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Observer SPORTS

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Win weekly prizes and be eligible for a grand prize See today's sports section for all the details

Pipeline

Tryouts

Plymouth High School cheerleading tryouts will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 28-30 in the high school athletic wing.

For more information, contact the cheerleading squad at plymouthcheerleading@yahoo.com

Theater auditions

The Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, with managing theater director Sharon Belobraidich conducts auditions for the fall production of The Trial of Goldilocks.

Auditions are free and do not require advanced registration. For more information call (734) 416-4278.

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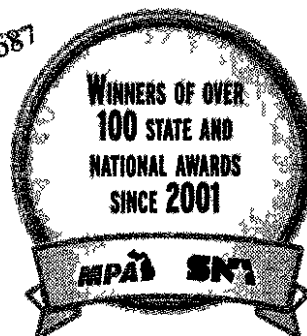
The Plymouth Family YMCA invites you to check out its Adventure Guides Program. YMCA Adventure Guides is a parent/child program designed to help foster a lifetime of understanding and companionship.

The YMCA hosts an Open House 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Plymouth District Library. Then experience the program first hand at the Navigator's Bonfire 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at Maybury State Park.

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Corridor project hits the road

Board will front DDA project financing

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township residents who may have been wondering when the first effects of having a Downtown Development Authority will be visible may not have to wait much longer.

Work is expected to begin next month on aesthetic improvements to the Ann Arbor Road corridor, financed by a federal grant and state and local money.

The \$1.3 million Ann Arbor Road Streetscape project will feature improve-

ments from Eckles west to Haggerty, using a design approved by the DDA board that includes stamped concrete at the edge of curbing, a 2-foot-wide strip designed to keep road dirt and salt off grass and landscaping, decorative trees and large amounts of landscaping, and decorative brick columns with wrought-iron fencing.

The design also calls for decorative street lighting and major improvements to the Ann Arbor Road/Haggerty intersection, including the use of decorative bricks and a tower feature.

These improvements have been

talked about for years, township Supervisor Steve Mann said. "It's going to be a great improvement to the entryway to the township and to the Ann Arbor Road Corridor, and we're looking forward to seeing it completed."

Mann said the contractor expects to get in "about eight weeks of work yet this year," and that the project should be completed in the spring.

The project will be funded by a \$439,000 federal Transportation Enhancement Grant, \$159,000 from the state Department of Transportation, and some \$700,000 being paid for by the DDA. The township board Tuesday night voted to front the money on behalf of the DDA, which is expected to pay it

back in annual payments over the course of the next seven to 10 years.

In its first three years, according to Mann, the township DDA is well ahead of its projected tax capture. The DDA collected just over \$30,000 in 2002 (nearly double the projection), and another \$69,800 in 2003, after a projection of \$31,500. While initial projections for this year were at \$48,100, Mann said officials expect to actually capture about \$100,000 in 2004 taxes.

"We said at the time (of projections) we were being conservative, and that turned out to be the case," Mann said. "We're way ahead of where we projected."

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Fall fun

Barbecue, weather highlight annual festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature cooperated, thousands of visitors took advantage of it and everyone wound up happy as Plymouth's annual Fall Festival wrapped up Sunday.

"The weather was perfect, we had large crowds, and the nonprofit groups did well with their booths," Mark Baldwin, president of the Plymouth Fall Festival, said in an assessment of last weekend's three-day event.

Everybody seemed to have a good time. All in all it was a success.

City officials estimated upward of 50,000 people made their way to downtown Plymouth for the 40th annual event.

The biggest attractions were the band on Friday night, The Ride, and on Sunday afternoon, Mass Transit. Baldwin said, "The people went nuts for these guys."

The Friday night Plymouth Tastefest did better than last year, he added. According to Baldwin, nearly 350 people paid \$10 each to taste samples from nearly a dozen Plymouth-area restaurants.

The Plymouth Idol contest drew a good crowd Saturday afternoon, and Baldwin said the classic car show had about 200 vehicles from the past on display Sunday.

Downtown Development Director Bob Anderson indicated the introduction this year of buskers was a success as sometimes hundreds of people stood to watch the street entertainers perform their acts.

The skinny, German juggler boy, Hilby, on a 13-foot unicycle, juggling a sword, toilet plunger and a flaming torch was very entertaining, Anderson said. "We'll take a look at their success. I think they'll be back again next year."

Detroit Red Wings Hall of Famer Gordie Howe was on hand Saturday to sign his book Mr. & Mrs. Hockey.



Kate (front to back) Isabel and Marabeth Yabes enjoy their chicken dinners during the Plymouth Rotary Chicken Barbecue at Plymouth's Fall Festival Sunday.

It was a thrill to meet Gordie, said Nancy Rakovits of Canton, who with her 15-year-old son Brian, brought an old photo of Howe skating on the ice. "It was nice to meet a legend."

For Howe, it was a chance to tell some old hockey stories.

The fans have always been a big part of my life, especially cheering for you in the stands, Howe said. "When you treat them nice, they'll treat you nice."

Another big hit was the opening of the city's public restrooms, located at The Gathering, which were completed just in time for the opening of the festival Friday.

"I'm glad we didn't have to use the porta-potties anymore," said Teri Zacharias of Plymouth Township, coming out of the family bathroom with three small children. "There was plenty of room for all of us. This is fabulous."



Scott Cudini of Canton and his 6-year-old son Jacob admire a 1979 Ford Fairmont owned by John Stephens of Plymouth during the car show at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A3

United Way eyes \$1.2M goal despite tough economic climate

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

In a tough economic climate where many charitable organizations are failing to meet their annual gift-giving goals, or even lowering expectations for planned donations, the Plymouth Community United Way is hopeful it will be able to reach its \$1.2 million campaign goal for 2004-05.

"We've tried to set a goal that's accomplishable, that doesn't tax the community," said PCUW Campaign Chairman Rick DeBruyne, director of health and safety for Johnson Controls. "Today's

economy is tough for some folks. If you look at the industrial sector, they have some serious challenges. So we're trying to set goals that will allow people to participate with enthusiasm, while allowing us to support the agencies we serve."

In keeping the campaign goal the same as last year, PCUW President Marie Morrow said her group should be able to compensate for not raising the goal and keeping up with inflationary costs.

"I think we're going to be OK because we've got some agencies we funded that have told us they're no longer providing services in western Wayne County," Morrow said. "We're actually looking at

changing and expanding services, like working with the Plymouth Salvation Army to build a collaborative in the western Wayne area — made up of service clubs, churches and other representatives — to talk about what needs aren't being met, and fill the gap to help people who are falling through the cracks."

It's obvious that, despite what are considered tough economic times, the PCUW has the support of the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities. Last year's goal of \$1.2 million was exceeded, reaching more than \$1.36 million in pledges.

"We've got a good community, they

care about people," DeBruyne said. "And any good campaign relies on its volunteers. We want to make sure we're giving these volunteers, who donate their time, goals they can accomplish and celebrate."

Last month, the PCUW held a golf outing to raise money for its endowment fund. DeBruyne said final figures aren't in, but our expectations are it will be better than last year's, which netted us \$100,000.

Half the proceeds of the golf tournament go to Community Opportunity Center, which has a home for develop-

PLEASE SEE UNITED WAY, A5

Hurricanes force family north to have baby

BY JENNIFER KENNEDY CORRESPONDENT

Who would have thought Floridians would be coming to Michigan for better weather?

For Roger and Angela Eaton, nine months pregnant, and their 3-year-old daughter, Lila, they had special circumstances to drive back up to the Detroit area.

The Eatons, both graduates of Canton High School, had sustained damage to their house in Port Charlotte, Fla., from hurricane Charley, and they didn't really want to wait around for Ivan to hit, especially with a baby on the way.

Plus, the birthing center of their hospital in Florida was hit hard by the hurricane and had to close.

"Part of the roof came off the hospital birthing center," said Roger, who was soon-to-be-dad for the second time.

The emergency center and other parts of the hospital were open, but not the birthing center, said Angela whose due was Sept. 15. "The hospital gave us all the medical records to be prepared to have the baby (elsewhere)."

So, the Eatons drove to Michigan and arrived just in time. On Friday, Sept. 10, they drove in around 11 p.m., and on Saturday night, Angela started having contractions. On Sunday, Sept. 12, the contractions intensified, so they came to St. Mary Mercy Hospital where their son, Bryce Dean Eaton, was born at 2:57 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21 inches long. "We are staying with Roger's dad in



Roger and Angela Eaton watch St. Mary Mercy Pediatrician Veena Sabharwal, MD, check out their son, Bryce.

Plymouth, said Angela. The Eatons, who have lived in Florida for six years are both originally from Michigan and graduated from Plymouth Canton High School. "We thought we might as well drive to be close to family, (instead of staying in a Florida hotel)

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer



Cancer help Clinical tests are helping find new ways to diagnose and treat ovarian cancer. See Sunday's Health Section.

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NEWS BRIEFS

OPENING NIGHT

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, presents its opening night concert, 'Music Mediterranean' at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of North Territorial and Beck.

The concert features guitarist Paul Vondziano performing Joaquin Rodrigo's Concerto de Aranjuez. Also featured will be guest composer Katherine Hoover and her work, Eleni. A Greek Tragedy. The program also includes Respighi's Pines of Rome and Rossini's An Italiane in Algiers Overture.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Season subscriptions are available for

\$80 for adults and \$70 for seniors.

For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, contact the symphony office at info@plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Plymouth District Library will host two special programs next week.

On Credit Advice During Difficult Times - 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 - Job network advisor Dennis Waling will present a program with information about restoring good credit for those who have encountered a job layoff, job closing or disability.

Walling will help attendees learn how to negotiate with creditors for lower payments during times of reduced income.

Living Better with Low

Vision - 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 - Mary Ellen Daniel, occupational therapist and certified low vision specialist, will present many helpful ideas about making adjustments to your surroundings to maximize sight. She will also demonstrate the high-quality reader, which the Plymouth Lions Club has donated to the library.

Register for either or both free programs by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

YOUNG LIFE

Plymouth/Canton Young Life is hosting its sixth-annual Fundraising Banquet, 'Cheering For Kids,' at the Summit On The Park in Canton on Sunday, Oct. 17. For reservations call (734) 207-8674 or (734) 454-4389.

Young Life is an interdenominational Christian outreach to teenagers in our community. For more information about Young Life for high school students or Wildlife for middle school students in our area contact Area Director, Mark VanAndel at (734) 323-5691.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

CRAFT/HOME SHOW

Delta Kappa Gamma's 18th annual scholarship craft and home show will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2004. The show will run from 9-4 at West Middle School, 44401 W Ann Arbor Trail (SW corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail),

Plymouth, MI. Over 85 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2. Call (734) 844-1707 for more information.

CONFERENCE FOR CAREGIVERS

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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Plymouth Township officials and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging host a free Emergency Preparedness Class from 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Plymouth Township Hall.

The American Red Cross, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Catholic Social Services of Wayne County are presenting the class. Participants will receive information to prepare for an emergency, develop a

plan of action and receive a free mini-emergency kit.

The class is free, but pre-registration is required. Call (313) 883-2389 to register.

PCAC CONCERT

Matt Michaels Trio with singer Judy Cochill will be performing on stage at the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

This, the first performance in a series of three called 'Live at 774,' promises to provide outstanding traditional jazz by the Director of Jazz Studies at WSU. Michaels has written scores of numerous commercial and industrial films, done arrangements for Tonight Show guests and received the International Film and TV Festival of New York Silver Award.

Tickets for the series are \$60, individual tickets are \$25 available at the PCAC, 774 N Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278.

SYMPHONY FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefiting symphony programs.

For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

DAR MEETS

The Daughters of the American Revolution Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of Plymouth-Northville meet for a sandwich luncheon at noon Sept. 20 at the Plymouth District Library.

The program's topic will be nutrition. All DAR members and potential members are welcome.

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, 'From Grief to New Hope,' beginning Oct. 12.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Tuesday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N Territorial Road in Plymouth.

For registration information call the parish office at 734-453-0326.

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FESTIVAL

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The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission held a presidential straw poll at the Fall Festival, with visitors to the booth paying \$1 to cast a ballot and receive a button for their favorite presidential candidate.

In what could be an indicator of the November general election, President George W. Bush received 53 percent of the vote while Democrat John Kerry got 41.6 percent. Independent candidate Ralph Nader drew just 4.9 percent. The Plymouth Noon Rotary

Club again had a successful chicken barbecue Sunday, serving just under 11,000 dinners. The money raised will be used to fund the groups foundation, which awards scholarships and subsidizes various programs in the community. Baldwin said the festival generated about \$65,000 for the Fall Festival Committee, which is on par with past years. Nearly \$25,000 was produced from the carnival, down slightly from last year.

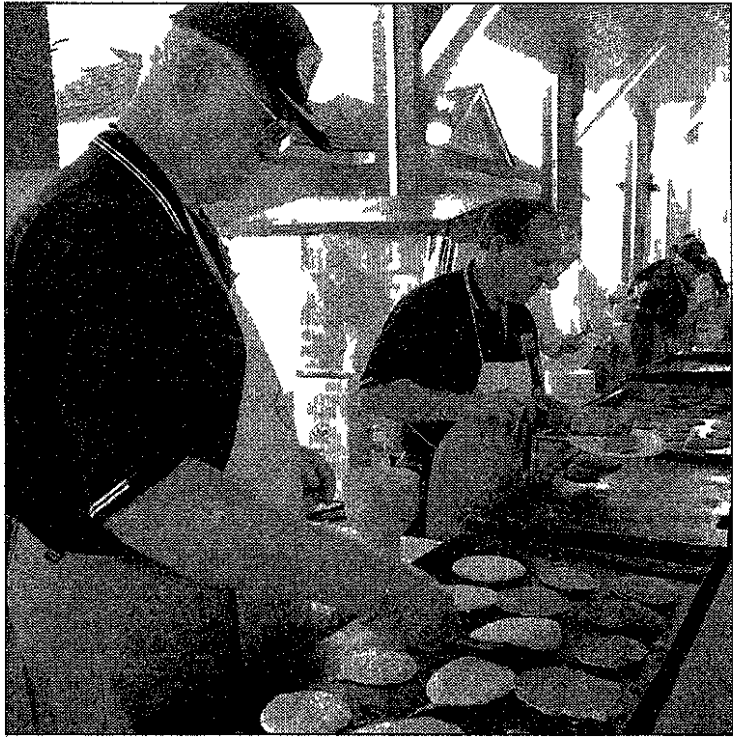
This year we had a few less rides because of space problems," Baldwin said. "We'll try to rectify that for next year."

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Riding in small speedboats in real water are, from left, Dominique Ceckiewicz, 5 from Plymouth and Madison Meloche, 4-1/2, from Canton, during last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival. At left, Roy Klay handled the griddle during the Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning in The Gathering. The pancake breakfast is one of the Fall Festival's signature events. Below left, Polish Centennial Dancers were part of the entertainment during the 2004 Plymouth Fall Festival last weekend in downtown Plymouth.



Danielle Frysinger (from left) of East Middle School, Kate Javahirian from Discovery Middle School and Amy Frysinger finish off the 5k Fun Run Sunday at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

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SHOW STOPPERS

The Plymouth Canton Marching Band's 2004 show schedule

- Sept 25 - Bands of America Pontiac Regional at the Silverdome
- Oct 9 - The Great Lakes Invitational at the P-CEP stadium
- Oct 16 - Jenison
- Oct 30 - MCBA State Championships at the Silverdome
- Nov 4 - BOA Grand Nationals at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a spectacular day and a spectacular start to the 2004 marching band season for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band on Sept 11. The 187-member band captured the Flight I first-place trophy and the highest score of all 12 bands, 68.4, for the first-of-the-season Blue & Gold Review marching band competition at South Lyon High School.

"We've been waiting for this moment," said tuba player John Magnusson, a Canton senior. "We've been practicing since April and I thought the band did well tonight. There were a few trouble spots, but there were also times when I thought the performance was absolutely amazing."

Salem senior Elizabeth Schellhase, one of three drum majors this year, was also pleased.

"I think the band did very well," she said. "They worked very, very hard and have been wonderful at practice all week to be able to put this on the field and get it clean."

Band Director Marc Whitlock said there was some nervousness and anxiety among band members, but just like with any sport, theater performance or ballet, it was good to get through the first competition.

"They are progressing well," he said, "but the show is not yet complete. We have about two-thirds of the show done and our goal is to have most of the work completed by regionals (Bands of America Regional Championships at the Pontiac Silverdome on Sept. 25)."

This year's approximately nine-minute program, "The Train Man Cometh," is designed to show the force, power and strength of a loco-



DIANE HANSON

Percussionists (from left) Mike McDermott, Max Ellison and Andrew Kaump concentrate on their music during the P-CEP Marching Band's top competition performance at South Lyon High School on Saturday.

move through music, marching, color and choreography.

"There is a lot of variety in the choreography in terms of what we are using this year to get the message across," said Jennifer Leseth, colorguard instructor for the 34-member auxiliary. "We are using the guard for the entire show and it is a lot more demanding than last year."

Whitlock pointed out that the students are investing a great deal of time, energy and

resources into this show, but the payoff is big, both under the lights at the competitions and in the long term.

"The philosophy for us as a staff is that marching band is a vehicle for life lessons," said Whitlock. "We want a great performing ensemble and something the kids can be proud of and we also want these kids to be great leaders in life. They may not realize it now, but later they will see it applies more than they realized."

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area bands competing at South Lyon on Saturday were Livonia Franklin, third in Flight II, West Bloomfield, fourth and Livonia Stevenson, second, both in Flight I.

In remembrance of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, more than 1,000 performers from all 13 bands gathered on the field before the awards ceremony while the South Lyon Marching Band played *America the Beautiful* and *The Star Spangled Banner*.

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City to reorganize department in wake of Baker departure

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said there will be a reorganization in the Municipal Services Department after the departure last week of Assistant MSD Director Scott Baker. Baker, 34, was relieved of his duties on Wednesday, Sept. 8, after complaints were filed by a female city employee, and reports of a poor job performance, according to sources familiar with Baker's removal. City Manager Paul Sincock would only confirm that Baker has left his job.

"He resigned last week to work in the private sector," said Sincock, who said he knew where Baker now works, but declined to give details. City commissioners, who didn't want to be identified, would only say it was a personnel matter handled by Sincock. Baker was hired in February 1996, and earned an annual salary of \$64,000. Sincock said he expects to announce a reorganization of the Municipal Services Department next week. "Any time someone leaves, we look at the entire organization and determine short and long term solutions," Sincock said.

"We're changing some of the alignments, and will make a number of changes within the organization. In light of the continued revenue cuts, and cuts from the State of Michigan, we'll look at how to best deliver services to our residents," he said. "We are looking at the possibility of hiring additional road crew." City commissioners are expected to discuss the hiring of a Neighborhood Services Coordinator, who handles the city's solid waste, downtown trash and other duties, at Monday's regular meeting.

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mentally challenged adults on Deer Street in Plymouth. "They are always getting hit with funding cuts from government agencies, and they really need our help," DeBruyne said. Also among the 12 local agencies supported by the PCUW are the Plymouth Salvation Army, Angela

Hospice, First Step, YMCA, Plymouth Family Service and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "We wouldn't survive without the United Way's help," said Marsha Koet, program coordinator for the local Council on Aging. Koet said the \$16,500 she receives from the PCUW is about a third of her annual budget. "They are our greatest support, not only financially, but with other support," she said.

"Such as for Make A Difference Day, when we help seniors at about 60 homes by raking leaves and with small home projects." This year's PCUW campaign will run through March. Pledges to the Plymouth Community United Way can be arranged by calling (734) 453-6879 or on the Internet at plymouthunitedway.org.

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Rollover accident
A Plymouth-Canton high school student apparently pulled out in front of a car traveling westbound on Ann Arbor Trail Tuesday morning causing an accident that sent her Jeep Cherokee into a rollover. Two people were injured in the accident, though Plymouth Township Police said neither injury appeared to be serious. According to police, the student had a stop sign on McClumpha but pulled out in front of a Ford Mustang traveling on Ann Arbor Trail.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following calls during the period Sept 8-14:
 ■ Tuesday, Sept 14 - Commercial rescue runs on Concept, on 5 Mile and on Halyard, vehicle accident on northbound I-275 at 5 Mile, multiple-family fire on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accidents with wash-down at Ann Arbor Trail and Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Road at McClumpha.
 ■ Monday, Sept 13 - Commercial

rescue run on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Dogwood, on Canton Center, on Newport and on Northville Road.
 ■ Sunday, Sept 12 - Residential rescue runs on Finch on Newport and on Mayflower rescue runs on Main and in Kellogg Park commercial rescue runs on N Territorial and on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road.
 ■ Saturday, Sept 11 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Pleasantview, on Heritage and on Erin, rescue run on Ann Arbor Road wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, vehicle accident on northbound I-275 at M-14.
 ■ Friday, Sept 10 - Residential rescue runs on Main, on Hillcrest and on Parkview, vehicle accident on Main, wash-down at Haggerty and 5 Mile, industrial rescue run on Sheldon.
 ■ Thursday, Sept 9 - Vehicle accident vehicle fire and wash-down on westbound M-14 at Beck, residential rescue runs on Crabtree, on Eckles, on Rockledge and on Brentwood, investigation at Harvey and Ross, vehicle accident on N Territorial west of Sheldon, rescue runs on Concept and on Ann

Arbor Road.
 ■ Wednesday, Sept 8 - Investigation on 5 Mile, residential rescue run on Haggerty, vehicle accident on Mill south of Hartsough, vehicle accident with wash-down at Haggerty and Joy

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CDs help parents keep track of children online

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department today announced that the Internet Crime Unit will distribute 9,100 Computer Cop CDs that help parents to monitor their child's computer and online activity - without tipping the children off.

In addition to distributing its Computer Cop CDs at various community events, disks also will be available in western Wayne County beginning today from noon to 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office 3100 Henry Ruff at Michigan Ave., Westland.

In the 18 months since Sheriff Warren Evans re-established the Internet Unit, undercover deputies have arrested more than 50 adult men who thought they were arranging a meeting with a 13- or 14-year-old girl for sex. Despite the unit's success, far too many child predators are still trolling cyberspace looking for vulnerable children, Evans said.

"Our officers receive hundreds of sexually explicit overtures each month from adult men. A small unit like ours can only catch so many of them, so we are trying to enlist parents to become their kids' first line of defense against predators," Evans said.

Evans said his office is able to distribute the disks, which have a retail value of \$40, for free thanks to a \$25,000 grant provided by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the support of the Wayne County Commission, which recently approved the purchase. The Computer Cop Corp., out of Bohemia, NY, manufactures the software and disks and customizes them for local law enforcement agencies.

Each time a parent places the disk into the CD drive of a computer, the program automatically launches without having to install anything on the computer that might tip kids off that they are being monitored. The program has a library of words that it looks for which might raise a red flag for parents and highlights them on the screen. Those would include anything violence, sex or drug related including slang terms and their definition.

Although a version of this product distributed by many police agencies is limited to those basic functions, Evans felt it was important to him that his officers distribute the more powerful version that allows parents to capture the full text of any outgoing email and chat room messages.

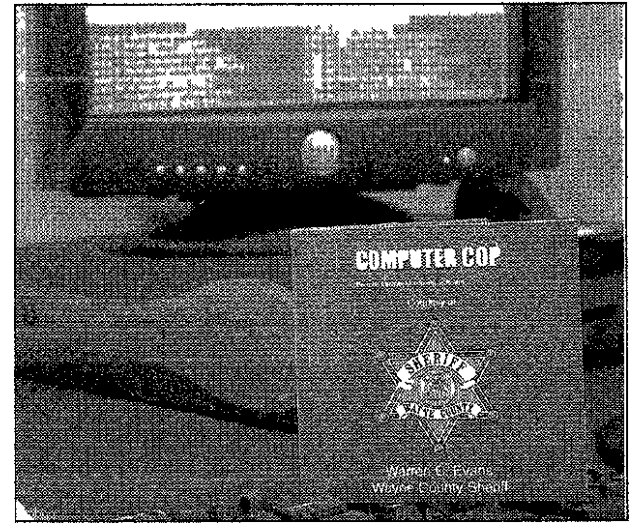
That's where kids get into the most trouble," Evans said. "Looking at something on a

computer screen is one thing, but it's when a predator establishes communication with a child that he or she is at a very real risk of being victimized.

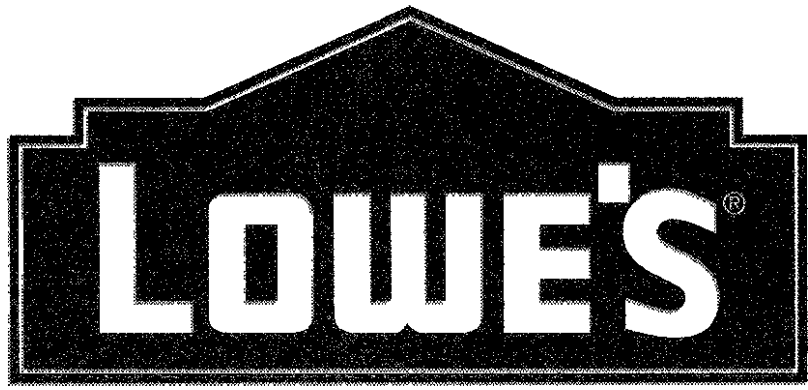
The disk also includes a video introduction from Evans and a computer safety video to help parents understand the basics of how to monitor and talk to their children about their activities. But Evans said he hopes the disk might help

his officers catch a predator that they might not have otherwise known about.

"Our hope is that parents take this disk and put it to good use. If they find anything that suggests their child may be communicating with a predator, they should call our Internet Crime Unit right away at (313)875-9676 so we can take appropriate action," Evans said.



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As Hurricane Frances leaves billions of dollars in damage in its wake in Florida, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office has kicked off the first in a series of Emergency Preparedness workshops designed to let senior citizens know how to prepare for an emergency, such as a blackout, tornado or flooding.

The three-hour classes also show senior citizens how to protect themselves from unscrupulous businesspersons in the event an emergency does occur. According to statistics, 90 percent of scam victims are senior citizens. The classes are being held in conjunction with the American Red Cross and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Catholic Social Services of Wayne County.

"The recent hurricanes in Florida should serve as a reminder to those of us locally about the importance of emergency preparedness," Sheriff Warren Evans said. "What we are trying to do is to help senior citizens, who are the most vulnerable segment of our society, to remain safe during and after an emergency."

During the sessions, which will be held at Senior centers throughout Wayne County, presenters will show seniors what steps they need to take in order to prepare for an emergency. Some of the tips include:

To register, call 313-883-2389.

Programs in western Wayne County are scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 27, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 30, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township Building One and 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville.

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Future of Rouge Assembly may depend on state Legislature

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The survival of the fledgling Assembly of Rouge Communities (ARC) may be dependent on the state legislature passing a new law, which would allow the creation of watershed alliances that possess some governmental authority. The assembly, which formed in August, 2003, is an organization of 38 communities and

three counties (Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw) that have voluntarily come together to help restore the long-neglected Rouge River. Nearly every community in the watershed, which covers 466 square miles and is home to 1.4 million people, has joined ARC.

According to Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment who called ARC "the finest example of regional cooperation

in Southeast Michigan, the ultimate goal of the group is to make sure all the member communities are in compliance with federal and state water quality standards. However, he said current law doesn't allow the group to do such things as fund raising or hire staff, which he believes are essential for the group to meet its goals.

Heise and members of ARC's organization committee have drafted a proposed bill, which

they are hoping will soon be introduced into the state legislature by a local state senator and state representative. State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) has expressed some interest in sponsoring the bill.

Heise stresses that the proposed bill, which has been endorsed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), will not give the assembly any taxing authority.

In essence, we are an organization without much authority right now, Heise said. This bill would allow us to become a proper governmental entity. We would be able to hire staff, and compete for grants. It would also allow the inclusion into the group of other entities that must have stormwater permits, including school districts, colleges and universities, and airport authorities. But we will not be able to raise taxes.

FUND-RAISING ESSENTIAL

Having the ability to apply for grants and do other types of fund raising is essential, Heise said, because federal money, which has largely funded the major projects that have eliminated pollution sources such as combined sewer overflows, will soon dry up. Since 1992, nearly \$350 million of federal money has been spent cleaning up the Rouge and its watershed. The money has been filtered through the Rouge Program Office (RPO), which has provided grants to communities all over the watershed for construction projects and public education.

"Our member communities realize that there will come a day that the RPO will not exist. The federal money is just not there anymore. As a result, our communities are going to have to pay for these projects on their own, or they are going to be creative and enter into groups like the assembly," Heise said.

Chuck Hersey, SEMCOG's environmental programs manager, said more and more communities are realizing the advantages of regional cooperation. He said projects to clean up stormwater to meet water quality standards will be very expensive for some communities, which is why a group like the assembly is important, because members can share ideas and costs.

"This legislation will provide communities, not only in Southeast Michigan but around the entire state, with the tools that will allow them to tackle the issues they need to tackle, and the issue here is water quality," he said. "The first thing these communities need to determine is just how much has to be spent to comply with water quality standards. Right now, we just don't know the cost of fixing the stormwater problems."

Currently, assembly members pay dues and have voting shares commensurate with the land area and population they have in the watershed. Livonia, Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Westland and Southfield are the largest members. The total annual budget of the group is roughly \$600,000.

According to Kelly Cave of the RPO, most of the money is spent on monitoring water quality at numerous sites throughout the watershed. Some money is also spent on public education.

Forum looks at Catholics and political issues

Church of the Holy Family in Novi will host an educational forum featuring two Catholic elected officials - Republican Thaddeus McCotter, U.S. representative of the 11th District and William J. O'Neil, Michigan State House representative for District 14.

The forum is 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

Michael Hovey, associate director of the Office of Catholic Social Teaching for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will also be present.

The purpose of the forum, sponsored by the Holy Family Peace and Justice Committee, is to provide all voters with an opportunity to better understand how Catholic values and social teaching can guide them in forming their consciences as they prepare to vote in this year's election.

Each of the lawmakers will make a brief presentation regarding how they as office holders address the common good and how their Catholic moral framework had helped to guide their decisions in the legislative process. They will answer questions.

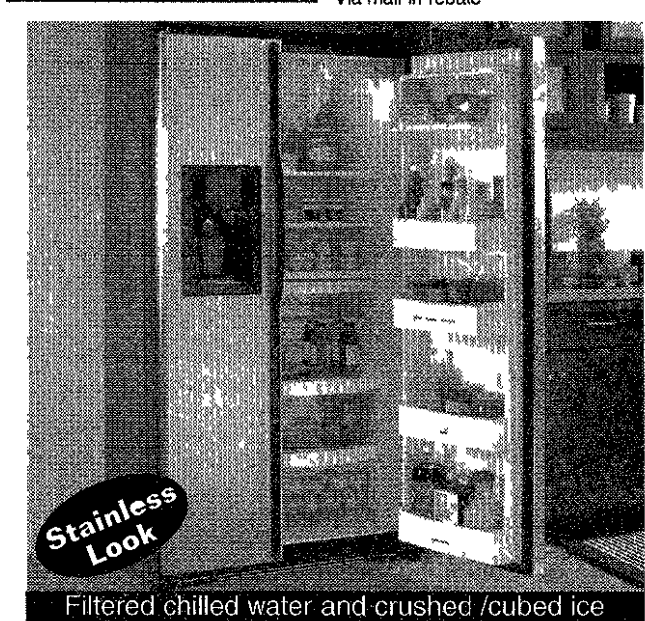
The Michigan Catholic Conference, in the July 2004 edition of their publication FOCUS, states that "Catholics in Michigan, as well as those across the country, have a moral obligation to take an active part in the election by working to advance the moral fiber and common good of the country."

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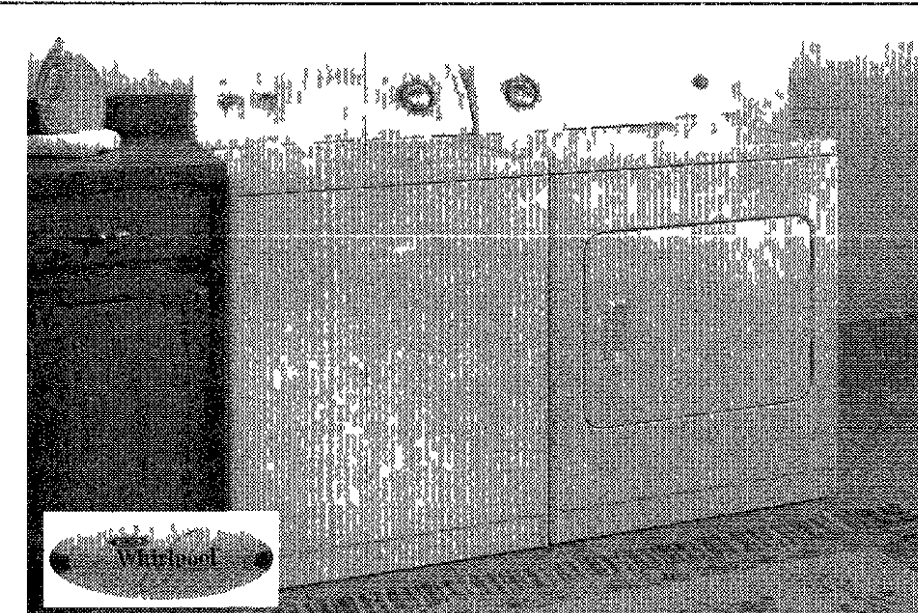
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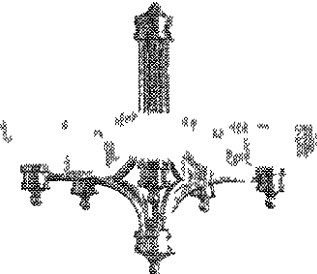
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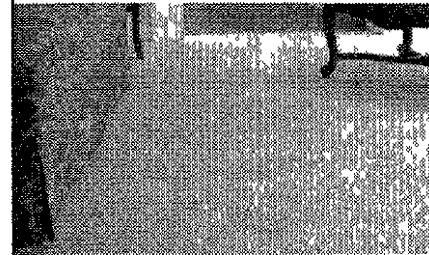
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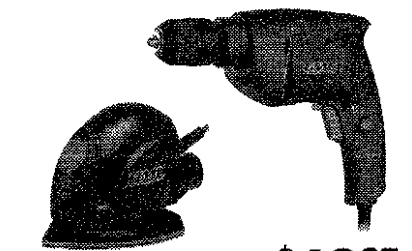
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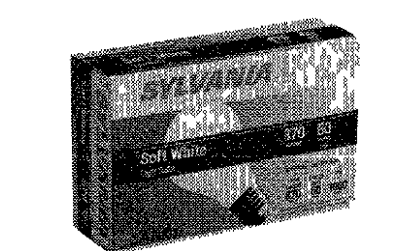
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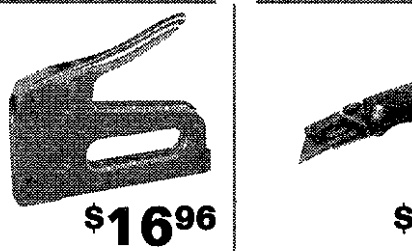
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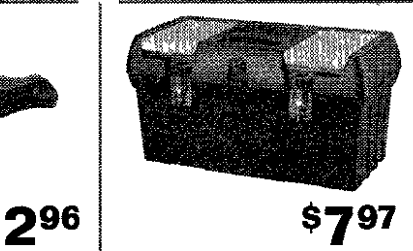
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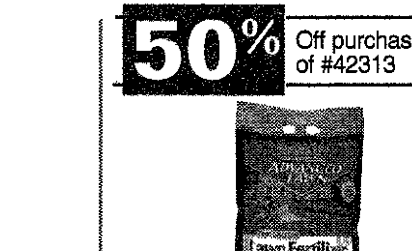
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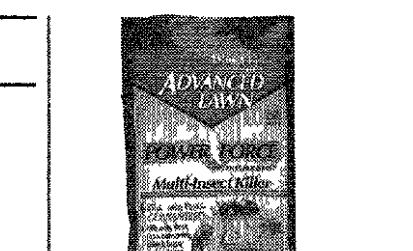
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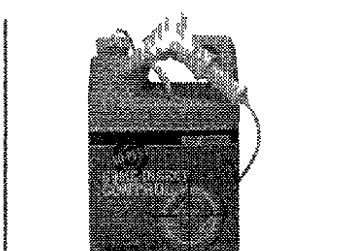
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Speaker will share stories of school, clinic in Afghanistan

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Northville teacher Khris Nedam loves the time she spends with her third-graders at Amerman Elementary. She always thinking too of students far away in Afghanistan, who receive help from Kids4AfghanKids, which she founded.

Nedam taught and lived in Afghanistan in the early 1990s. She was teaching sixth grade at Amerman in the Northville district, and wanted to make social studies more interesting. Seraj Wardak from Afghanistan was among speakers.

"He talked about what life was like for kids their age," the Livonia resident said. The children realized how much they had, and launched Kids4AfghanKids in 1998.

Nedam will share her experiences at 6:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Sept. 16, during a Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of

University Women, meeting at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill and Lilley roads in Canton. The meeting is open to the public.

The sixth-graders who started the organization graduated from Northville High School this past June, and Nedam knows many learned that a tough goal can be reached. "It may not always be easy, but it's worth it."

An elementary school for boys and girls is among Kids4AfghanKids projects. Located in the village of Wonkhai, it opened in March 2001 with 405 students. It now serves 1,200, evenly divided between boys and girls.

The Taliban still ruled when the school was being set up, so organizers sought Taliban approval. Girls attend school at different times than boys, "which is just fine as long as the girls get to go."

Organizers hope to add another elementary school for girls, who must be walked there by a male

family member. The girls' mothers would also attend, to learn to read and write and receive information on family health.

Nedam also hopes to add a middle school and high school. Kids4AfghanKids operates a medical clinic, which arose in large part from fears of bringing together children who hadn't been vaccinated. The clinic, across from the school, serves more than 150 a day, mostly women and children. Staff includes a male and female medical doctor, nurse-midwife, nutritionist, health care educator, and pharmacy staff.

The country has a lot of folklore and traditions about pregnancy and childbirth, she said, which lead to a high infant mortality rate. Health professionals encourage good practices, such as breastfeeding.

At the school, students learn in Pashto, the native language of the tribe, and Dari, Afghan dialect of Farsi. By sixth grade, most are bilingual. There's a little English

instruction as well.

In fall 2000, Wayne State University held an international conference at which Nedam's students got to meet students and educators from the Afghan school being set up. "That was fabulous."

The Afghan children have their winters off, as it's too cold to attend classes. The school is in a valley of a mountainous region with high winds. The organization provided a well for clean drinking water for the area.

The organization also runs an orphanage that houses 50 boys. They help plant trees and care for gardens when not in school.

New students have become involved in the international project each year, with the U.S. and Afghan kids exchanging videos. Last year, the Northville group helped with a dental care project.

All costs are donated by Nedam's board, so money raised goes to Afghanistan. Nedam found that worked better than other fund-raisers, in which shipping presented difficulties. Spending in Afghanistan also helps that country's economy, she added.

Nedam's principal and superin-

tendent have been great supporters. She gets help from such groups as the Northville Rotary and Northville AAUW. Information on donating is on the Web site, www.kids4afghankids.com, or checks may be sent to 9936 Hambleton, Livonia, MI 48150. Checks should be payable to Kids4AfghanKids.

Nedam gets support from schools, including some in Europe, and would like to get more adult groups involved. She speaks once or twice a week on the projects.

Nedam will also speak Friday, Nov. 5, during a Women's Resource Center luncheon at Schoolcraft College's Vista Tech Center on the Livonia campus. Luncheon ticket is \$14, and reservations are needed. The event will be 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

Now that the United Nations and larger organizations such as the Red Cross are in Afghanistan, their workers receive higher salaries and inflation has followed. "The Afghans still have very low salaries," Nedam said.

"It's a lot more expensive for us to get supplies."

She's found people want security forces there until their country is stable, some younger women won't take off their full covers, fearing retribution.

Nedam went to the site two years ago, paying her own way. She'd met her husband, who is Afghan and was a Red Cross doctor, at a hospital where she worked. The couple has two daughters, 7 and 9. He was hit by a semi in the U.S. and suffered severe brain injuries.

At Plymouth-Canton AAUW, organizers are eager to welcome Nedam this evening. "Other people tout her as being exceptional," said Mickey Edell of Canton, branch president. She hadn't yet heard Nedam.

Edell, a speech pathologist with the Plymouth-Canton schools, noted knowledge of diverse cultures is among AAUW's goals. She's quick to add that nonmembers are welcome.


"Oh, absolutely," Edell said. "We try to promote that. We are always wishing to have other community members join us."

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The opening night gala performance at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill comes to a close

CHV Theater's fall calendar is full

Renne Kaufmann's Broadway review opens the fall season of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill with an 8 p.m. show Saturday, Sept. 17. Tickets are \$10. He has been a popular performer at Cantons Liberty Fest.

There's a full schedule of theater events between now and next May. The theater opened this weekend with a red carpet, black-tie gala Saturday night, tours for employees Friday night, and more tours Sunday afternoon for the general public. Sunday Sept. 18 is the new Orchestra Cantons opening show *Bluejeans and Beethoven*.

This program invites the audience to enjoy an evening of three well-known 'classics' and one new work. The concert will feature David Adams, bassoon, performing Michael Daugherty's *Dead Elms* for bassoon and orchestra.

On the bluejeans theme the offering is Aaron Copland's *Hoe-Down* from his ballet *Rodeo*, and Gioacchino Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, known to many as the theme from the Lone Ranger radio and TV show.

Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* rounds out the program.

A famed group from the '60s, The Association, is set for Saturday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

The local improv group, 94 East, will be on stage on Sept. 30, tickets are \$10 and audiences are reminded the troupe's



The Village Theater at Cherry Hill gala started out with a bang with all of the glitter of a opening night.

subject matter is often rated for mature audiences.

The Village Folk Festival will feature a kids show in the afternoon at 2 p.m. and a 7 p.m. round robin of performers including Jeremy Kittel, Joel Mabus, The Raisin Pickers and Matt Watroba, former P CEP teacher and host of radios 'Folks Like Us'.

The community theater group The Spotlight Players opens *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Friday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for all events are being handled by the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460, or you can buy them prior to the performance at the Village Theater box office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The first season goes until May 2005. The entire program is on the Township's web site.



Boogie-Woogie Singer Ashleigh Rotondo performs at the gala.



A large crowd was on hand for the opening night gala at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.



Pam Kirbach (left) and Debbie Honsowetz of Canton Leisure Services take a break at intermission of the show.



Gloria Hammonds of Canton (left) and Kathleen Salla of Canton's DDA enjoy the gala.



Nancy Cragg, daughter Aubrie, 9, both of Canton and Shahnaz Broucek enjoyed the first half of the show at the opening night gala.

OUR VIEWS

New theater is stuff dreams are made of

With apologies to Shakespeare, Humphrey Bogart and Dashiell Hammett, it was the stuff dreams are made of

The new theater at Cherry Hill Village is now open. The first curtain went up at 8 p.m. Saturday as a variety of performers from the Plymouth and Canton communities used the theater for a public performance for the very first time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill gala opening weekend brings to a close almost a decade of hard work by the Canton Board of Trustees, by the Canton Cultural Commission, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc., by hundreds of contributors including builders like Biltmore and by developers like Richard Lewiston, and by many regular folks like Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator, and Ann Conklin, leisure services director, and, finally, by dozens and dozens of volunteers.

Also contributing to making the dream a reality during the last 24 months was a construction team that included architects TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills, Peter Basso and Associates, engineers, Jerit Boys Inc., a theatrical consultant firm, and Auch Co., general contractors.

The theme of the opening weekend show, a little taste of entertainment from many of the groups who will use the new facility, was "Great Things Begin With A Dream."

Canton Township has every reason to be happy and proud as the new theater is a stunning realization of its dream. Its utilitarian "back of the house" facilities, its richly decorated lobby, its vestibule with the mural celebrating the arts, and the theater itself maintain and enhance Canton's reputation of doing things in a first-class way.

It is not lost on us that the theater will help form ties that will bind Canton and Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth closer than before. Already groups like Plymouth United Way, Growth Works, the Salvation Army, the Plymouth Symphony (with its outreach, Orchestra Canton) serve all three communities, as does the Plymouth Canton Community School District.

The Plymouth Theater Guild, with a 58-year history with "Plymouth" in its name, will use the theater and, selflessly, will call itself the Spotlight Players.

Three years ago on Sept. 11 a terrible thing happened to an entire country. In a smaller but not less important way, last Saturday Sept. 11, a wonderful thing happened to Plymouth and Canton — a new community theater was brought to life. May the theaters run be long and prosperous.

Ryder Cup a chance for region to shine

Five years in the making, the world descended on southeast Michigan this week in the form of the Ryder Cup golf match.

Hosted by the prestigious Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, the Ryder Cup is one of the sports world's marquee events, right up there with the Super Bowl and World Cup.

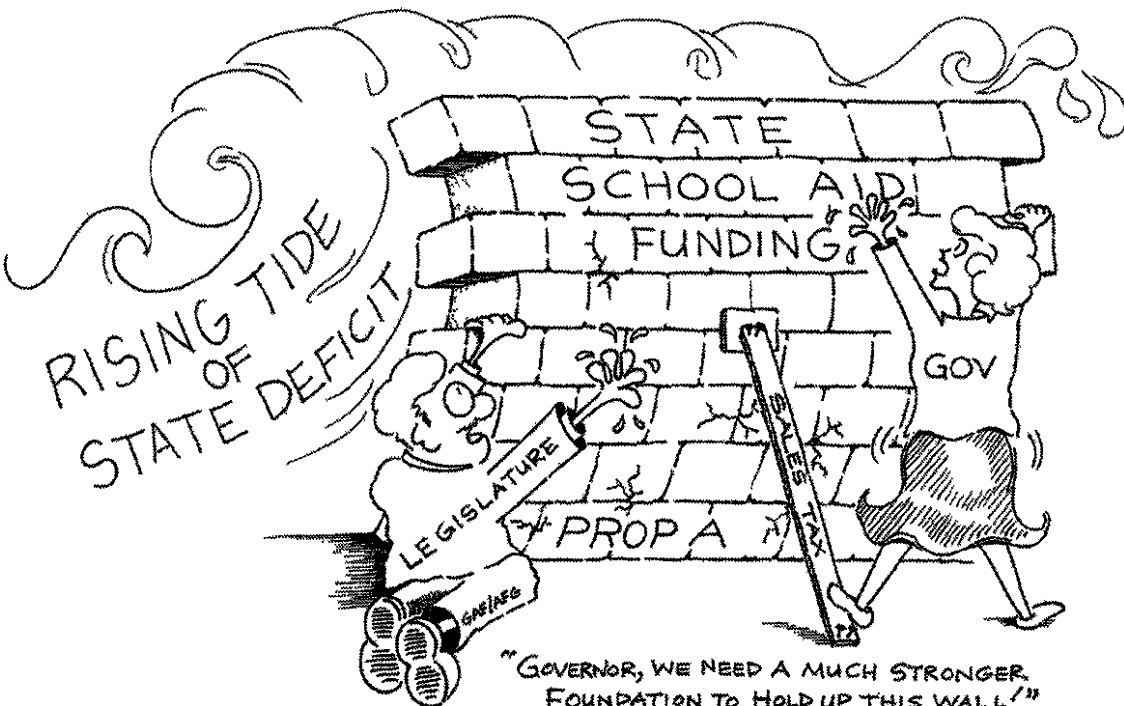
Having the world focused on our region is a real benefit to our communities, which should more than make up for the short-term inconveniences the tournament is causing. Yes, traffic continues to be a nightmare this week and, yes, our airports have been tied up by VIP visitors, but it is a small price to pay for the potential economic bonanza.

In addition to the millions of dollars being pumped into the local community during the event, state officials and the Detroit Regional Chamber are working hard to lure overseas investment to the area. With so many corporate bigwigs from Europe, Asia and South America in town to watch the Ryder Cup, the official schmoozing is in full gear.

Hosting the Ryder Cup would not be possible without the hard work of hundreds of individuals, who deserve a collective pat on the back. Oakland Hills began preparing for this event a full five years ago, ensuring it is a total success.

Kudos also go out to Bloomfield Township officials, who have worked hand in hand with myriad local, state, federal and international agencies to coordinate safety and security measures. Since 9/11 and the continuing terrorist threat, an already difficult job increased ten-fold.

The impact of the Ryder Cup on our state will be felt long after the matches have been completed. And as the hosts, we should all feel good about that.



LETTERS

Need autism legislation

My son Alex, age 6, has autism, cerebral palsy, large vestibular aqueduct syndrome, bi-lateral sensorineural 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 young 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, the 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

Teachers waiting to retire

Regarding Hugh Gallagher's column "Tension in teachers' lounge isn't hard to understand" (Sept. 12) the stress on teachers is no greater than on any other professionals. In Michigan the find themselves extremely well-paid and easily tenured after only a few years on the job.

As a retiree, I taught as a substitute teacher in Garden City, Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton school districts. I would suggest that anyone with 90 college credits (you don't have to be a college grad) give substitute teaching a try to get a good feel exactly what goes on in the schools. I was horrified mainly by the lack of discipline and failure to challenge the students.

My experience in the teachers lounge was that everyone was chilling waiting to retire!

Roger I. Kehrier
Plymouth

Good audit needed

As a parent in Plymouth with two sons competing in baseball, basketball and football in the area, I can speak from experience in saying that the type of operation that Al Flowers has run for the past several years is not one that I would be associated with if I didn't have to — and now I don't.

He is often surly when dealing with him personally and his coordination of gym practice and game time for the kids is atrocious at best, often having one practice a week with four teams of 12 kids crammed onto one large court with four baskets, a half court per team.

His practice of requiring payment for the following year at the end of the current year is ridiculous. Hey, I would love to have \$115 from 500 kids sitting in my money market account for a year. How do you know for certain you will still be living in the community a year from now or if your 9-year-old will still be interested in playing basketball? Just ask any of the parents who are trying to get their prepayment back so they can play in the new league how customer friendly Al can be.

Although I do not think it is a good idea to have someone run a for-profit league, particularly for kids community sports, I do not begrudge anyone the right to make a buck legally. But if that is the case, at least let there be some form of competition for the parents' money to assure some semblance of service to the patrons.

I think if you watch what happens with the new league you will see people speak with their wallets as to what they think of Al Flowers and how he has run his league. What he needs is a good audit and a visit from the IRS (which I can't believe the community didn't require as a prerequisite for letting him run a for-profit community league in the first place).

S. Keith Morris
Plymouth

On the budget

After reading Sunday's (Sept. 12) Observer I would like to point out a couple of observations and a correction concerning the back page article, "Evans, Worthy say new budget inadequate to do the job." The last paragraph listed three programs that the Wayne County Commission added to the budget and the CEO signed off on: \$300,000 for a One Stop Shop to aid small businesses, \$250,000 for a Senior Chore Services program to help senior citizens with home maintenance activities and \$2.4 million for a housing rehabilitation program "in revenue from the sale of tax reverted property." The Commission also added \$1 million from juvenile crime prevention even though the county spends \$180 million (half by the state and half by the county) on Children and Family Services with the emphasis on juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation. All of these programs were funded out of general fund dollars.

Everyone agrees that the Wayne County budget is as tight as it has been since 1986. Since tax revenue coming into the county is a limited and highly demanded source of dollars, which constitutes the general fund, the creation of new program much less four means we have to cut elsewhere to fund them.

I proposed an amendment at every stage of the budget process to spend the \$3.4 million (home rehab and juvenile crime prevention) to further support the insufficiently underfunded law enforcement functions of the county. The amendment went down in flames because the deals had already been cut. Only Commissioners Kay Beard (Westland), Susan Hubbard (Dearborn), and I voted against the budget.

In a serious budget crunch, we need to fund charter-mandated county functions. My belief is the CEO nor the commission should be creating programs, no matter how feel-good nice they sound without first fully funding the sheriff's and prosecutor's departments. Everyone in the county has worked extremely hard over the last two years to stop early release of felons due to jail overcrowding. This takes a concerted effort by the sheriff, the courts and the prosecutor. With the recent escalation of shootings in Detroit, over three a day on average in 2004, the underfunding of two of the three components in the solution, more criminals being released, not prosecuted or never picked up is inevitable.

Philip Cavanagh
Wayne County Commissioner
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— Fr. Tom Belczak of St. Kenneth Church, on the "Catholics Come Home" program

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State playing same game with higher education funds

Hard on the heels of the budget kerfuffle about the (aborted) attempt to deprive high-spending (and high-performing) school districts of \$74 per pupil comes more bad news for education.

Now, state lawmakers have approved a budget that requires state universities to keep tuition and fee increases below the rate of inflation (currently 2.8 percent) to avoid additional cuts in state support.

What's wrong with that? Doesn't everyone want to keep costs down? The truth is far more complicated, and if you can plow through the details, you will see yet another shining example of how shortsightedness by our political masters is jeopardizing our higher education system and, thereby, the economic health of our state.



Phil Power

When the recession hit three years ago, the governor and the Legislature started cutting state appropriations to universities by means of "Executive Orders," a fancy term for cutting spending. Over this period, some \$250 million in state support was slashed from university budgets, representing a cut of nearly 25 percent from what they had been getting.

Not surprisingly, universities laid off faculty and staff, eliminated some classes and increased class size for others, delayed maintenance and a host of other things that cash-strapped universities do to save money (and regrettably reduce the quality of the education they provide for their students).

This produced a large volume of complaint, some whining from university presidents and some serious concern about long-run deterioration of the state's most valuable economic asset.

The grumbling got so loud that Gov. Jennifer Granholm finally agreed that if universities kept their tuition and fee increases below the annual rate of inflation (2.8 percent), she would restore three-fifths of the 5 percent reduction in state support that was taken away in her Executive Order of December 2003. Of course, this left a cut of 2 percent, but at least it was a reduction in a cut, if you follow tortuous accounting logic. A normal human might say, "it hurt less bad."

Then last week, the governor and the legislative conference committee, having thrashed out the rest of the budget for the coming fiscal year that starts Oct. 1, finally got around to dealing with higher ed appropriations. But by the end of last week, everybody agreed (sort of) to the deal, and to an overall appropriation of \$1.65 billion for state universities.

OK — so where does this leave us? In three places, all bad.

First, university fiscal years, like those of the schools and most everyone else, begin July 1. (The state switched to Oct. 1 years ago, because of another budget crisis.)

So the universities have to adopt budgets by that date, which involves predicting what the governor and the Legislature are going to do about state appropriations.

And, of course, the governor and the Legislature have no idea what they're going to do that early, so the universities have to make budget decisions in an information vacuum. This is, of course, no way to run any kind of business, public or private. Second, alert readers will have noticed that Lansing has now succeeded in achieving what amounts to complete control over the finances of public universities.

Up to now, the state could determine the amount of state-appropriated money going to higher education, but what each university did about tuition and fees was pretty much left to the discretion of each school and its governing board.

But as a result of the present deal by which part of a previously imposed cut was "restored," the universities have accepted a precedent for keeping their tuition and fees below the rate of inflation. In past years, faced with declining state support, universities simply increased their tuition bills. With that device now denied them, most public universities will simply acquiesce in reducing the quality of the education they provide their students. (This dilemma apparently does not apply to private universities, which received overall a small, \$3 million cut in state support, though they were meanwhile boosting their tuition rates an average of 6 percent, roughly double the increase allowed public universities.)

Three, readers with good memories will remember last week's column, wherein I suggested the metaphor of the frog in the pot of water on the stove that very gradually found the temperature increased until, yep, he's poached.

I applied the metaphor to the governor and the Legislature, who keep balancing the state budget by a bunch of mckel and dime budget cuts — \$74 from the good schools here, a cut in spending for public universities there. And I suggested that this process was the net result of our political "leaders" not having the guts to face up to the fundamental problem that the state budget is chronically and structurally unbalanced to the tune of more than \$1 billion per year.

And in last week's column, I pointed out that a frog, once poached, will find it very hard to get unpoached. The point applied to our good public schools (which finally got their \$74 back — for now — in a last-minute compromise).

Now it also applies to our universities — which, if anything, are more important. If we refuse to pay for first-rate higher education, Michigan doesn't have much of a competitive future.

Are you listening, Lansing?

Phil Power is a former regent of the University of Michigan. He is also 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.

Protecting our lighthouses helps preserve our heritage

In the swirling winds and skyscraper-size waves of a November storm, legend was made on Lake Superior in 1975. At the climax of the storm both the light and the radio beacon at Whitefish Point flickered out, and the monstrous *Edmund Fitzgerald*, left in the dark, plummeted to the bottom of the lake.

That particular lighthouse lights up Lake Superior's "Graveyard of Ships," where at least 100 ships have met the same fate as the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. Understandably, the



U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow

Whitefish Point Lighthouse and other Michigan lighthouses are an important part of our history and identity.

Protecting Michigan's Great Lakes history should be a top priority. I know that it is for me. That is why I authored the Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Trail Act in the U.S. Senate. This bill would require the National Park Service to assess Michigan's system of lighthouses and other maritime resources and make recommendations for the best way to preserve, restore and promote them.

The NPS would recommend specific proposals for the preservation of lighthouses and maritime history, such as the creation of a trail spanning the state to highlight the historical features of our beaches and lighthouses. The legislation would also help local groups identify existing funds for restoration.

I thank Rep. Dave Camp (R-Mich.) for joining me in this initiative by introducing this legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is important to preserve our heritage. Every time we lose a piece of our past, we lose a part of our ability to feel, taste, see and touch who we are and where we have come from. We lose an understanding of the difficult maritime jobs that courageous Michiganders once filled. We lose a sense of the ingenuity that brought us to where we are today. In short, we lose a part of who we are. As the English poet Stephen Spender remarked, "History is the ship carrying living memories into the future. It is our responsibility to maintain that ship."

Lighthouses are a fundamental part of that ship. We have more than 120 lighthouses in Michigan, more than any other state, and some are more than 180 years old. We have other great maritime resources, such as the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which currently protects the Great Lakes.

It has always been a priority of mine to protect the Great Lakes. I authored the ban on oil and gas drilling in our precious lakes. I have also recently authored the Great Lakes Community Restoration Act, which gives local communities the funding they need to protect the Great Lakes, including funding for the restoration of our beautiful lighthouses and other projects.

"Shipwreck Alley" Our lighthouses and maritime resources enrich our culture and our great state.

Lighthouses also shed a positive light on our economy. They beautify the Great Lakes around Michigan, making them prime tourist locations, millions of people use our beaches and enjoy our good fishing and boating. According to the latest U.S. Fish and Wildlife estimate, recreational fishing totals a \$1.5 billion boost to Michigan's tourist economy alone. We have more than one million registered boats, more than any other state.

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For the sake of our economy and our heritage, I will keep fighting to protect our lighthouses. As a child, I spent hours dreaming about the adventures these beautiful structures had witnessed. I want to make sure the rest of the world is also able to appreciate them in their most graceful state. I am very proud of our lighthouses. I am proud of our heritage. I am proud of Michigan.

Many of our lighthouses and other maritime resources have stories to tell, just like the Whitefish Point Lighthouse. It is up to us to preserve them so that those stories can be told.

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CC Dance holding auditions for big Christmas show

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Cantons Central City Dance studio will hold a second round of auditions Saturday, Sept. 18 for their first Christmas spectacular.

"We wanted to create something nice for the first season of the Cherry Hill Village Theater, and we wanted a creative alternative to the *Nutcracker*. We want to use dancers who like jazz, tap, hip-hop and gymnastics," owner Tim Smola said.

Last week the studio's third season began with a full set of classes.

But Tim and his wife, Tamara Nastev-Smola, are also directing their attention to the new Christmas show.

"We want this to become a Plymouth and Canton family tradition. There will be singing and gymnastics but primarily it will be a dance show."

The first auditions in August produced about 50 of the expected cast members. Tim said:

"We still need more dancers and a Santa."

The Smolas' show will make full use of the capability of the new theater. They hope a giant jack-in-the-box can be rigged in one of the stage trapped doors. The new theater is stunning.

Tamara said the August auditions brought out dancers from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Brighton and Ann Arbor.

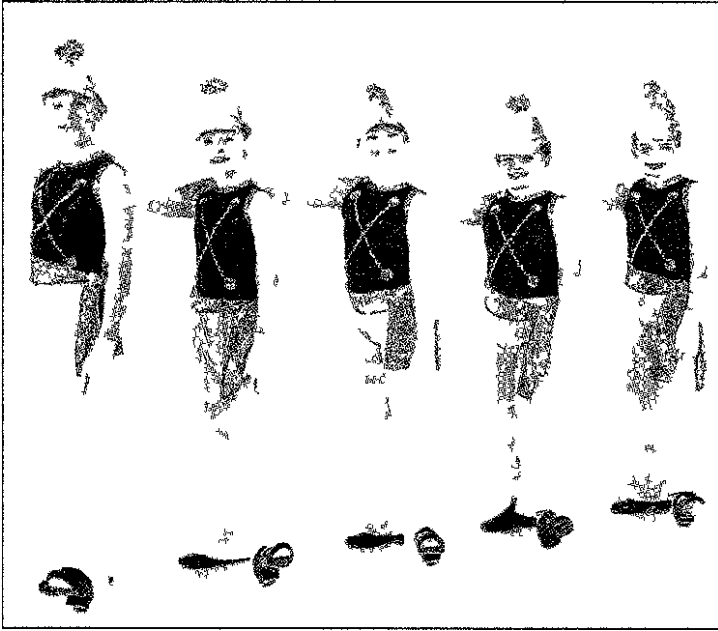
Auditions hours on Sept. 18 for dancers are 2-3 p.m. for ages 6-8, 3:30-4:30 p.m. for ages 9-12, 5-6 p.m. for teens and adults. Singers will be auditioned at 6:30-7:30 p.m. for all ages. Gymnasts will be auditioned from 8-9 p.m. for all ages. Central City dance will provide all of the costumes, props and accessories. Rehearsals - about 45 hours worth - will start in October at the studio and will move into the theater in December.

Kaiti Aprill, Canton resident and a Salem ninth grader who has made the cut for the show is excited about the prospect of the show at the CHV theater. "I am looking forward to it a lot."

Kelusa Nordstrom of Plymouth, 10, a St. Peter's Lutheran School student, found the audition experience "pretty fun." This is my seventh year dancing.

Tim said the show would open in the town of Central City, then move to Santa's workshop, then a Santa fantasy of an Hawaiian vacation, then a winter wonderland/magic kingdom and end back at Central City.

The Central City dance studio has about 4,000 square feet of space. Tamara Nastev-



Michael Neal of Westland, Jessica Bihn of Canton, Esther Kaufmann of Plymouth, Frankie Topalian of Canton and Sara Brudzinski of Canton as they appeared in a previous Central City Dance Christmas event.

Smola has 17 years experience in dance and is a former member of the Downriver Ballet Company. Tim Smola holds a fine arts degree from the University of Michigan in dance and is a former member

of the Peter Sparling Dance Company.

We are getting boys to dance. We have about 40 enrolled. Having a male teacher helps, and our hip hop program is a draw, Tim said.

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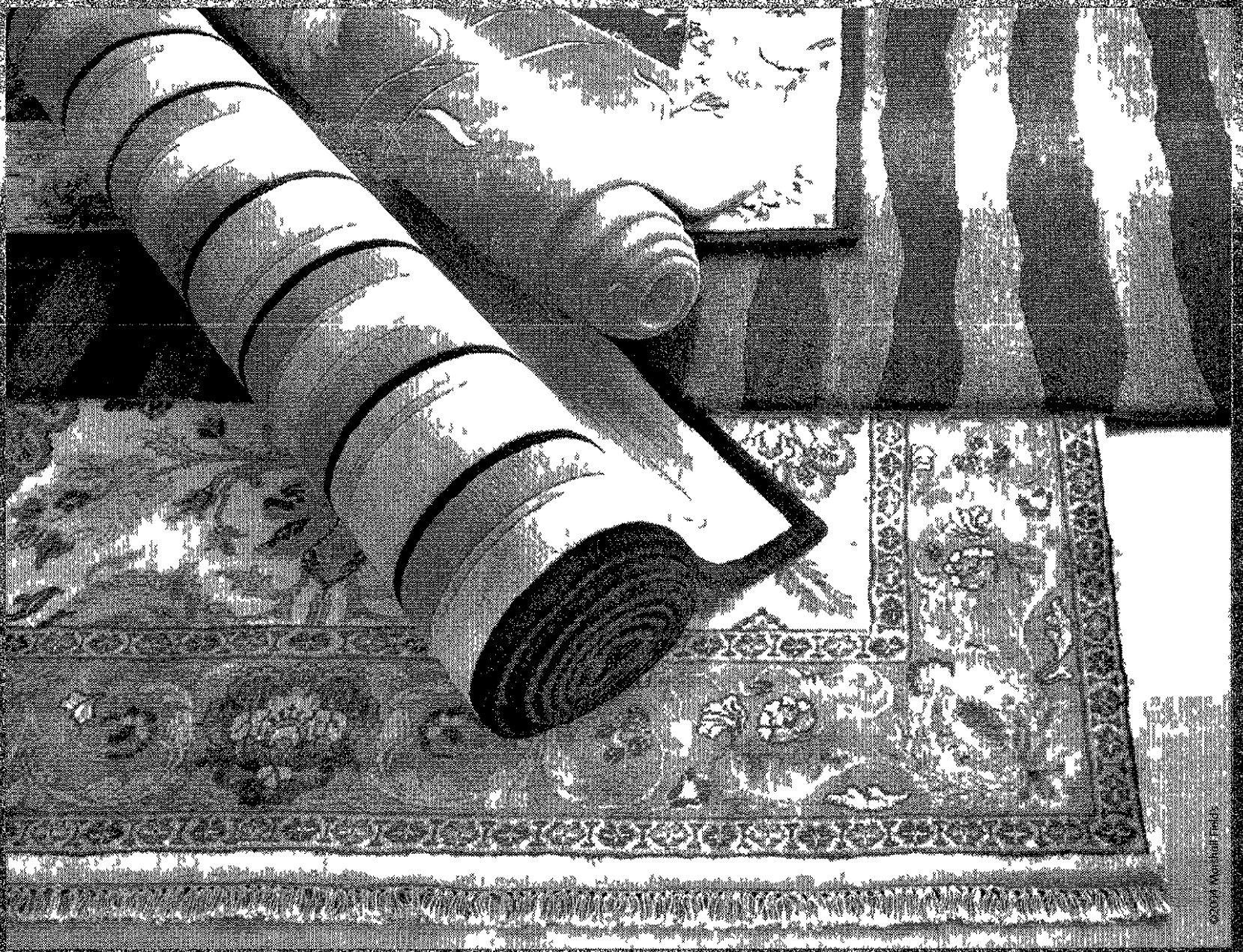
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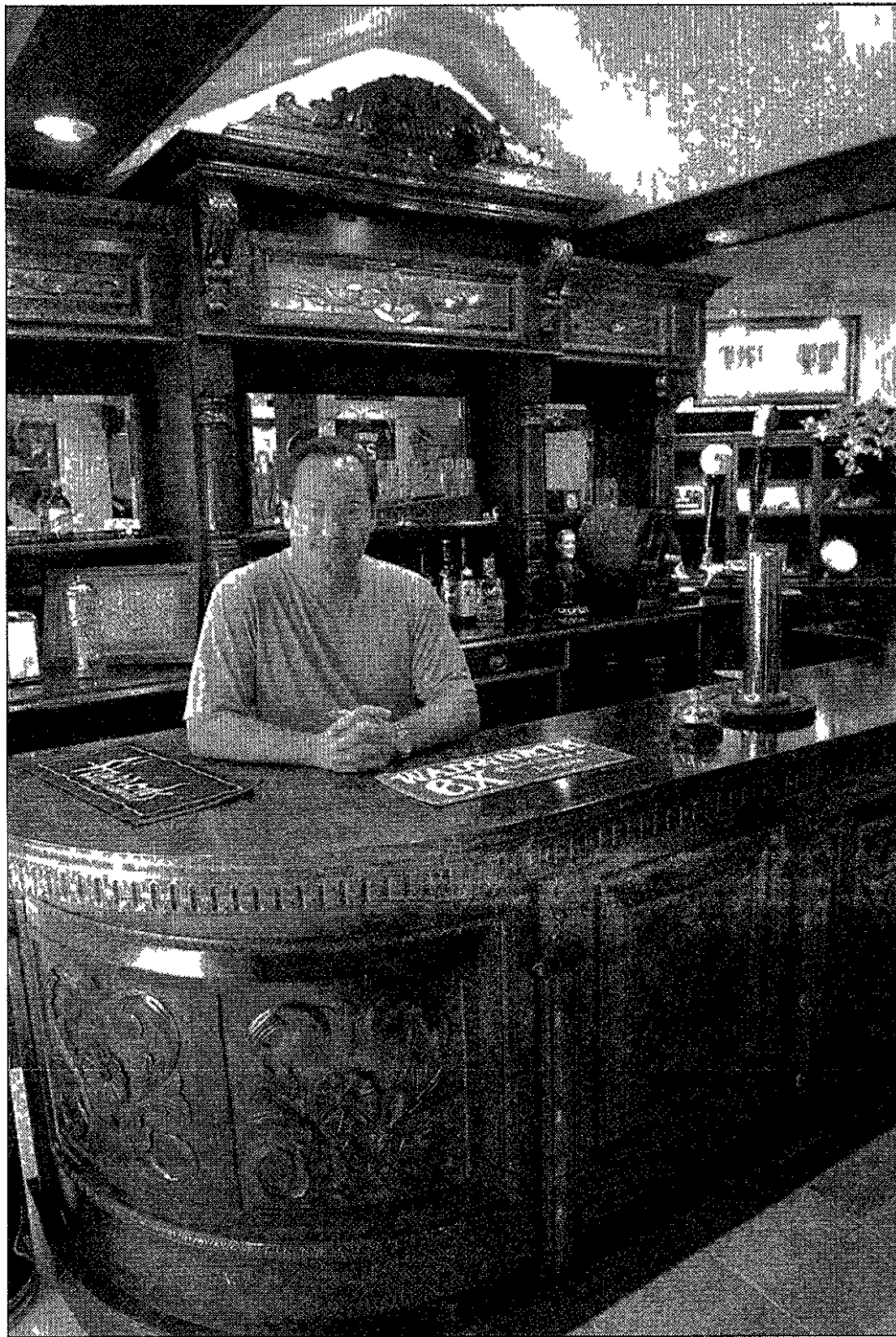
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Getting in the game

Fans score with rooms filled with memorabilia



Pat O'Neill found an antique bar in a shop in New Orleans, brought it north, and had it installed in his basement.

Story by Mike Murphy | Photos by Bill Bresler

Sports and sports memorabilia collecting have become as American as Abe Lincoln, and with new records being broken with every passing year come new sets of collectibles that serve to excite sports buffs to no end.

For some, finding a place for items like jerseys, autographed helmets and balls and golf clubs and spikes of famous athletes warrants the creation of what for lack of a better term can best be described as the sports den.

Usually not designed to be enjoyed privately, it is not uncommon for these sports-themed rooms to be focused around a widescreen television, a bar or a billiard table, where tales of how various collectibles have been acquired can be told.

"We wanted a sports theme, and this is what we created," said Patrick O'Neill of Plymouth. It's a nice gathering place.

O'Neill, a financial planner whose entire sub-basement is decorated with everything from Mark McGwire's bat to golf clubs and gloves once used by Tiger Woods, is masking his words with understatement.

He went to great lengths to furnish the room where glass-enclosed cases containing ephemera from every sport imaginable line the walls and the great names in sports like Griffey, Andreotti, Rose and Payton greet his visitors.

O'Neill's efforts to come up with this dazzling way to display items associated with sports greats include having an antique mahogany bar once used in England shipped north from a New Orleans antique dealer, installing a seven-foot television screen, and three small plasma TV screens over the fireplace.

GOLF STANDS FOR FANS

Even the tables in the room are supported by stands designed to replicate golf clubs jutting upward out of their bags. In one corner of the room that also opens up to the home's brick-lined patio stands an antique cast-iron phone booth.

Guests who amble down the memorabilia-lined stairs into the basement are greeted by a working slot machine.

Part of the basement is devoted to a full-scale home gym and dry sauna, and O'Neill has made provisions for sleepover guests by building a guest bedroom into the basement, which was completed in March.

"It's obviously much more than a finished basement, because it looks like a pub and that's the theme I tried to live up to," O'Neill said.

O'Neill, who acquired most of his memorabilia through online auctions or at charity functions, does not profess to be an avid sportsman himself.

"I just hit the treadmill and play some racquetball. That's about it," said O'Neill, a sports lover of the highest order who held a party in the room for the Lions' first exhibition game and plans for many more during this football season.

PLEASE SEE SPORTS, B2

Children's books by Madonna, Norville inspire designers

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Madonna, who once sang about being a "Material Girl," inspired or was involved with special materials for a very special cause recently.

In the Suite Dreams Project 2004 ShowHouse, A Series of City Homes, Madonna - and

Deborah Norville of MSNBC - inspired some of the rooms at this year's site, the \$12 million development Waterfall Hill at Quarton Lake in Birmingham. Madonna also approved all of the design elements in one of the featured houses. The homes will be open to the public from Sept. 25 through Oct. 17 (see related item).

The Suite Dreams Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bring comfort and joy to seriously ill children. It turns bedrooms and other spaces into beautiful healing environments to help the youngsters rest and recover.

The group is collaborating

PLEASE SEE SUITE DREAMS, B4



Madonna's children's book, 'The English Roses' is the theme for this child's bedroom at a Birmingham home for the Suite Dreams Project 2004 ShowHouse. A Series of City Homes which begins Sept. 25.

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in MarketPlace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it!

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Love golf?

Whether you are a golf fanatic or just a fan, you can check out golf and golf-related antique, rare and vintage items at Crimson Rose Antiques in Birmingham. Proprietor Sandra McElroy says many of the items are rare, such as the old tin golf games from the late 1800s. Crimson Rose Antiques, 205 Pierce Street, Suite 103 in Birmingham, will be open extended hours during the Ryder Cup - today and Friday from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday. The shop's phone number is (248) 203-2950.



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Making friends

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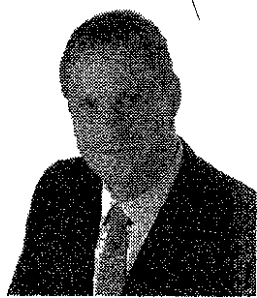
The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, in Royal Oak.

The Michigan Humane Society and 27 other groups will have hundreds of dogs, cats and rabbits for adoption. Adoption fees and policies vary by group.

There is no charge for admission or parking for this event.

For information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

This column will be appearing the first Thursday of each month!



Dr. Jacoby, O.D.

"I SEE FINE BUT MY EYES DON'T LET ME READ."

That's what Jordan told me. He stared at me straight faced, mouth drawn tight and with a determination to express why he could not read as well as he thought he should. He was eight and frustrated. Everyone in his family read for knowledge and for some reason - for enjoyment.

He had been tested in every possible way, he was given many labels to try on. He tried ADD, dyslexia, learning disabled, non-verbal learning disabled, etc. He was only offered a slow (too slow) learning pace and various compensations, yet reading never blossomed into fun.

At our clinic we performed a vision exam followed by a visual efficiency evaluation. We defined his visual comfort, visual endurance and visual problem solving. What we found was his sight (the ability to see details at various distances) was fine but his visual scanning was poor. Vision, unlike sight, is the ability to conjure the skills to explore the words in such a way as to provide organization, problem solving and enrichment.

For Jordan, 20/20 was not lacking, but his strategies for coping in the three-dimensional and two-dimensional worlds were hit and miss. He could throw, but he could not catch. He could work seek-and-find puzzles but he could not produce the sequential eye movements needed for reading comprehension.

The one advantage Jordan had was that he encountered our clinic. Since then he revisited the neurology that he never developed in order to come to terms with complex visual skills. We are not born with vision! Quite frankly, we are not even born with 20/20 sight. The unfortunate reality is that 20% of his fellow classmates also do not even have the visual skills to excel.

To improve your awareness here are some important references:

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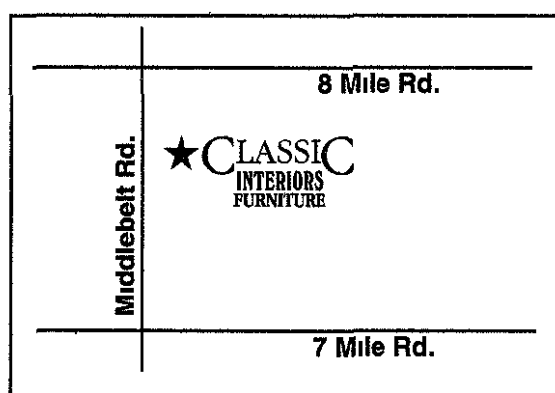
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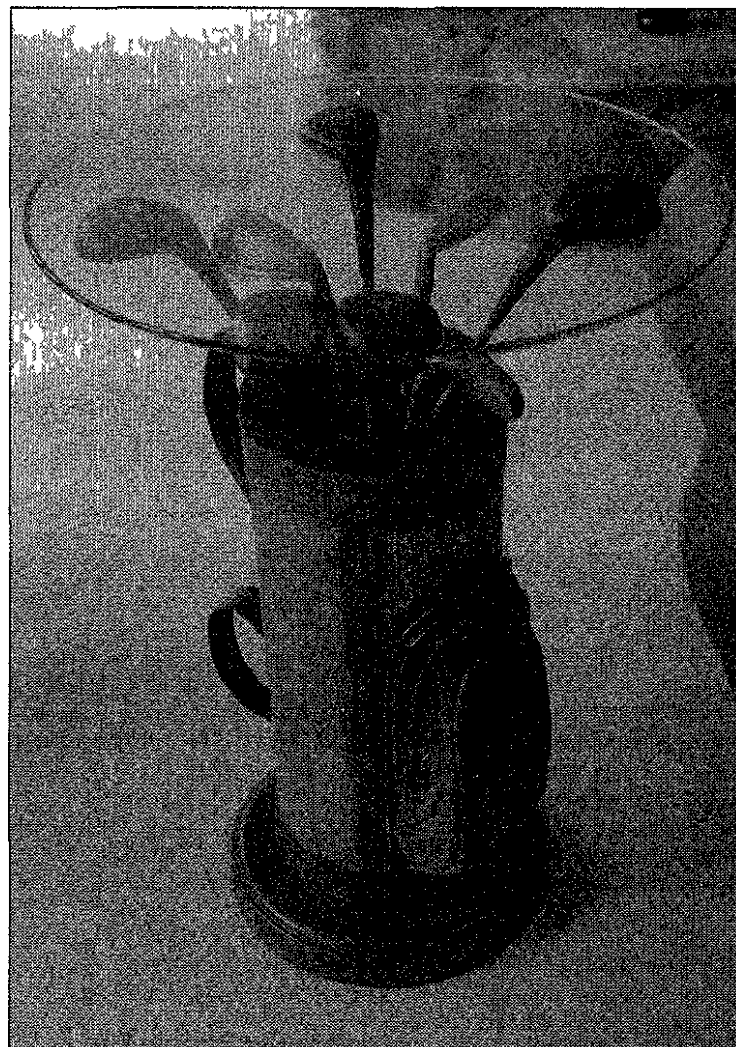
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Smaller details, like this golf-themed end table, add to the room's ambience

SPORTS

FROM PAGE B1

PERSONAL TIES

Other collectors, like former college baseball player Bruce Gerish of Northville, have more personal ties to the memorabilia they collect, and bolster their collections with tales on how they acquired nearly each and every piece.

Gerish, a developer and former Salem High School baseball and basketball player who went on to play baseball at Alma College, has had to put limits on his collection.

"Anything I add to the collection now is from somebody I've had a personal experience with or else someone with local ties," Gerish said.

A unique feature to Gerish's sports den is its use every year as a gathering place for a local hall of fame that Gerish and his wife created to raise money for charity.

One wall in the 40-foot by 15-foot sports den is devoted to local high school, college and professional athletes who gained little notoriety during their sports careers.

"We've created 70 legends, and we call them legends because they're legends in their own mind," Gerish said. "It's been kind of a fun way to get some local athletes together and raise money for local charities."

"People take it seriously. They prepare speeches and it's a nice way for friends to honor each other," he added. "I'm the original legend."

Michael Fishman, owner of Sports Gallery in Birmingham, a 10-year-old company that recently closed its showroom and now does all of its business online, said many collectors are like Gerish.

"People are into niche collecting and collect from events they attended," Fishman said.

Not surprisingly, what's hot among area collectors these days is memorabilia associated with the Pistons 2004 NBA championship team, autographed and unautographed.

Sports Gallery's current hot ticket items are panoramic shots of The Palace snapped when the Pistons won the title, Fishman said.

And while Sports Gallery is usually called upon to frame a



Glass-front lockers store Patrick O'Neill's sports jersey collection

historic photo or an athlete's jersey, Fishman said his company has had a hand in designing sports-themed rooms for many homeowners and businesses.

"We do a lot of custom work," Fishman said. "A lot of people want a visual sports room to order, and we try to help them out. We've done bars, offices, conference rooms and we've come out to houses."

Many area designers have become accustomed to designing sports dens for customers who seek to blend their sports memorabilia with the décor of their home.

"Basically what it is usually is a hall of fame/entertainment center. We do a lot of Lucite glass cases on walls and most of the time the focal point is the most valuable piece," said Mark Morganroth, a member of the American Society of Interior Designers, who works for Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

"Most of the time it's one sport, and it's more like a trophy room," Morganroth said. Denise Ziya, designer for the Troy-based Michigan Design Center, said many of her clients are looking for rooms similar to O'Neill's.

"The pub rooms seem to be very popular," Ziya said. "They can also be game rooms where people go and relax. They're very English."

In-demand features include high-top tables and lots of wood and leather, Ziya said.

"People are looking for a nice, rich warm feel. A place in the home that's comfortable," Ziya said.



A gas fireplace is surrounded by comfortable furniture. A London phone booth is in the corner near a Barry Sanders football jersey.

Restore order to your busy life

I am so stressed I can't function at times. I find myself forgetting engagements, losing items and rushing to meet deadlines. I make mistakes at work and home. Do you have any suggestions?



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Diana Koenig

Focus on becoming more efficient with your time by evaluating how you spend your time currently. Make three lists, things I have to do, things I want to do, and other things I do. Look at the items on your list and determine how productive they are. Is there anything that can be removed from any list? Introduce another perspective by sharing your lists with someone else. Listen to his or her suggestions. He may see an activity on your things I have to do that could be deleted, giving you the time you desperately need.

It would be great if time were a commodity and there was a company that sold it. Not only could we purchase time as needed, but it would be a great company in which to own stock. Unfortunately, pipe dreams won't give us more time. We will need to establish an efficient system to manage our time.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: 'Capture and control the time in your life!'

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In our busy, hectic society it is a continual challenge to manage time efficiently. Life pulls us in many directions with lessons, ball games, school events, daycares, and careers. We spend an enormous amount of time trying to cover all the bases. You may be on overload if you find yourself doing the following things:

You are so pressed for time, you prepare dinner in the crock pot before leaving for work in the morning. When you open the lid nine hours later you discover the crock pot was never turned on.

It is your son's first football game of the season. You watch each play enthusiastically, cheering your son's success on the field. At the end of the quarter you realize the boy you were cheering for is someone else's son. Then you set the alarm for 7 p.m. instead of 7 a.m. or you show up one day late for your child's pre-school orientation.

We feel stress when things seem to be out of control, when

we don't have enough time to complete tasks. Although we lead very busy lives it is not being busy that causes stress but working under crisis conditions. A constant sense of urgency will wear us down. The solution is to restore order in our lives.

We can begin this process by implementing a few rules:

- Plan ahead: Make written plans that are both short-term and long-term.

- Time out: Take time to relax and do something you really enjoy.

- Delete unnecessary activities or tasks from your life.

- Become more efficient with the time you have.

- Exercise: Your body is the best indicator of your stress load. If you do not like to exercise, combine it with a social event such as group volleyball.

- Practice healthy eating habits: Plan nutritious meals and avoid fast foods.

- Develop close friends with whom to share events in your

Prep sprinkler system for cold weather

(NAPS) - Colder weather can damage irrigation and sprinkler systems. That's why experts advise homeowners to prepare their sprinkler systems to withstand harsh freezing temperatures.

Fortunately, getting your sprinklers ready to face the cold can be simple.

Here are some tips that can help prevent costly damage to irrigation systems:

- Stay In Control - If you have an automatic system then you will need to shut down the controller (timer). Most controllers have a rain or off mode that simply shuts off the signals to the valves. The controller continues to keep time, the programming information (start times, valve run times, etc.) isn't lost and the clock continues to run. The only change is that the valves will not activate.

An alternative to using that mode is to simply shut off the power to the controller. If you do, you'll need to reprogram the time and potentially all the other settings when the weather warms up.

- Insulate Your Assets - Shut off the water supply to the irrigation system and protect the main shutoff valve for your irrigation system against freezing.

Make sure it is wrapped with insulation (foam insulation tape and a plastic bag).

If you do not have a main shutoff valve, install one and consider it a preventative investment.

Any aboveground piping needs to be insulated as well. Self-sticking foam insulating tape or foam insulating tubes commonly found at home supply stores work well.

- Drain The Pipes - People in very cold areas should

remove the water from the pipes and sprinklers so that it won't freeze and cause the pipes to burst.

There are several ways to drain pipes: manual drain valves, automatic drain valves or the compressed air blowout method. Since there could be potential safety risks, contacting an irrigation specialist is recommended.

- Protect Backflow Preventers - Insulate backflow preventers and valves if they are above ground.

You can also use insulation tape for this. Do not block the air vents and drain outlets on backflow preventers.

Consult an irrigation specialist such as those at Rain Bird before you attempt to winterize your system.

For more irrigation tips or information, visit www.rainbird.com or call 1-800-RAINBIRD.

You can save on the cost of heating this winter

My wife, Karen, and I have noticed and discussed the early color change of leaves this year. It has me believing that we may be in for a hasty winter.



Ask Dad
Harry Jachym

It seems others think the same way, as I've been getting many questions for information on inexpensive and simple ways to help save on winter heating bills. As a matter of fact, many of the most cost-effective energy-saving methods are simple and inexpensive.

Air infiltration and air leaks around the house, which allow warm air out and cold air in in the winter, can add as much as 10 percent to our heating cost. Check your doors, windows, joints or anywhere else you see gaps on your home's exterior, and caulk those areas to help save on heating bills. Don't forget to check service entrances, (that is where gas, electric, cable and other utilities) enter your home, which are often overlooked.

Worn or deteriorated weather-stripping around doors or windows needs to be replaced. You will likely find some sort of acceptable replacement weather stripping at the major home improvement stores. If you have brand name windows or doors, look in the phone book for that company's local distributor.

One needs to think carefully about the potential payback on major replacements such as windows and furnaces.

Replacing windows is almost always a good way to cut energy costs, but it is a major home improvement with a price tag to match. Inexpensive plastic film storm windows, the kind that can be taped, work reasonably well to reduce air infiltration and are much less expensive, but they are not considered very attractive.

The efficiency of today's furnaces is well above those manufactured as little as 15 years ago. Considering the life expectancy of a furnace is about 20 years, replacing a 15-year-old (or older) furnace may be a cost-effective improvement.

Electronic, setback thermostats are great energy-saving devices. They cost between \$30 and \$70 and installation can be done by just about anyone with minimal do-it-yourself ability.

Lowering the thermostat to

65° F when you are away and bringing the temperature back up before you return can save as much as 15 percent of your energy cost with no sacrifice in comfort.

A dirty furnace filter makes your blower motor work harder, increasing electric costs. During the prime heating season, it's a good idea to change this filter once a month.

Since lights are on for longer periods during the winter, I like switching to compact fluorescent lamps. Though once rather expensive, these are now very affordable. They cost one third or less to operate than standard incandescent bulbs and last much longer. On the down side, they can't be used with dimmers, but are available in three-way versions.

For more information on energy-saving techniques go to <http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/>

http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/housing/energy-savers/html

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Wood bleach removes stains left from leaks

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: How do I get water stains off our tongue-and-groove wood ceilings after roof leaks? - Jenny

A: Needless to say the first step is to repair the roof leak and permit the wood ceiling to completely dry. Then go to your paint supply company for

some wood bleach.

This product generally is applied in two parts. The first solution is applied directly to the stained area and left for about five minutes.

Then, while the surface is still wet, the second solution is applied.

Use a nylon brush or rubber sponge to apply the wood bleach and separate applica-

tors should be used for each solution.

After both solutions have been removed and the area has been permitted to dry, lightly sand to remove any residue that may remain.

Most importantly, remember to follow the manufacturer's specifications and always wear rubber gloves and proper eye protection.



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Raise a big stink: Grow garlic in your garden

BY JENNIE GEISLER
ERIE TIMES NEWS

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - Legend has it that when Satan left the Garden of Eden, onions sprang up from his right foot print, and garlic from his left. Thus began the alliums' tempest-tossed journey through human history.

Garlic and its powers to heal, to curse, to charm, to flavor, to ward off and to protect have been worshipped, feared, loved, hated, banned and endlessly cultivated - but they have never been ignored.

Contemporary America is curious about garlic's health benefits and ardently devoted to its flavor, if not its lingering aroma.

Undaunted, armed with breath mints, we gobble garlic gluttonously: roasted, sauteed, minced, sliced, grilled and stir-fried into cuisines that hail from every inhabitable continent.

One reason for garlic's global profusion is that few culinary staples are easier to propagate. In fact, there's little reason not to grow these great globes of goodness right at home.

More than 300 varieties of garlic are stinking up the planet, all with distinct flavors, growing patterns and other characteristics. Basically, there are five groups.

■ **Artichoke** Named because its heads look like artichokes. They are charac-

terized as vigorous, productive and adaptable, long-storing and easiest to grow. A variety of softneck, or common garlic.

■ **Silverskin** Needs better soil than artichoke garlics, prefers mild winters - as in not here. Its bulbs are tallish and pinkish and store up to 10 months, and cloves are difficult to peel. A variety of softneck, or common garlic.

■ **Porcelain** Impressive looking, large clove size, flavor sought out by connoisseurs. Only four to eight cloves per bulb, sometimes rosy or purple striped. Least common variety in North America. A variety of "hardneck, or gourmet garlic. Don't keep as long as artichoke or silverskin.

■ **Purple stripe** Holds flavor best when roasted. Attractive bulbs with striking purple lines, offering eight to 12 cloves per head. A variety of hardneck, or gourmet garlic. Don't keep as long as artichokes or silverskin.

■ **Rocamboles** Rich flavor sought by chefs. Cloves are brownish, averaging six to 11 per head. Easy to peel. Keeps only three months or so. Sometimes called serpent garlic for its coiling stalks. A variety of "hardneck, or gourmet garlic. You don't need to special order garlic from any fancy plant catalog, though you certainly have that option.

A few Web sites offer many garlic varieties, including www.seedsofchange.com, www.charleysfarm.com and

www.gildameister.com

But if you just want to grow some garden-variety garlic like you'd buy in the grocery store, plant the garden variety garlic that you buy in the grocery store. This way, your initial investment amounts to roughly 99 cents.

If you grew garlic this year, you're probably ready to harvest it now, if you haven't done so already.

Garlic grows throughout the spring into late summer. It's ready when about half to two-thirds of the tops have turned brown and curly.

Test-dig one or two bulbs before taking them all out to make sure they're ready. They should look plump and papery, not too small and green, not too brown.

Don't just rip garlic out of the ground like an onion. This could damage the head. Also, you need to leave the stalks on for a while. Loosen the soil around each plant to ease it out gently.

Leave the stalks on to prevent molding at the top of the head. Allow the garlic to dry by hanging somewhere out of the sunlight for two to four weeks, brushing dry dirt off gently, but not washing.

Then keep your garlic somewhere well-ventilated and out of the sun.

Many people hang it on the wall with the stalks braided, or in a basket or net. Don't put it in the refrigerator, where it might be inclined to sprout.

SUITE DREAMS

FROM PAGE B1

with 25 top design firms in the state on three separate show homes, each of which will feature a children's dream room.

Lucy Earl of Jones-Keena and Company of Birmingham, Jeffrey King of Jeffrey King Interiors of Birmingham and Nancy McGowen of McGowen Associates of Rochester were each captain of one house.

"Even after the success of this event in 2002, we couldn't have dreamed of the response we have received from the local community and national celebrities," said Kris Appleby, co-founder of the Suite Dreams Project. "We are so grateful for the support from Madonna and Deborah, and what this event will allow us to do for the kids the Suite Dreams Project helps."

"It's an opportunity to use your very specific talents for charity," said designer Brian Killian of Brian Killian and Co. of Birmingham, who designed a bedroom in one of the houses and is chairperson of the opening gala Sept. 22.

The 2004 ShowHouse is presented in collaboration with Hughes Properties, Thomas Sebold and Associates Inc. and Bryce McCalpin Palazzola Architects and Associates. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Suite Dreams Project.

The house of which McGowen was captain is designed around Madonna's lifestyle.

Madonna approved the elements in the house.

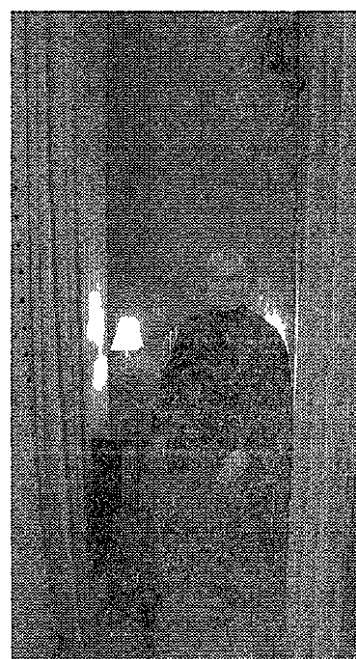
Here the rooms include a child's bedroom with the theme around Madonna's children's book, *The English Roses*. The walls are a luscious pink, and a window valance is topped with feathers. Drawers are painted on the closet door. This room is by Bill Bradley and Christy Kauffman of Kauffman Bradley.

McGowen, Colleen Farrell and Shana Smith of McGowen Associates designed the great room, which features Gustavian period furniture and contemporary art.

In the house of which Earl was captain, a child's retreat by Wendy Alterman of Alterman Interiors was based on one of



A child's retreat is decorated with soft touches - from the pillows to the light blue paint.



Brian Killian designed a bedroom in one of the houses.

Norville's children's books. The room is a cheerful blue and white, with a pattern of blue fleur-de-lis on the wall and features

small-scale grandfather's clock

The expansive great room and foyer by Earl and Nicole Withers of Jones-Keena and Company contains variations of maize and yellow. A large, ornate, antique French mirror frame is on one wall.

The bedroom by Killian is in this house. This room is a sophisticated symphony in walnut and bronze.

Killian designed the furniture, including drawers lined in linen. A ceiling fixture includes slender metallic rectangles. Tall drapes fill a soaring space to separate the walk-in closet.

Madonna and Gov. Jennifer Granholm are honorary chairpersons of the ShowHouse. Madonna is honorary chairperson of the opening gala.

"As a mother of two children, I have a unique understanding of how a parent feels when their child is not well," Madonna said.

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Plant programs
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Ornamental Grasses Landscape in Motion (Sept. 18) will lead you through the splendid world of these increasingly popular landscape plants
In Beautiful Bulbs (Sept. 25) George Papadelis will show how to use garden perennials effectively and how to orchestrate their height, colors, fragrance and bloom time throughout the spring and summer

Orchids
Milton Carpenter past president of the American Orchid Society and owner of Everglades orchids will discuss warm growing orchids at 2:30 p.m. Sunday Sept. 19 at the next meeting of the Michigan Orchid Society at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham 300 Willits. The public is welcome

Second seasons
The Community House Garden Club will present Second Season Annuals at 7 p.m. Monday Sept. 20 at The Community House 380 South Bates in Birmingham
Telly's Greenhouse owner George Papadelis will demonstrate the vast selection of annuals suitable for late season planting. These frost tolerant plants will typically last through October and some even past Thanksgiving thus providing us with a second season of fresh plant choices. Plants old and new can be used to brighten empty garden space or replant tired patio pots, window boxes or hanging baskets. The palette includes trailing verbenas, osteospermum, nemesia, calibrachoa, trailing snapdragons, daisias, arctotis, pansies, flowering kale, dianthus and at least a dozen more. Examples of late season containers will be on hand for viewing. The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. For more information call The Community House at (248) 594-6410

Shakespeare and herbs
Lonnie Morley former editor of the Herb Society of America's The Herbarist will discuss how herbal imagery in William Shakespeare offers clues to his identity. Shakespeare's works displayed extraordinary knowledge of herbs. Morley will offer explanations about how Shakespeare got

that knowledge in a program presented by the Oberon Chapter of the Shakespeare Fellowship at 11 a.m. Monday Sept. 20 at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. There is a nominal lunch charge. Call (248) 426-6942 for reservations and directions. The program will be offered again at 7 p.m. Monday Sept. 20 at the Bloomfield Township Library 1099 Lone Pine Road (at Telegraph) in Bloomfield Township. There is no reservation or admission charge. For information log onto the national Shakespeare Fellowship Web site at www.shakespearefellowship.org

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's. 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.

MBH Garden Club
Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday Sept. 24 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester. April Lange from Shades of Green Nursery in Rochester will speak on Planning Ahead For An Exciting Garden. Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

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 Davidsburg.

Perennial exchange
Royal Oak Garden Club and Royal Oak Recreation are sponsoring a Perennial Plant Exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 25 at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center at 3500 Marais north of 13 Mile and east of Crooks. 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's. 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 Climbing Roses 1-3 p.m. Sunday Sept. 19 or 11 a.m. Monday Sept. 20 and Winterizing Roses 1-3 p.m. Sunday Sept. 26 or 11 a.m. Monday Sept. 27. Climbing Roses is a slide program and garden demonstration of training and pruning techniques. Winterizing Roses is a popular garden demonstration by the Lindleys of techniques to ensure winter survival of all roses, even the most tender. 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.

Pruning
Learn basic pruning techniques, proper timing and use of pruning tools in Pruning Tips, a class meeting 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 28 at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$20. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Sue Grubba founded her own landscape and flower garden design firm Creative Scapes. She has been a senior instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception in 1996 and assisted in the development of its curriculum. Grubba was awarded the MSG's Certificate of Gardening Fine Arts in 1998 and Certificate of Landscape and Garden Design in 2003. She became an advanced master gardener in 1993.

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.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes The Art of Fall Cleanup Friday Sept. 17 in Livonia (fee is \$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 (\$110). Designing for Winter Interest Wednesday Sept. 22 in Livonia (\$40). Doubling Up Perennials Thursday Sept. 23 in Pontiac (\$40). Effective Hand-drawn Design four ses-

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The Michigan School of Gardening will also present two classes at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The Art of Fall Cleanup Wednesday Sept. 22 and Pruning Tips Tuesday Sept. 28 (fee is \$22).

Flower Show
The Livonia Garden Club is cosponsoring a Standard Flower Show with the Livonia Historical Commission at Hill House Museum located on the grounds of Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village 20501 Newburgh Road in Livonia. A Time to Remember will be held 1-5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 2 and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 3. Admission is free and open to the public. For information contact (734) 953-3318 or (248) 486-9676.

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

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The DockDogs event is open to any dog owner who wishes to enter. Bring your pooch to compete.

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HOME CALENDAR

Leisure activities

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 Thursdays Sept 16 to Oct 21 Fee is \$44 The Rochester Community House also presents classes in a Quilt Project Series and a Rubber Stamping is Simple Series The first session in the quilt series Get to Know Your Machine will meet Monday Sept 27 fee is \$25 The first session in the rubber stamping series Down to Basics will meet Monday Sept 27 fee is \$15 Pre registration is required by mail or at RCH No credit cards Call (248) 651 0622 or visit www.rochestercomm house.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

Family festival

Meadow Brook Hall's fourth annual Family Fun Festival sponsored by Target will take place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Sept 19 This year's theme is inspired by Dr. Seuss whose wildly popular characters first appeared in the 1930s Children and parents can meet their favorite Dr. Seuss characters in front of the Hall on the OU campus in Rochester and be escorted by Thing One and Thing Two to Knole Cottage Once there families may tour Knole Cottage the built to scale fully functioning playhouse of Frances Dodge and enjoy storytelling Youngsters also may take part in the Yertle the Turtle scavenger hunt on the grounds of the Hall create their own hats and fishbowl and color their own Green Eggs and Ham place mats Other activities will include a special twist on Twister and face painting In keeping with the glamorous 1930s theme children may play dress up in costumes of the period Tours of the Hall will also be available during the Festival Admission to the Family Fun Festival is free Concessions will be available for sale For more information on the event call (248) 370 3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

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 just north of Big Beaver (16 Mile) Road A preview of the auction is scheduled noon to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Troy Community Center The auc-

tion features paintings American art glass and pottery antique and reproduction furniture snuff bottles and marble figures See www.boosgallery.com for catalogue Call (248) 643 1900 or e-mail artanddauction@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 six Tuesdays beginning Sept 21 To register call The Community House at (248) 644 5832 or visit www.com munityhouse.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

House tour

The 17th annual Community House Birmingham House Tour will take place 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21 Seven unusual homes ranging in style from traditional to contemporary will be featured The brand new line of Cadillacs will be displayed at each residence Tour proceeds will benefit The Community House's community outreach programs A brunch 9:10-10:30 a.m. at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham will feature a presentation by Jessica York of HGTV's New Spaces Tickets are \$25 for the tour only \$60 for the brunch and tour For ticket information call (248) 554 6596

Miniature dog houses designed by local artists will be presented as centerpiece at the brunch The dog houses will be offered 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 go to The Community House's community outreach programs

Simple curtain

Haberman Fabrics 905 S. Main in Royal Oak presents a variety of home decor classes for different skill levels In Simple Curtain Thursdays Sept 23

to Oct 7 beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room bed room kitchen or bathroom windows (fee is \$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

Preserving your past

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm will present Preserving Your Past Caring for Photographs and Documents 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Sept 29 Admission is \$5 per person The program is recommended for ages 16 and up Pre registration is required To register call (248) 656 4663 or go to the museum on Van Hoosen Road off Tienken Road 1 mile east of Rochester Road and 1 mile north of downtown Rochester

The presentation will last one hour and be followed by 30 minutes of open questions from participants Some of the areas to be addressed will be What is archival quality or acid free? What do I need to preserve my family photographs at home? and What are preservation enemies? For more information call the museum at (248) 656 4663 or visit its Web site at www.rochesterhills.org

Interior design

The College for Creative Studies 201 E. Kirby in Detroit will offer a 10 session Continuing Education class Elements of Interior Design Saturdays Sept 25 to Dec 4 (no class Nov 27) The instructor will be Teri Main principal designer and owner of Main Design Innovations in Royal Oak Cost is \$295 plus \$10 material fee \$300 plus \$10 material fee for State Board Continuing Education Units Call (313) 664 7691 for information An overview of the field of interior design the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically visually and intellectually satisfying Instruction will include the basic principles of space planning drafting color theory and materials and finishes Students will work toward creating a finished residential room during the course 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@oe.hometownlife.com

This isn't your grandfather's pegboard

BY DAVID BRADLEY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Most homeowners don't dare use the words pegboard and decor in the same sentence

Homeowners are all too familiar with pegboard For decades tools have been unceremoniously hung from hooks on this crumbly brown pressboard Long kept out of sight in dank basements and messy garages, pegboard is the last product do-it-yourselfers could envision as modern, stylish and in vogue Well, this venerable storage item has moved out of basement shadows and into the housing limelight

It's now bright, white, spiffy, made of polymer plastic and ready for everyday use in kitchens to kid's rooms to pool decks About the only holdover feature from predecessor pegboards are holes for hooks

Rather than stodgy metal hooks that would tear out the holes of old pegboard, the new version uses matching white or multi-colored plastic hooks It comes in white 2- by 4-foot sheets that can be easily fastened into any wall in minutes

Manufacturer GeoMatrix of Troy, suggests spacers to distance the board from walls The firm sells this upscale pegboard under the brand name of EverTrue only at Lowe's

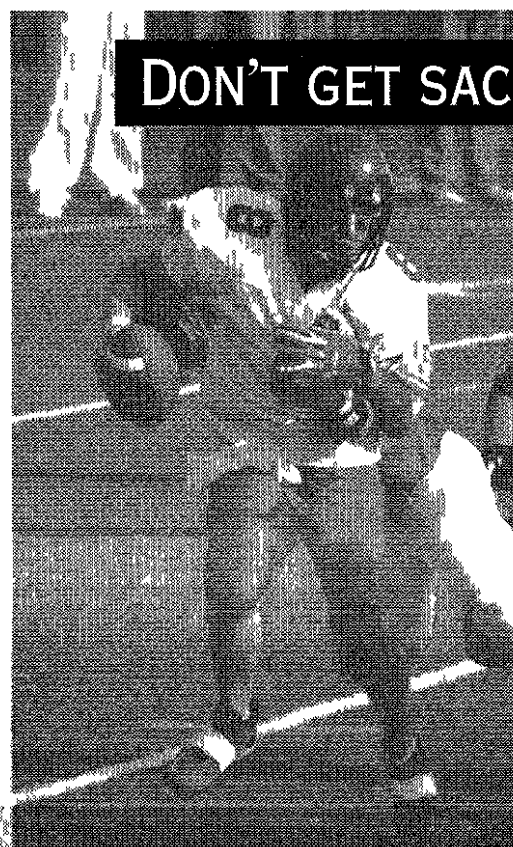
Traditional pegboard would warp, rot and get moldy That won't happen with the new polymer, according to GeoMatrix officials A quick swipe with a damp cloth is about the only cleaning this pegboard ever needs

And it is strong This makes it ideal to hold pots and utensils in kitchen pantries It also offers a ray of hope for tidiness in kid's rooms Stuff typically piled on shelves might just as well be hung on hooks on the wall

The new pegboard isn't a budget-buster either The sheets cost less than \$11 Hooks are sold separately

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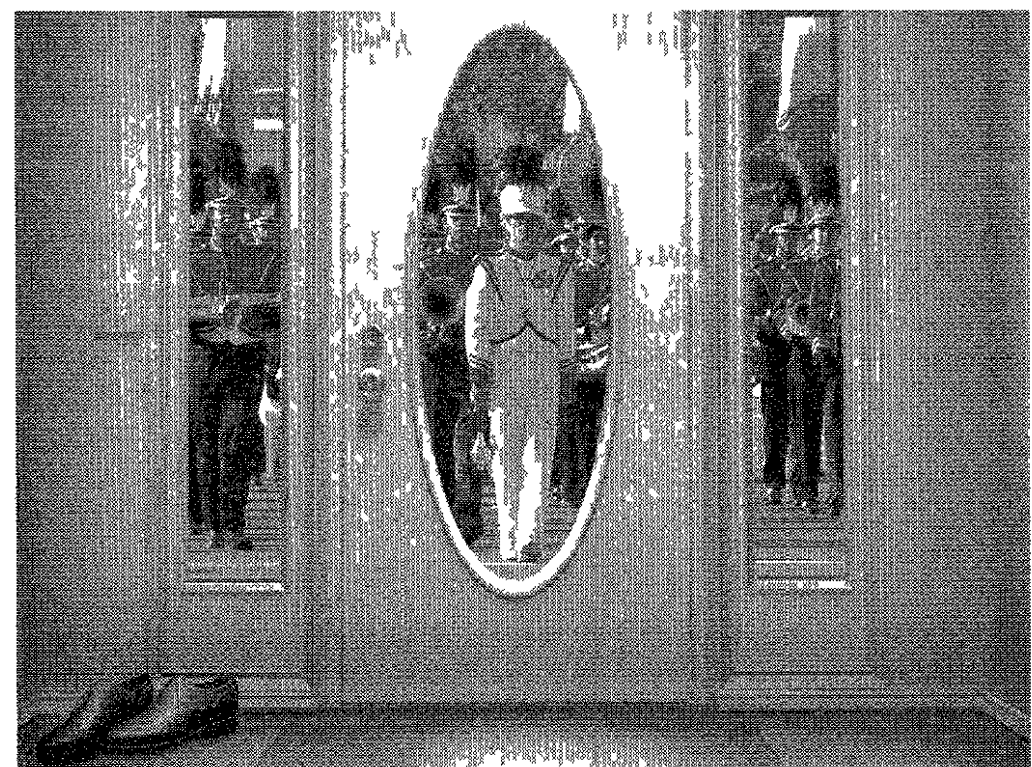
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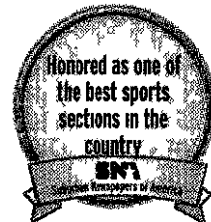
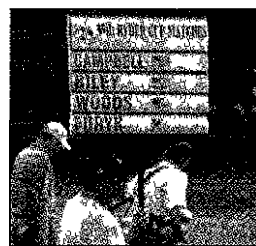
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Salem harriers make history with title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Yes, members of Salem girls cross-country team were probably a little fatigued following Saturday's Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark.

But they weren't too tired to celebrate their first-ever championship at the annual 16-team event.

"The girls were dancing when they found out we won," said coach Dave Gerlach. "They were excited because it's the first time in school history we won the inv-

tational and the first time in school history that we've beaten Livonia Stevenson, which is a powerhouse. To knock off a giant like Stevenson is very exciting.

"I warned them, though, not to get too high. It was a great effort, but we still have a lot of work to do."

The Rocks won the event with 76 points, six less than runner-up Stevenson.

Livonia Churchill finished third (143), Jackson sprinted to fourth (178) and Rochester earned fifth (180).

"We had high expectations coming into this season because we had a successful year last year," Gerlach said. "We finished

third in this meet last year and definitely wanted to do better than that. I think we proved to people that we're the real deal.

"The ironic thing is that the top three teams are all in the same division in the WLAA, plus we're all in the same regional. We made the conference proud."

Seven runners from each team competed in the varsity race with the top five finishers' times counted toward the final standings.

Hannah Caviochio was the first Rock to cross the line, finishing fifth overall in 20:01.

She was followed by teammates Lauren

Kane (11th, 20:33), Laura Friedman (14th, 21:06), Marisa Carmel (19th, 21:17) and Rachel Gazicki (27th, 21:31).

Salem's Danielle Malone and Monica Przebienda finished 52nd and 54th, respectively.

The Rocks' junior-varsity squad also won its portion of the competition. Salem's JV runners were Alie Vramak (1st overall), Alhson Janda (2nd), Chelsea Baldwin (4th), Katy Friske (5th) and Sarah Kosteva (7th).

The Rocks will take their momentum into this afternoon's City Meet at Cass-Benton Park.

Sidelines

SC harriers 7th

The Schoolcraft College women's cross-country team opened its season Saturday by placing seventh in the Running Fit-Detroit Titan Invitational at Cass-Benton Park.

The meet featured NCAA Division I and II schools along with NAIA junior college teams.

Bucknell University (Pa.) led the way with 29 points followed by Wayne State, 45, University of Detroit Mercy, 102, Oakland University, 107, Eastern Michigan, 124, Macomb CC, 182, Schoolcraft, 199, Niagara (N.Y.), 212, Canisius (N.Y.), 219, and Concordia, 311.

Melissa Moncion of Wayne State was the individual winner in the 5,000 meter event with a time of 18 minutes, 33 seconds.

Wayne State's Meghan Wafer (Redford Thurston) took 20th in 19:52, while Detroit's Maura Mulcahy (Livonia Ladywood) finished 18th in 19:43.

Kirstian Tyler (Livonia Franklin) was Schoolcraft's top finisher in 37th place (20:24).

Other Schoolcraft finishers included Kristyn Green (Livonia Stevenson) 44th (20:55), Ashley Hoffman (Dearborn) 52nd (21:28), Jessica Frendo (Garden City) 64th (22:20), Julie Murphy (Goose Creek, S.C.) 74th (23:33), Christiane Seewald (Redford Thurston) 80th (24:20) and Claire Czaplicki (Farmington) 86th (25:30).

Rock runners 12th

Salem's boys cross-country team finished 12th at Saturday's 25-team Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark.

"I'm happy if we finish in the top half of this meet every year," admitted Rock coach Geoff Baker. "I thought we did well considering the kids are still getting acclimated to school and running."

The meet was won by Traverse City Central (154 points). Livonia Churchill (169) was runner-up, just ahead of third-place L'Anse Creuse North (198). Salem finished with 308 points.

Jimmy Walsh was the Rocks' top runner, finishing 21st overall in 17:24. He was followed by teammates Scott Fysh (43rd, 17:55), Dan Kapadia (49th, 18:01), Adam Kosteva (67th, 18:17) and Joe Rothert (128th, 19:22).

Erik Dondzila finished 139th (19:33) and Cameron Loftus was 141st (19:36).

The Rocks will return to action this afternoon in the City Meet held at Cass-Benton Park.

Wolves tryouts

Tryouts for the 2005 Michigan Wolves 13U travel baseball team will be held in late September and early October. Players who turn 13 after Aug. 1, 2004, are eligible to try out for the team.

For more information, contact Tim Broughton at (734) 645-9033.

Rocks climbing Salem improves to 4-2 with big win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes you can work hard at both ends of the court, hustle from baseline to baseline and do everything your coach asks you to do and still lose by 34 points.

That's what happened to the Belleville girls basketball team Tuesday night in its 62-28 setback to a taller, deeper and more experienced Salem squad.

Salem is now 4-2, while Belleville dropped to 3-3.

The Rocks used a balanced attack to wear down the young Tigers and turn a relatively close game at the end of the first quarter (Salem led 15-7) into a rout.

"There's no way I can be upset with my team because they gave it every thing they had," Belleville coach Kevin Edwards said. "We got decent shots, we just couldn't finish. I know what we'll be working on in practice tomorrow — shooting."

Salem coach Fred Thomann said he's encouraged by his team's depth and unselfishness. On several occasions Tuesday night, the Rocks turned aside 15-foot jump shots for an additional two more passes and a layup.

"We're getting into more of a rhythm now," Thomann said. "We have a lot of balance. Actually, I'd like to see a couple of our lead players shoot more."

"We beat a good team tonight. Belleville was 3-2 and they have some very good athletes. They scored 56 points against Romulus the other night, and Romulus is good."

Salem forward Kathryn Wheatley had a career offensive night, scoring a team-high 14 points. Alyssa Guerin and Ellen Canale both netted 10.

Belleville was paced by point guard Renee Seng, who scored six points. Five players scored four points each for the Tigers.

The taller, scrappier Rocks outbounded Belleville, 37-13. Teresa Coppelle grabbed a team-high 10

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ellen Canale (15) forces Belleville's Taylor Manley to add some extra loft to her jump shot during Tuesday's game at Belleville. Salem won, 62-28.

Belleville gridgers start hot

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The thrill-a-minute Belleville football team is starting to make a believer out of coach Bob LaPointe.

The youthful Tigers are 2-1 (1-0 in the Mega Red Conference) following back-to-back drama-filled victories.

Belleville dropped its opener, 33-23, to Walled Lake Western, but has since slipped by Lincoln Park, 18-14, and Monroe, 14-12.

LaPointe noted that the Tigers were a few key plays from upending Western and sporting a 3-0 mark.

But we could also be 0-3, too, he chuckled. "Every game has gone down to the wire this season. Our defense has really come up big this year. Our offense has struggled, but we play good team defense."

The Railsplitters led the Tigers, 14-12, late in the fourth quarter when Belleville's Mr. Everything Isaac Kindell returned a punt 70 yards for the game-winning TD.

Kindell struck again against Monroe when he brought back a kickoff 90 yards to paydirt to put the Tigers up 7-6.

After Carlos Clark extended Belleville's lead to 14-6 with a 38-yard scoring run, Monroe scored to cut its deficit to 14-12. The two-point conversion pass was knocked to the ground by Dajuan Roberts.

Monroe threatened to snatch the victory away from Belleville when it drove to the Tigers' 30 with less than two minutes to play, but — guess who? — Kindell intercepted a deflected pass to seal the win.

"I thought they were going to attempt a field goal at the end, but they decided to go for it on fourth-and-one," LaPointe said. "One of our linemen got a hand on the ball and Isaac made another big play."

Belleville hosts Wyandotte at 7 p.m. Friday in a key Mega Red showdown. The Bears are 2-1.

Spartans crowned WLAA swim champs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson has dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays the past several years, but the Spartans won Saturday's meet at Salem by only the width of a diving board.

Stevenson outstroked second-place Northville, 253-251, to take home the WLAA hardware for the 14th consecutive year. The host Rocks finished third with 234, Canton notched fourth (202), Livonia Churchill settled in fifth (192) and Plymouth took sixth (122).

"We struggled a little, but the girls gave a good effort," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "I figured Northville was going to be right up there with us this year and I was right."

Salem coach Chuck Olson was more than pleased with his team's

PLEASE SEE SWIM, C2



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Courtney Sears prepares to swim the anchor leg in the 200-yard freestyle relay at Saturday's WLAA Relays held at Salem. The Chiefs finished sixth in the event and fourth overall.

Full strength Whalers' off-ice efforts assist area communities

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Northville's Winchester Elementary School staff members found themselves shorthanded for an extensive school landscaping project Sunday, they turned to members of the Plymouth Whalers organization for an off-ice power play.

Thanks to the 25-man advantage, the project scored. "Before I arrived at the school, I thought it was going to consist of planting some hostas or something like that," Whalers community relations director Doug Peacock said. "But once we got there, I saw bulldozers and forklifts, so I knew it was going to be a little more extensive."

It's typical of what the players like to do, though, when they go out into the communities. They had a great time working with the kids and we got a lot of work done. The project was completed in a little over

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SWIM

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third place showing

I thought our girls swam well Olson said. It's a fun meet because you can see where you stack up in the league and you can get an idea of how your younger swimmers are going to do. I also like it because I get a chance to see everybody again.

Olson said he doesn't take a win-at-all-costs strategy into the season opening event.

I think it's more important to get as many girls involved in the meet as I can as opposed to loading up in certain events, Olson said. I try to do what's best for the team.

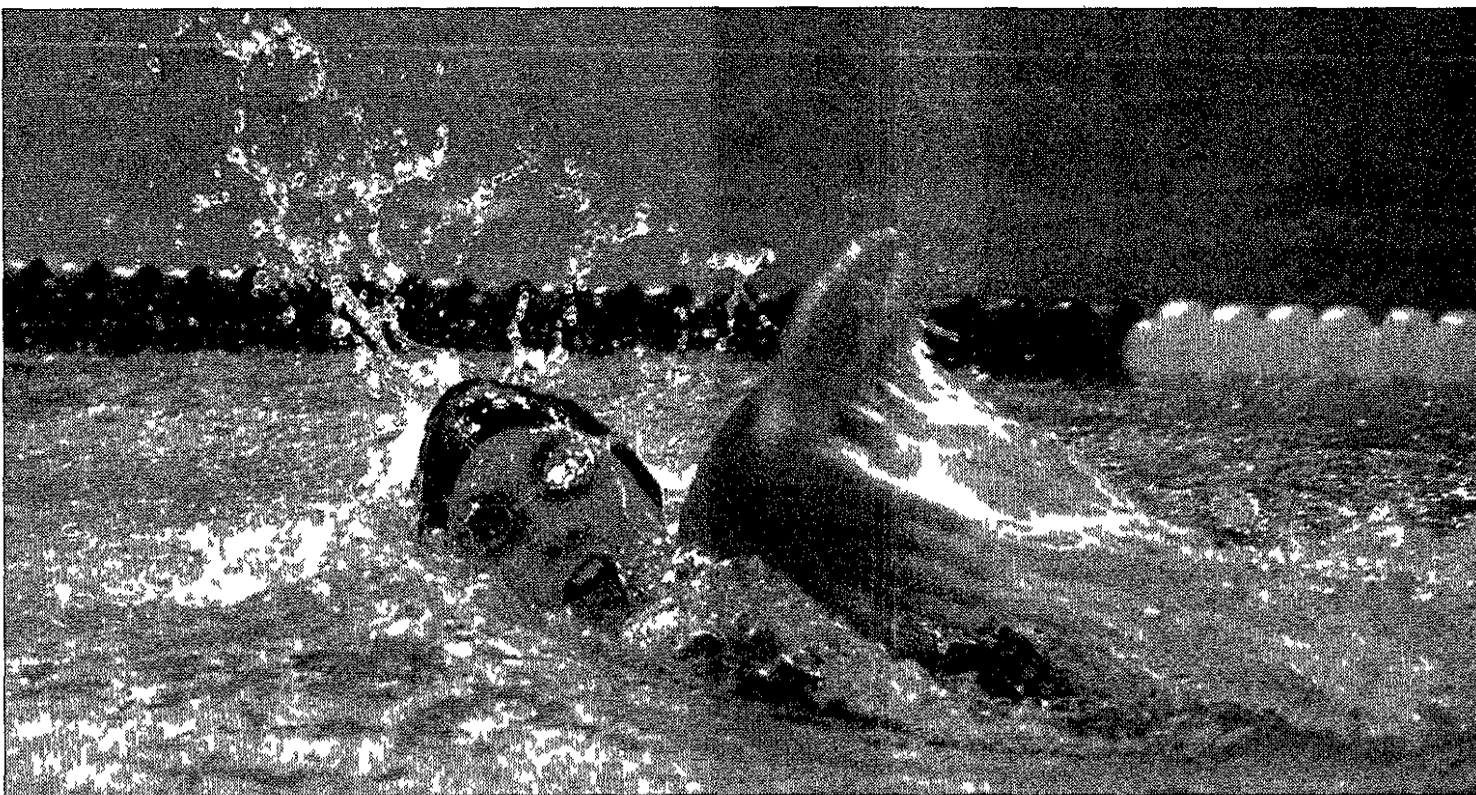
First year Canton coach Molly Raines was impressed by her team's early-season effort.

It was the first chance I've had to compare our team to the rest of the league, and I think the girls did awesome. Raines said. "I'm sure we'll see improvement in the girls' times too as the season goes on."

Stevenson finished first in three relays: the 400-yard medley (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Meredith Bajor and Blake Holtz), the 200-yard breaststroke (Laura Timson, Stephanie Buckley, Lisa Koch and Kristin Cruce) and the 400-yard individual medley.

The Spartans ranked no lower than third in the remaining four swimming relays. Their lowest finish was sixth in diving.

Northville captured three events and Salem touched the wall first in two. Canton's lone first-place showing came in the 200-yard butterfly relay.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Kate Musson helped the Rocks to a fourth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle relay at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays held at the Salem High School pool. Salem finished third overall behind Livonia, Stevenson and Northville.

WLAA SWIM RELAYS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIM RELAYS

Sept 13 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Stevenson 253 points 2 Northville 251 3 Salem 234 4 Canton 202 5 Livonia Churchill 192 6 Plymouth 122 7 Westland John Glenn 112 8 Walled Lake Western 102 9 Walled Lake Central 99 10 Wayne Memorial 81 11 Walled Lake Northern 65 12 Livonia Franklin 49

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400 medley 1 Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Meredith Bajor, Blake Holtz) 4:21.90 2 Salem 4:25.34 3 Canton 4:29.96 4 WL Western 4:38.80 5 Northville 4:40.49

400 freestyle 1 Northville (Ashley Miller, Sarah Carr, Katherine Kusuplos, Alex Perszenko) 3:45.20 2 Salem 3:53.24 3 Stevenson 3:56.36 4 Canton 4:09.28 5 Churchill 4:20.13

200 breaststroke 1 Stevenson (Laura Timson, Stephanie Buckley, Lisa Koch, Kristin Cruce) 2:16.78 2 Northville 2:22.13 3 Westland John Glenn 2:25.13 4 Canton 2:28.55 5 Salem 2:33.69

200 backstroke 1 Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Kasey Shimp, Amy Benson, Kate Myers) 2:03.76 2 Churchill 2:03.89 3 Northville 2:06.83 4 Stevenson 2:06.94 5 Canton 2:07.44

200 butterfly 1 Canton (Susie Patrick, Allison Goldsmith, Paige McBain, Allison Schmitt) 1:54.46 2 Stevenson 2:02.96 3 Churchill 2:03.08 4 Northville 2:04.58 5 Plymouth 2:04.88

Diving 1 WL Western (Ashley Bellrose, Allie Karagozian) 305.75 2 WL Central 303.75 3 Salem 287.70 4 Northville 260.35 5 Canton 229.30

400 individual medley 1 Stevenson 4:34.42 2 Northville 4:40.56 3 Salem 4:40.86 4 Churchill 4:46.20 5 Canton 4:47.54

500 freestyle 1 Northville (Ashley Miller, Sarah Carr, Katherine Kusuplos, Alex Perszenko) 4:49.65 2 Stevenson 5:04.11 3 Churchill 5:06.33 4 Salem 5:06.61 5 Westland John Glenn 5:09.86

200 medley 1 Salem (Kate Myers, Andrea Lang, Katie Gorman, Lisa Gullikson) 2:05.29 2 Northville 2:06.53 3 Stevenson 2:07.39 4 Churchill 2:11.67 5 Canton 2:18.77

200 freestyle 1 Northville (Tanya Tarszenko, Chelsea Miller, Sarah Anker, Katie Stewart) 1:48.41 2 Stevenson 1:51.90 3 Churchill 1:54.07 4 Salem 1:54.59 5 WL Central 1:56.56

PREP RANKINGS

Boys Soccer

(By the coaches association)

Division 1-1 Northville (8-0-0) 2 Okemos (8-0-0) 3 Rochester (8-2-0) 4 Livonia Stevenson 5 Novi 6 Warren DeLaSalle 7 Ann Arbor Pioneer 8 Troy Athens 9 Traverse City West 10 Saginaw Heritage

Honorable Mention - Plymouth Canton Redford Catholic Central South Lyon

Division 2 - Unavailable

Division 3-1 South Haven 2 Grosse Ile 3 Cheboygan 4 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 5 Elk Rapids 6 Madison Heights Bishop Foley 7 Macomb Lutheran North 8 Jackson Lumen Christi 9 Frankenmuth 10 Elkton Pigeon Bay Port Laker

Honorable Mention - Frankenmuth Lansing Catholic Ithaca

Division 4-1 Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (5-0-1) 2 Birmingham Rochester (6-0-0) 3 Allen Park Inter City Baptist (4-0-0) 4 Adrian Lenawee Christian 5 Jackson Christian (7-1-0) 6 Wyoming Tn Unity Christian (8-0-0) 7 Plymouth Christian (7-1-1) 8 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (4-2-1) 9 Westland Lutheran (3-2-0) 10 (tie) Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian (5-1-0) Southfield Christian (5-1-0)

Honorable Mention - Royal Oak Shrine Ann Arbor Greenhills

Boys Golf

(By the coaches association)

Division 1-1 Muskegon Mona Shores 2 Traverse City Central 3 Grand Blanc 4 Walled Lake Western 5 Saline 6 Redford Catholic Central 7 Grosse Pointe North 8 Okemos 9 Howell 10 Novi 11 Portage Central 12 Rochester Adams

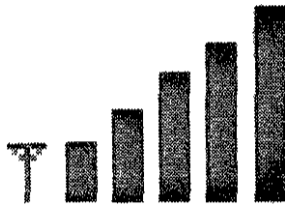
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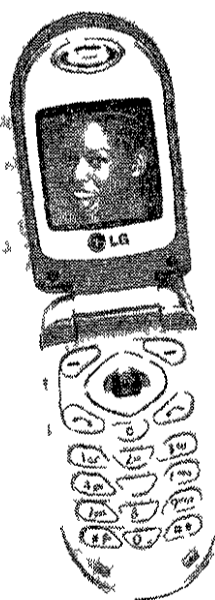
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ROCKS

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caroms, while Canale and Carly Sommers nabbed seven boards a piece

Ericka Brewer hauled down a team-high four rebounds for the Tigers

Salem, which scored several points while in transition, shot 46 percent from the field and 64 percent from the charity stripe Belleville was ice cold from the field, connecting on just 7-of-36 attempts (19 percent) The Tigers made 14-of-23 free throws (60 percent)

Leading 15-7, the Rocks put the game on ice with a 13-2 run to start the second quarter Wheatley keyed the streak with a pair of steals and four points

The Rocks led 35-18 at the half and then outscored their hosts 12-2 in the third quarter

The Rocks are off until Thursday, Sept. 23, when they travel to Walled Lake Central

"We have a week to work on our offense against a zone trap, which is what Central likes to run," Thomann said "They'll be a good test for us"

Edwards praised the play of freshman Courtney Holland, who didn't start or score, but inspired the Tigers with her aggressive play

"She'll be starting next game," Edwards said "Courtney is young, but it looks like she's starting to get it She can help our seniors on the boards"

Belleville travels to Willow Run to tangle with the Flyers tonight Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Plymouth 41, Farmington Hills Mercy 37: The Wildcats improved to 2-3 with an impressive road victory Tuesday night The Marlins slipped to 2-4

Plymouth looked good early, jumping out to a 13-4 first-quarter advantage against Mercy The Wildcats extended the lead to 20-9 at the half before their hosts stormed back to make it close in the waning minutes

"We played very well in the first half, but Mercy made a strong comeback late in the game," Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly said

Plymouth junior post player Jeanne Moise turned in a dominating performance, netting 17 points and 21 rebounds

Colleen Flaherty had perhaps her strongest effort of the season, scoring 16 while yanking down eight boards Kim Olech finished with eight points and 12 rebounds

Kristina Bell led Mercy with 10 points

"Moise hurt us inside," Marlin coach Gary Morris said "She did a good job of posting up We started slowly, but I was pleased with the way we played in the second half"

Plymouth opens its Western Lakes Activities Association schedule at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lavonia Church

Plymouth Christian Academy 72, Melvindale 39 The Eagles were hitting on all cylinders Tuesday night — especially sophomore point



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Alyssa Guerin drives to the basket as Belleville's Renee Seng defends her during Tuesday's game at Belleville

guard Joi Jennings, who poured in 28 points She also added two rebounds, four assists and three steals

PCA's Kelsie Tietjen recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds Lauren Soblesky also looked strong, netting nine points, four assists and four steals

"Melvindale was quite a bit bigger than us, but the girls stepped up tonight," PCA coach Harvey Jennings said

The Eagles (3-3) led 19-16 after the first eight minutes, 40-25 at the half and 57-34 following three quarters

PCA returns to action Monday at Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner

Lutheran Northwest 41, Canton Agape 37 The Warriors (7-0) used their impressive height advantage to hold off the Wolverines (3-2) down the stretch

"They were twice our size," said Agape coach Chuck Henry, who was only exaggerating slightly They had one girl who was 6-4 and another who was 6-1, and they could both play"

Henry said A.J. Kreps played her best game of the season despite the Warriors' twin towers Kreps turned in a triple-double, finishing with 13 points, 11 steals and 11 rebounds

Considering the competition, that was a great performance from A.J., Henry said

Danielle Henry and Brianna Chrenko both netted 10 points for the Wolverines who play Tuesday against Ypsilanti Calvary Christian

It was a close game all the way, but we couldn't finish at the end," Henry said



Members of the Plymouth Whalers organization pose with students outside of Northville's Winchester Elementary School after completing an extensive landscaping project Sunday

WHALERS

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four hours Without the players help, it probably would have taken several days The kids got a kick out of it, too, working side by side with the players

Winchester Elementary School spokesperson Chris Speaks was appreciative of the Whalers assistance — especially considering it was a perfect day for the players to sleep in and play golf

It's amazing what they've done, Speaks said "I can't believe how quick everything was put into place It was a big project and the guys just dove in and did the job at a quick pace They seemed happy to be here and they did a good job"

Whether it is landscaping, reading to elementary school classes or acting as waiters at local restaurants, the Whalers organization makes a strong commitment each year to get involved in community

enhancement projects Peacock said

"The players know what is expected of them, and they love it," Peacock said, referring to the team's community relations program Probably our most popular events are when the players visit elementary schools and read to the kids I think the players like this the best because they can relate to the kids really well They go class to class and read to the kids, then they'll go out during recess, play hockey and sign autographs

Whaler defenseman John Vigilante said the players look forward to the community-enhancement events

It's a way we can give something back to the organization and the communities that support us," Vigilante said I especially like when we serve food and sell raffle tickets at local restaurants to raise money for the Karmanos Cancer Institute

Vigilante, a Dearborn native, said the visits to elementary schools remind him of his younger days

"When I was a kid, I used to love it when an athlete that played at a high level would visit

our school," he said "I enjoy it now that I'm in a position to be on the giving end"

Peacock said each player attends approximately four or five events each season

For a lot of kids, they'll go to a Whalers game and not remember the final score a week later," Peacock said But when the players come to their school and read to them, or they meet the players at a restaurant, it's something they never forget

It was the Whalers who were on the receiving end of an unforgettable meeting Sunday at the Plymouth Fall Festival when — coincidentally — the team's display booth was set up next to the booth of legendary Detroit Red Wing Gordie Howe, who was autographing books

The players really enjoyed meeting Gordie," Peacock said "It was a thrill for a lot of them"

Peacock said he has several new programs in the works, including one that would consist of Whalers players visiting children in area hospitals

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Brother Rice next for struggling CC

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's big game with Birmingham Brother Rice could be the kind of pick-me-up Redford Catholic Central needs to get its football season back on track.

Such a boost is needed after an 18-9 loss to Detroit DePorres Saturday at Kraft Field. DePorres took advantage of several Catholic Central miscues to drop the Shamrocks' record to 1-2.

"We kind of hurt ourselves with mistakes," said Shamrocks head coach Tom Mach. "Two fumbles were really costly for us."

Mach said he was hopeful the defeat would serve as a reminder that the team needs to be mentally tougher in close

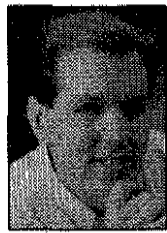
games in order to have a reversal of fortune. One fumble led to a DePorres touchdown, a 71-yard return in the second quarter by Brandon Cooper that tipped the Eagles' lead to 12-2.

The other stymied a Shamrocks' drive during the third quarter. Catholic Central could have taken the lead with a touchdown. But, after moving the ball 61 yards in 11 plays, a Shamrock fumbled at the DePorres 24-yard-line.

Catholic Central actually took a 2-0 lead in the first, on a safety by senior defensive tackle Kevin Helton — who excelled the entire game, with 10 tackles. Also outstanding on defense were linebacker Kevin Horal (12 tackles), linebacker Anthony Sabo (seven tackles) and lineman Jon Smart, who recovered a fumble in the first quarter

Topsy-turvy start puts top teams in playoff peril

OK, first it was mighty Concord (Calif.) DeLaSalle which bit the bullet. Poof, a 153-game winning streak snapped two weeks ago by Bellevue (Wash.)



Grid picks

Brad Emons

being out of the postseason playoff hunt early. So what in the world is high school football coming to?

I wish I could blame it on something. Those darn Mega leagues or something like that.

CC needs a win Saturday over rival Birmingham Brother Rice to get back on track. The Shamrocks, who lost their season opener to Downers Grove South (Ill.), 15-14, got whacked for the second straight year by Detroit DePorres.

(And if you're wondering, Downers Grove South is 2-1

overall, losing the following week (No. 2) to Hinsdale Central (Ill.), 17-7.)

One thing is abundantly clear, however.

Canton, 3-0, appears to be the class of the Western Lakes, while Redford Union, also 3-0, can cruise into the playoffs by beating Highland Park on Friday and take a giant step in winning the Mega-Gold.

As for the prognostication race, new Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith tries his luck for the remainder of the season. Smith takes over for the alternate shot team of Paul Beaudry (now in the midst of Hurricane Ivan) and pinch hitter Kevin Brown.

One thing remains constant. This highly informed and all-knowing scribe is coming off an 11-3 week and now is 30-10 on the year.

Ed Wright, the newly hired Plymouth-Canton sports editor, made a few rookie mistakes last week and slipped to 9-5. He is 27-13 overall.

Meanwhile, the Beaudry-Brown-Smith conglomerate is 26-14 overall, after Brown stunk up the joint last week by incorrectly picking six of 14 games. Let's see if Smith can pick up the slack.

Here is a look at this week-end's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7 p.m. unless noted)

Salem (3-0 1-0) at Westland Glenn (2-1 1-0). This is where the rubber meets the road for the Rocks whose first three opponents are a combined 0-9. Glenn regrouped last week to down Walled Lake Central 26-3. PICKS: Glenn — Emons Wright; Salem — Smith; W.L. Northern (0-3 0-0) at Liv Churchhill (2-1 0-1). There's nothing wrong with Churchhill's defense which has allowed just 21 points in three games. Northern is coming off a 27-7 loss to Salem. PICKS: Churchhill — Emons Wright; Northern — Emons Wright.

Northville (3-0 1-0) at Liv Franklin (0-3 0-1). The Mustangs' high scoring offense is averaging a Western Lakes high 41.3 points per game. Franklin who beat Northville in their opener a year ago has allowed 100 points in three games. PICKS: Northville — Emons Wright; Liv — Stevenson.

Liv Stevenson (3-0 1-0) at W.L. Central (1-2 0-1). The Spartans have one of the most efficient passers in the area in junior Chad Casey. The Spartans defense also perked up last week vs Churchhill Central meanwhile is an un Chuck Appa like 1-2. PICKS: Stevenson — Emons Wright; Liv — Smith.

Canton (3-0 1-0) at Wayne (1-2 1-0). Wayne was one of the few teams last year that could hang for at least a half with the mighty Chiefs. Even with quarterback Absalom Goode back at the controls the Zebras need a monumental effort to make this one interesting. PICKS: Canton — Emons Wright; Garden City (0-3 0-1) at Romulus (0-3 0-1). The Cougars broke down defensively in the second half in a 21-14 Mega Conference White Division loss last week to Lincoln Park. Two of Romulus' three losses have been by seven points or less. PICKS: Garden City — Smith; Romulus — Emons Wright.

Wyandotte (2-1 0-1) at Belleville (2-1 1-0). The Tigers are new to the Observer coverage area and they had to feel a bit lucky after escaping Monroe last week 14-12, getting an

interception from inside the Belleville 20 when only 36 seconds left. Meanwhile Wyandotte fell last week to Dearborn a threat to win the Mega Red 42-7. PICKS: Belleville — Emons Wright; Smith.

Red Thurston (2-1 2-0) at Trenton (2-1 2-0). The Eagles made key defensive plays down the stretch last week to beat River Rouge 34-26 while Trenton slid by Dearborn Heights Crestwood 19-14. The outright lead in the Mega Blue is at stake. PICKS: Thurston — Wright; Trenton — Emons Wright.

Highland Park (2-1 2-1) at Redford Union (3-0 3-0). The Polar Bears and RU were the preseason picks to lead the Mega Gold. RU is looking more and more like a cinch to make the postseason playoffs. Highland Park is coming off a 28-20 overtime loss to Taylor Kennedy. PICKS: RU — Emons Wright; Smith.

Luth Westland (1-2 1-1) at Hamtramck (0-3 0-3). The Warriors made a good showing last week in a 28-20 setback to St. Clair Shores South Lake while the Cosmos hung tough for awhile before losing to Metro Conference foe Macomb Lutheran North 38-14. PICKS: Lutheran Westland — Emons Wright; Smith.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Redford CC (1-2 0-0) vs Birm Brother Rice (3-0 0-0) 12:30 p.m. at Keyworth Stadium (Hamtramck). Rice has beaten CC three times since 1996. The unbeaten Warriors are coming off a 13-6 win over Flint Powers while the Shamrocks lost last week to Detroit DePorres for the second time in as many years 18-9. PICKS: Rice — Emons Wright; Smith.

Taylor Light & Life (0-2 0-1) at Red Bishop Borgess (2-1 0-0) 1 p.m. Debbie Boone can't even sing "You Light Up My Life" following the Crusaders' back to back 42-0 and 33-0 setbacks to Cardinal Mooney and East Catholic respectively. Borgess should roll in this Catholic League C Division D Bracket opener. The Spartans beat Detroit Urban Lutheran last week 12-6 as Kelvin Brown figured in both TDs. PICKS: Borgess — Emons Wright; Smith.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday Sept. 17

W.L. Western at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial 7 p.m.
Salem at Westland John Glenn 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Belleville 7 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 18

Redford CC vs Birm Brother Rice at Keyworth (Hamtramck) 12:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday Sept. 16

Birmingham Marian at Canton 7 p.m.
Belleville at Willow Run 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday Sept. 15

Livonia Churchill at Canton 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
Belleville at Dearborn 7 p.m.

Thursday Sept. 16

Wash Christian at Canton Agape 4:30 p.m.

Friday Sept. 17

Agape at Taylor Baptist Park 4:30 p.m.

Redford CC at U.D. Jesuit 7 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 18

Canton at Saline 7 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

Friday Sept. 17

Salem at Livonia Stevenson 3 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton 3 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western 3 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday Sept. 16

W.L.A.A. City Meet

at Cass Benton Park 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 18

Salem and Belleville at N.B. Huron Inv. at Willow Metropark 9 a.m.

Canton at Ludington Invitational TBA.

Plymouth at Holly Invitational TBA.

at Springfield Oaks County Park 11 a.m.

Salem at Brother Rice Invitational.

Belleville at Ypsilanti Golden Inv. 10 a.m.

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Saturday Sept. 18

Salem at Holly Invitational

at Springfield Oaks County Park 11 a.m.

Canton at Ludington Invitational TBA.

Plymouth at Swartz Creek Autumn Classic TBA.

Belleville at New Boston Invitational 9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Friday Sept. 17

Livonia Franklin at Salem 4 p.m.

Canton at Northville 4 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.

D.H. Robichaud at Belleville 4 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 18

Salem at Saline Invitational

Canton Varsity Invitational TBA.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday Sept. 16

Canton at South Lyon Tri Meet 6 p.m.

Redford Union at Belleville 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday Sept. 18

Madonna at Cornerstone 2:30 p.m.

Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday Sept. 18

(Cincinnati State Cup)

Schoolcraft vs St. Catherine (Ky.) 11 a.m.

Sunday Sept. 19

(Cincinnati State Cup)

Schoolcraft vs Louisville (N.C.) 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday Sept. 16

Schoolcraft at Hen y Ford 7 p.m.

Friday Sept. 17

Univ. of Windsor at Madonna 7 p.m.

Friday Saturday Sept. 17-18

Schoolcraft at Alpena Inv. TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

Gallo's best score leads Canton golfers

Led by Dominic Gallo's season-best score of one-over-par 36, the Canton boys golf team won its first duel meet of the season Monday, ousting Livonia Franklin, 159-167.

The Chiefs are now 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin dropped to 0-4.

"It feels good to finally win one," Canton coach Tom Alles said. "We broke 160, so that's encouraging, but that's a score we should be able to break on our home course (Hilltop) most times out."

Also scoring for Canton besides Gallo were Dustin Trooper, Brandon Eggesfield and Matt Haar, all of whom

shot 41. Franklin was paced by Justin Weigand and Paul Segun, both of whom fired 41.

Salem 177, Westland John Glenn 179: The Rocks downed the Rockets to boost their record to 3-1 (2-1 in the W.L.A.A.), but it wasn't pretty.

"We won, but our scoring wasn't good," lamented coach Rick Wilson. "Our top four guys didn't play particularly well, but our five and six guys came through. All things considered, it's a win, but our scoring wasn't strong."

Jeremy Henderson paced the Rocks with a 42 on the par-36 Fellows Creek South layout. Also scoring for Salem were

Matt Smith (44), Mike Cassidy (45) and Chris Treadwell (46).

Salem returns to action Friday at Livonia Stevenson. Plymouth Christian 170, Franklin Rd. 211: The Eagles improved to 3-2 with road victory at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

PC's Jesse Predhomme earned medalist honors with a three-over 39. Also scoring for the winners were Ross Gerulis (43), Jordan Brown (44), Adam Catallo (44), Nathan Buxler (44) and Jordan Johnston (44).

Alex Young (45) shot the low round of the afternoon for the hosts. Belleville 167, Lincoln Park

179: The Tigers' drive to win their third consecutive Mega White title is off to a red-hot start as they upped their record to 5-0 Monday with a decisive win on the par-36 Red Course at Riverview Highlands Golf Course.

"We've played every team in the league once now, but we have to play them all again, so we still have some work to do," said Belleville coach John Gochis. "We've beaten the top three teams — Woodhaven, Redford Union and Garden City — but we have to play them all on the road the second time around. It's going to be extremely difficult to go unbeaten our next five."

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Lancers edge PCA kickers in thriller

Plymouth Christian Academy suffered a hard-fought loss to Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Oakland Christian Tuesday afternoon, 2-1

The loss dropped the Eagles' overall record to 8-2-1

Tommy Jablonski put OC on top, 1-0, 1 01 into the match when he scored an unassisted goal

PCA's Ben Welton made it 1-1 at the 39 01 mark of the second half when he received a pass from Steven Sumner and booted home his eighth goal of the season

Ehot Woolford scored the game-winner with 21 30 left in the game

OC outshot the Eagles, 8-3 Matt Saagman played well in goal, but suffered the defeat

PCA returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Birmingham Roper

Canton 6, Livonia Franklin 1: The Chiefs scored early, late and often against the Patriots

Brad Marsh and Andy Cortellini each recorded a goal and two assists, Justin Biega knocked in two goals, Adam Pitt added a goal and an assist and goalie Steve Mischung stopped four shots for the Chiefs

Salem 3, Westland John Glenn 0: Goalie Brian Field notched his fourth shutout of the year Monday in the convincing road win for the Rocks

"We struggled and John Glenn turned in a great effort," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy

Salem led 1-0 at the half thanks to the first of two goals from Thiago Harris, who was assisted by Ross Heidenreich

Harris scored off an assist from Jake Bennett early in the second half and Mark O Neal

beat the Rockets' goalie for an unassisted insurance marker late in the match

The victory improved Salem's record to 4-2-3 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -September 7, 2004

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday September 7, 2004 at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdznak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Faas, Tom Casari. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR** Item 1. **Set Public Hearing Date for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (Supervisor)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for September 28, 2004 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company in connection with the replacement of absolute equipment at their facility located at 41155 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. On August 23, 2004, the Supervisor's Office received an application from Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property in connection with the replacement of obsolete equipment at their facility located at 41155 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan Under PA 198, a public hearing must be held within 60 days of the filing of the tax abatement application, with proper notification as required by statute. The Downtown and Community Development Coordinator will send notification of the public hearing by certified mail to all affected taxing authorities, the local assessor and the applicant. A general notification will be published in the Canton Observer on September 16, 2004. **Item 2 Set Public Hearing Date for Schuler Incorporated Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate** Motion by Bennett supported by Burdznak to set the public hearing for September 28, 2004 to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Schuler Incorporated for the addition to their facility located at 7145 Commerce Boulevard, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. On August 30, 2004 the Supervisor's Office received an application from Schuler Incorporated, requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for the expansion of their facility to be located in Koppernick Corporate Park at 7145 Commerce Boulevard, Canton, Michigan Under PA 198, a public hearing must be held within 60 days of the filing of the tax abatement application, with proper notification as required by statute. The Downtown and Community Development Coordinator will send notification of the public hearing by certified mail to all affected taxing authorities, the local assessor and the applicant. A general notification will be published in the Canton Observer on September 16, 2004.

Dismissed to Study Session at 7:10 p.m. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdznak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Faas, Tom Casari. **STUDY SESSION** Item 3. **Proposal to Change how Engineering Review and Inspection Services for Private Projects are Provided.** Tom Casari, Township Engineer, presented an historical perspective on how these services have been provided. The evolution of the Engineering Section and how these services have changed. A proposal on how the Township can be more self-reliant and be in a better position to assume long-term asset management by taking on this greater responsibility. **THE FINANCIAL PICTURE**

Year	Revenues*	Expenditures**	General Fund
2001	\$ 930,800	\$1,580,550	(\$649,750)
2002	\$1,002,400	\$1,750,100	(\$747,700)
2003	\$1,468,000	\$2,212,500	(\$744,500)
2004***	\$1,308,700	\$2,001,800	(\$693,100)
2005****	\$1,183,750	\$1,369,000	(\$235,250)*****

* Total review and inspection fees collected from private projects
 ** Total fees paid consultant plus total engineering staff time includes administrative overhead
 *** 2004 fees collected through June and multiplied by 15 for projected total
 **** Fees are estimated by averaging fees collected from 2001-2003
 ***** Includes additional staffing

Item 4. Proposed Changes to the Stormwater Section of the Public Works Division. The stormwater section established in 2001 with one supervisor operator and laborer, with the plans for a second operator and laborer since inception however is not affordable at this time. The equipment used is an Athey street sweeper, a tractor, two pickup trucks, and small tools and pumps. Canton implemented requirements of the General Stormwater MS4 Permit, adopted by the EPA in August 2001. Canton is required to have coverage under a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4 Permit) as administered by the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) under Federal Legislation developed by the EPA in August 2001. The

Permit we hold requires us to perform the following major activities: 1) issue permits (via Wayne County DOE) to applicants who desire to change stormwater runoff characteristics on sites under construction; 2) clean debris from catch basins, streets and municipal drains; 3) sweep streets to minimize debris and silt from entering the waters of the State and contribute to impairment of water quality. Section 106 of our Code of Ordinances details our stormwater program and the fees charged. The current level of service is a struggle and to maintain the minimum requirements of MS4 Permit. The Township may sweep the streets of a new development 2 to 4 times per month. Roughly two-thirds of the staff time is directed towards private development stormwater efforts. The developers hire private sweeping companies to sweep streets to comply with their stormwater permits. Developers also hire others to maintain strawbales, silt fences, catch basins, fabric and ponds during build out. The model operations recommended is to add a second full-time operator dedicated to sweeping, for this time next year and also evaluate the need for a second laborer position next year and lease a new sweeper (one year earlier) and retain existing street sweeper as a back-up unit. The Township could raise the current level of service to sweep streets in all new developments once a week and up to 30 times per year (April to October) the other 20 weeks the staff would clean some catch basins and the storm water operator can operate any equipment. The Township could add extra value to our service by undertaking maintenance of strawbales, silt fences, catch basins, fabric and pond debris. The Township could change the fee structure to a cost per mile of street maintained (i.e. \$575/mile). The proposed fee structure would increase by \$80,000 on labor and \$18,000 by equipment and recover all overheads (direct labor + indirect/administrative). This enterprise concept means fees cover costs. Developers would make an annual deposit as follows: Deposits = (# of miles x 30 sweeps x \$575 per mile). The administrative staff would track effort and report quarterly to developers on accounting. The more dense developments would pay less. Less dense developments would pay more. A projected revenue of \$517,500 in 2005. Other factors and considerations are: increase staff by one (1) in Public Works Revenue source to support a long-term stormwater maintenance program for a fully developed community should be addressed over time with contract with homeowner's associations implement stormwater utility support by general fund or eliminate service completely. **Item 5. Plymouth Canton School District Election 2004** Jim Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, Carol Saunders, School Board Member, and Terry Wood, Community Relations, presented the Board of Trustees with information and discussion on the September 28 School Election.

Carol Saunders stated that the school district is facing a challenge and needs to find creative ways to spend the money with the tremendous growth with the majority in Canton. 14 of 15 schools have enrollment above capacity. A new elementary school is needed and 70% of the schools currently were built before 1975 and are in need of renovation. The school district is asking for a 18 mill renewal, which is non-homestead. Jim Ryan is on a mission to inform, answer questions, and encourage others to vote. In the last 5 years, the student population grew 7.8%. There will be two separate proposals in the special election on September 28. The first proposal is an 18 mill renewal of the current operating millage on non-homestead property. It provides \$29 million in operational revenue, which is 22 percent of the District's operating budget. This vote is requested to merely allow the District to continue to collect the full 18 mills, voters approved in 1995 on non-homestead property such as apartment buildings, rental houses, some vacant land and commercial/industrial properties. This is not a tax on your homestead and if approved would last for ten years. The second is a bond proposal for improvements at most District schools and the construction of a new elementary school in southwest Canton Township. This bond request for nearly \$109 million, to meet the District's current needs and growth would provide \$94 million for needed improvements and upgrades to all District school buildings that were built before 2000 and \$15 million for the construction of a new elementary school in southwest Canton. The cost of each proposal to a home valued at \$234,000 will cost the homeowner per year: 18 mill Renewal 0 Bond Proposal approx \$47. The \$29 million generated by the renewal of the operating millage on non-homestead property will be used to support the District's general operating costs as it has since Proposal A went into effect in 1994. These items include instructional materials, technology, transportation, maintenance, salary and benefits for staff and other day-to-day expenses. The \$109 million generated by the bond proposal would be used to support a host of District needs, including new roofs in 50 percent of the elementary schools and roof improvements at Canton and Salem High Schools and Pioneer Middle School, the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Salem High School, replacement of flooring (carpeting/tile) at several schools, parking lot improvements, including expansions and the development of separate bus drop-off and parent pick-up sites at many schools, safety items such as new fire alarms, interior and exterior lighting, traffic lights and fiber

optic signs, barrier-free entrances and lavatories, bringing buildings in existence up to state and federal standards to provide equity of program and facilities and a new elementary school in southwest Canton Township. These needs were assembled by a Bond Steering Committee in 2002 to study the District's needs, collect input from the community and develop a plan. The committee membership included community volunteers, parents, school board members and District staff and administrators. On November 18, 2003, the committee submitted a final report to the Board of Education with recommendations of needs for the District. The state gives the District an allowance per student; these dollars are used to support instruction and limited maintenance to our current buildings. The population growth in our community has created overcrowding issues at the elementary school level and the majority of the population growth is coming from south Canton Township. The 18 mill renewal is key to keeping the instructional program at its current level. The bond proposal would provide a new neighborhood school to relieve overcrowding and would address the infrastructure and facility needs throughout the District for the next five to 10 years.

The special election is scheduled for September 28. For a list of voting locations, please visit the District's website at www.pcs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-3095. If the bond passes, the increase will be seen on the winter tax bill. **Item 6. Funding Intersection Safety Improvements** The Township Board is considering designating a portion of the police and fire millage for intersection safety improvements. A brief history of township road improvements was discussed. A list of township intersection locations and estimated cost for safety improvements will also be provided. Information published by the Federal Highway Administration and some major insurance companies supporting programs that target safety improvements at intersections will be presented. The trend is declining funding at the Federal and State levels for all categories of public infrastructure improvements. The future means more local funding is necessary to maintain the current pavement condition in Canton. Delays at crowded, narrow intersections increase response times for Public Safety personnel. Improved intersections will not only reduce congestion and trip time but also reduce accidents and the associated costs (medical, legal, insurance, property damage, etc.). The Township's Charter Millage rate will increase by 0.366 mills which will be offset by reductions in the fire and police special assessment millages. The proposed overall millage rate of 8.85 remains the same from a year ago and is the lowest rate since 1984. In 2005, the shift will generate roughly \$112.5 million. There are 32 intersections in the community identified for improvement. According to SEMCOG statistics, more than 1,600 crashes occurred from 1997-2002 in 10 of those intersections. In 2000, about 8,500 people were killed nationally according to the FHWA. The typical intersection safety improvements are upgrading traffic signal heads for better visibility, re-timing traffic signals to include protected left turn phases and all red light clearance intervals, realignment and relocation of signal heads over travel lanes, re-striping the pavement to add dedicated left-turn lanes, installing traffic signals where four-way flashes exist, adding pedestrian signals (PEDS), lengthening turning lanes, widening intersections, improving rideability of the paved surfaces and use of alternate geometry (realignment, roundabouts, etc.). The total estimated cost is \$7,245,480 for construction plus engineering and land acquisition costs. Assuming similar dollars will be available over the next several years, it would take eight years to complete this list. A recommendation of establishing a five-member "Intersection Audit Committee" to develop criteria and establish the priorities (similar to approach used for sidewalk gap program). The Intersection Audit Committee (IAC) will be made up of Public Safety staff member (chairperson), Public Works staff member, Township Board Member (Public member), Wayne County DPS Roads staff member. IAC would establish criteria for ranking intersections and then rank the list to present to the Township Board for review and approval. The proposed plan could start as soon as October 12, 2004 with the establishment of the IAC. They would set their priorities by December 31, 2004, followed by Board approval of the 2005 Program in January 2005. Designs conducted from February-March 2005 and a request for bids by April 2005. Award of the bid in May 2005 and construction beginning in June-October 2005, with close out in November 2005. Based on the budget set priorities by December 2005 for 2006 program.

Adjourn Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo at 9:40 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be on September 14, 2004 at Summit on The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett - Clerk. Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site: www.canton.mi.org after Board approval.

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Lions coach issues tuxedo challenge ... a charm

Ten days ago, I hosted the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon on WB-20. Still donned in full tuxedo I hosted the *Steve Marucci Show* later that evening. This conversation took place during the broadcast.



Mark Wilson

"You know, that tuxedo could be lucky. If we beat Chicago you have to wear a tux next Monday," said the Lions second-year head coach, who had the nerve to be wearing a simple shirt and pants.

"Oh, come on. You've got to be kidding me. You really want me to wear a tux if you beat the Bears?"

"Of course, coaches are a superstitious lot. Just wear the darn tux. I'll rent it for you if I have to," Marucci said.

"Nah, if you actually win that game I'll have a tux on next Monday. My people will work it out for me."

Marucci chimed in, "You have peo-

ple? Well, you look handsome."

Actually, I don't have people, but the rest is formal wear history. The Lions beat the Bears last Sunday to break that dubious 24-game road losing streak and head into the home opener against Houston this weekend sky high. Guess who has to wear a tuxedo every Monday as long as the winning continues?

The win over Chicago shows what can happen when players make plays. In the past, the Lions don't come close to victory when the rushing game stalls and they fail to convert even one third-down

play until the fourth quarter. They don't taste triumph when their top receiver and cornerback get hurt and fail to return. This time, for a change, the Lions overcame obstacles and they did it away from home.

It's the last time we have to talk about it. Doesn't matter where we win, how we win. The win is what matters," said a confident Lions quarterback Joey Harrington.

"Being able to make two big plays to help us win is great, but it won't mean a thing if we can't build off it," said safety Bracy Walker, who got a game ball from Marucci.

Losing Charles Rogers and Dre Bly is going to alter the tux believer's thinking as he heads into the game with the Texans. It's a team of mystery to the Lions since they haven't played them

before. The lone connection is at quarterback, since Houston's David Carr and Harrington were taken one and three respectively in the 2002 NFL draft.

"We do need to get our running game going more than ever with Charles out for the season. Kevin Jones and Pinner become even more important this Sunday," Marucci said, still staring at the tuxedo complete with cummerbund.

As for that superstition? Former Lions linebacker Scott Kowalkowski, who now does radio analysis, said that it's any port in a storm during a 16-game football season.

"Hey, if Marucci thinks the tux is what made that win possible in Chicago, then good for him. It will really be a lucky tux if they beat Houston, too. You could be wearing that thing for a while," Kowalkowski said.

The Lions have not started a year 3-0 since 1980. Wins over Houston and Philadelphia at Ford Field could end that streak, too. First things first. No one is looking past the Texans. One road win does not a season make and there are no points for dapper attire. They need to cure the penalty problem, work on holding the football and get past the injuries.

"Forward we go," Marucci likes to say. It's the home opener this Sunday. Black tie mandatory.

Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Marucci Show* Mondays on WKRK FM (97.1). A 25-year veteran of TV and radio sportscasting, Wilson's been a radio talk show host at WKRK 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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CC grad still has penchant for coming up big

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When Ryan Wroblewski played at Redford Catholic Central's 2001 state championship team, he had a penchant for making the big catch at the right time.

"He was our go-to guy in our passing game," said Shamrocks head coach Tom Mach. "He had the great ability to make a big play when we needed it."

At no time was that truer than Catholic Central's dramatic state title victory in '01 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Trailing Utica Eisenhower and needing to convert a fourth-down play in order to avert defeat, quarterback Tom Jakacki found Wroblewski in the end zone for the winning touchdown.

It was the last play of the game, Mach recalled. "If we didn't hit it, we were probably going to lose."

Undoubtedly, scouts for the University of Dayton were watching because both Wroblewski and Jakacki were recruited to play for the Flyers.

"I'm sure they saw an athlete not only blessed with talent, but with great determination," said Mach about Wroblewski.

And this fall, Wroblewski, 20, is enjoying a breakout junior season with UD, having corralled seven passes for 203 yards and two touchdowns Saturday in a 28-0 victory over Morehead State. The TDs were on tosses of 19 and 32 yards, both from senior quarterback Brandon Staley.

He gained only 279 yards receiving all of his sophomore year.

With that outing, the Northville native was named Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Week.

He just missed setting UD all-time single game records for receptions and receiving yardage.

"It was just one of those games," Wroblewski said this week. "Morehead has one of the better

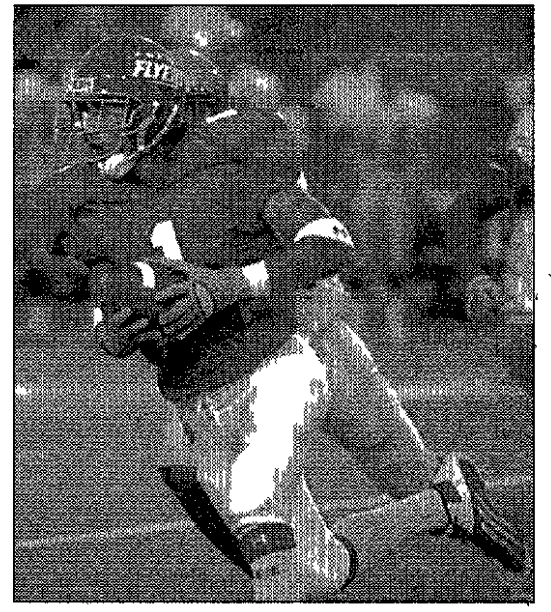
defenses, so we went into the game a little more prepared and I just made sure I was running good routes."

Wroblewski credited the offensive line and Staley's accurate passing for his big-yardage day. "I'm excited to have a guy like him playing for Dayton and playing well," said Mach about Wroblewski's college accomplishments. "It's a great boon for him to take it to the next level."

According to Wroblewski, working hard on little details such as studying game film contribute to his continued gridiron success. He also said there is a comfort level in that the football programs at Catholic Central and UD seem to have the same kind of unity and tradition.

Hard work and being comfortable can only take a player so far, however. "When it's your opportunity, you have to take advantage of it."

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Ocelots off to perfect start

Judging by its early-season success, the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team is quickly evolving into a juggernaut. The Ocelots ran their record to 7-0 over the weekend with a 5-0 victory over Dakota County Community College and a 1-0 triumph over Loyola-Chicago. The games were hosted by the College of Lake County, which is located in Grayslake, Ill., just outside Chicago. "Dakota County was ranked 15th in the NSCAA pre-season national poll, so that was a nice win for us," said Schoolcraft coach Bill Tolstedt. The game against Loyola was close on the scoreboard, but it was pretty one-sided on the field. Nicole Saigh kick-started the weekend for the Ocelots when she scored the opening goal against the Knights. Tiffani Tazzolino's goal doubled SC's lead just before the halftime intermission. The Ocelots' defense, led by Anelle Bryant (Canton) and Meagan Farrell, limited Dakota to just four first-half shots.

Courtney Brady assisted Kyle LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) on SC's third goal. Saigh completed her hat-trick with the team's final two tallies. Casey Hoover, Rachel Myers and Jennifer Dahl picked up assists for the winners. Andrea Dunn was superb in net, knocking away all seven shots. Following a scoreless first half, Saigh deposited a pass from Brady into the net for the only goal in SC's second-game win. Loyola had just two shots on goal. "The defense, which was anchored by Meagan Farrell and Andrea Dunn, was solid again against Loyola," Tolstedt said. The Ocelots travel to Ohio this weekend for the Cincinnat State Cup. They will play St. Catherine (Ky.) on Saturday and Louisburg CC (N.C.) on Sunday. "It should be a very competitive weekend of play," Tolstedt predicted.

Rock netters win invite in landslide

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Rocks finished first in the four-team field, accumulating 21 points. Livonia Ladywood and Lake Orion tied for second (11 points each) and Taylor Truman was fourth with five points.

Salem turned out to be the host with the most Saturday at the Salem Invitational Tennis Tournament. The Rocks finished first in the four-team field, accumulating 21 points. Livonia Ladywood and Lake Orion tied for second (11 points each) and Taylor Truman was fourth with five points. All four Salem singles players earned gold medals. No. 1 Alex Ware, No. 2 Maranon Swasey, No. 3 Sarah Jose and No. 4 Mo Bohr. The Rocks' No. 3 doubles team of Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham also turned in gold-medal performances. Salem's No. 1 doubles tandem of Katie Girsks and Tracey Lytle, and its No. 4 doubles duo Amy Yu and Laura Burton won silver medals. The Rocks' No. 2 doubles team of Erica Shy and Michele Cilia placed third.

The Rocks improved their duel-meet record to 3-2-1 Tuesday with a convincing 7-1 win over host Walled Lake Central. Salem will return to the courts Friday when it hosts Livonia Franklin. Salem 7 W.L. Western 1. Sept. 14 at W.L. Western H.S. No. 1 singles Alex Ware (S) d. Reva Berman 4-6 7-6(3) 6-3. No. 2 Maranon Swasey (S) d. Jayshree Mahajan 2-6 6-4 6-3. No. 3 Sarah Jose (S) d. Asilda Dhembi 6-0 6-4. No. 4 Erin Goldman (WLW) d. Mo Bohr 6-7(1) 2-6. No. 1 doubles Katie Girsks and Tracy Lytle.

(S) d. Carrie Dubin and Danielle Weeratunga 7-6(5) 6-0. No. 2 Michele Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d. Jessica Gilbert and Lindsay Hayes 6-1 6-4. No. 3 Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham (S) d. Nikki Burnstein and Kendra Colbert 6-4 6-2. No. 4 Laura Burton and Kait McKinley (S) d. Kelly Doherty and Yoko Kimura 6-4 1-6 6-4.

Salem's suffered a 6-2 home setback to Livonia Stevenson Monday afternoon. The Spartans clinched the match by winning two of three three-set matches. One of the lone bright spots for the Rocks was the play of its No. 3 doubles team of Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham, which remained unbeaten with a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

Livonia Stevenson 6 Salem 2. Sept. 13 at Salem High School. No. 1 singles Ashley Moccia (LS) d. Alex Ware by default. No. 2 Corinne Pasley (LS) d. Maranon Swasey 5-7 6-2 6-3. No. 3 Amanda Moccia (LS) d. Sarah Jose 6-2 6-2. No. 4 Amanda Khoury (LS) d. Mo Bohr 6-4 3-6 6-2. No. 1 doubles Lauren Sims and Lindsey Hostetter (LS) d. Katie Girsks and Tracy Lytle 6-3 2-6 1-6. No. 2 Michele Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d. Laura Dulade and Julie Francisco 6-7(4) 6-4 6-3. No. 3 Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham (S) d. Val Buxton and Lauren Kelly 6-3 6-3. No. 4 Andrea Havener and Karen Dimpoulos (LS) d. Kate McKinley and Laura Burton 6-4 6-0.

games and their strategy over the past couple of weeks." Canton travels to Northville Friday to tangle with the Mustangs.

Canton 8 Wayne Memorial 0. Sept. 13 at Wayne Memorial High School. No. 1 singles Chelsea Darouie (C) d. Kelly Harris 6-2 6-2. No. 2 Katie Bedard (C) d. Becky Sikora 6-4 7-5. No. 3 Emily Hoerschmeyer (C) d. Crystal Beaver 6-1 6-4. No. 4 Ashley Madau (C) d. Jessica Novack 6-7 6-2 6-0.

No. 1 doubles Laura McKendry and Jennifer Martin (C) d. Kristie Homer and Chelsea Cooney 6-1 6-1. No. 2 Sheela Ramesh and Dani Reinhardt (C) d. Sandy Huff and Sara Michael 6-1 6-0. No. 3 Natalie Slupek and Heidi Phillips (C) d. Oriana Davis and Kelly McDonald 6-0 6-0. No. 4 Lauren Reed and Liz Schauerle (C) d. Sylvia Hipke and Lindsay Thurman 6-3 6-0.

Plymouth's record dropped to 1-3-1 Monday following a 6-2 loss to Walled Lake Western. Bright spots for the Wildcats included victories at No. 1 doubles (Kinnari Patel and Natalie Maurer) and No. 4 doubles (Kirsten Schroeder and Katie Hughes). Plymouth returns to action Friday when it hosts Wayne Memorial.

Walled Lake Western 6 Plymouth 2. Sept. 13 at Plymouth High School. No. 1 singles Reva Berman (WLW) d. Sarah Hiltgeons 4-6 6-3 6-3. No. 2 Jayshree Mahajan (WLW) d. Kelly Armbruster 6-0 6-1. No. 3 Asilda Dhembi (WLW) d. Chelsea Woodruff 6-2 6-0. No. 4 Erin Goldman (WLW) d. Stephanie Hagen 6-1 6-2. No. 1 doubles Kinnari Patel and Natalie Maurer (P) d. Carrie Dubin and Danielle Weeratunga 7-6(4) 6-7(4) 6-2. No. 2 Jessica Gilbert and Lindsay Hayes (WLW) d. Lauren Smith and Ali Gasorski by default. No. 3 Nikki Burnstein and Kendra Colbert (WLW) d. Emily Wong and Amanda Hastings 6-2 3-6 6-3. No. 4 Kirsten Schroeder and Katie Hughes (P) d. Kelly Doherty and Killa Muthukuda 6-4 6-4.

Salem rolls by Western

The Rocks improved their

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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. Thursday September 30th 2004 for the following:

CANTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE AND CALENDAR 2005

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

Published 9/16/2004

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CASNTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday September 28 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Metaltac Steel Abrasive Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 41155 Joy Road within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Northeast Canton Industrial Development District Site Location Map

Established May 3, 1983

TERRY G. BENNETT Clerk

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Chiefs blank Zebras

Canton lost just one set in its 8-0 white-washing of Wayne Memorial Monday afternoon. The Chiefs improved their record to 2-3. "Wayne has some good players, but our girls all played well," Canton coach Barb Lehman said. "I've seen a lot of improvement in the girls."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that **October 4, 2004** is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerk's Office 1150 South Canton Center Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail in registration will be accepted postmarked by **October 4, 2004**.

Terry G. Bennett Clerk

Published September 16 & 30 2004

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 20 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:

BRYANT REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 005 99 0001 000 FROM LI 2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO LI 1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located south of Joy and east of Ronda Drive.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday September 16, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published August 29 & September 16 2004

Meeting Notice to the Public

The **ELECTION COMMISSION** of the Charter Township of Canton will meet **Monday, September 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Office of the Township Clerk First Floor of the Administration Building 1150 South Canton Center Road Canton Michigan

To consider the following AGENDA:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Order of Business To approve the Absent Voter Counting Board and Precinct Inspector assignments
- Adjourn

All interested residents are invited to attend.

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Schuler Incorporated for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their facility located at 7145 Commerce Boulevard within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District the legal description of which is as follows:

Parcel No 71 046 99 0008 01U2A2A 12K1B1 L1B1 PT SW 1/4 SEC 1 AND PT NW 1/4 SEC 12 T2S R8E DESC AS BEG N 02DEG 07M 49S W 85 50FT AND S 88DEG 45M 59S W 49 51FT FROM S 1/4 COR SEC 1 TH S 02DEG 07M 49S E 10 08FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE LT RAD 549 50FT CHORD S 18DEG 58M 25S E 318 44FT TH S 35DEG 49M 02S E 96 71FT TH S 88DEG 45M 59S W 933 54FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 11366 16FT CHORD N 07DEG 38M 62S E 311 24FT TH N 88DEG 45M 59S E 22 32FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 11334 16FT CHORD N 08DEG 40M 16S E 86 78FT TH N 88DEG 45M 59S E 696 16FT TO POB 7 18AC

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Terry G. Bennett Clerk

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
IN THE COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special School Election has been called to be held in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools on the 28th day of September 2004, for the purpose of voting on the following propositions

TAX LIMITATION PROPOSAL - OPERATING MILLAGE

This proposal if approved by the electors, will allow the Plymouth Canton Community Schools to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against non homestead and non qualified agricultural property required for the School District to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation guarantee

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed in any one year for all purposes upon non homestead and non qualified agricultural property situated within the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution in the amount of twenty (20 00) mills on each dollar (\$20 00 per \$1 000) of taxable value, for a period of ten (10) years, from December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2014, with eighteen (18) mills of the total being a renewal of a previously voted millage authorization which would otherwise expire on June 30, 2005 which millage would provide estimated revenues to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools of Twenty Eight Million Eight Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Eight and 00/100 (\$28 893 628 00) Dollars during the 2004 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes?

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$108 945 000 00) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor in one or more series for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following

- Remodeling, re equipping and refurbishing elementary middle school and high school buildings and other facilities
- Erecting equipping and furnishing a new elementary school building,
- Acquiring, a site for a new elementary school building and developing and improving sites for elementary, middle school and high school buildings, other facilities and playgrounds,
- Equipping and re equipping school buildings for technology systems and technology equipment, and
- Acquiring school buses?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding is not more than twenty five (25) years the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0 40 mills (which is equal to \$0 40 per \$1 000 of taxable value), and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is 0 94 mills annually (\$0 94 per \$1,000 of taxable value)

(PURSUANT TO STATE LAW EXPENDITURE OF BOND PROCEEDS MUST BE AUDITED AND THE PROCEEDS CANNOT BE USED FOR TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR OR EMPLOYEE SALARIES REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE COSTS OR OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all duly qualified and registered electors may vote at said Election The polls will be open from 7 00 a m to 8 00 p m , Local Time, and the voting place for each of the precincts will be as follows

- Precinct No 1 **CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL** The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No 2 and all of City Precinct No 3
- Precinct No 2 **GALLIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 21
- Precinct No 3 **ISBISTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 5 all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 14
- Precinct No 4 **EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL** The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No 1 and all of City Precinct No 4
- Precinct No 5 **ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 3 all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 4 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 10
- Precinct No 6 **WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL** The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 12 all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 15 and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township
- Precinct No 7 **FARRAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 1 all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 2 all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 8, and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township
- Precinct No 8 **FIEGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 3 all of Canton Township Precinct No 6 all of Canton Township Precinct No 30 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 32
- Precinct No 9 **MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 13
- Precinct No 10 **HULSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No 12 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 24
- Precinct No 11 **ERIKSSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 9 all of Canton Township Precinct No 14 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 34
- Precinct No 12 **FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 5 all of Canton Township Precinct No 18 all of Canton Township Precinct No 29 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 31
- Precinct No 13 **CANTON HIGH SCHOOL** The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 8 all of Canton Township Precinct No 25 all of Canton Township Precinct No 27 all of Canton Township Precinct No 35 all of Canton Township Precinct No 36 all of Canton Township Precinct No 37 and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township
- Precinct No 14 **BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No 7 Plymouth Township Precinct No 11 and Plymouth Township Precinct No 17
- Precinct No 15 **PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL** The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 6 all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 13 and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No 16
- Precinct No 16 **TONDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 19
- Precinct No 17 **HOBBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 1 all of Canton Township Precinct No 22 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 23
- Precinct No 18 **BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No 16 all of Canton Township Precinct No 17 and all of Canton Township Precinct No 26

The following statement has been received from the Treasurer for the Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the School District

**STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act**

I Raymond J Wojtowicz Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby that, as of August 24 2004 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit

**PLYMOUTH - CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Wayne Washtenaw Counties
Plymouth Canton Northville Townships and Plymouth City
Wayne County, Michigan**

Local Unit	Date Of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8 2000	1 mill	2004 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6 1974	1 mill	2004 Indefinitely
Regional Educational Service Agency	November 8 1988	1 mill	2004 Indefinitely
	August 6 2002	1 5 mills	2004 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6 2002	1 mill	2004 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8 2000	0 25 mills	2004 thru 2005
Wayne Count Comm College	November 3 1998	1 mill	2004
	November 6 2001	1 5 mills	2004 thru 2010
Wayne County Transit Authority	August 6 2002	0 6 mills	2004
Plymouth Canton Community Schools	June 12, 1995	18 mills	2005

RAYMOND J WOJTCOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County Michigan hereby certify that as of Friday August 27, 2004 the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Washtenaw County Michigan is as follows

Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes

Local Unit	Purpose Of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration Of Millage
Charter Township of Superior	Police	0 8929	
	Fire	0 9125	2003
	Fire	2 3484	2004
Plymouth Canton Community Schools	Operating Non Homestead	18	2005
Salem South Lyon District Library	Operating	1 1316	Indefinite
Salem Township	Allocated		
	Operating	0 8598	Indefinite
Schoolcraft College	All Purpose	0 7916	Indefinite
	All Purpose	0 6094	Indefinite
	All Purpose	0 3957	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College	Operating	0 9611	2011
	Operating	0 5919	Indefinite
	Operating	0 8121	2007
	Operating	1 0497	Indefinite
Washtenaw County	Operating	4 6384	Indefinite
	HOMA	0 2154	Indefinite
	Natural Areas	0 2458	2011
	Parks	0 2415	2009
	Parks	0 2401	2007
Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency	Special Ed	1 5	Indefinite
	Operating	0 278	Indefinite
	Operating	0 0687	Indefinite
	Special Ed	0 93	Indefinite
	Special Ed	0 9378	Indefinite
	Total	38 6524	

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

P-C GIRLS HOCKEY WORKOUTS

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls unified high school hockey team is holding conditioning skates on Fridays in September and October at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton The workouts will run from 4 p m to 5 p m tomorrow, Oct 1, Oct 8 and Oct 15

There are also conditioning skates planned for Sept 24 and Oct 22, with times to be determined

Tryouts for the team will be held Oct 27-29 from 4 p m to 5 p m at the Arctic Edge Girls currently attending either Plymouth, Canton or Salem high schools may try out for the team

A sports physical is required before trying out Any questions can be directed to Beth Rowley at rowleysb@comcast.net

T-BIRD TRYOUTS

Fall tryouts and registration for the Canton Thunderbirds will be held Saturday at Heritage Park, which is located off Canton Center Rd in Canton Fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade girls will begin at 10 a m while students in grades eighth thru 10th will begin at noon

Registration begins 30 minutes prior to the tryout time Players with all levels of experience are invited Assistant coaches are also needed

For more information, e-mail playfastpitch@hotmail.com, or call (734) 737-9968

ADULT HOCKEY

Several fall adult hockey leagues will be forming soon in Plymouth and Canton Games will be played at the Plymouth Arena and Arctic Pond in Plymouth, and the Arctic Edge in Canton

The league schedule will run from Sunday through April 3, and games will be played Sunday evenings

Three over-21 divisions for men and women will be offered as well as two over-50 leagues There will also be a senior over 50 drop-in session offered Tuesday and Friday mornings at the Arctic Pond beginning Tuesday

For more information and registration forms, visit www.rspi.net, call John Wilson at (734) 927-1267, e-mail john@rspi.net, or call the Arctic Pond Arena at (734) 207-7663

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 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

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department will be held Sunday at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a m shotgun start

For \$100, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a T-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following golf

There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions available to the golfers

For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591 7279 or mailed to The Observer 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150

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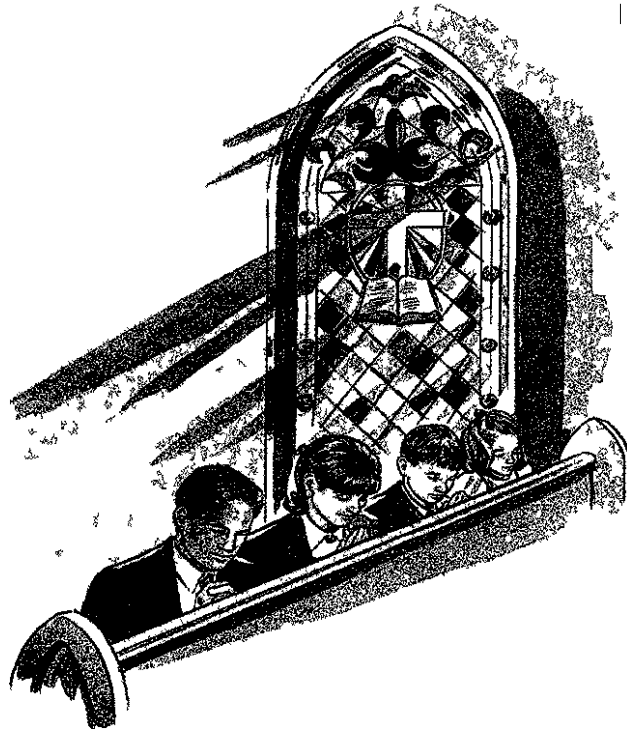
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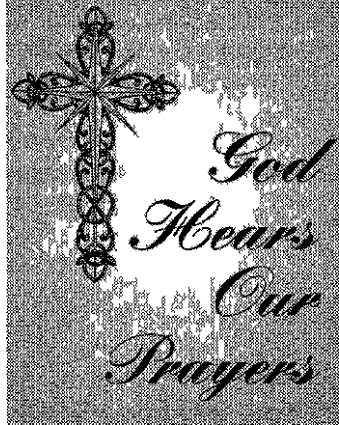
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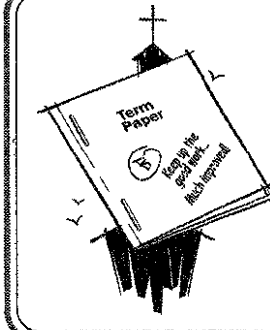
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It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on the job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. RSV Proverbs 12:15

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SEPTEMBER

Forty Days class

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church is opening their doors to the community for the fall class. The Purpose Driven Life - a six week study based on the best selling book by Rick Warren begins Thursday Sept 16 with morning class 9:30 a.m. and evening class 7:30 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.

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.

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 eightsixdrama & Katie Arnold. Emcee is triathlete Brad Seng. Art competition with prizes. For more information or to register call (248) 293-0070.

Faith to Freedom Forum

8 a.m. to noon Saturday Sept 18. Topics include: charitable choice, education, religion in the electoral political process. At First Baptist Church 21200 Southfield Road, north of 8 Mile Southfield. Call (248) 569-2972.

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 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.

B'Jazz Vespers

The Mark Moultrup Group 6-8 p.m. Sunday Sept 19 at First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates one block north of Maple one block west of Old Woodward Birmingham. Free parking in adjacent lot. A free will offering is taken for musicians. Vespers features 100 minutes of secular jazz performance and 20 minutes for a non-sectarian worship interlude between two jazz sets. For more information call (248) 644-0550.

Bible studies

Birmingham Bible Institute begins its fall semester Sept 21 with classes on 12 Tuesday evenings through Dec 7. 22 courses will be taught at Grace Baptist Church 280 East Lincoln Birmingham. Students receive certificates for courses successfully completed. For information call (248) 646-2000.

Grief support programs

At Hope Lutheran Church 3640 Madison at Carlisle Dearborn. Families are encouraged to attend together as age specific groups are offered within one convenient location.

All are welcome. 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.

Neighborhood picnic

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association is planning and End of Summer Picnic for all residents living between Joy and West Chicago and Inkster and Beech Daly in Redford 4-7 p.m. Sunday Sept 23 at Trinity Church of the Brethren on the corner of W Chicago and Inkster. For more information or to make a donation for the picnic call the church at (313) 937-1199.

Free car wash

Trinity Church of the Brethren 27350 W Chicago (corner of W Chicago and Inkster in Redford) will hold a free car wash 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Sept 25. Absolutely no donations will be accepted. Cars will be washed as a neighborly expression of God's love and in the hope that the good deed will be passed on. Also free coffee will be served.

Road Rally

An adult scavenger hunt which involves a variety of puzzles to solve as you race other teams in the metro Detroit area 4:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 25 meet in library at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church 2225 East 14 Mile five blocks east of Woodward on the north side of road Birmingham. Cost is \$5 per person if you bring a food dish (per every two people) for culminating potluck. For more information or to register your team call Todd or Jessica Merz at (248) 414-4511 or Our Shepherd Lutheran Church at (248) 646-6100.

Forty Days

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia join a worldwide network of thousands of churches when it launches its 40 Days of Purpose Campaign Saturday September 25 at Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia. Inspired by remarkable stories of spiritual renewal and growth an estimated 13,000 churches from 60 denominations have experienced the purpose driven phenomena inspired by a California pastor Rick Warren's best selling book. Following its 40 Days of Purpose Campaign two years ago Saddleback Church baptized 671 new believers, added almost 1,200 new members and increased average attendance by 2,000. During the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign at St. Paul's the truths about God's five purposes for people: worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism will be communicated with an all church simulcast seminar 9-11 a.m. Saturday Sept 25 a weekly message by the pastor a personal or family daily devotional reading a weekly Scripture verse that everyone memorizes a weekly small group or Sunday school lesson and a daily e-mail of encouragement.

All are welcome to join St. Paul's in this six week study. For information call (734) 422-1470.

Biblical Message Preparation

Women's Ministry Program presents a program 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Sept 25 with featured speaker Rosalie de Rosset at William Tyndale College 35700 West 12 Mile at Drake Farmington Hills. Cost is \$50 includes lunch. For more information call Lynn Karidis at (248) 553-7200 ext 511.

Forty Days

Woodside Bible Church will explore the answer to that question by sponsoring small group studies of Rick Warren's book 'The Purpose Driven Life' beginning Saturday September 25 at 3193 Rochester Road, Troy. For 40 days attendees will read a short chapter from the book each day. At the weekly small group meeting a video from Rick Warren will be viewed which discusses what will be read in the book that week and then a moderated discussion period will follow. The study will include a copy of the book and the accompanying study guide which will be provided at no cost to the study group attendees as a gift from Woodside Bible Church. These small groups will be held at different days and times throughout the week. Space and supplies are limited early registration is requested. Any questions or registration information can be directed to Keith Wissman of Woodside Bible Church at Woodside40DOP@aol.com or call (248) 854-2376. Send name(s), mailing address, e-mail, telephone numbers.

both daytime and evening and preferred days and times for your study group.

Forty Days

Begins 1:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 25 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 26701 Joy between Beech Daly and Inkster roads Dearborn Heights. This will be followed by weekly Sunday worship services beginning 10:30 a.m. Sunday Sept 26 and home based book discussions. Call (313) 274-3820.

Case for a Creator

Live via satellite. The Case for a Creator with Lee Strobel 6 p.m. Sunday Sept 26 at Farmington Hills Church of God 25717 Power Road between 10 & 11 Mile roads Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 477-9144.

Strobel's latest research points toward 'The Case for a Creator' Strobel a former legal affairs editor for the Chicago Tribune uses the latest scientific studies and discoveries to help make the case. Strobel is the award winning author of a number of best selling books including the award winning 'The Case for Christ' and his latest bestseller 'The Case for a Creator'. Joining Strobel on the broadcast are Stephen C. Meyer Ph.D. the Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Science and Culture at the Discover Institute in Seattle and author and speaker Mark Mittelberg. They will also answer questions from viewers.

New contemporary service

Beginning 9 a.m. Sunday Sept 26 new contemporary service will be held the last Sunday of the month at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season a church event or current newsworthy situation. Sept 26 drama is a look into the problem of being overloaded with requests for our time and abilities. For more information call (734) 422-0494.

Church Women United

Area 2 meeting Wednesday Sept 29 theme is Promoting Peace Prayers Plans. Projects at First United Methodist Church 33112 Grand River east of Farmington Road. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 926-5390.

Rummage/bake sale

Pre sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday Sept 30 (admission \$2). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Oct 1 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Oct 2 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh roads Livonia. Anyone who would like to donate items for the bake sale can deliver them to the home 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept 30 to Oct 1. Call (734) 422-0149.

Bible Study

Focusing on the book of Joshua began 9:15 a.m. (to 11:30 a.m.) Thursday Sept 9 at Beverly Hills Church 20000 W 13 Mile at Evergreen. For more information call (248) 642-7707 or (248) 540-0661.

Bible lecture series

Is There Hope in the Apocalypse? Bible prophecy lecture series began 7:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 11 with 'What Does the Future Hold?' at Cherry Hills Seventh day Adventist Church 33144 Cherry Hill Garden City Meetings continue Saturday Sunday and Wednesday nights for several weeks. No charge. Open to everyone. Childcare provided.

Worship schedule

Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept 12 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 contemporary service called Praise Hour 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) began a new MODERN 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.

New service times

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

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Women of the Word studies the Book of Luke entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays 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.

Crack the code

Began 7:30 p.m. Thursday Sept 2 continues through Thursday Sept 30. Crack The Da Vinci Code in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington Road between Six and Seven Mile Livonia. For information call (734) 425-5950.

Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia. Come to the back of the church enter entrance #2. For more information call Grace at (734) 464-1896 Shirley (734) 464-3656 or Geri (734) 464-8906.

Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups. Overeaters Anonymous a 12 step program for eating disorders meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous a 12 step program for alcohol related problems meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous a 12 step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church 300 Willis one block north of Maple one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Crafters needed

For annual craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Oct 23 at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church 26431 West Chicago between Inkster and Beech Daly Redford. For an application call (313) 937-2880 and leave a message.

Noah's Ark Christian Preschool

Strong academic program in a fun loving Christian environment at First United Methodist Church 3 Town

Square Wayne Call (734) 595-6002. Students are taught phonics, Bible verse, sign language, numbers and letter recognition, craft and songs. Morning and afternoon sessions available for fall 2004. 2005. Cost is \$30 a week for three day program \$20 a week for two days.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

A workshop for those going through divorce contemplating divorce or divorced for any length of time to help heal and grow began 7-9 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 and continues to Sept 30 at First Presbyterian Church Northville. New facilitators and some new speakers. For more information call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singplace.org.

UPCOMING

Journey in Song

Birmingham Temple's Vivace Music Series presents soprano Jennifer Larson sings selections ranging from baroque to modern including Mark Gottlieb's 'When Autumn Never Ends' 8 p.m. Saturday Oct 2 at 28611 W 12 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$21. \$18 students/seniors. Call (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348.

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 Oct 15-17 and Nov 19-21 at St. John's Family Life Center 44011 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/wmme.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday Oct 17 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information call (248) 476-8860.

Fall Boutique

Saturday Oct 23 at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Jude Circle) West Chicago and Inkster roads Redford. Table rental is \$25. Call Nancy at (313) 937-1741 or Joan at (313) 937-1670.

School registrations

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran School (9600 Laverne Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year. After school

care available 3-6 p.m. For more information call (313) 937-2233.

Registration time

Our Lady of Good Counsel is now taking registrations for the 2004-05 school year in the K-8 program. Call Principal Kay Reilly or secretary Terri O'Connor for information at (734) 453-3053.

New Sunday School

Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church 5085 Orion Road Rochester for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (248) 652-7774.

Synagogue services

Services are 6 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 851-5100.

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

ONGOING

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach 23800 West Chicago Redford. For more information call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

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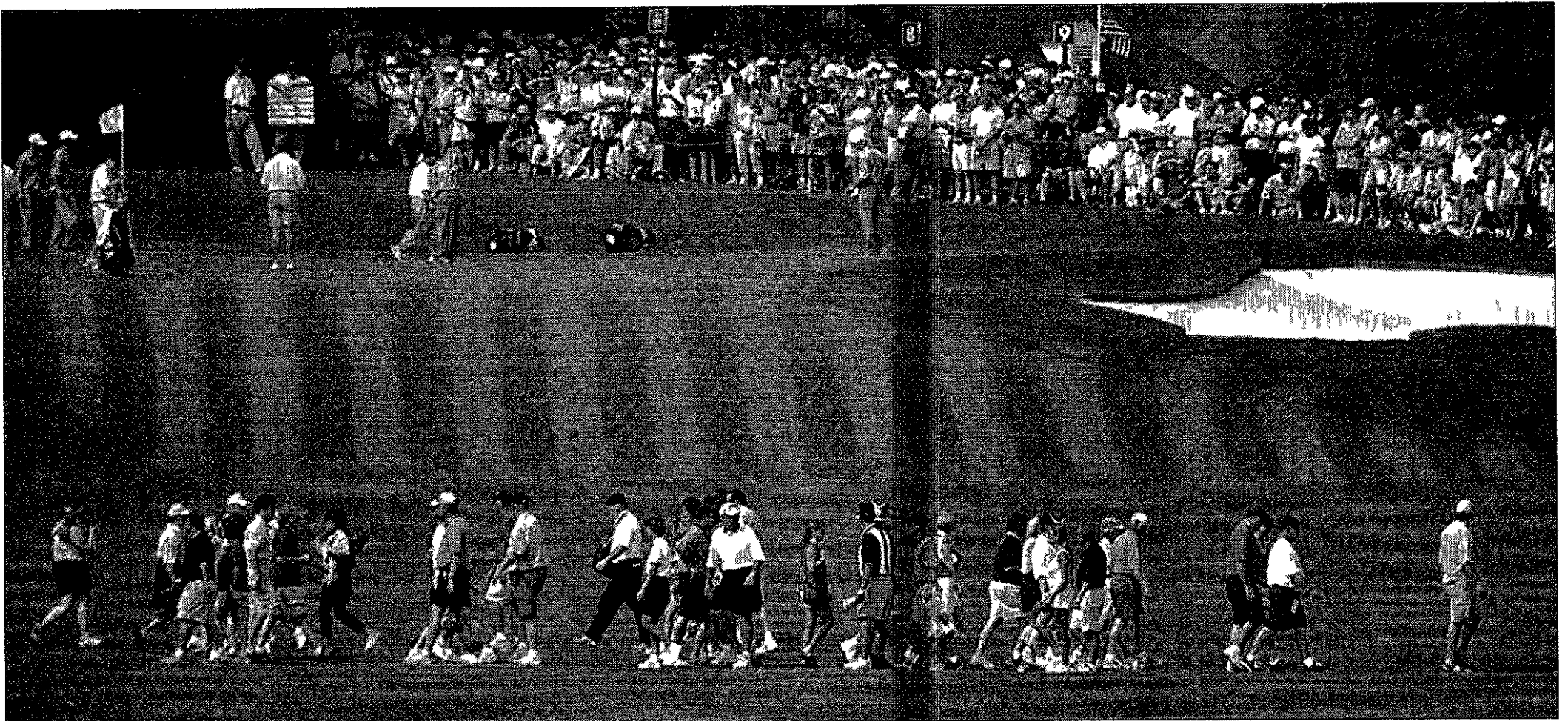
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<p>ELEANOR "BOSSENERGER" WOODARD</p> <p>Beloved wife of the late Sheldon Fletcher. Loving mother of Sharon (Roderick) Jacob, Karen Richard Kathryn (Jesse) Snyder and the late Sheldon Fletcher Jr. Proud grandmother of ten and six great grandchildren. Dear sister of Florence Drkanic and Shirley McLanahan. Visitation Friday 6-9 p.m. at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills. Funeral Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.</p>	<p>INEZ FAIK SAKO</p> <p>Age 73. Passed away September 14, 2004. Resident of Sun City Center FL. Formerly of Farmington Hills MI. Survived by Astrit Sako, Loving Mother of Al Sako, Gregory Sako, Shari Sako Bogan, Karen Sako Douglas (Jennifer) Sako and Wendy Sako. Proud Grandmother of Kyle Bogan and Jessica Bojan. Inez was a talented artist who enjoyed many forms of artistry including Japanese painting and Photography. Funeral service for family and friend Monday 11:00 a.m. at Thayer Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.) Visitation Saturday 3pm-7pm and Sunday 2pm-8pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and the Karmanos Cancer Foundation.</p>	<p>JACK V. WALKER</p> <p>September 10, 2004. Age 80. Retired mortgage banker for National City Bank. Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Moore). Loving father of Robert Walker (Karen), Nancy O'Neil (Dennis) and Judith Rogers (Thomas). Preceded in death by infant daughter Janet. Loved by his 10 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Mon Sept 13, 2004, 1pm at Embury United Methodist Church, 1803 E. Fourteen Mile Rd. Birmingham MI 48009. Memorial tributes to the church. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 248 549 0500. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com</p>
<p>NANCY JO HOWARD</p> <p>Of Farmington Hills for 34 years. Age 60. Died at home Sunday September 12, 2004 of multiple myeloma. A funeral mass was held Wednesday September 15, 2004 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 23815 Power Road Farmington with scripture service at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills. In addition to being a homemaker she was Vice President of Copeland Gibson Products Corp., a Troy based manufacturing company she owned with her husband. Nancy was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Meadowbrook Country Club and was a past president of the Farmington Branch of Women's National Farm and Garden Association. She is survived by Ray her husband of 38 years, children Helen Sue (Jim) Morgan, Ann Charles and Emily, grandchildren Andrew Sarah Allison and William Morgan, mother Madelon Hayward, sister Mary Helen Kaser Susan (Bud) Sudara Bill (Rondi) Hayward. Those desiring may direct memorial contributions to the Bone Marrow Transplant Emergency Medical Needs, Henry Ford Health System, Philanthropy Office 1 Ford Place 5A Detroit MI 48202 or the McCarty Cancer Foundation 27387 Woodward Ave Berkeley MI 48072. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com for more information.</p>	<p>WILLIAM JOHN KOPPEL</p> <p>(1914-2004) better known to his friends and family as Bub passed away Saturday at his daughter's house in Livonia. Throughout his life he kept active working as an inspector in a gun factory building himself a house in Livonia working and retiring from General Motors. He loved traveling with his wife Carolyn Koppel (1914-1993). Together they saw much of the U.S., venturing into Canada and Mexico. He was always full of life from riding bicycles at Indian Lake Campgrounds at age 75, to roller skating at age 80 and bowling at age 87. He volunteered at Angela Hospice, Livonia and Lighthouse Hospice in Southfield. He gave up his more active pursuits after getting a hip replacement and instead joined the Laurel Park's Mallwalkers which brought him happiness and companionship. He is survived by four children (William, Thomas, Carolyn, Marilyn) nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A private service will be held in Hilsdale for family only. Family requests memorial contributions to Hospice of Henry Ford (Plymouth Division) P.O. Box 02220 Detroit MI 48202.</p>	<p>LORRAINE B. BLACK</p> <p>Sept 12, 2004. Age 82 of Canton. Beloved wife of Harry Dear mother of Cary (Jeri) Sanford (Kathy) Grandmother of Andrew Gregory, Julie (Mark) Stanton & Jacob Great Grandmother of Sydney Stanton. Daughter of the late George & Francena Sister of the late Ralph, Charles, Vernon, Francis, Kenneth, Glen, Elsie, Beatrice, Edith, Lillian, Ruth, Margaret, Madeline, & Helen. Funeral at The Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Thur 1 PM. Friends may visit Wed 3-9 pm & Thurs 11-1pm. Family requests memorials to Pastor Don Evislizer, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 476, Lewiston MI 49756. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com</p>
<p>OBITUARY POLICY</p> <p>The first two lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)</p> <p>Deadlines</p> <p>Friday 5 PM for Sunday Wednesday Noon for Thursday <i>Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.</i></p> <p><i>Please email your obit to</i> oeobits@oehomecomm.net or fax to Attn: Obitis c/o Charlotte Wilson 734-953-2232 For more information call Charlotte Wilson 734-953-2070 or Liz Keiser 734-953-2067 on all free 866-818-7853 ask or Chp or Liz</p>		

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A good crowd was on hand for practice rounds Tuesday at prestigious Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township

Oakland Hills welcomes Ryder Cup

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER
PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE MCKEE
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

They came by the thousands from near and far to be part of one of the sporting world's great spectacles

The wait finally ended early this week when Oakland Hills Country Club welcomed competitors, golf fans, politicians and celebrities from around the world for the historic 35th Ryder Cup Matches

Tuesday's practice rounds officially marked the opening day for the event, bringing an estimated 40,000 spectators to the club each day. But Monday didn't go unnoticed either.

Hundreds of media types strolled the course and grounds, which have been converted into a small city filled with corporate chalets, a 35,000-square-foot gift "shop," a luxurious international pavilion, and a stage constructed for the opening and closing ceremonies that would make any rock band proud.

A few players got some early work in on becoming familiar with the South Course layout as well, sometimes drawing a small crowd to watch, other times left to ponder the course on their own.

Tiger Woods, easily the most recognized sports personality in the world, made time Monday to share his unique talents with fans during a clinic at Oakland University. On Tuesday, his first practice round drew a small army of spectators — and a handful of security.

In downtown Birmingham, golf fans milled about the Townsend Hotel, trying to get a glimpse of their favorite player. Rumors that Paul Newman also was staying at the ritzy hotel was the buzz all day Tuesday.

Tomorrow marks the first day of competition with the 12-man U.S. team seeking the necessary 14 1/2 points to regain possession of the prestigious trophy. But Ryder Cup-mania was in full swing long before the first match.



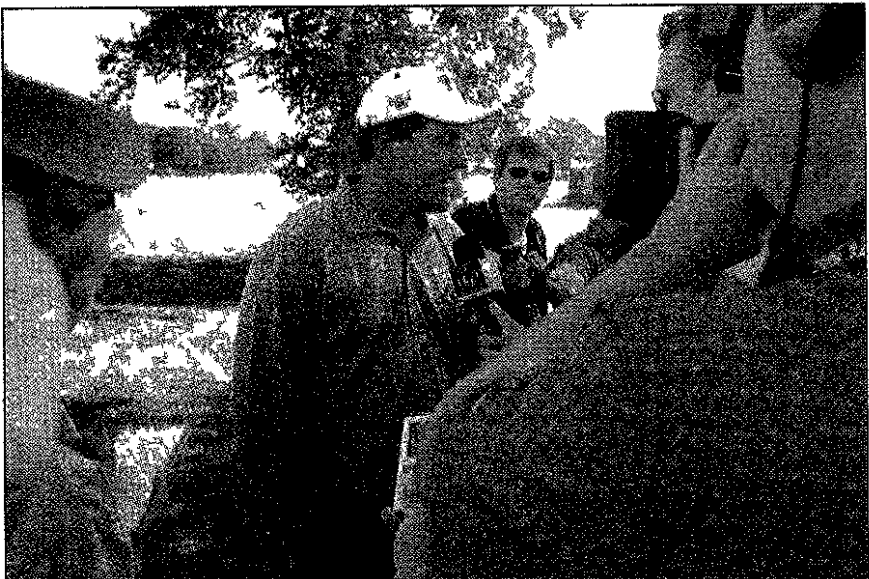
Always the center of attention at any PGA event, Tiger Woods drew big crowds during his first practice round at Oakland Hills Tuesday



Meggie Alisee (center) Bloomfield Hills has no problem seeing over the crowd with her Sportscope telescope during Ryder Cup practice rounds at Oakland Hills Tuesday



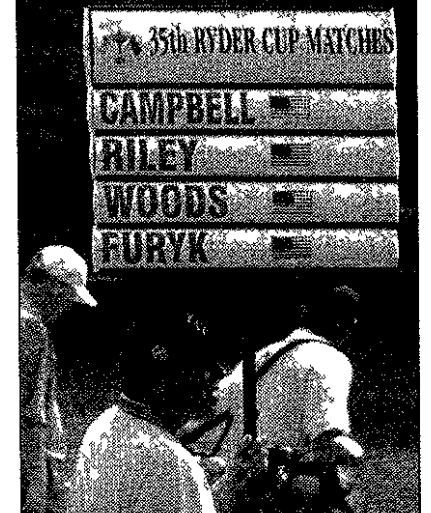
Elaine Rinehart, Beaver, Ohio raises her hand to answer a Tiger Woods trivia question prior to his arrival at Monday's golf clinic held at Oakland University. 'I just love him,' said Rinehart about Woods



U.S. Ryder Cup veteran Phil Mickelson pauses for a few moments with the press during a practice round on Monday



Chelsea Guynes, 11, came all the way from Traverse City with her favorite golf hat to watch practice rounds with her father John



A sign of the times: Chad Campbell, Chris Riley, Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk are expected to bring the Ryder Cup trophy back to the U.S. when competition begins tomorrow

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Tomatoes are late, but still sweeten harvest

Rain fell throughout the summer and temperatures dipped into the low 50s and even into the upper 40s at times. Scattered among the stray weeds, my tomatoes sat. And sat. And sat.



Kitchen Kapers

Ken Abramczyk

My tomatoes were greener than the lawn. Over Labor Day weekend, my first ripened tomatoes arrived.

About three weeks ago, the coloring changed and they suddenly burst with a red glow. Cherry, grape, early girls and beefmasters all burned with a deep red delicious

color, as rich as the compost on the clay from which they sprang. The produce sprawled across the kitchen counter. I could give some of these gems away, but me being the selfish gourmand I am, I've eaten them at least twice a day — chopped with scrambled eggs, stuffed into a grilled cheese sandwich, chopped for salsa and a sauce with basil. They create an easy sauce for pasta or rice and the sweetness really complements a dish of summer squash and zucchini with a little Italian seasoning.

Ripe tomatoes consist of about 93 percent water. Consuming 100 grams of these raw tomatoes provides 17 grams of carbohydrates, 3 grams of protein and 23 grams of vitamin C (or about 40 percent of the adult recommended daily allowance).

Cooked tomatoes contain lycopene. Lycopene is an antioxidant — it helps to counteract the harmful effects of substances called 'free radicals,' which are thought to contribute to many chronic diseases and age-related processes in the body, according to the California Tomato Commission.

Nearly every cuisine in the world today uses the tomato. In the United States, they are second only to the potato in consumption. Michigan tomatoes are a \$25 million business, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

In my book, nothing beats homemade canned tomatoes. You control the ingredients, you know when you picked them, what was used in the soil, and what was used on the plants. They make a tremendous chili sauce, so much more than the salted up paste you purchase that passes as chili sauce. *Putting Food By* by Hertzberg, Vaughan and Greene is a good source for canning information.

Best of all, these canned vegetables are all yours. Enjoy the harvest.

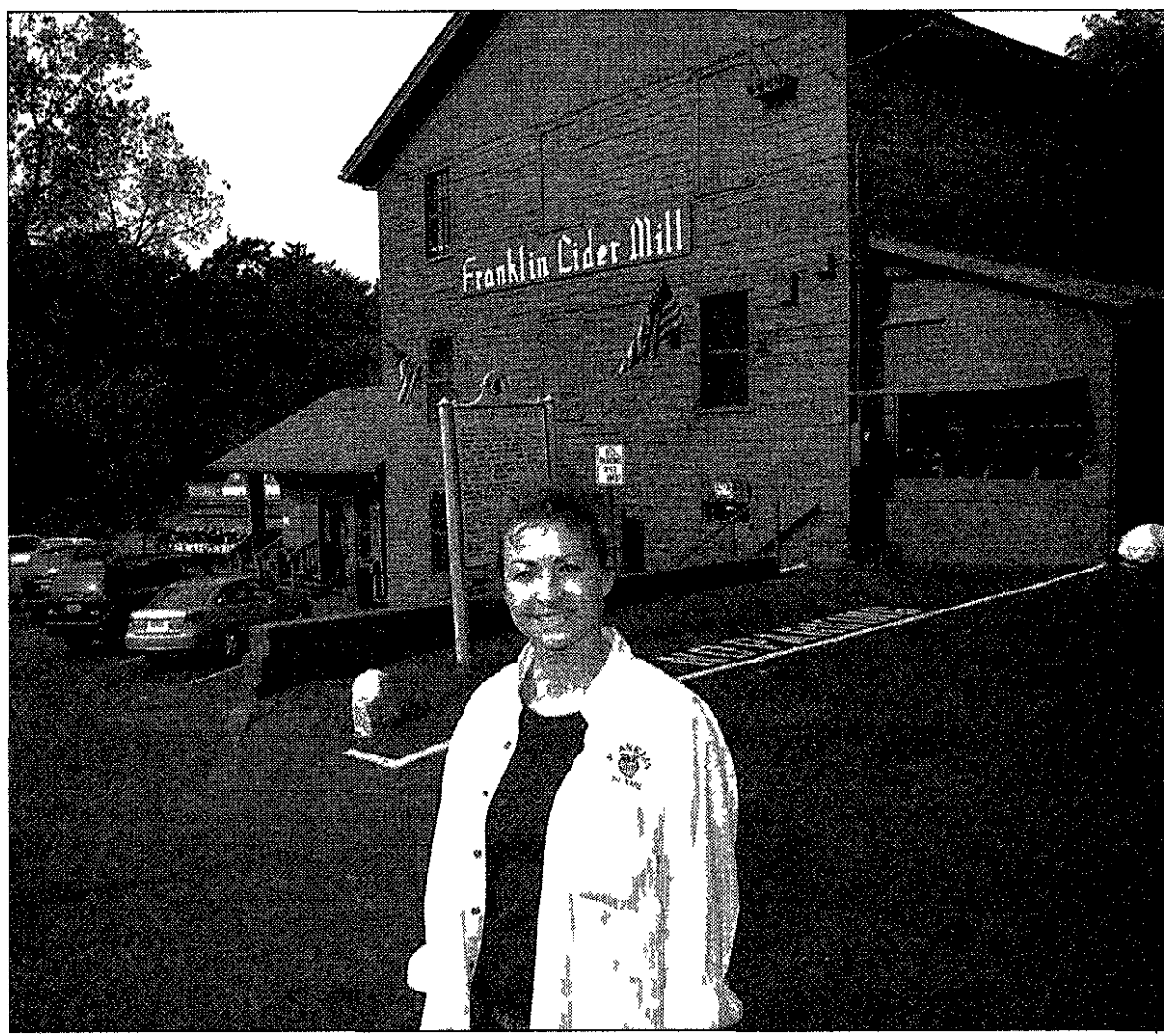
PESTO SAUCE FOR TOMATOES AND PASTA

- 2 cups fresh basil
- 2-4 cloves garlic (adjust to your own preference)
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup olive oil

Mix ingredients in a food processor until pureed, about two to three minutes. (For a variation, toast the pine nuts first in the oven at about 300°F for five minutes before processing them for the pesto.)

Add pesto sauce to your favorite cooked pasta with chopped tomatoes. You can also stir in your fresh green and red peppers, if you'd like. Garnish with freshly shredded asiago or parmesan on top for a fresh cheesy flavor. Pesto salads are great main dishes with your favorite bread.

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Susan Perry, manager of the Franklin Cider Mill, oversees the operations at the mill for about six months out of the year, then moves to Florida for her other job as a yacht captain.

How sweet it is

Franklin Cider Mill presses apples into a favorite fall beverage

It's that time of year when a visit or two — or more — to the Franklin Cider Mill delights all five senses.

Amid the smell of apples and cider and the aroma of hot cinnamon spice doughnuts and in the middle of the sights and sounds of this busy fall attraction, there's a woman who was first touched 25 years ago by everything about the cider mill.

Susan Perry has spent five to six months a year since then working at Franklin Cider Mill. Today, she is the manager, overseeing every aspect of the operations in this nationally recognized historical building. A former grist mill (where grain was ground), it became a cider mill in the mid-1880s.

Perry loves her job there. "I came here to work part time when I was a teenager in high school," said Perry. "I became hooked on everything about the cider mill and have continued to come back year after year because I love being here."

Perry, 40, added that she doesn't consider what she does a 'real job' or work, although she often puts in 16-hour days. "We (the staff) all enjoy working at the mill and being a part of a tradition," Perry said.

When Perry is not running the cider mill, she lives in Florida and

PLEASE SEE APPLES, D2

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Low-fat cooking: Braise ham with cider

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

High-fiber yams and modern lean pork are combined in this gently spiced, low-fat, low-calorie dish. Green apple wedges and mellow yams add pleasing late-summer flavor and color to the dish, as well as more than a pinch of good nutrition.

The recipe is in the section on main-course meat dishes in the *Reader's Digest Vegetables for Vitality* cookbook (Reader's Digest, 2004, \$29.95). Other sections offer recipes for using vegetables beneficially in most meals from breakfast through dessert treats, including vegetarian selections, for a total of 240 recipes, each shown in a color photo. The book is rounded out by a colorful A-to-Z guide to vegetables.

In this recipe, the editors point out that adding fresh fruit to a meat dish is a great way to include more vitamins and fiber in a meal. Sliced pears, halved kumquats

orange sections or pineapple chunks could be used in this recipe in place of the apple.

CIDER-BRAISED HAM WITH YAMS AND APPLE

- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon apple cider
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped peeled fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 yam or sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 1 pound lean ham steak
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and cut into 12 wedges
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup diagonally sliced green part of scallions

In large skillet, stir together 1 cup of the cider, mustard, ginger and cloves. Bring to a simmer. Add yam slices. Cover tightly and simmer until partially tender, 15 minutes.

Add ham steak, covering with yam slices. Arrange apple wedges over top. Cover and simmer until apples and yam are tender and ham is heated through, 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, stir together cornstarch and the 1 tablespoon of cider until well blended.

With slotted spoon, remove ham, yams and apple from skillet to platter, cover with foil to keep warm.

Stir a little of hot pan liquid into cornstarch mixture until smooth. Stir cornstarch mixture into skillet. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until slightly thickened, about 1 minute.

Divide ham, yams and apples among 4 plates. Spoon skillet sauce over. Garnish with scallions.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 211 cal., 18 g pro., 25 g carbo., 4 g total fat (1 g saturated), 38 mg chol., 2 g fiber, 1,188 mg sodium

Side dish

Frost it quick

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Betty Crocker Pour & Frost frosting comes in three flavors — Milk Chocolate, Chocolate and Vanilla. The chocolate flavors are made with Hershey's Dutch cocoa.

"Without having to wait hours for your cake to cool, you will find it that much easier to enjoy a homebaked cake any night of the week," said Paul. The new frosting is available nationally this fall for a suggested retail price of \$1.79.

Pears in season

Pears being in season, there's some timely information on this favorite fruit offered among food and cooking features in *All You* magazine's premiere issue.

On a shopping trip for pears, look for these varieties:

Anjou: Slightly sweet; best eaten fresh or poached. Not good in pies.

Bartlett: Thin-skinned, juicy when ripe, highly versatile.

Bosc: Firm texture, nutty aroma. Great for poaching and in pies, muffins and preserves. Good to eat firm or very ripe.

Comice: The juiciest of all pears when ripe. Great to eat raw and in salads. Not good cooked.

Forelle: Small, very sweet with dense flesh. OK for pies.

Seckel: Similar to Forelle in size, texture and flavor. Too small for pies, but good in jams and preserves.

A tip for cooks: Remember that pear skin tastes bitter when cooked. Peel the fruit before using.

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"works" her other job - she's captain of a luxury yacht "How fortunate I am to be able to live such an exciting life," she said

While being a boat captain has required formal education and training, Perry acquired her cider mill expertise strictly by doing just about every task required to assure a successful operation

Her passion for the business and her determination to offer the best products and services has been recognized and appreciated by the owner Jack Peltz, a well-known grocer, bought Franklin Cider Mill in 1963 He died in July, leaving the mill to his widow, Eleanor Peltz

"I learned what was needed so the mill can thrive," said the self-taught manager "Luckily, over the years, I've been able to initiate changes and offer new products and services that keep customers coming to the mill Many of our longtime customers, who first came as children and then brought their own children to watch the

apples being pressed for cider, are now bringing their grandchildren

Although other offerings such as candy apples, caramel apples and the hot doughnuts (the secret recipe is kept in a vault) are available, cider, which is made from a minimum of seven-eight varieties of apples, is the mill's main product "The cider gets sweeter as the season progresses because the apples get sweeter as the weather gets colder," Perry said She added that it takes 60 bushels of apples to get 130-150 gallons of cider

Speaking of apples, Perry's mother, Mary Tondreau, is known as the "apple lady" at the mill She's in charge of the sale of the up to 25 varieties of apples sold individually, by the bag or by the bushel "Customers can come to the mill to get the apples they need for baking or canning," Perry said

In addition to her mother, who is known for her pie crust (recipe below), some of her 11 brothers and sisters have or are working at the mill "It's great to have help from my family members, who all live in the metro Detroit area," Perry said

Always call ahead to check availability of fruit

The Michigan Department of Agriculture publishes a directory of farmers markets, U-pick farms, cider mills and more For a copy of the 2004-05 Farm Market, U Pick and Ag-Tourism Directory call the Michigan Department of Agriculture at (800) 292-3939, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays Information from the guide is at www.mda.state.mi.us/market/u-pick/

Here are some nearby apple orchards and cider mills to visit

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

■ Spicer Orchards Farm Market and Cider Mill, (810) 632-7692 - U.S. 23, (three miles north of M-59 to Clyde Road, exit east 1/4 mile) Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Currently has Ganger Gold, Molly's Delicious, and McIntosh ready for picking

MACOMB COUNTY

■ Blake's Big Apple Orchard, (586) 784-9710 - One mile

south of downtown Armada at North Avenue and 33 Mile Road Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily Currently has Jonafree, Ganger Gold, Wealthy Honey Crisp, McIntosh, Early Fuji, Gala and Molly Delicious for picking

■ Blakes Orchard and Cider Mill, (586) 784-5343 - Run by same family as Blakes Big Apple Orchard, 17985 Armada Center Road Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

■ Hy's Cider Mill, (586) 798-3611, Romeo Van Dyke, north of Romeo to 37 Mile Road One-and-a-half miles west of Van Dyke, south of Almont Opens Sept. 14, weekends only Cider, apples, doughnuts, jams, jellies, up-pick apples and pumpkins Call first

OAKLAND COUNTY

■ Ashton Orchards & Cider Mill, Ortonville (248) 627-6671 1-75 to Sashabaw Road, exit 89 Orchard is 1/8 mile west of Sashabaw at 3925 Seymour Lake Road and more to follow Cortland, Gayla, McIntosh, Honey Gold and Paula Red are currently available No U-pick Hours Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

■ Erwin Orchards & Cider Mill, (248) 437-4701 - Between Milford and South Lyon, 61475 Silver Lake Road Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ganger Gold, Cortland, Gayla and McIntosh are available, along with Empire, Honey Crisp,

Northern Spy and Golden Red ■ Franklin Cider Mill in Bloomfield Township, (248) 626-2968, 7450 Franklin at 14 Mile Road Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

■ Long Family Orchard & Farm, (248) 360-3774 - On Commerce Road (west of Bogie Lake Road) Commerce Township McIntosh and Cortland are available U-pick hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Call ahead

■ Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, (248) 651-8361 - Three miles northwest of Rochester on Oron Road (between Adams and Rochester Roads) Cider mill open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Historic old grist mill setting Cider and doughnuts for sale in Rochester Cider Mill in Oakland Township, (248) 651-4224, 5125 Rochester Road, two miles north of Rochester Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily No U-pick

■ Yates Cider Mill, (248) 651-8300, located at 1990 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills, (near 23 Mile Road at Dequindre) Open daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The fall season is under way with cider, caramel apples and doughnuts

■ Westview Orchards & Cider Mill of Romeo, (586) 752-3123, Romeo 30 Mile at Van Dyke Gala, Ganger Gold, McIntosh, Wealthy, Honey

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WAYNE COUNTY

■ Northville Cider Mill & Winery, (248) 349-3181, 714 Baseline, Northville Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cider, doughnuts Gala and McIntosh are available

■ Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, (734) 455-2290 - 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cider and apples for sale, doughnuts, country store Ganger Gold, Paula Red, Jonathan and Red Free, a variation of delicious, are available

WASHTENAW COUNTY

■ Wasem Fruit Farm, (734) 482-2342 - Eight Miles south of Ypsilanti, call for directions Open 9-6 p.m. daily beginning Sept. 5 and running through Halloween U-pick apples Gala, McIntosh and Prime Golds are available

■ Wards Orchard and Cider Mill, (734) 482-7744 - South of Ypsilanti, take I-94 to Huron St., go south four miles Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday U-pick apples, cider

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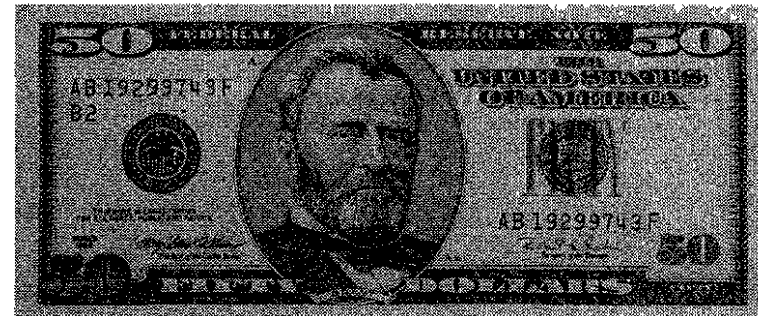
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CIDER MILLS AND APPLE ORCHARDS

MOM'S VERY OWN FLAKY PIE CRUST (FOR ONE-CRUST PIE)

- 1 cup sifted all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 to 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon milk

In large bowl sift together flour and salt Cut in shortening with pastry blender or two knives until pieces are size of small peas Sprinkle water and vinegar on mixture, a teaspoon at a time Add only enough water to hold pastry together

Shape mixture into ball and flatten on lightly floured surface (Work quickly do not over handle) Roll from center to edge

APPLE RECIPES

into a circle approximately 1/8-inch thick and about 1-inch larger than size of pie pan Loosen pastry from surface with spatula and fold in quarters Gently lay pastry in pan and unfold it, fitting it to pan so it is not stretched

Trim edge with scissors or sharp knife so pastry extends about 1/2-inch beyond edge of pan Fold extra pastry under at edge and flute Prick bottom and sides of shell with a fork. (Omit pricking if filling is baked in shell)

Brush milk on crust Bake at 450° F oven for 10 to 15 minutes until crust is light golden brown Cool on rack

Makes one 8 or 9 inch shell
Recipe submitted by Mary Tondreau

APPLE JACK APPLE PIE

- Cheese pastry for 2 crust pie (double recipe and cut in 1/2 cup finely shredded cheddar cheese to pastry recipe)
- 5 cups sliced pared apples
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup Applejack
- 4 teaspoons currant jelly
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Prepare 9-inch pie shell, roll out remaining pastry for top crust Set aside

In large bowl, gently toss apples with a mixture of sugar, cornstarch, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon Mix Applejack and jelly together Pour over apples and toss gently Put apples into shell, heaping slightly at center, dot with butter/margarine Cover with second crust making vents in center Flute edges of crust together

Bake at 450° F for 10 minutes, reduce oven temperature to 350° F and bake an additional 30 to 40 minutes, until pastry is lightly browned Serve warm

Recipe from Franklin Cider Mill

APPLE USAGE

Use the following apples for salads, pies, baked, sauces or eat fresh Jonathan, McIntosh, Northern Spy, Ida Red, Empire and Stayman (Winesap) Use Red Delicious in salads or eat fresh Use Golden Delicious in salads, pies, sauces or eat fresh Use Rome Beauty in pies or baked (Note These are accepted uses Personal preference may vary)

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- 3-4 medium-sized apples make 1 pound
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Cooking classes
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 Scaloppini 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 Famie will be the instructor for a Southeastern Asian Epicurean Journey 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. You can see a Wolf product presentation (a free class) 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12; Nov. 9 or Dec. 14 at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke in Auburn Hills. For more information, visit www.trevarrowinc.com or call (800) 482-1948.

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. 20 at the Livonia Community Education facility (734) 744-2602 and Sept. 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.

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.

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. 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.

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 a 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.sfidlib.org. For further information, please call the Library Guest Services Desk at (248) 796-4224 during regular library hours.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands-on experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy

benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: Healing Foods For Your Body, Sept. 29 and Fall Cooking Series 2004 on Oct. 20 and 27. Wilson also offers a four-week Beginning Series, which she recommends as the best place to start as the class is the most informative. The Beginning Series starts Sept. 21 and continues Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and Oct. 12. Dates for all classes and schedule changes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City and the fee for each class is \$25. Visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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 (888) 3-FLORINE for further information.

Make Cider

Bring up to one bushel of washed apples and containers to make and take your own apple cider using a hand-powered cider press at the Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center near Rochester on the following Sundays in October: Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31. Fee is \$3. Call the Nature Center at (586) 781-4621 to reserve a time.

Cider Saturday and Sunday

Use a cider press to make your own apple cider Saturday, Oct. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 10 at Indian Springs Metropark near Clarkston. Bring up to one bushel of washed apples, three clean one-gallon containers and cups. Pre-registration required; call for an appointment. Fee is \$3 per family or group. For more information or registration, contact the Indian Springs Nature Center at (800) 477-3192 or (248) 625-7280.

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Cook up low-fat Asian beef and broccoli lettuce wraps

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wraps of all kinds have become mealtime mainstays. Foods are being tucked or rolled into a variety of edible folders, ranging from tortillas to flat breads, to lettuce leaves - as in this low-fat recipe.

Asian Beef and Broccoli Lettuce Wraps feature the leafy lettuce curled around an Asian inspired mixture of stir-fried beef steak strips and favorite vegetables. The wraps make a nutritious low-fat family meal that's easy to prepare - and to eat. The homemade piquant sauce is used for both marinating and stir-frying.

ASIAN BEEF AND BROCCOLI LETTUCE WRAPS

- 1 pound top round steak cut 1/4 inch thick (see note)
- 4 cups fresh stir fry vegetable mixture (broccoli carrots sugar snap peas)
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 8 Boston or red leaf lettuce leaves
- For the sauce
- 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

To make the sauce

Combine hoisin sauce, orange juice, rice vinegar and soy sauce in small bowl. Stir in cornstarch,

set aside

Cut beef steak lengthwise in half then crosswise into 1/4 inch thick strips. Place beef and 1/2 cup sauce in medium bowl. Toss to coat beef. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Combine vegetable mixture and 1/2 cup water in large nonstick skillet. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook 4 to 6 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Drain vegetables. Set aside.

Remove beef from marinade. Discard marinade. Heat oil in same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add 1/2 of beef, stir-fry 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Serve with lettuce leaves for wrapping.

Combine vegetables and beef in skillet. Stir in remaining sauce, cook and stir over medium-low heat 1 to 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Serve with lettuce leaves for wrapping.

Makes 4 servings

Note: One pound beef round top steaks, cut 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick, may be substituted for top round steak. Stack steaks, cut lengthwise in half, then cut crosswise into 1-inch wide strips.

Nutrition information per serving: 286 cal, 32 g pro, 21 g carbo, 7 g fat, 816 mg sodium, 61 mg chol. Recipe developed for AP by the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Barley teams up with vegetables

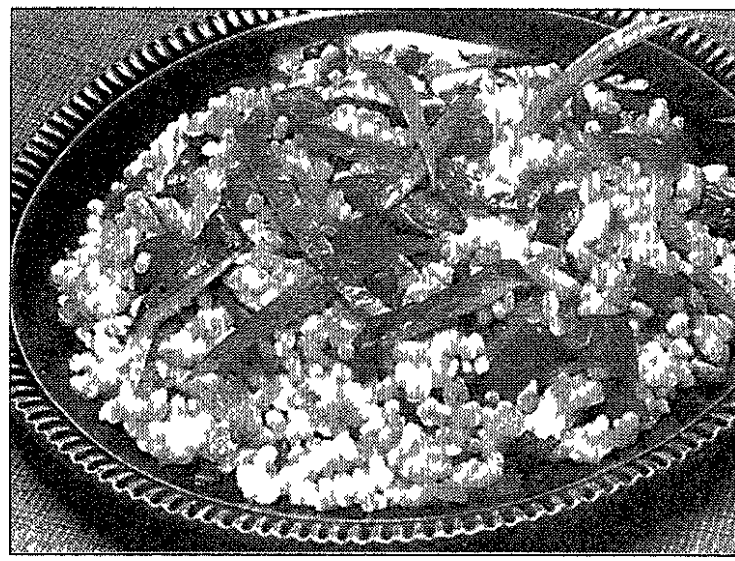
BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

According to The Farmer's Almanac, every full moon has a name. There is the harvest moon in October and the strawberry moon in June. August was the barley moon, a good reminder to serve this splendid grain more often than once in a blue moon. (A blue moon is the second moon in the occasional month when it appears full twice.)

Even if you appreciate the benefits of complex carbs, fiber and other nutrients, plus the filling satisfaction that whole grains bring to a meal, most likely you think of barley only when the weather turns cold. A bowl of earthy barley and mushroom soup or Scotch broth, the chunky soup made with beef broth or lamb, are perfect for driving out the chill of winter days.

A plant with very ancient roots, wild barley was the first grain to be cultivated. Tamed by agriculture, it became a scrappy, sturdy crop able to endure the harshest conditions of drought, cold, heat and poor soil. As a result, it has been grown from the Arctic to Ethiopia. In parts of China it was cultivated even before rice, perhaps as early as 2800 B.C.

Much of Europe relied on barley as a mainstay from ancient Greek times until the



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Ginger adds a sweet snap to this barley and vegetable stir-fry

Renaissance. Only after other grains, particularly rice and wheat, were domesticated too, did eating barley fade, leaving only the people with no other choice, the poor, to rely on it as a staple while the rest looked down on it as food for peasants and cattle.

The health-conscious counter-culture of the 1970s, which revived eating like a peasant, included barley. Now, pearled barley, polished to remove the grains' exceptionally tough outer husk, is found in most supermarkets. It cooks in the same time as brown rice.

- 1 red bell pepper seeded and diced
- 2 ounces fresh shitake mushrooms stemmed and chopped
- 8 snow peas cut lengthwise into thin strips
- 2 scallions green and white parts chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon grated peeled ginger according to taste
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce or teriyaki sauce
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Bring 2 cups water to boil in deep saucepan. Add barley. When liquid returns to boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer 30 to 40 minutes, or until barley is almost tender. Makes 2 cups cooked barley. Heat the oil in a medium, non-stick skillet over high heat. Stir-fry onion and red pepper 1 minute. Add mushrooms and stir-fry until they look moist, about 1 minute. Add snow peas, scallions, ginger, and stir fry 15 seconds.

Add cooked barley, orange juice, teriyaki sauce, and salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Cook until barley is heated through. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 158 calories, 3 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 30 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 161 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

BARLEY STIR-FRY

- 1/2 cup pearl barley
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 medium red onion, diced

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It's the month to salute nutritious, delicious rice

It's National Rice Month, and there are many reasons to celebrate this important grain. It's no accident that rice is the staple food for two-thirds of the world's population. It is a nutritious cereal grain ideally suited for a healthy diet. Rice is low calorie, cholesterol-free, sodium-free, gluten-free and non-allergenic. It has only a trace of fat and is a complex carbohydrate, the starch is stored in muscles and released slowly, as energy is needed. Although not a complete protein, rice is high in the amino acid lysine. It is ideally suited to be served with beans for a high quality protein-based meal. Rice also is a good source of other essential nutrients - thiamin, vitamin B6, folate, niacin, phosphorus, iron and potassium. As part of a healthful meal, rice provides good nutrition. Brown rice contains more nutrients and fiber than white rice, from which the bran and germ have been removed. Nutritionists recommend three daily servings of healthy whole grains such as brown rice. Rice may be the most versatile of foods. It can be used in soup, salad, the main dish, or dessert. The neutral character of rice blends well with other foods and adds texture and fla-

vor to any dish - plus extra health benefits. By mixing cooked brown rice with vegetables that have been steamed or stir-fried, for example, there is an additional benefit beyond the nutrition and phytochemicals they individually offer. The interaction, or synergy, between them heightens the protection against chronic diseases like cancer. Vegetable fried rice is a good way to say Happy National Rice Month.

FRIED RICE

- 2 tablespoons black bean sauce
- 1 teaspoon reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon chili oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 tablespoon canola or peanut oil
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 12 fresh snow pea pods cut lengthwise in three strips
- 10 whole canned water chestnuts coarsely chopped
- 3 bok choy ribs (white and green parts) cut in 1/2 inch slices
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1/3 cup frozen green peas defrosted
- 1 large garlic clove minced
- 12 teaspoon minced fresh ginger to taste
- 3 cups cooked brown rice refrigerated or thawed frozen

then brought to room temperature*
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a small bowl, combine bean sauce, soy sauce, sugar, chili oil and salt, if desired. Set aside.

In a wok or large skillet, heat oil over high heat. Stir-fry egg, breaking up with fork. Transfer to a plate. Add snow peas, water chestnuts, bok choy, onion and green peas to the skillet. Stir fry 2 minutes, or until the bok choy is wilted. Transfer mixture to the plate containing the egg. Return the pan to the heat.

Add garlic and ginger to the pan and stir-fry just until fragrant, about 10 seconds. Do not let them burn. Immediately add rice, bean sauce mixture and egg. Stir-fry, stirring to break up egg and mix into the rice. Heat through, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the vegetable mixture toward the end. Season to taste with pepper. Serve hot or lukewarm.

Makes 6 servings (6 cups)
Chilling or freezing the cooked rice before adding it to the pan helps avoid sticky or gummy fried rice.

Per serving: 187 calories, 5 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 32 g carbohydrate, 5 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 103 mg sodium.

From the American Institute for Cancer Research

Iced tea is frosty, fruity

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

The British may be considered champion tea drinkers, but in the U.S. these days, tea consumption is second only to that of water.

With about half of all Americans drinking it, we sip or chug twice as much tea as we did ten years ago, about six glasses of tea a week. What makes tea drinking in this country unique is our preference for enjoying it cold. At the moment, iced tea accounts for about 80 percent of our total consumption.

If the results of over 300 studies now underway confirm what we already know about the health benefits of drinking tea, tea consumption will no doubt increase. Mostly, we drink black tea. Green tea, which is somewhat higher in the antioxidants that give tea its health benefits, currently accounts for a tiny fraction of all sales, including those of loose, bags and the abundance of bottled, ready-to-drink choices.

When I serve regular iced tea, I never offer it sweetened. In recipes using tea, I do use sugar, honey and other natural sweeteners, but always in modest amounts. Iced tea offers the opportunity to sweeten with fruit juices, which also adds vitamins and minerals. Sometimes I use orange and apple juice concentrates, which contain more vitamin C than juice.

To go even further in giving sweetened iced tea better nutrition content, try smooth-



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This Frosty Fruit Freeze can be served as an almost-spoonable slush or let it melt slightly and you have icy-cold fruited tea.

ies to maximize the health benefits of tea and fruit. The Frosty Fruit Freeze below can be served as an almost spoonable slush. Or, let it melt slightly and you have icy-cold fruited tea.

A combination of green and mint teas, frozen melon cubes and mandarin oranges, this fruit freeze contains all the fiber and nutrients in the fruit. When the temperature and humidity spike, it is even more refreshing than simple iced tea.

FROSTY FRUIT FREEZE

- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange sections in light syrup
- 2 cups cubed honeydew melon
- 2 decaffeinated green tea bags
- 1 herbal mint tea bag
- 4 sprigs of fresh mint for garnish (optional)

Place oranges with their liquid into a resealable plastic bag and freeze so that the bag lays flat.

Spread melon cubes in a single layer on a baking sheet and freeze. If not using within 12 hours, transfer frozen melon to a resealable plastic bag.

Place green and mint tea bags in a heatproof container. Pour in 2 cups boiling water. Steep for 5 minutes.

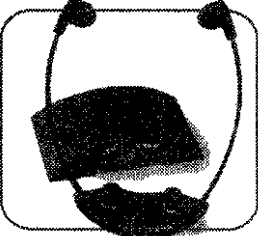
Remove tea bags, squeezing to release excess tea into the container. Refrigerate the tea until cold.

Pour chilled tea into a blender. Break up frozen oranges into chunks and add. Puree mixture. Add frozen melon and blend in to a fine slush. Divide among 4 glasses, garnish with mint if using and serve.

Per serving: 79 calories, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 21 g carbohydrate, less than 1 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 21 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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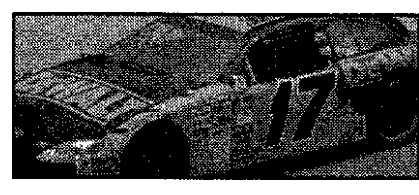
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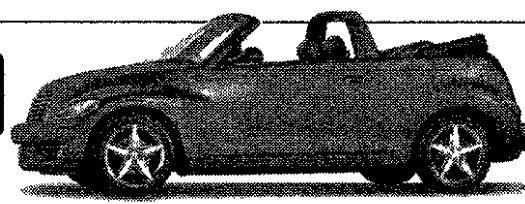
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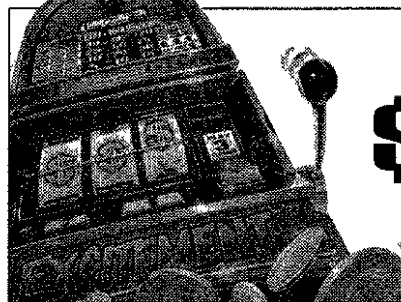
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CASINO WINDSOR

Smoothies are fast-growing trend

(MS) Everyone loves to customize their food and beverages

Case in point A few years ago, the only way you could order your coffee were black or with cream Today coffee bars serve every flavor under the sun to meet the demand of individual tastes

Salad bars allow you to pick and choose favorite foods, while chain restaurants boast a 'make it your way' mantra The same concept can be seen with one of the hottest beverage trends sweeping the country - smoothies By varying your ingredients, you can mix and match flavors to appeal to the many tastes of your palate

SMOOTHIE HISTORY

The term 'smoothie' encompasses various beverages, but generally refers to fruit drinks made in a blender These beverages have been around for decades - once only available at health food stores However only recently has the smoothie seen such a tremendous popularity growth, as they're now readily available in shopping malls, in your grocer's refrigerated section or by creating them in the comfort of your home

Smoothies appeal to the entire family They easily meet the demands of a quick snack or a 'meal-on-the-go' for busy adults Kids love them because they're frothy, delicious fun, reminiscent of a milkshake However, parents know that smoothies are the perfect way to encourage youngsters to consume nutrients through a healthy snack

They are a refreshing alternative to sugary, carbonated beverages

Since they are full of fruits, juices and often dairy products, smoothies pack a healthy punch They're an ideal way to load up on vitamin C and vitamin D as well as calcium Smoothies can be thickened with frozen fruits, ice, yogurt and milk You can even create dairy free smoothies with fruit juices or by substituting soy or rice milk for the thickening agents

Juice drinks like those available from Tampico are an excellent, yet often overlooked, ingredient to add to smoothies, says Richard Ross, brand

director for Tampico Fruit Punches "They are perfect for these types of beverages because they really help make the drink smooth Plus, they're easy to keep on hand to flavor both smoothies and other fruit-based drinks"

Using Tampico in place of other fruit juices can expand your smoothie flavor possibilities The punches are available in the United States in nine flavors Citrus Punch, Mango Punch, Tropical Punch (cherry, orange and pineapple), Island Punch (pineapple, banana and orange), Peach Punch, Berry Punch, Grape Punch, Apple Punch and Lemonade

"Tampico contains 100 percent of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C in each 8-ounce serving, Ross says Keep your refrigerator stocked with these punches, as well as fresh fruit, and you'll be able to create innumerable smoothie flavors

To ensure a delicious smoothie, try some of these easy tips

■ For creamier smoothies, use two scoops of ice cream or low fat vanilla yogurt in place of ice

■ Frozen fruit will also thicken a smoothie and is handy when fresh fruit is not available

■ A lighter smoothie can be achieved with orange sorbet or sherbet

■ Make your smoothie look like a culinary masterpiece Garnish its glass with fresh strawberries or pineapple wedges for a tropical flair

If you're ready for a smoothie adventure fire up the blender and start experimenting with your ingredients Remember, there's no limit to your creativity and no 'wrong' flavor You can also add protein powders or nutritional supplements like bee pollen or ginseng to give a healthy kick to your smoothie

If you're more timid in the kitchen try these easy, tried-and-true recipes courtesy of Tampico

BERRY EXPLOSION

- 2 cups Tampico Berry Punch chilled
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 2 ripe bananas peeled and sliced
- 1 cup ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor, cover

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed continue to blend at medium speed until smooth

Pour into tall glasses For a creamier smoothie, substitute two scoops vanilla ice cream for ice Serves four or five

MARVELOUS MANGO

- 2 cups Tampico Mango Punch chilled
- 1 ripe banana peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup frozen fresh or canned pineapple chunks
- 1/2 cup frozen or fresh mango
- 1 cup ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor, cover

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed continue to blend at medium speed until smooth

Serve in tall glasses For a creamier smoothie, substitute two scoops vanilla ice cream for ice

CITRUS DREAM

- 2 cups Tampico Citrus Punch chilled
- 1 cup frozen fresh or canned pineapple chunks
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 1 1/2 cups ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor, cover

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed, continue to blend at medium speed until smooth, Serve in tall glasses

To make a lighter smoothie use orange sorbet instead of vanilla ice cream

ISLAND FUN

- 2 cups Tampico Island Punch chilled
- 2 ripe bananas peeled and sliced
- 1 cup frozen fresh or canned pineapple chunks
- 1 cup ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor, cover

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed continue to blend at medium speed until smooth

Pour into tall glasses Tip from Tampico Garnish the glasses with a thin wedge of pineapple

Shrimp makes for a great one-dish meal with orzo

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quick answers to the question of what's for dinner may be - one-dish dinners

Smart advice on how to proceed from there, saving time with every step, comes in a feature on home cooking for the weeknight table in Cottage Living's September-October issue, the magazine's premiere

One of three menu plans offered includes the following main dish of shrimp and fresh herb orzo For it, the menu suggests accompaniments of a cucumber and onion salad as starter or side, and a dessert of Greek-style yogurt with honey and toasted walnuts, for a refreshingly tasty but simple meal

Food writer Kim Sunee points out that you can cook the orzo ahead, and refrigerate until you're ready to toss it with the fresh shrimp The testers say they used the longer grain orzo, a rice-shaped pasta, for a prettier presentation They also remind cooks Before using the leeks, be sure to rinse them thoroughly

- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup dry white wine or fresh orange juice
- 1/2 tablespoon herbes de Provence (see note)
- 2 cups cooked orzo
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or chives
- 1/2 to 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- Optional garnishes: orange wedges, olives, drizzle of olive oil and fresh dill

Saute leeks in 1 tablespoon hot oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat 3 minutes or until lightly golden Add garlic, and cook 30 seconds, remove leeks and garlic

Season shrimp with salt and pepper Turn heat to high, and add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to skillet Add shrimp, and cook 1 minute, stir and cook another minute

Add wine and herbes de Provence, cook 1 minute or until shrimp are just pink and cooked through Stir in prepared orzo and fresh dill, leeks and garlic, cook 1 minute or until thoroughly heated Remove from heat, top with crumbled feta. Garnish, if desired

Makes 4 servings

Note Herbes de Provence is a blend of dried herbs used to season meat, poultry and vegetables that commonly includes basil, fennel seed, lavender, marjoram, rosemary, sage, summer savory and thyme

SHRIMP AND FRESH HERB ORZO

- 1/4 cups thinly sliced leeks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1/2 pounds large shrimp peeled and deveined
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

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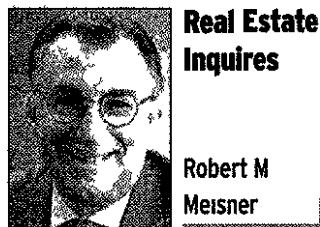
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Association can access unit to fix mold problem

I am on the board of our condo association and one of the co-owners sustained water damage to her unit, allowing mold to grow in the unit. The member reported this to the association and we have hired a mold evaluation expert, who has proposed a plan to fix the problem. However, the co-owner wants it done a different way and won't let us get access to the unit. Do we have a right to do so?

While it is not necessarily clear without looking at your documents, most courts would require the member to give the association's mold remediation contractor access to the unit to remedy the problem. In a similar case out of Louisiana, the court noted that the mold infestation in the unit was affecting other units as well and will continue to spread if the problem is not remediated. The court said that both state law and the association's declaration gave the association the responsibility and the authority to make the repairs, and the member could not legally prevent it from doing so. More than likely, the result would be the same here in Michigan depending upon your community association documents.

I purchased a home from our seller and have since discovered hidden water damage that has been developing since the home was built for the original owner. The seller, I am sure, did not know about the problems. Do I have any recourse against the original contractor?

It depends upon the purchase agreement that was entered into between the original purchaser and the seller and perhaps the state of the law that relates to your claim. In a recent case out of California Court of Appeals, on similar facts, the court ruled that the homebuyer could sue the original building contractor for negligence where the damage began developing at the time of construction but that the prior owners had no knowledge of the latent defect and the water damage, in that case, only became apparent after the subsequent buyer purchased the home. The court in that case decided that the cause of action belongs to the owner who first discovered or ought to have discovered the property damage. The court reasoned that it was only then that some entity capable of maintaining a legal claim will have suffered a compensable injury. Whether Michigan will adopt this view is not clear. You should consult with a real estate lawyer concerning your claim.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Realtor Safety Week

The key to staying safe

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

Meeting new people in unfamiliar, often secluded, places. That's what Realtors encounter nearly every day on the job.

This is Realtor Safety Week, a time set aside by the National Association of Realtors to encourage real estate professionals to stay safe on the job by avoiding high risk situations.

Before showing a house, Kim Millen, a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker in Livonia, said she always meets the client for the first time at her office. During her initial meeting with the client, Millen said she gets a feeling for them and usually writes down their license plate number.

At showings and open houses, Millen keeps the back and side doors unlocked in case she needs to make a quick exit, and never parks in the driveway so she's not blocked in if she needs to leave. Millen always carries her cell phone, and never wears high heels because they are hard to run in.

If the house she's showing is in an unfamiliar area, Millen brings her husband or a male associate. She never goes in the basement with a client because there's no way out.

"Things do happen," she said. "If you feel uncomfortable with a situation, trust your instincts."

If any agent calls her office and asks for the red file folder — which does not exist — whoever picks up the phone knows there is an emergency and calls 9-1-1.

BE READY TO ESCAPE

Kathy Coon, broker/owner of Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate in Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield, said Realtors need to keep in mind that both men and women are at risk.

She said agents should always meet the client at the office before a showing. She encourages her agents to make a copy of a client's driver's license and let someone know where they are going.

At open houses and showings, she said the most important thing to remember is to never put yourself into a position where you don't have a way to escape. Also, she said to never go in the basement, keep a phone handy, turn on all the lights and carry pepper spray.

Coon said if an agent doesn't feel comfortable doing an open house in a certain area, they should bring someone with

AVOIDING DANGER

1. Keep a charged cell phone with you at all times.
2. Be careful how you dress. Flashy or expensive jewelry might attract the wrong kind of attention.
3. Don't put your home phone number on your business card.
4. Never advertise a property as vacant.
5. Always take your own car for showings. If you must take one car you drive.

them or ask the family to stay at the home. And she said agents need to remember they do not have to let everyone in.

Stressing the importance of Realtor safety, Coon offers this piece of advice she shares with her agents: "If you feel uncomfortable, or think there's a problem, you should respect your feelings and get out of the situation immediately."

Kate Jones, a real estate agent at REMAX in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, meets new clients for the first time at her office, and talks to them for about an hour or so, which usually gives her a feeling for them.

When she's at showings or an open house, Jones said she carries her keys to use as a weapon, if necessary, and sometimes brings her husband if the open house is in a questionable area.

"When taking people into an empty house, you never know what's going to happen," she said.

Jones, who has had no bad experiences thus far, said she's pretty good at reading people to determine if they are a threat or not. However, she is aware that high-risk situations are possible.

"Always be aware of the fact that you may be in a dangerous situation," she said.

Andrea Carollo, a real estate agent at Max Broock in Birmingham, said when she meets a client for the first time at her office she introduces them to someone else, like her secretary.

She carries her keys with her in case she needs to get in or out quick and keeps her cell phone with her at all times. Carollo only shows houses during the day, and calls her fiancé before any showing or open house to let him know where she will be just in case something happens.

Although nothing scary has happened to Carollo on the job so far, she is still careful.

"You always have to think," she said. "You always have to be aware of the situation."

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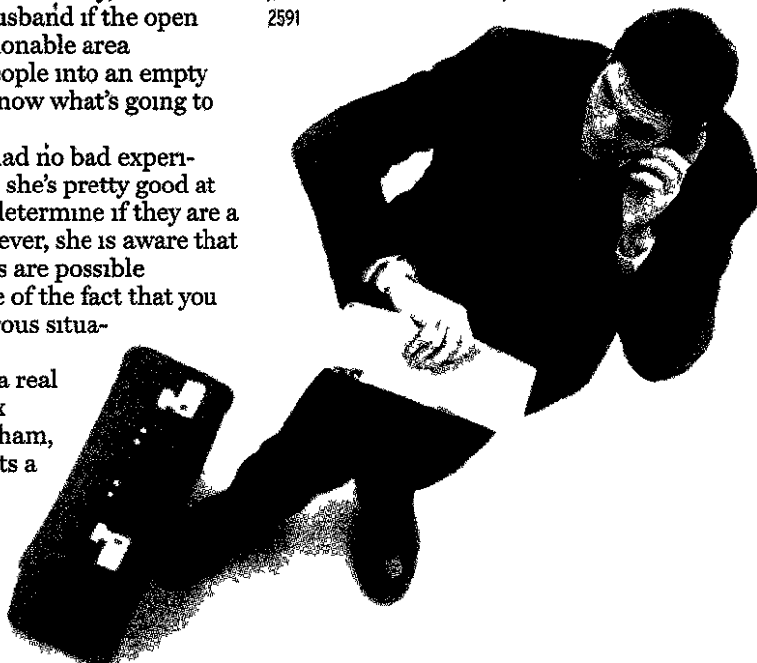
■ Check the backyard to make sure it's not surrounded by a high fence, in case you need to escape out of the back door.

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Timothy Phillips



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Mortgage rates rise, 30-year still below 6 percent

BY JEANNINE AVERSA ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates around the country went up, although 30-year mortgages still were below 6 percent for a sixth straight week.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly survey, reported that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 5.83 percent for the week ending Sept. 9. That was up from 5.77 percent the previous week.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of

May 13. Rates had slowly drifted downward as economic activity cooled in the late spring and early summer. Rates moved up amid recent signs the economy may be emerging from its soft patch, analysts said.

Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist, said rates on 30-year mortgages could gradually rise to about 6 percent by the end of the year, which would still be low by historical standards. Low mortgage rates will sustain a brisk housing market, leading to record home sales and single-family construction this year, he said.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased this week to 5.22 percent, compared

with 5.15 percent the previous week. Rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages rose to 4.6 percent, up slightly from 3.97 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year and 15-year mortgages each carried a 0.8 point fee. One-year ARMs carried an average 0.7 point.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.44 percent with 1.57 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.98 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers Association, meanwhile, said refinancing accounted for 41.4 percent of all home mortgage applications filed, up from 40.7 percent the week ended Thursday, Sept. 2.

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Working-class exodus follows Lake Tahoe real estate boom

BY MARSHA GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP) - When veterinarian Patricia Handal was searching for the perfect mountain town some 20 years ago, she could have picked any of a number of places from Colorado to Canada where she was licensed to practice.

But when she saw South Lake Tahoe, her search was over.

Tucked into the Sierra on the shore of one of the world's most beautiful lakes, South Lake Tahoe was the kind of place where people left doors unlocked, held block long garage sales and chatted at pancake breakfasts.

This was supposed to be my home for life, Handal said. I thought it would stay a small town.

That small-town atmosphere is now crumbling under the weight of inflated housing prices.

Sheltered for years from the frenzied real estate market of the Bay Area or even the luxury living on the North Shore, South Lake Tahoe now finds itself feeling the pain from a booming market.

An 80 percent rise in the median price of a home in just four years has created more ripples in the economy than a speedboat tearing across the blue waters of Lake Tahoe.

That record rise in home prices is slowly but surely driving working-class families, who can afford to neither rent nor buy their first homes, to nearby Nevada communities such as Gardnerville, Carson City and beyond.

The exodus has had social and economic impacts. Two of South Lake Tahoe's elementary schools - one among the best in the region - closed at the end of the school year. At least three gas stations have gone out of business. Office Depot shut down. And many small

businesses are struggling to stay open.

Meanwhile, more new buyers - many of whom are Bay Area residents - are snapping up property as second homes rather than year-round residences.

Traditionally, second homes have comprised about 50 percent of the total number of houses in South Lake Tahoe, but that figure has climbed to 60 percent and is growing, real estate agents say.

And that is changing the face of South Lake Tahoe.

Because many second-home owners use the homes themselves only part of the year and look to vacation rentals to offset mortgage costs, they are charging higher rents rather than leasing them at lower rates to full-time residents.

Families who made up much of the heart and soul of South Lake Tahoe are leaving.

From January 2002 to January 2003, South Lake Tahoe's population of 23,600 dropped 0.5 percent - about 100 residents - even though the population of El Dorado County grew, according to the state Department of Finance.

"People are leaving Tahoe in droves in search of the American Dream because it is not attainable here," the Tahoe Daily Tribune lamented in an editorial last year.

It's more for the wealthy, said Terry McCollum, a 30-year resident who was renting until she and her husband purchased her mother's house this summer. "Tahoe just isn't Tahoe anymore."

Don Bosson, a real estate agent in South Lake Tahoe for 20 years, called the changes the nature of economics.

"We're not the first area to have this happen nor the last," he said, referring to Vail and Aspen, small Colorado ski towns where locals and vacationers coexisted peacefully before the boom in the 1980s.

Agents, home sellers using feng shui to lure buyers

BY KRISTA LARSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The old Victorian home sat on the market for six months without selling before its anxious owners decided to ask for some help - from a pair of feng shui consultants.

Mary Jane Kashner and Shelley Mengo couldn't do much to change the size of the tiny master bedroom, but they had other advice.

Move the for-sale sign to a different spot, remove extra furniture, and strategically place items like candles and plants around the house to create balance between yin and yang," they instructed.

Their goal: a more serene home with better chi, or energy. "Feng shui is really not about investing a lot of money because most of the time our clients have the proper things - they're just in different spaces. They're in the wrong places, feng-shui-wise," said Mengo, who runs a feng shui consulting business with Kashner called Harmonious Living.

A growing number of real estate agents and people selling their own homes are turning to feng shui - the ancient Chinese art of designing structures and arranging objects to create harmonious energy flow - to help attract buyers.

Once prevalent mainly in areas with large Asian American populations, real estate agents and consultants with training in feng shui (pronounced fung-SHWAY) are becoming common.

While the National Association of Realtors does not track how many real estate agents use feng shui practitioners or have undergone training themselves, there are signs its appeal is broadening. Seminars on its principles are being taught at trade group meetings nationwide.

"There are a lot more Realtors knowledgeable about feng shui today than there were three years ago," said Holly Ziegler, a California real estate broker and feng shui instructor. "I would say in the next three years, there will be a huge number of Realtors who are paying attention to this information because it only helps serve them and their clients."

Gail Lyons, a real estate broker in Boulder, Colo., said as many as 30 percent of her clients are interested in buying a home with good feng shui.

"They'll say, 'I want to be sure the hallway doesn't go all the way from the front door to the back door. The good energy, the chi, can just go right through the house.' If I know this is something that's important to them, I start looking specifically for it," said Lyons, the National Association of Realtors regional coordinator for Asia.

Literally translated, feng means wind and shui water - the two most important elements in the traditional Chinese art of placement.

Many of its principles overlap with the practical suggestions real estate agents already make to people looking to sell their homes. It encourages a balance of colors, sizes and shapes, and emphasizes simplicity.

A practitioner's tools, though, are somewhat less familiar: they can include a luopan (a compass), crystals, or a bagua map used to locate areas of a home that correspond to different aspects of a person's life, such as wealth or knowledge.

Some falsely associate feng shui with magic, referring to it as that science where you move the couch and you're wealthy, Kashner said. But experts say the main benefit of feng shui in real estate is a simple one.

"When houses have good feng shui, the buyers want to stay," said Ziegler, author of *Sell Your Home Faster with Feng Shui*. "They bond with the house more quickly and they end up being happier in that house. It's just a happy house to stay in, and feng shui is really all about feelings and how you feel in a space."

Traditional feng shui includes the orientation of a home, something that isn't easy or cheap to fix when someone is looking to move. Still, anyone can "raise the chi of their home and its value, by packing up their clutter and making use of natural sunlight, experts say.

People can then focus on the house itself," Ziegler said. Instead of remembering your spoon collection, they'll remember what the home really looked like.

Fanny Chu with Prudential California Realty said she's seen feng shui consultations make or break a transaction. One young man said he didn't have a problem with a condo being right next to a cemetery, but his mother urged him to have a feng shui consultation. The verdict: Too much 'yin,' or passive energy.

I had to use other legitimate means to get out of the transaction," said Chu, who is based in San Francisco. The young man liked the property but backed out totally because of a feng shui master.

many, though, feng shui-home for sale has more to do with improving its overall appeal and less with major renovations. Homeowners or Realtors seeking the help of a licensed feng shui practitioner can expect to pay a fee. Mengo and Kashner say a person could have a room in their home 'feng shui-ed' starting around \$170 or so.

The resulting subtle changes are all about creating ambience.

"Feng shui itself - if you look at it in the mainstream - is just a harmony, just a good feeling," Chu said. "We always say when you walk in, if you feel good about a home, it's your intuition. Feng shui is just that."

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Competitive lenders offer customer incentives

There may be a silver lining for consumers who are buying or selling a home and are worried about rising interest rates.

The recent rise in rates is making lenders more competitive for your business," said Ed Powell, chief consumer officer of LendingTree.com. They're looking for ways to hold onto

customers, and to keep new business coming through the door. This is good news for borrowers and it's fairly common for lenders to offer airline miles, hotel points, or gift cards at home furnishing or improve ment stores to gain business.

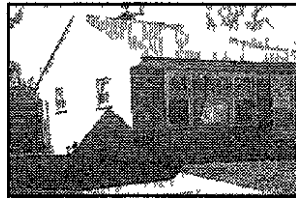
Of course, big incentives shouldn't be the main consid-

eration when getting a loan. When choosing a lender, consumers should review a few qualified offers from a number of trusted lenders and make sure to do an apples-to-apples comparison on rates, fees, terms and APR before they average in incentives. Web sites like BankofAmerica.com

CitiMortgage.com, LendingTree.com, and HomeLoanCenter.com are a great place to get started.

Lenders aren't the only service providers that are offering freebies, real estate professionals are also handing out hefty incentives for consumers who are buying or selling homes,

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READY TO MOVE INTO Immaculate and affordable ranch in Ferndale. Updated throughout. Freshly painted interior and new carpeting. Just pack your bags and move in! \$104,900 (921LE)



STOP THE CAR! One of Canton's best and most affordable homes in Franklin Palmer Estates. Backs to a wooded nature preserve and is ready for you! Large floor plan with 3 BR/1.5 BA, fenced yard & walk to elementary. \$214,900 (014PR)



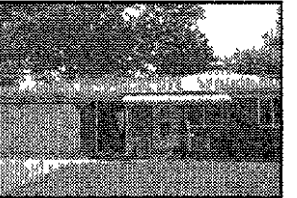
SNAPPY RANCH In a great neighborhood of lovely homes this 3 bedroom ranch offers a full finished basement with an extra bedroom and family room. Lots of updates and clean as a whistle! \$136,900 (235AP)



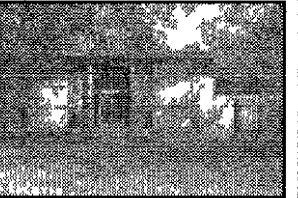
NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDOS It's not too late to get in on these gorgeous duplex style condos with only 2 units per building for extra privacy. Really nice floor plans with maple kitchen, extra large master bedrooms and wooded or water views available. \$209,900 (419BE)



BREATHE EASY This Canton colonial offers a comfortable lifestyle at an affordable price. Extra large fenced lot w/ravine & woodland views from tiered deck. Formal areas as well as a family rm w/fireplace. An unbeatable value at \$279,900 (487CO)



DOUBLE LOT Gorgeous brick ranch with many updates including maple kitchen w/appliances, roof, furnace, windows and air. Covered patio overlooking a huge tree and fenced yard. \$124,900 (636CO)



BRIGHTON CONTEMPORARY Beautifully done with an open floor plan, 4 beds/2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings and lots of windows. Bright kitchen w/Pergo floor, heated 3 car garage and private lake access w/beach. Priced under appraisal at \$250,000 (081GR)



WALL TO WALL CLASS One of a kind opportunity to own this beautifully landscaped 2 story walkout. Gorgeous half acre site with a huge kitchen, vaulted ceilings, formal living & dining, brick paver walk & patio, tiered deck and a pond. Truly outstanding. \$224,900 (693NO)



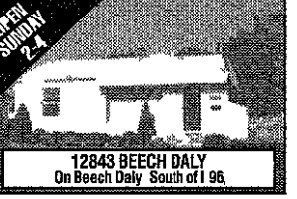
MECHANIC'S DREAM Located on 3 lots this charming Cape Cod offers 3BR/2BA, 2.5 car garage plus a 28x12 workshop and 21x20 second garage! Huge back yard, 1st floor laundry and a great location make this a great buy! \$149,500 (441HA)



CUSTOM DESIGNED Canton 2 story w/a 3 car garage, huge driveway, custom decking w/gazebo & superb landscaping. Soaring ceilings, dramatic staircase, crown moldings, angled FP w/custom mantle, arched win, a study, sprinkler sys & so much more. \$399,000 (797BE)



THE MAIN ATTRACTION Features dramatic 9 ft ceilings, 2nd story bridge overlook w/a loft, luxurious 1st floor master, gourmet kitchen w/skylights, full basement w/glass block windows, 3 tiered deck, 3 car garage & a fenced & landscaped back yard w/a sprinkler sys. \$399,000 (116ST)



TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH Super clean & gorgeously finished! New garage, fantastic deck, new vinyl windows & siding, new oak kitchen, large bath w/jetted tub & separate shower, fresh paint & carpet throughout! \$149,900 (843BE)



WESTERN GOLF COURSE Adorable brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch near the golf course. Lots of updates, large deck and immediate occupancy. Call for more information today. \$169,500 (715LY)



COMFORTABLE STYLE Perfect for the growing family, this 4BR/2.5BA colonial sits on a premium lot in Canton's Central Park. Nicely landscaped with a paver patio and many nice amenities. Call to see this one today. \$359,900 (136MA)



THE PERFECT RANCH Built in '97 with a huge basement, 2 car garage, living room w/corner wall to pretty yard w/custom deck and sprinkler system, 1st floor laundry, nice kitchen w/hook plus a formal dining area. Central air. Nice space. \$178,500 (953NE)



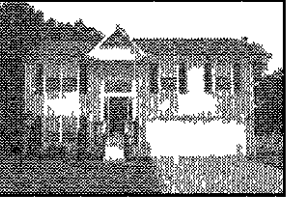
55+ COMMUNITY Beautifully updated condo with 2 beds, 1.5 baths. Eat in kitchen plus formal dining. All updated big ticket items. Pool, clubhouse and many senior activities. Close to airport and parking. \$137,900 (847NE)



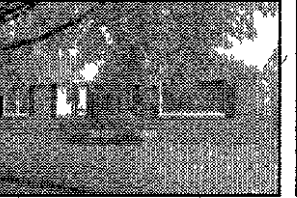
BACKING TO A POND Lies this gorgeous colonial with premium elevation and loaded with updates. Only 5 years new with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, leaded glass doors, hardwoods, whirlpool tub, paver patio and more. Don't miss this one! \$289,900 (665PO)



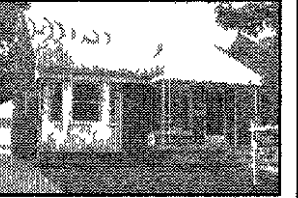
LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT When you see this fantastic colonial with a flowing floor plan that provides both formal and casual living areas. Well appointed Cherry kitchen, 4 spacious bedrooms and a lovely patio and professional landscaping. \$329,900 (982ST)



SMALL TOWN LIVING Belleville raised ranch with all the features you desire. Volume ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck, 2 car garage and close to the lake. \$184,900 (339V1)



JUST STARTING OUT? Great deal in Wayne with a large floor plan. Was a 3 bedroom home but converted into a 2 bedroom home with 2 baths. Great opportunity for first timers or investors. \$124,900 (435WC)



GORGEOUS BUNGALOW Over 1200 square feet in South Redford with a spacious 2nd floor master suite w/half bath, Vinyl windows, updated kitchen w/appliances, updated main bath w/jetted tub, Berber carpet, finished basement, central air and more. \$139,900 (403FA)

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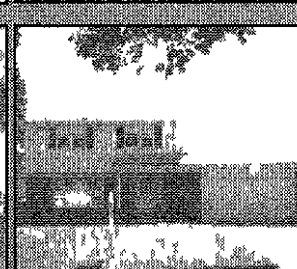
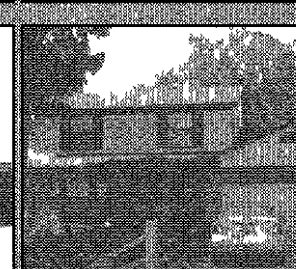

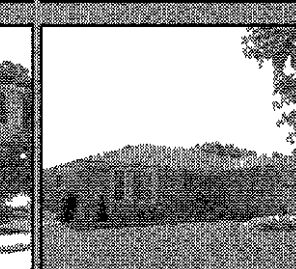
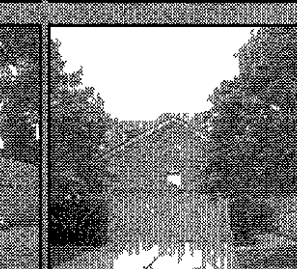


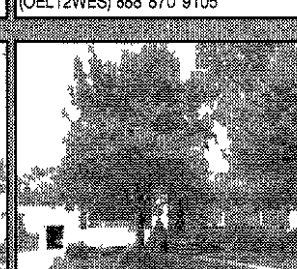
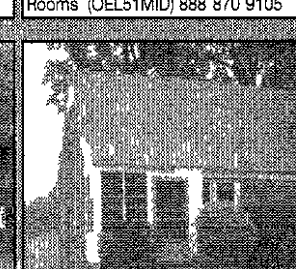



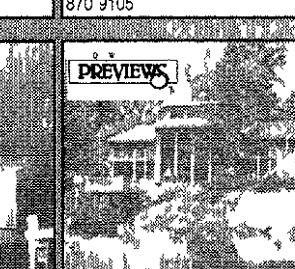
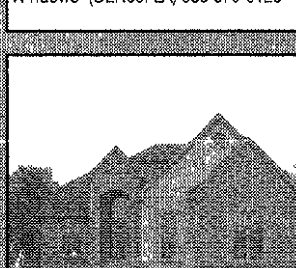
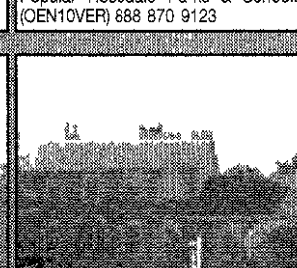
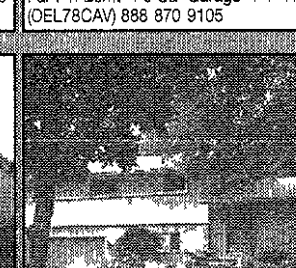




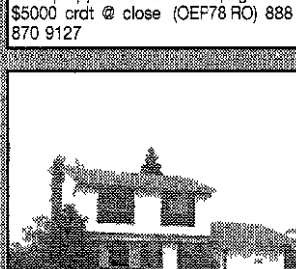
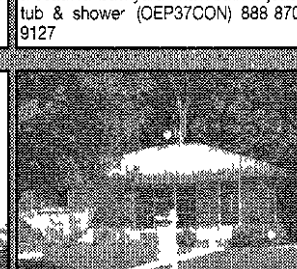

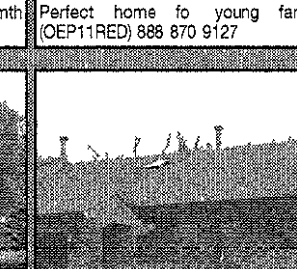


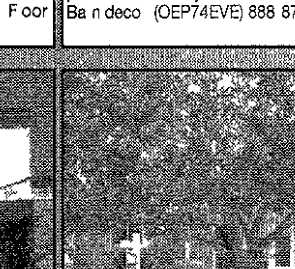
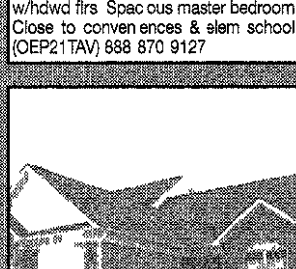
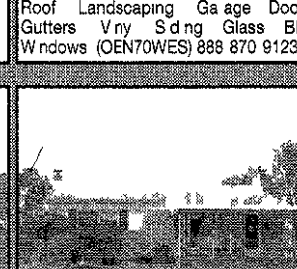
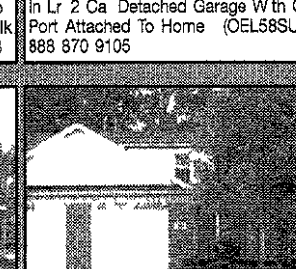


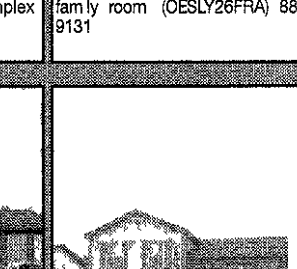
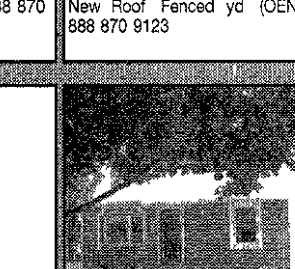
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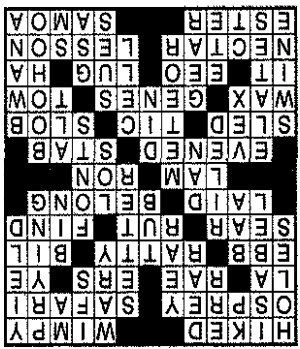
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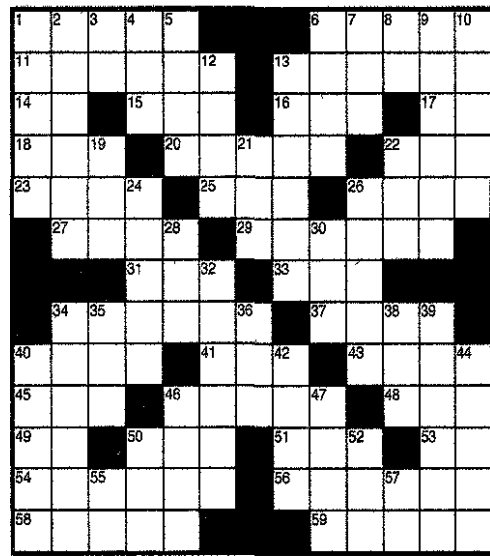
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 <p>PLYMOUTH Picture Perfect Location Turn key condition w/ many updates in this 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow offering covered car ports & wet paster finished basement & garage Updated roof windows furnace CA & much more. (E51PAC) 734 455 5600 \$239 900</p>	 <p>CANTON Priced to Sell! Large master bedroom partially finished basement home w/ recently attached garage offered in this 2 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial condo. (E87BED) 734 455 5600 \$124 900</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH Private Treed Interior Lot in Ridgewood Hills! Full front porch hardwood floors LR DR kitchen & bath. Kitchen new cabinets counter & sink one y cabinets. DR w/ never before seen bay window FR w/ fireplace 2 tiered deck bsmt & 2.5 car attached garage. (E86WOO) 734 455 5600 \$365 000</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Feel At Home Move in ready 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch with finished basement 2.5 car garage updated oak kitchen updated furnace roof CA glass block windows garage door Eat fenced backyard. (E42BIR) 248-349 5600 \$153 900</p>	 <p>REDFORD Beautiful Brick Ranch 3 BR 1 BA + 2 LAV home w/ many updates Family room w/ carpet floor & door wall to patio Remodeled kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances included All newer flooring Updated baths Home sits on a lovely wooded corner lot Brick paver patio and walk. (E71HEM) 248 349-5600 \$154 900</p>
 <p>SALEM TWP Escape To A Country Life Spacious 3 bed room 2.5 bath ranch sitting on approx 2 acres w/ fish pond 2 ga garage Updated kitchen Ande sen windows furnace CA elec & cor sh ngles First floor laundry & much more. (E63CUR) 734 455 5600 \$349 900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Great Open Floor Plan 3 BR 2 full baths in this we cared to ranch offering finished basement for additional living space Many updates include kitchen w/ granite island & Pe go type floors Over sized 2 car garage. (E68HAZ) 734 455 5600 \$169,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Canton Condo Premium location in the view of pond from deck 2 bedroom 2.5 bath finished basement with extra room first floor laundry & a appliances stay. (E49HUN) 734 455 5600 \$167 000</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Live In Livonia At this price? One bedroom condo w/ carport Close to freeways shopping & restaurants New carpet & fresh paint Low association fee includes gas & water & a pool Appliances included too. (E89BOB) 248 349 5600 \$69 900</p>	 <p>WIXOM Wonderful Brick Ranch 2 BR brick ranch on large shady wooded street offering a private w/ Home boasts open floor plan new roof & updated kitchen w/ white cabinets & cream tile Excellent location near golf course & access to Loom Lake. (E08HIL) 248 349-5600 \$149 900</p>
 <p>PLYMOUTH Live Downtown Historic 4 bedroom 5 bath colonial w/ a nice modern updates Hardwood floors to a 3rd floor w/ brick fireplace partially finished basement open kitchen w/ app areas Eat fenced yard w/ new deck. (E16HOL) 734 455 5600 \$204 900</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY Super Clean Bungalow Updated 3 bedroom bungalow nice finished basement 2 car garage w/ w/ kitchen & 220. (E21RUS) 734 455 5600 \$144 900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Charming Brick Ranch 2 BR 2 ba home w/ 3 car garage Ande sen windows new roof CA furnace 5 panel door new entry & storm doors Updated baths & kitchen floor Sits on a great lot on cul de sac All apps 1 year warranty. (E98MAR) 734 455 5600 \$130 000</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON Spectacular Ranch Cedar updates make this 3 BR home spec a finished w/ oak cabinets deck ng sauna new entry & new tile ngr area HWH in kitchen baths hardwood floor stamped concrete & ve andscap ng. (E14CAN) 248 349 5600 \$359 900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial Huge 4 BR 2.5 BA home w/ no mous go n w/ maple cabinets and hardwood floors W/ no g s e a MBR w/ master BR & WIC 2 1/2 acres 3 car garage W/O basement & dual heating and cooling. (E65HIL) 248-349 5600 \$679 900</p>
 <p>CANTON A Very Rare Find Gorgeous ranch condo in Hagerty Wooded lot on wooded cul de sac many updates full basement attached garage sky lights cathedral ceilings a must see. (E54HAG) 734 455 5600 \$229 900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Premium Lot! Wonderful 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 presents 2 car attached garage basement spacious kitchen opens to family room w/ fireplace & sliding door to brick paver patio A backing to nature preserve. (E15CRA) 734 455-5600 \$225 000</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HTS Broadfront Ranch Great location for this 3 BR brick home w/ bsmt and garage Roof garage furnace & AC 10 yrs 100 amp service Plastic walls wood floors under carpeting App areas included Nea Shopping and trans. (E05AMB) 248 349 5600 \$149 900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Style Character & Charm 1870 colonial w/ 4 BR 3 BA on approx 80 acres w/ option to split Gourmet kitchen w/ granite counter & ch cherry cabinets Sub Zero fridge Bosch stainless dishwasher w/ ne grato FFL w/ Conran counter ib LR w/ fireplace. (E35CEN) 248-349-5600 \$499,900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Lovely 4 Bedroom 3 bath colonial on quiet shady tree lined street offering approx 1.50 acre lot huge country kitchen w/ hardwood floor French doors leading to deck & private backyard LR w/ fireplace 4th BR currently being used as study. (E25HOM) 248 349-5600 \$329 900</p>
 <p>DEARBORN Super Sharp Ranch 2 bedroom 1 bath ranch roomy living room separate dining room w/ fireplace updated bath newer kitchen 2.5 car garage with newer vinyl windows. (E82DAR) 734 455 5600 \$110 000</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH Beautiful Updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/ abundance of cabinets in eat in kitchen family room w/ fireplace hardwood floors in BRs freshly painted Pe a windows w/ tile in b mos fu nice CA & HWH new 92. Brick paver patio & sprinklers 2 car attached garage. (E31ASP) 734 455-5600 \$217 900</p>	 <p>VAN BUREN TWP Curb Appeal Spacious neutral beautifully maintained 4 BR 2.5 BA w/ CA Vaulted ceiling n FR w/ fireplace WIC n MBR attached garage & underground sprinkler system Freshly painted Bridge overlooking FR CA arm tile n kitchen. (E08AND) 248 349-5600 \$269 900</p>	 <p>MILFORD Country Living Great mix of new and old Updated farmhouse w/ kept HW floors & original woodwork Large shed/wood shop for hobbyist Acres of trees flowers and room to play. (E25CHA) 248 349 5600 \$199 500</p>	 <p>SOUTH LYON Captivating Golf Retreat Fresh flowess haven offering right & comfort study 1st floor MBR Great flow Granite & hardwood kitchen nvt ng sc peaked to ch deck spa med a room workout room and full guest suite in LL w/ back & Jill bath A true value. (E41IND) 248 349-5600 \$439 000</p>
 <p>LIVONIA Outstanding Ranch Full brick finished basement w/ additional kitchen & bath New roof windows Oak kitchen above ground pool w/ deck & 8 person hot tub offered in this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home & 2.5 car garage. (E22RAY) 734 455 5600 \$229 000</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HTS Don't Miss Sharp Brick Ranch Great family neighborhood offers 3 bedroom 2 baths finished basement w/ th kitchen 2 car garage Very nice remodel! (E87BAN) 734 455-5600 \$167 900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Welcome Home Livonia school offers deal of century 4 BR 1.5 BA Updated kitchen & bath Custom lighting open floor plan spacious LR large eat in kitchen private fenced deep yard room for garage Super sharp Move in ready. (E15CAR) 248-349-5600 \$139,900</p>	 <p>UTICA Enjoy Historic Colonial 3 BR beauty built in 1950 Gorgeous refinished woodwork All new windows 90 sq ft and new full DR 01 Corner lot Florida room All newer windows En oy study/lb Formal DR Perfect vintage home. (E11DAV) 248 349-5600 \$159 900</p>	 <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP Walkout Ranch With tons of equity based on appraised value 4 bedroom 3.5 bath 2 car walkout basement w/ full kitchen & bath Far below appraised value Time of the essence Sold as is. (E91KEN) 248 349-5600 \$298 400</p>
 <p>CANTON Fantastic Canton Ranch This 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch backing to nature preserve offers 2 car garage professionally finished bsmt w/ paces 4th BR huge kitchen w/ island FR w/ fireplace & doorwall overlooking wooded lot & ton of updates. (E24PRO) 734 455 5600 \$209 900</p>	 <p>FREEDOM TWP Custom Built Home in 2000 20+ acres offers this wonderful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/ 3 car attached garage walkout basement Gambell barn stone fireplace n family room Cedar deck & panoramic views. (E10BET) 734 455-5600 \$449,000</p>	 <p>NOVI Elegant Southern Living 4 BR colonial to move in Wonderful lot Great kitchen w/ large cabinet French doors lead to gorgeous FR Master suite w/ WIC Wonderful master bath This is a must see home Looks like a model. (E83ASH) 248-349 5600 \$459,900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Perfect Cul de sac Location Never built 1995 Large yard w/ privacy fence Formal DR partially finished eat in kitchen ca pet freshy painted w/ C/A 99 composite decking Low maintenance and move in condition All newer apps. (E87DAW) 248-349 5600 \$184,900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Prime Location Close to shopping & restaurants yet quiet the neighborhood Big backyard 3 BR 2 BA brick ranch w/ bsmt & garage Sellers replaced roof windows furn C/A HWH & plumbing Floor da oom Hardwood floors. (E02KEN) 248-349-5600 \$162 900</p>
 <p>SALINE Dynamite Home On wooded lot Large 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial on cul de sac w/ open floor plan prof decor spacious master suite w/ ivy ceiling & 10x15 WIC prof finished basement gourmet kitchen & FR overlooks prof landscaped yard. (E92WOO) 734 455 5600 \$309 600</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Perfection Plus Luxurious in town end unit cape cod with finished walkout Backs to wooded area & bubbling brook A offered in this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath condo. (E03STL) 734 455 5600 \$329,900</p>	 <p>DEARBORN Beautiful Bungalow Near the historic district 3 bedroom 1.5 bath updated kitchen windows elect C/HWH & roof Original trim edore hardwood floors 2 car garage w/ new door Walk to Ford Engineering. (E05AUD) 248 349 5600 \$164,800</p>	 <p>DEARBORN 2 Story Condo 3 bedroom 2.5 bath end unit w/ large square footage View of the water out of your door Basement & some hardwood flooring Freshly painted w/ and brand new ca pet 04. (E18DEA) 248 349 5600 \$154 900</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Only The Best Here Start enjoy ng your new condo Outstanding 2 story 3 BR 2.5 BA home built in 2001 & shines top to bottom Loaded w/ upgrades premium flooring cherry cabinets Corian counters custom window treatments and more. (E60FAR) 248-349 5600 \$244 900</p>

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PLYMOUTH \$574,900
CUSTOM 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA EXECUTIVE RETREAT
Nestled on 1/2 acre lot surrounded by mature pines and hardwoods you will find this french tudor is built with a flair for perfection (24057121)

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CANTON \$479,900
FAMILY LIVING AT ITS BEST Looking for that special place? Look no more. This lovely colonial is turn key 4 BRs 3 BAs 2 lavs Formal LR DR library Fabulous kit w/cherry cabs island & pantry (23L427)

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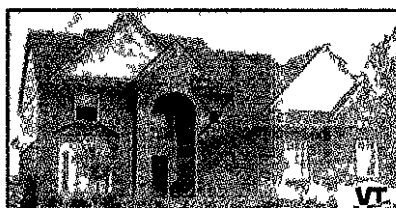
ANN ARBOR \$454,900
PRIVACY IN THE WOODS You will love this 6 acre executive estate 4 BRs 3 1/2 baths 3+ gar lg kit w/bkfst rm overlooking golf course LR w/large FP mstr ste w/whirlpool tub (T354)

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CANTON \$449,694
BE NIMBLE BE QUICK Jump into this newer majestic Pulte colonial 4 BR 2 1/2 bath hdwd foyer & kit plus abundant cherry cabinets 3 car garage and many more amenities (23F47694)

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PLYMOUTH \$369,900
IMPRESSIVE 4 BR 3 1/2 BA BRICK COLONIAL
Upgrades include Huge kit w/maple cabs 9 ft ceilings great rm w/FP jack & jill bath MBR w/cathedral ceilings walk in cist & bath w/separate shower (24091666)

734 591 9200



NOVI \$379,900
OUTSTANDING NOVI LOCATION Lovely 4 BR 2 1/2 bath colonial that is spotless. Updates incl windows doorwall kitchen counter sink faucets & floor. All kit appliances included 349 6200 (24099566)

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LIVONIA \$289,000
GREAT LOCATION IN LIVONIA Treed 1/2 acre lot 2200 SF 3 BR 1 1/2 BA brick ranch New furn & A/C in 03 newer entry door 2 car att Gar/ heated. All convenience on one floor (24108031)

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CANTON \$279,000
BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO! Enjoy links of Pheasant Run! Lovely 1st floor master ste w/ California closets & garden tub two way fp between great rm & hearth room hdwd floors 349 6200 (24055738)

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LIVONIA \$274,900
1/2 ACRE PLUS YARD IN LIVONIA Updates include new furnace roof windows Pride of ownership shows Hardwood floors kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk in pantry 349 6200 (01PIC2)

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LIVONIA \$257,900
WONDERFUL HOME! Beautifully appointed home w/hardwood flrs in nicely updated kit f n bsmt w/full bath 1st flr Indry newer roof central air hvh & furnace Livonia schools 349 6200 (24063614)

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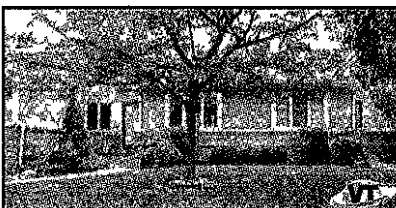
CANTON \$249,900
EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL! 3 BRs 2 1/2 baths 1817 SF Formal LR part fin bsmt. Fined bkryd w/ko pond fountains & gorgeous Indspng New furn hmdtr HWH air cleaner & wndws (23A2384)

734-455 7000



CLINTON TWP \$219,000
SPACIOUS CUSTOM COLONIAL Unique 2 000 SF 4 bedrooms 2 full baths Original hdwd flrs in DR & hallways w/updated contemporary kitchen Lg family rm w/ built in surround sound & bookcases (K371)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$199,500
CAREFREE RELAXED LIFESTYLE CAN BE YOURS 2 BRs 2 baths Tiled entry Open fir plan MBR w/WIG Eat in kit Spacious LR w/ gas FP Formal DR 1st flr laundry Full basement Brick paver patio 349 6200 (24089471)

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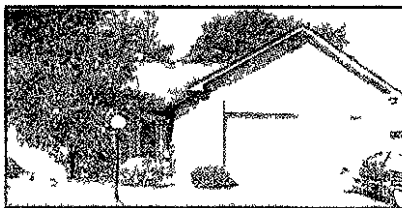
LIVONIA \$209,900
MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS VERY CLEAN HOME Fin bsmt. Wallside wndws new roof in 01 full bath w/access in the master Master w/drwall & deck Kit w/oak cabs cath cpl skylight over lg nook area & more (24107605)

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NORTHVILLE \$205,000
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Sharp updates in 1994 FR addition kit/white cab/all appliances hardwood floors roof in 94 plus furnace/ca siding 2 sheds A great buy 349 6200 (24064653)

248 348-6430



WESTLAND \$205 000
ARBOR OAKS CONDO Farmington Rd/A A Trail. Hard to find 2 BR 2 BA ranch Neutral decor upgraded throughout custom w/dg treatments bsmt 2 car gar new roof backs to nature (24109072)

734-591 9200



DEARBORN \$204,900
UPTO DATE & READY TO GO! West Dearborn 4 BR in marvelous condition full BA on 1st & 2nd flrs Anderson Wood wndws newer furn & A/C Updated kit Fla rm new 2 car gar in 99 hdwd flrs (24093049)

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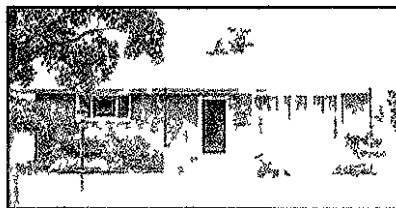
CANTON \$204,900
LOCATION QUALITY VALUE & CHARM! 3 BR 1 1/2 bath 1800 SF brick colonial 2 car att garage bsmt FR w/FP Updates incl furn AC bath kitchen hardwood floors & new carpet (24103205)

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CANTON \$190,000
UPDATES! UPDATES GALORE! This terrific Canton contemporary has brand spanking new crpt kit appls & cbnts gar door designer neat paint light fixtures & more! Don't wait call today! (23M1743)

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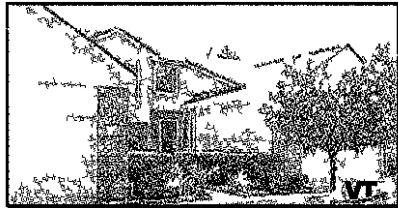
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$184,900
SPARKLING RANCH NORTH DEARBORN HEIGHTS 3 BRs 2 full baths New kitchen roof wndws & more Beautifully fin shed bsmt and all appliances stay This home is immaculate & offers immed occupancy (24102450)

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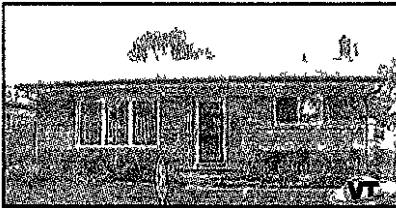
CANTON \$179,900
GORGEUS 3 BR BRICK RANCH 1200+ SF partly finished bsmt FR w/fireplace hardwood Plymouth Canton schools www.localgem.com for pictures or call 877 934 6683 ID 711 (24111792)

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WESTLAND \$177,500
OUTSTANDING LOCATION Clean well kept condo New carpet on 1st floor oak kitchen cabinets all appliances included Finished basement Deck from doornall Absolutely turnkey! 349 6200 (24078094)

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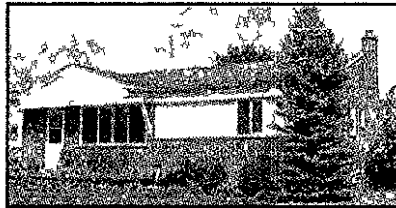
WESTLAND \$171,500
MOVE IN PERFECT WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS Tons of updates w/wover 1500 SF 2 car garage updated oak kitchen refinished hdwd floors and fireplace in LR Updated roof 349 6200 (24077321)

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WESTLAND \$164,900
BETTER THAN NEW 1997 colonial 3 BRs 1 1/2 baths super fin bsmt Berber carpet office in bsmt great landscaping brick & cement vinyl privacy fence spnklers oak kitchen (J351)

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WESTLAND \$164,900
ADORABLE DOLL HOUSE! Great locat on w/tn walking distance of Hines Pk & elem school Hdwd fir roof(2004) Updated kit w/hwdv & skylt Newer HWH CA furn wndws & cpt Part fin bsmt (23A33361)

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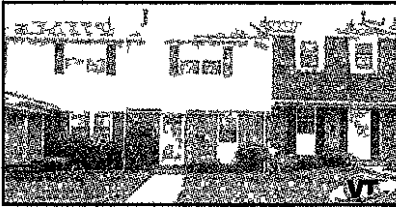
REDFORD \$164,900
THREE BEDROOM BRICK RANCH Additional kitchen space newer roof updated bath garage door glass block windows central a r park like setting on Rouge River (24106305)

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NORTHVILLE \$164,800
POPULAR HIGHLAND LAKES CONDO! Clean and natural 3 BRs 1 1/2 baths w/Pergo flrs Assoc has pool tennis & access to 3 lakes Lease w/min of 1 yr All apps stay 348 6430 (24086960)

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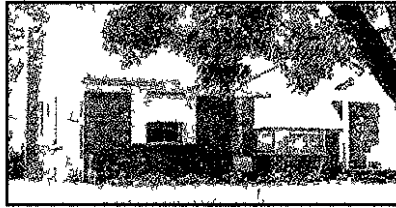
NORTHVILLE \$159,900
UPDATED AND MOVE IN READY CONDO! Desirable Highland Lakes condo 2 BRs 1 1/2 BA updated kit baths ceramic tile carpet fin lower level w/separate workroom Enjoy lake pool & clubhouse 349 6200 (24054857)

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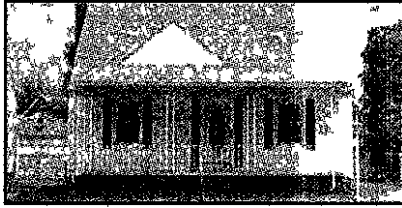
LIVONIA \$150,000
NICE BRICK RANCH Freshly painted 3 BR and 1 BA that has been updated. Kit has new floor and white cabinets Hdwd thru out Fin LL w/bar Fenced in yard w/patio 349 6200 (24105816)

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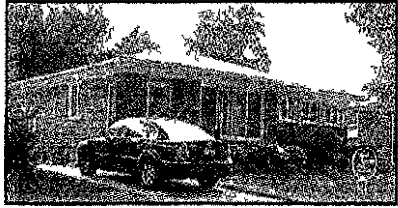
REDFORD \$148,000
3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH Finished bsmt with extra bath Around the block from elementary school and close to jun or high school come see! Great family area (24106260)

734 591 9200



DEARBORN \$145,900
3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW 3 BR 1 1/2 bath loved w/updates Sit back & relax on large covered front porch Within walking d stance to elementary and middle schools All appliances stay (M231)

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REDFORD \$144,900
3 BR 1 1/2 BA RANCH Updated kit 1/2 BA off kit newer crot newer wndws & entry doors Access door to backyard & deck Nice yard lg gar Very clean hm Part fin bsmt Nice location (24095584)

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GARDEN CITY \$142,500
CUSTOM LOOK AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE In this 3 bedroom aluminum Garden City ranch with C/A partially finished basement oversized 2 1/2 car garage remodeled kitchen and bath (H315)

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REDFORD \$139,900
FEELS LIKE HOME! Step inside this 3 BR 1 1/2 bath ranch and you'll love the warmth It has LR/DR combo updated kitchen newer circuit breaker CA furnace & garage New roof 2004 (23R12065)

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ROMULUS \$139,900
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch with lots of features master bedroom with jetted tub dining room 1st floor laundry 108x120 lot 2 car garage Must see (F160)

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WESTLAND \$120,000
1300 SF OF LIVING & FAMILY ROOM Enjoy space in this large home New windows w/marble ledges Roof on home & garage only 2 yrs old Oversized 2 car garage is great for storage or workshop (A214)

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WESTLAND \$101,900
3 BEDROOM RANCH with new siding windows & updates Large kitchen with utility room 2 1/2 car garage (23A1858)

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WESTLAND \$99,900
HOTTEST BUY TODAY! This 2 or 3 BR alum ranch on a nice lot Clean w/lots of updates including furnace carpeting RF shingles C/A & vinyl windows LG kit w/good table space (P324)

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INKSTER \$90,000
SHARP AND UPDATED INSIDE AND OUT 3 BRs 1 BAs This home has been reborn in 2004! Everything is new A/C ready & furnace kit dining room glass blk in bsmt Washer/dryer included Must see! 349 6200 (24103732)

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DETROIT \$85 000
DON'T PAY RENT, COLLECT IT Home being used as a single family can be 2 fam ly flat Natural wood trim hardwood floors some newer windows roof 2 yrs old newer cement Fu basement (C390)

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LIVONIA
SHARP LAUREL PARK RANCH UPDATED AND MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION Open floor plan 1st floor laundry enormous profess onaly finished lower level great lot car dr ve move in condition 24090467 \$283 900 734 591 9200

LIVONIA
ORIGINALLY 4 BR CAN CONVERT BACK 2 1/2 BAs big mstr w/ his/her closets tons of updates incl new kit bath flrs wndws paint gar dr HWH FR w/drwl to patio FP Beautiful garden 24074451 \$254 900 734-591-9200

LIVONIA
OUTSTANDING QUAD LEVEL! Burton Hollow brick quad level 5 BRs 2 BAs over 2100 SF! Newer roof 2 5 car gar separate prvt front entrance Seller motivated immediate occupancy 349 6200 24102529 \$248 500 248-348 6430

NOVI
BUILD NOW OR IN THE FUTURE! Great 71 acre parcel on quiet street Lg Evergreens create privacy between neighbors Prime location on west side of Novi with desirable Novi schools 349 6200 24107971 \$135 000 248-348 6430

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GREAT CONDO COMMUNITY Great location n Belleville! Walking distance to Haggerty Elementary Needs some improvements priced to sell 23W41133 \$69,900 734 455 7000

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LIVONIA 33925 Wadsworth Btwn Plymouth & 96 East of Stark Sept 16 18 9am 4pm 3 families sale! Antiques art collectibles household items books toys and more!

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NORTHVILLE 120 Walnut South of 8 Mile Sept 17 19 9am 6pm Wide variety Music books dishes furniture and household items

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OAKLAND TWP P E O Multi Family Sale to fund women's scholarships 1275 Sunnwood N/Dutton W/Livernos Sept 17 18 8 2 Help Us Help Others!

PLYMOUTH Sept 17 & 18 8 4pm 41078 Greystone (Haggerty & Ann Arbor Rd) Baby items little girl's clothes bikes household

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PLYMOUTH Old Village On Days btwn Liberty & Spring Friday & Saturday from 9 5 Household & Misc!

PLYMOUTH 992 Palmer Sept 16 17 18 Clothing collectibles household some antiques & die casts

PLYMOUTH Bradbury Condos Sale in OPQ Park in circle Haggerty btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Rd Thur Fri 9 5 Sat 9 1 2 Wedding Dresses size 5

PLYMOUTH Crestwood Condo Rummage Sale Sept 16 17 18 9 7 1199 S Sheldon (N of Ann Arbor Rd W/Mam)

PLYMOUTH Saturday (9/18) & Sunday (9/19) 9AM 3PM 650 Provincetown Lane Big/Tall Men's Plus size Women's children's clothing housewares misc

PLYMOUTH 45885 Denise Dr W of Canton Center N of Ann Arbor Rd Trailwood Sub huge garage sale September 17th & 18th 9-4

PLYMOUTH Huge Garage Sale 25 yrs accumulation Antiques tools furniture toys & more Sat 8am 5 46227 W Ann Arbor Rd 1 mi W of Sheldon next to Pioneer School

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PLYMOUTH MULTI FAMILY Infants to housewares incl furniture NO JUNK! Sept 17 & 18 from 9am 5pm E of Main St/N of Morrison in Plymouth

PLYMOUTH POINTE CONDO SUB WIDE SALE Sept 18 9 3 Ridge & N Territorial

PLYMOUTH REALLY COOL GARAGE SALE 298 Blunk St 9 5pm September 17 & 18 dolls glassware toys antiques vintage hats & jew elry appliances tables chairs & more Many items from Bloomfield Hills estate

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PLYMOUTH 14508 Hunting ton W of Haggerty N of Schoo craft (Lapeer nite Sub) Somethng for everyone Sept 16 & 17 9 5

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ROCHESTER Multi family 2422 Ross Lane Children's clothes like new toys patio set play house king headboard etc

ROCHESTER Becca s Flea Market Thurs & Fr Sept 16th & 17th 12 5pm 2270 Dutton E of Brewster

ROYAL OAK GARAGE SALE Saturday September 18 9am 5pm 802 Mt Vernon Blvd W de variety of items Proceeds to benefit Stage crafters Youth Theatre Schoa sh p Fund

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WESTLAND 3 Family sale Sept 16 17 18 9am 5pm Btwn Palmer & Glenwood off Liville 35635 Manila

WESTLAND 3 Home Garage Sale 30823 Hivleye Some furniture kitchen items assorted misc items Priced to sell! Sat Sun Mon 9am 5pm 9 18 19 20

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The 2004 Mercury Monterey & Mountaineer

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BY DALE BUSS

Surely at times in the past several years, marketing and product executives for Mercury must have wished that they were working on the planet of the same name rather than on Ford Motor Co's vehicle line. Over the last generation, Ford clearly allowed its mid-priced division to suffer in terms of individual models, overall rationale, brand equity and everything else. Rumors surfaced periodically that - like Chrysler's Plymouth line and General Motors' Oldsmobile marque - Mercury was going to move on to that great junkyard in the sky.

Lately, however, Ford has been demonstrating that is attempting in earnest to revive its Mercury franchise. Only money really talks in the automotive business, and Ford executives finally have put significant resources behind worthy new models including the Marauder sedan, the Monterey minivan and the Mountaineer sport-utility vehicles. A full-fledged revival of the Mercury franchise, like much else at Ford these days, seems to be underway.

The way I see it, Mountaineer is the most worthy of the three vehicles. It's appropriately priced as a middle-of-the-road vehicle, at suggested stickers ranging from about \$29,000 to just north of \$40,000. But it delivers more than middling appearance, performance and utility.

For 2004, for example, new to Mountaineer were available second-row bucket seats and a new antiskid system. All three versions of Mercury's take on the Lincoln Avator-Ford Explorer platform have three rows of seats for seven-passenger capacity, and all offer a V6 or V8 engine and rear- or all-wheel-drive. Mountaineer exhibits excellent ride and handling characteristics for a truck-based SUV. For the Premier version with the 4.6-liter V8 engine that I drove, mileage was a paltry 15 miles a gallon in the city and only 19 on the highway, but that is about in line with competitors' fuel economy.

On the outside, Mountaineer - as befits its brand



Mercury Monterey transports seven people comfortably

image - presents a definitive upgrade over the very plain appearance of its cousin, the Ford Explorer. Its bold, expressive design relies, of course, on the trademark vertically striped Mercury "waterfall" grille.

Inside, Mountaineer sports not only the extra seat configurations but also power-adjustable pedals, an in-dash six-disc CD changer, electronic stability control and more. The front bucket seats are good and sturdy, though relatively flat without any side bolstering. The second row is accommodating, but third-row seats are a bit tight.

Monterey is Mercury's version of the redesigned Ford Freestar van, and I found it overall less satisfying than Mountaineer to drive and to experience. Monterey drives nicely enough, with a torquey V6 engine and pretty smooth handling and ride characteristics. And like all minivans in today's market, it's the best bet in the Mercury lineup for transporting seven people comfortably.

Replacing the aging Villager, Monterey definitely represents an upgrade for Ford in the suddenly ultra-competitive minivan segment. It is Mercury's first long-wheelbase minivan, offering third row fold-flat seating, which can flip over to a rear-facing position for tailgate parties. The cabin includes many more storage areas than Villager did, and there's an optional DVD

entertainment system. Overhead sunglasses-storage and other compartments move along a track in the ceiling to adjust to rear passengers' desires, which is handy.

Also, Monterey's interior has a bit of a European flair, with a very clean, uncluttered overall look. On the outside, it's trimmed in satin-aluminum finishes on all door and liftgate handles, foglamp bezels, roof rack and taillamps.

However, there were a few aspects of the Monterey that I couldn't abide. For one thing, the vehicle's exterior-sensing system, designed to alert drivers to whether they're going to run into something ahead of or behind them, became an infernal nag for me. It seemed to beep vehemently at me every time I performed some kind of ordinary driving function, even beeping at me as I pulled into parking spaces facing another vehicle. Let's just say I found that system a bit too sensitive.

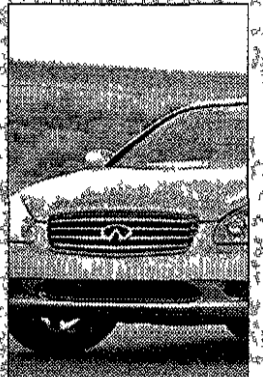
Also, there are no motors on the rear window vents, unlike in competitors such as Chrysler's Town & Country minivan - an annoyance, though a minor one. And I found the climate controls in Monterey too small and confusing.

But overall, both Mountaineer and Monterey acquit themselves - and, by implication, the entire Mercury line - pretty well. Welcome back, Mercury.

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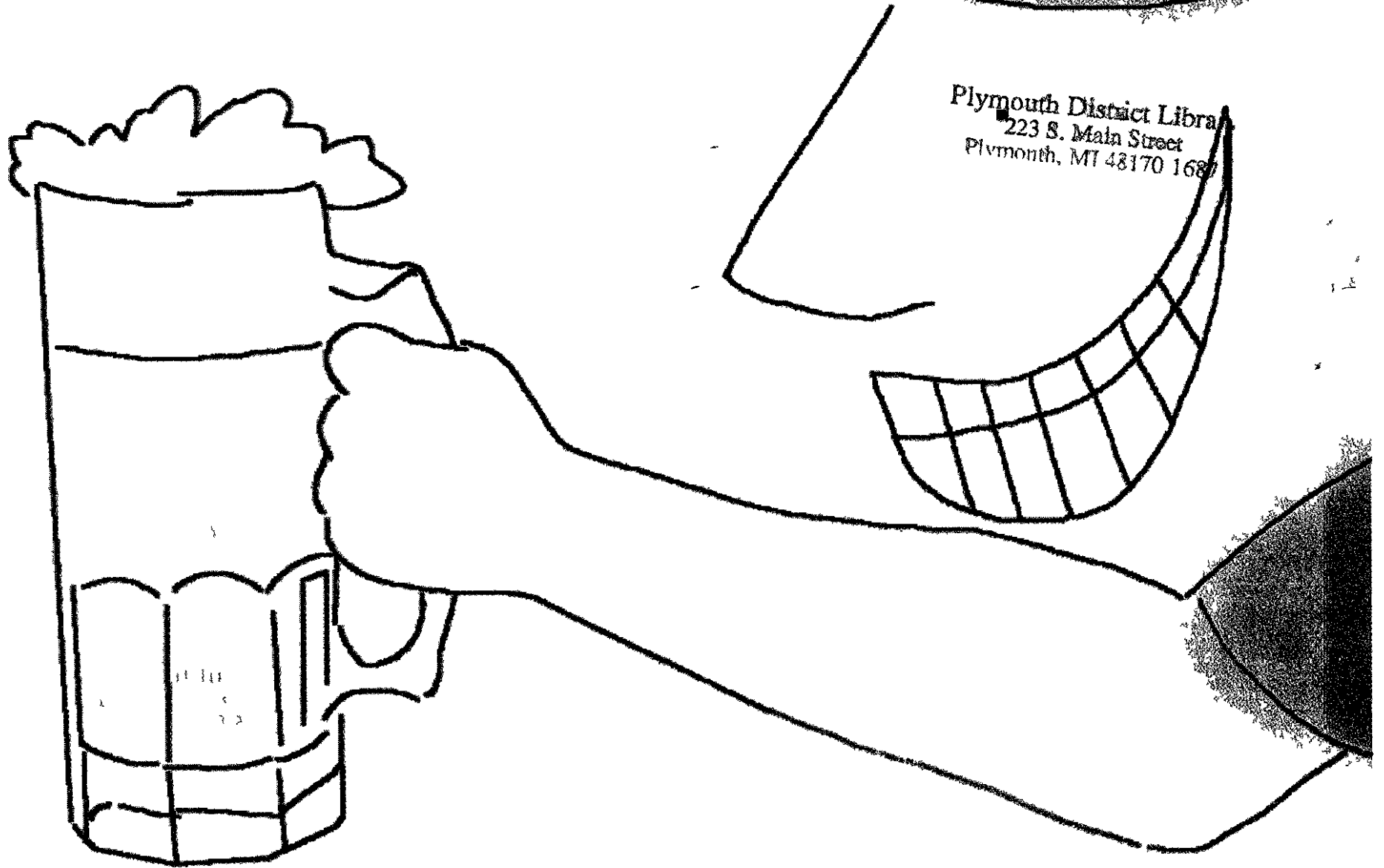
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Artist Jeremy Harvey stands by signs written by homeless people that he collected and framed

Majestic Cafe shows 'signs' of homelessness

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

FRAME VALUE

What: An exhibit by Jeremy Harvey about Detroit's homeless

Where: The Majestic Cafe, 4120 Woodward Ave Detroit

When: Through Thursday, Sept 30

For more information: Call (313) 833 9700 or visit www.majesticdetroit.com

First, let's make this clear Artist Jeremy Harvey isn't a spokesperson for the homeless

He isn't trying to tell their story Instead, Harvey hopes to show irony and contrast in his exhibit *Frame Value* that's on display through Sept 30 at The Majestic Cafe in Detroit Harvey spent about a year purchasing handwritten signs made by Detroit's homeless Most of them are cardboard signs, pleas for money, that read, "Homeless and Hungry" Harvey mounted the signs in very ornate, high-end frames

"I became obsessed with buying them," Harvey said "It's just bizarre seeing these dirty signs in the fancy frames something unexpected"

Thirteen framed signs are on display at the Majestic Cafe

PUSHING BOUNDARIES

Harvey, who painted the popular murals at the gothic nightclub City Club in Detroit, is also a founding member of Dirty Detroit, a company that hosts sensual events like art exhibits that focus on sex

Last year, Harvey capitalized on inner-city graffiti by copyrighting the image of a turtle that was spray-painted on dozens of Detroit buildings and bridges by a then-unknown "artist" called Turtl Harvey put the Turtl image on T-shirts and sold them at art galleries and independent clothing stores

Last year, Harvey expressed disdain for the Turtl artist, who had made it a habit of painting or "tagging" historic or occupied buildings It's an unwritten rule among

graffiti artists that only abandoned buildings be tagged.

Last week, the real Turtl was identified. He probably won't face charges and Harvey's opinion has changed

"I'd like to meet him," Harvey said "And I'd give him the copyright, I'd turn it all over to him I already made some money off it, I'd let it go"

FRAME VALUE

"God Bless You"
"I'm Hungry, Please Help Me."

There are cartoons and paragraphs that appear to be frantically written

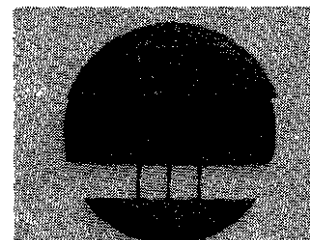
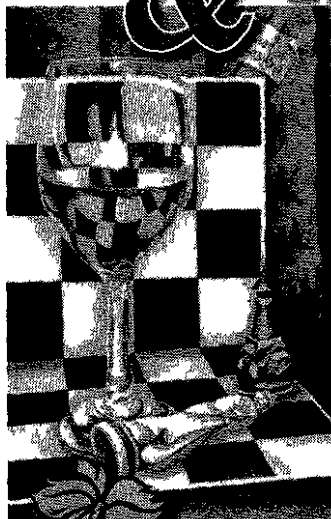
Most of the signs were written with a black marker, some crayons Harvey paid \$20 for one, \$5 for others Each purchase involved a lot of haggling, he said.

"I was surprised at the resistance," Harvey said. "The people didn't want to let go of their signs and complained I was trying to take their livelihood. I don't know if that was true or if it was because the signs are one of the few material things they own. I gave away a lot of markers and crayons so they could make new ones"

A resident of Detroit for years, but now living in Hazel Park, Harvey said his conversations with the homeless were limited to business

"For years I was hit up for money right outside my apartment I've bought a few bottles of booze and drank it with a few homeless people who I knew back then but this time we just talked about the signs"

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Something different

UMS season launches Arab festival and series for hipsters

Renowned trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra open the UMS season



BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

You don't have to ask what's going on culturally in Ann Arbor once the University Musical Society begins its season

The 126-year-old performance program which opens Friday with renowned jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis runs from the middle of September to the end of April and packs in an extraordinarily diverse line up

But winning broad audience appeal is never the primary goal said Sara Billmann director of marketing Our programming director would say, he's thinking about artists' repertoires and ideas within the three discrete areas of music, dance and theater

Yes UMS traverses all three and manages to explore quite a bit of territory within each of those performing arts

Just consider what's happening in music alone next month There's jazz with the renowned Dave Brubeck on Oct 2 followed by the signature sounds and poignant lyrics of Laurie Anderson on Oct 3 Then just around the corner is Marcel Khahfe a well-known Arabic musician performing Oct 16 to kick off UMS Arab World Music Festival

We knew it was an area of the world we wanted to introduce people to Billmann said of the special festival which has been

in the works for about four years The musical forms and structures are fascinating but not well known within this region

The festival runs in addition to UMS Global Series, which showcases artists from around the world and seeks to expose audiences to the artistic traditions of other cultures Five performances are slated for Arab World Music

In all, UMS offers 14 series, including programs in jazz, choral union, theater, dance, chamber, African American and family

BIG OPENING

What: University Musical Society opens its 126th season with renowned jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis

When: 8 p.m. Friday Sept 17 season runs through April 2005

Where: Hill Auditorium 825 North University Ave University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor

Tickets: Opening concert \$10-46 prices for individual shows vary and start at \$10 call (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org

The annual Favorites Series, in its 10th year, traditionally presents Handel's *Messiah* with the UMS Choral Union This year, the holiday concerts are slated Dec. 4-5

Of special interest to families and perhaps dance lovers is *Forbidden Christmas* or *The Doctor and The Patient*, a play set in a Soviet Georgian village starring Mikhail Baryshnikov in his new role as actor Several performances are scheduled from Oct 27-31

There's also a brand-new series at UMS Dubbed 18/35 Extreme, the series targets the 18- to 35-year-old crowd with innovative programming Among the five scheduled productions is a hot, multimedia piece called *The Elephant Vanishes* The drama, based on the short stories of Japanese author Haruki Murakami, is performed by the London-based theater ensemble Complicite

It's very *Lost In Translation*-esque," Billmann said of the production, which has only been performed in New York and won't play elsewhere in the United States this year The new series is "really meant to point out that there's something there for the student/post-student group - cutting-edge works that are new, exciting and often multimedia.

Then again, you don't have to be under age 35 to experiment

'Resident Evil: Apocalypse' brainless, reheated horror

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Imagine *Beauty and the Beast* with zombies and explosions and hot women in miniskirts and you have some idea of what *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* is like

The sequel to 2002's *Resident Evil* is a brainless, earsplitting amalgamation of reheated horror – and action-flick clichés, which first-time director Alexander Witt seems to have made exclusively for fans of the violent video game on which both films are based. It's hard to imagine who else would want to see this *Apocalypse* now

But deep, deep down – we're talking really far down – it's sort of a bittersweet love story, as Alice, our beautiful, butt-kicking heroine, is forced to fight a killing machine called Nemesis, which may or may not be a slimy, genetically mutated version of her boyfriend, Matt, from the first film

Alice (Milla Jovovich) is also superhuman now. The former security chief for the sinister Umbrella Corp. wakes up alone and naked in a hospital room and

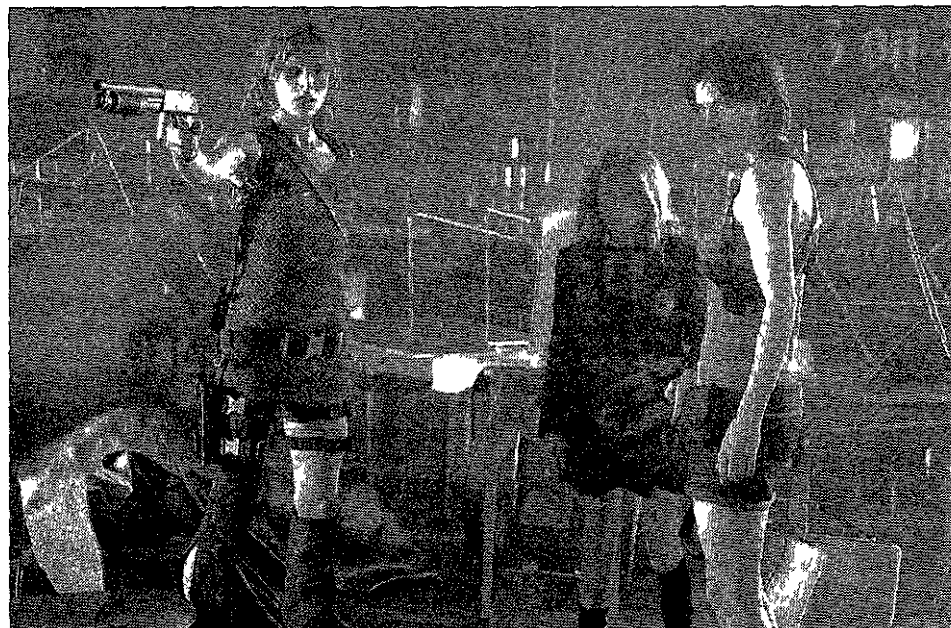
staggers out to find the fictional Raccoon City is silent, empty and devastated (a sequence that recalls the beginning of a far superior zombie movie, the truly suspenseful, strikingly shot *28 Days Later*)

Apparently, all the Undead she fought in the first movie are back, and they're hungry for seconds

"We thought we had survived the horror, but we were wrong," Alice says in a raspy opening voiceover. Which would suggest that there had already been an apocalypse. But hey – semantics, whatever

Alice gets help from the tube-topped and tight-skirted Jill Valentine (Sienna Guillory), a demoted cop, and Carlos Olivera (Oded Fehr from *The Mummy* movies), the leader of an elite tactical team

They scurry around, battling zombies and trying to escape Raccoon City by sunrise (when nuclear annihilation is expected, of course) while searching for Angie (Sophie Vavasseur), the young daughter of a scientist (Jared Harris) who was accidentally left behind during an evacuation. But the fight scenes – supposedly the



Milla Jovovich, Sophie Vavasseur and Sienna Guillory in the horror thriller, 'Resident Evil: Apocalypse'

whole point of playing a video game, right? – are a dark and messy mix of overly edited swish pans and jump cuts

The women get to do the vast majority of the butt-kicking in the script from Paul W.S. Anderson, who wrote and directed the first *Resident Evil* as well as the recent *Alien vs. Predator*

But neither Jovovich nor Guillory is any

match for Sigourney Weaver

They'll get another chance to prove themselves, though. The cliffhanger ending clearly sets up a third *Resident Evil* movie. So we can look forward – or not – to *Apocalypse* redux

Resident Evil: Apocalypse a Screen Gems release runs 93 minutes. One star out of four

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Here are some mini reviews of movies now playing at a theater near you

■ **Criminal** - A ubiquitous supporting and ensemble player John C. Reilly ably steps into the lead with this engaging take on the shell-game genre: a remake of the Argentinian flick *Nine Queens*. Reilly plays a crass con man who takes on a new partner (Diego Luna) and launches into the score of a lifetime peddling forged currency to a collector. The plot twists are not terribly hard to figure out, but they prove satisfying enough even if you see them coming. First-time writer-director Gregory Jacobs makes a skillful debut, delivering a taut comic thriller that clips along effortlessly. Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Mullan co-star. R for language. 87 min. Three stars out of four

- David Germain, AP Movie Writer

■ **When Will I Be Loved** - James Toback's latest film is a collection of non sequiturs and inside jokes posing as a sly revenge yarn. It's a celebration of all things Toback with visual reminders of some of his earlier films (*Two Girls and a Guy*, *Black and White*) and an appearance by his buddy, Mike Tyson (pretending not to be Mike Tyson) and a cameo from the writer-director himself as a Columbia University professor of racial studies. It's also about architecture on Manhattan's West Side, Internet porn, and rap versus classical music. But as scattered as all that may sound, *When Will I Be Loved* is mainly an homage to Neve Campbell, who's fearless and constantly evolving as the sexually adventurous daughter of a wealthy New York couple. R for strong sexuality, nudity, and language. 89 min. Two stars out of four

Christy Lemire, AP Entertainment Writer

More movies

Funny detours make otherwise ho-hum 'Cellular' worth picking up

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

First came *Phone Booth*, in which Colin Farrell was trapped under a sniper's predatory gaze while making a call in Times Square

Now we have *Cellular*, with a kidnapped Kim Basinger randomly calling a surfer dude's mobile phone for help

One can only imagine what's next - BlackBerry, perhaps, about threatening text messages, or iPod *The Musical*

While these all sound like totally ludicrous premises, the makers of *Cellular* insist that their film is rooted in reality - that it's "a movie about social and moral responsibility," as producer Dean Devlin says

They've got the wrong number there *Cellular* functions best when it has a little fun with itself and embraces its innate B-movie tendencies

Basinger, for example, plays Jessica Martin, arguably the hottest high-school science teacher ever

Even after she's abducted from her home in posh Brentwood, Calif., by a motley, multicultural assortment of baddies, and even after their leader (Jason Statham) hauls her into a musty attic and smashes a phone on the wall with a sledghammer, Jessica still

manages to reconstruct the contraption by simply chcking a couple of wires together She's like MacGyver in fishnet stockings

Faster than you can say "Can you hear me now?" she's on the line with shirtless slacker Ryan (Chris Evans from *The Perfect Score* and *Not Another Teen Movie*) He's at the beach and is naturally skeptical when he hears Jessica's breathless voice gasping, "They're going to kill me - you're my only hope"

Ryan correctly wonders why she didn't just call the cops if she were truly in trouble, but eventually agrees to take his cell phone, with her still on it, to the police department himself There he runs into Sgt Mooney (William H Macy, and what is he doing here?)

Mooney's on the verge of retiring after 27 years and plans to open a day spa with his wife, which inspires an amusing sight gag involving an algae facial mask

And there are some other surprisingly funny little detours and supporting characters as Ryan runs around Los Angeles trying to save Jessica He finds a handgun and whips it out in a busy mobile phone store when his battery is running low and he needs a charger He also carjacks a convertible, ice-blue Porsche

But then the movie dissolves into your

usual action-flick fistfights and shootouts, despite the presence of Macy, the bungling *Fargo* villain here serving in the heroic Marge Gunderson role

Among the nagging plot holes Why does Ryan have a cell phone signal in one stairway and not another? And why do Jessica's husband and 11-year-old son trust him, a complete stranger, when he tries to help them, too?

Larry Cohen, who wrote *Phone Booth*,

also conceived *Cellular* and maintains a "story by" credit, though first-timer Chris Morgan is credited with having written the screenplay That sort of makes it a sequel, which would be fitting in the filmography of director David R. Ellis (*Final Destination 2*, *Homeward Bound II*, *Lost in San Francisco*)

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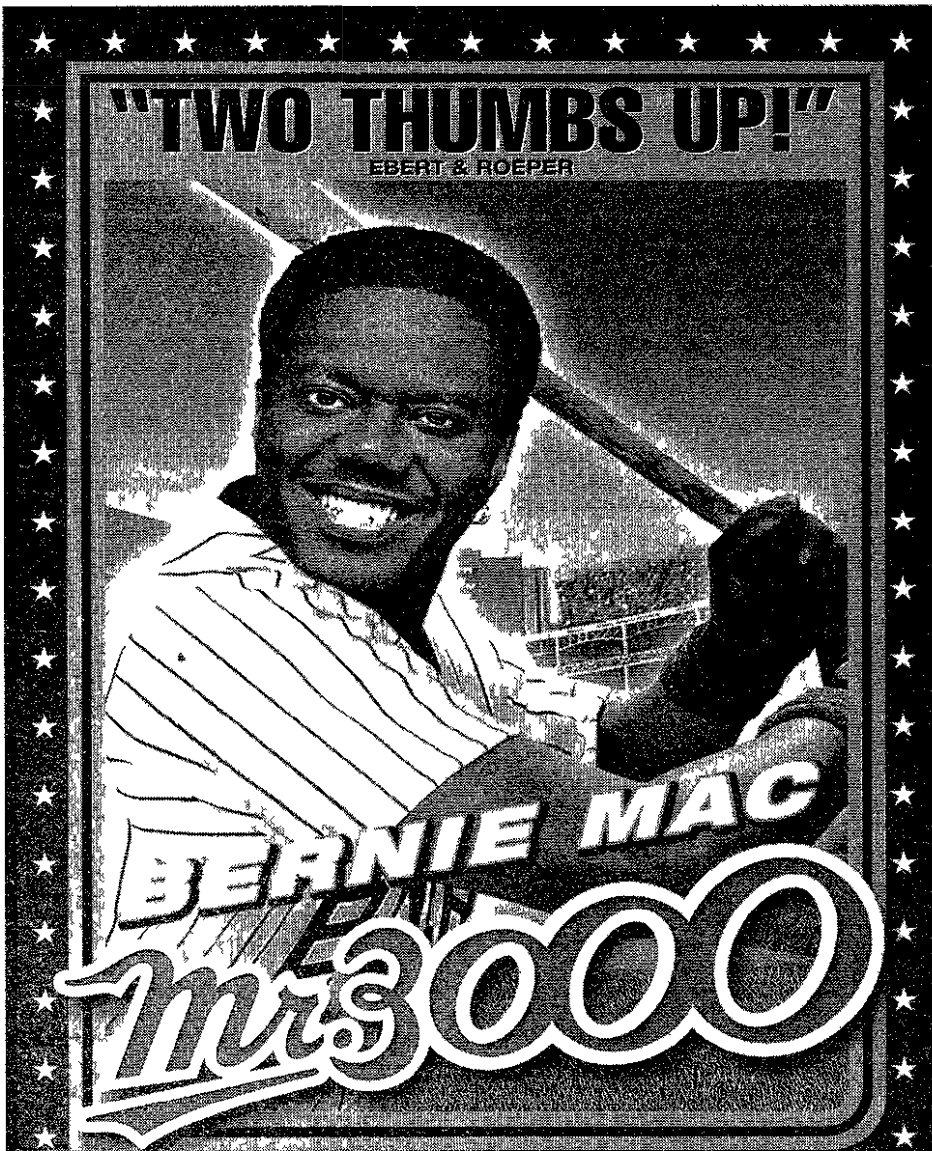
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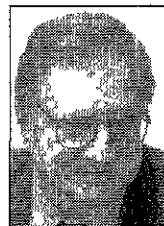
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Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

The worst movie isn't *Geek Maggot Bingo*, nor is it *Attack of the Mushroom People* nor is it Billy the Kid Versus Dracula or that real sub-classic, *Please Don't Eat My Mother*

In fact, I would make a strong defense of the film that is widely regarded as the worst movie ever

made *Plan 9 From Outer Space*

You want a really bad movie? How about *Remains of the Day*? Or anything based on the horrible books by Jane Austen

These films are nothing more than snoozefests wrapped in pretension They commit the absolute worst sin a movie can

commit

They are boring

Turkish Star Wars is a jaw-droppingly incompetent production The mind reels at *Centipede Horror* And few sane people could admit to liking *Last House on Dead End Street* or *I Spat on Your Grave* - films that were made by folks who seem to have serious internal issues to deal with

But as dreadful as those movies are, not one of them is boring I would never recommend them to anyone, but I can guarantee that if you choose to delve into the world of ultra-horrible horror films you will not be bored You will be deeply offended, but not bored

On the other end of the film spectrum, you can tell everyone you know, in public, that you actually paid money to see something like *Dances with Wolves* But did you really stay awake through the whole thing? C'mon, be honest

The fact is, movies are supposed to be entertaining and most are in their own way And if you really like Jane Austen - though Lord knows how anyone could - then *Emma* is a peachy film So long as you're not bored and don't feel you have wasted several dollars - and even more importantly, two hours or so of your life - you've seen a worthwhile movie

That even includes *Plan 9 From Outer Space*, which is actually quite entertaining in a dreadful sort of way

Compare that with such bona fide classics as Francois Truffaut's *Jules and Jim* or Jean Renoir's *The Rules of the Game* You will be counting the hours, or what seem like hours, waiting for the classic clunkers to mercifully come to an end

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Leland celebrates its history with annual festival

BY MIKE NORTON
CORRESPONDENT

Even at the height of the summer tourist season, it's easy to lose track of time in the village of Leland.

Somehow this sleepy little resort town of neat cottages and ramshackle fishing shanties always seems to live with one foot in the past.

That sense of being 'lost in time' gets even stronger in the fall, when the swarms of tourists dwindle to a slower, steadier

stream. And it reaches a peak on Saturday when Leland residents celebrate their 150-year-old history of fishing, lumbering and recreation by hauling out the artifacts and treasures of their not-so-vanished past and putting them on display.

It's called the Leelanau Heritage Celebration. It's free of charge, and visitors find it a wonderful chance to see this picturesque Lake Michigan port at its very best, wreathed in autumn colors and filled with nostalgia.

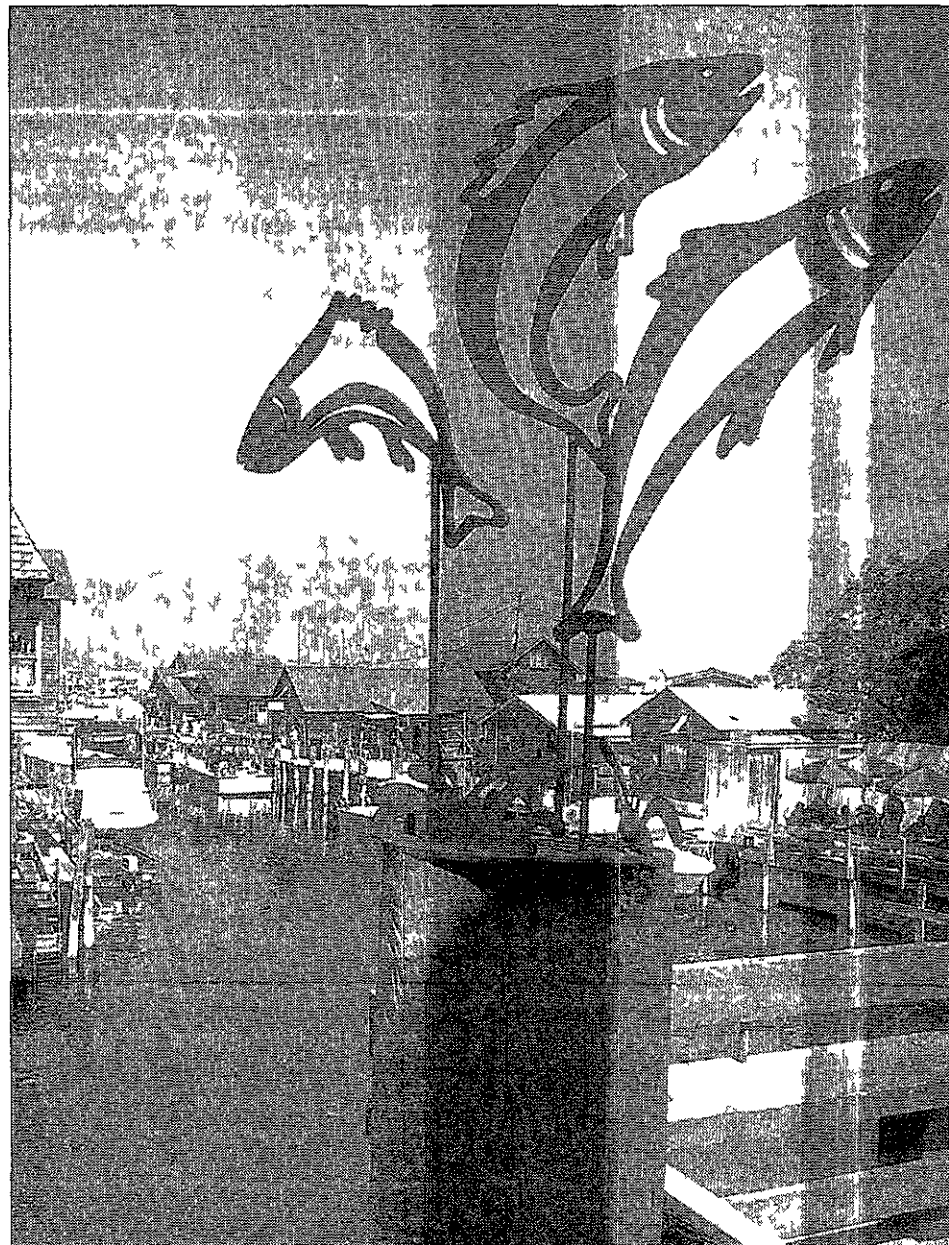
It's also filled with classic wooden boats. 30 to 40 of them, dating from the 1930s to the middle of the 1950s. One of the highlights of the Heritage Celebration is an event called "Wood Boats on the Wall," where cottagers and boat-fanciers polish up their old cabin cruisers and runabouts and display them along the banks of the Leland River.

The great thing about it is that most of these boats were pretty much born and raised right here and have been in the same families for generations, said John Mitchell, director of the Leelanau Historical Society, which sponsors the boat show. "It's a pretty eclectic event, and it brings some boats out of the closet that haven't seen the light of day in years."

Leland has been attracting visitors ever since a French trader named Antoine Manseau first arrived here to set up shop early in the 1850s. (No one is certain precisely what year that was, said Mitchell, so the village has decided to make this year's celebration its unofficial sesquicentennial.)

Over the years, the town has been a commercial fishing port, a summer resort and the terminus for ferryboat passengers heading out to the mysterious Manitou Islands.

Today it's also well known as a day-tripping destination for visitors who stay in nearby Traverse City and come to visit its quaint shops - particularly in the harbor district known as Fishtown, where a warren of former fishing sheds along the river now houses gift stores, boutiques and galleries.



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Leland's quaint Fishtown district features boutiques, shops and galleries in a warren of turn-of-the-century fishing shanties and net sheds.

Fishtown still has a full-time commercial fishing operation, since Richard Carlson's family has been catching and smoking fish here for five generations. The Carlsons plan to open one of their big fishing tugs for tours during the Heritage Celebration.

Art gallery owner Rick Lahmann, who heads the Leland Business Association, said the event is meant to be fun - but he's not letting any of his fellow businessmen get away with anything tacky.

"I'm pretty strict about it," he said. "This isn't like other towns that celebrate their history without actually paying any attention to it. Everything we do here has to really be authentic. We're having a tall ship sail in from Traverse City, and I've heard there'll be a Mackinaw boat here as well."

This year's celebration will also feature

the unveiling of a major exhibit of photographs taken in Leland by the late Erhardt Peters, a Michigan photographer whose portraits of local life during the Depression era are particularly detailed.

This year the local historical museum acquired, restored and archived over 1,000 Peters images, and many will be displayed during the Heritage Celebration in a rustic gallery space known locally as the Old Art Building.

For more information about the Leland Heritage Celebration on Sept. 18, "Wood Boats on the Wall" or other events and attractions in the Traverse City area - and for help with lodging and dining options, entertainment activities and vacation planning - contact the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) TRAVERS or visit their Web site at www.mytraversecity.com.

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BY KEELY SCHRAMM
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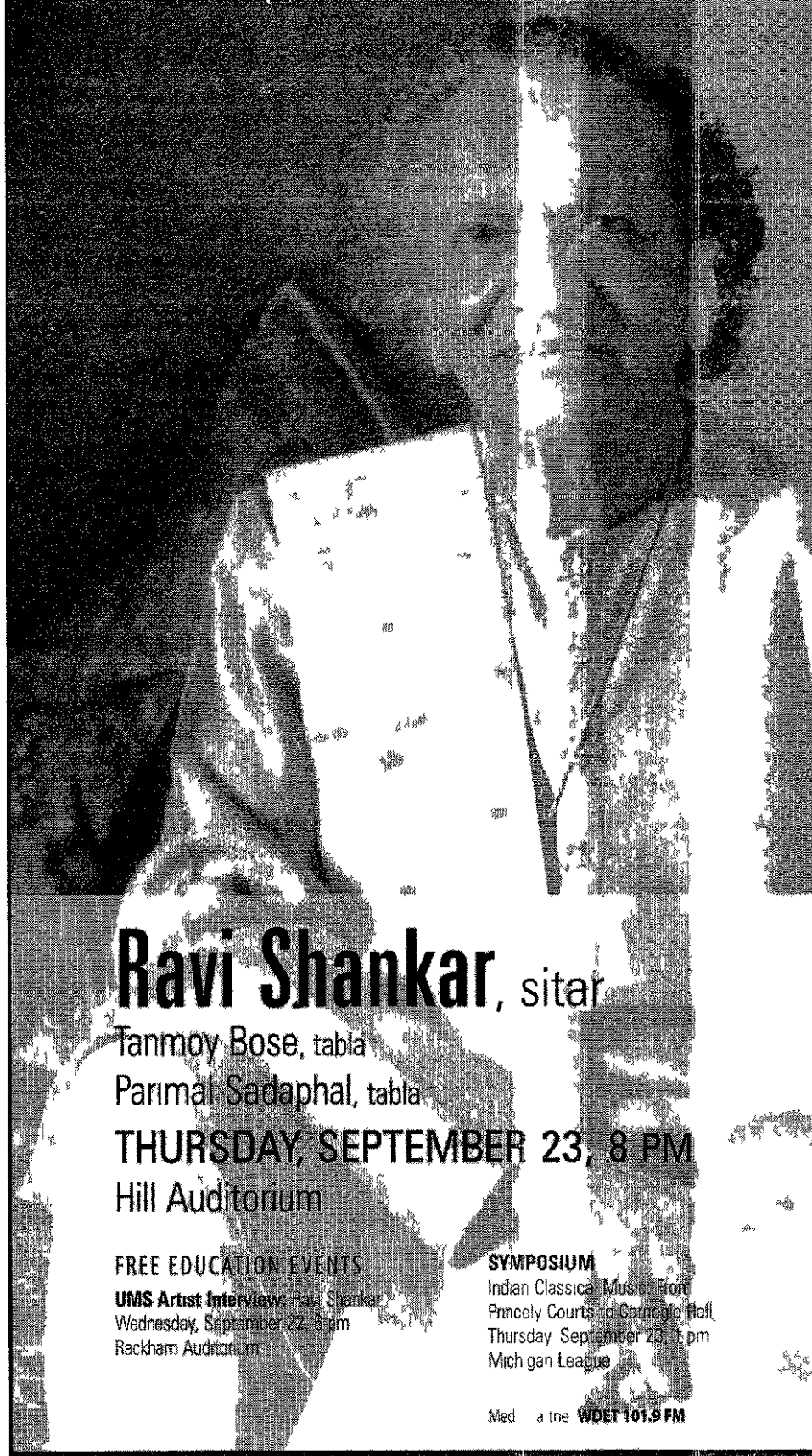
Fosse, which plays through Oct. 24 at the Fox, highlights the work of legendary dancer, choreographer and director Bob Fosse. Fosse's style revolutionized the musical theater with the Broadway hits *Sweet Charity*, *Chicago*, *Dancin'*, and the films *Cabaret* and *All That Jazz*. Longtime Fosse stars Gwen Verdon and Ann Reinking came together to recreate Bob Fosse's groundbreaking work, and a talented cast brings Broadway's all-time best choreography to life in *Fosse*.

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Fosse, includes rarely seen dance and musical numbers from the choreographer's earliest works, as well as many numbers from films and television shows that have never been seen on stage before. The production also showcases classic Fosse dance numbers like *Steam Heat*, *Big Spender*, *Bye Bye Blackbird*, *Rich Man's Frug*, and *Sing Sing Sing*.

In 1973, Fosse became the first director in history to win the Oscar, Tony and Emmy award in a single year for the film version of *Cabaret*, the Broadway musical *Pippin* and the television special *Liza with a Z*.

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STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER

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It's that time of year again: Oktoberfest. And you have responsibilities.

They include downing a cold one, quaffing a pint, hoisting a hearty brew or whatever else you call beer-drinking.

And there are plenty of venues in metropolitan Detroit — from Frankenmuth to local breweries — where you can make good on your obligations.

But you might not know what's new on the local Oktoberfest scene.

MORE THE MERRIER

“We have two new events that are going to be worthy,” said Rex Halfpenny, a local beer enthusiast and founder of Michigan Beer Guide.

One of them involves an entire city. In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the city of Dearborn is throwing a mega-Oktoberfest bash.

Sure, there's plenty of beer, a tent and all that. But the event, slated Oct. 2 and 3 on Michigan Avenue, boasts a slew of activities from a beer-brewing competition to nightly bonfires and hayrides.

“I think it's pretty cool that we have a city that's getting behind Oktoberfest,” said Halfpenny, who's quick to point out that the event has more to do with families getting together to celebrate the season than beer.

Also planned is a revival of the Detroit Rivertown Beer Festival, which was held on and off in the '90s. The one-day event, Friday, Sept. 24, goes up on a tented outdoor patio at Stroh River Place. While it features 50 beer varieties, organizers have kept the focus on Michigan-made brews.

“We're trying to highlight the Michigan brewers,” said Linda Bade, president of Detroit Downtown, Inc., the event's organizing sponsor.

About 15 local brewers will be represented, many with special Oktoberfest beers crafted for the season. All are bringing “the best that they brew,” said Bade, who hopes next year's event will showcase an even larger selection of local ales.

TRIED AND TRUE

Of course the classic Oktoberfest experience can be had north of the city in the German-style village of Frankenmuth. The 15th Annual Oktoberfest, slated Sept. 16-19 in Heritage Park, has it all — true Oktoberfest brews, sprawling beer tent, German food and authentic music courtesy of Gunzenhauser Blous'n, a 12-piece band direct from Frankenmuth's sister city, Gunzenhauser in Bavaria, Germany.

Why is Frankenmuth's Oktoberfest so popular?

Atmosphere, said Jeanna Zehnder, coordinator of the event. In addition to the already picturesque town, residents and businesses alike go all out to invoke the season by decorating with hay bales, ribbons and pumpkins. Besides you

Drinkology

Gin: good for what ails you!

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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Downtown scene

Gallery owner wants his show to bring you to Corktown

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Karl Schneider has a mission. He wants you to visit and love his community, Corktown.

Wait. You mean you've never seen this charming yet hip area of Detroit beyond the old Tiger Stadium on Michigan Avenue at Trumbull?

Stroll those friendly neighborhoods to see residents taking pride in their brightly colored artistic homes. Interesting houses with equally brightly colored flower gardens and sculptures dot the small, tidy front lawns.

Take a break at an Irish pub. After all, Corktown came to life 175 years ago when Irish immigrants, many from Cork County, Ireland, settled there. Hence its name.

To prompt a visit to Corktown, Schneider, who with his wife opened Izzy's Raw Art Gallery just six months ago, is hosting an exhibit featuring Center for Creative Studies instructor Gary Schwartz and sculptor C.R. Nygg through Oct. 30. Izzy's is at 2572 Michigan Ave., in the heart of Corktown.

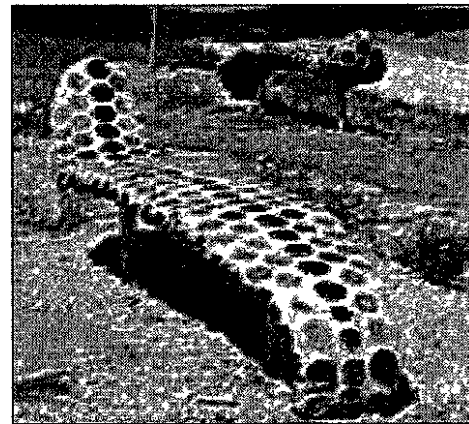
"I moved here because there's a great community that looks out for one another," Schneider said. "It's a hip, diverse crowd." Schneider has also renovated several lofts and was involved in the Zeitgeist Gallery across the street from Izzy's.

"We hope more galleries, coffeehouses, restaurants and pubs will come to Corktown," he said. "First come the galleries and the rest will follow—we hope."

The area has narrow, intimate streets that were built before the use of cars. It's home to historic churches including Most Holy Trinity Church, considered the anchor of Corktown, and St. Peter's.



Karl Schneider said he's created about 100,000 drawings. Here's one he prefers.



Karl Schneider, owner of Izzy's Raw Art Gallery in Corktown, created this bench for the Greening of Detroit, a group that works to beautify the city.

Episcopal Church. You'll find some of the city's oldest houses, known as "Irish cottages," on Labrosse and Sixth streets.

There are many popular night spots along Michigan Avenue.

The Lager House has been a watering hole mainstay and features some of Detroit's best rock bands. Salsa dancers visit the nearby Paradox Cafe with its strict dress code and saucy music. Prologo Liberia is a Spanish cafe and bookstore. The Gaelic League and Irish American Club, open since 1920, is a friendly neighborhood pub that's known for its St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Back to the art. Schneider, an artist himself, has created art that can be seen outdoors in Corktown. He made jeweled mosaic benches, which look either like long chaise lounges or giant tongues, and donated them to the Greening of Detroit—a community-based group that is working to renovate the area.

The prolific artist has created nearly 100,000 drawings and woodcuts, some on display at Izzy's, that are inspired by German Impressionists. But Schneider is most excited right now about the works by Schwartz and Nygg.

Schwartz, an animator for the *Rugrats* cartoon, is showing his multimedia works. "The method is a precursor to the movies," Schneider said. "He takes a record machine, a carriage wheel and inserts pictures into them to flutter on a wall similar to a movie."

Nygg makes cognitive sculptures out of driftwood and other materials. "It's organic," he said, "reminiscent of Georgia O'Keefe images."

For more about Corktown visit www.corktowndetroit.org. For more about Izzy's Raw Art Gallery visit www.izzys-rawart.com.

The gallery is open 2-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

OKTOBERFEST AROUND TOWN

■ **Frankenmuth's 15th Annual Oktoberfest**, Sept. 16-19, 3 p.m. to midnight Thursday, noon to midnight Friday and Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Heritage Park on Weiss Street, Frankenmuth, includes live music, dancing, German beer and food, amusement rides. (800) FUN FEST, www.frankenmuthfestivals.com. Frankenmuth Brewery's Oktoberfest runs concurrently. (866) 273-9324.

■ **Big Buck Brewery Oktoberfest**, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday Sept. 17 and 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday Sept. 18. 2550 Takata Drive, Auburn Hills. Oktoberfest includes beer tent, live music, German food and moonwalk. (248) 276-BEER.

■ **Rochester Mills Beer Co.'s Oktoberfest Celebration**, 5 to 11 p.m. Friday Sept. 24, and 11 p.m. Saturday Sept. 25. 400 Water Street, Rochester. Oktoberfest includes German beer and food, music under large tent, carnival games, balloon artists, moonwalks, pony rides and petting zoo. (248) 650-5080.

■ **Detroit Rivertown Beer Festival**, 4 to 10 p.m. Friday Sept. 24. Stroh River Place, located on Jos Campau at the Detroit River (across from Stoney Creek Brewing Company) includes 50 different beers emphasizing Michigan brewers, live music and food on tented outdoor patio. Setting tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. (313) 961-1403. www.versopass.com.

■ **Dakota Inn's Oktoberfest 2004**, Sept. 17-Oct. 30, regular hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday (lunch) and 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday (dinner), 17324 John R in Detroit. Oktoberfest includes a proclamation reading, kick-off and other ceremonies, live music, special Oktoberfest German brews in addition to standard menu and German food. (313) 867-9722, www.dakota-inn.com.

■ **City of Dearborn Oktoberfest Celebration**, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, and Sunday, Oct. 3, Michigan Avenue west of Greenfield Road, includes American Home Brewers Association-sanctioned competition, chili cook-off, family and children's activities from noon to 6 p.m., nightly hay rides and bonfires, craft show, food, beer, wine and live music. (313) 943-2000, www.cityofdearborn.org.

OKTOBERFEST

FROM PAGE E10

won't see a greater concentration of lederhosen anywhere else in southeast Michigan.

Contrary to popular belief, Frankenmuth's Oktoberfest is family friendly, especially during the day when there are plenty of activities for kids.

Lakewise, the Rochester Mills Beer Co.'s Oktoberfest celebration, slated Sept. 24-25, strives to create a wholesome harvest atmosphere. Planned activities include pony rides, carnival games, moon walks and face-painting. Kids under age 16 who are accompanied by an adult are admitted free, too.

"It's a family event, not just a drinking party," said Halfpenny, who helped organize the brewery's events. "And that's more akin to what the German tradition is about."

LEARN APPRECIATION

Oktoberfest traces its roots to a 19th century royal wedding during the harvest in Bavaria that attracted thousands of people, said Halfpenny. The event was so wildly popular, it was held every year thereafter except during war time.

In Germany, drinking beer went hand-in-hand with celebrating the harvest. But not just any beer, he said. Special brews were crafted to accompany the season's eats.

"They're a little bit higher in alcohol, a

BECOME A BEER SNOB

What: Founder of Michigan Beer Guide and local beer enthusiast Rex Halfpenny leads a workshop designed to enhance beer-tasting sensory skills with attention paid to 26 beer styles and the brewing process.

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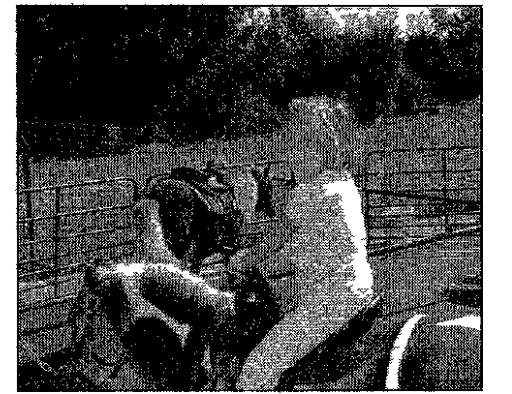
little darker in color and a little bit more fully flavored," Halfpenny said of the Oktoberfest beers.

Here in Michigan, Oktoberfest brews have the same characteristics, and only last as long as the season. And in Halfpenny's estimation, that makes a local Oktoberfest event one of the best ways to develop one's appreciation for beer, not to mention one fantastic way to party.

"What comes out at Oktoberfest is the idea that beer traditionally has been of great variety," he said. "It's just like wine. And beer is as worthy of study as wine."

So, guzzle it if you must, but give a good taste, too.

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Historically, Oktoberfest was a celebration for the whole family. Rochester Mills Beer Co. embraces the tradition during its Oktoberfest celebration by offering a slew of activities for kids. Anna Plesz takes a pony ride during a recent event.



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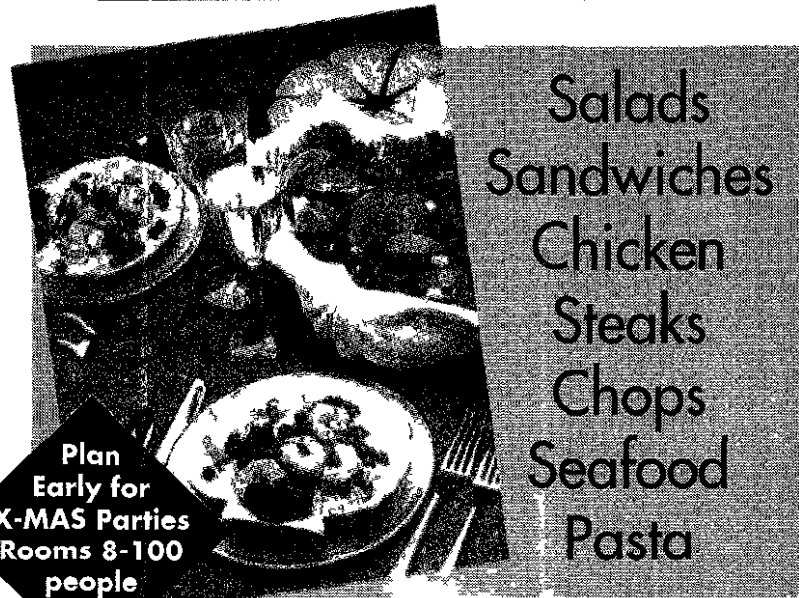
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European flavors drive new Brookshire menu

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Given his interest in European cuisine, it's a natural that Executive Chef Gerald Gramzay dubbed his menu at the newly opened Brookshire restaurant as creative, contemporary European enlivened by ethnic and American flavors.

Brookshire, owned by a private investment group and operated by Hotel Investment Services in Troy, opened Sept. 1 in Rochester's new Royal Park Hotel.

Since Brookshire is a hotel restaurant, three meal periods are the norm. A classic European breakfast buffet includes fresh fruits, cereals, meats and baked goods, along with griddle favorites and specialties such as Benedicts Santa Fe, Smoked Salmon Scramble or the hearty Lord of the Manor Breakfast, featuring two eggs Thyme and Black Pepper Grilled Lamb Chop, Petit Grilled Beef Medallion, Country Sausage, Parmesan Roasted Tomato Crown and Cottage Fried Potatoes (\$26). For the diet conscious, there's the Brookshire Protein Plate (\$17).

Lunches feature a selection of soups, classic salads with a twist, sandwiches and a Royal Kobe burger made from 100 percent domestic raised Waygu.

Among myriad dinner main courses are the European influenced Chicken Pommery, pan roasted free range chicken served with a Spaetzle Gateau, Morel and Fava Bean Ragout and finished with a coarse-grain Pommery Mustard Sauce. Holland Dover Sole, carved tableside, served either sauteed almandine or meuniere and Sesame-Seared Alaskan Wild King Salmon are notable among fish offerings. For meat lovers, there's Herb and Cracked Pepper-Rubbed Filet Mignon, and Thyme Flower roasted Rack and Loin of Lamb. A vegetarian creation is offered daily.

Chef Gerald cited that "weekend plats du jour may include Slow-Roasted Prime Rib, Roast Rack of Veal and Loin of Veal Wellington, as well as Sunday evening homestyle traditional family dinners.

Amid a relaxed atmosphere, reminiscent of an English country manor home, designed by Victor Saroki of Victor Saroki Associates of

Birmingham, diners enjoy meals at elegantly set tables with custom designed fine Fortessa china.

EURO STYLE

His tenure between 1997 and 2000 at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham makes Executive Chef Gerald Gramzay well known to area diners. His impressive culinary pedigree began in 1981 when he was the first American to graduate from the prestigious Lycee Technique d'Hotellerie et de Tourism de Strasbourg in the Alsace region of France.

Chef Gerald comes to the Brookshire from his most recent post as corporate chef and director of food and beverage for Stafford's Hospitality Inc. in Petoskey.

In addition to the 95-seat restaurant, Chef Gerald is responsible for food service at The Commons (11 a.m. to 1 a.m.) a comfortable wood paneled lounge seating 40. The bar menu there includes starters like Baked Golden Onion Soup, sushi and Tenderloin Carpaccio, a variety of salads like Beef Paillard Caesar and stacked sandwiches and burgers. Other hotel dining areas include a spacious sunlit gallery seating 25 and the seasonal outdoor bluestone Terrace overlooking Paint Creek, seating up to 60.

BEVERAGES AND DESSERTS

Former hotel and award winning restaurant consultant Fadi Achour of Dearborn is food and beverage director. From an inspired list, diners can select from 140 icons with emphasis placed on French and California wines. Twenty two wines are available by the glass and 15 upscale labels are in half bottles.

Maitre d' Abe Berry, late of Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, prepares tableside flambees including Bananas Foster, Cherries Jubilee and Crepes Suzette. A pastry team creates desserts such as Decadent Chocolate Marquis with candied orange sauce or a Creme Brulee trio — classic chocolate and orange.

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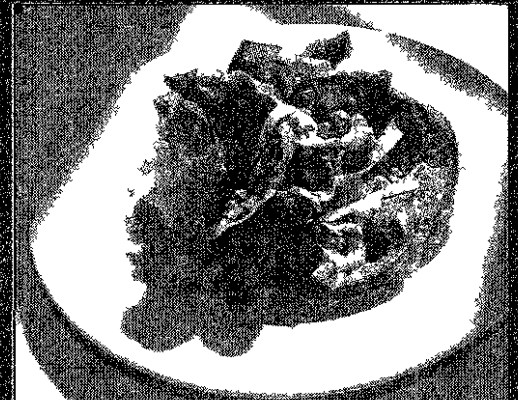
Food style: Contemporary European enlivened by ethnic and American flavors.

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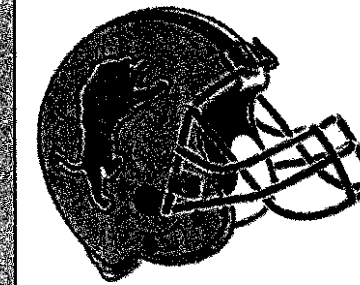
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Chef Gerald Gramzay and Abe Berry prepare Holland Dover Sole to be carved tableside. Top left, Holland Dover Sole is carved tableside, and served with young vegetable medley. Right, the Rochester Honey Roasted Veal is served on Bibb lettuce with Smoked Cheddar and Creamy Hazelnut Dressing is one of the delicious choices at the newly opened Brookshire restaurant.



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Music

Cranbrook's electronic concerts marry image and sound

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

It's an old adage: Art imitates life. But sometimes the viewers need a little help — a fresh outlook, a different take — to make the connections.

That's what so intriguing about *Cut 'N' Mix Fridays Art Talk and Jam*, a series of urban electronic concerts taking place Friday evenings from Sept. 17 to Nov. 26 inside the gallery at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills.

Each concert features a Detroit electronic musician or DJ and a musical program designed by the artist in response to the museum's current exhibit, *Looking Both Ways Art of the Contemporary African Diaspora*.

"It's going to be art in a completely different way," said Herdest Cummings, the local music producer and organizer who curated the concert series. "Each musician will be giving their interpretation of the exhibit to enhance the experience of it."

One featured performer plans, for example, to combine lighting, sound and narration as a way to both highlight specific works in the exhibit and share his personal thoughts about them.



COURTESY OF CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Producer Herdest Cummings curated 'Cut 'N' Mix Fridays Art Talk and Jam

include cultural displacement, identity construction and globalization.

But you don't need to traverse the globe to identify these themes in real life, they're right here in Detroit, said Cummings.

This is what's happening in the streets. It's the same everyday struggle — isolation, globalization. That's the streets of metropolitan Detroit."

The point is these musical artists have something to say about the issues explored in *Looking Both Ways*.

"But it's even a little bit more than that. It's a little bit more personal, they (the musicians) are really passionate about it," said Cummings, who credits Cranbrook Art

Looking Both Ways presents pieces by 12 artists of African descent now living in Western nations who address the African Diaspora, or dispersion of people from their homeland. Topics often addressed in works about the African Diaspora

Museum director Gregory Wittkopp, and curator of education Elena Ivanova, for recognizing the relevance of Detroit's electronic music scene and giving local performers a cutting-edge showcase venue.

Cummings, a well-known music innovator who was recruited by electronic music founders Derrick May and Juan Atkins to be a DJ before becoming a producer, defines the genre as using what you have, instead of buying costly equipment and instruments, to make music. *Cut 'N' Mix Fridays* is Cummings' second concert series at Cranbrook.

So far, nine local performers, including Keith Tucker, who opens the series on Sept. 17, are slated to perform. Prior to each concert, which takes place alongside the exhibit, there's a lecture about *Looking Both Ways* and time for discussion with each featured musician.

Cummings, who will give his own performance Nov. 12, also plans to assemble a CD from concert recordings with a release party scheduled Nov. 26.

"Music is something that everybody can relate to, every single person. We live by it. It's a natural part of our lives," he said. "When you're working with people you have to find the small commonalities."

MIX IT UP

What: *Cut 'N' Mix Fridays Art Talk and Jam* a series of urban electronic concerts showcasing local musicians and DJs alongside the exhibit *Looking Both Ways Art of the Contemporary African Diaspora*

When: Fridays Sept. 17 to Nov. 26 gallery talk and dialogue with musicians, 6-7 p.m. live performances 7 p.m. museum will be open 5-9 p.m.

Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

Admission: Regular admission for members, free, general, \$6 seniors, teens, and full-time students, \$4 children 12 and under free with adult admission. Call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

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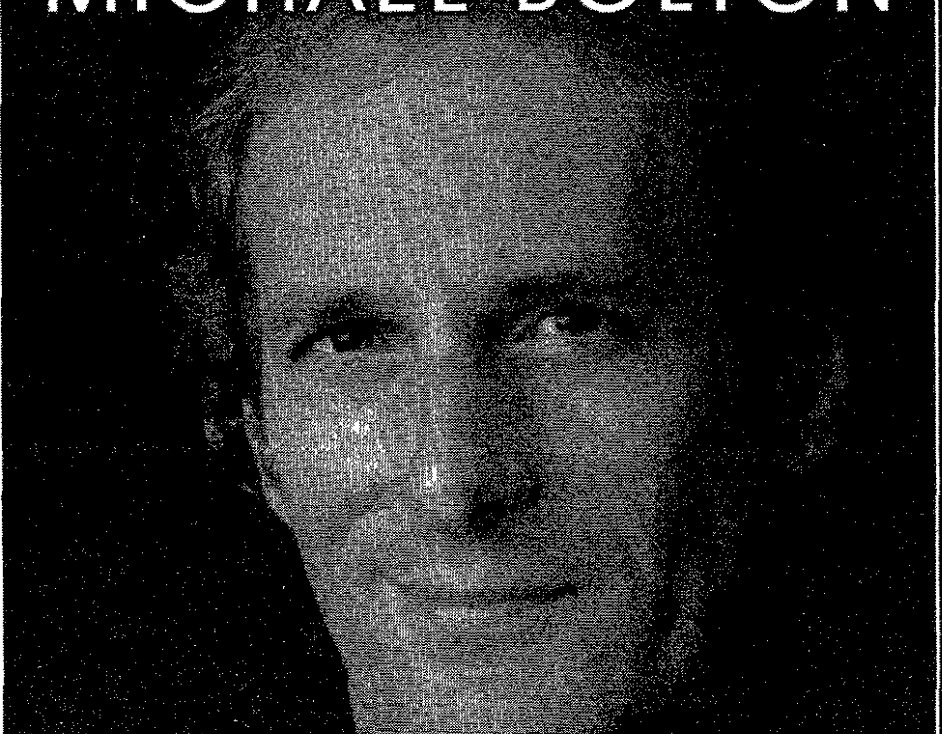
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Festival

Take a step back - in time

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The Victorian era. A time when men tipped their hats and women curtsied, a time for waist-cinching dresses and glorious dances under the moonlight.

Sure, the period also had cholera epidemics, 14-hour days for child workers and badly ventilated working conditions that caused tuberculosis — but doesn't every era have its downside?

Let's think more about the mystery of the Victorian era.

Let's think about chivalry and romance. Those pleasant aspects will be celebrated at the 16th annual Victorian Festival in downtown Northville Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19. More than 150,000 people are expected to attend over the weekend.

It officially kicks off with the Victorian Parade at 6 p.m. on Friday. It begins on Linden Road and ends on Cady Street.

"The community is transformed into a Victorian village with period costumes, free train rides, strolling musicians, a juried fine arts market, bandshell and four stages," said Janet Bloom of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

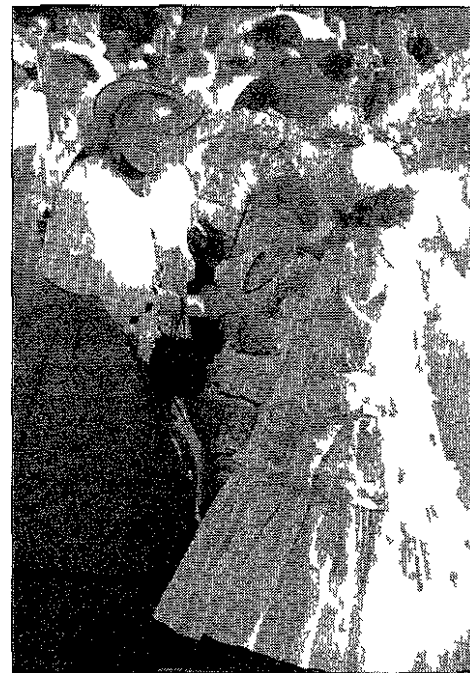
No rock 'n' roll on the bandshell, you'll hear a dulcimer or straw hat band instead.

Charming downtown Northville is filled with historic homes and tree-lined streets appropriate for the Victorian era, Bloom said.

At the festival, guests dress in period clothing — from lowly chimney sweepers to sophisticated, corset-wearing damsels.

"The guests really take on the personalities of the time period," Bloom said. "The prim and proper ways of speaking and walking."

Musicians stroll the streets to help create an elegant atmosphere. Stilt walkers, marionettes and animal balloon makers will be there, too, as will Civil War re-enactors. Store owners of downtown Northville also



Many visitors dress in period clothing at the Northville Victorian Festival.

dress the part.

The Heartstrings Dulcimer Band will perform throughout the weekend. Jasen Magic, an area magician, will perform for the kids. You can even attend a Victorian tea and learn real tea etiquette or watch jugglers and hear a Barbershop Quartet.

The Clarks Punch and Judy Show, appearing throughout the weekend, will tell Victorian stories the old-fashioned way — with puppets.

There's a children's area with rides and an old-fashioned duck race. Patrons can buy a yellow rubber duck and watch it race in a pool.

A trackless train will help transport people whose feet get too tired from the walking.

FEEL THE PART

Participate with proper behavior such as

- If you wear a Victorian dress, showing a glimpse of the ankle is an acceptable way to intrigue.

- Rudeness is a sign of low status.
- Never speak loudly or excitedly in public.

- Never bump into anyone without saying, "Excuse me."

- Men: Tip your hat when a lady passes you on the street. If she is with a man, tip your hat to him out of respect for her.

- Ladies, never look back at anyone who passes you.

- Don't show vanity.
- When a man and woman walk arm-in-arm, he should give his right arm (hence the saying "I'd give my right arm.")

- Never correct anyone older than you.

- Smile and be courteous.

16TH ANNUAL VICTORIAN FESTIVAL

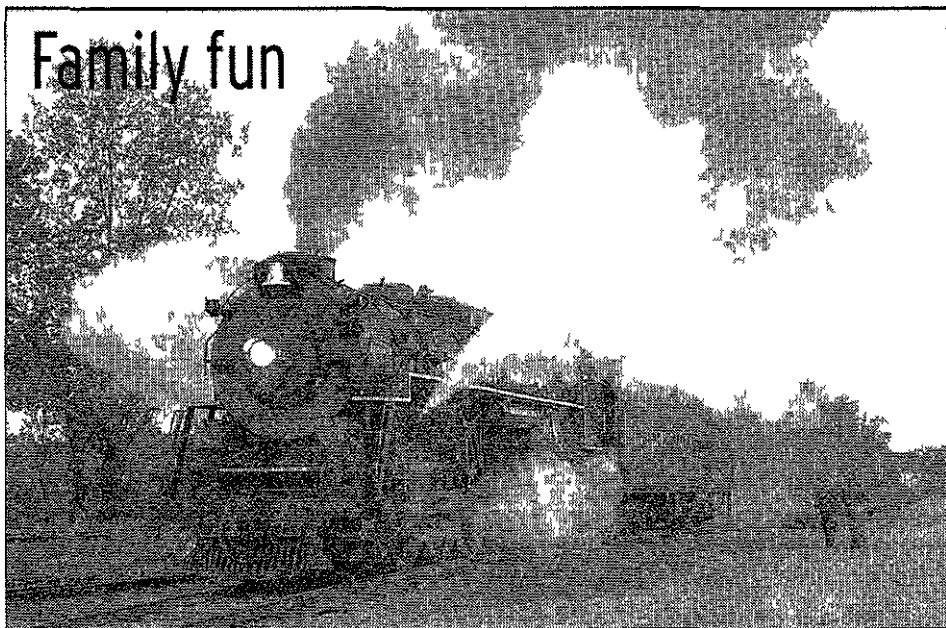
When: 5-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17-19.

Where: Downtown Northville, Main and Center streets.

How to get there: Northville can be accessed off M-14 and I-96 both running east and west, or north and south I-275 (12 miles from Detroit Metropolitan Airport).

For more information: Visit www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

Family fun



The Pere Marquette No. 1225 featured at the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso is the largest operating steam locomotive of its kind

Visit 400-ton celebrity at Railroading Institute

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

Newly renovated with a museum and visitor center, the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso is up and running

And on a seven-acre site sits a 400-ton, 101-foot-long, 16-foot-tall Hollywood beauty

Fully restored and fully operational, the Pere Marquette No. 1225 is a must-see attraction

"It's awe-inspiring to see the 1225 because it's so huge," said Matt Folland, curator and merchandise manager. "It's our Statue of Liberty."

Built by Lima Locomotive Works in 1941 and designed for fast freight service — it could carry 100 freight cars at 60 mph, Folland said — the 1225 is the largest operating steam locomotive of its kind.

And it's a celebrity, too. In November, the black beauty will make its screen debut in Steven Spielberg's upcoming animated film, *Polar Express*, which stars Tom Hanks and is about a young boy that takes a train ride to the North Pole.

Folland said 1225's image and sounds were digitized for use in the film.

Keeping in theme with *Polar Express*, this winter the 1225 will take visitors to the North Pole — which is actually the Saginaw County Winter Fair — where there are rides, reindeer and, of course, Santa Claus.

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE

Also at the institute is the much smaller Flag Coal Co. 75, a switcher tank type steam engine that resembles Thomas the Tank Engine, star of the animated chil-

dren's show *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends* on PBS. It was built by Vulcan Iron Works in 1929.

About 24 inches long and 12 feet tall, the 75 is often used for visitor rides and demonstrations. In October, it takes visitors to a pumpkin patch and in November it brings Santa Claus into town.

Freight cars and cabooses like the Pere Marquette Caboose #A909, a C & O City of Ashland Pullman Sleeper, a C & O Pullman Passenger Coach #1615, and MSTX 007 300KW Power Car are also on display.

But that's not all.

Folland said there are guided tours throughout the week, during which visitors can see railroad artifacts, photos and exhibits at the new Visitor Center and Museum, browse the Railroad History Train that has a museum inside it, or take a ride on the 100-foot long Pere Marquette turntable that was built in 1919 and is used for turning locomotives.

Also, Folland said, visitors can get inside the locomotives to look around and see how they work.

"This is the only place in the state that lets visitors get inside a working locomotive," he said. "It's certainly a unique experience."

STEAM RAILROADING INSTITUTE

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Where 405 S. Washington St., Owosso
Admission \$5

For more information, call (989) 725-9464 or visit www.mstrp.com

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Your Guide to Entertainment

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Gem Theatre
Menopause The Musical is now playing Call (313) 963 9800 for show times and information

Meadow Brook Theatre
Golf The Musical through Sunday most shows run 8 p.m. Thursday 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

Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall
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 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 reservations For more information 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 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 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 Trenken and Rochester roads in Rochester Hills Season brochures can be picked up at the box office Visit Avon Players at www.avonplayers.org

Genesis Troupe
A Little Murder Never Hurt Anyone comedy by Ronald Jay Sept 17 19 24 26 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday St. Kenneth Church Social Hall 14951 N Haggerty Plymouth \$8 adults \$5 students (734) 420 0288

Lakeland Players
Stories of Scheherazade book by Susan Pargman music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur Teen Project 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Sept 17 18 24 25 2 p.m. Sunday Sept 26 Waterford Oaks Activity Center 2800 Watkins Lake Road (248) 681 1090 www.lakelandplayerstheatre.org

Stagecrafters
Tommy continues through Sunday Oct 3 Shows 8 p.m. except Sundays at 2 p.m. Sept 16 19 23 26 and Oct 1 3 4 5 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 1 3 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

Broadway Onstage
Dead Certain a psychological thriller by Marcus Lloyd 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. on select Sundays through Oct 9 Broadway Onstage 21517 Kelly Road Eastpointe \$15 (586) 771 6333 or www.broadwayonstage.com

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre
Musical comedy *On the Town* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday September 16 18 2 p.m. Sunday Sept 19 Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre \$23 adults \$21 students and seniors all tickets \$15 on Thursday (734) 763 TKTS (734) 971 2228 or www.a2ct.org

AUDITIONS

Plymouth Community Chorus
By appointment only 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21 and 28 at Plymouth First Baptist Church 4500 North Territorial call (734)

455 4080 or visit www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org

GM Employees' Chorus
Open to anyone who loves to sing and is 18 or older no auditions Rehearsals are at Lincoln High School on Nine Mile Road one block east of Van Dyke in Warren Register 6:15 p.m. Monday Sept 20 Rehearsal follows For more information call (586) 447 2319 or visit www.gmchorus.bravepages.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

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 1/2 minutes Auditions for gymnasts 8 9 p.m. Arrive a half hour before scheduled audition time to register and warm up 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

Motor City Youth Theatre
Annie Jr Sunday Sept 19 ages 5 9 at 12:30 p.m. ages 10 16 at 1:30 p.m. Rhythm Station Dance studio 28841 Plymouth Road Livonia Bring picture resume optional wear comfortable clothes and tie up shoes Participation fee due at first rehearsal Show dates Dec 10 12 Dec 17 19 (586) 535 8962

Village Players of Birmingham
Picasso At the Lapin Agile Steve Martm'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

Youth Theater
City of Farmington Hills Youth Theatre will be auditioning students in grades 2 12 for their upcoming production of *Retrovision* 6:30 p.m. Monday Sept 27 at the Costick Activities Center 28600 W Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills Doors open 6 p.m. students will be auditioned in order of arrival and sign up Students will be taught a song to sing and will be asked to read a few lines from a given script Students selected to participate in the performance/class will need to pay a registration fee of \$120 A parent/actor meeting is scheduled 7 p.m. Monday Oct 4 2004 rehearsal schedules will be distributed at this time Show dates Nov 19 21 and will be open to the public All cast members will receive 2 complimentary tickets (248) 473 1857

Main Stage Theatre Guild
Little Shop of Horrors 6 9 p.m. Monday Sept 20 and Wednesday Sept 22 Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall 26516 Six Mile Road at Middlebelt Use the G entrance on the north side of the mall Be prepared to sing whatever you sing best Readings from script Seeking 4 men ages 18 60 7 women 18 and older (586) 344 7774

Novi Chorales
Present three Christmas concerts at nearby community churches a musical show honoring Valentine's Day spring extravaganza production in May Looking for people who love to sing audition 9 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21 or Sept 28 Call Noel Brown (248) 348 0439 before Sept 20 to make an appointment

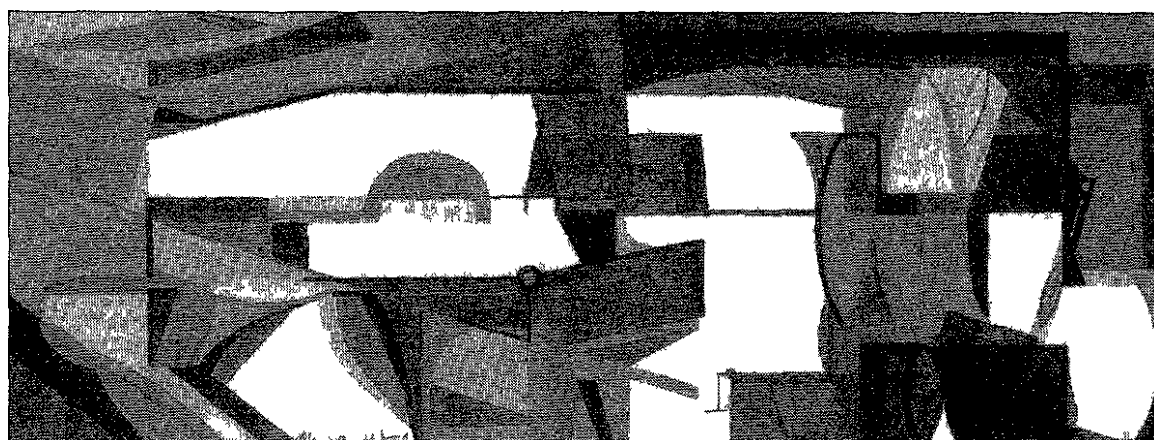
Players Guild of Dearborn
For 1776 7:30 p.m. Monday Tuesday Sept 20 21 21730 Madison near Outer Drive and Monroe Show dates Nov 12 13 Nov 19 21 Nov 26 28 Dec 3 5 (313) 561 TKTS www.playersguildofdearborn.org

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club
Connie Ettinger 9 p.m. Friday Saturday Paisano's 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeycomedy.com or www.paisano1.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Jeff Brannan 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday Improv Comedy Jamm 8 p.m. Thursday Sept 23 314 E Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 996 9080 www.aacomedy.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Jackie Flynn 8 p.m. today 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Sept 17 18 Sixties Sox Hop to benefit for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan 5 9 p.m. Sunday Sept 19 \$10 per person includes pasta dinner and soft drinks



Works on Paper 1925 1985 by Maurice Golubov are on display through Oct 23 at Lemberg Gallery 23241 Woodward Ave in Ferndale Reception 5 7 p.m. Saturday Sept 18 Call (248) 591 6623 for more information or visit www.leberggallery.com

entertainment by Jammin Jerry 269 E
Fourth Royal Oak 1 (248) 542 9900
www.comedycastle.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Michigan Renaissance Festival

Continues through Sunday Sept 26
12500 Dixie Highway Holly Exit 106 10
a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday Sunday
Admission \$16.95 adults \$7.95 kids ages
5-12 at the gate. No charge for kids 4 and
under. (800) 601 4848 or visit
www.michrenfest.com

Rock & Roll Gymnastics Championships

Featuring world champions with pop
artist JoJo 8 p.m. Saturday Sept 18 at
The Palace (248) 645 6444

Lansing Old Town Blues Fest

Nick Curran & the Nitelues David
Honeyboy Edwards James Harman
Nora Jean Bruso and Eric Culberson
headline the 10th annual festival Friday
Saturday Sept 17-18 on East Grand River
and Turner streets in Lansing's historic
Old Town district. Four stages of enter-
tainment films about blues educational
workshops craft booths ethnic foods
beer tent. Admission to the festival is
free beer tent admission \$5. Hours are
5-10 p.m. Friday 2-10 p.m. Saturday. For
more information visit www.oldtown
bluesfest.com or call (517) 371 4600

Wayne State Dance

Faculty & Friends Concert 8 p.m.
Saturday Sept 18 3 p.m. Sunday Sept
19 \$10 students with ID \$5 Maggie
Allsee Studio Theatre third floor Old
Main Building 4841 Cass Ave Detroit

Gallery Stroll

Downtown Rochester 6-9 p.m. Friday
Sept 24 features internationally known
cartoonist stops include Designhaus
Gallery 111 W Second St and The Great
Frame Up 113 W University

Disney on Ice

Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Saturday Sept 22
25 and 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday
Sept 25 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday Sept
26 The Palace \$25 \$18.50 and \$15 (248)
645 6666 (248) 377 0100

Redford Theatre

Three Stooges Festival 8 p.m. Friday
Sept 24 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday
Sept 25 organ overture 30 minutes
before film screening \$5 17360 Lahser
Road Detroit (313) 537 2560 www.red
fordtheatre.com

Detroit Zoo

Oktoberfest Village 5-10 p.m. Friday Oct
1 noon to 10 p.m. Saturday Oct 2 noon
to 5 p.m. Sunday Oct 3 Beer Garden
with Jagermeister for adults authentic
German food children's activities cook-
ing demonstrations German bands
Admission \$5 per person children under
3 free (regular zoo admission \$10.50
ages 13 to 61 \$8.50 seniors 62 and older
\$6.50 students ages 2-12 children under
2 free) The zoo is at the intersection of
10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue west
of I 696 in Royal Oak. Oktoberfest tickets
on sale now call (248) 398 0900 or visit
www.detroitzoo.org



Brian Townsend as Paul Friedman and Debbie Pletzer of Canton as Anne Miller in '6 Rms Riv Vu' a comedy by Bob Randall about two people who meet while trying to rent an unfurnished apartment in New York and fall (sort of) in love - despite the fact they are married to other people. Opens 8 p.m. Friday at the Players Guild of Dearborn 21730 Madison and continues through Oct 3. Performances 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept 18, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept 24-25, Oct 1-2, 2:30 p.m. Sunday Sept 26 and Oct 3. Tickets \$13 reserved, (313) 561-TKTS, or visit www.playersguildofdearborn.org

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

DTE Energy

Michael Bolton 7:30 p.m. Thursday Sept
23 Alan Jackson with Martina McBride
7:30 p.m. Saturday Sept 25 (248) 377
0100 information tickets (248) 645
6666 www.palacenet.com

Jerome Duncan Ford Theater at Freedom Hill

Beach Boys 7:30 p.m. Friday Sept 17
(586) 268 5100 Ticketmaster (248)
645 6666 or visit
www.freedomhill.net

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Beethoven's *Emperor* 10:45 a.m. and 8
p.m. Friday Sept 17 3 p.m. Sunday
Sept 19 The Max 3711 Woodward Ave
Detroit \$16 to \$69 (313) 576 5111 or
www.detroitssymphony.com

Orchestra Canton

Beethoven & Blue Jeans concert with
Nan Washburn conducting 8 p.m.
Saturday Sept 18 Village Theater
50400 Cherry Hill Canton \$18 adults
\$16 children and seniors (734) 394
5460 (734) 451 2112

JAZZ

Matt Michaels

With guests 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday
Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren
Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10
without dinner two drink minimum
reservations recommended (734) 762
7756 Sept 22 Louis Smith trumpet
Sept 29 Rob Pihlo vibes

The Mark Moultrup Group

Part of the B Jazz Vespers series 6-8
p.m. Sunday Sept 19 First Baptist
Church corner of Willits and Bates

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(248) 644 0550

Detroit Women in Rhythm & Blues

Led by Kate Hart all star group of R&B
singers bring their award winning review
to Oakland Community College's Orchard
Ridge Campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road
south of I 696 Farmington Hills 7:30
p.m. Friday Sept 24 \$15 (248) 522 3420

Edison's

The Blue Kings 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight
Brett Lucas Band 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Friday The Brothers Groove 9:30 p.m. to
1:30 a.m. Saturday 220 Merrill St
Birmingham (248) 645 2150

POP

Firefly

Vocalist Janis Siegel previews her new
CD *Sketches of a Broadway* 8 p.m. and
10 p.m. Saturday Sept 18 207 South
Ashley Ann Arbor \$20 (734) 665 9090
or www.fireflyclub.com

Magic Bag

Ekoos Tik Hookah 8 p.m. Friday Sept 17
\$15 the Mega 80's 8 p.m. Saturday Sept
18 21 and older \$10 8 p.m. Sunday Sept
19 Joseph Arthur with American Mars
\$13 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale
(248) 544 3030 www.themagicbag.com

John Cowley & Sons

Killer Flamingos 10 p.m. Friday Saturday
Sept 17 18 Liz Larin 10 p.m. Friday Sept
24 Exit 145 10 p.m. Saturday Sept 25
33338 Grand River Farmington (248)
474 5941 or www.johncowleys.com

FOLK/WORLD

Trinity House Theatre

Matt Watroba 8 p.m. Friday Sept 17
Annie Capps 8 p.m. Saturday Sept 18
38840 W Six Mile Road Livonia (734)
464 6302 www.trinityhouse.org

Oakland Community College Bluegrass Series

Nothin' Fancy Bluegrass Band 7:30 p.m.
Friday Sept 17 Oakland Community
College Royal Oak campus 739 S
Washington north side of Lincoln \$15
(248) 246 2420 future concert dates
Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver Oct 22
Royal Oak campus Due West Nov 21
Highland Lakes campus Waterford Illid
Tyme Out Jan 21 Orchard Ridge cam-
pus Farmington Hills Rhonda Vincent
April 8 Highland Lakes campus The
Cherryholmes Family April 29 Orchard
Ridge campus For series ticket informa-
tion call (248) 942 3241 for information
about the Sept 17 concert call (248) 246
2627

Live from the Living Room

Keith Parmentier Ted Berlinghoff 8 p.m.
Friday Sept 17 Blue Note Cafe 7 N
Saginaw Pontiac \$5 donation (248) 451
0765

The Majestic Cafe

Flamenco Spanish music and dance 9
p.m. Wednesdays 4140 Woodward Ave
Detroit (313) 833 9700

ART SHOWS/ GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Ferndale Fine Art Show & Food Festival

Juried show with 90 artists tastes of
seven Ferndale restaurants performanc-
es by local bands 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday Sept 18 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday Sept 19 on Nine Mile Road at
Woodward

Cherry Hill Invitational

Fine art and antique fair 10 a.m. to 6
p.m. Saturday Sept 18 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday Sept 19 northwest corner of
Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads Canton

District Arts Gallery,

Photographs drawings and sculpture by
Scott Hocking through Oct 16 Reception

for the artist 5-9 p.m. Saturday Sept 18
Artist's talk 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Sept
22 955 S Eton St in the Rail District
east of downtown Birmingham at the
corner of Cole Gallery hours are 11 a.m.
to 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday or by
appointment (248) 258 9300

Revolution

Works by artists Patrick Burton and Jae
Won Lee through Oct 23 Opening recep-
tion 5-7 p.m. Saturday Sept 18 23257
Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 541 3444
www.revolutn.com Gallery hours 11 a.m.
to 6 p.m. Tuesday Saturday

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Chris Hyndman John Corbin Sept 17 to
Nov 6 artist reception 6-8 p.m. sound
performance by Brain Schorn 7 p.m.
Friday Sept 17 700 Livernois Ferndale
(248) 541 4700 gallery hours are 10 a.m.
to 6 p.m. Tuesday Saturday

Elaine L. Jacob Gallery

Cuba from the Inside Looking Out Sept
17 to Oct 22 opening reception 5-8 p.m.
Friday Sept 17 480 W Hancock Detroit
Wayne State University campus (313)
993 7813

Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery

Benefit silent auction/treasure sale 1-6
p.m. Saturday Sept 18 33 E Adams just
east of Woodward Detroit (313) 963
7575

Kick-off Party for Detroit Art Parade

At Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit
5141 Rosa Parks Blvd Detroit 8 p.m. to 2
a.m. Friday Sept 17 No cover before 10
p.m. \$5 cover after 10 p.m. Listen to
local bands and DJs raffle benefits the
Detroit Art Parade taking beginning 11
a.m. Sunday Sept 26 Pledged partici-
pants will meet in front of the Detroit
Institute of Arts then travel along
Woodward Avenue to Nine Mile Road in
Ferndale on the east sidewalk After the
parade there will be a Ferndale Pub
Crawl (313) 832 8540 www.detroitartpa
rade.org

Rivers Edge Gallery

Seven in Wyandotte meet the artists 6-9
p.m. Friday Sept 17 3024 Biddle (734)
246 9880

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

The Secret Life of Suburbia Paintings by
Deborah Sukenic to Oct 10 artist's lec-
ture 2 p.m. Sunday Sept 26 208 Wilson
Hall Oakland University Rochester Hills
(248) 370 3005 www.oakland.edu/mbag

DANCE

Polka Boosters Club

Dinner dance 3-11 p.m. Sunday Sept 19
Msgr Hunt K of C Hall 7080 Garling Dr
Dearborn Heights \$20 (734) 422 1901
(586) 751 2834

Moondusters

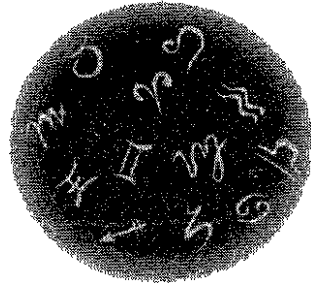
Moondusters will host ballroom dancing
to live bands featuring popular swing
fox trot waltz cha cha and others 8-30
11:30 p.m. every Saturday \$6 dressy
attire Singles and married Meet at the
Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington
Road and Five Mile Livonia Ballroom
dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Saturday call Joe
(248) 968 5197

Horoscope



Star Struck

(Sept 16 - Sept 18)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

It's not like you to let anxieties get the better of you, but you've had more than your share lately. What happens around the time when the Sun changes signs on the 22nd will prove that your worries aren't worth the effort. Although busier than ever, autumn delivers more dollars.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You've had your fill of people trying to burst your bubble and drag you down lately. Bull! Now with the Moon opposing your Sun, you're going to do what makes you happy, whether others approve or not. Life's too short to worry about what others think, so think about yourself for a change!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You may think that you're a free thinker, but you follow the crowd more often than not. At this time with the Sun soon entering your element, however, something will happen that compels you to ask serious questions about the values you take for granted. The answers will surprise you.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Don't fret about falling outs with others because disagreements are inevitable. Worry instead about giving the impression that you're too easygoing or easily manipulated. Every now and then, it's a good idea to remind others that Crabs can be... well, real crabby too.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If something you've been working on seems to be falling apart at this time, don't try to salvage it - help it fall apart faster! Common sense should tell you that the situation was dubious or doomed from the get-go, so simply learn what you can and move forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

It's now or never for a change you've been considering, kiddo. It may be a drastic change or simply a gesture, either way, it must enhance your life and free you from some ongoing restrictions. Just make sure that your decision is based on that good ol' Virgoean logic and common sense.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

A family or authority figure may spring a surprise now, so you may have to rearrange your plans. Since the surprise is likely to benefit you in the long term, don't let resentment inhibit its development. The Sun enters your sign next week, so think positively and laterally, don't groan or gripe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You want to break out of a financial rut, but you're too scared because you fear insecurity, right? You can't go on like this forever. It's time to decide whether to stay with what you trust or risk everything on something new. Think coolly, conservatively, and carefully now, Scorpio!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

No matter how mellow a Sadge you might be, you must look out for your interests now. If you have any doubts about a partnership or relationship, they'll come to head over the next seven days. The good news is that you've been worrying for no reason.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

If partners or colleagues try to stop you from following your dreams at this time, you're obviously on the right track. Cap! The more they don't want you to pursue a certain course of action, the more likely it is that it's the right thing to do. Are they afraid you'll succeed?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

If you let your fears get the best of you at this time, you'll become paralyzed. Whatever your suspicions, there's no great conspiracy with you as the target. On the contrary, you've never been more respected. Lighten up, Water Bearer, you've played it safe long enough!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You may lack confidence in yourself over the coming days with the Moon in your element, but you must make it seem to others that you don't have a doubt in the world. If they sense you're not sure of yourself, your authority will rapidly go downhill. Fish.

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Pure Picks

Selected from the realms of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

Album

I've probably seen **Saturday Looks Good To Me** play over 20 times in the two odd years I've lived in Detroit. Which means I've seen three or four incarnations (or maybe more) of the ever-changing lineup led by frontman and all-around sweetheart Fred Thomas. I got a little scared when Thomas dropped his last group of players this spring, with whom he recorded last year's brilliant *All Your Summer Songs*, opting for three new boys for a bit and playing shows that sounded a little more power pop than one might expect from a songcrafty indie pop outfit. But then things got awesome again, cause Thomas added vocalist Betty Barnes, who basically starts fires with her voice.



This is Saturday Looks Good to Me or as the hip kids refer to them SLGTM

Needless to say, I really like this band. And I'm really happy they have a new full-length out. It's their third, it's called *Every Night*. It's on Polyvinyl. It has two versions. Yeah, that's right, two versions. Record geeks will appreciate that the wax and CD version of the album are different - everything from the arrangement to the vocalists to the instruments used are different.

This is generally the part of the write-up where I talk about how much I love the album. And I do, from what I've heard. But I gotta be honest with you guys, I haven't been able to sit down and absorb all of this album thoroughly - though a boy did play the majority of the CD version for me in a car (and seriously, that is maybe the perfect way to hear a SLGTM album, with a boy in a car driving around late at night with a show hangover).

Anyway, this is what I can tell you. My favorite song so far is *When the Party Ends* - a small change of direction from the usually revival-heavy pop arrangements that get Thomas the comparisons to Phil Spector. Though that's not entirely accurate either, because this song definitely has that genius way to put a stringed instrument in there to fill out the sound moment. Elsewhere, Thomas returns and tweaks the songwriting that wears its heart on its sleeve.

To celebrate the new disc and SLGTM's all-around good time giving, there is a record release party Friday at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. Cover is \$8. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. 18 and up. The Sunshine Fix and All Night Push also will perform.

To hear five tracks from the two versions, click on www.polyvinylrecords.com/slgtm_hidden - but if you download them and like them, please buy the album. OK? Indie musicians need to pay the bills. You can buy it at local record stores or online at www.insound.com. For more on the band, check out www.saturdaylooksgoodtome.com.

Show

Luckily (?) I work late this Friday night, so I don't have to choose between the SLGTM and **The Trembling** record release shows. But if you like power pop and want to go see my friend Monday and his totally rad band, then Friday is your day to shine. Their new disc is called *Art for the Masses*, and if you thought I didn't know much about the previous record, I'm not even sure if I got the name right on this one. The Trembling will appear with The Recital (who I was totally impressed with at Summer Smash) and either El Boxeo or Ryan Powell (who cares? They are both great) at the Lager House, 1254 Michigan Ave. in Detroit. The show starts at 10 p.m. Cover is \$5.21 and up.

Online

It's at this point that I become so embarrassed by the quality of this column that I start yelling at myself in third person. So Stephanie, what do you know about?

OK, I know a lot about blogs. In fact, when it gets all boring in the winter, Pure Picks will be presenting a special blog-only picks. For those of you unfamiliar with the term (though who could escape their coverage at the Democratic Convention this year?) a blog is basically the word used to cover everything from those whiny online personal journals to the more sophisticated (er, maybe) news logs like Drudge report (www.drudgereport.com) and Gawker (www.gawker.com).

One of the best blogs is **The Black Table** (www.blacktable.com). The Black Table is funny. Like, funny ha ha. Weekly features include a Craigslist roundup, a weekly Incoming column that dissects everything of importance in the coming week, and The Black List. The Black List is possibly the best column on the Web right now. It's basically paragraph reviews of events, whether personal or national. Recent topics have included Having a Hot Boss, which received an A grade, and People Who Clap at the Movies, which received a D.

If that isn't enough to get you to click there, they now have my favorite columnist/writer Will Leitch, who used to write *Life as a Loser* for Ironminds (www.ironminds.com, went belly up in 2001) and other spaces. (See, I did know something about something.)

But it's not always the same old around here, they also have daily feature stories and essays that are often hilarious and often hit far too close to home. (Please see *Awkward is the New Black*, <http://www.blacktable.com/ashour040617.htm>) I'm running out of room. Just go there.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who so totally expects to be fired from this column today. Send information regarding local entertainment events to stardy@oe.homecomm.net. Bribes will not be accepted unless it's something really fancy.

On stage

Always playing

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Planet Ant Theatre's season is as bold as ever

Is Planet Ant Theatre fearless? In a world where theater is a tough sell and directors often succumb to bottom-line concerns, Planet Ant in Hamtramck trudges forward seemingly immune

The 2004-2005 season, which opens this Friday, is no different

Up first is an original work, *Waking the Witch*. Not only does it feature an all-female cast and tackle the subject of feminine power, but the plot line stems from the five actresses' personal stories and improvisational work

Planet Ant's artistic director, York Griffith, is anything but fazed by the novel production, which runs through Oct. 10. Unconventional techniques, bold casting choices and unusual works are standard fare at Planet Ant

"We're the only theater taking risks - a lot of people say this to me," said Griffith. But I don't see it."

Perhaps the reason is that most of Planet Ant's artistic successes also do well at the box office

For instance, the theater's alternative version of *The Wizard of Oz*, created last season under Griffith's direction, did so well, selling out most nights, that the production is running again this year, Nov. 12 through Dec. 19, in a larger venue, the Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit

Prior to *Oz*, American playwright Neil

WOMEN WITCHES

What: *Waking the Witch* original work based on women's personal stories to open Planet Ant Theatre's 2004-2005 season

When: Sept. 17 through Oct. 10 shows at 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday

Where: Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck

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LaBute's *The Shape of Things*, shows Nov. 5-28. The play, which was made into a movie, tracks the relationship between a female college art student and a young man who changes to please her, going so far as getting a nose job

It tackles the question: What is art, and how far should you go to change yourself for someone? Griffith said, adding that LaBute's work is "so honest that it's almost infuriating."

Up next is an original comedy, the 15th show in the Planet Ant series, opening Dec. 17 and continuing through Jan. 9. Another installment in the series, which is



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The 'Waking the Witch' cast (from left), Kate Orr, Nicole Bowman, Susan Berch, Yoiana Jack and Maureen Biermann, share their personal stories in the original production, which was conceived of and directed by Kate Peckham

based on improvisation, plays May 13 through June 5

In between comedy gigs is another original work, *Untitled Parts 1 & 2: The Architect and The Storyteller* by Planet Ant founding member and executive director Eric W. Maher, opening Jan. 28

"It's a cycle, and it's extremely allegorical," Griffith said of the work. "But it's specific enough that you don't get lost, and there are some very beautiful things that happen." The lead character, a male architect, meets three female muses. But rather than the male figure drawing off the women, the muses need the architect to become a storyteller in order to complete their stories

There's also *Usher*, an alternative take on Edgar Allan Poe's *The Fall of The House of Usher* with live music, opening March 18, and *Manny and the Mirror*, a rock opera with a Detroit music feel, opening April 15

"I like to have a mosaic, to have different visions and artistic sensibilities," Griffith said of the diverse lineup. Ironically, not a single play was assigned by Griffith. Rather, each was chosen by its director and approved by the artistic director

Sounds a little haphazard. What gives? Believe it or not, there's a method behind Griffith's madness. He wants his directors to love what they're doing. A director should be willing to stand on a street corner and sell his or her own show

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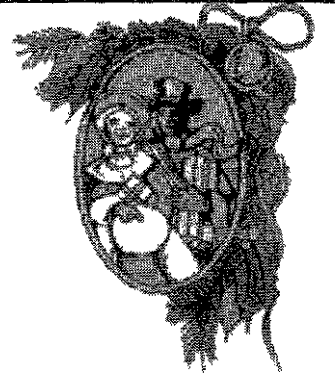
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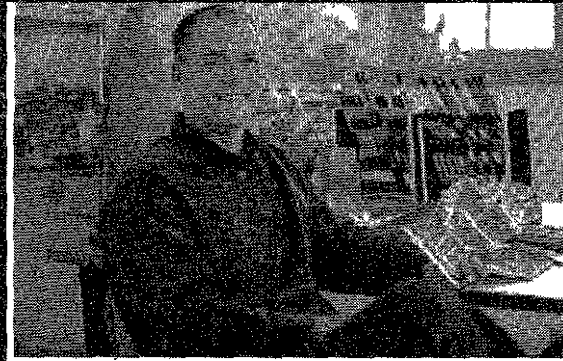
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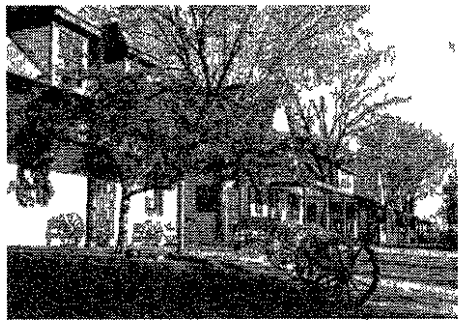
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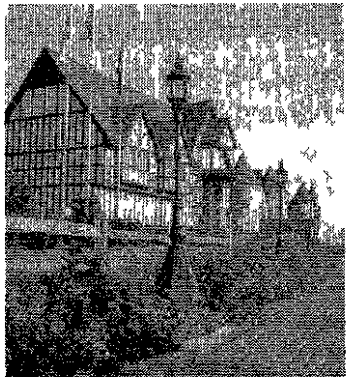
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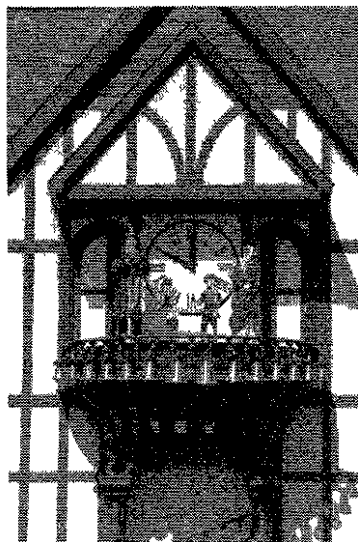


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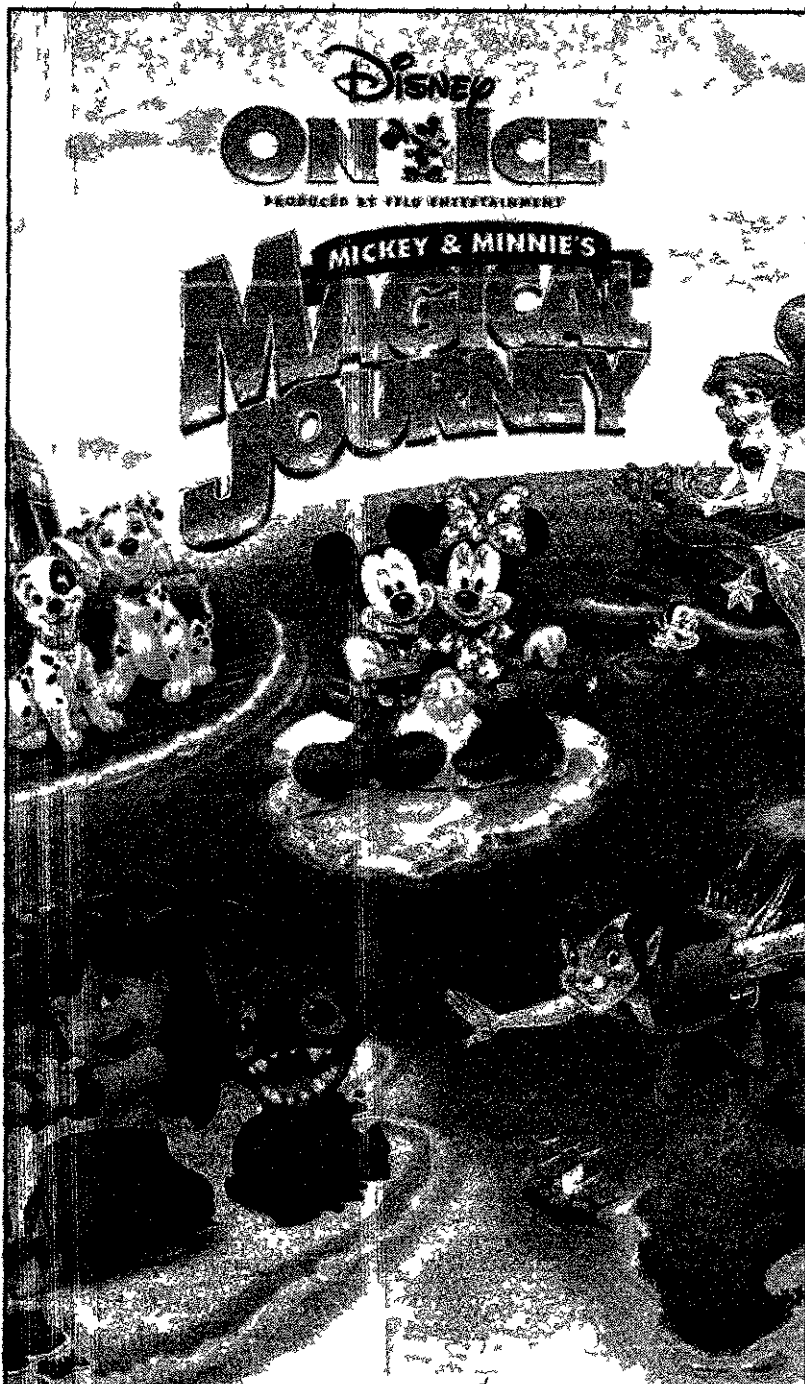
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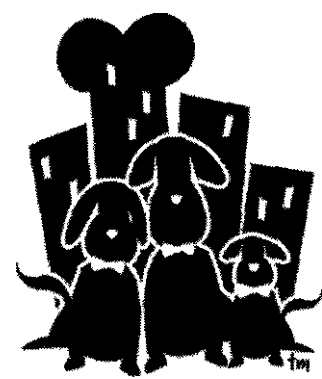
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