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Locals tapped to help in fiery explosion

**Firefighters,
Salvation Army
part of team**

BY BRAD KADRICH AND TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITERS

Plymouth Community firefighter Pete Bukis was on duty when he got a call from his fiancée Tuesday night, telling him about the big "bang" that rocked the city of Wayne around 9 p.m.

At the same time, Plymouth Salvation Army Maj. Bill Hogg was watching the explosions and fire unfold on television, and knew the call would come soon.

What was initially reported by at least one radio station as a plane crash turned out to be an explosion at EQ Resource Recovery, a Romulus chemical plant which recycles paint solvents for the automobile industry and propylene glycol used in the deicing of airplanes and handles oil and waste water treatment.

Once he knew what had happened, Bukis, anticipating an evacuation by city officials, suggested his fiancée go to her grandmother's house.

Shortly thereafter, Bukis himself was down at the site, helping in his role as part of the Wayne County Hazardous Materials team. He and fellow firefighter Rick Abraham reported to the scene late Tuesday night.

"She called and said there'd been a huge explosion," Bukis said of his fiancée. "We didn't know what was going on. I figured they'd evacuate, so I just told her to get out of there, go to her grandmother's house."

Meanwhile, Bukis was on scene as part of the haz-mat team's decontamination team. Abraham said there wasn't much to do early on, because officials wanted to wait for daylight to determine exactly what the situation was.

"We waited for the guys to go in and scrubbed them down when they came out," said Abraham. "We stayed up all night waiting for the thing to burn down. A lot of it was wait-and-see until morning, because they didn't want to go into that atmosphere until they could see what they had."

With help coming from as close as Wayne and as far away as Farmington Hills, a number of agencies were involved in the aftermath of the explosion. According to Plymouth's firefighters, that coordination was a key ingredient.

The large fire and toxic atmosphere made it a charged situation, and the Environmental Protection Agency quickly took control, according to Bukis.

"The number of departments and resources there was

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The fire at the EQ Resource Recovery plant in Romulus sent balls of fire and smoke hundreds of feet into the air Tuesday night.

Company searches for answers to devastating fire

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The full story of Tuesday night's explosion and the future of EQ Resource Recovery won't be known until national and state officials and managers figure out why it happened.

The goal, according to

Dan Gilbert, EQ's director of communications, is to get the business "back up to where it was."

"It will take a significant amount of time and a significant amount of money to pick everything up and get it back together," said Gilbert.

"Obviously, this is not

something we like to see happen. We take safety seriously."

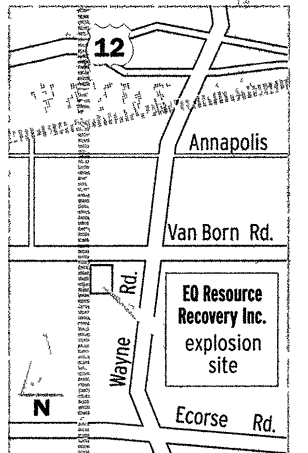
EQ officials are at a loss to explain what happened.

Once the Romulus Fire Department says it is safe to enter the complex on Van Born west of Wayne Road, they will begin the task of piecing it together.

"The eight people (employees on site at the time) said they heard sounds, smelled smells and then an alarm went off," Gilbert said.

"We'll take what they said and our ability to get on site and develop clues."

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District races to get bond renovations done

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Maureen Visser, a kindergarten teacher at Smith Elementary, is usually back to school in early August preparing her classroom for the coming school year, several weeks before teachers are contractually required to report to work.

However, Visser and her colleagues at Smith, Allen and Bird elementaries will have to wait until Aug. 25 - just four days before classes begin - as the three buildings are under reconstruction, part of the \$109 million bond issue passed by Plymouth-Canton Schools voters last September.

"We've got separation anxiety because we can't be in there like we normally could," said Visser, who has taught at Smith for six of her



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior project manager Doug Underwood explains the upgrades to the Smith School gymnasium to school board members Judy Mardigan and Barry Simescu.

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City, township talking costs in new fire department deal

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Despite all the recent rhetoric between government leaders of Plymouth and Plymouth Township revolving around terms of the current fire department contract, both sides appear to have walked away from the first day of contract discussions optimistic a new deal can be reached before the end of the year.

The current 10-year contract, in which the township pays 75 percent and the city 25 percent of the costs related to the Plymouth Community Fire Department, expires at the end of 2006. City officials say they need to reduce their costs to remain part of the agreement.

"We ended up in agreement that both sides need each other," Plymouth City Commissioner Ron Loiselle said. "I think the Joint Services Committee will come up with a workable agreement."

Loiselle and Mayor Stella Greene represent the city on the Joint Services Committee. Township Supervisor Richard Reaume and Trustee Bob Doroshewitz are negotiating for the township.

While Loiselle said he expects the new fire department contract to be similar in nature to the current pact, cost-cutting will take center stage.

"The current contract has a

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Coming Sunday
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Exclusive interview with Fash Bash designer, Carlos Miele

Blood Drive change

The Plymouth District Library will be the site of an upcoming American Red Cross blood drive.

Previously scheduled for Aug. 25, the drive has been rescheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2. The schedule sign-up sheet is in the lobby of the library, but walk-ins are welcome, too.

For more information, call 734-453-0750, Ext. 242.

Yard sale

The Plymouth Knights of Columbus host a yard sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

The event will feature tables, chairs, miscellaneous restaurant equipment and furniture. The public is welcome to rent space for \$10.

For more information, call (734) 748-2980.

Chamber events

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the fifth annual Plymouth After Dark event 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, coinciding with the weekly Music in the Air concert series in Kellogg Park, which on this night features Rock's Gang with '50s hits.

The concert starts at 7 p.m.

The event also features tours of downtown Plymouth, music on the street corners, carriage rides and appearances by "movie stars."

■ **Ladies' Night Out** — Set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, this event is designed to provide women a chance to shop and be pampered.

For more information on these events, call the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.

Youth applications

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting applications for new members. Applications can be obtained in the city manager's office at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. Applications are due by Aug. 19.

The PCYAC is made up of 11 members plus alternates. To qualify for the commission, youths must be students in seventh through 11th grades who reside in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township, and motivated to contribute to the Plymouth community.

The PCYAC recently raised \$327 selling bottled water at the Friday night Music in the Air concert, to be donated for a new fountain in Kellogg Park. The youth commission also raised money during the

Plymouth Fall Festival and chili cook-off, donated holiday gifts to needy families and issued a resolution in support of the city's new liquor license ordinance.

School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is looking for donations of school supplies from crayons and construction paper to binders and calculators.

These supplies will be distributed to children of all ages from kindergartners to seniors in high school. Back packs are especially needed.

All donations are welcomed and can be dropped off at The Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Girl scout grant

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor awarded Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council a \$4,000 grant to send 24 low-income girls to summer day camp or overnight camp. Girl Scouts camp gives girls of all ages the opportunity to embrace nature and explore their surroundings while having fun.

Every summer the Girl Scouts provides financial assistance to girls who want to go to camp. "Thanks to the support of the Kiwanis Club, the grant monies will help us to reach out to more girls that are less fortunate, and provide them with a priceless camping experience," said Gail Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council serves 1 in 5 girls in Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw and western Wayne and Oakland counties. For more information, visit the Web site at www.gshvc.org or call (800) 49-SCOUT.

Open house

Chrissy Detary, a local Creative Memories consultant, hosts an open house 10 a.m. to



On stage

Friends of the Penn host a concert by the local band Phoenix at a rally designed to help save the Penn Theatre at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. The concert will also feature Jazz Fusion Experiment. Phoenix, composed of high school and college students all former members of the band at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, performs a variety of music from rock to jazz and features a nine-person horn section along with drums, electric bass and electric guitar. For more information on the rally, call (734) 453-2781.

8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at 689 Deer Street in Plymouth.

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Admission to the open house is free. For more information, e-mail Detary at cldetary@hotmail.com or call (734) 454-4321 or (734) 578-5856.

More information about Creative Memories and its products can be found on the company's Web site at www.creativememories.com

Brick sale

The Salem Student Congress at Salem High School is sponsoring an "Adopt-a-Brick" program to replace the walkway in front of the high school building.

The bricks are 4-by-8 inches, with room for up to three lines (12 characters per line, including spaces) for an inscription by the buyer. Bricks are available for \$50 apiece.

Anyone wishing to become or remain part of Salem High School's history should send a check, along with the desired inscription, to Lauren Cummings at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Deadline for ordering the bricks is Sept. 30.

Rockette golf

The Salem Rockettes host their annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 20 at Salem Hills Golf Club.

The event, which starts with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, features a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. Cost is \$100 per golfer, which includes golf with cart, contests, prizes and a

buffet dinner.

For more information, call Bob Koehler, (734) 459-5164, or Bob Chamberlain, (734) 451-2209.

Oldtimers' picnic

The Plymouth Oldtimers' Picnic is scheduled for noon Thursday, Aug. 25 in the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park.

The meal is to be catered. Plymouth Township Park is located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

For reservations and more information, call Robert Sharland, (734) 453-4661.

Blood drive

Independence Village of Plymouth hosts a blood drive to benefit Friends of the Penn from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

A donation will be made for each pint of blood to the group dedicated to saving the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Appointments can be made by calling (734) 453-2600.

Independence Village of Plymouth is located at 14707 Northville Road.

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MEDICARE MAKES FRACTURE THERAPY MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE

While the human body can normally heal a broken bone in 2-3 months, older patients can take longer to heal (non-union fractures). However, new technology may help. Medicare coverage has been expanded to pay for ultrasound treatments that help mend broken bones in beneficiaries whose fractures will not heal, in addition to those who have undergone failed surgery. In 2000, the nation's health insurance program for the elderly and disabled only agreed to pay for the ultrasound stimulation therapy after surgery failed to help. Recently, however, manufacturers of the Exogen Bone Healing System asked the agency to reconsider the limitation on use of the equipment on the basis of its claim that it could help broken bones heal faster.

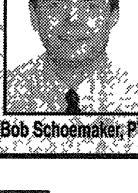
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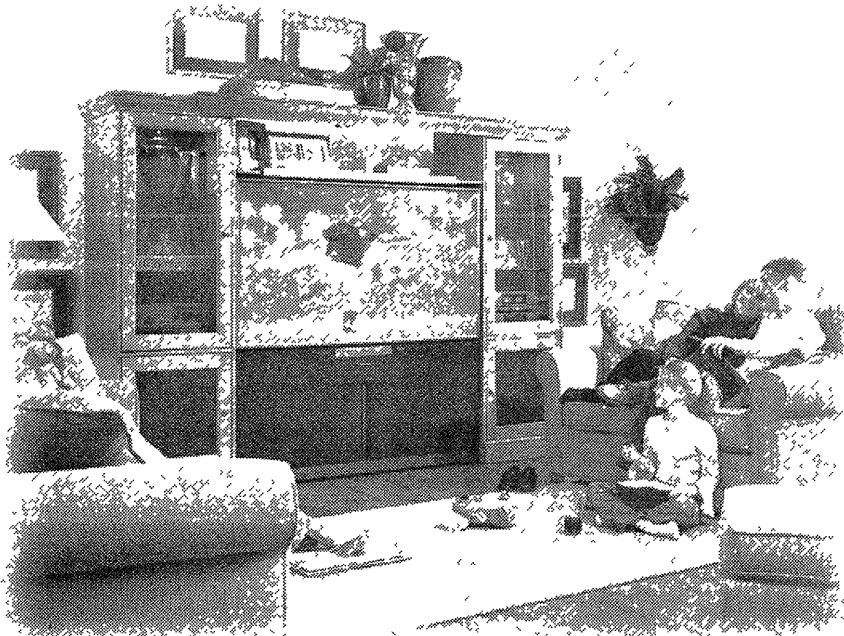
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EXPLOSION

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EXPLOSIONS HEARD

The explosions and subsequent fire broke out after 9 p.m. in the tank farm where dirty purged paint solvents are stored. Explosions were heard throughout the evening, and an adjoining drum building, where 55-gallon drums of material are taken in, was "significantly affected" by the fire, Gilbert said.

Potentially hazardous fumes from the inferno drove hundreds of nearby residents from their homes.

The facility, which has been there since the 1960s and was bought by The Environmental Quality Co. in 1986, recycles paint solvents for the automobile industry and propylene glycol used in the deicing of airplanes, and handles oil and waste water treatment. The recycling of used paint solvents and deicing liquids is the plant's major operations.

EQ's 50 employees were given Wednesday off, and Gilbert said every effort will be made to keep as many working as possible. It also will work with its customers to meet their needs.

One customer that is watching the situation closely is Detroit Metro Airport, which has been selling its spent deicing liquid to EQ for five years.

"We are very concerned," said airport spokesman Michael Conway. "We literally have to wait until the smoke clears. We'll have to find a storage area until EQ is up and running again, but we have enough time to develop a contingency."

According to Conway, the airport, for five consecutive years, has recycled more deicer than any airport in the world. Part of that success is because of the facility's close proximity to EQ.

"EQ is an excellent company and has done an excellent job of recycling the deicing liquid," said Conway.

"They have been a loyal and valued partner in our endeavor to be a worldwide leader in recycling."

The explosions and fire didn't impact flights in and out of the airport, although Conway did spend the first few minutes after it happened determining that it hadn't been a plane crash as reported by a local radio station.

While EQ comes to the airport to retrieve the used deicer from special deicing pads, it was the airport that went to EQ Tuesday night. Conway said the airport's mobile command truck, some officers and a foam truck responded to the emergency as part of the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Association.

HELPING TO RESPOND

In fact, help came from as close as the city of Wayne to as far away as Farmington Hills. The department is in Oakland County, but participates in the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Association.

'Probably the idea of a terrorist attack entered many minds at some point, but early on people became comfortable that this was an equipment malfunction or isolated incident.'

John Roach
Wayne County Sheriff spokesman

Deputy Chief Kevin Bersche said two fire inspectors from the Hills department responded to the scene as part of the 12-community mutual aid team. Inspectors Mike Kish and Steve Biebel were still at the scene on Wednesday morning.

Westland firefighters were among the hazardous materials team members that did air-monitoring in Westland, Wayne and Garden City, said Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

Westland also had its emergency operation center on standby at City Hall, and the Bailey Recreation Center and the senior citizen Friendship Center were ready to accept evacuees, although the facilities ultimately weren't needed.

"We instructed any residents who called 9-1-1 to close their windows, turn off their air conditioners and stay inside," Reddy said. "But our area was not directly involved. We weren't in any contaminated zone or hazardous zone. However, we were prepared, and the city was ready to react."

A trio of Livonia firefighters - Shadd Whitehead, Mike Magda and Jon Unruh - worked overnight and into Wednesday morning at the explosion site as part of the hazmat team.

The department also was prepared to send trucks and equipment to Romulus if called, but there was enough mutual aid help provided by fire agencies closest to the plant, according to Livonia Fire Marshal Andrew Walker.

WORRIES ARISE

The fire may well be the largest such incident to happen in Wayne County, said John Roach, Wayne County Sheriff spokesman. There have been lesser incidents at the Fermi II nuclear power plant in Monroe County and a fuel refinery fire Downriver, but nothing like this.

"Probably the idea of a terrorist attack entered many minds at some point, but early on people became comfortable that this was an equipment malfunction or isolated incident," he said.

"We're going to figure out what happened and put those things in place so it doesn't happen again," EQ's Gilbert said.

Staff writers Darrell Clem, Stacy Jenkins and Dan West contributed to this story

Evacuees grateful for shelter, but eager to get back home

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Tired after a sleepless night in an emergency shelter, 75-year-old Pearl Pancake anxiously waited Wednesday morning to return to the Wayne home she evacuated during a chemical plant explosion in her neighborhood.

She lost her husband of 31 years, Tony, in May, and now this.

"I want to go home and see how Baby, my little poodle, is doing," Pancake said. "She hasn't been the same since I lost my husband."

"And I have to get home so I can go to church tonight," she added. "I don't miss church."

Pancake spent the night at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium with two of her friends and neighbors, Imogene Williams, 80, and Vera Cannon, 83.

"I'm glad we had someplace to go," said Williams, holding a cup of coffee and a bagel that the Westland-based Salvation Army brought to the shelter. "We've had good treatment and good food."

GRANDCHILDREN COME ALONG

Williams had three great-grandchildren at her house Tuesday night when explosions ripped through EQ Resource Recovery Inc., just a half-mile from her home.

Her car was in the repair shop, but she and her little ones escaped with Pancake.

"My great-grandchildren were so glad to see Pearl. They just love her, and they were worried about her," Williams said, choking back tears. "I was nervous. I was in shock."

Unlike Pancake and Williams, Cannon managed to rest a little during the night.

"I slept on a cot with a blanket. I must have slept two or three hours," she said.

HUNDREDS SEEK SHELTER

Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Matthew O'Neil,



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Wayne residents Vera Cannon, 83 (left to right), Imogene Williams, 80, and Pearl Pancake, 75, spent the night at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium after evacuating their homes due to the nearby chemical fire.

standing outside of a mobile canteen where he was serving food Wednesday morning, estimated that 200-300 people sought shelter at Stockmeyer Auditorium. Some evacuees spent the night in hotels.

O'Neil urged anyone who wants to donate to help offset emergency expenses to call (877) SAL-MICH.

Lisa Stubbe, 27, and six of her family members slept overnight in her Dodge van. They refused to pay \$149 for a hotel room they checked on, and Stubbe couldn't take her dog, Pepsi, into an emergency shelter.

"It was rough trying to sleep," the Wayne resident said, standing outside of Stockmeyer Auditorium, where her family ate food brought in by McDonald's.

Stubbe's fiancé, 32-year-old Doug Dagley, rode his bicycle toward the chemical plant after the explosion rocked the Wayne neighborhood.

"There was black stuff all over the ground," he said.

"It wasn't like soot. It was

chunks of black stuff. People were everywhere."

Stubbe's mother, 51-year-old Liz Stubbe, was visiting from St. Cloud, Fla., with her fiancé, Dan Zapico, when she saw the explosion from their motor home.

"That explosion is etched in my mind forever," Liz Stubbe said. "I thought a plane had gone down. I heard a big noise before the explosion, and then there was this big ball of flames. It was very loud."

As of Wednesday afternoon, the Stubbes still hadn't received permission to return to their neighborhood.

"We're all tired," Lisa Stubbe said. "We just want to go home, but we can't."

They waited, like Pancake and others.

"I'm worried about Baby," Pancake said of her poodle. "She doesn't eat dog food. You know what I feed her? Bologna. I cut it up for her. I know she's probably hungry."

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5-percent yearly increase, but city revenues aren't going up 5 percent a year, so we can't afford that," Loiselle said. "We may have to look at cutting costs, and may opt out of certain services. We're looking at all options and service levels to make the contract more affordable to the city."

This year's fire department budget is \$3.8 million. The city has budgeted \$979,000 for fire services this fiscal year.

Reaume said considering the financial times, he believes a 5-percent annual increase in the fire department budget has been reasonable.

"Considering wages have gone up 3 percent, health care 12 to 14 percent, fuel 25 to 50 percent and staffing levels have gone up 33 percent, keeping the increase an average 5.38 percent over the nine years of the agreement is remarkable," Reaume said. "I think both parties have done an outstanding job of managing the growth."

Reaume noted one option could be the city opting out of medical transports, which has

been a concern for city commissioners who believe they drive up costs and leave fewer firefighters available to put out fires.

"They could opt to have HVA (Huron Valley Ambulance) do all the medical transports within the city and buy fire protection only," Reaume said. "At this point, you have to evaluate all options."

Doroshewitz said medical transports, of which the Plymouth Community Fire Department does for about 10-12 percent of its runs, is a concern for him, also.

"We shouldn't be in the business of trying to make money with our fire department," Doroshewitz said. "I share the concern that public safety comes first, ahead of any revenue it produces."

Greene said the two sides have more common areas, rather than differences, than one might think.

"We put everything on the table, and we're committed to having something definitive to take back to our mutual bodies before the end of December," Greene said. "Our first concern is making sure we have high-quality fire services, and putting our mutual residents first."

DISTRICT

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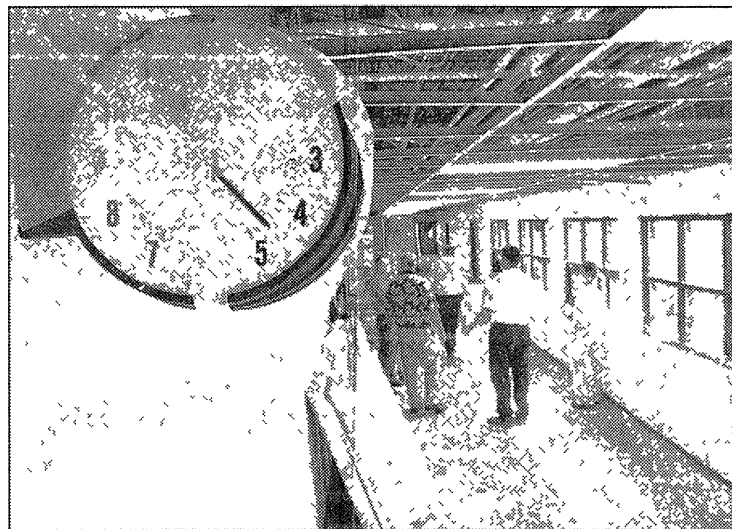
20 years in teaching. "We recently got together as a staff and there's a lot of excitement in the air about being in a fresh, new building."

All three schools are expected to be open on time, according to Doug Underwood, senior project manager at McCarthy & Smith Inc.

"The work in these buildings was to bring them up to current energy codes and energy efficiency within the buildings, with unit ventilators, air conditioning and new windows," Underwood said. "As part of this work, we're updating the painting, floor coverings and electrical."

Visser, a member of the Smith building committee which worked with the staff and contractor during planning for the project, helped choose the gray and blue tile floor, trim and colors for the area rugs that will replace room carpeting.

"There was a lot of leaking in one of the hallways, which made the carpet wet and not very safe," said Visser. "We're



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School board members and the assistant superintendent for administrative services Ken Jacobs toured several elementary schools to see how reconstruction has progressed. The district expects the buildings to be ready for the start of school.

very concerned about children with allergies. It's very important to get rid of the moldy carpet and have a better air flow system."

Susan Justice, who has spent the past 12 years teaching kindergarten at Smith, said the air conditioning units in each room will be a welcome relief.

"(The month of) May was not a whole lot of fun teaching 5-year-olds in 95 degree temperatures, without air conditioning," said Justice. "Nobody wanted to do anything."

make it seem more spacious, and a better learning environment for everyone," she said.

Underwood said when the construction is completed, the schools will have four times as many windows as before.

Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services, said he had some anxiety of his own this summer, concerned the buildings wouldn't be ready by Aug. 29, the first day of class for students.

"I didn't think there was any way we were going to be ready, but there's a big difference

every day," said Jacobs. "We expect most of the work to be done, but we won't be complete. We'll still have some caulking and boilers won't be installed, and exterior doors won't be installed. A lot of that work will be done after school starts, but during off hours."

School board members Barry Simescu, Mark Slavens and Judy Mardigian toured the three buildings to get an update on construction.

"I'm really overwhelmed by the dramatic changes they will have in all these schools," said Mardigian. "There will be much more light with all the new windows, as well as energy efficiency. It will be a very comfortable learning environment with the window ventilators and improved lighting."

Simescu said he had his doubts, but is confident the buildings will be open on time.

"It looks like we're in good shape," said Simescu. "I was a little nervous, but I'm pleased with the way it's progressing."

Other bond projects this summer include new roofs at Eriksson, Field and Hulsing elementaries, as well as Pioneer Middle School.

Almost all the buildings in the district will receive improvements over the next six years as part of the \$109 million bond.

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Redford driver cited in crash that injured pair

Two people were taken to the hospital and one man was ticketed for causing a crash involving a truck and a Buick Cutlass Ciera that disrupted traffic on Ann Arbor Road at I-275 Friday afternoon.

Carmen May of Canton was driving along Ann Arbor Road and had stopped at the light at I-275. A 1996 Ford 250 Super Duty truck, driven by Corey Woodcox of Redford, slammed into her Cutlass.

According to Plymouth Township Police Lt. Bob Antal, Woodcox said he'd "taken his eyes off the road for a minute"



Two people were taken to the hospital and one man was ticketed for causing this crash on Ann Arbor Road at I-275 Friday afternoon.

and hadn't seen May's Cutlass and a 1994 Chrysler Concorde, driven by Adrianna Nava, stopped.

The accident sent both May and Nava to St. Mary Mercy

Hospital in Livonia with minor injuries. Woodcox was not injured.

Plymouth Township police cited Woodcox in the accident.

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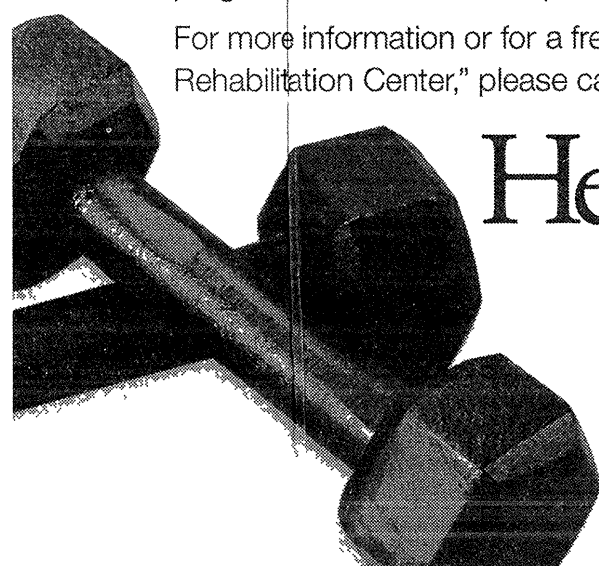
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Pat McIntyre, a custodian for Plymouth-Canton Schools, and his wife, Kara, rescued their dogs Wednesday morning following Tuesday's chemical explosion in Romulus which forced them to evacuate and spend the night at Wayne Memorial High School. Behind the couple are Wayne Westland Salvation Army Capt. Matt O'Neil (left, back), and volunteers Wayne Austin and Tom Howard.

TEAM

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amazing," he said. "There were a lot of people, a lot of agencies. It was taken out of the hands of the firefighters, with decisions being made by the EPA.

"It was close to the biggest thing I've been a part of," he added.

Like the firefighters, Hogg, a Salvation Army veteran, knew it was only a matter of time before the call for help came.

"I had a feeling that because of the magnitude of the situation I would be called," said Hogg. "I received it about

10:20 p.m., and we drove the emergency response vehicle, our kitchen on wheels, to set up at the Wayne Community Center.

"No sooner did we have everything out, they moved the evacuation zone farther, so we had to pick up and move to Wayne Memorial High School, and parked by the auditorium," said Hogg.

Hogg, who began his day at 7 a.m. Tuesday, remained at the high school until another Salvation Army unit relieved him at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"I was truly amazed at how people came together," said Hogg. "We have practices for when these types of situations

come up, but you never know.

"But, it all worked out very smoothly," he said. "Those affected by the evacuation were calm because everyone worked nicely together."

Hogg, who made the trip with Ross Myers, said they served doughnuts, snacks, coffee, water and lemonade to a couple of hundred people who were evacuated from their homes.

After his stint was over, Hogg got four hours of sleep and was admittedly running on adrenaline Thursday.

"You go to bed tired, but you don't mind," said Hogg. "It's one of those good feelings because you know you helped somebody."

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

Robert M. Beyer
Beyer died Aug. 4.

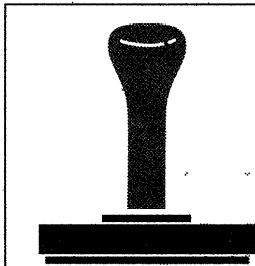
Edward C. Conley
Conley, 90, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Birmingham, died Aug. 7.

Dorothy E. Fernelius (nee McCannon)
Fernelius, 82, of Tucson, Ariz., died July 30.

Ronald Francis Filter
Filter, 88, of Bloomfield Hills, died July 31.

Natale Gagliardi
Gagliardi, 91, died Aug. 4.

William Bernard Gurney
Gurney, 88, died July 29.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's paper in Passages on page B5.

Stella Ann Itofe
Itofe, 80, of Canton, died Aug. 4.

Evelyn B. Nagler
Nagler, 87, died Aug. 6.

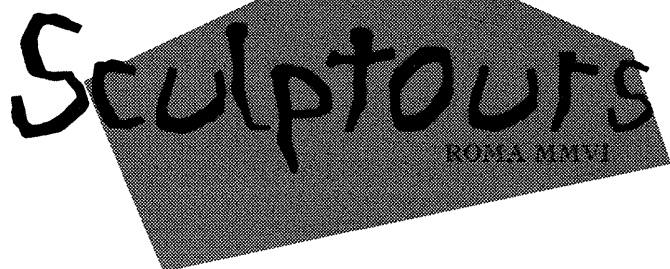
Basilio M. Rivera
Rivera, 52, of Plymouth, died Aug. 7.

Sharon Lisbeth Schnepel
Schnepel, 54, of Ludington, died Aug. 4.

Christine Marie Sparks
Sparks, 83, died Aug. 9.

Marion Ruth Tanton
Tanton, 84, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 2.

Shirley Wettlaufer
Wettlaufer, of Garden City, died Aug. 7.



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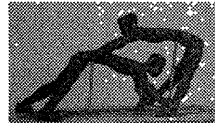


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OUR VIEWS

Equitable fire deal a must

For years, several of the newer members of the Plymouth City Commission have complained about the unfairness of the intergovernmental agreement signed 10 years ago by the commission and Plymouth Township officials that established the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

With negotiations under way on a new deal, they now have a chance to do something about it.

The agreement gives policy-making authority to the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, who pay 75 percent of the department's budget. All writing a check for 25 percent of the department's expenditures nets the city is the chance to watch the township run the department.

With a deadline on extending the agreement looming, commissioners have a chance to hammer out a deal that doesn't make them feel like the township is stealing their lunch money.

If early rhetoric is any indication, that feeling may not go away anytime soon. The township has demands of its own, among them requiring the city's payment to reflect the percentage of runs in the city, rather than the flat 25 percent, and handing over control of patient transport to the department, rather than using Huron Valley Ambulance.

Some of the township's positions are valid. We see no harm, for instance, in charging the city for its full complement of runs. Nor do we see any reason the township, as long as it pays 75 percent of the budget, should give up its right to set policy.

Frankly, though, we also don't think it's asking too much for commissioners to have a say in how the department is run. They foot a quarter of the department's bill, so their input should be taken into account.

Unfortunately for city officials, though, the township has them over the proverbial barrel. The city can't afford to re-establish its own department, even on a part-time basis, and partnerships with the Northvilles or Canton don't seem feasible.

So the two are stuck with each other, and hammering out an equitable agreement remains the only real choice. To ease commissioners' angst, perhaps a committee could be formed, with township and city appointees, the sole purpose of which would be to make recommendations on all fire department policy.

This committee — separate from the current Joint Services Committee — would at the very least give commissioners an official avenue to voice concerns and ideas.

In order to reach agreement, though, cooler heads must prevail. The animosity between some commissioners and some township officials is nearing an all-time high, and recent verbal jousting isn't conducive to reasoned negotiation.

The township holds most of the chips in this game, but it shouldn't use that against the city. Leaders must emerge to find an agreement both sides — and their residents — can live with.

Redistricting panel offers a better way

They call it gerrymandering.

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry carved out a salamander-shaped congressional district to suit his political ends and gave birth to a popular form of political manipulation.

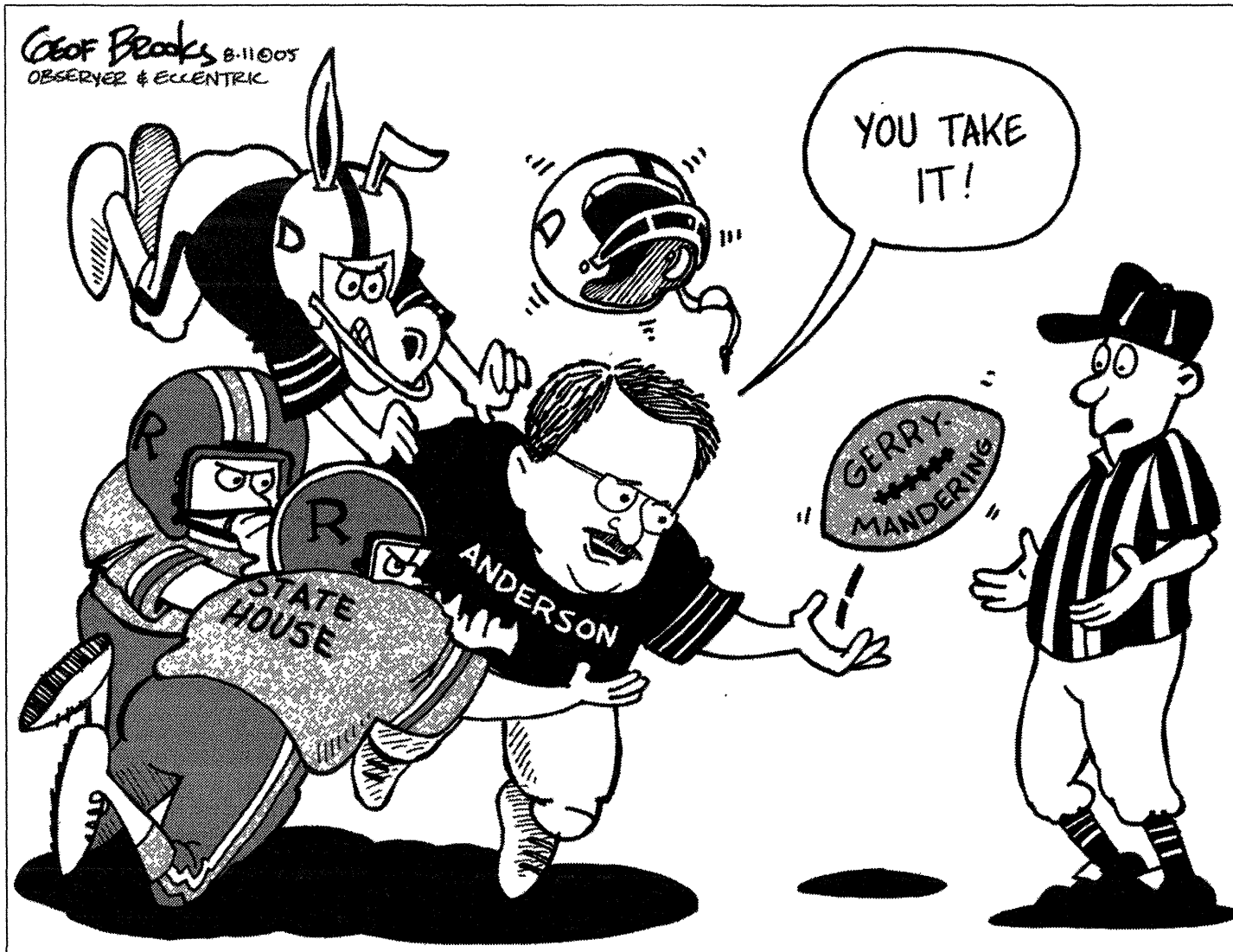
Every 10 years, the majority party in the state Legislature gets to redraw district lines to guarantee that it will remain the majority party in the state Legislature and in the congressional delegation. It's as American as apple pie.

But state Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) thinks there is a better way. He has introduced a resolution in support of a state constitutional amendment to create a special redistricting commission.

The U.S. Constitution requires redistricting after every decennial census. Under Anderson's proposal, a nine-member panel rather than the state Legislature would redraw boundaries for federal, state and county districts based on population changes. The panel would consist of four members appointed by the Republican Party, four by the Democratic Party and a ninth member selected by the other eight members.

While Anderson's approach is no guarantee of impartiality, it does take the process out of strictly partisan interests and allows for more competitive political districts.

We're skeptical that the party in power would be willing to give up its control over redistricting, but in the name of true democracy we support Anderson's resolution.



LETTERS

Why no chili?

Interesting! No chili cook-off? Why? After reading the article in (Sunday's) paper ("Flame officially out under chili festival," *Plymouth Observer*, Aug. 4), I can only guess.

A couple of thoughts come to mind:
1. Was it only five police representatives down there all day for a cost of \$2,500? If so, then they did all right for themselves by pulling down \$500 for a day's work. Even if it was for 12 hours, that comes out to \$42 an hour. Or was that five additional officers?

2. Having been down there all day last year, I'd have to say that they did a mighty nice job because I saw nothing the likes of which is described in your article. Gangs, drugs, alcohol (maybe a little), sounds more like downtown Chicago (I never bash my hometown of Detroit).

3. After talking with a few of the vendors at the Art-in-the-Park event, maybe the chili cook-off just isn't pulling down enough cash for the city planners' coffers. I mean, a couple of chili tents certainly don't compare with the \$500-a-space rental the city gleans from the art event (by "art" I mean cheap jewelry sale event).

4. Finally, I did notice that all the businesses that were open during last year's chili event did quite well with their sales. Perhaps the people running the city could have been enticed to offer those businesses a chance to "kick in" a couple of hundred bucks each to fund the police. Pass the cost on to the customers; they do it anyway.

5. And truly finally, do you think that by "calling off" the event that you can actually STOP the bikers from coming anyway? I know I'll be riding through just to see.

Rod & Cindy Meloche
Plymouth Township

Save Miller Woods

I would like to thank Kurt Kuban for his insightful editorial regarding the painful loss of much of our tree base in and around the Plymouth community ("Trees don't stand a chance with today's development practices," *Observer*, July 21).

Sometimes I feel I am the only one that aches when I drive by yet another parcel of land that houses birds, small mammals and frogs and sees that the "For sale" sign has been put up or, worse, taken down because the land has been sold for yet one more housing development or strip mall.

Besides the awful destruction that recently was allowed to take place on Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, let's not forget the 150-year-old copper beech tree that was destroyed on the Wilcox property in downtown Plymouth.

It was to be replaced with high-end condominiums that never happened. A beautiful tree, with an interesting history to it, is gone and cannot be replaced. Why? The greed of our elected officials,

whose only interest is increasing the revenue in their coffers with an increased tax base.

While we continue to cut down trees and maim the land, other communities are passing tax increases to buy up land and save it. Ann Arbor has been able to pass every millage it has asked for aimed at purchasing land to keep it a green town.

Contrary to what our city and township leaders believe, people *do* value green space and are often willing to put their money where their heart is. Chopping down a forested area and then telling the developer to replace trees is silly, as those trees will take another century to replace what was lost.

And besides, I am sick of seeing only blue spruce and Bradford pear trees being used as replacement trees. The next bug or virus that comes along will devastate our community because we are creating more monocultures of trees. The variety of trees growing on many of these forested areas cannot be duplicated.

An interesting article in the *USA Today* on July 28 pointed out many urban areas that have been cleared of trees and vegetation are beginning to see the error of their ways. They have finally acknowledged trees offer more than just aesthetics to a community. They control storm water run-off and decrease the amount of pollutants removed from the air.

One city in Virginia calculated that it could save \$27,965 a year in storm water control efforts and that trees were removing more than 2.9 million pounds of pollutants from their air annually! Individual residents can decrease their air conditioning and heating costs significantly by planting trees near and around their homes.

What has prompted this letter, though, is the possibility that a nature preserve in our community known as Miller Woods is being threatened with destruction because the school district needs money to run its business.

Miller Woods is a 10-acre parcel that is surrounded by another 30 acres that act as a buffer to the preserve. By that I mean that the 30 acres helps to protect the nature preserve by helping to keep out invasive plants as well as unwelcome bikes, etc. The old field that surrounds Miller Woods is important to the health of the woods.

Replace native plants and trees with houses and Miller Woods will suffer, even if the actual woods were left intact. The neighbors and friends of Miller Woods have documented more than 50 species of birds and wildlife that live in the field and woods there, and there are native wildflowers there that you won't see in any gardening store.

We spend more time worrying about alien or invasive bugs and plants, when the biggest threat to our forests is the human species, as we continue to steamroll over our trees. The neighbors and friends of Miller Woods have a Web site,

www.millerwoods.com. Please join us in trying to save this beautiful area for generations to come.

Cheryl Bord
Plymouth

In good faith?

Wasn't the deed restriction for Miller Woods, drafted in June 1991 by the then-Plymouth-Canton school board, made in good faith? Was it intentionally not filed, or perhaps by honest omission?

If the present board members are deserving members of this school district community, and I trust they are, even if not of Plymouth Township, then they should not be using the obviously intended but somehow missed formality of filing the deed restriction, for invalidation of June 1991 declaration by the former board.

When the community approved bond issues for the school district in the amount almost a hundred times larger than what the Miller Woods may bring in dollars if sold, it certainly assumed the promised deed restriction was legally valid. How many have known, until now, that it was not filed? Who is responsible for not filing? And, why not make it legally binding now?

If the school board sells Miller Woods, the money so obtained will most likely be quickly spent, probably most of it unnecessarily. That is what governments are good at. Then there will be no money and no Miller Woods.

Plymouth Township is already much overdeveloped; 40 acres of saved greenery is one of the valued assets that make the township and its vicinity better, less congested, a more desirable place to live in.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

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QUOTABLE

"We'll have to look at whether it's something we want to pursue ... (The grant) is designed to increase needed staffing for police departments. We have to look at what it can be used for. It's been denied several times, so it's a grant that was applied for with very low expectations of receiving it ... That we actually got it, I'm shocked."

— Tom Tiderington, Plymouth Township police chief, on \$150,000 in federal grant money the township received

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Did naming rights decision turn PCCS into 'McSchool'?

In a warm summer night Plymouth Canton school board members gathered for a special \$\$\$\$ion. The district realized they were beyond rubbing their last two nickels together. Corporate sponsorship was the answer to their financial woes.

Superintendent Jim Ryan was there. Board President Emeritus Dr. E. J. McClendon was welcomed, though many weren't sure of his position on controversial financing. I was invited as an English teacher and member of the public. The meeting was informal; Barton Mallow provided snacks and stood to benefit from the outcome.

Dr. McClendon began. "It seems that public education has taken another drastic turn for the worse. I've been in this business for over half a century. I've seen bonds and millages pass and fail, and state funding all but disappear. Money troubles never end. Why, people expect to get a Country Day education on mere parent volunteers and bake sales! A few years back, public schools were threatened by Burger King High and the Edison Project.

"But I've come to see those projects were short-sighted. What good is just one corporate sponsor? Our economy thrives on competition. We need to consider the Fortune 500 and strike lucrative deals before other districts get wise and ruin our chances. The companies should be solid. Their names should blend with the organizations they sponsor, using alliteration to make the scheme appealing to the public."

I asked, "Don't you think you'd be selling out? The Ann Arbor News said this was a desperate move. Livonia praised our creativity but hasn't considered it themselves."

Development director Tom Sklut countered, "The board should keep their options open. It is a great financial opportunity."

"Won't there be a danger," I continued, "as for newspapers and other media, that the paying company might want more say in how things are run? And what curriculum is taught? As you said, 51 percent share of any venture adds up to a controlling interest."

"Don't be so alarmist. This isn't the Supreme Court we're talking about," Dr. Ryan stated. There will be multiple points of view. So many sponsors, so many views. Companies know about the bottom line; they won't interfere with the process of education. It's not their expertise. They would leave it to experienced professionals."

I turned to a board member. "Mr. Ham-Kucharski, do you think as your sponsor that Halliburton would permit detailed classroom instruction about the Iraq war?"

He answered, "I don't think this war is part of the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks, so I don't see any problem there."

Hoping for accountability, I asked, "What about each of you board members? Shouldn't you set an example with who your own sponsors are? Surely you won't allow alcohol, tobacco, and

weapons companies in the door, will you?"

"Of course not," said Mrs. Mardigian. "We want the largest endowments possible but want to avoid conflicts of interest. PCCS's bid from a very big company was delayed because its headquarters are in Tokyo, and their name doesn't start with the letter P. I have been courted by Marathon but I'm leaning toward Microsoft because they could help us with tech support and their funds seem unlimited."

"Morally, I decided against Halliburton," said Ham-Kucharski. "I considered Heinz but didn't want to answer to Mrs. Kerry, so I went with Kroger. It's a local business and in the top 20 of the 500."

President Slavens agreed with mutual endorsement of local companies. Since Sears and Kmart merged, he's a double winner. Mr. Wysocki's sponsor supports the local economy; Weyerhaeuser makes building materials for new homes, is a big paper supplier, supports recycling and Habitat for Humanity! His conscience was at rest.

Mrs. Saunders felt confident with SBC. "With the need for fiber optics and their support of arts and culture, I could make a contribution to the schools of this community."

Mrs. Lamar had concerns about Lockheed's military connections so she opted for Lowe's. "They are big on scholarships and home improvement, but I hope they branch out to help our music programs."

Mr. Simescu was proud of his deal with Sun Microsystems which would make the district a key tech player for the 21st century.

"I wanted to avoid the obvious McDonald's association," Dr. McClendon mused. "But Merrill Lynch made a generous offer which I accepted. What they've done for my net worth they can do for our schools."

"I try to be impartial in these matters," said Ryan, "but a superintendent has to have clout. I was approached by Rite-Aid after rejecting Raytheon; they have too much clout for my taste, but pharmacies can help everyone."

Everyone agreed on color schemes and planned to wear their emblems to open the new school year. They felt the promise of the night and the \$\$\$ion ended. They strolled to their cars in the glow of the new Merrill Lynch sign Dr. McClendon had installed on his Education Center, its trademark bull a symbol of strength.

Everyone hurried home to watch the rerun of CABARET about depression-era Germany with their favorite song, "Money Makes the World Go Round." As master of ceremonies, Joel Grey had to sustain the merriment, whatever the cost, however desperate the circumstances.

Kathy Thompson teaches in the English department at Salem High School and penned this satirical look at the decision to adopt the naming rights policy. She can be reached via e-mail at thompsk@pccs.k12.mi.us

Our communities must evolve in order to survive

There is an old adage that if your organization is standing still or not moving forward, then you are really going backward.

In today's fast-paced world, this is certainly true. We can also apply this to our local communities. If they are not changing or redeveloping, then they are at best standing still or more likely moving backward.

After some time, the community loses vitality and people move out. Fortunately, this is not the case in our suburban communities. Witness all the commercial develop-



Richard Aginian

ment, residential improvements, new and "infill" housing and infrastructure improvements which are taking place. Two communities as examples are Birmingham and Livonia.

In Birmingham, the list is extensive. It includes Booth Park, redevelopment of the Jacobson's store, the condominiums and commercial development on Eaton, the Rail District, the condominium conversion of

Birmingham Place, the proposed changes in the Triangle District plus many residential housing improvements. All private development.

The city has not stood idly by. The projects under way or planned include Shain Park changes, the Adams Road Bridge replacement, Southfield Road repaving, other local street projects plus the changes at Old Woodward, Woodward and Lincoln to make a safer intersection.

Livonia is another community that is continuing to change and redevelop. Wonderland Mall is undergoing a transformation. A new Target, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart and other stores are proposed. The site of the Mai-Kai Theatre, which underwent several transformations, all failed, is now busy with residential housing. An entrepreneur took a chance and is successful. This is in addition to the road projects, new housing, remodeling of existing housing plus residential infill.

Other communities are seeing similar development. In Southfield, condominiums sprouted around the Town Center and City Center — an area which is rapidly becoming a wonderful hub for the city. Fast-growing Canton is getting the area's first IKEA. Drug stores seem to sprout on every corner. West Bloomfield is looking at creating a "downtown." Luxury homes continue to be built in Rochester Hills.

Sure, there are some problems. The area continues to lose manufacturing jobs. The automotive industry and the supplier base are in trouble. Proposal A isn't working and

needs to be changed. It's devastating our schools and trapping people in their homes.

Look beyond the problems and you see no shortage of optimistic store owners, builders and developers willing to take a risk, otherwise we would not see all of this development. Banks continue to lend money for this development. If they didn't believe in the area, why would they continue to lend money to all of these developers? All are very positive signs for the future.

There are the naysayers who say no development is good development. Or others who ask: "What's wrong with the status quo?" Each community has had its share.

Each community has to evolve, develop and reinvent itself if it is going to be a healthy location for families to stay and businesses to flourish. If there is no development or regeneration, then a community dies. No one wants to live there, businesses will not locate there and sooner rather than later we have empty fields, vacant storefronts and dilapidated houses. We are left with a city government with no tax base and it too is then in trouble.

There are also naysayers who also don't like the businesses that locate in a community. In Livonia, there is some objection to Wal-Mart. That is another story, but given the choices, an empty and vacant corner or a thriving revitalized shopping center, I would take the latter.

An excellent example is the southeast corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road in Southfield. It was a dying center in a good location. Remember Crowley's Department store? It was located there.

After several years of neglect with a troubled store base, the owners redeveloped the center and it is now anchored by Meijer and Lowe's. From all outward appearances the center is thriving. The same thing can happen to Wonderland Mall.

City growth and development does cause some inconvenience. Repaving roads and replacing sewers are not glamorous projects and can make the daily commute to work or shopping a challenge.

We have to look beyond the short-term inconvenience and see the vision of our city leaders, the entrepreneurs and the developers. At the end of the day, responsible development, municipal or private, is better than no development. Remember, if you are not growing and changing, in today's world, you are moving backward. The results of stagnation and moving backward are not pretty and that's something no one wants.

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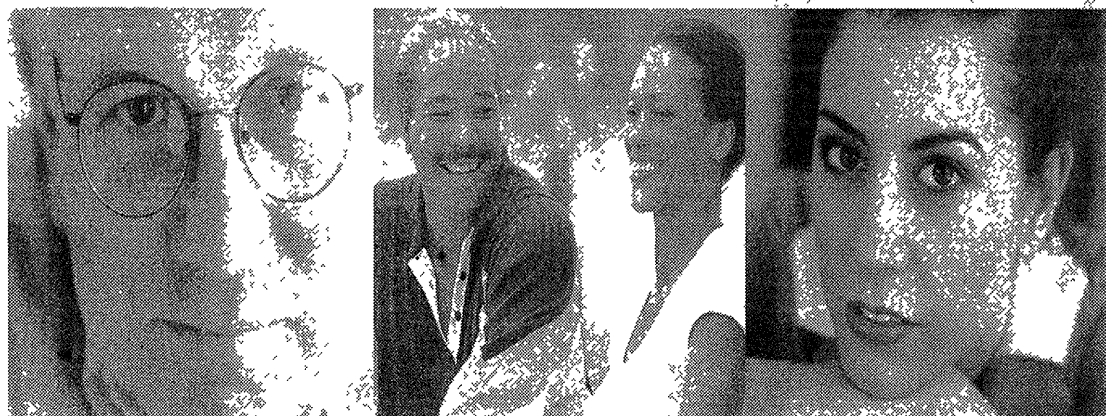
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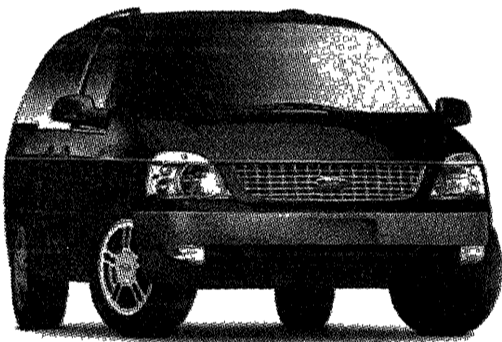
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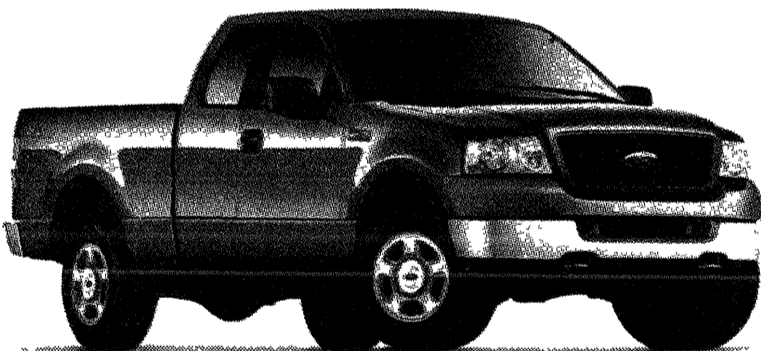
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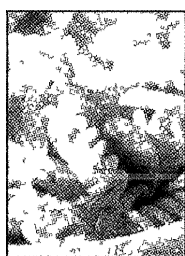
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Accents

Bromeliad honors

Two members of the Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society members had competitive entries at the 16th biennial World Bromeliad Conference, which took place in Chicago last August.

Current president Penrith Goff of Northville received several Award of Merit honors in the Artistic division for his paintings of bromeliads.

Former president Paul Wingert of Farmington Hills received the prestigious Sweepstakes Award for his entries in the Horticulture division.

He is the first grower outside of the traditional bromeliad growing areas of the country (Florida, California and Texas) to receive the award.

Avoid summer itch

The Toro Company has created yardcare.com, a Web site dedicated to providing information and answers to lawn and garden questions. This month, the site shares tips for avoiding poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac.

The Web site says: According to the American Academy of Dermatology, each year up to 50 million Americans will have an allergic reaction to urushiol, the toxic oil found in these plants.

These weeds grow in just about every area of the country. Experts say your best defense is knowing what the plants look like and avoiding contact with them.

Poison ivy grows as a vine in most areas of the country. In the far North and West it grows as a shrub. Look for pointed, serrated leaves with three or five in a grouping.

Poison oak typically grows as a shrub. In the fall, the oak-like leaves turn yellow, then red.

Poison sumac is native to swampy and boggy areas. The shrubs or trees feature seven to 13 staggered leaflets.

If you come into contact with these poisonous weeds, wash the affected area immediately with soap and water. Itching can be relieved by using calamine lotion or other over-the-counter remedies.

You'll also want to clean any items you may have touched. The oils can remain active for up to five years on items like shoes, garden tools and clothing.

For more information on controlling poison ivy in your yard, visit Toro's weed control library at www.yardcare.com.

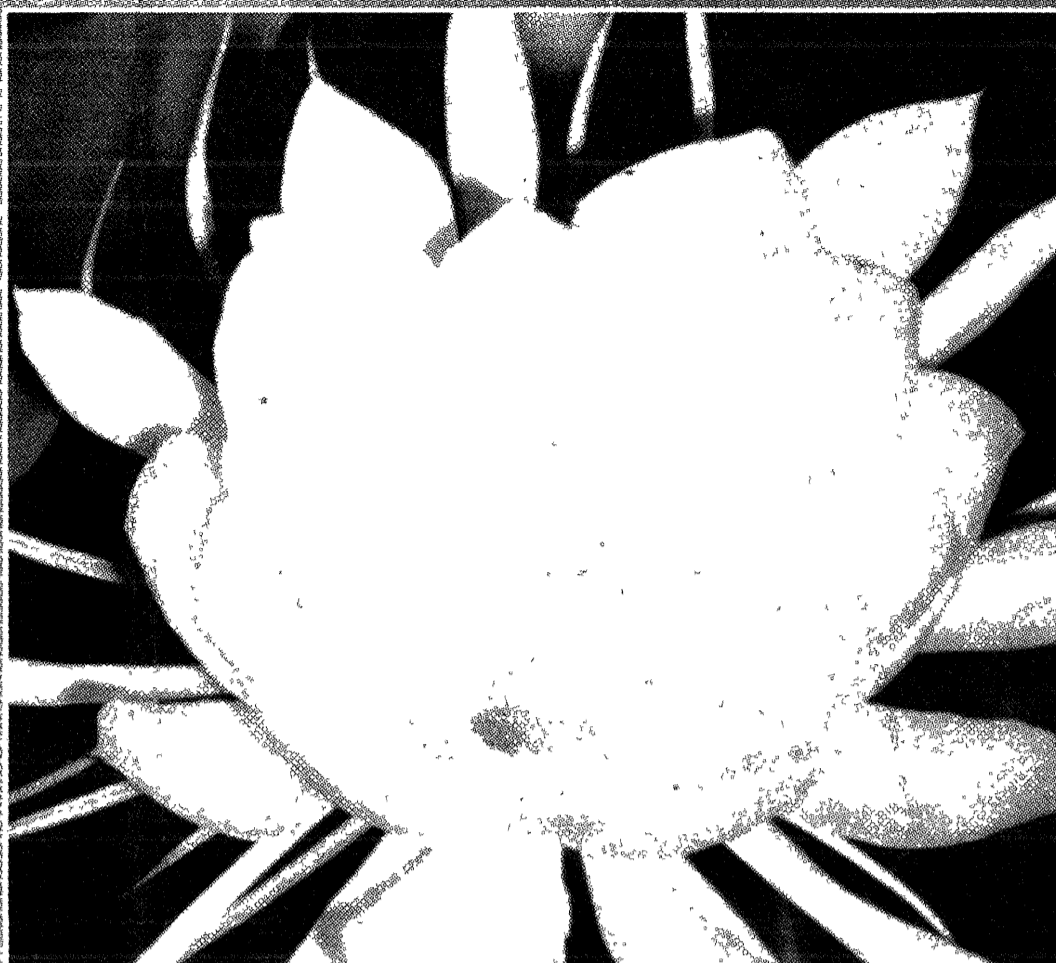
Earth-friendly

A free program, Earth-friendly Fall Gardening, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway.

To register, call (734) 467-3198 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Garden consultants Nancy Szerlag and Jeff Ball will speak on perennial flowers for fall, mulches and compost, managing weeds without chemicals, and landscape design ideas.

The moon or night-blooming cereus plant produces a spectacular flower that lasts only one day.



Late bloomers

Gardens shine with white flowers

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

When it comes to certain flowers, the twilight zone isn't something to fear. Plants that bloom or emit fragrances only at night give you something special to enjoy in the evening and even by moonlight.

Consider Katherine Manser's moon cereus plants, which shine at night in her Southfield home.

Large, white blooms open on the plants around 10:30 p.m., Manser says. They close up by daybreak and don't reappear until the next year.

"They are so unique ... so beautiful," Manser said.

She has been tending the plants for 10 years, and they have bloomed every year. This year, she counted 26 blooms.

"I never had this many blooms," Manser said.

The blooms are as big as dinner plates and emit a beautiful fragrance, she says. A spider-like form is in the center of each flower, over a dusting of gold (see related article).

"I have known many people who held patio parties to watch the opening of the flowers that open at dusk," Lou Kilbert of West Bloomfield, president of the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society, said of this succulent, which is often called Queen of the Night.

"The opening is so rapid and the flower so large that the sight is spectacular. The flowers last only one night, which makes them even more special."

NIGHT SELECTIONS

A night garden can have you singing a moonlight serenade. Such a garden doesn't have to be restricted to plants that show flowers or emit a scent only at that time, but can include white blooms that glow in the dark.

The gardens are also

called moon gardens "because white flowers come into their glory in the evening," said Karen of Barsons Greenhouse in Westland. "Not only do the white flowers look luminous when dusk falls, but the perfume of some white flowers is also heightened in the evening to attract night-flying pollinators."

"You want all these ... flowers white white (not cream-colored) so they'll really stand out," said Lisa McAllister at Bordine Nursery in Rochester Hills.

Among her suggestions are cleome and cosmos.

"White impatiens will stand out very well," McAllister said.

You can make a tiered effect by placing shorter flowers, such as impatiens and dianthus, in front of taller ones, she said.

What could be more appropriate for a night or moon garden than ipomoea alba, or moonflower vine?

This annual features 6-inch, trumpet-shaped flowers. They open at sunset every night, and close and shrink among dense, heart-shaped foliage at full morning light.

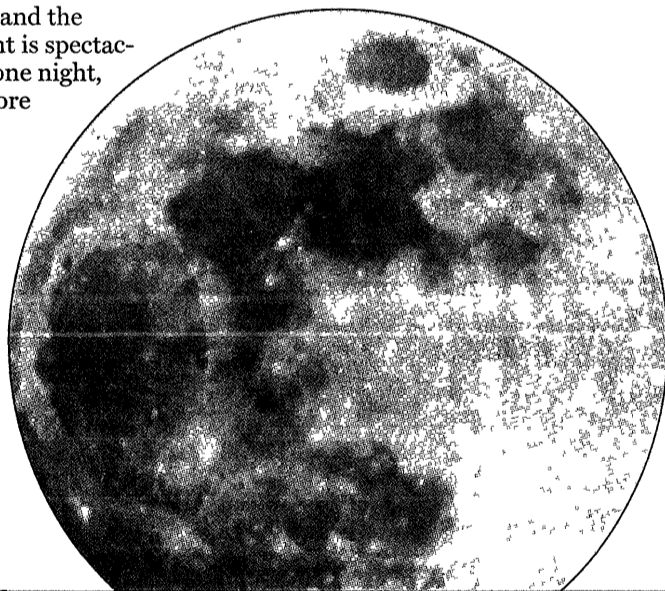
Bordine Nursery designer Ed Rager said that ipomoea is also good to put around a lamppost.

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Lou Kilbert

Of West Bloomfield, president of the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society



PHOTOS BY KATHERINE MANSER

The moon cereus plants thrive at Katherine Manser's home.

Readers weigh in on Internet phone services



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

If my inbox is any indication, readers have a lot to say on the subject of Internet phone services. They also have a lot of questions. Let the discussion continue!

To recap, I recently switched from SBC to SunRocket, a small but growing voice-over-IP (VoIP) service. All my inbound and outbound calls now travel through my cable modem.

I elected to transfer my existing phone number, a process that wound up taking 23 days (pretty good considering their Web site said it could take up to 60 days). Everything went smoothly;

SunRocket e-mailed me just before the transfer was scheduled to occur and the day after it was completed.

I'm pleased to report that my Replay DVR, which requires a phone line to download TV guide data, works just fine. Alas, my fax machine (an HP OfficeJet) will no longer send documents.

Very few VoIP services promise reliable faxing — it's just a limitation in the technology — but there are workarounds.

For example, if you primarily receive faxes, you can sign up for a free eFax (www.efax.com) number, which routes documents to your e-

mail inbox. To send faxes, you can scan documents into your PC using an inexpensive scanner, then transmit them via your PC's fax/modem. This method works on my system, though I couldn't tell you why. My OfficeJet can't send faxes over VoIP, but my fax/modem can.

Getting back to SunRocket, Sid and Patt Bedrosian of Canton wrote to say, "We have had our SunRocket phones for about two months and couldn't be happier with them!"

Al Fox of Livonia had equally kind words for Vonage: "Overall it has been a great experience, with lots of extras and value for the money. They

even have a provision where if my Internet (access) is down, calls will be forwarded to another number (in this case my cell phone)."

That's an important consideration. As William Barnard of Livonia asked me to remind readers, "If you lose power (which we frequently do in Livonia), you can't use VoIP."

If there's a power failure or your Internet provider experiences an outage, your phone will stop working. You won't be able to make calls, receive calls, or dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B3

Cereus plant still growing strong at home

The moon or night-blooming cereus plant at Katherine Manser's residence is native to the southwestern United States and Mexico.

Her plants thrive in their position at a doorwall, where they receive a lot of sun.

"It loves the sunlight," Manser said. "You've got to have them in a real hot area."

"They grow in 'just plain old dirt,'" Manser said.

She has added PRO-SOL, a fertilizer, which she can't find anymore.

Manser's first cereus plant was a cutting she received through an acquaintance.

"An aunt was telling me how they smelled so nice," she said.

Since then the plants have grown so much that they form a mini-forest at the home, seeming to spill from four pots. Even a broomstick that Manser put in for support has started to slant from all the growth.

If she didn't keep them trimmed, they would reach to the ceiling, Manser says.

The flowers start blooming in June or July.

The first indication of blooms are the appearance of tiny yellow dots, each about the size of the head of a pin, on the edges of the long, slightly wavy leaves.

The leaves are actually stems that have flattened out to take

on the duty of a leaf, said Lou Kilbert, president of the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society.

An old plant may be 4-6 feet tall, Kilbert said.

The blossoms are up to 1 foot long, and may be 7 inches in diameter when open, he said.

Kilbert shared some recommendations about growing the night-blooming cereus:

- The plant should be grown in dapple shade from spring through fall (about Oct. 15 in southeast Michigan).
- It needs a dry rest period in winter. Give it just enough water to keep the plant from shriveling.
- A large pot is required to

keep the top-heavy plant from falling over. Stakes in the pot will help it stay upright and look shapely.

■ The soil should be open and very porous, but contain a lot of organic material, such as orchid bark, coir and leaf mold.

■ The plant is easily propagated in the spring or early summer.

Cut off a stem segment, dip the end in rooting hormone and allow it to dry for one week, then stick it in the same type of soil being used to grow the other plant.

Manser would be happy to give away cuttings of the plant, she said.

Your washer learns to shake, rattle and roll

Julie sent an e-mail: "Can you tell me what to do with a washing machine that is installed in an upstairs closet, close to the bedrooms, and shakes the whole upstairs when it goes into spin?"

"Our home was built in 1999 and this problem is just beginning now. Is it the fault of the washer? I am ready to have a laundry room built in the basement."

"All my research indicates that no one is telling consumers of this problem. Not Consumer Reports or the home builder who built a laundry room out of a closet or the retailer who delivered and installed the machine."



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

"What choices do I have on where my washer will operate best in my house?"

"I purchased a new front-load washer a year ago, which vibrates worse than the old top loader I had. Will it help if I purchase another top loader? Please help me make the right decision."

I called Julie and we had a lengthy discussion on her problem.

I started off by telling her there is only one place for a washing machine, and that is a cement floor of a basement. If not a cement floor, then wherever the laundry room will be must have a floor almost equal in support strength to a cement floor.

Let me put the equation into other words: The floor had better be strong enough to keep a freight train from jumping around.

The newer washers of today — and that means the front loaders well as top loaders — are going to give you a faster spin cycle and more vibration than ever before.

The shame of all this is that the home builders all know what happens when the floor is too weak to properly support a washing machine.

In Julie's case, they didn't even build into the floor a drain pan should a flood ever occur because of a tub leak or broken hose.

All evidence described to me indicates that the builder didn't care enough for the customer to do the job the way it needed to be done. Does it really take that much more time and materials to show the customer you care?

Julie's home, built in 1999, was built by one of the biggest builders in the home industry. As I write this column, this builder hasn't even replied to Julie's letter of inquiry.

A few days ago I was doing an interview on satellite radio and talking with people across the country. This vibration problem is going on across the country, and the guy in Texas I was talking to was pretty mad at his builder.

I can point the finger at home builders not just around here, but all across America and as far as I'm concerned, they aren't doing a thing about it.

GIVE NOTICE

Let's take a look at how smart the manufacturers of the washing machines are. They have thousands of service calls rendered on their products every year where there is nothing wrong with the washer.

In many cases, the service is covered under warranty and that cost is absorbed by the manufacturer. You may ask if it totals a lot of money and I would bet it falls into the millions of dollars.

Wouldn't it make sense that the manufacturer put a notice on a clothes washer: "To be used on a cement floor or equivalent?" Would this not wake up the builders and put the responsibility directly on their shoulders?

Maybe we should have a law in Michigan that tells a home builder, "You will build the laundry room floor strong enough to prevent a washer from vibrating." If the builders had to dismantle a house to correct the floor problem, it wouldn't take long before they did it correctly in the first place.

Julie's final words in our conversation indicated she is going to have a plumber install new water lines and a sink in the basement, and run a new gas line for the clothes dryer. What a pain to go through — and Julie doesn't even get the pleasure of rock and roll music. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-AM (950) and WXYT-AM (1270). He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

MOON

FROM PAGE B1

Ipomoea's flowers are white with tracings of faint green, and emit an exotic perfume.

Datura, or angels' trumpet, opens its white blooms at night, said Deb Barson, Barsons Greenhouse proprietor.

Datura's fragrant flowers are 6 inches or larger and remain open into the next day. (Be aware that datura is poisonous.)

Night-blooming jasmine is another possibility for a night garden, Barson said. This plant's small, greenish-white, tubular flowers may not be

splasy, but they have a sweet, powerful fragrance that is light during the day and stronger in the evening.

The four o'clock (*Mirabilis jalapa*) and evening primrose are good for a night garden, said Melody Jacobs, sales and design at Keller & Stein in Canton. Four o'clock's 2-inch flowers are shaped like trumpets and have a scent like jasmine.

Jacobs suggested placing white flowers along a rock garden.

"The moon will light up that whole area," she said.

"There is a species of daylily, *Hemerocallis citrina*, with a clear, lemon-yellow flower that

NIGHT GARDEN SOURCES

- Barsons Greenhouse: (734) 421-5959; www.barsons.com.
- Bordine Nursery: in Clarkston, (248) 625-9100; in Rochester Hills, (248) 651-9000; www.bordine.com.
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is pleasantly lemon-scented," Kilbert said. "The flowers open in the evening, last one night and are very easy to see because they appear to glow especially at dusk or at dawn. By noon the next day, the flowers will have folded their petals. In the heat that we've been getting, the petals may be spent before dawn."

"The plant is very hardy and will grow in sun or shade."

WHITE BLOOMS

Selections abound for an all-white-bloom garden. Rager's suggestions include

shrubs with flowers in a variety of forms — clusters (ivory halo dogwood, deutzia, amelanchier), fountain-like (bridalwreath and Renaissance spirea), single or double blossoms (mockorange), bottle brush (hummingbird clethra) and snowball (snowball viburnum and Annabelle hydrangea).

The flowers of some pink and blue varieties of hydrangeas change color depending on the soil acidity or pH. But white-flowered hydrangeas remain white, no matter what the condition of the soil is.

White centaurea, jasmine tobacco, woodland tobacco, night phlox, evening-scented stock (*matthiola longipetala*), white sweet alyssum, phlox paniculata 'David,' sweet rocket, night-blooming tropical water lilies and white honeysuckle vine (*lonicera*) are some suggestions from Karen.

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Designer or decorator? How to decide

Bob from Canton asks: "My wife and I are considering hiring a 'design re-mix specialist.' I have never heard of this term before and have some hesitancy, but she claims to be trained in the design field.



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

"I'm not sure if this is exactly what we're looking for. Can you give me any insight on the different types of designers and services available?"

There are all types of people trained in different ways out

there in the decorating and design industry. Let me try to sort through them for you.

Decorators - A decorator is basically someone who likes to decorate and may have a flair for how a room aesthetically comes together.

Anyone can call himself or herself a decorator. There is no formal schooling required to use this title. Many people use this to their advantage and will even incorrectly call themselves interior designers.

Keep in mind that college-educated interior designers

will NEVER call themselves decorators.

Re-mix Specialists/Consultants and Home Stagers - Most people who use these types of titles when describing their work have completed some sort of training course. This course can last as little as a few hours, or all the way up to a week of training in a precise field.

The range of knowledge is very limited, but they serve a purpose for a specific need. Some real estate agents will bring in home stagers to prepare a home for resale.

Very often, a client may just want their current items rearranged to be more effective and a re-mix consultant can help; however, I would be wary of making any permanent changes or large, expensive purchases based on the advice of a re-mix specialist or a home stager.

Interior Designer - An interior designer has a minimum of an associate's degree and often a bachelor's degree. Many people go on and earn their master's degree in art and interior design.

A designer is trained to focus on the needs of the client. Aesthetics will follow functionality. A designer can decorate, accessorize, do home staging and design re-mix work.

Any material selection is based on certain criteria, such

as maintenance, cost, safety, environmental impact, serviceability, durability and aesthetics.

Furniture placement and space planning reflect the science of anthropometrics and ergonomics.

Interior designers have studied the psychology of color and how certain light changes color.

They are trained in architecture and architectural history, have studied acoustics, can draw up an electrical plan, and understand the importance of proportion and scale. Interior designers are trained in problem-solving design issues. The list goes on and on.

Your question doesn't address why you were seeking to hire this re-mix specialist.

Because of their limited expertise, very often home stagers and re-mix specialists are less expensive than interior designers; however, you may be surprised that the cost of an interior designer may not be much different than the others, depending on the scope of your project.

Most designers offer free consultations, which means they will meet with you to see the proposed project and give you an estimate on time and cost. An interior designer will often think outside the box and bring in ideas that you haven't even considered.

Choosing a good interior designer requires some effort on your part.

Not only do you want to know the experience and get some references from the designer you are considering, but there should be a personality match between you and the designer.

You will be working together and you need to know the designer is listening to you.

A designer's job is not to make every room they design reflect their own tastes, but to truly reflect the tastes and personalities of the client.

I hope these descriptions have cleared things up for you.

With your current project in mind, you may want to interview several people.

Bring in one person from each of the categories listed above and get a feel for what they are able to do, their experience and credentials, and if they will fulfill your design needs.

You are now armed with knowledge, and this will enable you to make a more informed decision.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at: exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com.

BROIDA

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Even SunRocket, one of the few VoIP services to offer enhanced 9-1-1 (meaning the operator automatically receives your location information when you call), urges customers to retain a "backup" 9-1-1 solution (such as a cell phone or basic landline service).

Interestingly, a colleague of mine recently threw in the VoIP towel after his service went down for a day. Though I'm sure it was inconvenient, a few bumps are to be expected. Consider it the price of saving hundreds of dollars per year.

It'll take more than an occasional glitch (which SunRocket quickly fessed up to and apologized for - I admire that)

before I retreat to SBC.

Several readers asked if switching to VoIP meant buying special phones. No, but ideally you should own a phone system that has a base station (which will plug into the VoIP connection box) and one or more wireless handsets.

If you don't, there's an undocumented trick that turns all the phone jacks in your house into VoIP jacks so you can use any phone. I've blogged the details here: tinyurl.com/7u9f5.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

HOME CALENDAR

Home decor
Haberma Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermaFabrics.com or visit www.HabermaFabrics.com for information. The schedule includes Beginner Pillow, Mondays, Aug. 15-29 (fee is \$60) and Weekender Bag, Mondays, Aug. 15-29 (\$40). In Beginner Pillow, beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cording and inserted trims. The class will include learning how to use a rotary cutter, cutting bias and

using a zipper foot to cover cording. Many of the techniques taught will apply to future home decorating classes. In Weekender Bag, make a versatile tapestry tote that can carry everything you need for a weekend away. The class will include three bags: a large bag with dowel rod handles that you will paint or stain to complement the fabric, and two smaller bags that fit inside it for shoes and a bottle of wine. Students will trace their patterns during the first session and shop for additional materials with guidance from the instructor.

Cotswold architecture
Edsel & Eleanor Ford House president John Franklin Miller takes visitors on personally guided tours of the estate

and discusses topics presented for the first time during Twilight Tours at the estate this summer. Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. All Twilight Tours begin at 6:45 p.m. Reservations are required; call (313) 884-4222. Cotswold Architecture: A Patriotic Statement and a Cozy Home will be the topic Sunday, Aug. 14. This tour will have an optional boxed picnic dinner available. Admission is \$25 for the dinner and tour, \$15 for the tour only. Owning a home with an English architectural style was considered patriotic after the Centennial in 1876 and World War I. The Cotswold style in particular was popular in both Britain and America. It appealed to the Fords as it could be

big but not formidable or castle-like. Visitors on the Aug. 14 tour will learn about the popularity of English architectural styles, the picturesque Cotswold region and how the brilliant architect Albert Kahn created a family home for the Fords. Ford House: The First Great Modern American Landscape will be the topic Sunday, Aug. 21. This tour will have an optional sit-down dinner at the Activities Center. Admission is \$32 for the dinner and tour, \$15 for the tour only. While exploring the gardens and grounds, guests on the Aug. 21 tour will get a preview of a new book explaining why Ford House is arguably the first great modern landscape in America. Visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

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Iris sale
The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have its annual Iris Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or until the irises are gone) Saturday, Aug. 13, at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy. The center is at 2975 E. Maple (15 Mile), on the northwest corner of Maple and Dequindre. Phone (248) 689-3636. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. or visit www.irisclub.org. Many types of bearded and Siberian irises will be for sale. Come early for the best selection.

Alternative lawns
Interested in grasses for ornamental use, groundcover, naturalizing, cutting, drying, feeding the birds or replacing your lawn? Learn identification, planting and maintenance techniques in

Ornamental Grasses and Alternative Lawns, a Michigan School of Gardening (MSG) class scheduled Wednesdays, Aug. 17-24, at The Community House in downtown Birmingham. Fee is \$72. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The class will cover concepts of "naturalizing" a lawn area and lawn replacement gardens. Instructor Sue Grubba has been designing residential and commercial landscapes since 1985. The owner of Creative Scapes, a landscape and flower garden design firm, she is an advanced master gardener and a senior instructor at the MSG.

Herb fest
The daytime and evening Herb Study Groups of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei

Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum will host Herbfest noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$10 for Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, \$15 for the public. To register, call the gardens at (734) 998-7061. Stroll the gardens and meet with herb enthusiasts. The afternoon will include a medieval theme, with music of the period by Norma Gentile, a talk by Donna Estray on Hildegard of Bingen, and a talk by Bronwen Gates on medieval herbs. Educational displays will be featured. Herbal treats, such as lavender lemonade, sumac lemonade and sweet and savory goodies, are donated by herb study members. Joanna Larson will be available to answer questions in the Sandra Hicks herb knot garden.

Matthaei Gardens
The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a field trip to the University of Michigan Matthaei Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, Sunday, Aug. 14. Participants will meet at the front gate at 2 p.m. Cost is \$5. Guests are welcome. For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

Sale, seminar
AquaFina Gardens & Imports, 2629 Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake, will have its second annual Warehouse Sale Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 13-14. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 738-0500 or visit www.aquafina.com. The sale will offer 20 to 40 percent off most items, 20 percent off pond supplies and 30 percent off children's stone furniture. Featured items will include reclaimed antique stone pavers; stone sculptures, fountains and complete furniture sets; Japanese lanterns; exotic stone; Asian artifacts; mosaic stone tiles; and petrified wood. Matt Niemiec, AquaFina's resident aquatic expert, will present a seminar on algae control 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. Niemiec will share secrets and insight on keeping your pond clean throughout the summer.

Bromeliad show
The Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society will present its annual Show and Sale 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 20-21, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. More than 200 beautiful bromeliads will be on display, including many award winners from the 2004 Bromeliad Society International World Conference. Lecture/demonstrations are sched-

uled both days. Bromeliads, the Perfect Houseplant will be presented at 12:30 p.m., and How to Mount Air Plants at 1 p.m. Members will offer a wide selection of plants for sale. Books about bromeliad culture and growing supplies will be available. Free plants will be offered to new members. The first 25 students in attendance each day will also receive a free plant. For more information, call Penrith Goff at (248) 380-7359.

Organic gardening
English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900). Organic Gardening will be the topic Aug. 17. The seminar will show you how to recycle your yard waste into usable material. It will feature the basics of composting, and tips on how to grow plants and flowers without the use of pesticides and insecticides. Shade Gardening will be the topic Aug. 24. Create a colorful, beautiful garden that will bloom year after year in the shade. Some of the most popular plants for shade, as well as tried-and-true favorites, will be discussed. You'll learn how to select plant materials, and combine colors and textures to design a beautiful garden.

Rose programs
Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses, visit

www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 anytime to request a flyer. Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. In this popular hands-on workshop, participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation. Reservations are required for the workshop. The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. Cooking With Roses will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. Learn how to grow edible roses and prepare tempting rose recipes. Admission is free and reservations aren't required. **Landscaping with Native Plants** Thinking about adding diversity to your landscape? Go native! Appreciate our natural heritage in a new way by using native plants. Anton Reznicek, curator at the University of Michigan, will present a lecture on native plant identification and using these plants in the landscape 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton. Cost is \$16. Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 431-2060 for registration and more information. Native trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and herbaceous plants are well adapted to our climate, won't become invasive, and require little care if sited appropriately. Also, they can provide habitats for regional birds and insects.

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.homecomm.net.

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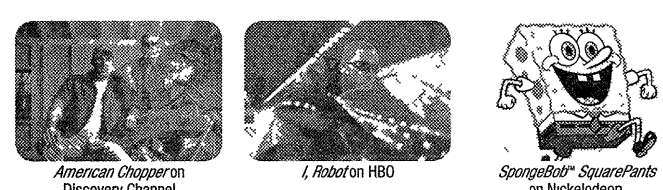

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The Beit Kodesh Save Our Synagogue committee (from left) Esther Green, Dilyse McAllister, Jeff Kirsch, and Lynn Hughes talk about the temple's history and the renovations that are being made. Missing is Michael Schmall.

Congregation sends out an SOS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When membership of Congregation Beit Kodesh dwindled to 40 families, Jeff Kirsch knew it was time to send out an SOS by forming the Save Our Synagogue committee. The Livonia congregation had always been small — that's part of the charm for members living in Canton, Westland, Redford, West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Novi and Oak Park — but survival of the synagogue was in doubt unless the committee could attract new followers.

Shortly after receiving approval from the board of directors in June, Kirsch asked Dilyse McAllister, Esther Green, Lynn Hughes and Michael Schmall to come up with ideas to save the synagogue originally organized as the Livonia Jewish Congregation in 1959. By July, McAllister's husband Mark and a crew from his Carpenterman Services were tearing out the old brown paneling and preparing to recreate the Wailing Wall in the sanctuary. The building on Seven Mile housed the United Hebrew School until the congregation moved from its Six Mile and Middlebelt location in 1971.

Mark McAllister plans to have a portion of Phase I of the renovations completed in time for a Memorial Service on Sunday, Sept. 11, then finish the rest of the work before the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the beginning of October.

REMEMBERING

As a way of becoming more involved in the community the congregation is inviting everyone to join them at 11 a.m. on Sept. 11 to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks. Featured speakers are Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson and state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, along with guest soloist Cantor Harry Sturm and Rabbi Jason Miller. The congregation is without a rabbi. Members, including boys and girls who have gone through the "coming of age" ceremonies of bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah, lead the services.

"We want to make everyone in the surrounding area aware there is a synagogue," said Kirsch, vice president of the religious committee and a Farmington Hills resident. "We're the only Conservative synagogue in Wayne County

and provide Friday and Saturday services. We have a lot of exciting things happening for the synagogue, a youth group, Boys on the Go to keep kids interested and involved.

"We try to get all of our members involved in services, all ages. The earlier they get involved they'll be able to learn, stay and lead."

EARLY START

Kirsch's grandfather began taking him to the Livonia synagogue at age 10, so it's only natural that he wants the congregation to survive. Kirsch attended Sunday school there. Esther Green didn't but joined the congregation so her son, then age 8, could. Today enrollment is down to 10 students, so Green is having an Ice Cream Party 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, to attract children.

For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974.

"They will learn to read Hebrew," said Green, the Livonia resident who became Sunday school director in 1997. "We try to involve them in the Jewish community, including the food bank Yad Ezra in Berkeley. Every year students go there for three hours to package food assembly line fashion. At Passover, they wanted to stay longer. The baskets were distributed in the tri-county area. We also have community activities such as a book drive for students in Israel."

Dilyse McAllister remembers when she was a little girl going to Sunday school. Back then, she lived so close she walked to services with the rabbi. McAllister's been teaching Sunday school for 13 years. She's been a member on and off for 45 years because of the family-oriented feeling of the congregation.

"If it's someone's birthday we sing some of the songs. It makes them feel accepted and part of our community," said McAllister. "Since my son's bar mitzvah members encourage him to get up and participate."

"It's a nice place to raise your children," added Green. "It's a very comfortable place. People are wonderful."

"You can bring little kids to services on Friday night and they're welcome," said McAllister.

KEEPING THE FAITH

Phyllis Lewkowicz likes to refer to Beit Kodesh as "my synagogue" because of the warm feeling she gets every

time she walks in the door. In fact it was just what founders had in mind when they began holding Shabbat (Sabbath) services at Clarenceville Central Elementary School in 1958. Lewkowicz was one of the visionaries along with Asher and Sarah Smith, Nate Weiser, Jerry Friedman, and Richard and Helen Bayles who needed a place to observe their religion.

"I think it's positive to have young people with old, to have people with new ideas with revitalization in them. That's contagious. I'm behind the committee 100 percent," said the 70-year-old Lewkowicz, who's held many positions on the board over the years. The Livonia resident is president of the Sisterhood, a group of female members who meet for activities, visit Jewish residents of nursing homes, and collect money for charities.

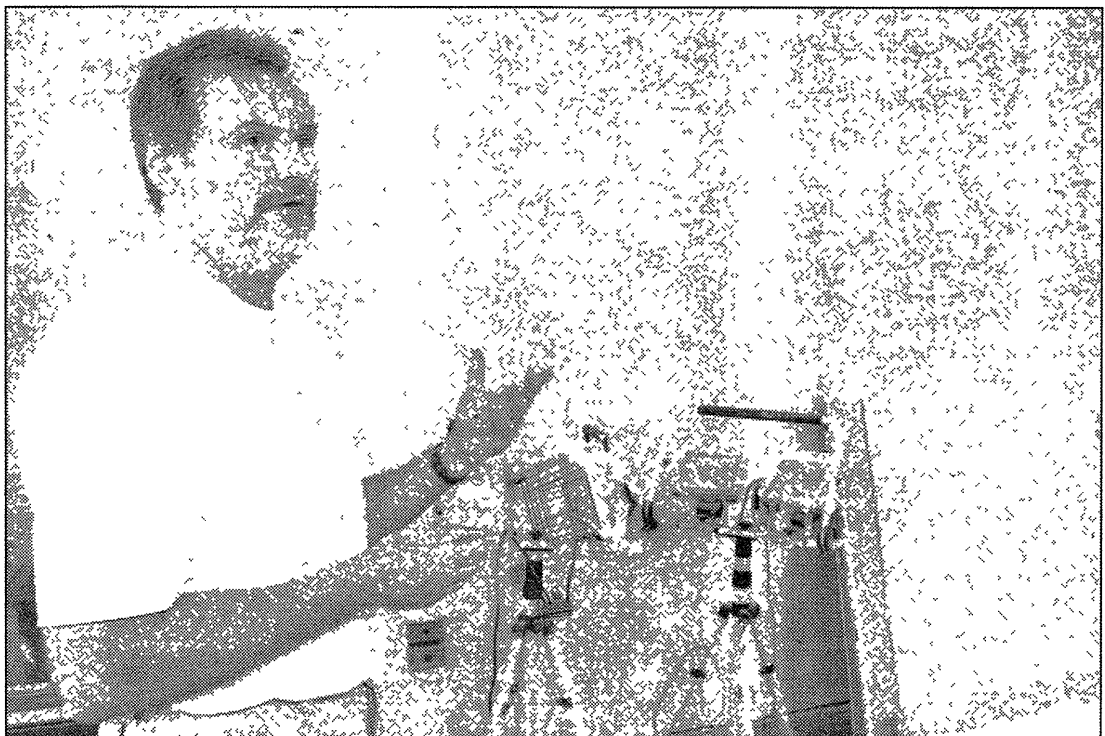
"The major problem is getting our name out there not only in Livonia but the Jewish community," said Lewkowicz, who raised three children in the synagogue. "We started it because we migrated out to Livonia and needed a place to congregate. There was no synagogue and we needed a place to worship. My husband was a Holocaust survivor and this was very important to him. We met in tents at the Botsford Inn and a farm house. We had a tough climb. We found there were no Jewish stores to buy kosher meat or Jewish bakeries. Our synagogue is so unique. It's been a struggle but we're unique in the fact that we're all volunteers."

Lynn Hughes joined Beit Kodesh eight years ago because she knew the congregation would be most accepting of her husband who isn't Jewish. "Several families are interfaith and they feel welcome here," said Hughes of Novi. "Even if you're not Jewish you're welcomed in. We had just moved to Livonia and I grew up in upstate New York in a Conservative temple. I wanted him to feel comfortable."

"People know your name when you come here," added Green. "Our doors are open to any Jewish person who wants to join us."

Congregation Beit Kodesh is at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman.

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Contractor Mark McAllister explains some of the renovations that are taking place at Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia. Until 1990, the synagogue was known as the Livonia Jewish Congregation. Beit Kodesh means House of Holiness.



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SHIRLEY WETLAUFER

Long time Garden City resident peacefully passed away Sunday, August 7, 2005. Previous owner of Fox Hole Record Shop on Ford Road and member of the Garden City Historical Society. She is survived by her son, Daniel (Florence) Wetlaufer, grandson David, sisters Betty McEwen and Francis (Nestor) DuChene, brothers Donald (Ann) Crane and Robert (Barbara) Crane, numerous nieces and nephews. No funeral is planned. Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

BASILIO M. RIVERA

Age 52, of Plymouth, August 7, 2005. Beloved son of Mary Rivera of Plymouth. Loving brother of Elizabeth Rocha of Texas, Rose (Stephen) Baker of Allen Park, Susie Wagner of Plymouth, Paul (Mary Lou) of Canton, Felix (Carrie) of Plymouth, and David (Courtney) of Livonia. Dearest uncle of Mary Sue Raisigel of Plymouth, Marcie Lynn Jaskolski, and many other nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, Michigan

DOROTHY E. FERNELIUS (NEE MCCANNON)

Was born January 7, 1923 in Newark Ohio. She died July 30, 2005 in St. Joseph Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Dorothy was a teacher in the Bloomfield Hills School System. She is survived by her husband, Earl W. Fernelius and two daughters, Margaret A. Brooks with granddaughter, Emma in Tucson, Arizona and Linda K. Fernelius in Jacksonville, Florida. Private arrangements were handled by Heather Mortuary and Chapel, 1040 N. Columbus Blvd., Tucson Arizona 85711.

RONALD FRANCIS FILTER

Of Bloomfield Hills, July 31, 2005, age 88. The loving husband of the late Dorothy Filter and dear father of Robert Filter of Bloomfield Hills, Douglas Filter of Grand Rapids and Donald Filter of Maumee, Ohio. Retired industrial engineer for General Motors at the Cadillac Motor Car Division for 42 1/2 years. A memorial service for the immediate family will be at Acacia Cemetery August 20, 2005. Memorials may be made to Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Beverly Hills, MI. 48025

GAIL N. EDWARDS

Of Farmington Hills, Age 67, died August 9, 2005. Beloved mother of Becki Edwards, Cherished grandmother of Heather and Nicholas Hyatt. Loving daughter of Rebecca Neal of Virginia. Preceded in death by her father Erman and brother Clyde E. Neal. Prayer service Friday 1 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, (1 block W. of Farmington Road). Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM and Friday 1-9 PM. Memorial Contributions may be made to: American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

EDWARD C. CONLEY

Age 90, Sun., Aug. 7, 2005, of Dayton, OH (formerly of Birmingham, MI for 50 years). Preceded in death by three sisters, Kathleen, Marjorie, and Mary; and four brothers, James, Frederick, Kenneth, and William. Edward is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy; his daughter Mary Elizabeth Kosmal of Dayton, OH; his son John Conley of Duluth, GA; grandson Ryan Conley and granddaughter Rachel Kosmal McCart. Mr. Conley was a prominent financial executive in the automotive industry in the Detroit area, a member of St. Regis Catholic Church, the Birmingham Men's Club and Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps with service during WWII. Graveside services will be held at 10am Thursday, August 11, 2005, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Stephens College, Columbia, MO, in Edward's memory. Arrangements in care of Newcomer Funeral Home, Kettering, Ohio

HELEN W. SENTENEY

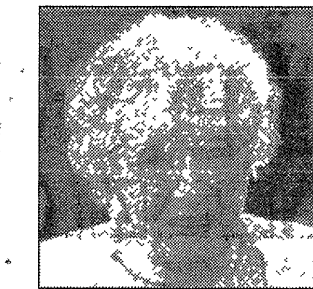
A resident of Birmingham from 1950-1975, Mrs. Senteney died peacefully in Poway, California July 22 at age 83. Born in Detroit, wife of James Howard Senteney, mother of Kenneth (Jackie) of Layton, Utah, Gail of Sandy, Utah, and Patricia (Peter) Floyd, Warren, Vermont. She was predeceased by her husband on September 7, 1997 and by her grandson, David Christopher Miller, November 17, 1973.

EVELYN B. NAGLER

Age 87, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2005. She was born September 19, 1917 in Traverse City, MI, the daughter of Frank & Anastasia Palmer. Evelyn will be greatly missed by her children; Elizabeth (Ron) Betzig and Frank (Barbara) Nagler, six grandchildren; Sarah, Evan and Julia Betzig, Stacy, Sean and Travis Nagler, one brother, Franklin Palmer. The family did receive friends 2-4 & 6-8pm Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at the Nie Lifestory Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Rd. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, August 11, 2005 at Knox Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Tom Robinson officiating. The family will receive friends at the church Thursday morning from 10 am until time of services. A private burial will be held at Deepdale Cemetery, Lansing, MI. Please visit Evelyn's personal webpage at www.lifestory.net to read her Lifestory, leave a memory and sign the guestbook. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

CHRISTINE MARIE SPARKS

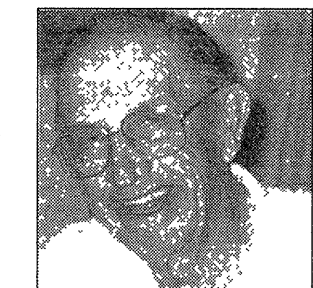
Beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed peacefully in her sleep August 9, 2005 at the age of 83. She is survived by 6 children Gary (Janice), JoAnn Porth (James), Cheryl Smith (Rick), Ernest (Janet), Donna Reeder (David), Mark (Donna), 15 grand children Gary II (Jennifer), Christopher, John Porth, Jeffrey Porth (Pam), James Porth (Kimberly), Justin Porth (Yuni), Tenille McLeod (Joel), Tanya Sparks, Tyler Sparks, Jay Sparks, Kimberly Murawski (Christopher), James Santti (Carolyn), Melanie Nunez (Ryan), Michelle Beasley (Brian), Scott (Kimberly), and 26 great grandchildren Baylen Sparks, Jackson Sparks, Olivia Porth, Dalton Porth, Ashley Porth, Jake Cassidy, Mike Cassidy, Logan Sparks, Dylan Sparks, Brittany Murawski, Brian Santti, Rachel McMasters, Rebekah McMasters, Chloe Beasley, Jake Beasley, Nick Beasley, Kensington Nunez, Jack Nunez, Katie Nunez, Carter Nunez, Joel Nunez, Jessica Sparks, Chelsea Sparks, Allison Sparks, Scotty Sparks, and Kaitlyn Sparks. At Christine's request, a private ceremony was immediately held in her home surrounded by her family. Final resting place will be Park City, Montana.



DOROTHY IRENE CONNOR

Age 96 of Rochester Hills, formerly of Detroit. August 8, 2005. Loving wife of the late James. Dear mother of Irene (William) Connors, Michael (Vicki) Connor, and the late Virginia Davies. Step-mother of Patricia Watt. Grandmother of Laura, Steven, Michael, William Jr., James, Robert, Ginger, Megan, and Michael Jr. Survived by 7 great grandchildren. Funeral service Thursday, August 11, 2005 10:00 AM at the Potere Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. The family will receive friends Wednesday 3-9 PM. Interment Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorials to Michigan Humane Society or the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook:

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WILLIAM BERNARD GURNEY

July 29, 2005, age 88. Beloved husband of Estelle for 68 years. Dearest father of Irene (David) Whitmore, William (Nancy) Gurney & Thomas Gurney. Dear papa of grandchildren Rachel (Michael) Miller, Jennifer (Robert) Graskewicz, Peter Gurney, Kate (Andreja) Reskevics and predeceased in death by darling granddaughter Stephanie Gurney. Proud papa of three great grandchildren, Alexis and Ian Miller and Bryn Jillian Graskewicz. Mr. Gurney was the Owner of Arbor Joy Golf Range for 35 years. In keeping with Mr. Gurney's wishes, arrangements were handled by the Cremation Society of Michigan. A private memorial service is being arranged. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mr. Gurney's name to a charity of your choice or St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Floor 4000, Older Adults and Stroke Unit, 5301 E. Huron River Dr., P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-0995.

ROBERT E. RHODES SR.

Age 54, of Plymouth passed away August 9, 2005. Beloved father of Heather (Jason) Waite, Robert E. Rhodes Jr. and Justin Rhodes. Dearest son of Nancy J. Rhodes Remic. Loving brother of Sandra (Gary) Luoma, Kathleen (Irv) Mahoney, Debra (Leo) Magee, Sheryl (Fred) Kiemele. Dearest Uncle of Jason, Jamie and Any Luoma, Alexander and Andrew Magee, Sean, Ryan and Katelyn Kiemele. Funeral Service Friday 12:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Rd., (1/4 mile West of Sheldon Rd.) Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, and at Church Friday 11:00 AM until time of service. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth or American Thoracic Cardiovascular Institute, 405 West Greenlawn, Lansing, MI 48910.



HELEN SYBIL HAY

Age 87, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away at the Cooney Convalescent Home in Helena, Montana on August 7, 2005. She was born near Jackson, Michigan on January 19, 1918, the youngest daughter of Harvey Winthrop Palmer and Helen Matilda Gattav Palmer. Sadly, Sybil's father died when she was very young in a flu epidemic, but her mother and sisters made sure she was well cared for, had a solid faith, and that she got a good education. She attended schools in Parma, Michigan and moved to Washington state where she completed high school in Mount Vernon and secondary school in Seattle. Upon moving back to Michigan, she married Garfield Donald Hay on May 16, 1941 and worked off and on at H & H Tube Manufacturing for many years. The real focal points of Sybil's life were her family and her church. Garfield and Sybil had four wonderful children, Louise, Joyce, Harold, and Marcia whom they raised in Livonia. Sybil enjoyed singing in her church choir and the wonderful relationships she had with her Sunday School classes at Trinity Baptist Church, Highland Park Baptist Church, and later, Covenant Community Baptist Church. Her faith was simple, unwavering, and the strength of her life. Garfield and Sybil had many wonderful memories of family trips across the country, some international travel to visit daughter Louise in Sicily where three of their grandchildren were born. They enjoyed trips to Montana to visit son, Harold, and his family. Highlights there were hiking to a ghost town and floating the Missouri River. Sybil was always close to her daughter and son-in-law Marcia and Bill Barnard, who she was happy stayed in the Detroit area to share their lives with her on a day-to-day basis. Marcia has a beautiful singing voice that Sybil never tired of listening to. Sybil was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Winifred Schwartz, Mary Howe, and Grace Emery; her husband Garfield, and daughter Joyce Ruth Hay. Survivors include children Louise Sybil Gabbard of Corpus Christi, TX; Harold Walter Hay (Judy) of Helena, MT; and Marcia Joan Barnard (Bill) of Novi, MI; grandchildren Sharolyn Hacker, Rebecca Crow (Jeremy), Marilyn Gabbard, Max Hay, Blakely Hay, and Ramsey Hay; great grandchildren Shanelle Hacker, Samantha Hacker, and Aerial Escamilla; and many nieces, grand nieces and grand nephews. Visitation and funeral services will be at RG & FG Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia Michigan. Visitation will be Thursday Aug. 11, 6pm - 9pm, and Friday Aug. 12, noon - 9pm. The funeral service will be Saturday, August 13, 11:30am. Interment will be at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Send International, PO Box 513 Farmington, MI, or Christian Service Brigade, C/O Gene Francis, 972 Northlawn, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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Stocking simple ingredients such as a variety of olive oils, vinegar, pasta and summer fruits and vegetables will ensure you can whip together delicious meals on a moment's notice. A basket pre-stocked with paper plates, napkins, disposable utensils and cups will transport your dishes from the kitchen to a peaceful outdoor feast in no time flat.

"Olive oil is an excellent ingredient to keep on hand for creating dishes for your summer picnic because it has such a wide variety of flavors and uses," says Bob Bauer, president of the North American Olive Oil Association. "It offers a healthier alternative to heavy salad dressings, and the variety of flavors work well for creating a range of flavorful marinades."

Recently recognized by the Food and Drug Administration as heart healthy, olive oil is a particularly tasty ingredient in summer salads that can be made in advance and easily packaged for picnics. Try these simple, portable summer dishes the next time you are invited to an outdoor party or want to create your own picnic adventure.

Picnic Potato Salad is a delicious twist on the classic side dish. Tangy vinegar and extra virgin olive oil offer a lighter alternative to the traditional mayonnaise dressing, while sliced radishes and celery add a refreshing crunch. This portable salad can be made up to one day in advance and then easily taken to any outdoor summer party, where it's sure to be a crowd favorite.

Spice up the typical picnic fare with Southwestern Tossed Salad. The colorful medley of corn, black beans, romaine lettuce, tomato and avocado is a tasty alternative to the expected pasta salads. Cotija cheese, cilantro and chipotle in adobo sauce add an

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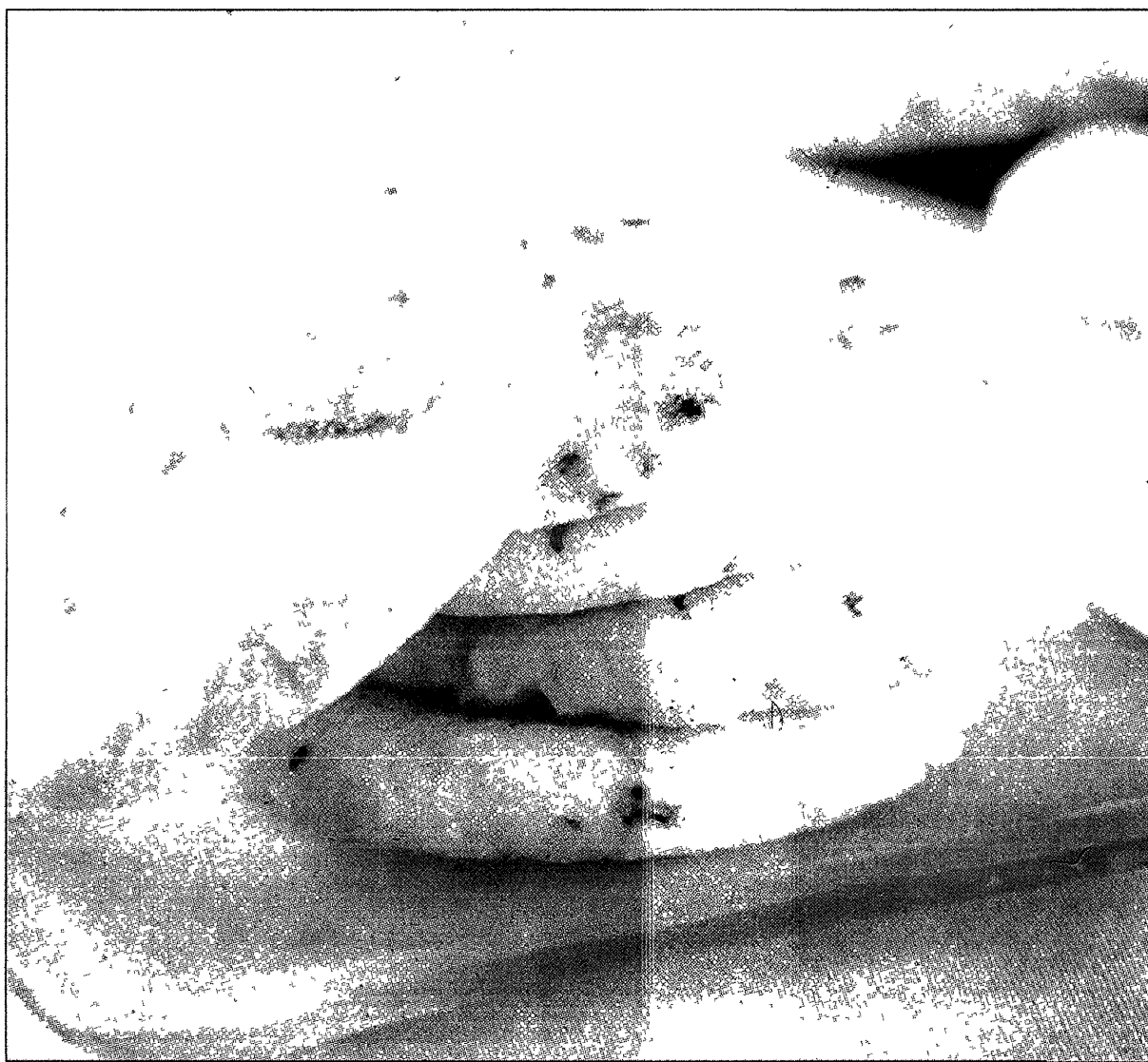
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Although this seems significant, the Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council set the goal of increasing the size of Michigan's wine industry to 10,000 grape acres from the current 1,500 by 2024. While sales of all wines in Michigan increased 39 percent between 1996 and 2004, sales of Michigan wines increased a whopping 84 percent.

Over the past three years, capital investment close to \$15 million has been made by Black Star Farms, the new Brys Estate Winery, Chateau Chantal, Contessa, Karma Vista, Peninsula Cellars, Tabor Hill, Uncle John's Fruithouse Winery and St. Julian.

DARKENED HORIZON

It all sounds so promising, yet most recently, Michigan wineries formed WineMichigan as an industry association to address regulatory issues, particularly the future of direct wine shipping, which HB4959, introduced by Rep. Chris Ward of Brighton and a host of sponsors, would cancel.

Passage of such legislation would destroy Michigan's wine industry and take away your consumer rights.

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AND THE WINNERS ARE!

Most of Michigan's wineries submitted wines to judging in the 28th annual Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition, conducted Tuesday, Aug. 2. Judges (including us) offered much praise in evaluating 302 wines, the largest number submitted for the competition to date. The following are the significant winners.

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DOUBLE GOLD (this category means that all judges who evaluated the wine awarded it a gold medal): 2002 Bel Lago Chardonnay, 2003 Bel Lago Pinot Grigio, NV Black Star Farms Hard Apple Cider, 2004 Brys Estate Winery and Vineyard Semi-sweet Riesling, 2004 Fenn Valley Vineyards Late Harvest Vignoles, 2004 Karma Vista Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, 2004 Leelanau Cellars Riesling Ice Wine, 2004 Peninsula Cellars Gewurztraminer, NV St. Julian Wine Company Cherry Wine, NV Uncle John's Fruit House Winery Farm House Perry.

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DIFFERENCE

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sautéing and stir-frying, to basting grilled or oven-roasted meats, poultry and seafood. Olive oil also works well as a flavor enhancer for sauces, marinades and dressings. **Extra Light Olive Oil** - Extra light olive oil, with its light golden color, is the mildest flavored of the olive oils and has just a hint of olive flavor. It's an excellent choice for all types of cooking, especially baking. It can be used in place of vegetable oil in most recipes. Extra light olive oil also is the best choice for high-heat cooking methods, because it remains extremely stable at high temperatures. Extra light olive oil has the same amount of calories and the same heart-healthy properties as other olive oils.

Source: North American Olive Oil Association

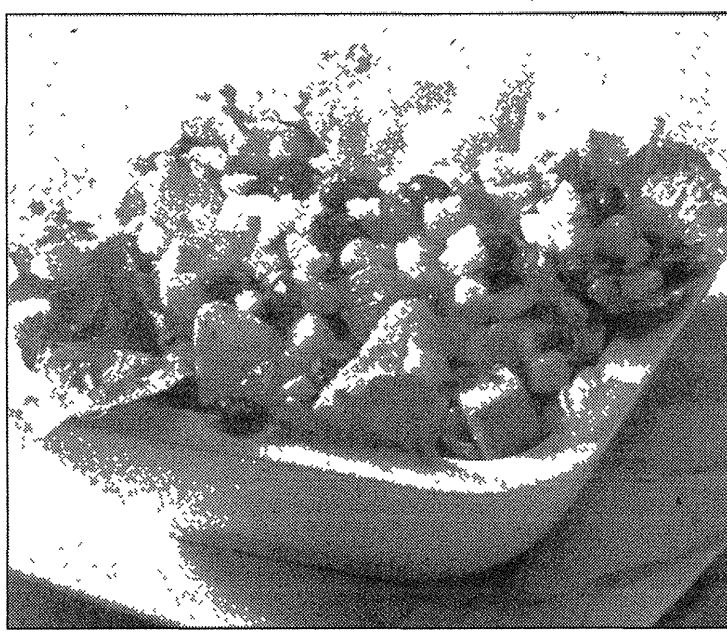
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authentic Southwestern flavor, while a corn chip garnish creates a colorful presentation that is surprisingly simple to create.

Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Salad is a kid-friendly dish packed full of all their favorite flavors. Get your kids involved in the assembly by having them choose their favorite pizza toppings like peppers, mushrooms or olives to add to the salad's base of pasta, pepperoni, cheese and fresh herbs. The ingredients are tossed with a simple extra virgin olive oil vinaigrette, making a colorful and flavorful dish the whole family will enjoy.

Turn summer garden vegetables or grilled meats into a flavor-packed dish with **Olive Oil Lime-Garlic Marinade**. Made from ingredients most people have on hand, the marinade goes together quickly but is full of tangy flavor. Picnickers who enjoy a little more spice will also love a variation on the recipe: **Thai Marinade**. This spicy Asian-inspired marinade can be used on vegetables or a variety of meats before grilling. **Minted Citrus Tea Cookies**



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Southwestern Tossed Salad is a colorful medley of corn, black beans, romaine lettuce, tomato and avocado.

are the perfect end to casual summer gatherings. Fresh mint leaves paired with lemon and lime zest add a refreshing zing to the tender sugar-cookie base, while extra light olive oil reduces the saturated fat content of the dessert. For a more savory version, you can use fresh rosemary in place of the mint. These cookies can be made in advance and taken

anywhere for a sweet complement to any summer meal.

Whether preparing meals in advance or stopping at a park for a midday break, the charm of picnics is that they are always very doable. For more recipes and information on olive oil, visit www.aboutoliveoil.org.

Established in 1989, the North American Olive Oil

Association is a trade association of marketers, packagers and importers of olive oil in the United States, Canada and their respective suppliers abroad. The association strives to foster a better understanding of olive oil and its taste, versatility and health benefits. For more information about olive oil and the NAOOA, visit www.aboutoliveoil.org.

SOUTHWESTERN TOSSED SALAD

- Salad:**
 2 cups frozen or canned (well drained) corn
 1 (15-1/2 ounce) can black beans, lightly rinsed and drained
 2 roma tomatoes, chopped
 4 green onions, sliced
 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
 4 ounces Cotija cheese*, crumbled

- Dressing:**
 1/2 cup olive oil
 1-1/2 teaspoons grated lime peel
 3 tablespoons lime juice (or rice vinegar)
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 finely chopped chipotle chile (mixed with 1/2 teaspoon adobo sauce purchased from store)

- 5 cups torn romaine lettuce
 1 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and cubed, optional
 1 cup coarsely broken tortilla chips, optional

In large bowl, combine corn, black beans, tomatoes, green onions, cilantro and cheese; toss to mix.

In measuring cup or small bowl, blend dressing ingredients. Add romaine, avocado and dressing to salad; toss to mix. Garnish with broken tortilla chips before serving, if desired.

Makes 10-12 servings (about 10 cups).

*Cotija cheese is a firm, salty Mexican cheese similar to Feta. Cotija Anejo is another version of Cotija that has been aged for a longer period of time. It is often found in the deli section of the supermarket or in specialty stores. If desired, substitute one cup diced Monterey Jack or Muenster cheese for Cotija.

Make-ahead tip: If desired, prepare recipe in advance without adding romaine and avocado. When ready to serve, simply toss romaine and avocado with remaining ingredients.

Nutrition information per serving. Serving size 1/10 recipe (175g). Calories 260, calories from fat 120, total fat 15g, saturated fat 3.5g, cholesterol 10mg, sodium 450mg, total carb 34g, dietary fiber 6g, sugars 2g, protein 8g.

PEPPERONI PIZZA PASTA SALAD

- Salad:**
 10 ounces uncooked fusilli or rotini, cooked and drained (5 cups cooked)
 1 cup (about 4 ounces) sliced pepperoni, cut into halves
 6 ounces fresh (whole milk) mozzarella* diced (1-1/2 cups)
 1/2 small red or yellow bell pepper, cut into small strips
 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
 4 medium roma tomatoes, chopped
 3 green onions, sliced
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
 1/2 teaspoon dry marjoram leaves

- Dressing:**
 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Cook pasta according to package directions; rinse in cold water and drain well. In large

bowl, combine pasta, pepperoni, cheeses, bell pepper, tomatoes, onions, basil and marjoram; toss to mix. Set aside.

In small bowl, blend olive oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper flakes. Pour over pasta mixture; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving time. Best served at room temperature.

Makes 10-12 servings (12 cups).

*If desired, substitute part-skim mozzarella.

Make-ahead tip: Make salad up to one day in advance and refrigerate.

Nutrition information per serving. Serving size 1/10 recipe (453g). Calories 420, calories from fat 240, total fat 22g, saturated fat 4.5g, cholesterol 15mg, sodium 570 mg, total carb 25g, dietary fiber <1g, sugars 4g, protein 11g.

THAI MARINADE

- 3 large cloves garlic
 2 serrano chile peppers, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces
 1/2 cup fish sauce
 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon sugar
 3 green onions, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh cilantro

In blender or food processor, with machine running, add garlic to chop. Add peppers; process to chop. Add remaining ingredients except cilantro; process until blended, scraping down sides, if necessary. Add cilantro; pulse briefly to mix. Pour marinade into bowl or plastic food storage bag. Add about two pounds meat or four-five cups vegetables; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate. * Marinate four hours to overnight. Grill or broil meat. Serve vegetables with slotted spoon.

Makes one cup marinade.

*If desired, vegetables can be marinated at room temperature for one or two hours.

Recipe Tip: This recipe can be made quickly in a blender or food processor. Or if desired, chop garlic, peppers, cilantro and green onions and combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Use this spicy marinade to add an Asian flair to grilled chicken breasts or to a medley of summer vegetables.

Nutrition information per serving. Serving size approximately two teaspoons (11g). Calories 30, calories from fat 25, total fat 3g, saturated fat 0g, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 310mg, total carb <1g, dietary fiber 0g, sugars 0g, Protein 0g.

MINTED CITRUS TEA COOKIES

- 1-1/2 cup flour
 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 1-1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
 1-1/2 teaspoons grated lime peel
 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint OR 1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary leaves

- 1/4 cup extra light olive oil
 1 egg
 sugar

Mix flour, baking powder and salt in small mixing bowl; set aside. Cream butter, granulated sugar and powdered sugar, lemon and lime peels and mint in large mixing bowl. Blend in olive oil and egg. Stir in flour mixture. Cover and refrigerate for one to two hours.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Shape dough into 1/2-inch balls; place two inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Dip tops in sugar; place on baking sheet, sugared side up. Flatten to 1/2-inch thickness with fork or bottom of drinking glass dipped in granulated sugar. Bake 7-11 minutes, or until cookies appear done in center. Carefully remove cookies from pan immediately. Cool on wire rack.

Makes about 2-1/2 dozen cookies. Nutrition information per serving. Serving size: One cookie. Calories 80, calories from fat 40, total fat 4.5g, saturated fat 1.5g, cholesterol 15mg, sodium 20mg, total carb 10g, dietary fiber 0g, sugars 4g, protein <1g.

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Try some sweet potatoes in your next potato salad recipe

Watching your diet doesn't mean you can't enjoy a summer picnic. You might even like it more with revamped, healthier versions of perennial favorites.

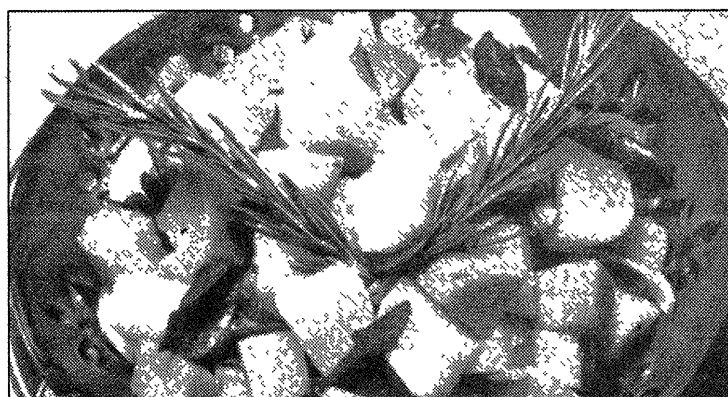
Traditionally, picnic foods are full of fat and calories. It doesn't have to be that way. A potato salad combining yellow and sweet potatoes, for example, is packed with nutrients and flavor and, depending on the dressing used, can lower the fat and calorie count usually associated with this favorite picnic side dish.

Sweet potatoes are not just for Thanksgiving anymore. As their health benefits become more widely known, they are being seen in dishes year round. The deep orange color of the sweet potato is a clue to its healthful properties. Deep orange vegetables and fruit are rich in the antioxidant beta-carotene, which helps protect against cancer and heart disease. Sweet potatoes also are high in potassium and in vitamins A and C.

Fresh sweet potatoes are available throughout the year. When shopping, look for those that are small- to medium-sized with smooth skin. They can be stored in a dark, cool place for up to four weeks.

TWO-POTATO SALAD

1 pound boiling potatoes, preferably yellow-fleshed (peeled and diced 1/2 inch)



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Picnic foods, much like this two-potato salad, don't always have to be bad for you.

1 pound sweet potatoes (peeled and diced 1/2 inch)
 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 2/3 cup minced shallots
 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary leaves
 1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme leaves
 4 cups loosely-packed washed spinach leaves torn into bite-size pieces*
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Place boiling potatoes in separate pots with enough cold water to cover. Cover with tight-fitting lids and bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook until just barely tender. (Potatoes will continue cooking after removed from pot.)

Meanwhile, make dressing by mixing mustard and vinegar in bowl, and gradually whisking in

oil until smooth and well combined. Mix in shallots and herbs. Season to taste with salt and pepper, as desired.

When potatoes are not quite completely tender when pierced with a fork, drain and transfer to large bowl. Mix in half the dressing (about 1/2 cup) and set aside to allow potatoes to absorb flavors while cooling.

When they reach room temperature, lightly mix in spinach and remaining dressing. Adjust seasoning with additional salt and pepper, as desired.

*Baby spinach leaves can be used as is. Makes 12 1/2-cup servings.

Per serving: 116 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 16 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 151 mg. sodium.

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - It recently was brought to my attention that I dedicate an inordinate amount of this space to things that annoy me.

It's easy enough to do. Much as I love food and cooking, the food world tends to silliness and pretentiousness, often without even trying. That's even more annoying.

For example, I recently enjoyed an otherwise fantastic dinner out, the point of which was to highlight the many wonderful food products grown in New Hampshire.

Now keep in mind, New Hampshire (of "Live Free or Die" fame) is about as pretentious as Montana. Yet on the menu was a dessert described as a "deconstructed flavor profile."

Even after eating it I had no idea what that meant. That annoyed me.

But there I go again. So in an effort to restore balance, I dedicate the remainder of this column to 10 foodie things (in no particular order) that I like, the sort of things that make me smile when I'm in the kitchen.

1. Silicone spatulas. Talk about kitchen workhorse. I keep half a dozen of these flexible utensils on my counter at all times. Nothing is better at scraping every drop from a bowl; they usually let me squeeze one last pancake or cookie from a batch of batter.

2. Professional stoves. Life really is better with six burners. Granted, obscenely high BTU counts can get away from you, and with me they often do. But a scorched cookie now and again is a small price for power and flexibility. No, I've never used all six burners at once, but it's such a comfort knowing they're there.

3. Silicone baking mats. These practically indestructible baking sheet liners are no-stick heaven. They keep your pans clean, are easy to wash and nothing, and I mean nothing, sticks to them.

4. Artisanal cheeses. Cheese should not look like a brick, nor should it all taste the same. Real cheese, carefully made, small-batch cheese should let you taste the grass the animals ate.

Here's a trick I learned at the aforementioned dinner (this makes up for the horrid dessert): Use a paring knife to slice dried apricots clamshell-style. Stuff each with goat cheese and sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper. Eye-rolling good.

5. Capers. How can something so small pack so much flavor? I add them to everything, from pasta salads to puttanesca. Try them tossed with extra-virgin olive oil, garlic, kosher salt and warm pasta. And while you can spend a fortune, even cheap brands usually are pretty good with a quick rinse under cool water.

6. Stainless steel tables. There's good reason these are a staple of professional kitchens - they stand up to anything. They stay cool when working with pastry, but can handle even the hottest pots and pans.

7. Shiraz. I like red wines that are big, bold and not afraid to slap me around.

8. Underripe plums. Summer is all about produce, and my favorite fruit is plums that are so underripe they are hard, yellow and tart enough to melt tooth enamel.

9. Salted apples. My great-grandmother taught me this one. Cut an apple into wedges then sprinkle liberally with salt.

10. Orzo. What a funny little pasta. It looks like rice, but cooks

in just minutes. It's great in soups, pasta salads or tossed warm with finely chopped greens and cheese.

Or toss cooked orzo with toasted pine nuts, olive oil, garlic, salt and feta. Heaven!

Orzo also makes a grand risotto-like dish, as Carolyn Wente and Kimball Jones demonstrate in their recent cookbook, *Sharing the Vineyard Table* (Ten Speed Press, 2005, \$24.95).

ORZO WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS AND ASIAGO

- 6 to 7 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 large yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 cups orzo pasta
- 1/2 cups grated Asiago cheese
- 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves

In a large saucepan, bring the stock to a slow boil.

In a large skillet or saucepan set over a medium flame, melt and combine the olive oil and butter. Add the onion and saute until translucent, about 5 minutes.

Season lightly with salt and pepper, then add the orzo and continue cooking until the pasta browns lightly.

Using a ladle, carefully add the stock to the skillet. Bring to a boil and cover. Turn off the heat and let stand 20 minutes. The orzo should absorb the liquid. If any remains, cook over a low heat until absorbed.

Stir in the cheese and the cilantro, saving several leaves for garnish. Garnish and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from Carolyn Wente and Kimball Jones' *Sharing the Vineyard Table*, Ten Speed Press, 2005, \$24.95.

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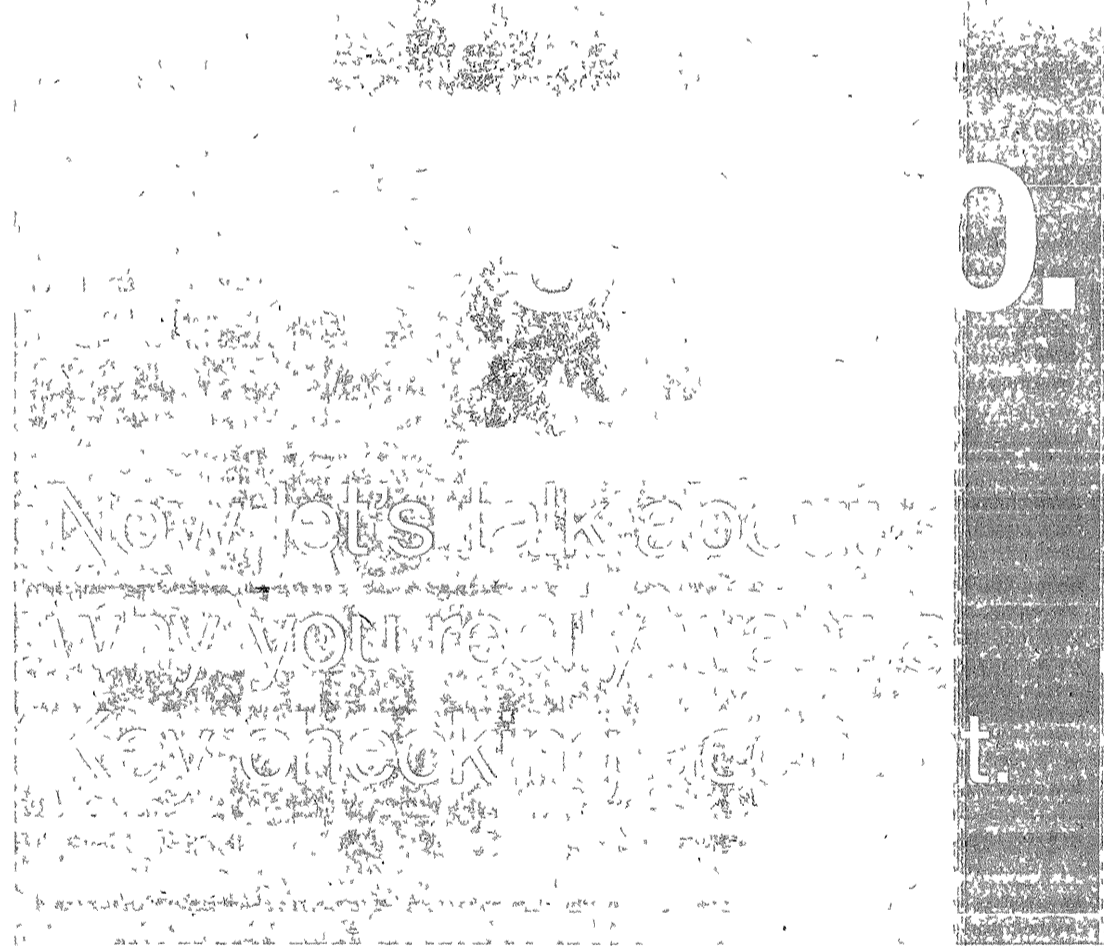
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Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

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Schmitt shines

Allison Schmitt, a 15-year-old Canton resident, won four individual and three relay medals in the Open Division of the Michigan Long Course State Championship swim meet Aug. 6-7 at Eastern Michigan University.

Schmitt, who will be a sophomore at Canton High School in the fall, earned individual gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly, the 200-meter butterfly and the 100-meter freestyle. She also captured a silver medal in the 50-meter freestyle.

Swimming with her Ann Arbor Swim Club teammates, Schmitt won the 400-meter and the 800-meter freestyle relays while finishing third in the 400-meter relay. Her individual times in the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle earned Schmitt the right to compete in the U.S. Open swim meet, which will be held in Auburn, Ala., in December.

Family golf

The Strategic Fox golf course in Plymouth Township will host a Family Night Out on Saturday, Aug. 13, beginning at 5 p.m. The event's \$60 fee includes nine holes of golf for two adults and two children, a hot dog or hamburger, chips and pop. Call (734) 453-7272.

Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is currently forming its fall baseball leagues. Teams are available for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 for T-ball, coach-pitch and regular-pitch leagues. Practices will commence at the end of August with games beginning in September.

Registration forms can be completed at the Summit on the Park in Canton or by visiting the www.csc.canton-mi.org. Call (734) 394-5489. The deadline for registering is Aug. 19.

Upcoming tryouts

■ The TSI Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball team will be holding tryouts for the 2006 season on Saturday, Aug. 20, on diamonds 1 and 2 of the Canton Softball Center. Tryouts will be held at the following times: 10U - 9:30 a.m.; 12U - 11 a.m.; 14U - 12:30 p.m.; and 16U/18U - 2 p.m.

Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the scheduled tryout time. For additional information, send an e-mail to playfastpitch@webtv.net.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 11U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2006 season on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park's (McClumpha Park) diamond 2. The park is located on Ann Arbor Trail east of Beck Road.

All players must be 11 years old or younger as of April 30, 2006. For more information, visit www.eteamz.com/plymouthgrizzlies or send an e-mail to Sudzyl90@aol.com.

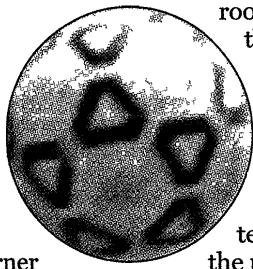
'Field of Dreams' project takes shape

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park "Soccer Field of Dreams" project has evolved from the planning stage to the ground-moving stage over the past month.

Evidence of the evolution can be seen these days on the northeast corner of the PCEP property, where work crews are prepping the land for a first-class, real-grass soccer field that will be used by the Salem, Canton and Plymouth girls and boys soccer programs beginning in fall 2006.

The addition of the new field is the first chapter of a multi-phase project that will eventually upgrade the existing soccer stadium located a quarter-mile south on Canton Center Road. Once the project is completed, the current stadium will be refurbished with a new concession stand, improved dugouts and an enclosed rest-



room facility, among other things.

"It was nice to drive by the park and see that the work had started on the new field," said Karl Halewicz, president of the Salem boys soccer team's booster club. "To see the plans are one thing, but it was neat to see that it's actually starting to take shape."

According to Halewicz, the new field will be used primarily by the three schools' junior varsity and freshman teams.

"The existing field has really gotten beaten down over the past couple of years with nine boys teams and nine girls teams playing on it," Halewicz said. "Having another field will reduce the wear and tear on it. It will be up to the coaches and athletic directors to decide, but more than likely, it looks like the new

field will serve as the freshman game field with some junior varsity games being played there, too.

"The school district had to meet several requirements when it came to drainage and other things, so it's going to be a very nice field."

The idea for the "Field of Dreams" improvement project was developed by Pat Williams, Bob Harris and Earl Hall, whose sons were seniors on the 2004 Salem soccer team. After drawing up a blueprint for the improvements, they presented the plan to the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board.

"Even though their sons had graduated, these parents wanted to do something to rejuvenate the soccer facilities, so they drew up a plan and presented it to the school board," said Tom Sklut, the chief development officer for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "It used to be a state-of-the-art facility, but with all of the teams playing on it

now, it's a little long in the tooth.

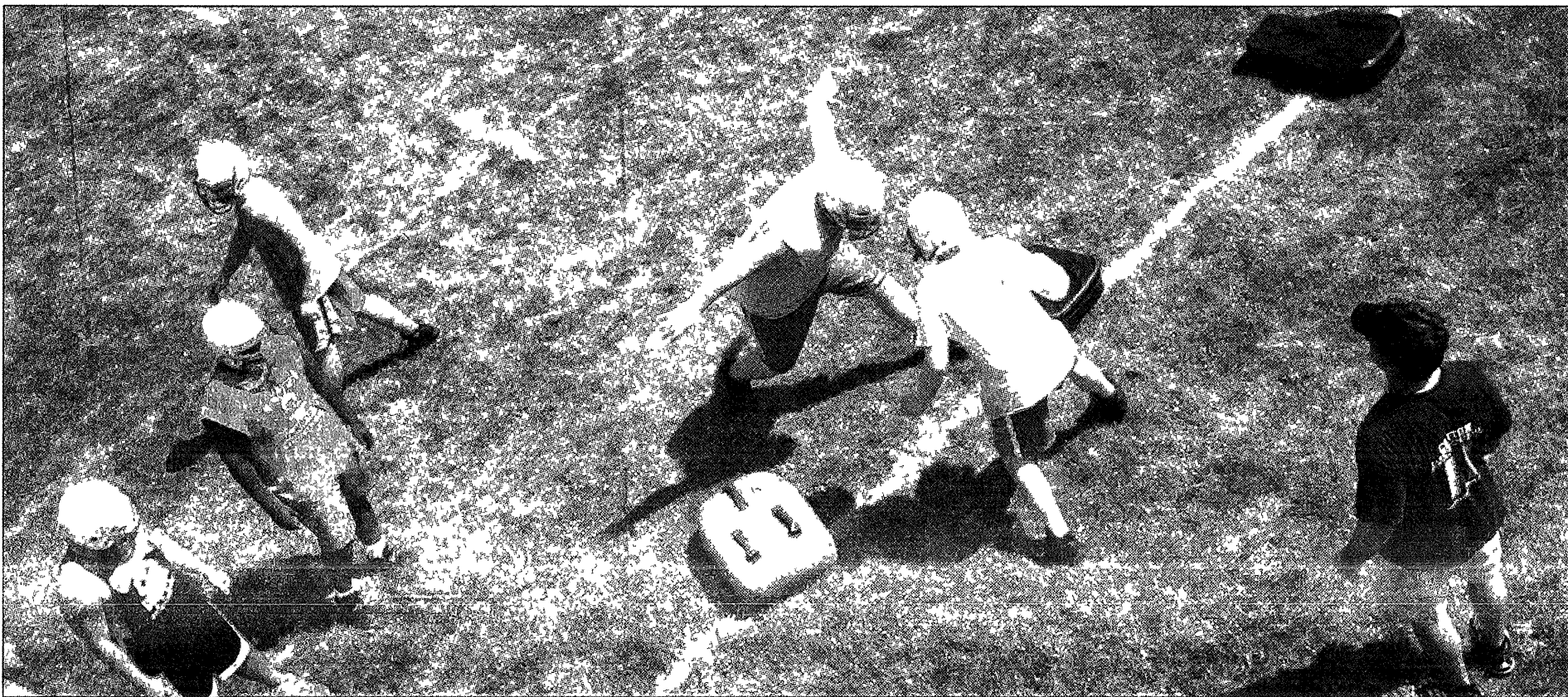
"The school district did a good job of expending the funds from the 1999 bond, so there was money remaining from that to allow us to put in the new field. The funds for the improvements to the existing field will be raised by the 'Field of Dreams' committee. From what I understand, they've raised approximately 75 percent of what they need to make the improvements. The school board can't approve the improvements until all the money has been raised."

The field will not be used until fall 2006 so that the new grass is mature and ready to withstand the pounding that goes hand-in-hand with high school soccer.

"One of the nice things that has come out of this is that booster clubs from all three schools are working together to raise the money," Halewicz said.

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2005 prep football practice kicks off



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Canton defensive line coach Jeff Powers (far right) oversees a blocking drill during the Chiefs' inaugural 2005 practice Monday morning. The Chiefs are coming off an impressive 10-1 season that included a Western Lakes Activities Association title.

Ready to rumble

Grueling, multiple-practice days prepare prep gridders for upcoming season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A lot has changed over the past 20 years when it comes to pre-season prep football practices.

But at least one thing has remained the same.

"The first week of practice is very hard on the players' bodies," said Salem coach Bob Cummings, who played for the Rocks in the early-80s. "Two-a-day and

three-a-day practices are tremendous character-builders. If the players can get through this week, they know they can get through just about anything in life."

Over 300 varsity, junior-varsity and freshman players from the three local high schools pulled on their helmets Monday morning for three days of padless practices that are designed to build character, endurance, strength and a greater understanding of their respective teams' offenses and defenses.

Canton coach Tim Baechler said several factors played a role in his team's opening week practice times of 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"When I first got here, we practiced from 8 to 11 in the morning, then at 4 to 6 in the afternoon Baechler said. "When you split it up like that, it pretty much means summer is over for the kids. The way we do it now, there's still a lot of the day left to do other things."

"Only three of my assistant coaches are teachers, so the way we do it now makes it easier for them to arrange their work schedules."

Teams weren't allowed to strap on full pads until today.

"I'd have to say the players are probably

PLEASE SEE GRIDDERS, C4



Plymouth High School football player Austin McKinney displayed his jumping ability while participating in a drill at Monday's season-opening practice.

Heart of gold

Plymouth's Gould earns seven medals at Transplant Games

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Climbing a flight of stairs was a daunting task two years ago for Terry Gould, who suffered from heart disease that quickly sapped his energy.

During the week of July 17-23, Gould was forced to climb a number of stairs — the ones leading to the top of the gold medal stand at the World Transplant Games in London, Ontario.

The 53-year-old Plymouth resident earned seven swimming gold medals and played a role in setting two Transplant Games world records just over two years after undergoing heart-transplant surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital.

PLEASE SEE MEDALS, C2



Terry Gould (center) is pictured above with Chase Coleman's mom, Nancy, and his older brother, Lon, after winning seven gold medals at the World Transplant Games held in July in London, Ontario.

Rising net stars shine in AA Open

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Elite young tennis players from as far away as California displayed their lobs and slams this week on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park tennis courts, which served as one of the sites for the 2005 Ann Arbor Junior Open Tennis Tournament.

The prestigious United States Tennis Association-sanctioned event, which was started in 1961, attracted more than 500 players between the ages of 10 and 18 to several area venues.

"The members of the Plymouth and Canton communities should be very proud of these tennis facilities," said Clare North, the event's tournament referee. "We've been using them since they were built a few years ago. It's hard to find 16 courts together that are this nice."

The tournament, which is sponsored by the Huron

PLEASE SEE STARS, C3

Local associations ready to educate league officers

Is it August already? Where did this summer go? The month of August always means get ready for the new league season, which signals it's time for league officers to get ready for school.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association and Detroit Women's Bowling Association are about to hold its yearly officers' school and supply sessions at area bowling centers.

The annual John P. Gavie Tournament will be Monday, Aug. 22 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. It traditionally marks the kickoff of the new bowling season.

Leagues should send out notices to the members for the preseason meetings and the opening day.

It's also time to dust off the old bowling gear and check it out.

Does your arsenal need some new missiles of pin destruction, or perhaps take a good look at your old bowling shoes and see if they can make through another year?

If you haven't bowled at all over the summer, it might be good to get on down to the lanes and get a little practice time, a good tune-up for the body might be in order.

As the onset of the new season nears, there are going to be some noticeable changes due to the transformation to the U.S. Bowling Congress.

The cover of the new GDBA yearbook will feature the new USBC logo.

This latest edition again contains the names and averages of every individual, man or woman, who bowled in GDBA or DWBA leagues during the 2004-05 season.

The yearbook also contains a wealth of information, such as all-time records, All-City teams, all-time 300 games, 300 and 800 series from last year, tournament winners and the awards program.

The rulebooks and officers guidebooks will have the new look as well.

The GDBA/DWBA will soon become the Metro Detroit USBC Association and your own leagues will be referred to as Certified rather than Sanctioned.

The USBC membership forms will have a new look this season, indicating membership choices, whether you bowl only in local leagues, sport condition leagues, as well as state and local.

The new form is clear-cut, concise and simple. Bowlers must pay the certification fee the first

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week in which they bowl (USBC Rule 101b). The USBC dues are \$15 (DWBA), \$16 (GDBA), \$13.25 (DWBA seniors in a senior league), \$12 (GDBA seniors in a senior league). New this year on the back of the certification form provides for credit cards when individual memberships are sent through.

League officers supplies including new rulebooks and yearbooks will be issued to each league at the various league officers clinics to be held at the following Observer-Eccentric locations: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Cloverlanes (Livonia); 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23 at Plaza Lanes (Plymouth); 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1 at Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield); 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Thunderbird Lanes (Troy), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10 at Troy Lanes; 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Woodland Lanes (Livonia); and Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills), to be announced.

You can also attend league officer clinics at the following sites: 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 at Airway (Waterford); 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Century Lanes (Waterford); 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Cherry Hill Lanes (Dearborn Heights); 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Novi Bowl.

For any information on bowling centers not listed, contact the GDBA/DWBA at (586)773-6350.

For information on the Wayne-Westland Metro Bowling Association, call (734) 728-3092 or the affiliated bowling centers under its jurisdiction: Super Bowl (Canton), Westland Bowl, Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland), Wayne Bowl or Fiesta Lanes (Westland).

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison



Royal treatment

The Royals captured the championship in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association's 14-and-under division July 30 when they posted a dramatic 10-9 come-from-behind victory over the Athletics. The Royals finished with a 14-5 record. Pictured above are (back row, left to right) Coach Bob Wanamaker, Andrew Courter, Billy Hanley, Andrew League, Dylan Hagan, Eddie Mazorowicz, Joe Bellino, Matt McClain and Coach Bill Hanley; (front row, left to right) Jeff Greer, Shawn Simancas and Kyle Winningham. Not pictured are Brandon Yanik and Kyle Clinton.

MEDALS

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"It was a very emotional experience for me, standing on the medal stand while the national anthem played," Gould said. "It was also emotional because members of my family were in the crowd, along with members of the family of the young man whose heart I received."

"I feel better now than I have in 30 years. Before my transplant, I would get winded going up or down a flight of stairs. Now, I swim four or five days a week, 2,500 to 3,000 yards a day."

Gould had modest goals heading into the week-long games, which drew athletes from more than 60 countries.

"Before the games started, I thought it would be cool to win one gold medal, just to satisfy my ego," Gould said, chuckling. "After I won two the first day, I was asked to be on a relay team along with three other swimmers who were 18, 32 and 41 years old. We ended up setting

a world record and it was the first time the U.S. had ever won a medal in a swimming relay event."

On Mother's Day 2003, Gould received the heart of 20-year-old Chase Coleman, whose promising young life was tragically cut short by an automobile accident near his Millington home.

Coleman was an avid cyclist who built bikes from scratch. He also had filled out an organ donor card.

"The first time I met Chase's family, I was a little hesitant because I wasn't sure they'd be happy that their son's heart went to a 50-year-old man," Gould said. "But when we first met them, they saw my kids and my wife and it made them very happy that I was the one who had received Chase's heart. Chase's family are like family to me now. I talk to them regularly and my family and I got together with Chase's family for Thanksgiving last year."

Gould said he plans on competing in the Transplant

Games as long as his health allows him to.

"Every six months, the doctors perform a heart biopsy to make sure there are no signs of rejection," he said. "And I will have to take heart-rejection medicine for the rest of my life. But I feel great and I love to compete."

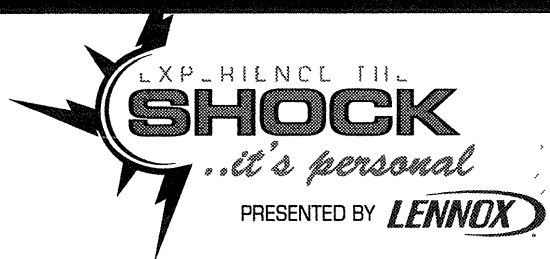
Gould emphasized that simply filling out the organ-donation form on the back of your driver's license isn't always enough.

"If you want your organs donated, it's important that you fill out a donor-registration card and get your name on the donor registry," he said. "If you're not on the list, if something happens to you, all it takes is one of your relatives to say they don't want your organs to be donated and the doctors won't do it."

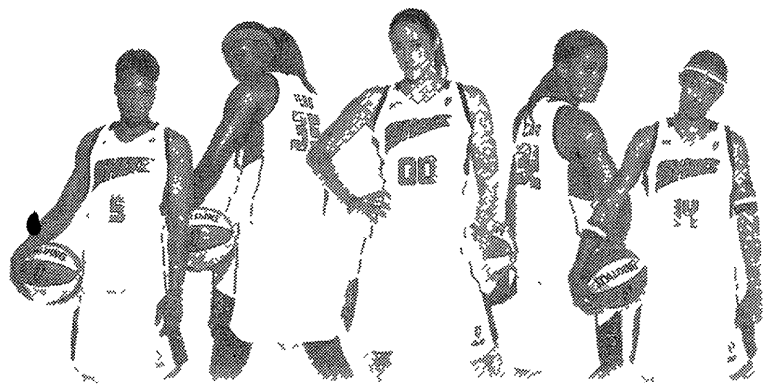
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Frost sets the tone for Madonna's v-ball squad

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Although it was not muggy, it wasn't exactly the ideal night to run wind sprints on the Livonia Stevenson High School track.

Never-the-less, Monday evening was hot for sure, but that didn't seem to affect Madonna University senior setter Ashley Frost, who regularly bolted ahead of her 12 other teammates under the commands of assistant coach Tim DeBeliso.

It certainly felt like the dog days of August as the MU women's volleyball team raced back-and-forth nearly to exhaustion on the track's straightaway.

But it was only natural that the team's setter was setting the tone for a night of conditioning practice.

"The last time I ran was in junior high, I hate running, but it's part of the sport," said Frost, who earned third-team NAI A All-America honors last season.

MU is coming off 42-5 season and a third straight trip to the NAI A Nationals in San Diego, Calif.

Two of the team's five All-Region players graduated including outside hitters Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) and Sharlyse Bush, an NAI A honorable mention All-America.

American and NAI A All-Tournament pick from Riga Latvia; 5-6 senior Libero Stefanie DeNardin (Marysville); and 5-10 middle hitter Laura Lesko (Wyandotte), who missed the entire 2004 season with a back injury after earning third-team All-America honors in 2003.

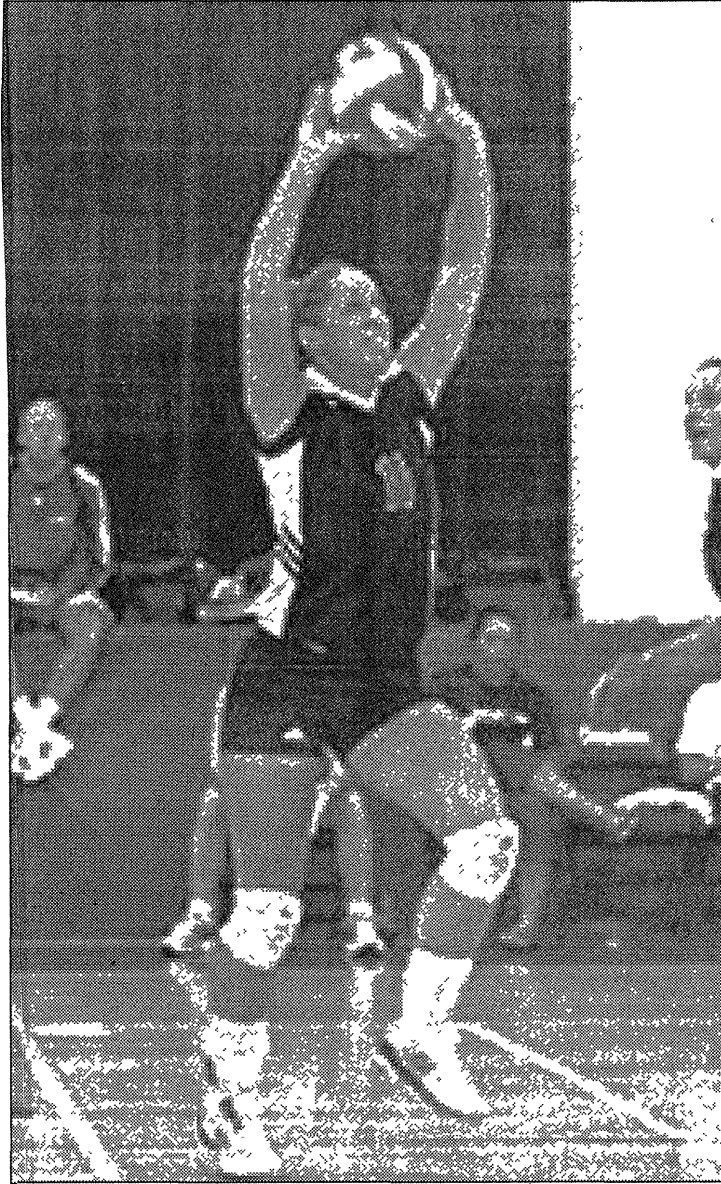
"We've had a history of good volleyball and we want to carry on that tradition," Frost said. "The girls are willing to work hard as a team. I don't really know the freshmen yet, but they already seem to mesh in."

"We've always had talent, high expectations and lot of potential. It's huge having Laura (Lesko) back. She was an All-America in 2003. She's a strong middle blocker, quick and smart. That's definitely to our advantage."

Also returning is All-Region pick Caryn Inman, a 6-1 junior middle hitter from Oxford; Heather Spooner, a 6-foot junior middle hitter from Woodhaven; Jacqui Gatt, a 5-7 sophomore outside hitter from Livonia Churchill; Becci Crane, a 5-7 junior defensive specialist-setter from Burton Atherton; and Redford's Amy Szymanski, a 5-7 sophomore setter-defensive specialist from Livonia Ladywood.

Coach Jerry Abraham, now in his 19th season (723-202 record) has taken six teams to the Nationals.

Abraham has added four more talented recruits to his roster including 6-1 freshman outside hitter Kelsey Mack, a third-team All-Stater from Churchill; 6-3 freshman Stephanie Parslow (Macomb Dakota) 5-9 freshman outside



Setter Ashley Frost is expected to be a key contributor for the Madonna University volleyball team this fall. The Crusaders are coming off an ultra-successful 42-5 season.

hitter Nikki Ellul (Dearborn Dvine Child); and 6-foot junior Diana Sesto (Chippewa Valley), a transfer from

Macomb Community College. "I think we have a well-balanced team with depth at every position," Abraham said.

"We have a good combination of veterans and talented newcomers. Our goal was to recruit skilled players with size at all front row positions, and we did that."

"We created depth, especially at the outside hitter position with (Kelsey) Mack and (Nikki) Ellul. We were sort of thin at the outside hitter position last year. We had (Natalja) Timina and (Sharlyse) Bush there, and Jacqui (Gatt) also came in and did a terrific job. But we needed competition at that spot. I'm happy and I feel good about that."

After winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Conference title and earning an at-large bid to the NAI A Nationals after finishing runner-up to Cornerstone in the Region VIII tournament, MU went to San Diego somewhat handicapped by late season injuries to DeNardin (dislocated shoulder) and Spooner (ankle).

But despite that, MU knocked off No. 1 seed Fresno Pacific (Calif.), only to come up short in pool play with a 2-2 record.

"We beat the No. 1 team with two starters out with injuries," Frost said. "But it shouldn't be an excuse (for not qualifying for the elimination round of eight). We were just not 'on.' You have on-and-off days."

Abraham, meanwhile, is confident his four seniors can lead the way once again in 2005 as the Crusaders open their season Friday, Aug. 26 at the UM-Dearborn Tournament.

"It's a real strong class of seniors, they all have the ability to be All-Americans at their

positions," he said. "We're sound defensively and can attack from everywhere on the floor, and with Frost setting, we have one of the best in the nation."

Frost grew up on the small farming community of Lake Odessa, located between Grand Rapids and Lansing. With Jordan Lake in the background, she played three sports as prep including volleyball, basketball and softball.

As a senior, her Lakewood High volleyball team was eliminated in the state Class B semifinals by eventual champion Marysville.

Frost is constantly reminded of her final senior match where she found herself on the short end of the scoreboard against DeNardin and perennial state power Marysville.

"They just annihilated us," Frost said. "And when I got here (to MU) she (DeNardin) wearing those T-shirts that say, 'Back-to-back, back-to-back, back-to-back state championships.'"

Frost, however, can be thankful she's lined up on the same side of the net now with DeNardin. She's adjusted smoothly from small town life to life in the suburbs of Detroit.

Madonna is a small-school atmosphere, but it's also nice that you don't have to drive an hour to go to Meijers," she said.

Frost, a Human Resources Management major, has some unfinished business before she graduates in May from MU.

"We've gone three years in a row (to the NAI A Nationals), so it's all or nothing now," the setter said.

STARS

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Valley Tennis Club and Racquet Club of Ann Arbor, attracts many upper-echelon youth players every year, North confirmed.

good tennis being played." The double-elimination singles format is divided into 10 age brackets: 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U and 10U for both boys and girls. There is also a doubles competition, North added.

Among the local players participating in the tournament was Plymouth resident Alexandra Ware, who will be a sophomore at Salem in the fall. Ware ousted Noelle Hardy in a first-round 16U match before falling to Alexandra Ljubic, 6-3, 6-2, in the second round.

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GRIDDERS

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in better shape now when they start practice than they were when I played because we have year-round conditioning now," Cummings said. "It makes it easier on the coaches because we can concentrate more on teaching the offense and defense.

"Even though our players are in better shape, we still have to work hard on conditioning the first week because every other team's players have been working out year-round, too."

Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said the pre-season practices are both safer and more efficient than they were a generation before.

"All of the drills we do now are football-specific drills," Blaylock said. "For instance, we keep our sprints shorter and we don't have any long runs. Instead of running a 300-yard four-corner drill, we'll run 300 25-yard sprints. The school of thought has changed a lot as far as the workouts go. Even when we're running plays, we make sure we move quickly so there is conditioning involved and not as much standing around."

A greater awareness of the dangers of dehydration has also changed practice regimens. Players now have access to water whenever they need it. Twenty years ago, teams were fortunate to get one water break per practice.

"When I played in high school, we'd get maybe one break where we'd get to go over the trough and get a quick drink," Baechler said. "And you didn't get much water because everybody behind you was shouting, 'hurry up!' Now, are coaches are very good about



Canton tight end Jeff Piper executes a blocking drill during Monday's season-opening football practice.

giving the kids water breaks every 10 or 15 minutes. We much better educated now about hydration than coaches were 20 years ago."

Unlike the old days, players aren't reprimanded for asking for a swig of water at today's two-a-day practices.

"We make sure there are water bottles everywhere now," Blaylock said. "Players don't even have to take their helmets off now to get a drink, so it doesn't disrupt the flow of practice."

"We have a trainer at all of our practices now just in case something happens," Cummings added. "That wasn't the always the case when I played." ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108



Salem head coach Bob Cummings addressed his team between workouts at Monday's first practice. The Rocks are looking to improve on last season's 3-6 mark.

Heat can't derail young shotgunners

On a sweltering, humid summer weekend with afternoon temperatures soaring into the low 90s, youth shotgunners lined up last week at the Detroit Gun Club in Walled Lake for the 2005 Scholastic Clay Target Program's (SCTP) National Skeet and Sporting Clays Championships.

As a state, Michigan shooters fared very well with several



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Bill Parker

teams placing in the top three. Shooters from O&E-land also flexed their muscles and earned national acclaim.

In the skeet shooting competition, Hunter Dzierbicki of Bloomfield Hills helped the Wayne County Sportsman team shoot a 585 out of a possible 600 to win a national championship in the senior experienced division. Andy Fall of West Branch and Paco Birch of Dearborn are the other team members.

"They shot very well and they had a great time. That's all that matters," Wayne County coach Bob Martin said in a release. "They click as a very good team. They know when one guy's down, what to say to him. They all have character and SCTP builds it."

The Multi-Lakes Clay Wackers, consisting of Wade Cooke and Emmett Moody of West Bloomfield and Daniel Williams of Redford shot a 572 to earn third place honors in the division.

In the sporting clays competition, Cooke, Moody and Williams teamed up again, under the team name Michigan Island Clay Wackers, to place third in the senior experienced division with a score of 479.

These accomplishments are no small feats. Shotgunners shoot thousands of rounds during the course of training to become as proficient as these youths have become. Competitions are long and grueling and both physical and mental toughness are required. These kids have made a sacrifice and are now reaping the rewards.

Congratulations to all the shooters and especially to those local shotgunners who placed in the national event.

Shooters from Michigan also won several other awards. In skeet shooting, Michigan teams were first and third in the senior novice division, and third in the junior novice division. In Sporting Clays, Michigan won the senior novice division crown.

DONATIONS ONLINE

Osprey have returned to southeastern Michigan at

Shotgunners shoot thousands of rounds during the course of training to become as proficient as these youths have become.

Kensington Metropark and more, hopefully, are on the way with recent introduction of a chicks at Stony Creek Metropark.

Thanks to habitat improvement in Michigan's northern jackpine forests, the number of endangered Kirtland's warblers counted in the state this year is at an all time high. Scientists and volunteers counted 1,415 singing males this year, up from 1,348 counted last year and the most counted since the singing male survey began in 1951.

Ever wonder where the money for such projects comes from?

Those projects and many others including hawk and owl migration surveys, development of a statewide reptile and amphibian atlas, support for the Great Lakes Bat Festival, and development of plans for endangered and threatened Michigan fish comes from a fund administered by the Department of Natural Resources called the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund. It is earmarked specifically for nongame species — species that are not hunted — and is supported largely by donations from the general public.

The DNR has made donating to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund a little easier by allowing people to donate online. Simply go to the Michigan e-store Web site www.michigan.gov/michiganestore and click on the "Tax Deductible Donations" button.

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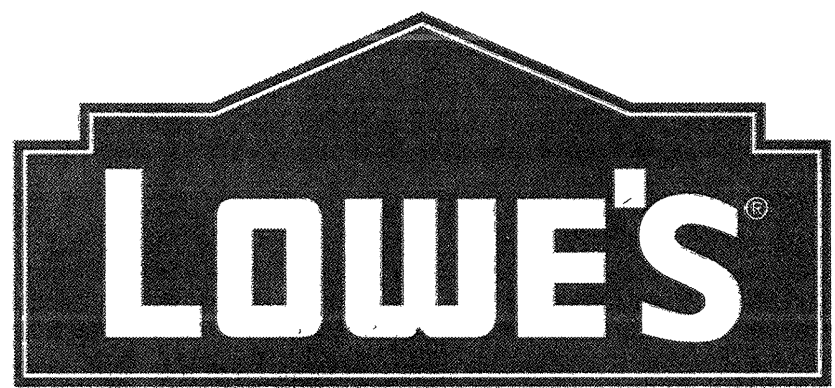
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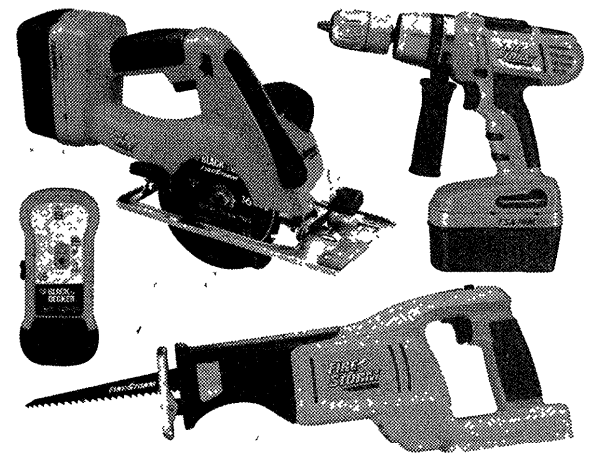


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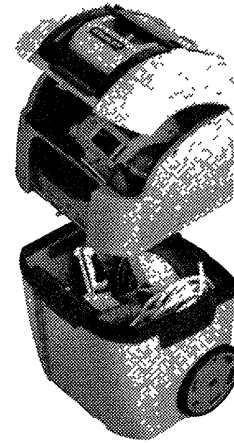
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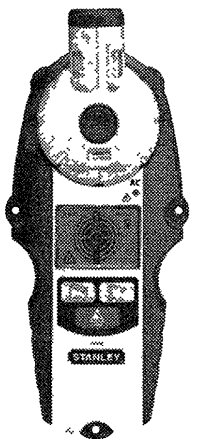
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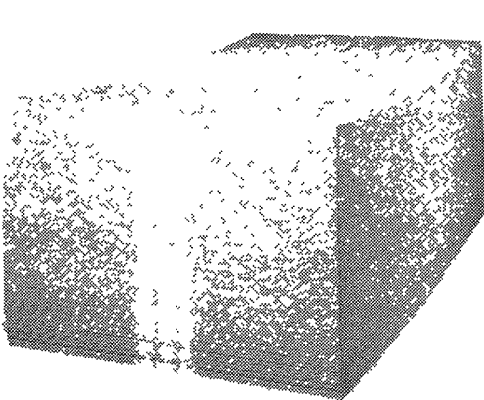
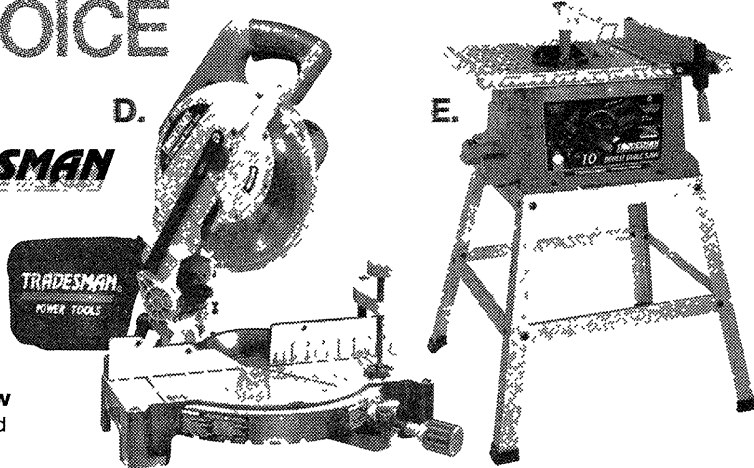
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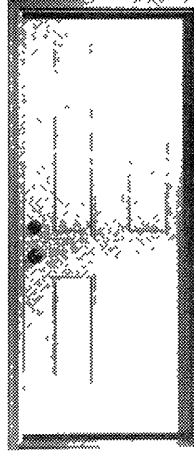
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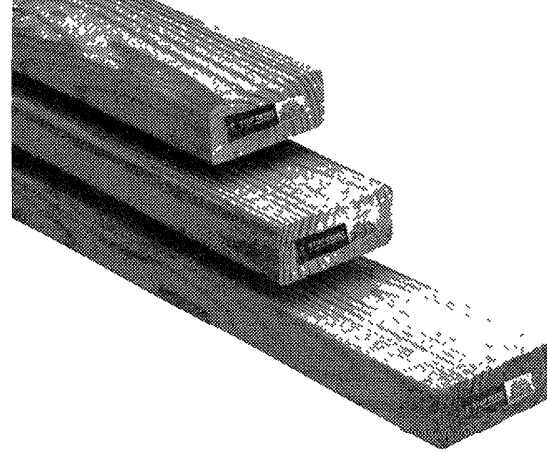
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Over 118,000 student-athletes set to compete in high school sports

Over 118,000 student-athletes will greet the beginning of a new school year in the coming week, beginning fall practice in eight sports at member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The fall season is generally the most popular participation season, with approximately 118,000 youngsters of 517,000 enrolled students taking part. This year, practice began Monday with football, followed by boys fall golf on Thursday. Golf cannot begin competition before next Monday, Aug. 15. All other fall sports may begin practice on Aug. 15, with competition allowed on the first day of practice in cross country and girls tennis.

The earliest game date for boys soccer is Aug. 26, girls swimming and diving in the Lower Peninsula may open activity on Aug. 27, and girls basketball may begin competition on Aug. 29.

Practice in football must begin on Aug. 8 for all schools wishing to begin regular season games the weekend of Aug. 26-28. Schools must have 14 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game. All football schools must conduct at least three conditioning days of practice before beginning contact, and the conditioning sessions may not include any pads. This year, two football dates precede Labor Day. Thursday varsity games will not take place in Week 1, but will take place in Week 2. On Labor Day weekend, 225 games will be played on Thursday, Sept. 1, 78 games will be played on Friday, Sept. 2, and 10 games will be played on Saturday, Sept. 3.

A noticeable National Federation of State High School Associations rules change in football involves pass interference, where contact made which is obviously away from the direction of the thrown ball is no longer a foul; and the rules were clarified to penalize hindering an opponent's vision without attempting to make a play on the ball, whether or not contact is made. There will also be a limit

on forward passes to one during a play. While multiple forward passes on a play were rare, prohibiting them simplifies determining eligible receivers. Any number of backward passes may continue to be thrown during a play. The momentum exception is no longer limited to caught balls, and now also apply to recoveries of a ball hitting the ground on a kick or a fumble. A substitution rule requires a mark nine yards from each sideline, and all players must be between those marks when the ball is snapped. Additionally, a period may not be extended if its final play includes an accepted penalty that involves the loss of a down.

In Michigan, MHSAA Handbook regulations have been modified to cover situations where a school forfeits a football contest and it is alleged that the forfeit is for reasons other than health, risk or other compelling issues, but rather to avoid competition. In such situations, school administrators from the forfeiting school are required to appear before the MHSAA Executive Committee. Sub-varsity teams will be allowed to schedule and play football games under National Federation rules for fewer than 11 players.

Basketball will see the coaches box expanded to 14 feet for those games in which it is desired by the competing schools and which the venue can accommodate. Team members are prohibited from removing their jersey or pants within the visual confines of the playing area, with the penalty being a technical foul. A team control foul has been added to help officials more accurately and consistently penalize offensive fouls, with the penalty for such a foul being a throw-in. The penalty for double personal, double technical and simultaneous fouls has been changed from an alternating-possession throw-in to resuming play from the point of interruption. A player leaving the court for an authorized reason will now be treated as a violation rather

than a technical foul. A soccer rules change will see taunting become a more serious violation, resulting in a "hard" red card requiring the ejection of the player from the game and not being replaced. A swimming and diving rules change allows an individual to continue to compete if after being detected for wearing illegal attire or jewelry, removes the illegal items. No longer will that individual be disqualified from the event in which the illegal item was worn.

Golf will see the addition of a District level of competition in the MHSAA post-season tournament for Lower Peninsula boys.

The change was made to help reduce the field reaching the Finals of the event to the same size as the Girls tournament in the Spring - 90 - to improve the flow of play. In addition, no cuts will be made in the two-day Final event of teams or individuals.

The 2005 fall campaign culminates with championships beginning with the Upper Peninsula Girls Tennis Finals on Sept. 30, and wraps up with the Girls Basketball Finals on December 3. Here is a complete list of fall championship dates:

- Girls Basketball: Districts, Nov. 14-19; Regionals, Nov. 21-23; Finals, Nov. 29, Dec. 1-3
- Cross Country: U.P. Finals, Oct. 22; L.P. Regionals, Oct. 28 or 29; L.P. Finals, Nov. 5
- Football: Selection Sunday, Oct. 23; Pre-Districts, Oct. 28 or 29; District Finals, Nov. 4 or 5; Regional Finals, Nov. 11 or 12; Semifinals, Nov. 19; Finals, Nov. 25-26
- L.P. Boys Golf: Districts, Sept. 29, 30 or Oct. 1; Regionals -- Oct. 6, 7 or 8; Finals, Oct. 14-15
- Boys Soccer: Districts, Oct. 24-29; Regionals, Nov. 1-5; Semifinals, Nov. 9; Finals, Nov. 12
- L.P. Girls Swimming & Diving: Diving Regionals, Nov. 15; Swimming/Diving Finals, Nov. 18-19
- Girls Tennis: U.P. Finals, Sept. 20; L.P. Regionals, Oct. 6 or 7; L.P. Finals, Oct. 14-15



Division champs

Canton Oaks Premier '93, an under-12 boys soccer team, turned in a stellar spring-summer session by capturing first place in the top division of the Western Suburban Soccer League. The Oaks allowed just one goal during league play. They competed in three tournaments, including a first-place finish in the top division of the Canton Cup. The Oaks also placed runner-up in the Novi Tournament and reached the semifinals of the Rockford (Ill.) Cup against some of the top teams in the Midwest. Members of the Oaks, coached by Bill Joker, include Jeff Cantin, Tyler Sanders, Ryan Sisteck, Tommy Halewicz, Andrew Yoder, Mitchell Vaughn, Michael Ambrose, Drew Roth, Eric Olech, Travis Hall, Nick Riley, Joey Klonowski and Garrett Bryden, all of Canton; Sal Savage and Josh Perrin, both of Plymouth; Connor Smith, Ypsilanti; and Jacob Solomon, Ann Arbor. Assistant coaches include Steve Roth and John Vaughn.

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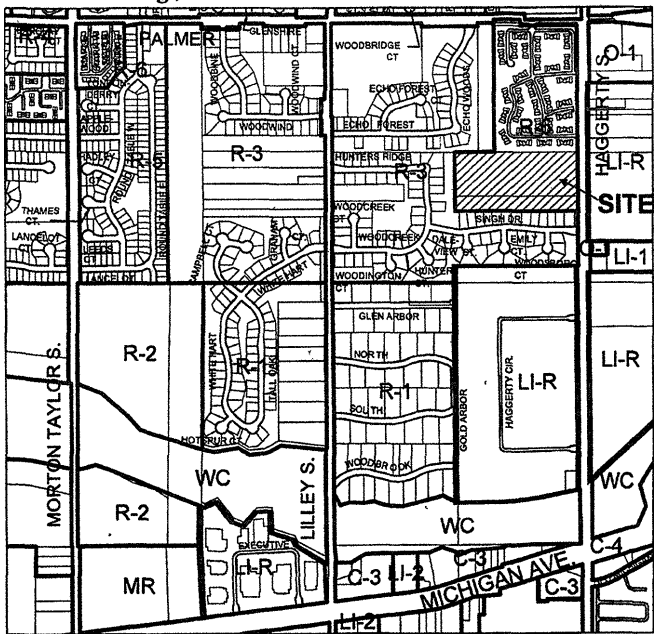
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, August 22, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

MONUMENT PRESERVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN). CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 101 99 0005 000 AND 101 99 0006 000. Property is located south of Palmer and west of Haggerty Road. (**First Public Hearing.**)



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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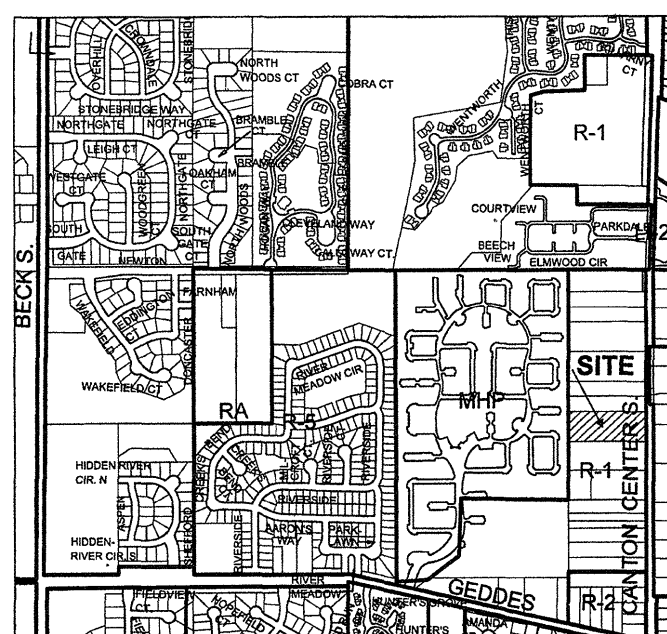
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SINGH/SABHA TEMPLE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 12.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 112 99 0025 000. Property is located west of Canton Center and north of Geddes Road.



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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Demolition of Former DPW Building located at 44508 Geddes Road

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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at **10:00AM, Tuesday, August 23rd, 2005** at the project site, 44508 Geddes Road, Canton Michigan.

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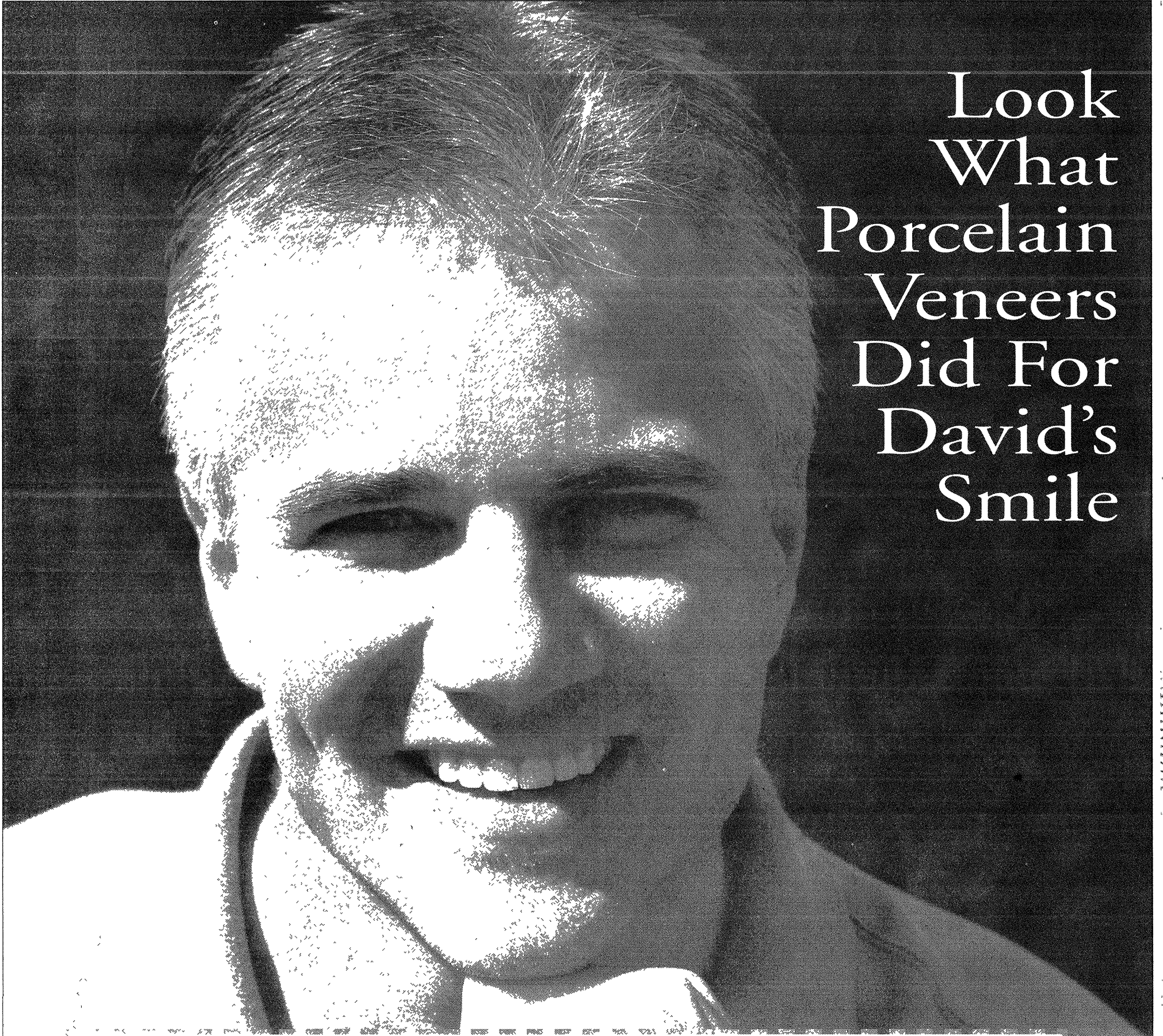
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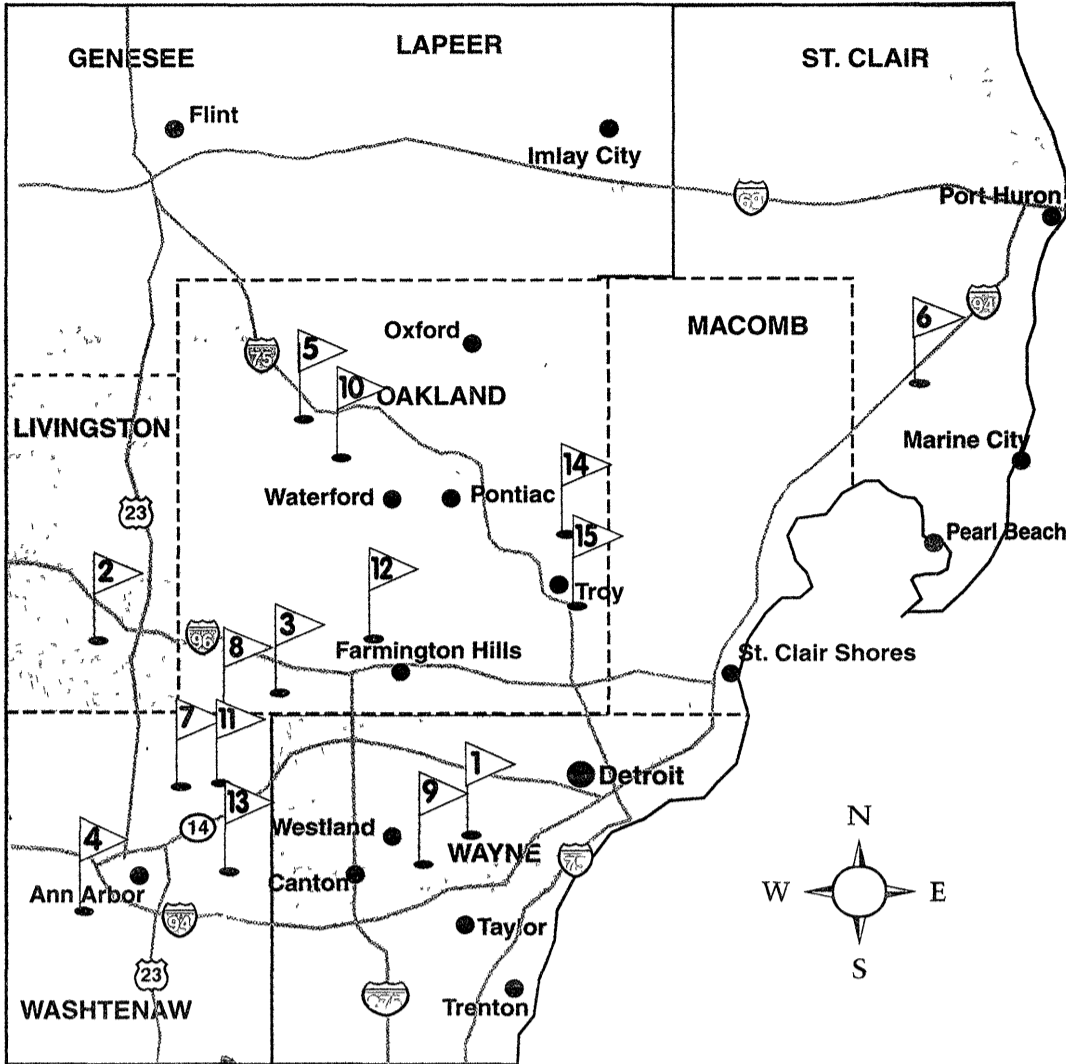
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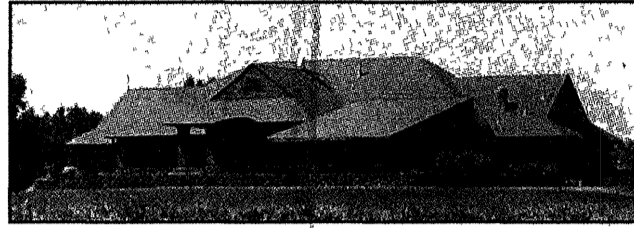
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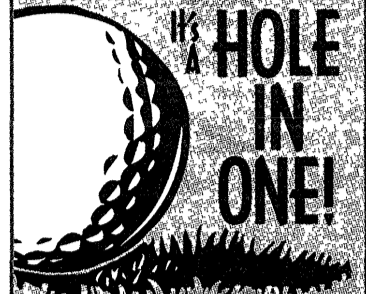
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Art Brown on 7/15/05
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Inkster Valley Golf Club
Jim Grant on 7/23/05
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 8 Iron

Pheasant Run
Michael Warren on 8/1/05
Hole #: 7 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Iron
Witness: Craig Spence
Comments: First Hole in One!

Rolling Meadows
Ann Marie Hardesty on 7/28/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Iron / Nike Ball
Witness: Lois Foerster
Comments: Only 20 years old!

Tanglewood
Richard McNair on 11/7/04
Hole #: Noth 6 Par: 3
Club Used: 11 Wood
Witness: Paul Corwin, Russ Thomas

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4141 Bauer Rd.
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810.229.9581
www.jackalgolfclub.com
No. of Holes 18 Par 71 Yards 6700
Manager Rob Bruhn
Directions I-96 to Exit 145 Go east on Grand River to Challis Rd (right)</p> | <p>3 LINKS OF NOVI
50395 W 10 Mile Rd.
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A 27 Hole Jerry Matthews Design located on Ten Mile Road, a 1/4 mile west of Wixom Rd.</p> |
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Directions at hickorystick.org</p> | <p>5 WINDMILL RIDGE
12751 Big Lake Road
Davisburg, MI 48350
248.634.1616
No. of Holes 9 Par 3
Manager Gerald Cook
Directions Dixie Highway to Davisburg Road (West) to Ormond Road (South) to Big Lake Road (East)</p> | <p>6 RATTLE RUN GOLF COURSE
7163 Saint Clair Hwy
East China, MI 48054
810.329.2070
www.rattlerun.com
No. of Holes 18 Par 72 Yards: 6865
Manager Gerry Behayo
Directions I-94 exit 157 south to Palms Rd., left to St. Clair Hwy, left 2 mi</p> |
| <p>7 ROLLING MEADOWS
6484 Sutton Rd
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
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No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6476
Directions Sutton near North Territorial Rd., 2 Miles east of US 23, 2 miles west of Pontiac Trail.</p> | <p>8 TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE
53503 W 10 Mile
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.3355
www.tanglewoodthelion.com
No. of Holes 27 Par 36 Yards 3636
Manager Ann Lewis
Directions 10 Mile Road between Wixom and Milford</p> | <p>9 INKSTER VALLEY GOLF COURSE
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Inkster, MI 48141
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Directions: 1/4 mile north of Michigan Ave west side of Middlebelt.</p> |
| <p>10 SPRINGFIELD OAKS GOLF COURSE
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No. of Holes 18 Par 71 Yards 6033
Front nine is open & hilly, back nine is tighter with more trees and water
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Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248.477.7092
No. of Holes 18 Par: 56 Yards: 5200
Manager Jim Magurk
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| <p>13 HICKORY CREEK GOLF COURSE
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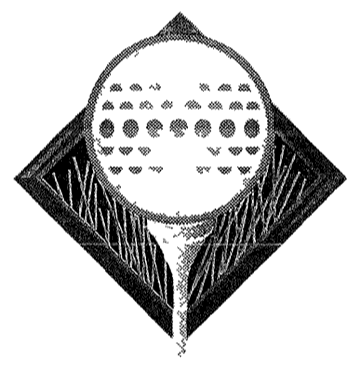
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Women major presence in REAL ESTATE

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you look at "for sale" signs in area front yards, there's a good chance you'll see a woman's name as the responsible real estate professional. Women are coming on strong in the field.

"I think it's a great field for women of all ages," said Realtor Sharon Brockman of Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke Realtors of Birmingham. "To me, it's wonderful. I love taking a buyer into the house and seeing their eyes light up. It just makes me feel good."

She's been licensed in real estate since 1979 and has worked in the field for the past seven years. Brockman, a 57-year-old Rochester Hills resident, was on leave from Ford Motor Co. when younger, working on her degree and selling real estate.

She was an accountant at Ford, where she went after finishing her degree, and worked with the automaker as liaison for people relocating. Brockman and her husband own investment properties and her license has come in handy there as well.

"You just have to be determined," she said. "There's a lot of work involved."

They have one son, a Purdue University sophomore in business; he was in high school when Brockman started her second career in real estate. She admires women in real estate with small children, adding the demands of family make that a challenge.

"It would have been beyond me." She finds women's nurturing abilities help people who are relocating. "You have to understand you're disrupting a family's entire life. I think women have a little bit of a special edge there."

Liking people, loving property, having a sense of humor — and not taking things personally — are keys to success in real estate, Brockman added. "It's not you, it's the house, the property."

Realtor Ruth Martin of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth Township has been licensed in her field since 1979. She taught junior high in Wayne-Westland schools for 10 years before making the career switch.

"Nothing is consistent in this business," she said. It's commission-based, not ideal for those who crave a regular paycheck, and is service-oriented.

Martin, a 59-year-old Livonia resident, finds flexibility a great benefit to her profession. She also likes the fact she's still teaching.

"When you deal with buyers and sellers, you get to teach every day," said Martin, whose husband is also in real estate.

Martin finds women tend to be a little more patient. "It's a great job," she said.

Martin's son, now grown, was in third grade when she started, and she managed her job and family duties. "Oh, I absolutely love it," she said of real estate. "You have to have big shoulders. The rewards absolutely outweigh the negatives."

Realtor Jolie Levine Warpool of Orchard Lake is with Century 21 Today of Farmington Hills and has 17 years in the field. "It's about the best one out there if you're willing to devote the time," she said of her profession.

Warpool, 53, is married with two grown children and two grandkids. She agrees the profession's long, irregular hours make it challenging for women with young children.

She finds women often have a flair for design, are idea-driven and can envision changing a property. Women possibly have more patience, Warpool said.

Her education's in elementary math, although she didn't teach beyond student teaching, having sold diamonds and fine jewelry in the past. Warpool said there's a public perception that real estate is easy; on a recent Thursday, she'd already logged 50 hours for the week, before it ended.

It's possible to work in the field part time, she said, but not as a primary breadwinner. It takes about six months (without a guaranteed income) to get established, she said, holding open houses, possibly working with a mentor and generally learning the business.

"You have to have a backup. You have to be totally dedicated," she said, adding the ability to delegate to competent colleagues matters as well.

"There are more and more women coming in." Women now dominate the profession, Warpool said, with many coming from home or as a second career.

Warpool also finds an outgoing personality an asset in her profession. "You need to be able to communicate with people."



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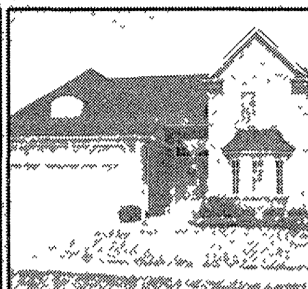

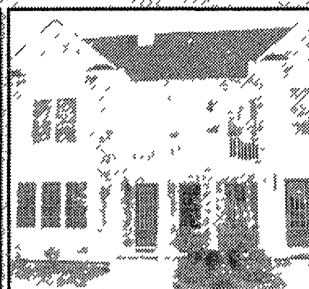


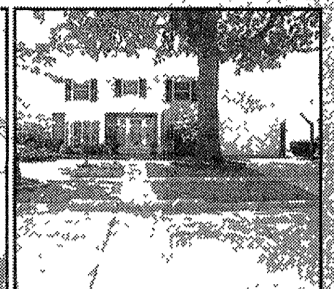

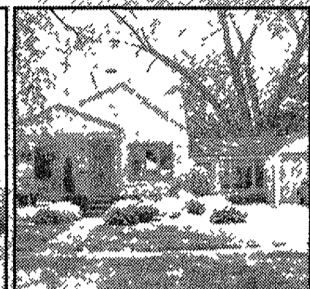
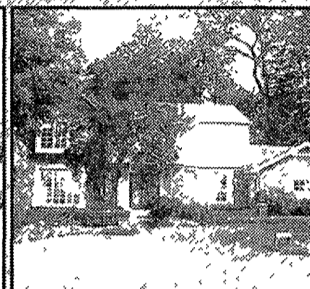
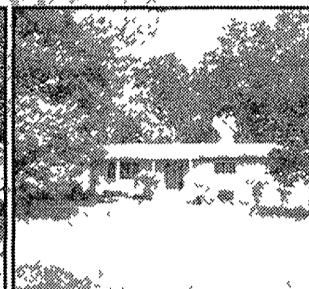





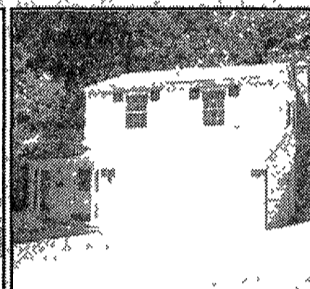
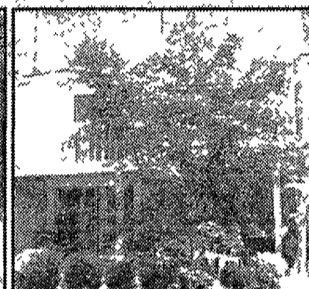


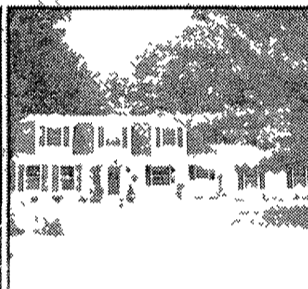
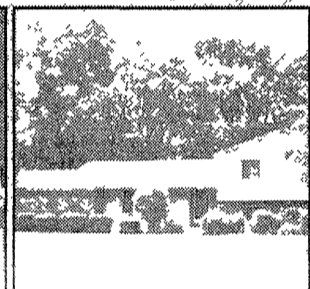
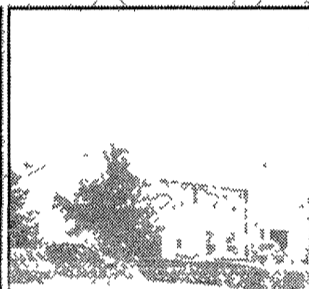
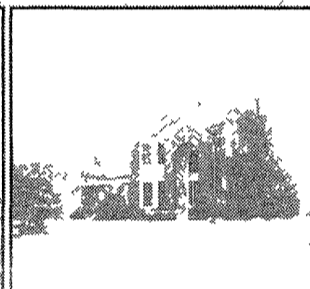



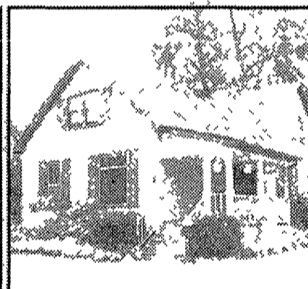
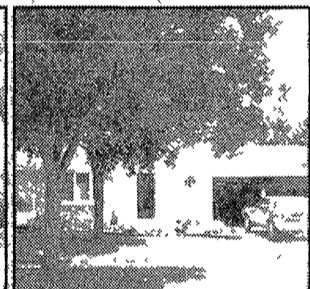
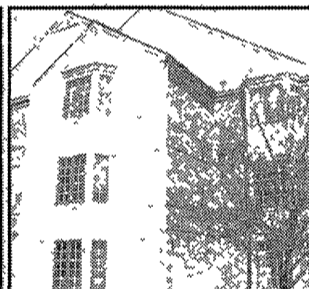





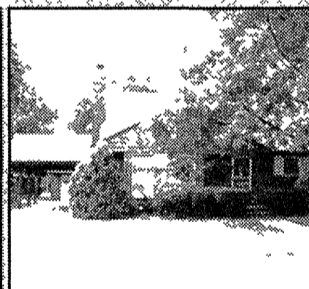
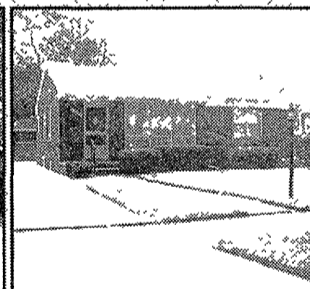
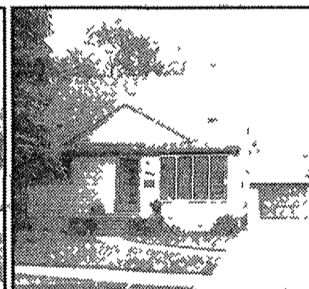


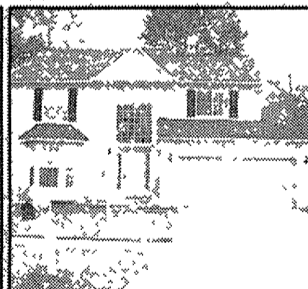
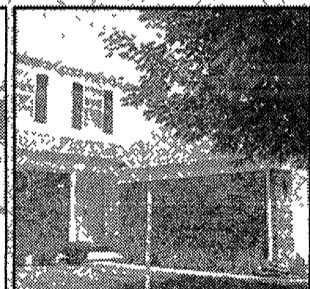

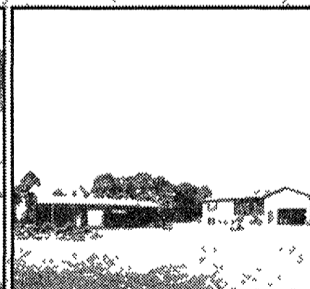
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Alternative credit is a boon to buyers

Like FHA mortgages for my clients who have "bruised" credit because these buyers can purchase a lot of home with as little as 3-percent of their own funds. But what about buyers who have no credit at all?



Timothy Phillips

Well, in the mortgage business, "no credit" is generally better than "bad credit." Here are a few simple ways I have found to get young borrowers with no established credit into starter homes with relatively small down payments. Lenders want to loan money to buyers who have proven that they are fiscally reliable. Credit scores are the benchmark for helping them make that determination. However, in lieu of scores, buyers may also provide their loan officer other "non-traditional" proof of their ability to pay their bills on time. Sources of this evidence may come from paid insurance premiums, medical bills, utilities, rentals, and even subscriptions. Mortgage loan officers, in turn, send that information to a credit bureau to review for inclusion into the borrowers' credit report. Though these items normally do not provide a sufficient basis for a credit score, they do establish the payment track record that will hopefully

allow the mortgage process to continue. Another easy way to get credit is to "borrow" it from another person. Some young buyers can get a parent, grandparent or other family member to co-sign on a home loan. Although this adds another dimension of calculations with respect to income, debts, and credit, it has historically been a safe, effective way to secure a first mortgage. Depending on the lender, being able to put up a meaningful down payment of their own may be all that's required for the lender to give leniency on the lack-of-credit issue. A 10-percent down payment relieves

lenders of some of the anxiety of lending mortgage money to an otherwise unknown credit user. Today's TIMBIT! If you are young and do not have bad credit, you should not hold back on exploring your mortgage options. You may be able to start building equity in a home of your own much sooner than you once might have imagined. Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Lucky winner takes TV home

Jim Stevens, broker/owner of Coldwell Banker Preferred, Realtors in Plymouth presented Denise Finnerty with the 20-inch Philips Realfat TV that she won during the drawing for the Ann Arbor Road Days festival in Plymouth. Businesses along Ann Arbor Road held a nine-day festival featuring prizes, games, carnival, and food.



PLYMOUTH - Beacon Hill Condo backing to wooded ravine with stream! Offers 3 bedrms, 2 1/2 baths, family rm w/doorwall to deck & FP w/marble surround, master w/full bath & walk-in closet, fin'd basement w/office & sewing/craft room, etc! \$237,900 (D56Pin)



LIVONIA - Great area of Livonia for this 3 bedrm, 2 full bath brick ranch w/large living rm, fin'd basement, mechanics dream 2 car garage w/workbench & electric. Updated windows, kitchen & counters. All appliances stay. \$165,500 (D66Min)



WESTLAND - Priced below market! Charming 2 story home w/3 bedrms, 2 baths, wet plaster, cove ceilings, nat'l hardwood floors, formal dining rm w/French doors to deck, full fin'd basement, updated furnaces, h2o htr & some windows. Oversized garage! \$155,000 (L48Har)



LIVONIA - Nice 2 bedrm, 1 1/2 bath condo in NW Livonia overlooks the central commons area! Offers: kitchen replace w/light oak Pioneer cabs, new furnace '02, great master, 3 large doorwalls to 19' balcony w/extra storage \$129,900 (L45Um)



REDFORD - Stop Renting! A great 4 bedrm, 2 1/2 bath home w/private fin'd basement. Newer concrete drive and garage slab ready to build 2 car garage, maintenance free exterior, & fenced yard. Great neighborhood! Possible assistance for buyer! \$129,900 (L28Cen)



CANTON - Immediate occupancy on this updated 3 bedrm, 1 1/2 bath colonial. Huge master suite w/access to awesome bath w/jetted tub & dual showerheads, large deck w/benches in fenced yard, updated roof, siding, windows, A/C, carpet, etc \$229,900 (L95Rye)



FARMINGTON HILLS - Unbelievable home on 1/2 acre wooded lot, 4 bdrm, 4 baths, 2 lavs, library, fam rm, spacious kitchen, exercise rm w/hot tub, waterfall & sauna, all overlooking fantastic ingrd pool & patios. 2 1/2 car heated garage w/add'l heated workshop. \$449,900 (L23Woo)



PLYMOUTH - Well located just steps away from Hines Park, this charming ranch welcomes you with paver walkways and fresh landscape. Wet plaster w/cove ceilings highlight the large living room and a brick fireplace. \$344,550 (P1PBR 2507903)




CANTON - All the comforts of home in this 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Palms Place condo with m.u.s. updates, all appliances, 1 car attached garage, fireplace in living room and full basement. \$734,455 (P098C 11 25105364)

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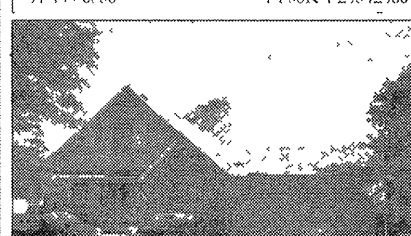


GARDEN CITY \$245,000
 Amazing custom home in Fall Timbers sub offers lots of open living space! Great room w/2 story ceiling & stone fireplace, white kitchen w/island & appliances, family room off kitchen (upper lot) 650 sq ft. \$344,555-6000 T P00K V-25042366

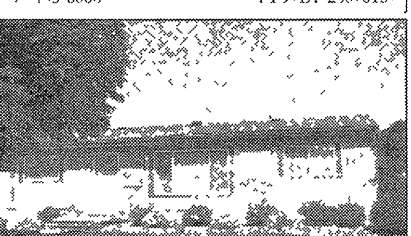
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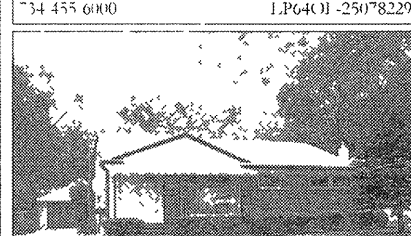
LIVONIA \$199,900
 A wonderful Livonia ranch w/a fabulous finished basement which includes a wet bar and game area great for entertaining. Newly remodeled kitchen and bath, entire home professionally painted. \$344,555-6000 T P97LY-25070157



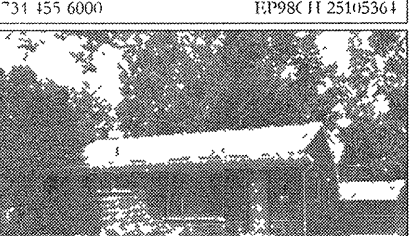
CANTON \$197,000
 Three bedroom 2 bath colonial located in Stonegate. Double doors lead to new 440 sq ft two tier deck. Huge tree in back yard for lots of shade. Freshly painted inside and out. Open kitchen into library. \$344,555-6000 T P64CJ-25078229




CANTON \$190,000
 Neutral decor w/oak trim. Decorator blinds. Windows, vinyl, & carpet all replaced. 2 updated baths, new w/c siding, & dimen shingles. Family room with T P 1 finished basement w/media room. \$344,555-6000 T P98C 11 25105364




LIVONIA \$178,500
 Mint Condition Beautiful Livonia Brick Ranch complete new kitchen and main bath. New furnace, and hot water heater, vinyl windows, partially finished basement with glass block windows. 2 car garage. \$344,555-6000 T P63W1 25104577



LIVONIA \$184,900
 Livonia 1 states low traffic street 3 bedroom ranch home in condition. Lambs room in professionally finished basement. Florida room for 3 season enjoyment. Many updates. Livonia park w/ pool nearby. \$344,555-6000 T P85S1 25087744



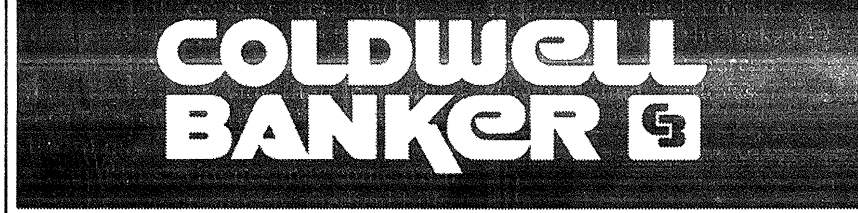
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GOT INGENUITY? Two-story entry, hardwoods, granite island, 4 beds, 3 1/2 baths, convenient 2nd floor laundry, princess suite, jack & jill bath, daylight basement and more. Needs some "spiffing up". A great opportunity to show off your own sense of style. \$599,900 (P-190DE)




ONE OF A KIND. 1700 square foot ranch with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Huge family room w/fireplace, hickory kitchen, new vinyl windows and siding. Spottless and neutral throughout. Backs to the woods for extra privacy. \$234,900 (C-050EL)



PRICED TO SELL! Spacious living room w/cathedral ceiling & huge eat in kitchen, great for entertaining! Tons of storage space, new Wallside windows, all appliances stay, nice deck, 2.5 car garage and even a home warranty! \$164,900 (P-625FA)



DRESSED FOR SUCCESS. This elegant home is deserving of it's "super model" status. Loaded with features and upgrades throughout. Formal living areas plus a family room and den. Unbelievable finished basement with in-law quarters. \$408,900 (C-419GL)



COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE. Spread your wings in this sprawling ranch adorned with formal living & dining rooms, family room w/fireplace, eat in kitchen, Anderson windows and many quality updates. Conveniently located near all Novis has to offer. \$264,900 (P-405GU)



THIS HOME IS SPECIAL! Updated island kitchen has been opened to the living room w/fireplace, office w/doorwall to the patio. Prof. finished basement w/master bedroom, full bath, walk in closet & fireplace. 2.5 car garage and a fantastic price. \$144,900 (C-732HE)



CONDO LIVING AT IT'S FINEST! This one has a beautifully done and spacious floor plan with many upgrades. Main level master and additional 2 bedrooms all with private baths. Ceramic and hardwoods. Backs to preserves. \$269,999 (C-725HE)



BETTER HURRY! This beautiful Plymouth ranch isn't going to last! Updated include windows, siding, a kitchen and bath remodel just to name a few. Call now to make an appointment to see this for yourself! \$169,900 (P-430JU)




YOU'LL NEVER WANT TO LEAVE. This beautiful 4BR colonial with features like the deck and patio with re-tractable awning, a Gunite in-ground pool, sauna, finished basement, family room w/wet bar and a bounty of updates. Don't delay, see this one today! \$269,900 (P-040WI)




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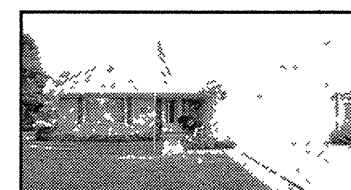
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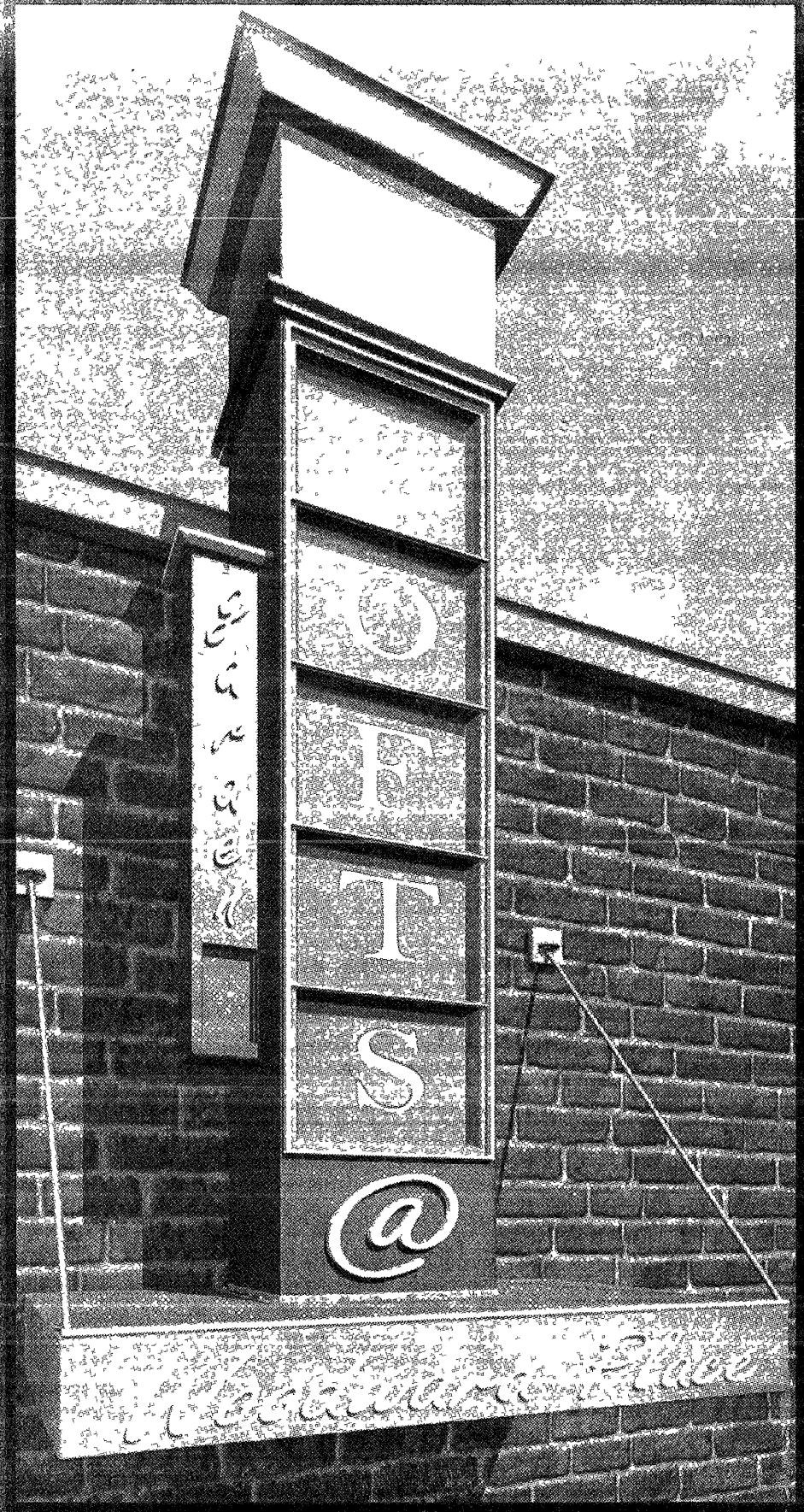
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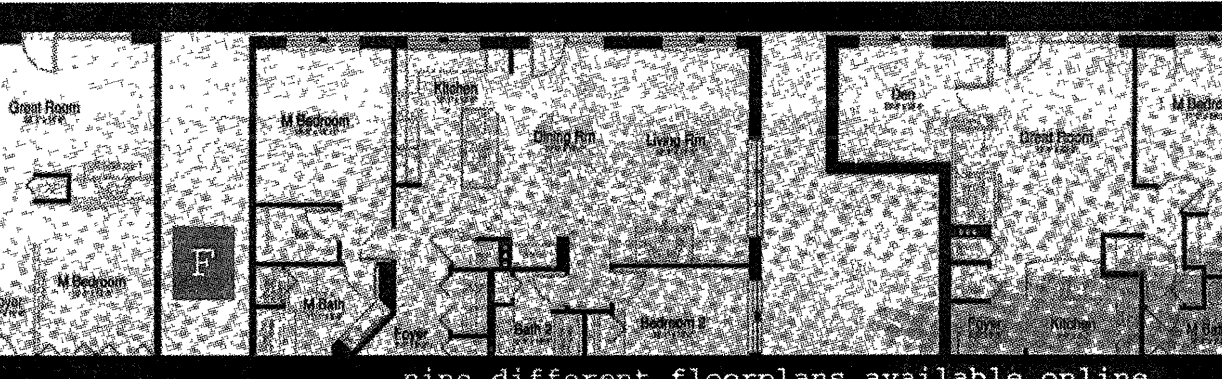
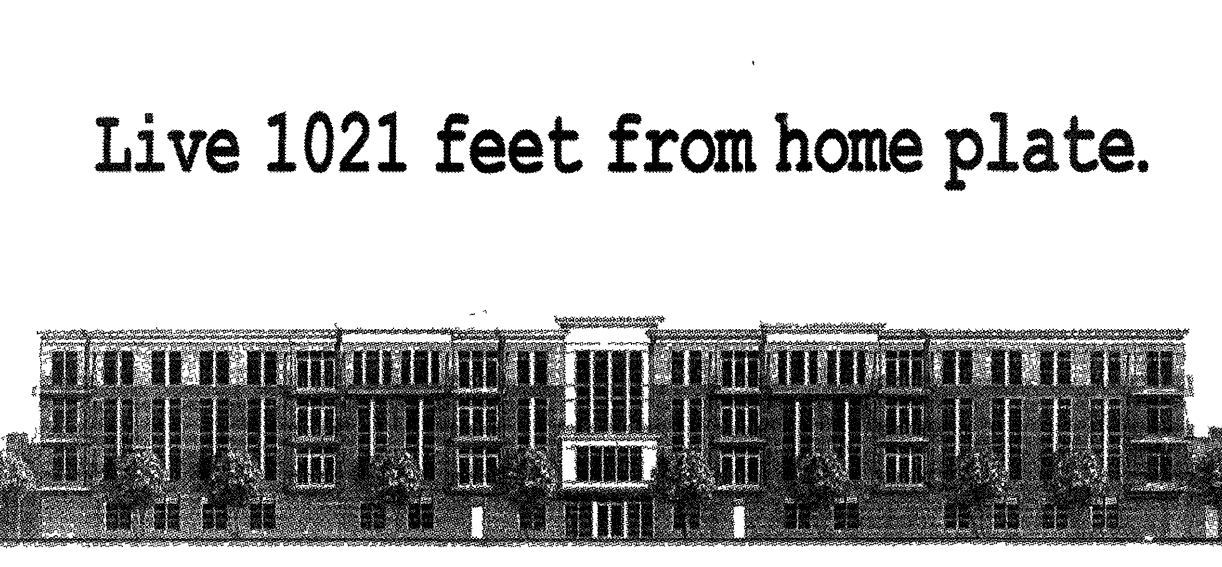
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Immediate occupancy Meticulously maintained 3 brdm, 2 1/2 bath Colonial has newer roof, windows, furnace, C/A, baths & more! Formal living room & dining room w/bay windows Family room w/fireplace & doorway to deck Updated kitchen w/cherry cabinets, Corian counters, new appliances & hardwood floors Bsmt 2 car side entry garage Sprinkler system Cul-de-sac location Park in sub \$259,900 (GE278)

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Hartland 3200

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Wonderful 4 bedrooms 2 story in friendly neighborhood of newer homes Beautiful kitchen, dining area leading to large deck for entertaining, comfortable Great room with fieldstone fireplace Formal living room and dining rooms Private master suite Nicely finished walkout lower level to landscaped yard with sprinkling system, 2 patios, 18' pool and swing set! Hartland Schools \$224,500

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Troy 3410

JUST LISTED!

TROY
Luxurious 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath, two story home w/finished walk-out lower level & 2 car garage Many custom features including Brazilian cherry floors, gas fireplace w/limestone facade, French doors & much more Master suite has private bath w/jetted tub & separate shower & slate floors 4 season sun room Beautifully landscaped yard \$409,900 (BT174)

Westland 3445

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Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath Ranch w/Livonia schools All new kitchen, main bath w/jacuzzi tub, finished bsmt, and much more Hurry! \$169,900 Call Larry Snyder 734-777-3530

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Waterford 3423

JUST LISTED!

Great 3 bdrm. 2 bath ranch
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All sports Lake Chemung 45 ft frontage, 932 sq. ft. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$215,000 View at www.LakeProperty.com

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FARMINGTON HILLS IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
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Southfield/Lathrup 3390

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BIG & BEAUTIFUL!
3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath brick Colonial Living room w/fireplace Family room with doorwall to patio & deck Updated kitchen Newer windows Lg master bdrm w/baths Finished bsmt \$215,775 (SU276)

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Middle Straits Lake View
bordering canal Steps from park 2300 sq ft brick 3/4 bed, 2 full baths, kitchen w/lots of storage, 3.5 car garage \$267,000 248-363-5454

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UPDATED HOME - N of Walnut
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West Bloomfield 3440

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WHEN A CO-WORKER DISCUSSES RELIGION



WORKWISE
by
Mildred L.
Culp

You may not mind hearing a co-worker discuss religion. However, it's quite another matter if you find such

respect for their human freedom, for their beliefs, for their dignity. If a work colleague, without invitation, aggressively sought to question my religious beliefs, I wouldn't feel very well-respected, no matter how well-intentioned the other person was."

RISK MANAGEMENT

How can you respond to unwelcome overt religious expression?

Lowney seems gentle: "Maybe I'm wrong, but I suspect most people would quite quickly refrain from trying to proselytize as soon as I said that I had my own carefully considered opinions about religious matters, and with all due respect I don't want to discuss them in the workplace."

Jonathan Segal, attorney (and partner) at Philadelphia's Wolf Block, is Jewish. He maintains that some forms of religious expression are acceptable, including "encouraging others to join them in prayer, etc." If that isn't what you want, you must express disinterest and "that the invitations are unwelcome." If not, you may be in a hostile working environment.

Stone, who did not mention a religious affiliation, says that clarity and directness are critical, that being polite may backfire by "encouraging" such conversation. "A lot of people are quiet and try to make polite conversation," he states. "This reaction may be misperceived as an expression of interest." He mentions that "Thanks, but I'm not interested" may discourage

completely, temporarily or not at all. Both attorneys draw similarities with sexual harassment, in which the issue of unwelcomeness is significant.

"If person thinks it's just a misunderstanding," Stone adds, "ask him to lay off. There is no absolute requirement that they do that. The employee may not have heard the unwelcomeness. That can be tricky, because employees have right to talk about religion but not impose. An employer has to walk the fine line. Some employers want to outlaw all conversation about religion, but can't."

If the problem doesn't go away, Stone recommends that, in larger companies, you go to HR and, in smaller companies, lacking a full HR department, to a supervisor.

Lowney maintains that people "will be happier if we change the way we think about how we as religious people are supposed to interact at work. The late Pope felt that Christians and all religious people are called to participate in the dialogue of everyday life." Lowney observes that people tend to socialize with others of the same religion, but that the workplace invites us "to show up and discover/manifest this pool of shared values. A person (of another religion) who takes just as much pride at doing high quality, honest work as I do presents a path for building religious dialogue."

Segal advocates focusing upon work, with friendly conversations - not debates -



James Stone suggests you be direct and clear when someone talks about religion and you feel such discussions are unwelcome.

about religion. If you *really* disagree, he recommends stating that "it's better for us not to have discussions about it. But I don't want to say people should never discuss faith, because it makes a more enriching environment and experience. People should have appropriate conversations. . ."

"I'm not there," Lowney concludes, "to convince people why Christianity is better than their faith, but manifest values important to me and discover how they might be shared with colleagues. By doing so, we improve our workplace and build bridges among the faith groups. This is one of the urgent questions of our time."

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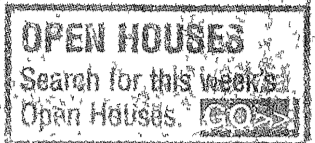
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<p>FERNDALE Walk To Downtown Cute as a button & walking distance to fabulous downtown Ferndale. Great location for this updated 2 bedroom vinyl ranch. Newer kitchen, bath, electric, windows, carpet, paint, decks and landscaping. (E43SAR) 734-455-5600 \$124,500</p>	<p>REDFORD Clean Ranch 3 bedroom home freshly painted, neutral decor, newer windows, steel entry doors and flooring. Some appliances, ceiling fans. Nice floor plan. Screened porch and a 1 year home warranty. (E48CEN) 734-455-5600 \$99,900</p>	<p>LONDON TWP This Home is Waiting For You 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated Hickory kitchen, doorwall in dining room to deck, new roof in '04, 2 car attached garage, hardwood floors and some appls stay. All this sitting on approximately 12 acres. (E08PLA) 734-455-5600 \$259,900</p>	<p>LINCOLN PARK Sharp 3 bedroom all brick bungalow w/many updates. New roof on house & garage '04. Newer Pergo floor in kitchen. Newer windows & A/C. Ceramic bath & large fenced-in yard. All appliances stay, some newer SS. (E00CLO) 248-349-5600 \$135,000</p>	<p>WESTLAND 3 Bedroom Ranch With Livonia Schools. New '05 roof (tear off), carpeting in LR & hall. Nice kitchen & nook, some appls included. Vinyl windows, updated bath. Large laundry. Spacious closets T/O, C/A, newer humid. 2+ car garage. Warranty. (E68CAR) 248-349-5600 \$124,900</p>
<p>DEARBORN Lovely City Views Lots of light in this end unit, along w/a great layout, generous room sizes and storage 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, beautiful common pool and patio. All the comfort, ease and security you're looking for in tree setting. (E00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$124,000</p>	<p>CANTON Outstanding Colonial 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/recessed lights, natural fireplace & built-in entertainment center. Newer kitchen, ceramic floors, newer windows, roof & siding (E75BEE) 734-455-5600 \$237,900</p>	<p>LIVONIA Renovated Brick Ranch Classic 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch on beautiful lot offers updated windows, roof, furnace, C/A, electric, humidifier, ducts, kitchen w/appliances & so much more. Also 2.5 car garage & partially finished basement. (E07JAC) 734-455-5600 \$189,500</p>	<p>REDFORD Well Maintained 3 BR, 2.5 BA brick ranch. Stunning hardwood floors, fin bsmt w/glass block windows, newer windows, including bay. Cement drive updated. Kit w/bermese tile counter. All appls stay. Newer HWH & garage door '04. Warr. (E23DIX) 248-349-5600 \$161,900</p>	<p>SALEM Ranch On Approx 10 Acres Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on an approximately 10 acre lot w/attached garage and full basement. Has both a living and a family room. Baseboard heat. Two bedrooms and pond. (E00FIV) 248-349-5600 \$399,000</p>
<p>CANTON Look No Further! Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 story foyer, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, h/dwd flrs, T/O kit, LR, FR, FR w/frp/c, 2nd floor laundry, extra high ceilings on FF. Open flr plan from kit to FR. A real must see!! (E96FEN) 734-455-5600 \$369,900</p>	<p>WATERFORD Curb Appeal & Incredible Updates Like privileges in this beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home. Custom entry doors, newer roof, windows, doorwall, kitchen cabs and counters w/appliances. Partially finished basement and more. (E60MAP) 734-455-5600 \$142,900</p>	<p>CANTON Outstanding Colonial Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2.5 car attached garage, partially finished basement, FR w/full brick fireplace leading to a 3 seasons room, hardwood floors under carpet in LR and DR. Updated roof and windows. (E71HIL) 734-455-5600 \$259,900</p>	<p>SOUTHFIELD Move-In Condition Clean, bright and spacious 3 bedroom ranch with updated windows, shingles and exterior doors. Spacious family room, HWH '05. Appliances included. Home warranty also included. (E97EVE) 248-349-5600 \$114,950</p>	<p>DEARBORN HGTS Beauty is Born Beautiful 2004 built full brick ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open flowing floor plan w/great attention to detail. Generous room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air, custom front porch. (E81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$139,900</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH Adult 55+ Condo Affordable condo in Plymouth Secure upper unit. Pool and clubhouse. Association dues cover gas and water. Kitchen sink and A/C wall unit in '05. Soo affordable! (E99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$69,950</p>	<p>CANTON You Can Have It All! In this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offers family room w/full brick fireplace, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, h/dwd floors under carpet + newer roof, windows and updated patio door, HWH. (E83HIL) 734-455-5600 207,000</p>	<p>MONROE You Can Have It All! Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick/vinyl ranch offering 2 car garage, updated roof, windows, carpet and kitchen flooring. Large laundry room, cute Florida room, all appliances and 1 year home warranty. (E43MON) 734-455-5600 \$109,897</p>	<p>CANTON Pride Of Ownership Beautiful newer 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Spacious flr plan including high ceilings, formal LR & DR, huge FR & eat-in kit. Nice open layout. Fresh paint T/O. Newer appls stay. Fireplace in FR. Plymouth-Canton Schls. (E07WIL) 248-349-5600 \$265,000</p>	<p>NOVI Ranch - Like New Accessible w/no steps & 1 car att gar. Double lot w/privacy fence & above-ground pool. Freshly painted & newer carpet. Jetted tub in master bath 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Super location - near x-ways & schls. Appls. (E30PAR) 248-349-5600 \$189,900</p>
<p>INKSTER Charming Brick Bungalow 3 bedroom, 1 bath, partially finished basement. Wayne/Westland schools. Most appliances stay. Fenced yard w/shed 1 car garage. (E34AVO) 734-455-5600 \$112,000</p>	<p>DEARBORN Own & Rent Spacious upper/lower apt. Exterior has brick/alum siding. Great Dearborn location. Total of 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, nicely finished basement, lots of storage, 2 car garage and 2 private balconies. (E32HOR) 734-455-5600 \$179,000</p>	<p>DEARBORN HGTS Affordable And Spacious 3 bedroom ranch w/newer windows, furnace, C/A, steel entry doors, nice fireplace, large eat-in kitchen w/bermese floors, large deep fenced yard, 2 car garage, FFL, home warranty included. Call Now. (E66WES) 734-455-5600 \$103,000</p>	<p>DEARBORN HGTS Have Your Cake! Eat too! A lot of new windows, roof, furnace, A/C, plumbing, electrical, garage door, carpeting kitchen and bath, siding and new light fixtures too! What a cutie! Currently used multi-family, could be converted. (E09NIG) 248-349-5600 \$159,900</p>	<p>NOVI Spectacular Custom Home Beautifully detailed - offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5 baths, master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/walking stove, Sub Zero frng. Walkout LL w/heated floors, sauna & full granite kit. (E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$899,900</p>
<p>DETROIT Curb Appeal Plus! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home will draw you in with it's gorgeous landscaping, dusk-to-dawn lighting and in-ground sprinklers. Newly finished hardwood floors/newer carpeting and ceramic tile, 1 yr warranty. (E86APP) 734-455-5600 \$129,900</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus Premium lot w/perfect floor plan. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, fireplace in living room, open dual staircase, basement, huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space, elegant custom awnings. (E77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$449,900</p>	<p>CLARKSTON Beautiful Home This house is ready! Lake privileges, Clarkston schools. Updates: roof, kitchen, baths, furnace, A/C, HWH, deck. Only new carpet is needed - owner will help with this. Beautiful fenced yard. Great location. (E41ELM) 248-349-5600 \$189,900</p>	<p>NOVI Comfortable Ranch Condo 2 BR, 3 BA ranch condo w/gar. Profess flr LL includes 3rd BR/1b w/W closet, full bath and extra living area. Paver patio w/view of pond. Close to shopping and x-ways. Gas frp/c in LR. Fresh carpet and paint. (E79PON) 248-349-5600 \$174,900</p>	<p>DEARBORN Brick Colonial Updated, airy shingled all brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/new windows, floors, paint and carpet in 2004. Breakfast room and formal dining room. Near Ford Headquarters and shopping. Well built and updated. (E16WES) 248-349-5600 \$149,900</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH Quaint Bungalow This home features a library off master bedroom, nice bath, vintage woodwork, alcove, hardwood floors, wet plaster walls, coved ceilings, niche, archways and so much more! (E50PAC) 734-455-5600 \$229,700</p>	<p>NOVI Well Maintained Condo Upper carriage unit is very neutral and updated. All major appliances stay. Very clean private entry and attached garage. (E29ROC) 734-455-5600 \$116,900</p>	<p>REDFORD Bungalow 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with vinyl windows, newer windows, roof & hot water heater. Ceramic bathrooms. Large master bedroom w/large closet & 2nd closet. Finished basement has kitchen area. 1.5 car garage. (E99MER) 248-349-5600 \$147,800</p>	<p>WALLED LAKE Lakefront Property Overlooking quiet yard. Boat docking available. Pets ok. In-unit laundry. Garage with opener. All sports lake. Freshly painted '04. All appliances stay. Low association. Deck, neutral decor, beach, fishing, jet ski. (E95PON) 248-349-5600 \$99,900</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS Great Townhouse 2 BR, 1.5 BA condo w/private entry. Lg oak kit cabs, Pergo flr in kit & 1/2 BA '03, neutral Berber T/O new '03, all window trmts '04, roof & bath skylight new '03, frp/c in LR, vaulted ceiling in LR & BRs. Fin bsmt w/gar. (E23COU) 248-349-5600 \$154,900</p>
<p>DEARBORN Lovely 2 Family Home Spacious clean & updated 2 family home offers 2 bedrooms, furnished eat-in kitchen, large LR, full bath + C/A, newer furnace & HWH & 1/2 of the basement for each unit. A wonderful income property. (E48TER) 734-455-5600 \$189,900</p>	<p>REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, finished basement, newer windows, furnace & C/A. Large kitchen w/oak cabinets, beautiful hardwood floors, all sitting on a dead end street. (E32SAR) 734-455-5600 \$147,000</p>	<p>HOWELL Stunning & ADA Compliant Ranch condo w/lots of upgrades, rolling showers, low counters, upgraded carpet, stunning kitchen w/roll-in lunch counter. Upgraded appliances, security system and Intercom for added piece of mind. (E60KNE) 248-349-5600 \$149,900</p>	<p>NOVI Super Condo Exquisite! This one won't last. Impressive upgrades. Ground level, 1 bedroom w/wheelchair access. Extra large bath. Neutral decor, freshly painted. View of woods. Shows like a model. Access to Walled Lake. (E55SLA) 248-349-5600 \$87,500</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Cute One Bedroom Condo Great opportunity to live within walking distance to downtown. Charming small condo complex on wooded setting. Cozy & well cared for. Water and gas included in monthly association fee. (E25FAI) 248-349-5600 \$95,000</p>
<p>CANTON Brick Ranch Beauty This updated home offers open floor plan, spacious kitchen w/nook and Pergo floor, newer carpet, paint, baths, furnace, C/A and roof. Finished basement for extra space and a 2 car attached garage. (E22IRO) 734-455-5600 \$235,000</p>	<p>GROSSE ILE Elegance At Its Best Spacious custom built 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial on approx 1/2 acre lot, offers 2 car attached garage and finished basement w/bar and bath. Updated kitchen w/Corian counters, furnace, C/A and roof. All appliances. (E66MAN) 734-455-5600 \$349,900</p>	<p>GARDEN CITY Well Maintained 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch, 2 car attached garage, fireplace in living room, finished basement w/glass block windows, newer vinyl windows, garden shed, carpeting T/O, gas forced air furnace w/C/A. (E93BAR) 248-349-5600 \$179,900</p>	<p>ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning Condo 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo w/attached garage into kitchen. Fireplace heats LR & DR combo w/doorwall backing to trees, putting green & walking trails. Basement used as FR has glass block daylight. (E76TEN) 248-349-5600 \$194,900</p>	<p>WIXOM Want To Save Money? Cute & cozy 2 bedroom co-op ranch home. Clean and move-in ready. Finished basement with workshop and laundry. Sun porch with patio, open floor plan, walk to shops. Clubhouse and pool. Adult 55+. (E20HEL) 248-349-5600 \$53,000</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer Custom built, all brick contemporary "big lot in little Plymouth". Very clean & well taken care of. Has built-in double ovens, newer roof & HWH. Unique floor plan in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Bring all offers. (E90ANN) 734-455-5600 \$189,900</p>	<p>CANTON Gorgeous Colonial Beautiful curb appeal, 1st owner. Very clean open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, office, living/dining, FFL, professionally finished LL w/full kit, loads of storage, 3 car garage, large stamped concrete patio, landscaped. (E18KIM) 734-455-5600 \$314,900</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON Premium Location! Centennial Farms 55+ adult community, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, serene view of wetland and trees. Finished LL. W/O w/sunroom and private setting. All appliances. Lake privileges, clubhouse and sandy beach. Very nice. (E23SHE) 248-349-5600 \$143,900</p>	<p>LIVONIA Compliment Maker! No reason to accept 2nd best when you can own this 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch. Updated country kit w/appls. Open flr plan. New '01: furnace & A/C '04, shingles '01. Full bsmt w/glass block windows. H/dwd flrs & att gar. (E91BAI) 248-349-5600 \$204,900</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Walking Distance To Town Contemporary condo w/many upgrades. Hardwood floors, heated floor in master bath. Large WIC, finished LL. W/O, 2 large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on a wooded setting. All appliances. Large deck off DR. (E00MOU) 248-349-5600 \$322,500</p>

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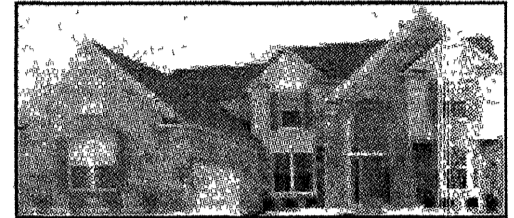
SALEM 734-455-7000
CUSTOM ... CUSTOM HOME! READY... 4+!
W/O bsmt w/full BA, dbl granite sinks. French
drs to brick pavers. 2 mstr stes w/BA on main flr.
2-way flpc, GR & Nook. Custom mldg. Plasma
TV over flpc. Surr. Snd. (23F7610) \$1,700,000



NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
3200 SF Victorian w/5 BR and 3.5 BAs w/period
design and accents t/o. Too many high end
upgrades to actually list. (25048938) \$815,000



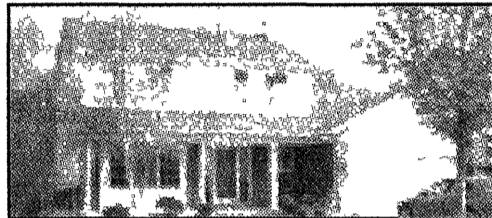
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Bicentennial Estates colonial. 2765 SF, 4 BR,
2.5 BA, mstr ste, FR, library, spacious kit,
DR, 1st flr Indry, XL bsmt, gar & yard. Many
custom features. (25103814) \$399,000



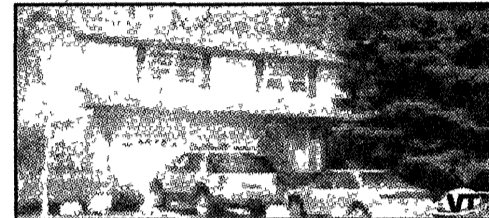
YPSILANTI 734-455-7000
WONDERFUL COLONIAL IN THE PRESERVE
Beautifully maintained w/loads of upgrades &
improvements. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2900 SF, huge
gar, backs to trees, trex deck & stainless appl.
(23C6207) \$359,900



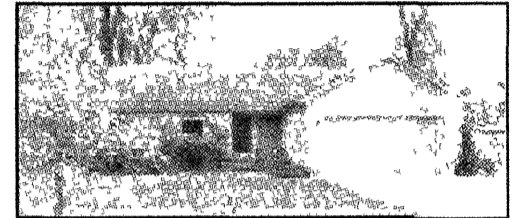
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Welcome to this outstanding, updated 4 BR,
2.5 BA, 2220 SF home in Idle Hills Estates on
a .63 acre lot! (25104195) \$294,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
IN NATURE'S COMPANY! Oak island kit, FR
w/spruce surround, FP & hdwd flr. Great fin'd
bsmt, daylight wndws, office w/"berth". All appls.
Home Warranty. (23R3077) \$275,000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great Opportunity Here! Excellent neighborhood
in Northwest Livonia, loc on a cul-de-sac lot.
House needs some work to make it your own,
but tons of potential 2034 SF, 4BR, 2.5BA
colonial. (25061682) \$274,900



LIVONIA 248-349-6200
1500 SF MAINTENANCE FREE RANCH Walk
into this brick and vinyl ranch and see a nat'l flpc
surr by marble in a spac FR. Light kit w/dining
area, 3 BR, 2.5 BA complete this flr plan.
348-6430 (25080486) \$249,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
NEWER BUILT BRICK RANCH That has all the
newest conveniences. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, GR with
gas flpc, att 2 car gar, c/a, rec room, nice yard
w/ patio & more. (C171) \$249,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Another beautiful updated Burton Hollow
ranch. Newer kit w/corrian counters & light oak
cabinets. Ceramic floors in kit & BAs. Hdwd
floors t/o. (25064481) \$239,900



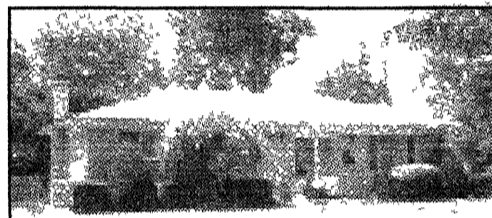
SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430
PRETTY AS A PICTURE Attractive remodeled
Col, stone flpc in DR, charming kit, lovely
LR, oak flrs, crown molding, 3 BR, 2 BA,
covered front porch, side porch, stone
patio. 349-6200 (25064225) \$225,000



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
PEACE AWAITS YOU Relax & enjoy Koi Pond,
fountain, deck & gorgeous gardens. Super 4
BR ranch w/many updates t/o including fin'd
bsmt, newer roof & wndws. This home is a 10+.
349-6200 (25096833) \$188,800



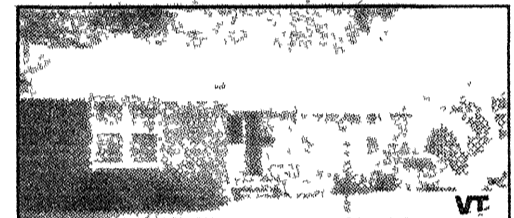
WYANDOTTE 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW DBL LOT COLONIAL
Perfect for the new house buyer! Updts include:
roof, windows, siding, gutters, paint, carpet,
BA-the list goes on. All this on a double lot with
2 car gar. 349-6200 (25064760) \$182,900



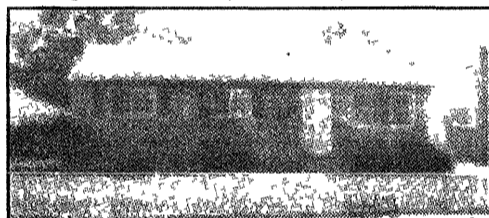
WARREN 734-591-9200
Custom built brick ranch in prime area. Neutral
decor with no wall paper, Newer C/A, remod
half BA & bsmt BA. Newer kit, part fin'd bsmt
w/bar & newer crpt provides cozy liv area, full
brk gar. (25088887) \$182,500



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Attractive brick Cape Cod w/1300 SF of quality
living area. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, Fin'd bsmt. 2 FP
Updates incl Roof, furn, C/A, HWH, kit. Fla
Rm opens to deck w/jacuzzi. Lrg fenced &
landscaped yard. (25096484) \$179,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Brick ranch, 1420 SF of quality living area, 2
BR, 1.5 BA, fin'd bsmt, att gar on double lot.
Updates incl rf, wndws, plmb, elec suc, hdwd
flrs & new crpt. Fla rm overlooks brick patio
(25094558) \$166,900



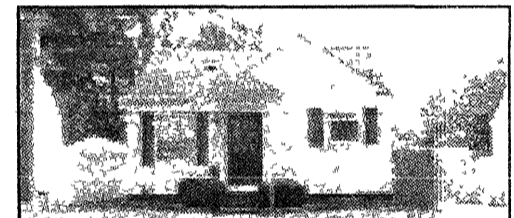
GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
DREAMS DO COME TRUE! Wonderful brick
ranch in Garden City. 1113 SF. Extremely well
maint. Part fin'd bsmt. Beautiful yard. 2+ car
gar. Perfect starter home or empty nesters.
(23H5870) \$164,900



DEARBORN HGTS 734-326-2000
TODAY'S BUY - TOMORROW'S HAPPINESS
Is this brick 3 BR ranch in Dearborn Hgts # 7
school district w/full bsmt, C/A, 1.5 BAs, 2.5 car
gar. Newer furnace, windows and carpeting.
(M442) \$144,900



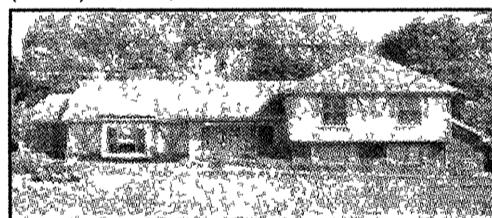
MILAN 248-348-6430
BLOCKS FROM DOWNTOWN New pergo
flooring in formal DR & kit. Updated BA w/oak
cabinets, newer roof, Andersen wndws, circuit
breakers, drywall & lighting. Immed occup.
Hurry. 349-6200 (25088663) \$140,000



WAYNE 248-348-6430
SHARP 3 BR IN QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD
Close to school & shopping. Remodeled kit.
Hdwd flrs. Part fin'd bsmt w/full BA. Separate
office/comp rm. Maint free exterior including 2
car gar. 349-6200 (25097517) \$133,000



DEARBORN HGTS 734-326-2000
WITHIN YOUR MEANS is this 3 BR brick
ranch in Dearborn Hgts district #7 schools, with
remodeled kit, c/a, newer Wallside windows
and 2.5 car gar. (P212) \$119,900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
House has it all. Completely updated former
builder's home. This house has many extras:
3 flpc, inground pool, and granite kit. Finally
step out onto a 1/2 acre lush green lot.
349-6200 (25110414) \$463,000



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
FIX ME UP and you will have a great home on
over a half an acre in Garden City with a 2.5
car gar for under \$100,000. How can you go
wrong? (E304) \$99,900



NORTHVILLE 248-349-6200
DUPLEX IN DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE-
LEASE Walking distance to Mill Race. Fresh
paint & very clean. One year lease min \$1800
moves you in. 348-6430 (24151629) \$900

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
7+ SPLITTABLE ACRES backing to Shenandoah
Sub. Wooded. Hartland Schls. Great for small
development, private estate. Convenient to Brighton.
xways! 349-6200 (24080021) \$174,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
EXPANSE NOT EXPENSE is this remodeled 3 BR
Cape Cod w/ 2400SF, remodeled kit w/ all appls
& BA w/vanity, deck, 3 car gar & huge mstr BR.
(25058076) \$159,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
INSPIRING BRICK COLONIAL on a premium lot, lg
kit, comfortable FR, charming LR, 4 spacious BR,
full bsmt, wooded yard, huge deck, extra deep 3
car gar. 349-6200 (25098195) \$394,900

SOUTH LYON 734-455-7000
WELCOME HOME! Hdwd flrs galore & matching
cabs in kit & BA. Almost .5 acre of quiet. 3 BR, 2 full BA
and a full bsmt. Come See! (25091676) \$284,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Great curb appeal on this 4 BR, 1.5 BA. Eat in kit
& DR. Deck off mstr BR, natural FP in FR. Close to
xways, great neighborhood (25053205) \$226,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
BUY TODAY & MOVE TOMORROW into this 3 BR,
1 BA bung w/ full bsmt, 23x14 FR/DR addn, and
1.5 car gar. Extras include newer windows, furnace
and c/a. (25046137) \$149,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
UPDATING & VERY WELL CARED FOR! 4 BR, 2.5
BA w/hdwd flrs, FR w/nat'l flpc, beautiful mstr BA,
all new light fixtures, backs to commons, ext & int
recently painted. 349-6200 (25031873) \$372,000

SOUTH LYON 734-455-7000
ADULT COMMUNITY- W/O ranch, 2 BR, 2 BA.
Gated courtyard entry. Galley kit w/skylt, Cath ceil,
open flr/pln, CA, some newer wndws. Pool/Clubhouse.
55+ active adult comm (25064509) \$113,500

CANTON 734-591-9200
This spacious 1700 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA Colonial offers
a lrg updated gourmet eat in kit (03) w/island, form
DR, newer roof, FR w/drwll to deck, neutral decor,
and more. (25100190) \$209,900

INKSTER 734-591-9200
Brick Bung 4 BR, bright kit leading to deck. 2 car
oversize gar. Basement, newer roof & A/C. A very
nice home. Some appls stay. (25028595) \$124,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
UPDATED HOME ON GREAT LOT! Pvt yard backing
to stream, nice oak kit, 3 BR, 2 full BA, lg laundry,
new drive, covered patio, new hi E furnace, well
cared for home. 349-6200 (25096192) \$204,900

TROY 734-455-7000
CUL-DE-SAC BEAUTY 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial in
beautiful sub on a beautiful cul-de-sac. Brick home
w/great deck & fenced yard. Numerous advantages
inside & outside. Hurry! (25003436) \$297,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
2 BR, 2.5 BA dramatic staircase in GR. Cath ceiling
w/fan & FP. Mstr BR has 2 WIC. Bright kit has new
flr & drwall to patio, appls stay. 1st flr Indry. 2 car
gar & bsmt. (25009266) \$179,900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
AMAZING BUY is this brick ranch w/full fin'd bsmt,
remodeled BA. (25041004) \$89,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP 4 BR, 3.5 BA w/updates: rf,
furn, A/C, hot water, cntrs, crpt, sod, landscaping, etc.
Bonus: lg 3-season suhrm. (25101511) \$349,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
STUNNING LIVONIA SCHLS COLONIAL Many
custom features. 2 story foyer, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, formal
DR, FR w/flpc, 2 tiered deck, sprinklers & much
much more. (25053652) \$279,000

CANTON 248-348-6430
HUNTERS GROVE CONDO W/COURT
LOCATION! Well maintained end unit w/neut decor.
GR w/vld ceil & gas flpc. Huge loft/BR. Bright kit. All
appls incld. 349-6200 (25019266) \$159,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
1994 built Cape Cod. Well maintained 3 BR, 2.5
BA, 1st flr mstr ste w/BA & WIC. 1st flr Indry, upper
BR w/double closets. Cerm tile in BAs, white cabs
in kit & BA. Lrg deck (25085102) \$234,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
LOOK NO FURTHER! Historical home has
everything you need including a great price. 2 car
gar. Great backyard, walking distance to downtown.
This is a must see. (25065417) \$249,000

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Newer Constr Condo w/loads of updates. Fully fin'd
bsmt w/bar Egress wndw. Home features gas flpc,
deck, ceramic tile, hdwd flrs, stainless steel appls
and much more. (25074971) \$199,900

COMMERCE 734-326-2000
WHERE STREETS WIND & NERVES UNWIND
3 BR bung. 2 car gar on lovely 1/2 acre. Across the
street from & w/lake privs on Fox Lk, large LR w/
flpc, some newer windows. (25085940) \$169,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Charming, 7 yr old colonial that sits 100 ft from
road, almost 1/2 acre lot. Newer carpet, 6-cling
fans, 3BR, 2.5 BA. High efficiency gas flpc insert.
Drive thru gar. (25065385) \$221,500

REDFORD 734-591-9200
New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 SF colonial.
Comes with oak cabinets, full bsmt & a (22x26) 2.5
car gar. (25039386) \$174,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
WELCOME HOME Ready to go ranch includes
following updates, freshly painted, newer flooring,
updated kit, all but one newer window, landscaping,
BA, C/A, appls. (25104328) \$126,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
A charming bungalow in the Westwood School
District. Updated kit & BA, newer hot water tank,
entry doors, roof, & storm windows. Over sized gar
and cement in 1998 (25070588) \$105,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
MOVE-IN CONDITION! 3 BR Ranch - Updtd t/o,
awaiting a new loving family in excellent Livonia
P.S. - includes fin'd bsmt. (25070088) \$179,900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDATES! SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE! Newer kit, BA,
c/a, furn, rf, wndws, HWH, copper plumbing, & fresh
paint. Comp rm/den on 1st flr. The perfect turn-key
starter home! 349-6200. (25069228) \$104,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
SHARP DUTCH COLONIAL Great curb appeal. 3
BR 1081 SF w/fin'd bsmt. Needs minor TLC. Lots
of bang for the buck w/newer furnace windows &
siding. Big front porch! (25078766) \$109,000

DETROIT 734-455-7000
3 BR SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH! Clean, cozy,
spacious 3 BR brick ranch on nice quiet street.
Newer roof, windows, neutral decor. Some hdwd
floors. (25070176) \$125,000

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
BROADMOOR PARK SUB! Let Madison Homes
build the home you've always dreamed of on prem
sized lot! Close to schls & shopping w/easy frwy
access! Novi schls! 349-6200 (25032373) \$595,000

REDFORD 248-348-6430
ROCHESTER 248-348-6430
BROOKLYN PIZZA/ICE CREAM BUSINESS
Dwntwn. Wood-fired oven, homemade ice cream,
gelato Italian ice. 1800 SF, seats 40+. Incls equipment
& inventory. 349-6200 (25084901) \$169,000

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
BUDGET WISE? Then you will appreciate this 2
BR brick ranch w/full bsmt. Newer carpeting and
windows, remod kit and BA. (25060976) \$84,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Like New! 3 BR, 2.5 BA on a 1/2 acre. 1st floor mstr
w/WIC & full BA. LR w/FP & drwall to patio. 1st flr
Indry. Pvt back yard (25072976) \$259,900

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DRIVERS
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Electrical Technician with PLC & Heat Treatment experience required, travel req. Fax or e-mail resume with salary requirements to: aichelunusa@aichelunusa.com

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Local Title Co. Immediate need. Exp. helpful, but will train, top pay & benefits. Fax resume to Tina: (248) 473-7201

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
Bloomfield Hills law firm seeks an organized, diligent, & detail oriented Executive Assistant to support a busy "Perfectionist" managing partner. Please fax resume to 248-540-7572 or email to mrobertson@mcclanlaw.com

EXP. WINDOW INSTALLERS
wanted. Pay based on experience. Please call Scott, 248-320-2709

Help Wanted-General 6000

FRONT DESK
Seeking outgoing and social individuals. Hourly part time positions available afternoons and weekends

SPORTS SITE SUPERVISORS
For evenings, must be 18 yrs. Come fill out an application at The Birmingham Family YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln St.

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Heavy construction, willing to travel, Apply 9-11AM at Duraline Systems Inc 12500 Beech Daly, Redford NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!

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Mid west largest RV dealer is looking for individuals to fill the following positions: RV Techs, cleaning porters, hitch/wire techs Apply in person at: 48500 12 Mile Rd., Wixom, Attn Chris Dietrich

GENERATOR TECHNICIAN
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Experienced only New construction. Benefits available. Crystal Glass, Wixom. Robin or Eric (248) 685-9220

Help Wanted-General 6000

GLEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
looking for All Purpose Kitchen Help, Line Cook/Prep/Dishwasher. Exp helpful, but will train (248) 626-2600

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- For Great Oaks Country Club 18 hole private golf course General mowing & upkeep Full or part time Free golf, lunches Exc work environment Call 248-651-9140.

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Quality individual, \$12+ hour, must multi task/perform sales, fax resume 734-591-1214

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seek detailed team player for Front Desk & Housekeeping Apply at 39700 Ann Arbor Rd

HOUSEKEEPER/ MAINTENANCE
MainStreet Village Apartments in Novi is seeking to fill a Full-time housekeeper/light maintenance position. Candidates must be reliable, friendly, outgoing and able to work weekends. Please fax resumes to 248-349-8484

HOUSEKEEPERS
Part-time for American House Senior Living in Northville Call 248-449-1480

INSTALLER - INSULATION
Full-time, benefits. Please respond to Manager, 28265 Beverly, Romulus 48174

INSTALLERS TELEMARKETERS & CANVASSERS
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INSURANCE AGENTS/ OFFICE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE REP
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IS TECH/ SYSTEM SUPPORT
Steel Industries, Inc is looking for a dedicated person to fill a full-time entry level position Applicant should be a self-starter with a desire to work in a fast-paced environment. This is an excellent working environment. THIS IS NOT A PROGRAMMER OR ADMINISTRATOR POSITION Please mail resume and cover letter with salary requirements to Steel Industries, Inc IS Manager 12600 Beech Daly Road Redford, MI 48239 Or email to jgerson@steelindustriessinc.com

JANITORS/CLEANERS
\$8.00/Hour P.T., M-F, 5:30pm-9:00pm Plymouth/Canton 734-283-6934

KENNEL ATTENDANT
Part-Time AM & PM hrs available Veterinary hospital in Farmington 248-476-3662

LANDSCAPER NEEDED
Starting pay \$9/hr Exp preferred Belleville (734) 699-4711

Help Wanted-General 6000

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Full time, no exper Req'd, We train, M/F, age 17-34, Good pay, excellent benefits, educational and travel opportunities Call (734) 729-0450, AN ARMY OF ONE, U.S Army

Lawn Fertilizing
Looking to hire lawn technicians Minimum starting pay \$10/hr & up, based on exp. Benefits incl. health care, retirement, vacations Call (248) 352-0884 Mich. Property Maintenance

Lawn Maintenance
Laborers wanted, opportunity for advancement Livonia based company Experience, valid drivers license and clean driving record REQUIRED Call 734-891-8994

LEASING CONSULTANT
- for Northville apartment community Computer, customer service and at least 1 yr exp required. Fax resume to Rebekah Votz 734-207-8923

LEGAL SECRETARY
For Westland law firm. Must have minimum 3 yrs. legal exp. Fax resume to 734 427-0395

LIFEGUARD
Accepting applications for the position of Lifeguard. \$8.24 per hr. Must be at least 16 yrs of age Job description with complete qualifications will be available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton, MI 48188. Applications may also be picked up at the Canton Administration Building, Human Resources Division, or on the Canton Township website. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Human Resources Division prior to 4 p.m. August 24, 2005. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer

LOAN ORIGINATOR
Unlimited leads! Experience required Salary & Commission Full benefits, 401(k) Conforming/Non-Conforming Send resume to pherez@advantagefirst.us

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Expanding Southfield Broker, looking to fill seats with great people Exp helpful Benefits after 90 days Training provided Call 248-423-7775 Ext 21

MACHINE OPERATORS
We are seeking experienced automatic insert machine operators and high speed printer operators to fill positions on job. Applicants must have previous maintenance experience and possess own tools. We offer competitive salary, apartment discount opportunities, medical and dental benefits. Please fax resumes to 248-661-9290

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MACHINIST
In Redford, 2-5 years exp in CNC Machining. Exp setting up horizontal Lathes w/ Daewoo & Mori Seiki lathes Good understanding of metal removal, exp to back up Ability to read prints & strong math skills + HCSS, Fanuc O-T & 15-T controls Speeds and feeds for cutting 4130 and H-13 Own tools fax 313-937-0228

Help Wanted-General 6000

MAINTENANCE
Full-Time Exp preferred. Must work well with seniors Apply at American House, 1660 S. Vanoy, Westland.

MAINTENANCE
Needed for shared position between Melvindale and Dearborn Heights apt communities. Must have basic skills in plumbing, carpentry, HVAC & electrical. Must have ability to pass a background check and valid driver's license Apt. available after 30 days, includes benefits and 401(k) Call Danielle or Denise at (248) 569-8880

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Great company, awesome opportunities. Westland apt looking for maintenance tech. Full benefits & apt. discount. Call for more details. 734-729-4020

MAINTENANCE COUPLE
Live on site, good pay 313-999-2269

MAINTENANCE HANDYMAN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
Exp with building maintenance, porter & minor repairs Maturity in dealing with people a must Medical insurance not provided 20+ daytime hrs per week Send resume to: Fours Sons Management Co. Box 136, Troy, MI 48084

MAINTENANCE
Steel Industries, Inc. is looking for a dedicated person to fill a full-time afternoon position immediately. Individual will be responsible for numerous maintenance duties incl repairs of fork lift trucks, welding, hydraulics, electrical, and general repairs Exp a must Steel Industries, Inc offers a competitive salary and benefit package. Apply in person Mon - Thurs, 9am-4pm @ Steel Industries, 12600 Beech Daly Rd, Redford

MAINTENANCE TECH
Full-time, experienced, for West Bloomfield apt community Great opportunity for right person. Please fax resume to (586) 775-0175

MAINTENANCE TECH
The Arbors of West Bloomfield is seeking an experienced maintenance tech to live on site. Candidates must have previous apartment maintenance experience and possess own tools. We offer competitive salary, apartment discount opportunities, medical and dental benefits. Please fax resumes to 248-661-9290

MAINTENANCE TECH
Singh is seeking a full-time, live-in maintenance tech for one of their senior communities in Canton. Must have previous maintenance experience and possess own tools. EOE. Send resumes to resume@singhmail.com

MAINTENANCE TECH
Dependable person needed for general maintenance at a mid-size apartment community in Plymouth Full-time, benefits included Must live on site Call 734-455-3880 or Fax resume 734-453-6050

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Full-time, experienced, for Dearborn Heights area apt community Great opportunity for right person Please fax resume to (313) 274-1927

Help Wanted-General 6000

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Full time maintenance technician needed. Competitive hourly wage and full benefits. Must have 2 yrs prior maintenance experience. Boiler, Electrical and plumbing experience a plus. Qualified applicants may fax your resume to (248) 356-3509

MANAGER
Looking for sharp individual to learn my business. Will train right person. 734-432-9241.

MANUFACTURING Full Time Positions
Maverick Building Systems is looking for individuals for our truss mfg plant Exp helpful Applicants must be reliable, have work references, valid drivers lic., reliable transportation We offer a competitive wage/benefit package including a 401k retirement plan and opportunities for advancement Apply in person or send/fax resume to: Maverick Building Systems, LLC, 8225 Goldie, Walled Lake, MI 48390 attn Dave Beadle, fax 248-366-9413.

MECHANIC SEMI-TRAILER
to \$14/hr, Must weld Own tools Romulus, drug screen (734) 891-2680

MECHANICS
Full time, no exper Req'd, We train, M/F, age 17-34, Good pay, excellent benefits, educational and travel opportunities. Call (734) 729-0450, AN ARMY OF ONE, U.S. Army

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MORTGAGE LOAN PROCESSOR
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MORTGAGE PROCESSOR
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Keyboard/Pianist player for church service Inquire/ resumes at office@gmail.com or fax 734-981-2474

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Pennzoil 10 Minute Oil Change experience or will train Full &/or part-time Apply in person 34680 W 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 1/2 mile W of Farmington Rd or call for appt (248) 476-1313

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\$80K plus benefits, 401K, consistently busy shop Keford Collision, 39586 Grand River, Novi, 248-478-7815

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PLUMBERS
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Pre-Sales Applications Engineer
Pathtrace Systems is seeking an exp, dynamic Pre-Sales Applications Engineer to: - Prep and present product demos to prospective customers - Make product presentations - Provide product training to EdgeCAM users & resellers The successful candidate will possess: - Exc interpersonal, written, and verbal comm skills - Perform under pressure - A min. of 3 yrs. of providing tech demos. in the CAD/CAM, machinery, or cutting tool industries - CAM experience ideal Salary, commissions, and benefits are commensurate with experience Please email your resume to Steve Sivitter at ssvitter@pathtrace.com - no phone calls For Pathtrace info. visit our website at www.edgecam.com

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Knowledge in Microsoft Office and projects a must Experience in a CAD & MDT 6 a plus but not required Wages equal to ability Benefits, 401k package Fax/mail resume to

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Real Estate & Management firm seeks self-motivated individual for multi-site condo management Computer & previous experience required Mail to Personnel Dept 9397 Haggerty Rd Plymouth, MI 48170

REAL ESTATE APPRAISER
Fully licensed to do some inside review work as well as outside inspection Call 248-777-2222 btwn 10AM & 4PM

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ROUGH FRAMERS NEEDED,
1-4 yrs exp, full time, benefits after 90 days, 734-754-3243 Paul

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Route Driver
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As a Route Driver, you will be responsible for filling & servicing machines, as well as maintaining excellent customer relations. This is an exciting opportunity for a mature, responsible person who likes freedom & autonomy.

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EOE
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- Intimate Knowledge of Japanese Culture and Business Tradition
- Fluent in Japanese and English
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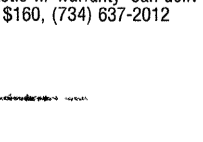
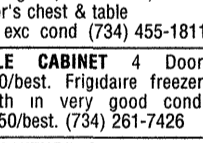
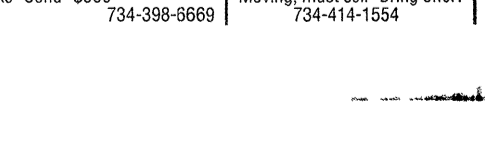
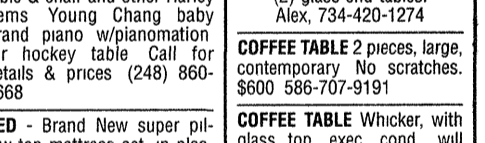
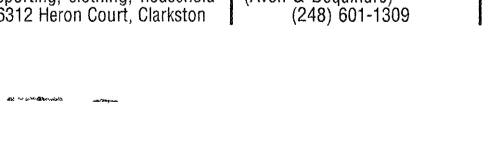
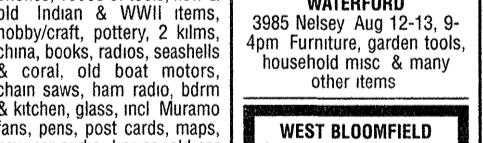
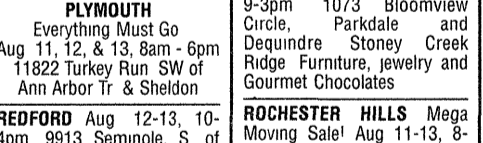
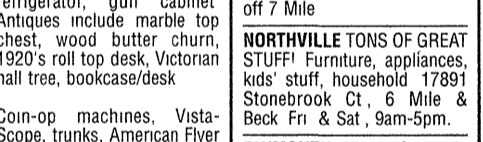
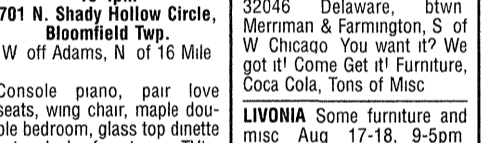
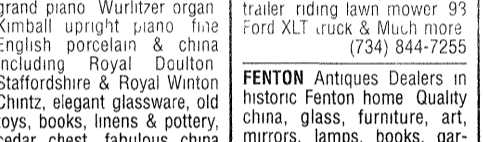
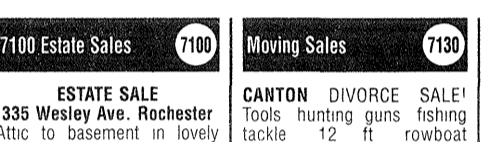
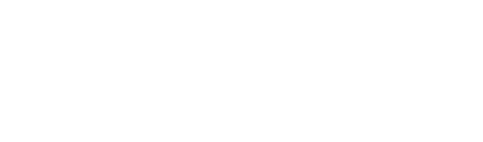
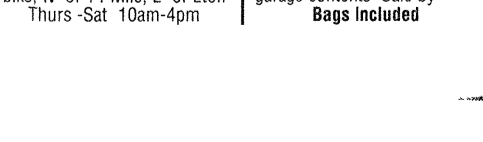
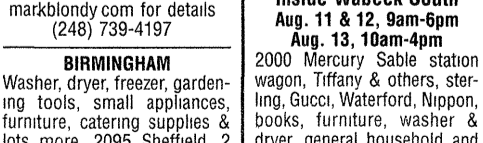
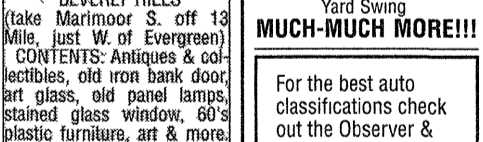
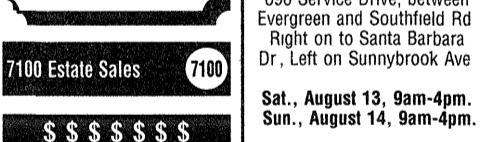
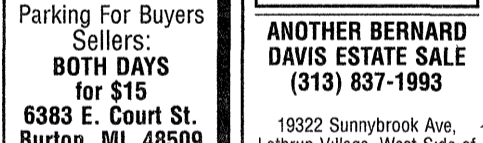
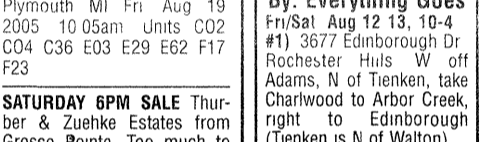
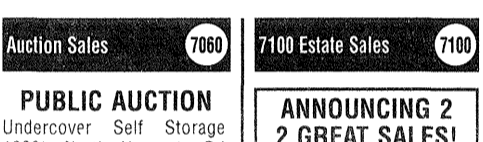
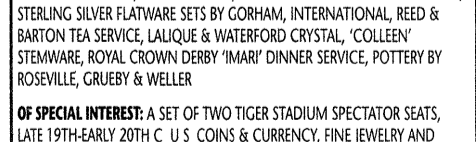
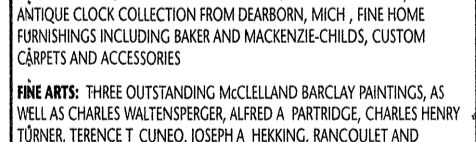
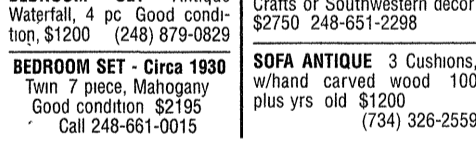
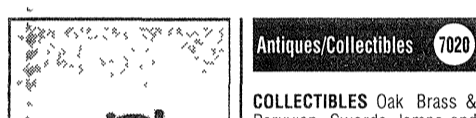
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Toyota's 2006 Highlander Hybrid SUV is a great way to have it all: the More performance and cargo-carrying advantages of a big and roomy vehicle, and the leading-edge fuel economy that is driving today's hybrid-powertrain revolution in the market.

But more about all that later. One of the most impressive things about Highlander is one of the least heralded: the design of its interior rear end. This particular space tells a lot about why Toyota vehicles continue to chomp away at the market share of more established players in the U.S. industry - and why rivals are filled with trepidation about the fact that Toyota plans to field a record number of new models in the American marketplace over the next 12 to 18 months.

In the rear of the new Highlander Hybrid, Toyota designers and engineers have managed to create an engineering marvel all its own. First of all, there is the third row of seats that is folded away nicely into the floor of the cargo compartment. So flush with the floor and inconspicuous is the back of those seats that it's difficult even to tell something is there. It's true that this "row" of two seats is designed mainly for kids or short adults, and by no means is it easy to access. But when you easily pop up that row of seats, you'll note right away that Toyota has managed to provide right- and left-side cupholders for the passengers which are molded into the cargo-compartment trim.

And that's just for starters. Toyota also found a way to design a compartment by the rear seats that holds a knob for controlling the climate in that row. And just in case there might happen to be a video-game player in that rear seat or an iPod listener, Highlander Hybrid also includes a power outlet in the area. And, of course, Toyota managed to find places to secure seat belts for the two most rearward passengers.

When the space isn't being used to hold sixth and seventh passengers, and the seat is folded down,



The Highlander Hybrid's V6 engine puts out an impressive 270 peak horsepower while offering an average 27.6 mpg rating.

the area becomes a versatile cargo hold featuring a handful of anchors distributed around the floor that can be used to secure items within the hold. There's also a flexible mat that can cover the whole compartment floor or fold into thirds so that it just covers part of the area. Somehow, designers also managed to find space for a compartment for the jack, another one for tire-changing tools, and a small, empty hideaway chamber, underneath the floor and on top of the spare tire.

Now, of course, this remarkable accomplishment in the rear of the Highlander Hybrid doesn't even begin to approach an even more remarkable thing that Toyota has done under the hood of this machine. That, of course, is its 3.3-liter V6 engine that augments the large battery which is the other integral part of the hybrid powertrain. Highlander Hybrid's engine puts out an impressive 270 peak horsepower - better than most fuel-guzzling, mid-sized conventional SUVs - while at the same time it offers a highly conscience-satisfying 27.6 miles a gallon. This is three times that generated horsepower of Toyota's groundbreaking Prius hybrid.

The Highlander Hybrid is important as well because it's a pretty good bellwether for where Toyota future products will be headed: heavily incorporating hybrid technology not just to com-

mand eye-popping fuel-economy figures but, increasingly importantly, to boost performance as well in vehicles that can still be marketed as extremely fuel efficient.

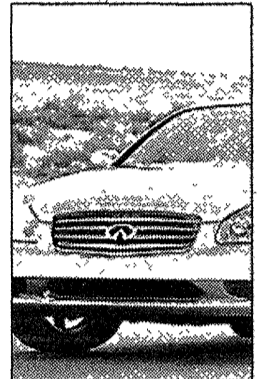
Just a couple of weeks ago, in fact, Toyota announced that it has developed 10 new hybrid models for sale worldwide by early next decade. And Toyota's top U.S. sales executive, Jim Press, said that the company believes that a quarter of its U.S. volume will use the technology by then as Toyota pushes for annual sales of one million hybrid vehicles a year worldwide, a plan that would make it a clear leader of the entire global automotive business.

And if you just want to buy a vehicle that's right for your needs and don't really care about the global perspective on hybrids, Highlander Hybrid is worth looking at anyway. It's chock full of safety features, and the entire vehicle sports the Toyota design and engineering sensibility that I mentioned in the rear.

For a list price of nearly \$37,000, one could expect leather seating in the vehicle, which it doesn't have even at that option level. But that's a small nit to pick. Clearly, Highlander Hybrid offers not only a great present value to consumers but a bright glimpse of Toyota's product future.

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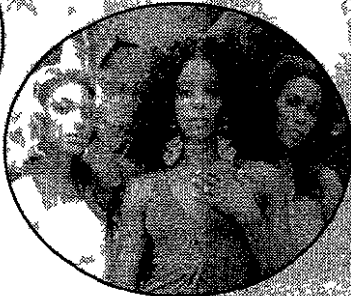
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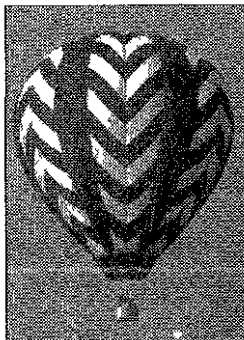
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Still has the blues

Hot ticket

Detroit legend will be honored at tribute concert

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Every day, she has the blues She was born with it and now she's being honored for it

Alberta Adams, the Detroit blues and jazz legend who's performed with every other legendary name, lives for her music

It's in her soul

"Everyone's got the blues, some days we see it and some days we don't but it's always there," Adams said "Our whole lives ain't nothing but the blues when you can't pay the bill and you can't buy any food That's the blues There's sad blues, happy blues but the blues never dies And when I get on stage I'm singing my story and I'm singing yours

On Thursday, Aug 18, prominent Detroit musicians will perform in her honor And she'll join them on stage The Alberta Adams Tribute is organized by her longtime manager, who's also a Detroit jazz and blues staple, RJ Spangler Thornetta Davis & Phil Hale, Nikki James, RJ's Rhythm Rockers, Johnnie Bassett, The Motor City R&B Pioneers, John Sinclair, Odessa Harris and many more will perform

Expect a crowded, celebratory house

Anyone who loves the blues is expected to attend

Matt Lee, owner of Drumbeaters, a metro

Detroit publicity company, has worked with seemingly every Detroit celebrity imaginable He, like Spangler, is an aficionado of Detroit music and said this show is an important one

"I tell all these young musicians who I work with that if they can learn to

communicate with an audience just half as much as Alberta can then they might have something and they might learn something No one does it like her No one ever will," Lee said

Adams has been singing the blues since the late 30s She was born in the

late 1920s in Indianapolis but Detroit has been her home since childhood She's performed with Duke Ellington, T-Bone Walker, Dinah Washington, Sara Vaughan, LaVern Baker, Dizzie Gillespie and her favorites Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson and Big Joe Turner

She started her entertainment career as a dancer through her husband, Billy Adams, in Detroit's Paradise Valley in the 1940s Then one day, she decided she wanted to try singing and the nightclub where she was performing permitted it She never stopped

"Jazz I love it, but the blues I love it even more, Adams said No one taught me to sing, I did it myself

Adams has an earthy, world weary voice which



Alberta Adams will also take the stage

hints of a past filled with hard-luck stories Still her strong, but ladylike stage presence reminds us that she's seen it all and has more to experience

She has four WC Handy award nominations, tours blues fests across the country, Canada and Europe and has a feature spot on the nationally syndicated House of Blues radio show

A limited edition commemorative EP of Alberta's music will be released at the show It includes two tracks cut recently with RJ's Rhythm Rockers and two from a 45 RPM

recording from 1962 on the Thelma (Gordy) label

In September, Adams will resume her job at performing at Motor City Casino Her senior citizen status doesn't stop her from slowing down

"I was born to be awake at night, like a vampire," she said with a laugh "It's the best time to sing the blues"

She's performed throughout the country many times over, but Detroit is her home

"It's where the blues is," she said



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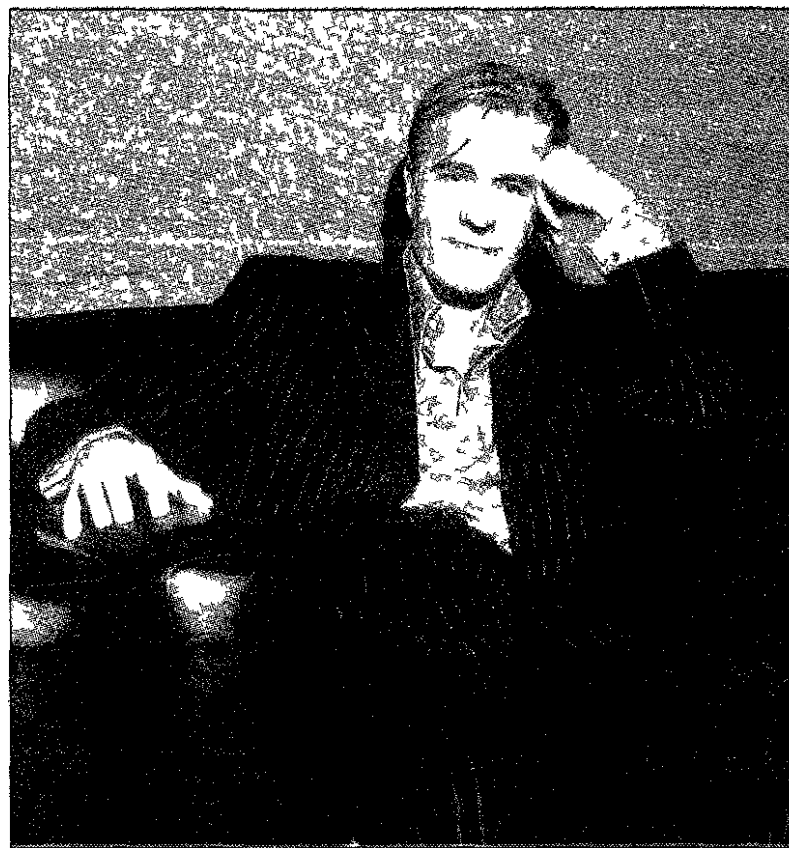


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ABC will perform hits from the '80s

New Romantic '80s band ABC resurfaces

They were part of the New Romantic music era of the 1980s and made their mark with songs like *Look of Love* and *Be Near Me*.

But the band ABC might best be remembered in Detroit for their song that tributes Smokey Robinson, *When Smokey Sings (I hear violins)*.

ABC and co-'80s band The English Beat are performing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Tickets are on sale now. ABC is on tour promoting its new CD *Look of Love, The Very Best of ABC*. The band enjoyed fame throughout the early and mid-'80s along with other New Romantic bands like Kajagoogoo, Culture Club, Adam and the Ants, Spandau Ballet and Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark.

ABC's other hits include *Poison Arrow*. The English Beat, known in other parts of the world as The Beat, became known by the prior name in the U.S. to avoid confusion with Paul Collins' band of the same name. The band's two-tone ska and pop sounds were distinct with the alternating lead vocals of guitarist Dave Wakeling and punk-toaster/rapper Ranking Roger.

MUSIC

OTHER NEWS FROM '80S BANDS:

- Simple Minds will release its newest CD *Black and White* on Sept. 12. www.simpleminds.com
- Kajagoogoo reformed recently with three original members minus popular frontman Limahl. The band to record and tour soon. www.kajagoogoo.com
- Billy Idol performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 at the the Jerome Duncan Ford Theatre in Sterling Heights. www.palacenet.com
- The Mega 80s a 1980s cover band performs at 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at The Beach Grill, 24420 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores. (586) 771-4455. www.mega80s.com

In 1982 Wakeling and Roger formed General Public, while bandmates Andy Cox (guitar) and Dave Steel (bass) formed Fine Young Cannibals. They've been touring on and off for a few years.

Tickets are \$22.50 and maybe be purchased online at www.tickets.com or charge by phone by calling (248) 399-2980 or at the Royal Oak Music Theatre Box office located at 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak.

Lana Mini



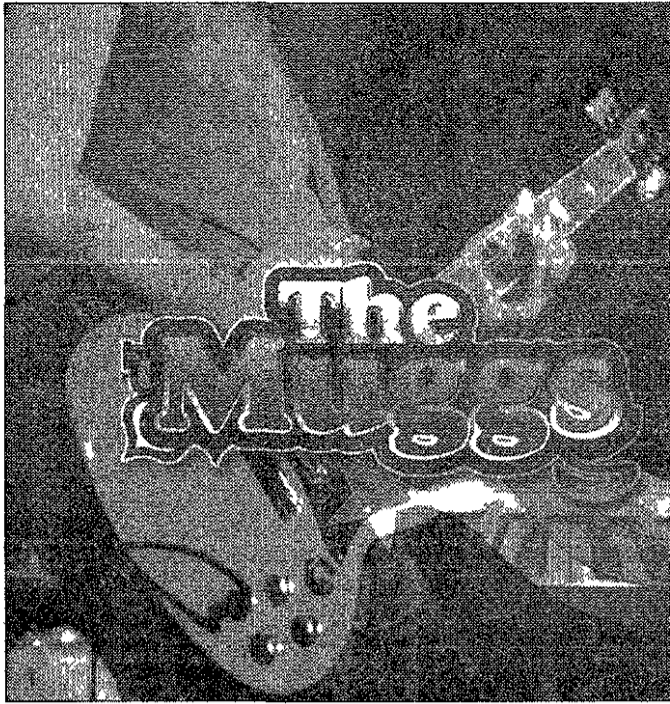
Music

The Muggs might consider themselves the ugliest band in the world, but they don't give themselves enough credit.

Looks aside, this Detroit band has a similar history of one band lead to another that brought them together as a group in 2000.

However, it was the almost life-ending stroke that bassist Tony DeNardo suffered in 2001 that makes their first full release *The Muggs*, a true triumph.

It also helps that it sounds pretty good, too. Switching his bass lines from the guitar to piano, DeNardo rejoined Danny Methric (guitar) and Matt Rost (drums) in 2003 to bring their



slightly blues, kinda psychedelic and always rockin' sound back to life.

Their debut album mixes the sounds together in such a fashion that all your friends are sure to find a track they like.

The Muggs will play Hamtramck's Belmont on Saturday, Aug. 20 with The Vamps and Desolation Angels.

For more information, visit www.themuggs.com

DVD

When you watch *A Good Band Is Easy to Kill* you'll miss the band Beulah even more.

Known as the "best band you've probably never heard of," the San Francisco-based group broke up after their 2003 release *Yoko*, another record that reflected their peaceful pop albums that were loved by their fans but generally ignored by the greater public. Not sure what was going to be their next step with the band, they invited film crews along on their final tour, ultimately being their last.

Most music documentaries are planned to show a particular point in a band's career and tend to have a formulaic quality to them, but Beulah is different. Their time together as a group was ending, unbeknownst to them, and this film is a living record of that. The footage is raw, which usually makes the best documentaries. After watching the California boys



battle for dirty hotel rooms, leave family members behind and set up their own equipment night after night, it's easy to see why they snapped at each other in their tour bus, a rented conversion van.

If you've never heard of Beulah, pick up their documentary and start collecting their albums. You'll be glad you did, even if you'll never hear anything new from them.

Alicia Dorset welcomes all your comments and gripes to adorset@oe.homecomm.net especially if you miss Beulah as much as she does.

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New home, new laughs

Second City returns

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Where, oh where, did Second City go?

Well, in exile, but only temporarily

As promised, they're back and ready to make Detroit audiences chuckle in their brand-new performance home

In *Ipod We Trust*, the group's 26th revue, opens Thursday, Aug 18, at their new theater, The Second City in Novi

"It's fantastic. It has cabaret seating for 200 people. You'll be able to see from all vantage points," said Quintin Hicks, a mainstage cast member appearing in the new show

The group left its downtown Detroit home, what is now City Theatre on Woodward Avenue near the Fox Theatre, in March 2004. Construction on the Novi theater began last January

On stage

"The style and set-up of the stage is more of what you would see in Chicago and Toronto," Hicks said, adding plans are in the works to offer appetizers, in addition to cocktails, at

the location. Hicks, who lives in Southfield, is confident that Second City and the new theater will prosper

"For so long it had been a staple - for 10 years, he said 'I know the interest has always been there. Even during construction, the phone lines were ringing with inquiries about when we would be up and running again'

In Ipod We Trust is slated to continue for approximately three months with free improvisation sets scheduled to follow performances Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and the last show on Friday



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SECOND CITY

After a hiatus that began in March 2004, The Second City returns with a new revue "In Ipod We Trust" at its new theater in Novi. Pictured (back from left) are Quintin Hicks, Shawn Handlon, John Ewartowski and (front from left) Tiffany Jones, Topher Owen, Jenny Hagel and Margaret Exner

The 75-minute show pokes fun at politics, technology, sexuality and relationships between men and women

A real wrestler makes an appearance in the show, but cast

members are staying quiet about why to preserve the surprise

"There's some pretty off-the-cuff stuff," Hicks said

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THEY'RE BACK!

What: The Second City returns in its new theater and presents its 26th revue *In Ipod We Trust*

When: Opens 8 p.m. Thursday Aug 18 continues thereafter for approximately three months with shows at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday 7 p.m. 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday and 8 p.m. Sunday

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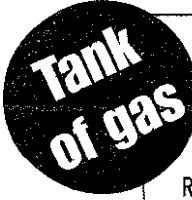
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p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 The exhibit, ending Monday, Aug. 15, is said to be one of the most comprehensive of Nabataean culture created to date. It includes more than 200 artifacts from collections in Jordan and the U.S., and includes video virtual reality, to bring the ancient city of Petra to life.

On Saturday, guests can visit the Sultan's Tent to enjoy the festival and then view the exhibit for a \$15 admission.

The tent will include vendors selling Middle Eastern souvenirs, books, music, clothing, pottery, woodwork, jewelry and non-perishable groceries. Food includes kabobs, hummus, tabbouleh, baklava and Arabic coffee — included in the ticket price. Artisans will offer henna art, Arabic calligraphy and photography. There's also a photog-

raphy booth where guests can try on traditional Middle Eastern garb and get family photographs.

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Ara Topouzian performs with oudist John Berberian. Topouzian is one of the coordinators of the festival.

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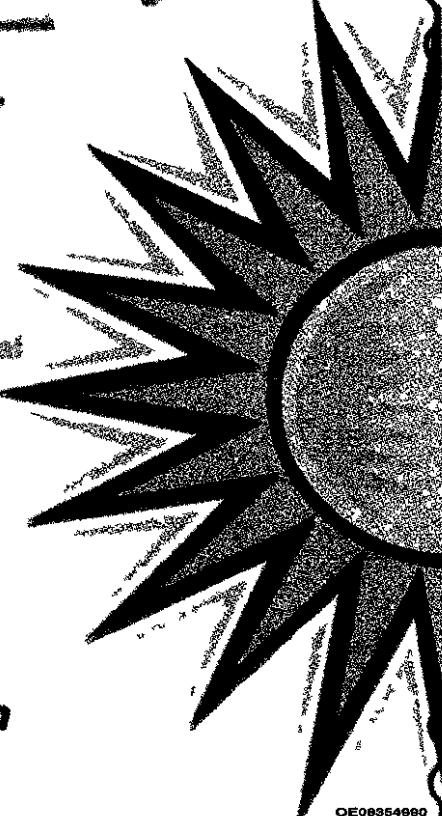
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Rappers DELIGHT

Cds, books, games, movies, Web sites, there's more than 4 million ways to dig Eminem

If you're not a die-hard Eminem fan, how much do you know about him?

Probably the basics. Raised in the south of Warren. Went to Lincoln High School. Was married to Kim and has a daughter named Hailie. There's songs written about both. There's his most popular CDs. The most current *Encore* with the hit, *Mosh*. *The Eminem Show*, with the hit for his daughter *Hailie's Song*. *The Marshall Mathers LP*, with the hits *Stan* and *The Real Slim Shady*, and *The Slim Shady LP*, with the hit *My Name Is*.

To help you get into the Eminem spirit in

celebration of his upcoming concert,

here's some facts about Detroit's most controversial rapper.

Tickets for the Anger Management Show at Comerica Park on Friday Aug 12 are still available. Don't wait to buy tickets at the door; it will probably sell out. Eminem is playing with 50 Cent and his other project D12, plus others.

Despite reports

that he's quitting, Eminem said recently on MTV that he doesn't plan to retire soon, but will take a break to produce music.

Marshall Bruce Mathers turns 33 Oct. 17. He was born in Kansas City. He's known as Eminem, Slim Shady, M. Mathers and Marshall.

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PLEASE SEE EMINEM, D9

EMINEM

FROM PAGE D8

Mathers On Google, there's more than 4,300,000 Eminem Web sites Other Detroit favorite Kid Rock has more than one million

Eminem's music has been featured in the movies *Barbershop 2*, *Back in Business*, *Cradle 2 The Grave*, *Tupac Resurrection*, *Nutty Professor II*, *The Klumps*, *Scary Movie*, *Next Friday* and of course *8 Mile* and others All of his albums make the charts

Eminem was lifted into fame with help of producer/musician Dr Dre Since then, he's considered the best rapper in the world, not just by fans, but by those in the business In return, Eminem helped boost the career of 50 Cent

Eminem isn't afraid of controversy — making political comments about President Bush and the war in his song *Mosh*, and trashing Moby, Limp Bizkit and Britney Spears in this music Eminem started performing when he was 14 years old and also used the name Manix As told in *8 Mile*, he made his mark and crossed racial boundaries by winning rap contests Buzz about Eminem began when he was recording the hit *My Name Is* and when he appeared in 1998 on Kid Rock's *Devil Without A Cause* CD

If you miss the chance to see Eminem perform (and it might be your last chance for a while), here's some other Eminem fun you to indulge in while listening to his latest CD *Encore*

Lana Mini

WATCH HIM

Obscure Eminem related movies

- *Public Eminem* 2001 a study of his work
- *Eminem Behind the Mask* 2001 information about the man and the music
- *I Killed Eminem* actor Ethan James Duff portrays a man with twisted desires to be famous so he tells people he killed the rapper
- Buy it off Amazon
- *8 Mile* we all know it
- *Eminem Presents Anger Management Tour*
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READ ABOUT HIM

- *Angry Blonde* by Eminem paperback
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Following Eminem

Detroit's MC Hush works the tour, but it won't be Eminem's last

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Anger Management Tour won't be Eminem's last stint in Detroit hip-hop artist MC Hush's opinion

"Because I know him, and he's a workaholic He can't stop working," Hush said from New York, where he's with Eminem on an independent tour following Anger Management to promote his own music

"It's not his last tour He's never said that. People are speculating, and it's turned into 'Well, it must be true This guy has a running business, and he knows his name and his persona are what runs it He's the engine that runs that train

Hush, who currently lives in Sterling Heights, came up as a performer in the same underground scene as Eminem, as portrayed in the movie *8 Mile*

Shortly thereafter, he joined forces with Detroit's Uncle Ill forming Da Ruckus and producing *We Shine*, a track that features Eminem

He went on to open for Nelly, Ja Rule, Dilated Peoples and Public Enemy

The NBC reality show *The Contender* integrated some of Hush's original tracks into the television program In 2003, Hush headlined the Detroit Music Awards, and received "Outstanding Hip Hop MC" honors

Bulletproof, his first major release, is due out Aug 23 And the album release party is scheduled Aug 21 at the Emerald Theatre in Mount Clemens "It's a different approach It's not a rock album or a hip-hop album It's in between and doesn't swing one way or another"

Hush said he used guitar accents the way horns are played in hip-hop over hip



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Detroit hip-hop artist MC Hush has been following the Anger Management Tour since its start to promote his soon-to-be-released album 'Bulletproof'

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HUSH TIME

What: Album release party of MC Hush's *Bulletproof*

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Two specialties from Buddy's: A Super Pizza and a Greek Salad

Top 10: Dine-in pizza

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

In all probability, a basic part of the Italian diet since the Stone Age, pizza has international appeal and toppings can be just about anything your taste buds desire.

Pizza is a popular take-out item. Yet, there are times when dine-in suits a relaxed mood better.

Hunting for the best pizzas in the metro-Detroit area, I discovered that most of the top spots do not have "pizzeria" in the name. Basically, I'm a thin crust lover, but putting personal preferences aside, I hunted down the best deep dish, frequently called Chicago style, which dates back to 1943 and its creator Ike Sewell. (A little trivia never hurts!)

DEEP DISH

Original square deep dish pizza with made-from-scratch dough, distinguishes **BUDDY'S** in the deep

dish category. Additionally, cheese made especially for Buddy's in Wisconsin is hand-shredded for the perfect melt over tangy red sauce.

PIZZAPAPALIS specializes in Chicago-style and if you like inch thick crust surrounding deep piles of topping, you get it here.

IN BETWEEN

At reasonable prices, really great pizza with a crust

between thin and deep dish is the specialty at the family-friendly, noisy and fun **ALIBI**.

Peasant, southern Italian style pizzas with a medium crust are the fame of **BUCA DI BEPPO**. Try the Spicy Arrabbiata with sausage, pepperoni and onions or Pizza Gamberi with shrimp, spinach, garlic & cheese. Nice, easy-on-the-wallet Chiantis and other reds are wine list features.

THIN CRUST

Lean back and relax in one of

the comfy, roomy, high-backed booths and order Quattro Formaggi (four cheese) thin (really thin!) crust pizza at **CITY CELLAR**.

Without a doubt, the most unusual ultra-thin crust is made from the same dough as the popular fresh from-the-brick-oven pita bread at **ASSAGGI**. Go for the rock shrimp topping. Assaggi's wine list has many easy-drinking and sensibly-priced red "pizza" wines.

MORE HEARTH BAKED

Hearth-baked pizzas with an international flare are the specialty at **CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN**. Favorite toppings are BBQ, Tandoori or Thai Chicken. For vegetarians, there's the well-made Mixed Grill Vegetarian Pizza.

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Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at efocusonwine@aol.com

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Celebrity chefs support SOS at Tribute

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

"We are chefs and that's the key," said Tribute Restaurant's executive chef Don Yamauchi. "I love to feed people and believe that no one should go hungry and if I can help out I will."

This remark was echoed by seven other celebrity chefs who will prepare a multi-course dinner at Tribute, 6 30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, supporting Share Our Strength, a national nonprofit organization focused on ending childhood hunger.

A \$250 per person, tax-deductible donation reserves dinner seats. Phone (248) 848-9393

ABOUT THE CHEFS

Yamauchi will be joined in the kitchen by three other celebrated Michigan chefs: Brian Polcyn of Five Lakes Grill in Milford, a perennial supporter of children's charities; Jim Barnett, corporate executive chef for the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group; and Tariq Hanna, Motor City Casino

pastry chef. Out-of-state celebrity culinary artists will include

■ Chef Bradford Thompson of Mary Elaines at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. In 2004, Thompson was named by *Food & Wine* as one of America's 10 best new chefs.

■ Chef Wally Joe, Wally Joe Restaurant in Memphis, Tenn., is a pioneer of the Southern culinary revolution and was named one of 28 "Rising Star Chefs of the 21st Century" by the James Beard Foundation.

■ Chef Ken Vedrinski, Sienna Restaurant, Daniel Island, S.C., is famed equally for his regional Lowcountry dishes and internationally inspired cuisine.

■ Chef Celina Tio, The American Restaurant, Kansas City, Mo., is responsible for the restaurant being voted consistently as KC's No. 1.

Tribute Restaurant is at 31425 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Phone (248) 848-9393



Detroit's newest cocktail lounge opens

Centaur, a new Detroit lounge, is now open. Occupying two-stories on a corner spot in downtown's Foxtown district, it's a 1920s Parisian Art Deco-inspired spot with two tall, European standing bars and classic cocktail service.

There's an extensive champagne menu and martinis shaken with fresh-squeezed juices. Menu items are Thai fresh wraps, shrimp cocktail, a French cheese platter, oysters Rockefeller or mushroom caps. It's also open for lunch.

Centaur features a giant chrome chandelier descending from the second level into the first. There's also a vaulted ceiling and expansive windows, European standing bar, high tables, and a large television that will lower down only for special events.

Upstairs DJs and live bands will perform international lounge music. Located at 2233 Park Avenue, Detroit, MI, (313) 963-4040. Centaur is located directly behind the Fox Theatre, across from the Town Pump Tavern.

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Music review

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Faith Hill, *Fireflies*
(Warner Brothers Records)

It's easy to understand why Faith Hill took her time before releasing her new record, *Fireflies*

After all, how do you follow the successes of *Breathe*, her crossover mega-hit from 2001, and *Cry*, which won a best female vocal Grammy in 2003?

Apparently, Hill's answer is to be patient and understated

Two years in the making, *Fireflies* tones down Hill's trademark bombast, relying

instead on laid-back grooves, subdued vocals (comparatively speaking) and state-of-the-art Nashville songwriting As with Kenny Chesney's latest, the Caribbean-tinged *Be As You Are*, this muted approach shouldn't be mistaken as a return to country roots In fact, the record is Hill's most eclectic to date

Despite the handwringing that probably went into *Fireflies* questions like, "Is there a hit? Does it have crossover potential?" For example it's evident that at this point in her career, Hill is having fun, and that appeals to radio programmers just as well as jaded music critics

Paul V Griffith AP

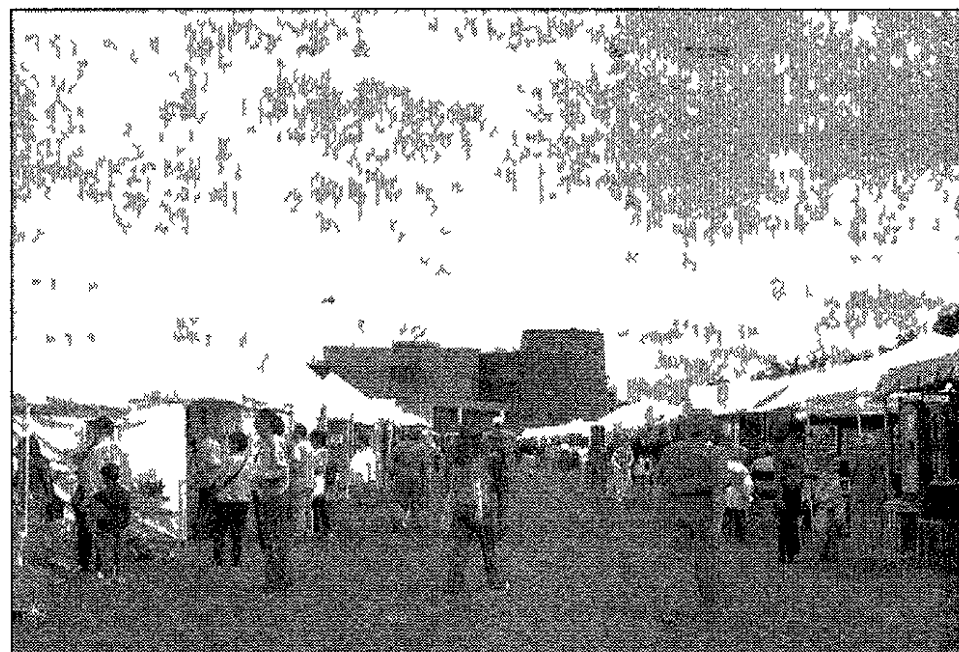


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The Southfield Art Fair returns for a second year and opens earlier Friday making for a 'happy hour' art show for the city's workforce

Southfield Art Fair returns but with a 'happy hour'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The standard summer art show will take on a 'happy hour' feeling in Southfield this weekend



Hoping to attract the area's working folks - estimated at 175,000 - the Southfield Art Fair kicks off at noon Friday

And, there's a cash bar opening at 4 p.m.

"Southfield has such a massive workday population, we have specially redesigned the fair to accommodate their schedules," said Debra Max Clayton, executive director of The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, the non-profit organization producing the show

"This year, people can join us Friday for lunch or after work for happy hour

The fair, in its second year, continues through Saturday and goes up alongside the Southfield Public Library on Evergreen in the heart of the city's civic complex

In addition to about 100 artists displaying their works and wares in a variety of mediums, from jewelry to painting to photography, the fair boasts a food court and a full lineup of live musical entertainment

Stage shows begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday, then run continuously until the fair closes Headlining the event is jazz and rhythm and blues artist Kimmie Horn, who's scheduled to

BACK AGAIN

What: Second Annual Southfield Art Fair presented by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans

When: Noon to 8 p.m. Friday Aug 12 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Aug 13 Cash bar opens at 4 p.m. Friday

Where: Beside Southfield Public Library at Evergreen between 11 Mile and 10 Mile roads Southfield

Cost: Admission and parking are free for details call (734) 662-3382 or visit www.michiganguild.org

perform 4-5 p.m. Friday

The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans - the organization also produces the award-winning Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair and the Holiday Art Fair in Farmington Hills - plans to bring its highly popular "Imagination Station" children's arts and crafts center to Southfield, as well

An exhibit of work by Oakland Community College art students is also planned

This year's exhibition of artists is expected to top last year's, signaling the success of the new fair, Clayton said

"After only one year, this great community event has attracted superb artists from all fields who will join us in creating a spectacular two-day show"

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Take a ride, the sky's the limit

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a family friendly thrill? Then take a ride in the sky in a hot air balloon

"Many people do think it's a wild ride but it's not. It's a very gentle experience. It's not

like an elevator or roller coaster," said Dennis Kollin, owner of Sky Adventures, an Oxford based hot air balloon service that's been in the business for 30 years.

"Kids love it. We see deer almost every flight. And other animals, too," said Kollin. "And, we talk to people on the ground which children love. The youngest we like to take is about 5 years old."

Flights take off before sunrise or just after sunset when the winds are calm and at their lightest. At Sky Adventures, balloons travel as low as just above tree level to as high as 3,000 feet at a rate of about 10 mph.

The company can accommodate six passengers and a pilot, but there are hot air balloons with larger capacities.

Most air balloon companies offer rides starting in April and ending in October.

Air balloon pilots are certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

At Sky Adventures, an on-the-ground crew follows the balloon in a van and meets up with the pilot and passengers to secure and ease the landing.

After the ride is complete, there's a champagne or sparkling grape juice toast for all.

But dress appropriately, which means for the weather and casually because you never know where you'll end up landing.

Occasionally, we have to land in a field with tall weeds," said Andrew Strang, a student pilot and member of the Sky Adventures on-ground team, which is called the chase crew.

Strang has assisted in landings in parking lots, back yards and subdivision



Taking an air balloon ride reveals great splendor

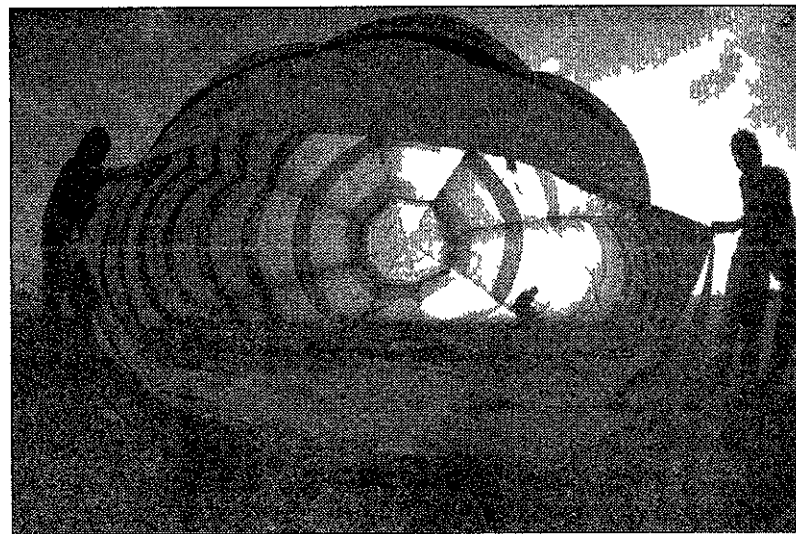
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cul de sacs, too. A landing location can never be exactly pinpointed because hot air balloons literally travel where the wind takes them.

Which is part of the wonder and beauty of ballooning," said Strang. "When we take off, we have no idea where we're landing."

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THE LONGEST YARD [PG13]

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THE DEVIL'S REJECTS [R]
LAND OF THE DEAD [R]

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STAR STRUCK

(Aug 11-14)
By Dennis Fairchild

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Every person and every situation you encounter can add a new dimension and color to your life MoonKid For quite some time you appear to have been trapped in a time warp and constrained by financial difficulties However one final confrontation in the next two weeks will set you free

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

There is always a certain amount of turmoil and many of life's lessons are learned through trial and error However this is one week when no one and nothing can prevent you from charting your own course and choosing your very own support system or playmate Lion

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Sometime after summer began you appear to have made an error in judgment or been too optimistic about a financial arrangement Therefore your main priority before your birthday is to get down to brass tacks and salvage what's doable You can - and will - do it kiddo!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Friendships and group activities will get a boost over the remainder of the month Suddenly you're in demand again Balancer The only danger is that you might allow yourself to get talked into doing too many things leaving you worn out by Labor Day

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

The Moon in your sign over the next few days may make you feel more sensitive than usual even if you're the kind of Scorp who has a hide like an elephant Rather than complain that others are mean consider if there is any truth in their claims about your behavior kiddo

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You don't have to deny yourself the good things in life Archer Mighty Mars is moving through the career part of your solar chart this week so make sure you get your fair share of the pie No one in their right mind would claim you don't deserve it

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Past is past SeaGoat let it be! No matter how much you feel like you're running in circles you'll soon be on top of the world with the Sun entering your element You are far better placed than you seem to appreciate so accentuate the positives and the negatives will seem less significant

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

What happens over the next few days won't be to everyone's liking but from your point of

view it will be quite encouraging Change is always unsettling but it can also lead to new opportunities And astrologically speaking change is the Waterbear's middle name

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Sometimes it's necessary to take deliberate steps to demonstrate one's worth in order to improve professional status and inner strength With Mercury shifting direction soon and Venus changing signs this is the time to approach those you need to impress Have faith Fish!

Dennis Fairchild is a Royal Oak based astrologer and author of several books on divination For information about personal consultations phone (248) 546 6912 or e mail DenFairchild@aol.com

PIES (March 21-April 20)

Do your own thing do it to the best of your abilities and don't waste a second worrying what others might think The only thing that matters this week is that you can look at your own efforts and be satisfied with yourself Ram! Go solo with confidence now

JURUS (April 21-May 21)

A peculiar prelude to the upcoming Full Moon may be making you feel the heebie jeebies now Therefore when dealing with both financial and family issues try to remember that fear is only an illusion - something that gives a false sense of isolation that exists only in the imagination

EMINI (May 22-June 21)

This could be a difficult last part of summer but it could also be the time when you start turning your dreams into realities Mars planet of energy is making an excellent angle in your solar chart so identify your No. 1 goal and work hard to achieve it Twin

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Cary Gallery

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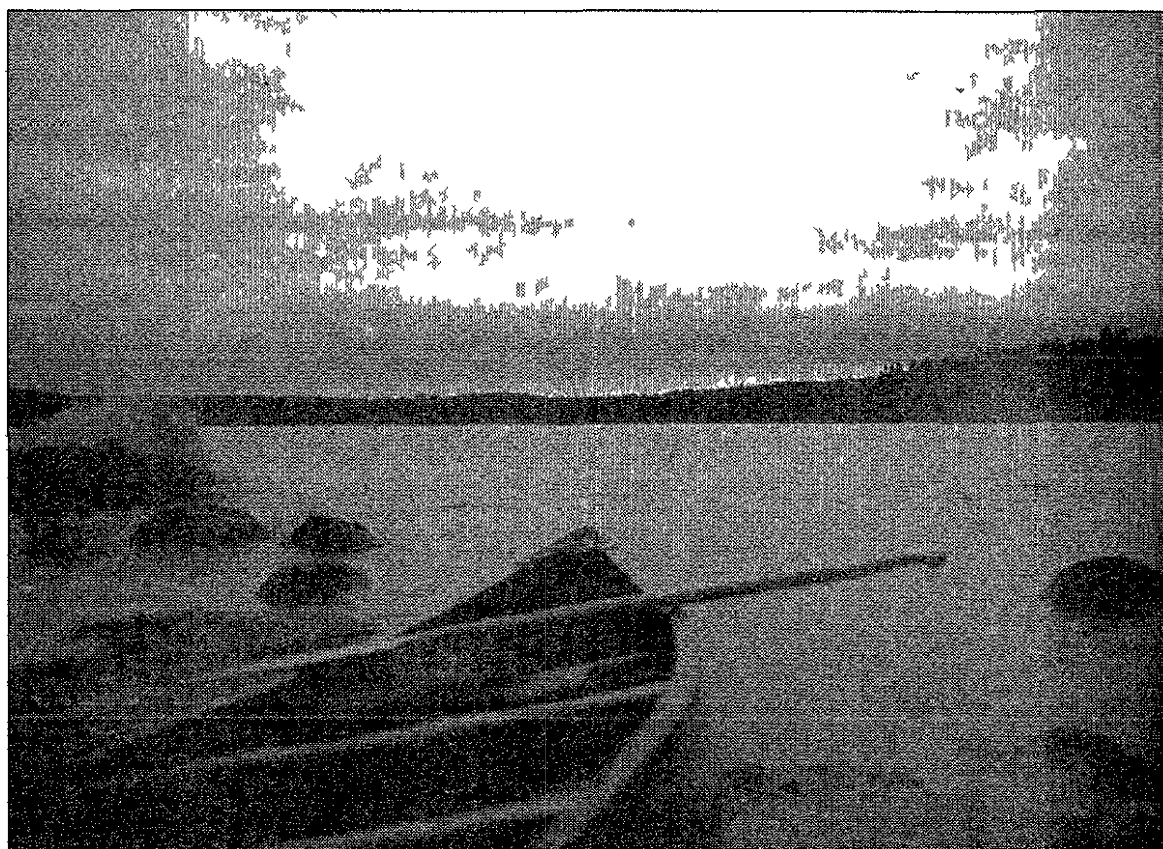
Aug 10 21 fair hours 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. mid way hours weekdays 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. to midnight Friday concerts are at 8 p.m. and other nightly concerts start at 7 p.m. Michigan State Fairgrounds Woodward at 8 Mile Adults \$9 kids age 2 11 \$4 children under age 2 free parking is \$5 most concerts are free call (313) 369 8250 or visit www.michiganstatefair.com

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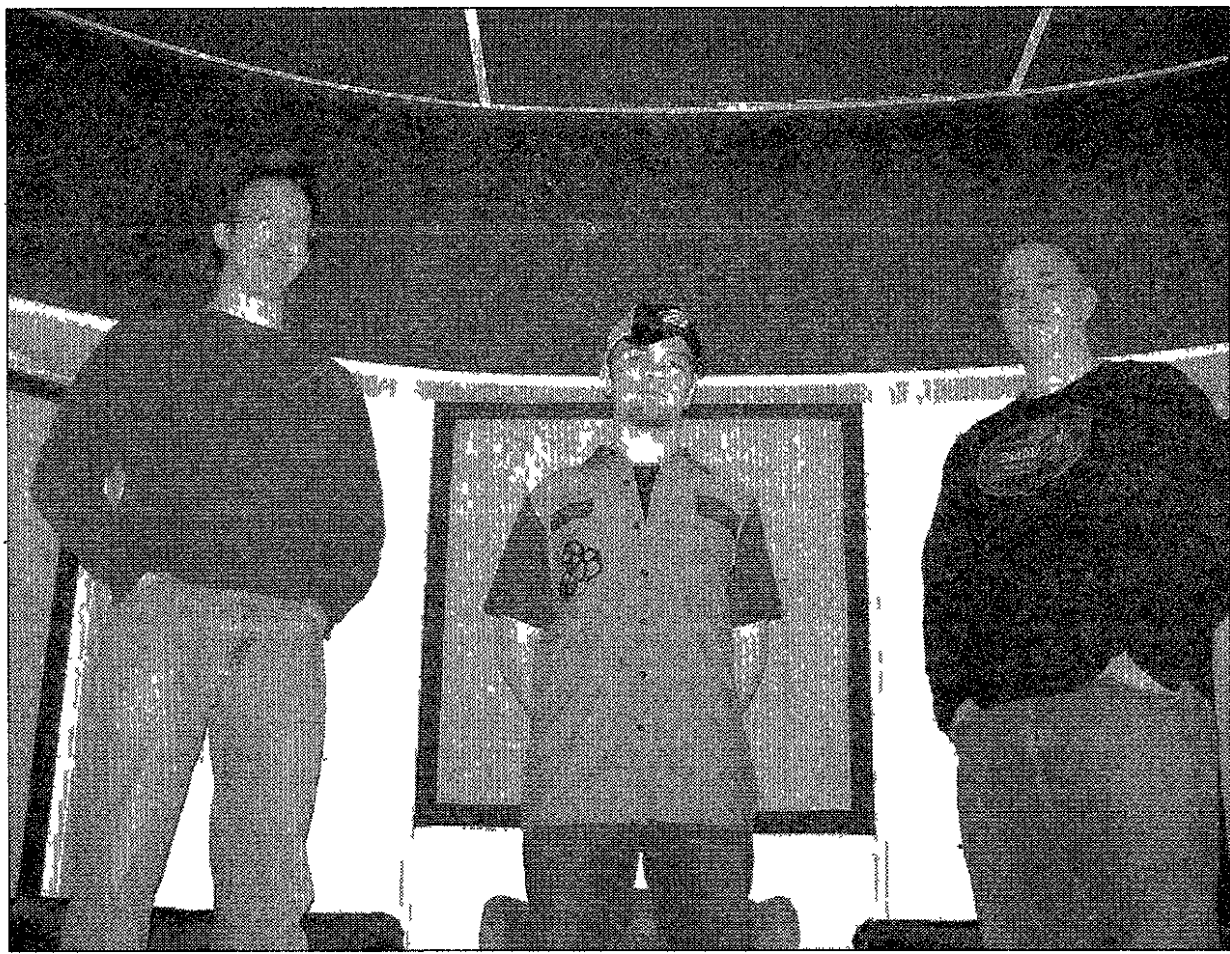


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Avellaneda at (313) 871 8600 ext. 240 or Frank Solano at (313) 971 6206

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Jarmusch creates commercially appealing film in 'Broken Flowers'

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In *Broken Flowers*, writer-director Jim Jarmusch again makes clear that the journey, not the destination, is what matters to him. And in Bill Murray, he has found an ideal traveling companion.

This strange, dream-like road trip is a near-perfect match of droll director and droll star. Jarmusch has enlisted great stone faces in the past: Johnny Depp in *Dead Man*, Forest Whitaker in *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai*.

Yet with Murray, who hilariously starred in a segment of Jarmusch's bull-sessions collection *Coffee and Cigarettes*, the filmmaker finds a peerless vessel for his aloof, minimalist style.

Despite a quest that should be fraught with emotion — a man's visits to old lovers in search of a son he never knew he had — Murray registers scarcely any expression beyond the apathetic world-weariness fast becoming his trademark.

Balanced against more overt co-stars Sharon Stone, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton, Julie Delpy, Frances Conroy and Jeffrey Wright, Murray stands as a won-

drous question mark just begging audiences to formulate their own answers about what lies beneath his cryptic demeanor.

With such stars and a more accessible story than usual, Jarmusch has created his most commercially appealing movie yet, without sacrificing much of the inscrutable detachment his cult fan base enjoys.

The movie's structure is typically episodic. Murray plays ladies man Don Johnston, the classic Don Juan

who knows his appeal is slipping with age and may not really care, putting up only token resistance when his current lover, Sherry (Delpy), leaves him.

Sherry's departure corresponds with the arrival of a pink letter from an unidentified ex-flame, telling Don he has a 19-year-old son who may be trying to contact his father.

Don seems unfazed, content to run out the clock in seclusion, listening to music, watching TV and living off the wealth he gained as a computer whiz (Don's disinterest runs so deep now that he doesn't own a computer himself).

But his neighbor and buddy, family man Winston (Wright), steps in and convinces Don to take an elaborate trek to visit the

women who could have given birth to his son in that time frame.

— Loose and lively Laura (Stone), widow of a race-car driver, whose daughter, Lolita (Alexis Dziena), exposes Don to the sort of Nabokov titillation her name implies.

— Dora (Conroy) is the flip side of Laura, living an antiseptic life in one of the prefab luxury homes she and her hubby (Christopher McDonald) sell for a living.

— Carmen (Lange) should be a space cadet given her profession, an "animal communicator" who puts people in sync with their pets. Yet she's a shrewd, passionately pragmatic woman who sends her old lover packing with a brusque insight or two, her protective assistant (Chloe Sevigny) adding to Don's discomfit.

— Penny (Swinton) is a biker chick whose fierce and fleeting exchange with Don works brilliantly as far as it goes, which is not very far, the actress in and out of the movie in a flash.

Don devolves from welcomed surprise guest to interloper to outright intruder, compounding his state of general confusion without offering a shred of enlightenment.

His most comforting encounter is the most passive, at a dead lover's grave. Don is at his least guarded here, the scene sweet, touching, almost revealing of the

tender heart that may have once beaten in his chest, and may be beating there still.

Don seems resigned at the outset to slowly let go of life, and the women from his past reveal nothing to convince him otherwise. Only after one last unexpected encounter does Jarmusch hint that Don has found something to care about, but the filmmaker parks his hero at the crossroads, leaving audiences to ponder what that might be and how Don might respond.

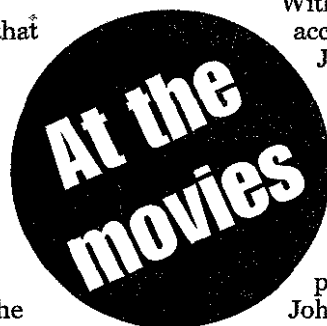
Murray has been playing subtle variations on the same sad-sack theme for years now. Yet his schtick never grows tired — it gets richer with each incarnation.

Wright's cheery optimism is a great complement to Murray's dourness, while the actresses are tremendous foils, each an example of the woman wronged, or at least dinged, by her relationship with Don.

The vague dissatisfaction he feels with his visits spreads to the audience, making you long to know more of the back-story between Don and the women, particularly Swinton's character.

But that would undermine Jarmusch's aim, to take people on a little ride and let them crane their necks at what flits by, deciding for themselves whatever it is they've seen.

Broken Flowers, released by Universal's Focus Features, runs 105 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.



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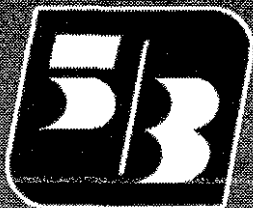
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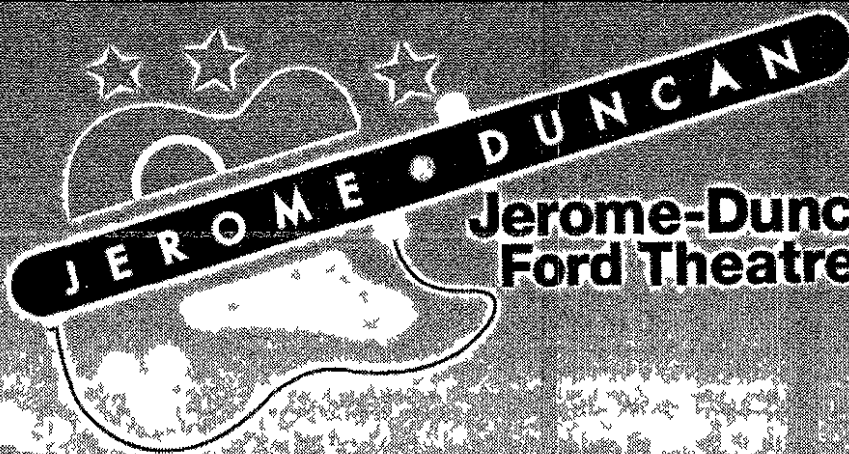
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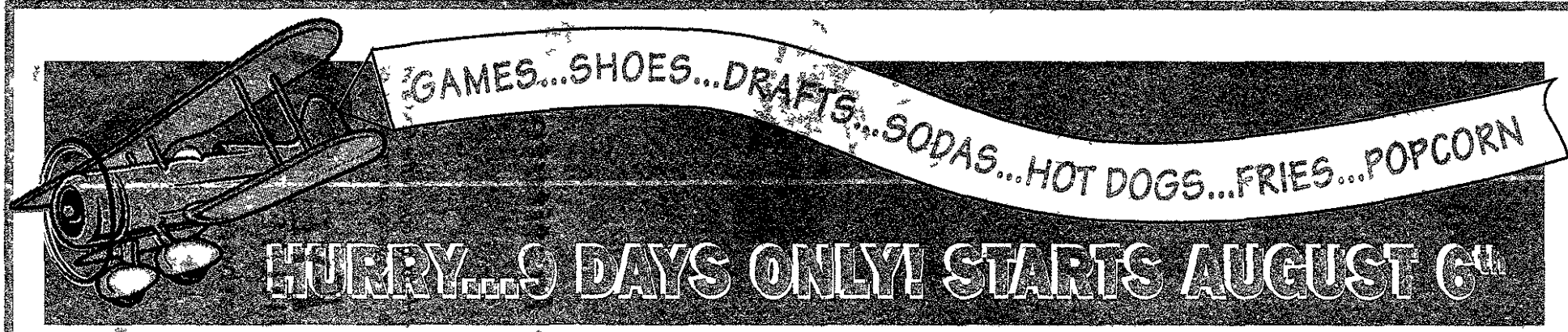
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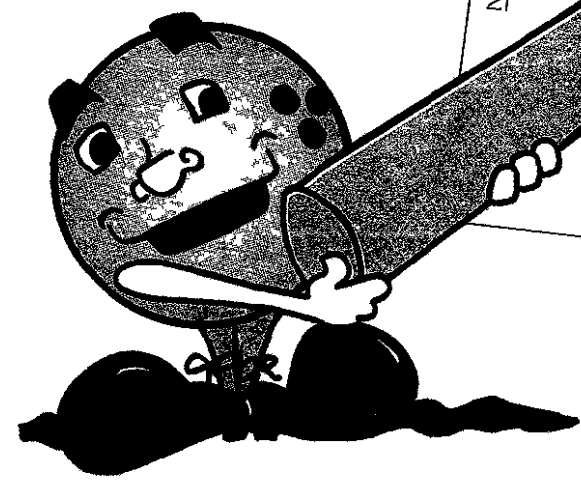
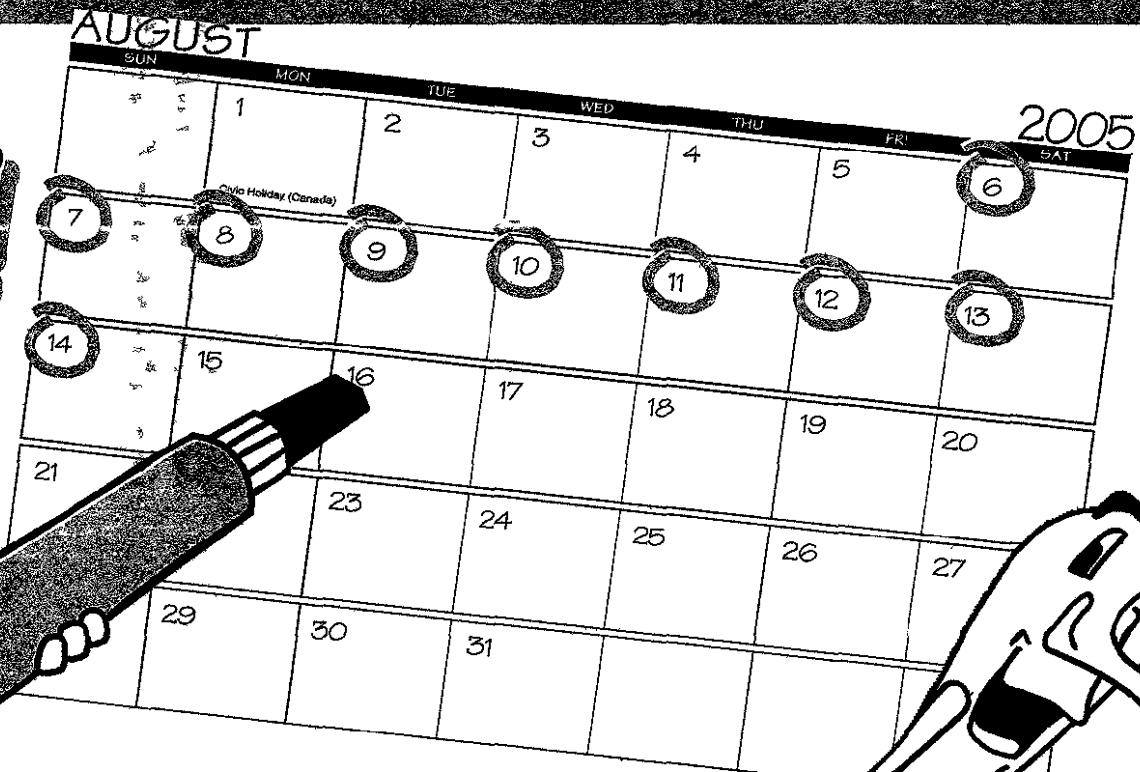


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