenge. Canton junior Marie Dolney hopes she'll have a chance to face

"I like the fact that it's more acting than prop work, so



Canton High School students Marie Dolney (from left), Elizabeth Flynn, Megan Lytle, Judy Nguyen and Jessica Tashman learn how to aim the lighting instruments donated to the Canton DuBois Theatre by the Spotlight Players.

you're focused on the actors rather than the surroundings," Dolney said. "I love the main character and one of the mothers. It's so cute and old-fashioned."

Henry said she chose the play because it is a work by an author from whom students can learn a great deal.

"Thornton Wilder celebrates the ordinary and points out that often we don't appreciate people in our lives," Henry said.

He writes powerful plays on the human experience that force the actors to use their skills to help the audience understand his complex characters.

Henry said another reason she chose Our Town is that it calls for 30 plus actors, which she may expand to nearly 40 to allow more students to be involved.

She admits there also is a

practical reason she picked this play — funding. With only a small amount of money to begin the program, Henry is counting on proceeds from the first season to build DuBois Theatre resources. Since Our Town basically has no set, the only costs will be for costumes, publicity and a small royalty fee.

Henry would like the second play in the spring to be a musical, but her ability to do one is contingent on getting monetary support.

DuBois boosters are attempting to secure funding from outside sources, but to have adequate time to order scores and hire musical expertise, Henry will have to know if that funding is possible by the end of October. Otherwise, she'll choose a drama. Either way, she said, students will have another opportunity to perform in March 2005.

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DEATHS

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Howard J. Becker, 69 of Westland, died Sept. 6

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Dale N. Freese, 59, of Wayne, died Sept. 5

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Valeeta Heil (Hudgens) 84 of Fenton, formerly of Birmingham, died Sept. 6

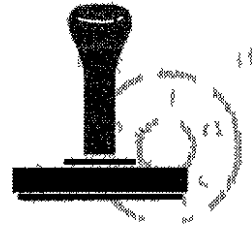
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Kenneth F. Sheedlo 75 of Farmington, died Sept. 4
Dorothea "Dorie" Snavely, 90 of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 21

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs:

■ Tuesday, Sept. 7 – Investigation on Sheridan, rescue runs on Lincoln, on church and on Plymouth Road, residential rescue runs on Susan, on Lilley, on Amelia, on Haggerty on Sheridan and on Susan rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road, mutual-aid-given rescue run at 5 Mile and Bradner

■ Monday, Sept. 6 – Investigation on Sunset, downed wires on Penniman residential rescue runs on N. Territorial and on Edinburgh



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in *Passages* on page C8.

■ Sunday, Sept. 5 – Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Haggerty, on Arthur and on Spring, commercial rescue run on N. Territorial, vehicle accident with washdown on southbound I-275 north of M-14, vehicle fire on General

■ Saturday, Sept. 4 – Residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Greenview, on Susan, on Dewey and on Lincoln, commercial rescue run on Sheldon

■ Friday, Sept. 3 – Wash-down at Wilcox and Schoolcraft, residential rescue runs on Fellows, on Jackson, on Northville Road and on Plymouth Hollow, vehicle accident and downed wires on eastbound M-14 east of Sheldon, rescue runs to public buildings on Main and on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run at Ann

Arbor Trail and Union
■ Thursday, Sept. 2 – Residential rescue runs on Nantucket, on Mill on Landers and on Sheridan, rescue run on Ann Arbor Road vehicle accident with wash-down at Beck and Port

■ Wednesday, Sept. 1 – Residential rescue runs on Deer, on Fillmore and on Eaton, industrial rescue run on Sheldon commercial rescue runs on Church and on Haggerty grass fire on eastbound M-14 between Beck and Sheldon

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR

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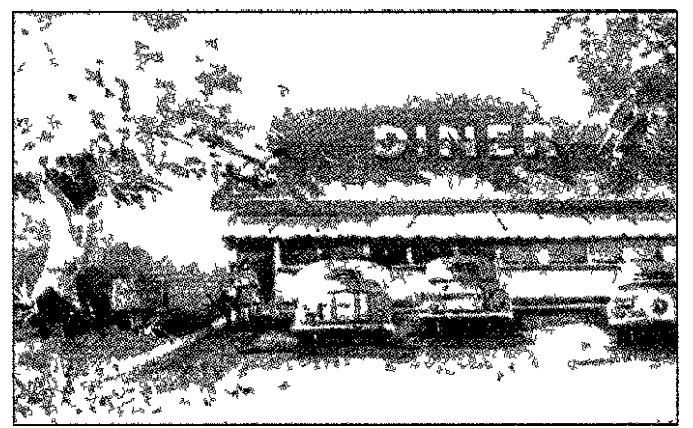
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Watercolor exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the watercolor paintings of Northville resident, Jim Quinlan, in an exhibit Sept. 7-30. The artist's last show at PCAC was the most successful ever held at the center. A reception will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 and includes live jazz. The public is welcome. Quinlan's watercolors are dominated by landscapes and seascapes, along with florals and still life. Earlier this year, he received several awards for work submitted to exhibits at art centers in Florida where he maintains a home. The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information.

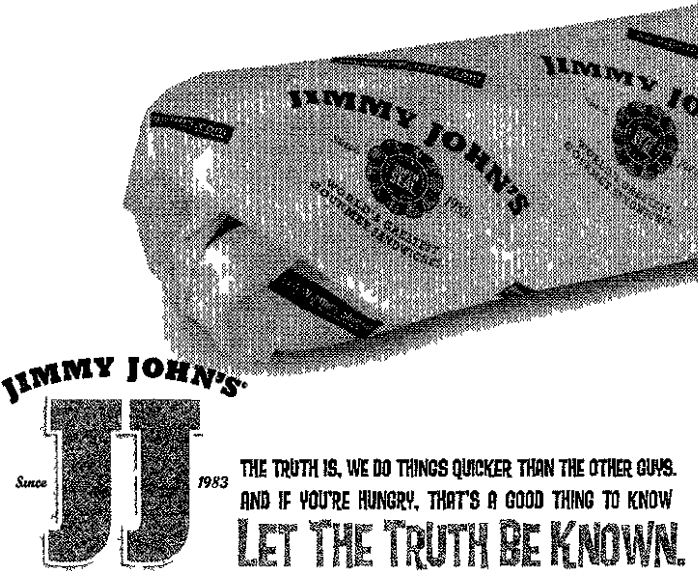
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The buskers will acknowledge the sponsors as part of their act – and pass the hat to help make sure they're able to return to Plymouth in the future, Anderson said.

Along with the new entertainment, some old favorites make their return this weekend. The Rotary Chicken Barbecue is set for Sunday, while the Kiwanis pancake breakfast takes place Saturday morning. Other events include Bingo, a 5K Fun Run, the car show, the annual pet contest and carnival rides.

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Octavia Reese receives her crown as she wins the 2004 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program. Affixing her crown is the 2003 Miss Redford/Miss Wayne County title holder Brooke Brennan.

New Miss Wayne County crowned

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

As the winner of the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant last Saturday, Octavia Reese pledges to make gains in cultural understanding.

The 21-year-old Detroit resident will receive a \$600 scholarship. She wooed the judges with her cello performance and took the overall talent award, too.

Reese is a senior attending Hope College in Holland, Mich., on a full scholarship. But she'll be busy around the community. Reese's first public appearance is scheduled for Oct. 1 of Loretto in Union Redford Sept. 24-26.

She also plans to take part in the Redford Township Firefighters open house Sunday, Oct. 3.

"She's the 14th girl to wear the crown," explains Sheila Sigro, Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant executive director.

In the past, the pageant was called Miss Redford Township/Wayne County. The winner is entitled to compete in the Miss Michigan Pageant with the ultimate goal of going on to the Miss America Pageant.

Last year's winner was Brooke Brennan, who lives in Brooklyn, Mich.

"I'm looking forward to working with Octavia all year and assisting her with her preparations," Sigro says. "At the same time, I'll miss Brooke."

This year's first runner-up is Katie Lorenz, of Plymouth. The 20-year-old University of Michigan student is a lyrical dancer.

The second runner-up was Alexandra Faxlanger, 23, from Macomb Township. She works in Grosse Pointe for State Farm Insurance.

Faxlanger played the violin and won the overall physical fitness award by scoring the highest in the swimsuit competition.

She was also named Miss Congeniality.

The third runner-up was Nicole Foco, a 23-year-old tap dancer who works as a plastics engineer in Plymouth.

Natasha DiGiulio, 19, was a non-finalist who won the talent award.

A vocalist, the Allen Park resident, received the second highest points in the talent section, but didn't place in the court.

About 100 spectators attended the event at Churchill High School in Livonia.

The Scholarship Pageant is sponsored by Little Bills Trophies of Redford, Great Lakes Mitsubishi of Livonia, Alandre Salon in Northville, James Arnold Press of Redford and Arbonne International representative, Kathe Ray of Livonia.

CHURCH

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Many Catholics feel as though such events leave them outside the church. Green said Vatican II, which took place from 1962-65, changed many of the church's teachings.

The job now, he said, is to let inactive Catholics know it's OK to come back to the church.

Equally important, according to Green, is for the church to recognize its culpability in driving parishioners away, and atone for its actions.

"An important part of the first session will be the pastor apologizing for whatever hurt the church has caused," Green said.

"He's not going to explain or try to rationalize, he's simply going to apologize."

It's a necessity acknowledged by St. Kenneth's new pastor, the Rev. Tom Belczak, who said that, as a representative of the church, he bears all the baggage of the church's history.

Over the course of any individual or family's history, the church has been

the source of hurt," Belczak said. "If we take the mandate of Jesus - loving and giving - part of that is saying, I was wrong."

"I can address all the hurt people bring with them and say, 'We're only human,' Belczak said.

"We sometimes make bad decisions. For many people, those decisions have been the cause of hurt."

The Catholics Come Home program isn't unique to St. Kenneth, in fact, Green ran similar programs in churches Downriver.

Many parishes run such programs annually, others twice a year. Green said he hopes St. Kenneth will fall into the latter category and do it semiannually.

The first session will deal with "Memories of the Church," with subsequent sessions set for Sept. 26 ("Morality and Moral Issues"), Oct. 3 ("Separation issues such as divorce or annulment"), and Oct. 10 ("Reconciliation").

Belczak and Green don't figure on curing all the ills of the church or its members, but they'd like to give it a shot.

"We can't promise we're going to fix



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Peggy and Ray Schneider (from left) and Pastoral Associate Jerry Green at St. Kenneth Church discuss their program trying to bring Catholics back to the church that's set to begin Sept. 19.

everyone's problems," Green said. "What we can promise is that we're going to try."

Plymouth Township. For more on the program, call Jerry Green at (734) 420-0288.

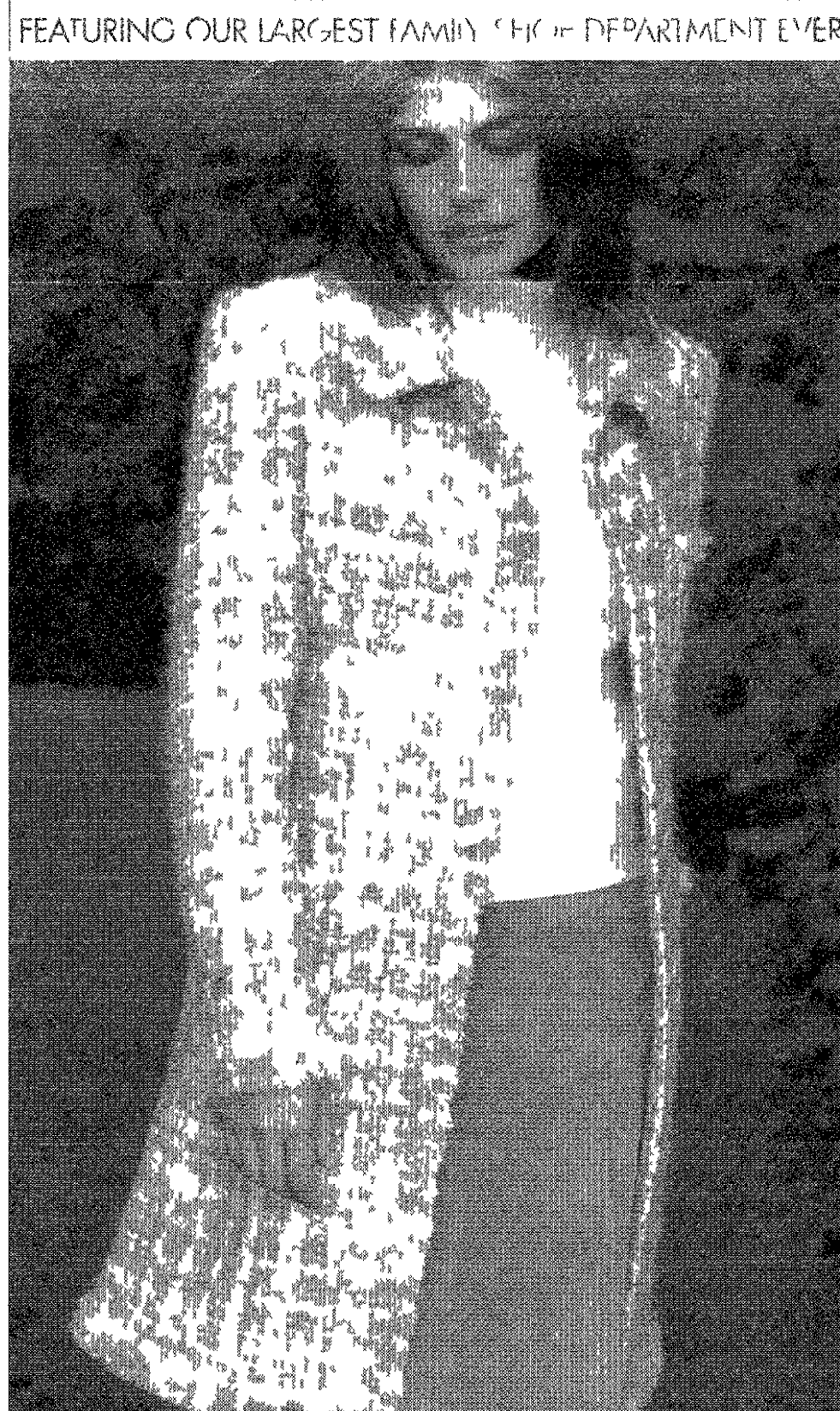
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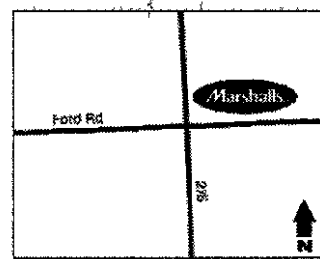
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Start of an artful era

Decade of waiting ends as theater opening dawns

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Almost 10 years of planning will come to fruition Saturday night with the gala opening of the Cherry Hill Village Theater

It was nearly a decade ago that residents and community groups responded to an outreach by Canton Township officials, who were asking a simple question: Was a community theater feasible? The result of all that work

will be unveiled to the community this weekend and next in a variety of celebration and tours

"It has been a long process but I love the result," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said. "We tried to achieve a feeling of richness. The architects have done a wonderful job with woods, and fixtures and burgundies (seats and carpet)."

Karen Bean, interior designer for the theater's architects, TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills, said the interior motifs came from classic American theaters of the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

"It is not any one style like Art Deco - that's simply too specific. We tried to create a feeling, a spirit," Bean said. "I am thrilled the look has come out great. We loved working with the township."

Tim Casai, TMP's lead architect on the project, calls it a "modern theater in a tradition-

al style. The building couldn't stand out like a sore thumb in the Village," Casai said. "We wanted it to look like it has been here for a while. The only real face for the building is the entry."

Casai actually used the word "cool" to describe the experience of designing a small theater created primarily for drama. TMP specializes in community, college and high school theaters of all sizes.

Visitors will be struck by huge brass "torch" lamps, alabaster-like ceiling lights and sconces, and the custom cherry wood millwork throughout, including roping or cord detail. Deep-framed skylights illuminate the lobby "almost like a light fixture," Casai said.

Canton got a lot of mileage for their dollars. Tom Yack and the many other township people really cared," Bean said.

"They were constantly pushing us to get value in what we



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Village Theater nears completion as the opening gala date approaches

did. We had to be sure it was affordable," Casai said. The theater was built with \$7 million in donated funds and \$4.5 million from the township.

Saturday night's gala opens with food and a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by performances in the new theater. The event closes with dessert on stage around 9:30 "so everyone will have seen everything the theater has to offer," Yack said. Tours will be offered 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, and again 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., every hour on the hour,

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19.

"We wanted a traditional theater that didn't dominate Cherry Hill Village. We think they did it," Yack said.

Theater-goers will be impressed by mundane things, too.

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OUR VIEWS

More private cash is required

There are shark alerts, tornado alerts, hurricane alerts and now state budget slashing alerts

For community arts organizations in Canton and Plymouth, the warning that the proposed \$11.8 million in state grants for arts and culture may be eliminated or cut drastically has the same bite as a shark alert for swimmers

Leaders, volunteers and advocates of community arts and cultural organizations have long learned to live under the spectre of annual state funding reductions. In most cases, creativity in financing, as well as the realignment or reduction of programming, has helped keep organizations alive

Each year, the public, including corporations and community foundations, is asked to financially help maintain arts and cultural programming

If more drastic state cuts are indeed on the horizon, the demand will become even greater. The choices facing arts organizations are becoming increasingly limited

Many organizations have learned to diversify their funding stream, yet state support goes a long way in enticing corporations and other contributors of an organization's legitimacy

For arts organizations and for the communities, the answer is not in giving up. The only choice is to move forward. The question is how

The best local example is the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which opens Sept. 11. Private funding is the source behind the new facility. Township officials and volunteers have tapped into area corporations, including builders and developers. And it worked

The wise business owner knows that community events bring dollars into the local economy. Money everywhere is tight. Yet local organizations have climbed mountains in sustaining private contributions

In the next round of anticipated state cuts, organizations will be forced to be even more creative and bolder in requesting private financing

A community without arts and culture is simply a concoction of buildings and roads without heart or substance

But arts organizations need to consider their missions, avoid any type of duplication with other groups, and prepare to again seek increased private financing

On the other hand, the public, including corporations, must take on the responsibility of helping promote and secure arts and cultural programs in the community by digging into their wallets and coffers

Candidates: Stick to issues that matter

As the Nov. 2 election approaches, we implore state and local candidates to discuss the issues that affect voters the most

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And, we want them to discuss creative ways to pay for these improvements — without further burdening taxpayers

We're not talking about giving lip service to these issues. We want a serious discussion that will lead to practical solutions and provide voters with the necessary information for them to make informed decisions

We expect serious candidates to attend — and be well-prepared for — candidate forums and coffee klatches sponsored by local chambers of commerce, PTAs and PTOs, homeowner groups and the League of Women Voters

We expect them to respond thoughtfully to written questionnaires that are published

And we encourage voters to read candidates' platforms, attend meet-the-candidate events and debates — or watch them when they are aired on local cable channels

This election, let's put an end to muckraking, character assassinations, half-truths and sign-stealing. Let's take up the issues that matter most — and then stick to them



LETTERS

Letter was unnerving

Reading the letter sent by Robert VanBuren's friend left me a bit unnerved. For starters, this person claims to be an old friend, with fond memories of Mr. VanBuren. This makes a lot of sense seeing that the way he shook his finger at the Plymouth Police Department and completely ignored his friend's actions as being the cause of the entire event. The whole time not knowing what actually occurred (did Mr. VanBuren reach for an officer's gun?) we do not yet know.

He chose not to comment on the way his friend terrorized women and babies! He failed to acknowledge his friend's wrong-doing, did not empathize with the staff, families or children who were victimized.

There are a lot of victims in this incident. Every citizen of Plymouth and beyond is affected by this.

Today was the first day of preschool for my son, who attended New Horizons last year as well. As I walked into the building, I began to cry as I saw all the children in their classrooms. SO innocent, SO vulnerable! Gone are our happy memories and our ability to trust that our children are safe, our sense of peace erased by the crass, impulsive actions of one man.

Yes, I agree that this person did not deserve to die, no person does. However, it terrifies me that he behaved the way he did, in a house of worship in the presence of babies.

Perhaps it has been a long time since this person knew a nicer, stable Robert VanBuren. For all our sake, I wish he had never stepped foot into that church.

P. Kozlowski
Plymouth Township

Need autism legislation

My son Alex, age 6, has autism, cerebral palsy, large vestibular aqueduct syndrome, bi-lateral sensorimotor hearing loss, asthma, and other conditions that creep up because of his premature birth at 32 weeks in June 1998, such as a possible up and coming urological surgery this fall, and an MRI for a deep sacral dimple and possible tethered cord in his spine.

Alex is an innocent, sweet child who did nothing to deserve any of these conditions, all of which can be helped by early intervention services, therapy and medical treatments. So I ask you, why, in this state of Michigan, can my son get mandated insurance coverage for all of his conditions but autism?

As many parents of children with autism spectrum disorder know, a disorder which now strikes as many as one in 250 children (and double and quadruple that number when you consider their voting age parents and grandparents), why is a neurological and genetic disorder ignored by insurances, and considered not necessary to cover services for these children?

Families in this state are struggling to pay the very expensive therapies and services for their children, while other states like Pennsylvania mandate insurance coverage of services for individuals with autism. Ohio is currently in the

process of governmental hearings to mandate service coverage for individuals with autism in their state, too.

Autism is not caused by refrigerator moms," as was initially thought decades ago. It is a neurological disorder affecting speech, behavior and fine and gross motor functions, resulting in multiple sensory dysfunctions and also seizure disorders.

Thus, many children with autism are prone to "escaping" because of the pain these neurological issues and sensory dysfunctions cause, as was the possible case of Christopher McAvoy of Livonia, the child with severe autism who died this past weekend in a pool in Livonia after he left his home while being watched by his grandmother.

I do not know the specific autistic history of this child, as the disease is a spectrum disorder, but if the Michigan Legislature demanded insurance coverage of services for autistic individuals, hopefully, there will be less children with autism who wander off, non-verbal and scared, and more children and families with a sense of hope, of dreams and successes, something this poor child from Livonia will never have the chance to experience a life.

Which brings me to my final point, how disappointed I was to find out that when an Amber Alert was issued for this child from Livonia, that very few local, if any national news agencies, brought his and his family's plight to the public's awareness. Perhaps if he had been the missing Chihuahua of a hotel heiress, 1 e Paris Hilton and Tinkerbell, perhaps his being missing would have gone noticed by our news agencies.

One in 250 children are now diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, and surrounding those children with autism are many registered voters: educators, doctors, therapists, family members and friends. We refuse to remain quiet anymore and allow the Michigan Legislature to ignore the plight of autistic individuals, and we demand that a bill is introduced to mandate insurance coverage of services for individuals with autism.

We demand on a local and national, let alone international, level that people be educated and made aware of children with autism, especially when an innocent non-verbal boy, such as Christopher McAvoy of Livonia, goes missing, and his missing from home and subsequent death in a murky pool goes unnoticed by the media and public at large.

Dawn Ham-Kucharski
Canton

Hollowell and Kerry

Since President Bush has taken all the blame for everything from the AIDS epidemic to the war on terror, let's evaluate John Kerry's attitude regarding the open prostitution during the Democratic convention in Boston.

In two separate radio broadcasts, a certain call house madam encouraged "the girls to get out on the street." In the second interview, she said, "I'd like to see a lot of men happy."

I never once heard John Kerry denounce any immoral activity either before or after the convention. So maybe

Butch Hollowell thought John Kerry was giving the green light to the red light districts.

Dolores Kapanke
Garden City

Coming clean

It has been nearly four years and waiting for the press to suggest what was most obvious to many of us about the election in 2000 goes unstated, unreported. Gore tried to steal the election in 2000. After three counts showed Bush the winner, Gore wanted a fourth! It is likely Al Gore was going to insist on the recount until the vote showed him the winner.

For four years the libs have been crying about the Democrats losing the election. The Founding Fathers probably didn't realize there would be many who would be mystified by the election process that assured the most reasonable method for selecting a president, one who would best represent the states and the clusters of citizens therein.

Now Kerry has center stage to distort, convolute, misstate, and misrepresent his Swift Boat experiences, cover his trips to Paris to consort with the communists to induce the United States to withdraw from Vietnam, wince and wiggle when attempting to explain his throwing ribbons and medals on the ground as part of an anti-war demonstration, run and hide from his trek to Nicaragua to arrange the surrender of the Freedom Fighters to Daniel Ortega's communist killers, murderers of hundreds of women and children in the fight to subdue the opposition's struggle for the right to vote, for the right to live freely in their daily lives.

What's the word for one who consorts with the communists in Paris to undermine one's country in the time of war, who attempts a "truce" arrangement traveling to Nicaragua to cooperate with communist Ortega to overcome the freedom movement of freedom fighters?

Starts with a "C." And some of the demizens among us would have the "man" as president!

Michael Moore looks as though he hasn't washed in three months, but Kerry hasn't come clean in 35 years. This vote in November is an easy one.

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Latest budget fiasco masks true problem state is facing

Remember the story about the frog in the pot of water on the stove? You put a frog in the water and you slowly turn the heat up, a degree or two at a time. Supposedly a frog will sit quietly in the water until, yep, he's poached.

Well, we haven't had poached frog at our house for some time, but the moral is clear and all too true. If you keep doing bad things little bit by little bit, nobody is likely to notice until it's too late.

Which brings us to the current flap about school funding. It's now clear Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the leaders in the Legislature spent the last couple of weeks secretly cooking up a scheme to get a measly \$66 million out of the coming year's \$1.2 billion budget deficit by slashing state payments for Michigan school districts that spend more than \$9,000 per pupil.

On the chopping block is \$74 per pupil in state aid for Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Southfield and Troy. Farmington schools get dinged worst, by more than \$900,000 this coming year.

The timing couldn't be worse. This hit home when school has already started, and teachers, custodians and bus drivers have been hired and are in place. This year's school budgets were all adopted by July 1, as state law requires. Now, officials of these school districts simply have no idea about how to absorb cuts of this magnitude this late.

Northville Supt. Leonard Rezmierski's comments are typical. "This is no way to run a business. You simply cannot adopt a school budget in June based on assumptions about what might or might not be done by the state in the middle of September."

Evidently, the governor and the legislative leaders are not particularly worried about that. Oddly, it's not the schools, but our Democratic governor and the Republican-controlled Legislature who keep teetering on the verge of violating their Constitutional obligation to adopt a balanced budget by the beginning of the state's Oct. 1 fiscal year.

Whatever your politics, it's simply irresponsible for Lansing to disrupt the orderly workings of our schools while both parties finish their usual dreary annual game of budgetary chicken. If we simply have to find \$66 million to fix the budget, far better to do so by reducing state school aid across the board, which we could do for a paltry \$3.50 per pupil.

There are three important things to be said about all of this. First, the Lansing folks are spinning that the only districts that are going to be hammered are the "rich" ones, implying that cutting high-spending districts really isn't going to hurt much, and that it's only fair to go after a few rich folks. But the truth is that pitting "rich" districts against "poor" is nothing more than a shoddy divide-and-conquer tactic.

For one thing, it isn't completely true. What the dollar amounts are really a measure of, in large part, is how willing voters in those districts were to support their schools in the days before Proposal A.

Fortunately, most school districts have figured this out, for example, all 28 Oakland County superintendents from Birmingham to Hazel Park, are standing firm against the plan.

Moreover, if the proposed cuts go through, districts that once might have been regarded as "rich" won't be so any longer. Listen to Farmington school Supt. Robert Maxfield. "We're committed to our program for this year, which means we'll be operating at a deficit. When this time comes around next year, we'll be facing massive cuts to make up for this year."

The second point is more philosophical — with a practical

twist. The besetting sin of democracies is that they often fall prey to the notion that equality in mediocrity for all is better than the hope of excellence for some.

That sort of thinking is why socialism always fails. The districts now under the gun are exactly those districts that historically have chosen to come up with the money to provide an excellent education for their citizens.

They were supposed to have been "held harmless" under Proposal A, but over the years their spending has effectively been frozen while costs have kept climbing and, as a result, they are now in trouble — for trying to do a good job.

And now the Lansing-based political class seems to want to cripple the few excellent public schools left. Let's hear it for a new political slogan: "Mediocrity for all! It's only fair!"

What the small minds in Lansing seem to have forgotten is that when parents who are well enough off feel the quality of public education has declined beyond a certain point, they can and will pull their kids out of the public schools.

Doing so is easier than ever, thanks to charter schools, and thanks to Proposal A, every child who leaves costs the public schools thousands of dollars. That sets up a vicious circle in which the more kids leave, the more the quality of cash-starved public education falls, and still more families take their kids out of the schools. The end product could look very much like the public schools of Detroit.

And communities with substandard schools aren't going to attract the kind of people or the kind of businesses they want to have living in them.

My third point is the most important — and the one the governor and the Legislature least want to hear. Sooner or later the governor and the Legislature are going to have to develop the guts to face the fundamental problem, which is that the state budget is chronically and structurally unbalanced by more than \$1 billion per year.

They have only two real choices: 1) Cut state spending by at least \$1 billion a year. This will make a lot of people very, very angry. 2) Fix our absurd tax system by broadening the base of the sales tax to include services while reducing the rate. This will make some anti-tax-at-any-cost people very angry, but it will cure our built-in budget problem that otherwise will go on and on for years.

Of course, nothing could terrify politicians more than actually facing the facts and making decisions as big as the scope of this problem. That's especially true when we have an election this fall, and every single member of the governing class will have to run two years from now.

Hence the convenient conspiracy of making lots of little spending cuts around the edges that lets the politicians stumble into a new fiscal year having "balanced" the budget, but leaving unsolved the underlying problem.

That's what they have just done to our better-endowed school districts. Which brings us back to the frog in the pot of the water. We can slowly, slowly keep turning up the heat, cutting here and there, nipping away at those few remaining things of high quality (good schools and good universities, for instance).

But at the end of the day the cumulative effect of this death by a thousand short-run cuts will leave our signature institutions, just like the frog, well and truly poached.

And there is nothing harder than unpoaching a frog.

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) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

Mrs. Masters' tiles are for sale again

Kris Darby was convinced that Plymouth-Canton needed a place where potters could work together. Before Kris retired from teaching, she, along with Carolyn Hook, Kathy Sandberg, Ruth Price and Debbie Lieberman established the Village Potters Guild.

With the help of Torb Guenther, Kim Guenther and Al Larson, Frameworks' owner, the Guild opened a studio a year later. They recruited new members, such as Eileen Hewett and Barb Masters, longtime English teachers.

Today, the Guild is celebrating its 10th anniversary and has grown to 25 members. Carolyn Hook, the current president, said, "The mission of the Guild is to educate the community about ceramics and art and give potters the chance to learn from others." She's always happy to welcome new members.

Other Guild events are the Fourth Annual Studio Clearance Pottery Tent Sale held on Sept. 11 at 340 N. Main St., followed by the Cherry Hill Village Fine Arts and Antiques Show on Sept. 18-19.

Pottery is very beautiful, but working in clay is dirty work. Some potters love to work with mud, while others are more interested in colors, paints, glazes, and finishes. While some pottery may look very delicate, it may have been built by a potter who "threw the clay" and then "fired" the object in a kiln.

Kris likes to work with clay because "the materials are natural and come from the earth." You could say that Kris, Barb and Eileen used their potter's skills when they were teachers, but instead of clay, they molded and shaped children.

Barb Masters died in 2003. Debbie Lieberman, Margaret Nowak, Eileen Hewett and others came up with the great idea to make tiles from Barb's molds. These keepsake tiles were sold at Art in the Park and at the Tent Sale. All proceeds go to the Barbara Masters Art Grant (Educational Excellence Foundation), which brings creative programs to PCEP.

Mrs. Masters was one of my favorite teachers. Having a teacher like Mrs. Masters in the '60s was cool. She was intolerant of intolerance. She allowed students to be radical, but never lazy. She insisted that if you were going to be in her class, you had to think. She could be cantankerous, but she was absolute in her passion for literature and the arts.

She breathed life into Thoreau, Emerson, and even George Eliot. Emerson wrote, "The measure of a master is his success in bringing all men around to his opinion twenty years later."

I don't know if I agree with everything Mrs. Masters said, but she certainly made an impression on me. I suspect she also influenced my son, John, even though she retired before he was a student at PCEP.

When John took the Zen and Emerson class, his teacher was Kathy Thompson, another one of Mrs. Masters' students. John didn't have to buy a copy of Emerson, he borrowed my dog-eared, marked up copy. John would have loved Mrs. Masters because he's just as irascible and thought-provoking as she was.

It's too bad that teachers can't be replicated as easily as Mrs. Masters' tiles.

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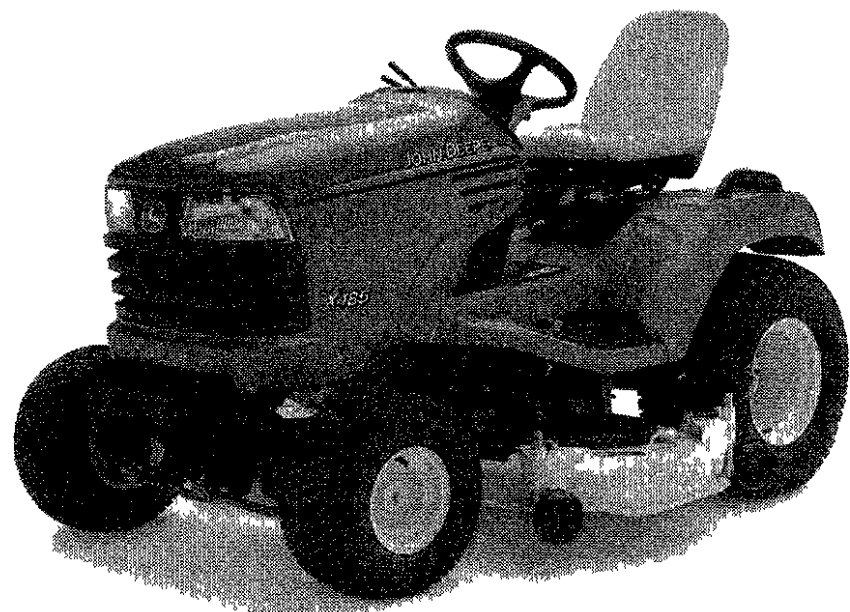
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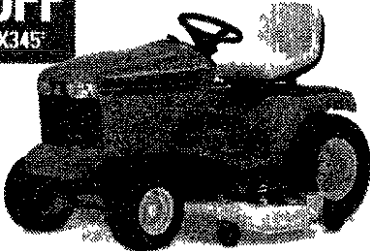
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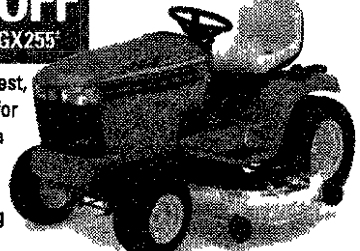
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Sheriff hosts workshop on missing child alert system

Representatives from law enforcement agencies as far away as Jackson and Flint came to Wayne County last week to learn about a high-tech tool now available to assist them in the event a child turns up missing in their community.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, who was the first major law enforcement official in Michigan to implement the A Child is Missing (ACIM) telephone alert system, hosted the event at its training facility at Wayne County Community College in Van Buren Township.

More than 70 police officers in attendance saw the power of ACIM's telephone alert system, which sends out thousands of customized pre-recorded phone messages to homes and businesses in the immediate vicinity of a reported disappearance or abduction. The non-profit organization, which is based in Florida, uses computer mapping and databases to retrieve the phone numbers, which can be dialed at the rate of 1,000 per minute.

Evans added the service to



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Ralph Caporale, a trainer from A Child is Missing, talks with law enforcement officials from throughout the state at the program hosted by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

his Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force in April, when he announced the Sheriff's Rescue Network, which he has made available to all 43 police agencies in Wayne County. The Task Force is made up of five sheriff's deputies and two Detroit Police officers whose sole responsibility is to find missing children.

These phone messages contain specific information about the time and location of the child's disappearance, as well as their description, Evans said. "What that does is enlist an army of eyes and ears in the immediate area of the disappearance, which is a tremendous help to police. The results can be dramatic, according to ACIM trainer

Ralph Caporale. "We had one instance where a man dropped off a young girl he had abducted because he saw people coming out of their homes, looking for the girl and calling her name."

It's that kind of result that Evans hopes will attract those law enforcement agencies that attended the training to sign up for the free services.

"Time is the most critical factor working against us when we are looking for a missing child," Evans said. "Within a matter of a few minutes, we will have the ability to contact thousands of individuals who will become our eyes and ears to help us locate the child," Evans said.

In Wayne County, approximately 3,000 children are reported missing each year. While most are either recovered or return on their own, the county's Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force, which is made up of Sheriff's Deputies and Detroit Police officers, has safely recovered more than 350 missing children since it was created in October, 2003.

Astronaut Sally Ride to host third Science Festival

Sally Ride, America's first woman astronaut, will be attending the third annual Sally Ride Science Festival at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Sunday, Sept. 12.

The Festival is for girls in grades five through eight with parents and educators also welcome to attend. The event will also be the site of the official kick-off of TOYchallenge 2005, a fun-fueled toy- and game-design competition created to motivate middle school-age students, especially girls, to use their science, engineering and design skills.

This is one in a series of Festivals organized by Sally Ride Science, a company dedicated to creating events, programs and activities that support girls' interest in science, math and technology. More than 25 Sally Ride Science Festivals held around the country have each attracted hundreds of girls and parents for a day of science, socializing and fun. The Festivals are designed to pique the interest of middle school girls, a group that for a variety of reasons begins to drift from their natural interests in science and math.

The event will feature a keynote speech by Sally Ride, Discovery Workshops led by women professionals ranging from veterinarians to rocket scientists, and a festive Street Fair with booths, exhibits, food, music and a drawing for prizes. There is also an adult track for parents and teachers on topics such as hands-on science and gender equity. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., and the festival runs from 11:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The \$18 advance registration fee (\$25 the day of the event) includes full festival participation, souvenirs, and lunch. Girls attending the festival can

also join the Sally Ride Science Club for a sponsored rate of \$5 for the first year.

The Festival will also host the launch of TOYchallenge 2005, which was developed by Sally Ride, Smith College and Hasbro, Inc. as an outreach activity to engage middle school-age students, especially girls, in science and engineering and to inspire them to pursue careers in those fields. Area teams that participated in TOYchallenge 2003 and 2004 will be on hand to demonstrate their toys and share their experiences. New teams that pre-register for this year's competition can display their plans and designs for review and attendee feedback.

The Festival is presented in association with the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The event's lead sponsor is the Ford Motor Co., other sponsors include Johnson Controls, Pfizer and IBM. The Festival will incorporate the resources of the local community to energize girls and encourage them to Reach for the Stars!

Teachers, parents and students can pre-register and find out more about the Festival schedule and workshops either online at

www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by phone at 800-561-5161. Pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited. Interested TOYchallenge coaches and teams can find further details and pre-register at www.TOYchallenge.com.

Sally Ride Science was founded by astronaut Sally Ride to support the large numbers of girls and young women who are, or might become, interested in science, math and technology. For more information on Sally Ride Science programs, please visit www.SallyRideScience.com, or call (800) 561-5161.

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Airport traffic up by 9.5 percent

Total passenger traffic at Detroit Wayne County Airport jumped 9.5 percent in June compared to June 2003, according to preliminary figures released by the airport's business office.

Detroit Metro finishes the first half of 2004 with 16,956,735 total passengers through June, a 6.6 percent increase including 1,410,291 international passengers, an increase of 8 percent in that category over the first six

months of 2003. June's total of 3,176,271 passengers is only 35,535 passengers short of Metro's best June ever in 2000.

"If passenger traffic at Detroit Metro Airport continues to increase at its current pace, we will begin breaking all time passenger records again in 2005," said Lester Robinson, Wayne County Airport Authority CEO.

Aircraft landings and take offs (operations) increased 8.3

percent in June and were up 6.23 percent for the first six months of 2004 over 2003. A total of 256,411 aircraft have arrived or departed the airport in the first half of 2004.

Airlines showing gains at the airport include British Airways, Delta, Lufthansa, Northwest, Pinnacle (Northwest Airlink), Southwest, Air Canada and USA 3000.

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Small wonders

Home holds equal delight for kids and parents

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Charlie and Kerry Dillon thought "small" when they renovated their 1930 farmhouse colonial home, where the family has lived for five years.

That is, their four children - ages 11, 10, 7 and 3 - were the foremost consideration in the project.

"It's a home for children," Kerry Dillon said.

"Every room is designed with them in mind. This is not a museum."

Gregory Hall, Allied ASID, of La Belle Provence in Birmingham, created delightful rooms that appeal to adults as well as children.

Coziness is conveyed throughout the residence, even though it is now more than 5,000 square feet. Some features celebrate the individuality of each youngster, others, the tastes of their parents.

What could be called "child-friendly" elements - such as paint and upholstery with colors and patterns that hide fingerprints and spills - co-exist comfortably with those of adults - such as charming antiques and reproductions and decor with sophisticated features including Brunschwig & Fils tassels and trims.

"We tried to make it happy kind of fun, casual but not overly casual," Dillon said.

This residence will be one of seven on the 17th annual Community House Birmingham House Tour, scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 21. (See related items.)

The seven homes on this year's house tour represent Birmingham today," said Lisa Brody, co-chair of the event.

"The tour features homes designed by architect Wallace Frost that have been adapted to today's lifestyles, as well as modern new homes that combine the present-day desires of homeowners with style and elegance."

"There's truly something for everyone to dream of having for themselves."

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In the renovation, which included additions, pains were taken to keep new elements in the feeling of the original style.

Custom-made molding and cabinetry are among these features. All of the light fixtures in the house are antiques, some of them from Michael's Lamp Shop in Lathrup Village.

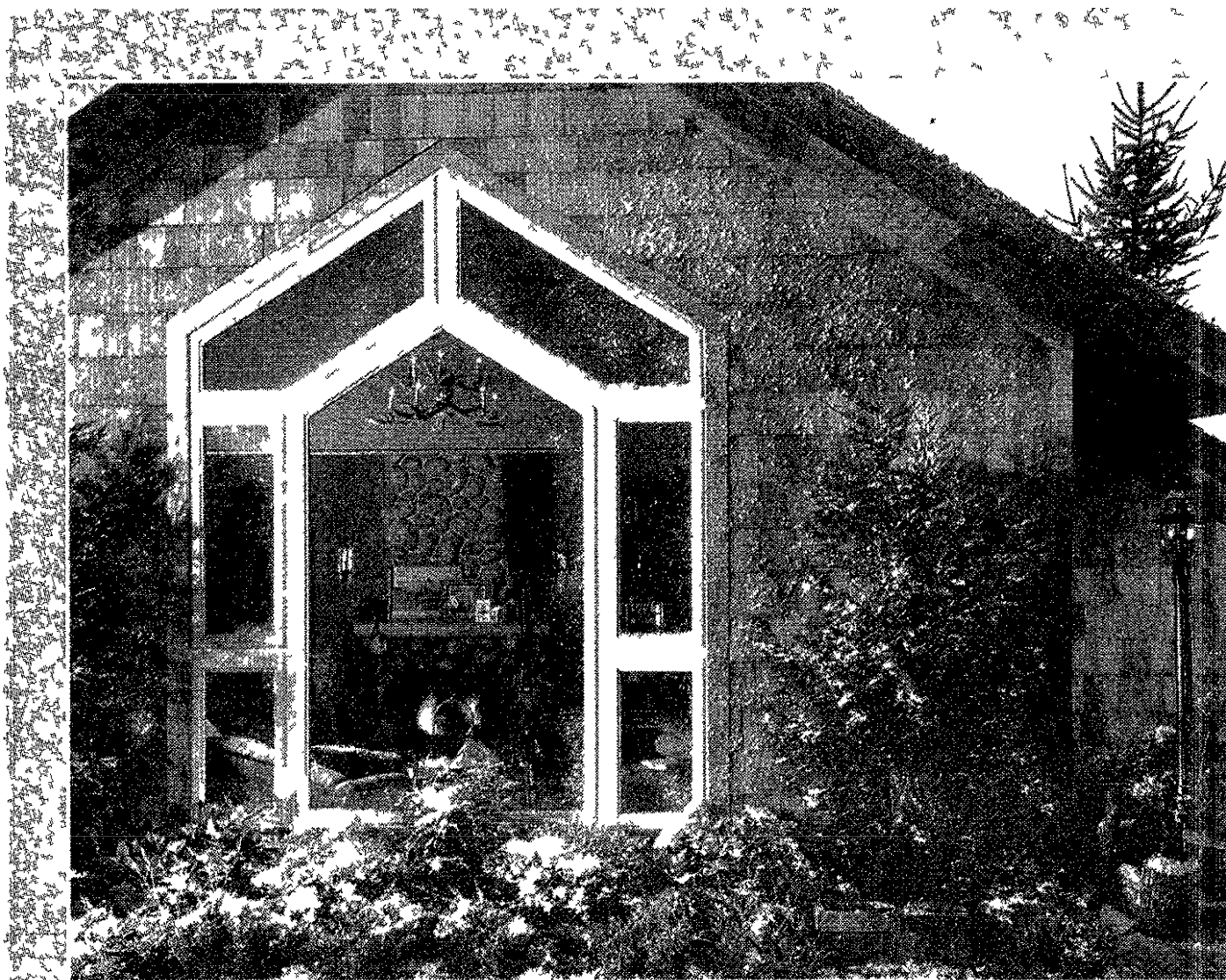
The entryway is colored apricot, in gloss paint so it picks up natural light. It contains a reproduction antique French chest, and a needlepoint rug made by women in North Carolina who teach needlepoint and sell their items to Hall.

The new kitchen, with natural light sources that include a skylight and an oval window, houses an island and counters topped with green Iranian granite. Dark wooden chairs along one side of the island have vinyl-covered cushions.

Insets were put on the white cabinets so the doors fit into frames. Polished nickel hardware matches the pewter and ceramic containers from Kerry Dillon's collection displayed around the room.

In an adjoining space, antique-looking prints of cows are arranged on the walls around a long wooden table. A large window frames a living

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itting in your home with the heat cranked up in the coming winter months, you may not notice the brisk air sneaking into your home or the warm air sneaking out.

But your heater certainly will just look at your next utility bill.

Based on national averages, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) found that 44 percent of a utility bill for a typical house is for heating and cooling. That's the largest portion of the bill.

But where's the cold air coming from, you wonder?

Perhaps you should check your windows. According to the EERE,

(MS) - Before temperatures drop and you see the first snowfall, make it a priority to give your windows a thorough examination.

Why? Because a home's windows are one of the chief ways that heat can be lost during blustery winter months, resulting in higher energy bills.

To help with your inspection, follow these tips from the experts at Simonton Windows:

- Check every window and door to make sure there is adequate weatherstripping and caulking which will ensure a secure seal around the openings in your home.

- Seal up any little cracks or gaps where air can leak into your home. Many experts believe the average home has enough of these small holes to equal one 3-foot by 3-foot

heat loss and gain through and around windows accounts for more than 25 percent of a home's heating and cooling bills.

That being said, if you think your windows are the culprit or your high heating bills, you have two options: you can fix or replace. Your choice will likely depend on your pocketbook.

FIX-IT

John Piotrowski, manager of the glazing department commercial and residential, at Lards Glass in Plymouth said if you can't afford to

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opening.

- If you have storm windows, put them on early in the autumn to help save on your home's energy bills.

- Make sure to lock all the hardware on your windows. This creates a strong seal that prevents cold air from coming into the home.

Even when closed, an unlocked window can still allow air to escape.

- Examine your windows. Make sure they're doing their part to help insulate your home.

Check for hot and cold spots or drafty areas inside your home near windows, which can indicate energy loss.

If you decide it's time to replace your windows, don't wait until the spring thaw. Replacing windows before winter weather sets in can save your family substantially on

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INFORMATION

For more information on winterizing your windows and energy efficiency in your home, check out these Web sites:

- Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy - http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/energy_savers/

- Michigan Energy Demonstration Centers, including Alliance for Environmental Sustainability in Grand Rapids: www.alliances.org

- Environmental House in Ann Arbor: www.recycleannarbor.org

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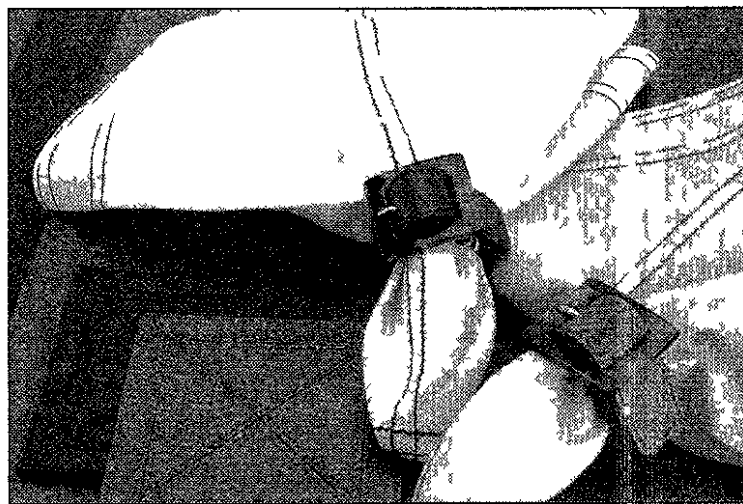
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Stylish setting

Dine in comfort with this sumptuous leather place setting offered at A Touch of Lace, 4036 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Shown with a top-stitch napkin that comes in a variety of colors and a fashion-forward belt-buckle napkin ring, the square, leather-bound place mat and matching coasters make for just the right ambiance. The palette includes sienna, chocolate and black. Retail prices are \$79 for the place mats, \$64 for the set of four coasters and \$27 each for the linen napkins and decorative rings. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Evening and weekend consultations available upon request. For more information, call (248) 645-LACE or visit www.atochoflace.com.



Accents

Links to hospitality

Everyone is looking for something great, that "wow package," to greet their friends and business associates when they arrive into town for the Ryder Cup, says Wendi Rosenthal, owner of The Great American Basket Co. in Farmington Hills.

And she and her company have "tee"-rrific ideas about that.

Rosenthal and her team specialize in creating extraordinary statements for their clients using creative packaging and items that will leave a lasting impression with the basket receiver.

"Ryder Cup hospitality packages are the opportunity for companies to welcome visitors to Detroit while reinforcing their brand or message at the same time," Rosenthal said.

The company's Ryder Cup hospitality ideas include a mini golf bag cooler that could contain treats, practice golf balls, tees, pocket tips, a golf towel and many other items (prices are \$125 and \$75 with items, \$30 for the cooler alone), a golf ball bucket filled with assorted snacks and golf novelties (\$45) and a golf bag tote, a gift box filled with an assortment of treats and goodies (starting at \$25).

Hospitality totes and baskets are available for purchase by visiting The Great American Basket Co.'s showroom at 29594 Orchard Lake Road (between 13 and 14 Mile), by calling (248) 626-9050 or toll-free (800) 528-0473, or online at www.greatamericanbasket.com.

Entertainment book

The Shelby Gardeners Club is selling the Entertainment 2005 book to raise money for its continued beautification projects in Shelby Township.

Price is \$20. The books are available at the Shelby Parks and Recreation Office, from a club member, or by calling (586) 731-8215.

Supporters

Allen Brothers Inc., a roofing contractor based in Rochester Hills, has donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan's grand opening charity extravaganza, organized by the Robinson Realty Group, in an effort to raise treatment and research funds for children facing life-threatening infectious diseases for the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The hospital's private charity benefit will take place 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 9, at The Renaissance Club, 200 Renaissance Center, 36th floor in Detroit.

The emcee will be former UPN 50 anchor Amyre Makupson, and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Herman Gray, chief operating officer of Children's Hospital of Michigan.

For more information, call Tracye Robinson-Blount at (248) 905-5600.

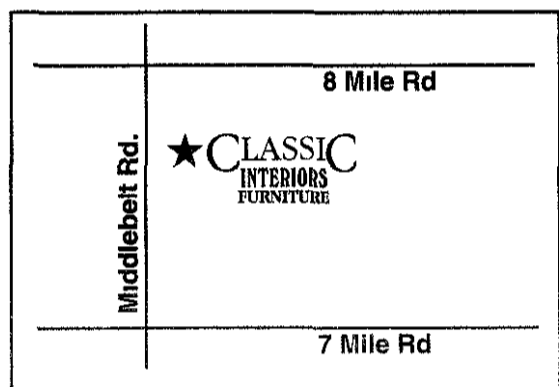
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Arhaus Furniture to open in Birmingham

Arhaus Furniture (www.arhaus.com), an Ohio-based retailer of exclusive handcrafted home furnishings, is gearing up to open a new store location in the Palladium Complex, 202 North Old Woodward Ave., formerly occupied by Tower Records.

The store, set to open mid-November, marks the retailer's second location in the state of Michigan and 26th overall in the United States following a continuing expansion effort. The retailer's first store in the state opened earlier this year at Arborland Shopping Center in Ann Arbor.

With nearly 20,000 square feet on the first floor of the three-story building in Birmingham, Arhaus plans to recreate a setting similar to that of its flagship store at the trendy lifestyle shopping center of Legacy Village in Lyndhurst, Ohio. The stunning interior of the store includes an oversized fireplace surrounded by antique, hand-carved paneling and an Italian Courtyard with wrought iron gates.

With a merchandising philosophy heavily influenced by theatre, Arhaus company officials believe the stores are unlike any other in the home furnishings category.

John Reed, president of the home furnishings retailer, points to everything from the lighting throughout the

store to the hanging fabrics and hand-painted murals, which help to create an inspirational backdrop for customers.

"Our visual team works very hard to create an environment that blends various cultures together to create a very unique, worldly look that our customers love. It's all about making a statement and providing an unmatched product selection so customers can easily envision our furniture and accessories in their homes," he said.

The river rock fireplace, reminiscent of those found in mountain lodges, will be constructed of nearly 6 tons of stone, and the Italian courtyard, sectioned off with antique Indonesian doors, will house the retailer's complete line of seasonal accessories.

Other features will include an antique, hand-carved Javanese dwelling used to creatively showcase a furniture collection, a signature chair wall housing Arhaus' selection of dining chairs, and a combination of hardwood and mosaic tile flooring throughout the store.

With the grand opening in the fall, the Birmingham store will introduce shoppers to the retailer's adaptation of the Arts & Crafts era, with home furnishings featuring slightly more feminine shapes, earthy

color palettes, natural finishes and simpler decorative elements.

Mosaic dining tables and Asian-inspired cabinets hand-painted with pictorial scenes are some of the items that will be shown, along with Arhaus' many signature collections in upholstery (slipcovered, leather and custom-ordered), indoor and outdoor dining and bedroom furniture.

The Arhaus product development team travels around the world gaining inspiration from various cultures and works with skilled artisans to create the retailer's exclusive product line, including the Copper Arabesque Dining Collection, which combines hand-hammered copper tops and hand-forged iron bases.

"By working directly with these artisans, we are able to offer our customers stylish, high-quality merchandise at a great value," says Reed.

With such a unique product mix, Reed is optimistic about the projected success of the Birmingham store. He says Arhaus has something competitors don't, "a truly captivating store presentation packed with beautiful, handmade furniture and accessories from all over the world. Our products are stylish, yet practical and perfect for today's families," he adds.

Vacuuming maintains carpeting

(NAPS) - If that red carpet you're rolling out is yours, regular cleaning and maintenance can keep it looking good year after year. During everyday use, soil clings to carpet fibers and dulls the carpet's beauty. The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration

Certification recommends that you routinely remove dry soil with vacuuming to preserve the carpet's life. Here are some important things to remember:

- Use a hepa-type bag
- Replace the bag when it is half to two-thirds full
- Use attachments for room edges.

■ Since vacuuming only removes about 75 percent of soil, use a professional cleaner regularly to complete the cleaning process. Minute particles, especially those that can be inhaled, can be effectively removed with professional vacuuming and cleaning.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Composting

Feed the Earth Compost! a home composting workshop will take place 4-5 p.m. Friday Sept 10 at 3910 W Webster in Royal Oak. The free outdoor workshop will demonstrate methods for making and using compost in the home garden. It is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. To register call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com

Dahlia show

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will present its 53rd annual Dahlia Show Saturday/Sunday Sept 11-12 at Livonia Mall. Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. More than 600 to 800 blooms will be on display and several new cultivars will be introduced. SMDS members will be available to answer questions and welcome new members.

Plant programs

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center 3301 John R in Troy presents programs 10 a.m. Saturdays. Call (248) 689-8735 for information. In What's New for 2005 (Sept 11) Telly's owner George Papadellis will show slides of next season's exciting and new annuals, perennials, roses and herbs. Learn which plants would work well in your garden. Ornamental Grasses Landscape in Motion (Sept 18) will lead you through the splendid world of these increasingly popular landscape plants.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday Sept 13 at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile. A Feng Shui Garden will be the topic as the organization begins its 70th year as a federated club. Guests are welcome. Betti Poole, past president, will present design tips for implementing the energy in your landscape/garden using feng shui. Poole is also horticultural chair, a member of the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, a master gardener and a garden designer.

Royal Oak Garden Club

Come grow with the Royal Oak Garden Club at the club's meeting at 1 p.m. Monday Sept 13 in the Royal Oak Library Auditorium. There will be a slide presentation by Mel Batch and a review of our past year's community gardens. Help the club plan community involvement with the Detroit Zoo Gilda's Club, Royal Oak Cemetery and the Morias Street Community Center. For information contact club president Rose at RKUDRON@YAHOO.COM

or camimartin@aol.com

Detroit Rose Society

The Detroit Rose Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday Sept 10 at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center on Ridge Road one block south of 1596 and one block west of Woodward.

Hill & Dale Garden Club

The Perennial Plant Exchange sponsored by the Farmington Hills Beautification Committee and the Hill & Dale Garden Club is scheduled 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday Sept 18 at Farmington Hills City Hall located at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. For more information please contact Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374.

Fall cleanup

Learn how to give plants the best start into their next season in The Art of Fall Garden Cleanup, a class meeting 7:10 p.m. Wednesday Sept 22 at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$40. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. In the class you will receive tips on what to do, when and how - for the plant's good for your benefit and to make the garden attractive for the winter.

Instructor Deb Hall has been gardening for more than 18 years and operates her own garden maintenance firm Gardenbud. An advanced master gardener she earned her Certificate of Gardening Fine Arts from the Michigan School of Gardening. Hall became an instructor for MSG in 1999.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of free programs at their nursery. The schedule of fun and educational programs includes Insect and Disease Control for Roses 1 p.m. Sunday Sept 12 or 11 a.m. Monday Sept 13 and Climbing Roses 1 p.m. Sunday Sept 19 or 11 a.m. Monday Sept 20. Insect and Disease Control is a slide presentation and tour of the Lindleys' less than perfect garden with special emphasis on natural and cultural control of rose problems. Climbing Roses is a slide program and garden demonstration of training and pruning techniques. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) roads in Sumpter Township seven miles south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Ann Arbor and Northville farmers markets. For information about Great Lakes Roses visit

www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230

Tree, bulb sale

Orders in the Fall Tree and Spring Flowering Bulb Sale of the Oakland Conservation District must be received by Friday Sept 17. For a catalog and order form call the Oakland Conservation District at (248) 673-4496 or e-mail bob.mrozek@macd.org. Tree offerings include balsam fir, white fir, Colorado blue spruce, Eastern reed cedar, white cedar, red pine, white pine, Norway spruce, white spruce and American larch. Among the bulb offerings are blue jacket, fondante, Gipsy princess and splendid, Cornelia, hyacinths, single Triumph peony, fringed Darwin and lily tulips, trumpet and large cupped daffodils, narcissi and crocus. Orders may be picked up 1-5 p.m. Friday Oct 8 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Oct 9 at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigan-garden.com. The schedule includes Ins and Outs of Plants Mondays Sept 13-27 in Livonia (fee is \$98). Putting Down Roots in the Wake of Lost Ash Trees Tuesday Sept 14 in Pontiac (\$10). Fall Color in the Landscape Wednesday Sept 15 in Pontiac (\$40). The Art of Fall Cleanup Friday Sept 17 in Livonia (\$40). Bulbs: Tips on Choosing and Using Saturday Sept 18 in Livonia (\$40). Transplanting Large Plants Saturday Sept 18 in Livonia (\$69). All About Lawns Mondays Sept 20 to Oct 4 in Livonia (\$10). Designing for Winter Interest Wednesday Sept 22 in Livonia (\$40) and Doubling Up Perennials Thursday Sept 23 in Pontiac (\$40). The Michigan School of Gardening will also present The Art of Fall Cleanup Wednesday Sept 22 at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

If you have an item for the calendar please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net

Technicians face dilemma on some repairs

I recently read an article written for an appliance trade magazine by Jim Pearce who is the owner-operator of an appliance repair business in Hartselle, Ala.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Pearce described some of the problems that are known to exist on certain brand major appliances, how secretive these problems remain even during the warranty period, and just how loyal should a service technician be to the homeowner while being paid by a manufacturer for doing the warranty work.

Pearce's article depicts a huge dilemma created by manufacturers and faced by just about every appliance repair company across this country.

If appliance technicians talk too much, they cut their own throats by informing consumers of product problems. On the other hand, if they

don't inform these same consumers of these product problems, the homeowner ends up forking out dollars for repairs that should have been covered under warranty.

Let me give you a couple of scenarios to help you understand this complex problem. Let's say that a certain brand-name washing machine needs a common repair of replacing the door latch motor and that a failure of this motor can cause a control board failure. What is a technician to do? The service tech notices this brand washer has a problem, and does that technician say anything at all? Will the homeowner think that the service technician is just trying to create more work and a bigger expense for the customer? With the tarnished image that we have in the service industry this could very well be the case.

After telling the homeowner of a pending failure of a component, will the homeowner get on the telephone and call the manufacturer to request repairs at no charge? If so, the manufacturer is asking who this technician is and what does he or she think they are

doing? If the technician is working for a company that does warranty work for this manufacturer, it could ruin the relationship or eliminate a portion of income for the company. A big question remains of the product problem which is being reported by service technicians across the country.

Does the manufacturer admit there is a problem? This problem does exist and I don't know if it's as pronounced as written about in Pearce's article but I do know that if it causes a control board failure during the life of this washer, it will cost the homeowner a few hundred dollars for repairs.

Pearce also elaborates on other problems, such as a refrigerator control which freezes everything in the refrigerator section, a known problem cured by changing the control.

Another is a transmission failure in a washer which sprays the clutch mechanism with oil and creates an expensive clutch replacement. A certain stove which in only its second self-cleaning operation

shuts down and needs extensive repairs. These are all known problems.

Keep in mind that many of these problems occur when the product has gone past the full first year warranty and the repair costs will come out of the homeowners pocket.

This writer has been in the appliance industry for many years and I remember so well when a product name meant so much to a company's brand loyalty. I remember the up-front attitude displayed by manufacturers when a product problem slipped through the cracks and just how much that attitude has gone by the way-side.

I believe that service technicians should be sharing every piece of technical information they have with their customers especially if it saves them a repair cost in the future. To the appliance manufacturers who hide certain problems, I say shame on you.

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.

Save big by buying online

I buy just about everything online - books, DVDs, music, trips, gifts, magazine subscriptions, computer parts and tech gadgets (natch).

I recently bought a box of glow-sticks for a neighborhood party we threw. Before that, an impossible-to-find part for our broken-down hot tub.

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

I have even, and I defy you to find another columnist brave enough to admit this, purchased

boxer briefs online (I'll leave the color to your imagination). Why the love affair with mouse-click shopping? Convenience is an obvious part of the attraction, I can order a new DVD for the kids in about the time it takes to read this sentence, versus packing them into the car, driving to Target, and having to say "No, to the 15 other things they want me to buy them."

But mostly, I shop online because I'm a bargain junkie. Let's say I want to buy The Wiggles' *Yummy Yummy*, a must-have DVD for toddlers. Price at Target: \$13.99, not including tax, gas, and round trip travel time. Price at Deep Discount DVD (www.deepdiscountdvd.com): \$10.20, shipping included, no tax or travel time.

Speaking of movies, I recently switched from NetFlix to Blockbuster.com for by-mail DVD rentals. NetFlix charges \$21.99 per month, versus \$19.99 for Blockbuster's new service - a price that includes two in-store rentals each month.

That not only puts \$24 per year back in my pocket, but also saves me cash on those occasional spur-of-the-moment rentals.

Like magazines? Check out MagsForLess.com, where you can almost always save a few bucks on subscriptions.

Need a car charger or spare battery for your new cell phone? First stop eBay. I recently spent about \$7 on a brand-new charger, an accessory that sells for \$29.99 from Verizon.

Admittedly, these are mostly nickel-and-dime savings, but they can add up over time.

You can save even bigger on big-ticket items, provided you know where to look.

Suppose you're ready to pitch your old 2-megapixel digital camera in favor of a snazzy new 5-megapixel model. You've settled on the Sony Cyber-shot DSC-T1, a compact but amazingly versatile camera with a list price of \$499.99. That's what you'll pay at a Best Buy or Circuit City. Price at AmericanDeals.com: \$410 shipped.

I learned of that vendor at PriceGrabber.com, a great site for comparing out-the-door prices from various Web stores - and for seeing how other shoppers rate those stores (so you can avoid some of the Web's shadier dealers).

You'll want a 256MB Memory Stick Pro Duo card to go with the camera. Price at SonyStyle.com: \$94.99 plus shipping. Price at eCost.com: \$54, shipping included.

Even among online vendors, it pays to shop around.

The next time you need to buy something, even something as obscure as a hot-tub part, start your search online. You may be surprised by what you can find - and how much you can save.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township has written for computer and technology magazines and is co-author of several books on handheld computing. E-mail him at rckbroda@excite.com.

HOME CALENDAR

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics 905 S. Main in Royal Oak presents a variety of home decor classes for different skill levels. In Weekender Bag Mondays Sept. 13-27, make a versatile tapestry tote that can carry everything needed for a weekend away (fee is \$60).

Students will trace their patterns during the first class and shop for additional materials with guidance from the instructor.

In Simple Curtain Thursdays Sept. 23 to Oct. 7, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room bedroom kitchen or bathroom windows (\$60).

Make a simple rod pocket window treatment lined or unlined to use alone or over blinds or shades. Leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor. Call (248) 541-0010. E-mail: ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com for registration and other information.

Knitting

Work with a teacher at your own level (beginners and advanced) in Knitting for All Levels, a class offered at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow.

The class will meet Wednesdays Sept. 15 to Oct. 20 or Thursdays Sept. 16 to Oct. 21. Fee is \$44.

Pre-registration is required by mail or at RCH. No credit cards. Call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommhouse.org for information.

Toy show

The Troy Toy Show will take place Saturday Sept. 18 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, two blocks north of Big Beaver Road (16 Mile).

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (7-9 a.m. for early bird customers). Admission is \$4 for adults, free for age 12 and under. \$10 for early bird customers.

The show will feature about 50 dealers exhibiting antique, collectible and modern toys. Among the items will be

games, soldiers, dolls, vehicles, posters, figures (including figures from popular movies and TV shows), books, sports pieces and comics. The event is presented by Showtime Promotions Inc. Call (248) 646-1047 for more information.

Auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery of Troy will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Sept. 22-23 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois.

A preview of the auction is scheduled noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Sept. 20-21 at the Troy Community Center. Call (248) 643-1900 or e-mail artandauktion@boosgallery.com for more information.

Home, leisure classes

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers instruction in home decor and leisure activities. The schedule includes The Art of Wildflower Painting, Tuesday, Sept. 21, and Knitting for Beginners, x Tuesdays beginning Sept. 21.

To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communtyhouse.com.

In the wildflower painting workshop, you will learn the techniques of painting foliage, stir roses, backgrounds and petals. These techniques can be used on a variety of craft projects as well as furniture. You will complete a wood plaque during the class to take home.

Cost is \$22 plus a \$15 materials fee. Instructors Bob and Esther Kerr are experienced interior decorating professionals. They have their own store and do extensive teaching on interior decorative finishes. In the knitting class, learn the basic skills and complete a pair of child's or adult's mittens. The comprehensive skill-building sessions will cover casting on, knit and purl stitches, increasing, decreasing, binding off, seaming and reading patterns. Fee is \$90. A \$15 materials fee for workbook, handouts and project pattern will be payable to the instructor at the first class. The supply cost for practice and project materials (such as yarn, knitting needles and notions) will range from \$25 to \$40 or more, depending on your choices. A supply list will be provided with registration. Instructor Natalie Wilson is a Craft Yarn Council of America certified knitting instructor and a professional knitwear designer.

Concierge desk at The Somerset Collection North. A ticket purchase will also entitle you to an entry to win the master bedroom set at the Show House, valued at \$11,000 and a complimentary gift from Williams Sonoma Grande Cuisine or The Bombay Co. Other contributions enter participants into a raffle or a chance to putt on a professionally designed golf green. A miniature replica of the Show House playhouse is on display in The Somerset Collection Grand Court. Make a donation and your child can be architect for the day, receiving an authentic architect tube filled with supplies to use their wildest imagination in drawing their own dream home.

Antiques market

The 2004 Utica Antiques Market will take place Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 11-12 at the Knights of Columbus Grounds on 21 Mile, 1 mile east of Van Dyke Road in Utica.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The market will take place rain or shine. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for ages 12 and under. Parking is free. Food and beverages will be available on site.

The Utica market brings together more than 700 dealers from all over the country, specializing in pieces from all periods for the serious collector or the novice. Numerous experts will appraise pieces on site. Now in its 18th year, the event is the largest open air market of its kind in southeastern Michigan. It is recognized throughout the Midwest for the great variety, quality and affordability of the antiques and collectibles. The market has a beautiful setting lakeside on the tree-lined Knights of Columbus grounds.

Ultimate Show House

The Ultimate Show House, 615 Hanna in Birmingham, is open now through Sunday, Sept. 12. Visitors shuttle from The Somerset Collection, Coolidge and Big Beaver (16 Mile) Road in Troy. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sunday. Shuttle hours from The Somerset Collection are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday. Tickets are \$10, available at the

Concierge desk at The Somerset Collection North. A ticket purchase will also entitle you to an entry to win the master bedroom set at the Show House, valued at \$11,000 and a complimentary gift from Williams Sonoma Grande Cuisine or The Bombay Co. Other contributions enter participants into a raffle or a chance to putt on a professionally designed golf green. A miniature replica of the Show House playhouse is on display in The Somerset Collection Grand Court. Make a donation and your child can be architect for the day, receiving an authentic architect tube filled with supplies to use their wildest imagination in drawing their own dream home.

Their art work will be displayed at The Somerset Collection and their name will be entered into a drawing Sunday for a miniature motorized Porsche or miniature motorized golf cart. For information, call The Somerset Collection at (248) 643-6360.

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WINTER

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replace your windows, you should re-caulk and repaint any deteriorated or cracked areas on the window frame to prevent air leakage

Also, he said to make sure your windows are properly sealed. In Piotrowski's words, a double-paned window - which most people have - consists of a piece of glass on the outside, a spacer and dead air in the inside, and a piece of glass on the outside, all sealed together as one unit. If it's not sealed properly, he said moisture can get in between the glass and make the window appear foggy, and if you have wood windows, the moisture may cause the wood to rot.

Maintenance is very important," he said. John Ayers, store manager of Henderson Glass in Southfield, agreed, but said the best bet, when on a low budget, is to add a storm window, which is an extra pane of glass or plastic put on a window to reduce air infiltration and increase the insulation value of a window.

The EERE found that storm windows can reduce your heat loss through the windows by 25 to 50 percent. However, Ayers said adding a storm window is like "putting a Band-

Aid on the problem

Therefore, if you are going to spend money on a storm window you may want to consider replacing your windows altogether. Cost wise, it may benefit you in the long run. Ultimately, however, the decision is up to you.

ENERGY EFFICIENT

If you do decide to replace your windows, Ayers said you want to make sure they are energy efficient, which means they don't let in drafts and they conduct cold temperatures outside in the winter and inside in the summer.

When shopping for energy efficient windows, there are several things to keep in mind. As a starting point, Ayers said that double-paned windows are more energy efficient than single-paned windows because single-paned windows provide little insulating value or resistance to radiant heat flow.

Also, he noted that windows sprayed with soft-coated low-e (low emissivity) - a clear coating added to glass that absorbs and reflects radiant heat and ultraviolet rays - are energy efficient because the coating helps keep heat inside during the winter and outside during the summer. Not to mention, he said the coating cuts down

on the fading of furniture and carpet in your home that is often accompanied by direct sunlight through a window.

Windows with low-e coating often have a low U-Value, which is a measure of a material's ability to resist heat flow, or the reciprocal of that, a high R-Value. Ayers said those with low U-values or high R-values are the most energy efficient.

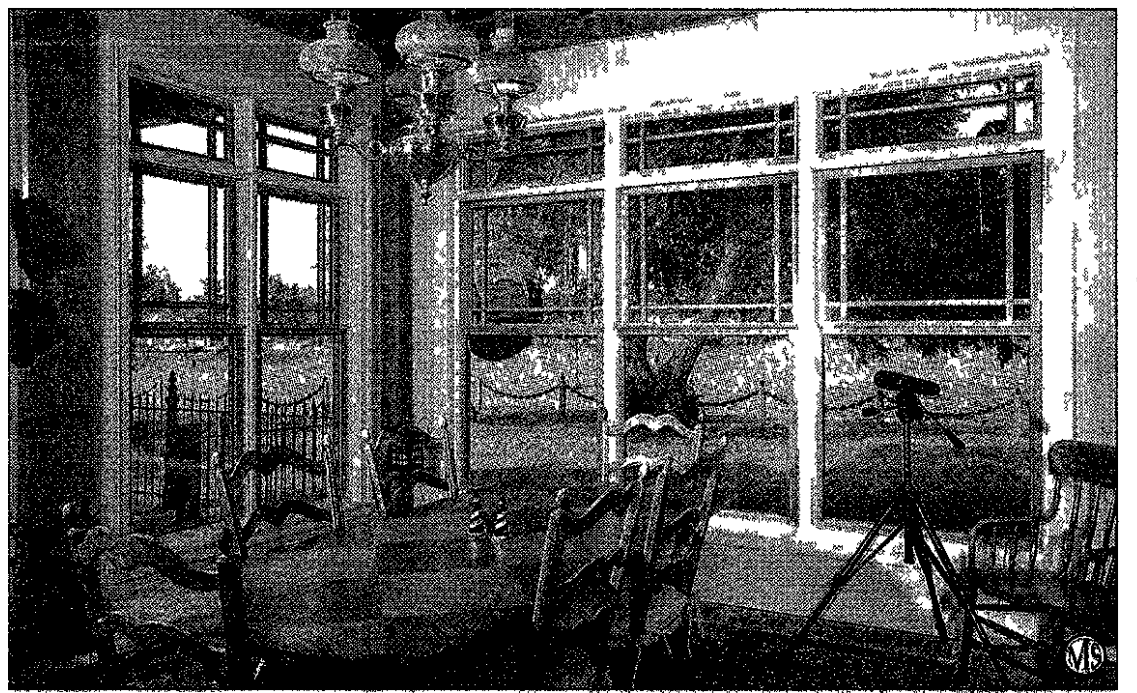
FRAMES

Choosing a frame may be difficult because there are so many choices.

Some common ones to choose from are vinyl, aluminum, fiberglass, vinyl clad and aluminum clad. Each has its pros and cons.

Ayers, Piotrowski and Joel Cothery, president of Reid Glass in Southfield, agree that vinyl and wood are good insulators and are energy efficient, and that aluminum, although durable, is neither. Cothery said wood frames are great insulators and look great, but they have to be regularly maintained and are expensive. He said vinyl frames are great insulators and are cost-efficient, but don't look very nice in appearance.

In his opinion, the best types of frames are vinyl clad - those with a wood interior frame and vinyl exterior frame - and aluminum clad wood - those with



Checking windows for air leaks before the first snowfall can help save on costly energy bills this winter.

a wood interior frame and an aluminum exterior frame, because with such frames you have the nice look of the wood frame on the interior, while taking advantage of the easy-to-maintain vinyl and aluminum frame on the outside.

Ayers said vinyl and fiberglass are the most energy-efficient.

Vinyl is the most popular because of cost, but they may expand and contract a lot, and fiberglass is more durable and

does not expand or contract, but is expensive, he said.

Piotrowski said wood is the best insulator, but the vinyl will get the job done just as well at a lower cost.

All information noted, it seems the bottom line is this, aluminum is durable, low maintenance and inexpensive, yet not energy-efficient, vinyl is durable, cost-efficient, low maintenance and energy efficient, but may not look as nice as other frames, wood is energy efficient and looks very

nice in a home, but is not very durable, requires regular maintenance and is expensive, fiberglass is durable and energy efficient, but expensive, and wood clad-vinyl or aluminum is energy efficient, looks nice on the inside, is durable and low maintenance, but expensive.

Or, according to Piotrowski, the bottom line could be this: Buying window frames really comes down to how much you really want to spend and how fancy you want to be.

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Don't replace those cabinets, reface them

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Resurfacing has become a popular option for kitchen remodeling as homeowners discover don't replace reface. What started as cabinet refacing soon became new face panels for appliances as well. Soon after that, add-on floors came into vogue with edges that snap together and float above existing kitchen floors.

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Visit North Rosedale Park's home and garden tour

One of Detroit's prestigious neighborhoods is opening several homes and gardens for an annual home tour on Sept. 18 presented by the North Rosedale Park Civic Association and the Home and Garden Tour Committee.

Seven homes and one garden will be made available for tour goers, as well as an Architectural Walk-around. North Rosedale Park is a community of approximately 1,800 homes. The community was first platted in the early 1920s by H.D. Sheldon's Sons. At the time the area was first developed, it was a rural area of Redford Township, miles away from shopping, employers and schools. By the end of the 1930s, over half of the community's homes had been built.

The neighborhood features a variety of architectural styles, including Tudor, French eclectic, and colonial-style homes, with a variety of neoclassical and arts and crafts style homes.

The majority of the homes were built during a period of superior craftsmanship, when the building trades included artisans who created textured plaster finishes, molded plaster ornamentation, fine wood moldings and spectacular ceramic tile installations. The homes vary in size and age.

Featured homes include those built from the 1920s through the early 1950s and all offer classic styling of a bygone era. Of unique historical interest is the Solar-Boyer Residence, which will be open for tour. The Solar family was one of the pioneers of North Rosedale Park and Frank Solar was a recognized champion of the Community House. The Solars designed the home themselves and at close of construction opened the house to the public and sold construction plans. The house includes many unique labor saving devices designed by the Solars.

Frank Solar is also known to have had a regional if not national following as designer of handicraft projects for boys and had a particular interest in projects that recycled used products. Solar also was involved in the model airplane industry and started an early Detroit Model Airplane Club. The tour includes Solar's workshop over the garage with its original fireplace.

The current owners, Thomas and Kathryn Boyer, have carefully preserved the home's history and continue to enjoy its character. Tom is a respected watercolorist specializing in home portraits.

Of particular aesthetic interest, the Steven and Anita Vogel Residence will be open for tour. The owners have made several important functional and architectural changes to the property that have both updated the property in terms of current living patterns as well as greatly increased its architectural importance.

Steven Vogel is an active Detroit architect, and dean of the School of Architecture at The University of Detroit Mercy and has had a major impact on the Detroit landscape, contributing to both Chene Park and Harmonie Park.

The 2004 Architectural Walk-around features a particularly well detailed Medieval Cottage and garden. Docents will focus on the architectural and stylistic techniques employed to produce an aged effect as well as construction, material and maintenance issues that confront owners of historic and older homes.

Over the years, North Rosedale Park has attracted many of the children who grew up in the neighborhood and decide to return. They know North Rosedale Park is a neighborhood with a true sense of community within which to raise families.

Advance ticket sales to the tour may be purchased for \$12. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event for \$15 each at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit.

All tour and ticket sale information is available at www.nrpHomeTour.info

Eureka! There's light in the clothes closet

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If you're like most of us, your clothes closet isn't lighted. And even if you do have a ceiling light, we'll bet dimes for dollars that you still have to take your wardrobe choices out into the sunlight to be sure that you have selected colors that don't clash.

By the way, as you get older, the problem of differentiating between colors in low light becomes even more significant. Furthermore, the condition is exacerbated as your closet becomes more crowded. A top shelf filled with old socks and hat boxes can obliterate the even brightest light bulb.

How do we know about all of this, you ask? Simple. As often as not we have shown up for an important meeting with socks that don't match our outfit or

each other or worse yet, we discover a large obtrusive stain and or tattered area that went completely unnoticed until moments after our presentation had been given (at the front of the room no less) how embarrassing.

Any kind of lighting in a clothes closet is better than none at all, but a lot is left to be desired when the shadow from the boxes on the top shelf prevent the light from doing its job to help you select just the right colors for that day's special business meeting.

We have fluorescent lighting in one of our closets that spans almost its entire length. The problem is that we have two levels of hanging and we can't differentiate color on the clothes hanging on the second tier because they reside in the shadow of the clothes hanging above. Since the light is mount-

ed at the ceiling to the wall connection over the door, there isn't much we can do to locate it to a more advantageous position.

Sound familiar? If you find yourself struggling to make color choices because the level of light in your dressing area isn't sufficient, then we have some information that should really excite you.

We just discovered lighted clothing rods. What a country! Morris's wife, Carol, is the designer for the remodeling company and she helps us stay on top of the game when it comes to new and unusual in-home remodeling and what it is that folks want. She walked into the office carrying a print-out from a Web site called "Lightology." Deep within the site she discovered a lighted clothes pole. We have since done some homework and dis-

covered a bit more about what she found.

Apparently, an Italian manufacturer named Orizzonte has created a light fixture that mounts to the underside of a closet shelf that can be used as a clothes pole. (Wait a minute! No, it's a clothes pole with a light in it.) Well, whichever way you decide to refer to it we are sure of several things.

It is a hanging rod that holds a lamp that uses a fluorescent light tube to illuminate the clothing hanging thereon.

The wattage of the fluorescent light varies from 8 to 21 watts depending on the fixture length.

It comes with a clear diffuser (that's a clear light lens to protect you and the bulb).

It comes with an anodized aluminum finish (that means that it's aluminum gray in color).

It will hold up to 50 pounds of clothes.

It is available in four lengths: 23, 35, 46, and 59 inches.

The fixture weighs about 4 pounds.

It is not dimmable. (AP Editors note: Who cares if it isn't dimmable? We're trying to get more light, not less. Anyway, we haven't met anyone yet who has expressed an interest in "mood lighting" their underwear.)

The fixture is self-contained and has its own on-board switch. Want to get fancy? Wire the fixture into a door-actuated switch and when you open your closet door to show off your handwork (or underwear), folks will beam at a lighted clothes pole that is on when the door opens.

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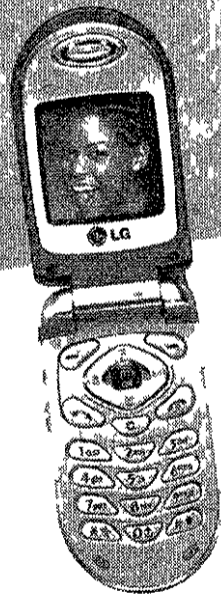
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TOUR

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portrait of nature

The tiny library, with natural knotty pine walls and ceiling, was on a slab without carpeting and had small windows. A window was enlarged and a fireplace installed.

"It was the coldest room in the house," Hall said. "Now everybody says it's their favorite room."

A tray has been hung like a picture above the flat-screen TV on one wall. Shelves hold a variety of items, among them the children's trophies and trophies from Charlie Dillon's school days.

The latter are an example of how Hall selected personal items for accessories, or decor that represented personal experiences of the Dillons.

Another example is the wallpaper in the laundry room. It displays artistic renderings of actual New England seashore scenes. By coincidence, the sites are where Kerry Dillon's family used to vacation.

The living room walls are a soft blue. Furnishings include pieces by Scalandre and Barbara Barry, an antique screen on one wall, a reproduction of a chandelier (a table that was used on ships to serve chocolate), a table with mother-of-pearl inlays, and a pair of blackmoor Nubian prince figurines from Atlanta on the mantel.

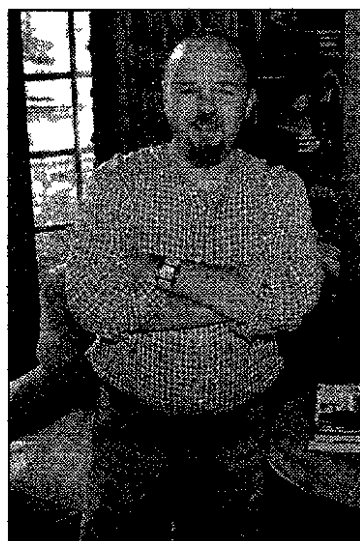
In the elegant dining room are a chandelier from a Detroit hotel, wallpaper that looks like silk, and drapery rods with finials resembling giant hatpins.

INDIVIDUALITY

Along the wall at the top of the basement stairs, artist Jennifer Gushen painted "Love & Laughter is the Key" with a key shape instead of the word.

Here each child has his or her own bulletin board, at his or her own height, with pins distinctive for each youngster holding the materials in place.

The basement has many special features for children, including a blackboard that



Interior designer Gregory Hall of La Belle Provence in Birmingham stands in the library, which has natural knotty pine walls and ceiling.

almost fills one wall, a kitchenette, a giant sectional, a large ottoman that can serve as a table or lounge, and walls that can withstand thrown balls. As in other rooms, some furnishings have slipcovers that can be easily removed and cleaned.

The master bedroom and bathroom are dressed in green toile. The headboard was made in France and is adorned with the same fabric as the duvet. Hall used the same material to make a canopy for the bed at the sloping ceiling. Drapes are lined in silk.

"Kerry said, 'I wanted to feel like my room is a suite at the Ritz,'" he said.

A cream-colored armoire that holds a TV and a radiator features paintings of scenes from the toile pattern. The Dillon children can use the bench at the foot of the bed to watch TV or take a nap. The master bathroom contains an ottoman covered in terry cloth, handy for after a bath or shower. A glittering chandelier, and pleated balloon shades with scenes from the toile pattern centered in each section, are among other elements. Each child's bedroom reflects its owner. The eldest daughter's room reminds her of Mary Tyler Moore's TV apartment, one son's room has wallpaper with dogs in cars.

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Charlie and Kerry Dillon's Birmingham residence, which will be one of seven on the Community House Birmingham House Tour this month, was designed so children could be as comfortable in it as the adults. It was also renovated in a way to retain the feeling of the original 1930 home. The kitchen contains an island and counters topped in green Iranian granite, and dark wooden chairs with vinyl-covered cushions. The cabinet doors fit into frames.

Do homework before you work on home

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

A home renovation project, no matter how big, looks so easy on TV.

But before you work on your home, do your homework.

"With all these home renovation shows on, everybody watching them is going 'I can do that,'" said Jessica York of HGTV's *New Spaces*.

"Every house that I go into I think, 'That's something I want to do.'"

The biggest mistake she has seen is that the homework isn't done.

"Do your homework instead of (just saying) 'I'm going to redo my room today,'" York said in a recent phone interview from Maine.

York will be the featured speaker at a brunch 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

The brunch is part of the 17th annual Community House Birmingham House Tour (see related items).

Renovation homework



York

example

And York recommends that it include consulting a professional as well.

"You might think of yourself as classic (tastes) and you're actually more romantic," she said. "It's nice to get a second opinion."

In her presentation - entitled *Renovate, Re-do, Redecorate* - York will discuss design tricks, renovation problem-solving tips and the 'dos and don'ts' of renovation.

"I'm going to share some of the tricks of the trade," she said.

This will be her first visit to the area, York said.

I'm very excited to poke around after the house tour going on a tour to get the lay of

the land," she said.

Each episode of *New Spaces* covers a complete room remodeling or addition project, from start to finish. It highlights specific challenges and warns about common pitfalls.

"I've always had an interest in home design and decor and renovation," York said.

"There's a Martha deep down inside of me."

York is involved in a variety of areas.

She teaches fitness classes, has an outdoor sports show in Maine and forecasts weather for a station in Portland, Maine.

She had just returned from one of her classes one evening when she gave the interview, sounding as friendly and cheery as she does on the HGTV program.

York enjoys *New Spaces*.

I get to test out all these different looks at these houses, she said.

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17TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOUSE TOUR

What: A tour of seven unusual homes ranging in style from traditional to contemporary presented by Hall & Hunter Realtors. Proceeds will be used to fund The Community House's community outreach programs.

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Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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■ A brunch 9-10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham will feature a presentation by Jessica York of HGTV's *New Spaces*.

In her presentation titled *Renovate, Re-do, Redecorate*, York will discuss design tricks, renovation problem-solving tips and the 'dos and don'ts' of renovation.

Miniature dog houses designed by local artists will be presented as centerpieces at the brunch. The Fan Club Arts Foundation will offer the dog houses at a silent auction.

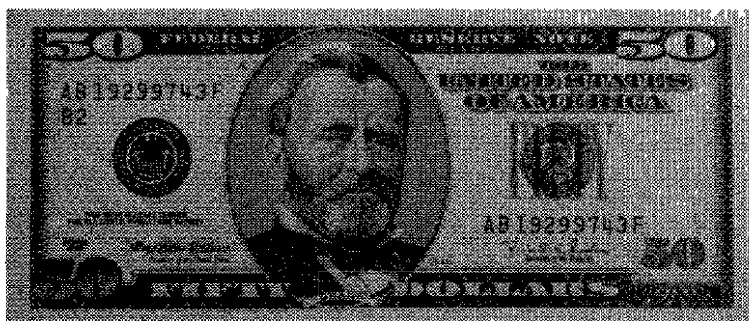
entitled *Pooches and Picasso*, 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in conjunction with The Community House's Our Town Art Exhibition and Sale.

Tickets to *Pooches and Picasso* are \$45. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Community House's community outreach programs.

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Prognosticator continues to show he has all Wright stuff

One of the best things I've experienced while working in the Observer sports department the past four months is the incredible teamwork that is practiced between the sports editors

We share stats and notes on games that include teams from different communities We answer each other's phones when necessary And if one sports editor is overloaded with work or out sick, another will step in and pick up the slack

It's a total team concept with one exception GRID PICKS

I found this out the hard way a couple of weeks ago as I prepared to make my Week 1 picks As I hunkered down in my cubicle with my computer, all the teams' 2003 records and a shiny new quarter (to flip for the games that were too close to call), I overheard my respected colleague, Brad Emons, completing research for his picks, one cubicle over

"Hmmm Livonia Churchill is unbeaten in home openers during presidential election years," Brad said, in a hushed voice, as he scanned some obscure high school football Web site "And Catholic Central is 7-0 the past four years in August games when its opponents are wearing Nike cleats Hmmm

Hey, Brad, what Web site are you checking out? I asked I'd like to do a little in depth research myself

Well judging by the look I got from Brad you would have thought I was Michigan State football coach John L Smith asking U M coach Lloyd Carr if I could look through his playbook for a few minutes

"There's no I in team, and no we in Grid Picks," Brad said

I went from feeling like one of the Titans in *Remember the Titans* to Tom Hanks character in *Castaway* It suddenly dawned on me that I was going to have to survive Grid Picks alone, only with a quarter instead of a volleyball

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Plymouth Christian guard Lauren Soblesky dribbles past Lutheran Westland's Megan Bahr during the first quarter of Tuesday night's game Soblesky finished with five points in the Eagles' 51-45 setback

PCA cagers edged by Warriors

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The starting five for Plymouth Christian Academy's girls basketball team sat alongside coach Harvey Jennings for most of the fourth quarter of Tuesday night's 51-45 loss to Lutheran Westland

The players weren't in foul trouble They weren't being disciplined And they weren't playing poorly Jennings emphasized

My philosophy is that all the girls on the team should play, whether they are seniors or freshmen, whether the game is close or lopsided, Jennings said "And the nice part about it is that all of the girls understand why I do it and none of

them have a problem with it

The loss in the opening round of the Lutheran Westland Basketball Tournament dropped the Eagles to 2-1 and pits them against Ann Arbor Greenhills in today's 5 p.m. consolation matchup The hosts will battle Flat Rock in the championship game at 7 p.m.

Joi Jennings netted 24 points to pace the Eagles scoring attack Jennings who also recorded two steals and a block, sat out the end of the third quarter and much of the fourth

Sophomore guard Brooke Harris made her presence felt despite playing just over a quarter Harris scored five points and played exceptional defense, according to coach Jennings

Lauren Soblesky also scored five points but she came close to a bust out performance Jennings said

Lauren had at least seven shots that looked like they were halfway down but then limped out Jennings said

Chelsea Tietjen pulled down a team high eight rebounds for PCA

The Eagles struggled mightily from the field, shooting just 33 percent (17 of 52)

It's tough to win when you miss 35 shots, Jennings said

The Warriors were led by Samantha Wiemer's 14 points Kelsey Ramthun also had a strong game, finishing with 11

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Sidelines

Youth basketball

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Community Education Department will be hosting a new youth basketball league beginning this fall

The league will consist of leagues for boys and girls in grades 3-12 The season will include practices, games and a post-season tournament for grades 5 and up Teams will consist of up to 10 players, all of whom will receive a jersey

The CEBl will hold registration Tuesday, Sept 14 at Huisling Elementary, and Thursday, Sept 16, at Field Elementary

Registration fees are \$85 for grades 3-4 and \$95 for grades 5-12. There is an additional \$10 fee for non-residents

Teams will be selected at an evaluation day, except for players in grades 3-4, who will be randomly assigned to teams

Seasons for different age groups will vary Starting dates will be distributed at registration For more information, call (734) 641 7459

Whalers slip

Paul Giallanardo's second power play goal in the first period proved to be the game-winner for Windsor in a 3-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League pre-season match up

The Spitfires led 3-0 when Cory Tanaka scored the Whalers' lone goal at the 10:26 mark of the second period He was assisted by James Neal and Matt Rhymer

Plymouth outshot Windsor, 31-24

Rookie goalie Justin Garay started in net for the Whalers and stopped 11 of 14 shots Ryan Nie took over mid-way through the second period and knocked away all 10 shots he faced. Including the pre-season opener, Nie has now stopped 30 of 31 shots.

Plymouth rookies John Armstrong, Michael Kolarz and Rymer also played well in the loss

The Whalers open their regular season schedule Sept 24 in Sarnia. They return home the following night to host Saginaw

Martin dinner set

Madonna University's athletic department will host a benefit dinner will all proceeds going to the Julie Martin Scholarship Fund, 7 tonight at the University Center Dining Room (on campus)

Tickets are \$25 per person

A tournament in memory of the former NAIA All-America and MU graduate, who died of cancer in 2000 starts at 2 p.m. Friday Included in the field is Trinity (Ill.), Taylor (Ind.), Georgetown (Ky.), Saginaw Valley State, Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) and MU Action continues at 9:30 p.m. Saturday. For ticket information, call (734) 432-5604

Ocelot kickers work hard for 4-0 Labor Day victory

While the majority of America was taking the Labor Day holiday off, the Schoolcraft women's soccer team was manufacturing a 4-0 victory over Concordia University

The victory improved the Ocelots' record to 5-0 and helped solidify their No. 2 ranking in the National Junior College Athletics Association poll

Salem graduate Natalie Thomas scored first for Schoolcraft She was assisted by Cortney Brady (Algonac) and Arielle Bryant (Canton)

The Ocelots cemented the victory with a three-goal outburst over a 12 minute span late in the first half The goal scorers were Casey Hoover (Walled Lake Western), Leighanne Myers (Fenton) and Bryant Melissa Baar (Hartland), Kyle LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) and Tiffani Tuzzolino (Sterling Heights Stevenson) picked up assists

Defenders Meagan Farrell (Livonia Franklin) and Andrea Dunn (Garden City) combined to help hold Concordia to no first-half shots and just one for the match



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Canton athletic trainer Paul Villiard checks the forearm of a Chief player during the second half of Thursday's Canton-Walled Lake Central game

It's time to 'Pick the Pros'

Starting today, Observer readers can play "Pick the Pros" and be eligible to win weekly prizes and a grand prize trip

Go to www.oeonline.com and pick your game winners (all pro games) and the Monday night game Then check out next Thursday's Observer Sports section to see who won that week

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In addition, look on pages 4-5 inside today's sports section for a column by Mark Wilson, host of the *Steve Marucci Show* on WKRK-FM (97.1) and a story by Sports Editor Marty Budner on a Brother Rice High School grad who also follows the Lions on radio

Roll the tape

Keeping schools' athletes healthy

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A typical early-September work day for P-CEP athletic trainers Tony Bowers, Pam Everard and Paul Villiard begins at roughly 12:30 p.m. when they arrive at their respective offices at Salem, Plymouth and Canton high schools

By the time their day ends roughly nine or 10 hours later, they will have taped as many as 100 ankles, tended to injuries that range from blisters to broken bones, filled out enough injury forms to cause blistering on their own hands and

attended as many as eight different team practices

Throw in Saturday athletic events, and the three can each log as many as 70-75 hours per week during the hectic fall and spring sports seasons

In other words, a typical day for Bowers, Everard and Villiard is far from typical

It's a lot of work, but it's very rewarding work," said Bowers, who has served as Salem's athletic trainer for the past seven years "I've worked in a physical therapy clinic,

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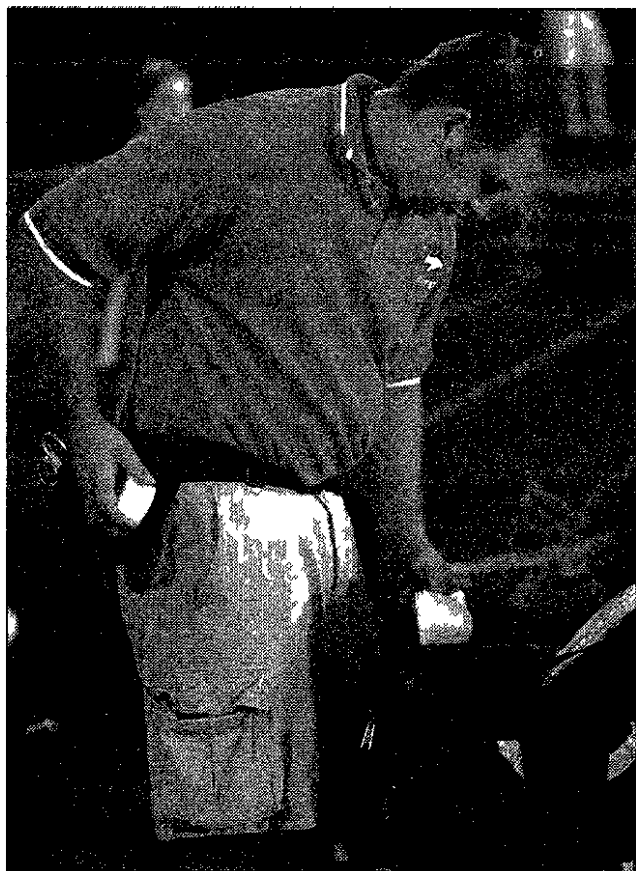
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but it's not nearly as satisfying as this job. In the clinic, most of the time you don't get to see the final result of your work. Here, you can work on an athlete who was supposed to be out for the season and see him back on the field in two weeks. I love the job, which is why I've been here for as long as I have."

Everard, who majored in applied biology in college, started working as Plymouth's athletic trainer when the school opened two years ago. She, like Villard at Canton, is employed by Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists and is contracted by the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. Bowers is an employee of the school district.

"I find this job to be fun, interesting and rewarding," Everard said. "My first year here there were only freshman sports, so I didn't put in as many hours as I do now. There are days now when there could be as many as four home games between the different sports, so it's just a matter of prioritizing things. It definitely tests your time-management skills."

Villard, a graduate of Grand Valley State University, said his love of sports and medicine



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton athletic trainer Paul Villard restocks his portable supply pack during Thursday's Canton-Walled Lake Central football game.

made it a natural for him to pursue a career in sports medicine.

"This is a natural job for me because it has allowed me to stay in sports," Villard said. "When I was in college, I found that I was good in orthopedics, plus it's what I enjoyed the most, so I put two and two together and decided to become an athletic trainer."

While athletic trainers

are fixtures at P-CEP, they are a luxury at some smaller schools throughout the state.

"When I coached at Hudson, the coaches were the trainers," Canton football coach Tim Baechler said. "If a player suffered a serious injury, we would lose a coach because the coach is the one who would have to take care of the player. We also did all the taping and everything else."

"When I came to Canton and found out we had a full-time trainer, I thought it was great. It's nice to know we have someone here like Paul who knows what they're doing and how to handle all kinds of injuries."

All three athletic trainers carry walkie-talkies — and they put them to good use.

"If I have two soccer games and a football game going on at the same time, it's important that I can be contacted quickly if an injury occurs at the event I'm not at," Everard said. "We also have access to another trainer at Plymouth PT Specialists who can help us out if we need a back-up."

Bowers said the key to being a successful athletic trainer is to care about the athletes you are treating.

"I try to treat the kids I work with the same way I would want someone else treating my own kids," Bowers said. "I want the athletes' parents to trust me just like I will trust the athletic trainers who will be treating my children."

In addition to the three full-time athletic trainers, athletes at P-CEP also have access to a physician, Dr. Brian Borden, who attends all of the home football games and shows up at the schools every Monday to evaluate serious injuries for no charge.

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Needless to say, I never found the Web site, but I did learn how competitive it gets around here when it comes to Grid Picks.

So far, I'm hanging tough, Web site or no web site. Emons leads after two weeks with a 19-7 mark, Paul Beaudry (since moved to "Sweet Home Alabama") and I are both one game back at 18-8. Kevin Brown is filing in this week's guest prognosticator.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all games at 7 p.m.)

Livonia Franklin (0-2) at Canton (2 0) Did you know that Canton is 13-1 the past two seasons when fullback Chuck Schumacher eats oatmeal for breakfast on game days? Seriously, the Chiefs' running game is in full stride after last week's 41-0 win at Walled Lake Central. Schumacher & Co. are too strong for the Patriots. **PICKS: Canton - Wright Emons Brown.**

Livonia Churchill (2-0 0-0) at Livonia Stevenson (2-0 0-0) You can bet Spartans wide receiver Trevor Hearn will have a bull's eye on his back after last week's two TD 92-yard effort against Franklin. Stevenson must contend with a Chargers defense that has been extra stingy this season. **PICKS: Stevenson - Wright Emons Churchill - Brown.**

Walled Lake Central (1 1, 0-0) at Westland John Glenn (1-1 0-0) Who's stinging more the Vikings following their 41-0 thrashing at the hands of Canton or the Rockets who were upended by a stronger than expected Northville team last week? The home field advantage should help John Glenn rebound from its Week 2 downer. **PICKS: John Glenn - Wright Emons Brown.**

Wayne Memorial (0-2) at Walled Lake Western (2-0 0-0) Talk about two teams heading in opposite directions early in the season. The Zebras offense was shut out last week while Western punished Crosstown upstart Walled Lake Northern. Unfortunately for Wayne, it looks like both teams' trends will continue. **PICKS: Western - Wright Emons Brown.**

Garden City (0-2 0-0) at Lincoln Park (0-2 0-0) This is a pivotal game for two struggling teams. The winner has renewed hope of a respectable season; the loser's confidence will take another shot. In the midsection, Garden City played tough for a half last week before falling to a strong Monroe team. The Cougars will put two strong halves together this week. **PICKS: Garden City - Wright Lincoln Park - Emons Brown.**

Redford Bishop Borgess (1-1 0 0) at Detroit Urban Lutheran (1-1 0-0) The level of competition increased noticeably from Week 1 to Week 2 for the Spartans, who got thumped by Detroit East Catholic last week after

thumping Detroit Old Redford Academy in the opener. The roller coaster ride goes back up for Borgess. **PICKS: Borgess - Wright Emons Urban Lutheran - Brown.**

Redford Thurston (1-1 0-0) at River Rouge (1 1 0 1) The Eagles are hoping. The Tarell Lewis Show is a long running program and not a mini-series. Lewis scored four times in Thurston's 37-14 rout of Ypsilanti last week. Rouge's defense should be overmatched as the Braves were against Lewis. **PICKS: Thurston - Wright Emons Brown.**

Plymouth (0-2 0-0) at Northville (2 0 0-0) Despite their first year of varsity status, the Wildcats have been competitive, losing their first two contests by a total of 10 points. Northville opened some eyes last week with a resounding win over John Glenn. The Mustangs will win but it will be closer than most people think. **PICKS: Northville - Wright Emons Brown.**

Salem (2 0 0 0) at Walled Lake Northern (0-2, 0-0) Salem has looked impressive in winning its first two, but the Rocks' opponents have gone 0-4 so far. Which brings us to the Knights who have yet to break into the win column. Salem's early roll continues. **PICKS: Salem - Wright Emons Brown.**

Monroe (2-0, 0 0) at Belleville (1-1 0-0) This will be a defining game for coach Bob LaPointe's Tigers who can make a serious statement with a win over the Trojans coached by Greg Hudkins (formerly of Clarenceville fame). Monroe is big, strong and fast and will edge Belleville in a close one. **PICKS: Monroe - Wright Emons Belleville - Brown.**

Inkster (0-2, 0 2) at Redford Union (2 0, 2 0) This game was originally scheduled for Saturday at Inkster but field problems moved the game to RU's Kraft Field. RU appears to be the team to beat in the Mega Gold. Inkster is coming off a 21-0 loss to Dearborn Heights Annapolis, a school which cancelled its season last year due to lack of numbers. **PICKS: RU - Wright Emons Brown.**

SATURDAY
(All times 1 p.m. unless noted)

Lutheran Westland (1-1 1-1) at St. Clair Shores South Lake (0-2 0-1) It's only September but South Lake has already frozen over. The Cavaliers have been outscored 90-6 in their first two games. Things won't be thawing out much this week against the Hawks. **PICKS: Lutheran Westland - Wright Brown South Lake - Emons.**

Livonia Clarenceville (1 1 1-1) at Harper Woods (2-0, 1-0) One look at the Pioneers' point total this season — they've outscored their foes 94-0 — and you'd be foolish not to pick them. However, their first two opponents were Waterford Mount Zion Christian and Hamtramck, which puts things in perspective. Clarenceville starts another long winning streak. **PICKS: Clarenceville - Wright Emons Harper Woods - Brown.**

Detroit DePorres (0-2 0-0) at Redford Catholic Central (1 1 0-0) 7 p.m. at Kraft Field. This Grade A matchup is fast but definitely not least. Is DePorres' poor record more deceiving or disappointing? That question should be answered Saturday night against a CC team that is one point away from being undefeated. DePorres' speed will be a concern for the Shamrocks, but they'll contain it enough to win. **PICKS: CC - Wright Emons Brown.**

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CC rebounds from week one setback

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

A week after suffering a rare defeat, three-time defending Division I state football champion Redford Catholic Central got back on the winning side of the ledger Saturday night with a 42-0 win over London (Ontario) Catholic Central at Redford Union's Kraft Field. We were pleased that the kids played better, said CC coach Tom Mach, whose team is 1-1 overall. We had a better week of practice. We don't expect to lose, and when you do, you realize improvements have to take place. CC had little hangover from its 15-14 setback to Downers Grove South (Ill.) on opening weekend at the Pontiac Silverdome. The Shamrocks led 28-0 at halftime and invoked the 35-point mercy rule with 11:20 to

go in the third quarter on Nick Barrett's 32-yard touchdown run.

Barrett, a 6-foot, 230-pound senior who finished with 91 yards on 12 carries, also scored on a 4-yard TD run with 6:10 left in the second quarter to make it 21-0. He added a 5-yard TD run in the opening period.

Mike Parrelly, a 5-9, 185-pound junior who finished with 86 yards on nine carries, scored CC's first TD on a 5-yard run with 6:13 to go in the first quarter.

Senior quarterback Anthony Sabo hit senior wide receiver Andrew Vitale on a 17-yard scoring pass with only 28 seconds left in the half to give the Shamrocks a 28-point cushion.

Edward Moore talked CC's final TD with 5:01 left in the third period on a 19-yard run. Senior linebacker Kevin

Horal went 5-for-5 on extra points and led CC with seven tackles, including one solo and six assists. Rob Fragoso, Eric Voytkofsky, John Morasso and Mike Carner added four tackles apiece.

CC had a total of 365 yards total offense to London's 145. The Shamrocks ran for 315 yards, while limiting London to a mere 22 net yards on the ground.

After looking at some things from the Downers Grove game, I think we got better," Mach said. "That game brought out both some good and bad things. We had to evaluate and take a good, hard look after the first week."

The Shamrocks return to action 7 p.m. Saturday at Hilbert Middle School (Kraft Field) to face 0-2 Detroit St. Martin DePorres, the only team to defeat them last season.

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Net gains

Salem netters slam Churchill, 8-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Easy does it. That sums up the Salem girls tennis team's 8-0 victory Tuesday afternoon over Livonia Churchill on the Chargers' home courts.

"All the girls played well," said Rock coach Lin Ware, whose team improved to 1-1-1. "We only had one three-set match. Our no. 4 singles player, Mo Bohr, is really solidifying that position for us. I've also been pleased with the play of our no. 3 doubles team, Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham." Salem returns to action Saturday when it hosts an invitational. Matches are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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Sept 7 at Livonia Churchill HS
No. 1 singles Alex Ware (S) d Karyn Tomasic 6-1, 6-0. No. 2 Maranon Swasey (S) d Rachel Saatio 6-3, 6-2. No. 3 Sarah Jose (S) d Ashley Keenmon 6-2, 6-0. No. 4 Mo Bohr (S) d Ruchi Shah 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles Katie Girsakis and Tracy Lytle (S) d Julie Favesty and Megan Stachura 6-0, 6-3. No. 2 Michele Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d Amy Vinsaw and Lindsey Paszko 6-1, 5-7 and 6-1. No. 3 Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham (S) d Alicia Kozakowski and Ashley McDermott 6-1, 6-1. No. 4 Amy Yu and Laura Burton (S) d Jenny Nisenbaum and Rachel Brandon 6-2, 6-2.

Vikings ace Chiefs

Freshman Ashley Madau has been a silver lining in Canton's otherwise cloudy start to the 2004 season. The



Salem no. 1 singles player Alex Ware returns a serve Tuesday in her match against Livonia Churchill's Karyn Tomasic. Both Ware and the Rocks cruised to easy victories.

no. 4 singles player improved her record to 2-0 Tuesday with a come-from-behind 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 win over Walled Lake Central's Nicole Ansoett.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, Madau's win accounted for half their points in a 6-2 loss to Central. Canton is now 0-2. "Along with Ashley, I thought our no. 1 doubles team of Laura McKendry and Dani Reinhardt played well," Canton coach Barb Lehman said. "They gave it everything they had before losing in three sets."

Canton's only other win came when the Vikings No. 3 doubles team defaulted to Natalie Slupek and Heidi Phillips due to injury. At the time of the default, Slupek and Phillips led, 6-3, 1-0.

Canton will travel to Brighton today to take on the Bulldogs.

W L CENTRAL 6, CANTON 2

Sept 7 at Canton HS
No. 1 singles Michelle Maxfield (WLC) d Chelsea Darouie 6-2, 6-1. No. 2 Liz Murray (WLC) d Katie Bedard 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 Erica Rouleah (WLC) d Emily Hoernschemeyer 6-2, 6-0. No. 4 Ashley Madau (C) d Nicole Ansoett 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles Megan Haddad and Allie Rotenberg (WLC) d Laura McKendry and Dani Reinhardt (C) 7-5, 4-6, 6-2. No. 2 Michelle Gursky and Candace Berry (WLC) d Jennifer Martin and Sheela Ramesh 7-5, 6-3. No. 3 Natalie Slupek and Heidi Phillips (C) d Lauren Arnold and Momoko Kowakani by default. No. 4 Melana Gazauyan and Marona Oeybozh (WLC) d Ann Katherine Leiting and Nicole Burdiss 6-4, 6-3.



Salem no. 2 singles player Maranon Swasey swept Churchill's Rachel Saatio 6-3, 6-2 in Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association match. Salem is now 1-1.

PCA soccer team remains unbeaten

Sophomore Trevor King scored Livonia Clarenceville's lone goal off a direct free kick at the 10-minute mark of the second half Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as Plymouth Christian Academy used a 5-0 lead to beat the host Trojans in a non-conference game.

Ben Welton scored four times, raising his season total to seven for the Eagles, now 7-0-1 on the season. Welton also had two assists.

Cody Pickren added hat trick, his 11th, 12th and team-leading 13th on the year, to go along with two assists in the lopsided victory.

"I can honestly say we played a better game than last week, but we obviously still have some weaknesses,"

Clarenceville coach Cassandra Gray said. "We're still working on some basics, like positioning and recovering from offense to defense."

"Our team is still in a stage where we are switching positions to see what works, and trying to gel. Hopefully, we can make some more improvements this week, as our kids need more experiences to improve."

PCA handed Division 3 opponent New Boston Huron a convincing 5-1 defeat Thursday night.

Cody Pickren scored three times while Caleb James found the back of the net twice for the winners.

James, Ben Welton, Dan Monroe and Steve Sumner were credited with assists for the Eagles.

PCA goalie Matt Saagman

SOCCER ROUNDUP

continued his brilliant play in front of the net. The sophomore yielded his first goal of the year Thursday, but he did stop a penalty kick late in the contest.

BROTHER RICE 2, REDFORD CC 1: Redford Catholic Central coach Joe Nora was happy with his team's effort, despite a setback Tuesday at Birmingham Brother Rice in the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams.

CC is now 4-1-2 overall. "The first 20 minutes I was really pleased," Nora said. "I was following our plan, working and getting better."

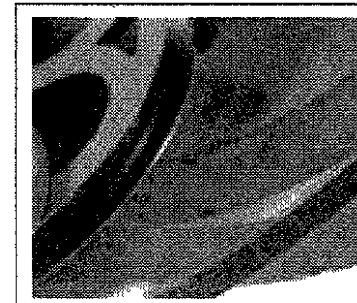
But something happened that hasn't happened all year -- we went flat and Brother Rice started taking it to us."

After a scoreless first half, CC's Dade DiMaggio opened the second half scoring. "After the goal we played pretty strong the next five minutes then fell back on our heels," Nora said.

Rice tied the match with 12 minutes remaining and scored the game winner in the 74th minute.

Nora singled out the play of sweeper Bret Fortuna, "who played real solid," along with goalkeeper Brian Walsh.

"This exposed a couple of weaknesses of ours," Nora said. "We need to play a full game. It's definitely something we can work on. In the Catholic League you can't really dwell on a loss."



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24 and counting: Lions can set new direction Sunday

The Detroit Lions begin the 2004 NFL season with the most dubious record in all of sports — 24 straight road losses and the all-time league mark for futility.

The Lions haven't won a road game since Week 16 of the 2000 season. It's been so long that Y2K was still fresh, Lions Prez Matt Millen was still broad casting games for Fox and Britney Spears hadn't married anyone yet.

"I haven't experienced a win away from Detroit since I got here," said Jeff Backus, fourth-year Lions offensive line man. "It's certainly our top priority right now."

"We all know the streak is out there, but those of us that just got here see it as our first regular season game as Lions, said guard Damian Woody, who got used to winning a lot for two-time Super Bowl champion New England.



Mark Wilson

address back when camp opened in late July.

"We know we have the worst record in football the last three years, Marucci said. "We want to see how fast we can turn this thing around and we want to win on the road."

It's been Marucci's mantra in his second season as Lions coach. Owner William Clay Ford has put his

trust in Millen. The best draft in the NFL and a crop of top flight free agents gives the man who pays the bills hope that if nothing else, improvement will come in Joey Harrington's third year as Lions starting quarterback. That means at least one road win.

Joey will be just fine, Ford said before the preseason road loss in Cleveland. "I have a lot of faith that he can get this done."

At least that one doesn't count. Harrington, who didn't play in the Lions' final preseason win over Buffalo, last won on the road as a senior at the University of Oregon. The team nickname is the Ducks. Real ducks have flown south for the winter and back four times since the Lions last sniffed a road win.

Problem is, the Chicago Bears know about that streak and with a new coach in Love Smith, they don't want to be the team that breaks it. Not long to the Lions this Sunday at Soldier Field has been on Smith's mind as long as beating the Bears has been on Marucci's.

Eventually, the Lions will win a road game. Then again, who thought an NFL team could go 46 years with one playoff victory?

Defensive end Robert Porcher, in his final NFL season, was drafted by the Lions the year after that playoff win. "The last thing he wants to do is go out with a four-year road losing skid."

"I want to win every game, home or away," Porcher said. "I can't even imagine finishing my career without winning a road game for four straight years."

It's really unbelievable, but we can't think about that. We have a game to get

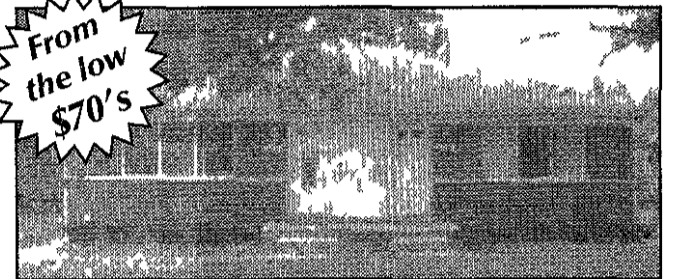
ready for. We'll let others worry about streaks. All Pro cornerback Dre Bly said.

A win over the Bears on the road would be a boost for everyone before the home opener against Houston. It would come in Chicago, where the Lions once gave away an overtime game because the wind was blowing. Wind in the Windy City. Who knew? That was No. 14 in the streak.

Its now 24 and counting. The counting can end Sunday.

Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Marucci Show* Mondays on WKRC-FM (97.1). A 25-year veteran of TV and radio sports casting, Wilson's been a radio talk show host at WKRC for the past five years on *Sports Night with Parker and the Man*. He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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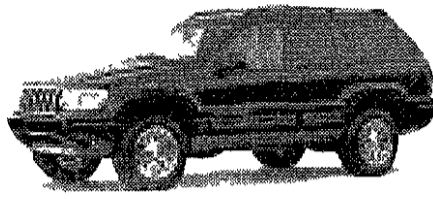
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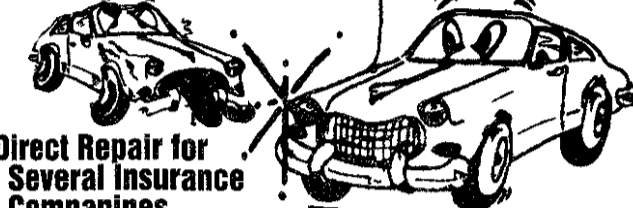
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Gavie Memorial Tournament Former CC great killed in accident

kick starts bowling season

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Labor Day is upon us and for some it means back to school, while for others it means back to work

And for area bowlers, it means the start of the new league season has arrived

Some leagues have already begun before the holiday and most will get started after Labor Day

The traditional kickoff is always the John P Gavie Memorial Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Final results of the Gavie, held Aug 23, is as follows
Men's Division (64 teams)
Cosma 300 Bowl Classic, first place, 3,471, S&B Pro Shop (same team that just won the team event championship at the National ABC tournament in Reno, Nev.), second, 3,368, Thunderbowl Lanes 22, third, 3,331, Eastridge Insurance, fourth, 3,313, 5-Star Lanes, fifth, 3,289

Semior division (16 teams)
Shorecrest Lanes, first, 3,261, Cosma Semior Classic, second, 3,242, Oldies, third, 3,227

Ladies Division (14 teams)
Cluque Ladies, first, 3,407, Royal Ladies, second, 3,135

The event was a huge success as usual, but too bad that some teams actually had to be turned away because all spots were filled

■ If you are looking for a



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

league to join, there are a number of good leagues around town that still need a few good men (or women)

Check these out to see if one is right for you

Merri Bowl, in Livonia, located at Five Mile Road and Merriman, has some league openings for men at 6 30 p m Wednesdays and Fridays, also for ladies at 6 30 p m Friday

A mixed league is also available at 5 30 p m Tuesdays

These leagues all can use some individuals or full teams and seem to feature a good scoring condition

For example, Michelle Sterbanz rolled a 300 game with a 757 series in the first week of bowling in the ladies doubles league

For more information, call (734) 427-2900

Country Lanes in Farmington Hills has openings for individuals or full teams in the 9 30 a m Mondays for its Friends & Neighbors Ladies Trio

The Wednesday Knights, a men's league, rolls at 9 30 p m

(Women can bowl if sanctioned under the American Bowling Congress)

Another time slot open is 6 15 p m Thursdays for the sanctioned Country Lanes ladies league (five members per team, along with 9 30 a m Friday for the Ladies Forum (four per squad)

The 10 a m Saturday Youth League can always take on more youth bowlers of all ages

Parents, this is the right thing to do for your kids Get them started early and they will gain more than just learning to bowl It is a learning experience for such things as sportsmanship, character building, and experiencing competition and fair play

For more information, call Country Lanes at (248) 476-3201 during the day and ask for manager Pamela Jones of Livonia, who bowled in the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament (doubles competition, May 24, in Wichita, Kan

Jones' doubles partner was missing, so Pam met up with Kamcee Aldridge of Rapid City, S D, and together, they placed sixth in this huge event, each earning \$371

They plan to do it again next year at Tulsa, Okla.

More information about league openings in my next column

Former Redford Catholic Central High football and wrestling standout John Spolsky was among two people killed early Sunday morning in a single-car rollover crash on Plymouth Road in Superior Township

The 27-year-old Spolsky, a 2000 Air Force Academy graduate who lettered two seasons with the Falcons as a nose guard, had just completed Airborne Ranger School training in North Dakota and was awaiting a 12-month assignment in Korea

Also killed was 32-year-old Trisha Bohm, a special education teacher in Coral Springs, Fla., who had just flown in during the weekend to visit family and friends from Fort Lauderdale to avoid Hurricane Frances

The two other occupants in the 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee were recently released from the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital — Trisha Bohm's brother Christopher, 26, of South Lyon, a school teacher from Lake Orion, and Ryan Kato, 27, of Dublin, Ohio

Spolsky, Christopher Bohm and Kato were all teammates on Catholic Central's 1995 state Class AA championship football team

"It's so heartbreaking," said CC wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez "We've had a lot of special kids at our school, but John was by far, right up there at the top He was such an awesome young man"

CC football coach Tom Mach had learned Spolsky had attended the Shamrocks



John Spolsky

42-0 win Saturday night over London Catholic Central, but had not spoken with him

"It makes you appreciate life more when something like this happens," Mach said "Everybody knew John was an upstanding, genuine person — everybody liked him His character and personal values are what made him an outstanding person"

"Even though he got a lot of accolades, he was still the same type of person wherever he went"

In an initial press release, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department said the two victims and one other occupant were thrown from the vehicle A fourth occupant was also injured Deputies were unable to determine the driver

Washtenaw deputies were called to the foggy crash scene around 2 45 a m and determined the 2001 Jeep Cherokee, registered in Spolsky's name, failed to negotiate a curve while traveling westbound on Plymouth Road The Jeep ran off the right side of the road and into a ditch rolling over several times before coming to rest in the back yard of a home west of Joy road

Trisha Marie Bohm was a graduate of Northville High School and Eastern Michigan University who had recently relocated from Walled Lake to Florida to take a teaching position

Trisha had done volunteer work and enjoyed working with the mentally impaired, along with the severely and emotionally handicapped, according to her mother, Mary Lou Bohm

"She had a gift," Mary Lou Bohm said "John and Chris were best friends, and John and Trisha had a special bond, too They enjoyed each other's company, they conversed and were always in each other's spirits"

Family members and friends spoke Tuesday during Trisha Bohm's visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth

Visitation for Spolsky will be from 3-9 today at John J O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, located on the south side Grand River Avenue near Meadowbrook Road in Novi Mass will be said at 10 a m Saturday at St Robert Bellarmine, located at West Chicago and Inkster roads, in Redford

As a senior at CC, Spolsky was an All-State linebacker and fullback who helped CC win the state title He also captured the state heavy-weight class in wrestling, going 55-0, after losing only one match all season as a junior, that coming in the finals

"John was a man coming in as a freshman because he was so physically well-built," Rodriguez said "He didn't want to be an average athlete, he always wanted an edge He was fun to work with"

Spolsky earned his first letter as a junior during Air Force's winningest football season (1998) when the Falcons finished 12-1 As a senior, the 5-foot-11, 240-pound nose guard became a starter He also broke the Air Force power index weightlifting record, which had been held by Chad Hennings, who later went on to play for the NFL's Dallas Cowboys

Mach called Spolsky the best fullback he ever had in my 29 years here

During the 95 season John was a dominant figure," Mach added "That year his drive was unbelievable He was a great competitor His intensity is what made him a good athlete and such a good example"

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3 00 p m September 23RD 2004 for the following

UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES

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

TERRY G BENNETT Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Leisure Services Department up to 5 00 p m September 24th 2004 for the following

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**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 13, 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7 00 p m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

31 CANTON ASSOCIATES REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 122 99 0002 000, 122 99 0004 701, 122 99 0005 701 (NORTH 1317 26 FT), 122 99 0006 000 (NORTH 1320 05 FT), 122 99 0007 000 (NORTH 1320 05 FT) 122 99 0008 000, AND 122 99 0011 000 FROM RURAL AGRICULTURAL, TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PARCEL NOS 122 99 0003 000, 122 99 0005 701 (MIDDLE 1317 26 FT) AND 122 99 0007 000 (SOUTH 1304 48 FT) FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PARCEL NOS 122 99 0005 701 (SOUTH 990 00 FT), 123 99 0003 000, 123 99 0004 000 (PART OF), 123 99 0005 000 AND 123 99 0015 000 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R 4, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL Property is located west of Barr between Mott and Geddes Road

The overall rezoning plan is on file and available for inspection in the Planning Services Division at the township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday September 9 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

Publish August 22 2004 & September 9 2004

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

REZONE FROM C 2 General Commercial District

REZONE TO. C 1 Neighborhood Shopping District

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 15 2004

TIME OF HEARING 7 00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township, on its own motion proposes to rezone parcel R78 048 99 0022 700 from C-2, General Commercial District to C-1, Neighborhood Shopping District The property address is 49471 and 49485 Ann Arbor Road

Application 1845

**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 003
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos R78-048-99-0022-700.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department during regular business hours from 8 00 A M to 4 30 P M Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170, or call (734) 453 8131 ext 37 The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Township MI 48170 At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No 99

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KENDRA BARBERENA Secretary
Planning Commission

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**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

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WEST TOWN LINE REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 119 99 0001 0009 (PART OF) 119 99 0002 001 119 99 0003 001 119 99 0007 000 120 99 0002 000, 120 99 0003 000 120 99 0004 700 120 99 0006 000 120 99 0009 001, 120 99 0015 000 AND 120 99 0016 000 FROM RURAL AGRICULTURAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/40 ACRES) AND RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) Property is located north of Geddes between Denton Road and the western boundary of the Township

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday September 9, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Madonna spikers win Cactus Classic

Madonna University completed its sweep Saturday of the desert, winning the Grand Canyon College (Ariz) Cactus Classic women's volleyball tournament with wins over the Master's College (Calif) and The Franciscan University (Ohio).

The Crusaders, ranked third in the most recent National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics poll, are off to a 9-1 start despite the absence of preseason All-America Laura Lesko, who is expected to miss the next two-to-four weeks with a bad back.

Two MU players, 5-foot-10 outside hitter Sharyse Bush and setter Ashley Frost, were honored for their efforts at the Cactus Classic.

Bush, a senior, was named Player of the Week by both NAIA Region 8 and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference after racking up 69 kills (5.75 per game) in four matches, including an opening-round win over Azusa Pacific (Calif).

The Flint Central High and Mott Community College product hit at a 4.22 clip while recording 31 digs and seven blocks.

Frost, a junior from Lake

Odessa, was named NAIA Region 8 and WHAC Setter of the Week after averaging 13 assists per game in four MU victories. She also had a total of 60 digs and nine blocks.

Both were named to the All-Tournament team as MU also defeated Master's, 30-17, 30-22, 30-28.

Bush led the way with 20 kills, while Natalya Timna had 18 Caryn Inman and Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) added 12 each.

Timna and Frost each had a team-high 18 digs, while Morrill added 17 and Stefanie DeNardin 14. Frost finished with 44 assists as Master's falls to 4-3.

Bush had 16 kills and Timna added 11 in a 30-10, 30-15, 30-23 victory over Franciscan (1-3). Frost contributed 39 assists and 17 digs, while DeNardin had 16 digs. Becci Crane added 10 as Fran.

Late Friday, Heather Spooner came off the bench to contribute six kills and four blocks as MU handed College of the Southwest its first loss of the year, 30-27, 30-26, 30-17.

Timna had a team-high 14 kills in 30 attempts, while Frost finished with 43 assists

Strong winds inspire Lake Orion inventor

Inspiration sometimes comes from unlikely places. Just ask Tom Sampe.

An unpleasant day on a windy Florida beach over a decade ago launched the Lake Orion resident on a journey that has culminated in a prosperous part-time business.

A retired landscaper, Sampe often winters in Florida.

'I enjoy the sunshine, and it offers me a time to relax and to run,' said Sampe, a veteran of a couple marathons and hundreds of 10k races. One day it was so windy it literally blew everybody off the beach.

'I got behind an outhouse building to get out of the wind and thought to myself, No way I didn't come down here for this. I can't even see the ocean from here.'

He needed something to sit behind that would break the wind - something effective, yet mobile.

Sampe went home and immediately started drawing up sketches of potential windbreakers.

'I had several patterns and finally came up with the t-pee design,' Sampe said. It blocks wind and provides shade, and also provides cover for hunters and anglers.

He calls his windbreakers The Apache Pyramid. The initial pyramids were made strictly to block the wind and provide shade, but Sampe has expanded his line to include portable hunting and fishing blinds as well as a kid's version that doubles as a fort/play area.

When the hunting season came around that year I thought, Hey, this could make an interesting ground blind,' Sampe said.

With a simple change of material his windbreaker



Outdoor Insights
Bill Parker

quickly became a portable hunting blind.

The slick thing about the The Apache Pyramid is its a quick, simple set up.

After showing me just one time how it works, I set up a blind, start to finish, in less than 20 seconds. It breaks down just as quickly and rolls up into a 5- or 6-foot long roll that weighs less than four pounds and can be slung right over your shoulder.

For hunting, Sampe offers eight different camo patterns, including Advantage Timber, Full Benefit camo, snow camo and hunter orange. The material is poly/cotton cloth and most blinds offer two different patterns, one on each side of the cloth. There is also an ice fishing model, made from a wind-proof Regency material.

'They are actually a two-sided pyramid,' Sampe explained. If you face it into the wind like an arrow, the wind sort of knifes away.'

There are also pockets sewn into the bottom edge of the material perfect for adding a little weight for ice fishing like a couple bottles of water.

'They work great for ice fishing,' he said. 'The wind won't blow through it - the Regency material is nylon coated. And they won't blow away either, but a little snow helps so you can stick it in a little.'

The lightweight frame is made of 3/8-inch fiberglass rod. Sampe offers two sizes, a 5-foot model, which is great for ground-sitting turkey hunters,



Lake Orion resident Tom Sampe has a prosperous part-time business going with the design of The Apache Pyramid. His windbreakers were made strictly to block the wind and provide shade, but Sampe has expanded his line to include portable hunting and fishing blinds as well as a kid's version that doubles as a fort/play area.

and a 6-foot model, suited for hunting off a raised seat or bucket. The 5-footers retail for \$90 and the larger models go for \$120.

'With camo on both sides, you can use it in front of you, or as a back-in blind,' Sampe said.

Sampe said his blinds have been well received by sportsmen across the nation, who use them for hunting waterfowl,

predators, doves, turkeys and deer.

They use them for all types of hunting, he said. He added that people have also used them for photography and videography.

Sampe said most of his sales of the Apache Pyramid Blinds are through outdoor shows and limited catalog sales through Lost Nation.

Anyone interested in learning more about the The Apache Pyramid blind can call Sampe at (248) 391-2131.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors 805 E. Maple Birmingham MI 48009.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

NORTHVILLE REC OFFERINGS

The Northville Parks & Recreation department will be offering the following programs beginning in September:

■ Adult volleyball leagues - both women's and co-ed - will start Monday, Sept. 13 and run 12 weeks. The entry fee is \$220 per team.

■ Drop-in co-ed adults 50+ volleyball will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The fee is \$1.

■ A women's fall basketball league will run from Sept. 27 to Dec. 6. Teams will play 10 games each. The fee is \$395 per team.

■ Open competitive-style badminton will be offered Tuesday and Friday nights. The nightly fee is \$7.

■ Open table tennis will be offered Mondays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. The fee is \$4 per day.

For more information on these programs, call (248) 449-9947.

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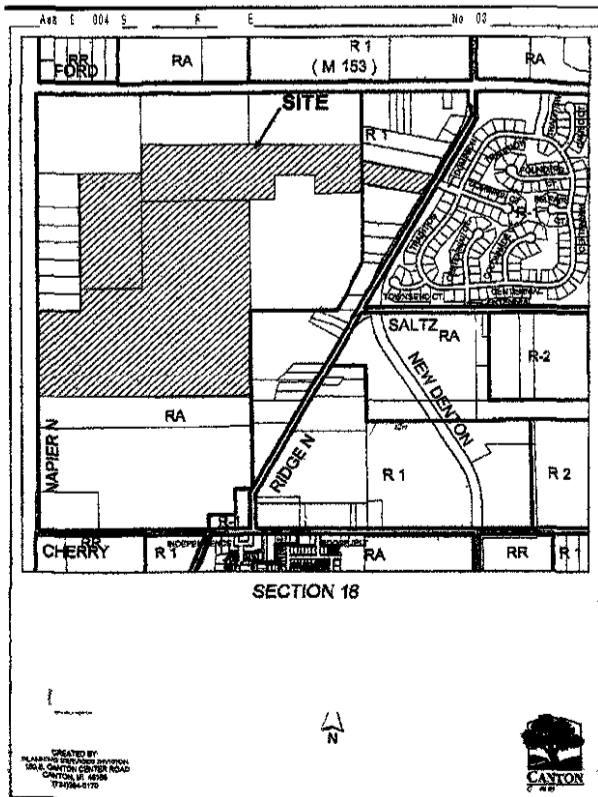
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday September 13 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CAPITOL PARK REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 069 99 0010 000 069 99 0015 001 070 99 0002 000 (PART OF) AND 071 99 0003 000 FROM RURAL AGRICULTURAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/40 ACRES) R 1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE) AND CHERRY HILL VILLAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT TO R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) Property is located south of Ford Road between Rudge and Napier Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday September 9 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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

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Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road
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This is to notify you that Fellowship Baptist Church of Southeastern Michigan a Michigan nonprofit corporation with its registered office and principal business address located at 4295 Napier Road Plymouth Michigan and previously at 48910 Ford Road Canton Michigan is dissolving and winding up its business. Please send written notice of existing claims to P.O. Box 87061 Canton MI 48187. All written claims must include the following information: name of claimant claim principal place of business amount of claim supporting documentation contact person and reply information. All claim notifications must be received within six (6) months after the publication date of this notice. If the claim notification is not received within six (6) months after the first publication date of this notice the claim(s) will be barred pursuant to Michigan law.

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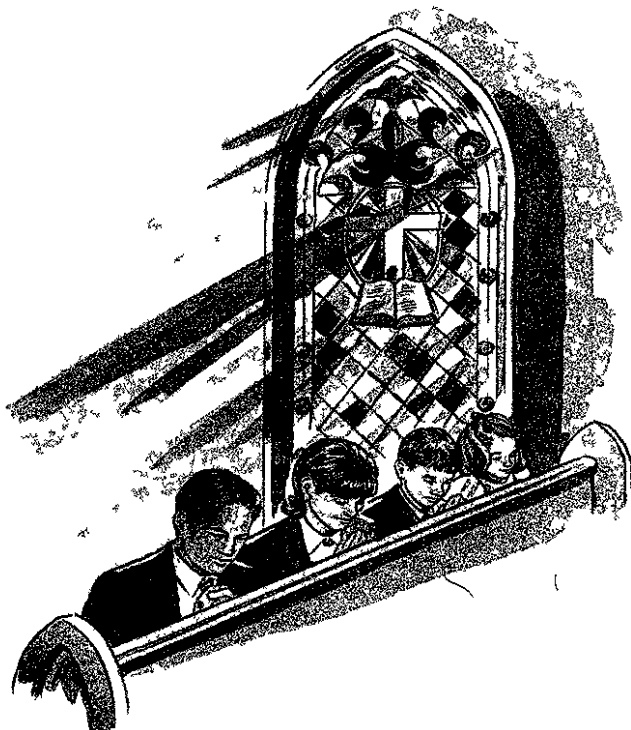
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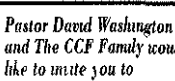
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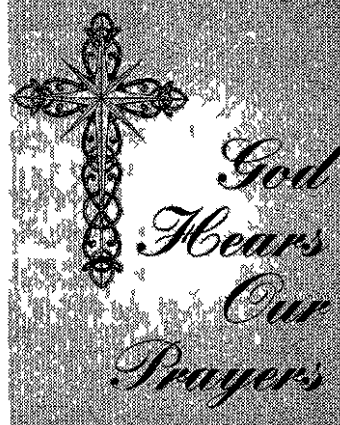
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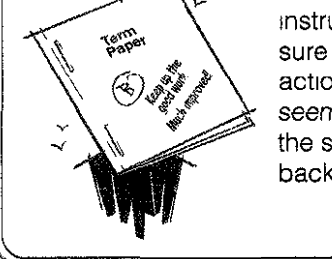
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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5:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 11 guest speaker is 9/11 survivor Todd Creutz at Grace Lutheran Church 46001 Warren Road Canton. Call (734) 414-7422. Coffee at 5 p.m.

Vendors wanted
For Saturday Sept 11 Flea Market (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church parking lot 30900 Six Mile Livonia. Table space is \$15. Call (248) 476-0908.

Fall Flea Market
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Sept 11 in the parking lot at St. Matthew's Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia. A portion of the proceeds go to support missions. Anyone interested in a space to sell their items or more information call Margaret Northey at (248) 476-0908.

Christian Youth Soccer League
An Evening of Magic a CYSL fund raiser 7:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 11 at United Baptist Family Life Center 236 Middlebelt Garden City. Cost is \$5 family rate available. Call Terri Fritsch secretary at (734) 513-7844 or Alden Porter (734) 968-9358.

Worship schedule
Resumes regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept 12, which also features Rally Day, the beginning of the Sunday School program at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church 33360 W 13 Mile at Farmington Road Farmington Hills. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A con temporary service called Praise Fort is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. For information call (248) 626-7906.

New modern-style worship
Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd Livonia) just north of I-96 is beginning a new MOD ERN style worship service on Sunday Sept 12. This multi-media service will be informal using modern and praise music led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas led by the members will often be part of this service. This service will be held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School youth and adult Bible classes will also be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information call Linda Hollman Outreach Director at (734) 522-6830.

Rally Day Celebration
And Homecoming Picnic Sunday Sept 12 begins 9:30 a.m. with the Educational Ministries team providing classes to adults, young adults, youth and children followed by 11 a.m. worship in the Gothic Sanctuary at First Baptist Church 300 Willets one block north of Maple one block west of Old Woodward Birmingham. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance. Picnic follows in Springdale Park. The church provides main course picnic foods and beverages. Guests are asked to bring a dish to pass. Event is appropriate for young and old and includes field games and other special events.

New pastor installation
Pastor Carl Ames will be officially installed at a worship service with Bishop Robert Rimbo 11 a.m. Sunday Sept 12 at Prince of Peace in Westland. A welcome luncheon immediately follows and coincides with Rally Day and the kickoff of the fall education schedule. Rally Day activities begin at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Ames begins preaching at the 9:30 a.m. service Sunday Sept 5. Prince of Peace is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church of American in the Southeast Michigan Synod. For more information call (734) 722-1735.

Rally Day
Combined worship service featuring all of the church's and schools musical groups kicks off Rally Day Sunday Sept 12 at St. Michael Lutheran Church 3003 Hannan Wayne. Open house follows at 10:15 a.m. A pot luck luncheon with hot dogs will be served 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fun and games follow. For information call (734) 728-1950.

Calvin Taylor concert
7:30 p.m. Sunday Sept 12 at First Baptist Church of Detroit 21200 Southfield Road on the service drive north of Eight Mile. Southfield. No charge. Free will offering will be taken. Taylor has performed in North and South America, Europe, Ukraine and the Far East. He holds music degrees from Oberlin Conservatory and the universities of Michigan and Kentucky. He has 10 solo recordings. Movements from his Sunrise Symphony have been performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Call (248) 569-2972.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday Sept 10-12 Oct 15-17 and Nov 19-21 at St. John's Family Life Center 4401 Five Mile Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site at www.rcnet/detroit/wme.

New service times
9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. beginning Sept 12 for the fall and winter months at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

Farmington Aglow meeting
6-8 p.m. Monday Sept 13 (doors open 5:30 p.m.) at Farmington Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Aglow International is a community lighthouse for women. In addition to the meeting they offer praise and worship and prayer meetings.

Women of the Word
Tuesday Ladies Bible Study. Women of the Word begins studying the Book of Luke entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday Sept 14 at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information call (248) 348-7600.

Forty Days class
Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church is opening their doors to the community for the fall class. The Purpose Driven Life as a six-week study based on the best-selling book by Rick Warren begins Tuesday Sept 14 and Thursday Sept 16 with morning class 9:30-11 a.m. and evening class 7:30-9 p.m. at the church on the north side of Six Mile Road between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia. Discover the answer to the question you have sometimes asked yourself: "What on earth am I here for?" This study is also known as the 40 days of Purpose and is a small group Bible study. Pre-register by calling (734) 427-1414 and leave your name, address and phone number.

Grief support programs
At Hope Lutheran Church 3640 Madison at Carlyle Dearborn. Families are encouraged to attend together as age-specific groups are offered within one convenient location. All are welcome. Seven week series for ages 5-12 begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 14 (parents and guardians attend the first evening to learn more about the program). Various activities and projects are offered by a licensed professional. Six week series for ages 13-17 begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21. Adult six-week series begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21. To register call Howe Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561-6163.

Stronger Women
Walking group, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers, coffee, social fun and fellowship 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday Sept 16 to Nov 18 at Faith Covenant Church 35415 W 14 Mile Farmington Hills. Registration fee \$25, walk-ins \$5. Baby sitting \$2 per child, \$4 per family per session. For more information call (248) 661-9191.

Pastor to Pastor series
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept 16 join other pastors for a complimentary luncheon and live CCN satellite presentation of the Emotionally Healthy Pastor hosted by HB London at William Tyndale College 35700 West 12 Mile at Drake Farmington Hills. RSVP by Sept 13. Call (248) 553-7200.

Youth Rally
Pregnancy Centers of Southeastern Michigan presents Truth & Purity Youth Rally 7:10 p.m. Saturday Sept 18 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 1100 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$8 at door. \$20 for groups of 5 or more. Speaker is super model Kim Alexis. Music by eighty-six drama & Katie Arnold. Emcee is triathlete Brad Seng. Art competition with prizes. For more information or to register call (248) 293-0070.

Forty Days campaign
During 40 Days of Purpose people will experience the truths about God's purposes in worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism through

a weekly message by the Pastor, small group fellowship, personal family daily devotional readings and scripture memory verses beginning 10:30 a.m. Sunday Sept 19 at Warren Road Light & Life Church Westland. For more information or to become involved call Pastor David Powless at (734) 458-7301.

Lay caregiver workshop
The Role of Faith Development in Pastoral Care workshop will be held 2:30-4:40 p.m. Sunday Sept 19 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills. Registration required so that staff may prepare adequate materials for participants. Call (248) 476-8860. Presented by Anne Hampson of Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan. The workshop will help lay caregivers achieve a new way of thinking and attending to their care receivers.



IGNATIUS J. PALMISANO, MD

Age 86 August 30, 2004. Dear husband of Wanda for 53 years. Loving father of John, David (Mimi), Steven (Kimberly), Nancy, Peter (Maggie), Robert (Molly), and Daniel (Jodi). Grandfather of 14. Brother of Frank, Ann, Rizzuto, and Sr. Antonette Palmisano and the late Mary Angela and Sam Brother in Law of Albert (Jean) Hamalo. Practicing Physician and Surgeon for 47 years. Graduated Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago in 1943. Completed his residency in surgery at Sinai Grace (Mt. Carmel) and practiced at Mt. Carmel and St. Mary in Livonia. Dr. Malmisano was a Livonia resident for 51 years. Served in the Navy in the Pacific during WWII.

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VALEETA HEIL (HUDGENS)

Age 84 of Fenton, formerly of Birmingham died Monday September 6, 2004 at Genesis Health Park Services will be held 1 PM Thursday September 9, 2004 at Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton Chapel 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be held 2-4 & 6-9 PM Wednesday and from 10 AM until the time of service Thursday. Those desiring may make contributions to the First Presbyterian Church of Flint. Valeeta was born March 16, 1920 in Herrin, IL, the daughter of Robert F. and Dorothy (Baker) Hudgens. She was married to Robert Charles Heil on November 21, 1947 in Detroit. Mrs. Heil was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps (WAAAC) serving at the Pentagon during WWII. She had lived in Fenton since 1999 and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Flint. She was a former member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham for 32 years serving the Children's Ministry. Surviving are husband Robert, sons, Robert Charles, Jr. and fiancée Kim Ebersberger of Chelsea, William Patrick (Theresa) of Rochester Hills, Brian Thomas (Christine) of Fenton, eight grandchildren, brother Robert Floyd II (Marjorie) Hudgens of Davenport, IA, sister, Billie Warkne of Welcott, IA, sisters-in-law Betty Gerhart and Marjorie Cronan, many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Irvin Hudgens, sister, Elta Ceperly.

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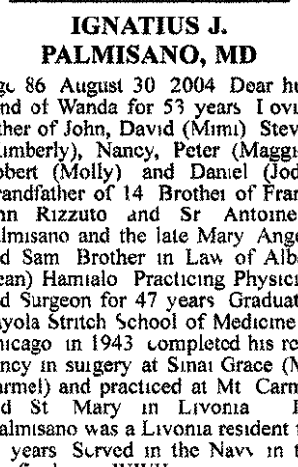
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LEROY D. BIERSCHBACH

Formerly of Livonia died September 2, 2004, in Rose City, MI. Age 48, father of Carrie and Ryan, brother of Larry, son of Ernest and Eva. Funeral Services were held on September 4, 2004 in Rose City.



PATRICIA ANN JOHNSTONE

Patricia Ann Johnstone passed away on September 5, 2004 after a long and difficult struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was 78 years old at the time of her death. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Ellen and Ted Nicholson, her husband Don Johnstone and her sister Gloria Jean Kumath. Pat was born August 26, 1928 in Northern Lower Michigan to Mary Ellen and Ted Nicholson, the second of two children. She was bright and energetic, excelling in school and developing her lifelong love of music. She sang, played the clarinet and was a drum major. She graduated from Busch High School two years early. To help support her family in tough times, Pat went to work at Chrysler World Headquarters in Detroit, rising to the head receptionist position where her good looks and keen sense of humor made her a favorite of many as they passed through the giant lobby. In 1955, Pat married Donald Johnstone and moved to Birmingham, Michigan where Pat and Don were blessed (quickly!) with three children: Jeff, Jody and Jim in four years. Don worked long hours and Pat was more than busy with three little ones, but she found time to remain active in her church and in the Birmingham community. At various times she sang in the First United Methodist Church choir, taught Sunday school, participated in her church group, Merry Mates and served as President of the Birmingham Junior Women's Club. In 1967, at the age of 39, Pat was delighted by the arrival of her fourth child, Jill. With abundant laughs and ready smile, Pat took her family's good-hearted ribbing in stride when she took 2nd Place in the Mrs. Birmingham contest while her recipe for Hungarian goulash took top honors. She enjoyed tremendously her time in the Village Women's Club and the Birmingham Community House and cherished the many close friendships made along the way. Pat endured one of life's unexpected turns in 1978 with the untimely death of her husband, Don. A widow with four children to support, she reentered the workplace, assuming the responsibilities of running the family's wholesale dairy business with her oldest son, Jeff. Although a woman in a man's business, Pat, as always, persevered. She worked hard and learned a tough business thoroughly, enjoyed her numerous accomplishments and became well known throughout suburban Detroit as The Milk Lady, an affectionate title she wore with much pride. She retired from the business in 1995 after a long and rewarding career. Pat was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 1996 just as she was enjoying the rewards of retirement. She moved to Texas to be close to her loved ones during the difficult times she would face. As ever, Pat's enduring smile and grace carried her and her family through, even as the clouds moved across her mind. Pat will always be remembered for her compassion shown to all people, her affection for animals and her enthusiastic love of life. She is free at last. May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand. Pat is survived by her son Jeff and his wife Beth and their children Jordan, Collin and Meredith of Cave Creek, AZ; her daughter Jody Gilley and her husband Dennis, and their sons Jesse and Jamie of Benton, LA; her son Jim and his wife Junie; and their children Nell and Connor of Austin, TX; and her daughter Jill Short and her husband Andy; and their daughter Kate of Scottsdale, AZ. The family will receive friends Friday, September 10th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 11th at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Rd. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Pat's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Av., Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

HOWARD J. BECKER

September 6, 2004, age 69 of Westland. Beloved husband of Georgia, dear father of Ldwad (Dorothy) Laux, Steven (Louise) Killian, Theresa (Mark) Waterkamp and Michael (Pam) Becker. Brother of Gordon (Marlene) Becker, Shirley (the late Royal) Nordstrom, Mae (the late Ray) Brown, Carol (Don) Doerfler, the late William Bernard and Keith Becker, and the late Phyllis Hibbard. Grandfather of 17 great grandchildren. 5 Services Friday 10 AM at the UH Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Westland, with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Family will receive friends Thursday from noon until 9 PM. Memorials may be directed to the Make a Wish Foundation. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuneralhome.com.

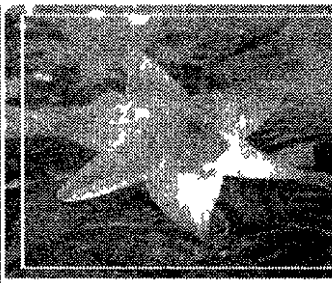
FRANCES R. MONCHER

Of Bluffton, SC died Thursday July 15, 2004 at Hilton Head Medical Center. She was born in Pinconning, MI in Bloomfield Hills, MI and Orange Park, FL before moving to Bluffton, SC six years ago. Fran was involved in the push to have Hickory Grove Elementary School become a part of the Bloomfield Hills School system back in the late 1950s. She loved her family and friends and was active in the Republican Party, a volunteer in Church and enjoyed Bridge and Tennis. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Frank L. Moncher of Bluffton, SC, son Craig F. Moncher (wife Holly Beth) daughter Pamela A. Brown (husband Thomas) both of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Grandsons Chad Moncher, Trevor Waskin (wife Fabiola), Ian Waskin and Thomas Brown, III. A great granddaughter, Ariana Waskin, three surviving sisters, Mildred Mason, Iyla Emmons and Elaine Bast. Three surviving brothers, Eugene Pourcho, Kenneth Pourcho and Bruce Pourcho. Memorial Services will be held at Highland Park Baptist Church, Southfield, MI on September 11, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Memorials may be sent to Children's International, P.O. Box 219055, Kansas City, MO 64121. Attn: Michele Ross Willett. Saults Funeral Home of Bluffton, SC is assisting the family with arrangements.



KENNETH "KEN" F. SHEEDLO

Born in Nahma, Michigan. Resident of Farmington, Michigan for 49 years. Died at Botsford General Hospital September 4, 2004 at age 75. Beloved husband of Dorothy for 49 years. I. Oving father of Mark (Barb) Sheedlo, Beth Sheedlo, Kathleen Sheedlo and Terri (Ed) McSwain. Cherished grandfather of Kenny, Maddie and Tommy. Dear brother of Katherine Gobert and Maryann Hebert. Owner/Operator of Ken's Barbershop for 49 years. First in Livonia, then in Dearborn Heights. Member of Livonia VFW and the Plymouth-Canton Elks. Enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and repairing automobiles. U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, Private 1st class. Funeral Service 11 am Saturday, September 11th at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Visitation Thursday 5-9 pm and Friday 2-9 pm at Thayer Rocker Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave. Farmington (1 block west of Farmington Rd.)



DALE N. FEESE

Died September 5, 2004, age 59 of Wayne. Owner of Noim's Meat Market in Westland. Beloved husband of Katherine. Dear father of Jamie Dale and Jason Scott, brother of Suzanne (the late Charles Bud) Kitzmiller (Skip) (Lisa) Freese and Sandy Freese. Brother-in-law of Glen and Mary Coffey and Jeff and Linda Long. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services were held at the UH Funeral Home, Westland, Wednesday, September 8, 2004, with Pastor Dave Stewart officiating. The family requests memorials be directed to the Dale Freese Scholarship Fund. Visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuneralhome.com.

MERLIN D. SPITSBERGEN

Born in Moddersville, MI on July 10, 1927. Died in his Oakland Township home on August 31, 2004. Rochester area resident for 48 years, electrical engineer, outdoorsman, musician, golfer, historian, political activist and a man for all seasons. Survived by his wife, Dottie, brothers Leland and Dennis, sister Louise, wife Susan, four daughters: Karen, Jan and Claire, Cooper grandchildren Jillian, Joshua, Jordan, Christine and Jake. He died from complications after surgery to remove a brain tumor. Memorial service is Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 2pm at the Palm Creek Methodist Church on Collins Road in Goodison. Memorials to Rochester Tuesday Musical Scholarship Fund, Cranbrook Hospice, North St. Cr.

ALVA DALE RUSH, M.D.

September 1, 2004 at Georgian Bloomfield of Beverly Hills, MI. Born June 14, 1917 in Battle Creek, MI. Self-employed Dermatologist. Graduate of University of Michigan Medical School. Interned at Harper Hospital, donated time and was on the staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Oakland. Member of Oakland County Medical Society. Served in U.S. Army during WWII. Survived by wife Mildred, daughters Betty, Jonas of Illinois, David, Fredgan of Toronto, Penny, Hogan of Minnesota, Son David in Germany and step son Dennis, M.D. of Plymouth, MI. Funeral Service was Friday, September 3rd, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham. Pastor, Thomas A. Zucconi, Assentation of Christ Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment, White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI.

CARLENE JUNE MITCHELL

Age 66 of Southfield. Carlene June Mitchell passed away Saturday morning, September 4, 2004 at Hospice Unit of the William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, following a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She was born on June 14, 1938 in Mansfield, Ohio, the daughter of Carl and Irene Miller. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan, earning a degree in education. Surviving are 1 daughter, Lynne Malone of Brighton, 1 son, David Mitchell of Midland and 6 grandchildren: Bob, Kristie and Kallie Malone, Andrew, Karlyn and Jonathan Mitchell. A Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 pm, Friday, September 10, 2004 from the Keehn Funeral Home, 706 West Main Street, Brighton (810) 229-9871. The family will begin receiving friends at the funeral home at 6:00 pm, Friday. Memorial Contributions in Carlene's name are suggested to Hospice or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Envelopes are available from the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton.

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Second-half woes doom Rock cagers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The first half of Tuesday night's game at Brighton was smooth sailing for Salem's girls basketball team.

But the Rocks encountered some rough seas in the second half.

Trailing 24-16 at halftime, the host Bulldogs regrouped and downed Salem, 49-41.

Salem and Brighton are both 3-1.

Brighton went inside to their post players in the second half and they sealed us off nicely, said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We didn't handle it very well. They had five different players score, so it wasn't like one player took over." "Brighton has had a good team over the years. They've done a lot of nice things. It was good for us to play a team that pressures the ball like they do because we'll be playing four or five teams in our league that play a similar style."

Alyssa Guerin was the lone Rock to reach double figures in scoring, netting 10. Carly Sommers scored eight while Teresa Coppilhe twined seven. Sue Murphy (16 points) and Kerri Fulks (nine points) paced the Bulldogs' offense.

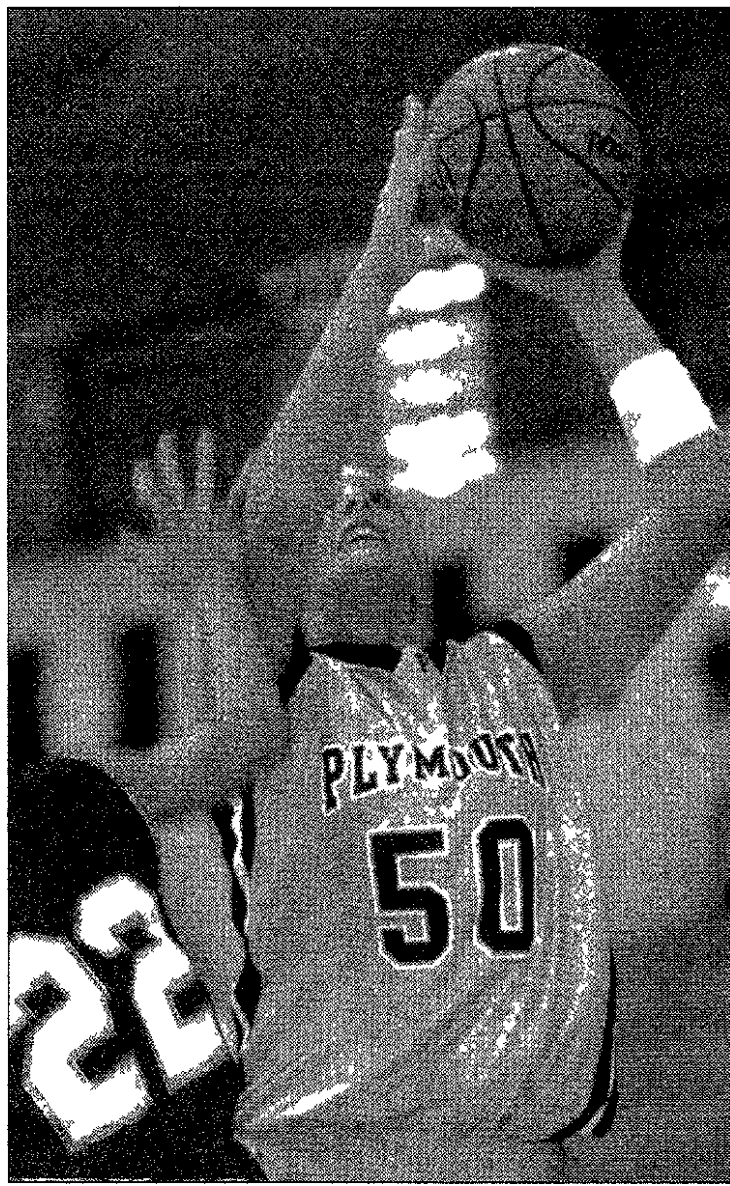
Brighton led 9-8 after the opening quarter, but Salem stormed back to seize a 24-16 halftime advantage.

Poor shooting and turnovers hampered the Rocks in the second half when they were outscored 33-17.

"In the first half, we beat their press and we made nine of 24 shots, which wasn't too bad," Thomann said. "If we would have shot that way in the second half, we probably would have won."

Salem connected on just 14 of 47 shots for the game (29 percent) while Brighton canned 16 of 31 attempts (51 percent).

The Rocks were red hot from the free throw line, sinking 11 of 13 (84 percent). The Bulldogs drained 10 of their 16



BY L.L. BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Kim Olech scored 11 points and pulled down eight rebounds in the Wildcats' 36-34 loss to Southgate Anderson Tuesday night.

shots from the charity stripe (62 percent).

Salem opens their home portion of the schedule tonight when it hosts Howell. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

Wildcats lose at wire

Plymouth battled Southgate Anderson to the final buzzer Tuesday night before falling, 36-34. The Wildcats had a chance to tie with 2.2 seconds left, but two free throws missed the mark.

Plymouth is now 1-2 heading

into tonight's game at Mt. Clemens. L'Anse-au-Loup Anderson improved to 3-0.

They did a nice job pressuring on the perimeter, said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "They did a lot of half-court trapping and we made some bad decisions with the ball."

The thing I like about this team is that the girls always play hard. The next step is to play hard and play smart.

Jeanne Moise led the Wildcats with 13 points and 10

rebounds. It was the junior post player's third double-double in as many games.

Kim Olech also played well, contributing 11 points and eight boards.

The Wildcats were hampered by poor shooting at the free-throw line (37 percent).

Belleville stumbles

The Tigers (2-2) fell into a deep hole in the first half and almost climbed out, before losing 65-56 to Romulus (3-1) Tuesday night.

The Eagles soared to a 24-9 first-quarter lead and 39-24 halftime advantage.

"We came back to within 44-38 late in the third quarter, but then we committed a couple of turnovers and the next thing you knew we were down 10," said Tiger coach Kevin Edwards. "We matched up well with Romulus, we just got off to such a slow start and we couldn't put it all together after that."

"I'm proud of the fact that the girls never quit. After a while, they realized they could play with Romulus, but it was a little too late."

The Tigers played without starting point guard Danica Holmes, who was ill.

Taylor Manley led Belleville in scoring with 17 points. Renee Seng added 15 and Erica Brewer chipped in with 13.

Cynthia McGoldrick was the Tigers' top rebounder, pulling nine caroms off the glass.

"Jasmine Peterson and Hillary Ivan didn't score a lot for us, but they both play really well," Edwards noted.

The Tigers return to the court tonight when they travel to Dearborn Fordson to take on the Tractors. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

Even though we're 2-2, I feel in my heart we could just as easily be 4-0," Edwards said. "This is the first group of girls I've had in years that I don't have to yell at. There are no bad attitudes on this team. It's just a hard-working group of kids."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 10

Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Northville 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.

Monroe at Belleville 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 9

Flint Northern at Canton 7 p.m.

Plymouth at L'Anse-au-Loup 7 p.m.

Howell at Salem 7 p.m.

PCA at Lutheran Westland Tourney

TBA

Belleville at Dearborn Fordson 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Agape at Calvary Christian 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 10

Troy at Canton 7 p.m.

PCA at A.P. Inter City Baptist 4:30 p.m.

Life Summit at Agape 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

A.A. Green Hills at Plymouth 1 p.m.

Salem at East Lansing Invitational

10 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Belleville at Ypsilanti 4 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Friday, Sept. 10

Canton at W.L. Central 3 p.m.

John Glenn at Plymouth 3 p.m.

Livonia Churchill at Salem 3 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept. 9

PCA at Lutheran Westland 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Canton at U of D Invitational

Salem at Brother Rice Invitational

Belleville at Ypsilanti Golden Inv. 10 a.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 9

Belleville at John Glenn 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

W.L.A.A. Conference Relays at Salem

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Discover value wines from the Barossa

Peter Lehmann's highly-touted flagship Stonewell Shiraz, bearing an \$80 price tag, may give the impression that all wines from this Australian producer are expensive.



Focus on Wine

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Quite the contrary! Latest releases in the Peter Lehmann "Barossa Range" are priced between \$12 and \$16 and represent true flavor values.

HISTORY LESSON

Although it's hard to believe, given the success of Australian wines today, a serious grape overproduction throughout Australia in 1979 posed hardship for growers, particularly in the Barossa, a region north of South Australia's capital city of Adelaide. By 1986, the grape glut was so large that the government sponsored a vine pull, whereby the state of South Australia paid growers to rip out vineyards, some of which were planted to prized century-old shiraz.

Peter Lehmann now affectionately known as the "Baron of the Barossa," could not let this happen to growers with whom he was associated. Lehmann believed that his only choice was to arrange financing to buy the grapes and form a wine company.

Given the popularity of Australian wines today, it's also hard to believe that this was a major gamble. With tongue firmly in his cheek, Lehmann named his wine company Masterson, after Damon Runyon's fictional gambler Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls*.

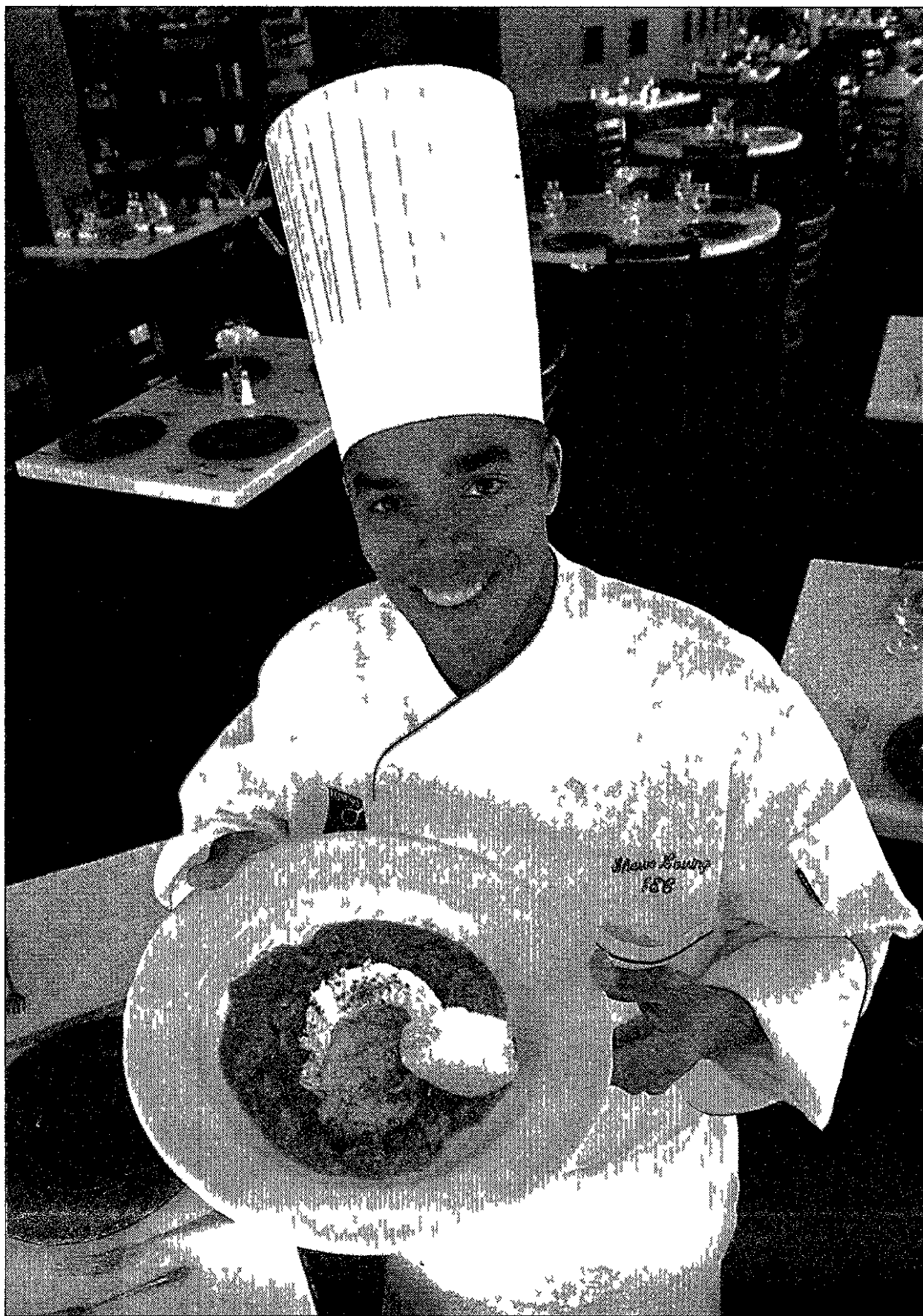
The Queen of Clubs, or so-called "gambler's card," was chosen as the emblem. It remains visible in a variety of artistic interpretations on Peter Lehmann labels, particularly the Barossa Range.

Peter Lehmann who was born in 1930, founded his winery to protect the livelihoods and vineyards of hundreds of Barossa growers. Loyalty that emerged gives Lehmann access to the widest variety of the best Barossa grapes available from 185 independent growers.

NO GAMBLE WINES

Just as Miss Sarah Brown threw loaded dice for \$2 to win the soul of Sky Masterson to the Kingdom of God, one taste of the following flavor-loaded wines will

PLEASE SEE WINE, D6



Shawn Loving, owner and chef of Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills, presents a New Orleans-style andouille gumbo with black-peppered smoked chicken thigh. Loving will prepare this dish for the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

samples

Delectable delights take center stage at Culinary Extravaganza

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Shawn Loving calls the event "a local Tastefest."

"I look at it as a big chef food party," Loving said. "It's great to be around your mentors, get ideas from them and all the chefs at the event. You can really 'jump start' to some new ideas and talk with different chefs."

Loving, chef and owner of Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills, will be just one of the chefs rubbing elbows — and spatulas — with some of the best area chefs at

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza on Sept. 19. The celebration of gourmet foods and fine beverages takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the new VisTaTech Center, with all proceeds supporting student scholarships.

Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College, said Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza usually features about 50 restaurants and wineries at various displays.

With the event now held at VisTaTech (last year's was the first at the new facility), it gives a little more space than

the old space at the Waterman Center.

"People can spread out all on one level," Konowalow said. "It gives the restaurants and the wineries better exposure and the guests have a better flow through the room. And aesthetically, it's much better than it was before."

"We try to get about 50 in here. That's the number we shoot for."

The list of restaurants features some of the finest cuisine in the area. Milford's Five Lakes Grill, owned by Brian

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Rosh Hashanah marks a new start

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

The "head of the year" will soon be celebrated by many area residents.

That's what Rosh Hashanah, which marks the Jewish New Year, means in Hebrew, according to Alan Broida of West Bloomfield. "This holiday is celebrated by attending special temple or synagogue services and being with family," he said. Broida, his wife, Shawn, and children, Jacob, 6, and Abigail, 3, will join his parents, Gerald and Soralee Broida of Walled Lake, and his grandparents, Kate and

Bert Cohen of Southfield, to welcome in the year 5765 on the Jewish calendar.

Also celebrating on this first and second day of Tishri, which is the seventh month of the Jewish year, will be Broida's sister and her family, Ilene and Gary Stone and their children, Brandon, 11, and Alyssa, 9.

Rosh Hashanah also provides a special time to teach children Jewish traditions.

According to Broida, a Reform Jew and member of Temple Israel on Walnut Lake, Rosh Hashanah begins this year at sundown on Wednesday, Sept. 15, and ends at sundown

the next day. "The days following the arrival of the New Year are spent preparing for Yom Kippur, a holy day observed on the 10th day of Tishri and marked by fasting and prayer for the atonement of sins."

Similar to the American New Year tradition of making resolutions, Rosh Hashanah is a time for introspection and reflection. "We look back at the past year and see how we can make the New Year and ourselves better," said Broida. "It's a time to forgive yourself for the wrongs you've done and to forgive others for

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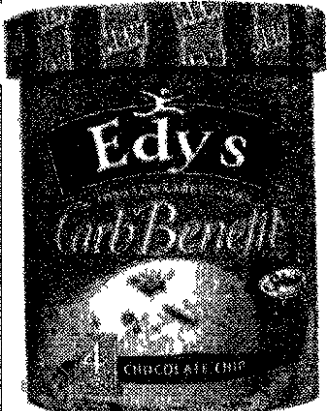
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The Broida and Stone families stress the significance of Rosh Hashanah. Shawn and Al Broida (second and third from left) sit with their children Jacob (left) and Abby while Ilene and Gary Stone sit with children Alyssa (third from right) and Brandon Stone. A Shofar, a traditional horn that is blown on Rosh Hashanah, is on the table.

Side dish

Ice cream debuts

Dieting is never easy, but cutting carbs gets easier every day with new low carb products debuting in grocery stores. Edy's Grand Ice



Cream has launched Carb Benefit Ice Cream, which offers low carb aficionados the ice cream experience they are used to in higher carb products.

Edy's Carb Benefit is available in creamy Vanilla Bean Chocolate, Butter Pecan Chocolate Chip and Mint Chocolate Chip. With only three to four net carbs per serving, Edy's Carb Benefit is low enough in carbs to fit into anyone's low carb lifestyle.

Edy's Carb Benefit ice cream is available in grocery freezer aisles. To find these flavors in your neighborhood, visit Edy's Flavor Finder at www.Edys.com.

Snacks still big

Snack foods such as sodas and chips make up about one-third of the typical U.S. diet, despite the popularity of the low-carb diet crazes.

A study of 4,700 adults showed high levels of consumption of foods, such as soft drinks and pastries, with sweets, desserts and alcoholic beverages accounting for nearly 25 percent of all calories consumed by Americans, according to an article in the August/September issue of the Food & Beverage Report, published by the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan.

New salads

Big Boy now has four new salads. The Lo-Carb Three Cheese Grilled Chicken Salad features a grilled chicken breast seasoned with garlic and pepper on a spring salad mix, topped with tomato, red onions, cucumbers, Swiss and cheddar cheese, served with bleu cheese on the side. This salad has 10 net carbs.

The Grilled Chicken Chipotle Salad has grilled chicken breast topped with chipotle mayonnaise on a spring salad mix, with tomatoes, red pepper, cheddar cheese, and three onion rings.

The New Orleans Style Blackened Chicken Salad is sauteed chicken breast blackened with herbs and spices on a spring salad mix with raspberry vinaigrette, cantaloupe, honeydew and red onions.

Grilled Ham Steak Salad with Grilled Melons and Pineapple features grilled ham on a spring salad mix with red onions, Swiss cheese and grilled slices of fruit.

Baked beans are summer's favorite barbecue side dish

Enjoy hot weather fruits while you can

BY TOMMY C. SIMMONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As families fire up barbecues for summer weekend cookouts, chances are baked beans will appear alongside whatever's cooking on the grill.

It stands to reason pots of simmering and spicy baked beans should be summer's savory of choice. Baking beans is easy, which makes the classic baked or barbecued beans the perfect side dish to serve with chicken, steaks, ribs and roasted vegetables.

Since grilling requires attention from the cook, it's nice to have a repertoire of side dishes that are simple to assemble.

The Advocate's food staff tested both recipes using dried beans that must be simmered for a couple of hours at minimum, and recipes based on canned beans. There was no appreciable difference in the taste, so we recommend going with the convenient and quick-fixing canned beans.

According to *The American Century Cookbook* by Jean Anderson, the first commercially canned pork and pea beans were done by Burnham and Morrill (B&M) of Portland, Maine, in 1927.

The Bean Education and Awareness Network says that

eating beans can offer a host of health benefits, including weight loss and diabetes and heart-disease prevention. Beans are also a simple and economical way to get nutrients including protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals.

Cooks do negate some of those health benefits when they mix in ingredients like smoked bacon, ground beef or maple syrup, but if portion sizes are moderate even the fattier baked bean dishes can be enjoyed.

Here are a few of the staff's favorite baked bean recipes.

FIT FOR A KING BAKED BEANS

- 3 slices bacon chopped
- 1/2 cups chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons minced ginger root
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- Four 15 ounce cans navy or great Northern beans
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup light molasses
- 1/2 cup salsa ketchup
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 1 tablespoon Dijon style mustard
- 1/2 cup crushed gingersnaps
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

2 bay leaves

Fry bacon until crisp in medium skillet, drain bacon thor-

oughly on paper towels. Discard all but 1 teaspoon bacon fat, add onions, ginger root and garlic to skillet and saute until tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Mix all ingredients in 2-quart casserole. Bake, covered, at 300°F for 2 hours, bake uncovered, for 30 minutes. Discard bay leaves.

Makes 8 servings

BARBECUED BEANS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 bell pepper finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 1/4 pound ground round
- One 16 ounce can pork and beans
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tablespoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/4 cup ketchup with Tabasco sauce
- 1/4 cup cane syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder

Heat olive oil and saute onion, bell pepper and garlic in the hot ground round and continue cooking until browned. Drain off excess grease. Stir in canned pork and beans. Mix in Worcestershire sauce, black pepper, barbecue sauce, ketchup, cane syrup, and mustard and curry powders. Simmer for an hour to

meld the flavors. Serve hot.

Makes 4 servings

Courtesy of David Simmons

BARBECUED BAKED BEANS

- One 16 ounce can pork and beans
- One 16 ounce can kidney beans drained
- One 16 ounce can green lima beans drained
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 to 3 tablespoons strong cold coffee
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- Pinch of oregano
- Pinch sweet basil
- Dash Tabasco
- 3 strips bacon

Combine all ingredients, except bacon strips, in a greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish.

Place bacon strips on top. Cover with foil and bake at 350°F for 1 hour.

Remove cover and continue baking 15 additional minutes.

Makes 10 servings

Courtesy of Pass the Plate published by The Collection from Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, N.C.

Blueberry pizza is a sweet snack or dessert

(NAPSI)-Ask kids what's their favorite food and chances are they'll say "Pizza!"

Blueberry Dessert

Pizza is a great way for children to have fun creating awesome pizzas to enjoy as a snack or dessert.

Kids get a nutrition boost as well as great flavor and fun from these special pizzas. Blueberries are a good source of vitamin C and fiber, so let them toss on a few more.

Fresh blueberries are available just about all year long,

with the supply peaking in the summer.

Frozen, dried and canned blueberries are also available year-round for flavorful, healthful family treats.

Blueberries are good for grownups.

With only 80 calories per cup, blueberries are high in antioxidants that fight disease, including heart disease and some forms of cancer. Serve them on cereal, mixed into yogurt and scattered over ice cream.

Invite the kids to arrange blueberries on a crisp tortilla

'pizza crust.

To find more blueberry health information and recipes, go to www.usbbc.org

BLUEBERRY DESSERT PIZZA

- 1 (10 inch) flour tortilla
- 1/2 teaspoon butter softened
- 3 teaspoons sugar divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup whipped cream cheese
- 1/2 cup fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup mixed fruit (such as grape halves and mandarin oranges)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place tortilla on an ungreased baking sheet, spread with butter.

In a cup, combine 1 teaspoon of the sugar and the cinnamon, sprinkle over the tortilla.

Bake until edges just begin to brown, 3 to 4 minutes, remove to a plate.

In a small bowl, combine the remaining 2 teaspoons sugar with the cream cheese, spread evenly over the tortilla.

Arrange blueberries and other fruit on top.

Serve immediately.

Yields 2 portions.

There is nothing better on a warm day than a slice of ice cold watermelon to refresh yourself. A juicy peach is also a summer treat. Both of these are from garden or orchard to the table foods, ready to wash and eat.

Mark Twain referred to watermelon as "the food that angels eat." Historians claim that watermelon first grew in the middle of Kalahari Desert and was a liquid source for thirsty traders. The walls of Egyptian tombs are decorated with pictures of the watermelon.

It is hard to believe that watermelon is a cousin to the cucumber and a kin to a gourd and not really a fruit but a vegetable. There are more than 50 varieties of modern day watermelons that are twice as sweet and three times the size as yesterday.

If you are adventurous, purchase a whole watermelon. It is a real trick to pick out a sweet ripe one. Some people "thump" them, others smell them or shake them before buying. A flat, dull sound when slapping can indicate an under ripe melon where a hollow sound may mean it's too ripe. Choose one with no bruises, dents or cuts and feels heavy for its size. The part that was on the ground should look yellow rather than white or pale green. They do not ripen or get any sweeter after they have been picked. Watermelon may look hardy but they are fragile so handle with care.

Give your melon a shower or good bath before cutting. Wash the surface of the melon thoroughly under clear, running water with a scrub brush. Salmonella food poisoning and other bacteria can cling to the surface dirt on the rind. If unwashed the inside can get contaminated when the knife cuts through the melon. (Make sure to keep your hands clean, too.)

Cover and refrigerate cut melon.

If you buy melon at the store it should be in ice not just sitting on top of the ice. Watermelons are not acidic, so bacteria can thrive when it's not kept cold. If you are going to serve the entire watermelon icy cold, plan ahead, as it will take eight to twelve hours to chill a whole watermelon.

On to the Peach Celebration! There is nothing like a fresh juicy Michigan peach.

There are two categories of peaches, freestone or clingstone. Freestones readily separate from the pit while the flesh clings lightly to the pit in a clingstone.

Freestones are usually preferred for eating fresh or for freezing while clingstone are used primarily for canning.

Michigan peaches are freestone or a semi-freestone. Some varieties at the local farmers markets are Redhaven, Cresthaven,



Home Economist

Lois Thieleke

Glohaven, Red Kist and Harmony. To select the best ripe peach, smell them for a fresh appealing fragrance with a red or golden blush background color. Look for fruit that gives slightly to pressure but don't squeeze or bruise them. Avoid peaches that feel hard and are greenish. Picked green peaches will just get soft and wither. Peaches don't become sweeter after they are picked but ripening makes mature fruit softer and juicier.

The weather actually affects the flavor of peaches. Ripen peaches at room temperature in a closed paper bag and then refrigerate. Wash when ready to eat.

While eating peaches out of hand, they need no peeling, (however, most peaches are peeled for use in cooked dishes.) If the peaches do not peel easily, dip them in boiling water for about 30 seconds, then plunge into ice water and the skins will slip right off. To prevent browning, coat the cut exposed peach surface with lemon juice or ascorbic acid or crushed and dissolved vitamin C tablets.

Peaches are a source of vitamin A, potassium, and have virtually no sodium. They are fat free and if you eat the peel, you get extra fiber. Peaches can be sliced and added to a salad, sugared for shortcake or soaked in white wine or champagne for an easy dessert. They can be baked in a pie or cobbler or pureed for sherbet or ice cream. They can be added to the grill to serve with chicken, pickled to add something extra to a meat platter, or made into jam or preserves.

Watermelon can not be cooked or it loses texture and sweetness.

Don't cut it up too fine or it will fall apart and disintegrate. Watermelon and peaches are versatile when planning warm weather meals. Scoop the flesh out of a half of watermelon and use it for a serving bowl for a fresh fruit salad.

Combine watermelon with cantaloupe, honeydew melon, peaches, grapes, blueberries, strawberries, pears and apple chunks.

Sprinkle a little fresh mint on the top.

Peaches and watermelon are perfect for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or a snack, and they can be served plain or fancy.

This is the time to really enjoy and celebrate them both.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist with the Oakland County office of the Michigan State University Extension Services.

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Fall Mushroom Mania

As the fall colors burst so does the forest floor with mushrooms. A Fall Mushroom Mania at Springbrook Hills in northern Michigan brings guides to identify safe edibles and teach handling and preparation of delicious fall mushrooms. Outings are scheduled Sept 10 12 Sept 24 26 and Oct 1 3. Cost is \$179 per person including two nights lodging in vacation homes guided mushroom hunting and identification and all meals featuring mushroom dishes and Leelanau Peninsula wine sampling at the Saturday evening dinner. Groups of six or more are \$169 per person if no lodging is required cost is \$124. Call (231) 535 2227 for information.

Food for Life

Plant based foods have gone mainstream as millions are learning that they help prevent disease and make the world a better place to live. This class presented by Veggie in Motion includes an educational talk cooking demos with samples starter kit and a CD to take home short video and more. The class is 7-9 p.m. on the following dates: Sept 13 and 20 at the Livonia Community Education facility ((734)744 2602) and Sept 15 and 22 at the Royal Oak Community Education class ((248) 588 5050) Sept 20 and 27 at the Wayne County Community College Call (734)374 2700. In cooperation with Veggie in Motion class schedules are at www.veggiesinmotion.org

Cooking classes

You can see a Wolf product presentation (a free class) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday Sept 12 Oct 12 Nov 9 or Dec 14 at Trearrow 1295 N Odyke in Auburn Hills. For a registration fee you can sign up for Cuisine du Jour Hands on Culinary Training with Shawn Loving owner and chef of the Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Thursday Sept 16. Celebrate the harvest with Loving's Sage Dusted Turkey Scalloppini with Mushroom and Leek Fondue Maple Glazed Pork Loin with Carmalized Fennel and Corn Ya Ya Fresh 'Up Town Slaw with Papaya Blood Orange and Pears Sweet Fig and Lemon Tarts with Raspberry Sauce. Chef Keith Farnwell will be the instructor for a Southeastern Asian Epicurean Journey 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Thursday Oct 21. For more information visit www.trearrowinc.com or call (800) 482 1948.

Achieve optimal health

Jim Corcoran president of Veggie in Motion a nonprofit group will discuss Achieving Optimal Health at 1 p.m. Sept 22 at the Troy Community Center 520 W Big Beaver. Admission is free. Call (248) 524 3484 for information. Corcoran also will give the same lecture at 7 p.m. Sept 27 at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Bldg 4640 Walnut Lake Road. For information on that discussion call (248) 616 9676. Visit www.veggiesinmotion.org

Vegan potluck

Bring a vegan dish to pass and watch Eating by Michael Anderson at 1 p.m. Sept 26 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile Rd in Livonia. This video covers all the deficiencies of the standard American diet. For information call (313) 541 0162.

Cooking for your senses

Kim Banda a local cook on Southfield City Cable 15 will demonstrate how to prepare healthy meals 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Sept 29 at the Southfield Public Library in the Southfield Municipal Complex 26300 Evergreen Road. Learn how to cook quick and simple but beautifully presented meals. Get tips on nutritious home cooked meals you can fit into your tight schedule. This is a good opportunity to point you to a new way of cooking by simplifying daily meal preparation. This event is funded by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library and is free to the public no registration required. Visit the Library's Home Page at www.sfdlib.org. For further information please call the Library Guest Services Desk at (248) 796 4224 during regular library hours.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers corporate chef Tim Cikra will conduct a cooking demonstration featuring the Green Goddess Salad from Weight Watchers new TurnAround Program cookbook and select Smart Ones Tastings 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Sept 30 at the Millennium Park Center Weight Watchers Center 28517 Schoolcraft. The center is open to the public. Readers may call 1 (888) 3 FLORINE for further information.

Create a homemade Greek dinner tonight

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Many Greek dishes are easy to buy ready-made, including rice-stuffed grape leaves, hummus, pureed and seasoned chickpeas used as a dip or spread, and tzatziki, or salad, perhaps made of broiled and smoky eggplant, or the classic combination of sliced cucumbers, yogurt and mint. These popular dishes are good examples of the healthy pleasures of the Mediterranean diet, with its emphasis on legumes, abundant vegetables and whole grains.

Two dishes easily made at home include a meze, an appetizer or first course, and a Greek salad. The simple meze below combines yellow split peas that are cooked down to a velvety,

polenta-like texture, seasoned with oregano, then topped with a cinnamon-touched tomato and onion sauce. For a Greek-style salad, use romaine lettuce, low-fat feta cheese, tomato wedges, Greek olives, red onion and green pepper rings. Grilled lamb kebabs and a whole-grain, peasant-style bread would be appropriate to round out the main course.

For a simple but traditional dessert, set out fruit, creamy yogurt and toppings, and let your guests make their own Greek sundaes. Serve a big bowl of cut-up fruit, a plain yogurt that has been drained until it resembles the thick kind served in Greece, plus honey and chopped walnuts for toppings. For greater authenticity, use an imported Greek honey, like thick and dark Hymettus.

GREEK SPLIT PEAS WITH TOMATO SAUCE

- 1 cup yellow split peas picked over and rinsed
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon plus 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil divided
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 medium onion thinly sliced
- 2 tomatoes chopped
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoon capers rinsed and drained

Place split peas in a deep saucepan. Add cold water to cover peas by at least 2 inches. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook

gently 45-50 minutes, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon, until peas are soft and almost dry. (Add 1/4 cup water, if needed, to keep peas from sticking.) When peas are soft, stir in oregano and 1 teaspoon oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer to a wide, shallow dish.

While split peas are cooking, make the sauce. Heat remaining oil in a medium non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Saute onion until golden, about 6 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, tomato paste, cinnamon, bay leaf and 1/4 cup water. Simmer until tomatoes break down, about 10 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Mix in vinegar and capers. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spread sauce evenly over cooked peas. Set aside to cool to room temperature. Serve, or cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. Bring to room temperature before serving. Makes 4 servings as a main course or 8 servings as appetizers.

Enjoy veggies for summer's farewell

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

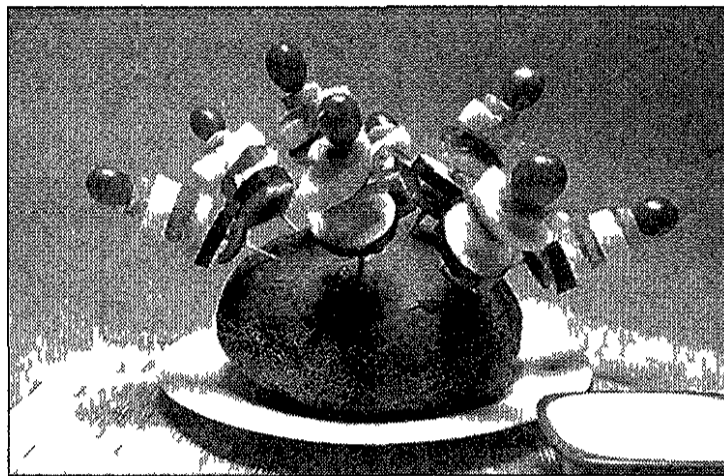
For some, Labor Day meant the last beach picnic or outdoor meal of the year. It doesn't have to be.

Here's one more interesting salad or other vegetable dishes to serve outdoors in a casual way. To give crudites a new look, or avoid the mess of salad bits falling overboard, use bamboo skewers and spear them through chunky vegetables.

The result is entertaining for adults and kids alike, especially if you spear the bottom of these raw kebabs into a big, sturdy loaf of bread that serves as a centerpiece. That way, the skewered vegetables stand up, shooting out like colorful, edible fireworks.

For children, use grape tomatoes, variously colored bell peppers cut in squares, zucchini and carrots.

For the very young, pull the vegetables off the skewers before they begin to eat them. With adults, you may also include broccoli, cauliflower, whole mushrooms, marinated artichoke hearts, or fat asparagus that have been grilled or steamed. (Lightly steaming the cauliflower and broccoli will make them more palatable.) For convenience use no more than three vegetables per skewer.



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Here's one more interesting salad or other vegetable dishes to serve outdoors in a casual way—Fiesta Salad on a Stick.

FIESTA SALAD ON A STICK

- 1 medium peeled carrot cut into 12 pieces
- 1/2 medium red bell pepper seeded cut into 12 squares
- 1/2 medium yellow bell pepper seeded cut into 12 squares
- 1 small zucchini cut into 12 pieces
- 1/2 green bell pepper seeded cut into 12 squares
- 1/2 fat cucumber peeled seeded and cut into 12 pieces
- 12 grape tomatoes
- Fat free ranch creamy mustard or Caesar salad dressing
- 1 round loaf crusty rustic bread (opt: onion)

To assemble salad sticks, alternate light and dark colored vegetables and push them through

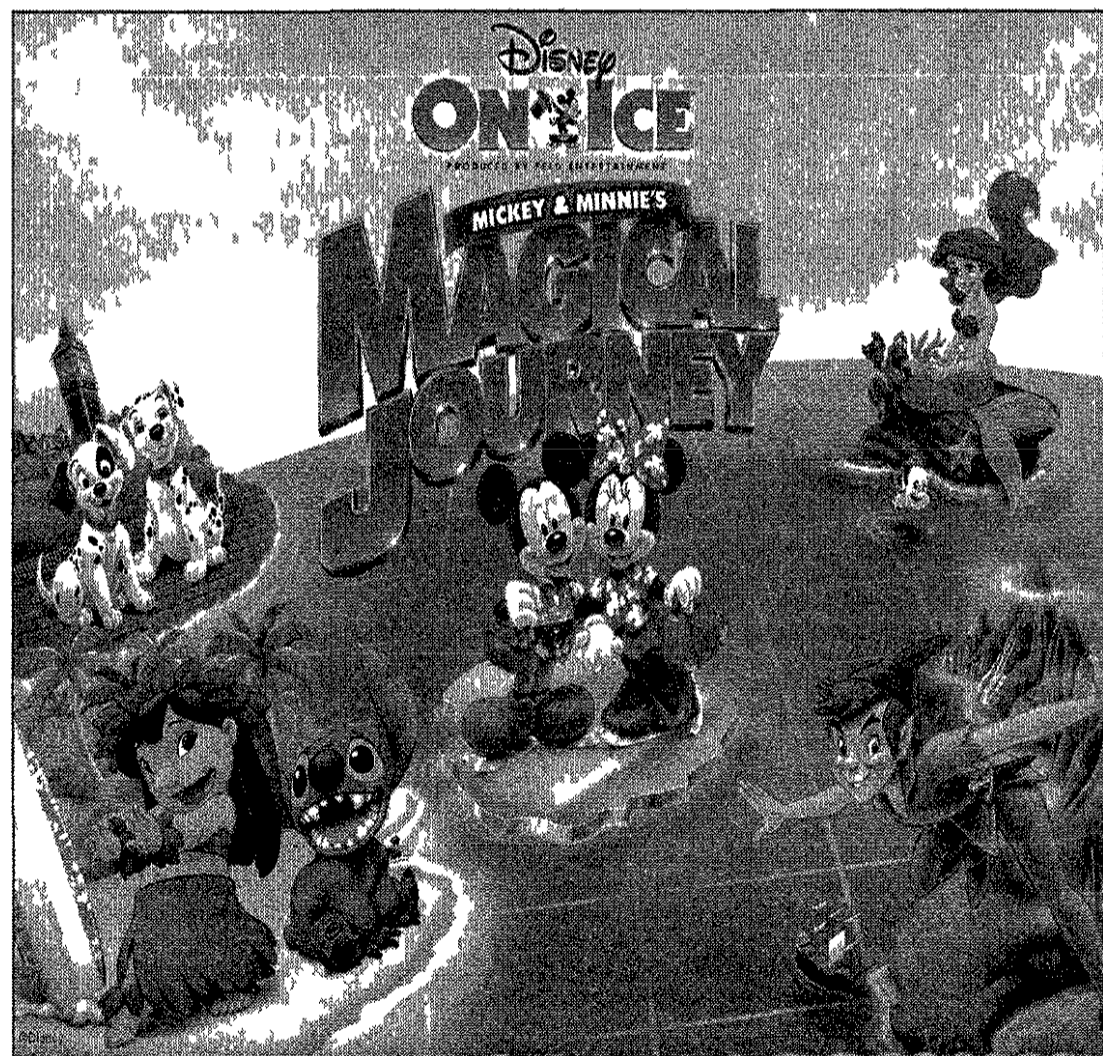
skewers far enough down so top pieces are firmly speared. (If using bread, leave at least an inch at the sharp end which will be inserted into the loaf.)

Place enough dressing for 12 servings into one large bowl or into 12 separate serving bowls to use as a dip for the vegetables.

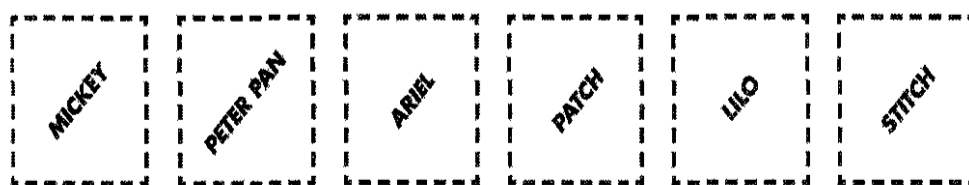
If using the bread, place it on a large serving platter. Insert the sharp end of each skewer into the bread at an angle to mimic sparklers. Makes 12 servings.

Per serving: 11 calories 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat) 2 g carbohydrate less than 1 g protein 1 g dietary fiber 5 mg sodium.

Dana Jacob writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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Transforming fennel

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

When I was growing up, my family, fond of nicknaming foods, dubbed fennel "Pinochio." We picked this name because it sounds like finocchio, the Italian name for this celery-like white and green vegetable. To my young eyes, fennel looked like the cartoon puppet's elongated nose after he told a lie.

Once an ethnic and seasonal ingredient found only at Italian greengrocers from September to May, fennel now appears in many supermarkets through most of the year. Its distinguishing licorice or anise flavor was considered an acquired "gourmet" taste. Frankly, since it became widely available, I think the chubby bulbs that reach stores are milder tasting than the more pronounced flavor of the fennel I tasted in Italy, France and Greece. For this more intense flavor, check out the slimmer, greener bulbs sold at many farmers markets.

Raw fennel can be fibrous so, if serving it in salads, use a sharp knife to slice it thinly, either vertically or horizontally into thin strips. Cooking quite transforms fennel's flavor and texture. Whether you braise fennel in broth, blanch and then grill it, or simmer fennel in a stew or soup, its licorice taste mellows to a pleasant sweetness with a hint of anise. Cooked fennel loses its fibrousness yet holds its shape no matter how long, or how, it is cooked. In stir-frying or on the grill, it remains white and crisp. But oven-roasted or simmered with liquid, it turns a translucent golden beige that communicates its warm flavor.

Fennel is most often associated with Mediterranean-style dishes, such as this quick sauté, which also includes cannellini beans and chicken. You can also stir-fry it with peppers, red onion, tofu and curry powder. In winter, fennel goes well with root vegetables. For the holidays, try baking thinly sliced fennel layered with



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sliced apple, sweet potatoes, dried cranberries and cider.

CHICKEN WITH FENNEL AND RED PEPPERS

Ingredients:
 1/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast
 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
 1 medium onion cut in 1/2-inch crescents
 1 red bell pepper seeded and cut in 1/2-inch strips
 1/2 large fennel bulb or 1 medium cut lengthwise in 1/2-inch strips
 1 large garlic clove finely chopped
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 can (15 ounces) white beans (great northern, cannellini, trout etc.) rinsed and drained
 1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
 1/2 cup fat free reduced sodium chicken broth divided
 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cut chicken into 1/2-inch by 2-inch strips.

Heat oil in a medium, non-stick skillet over medium-high heat.

Cook chicken until white on the outside.

Transfer to a plate.

Add onion, red pepper and

fennel to the pan. Stir to coat with oil and juices from the chicken. Sauté 2 minutes. Mix in garlic. Cook until onions and fennel are golden, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Return chicken to the pan. Stir in cumin, beans, parsley, 1/2 cup broth, vinegar and salt.

Simmer until chicken is white in the center and vegetables are still al dente, 5 to 6 minutes.

With a slotted spoon, transfer food to a bowl and keep warm on the side.

Mix cornstarch into the remaining broth until well blended. Stir into the liquid in the pan.

Heat to a simmer, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Return chicken mixture to the pan.

Stir until mixture is coated with the sauce and heated through.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with cooked brown rice or roasted potatoes.

Makes 4 servings (5 1/2 cups).
 Per serving: 240 calories, 5 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 23 g carbohydrate, 25 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 368 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is the author of *The Joy of Soy*.

Menu offers taste of wine-country style

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Menu planners for summer dining could well look for inspiration to the sunny reaches of California's 'Riviera' belt — to the Santa Barbara area, for example, where a homegrown, wine-country style of cuisine flourishes.

The ingredients are all there, along with the Mediterranean-like coast, climate and growing season. The surrounding farms and more than 70 wineries provide area chefs with abundant raw material for creative cooking. Local resources include acres of lemon, avocado and olive orchards, fresh lavender fields, mushroom farms and farm-raised poultry.

Here's a taste of this fresh-as-a-breeze fare for a special summer menu, perhaps for an alfresco meal, made up of three dishes from three chefs, with suggested wines.

ROASTED BEET AND FENNEL SALAD

For the Salad:

2 1/2 cups French beans
 1/4 fennel bulb
 1/4 head radicchio
 3 large beets
 3 tablespoons oil
 Blue Cheese Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
 Shallot Rings (recipe follows)

For the Blue Cheese Vinaigrette:

1/4 cup champagne vinegar or white wine vinegar
 2/3 cup olive oil
 2 tablespoons chopped shallots
 1/2 cup blue cheese crumbled
 Sugar salt and pepper to taste

For the Shallot Rings:

3 large shallots peeled
 1 cup buttermilk
 1 cup flour
 1 cup semolina flour
 4 cups vegetable oil

To make the Salad:

Clean and blanch the green beans in boiling water. Remove fennel tops and the fennel core, slice very thinly, keep in cold water until needed. Slice radicchio very thinly just before using, as it will wilt (if done

ahead, keep in cold water with squeeze of lemon).

Preheat oven to 350° F. Drizzle beets with oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in a deep ovenproof pan and add 1/2 inches of water. Cover with foil and roast in a 350° F oven for about 1 hour or until tender all the way through when pierced with a skewer. Cool beets, rub off skins with towel. Dice into 1/4-inch cubes.

To make the Blue Cheese Vinaigrette:

Combine vinegar, oil and shallots in a bowl and mix well with a wire whip. Add the cheese and whisk again. Adjusting for acidity and flavor, season to taste with sugar, salt and pepper.

To make Shallot Rings:

Slice shallots about 1/4 inch thick. Dip slices in buttermilk, drain. Combine flour and semolina flour, toss shallot slices in flour-semolina mixture. Deep-fry the shallots in oil until crisp (a pan with tall sides will keep oil from boiling over after adding the shallots, if you do not have a deep pan, use less oil in a more shallow pan). Allow to cool.

To serve salad: Dress the beet and fennel salad ingredients with the Blue Cheese Vinaigrette, adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, to taste. Garnish with Shallot Rings.

Makes 6 servings.

Recipe from Anthony Minniti, executive chef Fess Parker Wine Country Inn-Vintage Room Restaurant, Los Olivos, Calif.

Wine Suggestion: Santa Barbara chardonnay.

HONEY AND LAVENDER DUCK BREAST WITH GRILLED ASPARAGUS AND TOMATO

6 duck breasts
 1/2 cup honey
 2 bunches fresh lavender tops coarsely chopped
 4 cups port wine
 2 cups veal demi glace (optional may be purchased at specialty food stores)
 3 tablespoons honey
 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter
 3 bunches asparagus (about 1 pound each)
 5 large beefsteak or heirloom

tomatoes
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1/4 cup kosher salt or coarse salt
 Pepper to taste
 1/2 cups blackberries
 Zest of 1 lemon

To prepare the duck: Make cuts 1/4 inch deep and 1/2 inch apart through fatty skin of duck breasts. Place breasts fat side down in heavy-bottomed pan. Slowly let the fat render off over medium to high heat on gas burner at side of many grills (if you don't have a gas burner, put pan directly on grill), until duck breasts are crispy and brown. Remove breasts and pour out excess fat.

Preheat oven to 450° F.

Place honey and chopped lavender tops in pan, combine. Roll duck breasts in honey mixture to coat, then add 1/2 cup water to pan. Roast in 450° F oven, fat side up, for 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from pan and let breast rest 5 minutes before slicing on the bias and serving.

To make Sauce: In medium saucepan, cook down port and veal demi-glace, if used, until reduced by half, or until you have a thick, syrupy consistency (sauce may be prepared in advance to this point, if so, set aside and keep warm). When ready to finish making sauce, add 3 tablespoons honey and allow to dissolve into sauce. Then add the butter 1 tablespoon at a time until all the butter is melted into the sauce.

To prepare Grilled Asparagus and Tomato: While duck is rendering and roasting, toss asparagus and halved tomatoes in olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Place asparagus and tomatoes, cut side down, onto medium-hot grill, watch carefully so as not to burn. Remove from heat when asparagus is al dente, about 3 to 4 minutes for medium-sized stalks, and tomatoes are warm.

To serve: Place slices of duck breast in center of each plate. Drizzle with sauce, and top with fresh blackberries and grilled asparagus.

Sprinkle a little lemon zest over the asparagus spears. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe from chef Josh Brown of Bouchon Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, Calif.



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the wrongs done to you”
Other traditions that mark the Jewish New Year include rewinding the Torah, a scroll that contains the first five books of Moses. “At Rosh Hashanah, we go back to the beginning readings and start all over again,” he said. “Also at services, the shofar, which is a ram’s horn, is blown to mark this special time.”
Although this is a special time for the Jewish communi-

ty, unlike other holidays, which have symbolic foods to mark the occasion, meals served during Rosh Hashanah are basically individual choices, according to Ilene Stone.
“Every family has its own special food selections,” Stone said. “For our extended family, we usually start with chicken soup, serve brisket for the main course, and often end the meal with a cake, such as wine cake.”
According to this West Bloomfield resident, the one food tradition that is a part of the New Year is to eat slices of apples dipped in honey. “A prayer for a sweet New Year is

recited when we eat these foods,” Stone said.
Honey, which is the oldest sweetener, is not reserved only for Rosh Hashanah.
It has been used in many Jewish dishes, including Apple and Apricot Honey Cake (recipe below), almost from the beginning of the religion. In addition to serving as a sweetener, it adds flavor to foods and helps in the browning process when spread on poultry. An example is the Honey-Glazed Chicken (recipe below).
Sandra Dalka Prysby is a freelance writer.

RECIPES

HONEY-GLAZED CHICKEN

- 4 chicken quarters with skin
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350°F
Arrange chicken, skin side up in baking dish. In a medium bowl, whisk together all other ingredients for a glaze. Spoon glaze over chicken and cover dish with aluminum foil. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 20-30 minutes until chicken is a rich brown. Spoon glaze over chicken at least three times during last baking cycle.
Serves 4

APPLE AND APRICOT HONEY CAKE

- 1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 3/4 cup toasted wheat germ
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup honey (dark is best)
- 1/2 cup strong coffee cooled
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 3 egg whites lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons orange zest finely chopped
- 1 cup tart apple peeled and chopped
- 3/4 cup dried apricots chopped
- 1/2 cup golden raisins chopped

Preheat oven to 350° F and

line 9-inch-square cake pan with parchment paper.
In a large bowl, combine flour, wheat germ, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon. Set aside.
In another bowl, whisk together honey, coffee, oil, egg whites and orange zest.
Slowly add wet mixture to dry ingredients, whisking to combine. Fold in fruits.
Pour into pan and bake for 40 to 45 minutes until golden brown and toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out slightly sticky.
Remove pan for oven, then remove cake for pan.
Keep covered until cooled.
Serves 12

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popular. Not only is this winner priced right but its superb layers of rich ripe fruit and good structure scream to be matched with grilled beef or grilled duck breast.
■ 2002 Peter Lehmann Clancy's (\$16) is a blend of shiraz, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc. Generous violet, ripe plum and black fruit aromas are mirrored on the palate. A smooth finish is complemented by hints of shaved chocolate.
Slow-cooked baby back ribs are

a perfect mate.
■ 2001 Peter Lehmann Shiraz (\$16) Sumptuous and rich textured, it is a steal at this price to pair with slow simmered lamb shanks or a fine filet mignon wrapped in bacon.
The Healds are Contributing Editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

SAMPLES

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Polcyn, a certified executive chef who also teaches at Schoolcraft, along with The Farm in Port Austin, owned by Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and a Schoolcraft instructor, are among the featured restaurants.
Schoolcraft alums also are heavily involved with the food loving. Reva Bell of Gravity in Milford, and Shawn McKinnon of Boocoo in Royal Oak are among them, Konowalow said.
Of course, Schoolcraft's American Harvest restaurant, staffed by the college's culinary arts students, will also be serving food. The dishes at the event will span the entire range from appetizers to dessert. A sampling includes lobster bisque, chicken marsala, jumbo crab and shrimp cakes, wedding cakes, bumpy cake, dessert wines and gourmet coffees.
Loving, who also teaches an introductory cooking class at Schoolcraft and fills in for the other instructors, said participating in the extravaganza is a highlight for him.

EXTRAVAGANZA

What: Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza 2004. Event featuring about 50 restaurants and wineries at various displays for patrons to sample. Patrons can stop in at free wine tasting seminar from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Proceeds support student scholarships.
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“It’s sort of a combination of feelings,” Loving said. “A certain percentage of it is an accomplishment, and you feel it helps in your pursuit of knowledge.”
“You also want to do well in the eyes of your mentors” (Master chefs Jeff Gabriel and Kevin Gawronski both instructed Loving when he attended in 1989-91).
“It’s hard to look at (the Schoolcraft instructional staff)

as peers when they’ve been so impactful in the industry and so impactful in my career,” Loving said.
Loving expects to make a New Orleans-style sausage gumbo with a black peppered chicken thigh.
“It’s a great time,” Loving said. “It’s always fun to do. And you have to make sure (your food) is right.”
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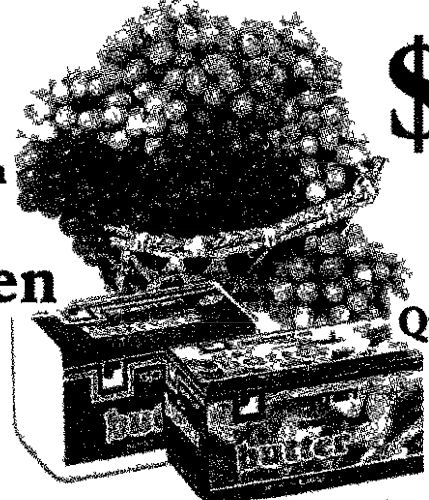


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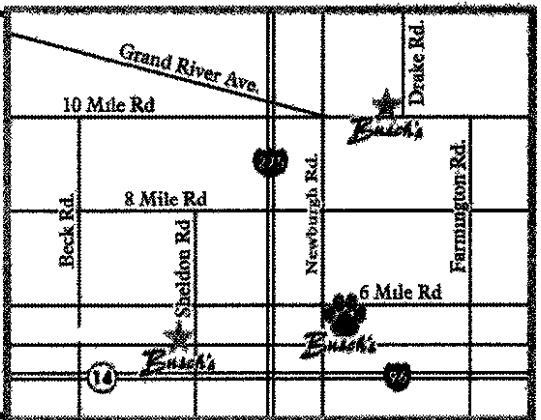
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Fair Housing laws apply to associations

One of our board members has suggested that Federal Fair Housing Act does not apply to community associations. Do you have any comment?

Clearly, the Federal Fair Housing law applies to community associations in many instances. First, associations indirectly get involved in selling or renting units. To the extent they are involved in that process, they are susceptible to recourse. Moreover, if a member has a mental or physical disability, the Fair Housing statute also applies to associations in that regard, particularly with respect to request for modifications. Moreover, there may be state or local fair housing laws that apply and to the extent that your association maintains or allows a "hostile" housing environment, it may be subjected to potential liability under the Fair Housing law. For example, there are several situations that can lead to a claim of hostile housing environment including neighbors discriminating against each other. You are best advised to consult with your association attorney.

I am on a board of a community association and one of our members has posted a sign inside of her car window. The association has a restriction that says that no signs of any kind shall be displayed to public view on any lot and that no vehicles except four-wheel passenger vehicles with no lettering or signage thereon can be placed or stored on any lot. Do we have a basis to pursue the co-owner for this signage?

Probably not, based upon a recent Florida court that ruled that neither provision in the association's declaration applied to the member's signs. As to the first provision, the court indicated that lot meant a plot of land and so it did not apply to a car. As to the second provision, the court said that it applied only to signs on cars and not signs in cars. The court added that the latter provision was intended to prohibit recreational or commercial four-wheel vehicles from parking in plain view and not to prohibit members from posting signs in their cars. This may be a reason for you to amend your deed restrictions.

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These one-and-a-half-story condominium homes at Stony Lake Village in Oxford feature an attached two-car garage, large kitchen with adjoining breakfast nook, large central family room with fireplace, cathedral ceilings and cedar decks. They were built by MJC Companies in partnership with West Bloomfield's Ivanhoe Huntley Homes.

Condominium sales soar as dwellers seek amenities, relaxed lifestyle

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

First-time home buyers and baby boomers - these are the people who are buying condos. Sales of existing condominiums and cooperatives set a record in the second quarter. According to the National Association of Realtors, it's the first time this market segment has ever approached the \$1 billion sales level.

While affordability is a factor for entry level buyers, changing lifestyles are a major reason that condos are a bigger market share today than in years past, said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist. Local Realtors agree. Janet Guardiano, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Livonia, has listings for condos in Farmington Hills, Northville, and Farmington Hills. "It's a different lifestyle," she said. "A condo is a graduated step up from an apartment and many developments offer amenities such as swimming pools and tennis courts."

HOME SWEET HOME

A condo offers the comforts of home without exterior maintenance - no grass to cut or snow to shovel. It takes a little bit of the scare out of home ownership, said Marie LaGrow, a Realtor with Remerica Hometown in Plymouth. "I see more single women stepping into the market," she added. "They're getting better jobs and better pay. Buying a condo kind of eases them into home ownership and gets them used to it."

"You tend to get more house for your money with a condo, and it's a good way to build equity," added Michelle Michael, an associate broker with RE/MAX Classic in Farmington Hills.

Buying a condo is a move up, not downsizing for empty nester baby boomers who want more time to play. "They'll go from a small condo into a much more lavish condo to build their portfolio," said LaGrow. "I just had a couple who sold their home for \$250,000 and bought a \$275,000 condo in a new development. As the development grows their investment will increase."

In the Midwest, condo and co-op sales increased 5.5 percent in the second quarter, 13.7 percent above the same period last year.

"Look at all the new subdivisions going up," said LaGrow. "People are looking for an open floor plan and cathedral ceilings. They want a house feel."

That's the reason newer condos are more attractive to many buyers than older condos built in the 1990s. It's a buyer's

market, and buyers can afford to be choosy.

A lot of people like to look at newer condos because they don't want to buy something they have to update," said Michael. "The areas that get the best return on investment and help retain the value of a condo are remodeling the kitchen, finishing the basement, and new windows."

Association dues can vary. Be very careful," said LaGrow. "Some associations put more responsibility on the homeowner. Read the association bylaws and find out what you're responsible for," added Michael. Some older complexes will replace windows and doors, some newer ones won't.

KEY FEATURES

Buyers want access to freeways, but don't want to be too close. For young professionals who travel, being close to the airport is important, so is entertainment and convenient shopping.

When you're shopping for a condo here are some things to consider:

Location is important. Look around, if there's something you're uncomfortable with, it's probably going to bother a future buyer," said LaGrow. "Condos with a more private view in the front and back are more desirable," said Michael.

Look at what parking is available. Consider the traffic in the complex. Some people don't like being on a main road.

Ask if you can plant your own flowers. Is having a patio important to you? Are you allowed to have pets and what are the rules and requirements?

"Make sure you're investing into a financially sound complex," said Michael. "You want one that budgets wisely and hasn't had too many extra assessments. Get copies of financial reports."

Become familiar with the different types of condominiums. Site condos are surrounded by common areas. You own the structure and the land it sits on.

With condominiums you own from the walls in. The outside structure, driveway, and yards are common areas and jointly owned. Condominiums can be either attached or detached.

Empty nesters who want to come home to a room with a view and play golf are looking at Stony Lake Village, a development of 75 duplex ranch and one-and-a-half-story condominiums in Oxford.

Seven of the units, which are priced in the mid \$250's, are sold. Stony Lake Village is within Waterstone, a master-planned golf and waterfront community that features 27 holes of golf, several lakes,

RESOURCES

■ The National Association of Realtors - Represents one million Realtors involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries. www.realtor.com

■ Stony Lake Village - Located within Waterstone, a master-planned golf and waterfront community west of Lapeer Road north of downtown Oxford. (248) 236-9630 or www.mjccompanies.com

■ Condominium Operation Introduction: The Essentials for Success - a class taught by Robert M. Meisner of Meisner & Associates. 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays Oct 5-26 at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph Suite 467 Bingham Farms Community College. The cost is \$95 per person, (248) 522-3618 or (248) 644-4433.

hiking and biking trails and natural preservation areas.

"We're in the preconstruction phase. The lots are beautiful," said Maria Cieslak, sales director for MJC Ivanhoe Huntley Homes at Stony Lake Village at Waterstone. "No one backs up to you."

In 1993, condo and co-op sales accounted for 9.6 percent of the total of all existing home sales. In 2003, condos commanded a 12.8 percent market share - a 33.3 percent rise in the portion of sales over the last decade.

Walt McDonald, NAR president, and broker-owner of Walt McDonald Real Estate in Riverside, Calif., said the rise in interest rates may have sparked some buyers into making purchase decisions.

"Even if there was some fence-jumping, mortgage interest rates and costs of servicing a loan are so low in historic terms that the rate increase may not be as big of a factor as in years past," he said. "The demand for housing from growing and aging populations segments, and improvements in the economy, are bigger factors in record condo sales. The rise in market share also shows condos are a good investment."

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Credit tips to make you healthy again

Insurance companies determine your insurability and your policy premiums based on how many "layers" of risk they must manage for you. Bankers and mortgage brokers handle mortgage requests in a similar manner. They add up borrowers' financial risk factors to determine one thing: Will they repay their mortgage as promised?

Mortgage lenders use credit history and credit scores as major elements of their risk analyses. Because credit scores play such a crucial part of the mortgage process, you will benefit from a few simple tips.

HANDLE ISSUES QUICKLY

If you know you have credit issues, handle them immediately. Credit problems tend to go from bad to worse quickly. A seasoned mortgage professional can tell you whether a credit counselor or an attorney may be in order. He may also provide a "road map" toward your future home purchase.

Treat open credit like gold. Make at least your minimum monthly payment on time all the time. It's the best way to improve your scores.

Do not close all of your credit accounts if you are trying to increase your credit scores. If somebody tells you to do so, you are listening to a fool. How can you prove you can properly manage your credit if you have no credit open? If you properly maintain three to five credit accounts and keep each of them below 50 percent of their respective maximum credit limits, your credit scores will fare well over time.

BE FEARLESS

Do not fear if you have a credit score but not much of a credit history, or if you have credit accounts that are not scored. There are mortgages available for most borrowers in these situations.

If you are in financial duress and have a good amount of equity in your home, freeing up that equity for debt relief or for a cash infusion may really help your situation. I call it "stopping the bleeding" because it's usually a first step in getting a financial recovery in place. Sooner is always better than later for managing credit issues of any kind.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy(tm) archives at www.phillipsHO.com or phone him toll free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Mortgage rates fall to five-month low, Freddie Mac says

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
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Mortgage rates fell with rates on 30-year mortgages dropping to their lowest level in five months, good news for potential homebuyers.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly nationwide survey released Thursday, Sept. 2, said rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages decreased to 5.77 percent for the week ending Sept. 2. That was down from 5.82 percent the previous

week, and the lowest since rates averaged 5.52 percent for the week ending April 1.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. Since then, rates, while bouncing around, have slowly drifted downward as economic activity cooled in the late spring and early summer.

Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist, said a drop in consumer confidence has raised concerns

among some Wall Street investors about consumers' willingness to spend in the coming months.

"The drop in consumer confidence left an unsavory taste in the market, creating a fear that consumer spending will slow," he said. "Because consumer spending constitutes about two-thirds of the economy, this could seriously impact economic growth. As a result, interest rates tend to retreat to lower levels."

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a

popular option for refinancing, rates dipped to 5.15 percent, down from 5.21 percent. Rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages declined to 3.97 percent, compared with 4.05 percent the previous week.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year mortgage and the one-year ARM each carried an average 0.8 point fee this week. Fifteen-year mortgages carried a 0.7 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.32 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.66 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.88 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers Association, meanwhile, said refinancing accounted for 40.7 percent of all home mortgage applications filed, up from 40.4 percent the previous week.

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Freddie Mac <http://www.freddiemac.com>

Note to renters: Waiting to purchase a home can cost you

(NAPSI) - For nearly two years, 45-year-low interest rates have fueled home sales to record proportions. Now, with financial experts in agreement that those rates will continue to rise, the window of opportunity may be closing for the estimated 38 million renters across the U.S. - most of whom hope to become homeowners in the near future. In fact, waiting to buy a home could cost you more in the long run.

BUY OR WAIT?

Rising home prices and interest rates are only part of the equation. By purchasing a home now, renters can begin building home equity and personal net worth sooner. In a market where home prices are consistently edging upward, a

home purchased for \$200,000 two years ago could easily be worth \$20,000 more today. That extra money is equity in the homeowner's pocket. Nationwide, home values increased by 23 percent on average since 2000. In some parts of the country, homes have increased by as much as 65 percent or more in the same span of time.

RENTER MISCONCEPTIONS

Many renters or first-time buyers don't realize that purchasing a home is easier today than ever before. It's one reason the national home ownership rate was 62.9 percent for the second quarter of 2004, representing 73.4 million homeowners in the country - an all-time record. To that end, a

number of perceived barriers are sidelining or stalling renters from jumping into the market. Top "fear factors" according to a Bank of America-commissioned survey are:

Fear of making a costly mistake - Consumers need to be diligent about consulting only with established, reputable lenders. Seek out a lender who is more concerned with your personal financial situation than earning a commission. Also, do your own homework to ensure that you know what competitive mortgage rates are. Mortgage rates are published weekly in the business or real estate section of most major newspapers or visit www.bankrate.com. Use those rates to help guide you, but be mindful that customer service

and attention to your specific needs are also key criteria to consider.

Intimidation of the paperwork and the process - 40 percent of renters believe they either don't have enough money saved or they may not qualify for a mortgage, yet more programs exist today than ever before to limit the amount of down payment needed to become a homeowner and limit the necessary paperwork. Bank of America, for example, offers an 80 percent less paperwork process that benefits many homebuyers.

Not knowing where to start - Approximately 75 percent of homebuyers begin by doing online research. Also, first-time homebuyers may find it helpful to start the process

with a visit to a bank or a Realtor recommended by a friend or relative. They can help you determine how much house you can afford and what your payments would be.

Despite the misconceptions above, the survey also found that 57 percent of renters intending to purchase a home by year-end are in fact accelerating their plans in light of the rise in interest rates - and they are smart to do so. For every one percent rise in interest rates, one million renters or first-time homebuyers no longer qualify for a mortgage. Why? Because interest rates factor into affordability. For example, a 1/2-percent increase in interest adds nearly \$50 to the monthly payment on a 30-year mortgage.

"Home ownership is a goal for most renters, and this is a pivotal time to get into the market," says financial expert Gene Morris. "If your goal is to purchase a home one, two or three years from today, you should visit your banking institution to discuss the benefits of buying a home sooner."

In a rising interest rate environment, millions of renters can still take advantage of an opportunistic market, a positive economic outlook and programs that make buying a home an attractive proposition. If you are one of the millions of renters intent on becoming a homeowner, you owe it to yourself to explore homeownership sooner rather than later. Talk to your banker to get a clear understanding of the options available to you right now.

Federal Reserve offers tips for tapping home equity

PRNewswire - More and more, consumers are tapping the equity in

their homes to pay for home improvements or college tuition, or to con-

solidate debts. Home equity lines of credit and loans can have favorable interest rates and the interest may be tax-deductible, depending on your situation. But you need to shop around to get the best deal.

Jeanne Hogarth, program manager for consumer education and research at the Federal Reserve Board (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumers.htm>), notes that a home equity line of credit is different from a home equity loan. "A line of credit is a form of revolving credit - like a credit card - with your home as collateral. A home

equity loan, on the other hand, is for a fixed amount of money, paid back over a fixed term, much like your primary mortgage."

When you shop for a home equity line of credit or loan, knowing what questions to ask can make a big difference in what you'll pay.

■ Is the lender offering you a home equity loan or line of credit?

■ What are the interest rate and fees?

■ What is the annual percentage rate?

■ Is the interest rate variable or fixed?


■ How will you repay the loan?

Some plans set minimum payments that cover interest payments only, while others have payments that cover both principal and interest. If you have an interest-only payment plan, ask how you will repay the principal.

Hogarth encourages consumers to "read the credit agreement carefully and study the terms and conditions - including the APR, the fees and other costs of establishing the plan, and the repayment terms." Some lines of credit let you convert a line of credit to a traditional home equity loan with fixed pay-

ments for a set number of months.

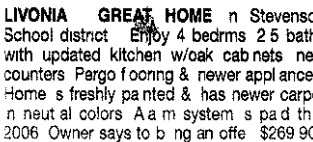
The Federal Reserve Board's What You Should Know about Home Equity Lines of Credit has information on how to get and manage a home equity line of credit and includes a consumer checklist to help you shop and compare. You can find it on the Federal Reserve Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/homeline/> or you can order a free copy from Publications, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.




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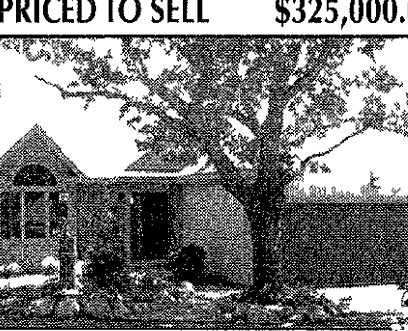


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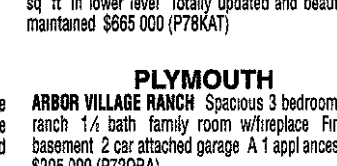
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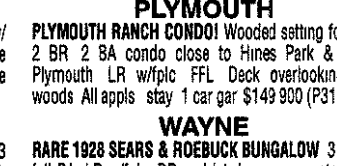
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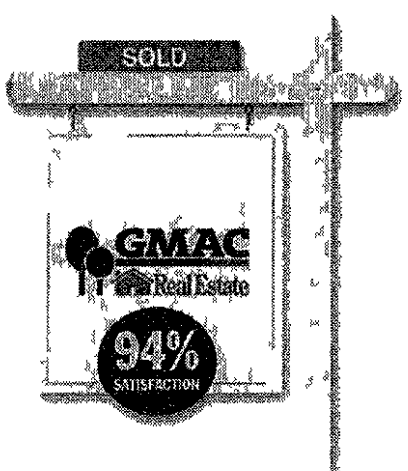
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Canton	Garden City	Livonia	Plymouth	Westland
46577 Aarons Way \$235 000	139 Arcola \$122 000	30178 Acacia \$189 000	460 Ann \$270 000	674 Autumn Ridge \$297 000
2033 Arcadia \$196 000	1045 Carowe \$139 000	38190 Ann Arbor \$91 000	242 Auburn \$355 000	24604 Dona d \$154 000
2142 Arcadia \$207 000	30414 Cherry Hill \$180 000	9925 Arden \$175 000	770 Deer \$145 000	19535 Garfield \$121 000
41666 Bedford \$138 000	5759 Deer ng \$125 000	14999 Arden \$38 000	12347 Howland Park \$198 000	19350 Gaylord \$116 000
1609 Brookdale \$278 000	30930 Dover \$136 000	32251 Cambridge \$425 000	12116 N cholas \$275 000	17350 Knoch \$94 000
7069 Camelot \$270 000	29025 Hennepe n \$100 000	11889 Camden \$150 000	9284 Northe n \$123 000	19357 Lexington \$35 000
1425 Centenn al \$407 000	944 Hen y Ruff \$208 000	29502 Car ta \$112 000	1415 Penn man \$405 000	18458 Sumner \$130 000
654 Cherry Orchard \$229 000	29754 Rosslyn \$142 000	9622 Dee ng \$174 000	49822 Plymouth Way \$186 000	26744 W Ch cago \$125 000
745 Cherry Orchard \$219 000	30955 Rosslyn \$140 000	17964 Deer ng \$35 000	861 Ross \$200 000	15854 Wormer \$80 000
48252 Chesterfield S \$375 000		38842 Cona d \$247 000	11330 S Worth \$176 000	
1542 Commodore \$224 000		1350 E Clements \$176 000	843 Starweather \$260 000	
570 Concord \$231 000		1680 Farm ngton \$164 000	48775 W Normandy \$410 000	
600 Concord \$217 000		11682 Farm ngton \$173 000	12465 Woodgate \$192 000	
1558 E Lakeview \$217 000		11692 Farm ngton \$170 000		
44480 Fa r Oaks \$215 000		16984 Farmington \$202 000		
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1003 Holb ooke \$462 000				
1916 Jan \$150 000				
42809 L lley Po nte \$130 000				
5908 Meadow ew \$325 000				
5975 N Haggerty \$385 000				
182 Mornington \$129 000				
5975 N Haggerty \$181 000				
45411 N Stonewood \$181 000				
8139 New Haven Way \$427 000				
1732 Orchard \$96 000				

Make your home clutter-free before selling

(NAPSI) - Selling your home may seem like a daunting task but it doesn't have to be. It is very important to be clean and clutter free to show buyers that your house has been well cared for, said Martha Webb, real estate expert and author. A few helpful hints can simplify the process and help lead you to success. A perfect exterior. The first challenge is enticing prospective buyers to come in for a peek. Make sure that the outside of your home is in tip top shape by removing any unsightly objects from the yard and

around the house. Trim the hedges and cut the grass, and don't forget about the flowers. Make the inside sparkle. Be sure to clean, clean, clean! Also try to de-clutter your house as much as possible. Having everything neat and organized not only looks nice but also creates the illusion of space, making your house appear larger. Create an ambiance. Build the essential emotional connection to help buyers imagine daily life in your house, said Webb. All houses have a distinct personal

ity. Strive to give your house character that will engage prospective buyers and help it stand out. By adding soothing smells and sounds, visitors will be more apt to think back on the pleasant atmosphere resonating from within your home. Most importantly, make your pets scarce as they may intimidate your guests or create last minute messes. Satisfy appetites. Everyone is happy to see food! Be sure to have something small for your visitors to nibble on while they are learning about your home.

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<p>BELLEVILLE BEAUTY Walk downtown from this totally updated Cape Cod 4 bds updated kitchen formal dining w/ bow window and large living room. Basement and newer 2.5 car garage. \$184 900 (35HEN)</p>	<p>DON'T MISS OUT On the opportunity to own this pristine brick ranch with soaring ceilings skylights a beautifully finished basement large floor plan with 3 BR/3BA and much more. Very well maintained home. \$229 900 (960KA)</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE & BEAUTIFUL SETTING Walk to downtown Northville from a gorgeous park like setting. 4BR/2.5BA huge LR w/picture windows & fireplace formal dining plus a family room. Kitchen w/doorwall to deck w/hot tub & paver patio. \$559 900 (638MA)</p>	<p>HISTORIC NORTHVILLE Classic Cape Cod in a private wooded setting. Modern conveniences & extensive updates elegantly compliment this spacious home. Architectural details abound. Palladium windows, marble & granite surfaces, enchanting garden rm., & fir walkout. \$1 250 000 (319HI)</p>	<p>ABOUNDING IN ELEGANCE! Contemporary Cape Cod offers a custom oak dble entry or w/brass & leaded glass 2 story GR w/unique FP master bath w/glass block bay window jetted hot tub & full view shower w/marble fir lavish landscaping & tiered paver patio. \$414 750 (155LA)</p>	<p>NICEST RANCH IN GARDEN CITY! Nicely landscaped and fenced lot with a huge 3 car garage. Really sharply done finished basement updated oak kitchen with new floor counters and cabinetry. Don't pass on this one it's outstanding. \$145 900 (572LA)</p>	<p>14 ACRE BACKYARD Great opportunity in this Canton Colonial backing to a commons area. Nice floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Pergo floors one 1st floor with some upgraded windows & carpeting. \$219 900 (661ME)</p>
<p>MAPLE RIDGE WOODS Awesome colonial decorated with an artists eye. Envyable floor plan with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths formal living and dining plus a family room w/vaulted ceiling skylights and attractive bridge overlook. A must to see and own. \$284 500 (311ME)</p>	<p>LET'S TALK About owning a home rather than renting. This one features 3 bdrms updated windows all appliances vinyl siding and is close to schools and parks. \$117 500 (085MI)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED & UPDATED This 4 bedroom Colonial in Canton's Windsor Park has been freshly painted inside & out. Updates include windows furnace kitchen light fixtures roof & more. Central air fireplace shed paver patio & garage. \$244 900 (314PE)</p>	<p>CUTTING EDGE Looking for a home with style & class? This elegant colonial combines fashion w/function. Formal living & dining contemporary kitchen designer upgrades attached garage & a paver patio w/landscaping designed w/privacy in mind. \$284 900 (422ST)</p>	<p>CANTON COLONIAL 4 BRs 2.5 baths & large floor plan w/1st floor laundry. Formal dining family room w/fireplace wet bar & doorwall to deck. All appliances will stay. Finished basement attached garage and immediate occupancy. \$234 900 (773ST)</p>	<p>LOCATION? WE HAVE IT! Northville end unit with 2 beds 2.5 baths built in 2001. Soaring ceilings spacious living with dual sided fireplace neutral décor maple kitchen attached 2 car garage upgraded carpet & light fixtures. All appliances included. Immediate occupancy. \$239 900 (424SP)</p>	<p>SO MANY AMENITIES! Beautiful cul de sac location on a tree lined lot oak kitchen Andersen windows all newer big ticket items 2 tiered deck family room fireplace crown moldings new gutters and freshly painted trim. Really nice. \$259 900 (363WA)</p>

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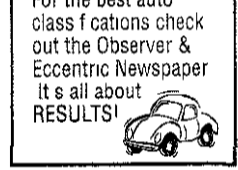
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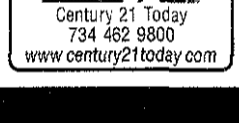
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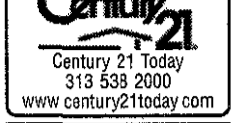
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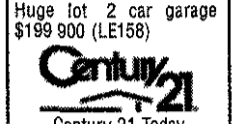
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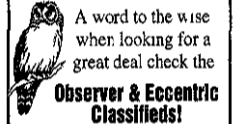
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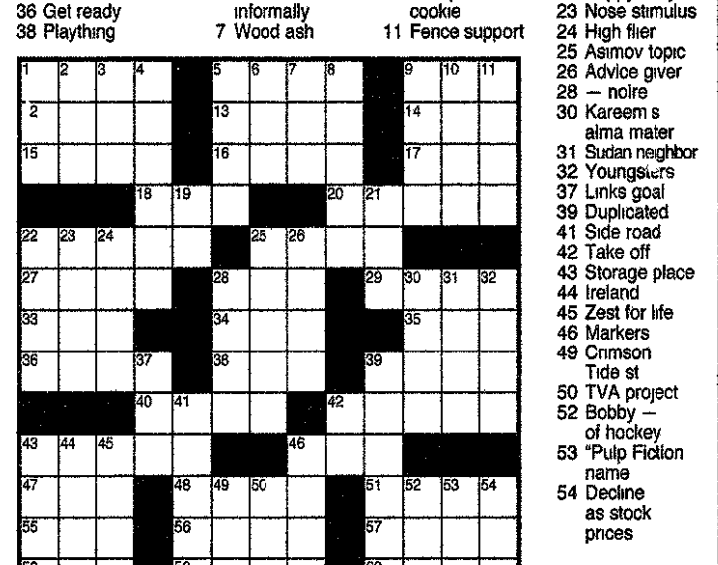
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CANTON Meadowbrook Colonial
Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/2 car attached garage full basement step up master suite hardwood floors family room w/replace bay windows vaulted ceiling ngs professionally landscaped lot
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REDFORD Country Pleasure
Great 3 BR brick ranch on approx 48 acre lot C/A new vinyl windows updated kitchen full basement hardwood floor neutral decor two car garage w/workshop Move in condition! Must see
(E15WES) 734-455-5600 \$154,000




REDFORD Beautiful Home
Four bedroom 2.5 bath cape cod Near Western Golf course Backyard privacy and loads of storage space Natural fireplace in living room
(E41ELS) 248-349-5600 \$189,900




FARMINGTON HILLS Country Atmosphere
Enjoy the country atmosphere in this 4 BR 3 BA scenic retreat Dramatic 2 story views vaulted ceilings skylights wood floors and country club style game room Perfect for family and entertaining
(E52HOL) 248-349-5600 \$437,900



CANTON Classic Elegance!
Custom built on approx 1 acre Foyer w/wrought iron & wood staircase 2 story GR w/frp/c & crown molding kitchen & master BA w/granite tops 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC Full basement w/walk out & 3 car att gar
(E51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$823,000




WYANDOTTE Spacious Starter
Large 2 BR 2 BA 1.5 car garage w/open updated kitchen windows roof elec plumbr roof & siding Forma dining room eat in kitchen basement w/full bath large lot all apple & freshly painted
(E405TH) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



DEARBORN HGTS Living At Its Best
Delightful brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms w/thin walking distance of schools churches & ec center charming eat in kitchen 2.5 car garage w/open
(E33MCK) 734-455-5600 \$119,900




LIVONIA Live On Easy Street
Most of the work has been done Relax on the deck & view the park like setting 4 BR 2.5 BA Nice floor plan with tons of storage 1st floor laundry Many updates like windows roof & mechanicals Clean & well maintained
(E95FAI) 248-349-5600 \$289,900



PLYMOUTH Mint Condo
3 BR 2.5 BA and unit that backs to private woods Full Viking cooktop custom marble floor and back splash custom lighting Finished lower level Awesome
(E77HID) 248-349-5600 \$379,900



LIVONIA Super Family Home
Brick ranch w/3 BRs 2 baths family room w/frp/ace wood wall to deck C/A updated kitchen roof boths furnace 2.5 car att gar w/2nd Master bedroom w/bath Full bsmt vinyl windows & some appls stay Must see
(E92BAS) 734-455-5600 \$219,500




PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer
Custom built all brick contemporary big lot n little Plymouth Very clean & well taken care of Has built in double ovens newer roof & hot water heater Unique floor plan n ths 2 bedroom 1.5 bath home
(E90ANN) 734-455-5600 \$219,900




REDFORD Clean Ranch
3 bedroom home fresh y painted neutral decor new windows steel entry doors & flooring Some appliances ce ngs fans Nice floor plan Screened porch & 1 year home warranty
(E48CEN) 734-455-5600 \$109,900




REDFORD Beautifully Remodeled
Great 3 BR bungalow w/updated kitchen and bath newer vinyl windows hardwood floors huge MBR w/closets 1st floor laundry Full basement 2 car garage All ths plus a one year home warranty
(E09FEN) 248-349-5600 \$138,500



NORTHVILLE Condo
Exquisite masterpiece best describes this Tuscan inspired condo Hickory kitchen offers Sub Zero 1 g Viking cooktop custom marble floor and back splash custom lighting Finished lower level Awesome
(E44LOC) 248-349-5600 \$514,900



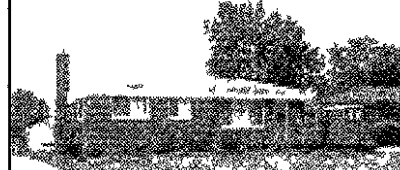
ROMULUS Cute As A Button
Come take a look at this updated ranch 3 bedrooms 1 bath partial finished basement newer windows fenced yard Ve y clean and not too far from freeways & shopping
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CANTON Perfect Location!
Premium location Convenient 1st floor laundry Gas met kitchen w/corran countertops built in appliances hardwood floors n kitchen & foyer P of n bsmt w/5 bath in this 4 BR 2 full & 2.5 BA co on all
(E51TER) 734-455-5600 \$479,900



DEARBORN Great Value Great Location
3 bedroom 1.5 bath bungalow n sght of neighborhood Park Updated eat in kitchen bay window new Berber carpet furnace C/A & bath Spacious wood deck + basement & ga age
(E20CHE) 734-455-5600 \$139,900




GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream Garage
Wonderful ranch w/frp LL w/full bath Newer carpet windows roof & furnace 94 Copper plumbing updated electric glass block windows Great neighborhood Close to schools All app ances stay Steel entry doors
(E81FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Morris Lake Value
West Bloomfield schools Minutes from conveniences of Orchard Lake Road 3 bedroom contemporary color w/attached garage and finished basement Brick paved driveway and extends onto 2 sto y GR w/cath ce ngs
(E50LOC) 248-349-5600 \$509,000




ALLEN PARK A Move Right In Ranch
Shea 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached ga age basement great room w/gas log fireplace so inlike system p otes landscaped yard large oak kitchen w/plenty of counter space
(E28WAL) 734-455-5600 \$166,900



PLYMOUTH Spacious Ranch
Great neighborhood presents 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths 2 fireplaces tiled FR hot tub updated t/O A appliances 2 car attached garage n cely 1 n shed basement hardwood floors paver patio sprinklers att c tan
(E48CED) 734-455-5600 \$239,900



TAYLOR Don't Miss This One!
New construction condo opens to a 2 story foyer Beautiful gas fireplace master bedroom w/WIC & vaulted ceiling Features C/A 2 car attached garage & carpeted basement
(E78COA) 734-455-5600 \$173,500



SALEM Beautiful Cape Cod
Convenient county y nging for the buyer who seeks peace & quiet yet needs quick drive to Ann Arbor or metro Nestled high on a hill w/th app ox mately 2/4 acres 4 BR 4.5 BA k t w/cher y cabs hwdv frs
(E28FOX) 248-349-5600 \$679,900



REDFORD Great Feeling Of Space
Region's beauty 4 BR quad Oak kitchen cab Forma DR Gas f p c Newer roof C/A n n & HWH Tons of storage Open floor plan Quiet serene street Large of x way friendly Ceramic foyer Wonderful neighborhood
(E88LEN) 248-349-5600 \$207,900



GROSSE ILE Ready To Move In!
Wonderful 3 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch on large treed lot Master bedroom w/full bath 1 n shed basement w/3 bath fam y room deck w/hot tub some app ances and more
(E18JOH) 734-455-5600 \$236,000



EASTPOINTE Need Quick Sale
2 bedroom 2 bath ranch w/finished basement detached garage ci cut breakers C/A 2 natural fireplaces Florida room steel entry doors wood trim t/O ots of cabs & pantry w/windows lg kit deep lot
(E11FOR) 734-455-5600 \$134,907




HIGHLAND TWP Go For It!
Great golf community 18 holes golf exquisite clubhouse swimming & tennis Beautiful vistas 4 BR 3.5 BA 2-story w/den & FFL 3 car side entry garage Totally neutral Lots of light Huge kitchen ready
(E42CAR) 248-349-5600 \$369,900



SOUTH LYON Golf Course Community
Custom home 4 spacious BRs 1st floor master & 2 story GR Kitchen offers cherry cabs ceramic floor custom lighting Professionally decorated Transfer forces sale of this beauty Must see
(E02GRE) 248-349-5600 \$419,900




LIVONIA Welcome Home To Rosedale Gardens
Ranch boasts 3 BRs 2 car garage finished basement w/frp c & being sold by original owner Come & experience living in Livonia w/new recreation center w/acc ock 1.32 acres of park land including 45 developed parks
(E28MAY) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



TROY Candidate For Architectural Digest
Spectacular 4 BR 3 BA custom built ranch w/over 5000 sq ft Spacious GR w/cath ceiling gourmet kitchen w/pantry b kst rm & custom cabinets fully equipped kitchen in LL + BR & office Co cto s garage + 3 car attached garage
(E32ADA) 734-455-5600 \$599,900



DETROIT Warendale Bungalow
Cute freshly painted brick home w/3 bedrooms 1 bath hardwood floors covered ceiling new windows roof & finished basement & fenced yard
(E10BRA) 734-455-5600 \$92,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Hills of Chelsea Park
4 BR 2.5 BA colonial located in the Hills Crossing of Chelsea Park w/numerous upgrades Grand Swarovski chandelier granite in kitchen foyer mra DR & LR Privacy b 2nd playroom grand master ste & 2nd master bath
(E31CHA) 248-349-5600 \$665,000



NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown
Location location a rare find! That deal setting everyone ooks for when buying a home The serenity & comfort of living in a private court coat on a hoop sk p & jump to downtown Hardwood floors under ca pet
(E78FAI) 248-349-5600 \$229,000



DEARBORN Opportunity Knocks Once
4 BR 3 BA brick home Freshly painted n ewer neutral carpeting All newer appls in kit Walking distance to church school shopping parks & restaurants Full w/natural fire place formal DR and finished basement
(E47MOR) 248-349-5600 \$269,000



WYANDOTTE Move Right In!
Cute 2 bedroom dohouse w/updated kitchen w/appliances updated furnace H2O tank roof oversized 2 car garage bath & windows & hardwood floors under carpet
(E5519T) 734-455-5600 \$109,900



WESTLAND This One Has It All!
2 bedroom 1.5 bath townhouse Master bedroom has access to full bath & large WIC Kitchen w/wood laminate floors wood cabs & appls D n ng area has downwall to deck frp/c in LR attached garage & bsmt
(E64PHE) 734-455-5600 \$169,900




NOVI Pottery Barn Perfect
Just move into this spacious updated home Numerous updates Ceramic entry HW floors carpet fresh paint Profes fn LL w/FR w/FP & office Lg LR w/frp Newer b n ds T/O H gh ce ngs Tennis pool & pond
(E02COR) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Great Home Backing Wooded
Transferred seller's mourn their loss Beautiful 4 BR 3BA quad offers tons of recent upgrades and improvements Open floor plan large foyer LR DR kitchen w/nook finished basement FR w/frp more
(E26HAR) 248-349-5600 \$369,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Luxurious Detached Condo
Fabulous former model includes 2 BR 2 BA den/or 3rd BR great room w/skylights fireplace 2 car attached garage and a full basement Spacious & open floor plan w/high vaulted ceiling Huge MBR suite & much more
(E01PEL) 248-349-5600 \$299,000



PLYMOUTH Great Condo
Lovely 2 bedroom unit 2 open floor plan w/great view of wooded area from private balcony that has 2 doors & 5x5 storage area All appliances stay
(E70PLY) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Ranch End Unit Condo
A pleasure to show GR w/crown molding neut cprt gas frp/c trimmed n marble K t w/w/te Merr lat cabs appls incl D n ng area has bay window French doors to library basement plumbed & day ght windows
(E61EDG) 734-455-5600 \$309,000



NORTHVILLE Location, Location
Great family home w/room to spare Spacious LR w/vaulted ceiling & skylights Fam y room w/cozy frp c Lg deck off DR Updated kitchen furnace HWH windows carpet & paint Walk to downtown
(E13ELY) 248-349-5600 \$287,900



NOVI A Gem! Approx 44 Acres
FF MBR w/French doors to brick paver patio Home backs to wetlands Gourmet kitchen hearth rm w/2 way fireplace to GR Lib w/ou t n cabs of/FR n ground pool putting green & wide drive & 3.5 heated garage
(E37HAZ) 248-349-5600 \$634,900



LIVONIA Traditional Colonial
3 BR colonial w/LR DR & FR w/frp/c Large updated eat in kitchen w/ceramic floor Open floor plan Recessed lighting neutral decor ceramic foyer and ha central air and 2 car attached garage
(E31PER) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



WESTLAND Great Starter
With Livonia Schools offers this 3 bedroom bungalow w/hardwood floors some newer carpet updated kitchen dining room & ceramic bath + new roof in 04 One year home warranty
(E02HUG) 734-455-5600 \$125,000



VAN BUREN Incredible Opportunity
3 spacious bedrooms 2.5 baths open kitchen w/sland Jenn Aire cooktop hardwood floors 2 story foyer GR w/frp/ace 1st floor laundry large master suite w/double WIC sound system T/O 2 car attached garage & bsmt
(E91REV) 734-455-5600 \$269,900



NORTHVILLE Quiet Wooded Lot Approx 1/2 Acre
Stream & pond enhance the site for this immaculately maintained residence featuring 3 car garage w/plenty of room for fam y & friends 4 bedrooms brary/home off ce forma dining and much more
(E87ELM) 248-349-5600 \$399,000



REDFORD Beautiful Brick Ranch
3 BR 1 BA + 2 LAV home w/many updates FR w/ceramic floor & doorwall to patio Remodeled kitchen w/stone countertop 5 bath n LL Great rm s zes Updated electric Home protection plan included
(E71HEM) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



BEVERLY HILLS Your Oasis Awaits
Beautiful 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/professionally finished basement hardwood floors newer roof dramatic library 2 fireplaces Open floor plan All this set on a gorgeous approx 1 acre plot w/circular driveway
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NORTHVILLE \$1,200,000
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NORTHVILLE \$615,000
VICTORIAN ELEGANCE DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE Custom built 1997 4 BRs 2 1/2 BAs Great floor plan Upgrades include 9FT ceilings crown moldings & wrap around porch Walk to town schools & cider mill 349 6200 (24088192)
 248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$525,000
3900 SF RANCH ON 13 ACRES Extensive remodeling in 2000 01 Gorgeous kit w/bay wndw 2 5 car heated gar 1 5 car detached to new cement brk pavers indoor pool & jacuzzi game rm and more! (24047569)
 734-591 9200



CANTON \$449,694
BE NIMBLE BE QUICK Jump into this newer majestic Pulte colonial 4 BRs 2 5 baths hwdw foyer & kit plus abundant cherry cabinets 3 car garage and many more amenities (23P47694)
 734-455 7000



CANTON \$393,900
FABULOUS CENTRAL PARK COLONIAL! Hardwood thru foyer & kitchen in this 2001 built 4 bedroom 2 5 bath Pulte Baybrook 11 Huge cedar/trex deck looking over commons (23S2461)
 734-455 7000



NORTHVILLE \$385,000
STEP INTO THE GARDEN Charming ranch has moved the garden indoors 3 BRs 3 baths w/recently renovated kitchen & hardwood floors Skylights to enlighten the spirit 349 6200 (24091943)
 248-348-6430



CANTON \$339,900
FALL IN LOVE 4 BR 2 5 BA Pulte colonial is model quality Backing to nice tree line Formal living rm dream kit w/oak cabs & island FR w/FP 2nd flr indry 2 5 car gar Deck sprinklers (23S3768)
 734 455-7000



LIVONIA \$310,000
CUSTOM BUILT CAPE COD GR w/cathedral ceiling gas FP 3 BRs 2 5 BAs 1st flr mstr w/jacuzzi tub & WIC Lg kit w/ceramic flr 1st flr indry office & BR 2 5 car att gar Hm wrryly (24089118)
 734-591 9200



FARMINGTON HILLS \$289,900
POOL LOVER'S DREAM Comfortable & well manicured ranch charming kit & brkfst area opening to LR w/bay window great FR lg bsmt & nice deck Wonderful pool and side yard 349 6200 (24086049)
 248 348-6430



NOVI \$249,900
ATTRACTIVE, LIGHT & BRIGHT HOME Home w/great curb appeal Formal LR & DR spacous FR w/gas fp 4 lg BRs bsmt Hi E furnace/AC newer roof & gar door Nice area nice price 349 6200 (24091067)
 248-348 6430



CANTON \$234,900
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 3 BRs 2 1/2 BAs Mstr w/sitting area whirlpool tub cert tile Hwdw frs in kit foyer 1st flr indry bsmt 12x12 deck 2 car att gar Close to dntwn Plymth (C873)
 734-326 2000



CANTON \$229,900
4 BR 2 5 BA COLONIAL Amazing value Over 2300 SF 4 BRs 2 1/2 baths huge master suite large bedrooms Vis1 www.localgem.com for pictures or call 877 934 6683 ID 706 (24104297)
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CANTON \$218,832
WE HAVE THE KEY to your future! Pretty brick 3 BR 3 BA ranch Ready to move in Great 1 n bsmt Super fenced yd w/VERY private deck Plymouth/Canton schools (2349832)
 734-455-7000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$214,900
NORTH DEARBORN HEIGHTS Condo w/2 lg BR plus a 13x10 loft 2 5 BAs vaulted ceiling in GR fin bsmt 2 car att gar and very low association fee Very striking decor (24056714)
 734-591 9200



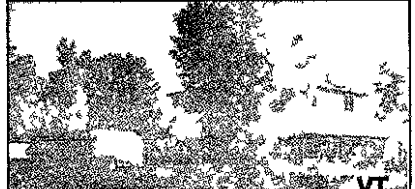
CANTON \$214,900
EVERYTHING UPDATED! 4 BRs 2 BAs over 1700 SF hwdw frs in some rms great kit ots of curb appeal & backs to park! Great locat on Ply Cant schools & more! (24068635)
 734-591 9200



CANTON \$214,900
LOCATION QUALITY VALUE & CHARM! 3 BR 1 5 bath 1800 SF brick co on a 2 car att garage bsmt FR w/FP Updates inclrd turn a/c bath kitchen hardwood floors & new carpet (24103205)
 734-591 9200



LIVONIA \$200,000
IMMACULATE HM IN MOVIE IN CONDITION! 3 BRs 2 baths Well located in sub K1 w/under cabinet lighting double sink and spacious pantry Lg brkfst nook w/doorwall to yard Fin LL w/lie shower 349 6200 (24102764)
 248-348-6430



GARDEN CITY \$189,900
MAN'S AMBITION WOMAN'S DREAM In this 3 bedroom br ck and v ny co on al 3 full baths C/A FR w/gas FP den and LR forma DR rec m deck 2 1/2 car gar w/workshop (L265)
 734 326-2000



LIVONIA \$184,900
QUEEN'S PARK CONDOMINIUMS Only 3 units over 1560 SF of living space Each feat 3 BRs up den on main flr 2 5 BAs full bsmt 1st flr indry oak cabs & so much more! \$179 900 184 900 (24057617)
 734-591 9200



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$184,900
SPARKLING RANCH NORTH DEARBORN HGTS 3 BRs 2 full baths New kitchen roof wndws & more Beautifully fin shed bsmt and al appl ances stay This home is immaculate & offers immediate occupancy (24102450)
 734-591 9200



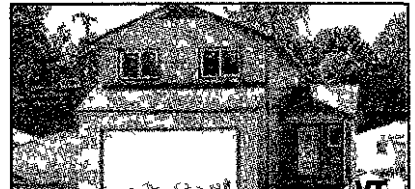
FARMINGTON HILLS \$179,900
READY TO MOVE IN COLONIAL with hwdw frs thru out New paint ceramic baths dinng area w/wood to nice deck newer wndws & HWHT Some new appls Fin bsmt w/rec rm & office area More! (P23045)
 734-591 9200



WESTLAND \$179,900
END OF SUMMER SPECIAL Mil po nite colonial offers 3 BRs 2 1/2 baths vaulted ceilings skylights recessed lighting oak kitchen w/ceramic tile Doorwall from family rm to deck (P382)
 734-326 2000



LIVONIA \$179,500
STEPHENSON DISTRICT Updated 3 BR 1 5 bath ranch w/beautiful bay window in desirable Spring Valley sub Newer roof windows A/C vinyl and furnace Part fin bsmt 349 6200 (24076943)
 248-348-6430



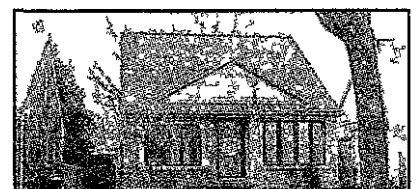
DEARBORN HGTS \$174,900
DON'T DREAM TOO LONG This brand new 1 690 SF 3 BR v ny! 2 story colonial w/1 wait Featuring C/A master suite w/full bath & shower 2 1/2 total baths att 2 1/2 car garage (P444)
 734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$164,900
DESIRABLE RANCH CONDO OPEN & AIRY Ready for new owner new paint & carpeting Cute neutral color throughout 1st flr laundry appls stay Pergo flr in kit & entry Sel e motivated! 348 6430 (24052798)
 248-349 6200



GARDEN CITY \$158,900
THE EXTRAS STEAL THE SHOW In this 3 bedroom brick ranch with full finished basement remodeled kitchen C/A 2 full baths newer wndws unique storage areas & 2 car garage (M881)
 734-326-2000



DEARBORN \$150,000
BUNGALOW Cozy 3 bedroom 2 full bath bungalow painted with sunshine! Hwdw frs under carpeting huge master w/lots of storage & skylight Many newer features! 349 6200 (24078298)
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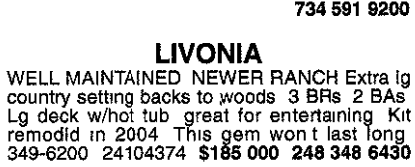
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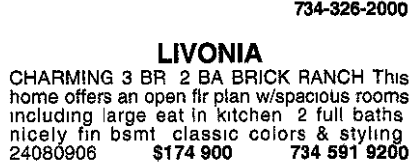
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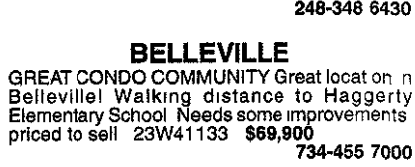
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SOAR WITH ME
I am a SWM 60 pilot who enjoys sand and sun beaches warm weather flying travel flying etc I would like to meet a SF 48-58 in the White Lake area All calls returned Ad# 481076

ALL AROUND BUDDY
SBM 26 6'3" 275 lbs pretty smile straight teeth student with vehicle Seeking SF under 40 to spend time with Ad# 497132

HARLEY WILL TRAVEL
Seeking adventurous woman under 55 for fun times with ths SWM 54 who has a Harley bike Ad# 496428

WANNA FALL IN LOVE?
Well built 5'9" 185 lbs 38 year old SWM very hardworking likes to have fun and enjoys quiet times with that special woman Looking for an honest trustworthy SWF 25-45 for dining out movies and dancing Ad# 442480

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MILK CHOCOLATE
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Garage Sales



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Disney ON ICE
GAME PIECE
STITCH

BIRMINGHAM Fr Sat 9 4
Patio furniture antiques toys
household sewing machine
510 Golfview S of Maple N
of Lincoln E of Cranbrook

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BIRMINGHAM 1898 & 1920
Henrietta N/W 14 E/ Of
Southfield Sat 10 3pm
Furniture jewelry toys and
many other items

BIRMINGHAM 620 Lewis
South of Maple off Eton
Behind Whistle Stop
Restaurant Sept 9 10 8
5pm New merchandise home
furnishings and power tools

BIRMINGHAM 739 West
chester Multi family House
kids garden Berber loomed
rug bikes printer Zenith
trans oceanic SW radio
Marantz stereo & stand BSR
speakers collectible comic
books futons furniture
something for all Off Maple
E of Cranbrook N of L'ncoln
Thurs & Fri 9 5 Sat 9 1

BIRMINGHAM Sat & Sun
Sept 10 & 11 10 4 1301 W
Lincoln (14.5 Mile) 15 blks
W of Southfield on the S side

Bloomfield Big garage
sale Sept 10 11 12 10
48th 6712 Mark Court
Maple & Inkster area Watch
for signs Ladies golf clubs
lots of dishes glassware
lamps crochets items & much
more Something for every
one. No resales

Bloomfield Hills Sept
10-11 9 30 3 30 4661
McGowan Dr N off Lone Pine
between Telegraph & Franklin
Household goods loaded

Bloomfield Hills 2826
Masfield Squirrel & Sq
Lake Fri Sat 9 2pm Baby &
kids items & misc

Bloomfield Hills 916
Candlestick Ct off Eastways
Fri & Sat 9 4pm Freezer
brdnl samples antiques fur
nishings trumpet computer
accessories & books

Bloomfield Hills 6160
Dakota Circle N/Maple
E/Franklin Sept 10 & 11
9 30 4 30 Des gner clothng
furniture books toys videos
exercise equipment house
hold items

Bloomfield Hills Big Sale!
Antiques collectibles At Farm
house 4755 Walnut Lake Rd
E/Inkster Sept 16 18 10 4

Bloomfield Hills Satu day
8 3 M ft fam y Like new
do nia dt aather 4 p pce se
ona couch Yarnaha go t cart
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aw handmade rockng char
many more items 2688 &
2710 West Hickory Grove Rd
off Square Lake & Telegraph

Bloomfield Hills Thurs Sept 9 Fri
Sept 10 10 3pm
Designer clothes / J J
Sander Prada Japanese
etc S zes 4 8 Women s
shoes men s clothing
suits mens pillows pot
tery decorative pieces &
more Great stuff! New
things 3914 Wabek Lake
Dr East Lakeshore at
Wabek Condos between
Middlebelt & Franklin N/ot
Long Lake

Bloomfield Hills TWP 8
Families Stillmeadow Garage
Sale Thurs Fr Sat Sept 9
11 9 4pm N/off Long Lake
W/of Lahser follow the signs

Bloomfield Hills 4 SEA
SONS CONDO (80units)
9/11 12 Sat 10 4pm Sun 12
4pm 42180 Woodward

Bloomfield Hills A big
multi family moving sale!
Lenses tools bikes etc Fri
Sat only Sept 10 & 11 9am
4pm sharp! 4524 Walden
Drive W of Franklin & N off
Walnut Lake Rd

Bloomfield Township
Fabulous garage sale!
Foxcroft 4246 Sandy Lane
Friday 9 4 & Saturday 9 12

Bloomfield Twp Saturday
only Sept 11 9 5 Grand
Garage Sale 25 yrs of col
lecting Art sterling etc
6532 Timber Ridge 3 blks W
of Telegraph South off Maple

Bloomfield Village
Garage Sale!
Thurs & Fri 10 4 Sat 10 2
Sept 9 11 10 5pm Like new
Ethan Allan bedroom set
antique n furniture dining
room set rugs new boxfile
treadmill Kids clothing elec
tronics furniture & much
more 3160 Broadway Blvd
between Cranbrook & Lanser
W/off Maple

CANTON Association Garage
Sale Cherry Hill Pointe
Condos corner of Cherry Hill
& Lotz Road Fr Sa: Sept
10 11 9 5pm

CANTON Sept 9th 10th &
11th 9am 6pm 2340 Leigh
Court (N of Geddes E of
Beck in Huntingdon Place)
Clothes & misc

CANTON 1 day only! Sept 11
8 4pm Baby items clothing
g rls/women & much more!
1415 Whittier Drive S/Ford
W/Sheldon

CANTON 3 Family sale Sept
9 & 10 9 4am 43625
Westminister N/Ford Rd
E/Sheldon

CANTON 41460 Allegheny
Sat Sept 11 One day only! 9
5pm West of Haggerty Btwn
Cherry Hill & Palmer

CANTON Huge 6 Family sae
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CANTON Movng Fr 8 3pm
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Dr S of Pame btwn Lley &
Shedon Sports equipment
household items clothing

CANTON TWP Subw de Sale
Sat & Sun Sept 11 & 12
9am 5pm Morgan Creek
Condos off Cherry Hill
between Liley & Sheldon Rds

CANTON Baby & household
goods 1741 Brookdale Dr E
of Lotz N off Palmer Fri &
Sat 10 4

CANTON Garage Sa e
Friday and Saturday
Glassware and househo d
items 6323 Ramtree just
north of Hanford between
Haggerty & Liley Roads

CANTON Sept 10 & 11 9am
to 6pm Toos Baby toddler
clothing & accessories adult
coats small k tchen appli
ances washer gas dryer fur
niture children s books &
toys 1997 Century Ct south
of Palmer & east of Canton
Center

CLARKSTON garage sale
Computers office equipment
table saws tools baby stuff
7456 Deer Forest off Reese
btwn Rattalap Lake &
Holcomb Thursday Sunday
(248) 620 7455

DAVISBURG Community
Wide Sale Sept 10th & 11th
9 30 3 30pm Mill Pond Park
(495 Davsburg Rd)

DEARBORN YARD SALE!
15185 Payne Ct E of
Greenfield S of Ford Rd
September 11th & 12th 10 6
Yard & garden household
crafts & much more!

DETROIT HOUSE SALE
1450 Iroquois Sat
Sept 11 9 00 5 00p mt
Tables chairs rugs paint
ings lamps wicker etc
313 823 4446

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FARMINGTON HILLS Multi
family Sat Sun Sept 11
& 12 9 4pm furniture
household items much more
27530 Sprng Valley Drive 1
blk N/ of 9 W/off Inkster

FARMINGTON HILLS
Springbrook Sub Sale over
20 homes participating btwn
10 & 11 Mile W of
Middlebelt September 9th
10th & 11th 9am 6pm

FARMINGTON HILLS 48331
B G GARAGE SALE SEPT
11th only 9 5pm 29849
BEACONTREE Briar Hill Sub
off 13 Mile just West of
Farmington Rd

FARMINGTON HILLS 22112
Maden S of 9 mile W of
Inkster Sept 10 & 11 9 4
Something for everyone

Farmington Hills Sept 10 &
11 8 5 36342 Old Home
stead S of 11 Mile ping pong
table desk bookcases exten
sion ladder computer desks
sandbox garden tools clay
pots & supplies misc house
hold goods

GARDEN CITY Gigantic Garage
Sale! Sept 10 12 Thurs
Sun 10am 6pm Glassware
lamps bikes knuck knacks
Nascars pots & pans high
char linen lg women s
clothes blenders lots more!
30835 Rosslyn btm Ford &
Cherry Hill E off Merriman

GARDEN CITY Huge Sale
Sept 11 & 12 10am 5pm
31454 Elmwood Ford &
Merriman Furniture kitchen
ware clothes & lots of variey

GARDEN CITY Tools Yard
Collectibles Auto Household
Goods Delta Shop Smith
Milwaukee hand Mowers
Tiller LIONEL 1033
Glassware Brass WW Fluid
clamps of more N/Ford Rd
W/Inkster Sept 10 12 9am
5pm* 5682 GILMAN GAR
DEN CITY

LATHRUP VILLAGE GARAGE/
MOVING SALE Good stuff
no toys Thur 12 5 Fri/Sat
29731 Belfast W of
Middlebelt S of Grand R ver
Lots of chldrens stuff!

FARMINGTON HILLS Fr
Sat 10 6pm & Sun 9 1pm
29731 Belfast W of
Middlebelt S of Grand R ver
Lots of chldrens stuff!

FARMINGTON HILLS
Household goods exercise
equipment toys clothing Fri
Sat Sun 10 4 38653 Mystic
Ct S of 14 Mile E of
Haggerty (Country Ridge Sub)

FARMINGTON HILLS Mead
owbrook Hills Sub N of 8
Mile between Halsted & 275
Fri & Sat Sept 10 & 11 8 5

FARMINGTON HILLS Moving
Sale #1 Patio furniture garden
items Christmas toms cross
country skis old bottles
books & misc Sept 9 11 9
5pm 30551 Club House Ln
S of 14 & E of Farmington Rd

FARMINGTON HILLS Moving
Sale Living room dining
room bedroom furniture
desk & cab net computer &
access ies 9/11 & 9/12 10
6pm 35725 Lone P ne Lane
9 Mi e & Drake 248 910 8785

FARMINGTON HILLS Movng
9 Mi e/ Ha stead Thur Sat 9 4
on Brwood Ct Washe d ye
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FARMINGTON HILLS Movng
Sept 11 9 3 Household fu
nt ue & tems lawn equip
9331 Colorado N/of Joy W/
of Hubbard Thurs & Fr 9
4pm Sat 9 (12pm

LIVONIA 2 family garage
sale!! 39145 Lyndon
Thursday Sunday 35 yrs col
lectibles & more 8 6

LIVONIA 30841 Puritan btwn
5 & 6 E/Merriman Sept 9
11 10 ? Furniture house
hold etc

LIVONIA
32829 Illinois Off Farmington
Rd Thurs Sat Sept 9 11
8 30am 4pm Tons of misc
puzzles and other items!

LIVONIA
34848 Middleboro North of
Schoolcraft West of Stark
Stoneleigh Sub Thurs Sat
Sept 9 12 9 4pm Tools
saws 10 inch radio 10 inch
table saw all Craftsman shot
guns and more!

LIVONIA
36075 Allen East of Levan
South of Five Mile Sept 9 11
9 5pm Crib dresser changing
table stroller & twin stroller
high chair tools fishing rods
stain glass and video camera

LIVONIA
36826 Angeline Cr Off Ann
Arbor Trail by Newburgh Sept
10 9 5pm Sept 11 9 2pm
Household items & clothes

LIVONIA Enormous sale!
Some of everything! Friday &
Saturday Sept 10th & 11th
9 ? 31101 7 Mile Rd just 1
block E of Merriman

LIVONIA garage sale! 5 fam
ily! 5 Mile btwn Newburgh &
Haggerty S on Eckles to
Ross St Sept 9th 11th 8 5

LIVONIA garage moving sale!
16376 Park Lane S of 6 Mile
E of Levan Enter at
Westbrook Furniture house
hold items clothing & much
more! Sept 9th & 10th 8 5

LIVONIA Household furni
ture Fri & Sat 9 5 34244
Fairfax Ct 7 & Gill

LIVONIA HUGE ANTIQUES
SALE DEALER GOING OUT
OF BUSINESS HUNDREDS OF
ITEMS! 33735 6 MILE LIVO
NIA W OF FARMINGTON
THURS SAT 10am 4pm

LIVONIA Marycrest Manor
Nursing Home Middlebelt
Rd btwn 5 & 6 Mile Thur &
Fri 10 5 Sat 10 1

LIVONIA Misc & household
items hunting clothes air
hockey & foose ball table
Little Tyke s kerosene heater
Sept 9 10 11 9 5pm 29615
Edward

LIVONIA Moving Sale 14467
Auburdale W of Merr man
S of 5 Fr Sat 8 6 Sun 10
4 Furniture bikes & more!

LIVONIA SUB SALE
Sat Sept 11 9 5pm
Riverside St S/of 5 Mile
(1/2 mi W off Farmington)

LIVONIA 39175 Grenada
W/Newburgh N/Schoolcraft
Sept 9 10 & 11 9am 4pm
Msc tems tables lamps &
an Old Singer Sewng
Mach ne needs tune up

LIVONIA End of Summer
Ga ge Sale Toms of Baby
tems Loads of Toys
Furniture Clothing Much
More 15967 Edgewood
Friday & Saturday 8 3

LIVONIA Freezer microwave
Longaberger toys luggage
clothes tons of good quality
tems Fr/Sat 9am 4pm
27815 Barkley north of
Lyndon west of Inkster

LIVONIA Moving! D shes
books CDs assorted tables
art & desks 27545 Bentley
W of Inkster N of Schoolcraft
Fr 8 30 7 & Sat 8 30 4

NORTHVILLE Sept 9 & 10
9 30 4 K ds toys clothes
furniture housewares Multi
family 17191 Springhill Ct 6
Mile & Sheldon

NORTHVILLE Sept 11 9 5
45394 Pebble Beach Ct
Northville Hills Sub 6 &
Sheldon Come get your
Christmas presents early
Swing Set chrd size doll
house Everything must go

NORTHVILLE Thurs Sat
Sept 9 11 9 5pm 21760
Garfield Rd 1 mile W of
Beck N of 8 Tools building
supplies household

NORTHVILLE North Hills Sub
Bedroom Drive Multi home
garage sale September 9 11th
9 4 pm between 8 & 9 Mile
and Taft & Center Streets

NOVI Sept 9 & 10 10 4 3
family 24332 Hampton Hill
off 10 Mile E/Novi Rd Baby
& kids clothes toys skis car
seats 10 dog run 1 blinds
furniture Graf skates &
Clicker boots/binding size 8
Homemcomng dresses size 2
household tems & more

NOVI Moving Barn/Garage
sale Furniture clothes tools
old car parts baseball cards
something for everyone Sep
9 11 Thur & Fri 9 5 Sat 9
2 28331 Haggerty N of 12

OAK PARK Household Sale
22091 Avon S Off 9 Mile 2nd
blk E of Greenfield VCR s
Stereos Formal Dining Table
Tables Chairs Fire Cabinets
Desk Toro Push Mower Toro
Snow Blower Bad Frames
Washer/Dryer etc Sat Sept
11 9am 4pm 249 968 9723

OXFORD Sun Sept 12
10am 3pm Furniture clothng
household items kids &
teen things Corner of
Denn son & Pontiac just down
the street from Starbucks

PLYMOUTH multi family
Great stuff Antiques painted
furniture household goods
481 Irvin between Farmer &
Blanche Fri Sept 10 9 4

PLYMOUTH Sept 10 & 11
9 4 Household items fishing
tackle exercise equip hardly
used 697 Blunk St

PLYMOUTH Sept 9 11 9 5
44427 Beech Dr between
Ann Arbor Rd & Ann Arbor
Tr Ant ques accessories fur
niture & misc

PLYMOUTH Group Ga ge
Sale Thurs Fr Sept 9 10
8 30 4pm 1227 Map e cor
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town Plymouth

PLYMOUTH Huch Garage
Sa e 801 Beech Court
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Fu ue nouseho d etc

PLYMOUTH Mary
L Ant ques msc g r s
L clothes 0 7 Fr 9 10
thu Sun 9 12 9am ? 41141
Ann Arbor Rd btwn Liley &
Haggerty Park on Marlyn

PLYMOUTH Multi Homes
Gov Bradford Street Sale W
off Sheldon S of Ann Arbor
Tra l N of Ann Arbor Road E
of Canton Center Sept 9 11
9 5pm Furniture bedding
glassware china clothng
misc ncl children s items

PLYMOUTH Sat Sept 11
9am 4pm & Sat Sept 18
9am 4pm 500 Prov noctown
Lane N of North Terr total
W of Sheldon Road Toys &
children s clothng misc
household items

CLASSIFIEDS
WORK!
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PLYMOUTH SHABBY CHIC
SALE 41825 Ann Arbor Trail
Sept 10 11 9am 5pm
Furniture antiques home/
garden oak dining set RAIN
OR SHINE!

PLYMOUTH 3 family sale!
September 9th 10th & 11th
from 9 5 11541 Spicar off of
Ann Arbor Trail furniture
household items & misc

PLYMOUTH Antiques 50 s
Bedroom Set Vintage Stereo
Components tons of items
41215 E Ann Arbor Rd Park
on Southworth 9/10 12 9 7

PLYMOUTH Fri & Sat
Sept 10th & 11th 9am
5pm Quality household
books music collectibles and
more 312 Arthur (2 blocks
S of Farmer between
Sheldon and Harvey)

PLYMOUTH Furniture Jeep
parts clothes tools misc
Thurs Sun 9 5pm 160 S
Union Man St & Ann Arbor Tr

PLYMOUTH TWP 2 FAMILY
GARAGE/MOVING SALE
Children s items to dining sets
Lots of new/slightly used
clothing Bedding curtains
furniture Sept 17 18 19 Fri &
Sat 10 5 Sun Noon 5 11 637
Butternut Ave in Plymouth Twp
by Miller Family Park

PLYMOUTH Very nice house
hold items & accessories 285
Fair W of Liley S of Ann
Arbor Tr Sat 9/11 9am 6pm

PLYMOUTH 12 HOUR ONE
DAY BETTER THAN ART VAN
SALE Antiques tools collect
ibles and many interesting
things 7am to 7pm Sat Sept 11
11 1261 McClumpha 1 mile
west of Sheldon between A A
Rd & A A Trail

PLYMOUTH Wedgewood
Condos Ann Arbor Rd West
of Sheldon Sept 11 Shabby
Chic Furniture china vintage
fabrics antiques and quilts

PLYMOUTH WEDGEWOOD
VILLAGE CONDOS Sat Sept
11th 9 4 to 4 Rn day Sun
N off Ann Arbor Rd
1 b ock W of Sheldon

Redford Fr & Sat 9 6
28826 Student N/5 Mile
E/Inkster off Fox Gas stove
Wn bed wood patio doors
sta nless steel sink mountain
bike exercise bke tools ext
ladder much more

Redford Huge fam y
garage sa e Fr & Sat Sept
10 & 11 9am 4 pm 12956
Norbo ne 1 b ock E
of Ths ston High School Dinng
table & chrs coffee table
noe cooker misc household
items clothes etc

REDFORD Fri Sun Sept
10 11 12 9am 5pm 25191
Midland btwn 5 & 6 E of
Beech Furniture household
items computer & related
items & much more!

REDFORD Mega 5 Family
Sale! Sept 9 13 9 6pm Old
& new items Fantastic prices!
12884 Sarasota S of
Schoolcraft W of Telegraph

REDFORD Huge garage sale
Estate items lots of misc
Friday 12 4 Saturday 9 3
Woodward btwn Midland and
Puritan 15884 Woodworth

REDFORD 24 7H Annual
Student St Mile Long Garage
Sale Sat Sept 11 9 5pm
N/of 5 mile W of Beech

REDFORD 25003 Puritan Five
Points area Sept 9 10
10am 5pm Collectibles
clothes baby items and misc

REDFORD Sat Sun 9 6pm
20562 Lexington S of 8 Mile
btwn Beech & Inkster
Entertainment center 1989
Grand Marquis Lots more!

REDFORD September 9th
10th 11th & 12th (9 4) 13th
& 14th (10 2) Toys baby
items clothing pictures
household items books fur
niture exercise equipment all
priced to sell! 9050
Teunmsh S of W Chicago
btwn Inkster & Beech Day

REDFORD Thurs Sat Sept 9
11 9 5 9064 Rockland
E/Inkster N/Joy

REDFORD Sept 11 & 12
8am 7pm Antique tables
camper house hold items
18460 Wakenden W/Beech
N/6 Mile Permit# 004954

REDFORD 19605 Imperial
Hwy N off Grand River E of
Beech Sept 9 12 9 4PM
Clean Sweep!

REDFORD APPLETON BLOCK
SALE! 3 blks E of Telegraph
N of Joy Rd Sept 11 & 12
9am 6pm

REDFORD 12844 Kinkoch
W/Beech Daily btwn 1 96 &
Glendale Sept 9 11 8 6
Washer/dryer frdge stove

ROCHESTER
A garage sale featuring
antiques furniture col
lectibles household & much
more! 82 5pm Sat Sept 11
& 10am 5pm Sun Sept 12
No sales until Saturday 1205
N Main

Rochester Hills Lg kids toys
clothes Barbie household
254 Stonetree Cir W/Adam
N/Walton Sept 9 11 9 4

ROYAL OAK 1203 Edgewood
Sat 9/11 8am 4pm Sun 9/12
9am 2pm Bedroom Furniture
Computer Electronics bikes
& more all in great condition
S of 12 Mile W of Crooks

SOUTHFIELD Sept 9 12
22289 Keefeer W of
Telegraph S of 9 Mile off
Sergeant Power tools snow
blower rototiller chain saw
ladders & much more

SYLVAN LAKE Garage/Estate
Sale Sat & Sun 9am 6pm
1626 Maplewood W of Tele
gaph N of Orchard Lake Rd

TROY ANNUAL WEXFORD
CONDY WIDE GARAGE SALE
Sat Sept 11 9am 5pm 1 blk
E of John R S of Big Beaver

TROY Garage/moving sale
Saturday only 8 30 ? 4433
Winter Green Dr off of
Northfield Parkway Furniture
lamps baskets misc!

TROY Huge 3 Family Sale!
Sept 9 & 10 9 4 Sept 11 9
2 3538 Kings Point S of
Wattles E of Rochester Rd

TROY Huge Sale Everything
baby & household items Sept.
10 & 11 9 2 200 Woodlee
N of Maple & E of Livornois

West Bloomfield Sept 10 &
12 9 6 3297 Hartslo8k
Woods N of Maple W of
Middlebelt Entire household

WEST BLOOMFIELD 2929
Brantwood Rd N of Lone
Pine W of Middlebelt
Household etc! Thurs Sat 9 7

WEST BLOOMFIELD 6736
Corners Sub E off Middle
belt S of Maple 6736
Woodside Tr Thurs 9/9 Sat.
9/11 9am 5pm Moving sale.
lots of treasures large size
women s clothing

WEST BLOOMFIELD garage
sale antique collectibles fur
niture little Tykes boys &
girls clothes & toys 3442
Buckingham Trail N to Apple
Valley from Lone Pine
Thursday Saturday 9 4

WEST BLOOMFIELD Sept 11
8 2pm 27760 West 14 Mile
Rd Clothes furniture and
other household items

WEST BLOOMFIELD Thur Fri
Sept 9 10 9 4pm 5170 West
Bloomfield Lake Rd & 5326
Old Pond Way W of
Farmington N of Walnut

WEST BLOOMFIELD 48324-
Great Deals! Clothing (kids
and adults) Artwork Toys
Housewares Books and
Electronics Saturday and
Sunday 9 00 5 00 both days
2232 St Joseph

WEST BLOOMFIELD MOVING
SALE 2 HOUSES 6000
STUFF IS ON SALE! Sept.
10 11 9 5pm Household
Items men & women s
clothes Maple Run Estates
S/of Maple E/Haggerty
6871 & 6893 Arington Drive

WESTLAND COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE Sat Sept 18th
9am 4pm 36601 Ford Rd
100 spaces 734 722 7820

WESTLAND
34521 Hazelwood South of
Cherry Hill East of Wayne
Sat Sun Sept 11 12 9am 12
noon Furniture electronics

WESTLAND 6900 Moccasin
E/Wayne Rd N/Ford Sept
10 11 9 5pm Furniture
Partylike items clothes etc

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Estate Sale 32871 Joy Rd
btwn Farmington &
Merriman Sept 9 12 9 5pm
Decorative items tons of



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8050	Boat/Vehicle Storage	8400	Chevrolet
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8070	Motorcycles/Min bikes/Go Karts	8440	Dodge
8080	Motorcycles-Parts & Service	8460	Eagle
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8100	Recreational Vehicles	8500	Geo
8110	Snowmobiles	8520	Honda
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8140	Construction Heavy Equipment	8560	Kia
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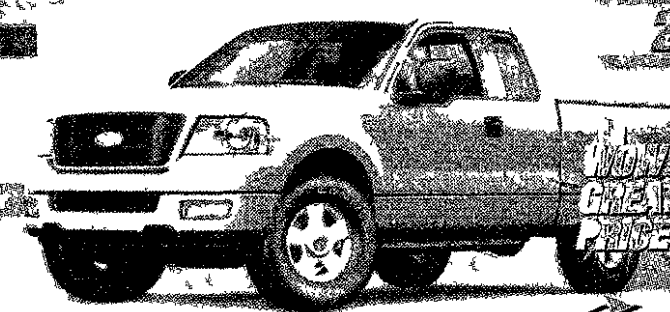
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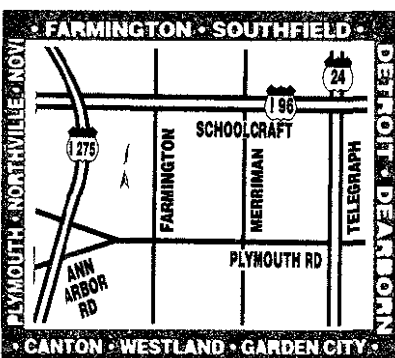
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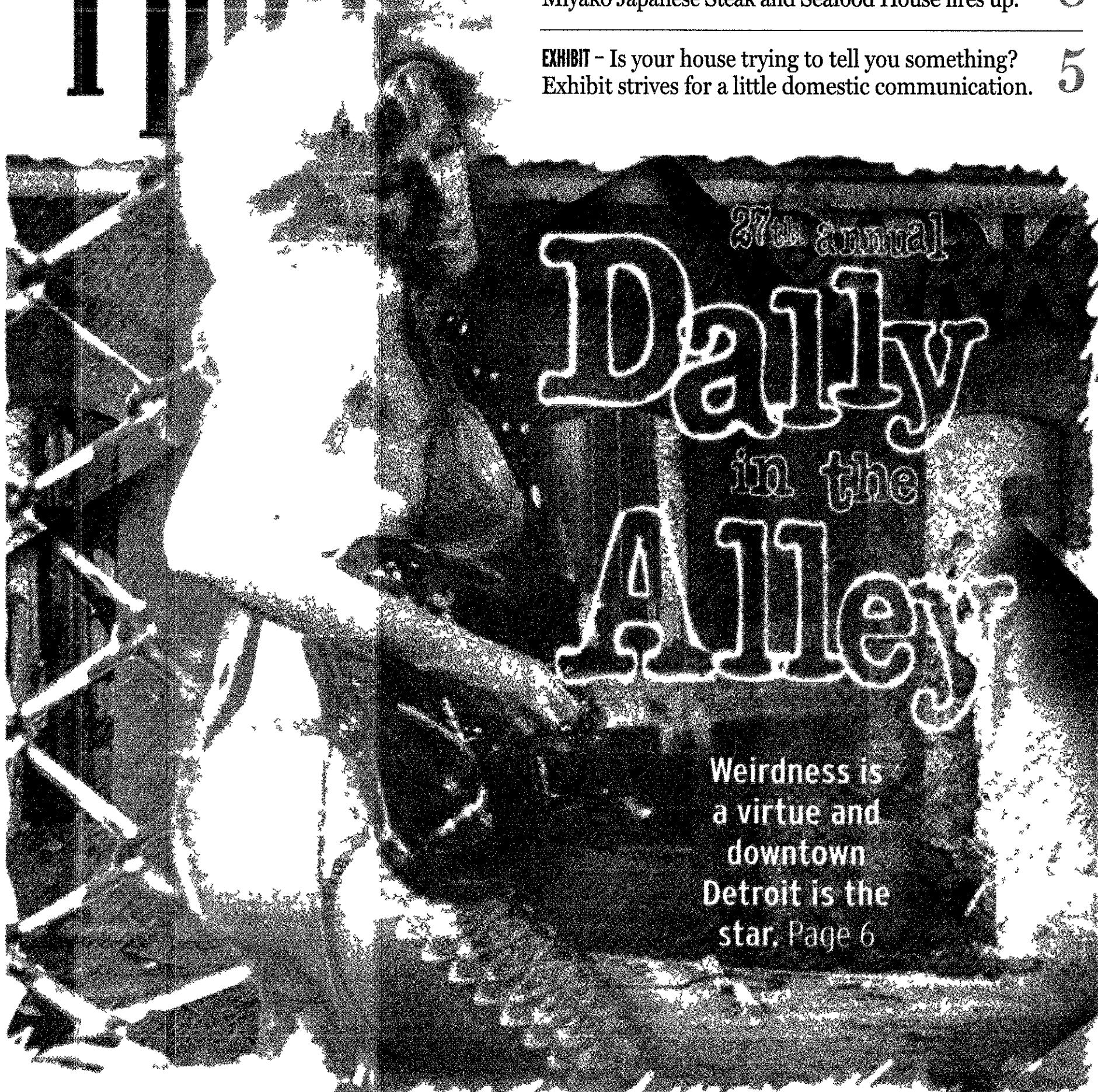
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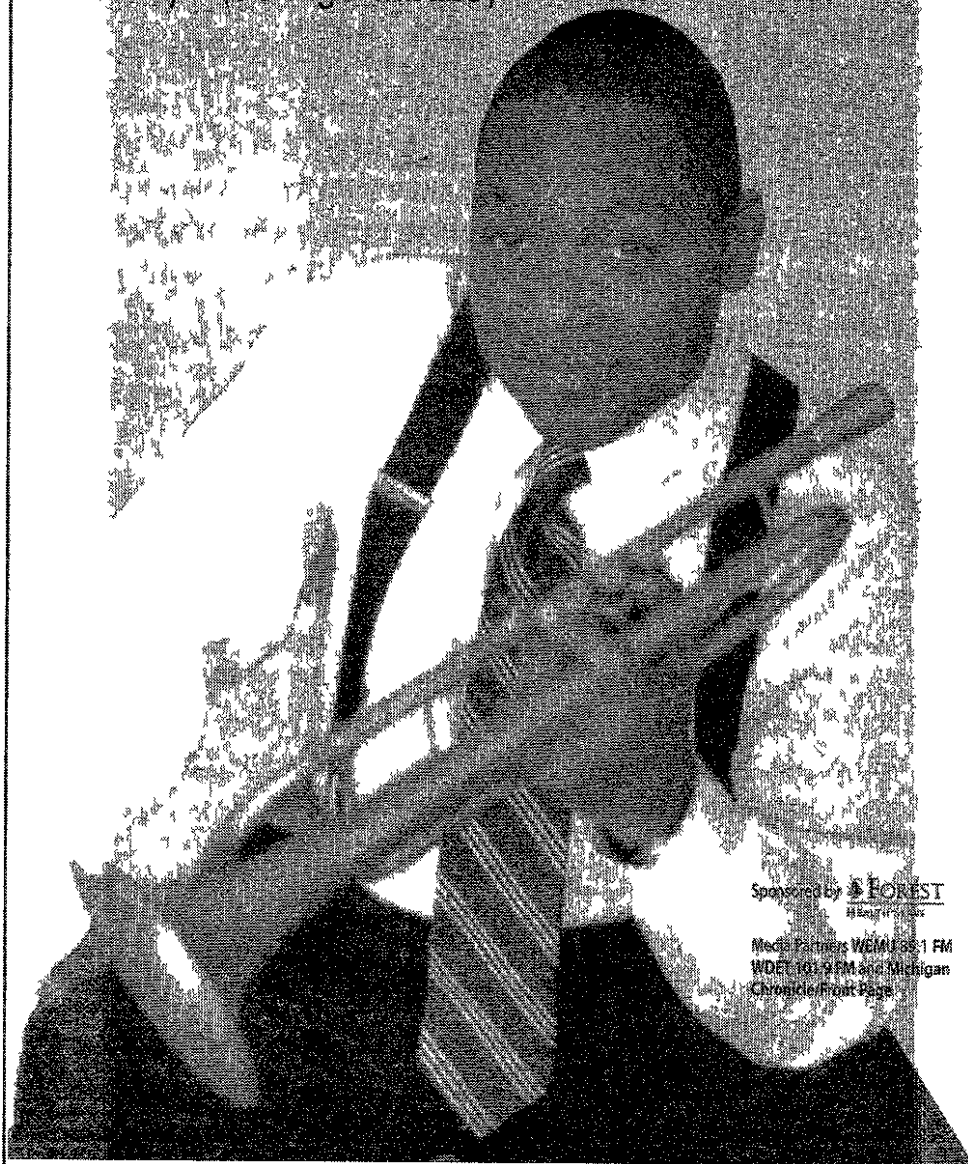
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Dinner theater 'Bullets for Broadway' entertains mob style

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Try an evening with some pasta, some friends and a little ba-da boom, ba-da bing

Murder mystery theater isn't the norm for StarBrite Theatrical Productions. The company that presents off-Broadway productions like *Love Letters* and *Proof* is introducing *Bullets for Broadway*, a Sopranos-influenced dinner theater. The show opens Saturday and runs through Oct. 16 at 14th Street Grille in Madison Heights.

Randy Magner, artistic director of StarBrite, said this is the group's first interactive murder mystery performance and they already love it.

"We're always cracking up during rehearsal, doing a lot of improv," Magner said. "This is going to be really fun."

And it could help fill a void for *Sopranos* lovers. The new season won't begin until at least 2005.

"The murder mystery musical answers the question: What happens when *The Producers* meets the *Sopranos* as 'Tony Soprano' attempts to 'clean' some money by staging a Broadway musical starring 'Toffee Soprano,' his wife?"

Because it's interactive, each performance will take on its own life, Magner said. "The most challenging thing is to sing like a bad singer," said Tara Tomcsik of Livonia, who plays Toffee Soprano. "I'm really good. I think."

The only other Midwest location that currently features *Bullets* is in Ohio, Magner said. "We wanted something that's special for Michigan."

In *Bullets*, "the audience is taken along for a ride — and soon realizes that they have been a part of the murder mystery from the moment they stepped into the theater," said Rio Scafone of Royal Oak, who plays Mimi Sheraton. "No one is above suspicion."

Doors open 6:30 p.m.; show is at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; show runs from Sept. 11 through Oct. 16. Tickets are \$39.50 per person and includes dinner and show. The 14th Street Bar & Grille Dinner Theater is located at 350 E. 14 Mile Road (east of John R.) Madison Heights. For reservations call (248) 589-9900 or visit www.starbriteprod.com.



Stanley Guarnelo and Tara Tomcsik are featured in 'Bullets for Broadway'

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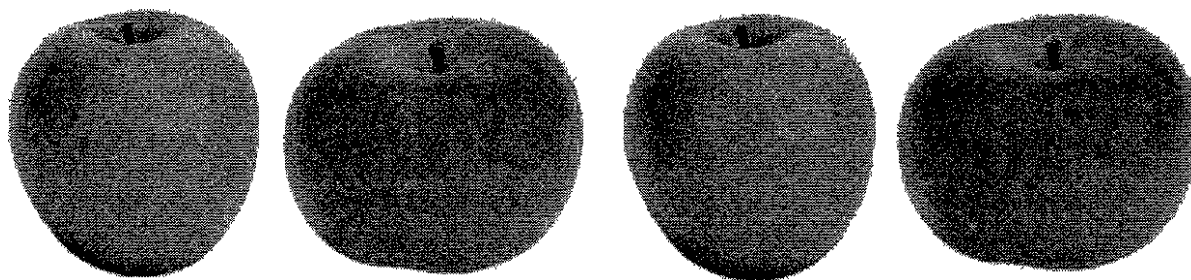
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Hot Ticket

Feeling the fall



Area community festivals usher in harvest season

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Think of it as the Indian summer of the art festival world.

Yes, those outdoor art shows just keep on coming

And there's more than a few from which to choose this weekend

The 30th Art in the Park, a benefit for Common Ground Sanctuary that takes place in downtown Birmingham's Sham Park, goes up Saturday

Ushering in the fall season on Friday is the Plymouth Community Fall Festival in quaint downtown Plymouth, as well as the 39th Annual Art & Apples Festival in downtown Rochester Running in conjunction with Art & Apples is Spotlights Market, a juried fair to benefit the Meadow Brook Theatre, also located downtown

"We definitely are a fall festival," said Ann Burns, special events director for Paint Creek Center for the Arts, which puts on Art & Apples It's about celebrating that feeling of end-of-summer and a bountiful fall coming in

Have yet to catch the feeling?

The seasons outdoor festivals make the transformation from warm sun to crisp air a pleasant experience

One whiff of the apple pie aroma at Art & Apples, and there's no fighting the sensa-



Apples pies sell like hot cakes at the festival

tion

The ever popular pie sale -- the goodies are baked by members of the Older Persons Commission and local Boy Scouts -- runs all three days of the festival There's also an apple pie-eating contest at 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Art & Apples showcases juried work by about 300 artists in a variety of mediums, including digital imagery A silent auction, hands-on children's activities and live entertainment also are planned.

The pies are certainly famous, said Burns Even some of our artists will bring coolers to take home apple pies

Of course there's more than pie on the menu in Rochester Indeed, Art & Apples organizers have beefed up the eating opportunities

In addition to three food courts, the pancake breakfast returns with a vengeance -- a design-your own pancakes extravaganza complete with batter add-ins like chocolate chips, berries, toffee and nuts

The idea is to be the architect of your own pancakes, not just eat them, joked Burns

Also new is the Decker Experience, traditional English pub fare served from an authentic double-decker bus

Fare of choice at the Plymouth Fall Festival in its 49th year, is barbecue rotisserie cooked chicken But the event packs in not

OTHER ART FESTIVALS

■ 30th Art in the Park - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Sept. 12 Sham Park downtown Birmingham, includes 190 juried artists, silent auction, children's activity area, food entertainment call (248) 456 8158 visit www.artinthepark.info

■ Plymouth Community Fall Festival - 3-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday Sept. 12 downtown Plymouth includes art and craft show, carnival, entertainment, car show and rotary chicken BBQ call (734) 254 0021 or visit www.plymouthfallfestival.com

■ Spotlights Market a juried art fair to benefit Meadow Brook Theatre running concurrently with Art & Apples 4-8 p.m. Friday Sept. 10 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Sept. 12 Walnut and Fourth streets downtown Rochester call (248) 647 7141 or visit www.mbttheatre.com

only a host of food vendors but also activities There's live entertainment, including street performers, a craft show, carnival rides and games, a car show and more Yes, there's a pie-eating contest and pancake breakfast, too

In contrast, Birmingham's Art in the Park takes more of a low-key approach. There's a food concourse, live entertainment and hands-on activities for kids, but the focus is on the juried work of the more than 190 participating artists Of special interest this year is a showcase of from the Kennedy Center for students with disabilities

So head outdoors while you can and grasp a little fall fever

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Your Guide to Entertainment

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Fisher Theatre

Camelot starring Robert Goulet 8 p m today Saturday 2 p m Saturday Sunday 7 30 p m Sunday 3011 West Grand Blvd Detroit \$20 50 \$69 50 call Ticketmaster (248) 645 6666 the box office at (313) 872 1000 or visit www.nederlanderdetroit.com

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Menopause The Musical is now playing Call (313) 963 9800 for show times and information

Meadow Brook Theatre

Golf The Musical through Sunday Sept 19 most shows run 8 p m Wednesday Saturday 2 p m Saturday Sunday and 6 30 p m Sunday 207 Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills \$20 \$30 call Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office at (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbttheatre.com

DINNER THEATER

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Lost at Sea a pirate's tale interactive comedy dinner theater \$45 per person dinner/show through Oct 22 Playtime Pirates children's lunch theater \$14 95 kids \$16 95 adults 11 30 a m lunch then show Saturdays through Oct 23 108 E Main St Northville (248) 349 0522 www.genittis.com

StarBrite Presents Dinner Theater

Opens its 2004/2005 season with the Michigan premiere of *Bullets for Broadway* at the 14th Street Grille and Bar 350 E 14 Mile Road in Madison Heights Fridays and Saturdays, Sept 11 through Oct 16 Dinner 6 30 p m show 7 p m Dinner and theater including tax cost \$39 50 per person Call (248) 589-9900 For details see www.starbriteprod.com

COMMUNITY THEATER

Marquis Theatre

Raggedy Ann and Andy through Sept 26

135 E Main St Northville Performances 2 30 p m Saturday Sunday Sept 11 12 Sept 18 19 and Sept 25 26 \$7 50 no children under 3 (248) 349 8110

Avon Players

A Little Night Music a romantic musical by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler Show dates Sept 10 12 17 19 23 25 Thursday Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p m Sunday matinees begin at 2 p m \$16 call (248) 608 9077 The theater offers a student/senior discount rate for Sunday matinees at \$2 below the regular price The theater is at 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads in Rochester Hills Season brochures can be picked up at the box office Visit Avon Players at www.avonplayers.org

Stagecrafters

Tommy opens 8 p m Friday Sept 10 continues to Sunday Oct 3 Shows 8 p m except Sundays at 2 p m Sept 10 12 16 19 23 26 and Oct 13 415 S Lafayette Royal Oak \$18 & \$16 (248) 541 6430 or www.stagecrafters.org

Farmington Players

Tour the Farmington Players year old theater 6 30 p m Saturday Sept 18 and learn about upcoming shows set building costumes and membership at an Open House Stay and watch members perform a workshop of the comedy/drama *Belles* Refreshments will also be provided The Farmington Players is at 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road The season opens 8 p m Friday Sept 24 with *Breath of Spring* a comedy by Peter Coke Show dates are September 24 26 Oct 13 Oct 7 10 and Oct 14 16 All shows at 8 p m except Sundays which are at 2 p m Tickets \$10 \$13 (248) 553 2955 or visit www.farmingtonplayers.org

AUDITIONS

Plymouth Community Chorus

By appointment only 7 p m Tuesday Sept 14 21 and 28 at Plymouth First Baptist Church 4500 North Territorial call (734) 455 4080 or visit www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org

Oakland Community College

For *All in the Timing* a series of six

playlets by David Ives based on Gary Larson's *Far Side* cartoons 5 10 p m Wednesday Sept 15 callbacks noon to 4 p m Saturday Sept 18 Smith Theatre Orchard Ridge Campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road south of I 696 Farmington Hills (248) 522 3636 or e mail dohill@oaklandcc.edu

Metropolitan Ballet-Academy & Theatre

Free master class 2 3 30 p m Sunday Sept 12 at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield Auditions for company and apprentice positions the Nutcracker excerpts and academy level placement 2 3 p m Saturday Sept 11 for ages 8 11 3 30 4 30 p m for ages 12 and up at the academy in the Sports Club of Novi and Sunday Sept 19 at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield Call (248) 735 8850 Ext 4025 for details

GM Employees' Chorus

Open to anyone who loves to sing and is 18 or older no auditions Rehearsals are at Lincoln High School on 9 Mile Road one block east of Van Dyke in Warren Register 6 15 p m Monday Sept 13 or 6 15 p m Monday Sept 20 Rehearsal follows For more information call (586) 447 2319 or visit www.gmchorus.bravepages.com

Flint Symphony Orchestra

Auditions first violins cello violas basses Monday Sept 13 University of Michigan School of Music Ann Arbor principal timpani Tuesday Nov 2 Flint Institute of Music (810) 237 3125 or rjohnson@thfim.com

Central City Christmas Spectacular

Be a part of Canton's first ever Broadway Style Christmas Show the Central City Christmas Spectacular Open auditions Saturday Sept 18 for male and female dancers gymnasts and singers ages 6 adult at Central City Dance 8004 Sheldon Center Road Canton Auditions for dances ages 6 8 2 3 p m ages 9 12 3 30 4 30 p m ages 9 12 3 30 4 30 p m ages 13 to adult 5 6 p m Bring appropriate footwear and be prepared to learn a dance combination Auditions for singers all ages 6 7 30 p m Singers must bring a prepared piece of holiday music of your choice in CD format not longer than 1/2 minutes. Auditions for gymnasts 8-9 p m Arrive a half hour before scheduled audition time to register and warm up



Jennifer Dominick (left to right) stars as Aldonza, Jeremy Pokorney is Sancho Panza and Doug Clark is the legendary Don Quixote in the Village Players of Birmingham's production of *Man of La Mancha* The classic musical which tells the story of Don Quixote who dreams 'The Impossible Dream' opens 8 p m Friday at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave, Birmingham Additional shows Saturday, Sept 11, Friday-Saturday Sept 17-18 and Sept 24-25 2 p m Sunday, Sept 19 and Sept 26 Tickets \$15, call (248) 644-2075

Performers arriving late will not be allowed to audition A non refundable audition fee of \$10 is due at registration Show dates are Dec 17 19 at the new Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton call (734) 459 0400 or visit www.centralcitydance.com

Farmington Players

Charley's Aunt 1 p m Sunday Sept 19 at the Farmington Players Barn 32332 W 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads in Farmington Hills Looking for six men and four women Role descriptions show dates etc at www.farmingtonplayers.com Play opens Nov 19 Please bring your British accents however this can be taught call Emily McSweeney at (248) 626 8767

Village Players of Birmingham

Picasso At the Lapin Agile Steve Martin's witty comedy 7 p m registration 7 30 p m auditions Monday Tuesday Sept 20 21 Village Players Playhouse 34660 Woodward Ave Birmingham Performance dates Nov 12 21 Cast seven men four women (248) 244 2666 or cjuleff@sbcglobal.net

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ART FAIRS/GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Cranbrook Art Museum

Opening of *Looking Both Ways Art of the Contemporary African Diaspora* and Community Day including free admission films music and tours in honor of the 40th anniversary 11 a m to 5 p m Saturday Sept 11 exhibit runs through Nov 28 Museum hours are 11 a.m to 5 p m Wednesday Sunday and 11 a.m to 9 p m Friday through Nov 28 39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills Members are free general admission is \$6 seniors teens and full time students are \$4 children 12 and under are free with adult admission call (877) GO CRANBROOK or

(877) 462 7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Del Gallery

Presents an exhibit of nationally known artist and historian Ivan Stewart through Sept 30 28001 Southfield between 11 and 12 Mile Roads in Lathrup Village Artist reception 2 6 p m Sunday Gallery hours are 11 a m to 7 p m Tuesday Saturday (248) 423 7270 www.delgallery.com

Batista Gallery

Opening of Tyree Guyton's new works titled *Operation Sydney* 6 9 p m Friday 756 Livernois Ferndale continues to Oct 15 (248) 544 4627 www.batistagallery.com

Cary Gallery

Paintings by Dan Rosbury reception 6 8 p m Saturday exhibit continues through Oct 3 226 Walnut Blvd Rochester Gallery open 11 a m to 5 p m Tuesday Saturday (248) 651 3656

Plymouth Arts Council

Watercolor paintings by Jim Quinlan artist reception 2 5 p m Saturday 774 N Sheldon 1/4 mile south of M 14 Plymouth Exhibit continues to Sept 30 9 a m to 3 p m Monday Friday 9 a m to 9 p m Wednesday (734) 416-4278

Lawrence Street Gallery

Observations solo exhibit by Marilyn Blinder and Portals a solo exhibit by Laura Whitesides Host through Sept 25 opening reception 5 9 p m Saturday 22620 Woodward Ave Suite A Ferndale (248) 544 039 www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Autumnfest

At the Mary Thompson Farm Evergreen Road south of Civic Center Drive Southfield 11 a m to 5 p m Saturday food entertainment kid's games and activities straw maze arts & crafts senior farmers produce exhibit (248) 796 4620

Blue Grass Festival VII

Noon to 7 30 p m Saturday Sept 11 Civic Center Park 1827 N Squirrel Road Auburn Hills no charge Mark Newton Band, The Special Consensus Host Band Mountain Heart Cherryholmes and Foxtail (248) 370 9353

Opening reception

The telltale home

Exhibit explores the suburban Detroit landscape

WHO LIVES THERE?

What: 'The Secret Life of Suburbia' Paintings by Deborah Sukenic'

When: Opening reception with artist 6-8 p.m. Saturday Sept. 11; exhibit runs through Oct. 10. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

Where: Meadow Brook Art Gallery on campus of Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills.

Tickets: Free and open to public; call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Is your home sharing secrets behind your back?

Chicago artist Deborah Sukenic, whose paintings go up Saturday, Sept. 11, at Meadow Brook Art Gallery in Rochester Hills, would probably say so.

The exhibit, *The Secret Life of Suburbia: Paintings by Deborah Sukenic*, runs through Oct. 10 at the gallery on the campus of Oakland University.

"It's as if the house somehow depicts who lives inside," said Dick Goody, the gallery's director. "It's a metaphor for the kind of life we live."

The exhibit contains 50 works, most are medium in size. And since Sukenic grew up in Southfield and Oak Park, many of the houses are typical of the region.

Goody organized the exhibit so viewers could see how the artist's approach to depicting the suburban landscape evolved. Older paintings are followed by newer with an emphasis on recent pieces.

"Her older works are very, very direct, as if she is in a great hurry to get her idea on canvas. And she treats the house more as an object," said Goody, who curated the exhibit. "She really started focusing on homes in the last 10 years."

The recent works revolve around house exteriors that mingle with seemingly unrelated images of objects. While the home is the central subject on the canvas, the objects appear as if they are separate still-life paintings.

One piece, for example, adjoins a typical 1950s family

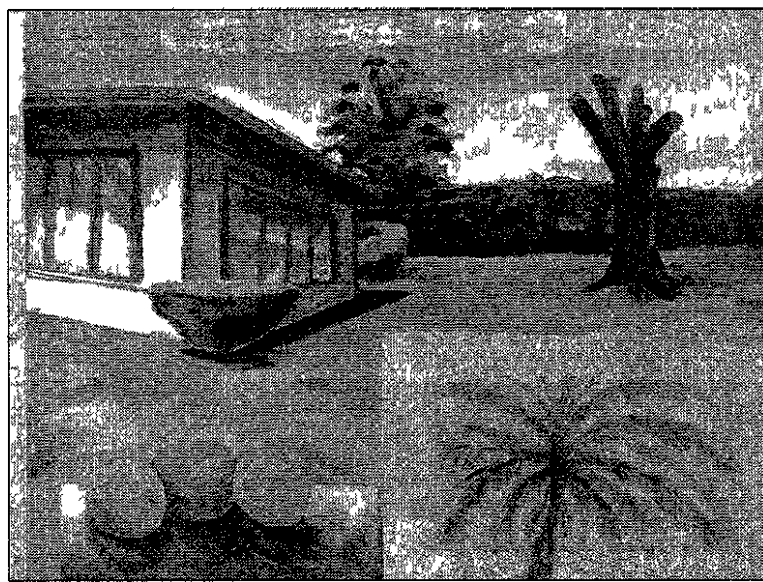


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Artist Deborah Sukenic juxtaposes several images within one work. Her pieces are exhibited in 'The Secret Life of Suburbia,' at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

home with a portrait of a child's red tricycle sitting atop a floor of fortune cookie messages. The juxtaposition gives the viewer the sense that the bike's owner, a child, lives in the house, said Goody. It also evokes a curiosity about the child's future and the question: Where is the bike going?

But Sukenic's work is open to interpretation, said Goody. "I'm just giving you a handbook. She likes the idea that the viewer completes the painting."

And with so many familiar styles of homes depicted, suburban Detroit residents will relish fleshing out the bigger picture.

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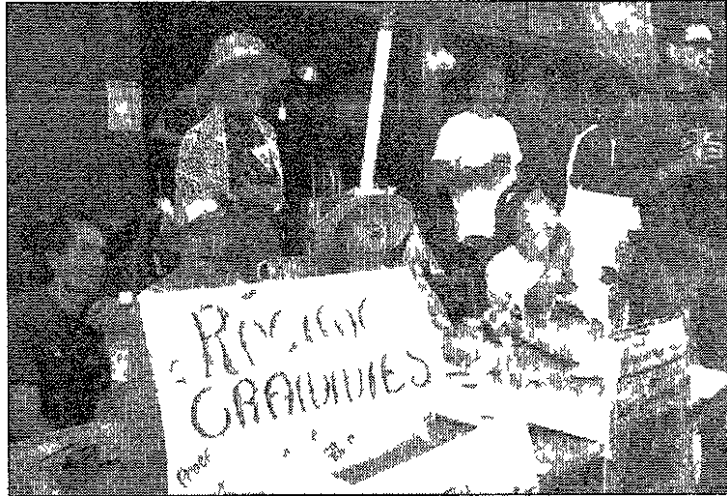
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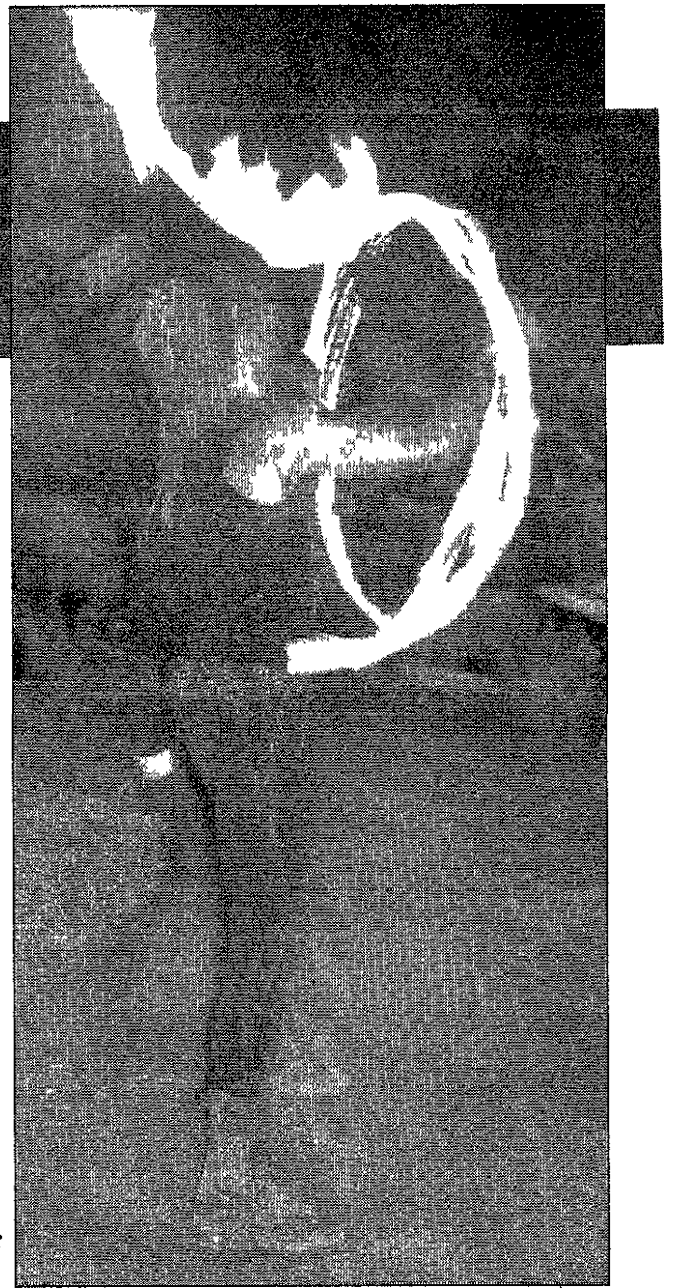
DOMINIQUE SPINA

The Raging Grannies, a group of women activists who sing war protest songs, will be performing at Dally in the Alley.

Detroit's Dally in the Alley is not your typical festival

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Fire-breathers and jugglers aren't scheduled to perform at Dally in the Alley, but that doesn't mean they won't host an impromptu show on the streets.



DOMINIQUE SPINA

Tim March, a member of Fire Fabulon, performed at last year's festival, and will be returning this year.

THE 27TH ANNUAL DALLY IN THE ALLEY

What: Festival featuring music, poetry, performance art, boutique style shopping, activist booths, art and more.

When: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 (rain date is Sunday, Sept. 12).

Where: On Forest and Hancock, between Second and Third, in the Cass Corridor area of Detroit.

Admission: No charge.

For more information: Visit www.dallyinthealley.com

Entertainment

■ **Alley Stage** - 11 a.m. Sun & Machines; noon El Boxeo; 12:30 p.m. Felix Siris (poetry); 1 p.m. The Mydols; 1:30 p.m. Raging Grannies; 2 p.m. Tiny Steps; 3 p.m. The Avatars; 4 p.m. Little Claw; 5 p.m. The Hard Lessons; 6 p.m. Lee Marvin Computer Arm; 7 p.m. The Riots; 8 p.m. The Muggs; 9:45 p.m. Demolition Dollrods.

■ **Forest Stage** - 11 a.m. Holy Temple Mass Choir; noon Blair & The Urban Folk Collective; 1 p.m. The Layabouts; 3 p.m. The Brakemen; 4:10 p.m. RJ's Rhythm Rockets featuring Joe Weaver; 5:20 p.m. Jazzhead; 6:30 p.m.

Philharmonic Quartet; 7:40 p.m. Blackman & Arnold featuring Middle Eastern dance; 8:50 p.m. Orbitsuns; 10 p.m. Thornetta Davis.

■ **Garden Stage** - 11:30 a.m. Dirt Brothers; 12:15 p.m. Dune Buggy Attack Battalion; 1 p.m. Big B and the Magic Bullets; 1:45 p.m. Velvet Audio; 2:30 p.m. Candy Band; 3:30 p.m. The Bowzies; 4:30 p.m. The Wrenfields; 5:30 p.m. Terror at the Opera; 6:30 p.m. Jo Serrapere and the Willie Dunns; 7:30 p.m. Patrick Thomas; 8:30 p.m. Muruga & The Global Village Ceremonial Band; 9:30 p.m. Detroit City Council Lighting by Electronic Illumination Artist; Light Show Bob.

■ **Urban Electronica Stage** - 2 p.m. Top Kat; 3 p.m. Jennifer Xerri; 4 p.m. Kruse Kontrol aka Justin Kruse; 5 p.m. Kevin Reynolds; 6 p.m. John Arnold; 7 p.m. Dubphonics; 7:30 Fashion Show by Dick Clothing; Made in Detroit; Rachel Reed; Spiral Clothing & Highway Press Music by Automan & Jack Steeler; 8 p.m. Nasty Caka; Chuck Flask; 9 p.m. Ryan Elliot; 10 p.m. James Pennington aka Suburban King.

"You don't know what to expect at the festival," co-chairperson Kristine Trever said.

"Things happen that aren't planned and we like it. If you're freaky, there's something here for you."

Freaky is a celebrated word at the festival because it's synonymous with creativity.

You won't be judged here. Dress as eccentric or casual as you want. Feel the funky, ultra-friendly vibe of Detroit's Cass Corridor festival on Saturday, Sept. 11 (rain date is Sunday, Sept. 12).

Dally in the Alley is not like other Michigan festivals, organizers say. There are no corporate sponsors and it's in the winding alleys near Wayne State University.

Meandering the streets as patrons and performers are aging poets who've been writing since the 1960s. There are also young punk rockers with neon hair and artist-painted garbage can lids and hub-caps for a charity auction. Communists, hemp supporters, Democrats, Green Party members and the occasional conservative group have informational tables.

The atmosphere is happy and energetic, but not overcrowded or tense. New this year is S1D testing provided.

by the Detroit Department of Health. There will be free HIV counseling and testing, syphilis testing and condoms. Tests are anonymous and results will be provided two weeks later.

"It's also about community outreach," Trever said.

CREATIVELY UNTAMED

Mix in vendors selling exotic jewelry, books, furniture and clothing and add a big fashion show featuring some of Detroit's favorite designers like *Made in Detroit* and you've just scratched Dally's surface.

It's a neighborhood party held outside the doors of many houses and apartment buildings.

"We want to reinvent the way you look

PLEASE SEE DALLY, E7

Drinkology

Call bourbon America's unique sippin' whiskey

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

Drink it neat, on the rocks or use Knob Creek this weekend to make a fabulous Bourbon Caramel Sauce to top ice cream, pound cake or baked apples for dessert.

You'll need 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1 cup heavy whipping cream and 1/2 cup Knob Creek Bourbon

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, bring sugar, butter and 1/2 cup of cream to a boil. Cook, stirring frequently until mixture is light golden brown, about 8 minutes

Remove from heat and slowly whisk in remaining 1/2 cup cream and the Bourbon. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly until smooth and thickened, about 5 minutes

Cool, cover and refrigerate for up to one month

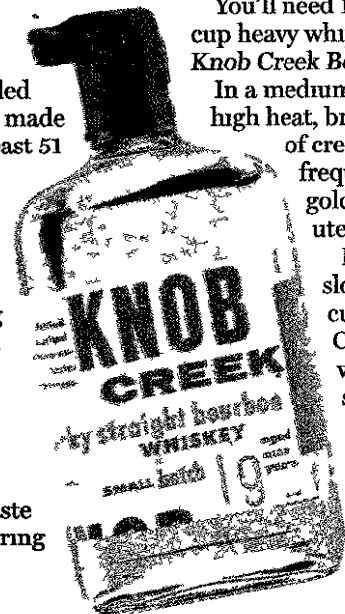
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Night spot

Guitarist Joseph Anthony - no limits, no barriers, or rules

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

In just 18 months, Joseph Anthony has become known in Detroit's rock world as a guitar great

WRIF radio personality Doug Podell, whose support can help boost a local musician's career, gives Anthony on-air shout-outs and also plays his music

Anthony has already played large events like AutoRama at Cobo Hall and at Harpo's — the rock bar of the Motor City

He's playing tonight at Mr. B's in Clarkston, and also in October at the Emerald Theatre in Mt. Clemens

"I'm one of the first guys who has blended hip hop, jazz, dance and rock n' roll together into a guitar show," Anthony said. "But I don't write guitar music, instead I write music that features the guitar"

Call him the Kenny G of the guitar world.

"Today's generation hasn't had their own Joe Satriani or Steve Vai," Anthony said. "I have that style and heart"

And some would say he's that great "He's got the Joe Satriani guitar attitude and the Kid Rock (rap and rock, funkadelic) sound coming out of his guitar. Very unique and different. It is really outstanding stuff," Podell writes on Anthony's Web site

In contrast to many aspiring rockers, Anthony prides himself on not being a bad boy

"I'm not stuck in the mud, but I don't rely on chicks and obscenities to get noticed. I want people to hear the music," Anthony said. "I'm not going to waste my time on the gangster stuff, it's so old. I'd like think of myself as a superhero, someone who lets you have fun and takes you to new places with my music"

Anthony blends electronic drum and bass, and a DJ behind his guitar in a style he calls Freedom Music. There's some



Joe Anthony, known for his hypnotic guitar style performs at a recent Detroit performance

singing on his songs, but it's mostly instrumental

No limits. No stereotypes. No barriers or rules

His playing, he said, is flashy. It's why his CDs are often sold out. His latest, *Maximum Dosage*, is for the guitar lover. It's sometimes slow and dreamy and other times soaring in a melodic Eddie Van Halen way

It's the live shows where his appeal captures younger audiences' attention

"I want to play the best shows that I can," Anthony said. "They're something to remember because of the guitar"

GUITARIST JOSEPH ANTHONY

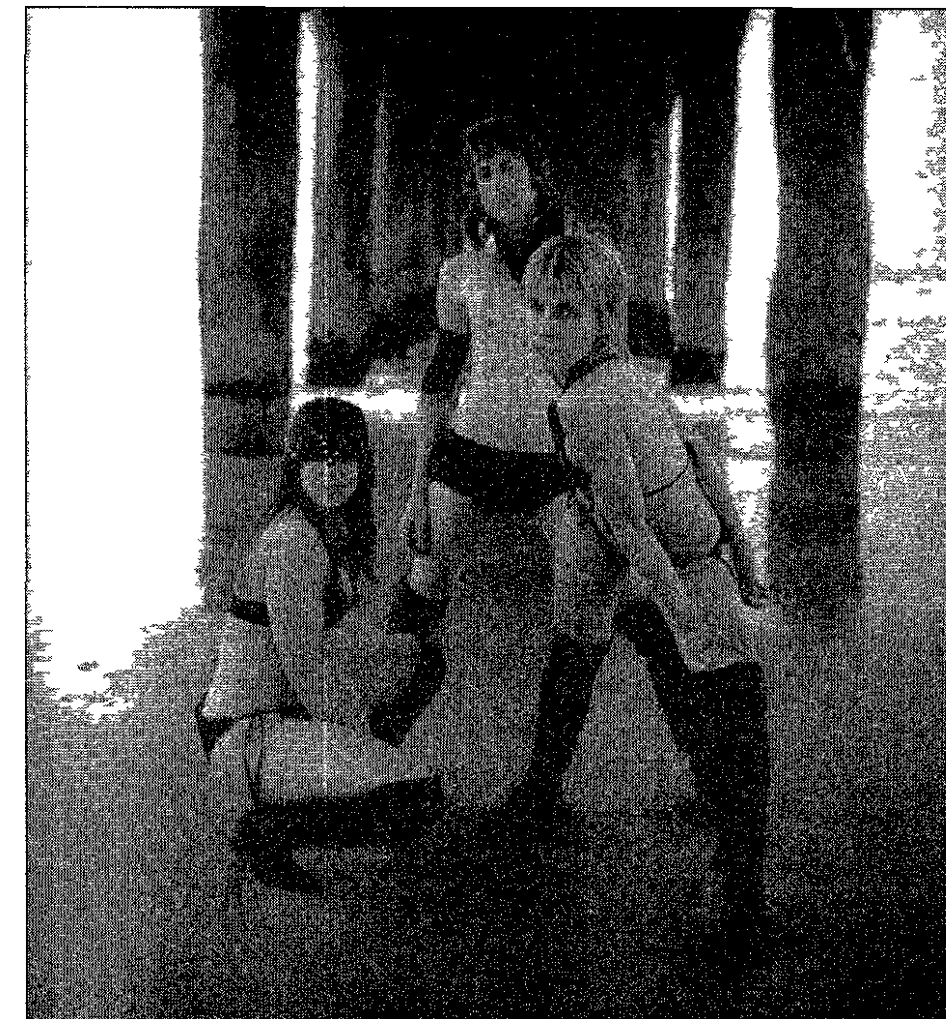
Where: Mr. B's 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston (248) 625-6927

When: 9 p.m. today

Admission: No Charge

Other shows: Emerald Theater, 31 N Walnut, Mt. Clemens, (586) 913-1920. Date not determined at press time

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The Demolition Dollrods will headline on the Alley Stage

DAILY

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at Detroit," Trever said. "This area is unique, eclectic, outrageous and a bit oddball, we like to celebrate that."

The festival exists to reintroduce people to the architecture and history of Forest and Hancock streets, between Second and Third avenues, where, for example, Horace Dodge developed his own motor car in a garage in 1904

But mainly, Dally exists to entertain. Performers include the Raging Grannies. The local chapter of the national group is comprised of senior citizen women who wear ornate dresses and hats (think Minnie Pearl) and sing humorous political and stinging anti-war protest songs

There's freedom and diversity here," said Dally spokeswoman Connie Manglin, who's been a volunteer for four years. And it's the music that drives the festival

All Dally workers are volunteers, Manglin said. Not a single musician or worker is paid. Extra money, like tips from the beer vending area, is donated to pay for year-round security for the area.

CORPORATE SPONSORS BEGONE

You won't see a Pepsi or Budweiser

sign. Corporate sponsors are prohibited. That helps retain the neighborhood feeling, Manglin said.

About 30,000 people come each year and organizers aren't seeking gigantic increases in numbers. The focus is quality. That's why only Detroit's most interesting musicians perform, like The Demolition Dollrods, The Brakemen, Terror at the Opera, Ryan Elhot and more

It's why much, but not all, of the food is either vegan or organic.

The Dally Gallery will display art from Gary Grimshaw, Leni Sinclair, Rachel Reed, Christ Turner and more

FOUR STAGES

Each stage features different musical styles

The Forest Stage will have Afro-Cuban, funk, blues, world jazz, reggae, gospel and more. The Alley Stage has rock n' roll flavor with hints of indie, punk and garage. The Garden Stage features acoustic acts and some soft rock, country, jazz and blues artists. The Urban Electronica Stage features local electronica, urban and hip hop artists

"The Garden Stage has a slogan that suits the vibe of Dally in the Alley," Trever said. "It's the garden where everything can grow — and anything can happen"

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The Secret of Alexander the Great and the 27th Anniversary Celebration.



SINCE 1977

Around 330 B.C. a young man by the name of Alexander led armies of men to conquer more than a million miles of territory. To this day, historians marvel at his accomplishments, and citizens around the world claim him as their own King of the Macedonians, master of the Greeks, Pharaoh of Egypt or ruler of Asia, the debate rages on. However, one name over which there is no dispute is Alexander the Great!

The legend of Alexander's ambition and determination has grown through the centuries, however, it was not until more than two thousand years later, in Southeastern Michigan, that the ultimate secret to his success was revealed. In 1977, Tom and Paulina Tomich began to share Alexander's secret with the world. In the words of Alexander himself: "To lead armies of men, you must first feed armies of men."

Alexander's appetite for territory and riches devoured Europe, Africa and Asia, and was matched only by his army's appetite for B.B.Q. ribs. therein lies the secret of Alexander the Great. He rewarded and rejuvenated his men after each conquest with a celebration. The celebrations were built around the ritualistic process of preparing ribs. Alexander's armies would choose a location on their newly conquered land, construct a canopy, dig a massive barbecue pit and ignite a fire. Once they had set up their camp, the ritual began.

First the ribs were trimmed of excess fat so that the next step — the seasoning — effectively tenderized the meat. After the special blend of seasoning salts was applied, each slab of ribs was stacked on a uniquely crafted, long, sharpened skewer. Next the ribs were carefully laid over the flaming pit and the skewers were slowly rotated so that the ribs cooked evenly to perfection. Finally, as the ribs were removed from the skewers, they were carefully brushed with Alexander's secret recipe sauce. A combination of tangy-sweet and spicy-hot, the sauce was known for its ability to leave soldiers incredibly satisfied yet craving more. Once the process was complete and the ribs were prepared, Alexander and his army took part in a great feast which they knew would only be repeated if they were successful in their next conquest.

Two thousand years later, using modern technology, Tom and Paulina have preserved each step in the Alexander Process, down to using the same blend of seasonings and the age-old recipe for "The Great" BBQ Sauce. They have been sharing Alexander's secret with the modern world for three decades at their restaurant in Westland, Michigan. The response has been unanimous: East to West, their BBQ is the Best! In addition to The Great BBQ Ribs and Sauce, Tom and Paulina have carefully added to the restaurant's range of selections so as to satisfy every appetite while maintaining the highest standards of quality. As a nod to the past, they named the restaurant Alexander The Great, but don't worry, they don't expect patrons to go out and conquer any territories. Instead, with excellent service and delicious food, they invite you, your family and friends to take part in an age-old tradition and indulge in a GREAT feast of your own!*

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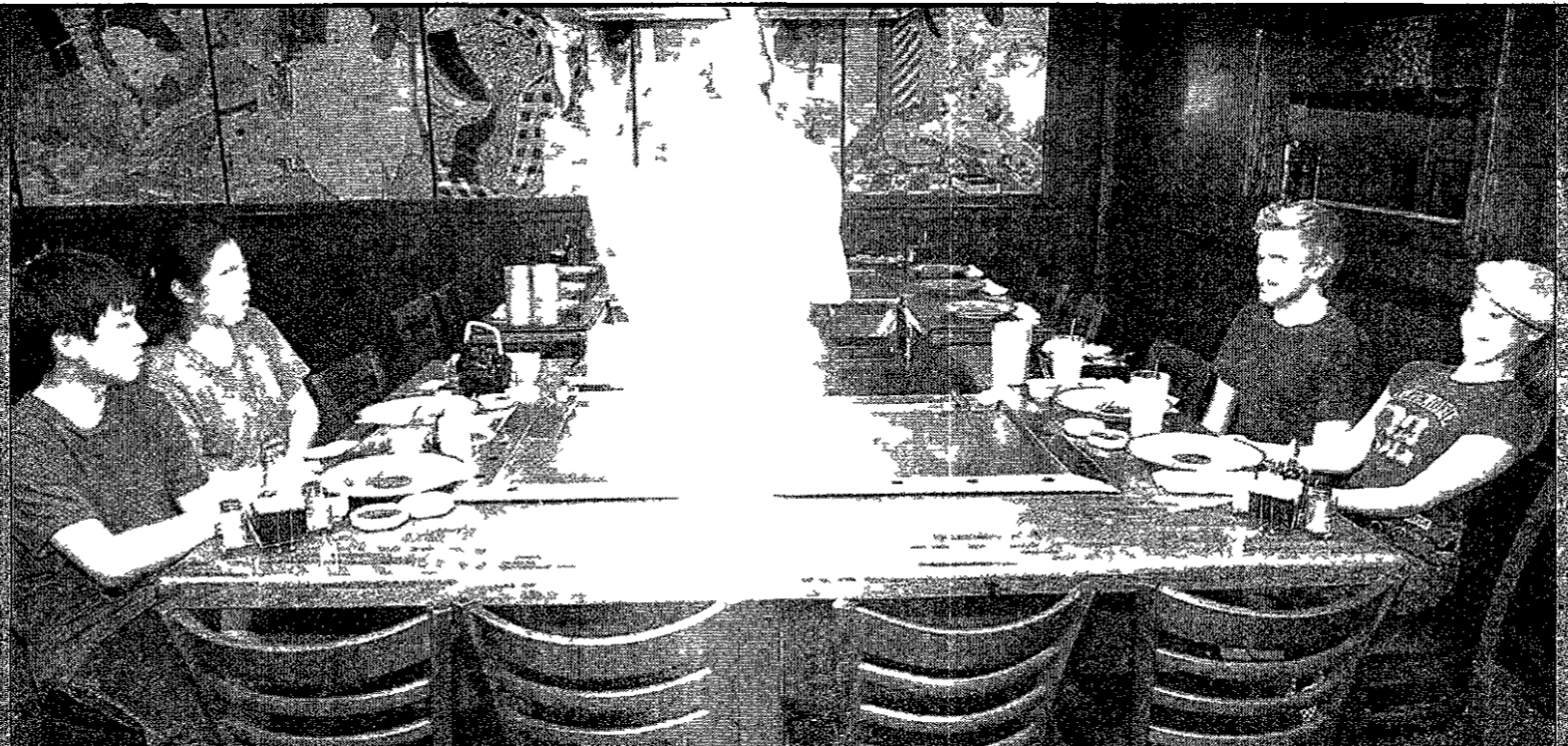
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Cost: Sushi a la carte \$4-\$12; Hibachi \$13-\$20; Children's hibachi \$8-\$10



Chef Gil Won heats up the hibachi grill at Miyako's Districts. Photo by Jeff Leves and Sarah Marries (right to left)

Light your fire

Hibachi grill tables and sushi headline new Miyako

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Watching Japanese chefs with flashing knives prepare specialties in front of you at a hibachi grill table may be the best dinner show around.

If you consider eating out as entertainment, the new Miyako Japanese Steak and Seafood House, which opened Aug. 24 in Great Lakes Crossing, is your kind of place. In addition to being fresh, healthy and low-fat, Miyako's beautifully presented Japanese food delights the eyes and satisfies the taste buds.

Owner Kwang Kim, an Auburn Hills resident, operates another Miyako in Frederick, Md., and plans to open a third in Miami in Spring 2005.

"I chose Great Lakes Crossing because the area is a good market, Kim, a former Tokyo chef, said. Also, there's no duplication of the Miyako concept nearby.

Miyako seats 150 people, 18 at the central sushi bar with an over-flow area seating 25 at tables. All hibachi grill tables seat 10. "If requested," Kim said, "we'll seat a party of six, but a couple cannot have a hibachi table for themselves. They will join others." Modern Japanese music in the



A five course meal is prepared on the hibachi grill. Here the vegetable dish is prepared.

background sets a soothing mood in a streamlined, contemporary atmosphere where warm wood tones accent modern Japanese wall art. Wait staff in traditional Japanese dress offer an authentic feel.

EATING JAPANESE

Chef Gil Won, a native of Japan, oversees six hibachi chefs and the friendly and talkative Chef Hwang

Im oversees two other sushi chefs at the bar.

Although the Miyako menu has English translations of offerings, they're in categories that may be unfamiliar if you're just learning about Japanese cuisine.

Sashimi means "raw" in Japanese and generally refers to delicately arranged plates of raw seafood and sliced fresh fish served with soy sauce and wasabi (Japanese horseradish). The plate



Can't decide what to order? Try the sushi sampler plate.

also contains gari, thinly sliced pickled ginger which is meant to be a palate cleanser between bites of different sashimi.

Generally sashimi is served as a beginning course followed by sushi, which means rice in Japanese. Sushi ingredients are nearly limitless and there are many different ways to make it. Nigiri is thin slices of raw fish, laid over molded fingers of vinegar flavored rice with a thin layer of wasabi in between. It should be eaten as a single mouthful.

Chirashi or scattered sushi involves a colorful combination of toppings artistically arranged over a bed of rice.

Maki or rolled sushi is a style that has grown in popularity out side Japan. Temaki sushi is hand rolled into a cone shape. Toasted dark green seaweed (nori) is used

in creating maki.

Sushi is not made from seafood alone. It can be made with a wide variety of vegetables without fish. Miso soup makes a good accompaniment.

The show is on at a hibachi grill table. There a teppanyaki menu consists of beef tenderloin, top sirloin, chicken or seafood, such as fresh lobsters, shrimp or scallops cooked by a chef with flashing knives.

BEVERAGES AND SUCH

Beer, wine, sake, cocktails and spirits are available. For best flavor drink sake chilled, not warm. Green tea in ceramic teapots is among the non-alcoholic beverages as are soda and iced tea.

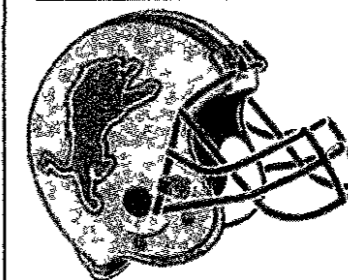
Miyako's dessert selections reflect that the Japanese are not big dessert eaters. If you like sweet endings, there's green tea, chocolate or vanilla ice cream and cheesecake.

Because of its reasonable prices, entertaining atmosphere, myriad menu selections and proximity to the Star Theatre, Miyako is certain to be popular. Remember to call ahead for seating.

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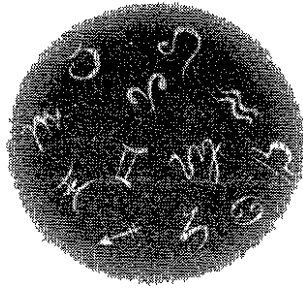
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(Sept 9 - Sept 11)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You have a short fuse and don't like admitting defeat. However, having done everything humanly possible to put an end to a recent professional or personal conflict, your only option appears to be to bring about a complete break or separation now. Fly high and bye-bye!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

There's no doubt that you'll speak your mind throughout this month with the Sun in your element, but will you speak wisely? Be aware that your words will be taken seriously by every body, people who can make or break you emotionally. Be careful, not cocky!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You really should give a certain individual the benefit of the doubt - you'll be doing everyone a favor in the long run. Your ruling planet Mercury changing signs now should convince you that no matter how strong the circumstantial evidence, there are always two ways of seeing things.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

There is a limit to the amount of time and sympathy you can spend on others' problems, but it's now time for you to acknowledge that you have needs of your own. The Sun opposite your supersensitive element urges you to protect your interests, review and revise priorities.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You never like it when other people call the shots, especially when you know you could do a better job. Sorry, Lion - be that as it may, you must follow orders over the next few weeks. But look on the bright side - at least you won't get blamed when problems arise!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

The Sun in your sign puts you in fine planetary form now, making it easier to get your way - but that's not an invitation to throw your weight around. Although you should give others the impression that you know what you're doing, it's more important that you actually do know what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

The time has come to call a halt to a disagreement or stop one from further festering. You've insisted upon blowing things out of proportion, and it's brought you nothing but trouble. The Sun entering your birth sign soon encourages you to forgive and forget. Do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You're taking so long to make a decision about a business or personal issue that you risk losing. There are situations when any resolution is better than none. Move, don't mope. Scorpi! Keeping the peace is not the same as being honest. Tell the truth and move forward!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

The urge to shoot off your mouth like an arrow and speak your mind may be overpowering now, but it is best resisted if you want to keep your options open on the home or work front. With this weekend's Moon in your element, making you edgy, you would be wise to cool your heels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Take a cat nap, Cap. You've been under lots of stress lately. Many illnesses start not in the body but in the mind. With intellectual Mercury moving into your element on Friday, remain positive as well as proactive. Uncover a constructive outlet for your pent-up frustration now!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Your desire to do the right thing for those who depend on you is admirable, but good intentions are not enough. You've got to find a practical solution to an ongoing responsibility. Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice - an alternative approach will work wonders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

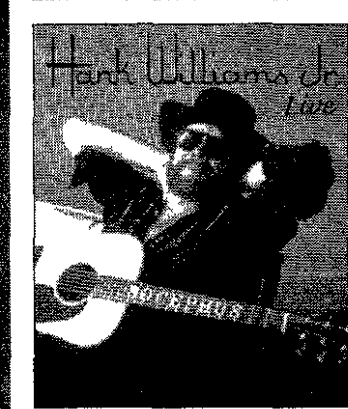
You're doing too much for others and not enough for yourself, so stop it! Take heed and take a break and recharge your batteries. Fish! By mid-autumn, you'll be more confident about saying no, especially to coworkers. Exert some muscle now!

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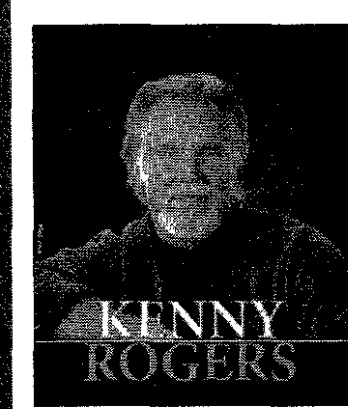
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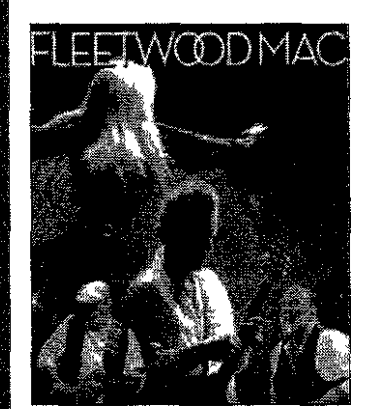
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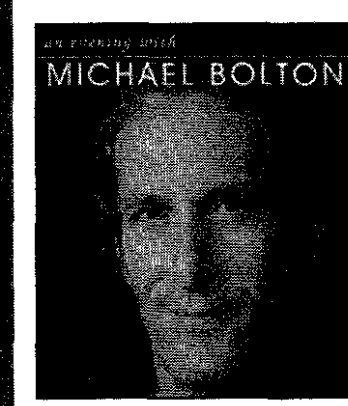
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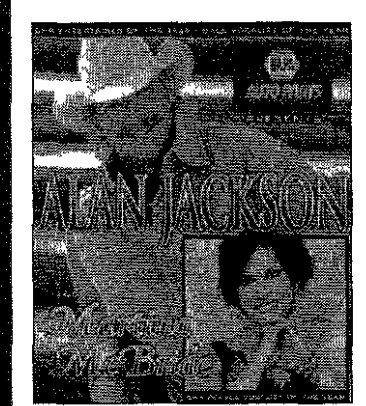
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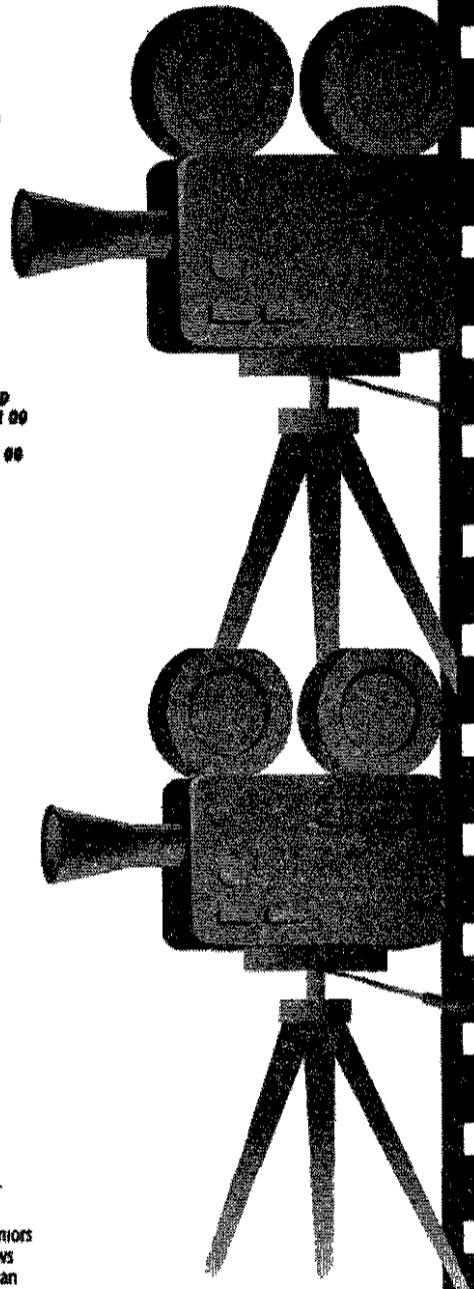
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On stage



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Kevin T. Young (left) and Julie Brock star in the psychological thriller 'Dead Certain' playing at Broadway Onstage

What's next?

'Dead Certain' is edge-of-seat action

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing wrong with having a skin-deep good time

That's why the fun factor guides play selection at Broadway Onstage, a non-Equity professional theater company in Eastpointe

"We don't do much of the off-the-wall kind of stuff," said Molly Dodge, director of the theater's latest production, *Dead Certain*. "We like to present obviously entertaining kinds of pieces. We like comedies, mysteries and musicals."

Dead Certain, a psychological thriller and mystery written by Marcus Lloyd, opens Friday and runs through Oct. 9.

"Mysteries are entertaining because people can lose themselves in the action, and they enjoy trying to figure them out," said Dodge, a resident of Livonia. "And this one will keep them guessing until the last five minutes."

The two-act play revolves around just two characters: Michael, an out-of-work actor played by Kevin T. Young of Detroit, and Elizabeth, a theater-obsessed ex-dancer portrayed by Julie Brock of Clawson. While Michael is a struggling actor who appears to have missed his chance at stardom, Elizabeth is now bound to a wheelchair.

The plot begins when Michael accepts an invitation through his agent to travel to Elizabeth's country home in England to act

out a play she has written. Soon enough, it becomes clear Elizabeth is obsessed with Michael, and the twists and turns begin.

"It's very much a cat-and-mouse game," said Dodge. "She is toying with him."

However, as the action continues, the power shifts. By the second act, things turn a little bit and he's playing her. Nearing the play's end, it's anybody's guess who wins out.

"The last five minutes, when everything comes to a conclusion, is my favorite moment," said Dodge. "People will not expect it."

But, hey, this is theater that's all about the ride.

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What: *Dead Certain*, a psychological thriller by Marcus Lloyd

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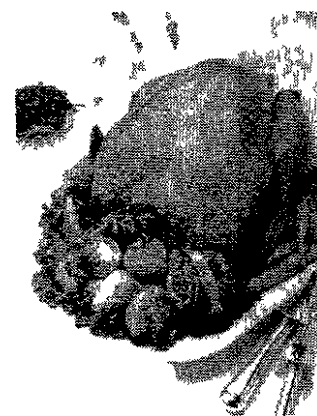
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Chamber Music Society of Detroit adds piano series

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

For many people, a night out rarely involves enjoying the works of ingenious composers like Beethoven performed by the most talented artists in the world

Maybe that's why the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's main series has become one of the hottest tickets in town. Sold out for the past two years, the society is thriving in a seemingly country-wide classical music drought.

Lois Beznos, Society president, said people are clamoring to get tickets for the series, now in its 61st year, which runs from September 2004 through May 2005. Because tickets for the main series were sold out so quickly this year, Beznos said the Chamber added a three-concert piano series, expanding the series from its usual nine shows to 12.

The Chamber wanted to give more people the opportunity to get tickets, some of which are still available, she said. With concerts on Nov. 20, Feb. 19 and March 11, the

piano series features performances by Krystian Zimerman, Jonathan Biss, Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman.

Beznos attributes the Chamber's success to the caliber of the performing artists, the gracious, acoustically outstanding hall and the warm, friendly atmosphere.

"It's an all-around wonderful experience," Beznos said.

Or perhaps it's the chamber music - works performed by a small group of musicians, each playing a different part - that's responsible for soaring ticket sales.

"It's intimate, moving, beautiful, exciting and passionate music," Beznos said. "And the people get very involved in the performances."

This year, a performance by famed cellist Clive Greensmith, a member of the Tokyo String Quartet, opens the Main Series season on Sept. 10. Greensmith also is recipient of the Chamber's recently announced Cindy and Harold Datch Endowed Chair in Cello Performance.

A London native who came to the U.S. in 1988, Greensmith has been playing the cello

since age 8, when his musically inclined parents rented him a factory-made cello. "After playing the cello for a year and a half, I knew what I wanted to do," he said. "I knew I wanted to play the cello forever."

Before joining the Tokyo String Quartet in 1999, Greensmith was the principle cellist in one of London's top orchestras, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and did a lot of freelance chamber music. Also, he taught cello at the Yehudi Menuhin School in London and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Now living in Westchester, N.Y., and a teacher at the Yale School of Music along with the other quartet members, violist Kazuhide Isomura, first violinist Martin Beaver and second violinist Kikuei Ikeda, Greensmith said he loves working in a quartet.

"Working in a small group is enjoyable because a musician can feel lost in an orchestra," he said. "With a quartet, you can be in a group and still feel the worth of your individuality."

On the quartet's musical agenda for the

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

■ Saturday, Nov. 20 - Krystian Zimerman

■ Saturday, Feb. 19 - Jonathan Biss

■ Saturday, March 11 - Emanuel Ax piano and Yefim Bronfman

When: Concerts start at 8 p.m.

Where: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road) Beverly Hills on the campus of Detroit Country Day School

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Chamber series concert is Mozart's *String Quartet in B-flat Major, K. 589*, which Greensmith said is "vivid, colorful, rich and imaginatively written," and the *Quartet No. 2* by Bartok that he describes as "deeply personal, rhythmically powerful and intense."

And last is Schumann's *Piano Quintet in E-flat Major*, which Greensmith said is often called the "keystone piece of musical romanticism."

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8 p.m. - *Caddyshack II*, 10 p.m. *Blades*

Theater 2. 4 p.m. - *Follow the Sun*,

6 p.m. - *Dead Solid Perfect*, 8 p.m. - *Golf*

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■ **Tuesday, Sept. 14**

Theater 1. 4 p.m. - *Happy Gilmore*

6 p.m. - *The Caddy*, 8 p.m. - *Tin Cup*

10:45 p.m. - *Blades*

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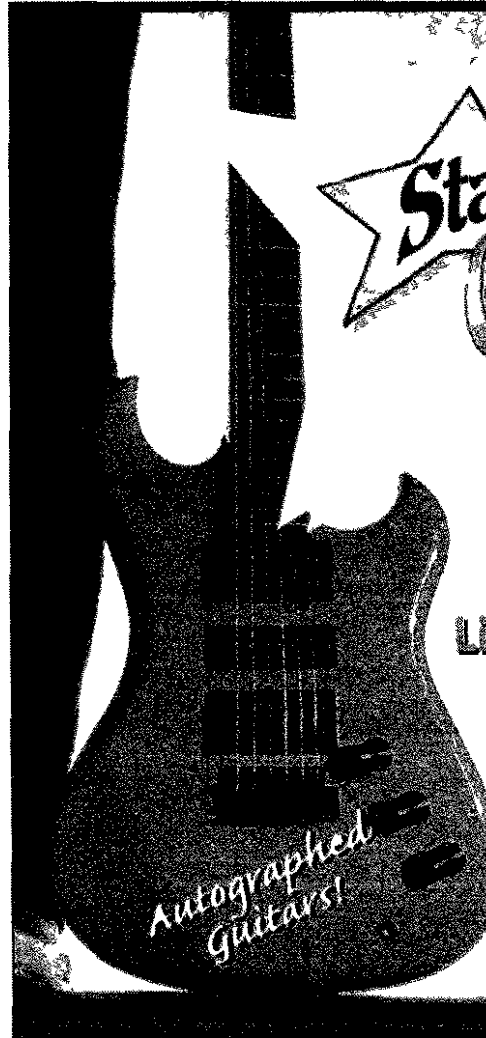
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We also would like to acknowledge the work and participation of our volunteers and sponsors. Through their efforts the Victorian Festival continues to grow and attract visitors from near and far.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce welcomes you and wishes you both an entertaining and memorable time at the 16th annual Victorian Festival.

Jodi Humphries
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Victorian Festival enjoys 16 memorable years

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville Sept. 17-19 will return to the era when the women's dresses were voluminous, children's games were handmade and today's antiques were new.

The community's 16th annual Victorian Festival will begin with a 6:30 p.m. Friday parade followed by presentation of a key to the city to Queen Victoria, street entertainment and non-profit booths.

Downtown streets will be closed Saturday and Sunday as the setting for a full schedule of activities, courtesy of the weekend's host organization, the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Events and entertainment will appeal to all ages, starting with visits downtown Friday morning by local school children. The new Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, will feature a 1 p.m. presentation of the movie *Somewhere in Time*.

The Chamber is returning many popular Victorian Festival attractions and adding new ones. Also featured: performances on four stages and the bandshell, a Kids Korner vendor booths, an antique market and the Art Market.

Oldies but goodies

In addition to the series of stages set up

throughout the downtown, the festival arena extends to Mill Race Historic Village on Griswold, First Presbyterian Church on Main Street as well as Ford Field. Fitting the theme of the festival, the historic church will host a parlor tea. Ford Field, next to Mill Race, will be the game site of the Northville Eclipse baseball club, which plays by 1869 rules. Highlights include:

- antique show
- Saturday's home tour
- Saturday's Victorian parlor tea
- Saturday night's tea/etiquette presentation
- box lunch auction
- Kids Korner rides
- free horse and carriage rides
- non-profit food booths
- free tram rides
- duck race
- merchant costume contest

The finer things

New this year, the Friendship Tea Ministry at R.O.C. International Church is hosting a Victorian Portrait Saturday, Sept. 18, at Mill Race Historical Village church. The 7:30 p.m. event will include a tea and etiquette presentation, a Victorian fashion show, an inspirational message of faith, followed by tea, sandwiches and treats. The \$20 tickets are available through the Chamber of Commerce. The Fine Art

Market, a juried show, will feature artists displaying one-of-a-kind works from Center to Hutton on Main Street. Their creativity is reflected in caricatures, dolls, mirrors, fiber glass, jewelry, metals, painting, photography, pottery, pressed flowers, printmaking, sand art, wood and other media. The Chamber bills the weekend as a celebration of the art, history and romance of the 1880s.

All kinds of fun

Set locations include Main Street bandshell, the Reggish stage at Main and Center, the St. Mary Mercy Hospital stage at Center and Dunlap, the Wayne B. Titus stage on Center Street and the Salutations stage at Main and Hutton. In addition to tours of turn-of-the-century Northville buildings, 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Mill Race will host Sunday:

- strolling musicians 1-4 p.m.
- children's games 1-4 p.m.
- skirmishers 1-4 p.m.
- remactors 1-4 p.m.
- hat contest 2 p.m.
- pie eating contest 2:30 p.m.
- duck race 3 p.m.

More than two dozen non-profit groups will host booths on Center north of Main Street and offer servings ranging from smoked turkey legs and kettle corn to milkshakes and soft pretzels.



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With soot on his face to complete his costume as chimney sweep, Colin McGibbon walked in last year's Victorian Festival parade with Michelle Benson.

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Dress the role

Annual clothing sale helps festival patrons look Victorian

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

As with any occasion the decision of what to wear is most often a consideration

But when the Northville Victorian Festival rolls around the decision becomes imperative

The annual event taking place in the city's downtown area Sept. 17-19 encourages attendees to dress in proper period attire

Helping appropriately outfit revelers is festival participant Sonia Swigart

Swigart organizes the Victorian Festival clothing sale

Clothiers gather inside the church at the historical Mill Race Village every year offering traditional Victorian apparel

We invite anybody that has period appropriate clothing for children or adults to come and sell their garments, Swigart said. We have several ladies that come from out of state that collect things all year and we have several ladies who do their own sewing, making different costumes.

Since the ball has been eliminated from the 2004 festival lineup, Swigart said many of the items offered at the afternoon Sept. 12 event will focus on day wear. She added many of the available items will focus on the 1890s, a period the majority of Northville revelers choose their apparel from.

Dresses, pinafores and bonnets will be on site for little girls and knickers, suspenders, vests and caps for little boys.

Usual sale finds for women will include blouses, skirts and one-piece dresses and baggy pants with a limited supply of caps and suspenders for the men, Swigart said. Occasionally Victorian era men's suits will be brought to the sale.

Eye-catching hats, a festival must, is another hot item.

There will be a lot of fancy hats for the women, Swigart said. Hats during the later part were much more flamboyant.

Items available at the sale will vary in price.

The prices are incredibly fair, Swigart said. It is certainly like buying a piece of art.

Depending on the time involved and the level of adornment, a woman's costume may be assembled for \$50 to \$300.

The sale organizer said some items like children's suspenders are available for about \$2.

Swigart said she personally puts together a

new outfit each year. And if she doesn't change her whole ensemble, she always creates a new hat. She is still working on this year's creation.

I think I am going to shop at my own sale, she said.

Generally less than one dozen clothiers offer their goods at the annual event, an amount perfect for the nearly 200 customers each year.

We will have hundreds of people waiting in line to purchase clothing, Swigart said. They are lined up almost to the gate.

The event organizer said groups of 20 to 30 people are let into the church at a time, maintaining some level of order.

The annual event, under Swigart's direction, has occurred since the late 1990s. This year the sale will take place 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12.

We always hold it the weekend before the festival so if somebody doesn't have their act together they have that last chance to grab something to wear, she said.

For more information about the sale, call Sonia Swigart at (248) 348-2947.

Victorian Dress Tips

Adapting items from your closet for the Northville Victorian Festival is a snap, or as easy as adding one. Just follow these tips:

- Transform a large, flowing skirt with a piece of wire at the bottom for a homemade hoop skirt.

- Basic blouses for women and girls may be easily transformed to Victorian garb with an authentic skirt.

- Want to look Victorian but short on cash? Just add a fancy hat to your outfit.

- Victorian style hats can be made by adding lace, plumes, flowers or ribbons to a ladies hat.

- A pair of knickers makes looking Victorian a snap for men and boys.

- Take an ordinary pair of pants and cut them off at the knees. Add some elastic or a snap for instant knickers.

- Add a cap and suspenders to a pair of knickers or pants for a masculine look.

- Remember outfits depicting the Wild West, Civil War and even kilts are considered Victorian apparel.

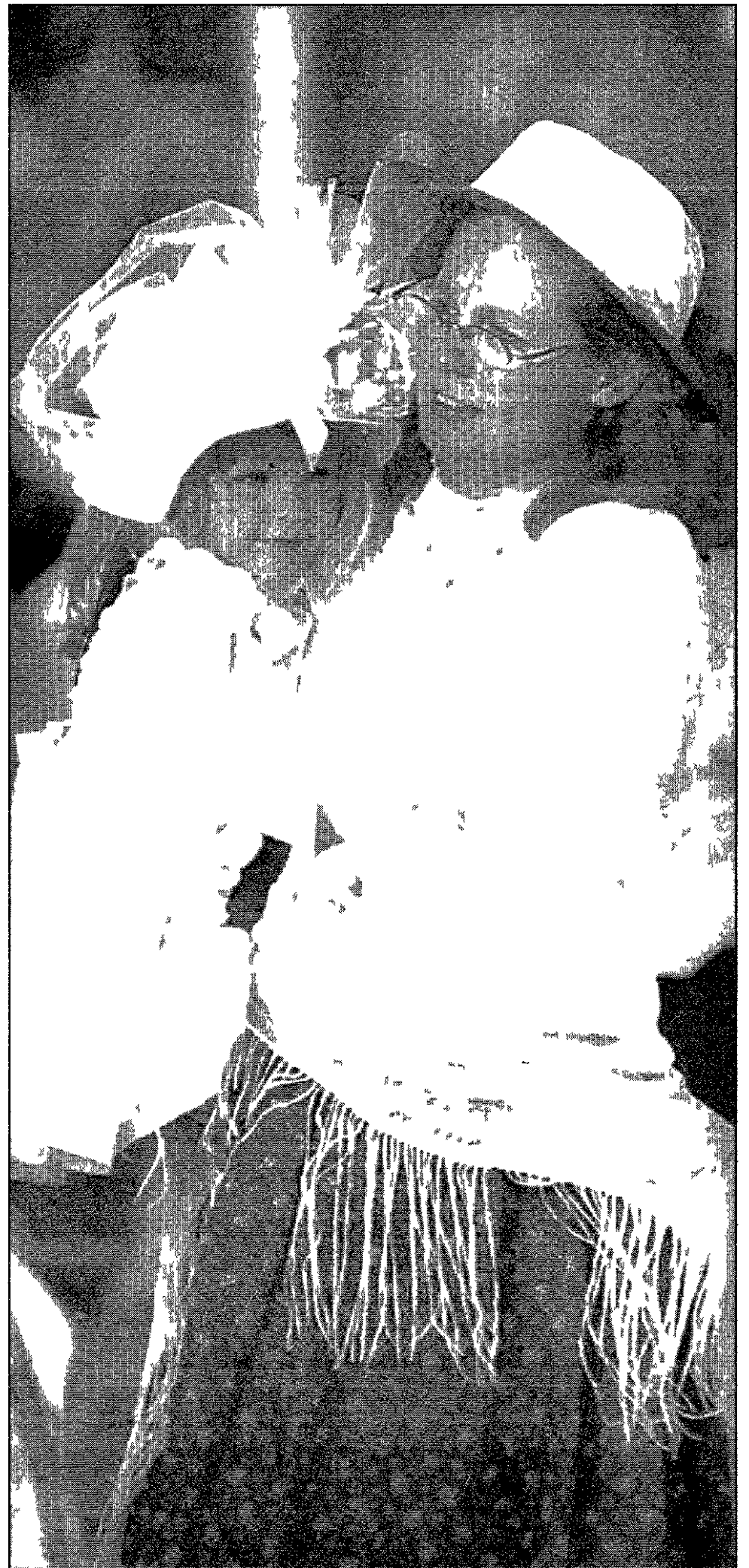


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Dressed in Victorian-era garb, people will once again take to the streets during next weekend's Victorian Festival

Grab a bidder's paddle, snag lunch for four

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

There's typically more than 50 of them. And they're going, going, gone in less than two hours.

A Victorian Festival favorite, they are themed baskets bid upon each year during the live Box Lunch Auction.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, dozens of baskets will be arranged at the Northville Bandshell next to The Kitchen Witch on Main Street. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., would-be bidders will gather to scout the goods, which range from coffee and Christmas themes to major sporting tickets and a traditional Victorian tea array.

Sponsored by the Northville Council of PTAs, the event attracts donated baskets from local businesses and school administrators alike. Karen Poulos and Linda Maxfield have been co-chairing for about seven years.

The first half hour is a preview where the baskets come in, Poulos said. Most of them have lunch for four, or they have a gift certificate for a lunch for four. We list what's in the basket and who donated. Some of the people do just an exquisite job.

Those who opt to bid, she said, put down their names on a slip of paper and are given a numbered bidder's paddle. Headed by two Victorian garbed auctioneers with pseudonyms and faux British accents, the auction begins.

Hot-selling items in the past included high-end Red Wings tickets. Kids' baskets arranged by Stampeddler Plus, which include juice boxes, are only \$6 or \$7.

The typical box lunch averages more along the \$80 to \$100 lines and includes dishes, cloth napkins and a tablecloth, Poulos said. Memorable examples are Remember

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when you were a kid, featuring penny candy, peanut butter jams and cookies. Angels in the Outfield, complete with the DVD and movie and tickets to a Tigers game and Rainy Day, which came in an umbrella with fried chicken, mini apple turnovers and the Singin' in the Rain movie.

The majority of the baskets come already done, Poulos said. We will get together and make up some baskets ourselves. Sometimes restaurants will only give us gift certificates. We might get a corsage from a florist.

Proceeds benefit the Council of PTAs' parent awareness programs and the Safe Homes Network handbook that the group publishes. Last year, about \$5,400 was bid — there are typically well over 50 bidders, Poulos said.

The auction will run until about 1:30 p.m. — or until the last basket disappears.

Usually it's around a half hour after viewing, Poulos said. It'll go until the baskets are gone — and all the baskets will be gone.



Box lunch auction!

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Linda Maxfield walked in last year's Victorian Festival parade, previewing the upcoming Box Lunch Auction. This year's Auction will be held Sunday.

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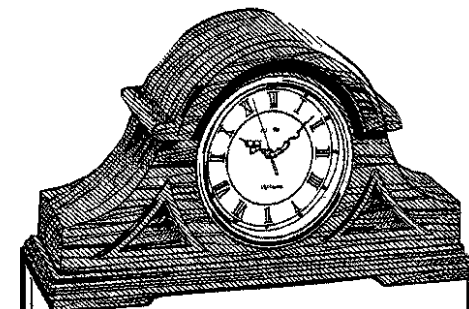
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Non-profit vendors of all kinds will be available all weekend, selling food and assorted wares for the individual groups.

Tea time

Traditional tea offers insight, chance to slip back in time

Larissa Barlow
RECORD SPECIAL WRITER

After a long day of walking around in Victorian garb the First Presbyterian Church of Northville is giving you a chance to relax with a cup of tea

For the past seven years the First Presbyterian Church located at 209 E Main St has held a joint parlor tea and fashion show where people can come to enjoy a cup of tea and sweets while watching models display some elegant Victorian wear

It's a good way to take a break in air conditioned comfort said Darlene Kuperus music director at the church

Tickets for the 40-minute shows are \$7 Shows will take place at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 18 Following the shows Kuperus said there will be a tour of the historic church which has its own place in Victorian history

The church is celebrating its 175 anniversary this year so that's something very special especially in this area Kuperus said

The event is hosted by Pam Yockey a historian who will be sharing her knowledge about the various kinds of Victorian costumes their history and many interesting facts about them

And after seven years of giving out sweets and tea to people attending the festival Kuperus said it is still a very popular event

And Kuperus said that you don't have to get all dressed up in Victorian garments in order to enjoy the festivities Anyone can come and sit down to enjoy the tea served on fine china and watch an elegant fashion show But getting into the spirit of it all by wearing your very best Victorian clothes can only help to make the experience that much more authentic

Tickets are \$7 and available at the church office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday For more information call (248) 349-0911

Larissa Barlow is a Wayne State University journalism student and a Northville Record writer



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Pam Yockey hosted last year's Saturday Victorian Parlor Tea and Vintage Fashion Show, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. As attendees sipped tea and ate cookies Yockey and her volunteers presented themselves in Victorian dress and habits befitting women of that era.

CROSS YOUR TEAS

Group offers Victorian informal tea primer

Larissa Barlow
RECORD SPECIAL WRITER

It's one thing to look like someone from the Victorian era but it's something different all together to act like one

To help with this Northville's Victorian Festival will include a Victorian Portrait a tea and etiquette presentation where people can learn all the proper techniques in brewing and drinking tea

The first time event will be held at The Mill Race Historical Village Church on Griswold near Main Street at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 Tickets are \$20

Judy Elvy a certified representative of the Protocol School of Washington will teach the proper ways in serving Victorian tea

I'm doing a presentation of the different types of teas and the etiquette of a proper Victorian tea sitting Elvy said

There will also be a fashion show featuring Victorian gowns going on simultaneously while you learn the history of tea

And though Elvy encourages participants to arrive dressed in Victorian clothes to help

get into the spirit of event she said doing so is hardly mandatory

Ladies do not have to wear Victorian outfits to attend the event she said People can come in their Sunday best — but if they come in Victorian clothing that would be great

With only 85 tickets available it's sure to be a popular event because tea was such an integral part of the Victorian experience

Tea is extremely important It's one of

the major things about the Victorian era Elvy said Queen Victoria is credited with popularizing afternoon tea

In keeping with the regal quality of the tea tradition Elvy will also be going over the proper way a Victorian host and guest would act during her presentation

It's very important to greet someone properly Elvy said Manners were highly valued in Victorian times

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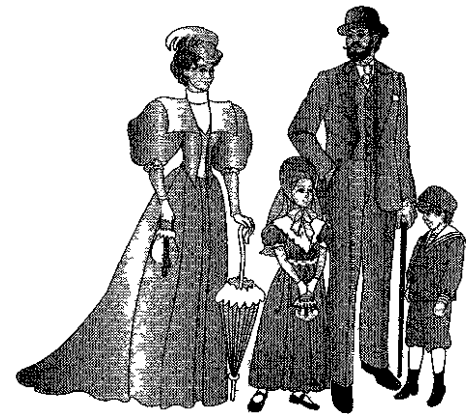


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Entertainment Schedule

2004 Northville Victorian Festival



FRIDAY

6 30 - 7 30 pm Parade
 7 30 - 8 00 pm Josh Casey, Juggler - Reggish Stage
 7 30 - 8 30 pm Center Stage Dance - Bands Shell
 7 30 - 8 30 pm Clark's Punch & Judy Puppet Show - Wayne B Titus Stage
 7 30 - 8 30 pm Roy Scoutz, Celtic Guitar - Near Poole's Tavern
 8 15 - 8 45 pm Josh Casey, Juggler - St Mary Mercy Hospital Stage

SATURDAY

REGGISH STAGE

11 00 am Rick & Dayna
 12 00 pm Rick & Dayna
 12 45 pm Rick & Dayna
 1 15 pm Mary Ellen Clark
 2 15 pm Clark's Punch & Judy
 3 00 pm Mary Ellen Clark
 4 00 pm Ken Krakat, Juggler
 4 30 pm The Amazing Clark
 5 30 pm Merry Music Maker
 6 15 pm Josh Casey, Juggler
 7 00 pm Merry Music Maker

ST. MARY'S MERCY HOSPITAL STAGE

11 00 am Chris Linn, Magic
 12 00 pm Chris Linn, Magic
 1 00 pm Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band
 2 00 pm Chris Clark, Magic
 3 00 pm Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band
 4 00 pm Chris Clark, Magic
 5 00 pm Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band
 6 00 pm Chris Clark, Magic
 7 00 pm Heartstrings, Dulcimer Band

WAYNE B. TITUS STAGE

1 00 pm Clark's Punch & Judy
 2 00 pm Josh Casey, Juggler
 3 00 pm Chris Linn, Magic
 4 00 pm Josh Casey, Juggler
 5 00 pm Clark's Punch & Judy
 6 30 pm Amazing Clark, Magic
 7 15 pm Ken Krakat, Juggler

SALUTATIONS STAGE

1 00 pm Barbershop Quartet
 1 30 pm Jasen Magic, Balloonist/Magic
 2 30 pm Krispy Crackers, Dixieland Band
 3 30 pm Jasen Magic, Balloonist/Magic
 4 30 pm Charlene Berry, Dulcimer
 5 30 pm Jasen Magic, Balloonist/Magic
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STREET ENTERTAINMENT

1 00 - 6 00 pm Ken Krakat, Juggler/Unicyclist
 12 00 - 7 00 pm Clark's Punch & Judy Puppet Show
 1 00 - 4 00 pm Mary Ellen Clark, Victorian Storyteller
 1 00 - 6 00 pm Jasen Magic, Balloonist/Magic
 12 00 - 5 00 pm Joel Tacey, Stills
 10 00 - 8 00 pm Charlene Berry, Dulcimer
 1 00 - 3 00 pm Krispy Crackers, Dixieland Band
 1 00 - 4 00 pm Barbershop Quartet

BANDSHELL

3 30 - 5 00 pm Straw Hat Band
 5 30 - 6 30 pm Center Stage Dance

SUNDAY

REGGISH STAGE

11 00 am Merry Music Maker
 11 45 am Clark's Punch & Judy
 12 30 pm Chris Clark, Juggler/Magic
 1 15 pm Merry Music Maker
 2 00 pm Ken Krakat, Juggler
 3 00 pm Clark's Punch & Judy
 3 30 pm Picks & Sticks

ST. MARY'S MERCY HOSPITAL STAGE

11 00 am Amazing Clark, Magic
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Parade kicks off Victorian weekend

By Maureen Johnston
 RECORD STAFF WRITER

A parade through downtown Friday evening will kick off the 16th annual Victorian Festival.

The hour long procession is set to start at 6 30 p.m. Sept. 17. Dignitaries presentation of a key to the city to Queen Victoria will immediately follow.

The moving spectacle of Victorian era dressed participants a variety of musical acts and other old time theme attractions once again will commence Northville's transformation for the weekend to the late 1880s. Several city blocks around the intersection of Main and Center streets will be cordoned from vehicle traffic through late Sunday.

Spectator favorites again will be part of the procession, said Janet Bloom Marketing and Events Director for the Northville Chamber of Commerce, host organization of the weekend. The route will be the same as previous Victorian Festivals.

Parade participants will gather Friday evening in the Cady Street parking lot behind the Northville Senior Community Center. The procession, which starts and ends at the same location, will head north on Wing Street, then jog west at Main Street to Linden.

Marchers will follow Linden one block north, turn east onto Dunlap and follow that road several blocks around where it curves south into Hutton. The parade from Hutton will head west on Main, one block south on Center, then west on Cady. The procession concludes at the same Cady Street lot west of Wing.

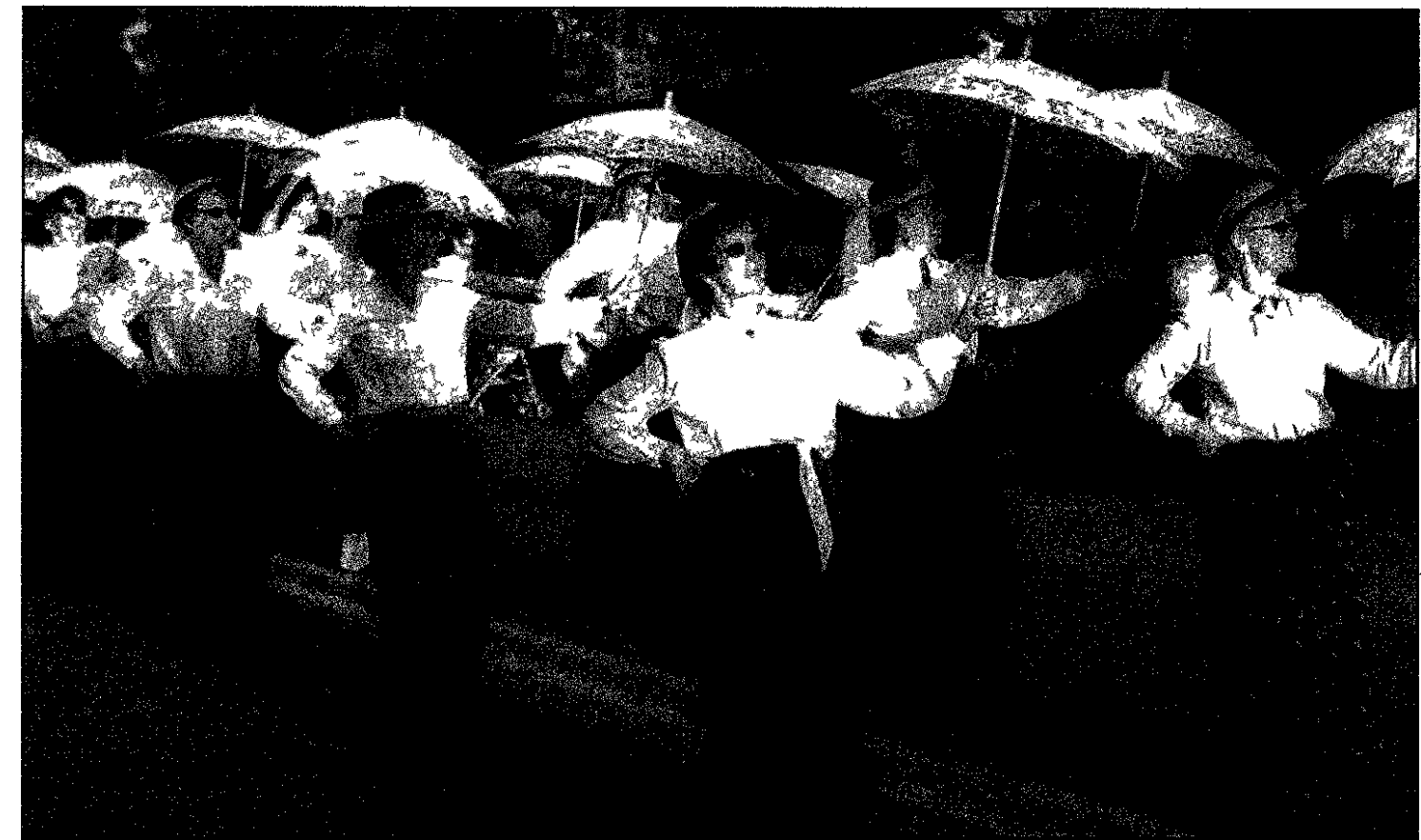
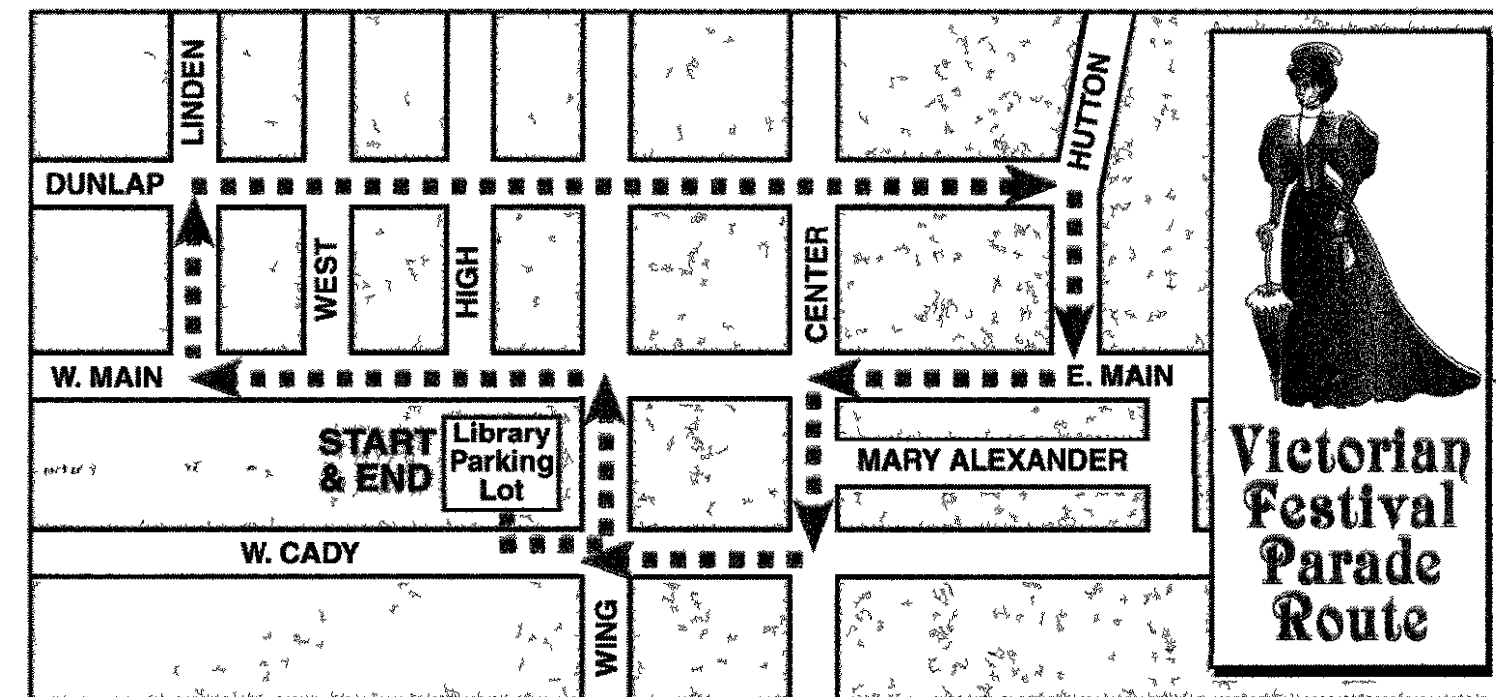


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The Ladies' Precision Parasol Brigade performed its routine during last year's Victorian Festival parade.



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- 2 Northville Lodge #186 Corn on the Cob
- 3 Orient Chapter #77 - French Fries
- 4 Northville Lions Club
Chocolate Covered Pretzels
- 5 NHS Cheerleaders
Lemonade/Cider/Thundersticks
- 6 Northville Christian Assembly
Nachos/Root Beer/Squirt
- 7 Racing Greyhound Rescue
Bracelets/Earrings
- 8 Mother's Club - Cookies & Milk
- 9 Oak Pointe Church
Hamburgers/Milkshakes
- 10 Oak Pointe Church
Hamburgers/Milkshakes
- 11 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Team in Training
- 12 Northville Co-op Preschool
Juice Boxes/Donuts/Bean Bag Toss
- 13 St Paul's Lutheran Church - Pies
- 14 Class of 2006 - Kettle Corn/TV Raffle
- 15 Class of 2005 - Pizza/Pop
- 16 Plymouth Figure Skating Club - Walking Tacos
- 17 Maui Wowi - Fruit Smoothies
- 18 Class of 2007 - Ice Cream/Candy/Chips
- 19 NHS Pom Pon - Water
- 20 Kids for Afghan Kids
Coffee/Iced Tea/Gatorade
- 21 Northville Twp Firefighters
Pretzels/Chicken Sandwiches/Shirts
- 22 NHS Music Boosters
Ice Cream Floats/Coffee/Hot Chocolate
- 23 Our Lady of Victory Lollipops/Mint Sticks
- 24 NHS Choir Pie Throwing Contes/Choir CD
- 25 Rotary Interact Lollipop Tree/Juice/Games
- 26 City Fire & Police - Smoked Turkey Legs
- 27 City Fire & Police - Popcorn/Cotton Candy
- 28 Northville Chamber
- 29 Northville Chamber
- 30 Daughters of the American Revolution - Raffle
- 31 Northville Library
Seasons of Northville Book
- 32 Northville Hockey Boosters
Quiznos Subs/ Pop
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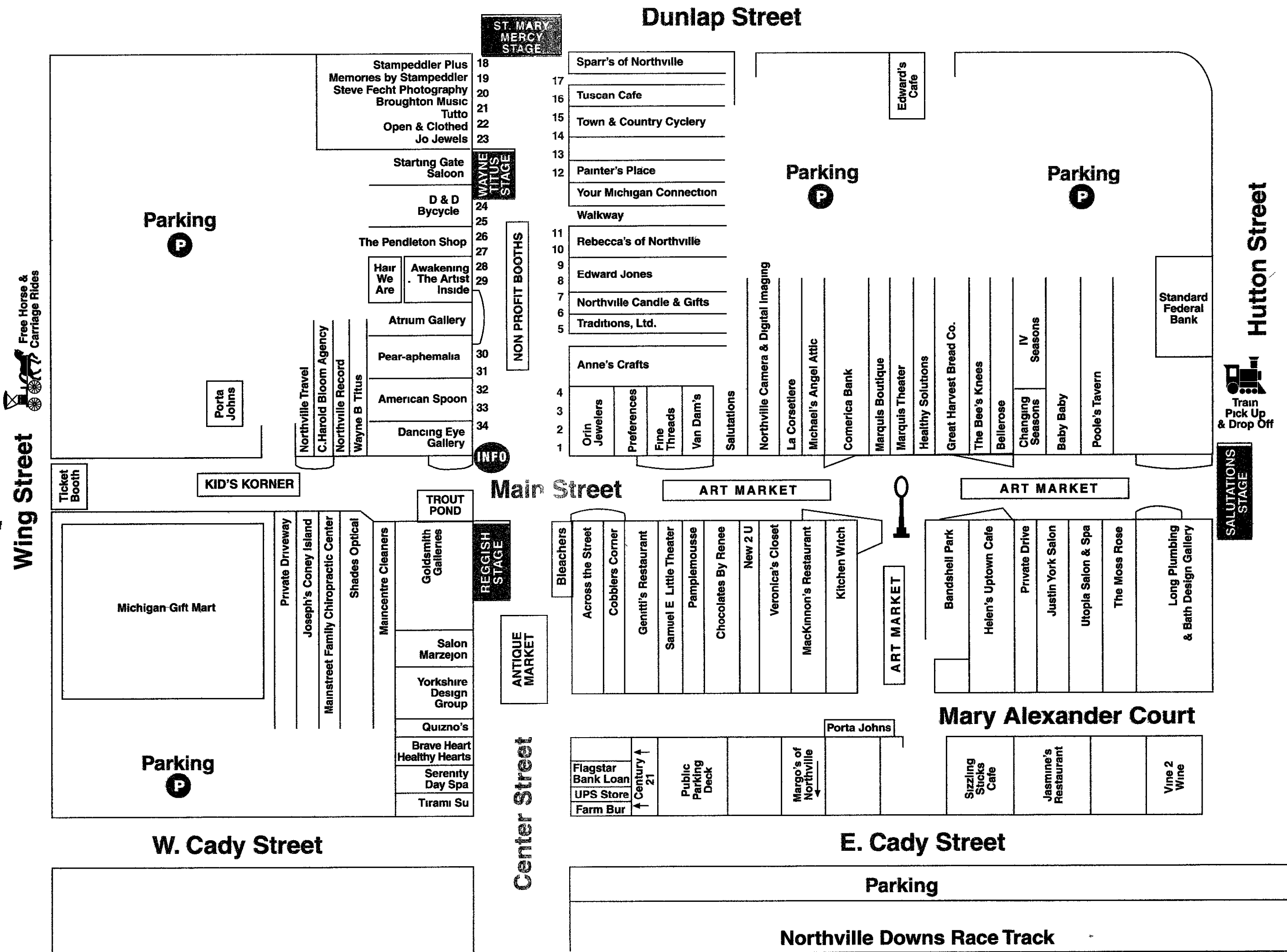
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Art market blends quaintness with quality

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Victorian Festival has been going strong for 16 years but those in the know say annual Art Market began one year earlier

Keeping the tradition alive 60 artists will flock to the small stretch of Main Street from Center to Hutton roads to display and sell their wares This year's fine arts show which was juried in May will be Saturday Sept 18 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Sept 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's a very nice festival and art show Chair Sue Taylor said It's in our own backyard There are fine artists that appeal to all pocketbooks

Showcased this year will be dolls fiber glass jewelry painting photography pottery pressed flowers and even sand art for kids On Saturday each artist's work is scrutinized by two jurors who award a \$300 cash prize for first place and two \$150 honorable mentions

Typically we give the awards out Saturday early afternoon and then that way they can display their ribbon all weekend long Taylor said

Last year Ivy Solomon's jewelry — which she crafts out of silver precious metal clay and epoxy resin — snagged her the top prize She'll return this year with a first place award in the precious metal clay category from the national Saul Bell Design Award Competition to her credit

A lot of the images I use in my work are Victorian images said Solomon an artist since 2000 who hails from Oak Park It's a cute show I like the community feel to it The downtown area is very clean and it's bright it's cheerful and it's on the street

Solomon will have pendants ranging from \$35 to \$650 earrings from \$35 to \$78 and bracelets from \$200 to \$300 She'll bring a variety of jewelry cast from molds she makes

This year three artists live in Northville including Donald Keyes a caricaturist Tom Ritter a glass artist and Gail Thomas who specializes in watercolor

Others travel from Ohio Illinois Georgia Indiana Florida Arizona Wisconsin Oklahoma and Ontario Canada Taylor said about half of the artists are returnees and the other half newcomers

The Northville Arts Commission will have an information table set up near the Northville Bandshell with membership details and a drawing activity for youngsters

It's a lovely way to spend the afternoon to look at nice art to get a jump on some Christmas shopping listen to some nice music Taylor said People have smiles on their faces People are enjoying their



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Art lovers always look forward to the art fair section of the Victorian Festival in downtown Northville.

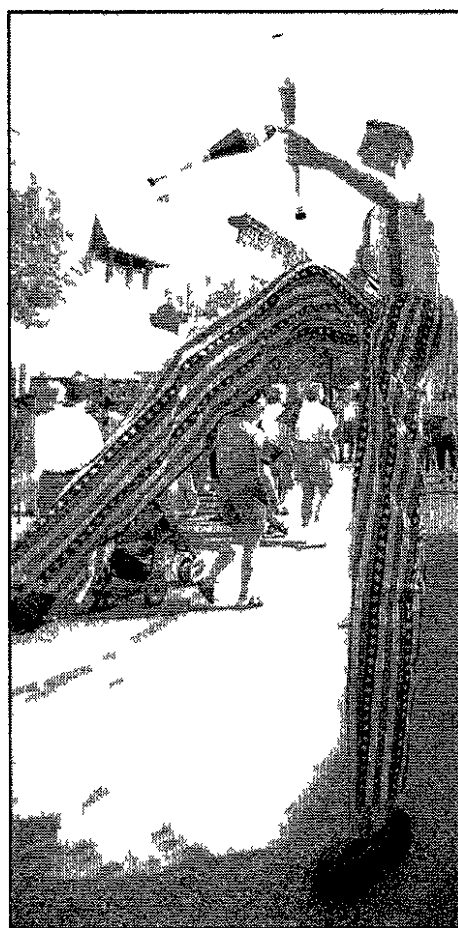


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Stilt-walking juggler Joel Tacey will once again entertain during this year's Victorian Festival



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This year's homes include:

- Mike and Trina Miller 654 Horton
- Erik Bauss 334 Yerkes
- Tim and Michelle Aniol 402 Yerkes
- Elizabeth Clancy, Elizabeth's Bridal Manor 402 S. Main



MILL RACE VILLAGE EVENTS

Historic Mill Race Village will be open both Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Docents will be available. Bring your picnic basket or purchase one from the Northville PTA group auction and spread out on the lawn throughout the village.

Old-fashioned soda pop will be available at the urban station.

Sunday will feature many family events including sack races, apple bobbing, hoop games and scavenger hunts — including prizes for those who follow all the clues. Jacks and games are also available.

Crafters will also be available on site including basket weaving and textile weaving demonstrations.

Sunday will also feature Civil War skirmishes complete with antique firing. Northville High School's Back Beat and Treble Maker will be serenading people throughout the afternoon.

Sunday will also feature a 2 p.m. hat judging contest at the gazebo complete with prizes. At 2:30 p.m. join event visitors on the green near Gady Inn for the always popular pie eating contest.

At 3 p.m. the annual duck race will begin. Be sure you don't miss the popular event. Sign up your free duck between 12:45 p.m. — and come prepared with a name.

At 3 p.m. ducks will be paraded through the village by duck handlers followed by a familiar rendition of "Old Man River" sung by duck handler Thom Barry.

All you have to do is cheer and hope your duck is one of the top five finishers — each one wins a prize! Entrants must be present to receive prizes.

Eclipse offers glimpse at vintage 'base ball'

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For the Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club winning is far from being the reason they play the game

Sure it's nice but if it doesn't happen they are the first to walk away from the field with a smile on their faces knowing they've just had a heck of a good time

It's the search for fun that helps make vintage base ball such a great event for families to come and watch

It's a gentleman's game said Wayne Titus the team manager I think it's a great opportunity for families to spend time together They can bring a picnic lunch and watch a good game being played It's not just an event it's a great experience

Players in the game of base ball enjoy the good company for their fans — even their opponents It's not uncommon to hear a player from the Eclipse congratulate one of their foes on a great hit or a nice play or vice versa They often applaud on another team's good playing

We also encourage the fans to do the same thing said Titus You'll also see guys coming off the field shaking hands with players from the opposing team if they just made a particularly fine play or sometimes just for the heck of

it

Unlike in baseball as it's played today fans and players will most likely hear no heckling of any kind

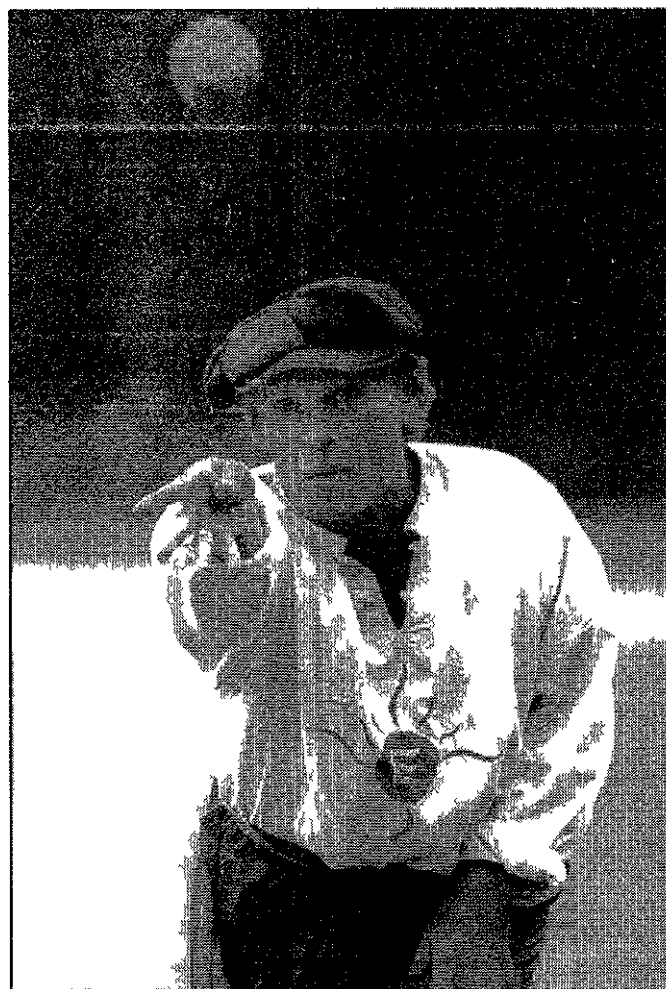
It rarely gets into being a negative thing Titus said It's really a gentlemanly competition We like what we do There's rarely a time where I come off the field if ever and can't believe how the other guys acted It's just a good time

Interested fans can catch a glimpse of some good time base ball action during Victorian Festival activities The Eclipse will play host to the Wahoos of Livonia and the Lah De Dahs of Greenfield Village The first game will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field against the Wahoos The second will be Sunday at 1 p.m.

Those in attendance to the Victorian Festival can also stop by at 3:30 p.m. Sunday to experience town ball — the earlier version of base ball

We'd like people to come to the field and participate said Titus There's no limit to the number of people who can play and anyone (of any age or experience level) can play We'd just like people to attend

It's truly a family event and if base ball is any indication it should be quite the experience as well



Old School!

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NORTHVILLE RECORD

Dressed in 1860's baseball garb, Northville Eclipse's Ken "Slugger" Stoppa Sr. fires one to a Midland River Hogs 'striker' (or batter) during a Northville Eclipse game at Ford Field. In the 1860s a pitcher was referred to as a 'hurler'. The Eclipse will be playing during the Victorian Festival.

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Northville students go back in time

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The sounds of laughter and sights of children dressed in period clothing will fill the streets of Northville this fall during the community's Victorian Festival.

For the 16th year hundreds of Northville school children will participate in a myriad of activities on the first day of the annual event.

All of the kids get dressed up, all of the parents get dressed up and all the teachers get dressed up, said Jan Purtell, Northville schools education partnerships facilitator. Everybody gets dressed up. And it is really neat just to see them walking around town doing these old-time things that would have happened in Northville in the 1800s.

Purtell said nearly 25 classrooms of third graders from the community's public and parochial schools will spend the first half of the school day learning about the city's history through festival programming.

At each stop along the way we have people that are doing something with them that has some historical significance to what the children in the Victorian era would have done, she said.

Northville Parks and Recreation will host games, the Northville Public Library will present storytelling, a magician will dazzle at the downtown band shell, an entertainment act will be performed by the Northville High School 'Treble Makers' choir and students will take a walking tour through the city's historic district.

Freshman social studies and English students from Northville High School will participate in the tour by preparing and presenting skits for the children.

We position them outside of about 15 houses in the historic district that we've selected and they do skits based on different themes for the era, Purtell said. Some of the themes are games and recreation, disasters and cures and ladies rights.

The presenters have about a week to prepare and all skits are based on Northville history.

The neat thing is a lot of the kids from the high school remember when they were third graders and would come downtown and so are excited about doing the skits, getting involved and giving back to the third graders, Purtell said.

A luncheon on the lawn at the historical Mill Race Village will follow day-long activities.

They are always excited about it the day of the event, Purtell said. The reason we pick third graders is it is part of their social studies.

The third graders will be walking around town dressed in period clothing.

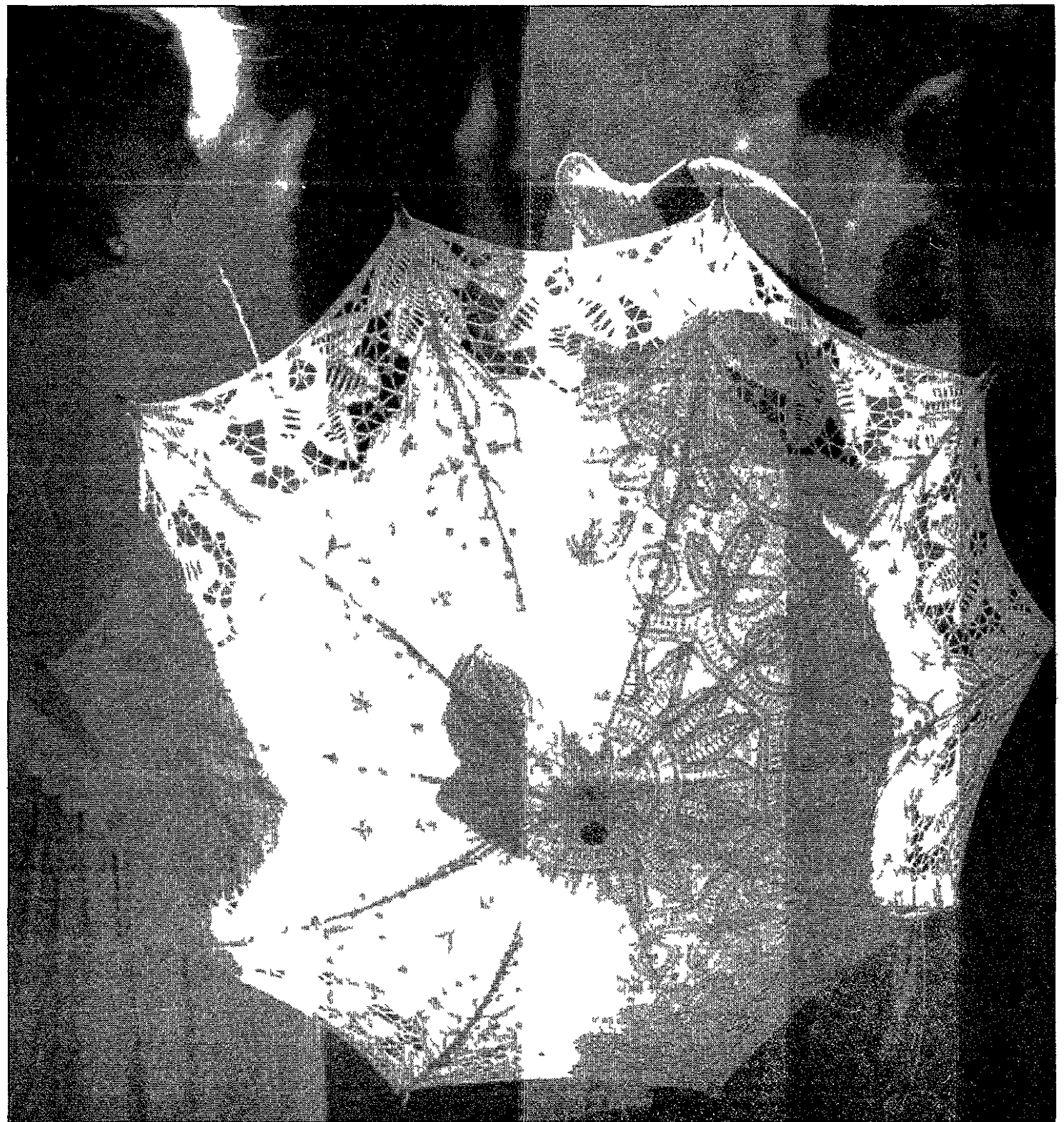


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The silhouette of umbrella-holder Julia Colasanti could be seen last year as she walked along the Victorian Festival parade route.

to kick off the year.

The organizer said it takes a large number of people to make the event a success.

From the bus drivers to the crossing guards to food service to the parents and administrators it is truly a group effort, she said. There are a lot of details that go into making it work smoothly. But Purtell said it is all worth while.

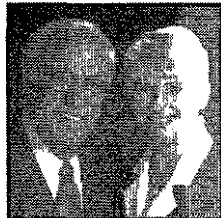
Many of the kids have walked the streets of Northville for shopping for a long time, but have never really had a sense of the history of Northville, Purtell said. So being dressed up and being a part of the history is really what they will walk away with and remember. It will be a great day.

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Former resident drives 13 hours to step back in time

Larissa Barlow
RECORD SPECIAL WRITER

Northville's annual Victorian Festival has always been a popular event with residents. But it's equally popular for some who live more than 13 hours away.

Debbie Eckland, who used to live in the Detroit area, has attended the festival every year even since she's moved to New Hampshire.

"I've been coming back the past six years," Eckland said. "I always ask myself every year, 'Why do I go?' and it's just cause I think I was born in the wrong time. The Victorian era is just so much fun."

Eckland said the 13-hour drive every year is worth it because she not only gets to enjoy the Victorian atmosphere Northville creates but also gets to spend time with family and friends as well.

"I organize everyone from here," Eckland laughs. "We average about 10 to 15 people in our group in the parade, but it's gotten a lot easier since they all own Victorian clothes now."

Eckland, who makes a new dress every year, used to have to lend outfits out to her

friends, but now she only brings extras to sell at the clothing sale.

The sale is always very busy, she said. Sometimes you have the same people coming around, but other times it's new people who want to add something to their costume.

But Eckland has the most fun dressing her friends in costumes and getting new people involved every year in her hobby.

"It's funny you have to drag them out one year to get dressed up and the next year they're telling you how they want their costume to look."

Originally from the Galveston, Texas area, Eckland said that city had its own Victorian festival, which first got her interested in making various costumes and dressing like a Victorian. She likes to go back to that festival as well, but the distance makes it harder.

Still, Eckland said the Northville festival has one up on the event in Texas.

More people are in costume at the Galveston Victorian festival, but the parade in Northville is longer and there are a lot more spectators, she said. That last block when you come down Main Street, there are so many people, it's incredible.

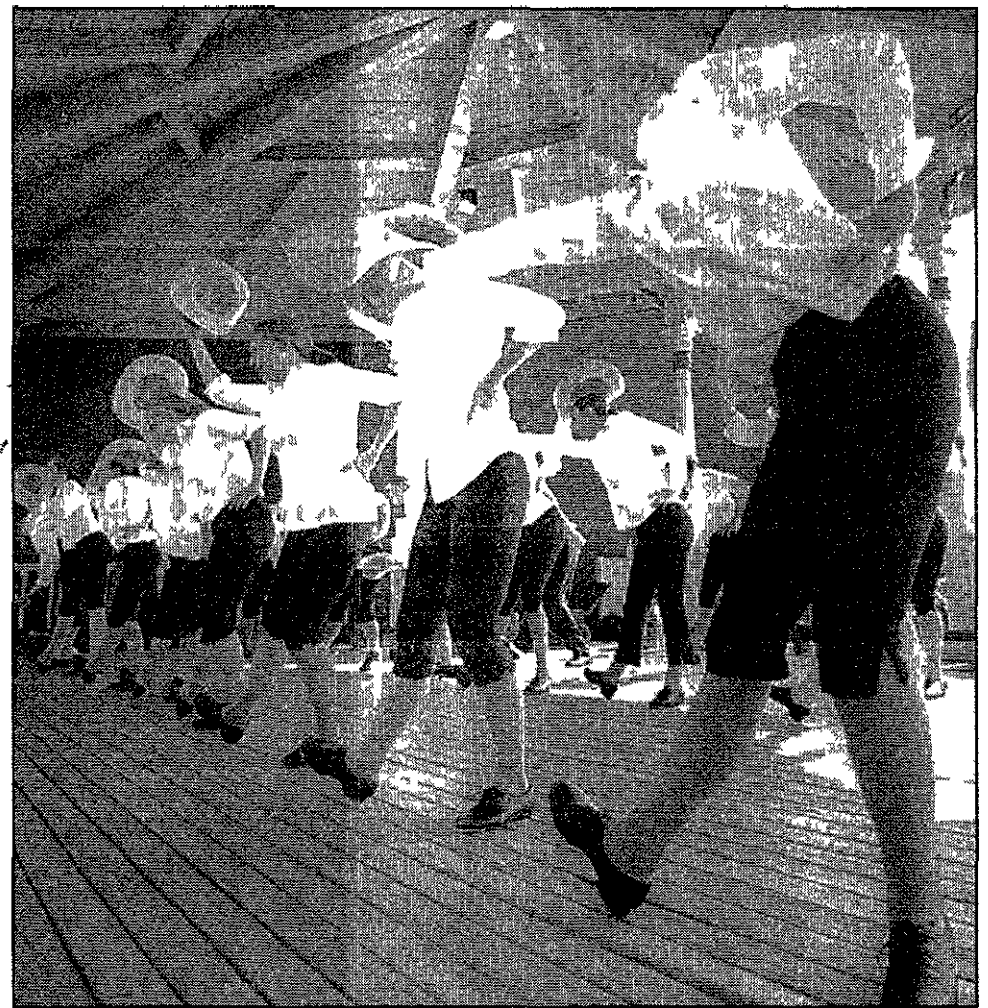




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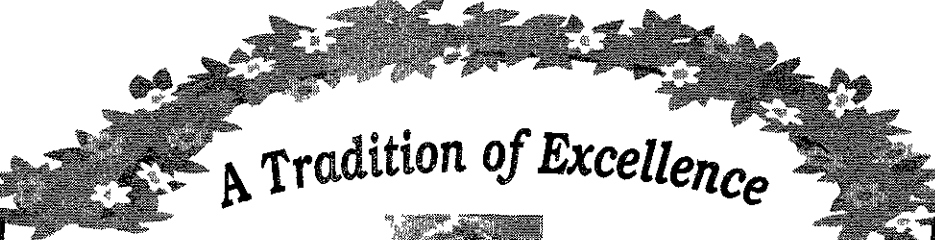
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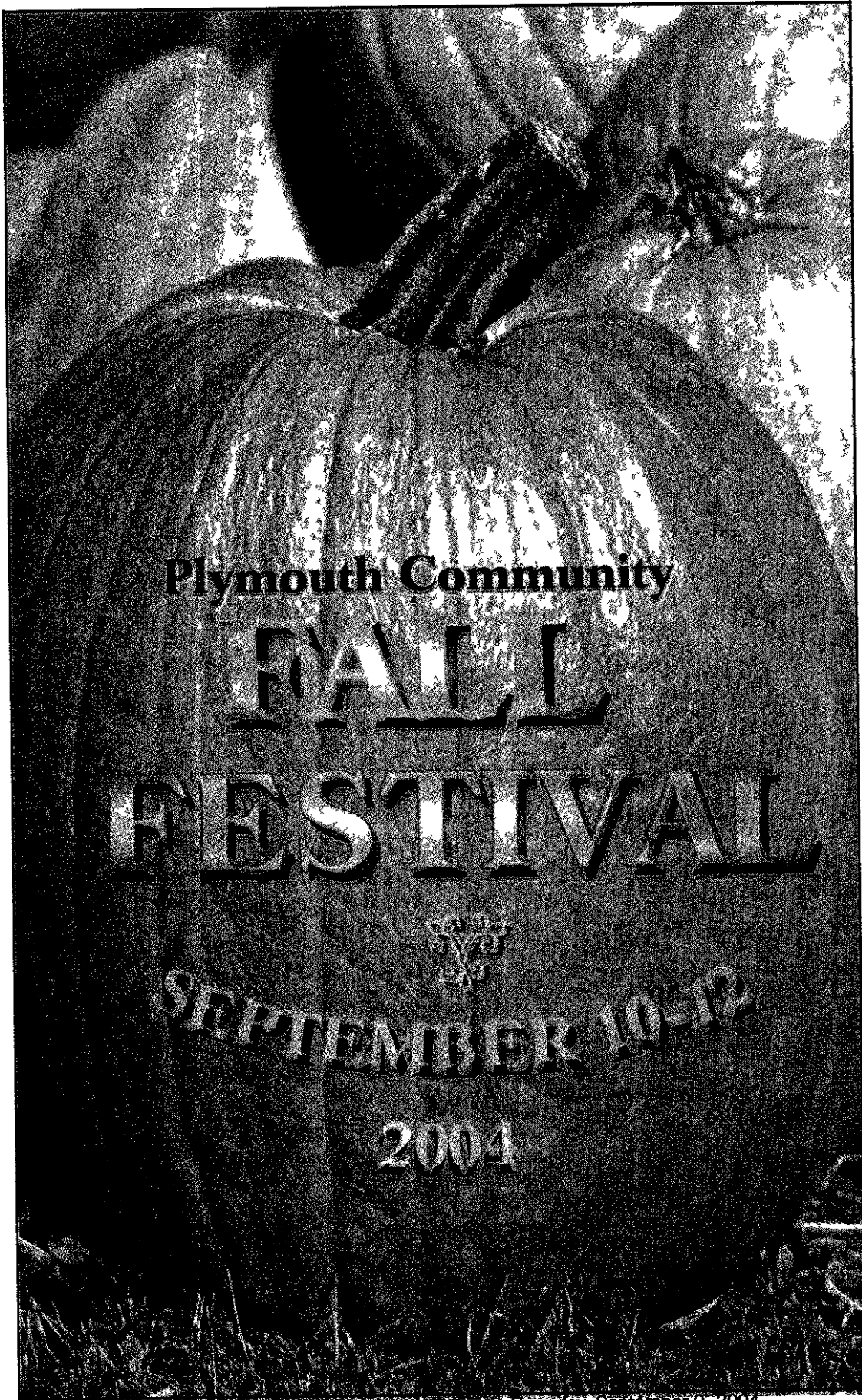
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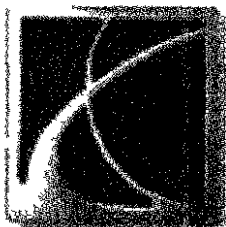
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City set for expanded Fall Fest

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

This year's Plymouth Fall Festival will be expanded throughout the entire downtown area in an effort to ease congested pedestrian traffic flow caused by large crowds at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

"We're attempting to spread things out," said Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival board. "Last year, it got really crowded. It was elbow to elbow."

The kiddie carnival rides will be moved from Ann Arbor Trail, in front of the Box Bar, to Forest Street.

"One of the difficulties with bringing the carnival into the Fall Festival has been the density issue," said Bob Anderson, Downtown Development Association director. "It's too jammed an area, and we had complaints last year from merchants. This is a win-win solution for everyone."

Anderson said the DDA had suggested the carnival be located in the Central Middle



The pancake breakfast once again gets Saturday morning started on the right foot, in The Gathering from 7-11:30 a.m.

School parking lot, but there were parking and other issues that prevented the move.

In effect, the Fall Festival will have the same downtown boundaries and traffic restrictions as Art in the Park.

This year's festival, which is scheduled for Sept. 10-12 and helps raise money for non-

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profit organizations, will again include an arts and crafts show, classic car show, a 5k run and free entertainment — including the introduction of buskers to the family event

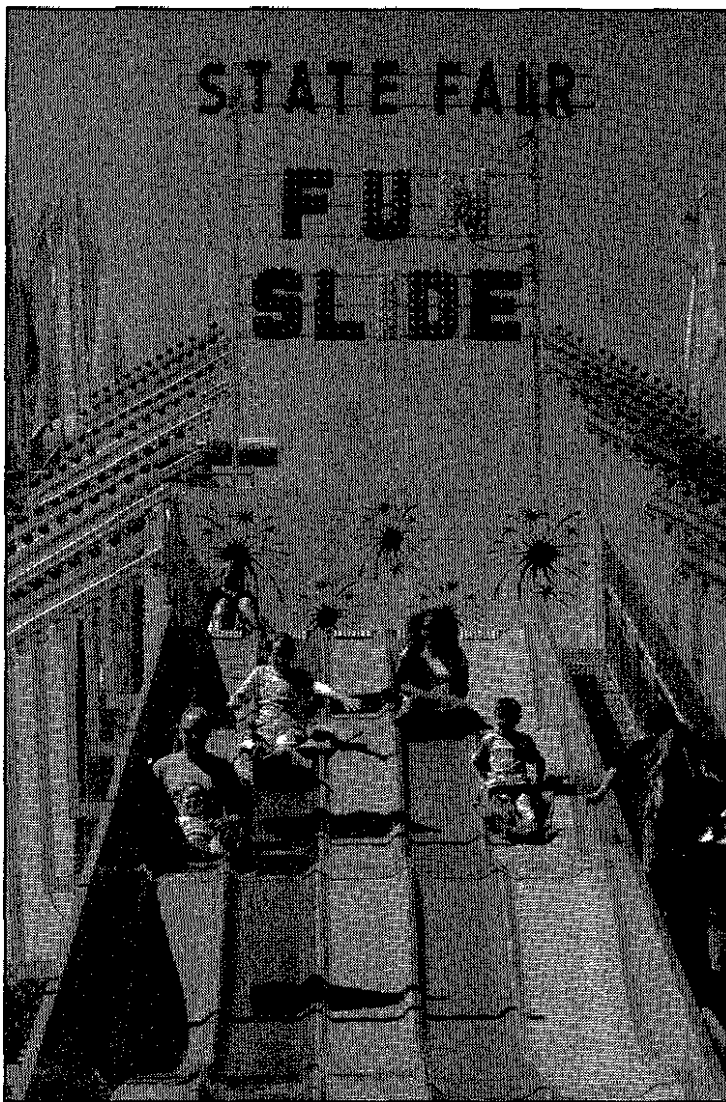
“Busker is a British term for professional street entertainer,” said Anderson “They’re popular in San Francisco, New York City and Europe, and we think they will be a hit here, also”

Anderson said the buskers will perform their acts — such as comedy, juggling and balloon art — in a designated area called a pitch, rotating their acts throughout the festival After entertaining passers-by, the buskers ‘pass the hat’ in hopes their entertainment value translates into dollars

“We hope it will bring another family-oriented activity that’s fun and brings life to the festival,” said Anderson

This year, the Plymouth A M Rotary is sponsoring buskers from Germany, New Zealand, Canada and the United States

For the second year, the beverage tent on the Wilcox property will include the Taste of Plymouth on Friday night, an event which was highly successful in its initial year



Carnival rides like this huge slide have become a staple for visitors to Plymouth's Fall Festival



PAUL HURSCHEMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Julie Siefert of Flint, 6 (left) hung out while her sister Grace, 4, created a spin art painting at last year's Plymouth Fall Festival

“We were just blown away by the number of people who attended last year,” said Baldwin “This year there will be approximately 15 restaurants serving samples of their menus Last year, some of the restaurants had to go back two or three times to get more food’

Tickets for the Taste of Plymouth will increase to \$10 per person

Meanwhile, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock indicated the new public restrooms being constructed in the rear of the Gathering will be open for the event.

“The preliminary construction schedule shows they should be completed before the Fall Festival,” Sincock said

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Playing chicken

Festival's popular barbecue always a big hit

For organizers of the popular Plymouth Fall Festival Rotary Club Chicken Barbecue, the appeal is that the fund-raiser benefits a variety of community organizations

But for hungry festival visitors, the appeal is getting a good meal for a good price, said Rotary member Jeff Horton

"It's a good chicken dinner with good corn and you get a roll," said Horton, of Horton's Plumbing in Plymouth

The Rotary Club's biggest annual fund



HEATHER ROUSSEAU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The annual Rotary Chicken Barbecue during Plymouth Fall Festival depends heavily on volunteers like Craig Anderson (left), Derek Elenbaas (middle) and Mitchel Gerzyc

raiser, the chicken barbecue, is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in Kellogg Park. In total, 10,500 chickens, bought from Plymouth Marketplace, are expected to be served to hungry festival visitors

Take-out dinners will be served at East and West middle schools. Tickets are \$9 on festival day

Rotary barbecue workers got a first taste of the barbecued poultry Aug. 16, after a golf outing at Rolling Meadows

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Annually, the barbecue raises thousands of dollars for the Rotary Club

Not all money was raised through chicken dinners. Sponsorships were also sold last year, and are being sought this year. Those contributing \$500 or more will be acknowledged in a full-page newspaper advertisement and will see their names on the individual dinner boxes sold during the festival.

For a donation of \$100 or more, donors will be recognized on billboards posted throughout the festival area. All donations are tax deductible.

Here is a list of some ways the money is spent:

- Student scholarships
- Student loan programs
- Special reading and book programs in the schools
- The Gathering for community use
- Trees and playground equipment for parks
- Start-up funds for new community projects
- Support of community arts programs
- The Salvation Army
- Special community awareness seminars



PHOTO BY DONALD J. ALLEY

Megan, Matt and Joe Greco of Livonia enjoy the chicken dinners prepared by the Plymouth Rotary Club


- World health concerns such as the eradication of polio through "Polio Plus"
- Supplemental funds for the arts and sports

Numerous urgent humanitarian needs. Some advice Rotarians has for festival visitors: Buy the dinners as early as possible. "We've sold out in the past," officials said.

For more information or to donate to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, call Jeff Horton at (734) 455-3332.

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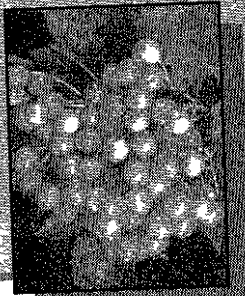


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Volunteers John Faraoni (right) and Katie Downey prepared for the chicken to be brought out to the grilling pit once seasoned for the Rotary chicken dinner during the Plymouth Fall Festival

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Organizers are hoping this year's 5k Fun Run during Plymouth Fall Festival will be as popular as last year's

2nd Fun Run hits the trail

The Plymouth Fall Festival is hoping the 5K run will add some fun and help make a little money for the festival

It's the second year for the run, which was added for the 2003 festival as a means of drumming up a little more fun and more revenue

Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee, said he got the idea of a run/walk from Northville and its Jungle Bell Run

"I figured if they could get 500 people to run on a mid-December morning, and pay money to do it the light bulb went on," he said

The Plymouth Fall Festival Fun Run is set for Sunday, Sept 12, with registration at 7:30 a.m. The 5k run begins at 8:45 a.m., with the 5k walk starting at 9. Awards and a raffle take place at 10 a.m.

The run is organized by age division, with competitors in age groups 14-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus

Awards will be given for the 5K Run and first place in the 5K Walk. The top two finishers in each age division, both male and female, receive awards. The top overall male and female will receive an additional prize

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Here are some food items that will be offered for sale:

- Plymouth Lions Club — TCBY yogurt, smoothies, bottled water and caramelized apple chips
- Thespian Troupe #354-Park Players — Fruit cups
- Plymouth Christian Academy — Nachos, nacho cheese, salsa, pickles, beverage and water
- Vietnam Vets of America, Chapter 528 — Corn on the cob
- Allen Elementary Parent Teacher Organization — Papa Romano's pizza and pop
- Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club — Yakitori steak, chicken and turkey sandwiches (all include a bag of potato chips)
- Salem High School Class of 2006 — Roasted almonds
- Canton Chiefs Boys' Soccer Boosters — Dippin' Dots ice cream
- Polish National Alliance - Centennial

Dancers — Kielbasa sandwich, kielbasa with kraut, pierogies (dumplings) potatoes, cheese- or kraut-stuffed cabbage, pickles, bowl of kraut, combination plate (sample of all of the above), Nalesnicki (crepe), pop and coffee

- Canton Chiefs Softball — Corn dogs
- Canton Chiefs Tennis — Fresh-squeezed lemonade
- Harvest Bible Church — Hot and cold apple cider and bottled water
- Plymouth Knights of Columbus #3292 — Hot dogs, popcorn, chips, pop and bottled water
- Canton Class of 2004 — Snow cones, pop and bottled water



Food is always one of the big attractions during Plymouth Fall Festival.



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Festival has come a long way

The Plymouth Fall Festival grew out of a community family picnic, sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club. The idea for the picnic was suggested by Don Lightfoot, a member of the club's Youth Activities Committee. Lightfoot proposed that Rotary sponsor a chicken barbecue to raise funds to buy equipment for a playground at the end of Wing Street.

About 500 people attended the event, held at the Playground on May 20, 1956. During the outing, President elect Don Sutherland of the Rotary Club presented the playground equipment, and Mayor Russell Daane accepted it for the City.

A second picnic was held June 9, 1957, at the Hamilton Street Playground. As in the preceding and succeeding years, Rotarians prepared and served the 500 chickens used that year. The price of the meal, consisting of barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, potato chips and coffee was \$2 for adults, and \$1.25 for children. The profit, \$505, was again spent for playground equipment.

The site for Rotary's Third Annual Plymouth Community Chicken Barbecue, held Sept. 18, 1958, was the athletic field of Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School). Tickets that year were reduced to \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

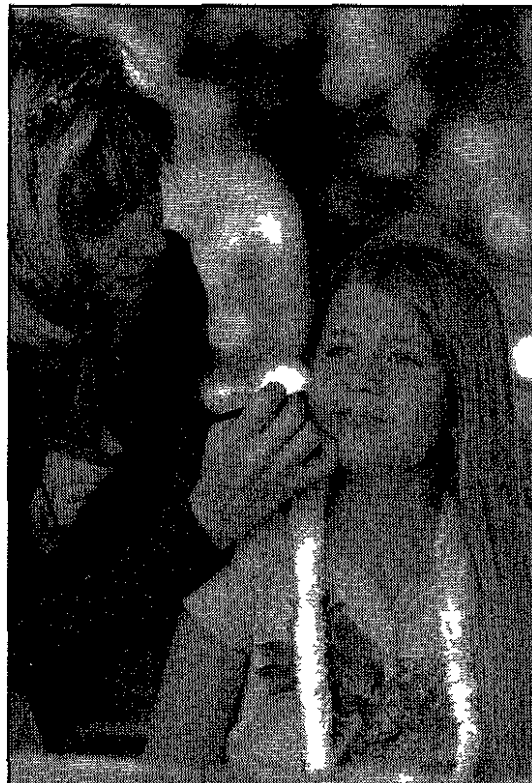
The purpose was to raise money for Rotary's Youth Benefit and Community Service Fund and to extend a welcome to our neighbors to visit Plymouth.

No festival was held in 1959. From these three barbecues, held on neighborhood playgrounds, grew the first Fall Festival, which took place in the fall of 1960.

Frank Arlen, who was very thorough, went at the job of chairing the first Fall Festival like a time-study man and efficiency expert. We not only applied some of the ideas we had picked up at Manchester, he introduced some thoughts of his own.

He automated ' serving line and improved cooking techniques at the charcoal pits. The first Fall Festival in Plymouth was a huge success.

The first Fall Festival took place in Plymouth on Sunday, September 11, 1960, from 12:30 pm



Face painting has become a popular attraction at the Plymouth Fall Festival, which dates back to the mid-1950s.

to 6 pm. The good weather, ordered by Rotary's chaplain, the Reverend Henry Walch, came as scheduled, and the festival got under way.

The City had agreed to close Penniman Avenue, between Main and Union. The concrete block barbecue pits were set up in the parking lot, owned by Chuck Finlan, adjacent to the Penn Theatre. Picnic tables and chairs were set up in Kellogg Park which was colorfully decorated by members of the Rotary Club.

The eighty members of the Rotary Club had sold tickets, at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children, buttonholing their relatives, friends, customers and anyone else with whom they came in contact.

Eventually, the Fall Festival was more than the Rotary Club could handle on its own. Other organizations were invited to join in the event and a Plymouth Fall Festival Board encompassing more than Rotary was established. The Festival was expanded from the one-day event sponsored by Rotary, to a several day affair with many segments of the community represented.

There is no doubt, in terms of sheer numbers, that the Plymouth Fall Festival has exceeded the wildest expectations of its early planners. Those who serve on the Fall Festival Board have no easy job in piloting the event.

(Note: This historical summary can be found on the festival Web site, www.plymouthfallfestival.com, and in Sam Hudson's book, *The Story of Plymouth, Michigan: A Midwest Microcosm*.)

Couple plays 'chicken' with wedding reception

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Jim Liller of Plymouth and Cheri Fair of Wixom decided to tie the knot on Sunday, Sept. 12, a problem immediately became apparent for the groom-to-be.

"It's the Sunday of Fall Festival, and I really enjoy the Rotary Club's barbecue chicken," said Liller, who has lived in Plymouth for 25 years. "It's the best chicken on earth. Fantastic."

This year, like it has for the past 48, the Rotary Club of Plymouth will hold its largest fund-raiser on the last day of the festival, barbecuing, boxing and serving upwards of 11,500 chicken dinners in



Jim Liller of Plymouth and Cheri Fair of Wixom should be the Plymouth Rotary Club's best customer at the chicken barbecue during Fall Festival. The couple will wed that Sunday, Sept. 12, and feed the 125 guests at their reception chicken dinner boxes from the fall festival.

Kellogg Park

So, when Fair, 52, and Liller, 57, decided to get married during this year's three-day event, Liller voiced distress at missing the chicken barbecue, which he looks forward to every year.

"My fiancée told me he just couldn't miss the chicken dinner because he loves them so much," said Fair. "So, I said to him, jokingly, 'Why not get married on Sunday and have the chicken dinner for the reception?'"

Fair didn't have to do much convincing to get Liller to accept the idea.

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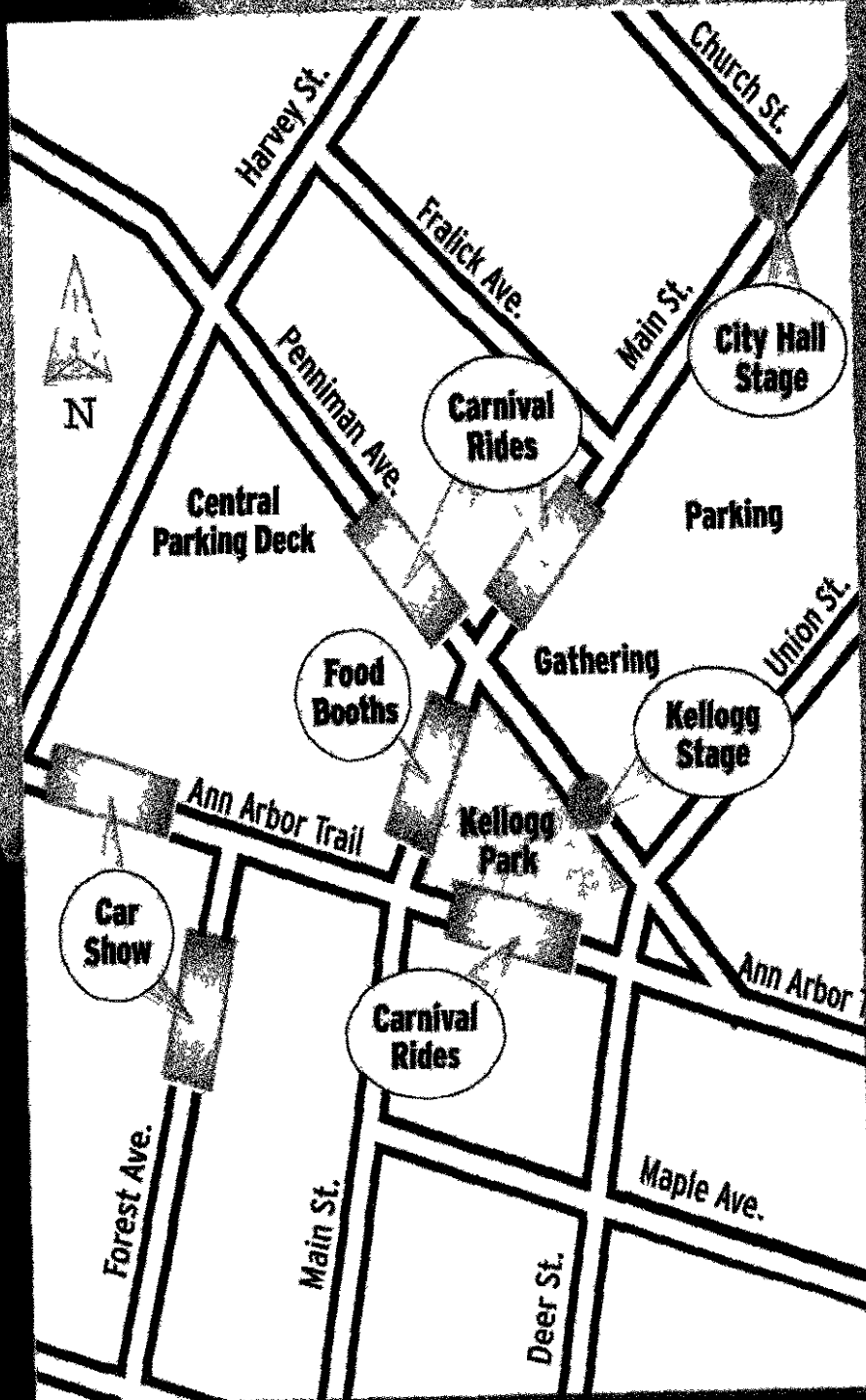
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Town revs up for cars, bikes

Auto enthusiasts used to getting their thrills during Fall Festival are getting a double dose again this year

The Plymouth Fall Festival 2004 Antique Car Show is set for Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The show, which features cars vintage 1975 and older, takes place at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. It's the third year the car show has been expanded in two days.

There is room for about 200 vehicles a day, and show organizers expect to get at least that many. Traditionally, cars have had to be turned away. Organizers are expecting some 250 cars each day.

To rev things up, show organizers have added a motorcycle show.

Drive-up registration fees the day of the show are \$15 for one, \$20 for both days. To be eligible to participate, cars must be vintage 1975 or older.

Cars will be parked downtown, with Dash Plaques presented to the first 200 cars.


There will be Top 10 Awards handed out around 4 p.m. each day, with lots of choice awards.


For more information, call (734) 207-0861.

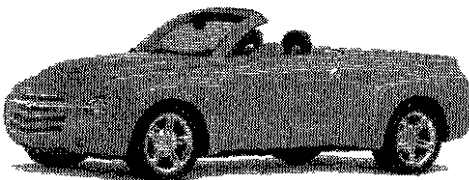



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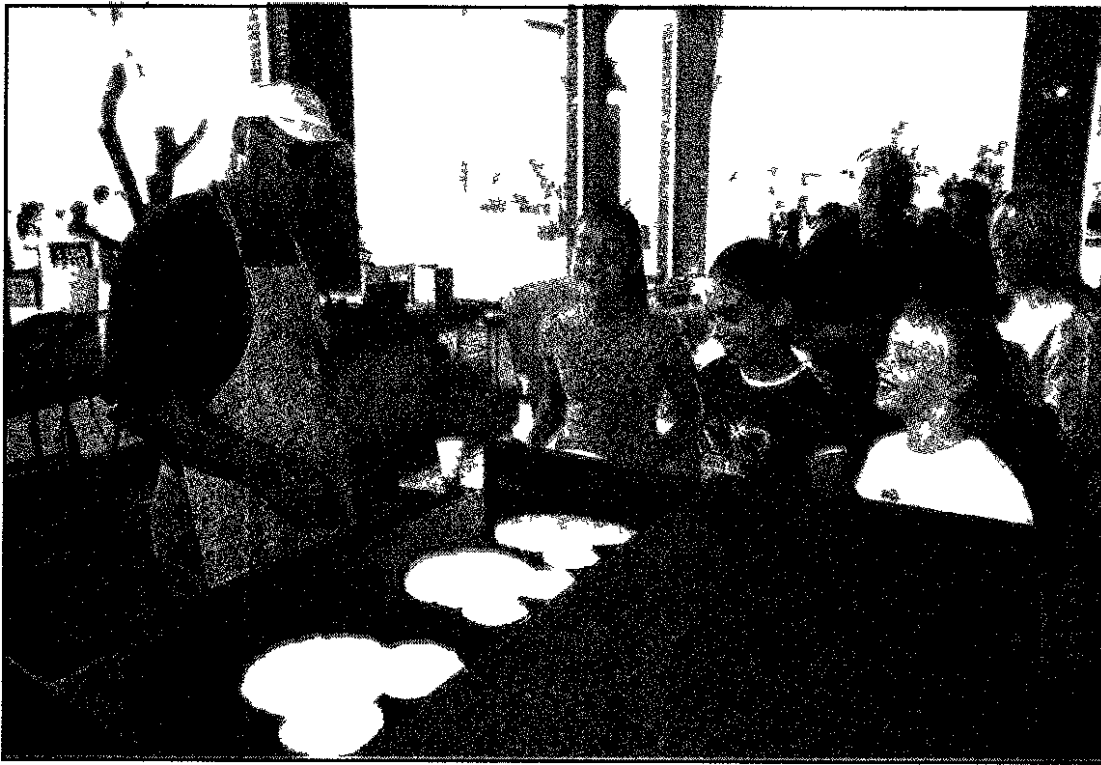
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Kids lined up last year for these Mickey Mouse-shaped pancakes. The Kiwanis pancake breakfast takes place from 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 in The Gathering.

You'll flip over these pancakes

As Mom always says, it's important to have fuel to start your day.

One way to fuel up during the Plymouth Fall Festival will be at the Kiwanis Foundation Pancake Breakfast, 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 in The Gathering. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 on event day. They can be purchased from any Kiwanis club member. Ticket prices include pancakes, sausages, coffee, milk and juice.

Bob Evans restaurant is donating all the pancake flour and sausages for the pancake breakfast.

Plymouth's three Kiwanis Clubs, the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Plymouth Kiwanis Morning Club, have a combined membership of 150. Nearly all members will be at work during the breakfast.

This year's fund-raising goal is \$5,000.



The pancake breakfast is always a favorite, especially for young plate cleaners.

The pancake breakfast is an important fundraiser for the Kiwanis Foundation, with most proceeds providing local benefit. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor is one primary beneficiary.

"It's a significant part of the Fall Festival," Kiwanis member Fred Hill said.




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Happy days

Smiling faces like these are frequently evident in downtown Plymouth especially during Plymouth Fall Festival, which this year takes place Sept 10-12





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Zonjic headlines stage acts

Popular flutist Alexander Zonjic is the headliner for the slate of entertainment available during the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept 10-12

Zonjic takes to the stage for two shows Saturday, Sept 11 from 7-9:30 p.m. Between the shows, the "Plymouth Idol" finalists will compete, according to Fred Sanderson of Plymouth Guitar, the festival's entertainment director

The entertainment kicks off Friday, Sept 10, when "The Ride," Detroit's premier classic-rock ensemble featuring keyboardist Rick Warner, formerly of Rare Earth, plays from 6-9 p.m. You can learn more about the band at www.TheRideRocks.com

Entertainment for Sunday, Sept 12, features Hoo Doo Phaz, a dynamic four-piece Blues ensemble, in concert from noon-3 p.m.

From 3-6 p.m., the music comes from Mass Transit, a nine-piece, horn-driven rock'n'oldies band celebrating 25 years together

Entertainment will once again be at a premium, with just two stages. One will be located in Kellogg Park, the other at City Hall

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

The biggest draw, and one of the festival's most popular acts in recent years, is flutist Alexander Zonjic

Zonjic started his musical career at age 9 in his hometown of Windsor when he took up the guitar

He was the lead guitar player in a rhythm and-blues band at age 15, and at age 21 he discovered the beauty, power and intelligence of music

While performing in Detroit jazz club Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Zonjic met keyboard legend Bob James, who asked Zonjic to join his band

The collaboration led to recording with such jazz greats as Earl Klugh, Kirk Whalum, Harvey Mason and Angela Bofill, among others

Zonjic has performed on stages around



Popular flutist Alexander Zonjic takes to the Plymouth Fall Festival stage once again this year playing from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept 11

the world as a solo performer, with his own group and as part of James' band

He has also performed at major classical and jazz festivals throughout North America, including appearances at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and New York's Apollo Theater

The PNA

Centennial Dancers hit the stage from noon-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. The rest of the entertainment slate features the Canton High School Chiefettes and the Salem High School Rockettes, among other acts. These groups perform between noon-4 p.m.



Centennial dancers will take to the stage Saturday afternoon at noon

Painters sponsor craft show

The eighth-annual Treasure Chest Craft Show is set for 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 in Central Middle School, at the corner of Church and Main in Plymouth.

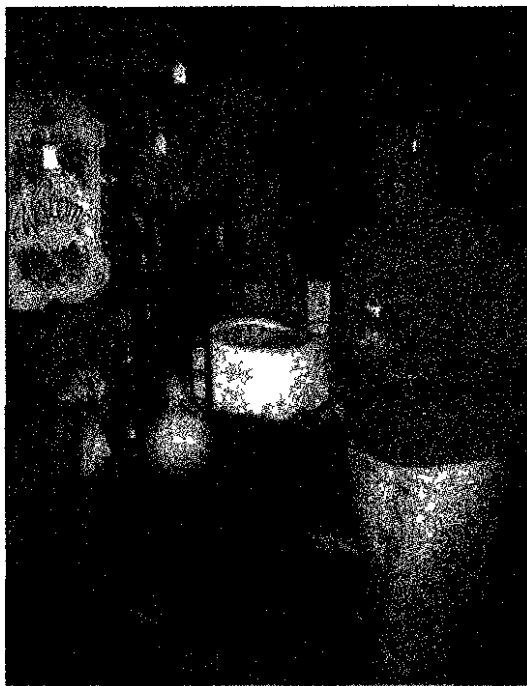
Admission to the show, sponsored by The Village Painters, is \$1. It features a large variety of hand-painted items including painted furniture, glassware, watercolor and oil paintings, seasonal designs painted on wood and tin surfaces, jewelry and baskets.

The Village Painters is a local decorative painting chapter of The Society of Decorative Painters.

A raffle will include a hand-painted Americana Chest, painted Autumn chair and a snowman lap quilt. Some of the proceeds will go to fund a tree at the Festival of Trees, and painted memory boxes for the Infant Bereavement Program at Providence and Riverside Hospitals.

The Village Painters are also sponsoring a free "Learn to Paint" booth outside the school, where members will teach anyone stopping by to paint a project.

For more information, call (734) 753-5232 or visit the Web site, www.village-painters.net



Village Painters member Jean Miller of Troy shows off some of the items available at the eighth annual craft show in Central Middle School during Plymouth Fall Festival.



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Animal magnetism

Pets show off charms during annual Optimist show

There are a lot of traditions associated with the 49-year-old Plymouth Fall Festival, and the Optimist Club's pet show is one of them

The show, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 in Kellogg Park, always draws a wide variety of pets, primarily cats and dogs

Some of the more exotic pets are caterpillars, turtles, rabbits, ferrets, peacocks, pheasants, parrots, goats and snakes

All children will walk away with ribbons either participatory ribbons or first-, second-, or third-place ribbons. Big kids can win ribbons, too

Felix Rotter, past Optimist Club president, said he has a lot of fond memories about the pet show

One such memory is of an older woman bringing a very tiny toy poodle to the show a



Pets of all shapes and sizes — mostly dogs like this one, and cats — take part in the annual Optimists pet show



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Caitlyn Wysocki of Plymouth, 3, leaned against her dog Spot, a 2-year-old Great Pyrenees/Newfoundland mix, at last year's Optimists Club Pet Show during the Plymouth Fall Festival

few years ago, only to learn she was too late for the dog judging. She had the diminutive canine tucked under an arm.

Instead of turning her away, however, a new category for "smallest dog" was created, and she walked away with first prize.

"She literally floated off the stage," Rotter said. "These things seem to leave a mark in your memory."

Another fond pet show memory involves two giggling little girls, whose "pet" was a caterpillar they'd just picked up in Kellogg Park.

When asked how long they had their "pet", they said, "Oh, about five minutes." They walked away with a blue ribbon for most unusual colored pet.

The event is especially popular with children — of all ages.

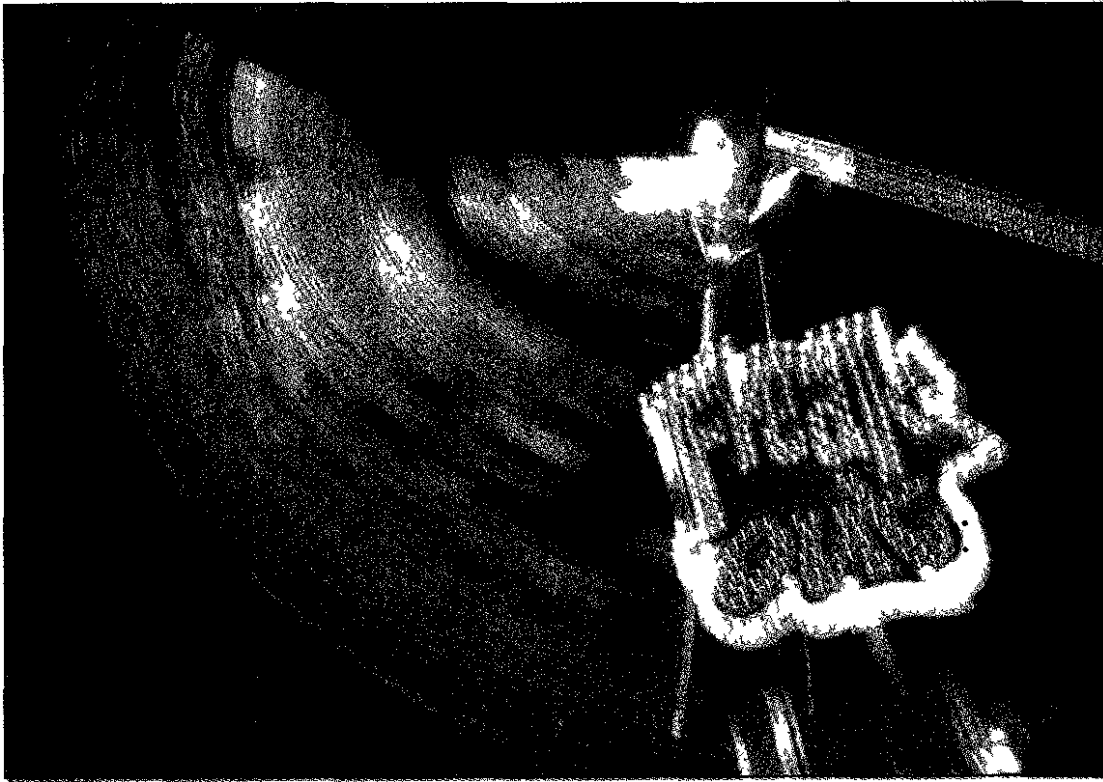
"We can expect to see 150 little kids, anywhere from (age) 3 to 35," Rotter said jokingly.

Sometimes the children put him in his place. Rotter recalled telling a joke to a 12-year-old girl, who promptly dissed it.

"Why did the turtle cross the road?" Rotter asked. The punchline was, "To get to the shell station on the other side."

The girl was not amused.

"That's dumb," she told Rotter, who in turn, retired the joke.



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Joy ride

Carnival rides like The Freakout hurl joyseekers on a twisting pendulum as they streak through the night at the Plymouth Fall Festival. Rides at this year's festival, Sept. 10-12, are sure to bring out the crowds.



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Plymouth Professional and Business Women Club's Marilyn Alimpich checks the numbers for someone who hollered 'Bingo' during the club's Fall Festival fund raiser

Women hope bingo spells cash

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Sandy Kline of Plymouth is a natural supporter of the annual bingo event that traditionally opens the Plymouth Fall Festival

Being a member of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club and a former recipient of the club's scholarship program, Kline can be forgiven her earnest support of the club's program. The BPWC tenders scholarships to single, head-of-house hold women returning to the work force.

It's a situation in which Kline found herself back in 1996, when the club helped fund her college efforts at Madonna University for six semesters.

"They saw me through (college)," Kline says now. "They were very encouraging. There were times when I thought, 'I can't do this,' and they were very supportive emotionally and financially."

The scholarships, which typically are \$500, go to Plymouth residents only, and can be one-time offers or repetitive funding, as it was for Kline. They're financed by BPWC programs, including the annual Bingo Night, a Fall Festival staple

since 1982.

This year's event is set for Friday, Sept. 10, from 6:30-10 p.m., at The Gathering. Cash prizes include jackpots of as much as \$250 and \$500. According to Kline, an all-night game package can be bought, including jackpot books, for about \$20.

BPWC members will also be roaming the audience, selling individual game cards for \$1 apiece.

That's good news for the expected crowd, which usually starts gathering well before the event.

"Last year, we had people camping out at 4 p.m. to get a good seat," said Kline, a BPWC vice president. "There are some hard-core bingo people out there."

In addition to raising money, the club is hoping to attract some new members.

"We're trying to inject some new blood into the group," Kline said.

The BPWC meets the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. For more information about the club or the scholarship program, call Kline at (734) 459-8966, or e-mail her at sandrajkline@yahoo.com

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WEDDING RECEPTION

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"When she suggested that we do that in jest, of course - I took her up on it," said Liller.

After some discussion, the couple decided the wedding, the second for both, would be a less formal affair.

"The more we talked about it, the more we thought it was a cool idea," admitted Fair. So, we decided to have a picnic theme, with the wedding in Cannon Park, and have people come casually dressed and enjoy themselves.

And, after the wedding, the future bride and groom will have the Rotary Club's chicken barbecue box lunches delivered to the Plymouth Cultural Center for each of the 125 guests.

Fair and Liller have known each other for four years. Attending the Plymouth Fall Festival and enjoying the barbecue chicken has become a tradition for them.

"Last year, one of the girls I work with got married during the Fall Festival," said Fair. "We went to the wedding, then to the Fall Festival to get the chicken dinners, and afterwards went to the reception."

"We may not make it to the festival on Sunday, but we'll at least get there on Saturday," said Liller. "And, we'll still get to eat those fantastic chicken dinners."



Yummy stuff

Pancakes and sausage are among the many food items that attract kids and adults alike during the annual Plymouth Fall Festival.

Howard Oldford, a member of the Rotary Club's barbecue committee, said when the couple asked to have the dinners delivered, the club didn't hesitate.

"We're very happy to accommodate them and do everything we can to make it a pleasant day for them," he said. "We'll serve it in the box, just like we do for everyone else."

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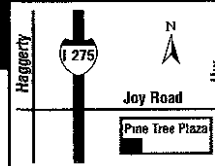
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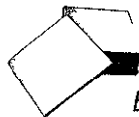


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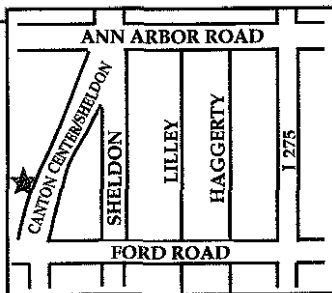
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