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Mike Muma (left), Chuck Bares (front right) and Dale Knab (back right) stoke the fire for the Rotary chicken barbecue. Hot coals are put into the barbecue pit about every 20 minutes, the chicken comes off the grill at 200 degrees. Above, Mike O'Grady, Jonathan Rahn, and John Stawasz man the grills and kettles to cook up Polish cuisine. The booth raises funds for the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers.

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The chef wasn't Polish, but that was OK with members of the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers.

They were among participants in last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival, selling food to raise money, primarily for costumes and rental of practice facilities. "We have an Italian chef," said Ken Selasky of Plymouth Township, pointing to Angelo Crachiola working alongside head chef John Stawasz.

"We're selling kielbasa, sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage, pierogis, crepes and pop," said Selasky, who has a daughter, Kristen, 14, in the group. "Today's been steady, steady customers," he added of Saturday's business. "The weather's been great."

The group found the potato pierogis and cheese pierogis the top sellers, and enjoyed seeing the festival crowds. "It's nice to see the teenagers come out," Selasky said. "I think it's a great event."

The event that got the festival started, the Plymouth Rotary chicken barbecue, was easy to spot even before it officially got started Sunday. Late Saturday, hard-working crews were setting up so all would go smoothly, with a goal of selling 12,500 chicken dinners Sunday morning, to be served from The Gathering as well as take-out sites at East and West middle schools.

And, while the chicken didn't sell out, 2005 barbecue chairman Jan Eisen estimated they sold some 12,000 dinners. "I would say it was a very successful 50th birthday,

absolutely," Eisen said. "And the chicken we didn't sell, we gave to the Salvation Army and other groups who can help."

This was the 50th year for the barbecue, and the first time two pits were set up behind The Gathering due to space considerations. "The packaging area was becoming too cramped," Eisen explained.

"Since we've done this so long, everybody knows what's being done," he said of the 110 Rotarians and some 450 additional volunteers who pitch in. For some club members, the roles are an adjustment from their usual one.

"Now they have to listen to other people tell them what to do. We always get it done, one way or another." This year's event was to raise some \$30,000 from dinner sales, plus about \$45,000 from ads



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Robert Schlip is very serious about his cherry snow cone during last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival.

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Schools book space for Katrina kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The tragedy of Hurricane Katrina hit a bit closer to home when Plymouth-Canton Schools officials agreed to enroll 14 students from the Gulf Coast region whose families have been left homeless from the devastation.

"They come from different parts of the hurricane area," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Most are coming up here because they have family living in the area, and are staying with family or in hotels. We've enrolled students from the region in every grade level in the district."

Ruggirello said the district isn't revealing the names of the families or which schools they're attending in an effort to help make their transition a smooth one. However, at least

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Board adds port to new hall

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington finally got what he's been asking for all along out of the new township hall, but not without a couple of "ifs" from the township board.

The board approved spending an estimated \$175,000-\$185,000 for the addition of a "sally port," a secure area where police officers deal with the transportation of prisoners, to the police station at the site of the new hall at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road.

But the board, which has battled rising prices and made cuts to try to keep the facility within budget, made the deal contingent on two things: The ability to use state and federal drug forfeiture money, and finding other cost offsets, to pay for it.

The sally port was among Tiderington's requests when the project was initially designed, but board members voted to delay its construction until costs related to the entire project were clearer. Other options - including fencing that area in and simply putting up a wall - were discussed, but Tiderington pressed for the sally port for safety considerations.

The chief pointed out the department moved some 1,200 prisoners last year, with one prisoner actually escaping, forcing a chase that ended when a township officer used a Taser to apprehend him. He also pointed out officers load

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Students move quickly with hurricane relief

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Students throughout the Plymouth-Canton district are responding with urgency to the needs of people whose lives have been devastated by the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Plymouth High School's Class of 2006 - the first senior class at the three-year-old school - has

begun a drive to collect money and non-perishable goods to be sent to the Gulf Coast region.

"We started collecting money after the hurricane hit," said Yasawi Paruchuri, 17, Plymouth High senior class president. "But, once we saw the severity of the situation, we were convinced it was a good cause and wanted to show our sup-

port."

All three high schools are collecting money for Katrina efforts, quickly gathering \$700 during lunch periods on the first day. Plymouth High students extended the effort to non-perishable items.

"I think there are a lot of misconceptions about what youth can do and how effective we can be," said Paruchuri. "By mov-

ing quickly and getting this much done, I think we are dispelling that because we are trying so hard."

Collection boxes have been set up in most first-hour classrooms at Plymouth High, as students conduct a friendly competition to gather the most items.

"The senior council felt that as leaders of the

school, something needed to be done and they would take the lead in getting it done," said Tim Nadon, senior council advisor. "The students have a great deal of empathy for the people who lost their homes and belongings."

Students are collecting goods through Oct. 14. Anyone wishing to

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Student council representative Tatiana Imamura is all smiles after getting a Hurricane Katrina donation from senior Corey Vanspronon.

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Car wash

On Sunday September 18th, the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission hosts a car wash from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, to raise further funds to replace the fountain in Kellogg Park or, the "Fountain of Youth."

This fund raiser is in cooperation with City Commissioner Phil Pursell, owner of Main Street Auto Wash, located at 1191 S. Main, who is donating all proceeds on this date to the PCYAC to help fund the new fountain.

"It's all about giving back to the community and teaching kids a sense of community involvement," said Pursell. Commissioner Michele Potter, the commission liaison to the PCYAC, said the commission has raised nearly \$1,500 toward the Fountain of Youth.

These kids have been out there doing bottle drives and selling water at the Friday night concert series," Potter said. "They are all extremely committed to this endeavor and excited to be a part of something so big."

Energy bills

State Sen. Bruce Patterson,

(R-Canton), introduced legislation this week designed to help constituents worried about staggering energy cost increases, soaring natural gas prices, home heating oil futures and post-Hurricane Katrina gasoline pump prices.

Patterson has 18 co-sponsors, some Democrats and some Republicans among them. Twenty votes are needed for Senate passage.

"Average Michigan households are reeling under current conditions, and must get all the help we can legitimately provide," said Patterson, chairman of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee. "This legislation can help. Unlike most energy commodities, electricity is regulated. Thus, we can act."

Make a difference

The Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to help with "Make A Difference Day" from 8 a.m. - noon Saturday, Oct. 22.

Volunteers are needed to help rake leaves, clean yards and provide light labor (replace light bulbs and smoke alarm batteries) for senior citizens in the Plymouth/Canton community. Morning refresh-

ments, lawn bags and other supplies will be provided, volunteers are being asked to bring their own rakes, garden tools and gloves.

Volunteers will meet at the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. To volunteer, call the Plymouth United Way, (734) 453-6879.

Radio fund-raiser

WSDP teams up with Parisian for the station's Celebrate Education fund-raiser from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Station members are selling \$5 tickets that provide the buyer with 20-percent discounts off almost any item in the store, including rarely discounted merchandise, during the event. The station gets to keep the \$5 for each ticket sold.

If each of our staff members sells five tickets, we'll raise \$500," station manager Bill Keith said. "We're using our proceeds to upgrade or purchase a new computer for our production studio."

For more information, e-mail Keith at keithb@pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-7732. Tickets can be purchased through the mail by sending \$5 per ticket to WSDP, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Kiwanis speaker

Saginaw Valley State University President Eric Gilbertson will talk about SVSU during his presentation at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth at noon Thursday, Nov. 17. Gilbertson was legal counsel for Ohio State University during the coaching tenure of the late Woody Hayes.

Kiwanian Fred Hill, a proud alumnus of OSU, will also share memories of Hayes. The meeting takes place at Ernesto's Italian Country Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Cost is \$13 per person at the door. For more information, call (734) 934-7653.

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Craft fair

Members of Delta Kappa Gamma are planning to continue scholarship funding with the proceeds from their 19th-annual Craft and Home Fair Saturday, Oct. 15.

The fair offers more than 100 juried crafters, home vendors, Amish quilt raffle, refreshments and lunch. The fair runs 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail at Sheldon in Plymouth. Admission is \$2.00.

The international society, Delta Kappa Gamma, has over 60 members in its local Plymouth-Canton chapter. Since the chapter began in 1982, these women educators have made efforts to increase educational opportunities for many Plymouth-Canton Community School students by raising money to help fund scholarships.

These scholarships are available to Canton, Plymouth, or Salem graduates who are pursuing degrees in education. Students receive yearly awards as long as they maintain the specified grade point average and are still pursuing an education degree.

Presently 12 Canton and Salem graduates are being given \$1000 a year for up to five years from the profits from this show.

Tails and Trails walk

The Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club will be hosting the third-annual Tails and Trails Charity Dog Walk on Saturday, Sept. 17. Grab your four-legged friend and walk with other participants through Canton's Heritage Park.

The event will feature a presentation by MTROT team leader Michael Brunk, whose team recently returned from doing search and rescue work in New Orleans.

This fund-raiser, sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus of Canton and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will benefit the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Club and the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Search and Rescue Team. This is a pledge event with 100 percent of the pledge dollars going to MTROT.

Funds raised by this event will be used to purchase props for MTROT training facility located in Belleville.

Activities for the day will include entertainment by the search and rescue dog team, a pet care seminar, vendor booths and food concessions. A number of contests will be held and prizes will be awarded.

Registration/check-in begins at 9:15 a.m. The walk will be held rain or shine. Registration is \$20. Walk-ups are welcome. Current vaccination record must be presented at time of registration.

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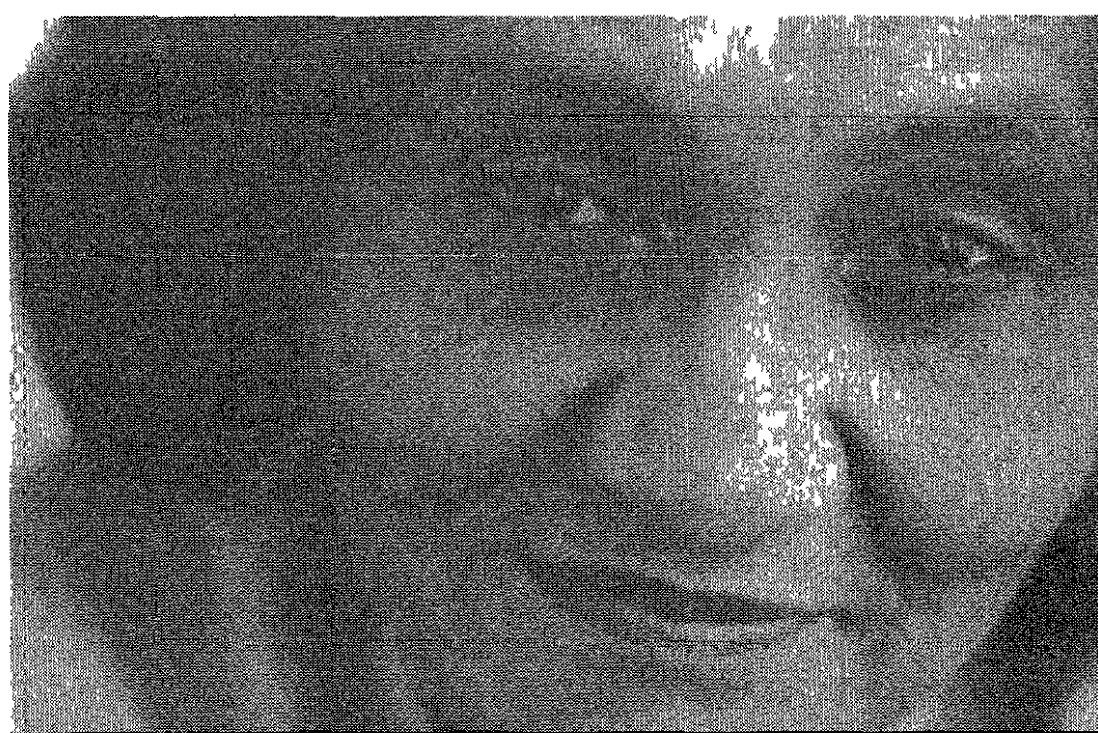
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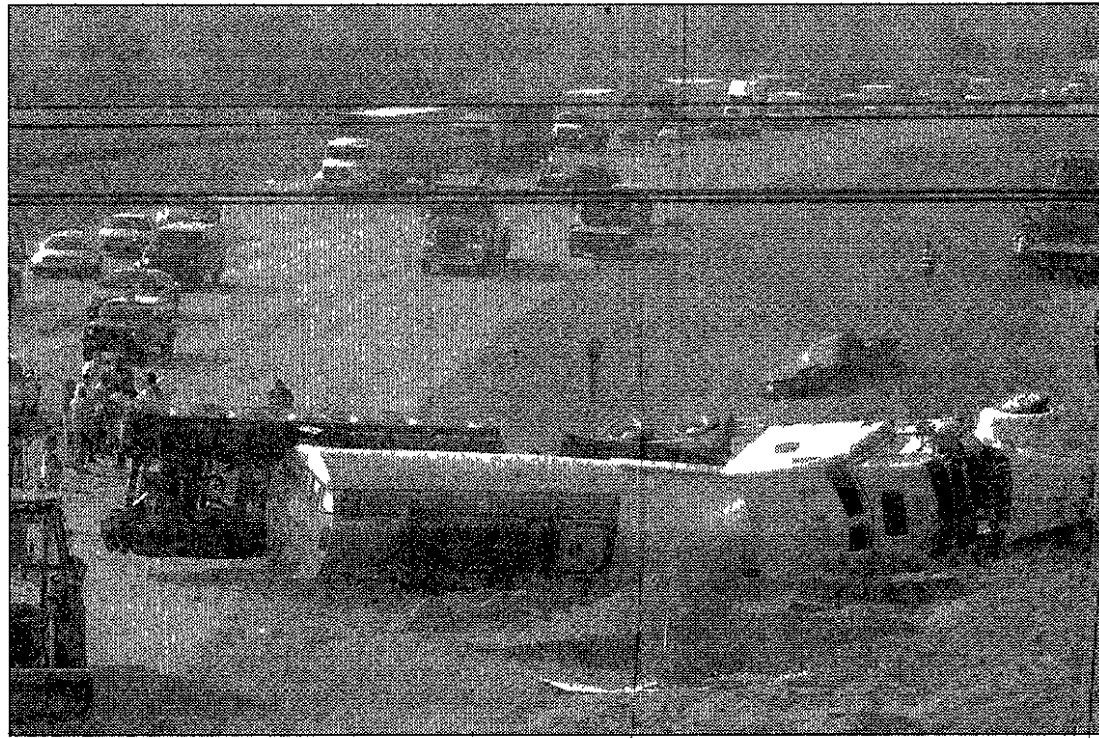
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One man was killed and this tractor trailer overturned in a Tuesday morning accident on northbound I-275 near 6 Mile. The accident snarled I-275 traffic.

'People need to slow down'

Crash kills man, snarls I-275 traffic for days; negligent homicide charges considered

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Police again are calling on I-275 motorists to slow down in the wake of a fatal crash that killed a 23-year-old Rose City man Tuesday morning and caused a chemical spill that left the freeway snarled in a traffic jam for two days.

"People need to slow down," Michigan State Police Sgt. Michael Shaw said. "Every time we do traffic enforcement initiatives on that section of I-275, we catch people going too fast."

"We catch some people doing 100 mph."

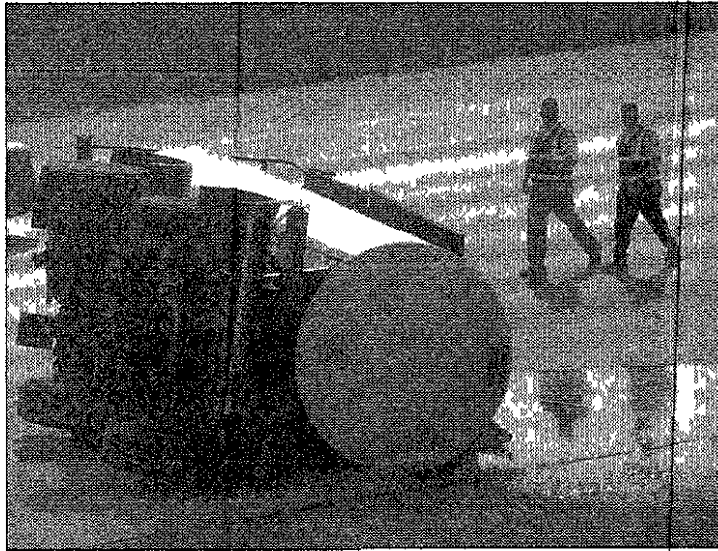
Daniel Jason Wilber was driving his Chevrolet Corsica south on I-275 near Six Mile when he was struck by a Dodge van and forced off the freeway at about 6:35 a.m., police said. The Corsica skidded through the grassy median and crashed into a semi tractor trailer traveling northbound.

A medical helicopter transported Wilber to the University of Michigan Hospital where he was pronounced dead hours later.

The driver of the semi suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

Broadcast media reports helped police find two witnesses who produced information that identified the driver of the van. A 25-year-old Farmington Hills woman was questioned and released Wednesday.

Sgt. Matt Nutt said the van



A man was killed when his car left the roadway and crashed into a semi tractor trailer traveling northbound on I-275 near Six Mile Tuesday morning. Oil spilled from the tanker and flowed into the median.

was impounded. Findings from the police investigation are being taken to the Wayne County prosecutor's office. He said they are seeking two criminal charges against the woman leaving the scene of an accident causing death and negligent homicide.

It appears the van bumped the victim's vehicle and it was a hard collision," Nutt said.

The crash also caused the truck's trailer to tip and spill 5,000 gallons boiling road tar onto the roadway and into some storm sewers. Hazardous materials teams worked Tuesday and Wednesday to clean up the spilled substance that was so hot, it bubbled on the roadway - forcing police to

close several lanes of the freeway.

"As the substance drained into the sewers, it has hardened so some of the sewer equipment had to be replaced," Shaw said Tuesday.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the left lanes of southbound and northbound I-275 remained closed until environmental officials deemed the area clean and safe, Nutt said.

There was another crash involving a semi tractor trailer Monday evening that slowed traffic on I-275 in Livonia, but none of the drivers involved were seriously hurt.

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HVA: Move signals commitment

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Huron Valley Ambulance will expand its Eastern Operations headquarters in Plymouth when it moves into a new central support facility on property currently occupied by Star Contracting.

The building at 1270 Goldsmith, adjacent to the city of Plymouth's Municipal Services yard, will be renovated for HVA operations within the next three months, according to Joyce Williams, public affairs manager.

The current ambulance operations are housed in offices at the city's Municipal

Services Department, which HVA has leased from the city since July 2002.

"We have provided paramedic services to both the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township since 1980," said Paul Hood, vice president for HVA Eastern Operations. "This is another example of our commitment to those communities and to the entire area."

No purchase price was announced. Star Contracting has not yet detailed where it will be moving.

The new building is 10,200 square feet, and will include offices and garage space to house 10 ambulances. Williams said HVA will be

adding a classroom and constructing a Mobility Transportation Call Center to dispatch wheelchair vans and other specialized transportation.

"We're very excited that HVA is remaining a vital part of the Plymouth community," said City Manager Paul Sincock. "They provide a fantastic service to the residents of western Wayne County, and pleased their base of operations is here in the city." Sincock said the move will not generate any additional tax base for the city because HVA is a non-profit ambulance service.

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MILITARY NEWS

Navy training

Navy Seaman Recruit Derek B. Sanders, son of Kelly L. Sanders of Canton and Donald W. Sanders of St. Louis, Mich., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Sanders completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is 'Battle Stations.' This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. 'Battle Stations' is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly 'Navy' flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Sanders is a 2004 graduate of John Glen High School in Westland.

Navy Seaman Megan M. Goldschmidt, daughter of Margie and Douglas Goldschmidt of Plymouth,

recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to her current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Goldschmidt is a 2003 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Air Force grads

Air Force Airman Matthew H. Ziembra has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of

training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ziembra is the son of Vele Ziembra of Canton.

Air Force Cadet Nick L. Dixon has completed Basic Cadet Training and earned the rank of cadet fourth class at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The cadet is one of more than 1,300 men and women who completed the rigorous six-week orientation program. The training prepares cadets to enter their first academic year at the academy.

The cadets completed the training in two phases. Phase one consisted of military and physical preparation which focused on the transition from civilian to military life.

He is the son of Bryce and Betty Dixon of Canton, Mich., and grandson of Lester and Jean Landgraph of Cravens, Silsbee, Texas, and Albert and Irene Dixon of Willis, Texas.

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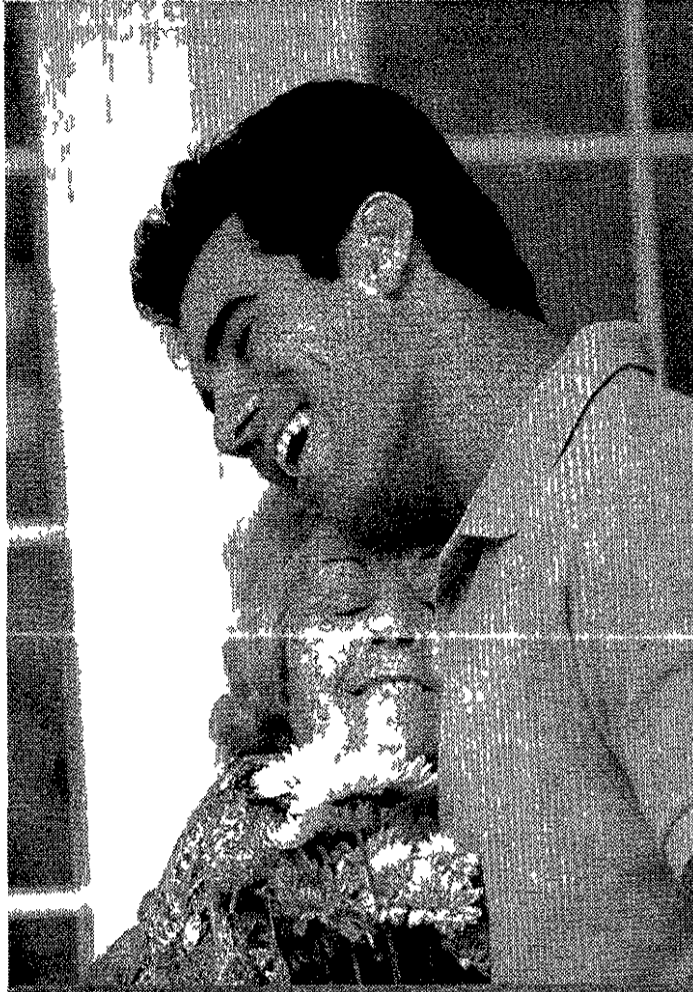
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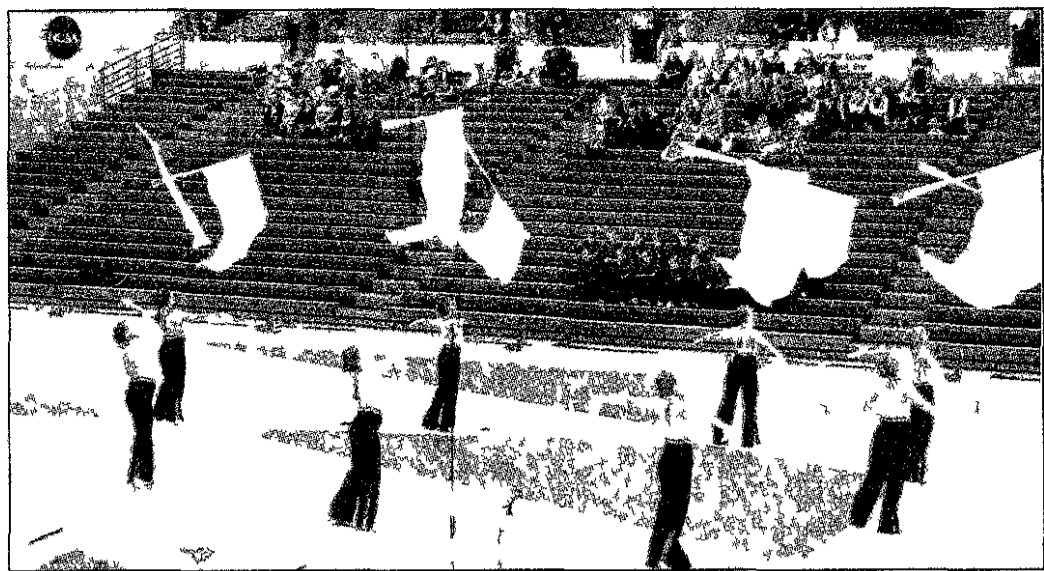
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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Color Guard, the flag-spinning, rifle toting, saber-slashing arm of the award-winning P-CEP Marching Band, invites all middle school and high school students to become members of its Junior Guard. No auditions are required for this activity which introduces students to the skills required for both Fall Color Guard and Winter Guard. Participating students will meet in the Plymouth High School Band Room 6-8 p.m. each Wednesday, Sept. 21-Oct. 19 and will perform during the Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition at the P-CEP Stadium Oct. 22. The cost is \$45 for first-time students and \$40 for returning students. For additional information and to register, please contact Coach Jennifer LeSeth at pcmbguard@aol.com or call 734-582-5666. A registration form is also available at www.pcmb.net. Walk-in registrants are also welcome.

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■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 4-5:15 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.
■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Sept. 12, 7:15 p.m. — For those with an appreciation for great literature, this discussion group opens its new season with *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. Copies of this book are available at the Library's check-out desk. To learn more about *The Great Books* Foundation go to <http://www.greatbooks.org>
■ **PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. — This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and plans for the

upcoming season. All gardeners are invited — no registration is required.
■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. — Local star-gazer Mike Best conducts this lively discussion group, intended for interested astronomers, ages six and older. For more information contact (734) 459-2378 or starmikebest@comcast.net
■ **LABELS IN MS WORD**, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m. — Learn how to create an address book, mail merge and make labels in MS Word. Prior experience with MS Word is required. Register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242
■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m. — This month's contemporary discussion group invites members to read *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner. Copies of this book are available for group members at the check-out desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **CLAUDEL AND RODIN PASSIONATE PARTNERS**, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2 p.m. — Art historian and Plymouth resident Deborah L. Kawsy returns to the Library for an illustrated slide lecture on French sculptors, Camille Claudel and Auguste Rodin. The Detroit Institute of Arts will be the only United States venue to host an upcoming exhibit of more than 130 masterworks in all media by these two artists.
■ **BANNED BOOKS WEEK**, Sept. 24-Oct. 1 — Book lovers can visit the Plymouth District Library and check out any number of books that have been banned over the years. For a list of banned books, stop at the Reader's Advisory desk or go to <http://ala.org/bbooks>
■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Sept. 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair. Copies of these books are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE PROGRAM**, Thursday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m. — The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will present this program which brings in representatives from the Social Security Administration and the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program. They will provide information and answer questions about the upcoming Medicare drug program. Registration is requested and can be made through the Council on Aging office at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.
■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP** — No September meeting scheduled. Mark calendars now for the next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548 or donhewlett@aol.com
YOUTH PROGRAMS
■ **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**, Session one, Tuesdays, Sept. 6-27, 7 p.m., Session two, Wednesdays, Sept. 7-28, 7 p.m. — This evening story time can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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Day care owner sentenced in abuse case

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



Podorsek

LaMontagne children - two sons and a daughter LaMontagne daughter, in fact, had been in Podorsek's care since she was six

A Canton day care provider was sentenced to probation Monday after pleading down from a felony charge of sexual abuse to third-degree child abuse. And people on both sides of the case say the sentence is unfair, but for different reasons.

Nancy Podorsek, 43, had been caring for children in her Canton home for nine years. She was arrested in June, after police officials said she had become angry with a 2-year-old girl in her care, when the toddler soiled herself and needed a bath. The girl's mother, Elaine LaMontagne of Dearborn Heights, discovered bruising on the girl's genitals and took her to see a doctor, who confirmed the bruising.

Podorsek admitted she may have scrubbed too hard with a towel during her bath, and has been "remorseful" about the incident, according to police officials.

"There had never been a complaint of any kind," said Podorsek's husband, William, about Monday's sentence. "This is absolutely not fair. It was blown so far out of proportion, and it's been really very hard on us, and on our two children."

LaMontagne agrees that the sentence - one year of probation and court-ordered anger management classes - is not fair, but said it's because it's too lenient and is an insult to her daughter.

For eight of the years Podorsek had been providing in-home day care to children, she had watched

the carpet and when she returned to tend to the girl, she started a bath for her. The girl threw a tantrum and was injured by accident in the shower. Nancy didn't even know she was injured at the time," William Podorsek said. "After all that, Nancy took her to the library and to Meijer and then Taco Bell."

According to William Podorsek, his wife loved the little girl, just like she loved many children in her care. "She is one of the most kind and loving people I've ever met," he said, but added that even though she could apply to reinstate her child care license, she will not. "Absolutely not. We'll never have kids at our house again."

LaMontagne said the injuries to her daughter's private parts were just the beginning of the little girl's problems. She has post-traumatic stress disorder and has to see a therapist once a week," she said. "She can't be left alone without seeing me or her father, and she has night terrors. She was the most beautiful outgoing child before this."

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William Podorsek said his wife told him the same thing. "The child had an explosive bowel movement and had spread feces on herself and the carpet and on toys and was playing with it," he said. Frustrated, Nancy Podorsek took the girl to wait in the bathroom while she cleaned

the carpet and when she returned to tend to the girl, she started a bath for her. The girl threw a tantrum and was injured by accident in the shower. Nancy didn't even know she was injured at the time," William Podorsek said. "After all that, Nancy took her to the library and to Meijer and then Taco Bell."

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Starting Oct. 1, Dairy Queen customers can purchase more than their usual Blizzard or soft-serve ice cream cone.

The "cool treat" restaurants - with nearby locations in Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills and Garden City - are now participating in a campaign to benefit Children's Miracle Network hospitals.

Dairy Queen will sell Kids Helping Kids glow-in-the-dark bracelets for \$1 each. Proceeds will go to local Children's Miracle Network hospitals.

The bracelets come in red, yellow, blue, orange and green. "These bracelets will help build awareness of Children's Miracle Network throughout the country," said Patty Halvorson, director of promotions for Dairy Queen.

"We want to bring attention to the needs of these kids. It is a cause we are very passionate about." This isn't the first joint venture between Dairy Queen and the national organization. The restaurant has supported Children's Miracle Network since 1984, raising more than \$55 million.

For more information visit www.dairyqueen.com or www.thedqclub.com or www.cmn.org.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Livonia recently welcomed a new learning center, which provides programs for children with autism, ADHD, speech, physical, mental and learning disorders.

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Sensory Integration & Learning Center offers a variety of ways to reach children with special needs. Among them is the Sensory Training Education Program, known as STEP, which uses aspects of light therapy, motion and balance therapy and music therapy to reach children with sensory disorders, autism, developmental delays and more. In addition, the center offers

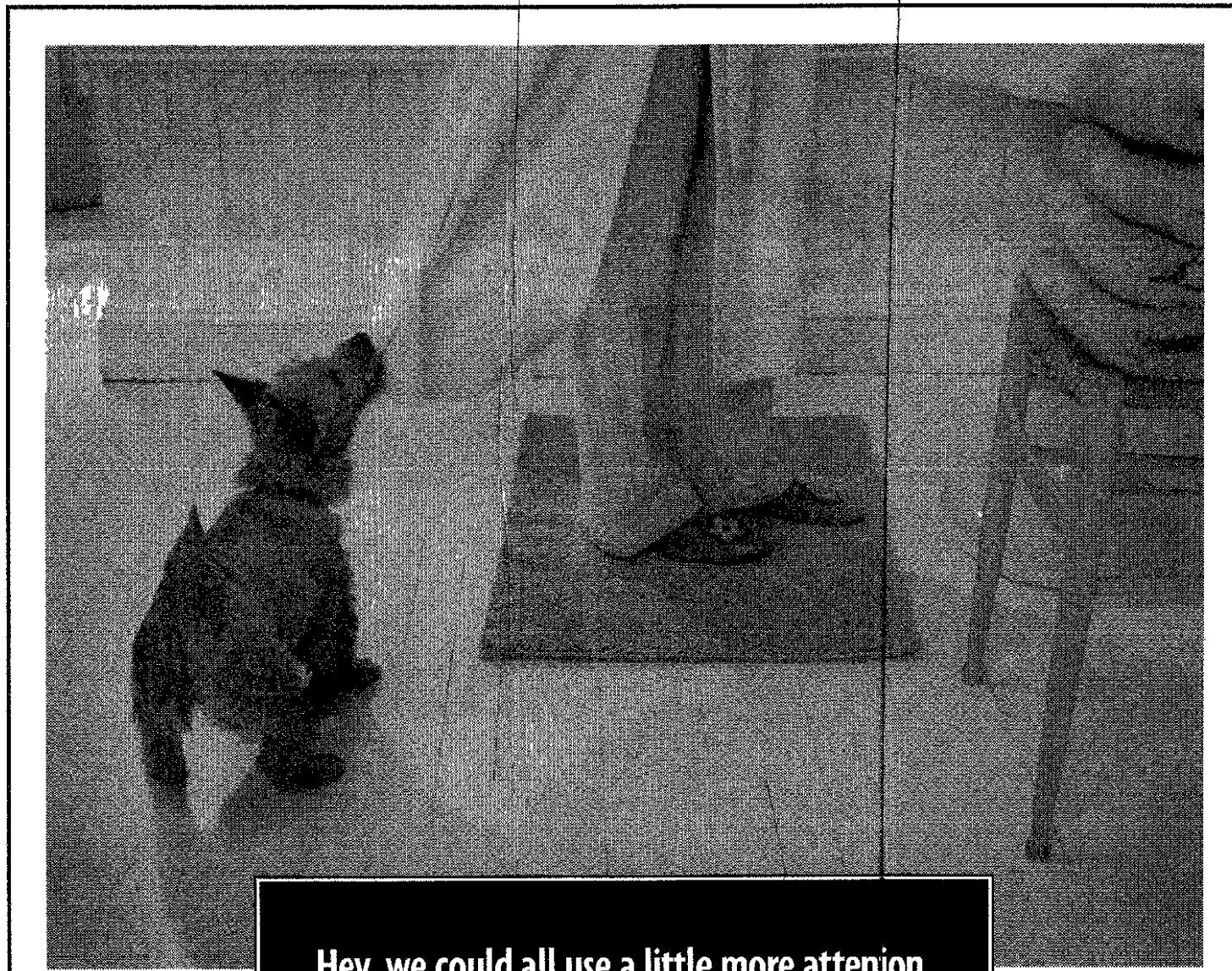
Reading Plus, meant to improve reading and comprehension skills, and Play Attention, which uses video game and NASA-based technology to enhance a child's ability to focus and pay attention. Great Expectations Family Sensory Integration & Learning Center is located at 31580 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. For more information on their programs and services, call (734) 762-0332.

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Marshall Field's

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one has enrolled at Plymouth High School

"We're making them feel welcome and hooking them up with kids to help make their transition an easy one," said Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee. "We're basically waiving all book fees and other fees throughout the year, and automatically enrolling them in the free lunch program."

"We want to give them every opportunity to take advantage of everything we've got," he said. "They've been through enough trauma."

Bob Hayes, director of stu-

dent services, said enrolling students from hurricane-ravaged areas is streamlined to make it easy for them to enroll in classes.

"Even if someone doesn't have birth or health records we enroll them," said Hayes.

Everybody is doing everything they can to support these evacuees because they are homeless.

Hayes said the state has guaranteed the district the \$7,025 foundation grant allowance for each student enrolled.

Joyce Johnson, principal at Central Middle School, said an eighth-grade girl from the New Orleans area enrolled Monday.

"We were prepared to buy her clothes and make sure she had all her supplies for school, but her guardians said they didn't

need anything," said Johnson. "She seems to be quite happy."

Two eighth grade cousins enrolled this week at East Middle School.

"The students at East have been wonderful, and the two girls feel well received," said Principal Marsha Hoff. "We are going to have a couple of fundraisers and one will provide relief for the two families that go to our school."

Our students are good-hearted kids, added Hoff. "Even before we began our efforts, the kids kept saying we needed to do something."

Ruggirello said the Educational Excellence Foundation is collecting money to supply families with gift certificates for food. Families will also be allowed to shop for clothing - at no cost - at the Clothing Bank, which is located at Salem High School.

Karen Palgut, a volunteer who operates the Clothing Bank, said she hasn't had any of the displaced families at the Clothing Bank, thus far.

"We haven't had any families in, yet, but we expect some will show up," said Palgut. "We provide fashionable clothing so any kids who come here have

clothes everyone else has, so they won't stand out. That way, any money they get from the community can be used to buy other things, not on clothing, which can become very expensive."

Palgut said the Clothing Bank has a drive to collect new socks and underwear, which are in short supply. Located at the McClumpha Road entrance to Salem High School, the Clothing Bank will be open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to collect the needed donations.

The Boy Scouts, which are helping in the drive, are also collecting returnable bottles and cans to raise money for the Clothing Bank.

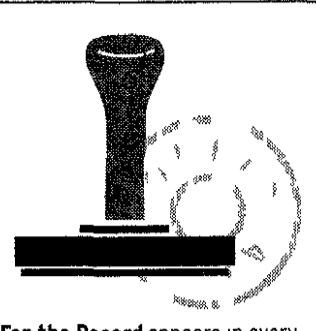
If we have a big influx of people, we'll run short, so the clothing and bottle drive will help us stock everything we need," said Palgut.

Palgut said referrals to the Clothing Bank are generally made through the Plymouth Community United Way, Plymouth Salvation Army and Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Private appointments and donations can be made by calling Palgut at (734) 416-6179.

FOR THE RECORD

- A**
- Sistr Mary Adrian**
Adrian 91 of Farmington Hills died Sept. 12
- Rita Joan Armand**
Armand 68 of Clarkston died Sept. 10.
- B**
- Blance Ward Bell**
Bell 80 formerly of Birmingham died Aug. 17
- D**
- Mary Ann Miller Ditz**
Ditz formerly of Saginaw and Bloomfield Twp. died Aug. 26
- E**
- Glenn Robert Etherton**
Etherton 62 of Dexter formerly of Westland died Sept. 5
- G**
- Robert Gilman**
Gilman 71 of Lakeland died Aug. 21
- Barbara Glas**
Glas 61 of Plymouth died Sept. 8
- K**
- Lorraine Kaavas**
Kaavas 81 formerly of Birmingham died Sept.
- M**
- Melanie Meenen**
Meenen 55 formerly of Livonia



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

- Edna Moorman**
Moorman 87 of Bloomfield Hills died Sept. 8
- P**
- Florine M. Phillips (nee Steintrager)**
Phillips 89 died Sept. 10
- R**
- Neil W. Roberts**
Roberts 83 of Canton died Aug. 11
- S**
- Ralph M. Stanifer**
Stanifer 58 of Sioux City Iowa died Aug. 29



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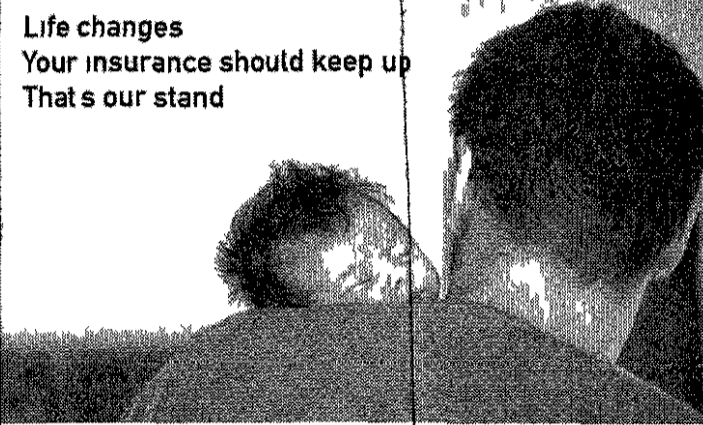
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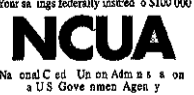

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RELIEF

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contribute can do so at the Plymouth High School main office

Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations, said just about every school is doing something to raise money for Katrina victims. Among those:

■ Hulsing Elementary - collecting money for the American Red Cross

■ Field Elementary - monetary collections, with the PTO matching up to \$2,500

■ Allen Elementary - collecting money for the purchase of clothing and school supplies for an elementary school in Haughton, La

■ Isbister Elementary - a collaboration with the Kiwanis Kids Against Hunger program, which will package food and send it to Baton Rouge, La

■ Dodson Elementary - held a walk-a-thon Wednesday to raise money

■ Eriksson Elementary - raising money for the American Red Cross

■ Miller Elementary - collecting donations to support



Yasaswi Paruchuri and Tatiana Imamura, senior student council representatives at Plymouth High School collect money to be donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund

families relocated to Michigan

■ Discovery Middle School - collected donations last week for the American Red Cross

■ East Middle School - collected funds for a family relocated to the school and the WXYZ-TV can collection drive

■ Central Middle School - ongoing collections for the American Red Cross

Isbister Girl Scouts made bracelets and sold them for \$3

each, raising \$1,622. That money was matched by Ford Motor Company, for a total of \$3,244

Organizations and groups which are organizing Hurricane Katrina relief efforts can contact the Plymouth Observer at (734) 459-2700 or Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@oe.hometownlife.com

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BOARD

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and unload weapons in that area

We're moving into a residential area, Tiderington told board members at their Tuesday meeting. The building will back up against a residential neighborhood. We have to be good neighbors.

Tiderington proposes using federal and state drug forfeiture money to pay the bulk of the cost. The township cur-

rently has some \$50,000 in state money in that fund, and he told board members he expects to get at least \$50,000 in federal money.

The board also would get a \$34,000 credit for not building the wall, and the rest of the cost, an estimated \$40,000, would have to come from other cost offsets.

There is some question about whether the drug forfeiture money can be used for building the sally port. Township Attorney Tim Cronin told the board he thought the federal money could be used, but he hesitated

when it came to the state funds.

"I think the federal funds can be used, because the guidelines are a lot looser," Cronin told the board.

"I'd be more comfortable about spending state money if the state says 'yes'."

Trustee Chuck Curmi made the motion to OK the sally port but made it contingent on being able to use \$100,000 in drug forfeiture money.

"I'm convinced it's the right thing to do to build the sally port," Curmi said.

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BY BRAD KADRICH
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STAFF WRITERS

David DeWitt of Plymouth grew up in Detroit where they didn't really have anything like the Plymouth Fall Festival.

It's one of the reasons DeWitt and his family — wife Colleen and sons Aidan, 8, and Sean, 10 months — enjoy life after moving here in 2000.

The family was at Sunday's Rotary Chicken Barbecue helping the event celebrate its 50th birthday in style.

It's awesome, DeWitt said of the festival. It's great for the community any time you can get a bunch of people together like this just to have fun.

The chicken barbecue wasn't the only thing going on for the weekend, which featured a number of events including bingo, the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, a fun run, a car show and many other events, games, food and fun.

Among the people manning booths were the Plymouth Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, selling



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sam Messina and Ellen Robertson were two of the many volunteers serving up Kiwanis pancakes on a beautiful Saturday morning.

corn on the cob, pop and water. Canton resident Bob Lamoureux, a 1967-69 service man, served a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He noted a young man made a donation early in the festival. He said thank you for what you guys did.

The Vietnam Veterans chapter supports veterans in need and veterans causes. This is our 15th year at the Plymouth Fall Festival. Lamoureux said,

adding the group seeks visibility more so than a specific amount raised.

"We're happy to be here, he said. This is a fun event for us. Plymouth A.M. Rotarians were busy too in their second year for buskers or street performers. "Each of the years we've learned more and more," said club member Bob Anderson of Plymouth, executive director of the city.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU
Delaney Stone, 4, enjoys chicken from the Rotary Chicken Barbecue downtown Plymouth during the Fall Festival Sunday.

Downtown Development Authority

Progress has been made on location for performers. Anderson said, along with better signs and a sound system. There were five acts this weekend, four world class and local yo-yo champ Jake Maloney, who was learning the busker business.

Sponsors supported the busker endeavor and the hat was passed after each performance for the entertainers. You can see the potential, Anderson said. The potential is ripe. It's too Plymouth not to do.



Aaron and Angela Vrant got married Friday with a reception at the Mayflower Meeting House. Their stroll through the Fall Fest crowds got applause and greetings.

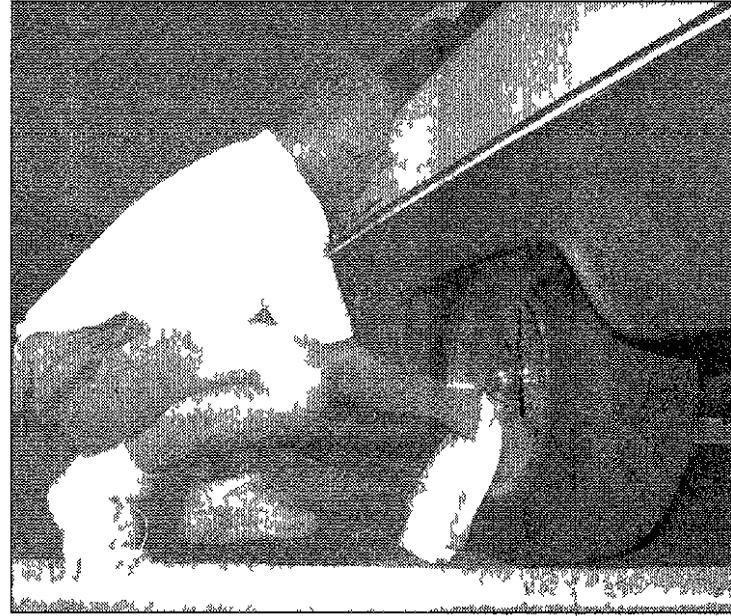
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Numerous local businesses charity organizations and individuals are reaching out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Here are some opportunities for you to help.

Bank on it
Independent Bank with a branch in Livonia is working to provide relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Companies or individuals can now make a donation to the Salvation Army's relief fund at any Independent Bank branch office. Donations will aid the Salvation Army as it works to provide shelter and food to evacuees through its centers in Mobile Ala. and in New Orleans.

We can never fully comprehend what the people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama have faced, said Ron Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan. We just want to help any way we can.

The Salvation Army has said that a \$100 donation will feed a family of four for two days, provide two cases of drinking water and one household cleanup kit.

Blood drive
In addition to financial resources and donated goods, the American Red Cross is calling for blood donors. To aid in the effort, the public is welcome 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, to give blood or donate money at Mama Mia's Restaurant, located on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

The restaurant, which has been in business for 53 years, will offer free food to those who donate. The fund raiser will be held in the banquet rooms adjacent to the restaurant.

Disaster Relief
To assist in the hurricane efforts by volunteering or making a financial donation to the National Disaster Relief Fund, call (313) 833-2664 or visit the Web at www.semredcross.org.

Checks may be sent to the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, PO Box 441280, Detroit, MI 48244-1280. Write NDRF in the memo line.

Tavern fund-raiser
The Sports Venue Bar & Grill, 6327 Middlebelt (between Ford and Warren) Garden City is holding a Hurricane Victim Fund raiser until midnight tonight. A \$10 donation includes a buffet dinner, non-alcoholic beverage and a DJ and dancing 7-11 p.m. Patrons are asked to bring clothing, food, toiletries, linens

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and gift cards to receive a coupon for a draft beer. For more information call (734) 525-3134.

Katrina Concerts
In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority announced there will be one more concert at Kellogg Park with money raised during the performance to be used to support relief efforts for the victims of the hurricane. The concert is 6:30 p.m. Friday in the park and will feature the Detroit bluegrass band Cass Avenue Ramblers along with the Troubadors DDA director Bob Anderson. At press time, other acts were being contacted for possible inclusion in the performance. Admission to the concert is free. However, the Plymouth Salvation Army working with the Plymouth Rotary Club A.M. will be collecting donations to be used for hurricane relief, Anderson explained.

The bands and several businesses including Signature Audio Services, Community Financial and Jimmy Johns are donating their services for the evening. A group called Musicians for Relief will sponsor a \$10 per person fund raising concert 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, in Central City Park behind Westland City Hall on Ford south of Wayne Road. Rare Earth will headline the concert. The lineup also will include the Howling Diablos guitarist Joey Gados Jr. from the movie School of Rock, Power Source, The Ride 6 Peace, the Eddie Leighton Project, Crossover and Red Hill. Admission is \$10 per person, \$5 for students with identification.

Operation Bixio Bound
Some Oakland County Catholic parishes are teaming up to fill a 50-foot semi-truck with food, clothing, toiletries and other necessities to send to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Bixio, Miss. Donations are welcome at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook

Road between 10 Mile and Grand River on the west side of the road in Novi. The collection is set for 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, in the parking lot of the church. Items of greatest need include socks, underwear, pajamas, men's boxers, clothes of all sizes, toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, towels, washcloths, toilet paper, tissue, wet wipes, diapers for moola, toys, sheets, pillows, blankets, bottled water, canned goods, non-perishable food, children's vitamins, paper plates, plastic knives, forks, spoons, can openers. Even the smallest donations will be accepted. The semi-truck was donated by John Quinn of Commodore Logistics in Warren. A second truck, donated by Two Men and a Truck, will be on hand if needed. Gas and drivers are being donated. Call Julie at (248) 380-8544 or Brenda at (248) 449-6247 for more information.

Heart Walk
The American Heart Association's Heart Walk set for Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, will not only benefit those affected by heart disease and stroke, but also those displaced by Hurricane Katrina by collecting paper goods and personal hygiene items for the Salvation Army.

Archdiocese collection
As of Tuesday, the Archdiocese of Detroit has collected \$600,000 for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. All donations are being sent to the Catholic Charities USA. The Archdiocese has not authorized any telephone solicitations on behalf of Hurricane Katrina relief. Individuals wishing to contribute to the relief effort should make checks payable to the Archdiocese of Detroit and indicate Katrina Relief Fund on the memo line in the lower left corner. The checks should be sent to Archdiocese of Detroit, Katrina Relief Fund, 1234 Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226.

Treat for a donation
On Thursday, Sept. 22, all Cold Stone

Creamery locations in Michigan will give a free slice of ice cream cake in exchange for a donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Local stores include one in Cherry Hill Village at 50409 Independence Street and one in downtown Plymouth in the Mayflower Centre. To find the nearest location to you, visit the company's Web site at www.coldstonecreamery.com.

Numbers to remember
To volunteer to help, you can contact these organizations: the Salvation Army at (800) SAL ARMY; the Red Cross at (800) HELP NOW; Feed the Children at (800) 525-7575. Donations of clothing and furniture are being accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at (800) 440-6728; the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (313) 972-3100; the Salvation Army at (313) 962-5960; Goodwill Industries at (313) 964-3900; and Food Solutions at (734) 591-3388.



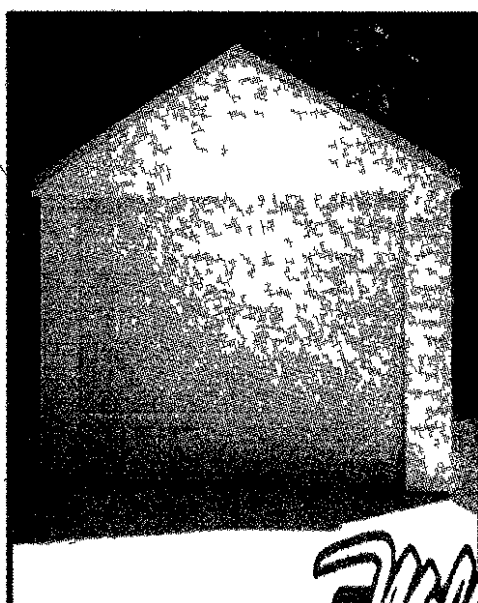
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Chastity Sylvester of New Orleans helps her nephew, Berlin Wells, 2, (right) and son Jason Alexander, 4, to the pizza donated by Buddy's Pizza for their Random Acts of Pizza program. In total, there are 25 members of the Wells family seeking shelter here in metro Detroit while they wait for word on their houses and belongings in New Orleans. They left by car before the hurricane, traveling to Houston, Arkansas, Mississippi, and St. Louis before coming to Belleville to stay at a brother-in-law's house after hotel rates became inflated due to the demand from other evacuees. They got word through a church program of the Ramada Inn offering shelter.

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OUR VIEWS

New fund makes help its priority

It's no secret the Plymouth community has its share of affluence — the 2000 U.S. Census showed a tract of Plymouth Township in the area of M-14, Napier, Beck and Joy with a median income of \$123,945, the highest of any in Wayne County.

But there are still segments of society in Plymouth that need help. It's a fact that has gnawed at Jim Jabara for more than three years, ever since the former Plymouth Community Foundation went belly up amid poor investment decisions and political in-fighting.

Earlier this month, the foundation re-emerged with a new name — Community Fund of Plymouth — and under the kind of new management we believe it needs to be a success. The team put together to lead the fund appears to have the right people in the right spots. Jabara, seemingly omnipresent wherever a benevolent cause is involved, co-chairs the fund, along with Plymouth attorney Bill Lawson. And they've got a certified public accountant, David Williamson, to help handle the money.

Rather than being made essentially by one person, decisions will be made by a committee put together for just that purpose. It, too, reads like a Who's Who in the Plymouth community, with business owners, an attorney and at least one banker involved.

The fund is not a fly-by-night idea, nor is it simply a whim. Jabara has been chomping at the bit for more than three years to re-establish the fund. At first, he worked closely with Joan Noricks at the Canton Community Foundation, and it looked as though that connection would be made.

In fact, we would have liked to have seen something done between the two. Because the two communities share such a common bond, largely due to the 18,000-student public school district they share, such a pairing would seem to make sense.

Instead, the new fund decided to affiliate with the long-established Ann Arbor Community Foundation, a community trust set up in 1963, as its partner. That group can provide the CFP with administrative help, marketing assistance and expertise in grant writing, allowing the CFP time to develop its own policies.

Political in-fighting essentially destroyed the old Plymouth Community Foundation. Jabara's group appears to have taken steps necessary to make sure that doesn't happen again. No single person is in charge, a fatal mistake of the last foundation. No pet projects or singular group will benefit this time.

There are people who need help. Thanks to the dogged determination of this group of leaders, that help is finally on the way.

Constitution Day a mandate that should be embraced

For years, local school officials have complained long and hard about the federal government mandating certain programs and services without providing the funding to pay for them.

These "unfunded mandates" often times have dealt with Head Start programs, educating special needs students and subsidized lunch programs. All critical to students' needs, but often with a hefty price tag.

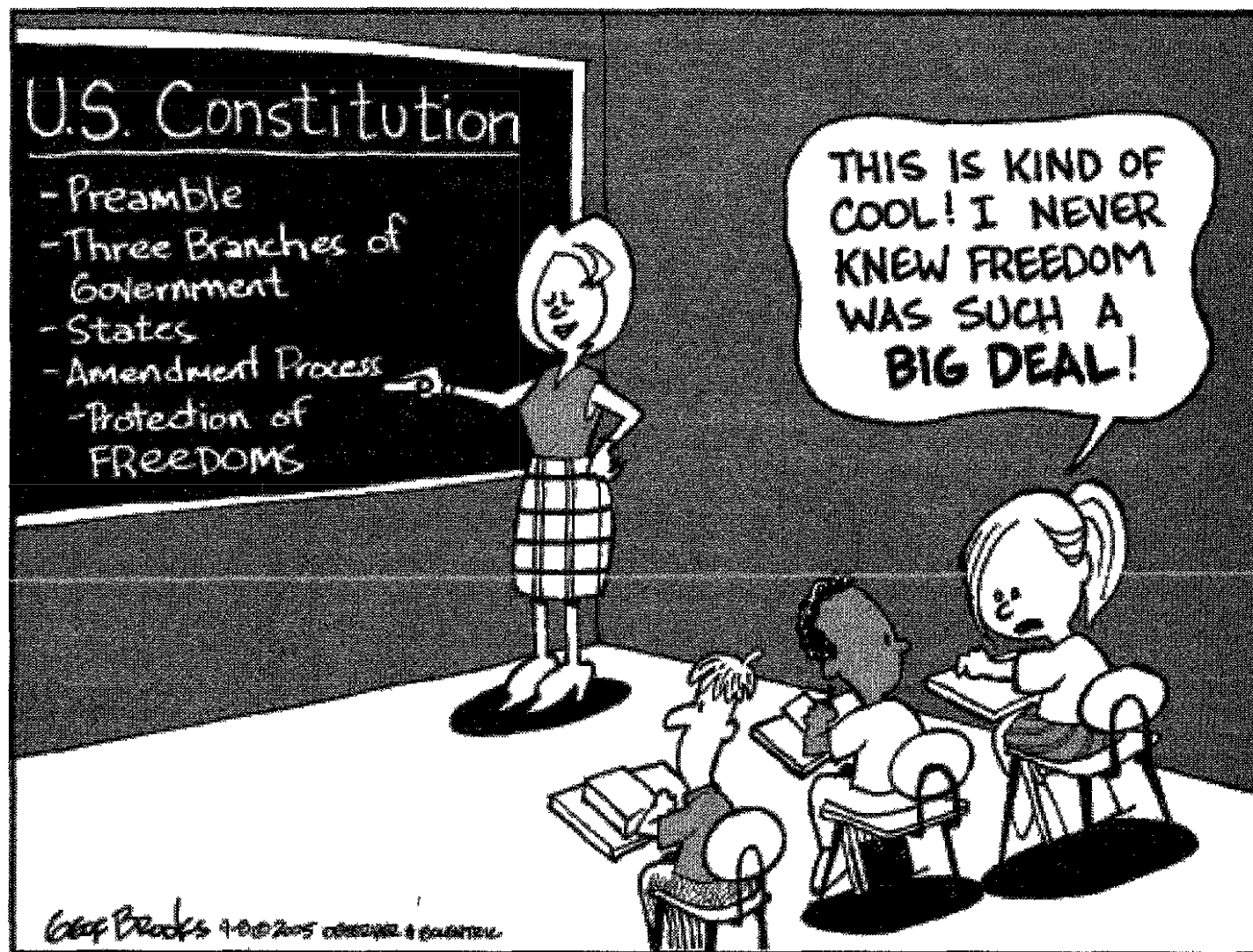
Now another "unfunded mandate" has come down the pike courtesy of Uncle Sam, but this one should be embraced not only by our local school officials, but by all who live in this great country.

By an act of Congress, Sept. 17 has been declared Constitution Day in the United States and requires the teaching of the Constitution on or around that date as a condition of receiving federal funds. The date honors the actual signing of the Constitution, which took place Sept. 17, 1787.

It is a requirement long overdue. While many districts no doubt already include information about the Constitution in class material, a thorough understanding of the Constitution should be a part of every child's education.

Our nation's course was charted by the document, and the day is designed to introduce or reinforce the core Democratic values that were established and protected by it. In short, the Constitution defines what it means to be an American.

Today, the people of Iraq and their elected officials are embroiled in debate and political gnashing of the teeth over a proposed constitution for the new democratic Iraq. Hopefully, that country's citizens will be as well-served by its constitution as this country has been in the 218 years since ours was adopted.



LETTERS

Jaycee thanks

On behalf of the Plymouth Jaycees and the Salvation Army, I would like to thank several local businesses in helping raise funds for those families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Absopur donated 10 five-gallon plastic containers. Rite Aid, Wendy's, Arby's, Jimmy John's, Bode's Corn Beef House, Beyer Drug Store, Gabriela's, Boston Market, Boulder's and Mayflower Party Store all collected cash donations. The Jaycees also had a jug available during the Fall Fest.

All money collected will be given to the Salvation Army.

Tim Fedewa
Jaycees president

No development

I read the article regarding the possible sale of Hilltop Golf Course. I had heard rumors that some of the township board members were interested in selling the property to a developer since they felt it would generate more revenue for the township.

Not only would the sale of that property to a developer add to the congestion on Beck Road for Plymouth residents, but for all of those in Canton and south who use Beck for their connection to M-14.

More importantly, it would reduce the open space areas that are used by both city and township residents. Although I have not done actual research on open space, it appears our neighbors in Northville, Canton and Livonia have much more open space than our community does.

It would be a shame to let this property be used for something other than open space that could be made into a facility from which all of the communities, the city and township, receive benefits. We have a great need in the area for soccer fields, baseball diamonds, tennis courts and probably other ideas that Plymouth residents could recommend, even something as simple as picnic areas, biking and walking trails for people to enjoy.

Once a decision is made on the land use for a development, it cannot be undone. Let us hope no rash decisions are made on this subject and that the community is involved in that decision.

Just my thoughts on the use of this wonderful area.

Barbara J. McIlhargey
Plymouth Township

Matter of economizing

Skyrocketing gasoline prices are putting the squeeze on fuel budgets of not only Plymouth-Canton schools, the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township ('Surging gas prices fueling budget woes,' *Plymouth Observer*, Sept. 4), but also of us taxpayers.

That is why we scrupulously economize. We don't drive needlessly. If we have a choice, we use cars that consume less gasoline, we walk rather than drive short distances, take buses, turn off engines when not driving, avoid using air-conditioners in cars, bunch to go to

workplaces in one rather than two, three or more cars, etc.

Government entities should do likewise, economize rather than keep demanding more money from the often even more budget-wise squeezed taxpayers. For example, the huge school buses, which make four or so miles per gallon of gas and carry only a few students from and to some areas, could have been successfully replaced with smaller buses that make at least 20 miles per gallon.

In the era of detrimental-to-this-country (as it appears) globalism and outsourcing, persistently promoted by politicians in Washington, the times are hard and undoubtedly will get even harder, perhaps much harder except for a relative few.

At times like this, embarking on unnecessary, costly projects seems to be not a good idea.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

No shame in 'refugee'

In the wake of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, which displaced more Americans than any other natural disaster in the nation's history, some people, including storm victims and politicians, have chafed at being referred to as 'refugees' by news commentators.

One survivor who was featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* said, 'I'm not a refugee. I wasn't shipped here. That's what they called people in the boats who were sneaking over here. I'm a Katrina survivor.'

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean said that those who survived Katrina were not refugees, but Americans.

For the record, 'refugee' is derived from the French *refugier*, which means to take refuge. According to Roget's *New Millennium Thesaurus*, the word has many synonyms, including, "displaced person," "escapee and evacuee."

Also, as the father of children whose grandparents were expelled from their homes in 1948 by the Zionist founders of Israel, causing them and more than 750,000 Palestinian Christian and Muslims to become homeless refugees, I can assure those that are offended by use of the word 'refugee' that there is NOTHING to be ashamed of.

The only shame is that after more than 57 years, the Palestinian refugees are still languishing in impoverished refugee camps even though they have internationally recognized laws, conventions and U.N. Resolution 194 (The Right of Return) on their side, they are not allowed to go back to the homes and lands they were forced to leave!

Our arrogance is surpassed only by our ignorance.

Mike Odettala
Canton

Government move fast?

Everyone is now jumping on the "Blame Bush" bandwagon for everything great and small that may have gone

wrong in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. My initial response is "Since when does anyone expect the machinations of the federal government to move quickly?"

The larger the bureaucracy, the slower it moves.

But the first question should be with those that are initially responsible for its citizens — the city of New Orleans primarily, and the state of Louisiana secondarily.

There will undoubtedly be blame available to all agencies involved in this crisis — local and federal. No emergency response has ever occurred without process and human error. However, the people of New Orleans should first demand a complete investigation of how the city and state failed in their responses.

1. Why was the Red Cross prohibited from delivering food and water to the Superdome by the Louisiana state emergency officials (www.redcross.com/faq)?

2. Why was the New Orleans evacuation plan not followed? For instance, why were the buses (city and school) not used for evacuating its citizens per the evacuation plan? (<http://www.cityofno.com/>)

3. Why did Gov. Blanco delay a response to President Bush's offer of federalizing the relief effort — providing active duty military resources? (<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0509/05/ltm.01.html>)

4. Why was the largest levee break the same levee that was recently improved and hardened? Who did the work? How did that company get the contract?

Heads will roll, careers will be lost in all levels of government due to this disaster. And for good reason, in many cases. Let's just hope and pray the right folks will be targeted and then replaced with better leaders.

Darin Stark
Garden City

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"Plymouth has a very rich heritage, and it will be nice to preserve the memorials in one single location."

— Bob Zaetta, Plymouth Township resident and chairman of the memorial park committee, on the prospect of finally making the new veterans park a reality.

Wine shipment fiasco shows where politicians' interest is

Fed up with politics as usual? Lots of people in Michigan are — and here is one reason why. For years, state law allowed wineries in this state to ship wine direct to Michigan customers. Meanwhile, shipments to Michigan residents from out-of-state wine makers were outlawed. The law also required that all beer and wine sold at retail must be distributed by beer and wine wholesalers. If you think this sounds like a legalized monopoly, you're right. And it has been protected for decades by the most powerful lobby in Lansing, the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association.



Phil Power

Wine lovers and free market advocates rejoiced, expecting that ruling would end the wholesalers' monopoly power.

The politicians had another idea. Led by state House of Representatives Majority Leader Chris Ward, R-Brighton, a bill passed overwhelmingly late last month by the House would severely limit direct shipments by all wineries, no matter where they are located. That would then preserve the wholesalers' monopoly. Winemakers would be allowed to ship some wine under a tight annual limit, but they would be forbidden altogether to ship to restaurants and retailers.

Why? Well, you may think this is only a coincidence, but the record shows the beer and wine lobby is among the 10 largest contributors to the political campaigns of two-thirds of the 84 representatives who voted for the bill.

Imagine that. The bill now goes to the state Senate where, again, many of the senators have benefited from the contribution record of the wholesalers. Some, however, think Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, may be less inclined to preserve the monopoly of this tiny but extremely powerful sliver of our state.

Now consider just how many people are directly affected either way by this legislation that has so preoccupied the legislators we send to Lansing. Supposedly, remember, our lawmakers are there to look after our best interests.

To begin with, there are the 70 or so families

that own beer and wine wholesaling companies. And there are wine enthusiasts who make up far less than 1 percent of Michigan's 10 million residents.

This is, um, pretty small beer. And it's even smaller beer when compared with stuff that affects almost everybody. Take high gas prices. It's no secret that the domestic automakers, the mainstay of our economy, have been in financial trouble for years. Now, they could be dealt a mortal blow by gas that is becoming so expensive that it will limit market demand for gas-guzzling new products now in the pipeline. (If you don't believe me, see what it costs to fill up that Hummer.)

Michigan's bad economic situation is being made worse by our archaic tax structure. Woist of all is the Single Business Tax, which essentially penalizes business for hiring workers in a state that often has the highest unemployment rate in the country.

With all this to deal with, how come the tempest in a wine bottle gets the rapt attention of our political system? Simple. The wealthy beer and wine wholesalers lobby buys the attention of our legislators. That's all. It literally buys their attention.

So the interests of a majority of our people are held hostage to a political system that divides its attention according to the amount of money a constituency can contribute to the politicians.

When you think about that, it isn't hard to conclude that the real reason so many people are fed up with our system is that it takes care of organized special interest groups that can afford to pay.

As for the big problems of our state, the ones that affect us all — well, too often the politicians see them as an unwanted intrusion on business as usual.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

'Business decisions' changing idea of having 'day in court'

My older brother is a staunch Republican, owns his own business in Oakland County, has been politically active and studies these things as a hobby and he says Wayne County is one of the most litigious counties in the country, with some of the most benevolent juries.

Now that's not exactly a scientific opinion, and I have no idea whether he's right, but apparently the legal eagles at the Michigan Municipal Resource Management Association agree with him. That's apparently why they decided to settle the lawsuit that

sprang from the Plymouth Township police shooting of Robert VanBuren last year.

With the prospect of a jury awarding the victim's family a whopping \$65 million — and with flamboyant attorney Geoffrey Fieger's firm handling the case — the MMRMA decided last month to reach a \$1.95 million settlement with the family and move on rather than slug it out in court. The settlement is covered by the insurance carrier, none comes from the township's general fund.

VanBuren, 35, was shot by Officer Scott Linton during a fray inside an Ann Arbor Road church July 23, 2004, after employees from the New Horizons for Children day care called police when VanBuren reportedly forced his way into the building shortly after children arrived.

Fieger alleged in the lawsuit the township police department and its officers were grossly negligent in the death of VanBuren, who was shot once in the chest and died after Linton and Officer Brian Browning tried unsuccessfully to subdue him with night sticks and several hits with a Taser gun.

Three separate investigations were conducted, and prosecutors declined to bring any kind of criminal charges against Linton. That left MMRMA attorneys feeling pretty good about their case but, according to Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, a little wary of facing a Wayne County jury.

When it was all said and done, (the MMRMA) felt they had a good case and would probably win at trial. Tiderington said. But they couldn't take the risk of a jury coming back with a \$65 million decision.

The decision leaves a bad taste in Tiderington's mouth, because he believes the investigations showed his officers — primarily Linton and Browning — did nothing wrong. But the chief is pragmatic about it. It's still a \$2 million decision, but com-

pared to what it could be, it was a business decision," Tiderington said. "Even if we won, they could have appealed it and won, or appealed and lost, then appeal again in federal court. How long do you defend yourself, and at what cost?"

VanBuren's family wouldn't comment on the settlement directly, but they've been openly critical of the police department's handling of the case from the beginning. That's to be expected, of course. They believe VanBuren was simply looking for a place to pray when he entered the Church of the Nazarene that day.

VanBuren's sister, Teri VanBuren Moran, wondered after the shooting "how you call someone an intruder when he's simply looking for a place to pray."

Her brother, she said, was a man "whose faith meant everything to him," and who wouldn't have been looking for trouble.

This was a man who came to the church with an appointment or came seeking help," Moran said. "What other reason would he go to the church? He wasn't there to rob it, burn it down or molest children. (Police) had alternatives other than shooting an unarmed man."

Those positions come as no surprise to anyone. The family said VanBuren was an unarmed man simply looking for religious solace, the cops say he was a danger to children and didn't respond to reported orders to give up.

Tiderington believes police departments also face a damned if you do, damned if you don't mentality. Not that he's comparing the two situations, because they're obviously different, but the chief points at the Columbine High School shootings as a case in point.

Parents sued the police in that case for not taking action, Tiderington said. "We're very sympathetic to (VanBuren's) family. The family was very distraught. We may never know why, but there's no question what (VanBuren) did that day. The facts are what they are."

Still, Tiderington wishes his officers could have made their case. But he understands both sides made a business decision.

Unfortunately, it's the nature of this business, Tiderington said. "Everything an officer does, even if it's 100 percent right, is going to bring a lawsuit, and in a lot of those cases the insurance carrier is going to settle. It encourages more lawsuits, because people know an insurance company isn't going to risk losing."

Our legal system is based on principles like "day in court." Unfortunately for both sides, it's become more like "day at the bank."

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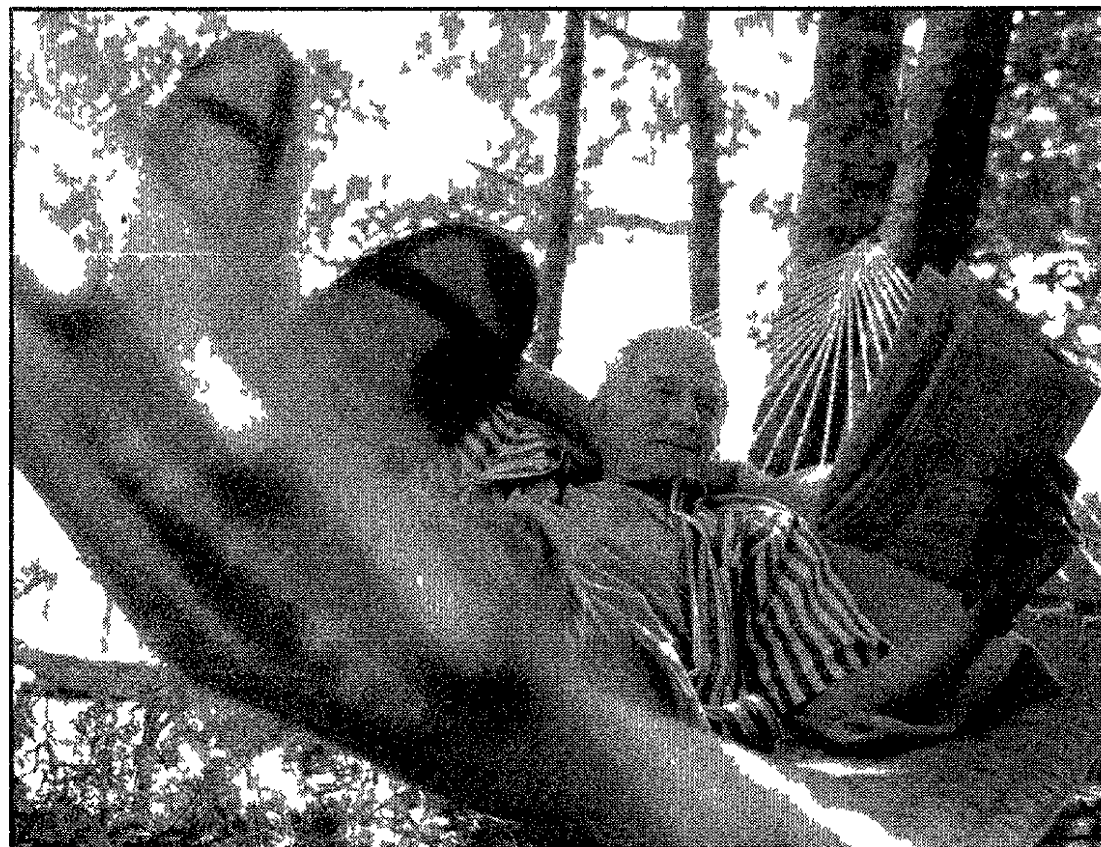
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DeVos: State is stifling jobs, business growth

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

According to the scion of one of the richest men in North America, Michigan has to re-examine its stance toward the business of attracting and



DeVos
Encouraging business if it expects the economy to turn around. At the Oakland County Republican Party's Newsmaker Breakfast at Andiamo's in West Bloomfield, GOP gubernatorial hopeful Dick DeVos told a capacity crowd he saw his father's business, what would become Amway (and later Alticor), grow from a basement startup to a world-spanning corporation. He said the growth

reflects how all great successes start

"Big companies don't start big, they start as small companies staffed by people working at home," he said. "That's entrepreneurship at its best."

He said the challenges facing Michigan are substantial. The state's status as having the worst unemployment in the nation and the worst place to look for a job may only change because of the devastation done to Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. The National Federation of Independent Businesses has ranked the state the worst place for small business.

"We're at the top of all the wrong lists," DeVos said. "We've got the lowest personal income growth. We're the only state to not move into positive job growth column since 2003. What the state's leadership has

to do, he said, is to get out of the business of assigning blame and assessing the problem and start working on solutions. The first thing the state's leaders have to do is to change the taxes and regulation, he says, are stifling growth.

"It's about creating a culture that wants growth and reaches out to create growth," he said. "The competitive reality is changing. It will take investment and strategy to provide the jobs that will lift the community back to where it needs to be."

Without that change, people will continue to counsel their children and students to leave Michigan rather than live here, a trend he finds very troubling.

When asked if more money for the schools was the solution to falling test scores, he said that the presence or absence of funding isn't the main issue.

"In per-pupil spending we're

DICK DEVOS, REPUBLICAN

- Age 49
- Residence Grand Rapids
- Spouse Betsy (26 years)
- 4 children 14, 23 years old
- Career Former chairman of Alticor Inc. (formerly Amway)
- Political Nationally known generous Republican donor. Led unsuccessful 2000 school voucher drive. Wife was former chair of state GOP.

between 12th and 16th highest in the nation and we've got the second highest-paid teachers in the country. That's good, that's something to be proud of," DeVos said. "But we don't do

enough to encourage those who are not the best teachers to pursue other careers."

Tommy Marx of Waterford said he was very much in favor of having someone like DeVos running the state.

He's got good ideas and will create an impact on the state," he said. "He's got a great background and won't be influenced by money. He already has that."

John Bowker, a member of the Oakland County Republican party executive committee, said the issue of DeVos' money both is and isn't an issue to his candidacy.

"It's helpful, but when you count union money from the MEA and UAW I call it a draw," he said. "But it's a good thing because some of the money from the party can go to other candidates in races statewide."

The Bloomfield Township resident said the fortunes for the

Republican Party in Michigan will trend the same way as the party nationwide in that they will be tied to the fate of President George W. Bush. If things continue the way they have nationally, with the president's overall poll numbers at record lows, there could be a backlash against the GOP in 2006.

"If Iraq turns around and New Orleans is OK, the party will do well," Bowker said. "If there's 2,500-plus casualties in Iraq and New Orleans is still a ghost town, then there will be problems."

DeVos is currently the only Republican challenger to Gov. Jennifer Granholm as State Sen. Nancy Cassis dropped out of the race Monday and endorsed the Amway heir. The only other GOP candidate, State Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, R-Kalamazoo, dropped out last month.

Schoolcraft hosts College Night Oct. 5

Area high school students and their families can investigate the programs of approximately 70 colleges and universities during Schoolcraft College's annual College Night on Wednesday, Oct. 5. The event is free and open to the community.

Schools will be on hand in the Physical Education Building to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost and extracurricular activities.

A sample of in-state schools attending includes Michigan State University, Central, Western, Northern and Eastern Michigan universities, Adrian College, Ferris State, the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses, Hillsdale College and the College for Creative Studies. Out-of-state institutions range from Indiana University, to Bowling Green State University, Johnson and Wales University, Kent State University and Indiana Tech.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. For more information, call the Schoolcraft Office of Admissions at (734)462-4426.

Make-a-Wish holds Princess Ball

Octavia Reese, a concert cellist and Miss Michigan 2001, will perform at the Wallace F. Smith Performing Arts Building on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland College Sept. 17-18 as part of "A Royal Ball" to benefit Make-a-Wish Foundation.

More than 35 title-holding and professional performers have donated their time to prepare and perform at this event, sponsored by Jaguar of Novi, has two venues - a Royal Black-Tie evening of dinner, a dance and a Princess Ball matinee.

The Sept. 17 Black-Tie Royal Ball, is preceded by a VIP sponsor reception at 6 p.m., the performance at 7 p.m. and an all-inclusive strolling gourmet dinner catered by Epoch Events and wine tasting at 8:30 p.m., sponsored by Novi Fine Wines.

This evening includes a silent auction, ballroom dancing exhibition, meet-and-greet with performers and Café Corner with a jazz trio just to name a few.

Tickets: \$60 adult, \$30 children. The Princess Ball on Sunday, Sept. 18 is modeled after two recent "Princess Wishes" for Princesses Charlotte & Karlie, both Make-A-Wish recipients who will also be in attendance. Club Libby Lu will perform VIP "Princess Make-Overs" for the sponsors' young VIPs at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Saturday show starts.

At 3:30 p.m. the "Princess Ball" will feature interactive children's entertainment, craft tables, bouncing castle, silent auction with child-specific items, pictures with the princess performers as well as an opportunity to meet Reese. Prince and princess attire is encouraged. Tickets: \$30 adult and \$15 children for this matinee performance and Princess Ball.

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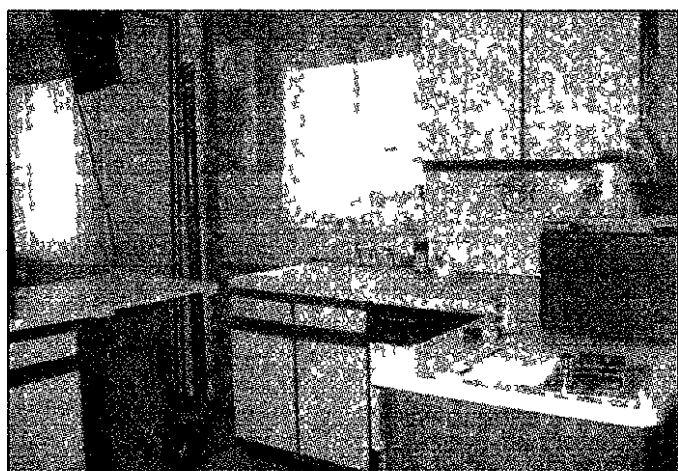
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Before



Before the remodeling, the Grainer kitchen was cramped. The formal dining room adjoining it was almost never used.

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After



One of the major changes to the Grainer kitchen involved taking down a separating wall between the kitchen and dining room, to open up the kitchen and make better use of space.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Accents

Decorating class

Take the guesswork out of decorating your home while learning the basics of good interior design, with a new seminar presented by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with The Design Spirit of Oakland Builders Institute.

The seminar, *Decorate Like a Designer*, will take place 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Oct. 6-27, at the Henry Ford Community College Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail.

Cost is \$95, plus \$3 materials fee to the instructor. Class size is limited.

Register by Tuesday, Oct. 4. To sign up, call Henry Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Learn how interior decorators make decisions about furniture choices and placement, as well as those important touches that create beautiful homes.

The course will cover basic design principles and how to apply them to your home. Color and color matching will be covered. Handouts and tips will be featured.

Hands-on exercises will include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper, and finding companion wall, furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. Bring a small pair of scissors to class.

The Design Spirit presents the interior decorating classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Oakland Builders Institute is a member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the National Association of Home Builders. Visit www.buildersinstitute.com.

Time change

The exhibition of Caroline Ashleigh Associates items sold in an auction on www.lgavel.com will take place 1-4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 23-25, at the Birmingham Historical Museum, Maple (15 Mile) and Southfield Road.

Tollgate fair

The Tollgate Gardeners at the Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center will have their annual Fall Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

Admission is free. Free refreshments will be available.

For more information, call (248) 347-3860, Ext. 212.

Among the features will be hayrides, line dancing, a live bug display, presentations on mammals and bat conservation, a sale of garden-related items, and information tables.

Children's activities will include kite making, face painting, pumpkin painting and catch and release fishing.

SPACING

Dropping the formality



A before picture of the Grainers' kitchen.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A window seat along the back wall is one of the new additions to the Grainer kitchen. The kitchen table is also new.

Dining room gives way to expanded kitchen

BY MARY KLEMIC | STAFF WRITER

Vernon and Peggy Grainer decided to "drop the formality" about part of their Farmington home, where they live with their children, Ryan and Megan, and the family dog, Charlie. The formal dining room in the 2,000-square-foot house was eating up space that could have been better served.

The adjoining kitchen was too small and didn't allow much maneuvering, with two peninsulas that took up room and blocked traffic.

And the dining room was rarely put to use, instead, overflows of groceries, books and newspapers were deposited there.

"It was never used and it was becoming a collect all," Vernon said. "I think we used it once in the eight years we lived here" (This was for a Thanksgiving, he said).

"The kids have rarely done homework on the dining room table," Peggy said.

The Grainers recently decided to tear down the wall between the kitchen and dining room of the residence, which was built in 1961.

Instead of a dining room, there is now a desk area, and a built-in cabinet for china and knickknacks.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Peggy and Vernon Grainer of Farmington enjoy their recently remodeled kitchen. Charlie, the family dog, is comfortable by the table.

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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Last week I wrote about Imcem and MSN Spaces, two freebie online services that enable you to share your digital photos. Of course, photo sharing is merely a peripheral part of what those services offer. If you're looking for something a bit more robust, check out Zoto (www.zoto.com).

It's not only a photo-sharing community, but also an online repository for your pictures. Signing up for a free account entitles you to 2 gigabytes of storage space - an impressive amount.

Perhaps you're familiar with Flickr, an older and more established photo-sharing service. Unless you pay for an account, you're limited to uploading just 10 megabytes' worth of pictures per month, and it displays only

your 100 most recent photos.

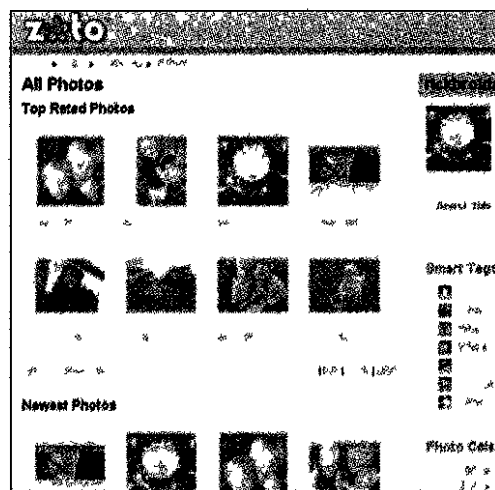
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Zoto also lets you e-mail photos directly to your account (or a blog) from your mobile phone or another computer.

PLEASE SEE PHOTOS, B2



Zoto gives you a whopping 2GB of online storage space for your photos, and doesn't charge a penny for the privilege.

Appropriately scaled furniture pieces help make small room grow

Candy from Plymouth writes "I have a small family room where we have put a plate rack around the perimeter. The room is about 14 by 16 and has a fireplace surrounded in white painted wood, a window, and a door to the basement.



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

"How can I make the room look bigger or taller? Can I paint a light color behind the plates and the wall and ceiling a different color, or do I paint the ceiling and down to the bottom of the plate rack one color and the walls another color?"

Candy, your main question is about making a small room look larger. There are several ways to do this. You can accomplish your goal through the use of unifying color and appropriately scaled furniture pieces.

Let's begin with color. You mention in some of our correspondence that your kitchen is blue, white and rose.

You also mention you might like to paint the family room yellow. That would be four colors going on in a relatively small area. I think the yellow is fine, but I would carry it right into the kitchen, too.

Using blue, yellow and white will make for a great French country look and will complement the casual feel of the displayed plates on the plate

rack surrounding the family room.

If at all possible, I would eliminate the rose from the color scheme and stick to the established palette of blue, white and yellow.

Regarding the plate rack: Paint the wall behind the plate rack the same color as the ceiling. This could be ceiling white, or go up two shades from the wall color and use that behind the plate rack and on the ceiling.

Unify the trim color in both of the rooms with crisp white, just like your fireplace surround. This will be consistent with your new French country color scheme.

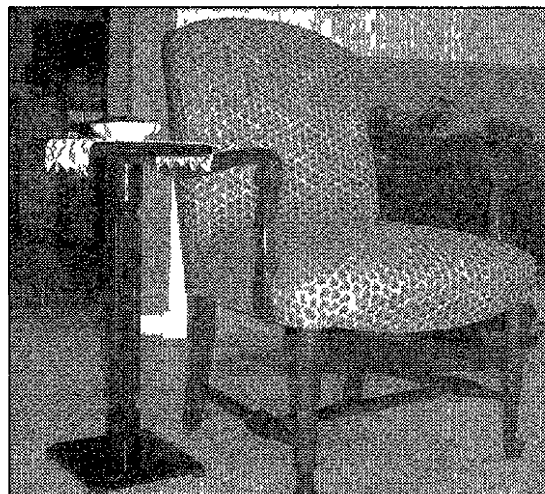
FURNITURE

In some of the information you gave me in our e-mail correspondence, you describe a stereo cabinet, freestanding shelves, a 50-inch TV, and the basement door on one wall of the family room. That's a lot of items lumped together on a single wall in a small room.

With a 50-inch TV, you cannot do a traditional entertainment armoire, however, there are many units that are made to go around large televisions to give them a built-in look.

Invest in one of these units, and move the items on the freestanding shelves and stereo cabinet to the new television surround unit so you can eliminate the shelves and stereo cabinet from the room. Multiple pieces of furniture in a smaller space will make the room feel cluttered.

You also have a sofa, two end tables and a coffee table in this room. That is very tight seating for



Here is an example of an open-legged accent chair and small side table.

three. Since you are considering buying new furniture, this is your chance to add more seating.

Use a small-scaled sofa, but not a love seat. Eliminate one of the end tables and buy an accent chair. I'm not talking about a space-guzzling recliner, but an open-legged, upholstered accent chair. Maybe your antique wooded rocker could work in this location. You now have seating for four. If you were to swap that coffee table for a rectangular ottoman, this will serve two purposes.

With a tray on the ottoman, it is still a coffee table. When you need to, slide the ottoman out a

few feet, and you've added two more seats. You have now gone from seating for three to seating for six.

By using the ottoman/coffee table option, there will still be a place for every person to set down a drink or a place to put out a bowl of popcorn. You may also have room for a very small accent table next to the chair.

You need to consider size and scale before making any furniture purchase. Always have a plan of attack before entering a furniture store. It can be very overwhelming and you may end up with items that just don't fit properly.

ACCENTS

With your plates on display, there is probably very little wall space for art work. If you want the plates to remain the focal point, use non-competing art elsewhere in the room.

A mirror or solid-colored ceramics might look lovely over your mantel without competing with the plates on display.

Always be conscious of the items you place in a particular room. By using unifying color and appropriately scaled furniture, you will be able to create a room that lives larger than it really is.

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 exclusiveinterior@zotomail.com.

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The service helps you manage potentially vast libraries by assigning tags to your photos, either one at a time or in batches. You can also set permissions, marking photos public, private, friends-only or friends of friends.

These tagging tools are fairly easy to use, as they rely on categories like Who, What, When and Where. If you're diligent about tagging your photos, you'll have a very easy time finding what you're looking for down the road.

Just don't expect much in the way of editing tools. You can crop and rotate pictures, but that's about it.

But the service provides killer blogging tools. You can compose photo-laden entries from within your Zoto site and publish them directly to Blogger, TypePad and most other blog communities.

My only real problem with Zoto is its confusing organization.

For instance, clicking the Home link takes you to Zoto's own splash screen, not your personal home page. And some screens, like the one used for batch tagging, seem to lack an Exit or Done option. The only way out is through the tiny My Menu link.

It is hoped that the service, which is still in beta, will work out those and other wrinkles over time.

Speaking of which, there is the issue of long-term viability to consider. Lots of photo services came and went bust during the dot-com boom, so I'd make sure to keep backup copies of all my photos.

In the meantime, Zoto is a fun and effective way to store and share pictures.

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.

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Summer's not endless: Time to check your fall 'to do' list

After the heat of the past summer I know I'm ready for some cooler fall weather. But then I really am not a fan of temperatures above the 78-degree mark.

Whether you like the temperatures we had this summer or not, it's time to start thinking about fall and winter.

The following is a list of some of the things we need to plan for as fall approaches.

OUTSIDE



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

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Look around where door and window frames meet siding, any place two dissimilar materials (i.e. siding and brick) touch, and points where services (gas, electric, water) enter the house.

Caulk can be a little tricky to apply. If you buy quality caulk and only cut the tip of the tube as much as necessary, you will find you can get acceptable results.

■ Fertilize the lawn - Use a fertilizer that is specially blended for 'winter.' This type of fertilizer is blended to slowly release the nutrients that will give your lawn a head

start in the spring.

It's also a great time to 'over-seed' your lawn.

■ Winterize the sprinkler system - Call a lawn irrigation service to set up an appointment to have your underground sprinklers "blown out." You can also do this yourself with a good air compressor. See Ask Dad Nov 15, 2001, at <http://archives.oeonline.com/2001/11%2D08%2D2001/wayc2%5F411%5F08%5F01.pdf>

■ Seal cracks in concrete - Use a self-leveling concrete caulk, such as Sika polyurethane sealers, available at home improvement stores.

If the crack is large, chip away the edges so they are slightly under-cut and use backer rod, also available at home improvement stores.

ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION when chipping concrete.

■ Repair or replace damaged shingles and flashings - If you aren't 100 percent comfortable climbing on a roof, leave this for professionals.

■ Clean and repair gutters and downspouts - This may also be a good time to think about having gutter protectors installed. See Ask Dad Aug 18, 2005, about gutter protectors.

INSIDE

■ Replace weather-stripping - Look around your doors and windows for ripped, torn or deteriorated weather-stripping.

Contact the manufacturer of the doors or windows about replacement material or use universal "weather-stripping materials" found in hardware and home improvement stores.

■ Consider replacing conventional incandescent light bulbs with CFL (compact fluorescent lamp) bulbs - These light bulbs simply screw into a lamp socket just as a regular bulb does, but can use as little as one-tenth the energy as an incandescent bulb.

■ Set traps - Mice don't really like cold weather (I guess they aren't that dumb). They can find the smallest opening to get into your home. If your house is near a field, like ours, as a matter of routine set mousetraps in the fall.

If you prefer using non-lethal traps, release the furry little friend well away from the house.

■ Prepare your furnace - Lube the motor. Only use oil designed for lubricating blowers (turbine oil). You may have to go to a quality hardware store for this.

Have the furnace inspected. This is a job best left to a qualified HVAC specialist.

If you haven't already done so, install a setback thermostat.

These can be bought for as little as \$35 and are easy to install yourself.

■ Install CO (carbon monoxide) detectors - These inexpensive devices can and do save lives. My wife, Karen, and I know this for a fact.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple Birmingham 48009.

HOME CALENDAR

Knitting

Among the classes at the Rochester Community House is Knitting for All Levels. Thursdays Sept 15 to Oct 20. Fee is \$44.

For more information call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommunityhouse.org. The Rochester Community House is at 816 Ludlow.

In the class basics for beginners will include pattern reading, cables, fair isle, instarsia, knitting in the round, lace, beading and construction.

Design your own will be offered for advanced students.

Faux finishing

Fancy Color Paints and Interiors will present a variety of classes taught by professionals 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the store, 3883 Rochester Road in Troy. For registration and class fee information call Troy Adult Education (248) 879-7599, Rochester Adult Education (248) 726-3165, Birmingham Adult Education (248) 203-3800 or Royal Oak Adult Education (248) 588-5050. The schedule includes Faux Finishing Sept 20 and Advanced Faux Finishing and Marbleizing Sept 27.

The faux finishing class will feature demonstrations of shadow stripping/color washed stripes, smoothing positive and negative rag roll, fresco, leather and sponge painting.

In the advanced faux finishing class learn the techniques of frottaging, mottling, marbling and wood graining.

Conservation workshops

Caroline Ashleigh Associates inaugural auction of fine art and antiques continues to Sept. 30 on www.igavel.com, the Internet auction site for fine art, antiques and collectibles.

An exhibition of items in the auction will be open to the public at the Birmingham Historical Museum 14 p.m. Friday, Sunday Sept 23-25. During the exhibit, experts will conduct conservation workshops at the museum to help people learn how to care for their valued possessions.

The Birmingham Historical Museum is at Maple (15 Mile) and Southfield Road. The exhibit will be in the Hunter House and the workshops will take place in the Allen House.

Conservation workshops will take place 2-2:30 p.m. and 6-6:30 p.m. Sept 23-24 and 2-2:30 p.m. Sept 25. Reservations aren't required but seating is limited.

The standard museum admission fee of \$10 covers both the exhibit and the workshops. Parking is available across the street and is free for the first two hours. For more information about hours, reservations and admission call Bill McElhone at the Birmingham Historical Society (248) 642-2817.

Antiques exposition

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday, Sunday Sept 23-25 at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen

at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Sept 23-10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept 24, noon to 5 p.m. Sept 25.

Admission is \$6 regular, free for ages 12 and under, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Celebrating its 25th season, the exposition will feature a diverse selection of fine American, European, Oriental and tribal antiques and art. Antiques merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their collections.

Dining and free parking will be available. For online show previews visit www.antiquet.com/M&M.

Interior design

Continuing education classes in the fall schedule at the College for Creative Studies include Elements of Interior Design 10 Saturdays beginning Sept 24.

Cost is \$295 plus \$10 material fee. For information call (313) 664-7691. Teri Main, principal designer and owner of Main Design Innovations in Royal Oak, is the instructor. An overview of the field of interior design, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually satisfying. The basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes will be included. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Bulb class

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents gardening classes. The schedule includes Bulbs: Tips on Choosing and Using Thursday Sept 15 (fee is \$42).

To register and for more information call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

In the class, learn about major and minor hardy bulbs, how to plant them and what to expect over the years.

Schoolcraft College

Schoolcraft College in Livonia offers a variety of gardening classes. The schedule includes the Creating Your Landscape series, which will begin with Woody Trees and Shrubs Wednesday Sept 21. Tuition is \$165 for the landscape series, \$73 for the class. Registration is required. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Dahlia show

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 53rd annual Dahlia Show Saturday, Sunday Sept 17-18 at Livonia Mall, Middlebelt and Seven Mile. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Between 600 and 800 blooms will be displayed and several new cultivars will be introduced. SMDS members will be present to answer questions and welcome new members.

Michigan Orchid Society

John Salvetti of Parkside Orchids will speak at the next meeting of the Michigan Orchid Society, 2:30 p.m. Sunday Sept 18 at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits. The public may attend. The church is at Willits and Bates in Birmingham north of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road. Salvetti will talk about new trends in breeding paphiopedilum.

orchids. He is an expert on paphiopedilum and phragmipedium orchids and has just returned from giving a speech at the Taiwan International Orchids Symposium on phragmipedium kovachii.

Fall Rose Show

The Great Lakes District Rose Show hosted by the Detroit Rose Society will take place Saturday, Sunday Sept 17-18 at English Gardens, 4901 Coolidge Highway, just north of 14 Mile between Greenfield and Crooks in Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500).

Admission is free and open to the public. Hours are 1-9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Detroit Rose Society members will be available 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days to answer questions, discuss rose varieties and provide growing advice. Marilyn Welan, American Rose Society president, will present Welcome to the Wonderful World of Roses 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

Fall color

Goldner Walsh Nursery will present Plants for Fall Color and Winter Interest 1 p.m. Saturday Sept 17 at Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

Cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit the Belle Isle Conservatory. Reservations are required. Call (248) 332-6430. Explore shrubs and trees that will add fall foliage color, fall and winter fruits and berries and evergreen form in the garden. Join nursery manager Joel Miller and the Goldner Walsh landscape design team and get inspired to make your landscape a four-season experience.

Bulbs

The Community House Garden Club will

present Learning How to Use and Layer Bulbs in Containers and Gardens 7 p.m. Monday Sept 19 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Master gardeners Sue Dinger and Barbara Teasdale will conduct the presentation.

The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. For more information call The Community House at (248) 594-6410.

Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum Herb Study Group will meet Monday Sept 19. The meeting will take place in the auditorium at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. A potluck lunch will be at noon, followed by the meeting and a tour of the conservatory at 1 p.m. Docent Val Carey will host the tour and discuss Health Plants of the World, with an emphasis on the tropical plants in the conservatory. Admission is free. The public may attend.

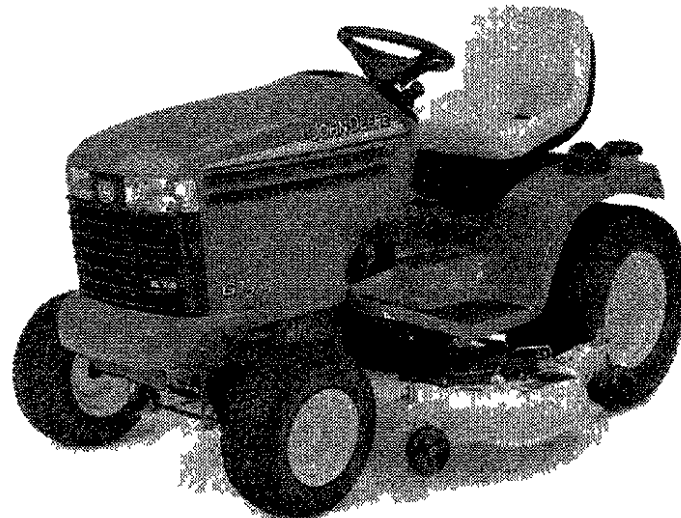
For more information call the gardens at (734) 998-7061 or contact Madolyn Kaminski at (734) 663-8303 or m.kaminski@comcast.net.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday Sept 23 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester. Roger Bajorek, a retired naturalist from Stoney Creek Metropolitan Park, will speak on Deer Through the Seasons. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. Call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

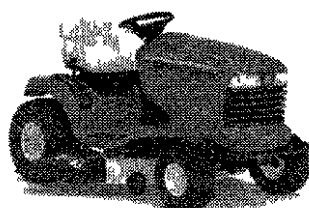
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KITCHEN

FROM PAGE B1

The expanded kitchen now features a window seat, a breakfast bar and a stylish new look. What had been cramped quarters is now part of an open, smooth flow to the family room on the other side.

The dining room isn't missed. "When they're doing their homework, or if people are over for dinner, I can talk to them (while I cook)," Peggy said. "It's a kitchen where people congregate."

"I just can't believe how much bigger it looks," said Cathie Fernandez, designer with KSI Kitchen & Bath of Livonia, whom the Grainers called on for the kitchen remodel.

CHANGES

Fernandez worked with the floor plan the Grainers devised. One change was the removal of a proposed center island - the space around it would have been too narrow.

The Grainers' top priority for the remodeling was more space. Out went the wall and the peninsula. In went new cabinetry, countertops, sink and appliances.

"Everything was almond," Vernon said of the color of the old kitchen.

The new cabinets are nutmeg, and the walls are a sage-like shade called River Rock by Ralph Lauren that presents subtle variations around the room.

The black sink by Blanco is made of natural granite (80 percent) and acrylic resins (20 percent), it is durable and doesn't need to be cleaned often.

Crown molding on the cabinets, topped with black, reaches to the ceiling.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The formal dining room was converted into an office area, where the family uses the computer and does homework.

Drawers are big and slide out their entire depth. Large size and full extension are popular drawer features today, Fernandez said.

One of the lower cabinets has a bi-fold door, which opens to display a turntable that holds a number of items.

One drawer holds trash and recycling bins.

The brushed nickel hardware on the cabinetry is similar in shape to the handles on appliances, and in color to the stainless steel refrigerator.

The Formica countertops were replaced with granite, the colors of which match the black and nutmeg of the cabinets.

Arms on the bar stools are made of platinum, which doesn't show marks. The cushions are black leather.

The window seat has a foam

cushion on top of 15-inch cabinets. It's a comfortable place for reading, and it provides extra seating room at the nearby table. When necessary, the table is simply pulled farther out.

An area rug with a black border contains colors in the room, including hues on throw pillows on the window seat.

OTHER AREA

The desk area in the former dining room has space for a computer. The top cabinetry is nutmeg, the bottom is charcoal.

China that Vernon bought for Peggy when he was in the Army in Germany can be seen through clear doors. Peggy discovered that the area carpet here and the china happen to have the same colors and a similar pattern.

Vernon did much of the remodeling work himself, including removing the kitchen soffits, putting in the white oak flooring and installing the crown molding and the Formica backsplash.

Formica was chosen for the backsplash instead of tile so it wouldn't look busy paired with the design in the granite.

Neighbors rave about the new kitchen, Vernon said. And the Grainers and Fernandez have praise for each other.

"They were both wonderful," Fernandez said. "It was a pleasure."

"We would recommend you to anybody," Peggy said to her. Sources for items in the kitchen include KSI, Abode Furniture and ABC Warehouse.

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2nd brunch scheduled with Preston Bailey

The Community House in Birmingham has announced a second brunch Tuesday, Sept. 20, to accommodate the overwhelming request for tickets to hear special guest speaker Preston Bailey.

The brunch is a special feature of the Birmingham House Tour and will take place 10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates.

Cost is \$60 and includes admission to the tour. The 8:30 a.m. brunch is sold out.

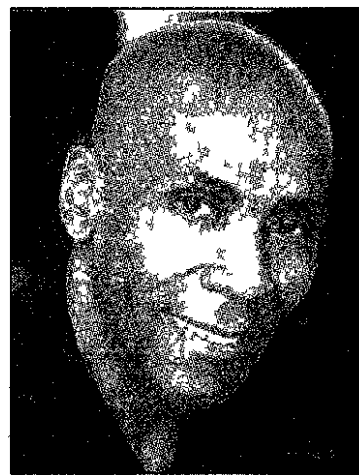
For tickets and information, call (248) 594-6403.

Bailey is a frequent guest on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. His mastery of over-the-top, one-of-a-kind events has earned him the reputation as the world's preeminent event designer.

He has planned magical moments for such celebrities as Donald Trump, Oprah Winfrey, Liza Minnelli, Bill Cosby, Matt Lauer, Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Bailey's book, *Design For Entertaining*, will be available to buy for personalizing.

The house tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, will feature



Preston Bailey

seven distinctive homes ranging in style from traditional to contemporary. Cost for the tour only is \$25. Tickets are still available.

Bailey will be the special guest at the House Tour Preview Party Monday, Sept. 19, at the spectacular home of Allan Gilmour and Eric Jirgens. Preview party tickets are \$200 and \$300 and are still available.

Proceeds from the tour are used to fund The Community House's community outreach programs.

Colossal garage sale to benefit Meadow Brook Hall gardens

Imagine a giant garage sale, a bargain shopper's dream.

This dream can become a reality at the Colossal Indoor Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 13-15, at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

The sale is sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. All proceeds will benefit the maintenance of the Meadow Brook Hall Gardens.

The club is solely responsible for the maintenance of the gardens, and this is its major fund-raiser for the year.

Anyone who would like to support the gardens by donating sale items may bring them to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 11-12. No clothing will be accepted. Tax deduction forms for donations will be provided upon request.

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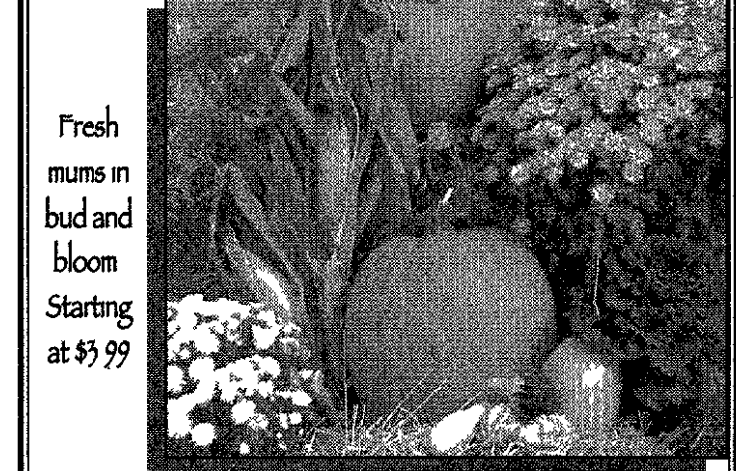
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Trinity Church pastor Michael Van Horn stands in the sanctuary just days before the blessing and first formal worship service. Renovations to the former Grand River Baptist Church began five months ago.

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Church to celebrate gift of new beginning

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Patrick Falcusan dreamed one day that Grand River Baptist Church would be filled with people but as treasurer of the board he knew that wasn't likely to happen. Since moving to Livonia in 1967, the congregation had dwindled to about 60 from more than 500. As with mainstream churches everywhere their members were aging and could no longer afford to maintain the building and its nine acres next to Stevenson High School.

Then pastor Michael Van Horn was invited to preach one Sunday. Trinity Church, built in Livonia in 1959, didn't have enough room to grow. Ten years ago when Van Horn first became pastor there were 50 members. After joining the Evangelical Covenant Church which has roots in the historic church of Sweden and the Evangelical Lutheran Reformation, the congregation grew to 200.

On Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 17-18, hundreds of Christians from community churches and their pastors are expected to attend the blessing and first formal worship service in the newly renovated sanctuary thanks to the incredible gift of a church from Grand River members to Trinity across denominational lines, although Trinity has a Baptist heritage as does its pastor who was raised Baptist and ordained a Baptist minister.

"It was a remarkable Christian act in the face of their death," said Van Horn of Redford. "We're truly grateful for their thoughtfulness and consideration." "Our concern was a developer would tear down the church," added Patrick Falcusan, a Farmington Hills resident who now serves on Trinity's Deacon Board. "It was meant to be a church. We had a beautiful house that we couldn't afford and we stayed when the new family moved in."

"That family consists of a mix of former Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and other religions now attending the church that practices infant and believers baptism in the Swedish Lutheran tradition. Trinity had originated in Detroit in the early 1900s.

"We were able to draw in young families, college age people and not lose senior members," said Van Horn. "We hope eventually to have a mix of cultures as well."

Falcusan, at age 58, thinks he's probably one of the oldest members of Trinity Church. About 25- to 30 percent of Grand River's members joined Trinity, but the bulk of the congregation originally attended services at the former Trinity Church on Middlebelt, south of Five Mile. Several of the members still live in Trinity Park Apartments, a senior citizens complex near the former location, and are bused to services



The children's nursery and Sunday school rooms were updated during renovations complete with new murals painted on the walls by Barney Judge, a member of Trinity Church.

Over the years the church was involved with community projects like the low income apartments and Trinity House Theatre. Both are independently owned. The theater, a community playhouse and concert venue, was the idea of former Pastor Paul Patton who returns for the celebration along with former Pastor Norman Mathias. Van Horn expects they will be just as excited about the gift of the church - and the renovations.

For the last year members have been meeting in Fellowship Hall until pews and flooring were replaced in the sanctuary and the four walls of the youth room were brightened with animal murals by member Barney Judge. Many of Trinity's members are artistically and musically inclined. They and the rest of the congregation were involved with adding details to the design of architectural firm Merritt McPherson Cieslak of Farmington.

RENOVATIONS

Calvin Garfield was church liaison to the construction manager from The Monahan Co. of Eastpointe that's completing \$800,000 in renovations. A member of Trinity Church for 20 years, Garfield lives in Rosedale Park in Detroit. Several families from that area are members.

"The intent of design was to take a 1967 space that reflected performance oriented worship instead of participatory and reverse it," said Garfield, who serves on the Elder Board. "Previously there was a large elevated section for choir, a large baptismal font, an elevated pulpit, and communion table on the floor. Communion was served to seated parishioners. We elevated the communion table and the baptismal has been relocated to a level where congregation can gather around the area."

Two smaller offices became the pastor's study for Van Horn to write sermons and smaller groups to meet. Also renovated were a nursery area, rooms for children's church and Sunday School, and a recreational space for teens to gather with the youth minister at 5:30 p.m. Sundays. Trinity not only offers Sunday School for children and adults, but Bible study throughout the week.

An art room will allow groups to work and show their creations on a gallery wall.

"We keep talking about arts not just for arts sake but to believe that beauty serves God," said Van Horn. "We want to encourage Christians to engage the arts, culture."

"We wanted something a little less 1960s or contemporary and more classic with gothic arches, wood to warm up the brick, kneelers so people have the option of kneeling for prayer," said Van Horn who teaches philosophy at University of Detroit-Mercy. He was teaching at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills when approached by one of his students to speak at Grand River Baptist Church. "I wanted to move the pulpit closer to people. When we moved in, it felt enormous. We created an orchestra like pit for the music team that includes cello, violin and strings. We didn't want to give a sense of performance, but want them to be part of the service."

On Saturday morning the music team along with pastors and members of Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist and Episcopalian churches will join together for thanksgiving and the blessing at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception and music in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday the first formal worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. with a catered picnic on the grounds afterwards. The community is welcome to share in the two-day celebration.

"We want to be truly grateful for this gift and the opportunity," said Van Horn. "We'll all be walking through the space and praying for God's blessing. It's a great beginning. We want to show we're not in competition but a brotherhood, a sisterhood, and hope people come."

"We want to not forget who we are and to think about our future, who we are. A construction project can be very consuming. We've had meetings almost every night of the week. I'm looking forward to having more time to focus on ministry. We're wonderfully located in the middle of a neighborhood next to a high school. We have kids skateboarding on the property, people walking through. We want to develop relationships in community."

Trinity Church is at 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 425-2800.

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SEPTEMBER

Rummage & book sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Sept. 16 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Sept. 17. Wide variety of items ranging from tools, appliances, electronics, used CDs and records and toys to clothing for men, women and children. Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-7620. Low cost lunch available both days.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service 6 p.m. Friday Sept. 16 at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

Seminar

Setting your heart on fire with Raphael Cushnir, author and lecturer on spirituality. Sept. 19 and 26 in the activity center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500

RELIGION CALENDAR

ality 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Sept. 17 (cost is \$25) at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster. Call (734) 421-1760 for information. Study groups will start 12:30 p.m. Sunday Sept. 18 and run to Nov. 6.

Free Concert

Men of Grace perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 17 at Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 North Gully Road, Dearborn Heights. All are welcome.

Classic car show

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 18 at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Free admission, food and fun for the whole family. Visit www.warrenrdchurch.org.

Change of hours

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile, Livonia) hold services on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with nursery and Sunday School for children at 9:30 a.m. A new Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. begins Sept. 18. Visitors welcome. The church will hold a book and bake sale Nov. 4-5. For more information call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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A series of discussions on church authority runs 7:15-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 and 26 in the activity center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500

Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Women's ministries

Presents Beth Moore's Bible study, The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, choose from classes on Tuesday mornings or evenings beginning Sept. 20 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Canton. Workbook cost is \$17. Call (734) 455-0022 ext. 4 for brochure or download a registration form from www.wchurches.com/cbcwomen. On Oct. 7-8 the church will be a host site for Beth Moore Live Simulcast from New York City. Tickets are \$25. Call (734) 480-4528 for tickets or information.

Family fun fair

Our Lady of Loretto's 46th annual Family Fun Fair, Redford's largest festival, takes place Sept. 22-25 at the church on the corner of Six Mile and Beech. Daily one-mile stroller of Telegraph Rides only 6:10 p.m. Thursday Sept. 22. Hours for activities vary. Hours for Friday Sept. 23 are 5 p.m. to midnight. Saturday Sept. 24 noon to midnight, and Sunday Sept. 25 11:00 a.m. Activities include Vegas bingo, \$10,000 raffle, huge game tent, Barbie doll booth, clowns, craft booth, bake walk, dunk tank, face painting, food and live entertainment. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-9000.



FLORINE M. PHILLIPS (nee Stenrager)

September 10, 2005. Age 89. Beloved wife of the late Adam Lee. Dear sister of Hazel Farrell, Loving aunt and great aunt to several nieces and nephews. Florine was a retired clerk with General Motors Co. She spent her remaining years at The Grand Court Retirement Community in Farmington Hills. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington Arrangements by THAYER ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

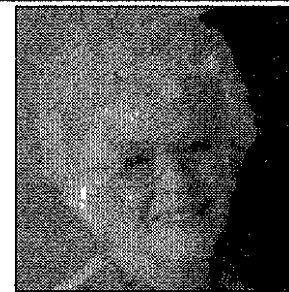
LORRAINE KANAVAS

Formerly of Birmingham, died September 7, 2005 in Bradenton, Florida, at age 84. She taught junior high home economics both in New Jersey and Michigan before opening Grandma's Best children's clothing shops in Royal Oak, Troy, and Birmingham. She is survived by her daughter, Karolyn, of Ijamsville, Maryland, son John, of Laguna Niguel, California, and two loving grandchildren, Johnny and Katie.



RALPH M. STANIFER, M.D.

Of Sioux City, Iowa, died on August 29, 2005 during his evening run. A memorial service was held on September 3, 2005 in Sioux City, Iowa. Dr. Stanifer was born on December 14, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan, to Evelyn Zellman Stanifer and Ralph E. Stanifer, DDS. The family moved to Redford, MI where he graduated from Thurston High School. He graduated from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Stanifer completed a corneal fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He was Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Iowa Health Systems in Sioux City, where he also had a private ophthalmology practice. He was a trustee of the Woodbury Medical Society and was currently serving as President. Elect Dr. Stanifer is survived by his mother, Evelyn Stanifer, Benson of South Lyon, and his sister, Deborah Stanifer (Arvy Kavaliauskas) of Northville.



EDNA MOORMAN

Age 87, beloved wife of the late Victor E. Krieger and Kenneth F. Moorman, passed away on September 8, 2005. Dearest loving mother of Karen Krieger Bloomfield Hills, MI and stepmother of Gary (Elizabeth) Moorman, Tipp City, Ohio. Step grandmother of Chris, Jeff and Michele. To live with her daughter, Edna relocated to Bloomfield Hills, MI from Stuart, FL where she lived in retirement for 23 years. She was born and grew up in Detroit, MI where she was a homemaker as well as a legal secretary for 22 years. She is also survived by her sisters, Gertrude Miller, Reno, NV and Jeanette Hampton, Stuart, FL. A memorial service will be held at Boca Raton Municipal Cemetery, Boca Raton, FL. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Parkinson's Association or a local hospice. For further information, call A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

NEIL W. ROBERTS

August 11, 2005. Age 83 of Canton. Beloved husband of June. Dear father of Sherry (Howard) Shunk, Clifford (Peggy) Roberts and Neil Jr. (Ann) Roberts. Loving Grandfather of five and Great Grandfather of five. Mr. Roberts was a Veteran of WWII and was a member of Wayne Lodge 112 F&AM. Funeral services were held August 21, 2005 at the Plymouth Nazarene Church at 1:30 PM with the Rev. Fred Hall and Rev. Norman Long presiding. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, MI 48186.

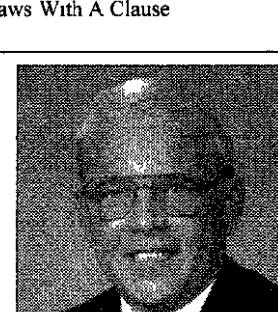


SISTER MARY ADRIAN, RSM Sister Of Mercy, Teacher, Principal

Farmington Hills, MI. Sister Mary Adrian, a Sister of Mercy for 73 years, died on September 12, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was 91. She was born December 13, 1913 in Rogers City, Michigan to August and Louise (Dullack) Adrian, and christened Genevieve at her baptism. She graduated from Mount Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids in 1931 and entered the Sisters of Mercy the following year. She professed final vows on August 16, 1938. Sister Mary Adrian earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master's in education from Notre Dame University. She served as a teacher and as principal for 42 years in parochial schools in Michigan and Iowa. Starting in 1935 she taught primary through junior high students in Ada, Grand Rapids, Holland, Midland, Cheboygan, Saginaw, Posen, Hazel Park, Reese, Muskegon, Ludington, Hemlock, Lansing, Pinconning and Port Austin, Michigan. She also served as a principal for 16 years at Holy Cross School in Lansing, St. Jean's and St. Michael's Schools in Muskegon, and St. John's School in Independence, Iowa. In 1977, Sister Mary Adrian moved to the less formal setting of a religious education center and became Resident Manager at Mercy Center Farmington Hills. She later served as coordinator at the Convent of Mercy in Grand Rapids. Sister Mary Adrian moved to McAuley Center in 1985 and served as receptionist there until 1994 when she retired to a life of prayer. Sister Mary Adrian was dearly loved by her students and coworkers. It was said that children couldn't wait to set foot in her classroom. She knew how to get a child's attention and convey solid information and teach skills they would use for a lifetime. Sister Mary Adrian's quiet, unassuming manner was treasured by those who knew her. One of the Sisters of Mercy commented, "She was always available to help others and she did it with a smile." She is survived by several nieces and nephews and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will be held on September 14, 2005 at 1 p.m. at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated in the McAuley Center chapel on September 15, 2005 at 9 a.m. followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

MELANIE MEENEN

Age 55, of Harlingen, Texas, formerly a resident of Livonia. Beloved husband of Lynn Meenen. Loving mother of Melissa (Greg) Priede, Janice (Eric) Klepsch, Grandmother of 5. Dearest daughter of Chesley Edwards (Nancy MacFarland). Melanie was the President of the PTA for Churchill High School, Girl Scout Leader, involved with Disabled Awareness Choir, Director at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia. A 1972 Graduate of Kansas State Univ. Funeral services will be Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia, MI. Clergy: Rev. Mark McGilvrey, Memorial Church of Christ. Donations can be made to Paws With A Clause.



THOMAS F. NORTON JR.

Age 71. Hockey coach, golfer, resident of Cape Cod, EAST SAND WICH, MA. Thomas F. Norton Jr., 71, died Monday, September 12, 2005 at his home. Mr. Norton, Navy veteran, youth hockey coach in Plymouth for many years, avid golfer, former industrial engineer for Ford Motor Co. was born and raised in Medford, MA, graduated from St. Clements H.S. and Boston College before moving to Plymouth, Michigan in 1969. Mr. Norton was married to Carol A. Mahon Norton for over thirty years. He was predeceased by Carol A. Mahon on August 20, 1989. He is survived by second wife, Kathryn Ann Norton and children, Elizabeth and Lynn Baker of New York, Kevin and Marie Norton of Connecticut, Paul and Jeana Norton of Virginia, and Stephen Norton and Thomas Norton of Michigan, eight stepchildren, two brothers, Jerome Norton of Tewksbury and Richard Norton of Popponesset, six grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren. A vigil service will be at 5 p.m. with visitation until 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 14 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 324 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich, MA. A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial is in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Memorial donations may be made to Child Find of America, P.O. Box 277, New Paltz, NY 12561.

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Fall's ritual: Cider mills rule

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Les Posey knows all about the charm of cider mills

He's been around one most of his life. Charles Posey, Les' father, bought the Yates Cider Mill in Rochester in 1959 when Les was in the 10th grade.

The younger Posey isn't quite sure when cider mills grew so popular with the public, as he believes the long lines in autumn afternoons began long before his father bought the mill.

"There's a heritage, a tradition set up by previous generations," Posey said. "Because a lot of farms pressed their own cider, it was just a way of life in the early days."

"This was an agricultural society," he added. "Most of the farms had apple orchards." Posey has read that many Michigan homesteaders planted 12 apple trees on their property. "Everybody had it pressed into juice, or turned into vinegar. You had to do something, so it set up a pattern for them to go to the cider mills and have it processed. It just became a common thing to do."

Yes, it was common and it still is. Michigan is the nation's third-largest producer of apples, growing 22 varieties on a commercial basis. Value-added marketing and processing enhance the economic contribution of Michigan apples — up to \$400-\$500 million of economic impact annually.

There are more than 8 million apple trees, covering 41,000 acres, on 1,000 farms throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Thirty-seven of the 68 counties in Michigan's Lower Peninsula have apple production.

Michigan expects to harvest 840 million pounds (or 20 million bushels) of apples this year.

Apples are by far the largest fruit crop grown in Michigan. Michigan produced more than 1.25 billion pounds of fruit in 2004, including apples, tart cherries, sweet cherries, blueberries, peaches, grapes, strawberries, pears and plums.

Just over 60 percent of that amount was apples, which totaled 760 million pounds.

Small family farmers who operate their own orchards dominate the Michigan apple industry. According to recent statistics, 99 percent of Michigan orchards had fewer than 100 acres in apples.

Michigan also plays a vital role in processed apples. More than 68 percent of all Michigan apples are processed. Michigan is the largest supplier of apple slices used in commercially prepared apple pies. Michigan apples are also a main source for apple sauce, fresh-cut slices and fresh and shelf-stable apple cider.

Yates has operated since 1863. The earliest evidence of the cider mill's popularity is a pic-

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Side dish

Church hosts festival

Tickets are on sale now for the first Oktoberfest at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham.

The celebration is scheduled noon-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. This event features a seven-piece traditional German band in the main tent (6-10 p.m.), a solo accordion player and singer in the main tent (1-4 p.m.), beer and wine in the main tent, German foods from Winter's Sausage, popcorn, pretzels, cotton candy and beverages, carnival-style games, video arcade games, moonwalks and face painting.

Admission to the grounds is free all day for patrons.

Admission to the entertainment tent is \$5 for people 16 years and over. Kids under 16 are free. ID is required to buy beer or wine. Anyone over 16 and older will be issued a wristband for re-entry. Ticket sales are limited to 800.

Tickets for the general public are on sale now at the church office.

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at 2225 East 14 Mile Road, in Birmingham, near Woodward. For more information about the Oktoberfest, call (248) 646-6100 or (248) 399-1101.

Help victims

Mitchell's Fish Market restaurants in Birmingham and Livonia and Cameron's Steakhouse in Birmingham will be donating the day's profits on Monday, Sept. 19, to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

On that day, the Cameron Mitchell Restaurant company, owners and operators of the three restaurants, will donate profits from all 26 restaurants throughout the Midwest to the fund. The fund will provide food, shelter, counseling and other assistance to victims of the hurricane.

Each restaurant will encourage guests to make donations as well. On that day only, for every \$100 donation to the American Red Cross, the company will provide guests with a \$25 Cameron Mitchell gift card valid towards any food purchase on their next visit.

The Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia is located at 17600 Haggerty Road and the phone number is (734) 464-FOOD.

In Birmingham, Cameron's Steakhouse is located at 115 Willits Street and the phone number is (248) 723-1700. Mitchell's Fish Market is also in The Willits at 117 Willits Street.

To reach the restaurant, call (248) 646-3663.

Whip up the flavors of fall with oats and pumpkin

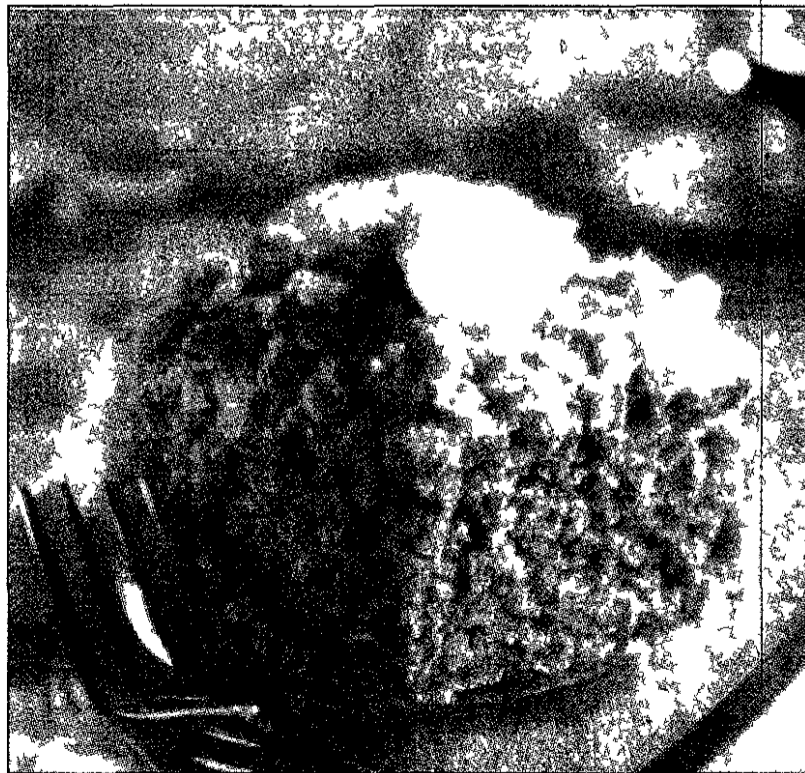


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Favorite fall flavors star in Pumpkin Oat Cake with Warm Spiced Apples. Whole grain oats add a tasty nutrition boost to the moist cake and crunchy topping, while a cake mix and canned apple pie filling save time.

Crisp, sun-drenched days and chilly nights call out to the baker within us to whip up a batch of cookies or a snack cake with the irresistible flavors of fall. Three quintessential fall ingredients — apples, pumpkin and oats — all lend themselves to homey, family-pleasing desserts.

Pumpkin Oat Cake with Warm Spiced Apples is the perfect choice for a casual get-together with family and friends. Crowned with a crunchy crumb topping, this seasonal dessert is deceptively easy to make. Convenient pantry staples — cake mix, canned pureed pumpkin, prepared apple pie filling and rolled oats — save precious minutes in the kitchen. Just mix and pour, top with the oat streusel and bake. Serve it warm or at room temperature with the warm apple topping.

When baking with oats, choose either the quick or old-fashioned as they're both 100 percent whole grain oats. (Instant oatmeal is not recommended.) The thicker, old-fashioned variety adds a heartier texture and more pronounced whole grain flavor to baked goods. They're also the choice of many bakers when making streusel toppings for cakes, bar cookies and fruit crisp.

Whole grain oats are a natural mate for crisp fall apples. Rich in vitamin A, phosphorus, potassium and insoluble fiber, chopped Granny Smith apples lend moisture and a sweet-tart flavor to

apple-Scotch Oat Bars. Versatile and delicious, this easy oatmeal bar cookie is perfect for bake sales, school lunches, after-school snacks and fall potlucks.

PUMPKIN OAT CAKE WITH WARM SPICED APPLES

Streusel
¾ cup oats (quick or old-fashioned uncooked)
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
¼ cup all purpose flour
¼ cup (1/2 stick) cold butter, cut into pieces

Cake
1 box (18.25 ounces) spice cake mix
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
4 eggs
¼ cup milk*
¼ cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned uncooked)*

Spiced Apples
1 can (21 ounces) apple pie filling and topping
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
*If using old-fashioned oats, reduce milk to ¼ cup.

For streusel, combine oats, flour and brown sugar in medium bowl. Cut in butter with two knives until pea-size crumbs form, set aside.

For cake, heat oven to 350° F. Spray 13-by-9-by-2-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. Lightly

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FOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

Livonia
Good food will be in abundance at Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza Sunday Sept 25. The celebration of gourmet foods and fine beverages takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center with all proceeds supporting student scholarships. Patrons can tour the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts instructional kitchens, stop in at free wine tasting seminar from 3 to 3:30 p.m. or take part in a live auction. Live auction items include two dinner packages for eight prepared in your home and offered by the American Harvest Restaurant and Gala a dinner for eight at Opus One and a diamond slide from Orn Jewelers. Culinary Extravaganza 2005 tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets call the Schoolcraft Development Office at 734 462 4400 extension 5008. Visa MasterCard Discover and checks are accepted.

Rochester
Let's Go to Italy is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Sept 27 at the Rochester Community House 816 Ludlow in Rochester. This class helps you to discover the secrets of Italy from the experts. Reawaken your love of food, wine, art and travel. There is no fee for the class but call the Rochester Community House at (248) 651 0622 to reserve your spot.
A Tour de France wine dinner will be prepared by Chef Dan Vernia and wines selected by Jean Jacques Fertal 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct 19 at the Rochester Community House. The two will work together to create harmony between the foods and the wine.

Call (248) 651 0622 for reservations. Dinner is \$65 per person. Music, Tea and Me allows guests to enjoy an evening of music and meditation to renew your spirit and empower your life. Relax before the holidays with a cup of tea and bring a good friend to the Rochester Community House 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec 7. Call (248) 651 0622 for information.

Sweet Lorraine's
In honor of National Organic Harvest Month all three Sweet Lorraine's locations in Southfield, Detroit and Livonia will be featuring organic specials and events throughout the month of September. Specials include Organic Australian Beef, Michigan Organic Chicken, Maple Creek Organic Vegetables. Lorraine's Husband's Organic tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes and herbs. There will be organic wines to enhance the culinary experience. In addition, Sweet Lorraine's will host an organic cooking demonstration at each location featuring Maple Creek vegetables, making a small donation to Farm Aid to commemorate their 20th anniversary (as well as Sweet Lorraine's 20th anniversary). Sweet Lorraine's will also be hosting a drawing to win a trip to Yale, Mich. to Maple Creek's organic farm. For more information call Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar 29101 Greenfield Rd. in Southfield ((248) 559 5985), Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar 333 E Jefferson Detroit ((313) 223 3933) and Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar 17100 N Laurel Park Drive Livonia ((734) 953 7480).

Beefsteak tomatoes continue to ripen

BY DANA JACOBI

Depending on where you live, about this time of year summer creates an abundance of immense, vine-bending tomatoes known as Jersey Beefsteaks. Happily, the season for these beauties, often weighing a pound or more, lasts through September and sometimes even into October.

Named as much for their uniquely meaty interior as for their sometimes staggering size, beefsteak tomatoes are now available almost everywhere, not just in the northeastern states, in supermarkets and at local farm stands, as well as from home gardens. They are even available year-round although, as with all tomatoes, nothing beats them in season and locally grown.

I find that the best way to distinguish beefsteaks from other tomatoes is by weight. Whether a mere 12 ounces or a gigantic two-pounder, a beefsteak feels hefty relative to its size compared with other tomatoes. This is mainly because the beefsteak's unique interior of firm yet succulent flesh punctuated by small paisley-shaped pockets of seeds.

At the beginning of the season, these big beauties are perfect for thick and juicy slices to slip on top of a hamburger, or inside other sandwiches. They are also perfect on their own, as the simplest kind of salad, with just a sprinkle of salt to heighten their flavor. For a little more embellishment, a bit of chopped fresh basil leaves and a light drizzle of olive oil will add a little elegance as well as flavor.

They can also be used in cooking. Their meaty flesh, along with their full flavor, make beefsteaks ideal to use in certain cooked dishes. Here is one that is hearty enough to make a filling entree, yet light in taste and refreshingly appropriate for a steamy summer day.



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- TOMATO BASIL STRATA**
- 7-8 slices firm whole wheat bread
 - 2 large beefsteak tomatoes each cut in 8 thin slices
 - 1 cup (8 ounces) low fat cottage cheese
 - 2 large egg whites

- 4 teaspoons brown mustard divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded reduced fat mozzarella cheese divided
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cups reduced fat (2 percent) milk

Coat a 10-inch pie plate or 9-inch square baking pan with cooking spray. Cover the bottom with bread, using 3 to 4 slices. Cover with half the tomato slices, overlapping them.

In a blender or food processor blend together until smooth the cottage cheese, egg whites, onion powder, cayenne and half of the mustard. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Turn mixture into a bowl. Mix in the basil, parsley and half the mozzarella. Spread the mixture on the tomato slices to cover. Use the remaining bread to cover the tomatoes.

Arrange the remaining tomato slices on top to cover the bread. Sprinkle on the remaining mozzarella.

In a small bowl, beat the eggs, then beat in until well blended the milk, remaining mustard, measured salt and pepper. Gradually, a little at a time, pour the mixture over the assembled strata. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour.

Set a baking sheet on a rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Bake the strata, uncovered, on the baking sheet until the top is puffed and lightly browned, about 55 minutes. Remove from oven and set on a rack 20 minutes. Cut into wedges or squares and serve.

Makes 9 servings
Per serving 157 calories, 5 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 16 g carbohydrate, 12 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 488 mg sodium

Dana Jacobi, author of *The Joy of Soy*, writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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ture from 1938 that showed a line of patrons waiting outside "Many people just came out for a drive on a Sunday afternoon from Detroit," Posey said. "I suspect it had to do with the automobile. I imagine they were looking for a place to go. Cider mills became a destination, and it still is a destination." Les loves his lack of a routine at the cider mill. His father is 86 and still helps out. "There's such a variety of things to do," Posey said. "It's

exhilarating in October. You have thousands of people coming here. They're not coming here because they have to, but because they want to. It's not at all like waiting in line to buy gasoline. "They see neighbors here. It's a social place. It's different from other events. You might go to a sporting event where it might be similar. It's not a pressure situation for (customers)," Posey said, then laughed, and added "But it is for me." Posey doesn't know if the press is the same one used more than 100 years ago, but it is the same model. That press has gears and switches and requires more

labor than the newer presses. Posey said mixing the hard apples with the soft ones helps prevent the pores of the press from plugging up. Yates Cider Mill belongs to the Michigan Cider Makers Guild. The guild works closely with the Michigan Department of Agriculture on cider making regulations. Good cider requires a mix of varieties, Posey said. "You get a peculiar taste with only one variety. We'll use about five varieties," he said about that weekend's pressing. "We're finishing the summer varieties and we'll be getting into the fall varieties. Those are a better variety

The cider tastes better the further you get into the fall. "Fall is always an exciting time. When you see the trees turn color, it's really an incentive to come out." Information from this story was obtained from the Michigan Apple Committee, a grower funded nonprofit organization devoted to promotion, education and research activities to distinguish the Michigan apple and encourage its consumption by consumers in Michigan and around the world. For more information visit www.michiganapples.com
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CALENDAR

Busch's
 Busch's Markets presents a cooking class series for September. Well Preserved Recipes and Techniques for Enjoying Summer and Fall's Seasonal Bounty throughout the Year. Busch's cooks will be demonstrating safe canning, freezing, drying and bottling techniques. Sample apple butter on Busch's cinnamon swirl bread, eggplant relish on flat iron steaks, orange basil butter on salmon, tomato chutney on Busch's rotisserie chicken and a composed salad with a lemon tarragon vinaigrette. Classes are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. at the following Busch's locations: 15185 Sheldon (at 5 Mile) in Plymouth Thursday Sept. 15 and 24445 Drake Road in Farmington Thursday Sept. 22. Call Farmington store at (248) 427-7400 or Plymouth at (734) 414-5200 for information.
Healthy Cooking Classes
 Vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valene Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands-on experience preparing the recipes. Upcoming classes include Fall 2005 two week series on Oct. 19 and 26 fee \$60 (\$30 each class) and a Beginning Series on Sept. 20 and 27 and Oct. 4. Class fee is \$120 (\$30 each class). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held 6-9 p.m. in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.
Schoolcraft classes
 Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty (between Six

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Cooking 101 Skill Development
 Learn basic cooking terminology and techniques and how to properly use basic knives and hand tools. To make sure you stay healthy and happy discover safe and sanitary methods for food preparation. This two-day course instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel is a prerequisite for all Schoolcraft College's Culinary Education hands-on Culinary Arts classes or you'll need chef's approval for those classes. Cooking 101 is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 20 and 5-9 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 21. Fee is \$105 and \$84 for seniors.
Swiss Chocolates
 Acquire chocolate knowledge. Enjoy demonstrations of how to temper chocolate, produce hollow shells, dip chocolate and caramelize dipping techniques. Class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday Sept. 22 and taught by certified master pastry chef Joe Decker. Fee is \$98 and \$78.40 for seniors.
Hands-On
 Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite site of the Cooking 101 Skill Development class listed above or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others.

International Breads 5-9 p.m. Thursday Oct. 6. Cooking with an Asian Flair 6-9 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 11
Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking two days 6-10 a.m. Friday Oct. 21 and 9 a.m. 1-4 p.m. Saturday Oct. 22
The Community House
 The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham has scheduled fall cooking classes. Each class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. and has a fee of \$30. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com
Expanding Your Palette with Herbs and Spices (Wednesday Sept. 21) will also be taught by Freeman E. Gunnell. Enhance your cooking by learning how to match your ingredients with herbs and spices. Equally important: learn when to use them in the cooking process.
Wanna Try Something a Little Different? will take place Tuesday Sept. 27. Join Peter Engelhardt, Executive Chef at The Community House in preparation of this three course meal that will appeal to all of your senses: thyme scented mushroom on bibb lettuce, sautéed shrimp with feta marsala with couscous. Top it off with peppermint ice cream pie.
Herbs and Spices
 Enhance your cooking by learning how to match your ingredients with herbs and spices and when to use them in the

cooking process. Instructor Freeman E. Gunnell's culinary education has been under the direction of renowned chefs including Jimmy Schmidt, Wolfgang Puck and Madeleine Kamman. Session is \$30 and scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 21
Breads of India
 Learn how to make the yeast free dough to creating several breads on a griddle including flat bread, layered bread and spiced vegetables stuffed bread. Prepare a five minute curry and fresh cucumber salad. Material fee of \$13 payable to instructor at class 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Bring a cup measure, a wide bowl and 2 dish towels. Class is in Room 114 of Derby Middle School 1300 Derby Road Birmingham. Fee is \$39 for Birmingham resident, \$44 for others. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com
Heavenly Vegetarian Curries
 Journey through various regions of India. Prepare four different curries from beans, fresh cheese, vegetables and yogurt including restaurant style dishes like Matar Paneer from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in room 114 at Derby Middle School 1300 Derby Road Birmingham. Bring a dish towel. Material fee of \$13 payable to instructor at class. The fee is \$39 for a Birmingham resident and \$44 for others.

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WINE CALENDAR

Wine Tasting
Enjoy a Kosher Wine Tasting Adventure and Bloom's Jewish Cuisine featuring over 100 kosher wines from around the world 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday Sept. 22 at the Vineyard Marketplace Cafe and Catering 32418 Northwestern Highway (between Middlebelt and 14 Mile) in Farmington Hills. The event is hosted by Vineyard Marketplace Vineyard Wine Cellar Bloom's Jewish Cuisine Deli Basket Nibbles and Nuts Maggie's Chocolates and Maggie's Chocolate Fountains. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call (248) 855-9463 for information.

Wine Exploration
The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham has scheduled a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend the wine classes. To register or for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Nidai Daher and Marc Jonna will be the instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale dis-

tributors for more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scribe for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment. Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America. Classes in the series are:
 ■ California and the Pacific Northwest Sept. 21 (\$29) Discover wines of California, Oregon and Washington state. Learn to find the values as well as highly acclaimed and rare wines from these regions. Learn to discern the differences between varieties and how to optimally match wines with appropriate meals. A parallel tasting of eight wines representing these areas is included.
 ■ French Wines Sept. 28 (\$26) Receive an introduction to wines from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser known areas. Learn about

the variety of French wines and how to read appellations, distinguish between vintages and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted.
 ■ More about French Wines Oct. 5 (\$26) Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence. Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts do.
 ■ Italian Wines Oct. 26 (\$26) Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine producing country. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed.
 ■ The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand Nov. 9 (\$26) Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.
 ■ Champagne and Sparkling Wines Nov. 16 (\$26) Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

PUMPKIN

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flour pan, set aside. Beat cake mix, pumpkin, eggs, milk, oil and pumpkin pie spice in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping sides of bowl as necessary. Stir in oats. Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle reserved streusel evenly over batter. Bake 32 to 38 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Remove to wire rack. Cool completely.

For topping, combine apple pie filling, lemon juice and cinnamon in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover, leaving a corner open for venting. Microwave on medium until evenly heated, about 4 minutes, stirring once.

To serve, cut cake into squares. Top with warm apples. Makes 15 servings.

Cook's Tip If desired, cake may be served warm.

Nutritional information (1/15 of recipe): calories, 390; calories from fat, 150; total fat, 17g; saturated fat, 5g; cholesterol, 75mg; sodium, 300mg; total carbohydrates, 54g; dietary fiber, 2g; and protein, 7g.

APPLE-SCOTCH OAT BARS

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups oats (quick or old fashioned uncooked)*
- 1 medium Granny Smith apple, unpeeled, finely chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup (6 ounces) butterscotch flavored baking chips
- Sifted confectioners' sugar for sprinkling, if desired

*If using old-fashioned oats, add

an additional 2 tablespoons flour.
Heat oven to 350° F. Spray 13 by 9-by 2-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray.

In large bowl, beat butter and sugars at medium speed of electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla, beat until well combined. Add combined flour, baking powder and salt. Beat on low speed just until combined. Stir in oats, apple and butterscotch chips. Spread evenly into prepared pan.

Bake 35 to 38 minutes until light golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar, if desired. Store tightly covered. Makes 48 bars.

Nutrition information (1 bar): calories, 100; calories from fat, 50; total fat, 17g; saturated fat, 3.5g; cholesterol, 20mg; sodium, 65mg; total carbohydrates, 13g; dietary fiber, 0.5g; and protein, 1g.

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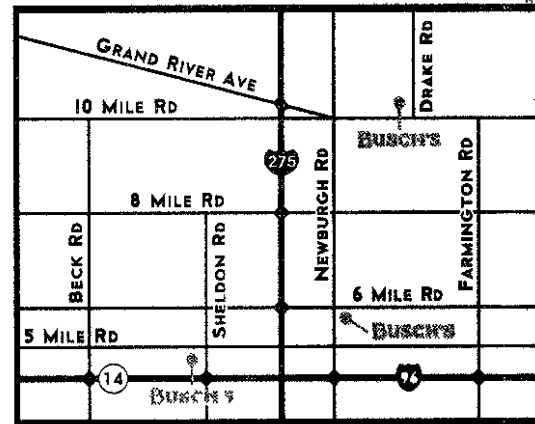
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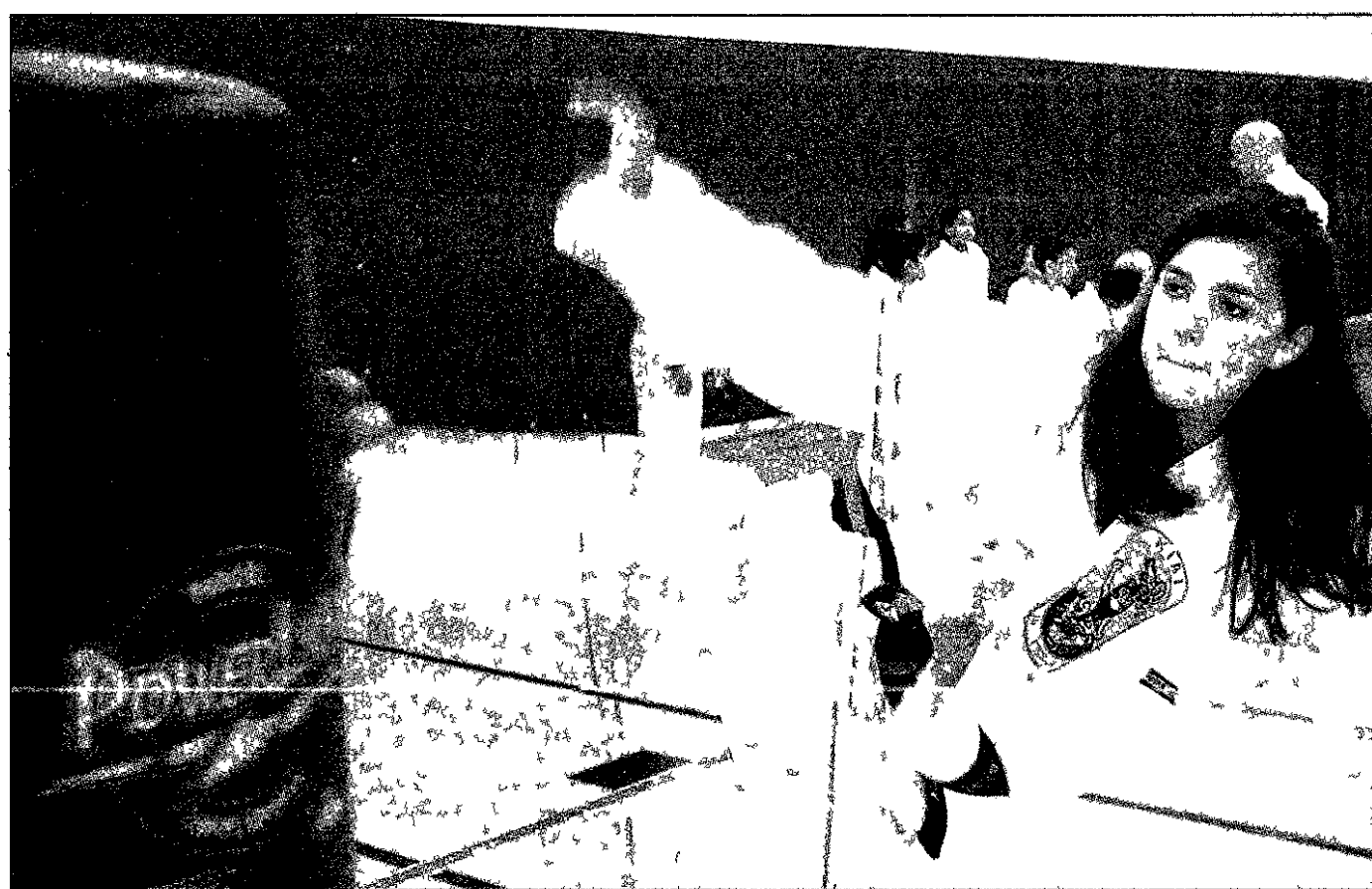
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Canton resident Courtney McKinney, 14, works out at the Summit on the Park Monday afternoon prior to her karate class. McKinney, a freshman at Westland John Glenn High School, has already earned a junior black belt in the sport.

Karate kid

14-year-old earns junior black belt, peers' respect

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's much more to karate than kicking, chopping and screaming "HI-YAAHH!" for 14-year-old Canton resident Courtney McKinney.

Sure, the sport gets physical at times for the ninth-grader, who has already turned years of hard work and dedication into a coveted junior black belt. But it's the mental side of the ancient practice that has paid the most dividends for the Westland John Glenn student.

Since I started working with Courtney in the martial arts when she was 8, I have seen her blossom from a shy young girl into a very self-confident young woman," said Helen Franklin, a master instructor who has taught McKinney karate skills at Canton's Summit on the Park for the

past six years. "Courtney is very good at karate because she is very passionate about it. I teach a lot of kids and it's easy to tell the kids who are passionate about it and the ones who are just doing it because they're parents want them to do it. Courtney gives 110 percent every time out."

MONEY'S WORTH

When McKinney's parents first plopped down the registration fee for her initial karate class, they had no idea it would snowball into a life-altering activity for their daughter. But they couldn't be happier with results.

"When we first signed Courtney up for karate, we did it because we thought it was important that she learn to defend herself," said Rebecca McKinney, Courtney's mom. "Well,

she can defend her self now, but it's given her so much more than that. It's helped her self-confidence, her self-discipline, her listening skills. I'd recommend it to any parents who are thinking about signing their children up for a class."

DEDICATION PAYS OFF

McKinney, who spends at least four hours a week practicing the martial arts, earned her junior black belt on Aug. 12 when she performed a lengthy routine — referred to as "katas" — in front of eight master judges.

"I was nervous at first," McKinney said of her black belt test. "You have to show endurance, so part of the routine involved sparring for 15 minutes. More than anything, karate has taught me self-discipline and how to

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MHSAA's numbers don't lie

Just as it may be premature to talk about the Detroit Lions and the Super Bowl, it also is a bit early to begin sizing up the state high school football playoffs.

But the Michigan High School Athletic Association came out with some numbers Tuesday with its playoff point summary for all 620 football members.

Four Observerland teams are already halfway to earning a playoff spot with 3-0 records.

The elite group includes Livonia Franklin, which hasn't been to the post-season since it won the inaugural state Class A title in 1975, Westland John Glenn, Redford Union and Redford Thurston.

Franklin has a daunting task this week trying to go 4-0 against perennial Western Lakes Activities Association power Canton, coming off a 21-14 overtime loss to Walled Lake Western.

The Patriots, however, hold one distinction after just three weeks into the nine-game regular season schedule.

Only Rockford, with 96,000 points, holds a higher point total in the state. The next two are Franklin and Sterling Heights Stevenson with 93,333 each.

RU is next in the area with 88,000 followed by Glenn with 82,667. Thurston, listed as a Class B school, has 74,667.

Area schools a third-of-the-way toward the magic six-win figure in order to make the field include Canton, Plymouth, Livonia Stevenson and Lutheran High Westland — all with 2-1 marks.

That makes games a high priority this week for the 1-2 crowd which includes Wayne Memorial, Salem,

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Sidelines

GCYBSA news

The newly formed 9U Canton Cardinals will be holding tryouts for the 2006 season on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2-4 p.m. and Oct. 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Park off Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Players who live in Plymouth or Canton, or who attend a school in one of these townships, is eligible to play.

Interested players should arrive 15 minutes early to sign in. Call Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446.

The GCYBSA Travel Group is accepting coaching applications for the 10U Canton Cubs and the 12U Canton Reds. Interested coaches and prospective players should send an e-mail to: thepotters@wowway.com

Pens' fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team will be hosting a fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 24, at Carvel Ice Cream, located 41990 Ford Road in Canton. Twenty percent of all sales at Carvel that day will be donated to the team. Carvel, which is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., sells a variety of ice cream items and ice cream cakes.

Lions win 2

The Canton Lions junior football teams won two of three games against the Redford Rangers on Sunday. The Lions freshman squad defeated the Rangers, 32-14. Malcolm Hollingsworth and Devin Slominski had touchdown runs while Kyle Durham returned an interception for a touchdown. The Lions received strong blocking from Luke Denzer, Brandon Lee, Jacob Roberts and Travis McCall.

The JV squad upended the Rangers, 41-0. The Lions' scoring attack was led by Joshua Nolen (three touchdowns), and David Emminger and David Edwards, who had one each. Defensive standouts included Austin Payne, who scored a touchdown after recovering a fumble, Clay Behrman (safety), Eric Haase and Kamal Mhelsen.

The Lions varsity squad fell, 26-14. After falling behind 13-0 in the first quarter, the Lions stormed back to take a 14-13 lead midway through the third quarter. Caleb Rankins and Robert Barackman scored TD's for the Lions, who received strong defensive performances from Matt Sauter and Alex Dixon.

College applause

Former Salem soccer standout Kelly Lepper (class of 2005) scored her first two collegiate goals Saturday for Kalamazoo College.

Olivet College junior soccer player Kelli McKee, a graduate of Canton High School, was named captain for the 2005 season. McKee has been a starter for the Lady Comets for the past two seasons.

Salem holds off Tigers' late rally

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's 17-0 first-quarter lead over Belleville Tuesday proved to be insurmountable.

But just barely. After digging themselves into a hole — no, make that a crater — the scrappy Tigers clawed back to get to within 39-35 in the fourth quarter before falling, 43-35.

The victory boosted Salem's record to 2-1. Belleville fell to 1-2. "After we got up 17-0, I think

PREP HOOP

everyone relaxed a little bit," said Salem junior forward Teresa Coppellie. "And we didn't un-relax until the fourth quarter."

A trio of Rock players — Coppellie, Tayler Langham and Brianne Clarin — were instrumental in staving off the Belleville comeback. Coppellie finished with a game-high 15 points and 12 rebounds while Langham calmly buried all six of her free throw attempts in the game's final three minutes.

Clarin scored just four points, but she handled the ball and the Tigers' pressure defense effectively and efficiently. Clarin's back-court mate, sophomore Alaya Mitchell, tallied all 10 of her points in the first half.

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Reserves play key role in Rocks' 2-0 win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A pair of subs torpedoed Livonia Churchill's soccer team Monday night at the P-CEP soccer stadium.

Salem substitutes Steve Gallagher and Baze Efremov combined on a dazzling score with 23:50 left in the game to clinch the Rocks' 2-0 victory. Gallagher out-raced the Chargers' defense for a ball on the left wing before threading a perfect centering pass to a breaking Efremov, who pushed the ball past a helpless Jason Corey.

Efremov entered the game three minutes before his electrifying goal. "I was pleased with what he did out there," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said of Efremov, who almost scored a second time during his five-minute, second-half shift.

PREP SOCCER

"Steve Gallagher also played with a lot of energy. They both played tough when we needed it."

Salem had broken a scoreless tie 10 minutes earlier when Alex Lumley headed the ball past Corey after receiving a dead-on pass from teammate Jon Gibson in front of the net.

Rock goal-keeper Brian Field played flawlessly in recording his fourth shutout of the season.

The win boosted Salem's record to 6-2-1 (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division). Churchill fell to 3-3 (0-1 in the Lakes).

"I thought we gave a great effort," said Churchill coach Reid Freidrichs. "But their

goal-keeper made two outstanding plays and they scored on their two best chances. We did a poor job defending their restarts, too. Both of their goals came off restarts. One was on a corner kick and the other a free kick. That's something we're going to have to improve on."

Both goalkeepers made a couple of spectacular saves that were worthy of an appearance on *Sportscenter*. Corey's best effort came with 13:00 left in the game when he denied Salem's Tom Bennett from the doorstep after Bennett maneuvered through three Charger defenders.

Field came up big two minutes into the second half when he made a leaping effort to knock away Jason Gillo's potential lead-grabbing goal.

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Northville ends Spartans' WLAA reign

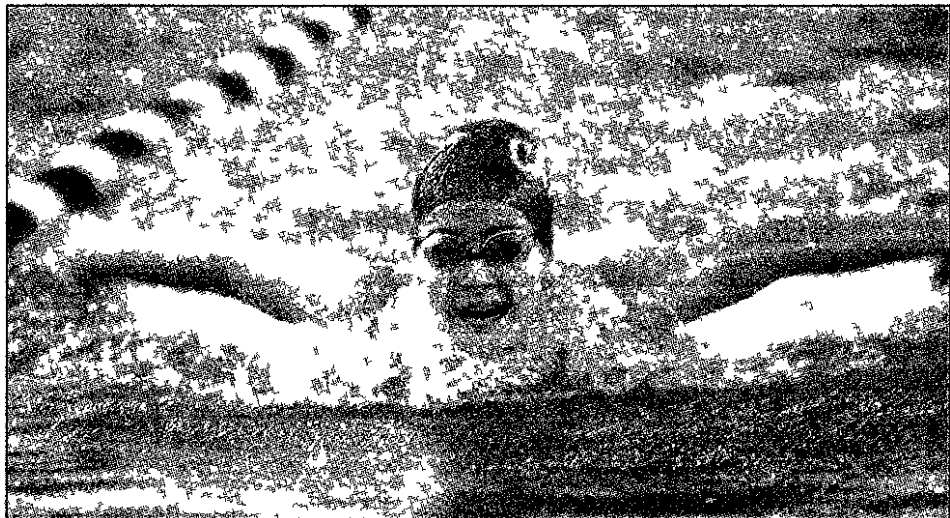
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BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

All streaks ultimately come to an end and that was the case Saturday at Salem HS.

Livonia Stevenson's 14-year stranglehold on Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Swim Relays titles was swept away by Northville, which scored a team-high 266 points to edge the Spartans, who finished runner-up with 253.

It was the same exact total of a year ago when Stevenson edged the Mustangs by a mere two points in the all-relay race for-



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton sophomore Maddy McDuff was a key member of two of the Chiefs' relay teams in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays, which were held at Salem. Canton finished seventh.

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SWIMMING

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Northville, ranked No. 4 in Division I, won four relay events to Stevenson's three. Stevenson coach Greg Phill, who has guided the Spartans to 14 straight conference meet titles, downplayed the significance of the Western Lakes Relay reign being snapped.

Northville has a pretty nice team and they'll be tough to beat," said Phill, whose team is ranked sixth in Division I. "It happens. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose."

"The kids and I are disappointed, but not devastated. You hate to lose, but it really doesn't mean anything. You take it as it is. Maybe if I had put more research into it we could have done better. We really didn't load up like some other teams did in certain relays."

Stevenson captured firsts in the 400-yard medley, 200 breaststroke and 200 backstroke relays, while Northville earned wins in the 400 freestyle, diving, 500 crescendo freestyle and 200 freestyle relays.

Salem, third in the team standings with 187, took the only other relay first in the 200 medley. The Rocks winning team consisted of Kristin Hartwig, Kim Heaney, Katie Gorman and Allie Stencel.

The Rocks were the highest-finishing local team, earning a third-place showing with 187 points. Plymouth was fourth with 167 and Canton placed seventh with 146.

The Wildcats' best performance was a fourth in the 200-yard backstroke relay. The foursome consisted of Elaine Lafayette, Jordan Morris, Nicole Ambrose and Stephanie Goulet.

'Some of our swimmers are already swimming faster this year than they did all of last year, so that's encouraging.'

Molly Raines
Canton coach

Canton's 500 freestyle relay team of Erin Davison, Katie Kubaki, Laura Landis and Allison Schmitt finished second in 5:06.05.

"Some of our swimmers are already swimming faster this year than they did all of last year, so that's encouraging," said Canton coach Molly Raines. "We have some new people doing well, too, which is nice to see."

Meanwhile, the WLAAs' two top teams square off again next Thursday at Northville in a WLAAs crossover dual.

Our philosophy is that dual meets are like practices, Phill said. "We're going to try and win, but all you can do is do your best. And if you don't, it's back to the drawing board. It will be a good meet. You can't shy away from the competition, but the only meets that mean anything to us are the conference (Nov. 3-5) and the state (Nov. 18-19) meets."

"I'm not worried at all. The kids know what kind of job they have to do. Where Northville made the most ground was in diving, taking a first to Stevenson's sixth."

"We lost 14 points there and it's pretty tough to swallow, but you have to swallow it," Phill said. "I'm pretty happy with the way the swimming went. I'm not overly concerned about this because it's a long season and the kids are working hard."

Salem swim roster deep, talented

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls swim team will find strength in numbers this season.

The Rocks' roster is filled with 65 swimmers, giving veteran coach Chuck Olson plenty of depth.

"We still have some work to do, but we're getting there," Olson said, sizing up his large team. "There are quite a few good teams in our league this year, so it should be interesting. Livonia Stevenson, obviously, will be up there along with Northville, which has some pretty nice talent coming back. They have quality and depth. Canton should be good again and Livonia Churchill will be nice to see."

improved."

Salem enjoyed a successful 2004 campaign, finishing second in both the conference meet and in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Leading the Rocks' 2005 contingent will be senior tri-captains Kelsey Lincoln, Kim Heaney and Kate Musson. All three qualified for the Division I state meet last year.

"I can't think of an event Kelsey won't swim," Olson said, referring to Lincoln. "She's versatile and talented."

Rounding out the strong senior class will be Stacy Yee and Amy Benson.

"We have a very good group of seniors this year," Olson emphasized.

Salem's junior class will be paced by Kelly Behr, Kristie Memamis, Danielle Roy, Andrea Spohn and Ally Stencel. Katie Gorman, Kristen Hartwig and Allison Burke are the team's most talented 10th-graders, while Whitney Aumiller, Emily Bar, Katie Koetting and Elizabeth Staff give Olson a balanced freshmen class.

"We have 12 seniors, 15 juniors and 20 sophomores, so we're very balanced," Olson said. "We also have good leadership. Now we have to get all 65 girls on the same page, which will be a lot of work for the captains."

CANTON

The Chiefs, who were the WLAAs Western Division champions in 2004, lost several tal-

ented swimmers to graduation, but still boast a strong line-up led by state qualifiers Allison Schmitt, Alyssa Johnson, Izabela Paszkowska and Laura Landis. Schmitt has the flashiest credentials heading into this season after qualifying for the Division I state meet in several events in 2004.

"Allison has a lot to look forward to in her high school career," said Raines. "She's improved her skills and times since last year and it will be fun to watch her accomplishments grow the next couple of years."

"Our goal is to get as many girls to qualify for the state meet as possible." Serving as the team's tri-captains will be seniors Molly Dowd, Alex Martin and Alissa Vermuelen.

SWIMMING STATISTICS

WLAAs CONFERENCE RELAYS

Saturday at Salem

FINAL STANDINGS

1 Northville 266, 2 Livonia Stevenson 253, 3 Salem 187, 4 Plymouth 167, 5 Livonia Churchill 162, 6 Westland John Glenn 159, 7 Canton 146, 8 WL Central 115, 9 WL Western 110, 10 WL Northern 73, 11 Livonia Franklin 70, 12 Wayne Memorial 56.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

400-yard medley relay

1 Livonia Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Katie Kress, Rebecca Hurn) 4:16.63, 2 Westland John Glenn (Amanda Buelow, Jill Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jaclyn Burgess) 4:25.57, 3 Northville (Alandra Greenice, Yvonne Lunn, Emily Hopican, Chelsea Miller) 4:26.95, 4 WL Western 4:31.88, 5 Salem 4:33.19, 6 Livonia Churchill 4:49.10, 7 WL Northern 4:53.82, 8 Plymouth 4:58.22, 9 Canton 5:01.50, 10 Livonia Franklin 5:51.98, 11 WL Central 5:56.55, 12 Wayne 6:29.16.

400 freestyle relay

1 Northville (Grace Fredlake, Tanya Tereszczenko, Lauren Moak, Ava Ohlgren) 3:42.36, 2 Livonia Stevenson (Laura Tunson, Stephame Buckley, Blake Holtz, Anna

Polkowski) 3:51.89, 3 Canton (Laura Landis, Madeleine McDuff, Alyssa Johnson, Allison Schmitt) 3:54.94, 4 Salem 3:56.10, 5 Westland John Glenn 4:07.52, 6 Plymouth, 4:13.54, 7 Livonia Churchill 4:22.53, 8 WL Northern, 4:23.29, 9 Livonia Franklin 4:28.47, 10 WL Central, 4:41.04, 11 Wayne 4:41.38, 12 WL Western 5:10.09.

200 breast relay

1 Livonia Stevenson (Brynn Marecki, Lisa Koch, Laura Hurn, Adriane Turlo) 2:15.45, 2 Northville (Amanda Suokas, Yvonne Lunn, Julie Gotberg, Sarah Carr) 2:20.85, 3 WL Central (Madi Sewell, Rebecca Lee, Emily Head, Brittany Buchanan) 2:21.51, 4 Livonia Churchill 2:21.97, 5 Plymouth 2:28.46, 6 WL Western, 2:32.83, 7 Westland John Glenn 2:32.83, 8 Salem, 2:36.12, 9 Canton, 2:38.24, 10 WL Northern 2:45.58, 11 Wayne, 2:51.55, 12 Livonia Franklin, 3:11.61.

200 backstroke relay

1 Livonia Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Christine Hiltz, Kieran Dolin, Katie Kress) 2:01.50, 2 Livonia Churchill (Nieri Avanesian, Emily Hiser, Sam Reid, Mary Sherada), 2:03.42, 3 Salem (Kelsey Lincoln, Kristin Hartwig,

Elizabeth Staff, Amy Benson), 2:03.93, 4 Plymouth 2:04.68, 5 WL Central 2:05.63, 6 Canton 2:11.47, 7 Northville, 2:11.78, 8 Westland John Glenn, 2:14.21, 9 Wayne 2:16.00, 10 WL Northern, 2:17.72, 11 WL Western, 2:20.92, 12 Livonia Franklin 3:05.88.

Diving

1 Northville, 308.75, 2 WL Northern 271.55, 3 Livonia Franklin 247.60, 4 WL Central, 243.20, 5 WL Western 240.45, 6 Livonia Stevenson, 222.70, 7 Plymouth, 218.50, 8 Salem, 203.55, 9 Livonia Churchill 191.10, 10 Westland John Glenn 181.90, 11 Canton 157.45, 12 Wayne DQ.

500 freestyle relay

1 Northville (Sarah Anker, Katie Stewart, Alandra Greenice, Grace Fredlake) 4:51.39, 2 Canton (Erin Davison, Katie Kubaki, Laura Landis, Allison Schmitt) 5:06.05, 3 Livonia Stevenson (Brittany Eilers, Stephame Buckley, Emily Cauzillo, Rebecca Hurn), 5:07.26, 4 WL Central 5:13.83, 5 Salem 5:26.31, 6 Livonia Churchill 5:28.64, 7 Plymouth 5:37.24, 8 Westland John Glenn 6:00.00, 9 WL Western 6:26.79, 10 Livonia Franklin 6:30.65, 11 WL Northern, 6:34.73, 12 Wayne 7:25.40.

200 medley relay

1 Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Kim Heaney, Katie Gorman, Allie Stencel) 2:01.26, 2 Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Julie Gotberg, Meghan Kanya, Alley Davidson), 2:03.64, 3 Plymouth (Elaine Lafayette, Sarah Palczynski, Stephame Goulet, Alyssa Laakos) 2:05.37, 4 Livonia Stevenson, 2:06.11, 5 Livonia Franklin, 2:17.48, 6 Westland John Glenn, 2:19.40, 7 WL Western 2:20.52, 8 Livonia Churchill, 2:21.96, 9 Canton 2:26.25, 10 WL Central 2:35.61, 11 WL Northern, 2:37.51, 12 Wayne, 2:41.89.

200 freestyle relay

1 Northville (Katie Stewart, Rachel Ehglert, Lauren Moak, Sarah Anker) 1:50.38, 2 Livonia Stevenson (Brittany Eilers, Megan Gosdzanski, Kristin Turbiak, Blake Holtz) 1:51.90, 3 Wayne (Kelsey Drennan, Chelsea Randles, Olivia LaFortune, Madelyn Bevil), 1:53.09, 4 Westland John Glenn, 1:53.29, 5 Plymouth, 1:55.96, 6 Canton, 1:59.25, 7 Salem 1:59.76, 8 Livonia Churchill 2:00.35, 9 WL Central 2:08.36, 10 Livonia Franklin 2:24.03, 11 WL Northern, 2:24.29, 12 WL Western 2:29.80.

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Garden City and Clarenceville. With their proverbial backs to the wall at 0-3 is Livonia Churchill, which reached the third round of the playoffs a year ago.

As far as the prediction race, little changed after last week as all three prognosticators each finished 10-2.

The standings remain the same as this week's columnist holds a slim advantage at 28-6 overall followed by Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Wright at 27-7 and Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith at 26-8.

Here is a sneak peek at this weekend's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7 p.m. unless noted)
Liv Stevenson (2-1, 1-0) at Liv Churchill (0-3, 0-1) The last time these two teams met was in the Division I state playoffs with Churchill pulling off a 28-17 surprise. How things have changed in less than nine months. The Chargers have been outscored 101-14, while Stevenson is averaging 34 points per game. PICKS: Emons (Stevenson), Smith (Stevenson), Wright (Stevenson).

Canton (2-1, 0-1) at Liv Franklin (3-0, 1-0) Canton, which suffered its first loss against a WLAAs foe since 2002, probably won't have third-year starting quarterback Shawn Little (medical condition) back in the line up for at least another week. Franklin off to its best start since 1992 is counting its lucky stars after being statistically dominated last week by Plymouth in a 14-7 victory. PICKS: Emons (Canton), Smith (Franklin), Wright (Canton).

Westland Glenn (3-0, 1-0) at WL Central (1-2, 1-0) The Rockets face their stiffest test to date in a key WLAAs Lakes Division encounter. Central is a formidable opponent having taken Canton to the limit only two weeks earlier before losing 24-21. Glenn's defense has given up just 29 total points. PICKS: Emons (Central), Smith (Central), Wright (Central).

WL Western (3-0, 1-0) at Wayne (1-2, 0-1) Western is riding high after downing Canton, 21-14. The Warnos also have the revenge factor having lost to Wayne in two previous encounters 30-23 (in 2004) and 15-7 (in 2003). Wayne needs to cut down on turnovers to have a chance. PICKS: Emons (Western), Smith (Western), Wright (Western).

Northville (1-2, 1-0) vs. Plymouth (2-1, 0-1) at CEP The Mustangs picked up their first win for new coach Ryan Hockman last week in a 27-6 thrashing of turnover-plagued Wayne. If the statistics sheet reads right, Plymouth should be 3-0 instead of 2-1 after being stunned on a late bomb by Franklin in a 14-7 setback. PICKS: Emons (Plymouth),

Smith (Plymouth), Wright (Plymouth).

Ypsilanti (1-2) at Red Thurston (3-0) The Braves minus their starting quarterback and running back, built 13-0 first quarter lead last week against Dearborn Heights Robichaud before falling 38-20. Thurston the Mega Blue Division leader at 2-0 is coming off a 48-28 win over River Rouge. Ypsilanti is 1-1 in the Mega Gold Division. PICKS: Emons (Thurston), Smith (Thurston), Wright (Thurston).

Dbn Edsel Ford (0-3, 0-1) at Redford Union (3-0, 2-0) The Panthers halfway to another playoff berth, are quietly putting together another solid season after moving up two divisions to the Mega White RU handled Woodhaven last week, 38-14. Edsel Ford has losses to Southgate (33-14), Lincoln Park (36-34) and Dearborn (35-7). PICKS: Emons (RU), Smith (RU), Wright (RU).

Gib Carlson (3-0, 1-0) at Garden City (1-2, 1-1) The Cougars, coming off a 35-0 setback to Highland Park, face another high-powered offense in the Marauders, who have romped the past two weeks with wins over Romulus (52-14) and Ecorse (66-0) after starting the year with a victory over Erie Mason (28-12). PICKS: Emons (Carlson), Smith (Carlson), Wright (Carlson).

WL Northern (0-3, 0-1) vs. Salem (1-2, 0-1), 7:30 p.m. at CEP The Knights have played the stronger schedule and are hungry for their first-ever WLAAs victory, while Salem is coming off back-to-back losses to Plymouth (42-7) and Walled Lake Central (48-8). PICKS: Emons (Northern), Smith (Salem), Wright (Salem).

Lutheran North (3-0, 3-0) at Liv Clarenceville (1-2, 1-2), 7:30 p.m. Unbeaten Lutheran North owns wins over Clawson (27-7), Lutheran Northwest (21-14) and Hamtramck (37-12) while Clarenceville earned its first victory last week against previously unbeaten Harper Woods as 250-pound fullback Marcus Watkins bulled his way to 203 yards and three touchdowns. North won last year's meeting, 42-28. PICKS: Emons (North), Smith (Clarenceville), Wright (North).

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all 1 p.m.)
Hamtramck (0-3, 0-3) at Luth Westland (2-1, 2-0) The Warriors lost 20-0 to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore in a non-conference game but can stay atop the Metro Conference with a victory over winless Hamtramck, which is coming off a 37-12 setback to Lutheran North. PICKS: Emons (Lutheran Westland), Smith (Lutheran Westland), Wright (Lutheran Westland).

Waterford Mt. Zion (0-3) at Red Covenant (0-2) Covenant (formerly Bishop Borgess) is coming off a bye week, while Waterford Mount Zion is trying to pick up the pieces after an 0-3 start which includes lopsided setbacks to Morenci (85-0), Wyoming Lee (73-12) and Romulus Summit Academy (52-14). That adds up to being outscored, 210-26. PICKS: Emons (Covenant), Smith (Covenant), Wright (Covenant).

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KARATE

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walk away from conflict ' In the three tournaments McKinney has competed in, she's walked away with one gold medal and two bronzes. She was invited to compete in a national tournament at Walt Disney World this past summer, but a previously planned vacation prevented her from going.

"Courtney's strongest move is probably the front kick, Rebecca McKinney said. "She could knock a six-foot person down with one with no problem. But because of the restraint they're taught, she'd never use the move unless it was absolutely necessary."

McKinney's karate skills are so advanced that she was asked to help teach a class at the Summit.

"She's a fabulous teacher," Franklin noted. "Even though the kids in her class are her peers, they have a lot of respect for her, especially when they see her black belt. They look at her as their mentor."

SECOND SPORT

The athletic McKinney has picked up another sport in the past few months that is similar to karate in that it requires a strong mental approach.

"We were at an open house at John Glenn High School and they had a putting green set up," Rebecca McKinney said. "The golf coach saw her and said, 'Sign her up.' He said she has a natural swing."

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Courtney McKinney instructs a karate class Monday afternoon at Canton's Summit on the Park. The 14-year-old high school freshman has participated in the sport since she was 8.

Youssef's three goals power Plymouth, 6-0

Plymouth's Ali Youssef tallied a hat trick and Jim Wilbur added a pair of goals Monday night as the host Wildcats (5-3-1) blanked Westland John Glenn, 6-0, in a WLAA crossover.

The setback dropped the Rockets to 2-1-2.

Justin Shendan also scored for Plymouth, which led 2-0 at the half. Assists went to Sean Dillon, Tyler Floyd and Shendan.

Plymouth goalie Nick Seikirk recorded the shutout.

Plymouth 2, Farmington 0: Justin Sheridan and Nick Plescia scored goals on Saturday for the Wildcats on assists from Ryan Pritz and Colin Rolfe, respectively.

Plymouth net-minder Nick Seikirk notched the shutout. "I thought Colin Rolfe really stepped up his game Saturday," said Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich. "He really took charge out on the field."

Canton 2, W.L. Central 1: The Chiefs overcame a red

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card 10 minutes into the game and won it on Erik McKee's goal with 3:25 left.

The Vikings jumped in front 1-0 seven minutes into the game, but Canton knotted it 1-1 on Paul Newall's goal at the 33:20 mark of the first half. Newall's goal was assisted by Keith Campbell and Kyle Gring. Campbell also assisted on McKee's game-winner, which came off of a corner kick.

Parker Laabs was solid in net for the Chiefs, who improved to 5-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Salem wins tourney: Salem's soccer team went 2-0-1 Saturday to capture the East Lansing Invitational Soccer Tournament. The Rocks opened with a convincing 6-1 victory over Midland Dow. Six different Rocks scored: Chris Lidster, Tom Bennett, Aaron

Florn, Alex Lumley, Steve Gallagher and Kyle Freeman. Adam Brown (two), Jake Bennett, Tom Bennett, Baze Efrimov and Gallagher were credited with assists.

Matt Smokovitz earned the win in goal for the Rocks.

Salem and East Lansing battled to a scoreless tie in the second game. Brian Field sparked in net for the Rocks.

Salem earned the title by ousting Ann Arbor Huron, 3-2, in the third game. Alex Lumley scored the game-winning goal after receiving a pass from Florn. Tom Bennett and Jake Bennett accounted for the Rocks' first two goals. They were assisted by Lumley and Lidster.

"It was a great weekend for the entire team," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We played three games in the heat and I think it gave us some momentum for the Churchill game (Monday night)."

Salem and East Lansing battled to a 0-0

PREP TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 4, W.L. NORTHERN 4

Monday at W.L. Northern
No 1 singles: Elizabeth Mullane (WLN) def. Alex Ware (S) 6-2, 6-0.
No 2: Karen Mullane (WLN) def. Mo Bohr 6-1, 7-6(6). **No 3:** Kate Gurskus (S) def. Jamie Spohn 6-4, 6-2. **No 4:** Tracy Lytle (S) def. Shelby Mitter 7-5, 6-2.

No 1 doubles: Laura Burton/Shobha Narasimhan (S) def. Amy Woody/Jordan Simpson, 6-3, 6-1. **No 2:** Danielle Price/Caitlin Stott (WLN) def. Dana Anderson/Claire Madill, 6-1, 6-3. **No 3:** Shailee Patel/Stephame Simowski (S) def. Britney Nelson/Mary West 6-7(1), 7-6(3), 6-4. **No 4:** Jessica Len/Audrey Topp (WLN) def. Kait McKinley/Liz McKinley, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6(6).

Record: Salem 2-0-2

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6

PLYMOUTH 2
Sept. 12 at Plymouth
No 1 singles: Amanda Moccia (LS) defeated Sarah Hillegonds 6-0, 6-0. **No 2:** Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Kelly Armbruster 6-0, 6-2. **No 3:** Amanda Khoury (LS) def. Stephanie Hagen 6-2, 3-1 (default). **No 4:** Lindsay

Hostetter (LS) def. Chelsea Woodruff 6-2, 6-0.

No 1 doubles: Laura Sims-Jube Francisco (LS) def. Natalie Maurer-Amanda Hastings 6-0, 6-1. **No 2:** Kinnari Patel-Katie Hughes (P) def. Laura Dulude-Danielle Villare 6-4, 6-0. **No 3:** Noha Bacha-Emily Sinnott (P) def. Jessica Waggener Jenn Mannsto, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. **No 4:** Ameha Lepping-Rachel Simari (LS) def. Kristin Schroeder-Lauren Strahm 3-6, 6-1, 7-6(7-4).
Stevenson's dual meet record: 4-2 overall, 4-1 WLAA.

SALEM 7

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

Sept. 9 at John Glenn
No 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Sarah Layton 6-1, 6-2. **No 2:** Mo Bohr (S) def. Nikku Whitney, 6-0, 6-1. **No 3:** Katie Gurskus (S) def. Jenny Lyp, 6-1, 6-1. **No 4:** Tracy Lytle (S) def. Mary Bruce, 6-0, 6-3.

No 1 doubles: Tiffany Underwood-Sara Schroeder (WJG) def. Laura Burton-Shoba Narasimhan 6-1, 6-3. **No 2:** Dana Anderson/Claire Madill (S) def. Kasheena Martin/Sara Collins 6-0, 6-1. **No 3:** Stephanie Simowski-Shailee Patel (S) def.

Samantha Giles/Chelsea Moyer, 6-2, 6-1. **No 4:** Tazneem Mohammed-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Amy Neville-Jasmine Pasley 6-0, 6-2.

Dual meet records: Salem 2-0-1 WLAA, Glenn, 0-6 overall, 0-3 WLAA.

CANTON 6

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

Sept. 9 at Canton
No 1 singles: Kelsey Judd (LF) defeated Katie Bedard, 7-6, 6-1. **No 2:** Emily Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Sarah Monarch, 6-2, 6-4. **No 3:** Danielle Maxwell (LF) def. Sana Raheem, 6-1, 7-5. **No 4:** Ann Katherine Letung (C) def. Angela Vicini, 6-0, 6-1.

No 1 doubles: Nicole Burdiss-Johanna Alexander (C) def. Marel Meyers-Anna Stack, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. **No 2:** Lisa Chun-Gunjan Malhotra (C) def. Aryn Browning-Michelle Grant, 6-4, 6-0. **No 3:** Janelle Karnemi-Janelle Burdiss (C) def. Jessica Stehur/Emily Schwartz, 6-1, 6-2. **No 4:** Emily Misko-Amy Provost (C) def. Melissa Kichak-Vanessa Schacht, 6-4, 6-2.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 159

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 173
Sept. 12 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)

Plymouth scorers: Mike Gerisch 38 (co medalist), Andrew Overmeyer 39, Ryan Hoeman 40, Jimmy Vlcek 42, Jeff Selasky 43.

Glenn scorers: Andy Myers 38 (co medalist), Dan Tamarogho and Jim Wood 44 each, Jon Lada 47.

Dual meet records: Plymouth 2-1 Glenn, 0-2 overall, 0-2 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 148
SALEM 167

Sept. 13 at Whispering Willows

Churchill scorers: Tommy Lucko 35 (medalist), Josh Brist 36, Mark Umerik 37, Mike Lawton 40, Sean Olderman 41, Josh Pioben 42.

Salem scorers: Tyler Jeleniewski 40, Joel Cheesman and Jeremy Henderson 42 each, Matt Smith 43, Adam Grady 45, Qunton Higgason 46.

Dual meet records: Churchill 5-1 overall, 5-1 Western Lakes Activities Association, Salem 0-4 overall, 0-4 WLAA.

CANTON 172

LIVONIA STEVENSON 174

Sept. 13 at Hilltop
Canton scorers: Pat Gallagher 41 (co medalist), Derek Trosper 43, Ben Underwood and Joey Eggesfield 45 each, Brandon Underwood 44, Clark Albers 46.

Stevenson scorers: Richard Wynan 41 (co medalist), Shayne Giordano 43, Drew Herron and Ryan Szczypinski 45 each, Jordan Rayburn 47, Andy Jones 48.

Dual meet records: Canton 2-1 WLAA, Stevenson 1-3 overall, 1-3 WLAA.

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 Allen Park at Belleville 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Canton at Flint Northern 7 p.m.
 Southgate Anderson at Plymouth 7 p.m.
 Salem at Howell 7 p.m.
 Detroit Urban at Canton Agape at United Christian 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 16
 PCA at Macomb 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
 Farmington Mercy at Salem 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Calvary Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 16
 Agape at Huron Valley 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Birmingham Roeper 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
 Adrian at Plymouth at PCEP turf field 11:30 a.m.
 Salem at Troy Athens 2 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Canton Salem and Plymouth at City Meet at Cass Benton 4:35 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
 Canton at Ludington Invite 9:45 a.m.
 Plymouth at Holly Invite 11 a.m.
 Salem at New Boston Huron Invite TBA
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Canton Salem and Plymouth at City Meet at Cass Benton 4:35 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
 Canton at Ludington Invite 10:30 a.m.
 Plymouth at Autumn Classic TBA
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Wyandotte at Belleville 7 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Plymouth Christian at Belleville 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16
 Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson 3 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern at Brentwood GC 3 p.m.
 Oakland at PCA at Hickory Creek 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 16
 Canton at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Belleville at Taylor Truman 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Salem 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
 Belleville at Dearborn Fordson TBA
 Salem at Saline Invite 8 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 20
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
 St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23
 Alpena at Schoolcraft 6 & 7:30 p.m.
 MU at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.) TBA
Saturday, Sept. 24
 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Quad 11 a.m.
 MU at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.) TBA
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 21
 Kellogg at Schoolcraft 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23
 Madonna at Davenport Univ. 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
 Madonna at Aquinas College 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 21
 Albion JV at Schoolcraft 4 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
 Madonna vs. Concordia Univ. at Livonia's Greenmead Field noon
 Schoolcraft vs. Darton (Ga.) at Georgia Perimeter noon
Sunday, Sept. 25
 Schoolcraft at Georgia Perimeter noon
 TBA - to be announced

Unbeaten Marian topples Chiefs, 39-37

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Canton nearly overcame a couple of huge obstacles Tuesday night a 10-0 deficit and Birmingham Marian, one of the state's top teams in Class A.

The Chiefs scaled the 10-0 deficit, but only temporarily as they dropped a 39-37 decision. Canton led 37-36 with 20 seconds to play when Marian's Ashley Devereux swished a three-point shot to give the Mustangs the lead.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 3-1 while Marian improved to 4-0.

"We rotated well on their last shot and we contested the shot, she just made a great play," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "The girls played hard all night. They went after it. I thought 'Z' (Kelsey Zemanski) did a nice job of pressuring their point guard."

Lisa Ealy led all scorers with 18 points. The senior forward also pulled down seven rebounds. Ja'nee Morton was the next highest scorer for Canton with four points.

Katie Emig, a 6-foot-1 center, paced the winners with 11 points. Devereux finished with five.

After trailing 10-0, Canton cut its deficit to 16-14 at the half. The Chiefs trailed 32-29 with eight minutes to play.

"The main thing I'll remember from this game is how hard the girls competed against a very good team," Samulski said. "We're getting better every game."

The schedule doesn't get any easier for Canton, which travels to Flint Northern tonight for another tough non-conference game.

Plymouth 45, Taylor Truman 38: The Wildcats rode a 19-2 third-quarter advantage to Tuesday night's home victory over the Cougars.

Jeanne Moise led the winners with 16 points and nine rebounds. Colleen Flaherty also had a strong night, pouring in 11.

'We rotated well on their last shot and we contested the shot, she just made a great play.'

Brian Samulski
 Canton coach

Janel Harns netted a team-high 10 for Truman, which fell to 3-1. Plymouth improved to 3-1 with the triumph.

"I thought we played with a lot of effort, especially in the third quarter," said Plymouth coach Michelle Reilly. "We only scored two points in the fourth quarter, so we're still looking to play a complete, 32-minute game. Fortunately, we had a big enough lead to withstand our poor fourth quarter."

Plymouth led 14-11 after the opening quarter, but trailed 26-24 at the intermission. Sparked by a tenacious defensive effort, the 'Cats outscored their visitors 19-2 in the decisive third stanza to take a 43-28 edge into the fourth.

The Wildcats host always-tough Southgate Anderson tonight at 7 p.m.

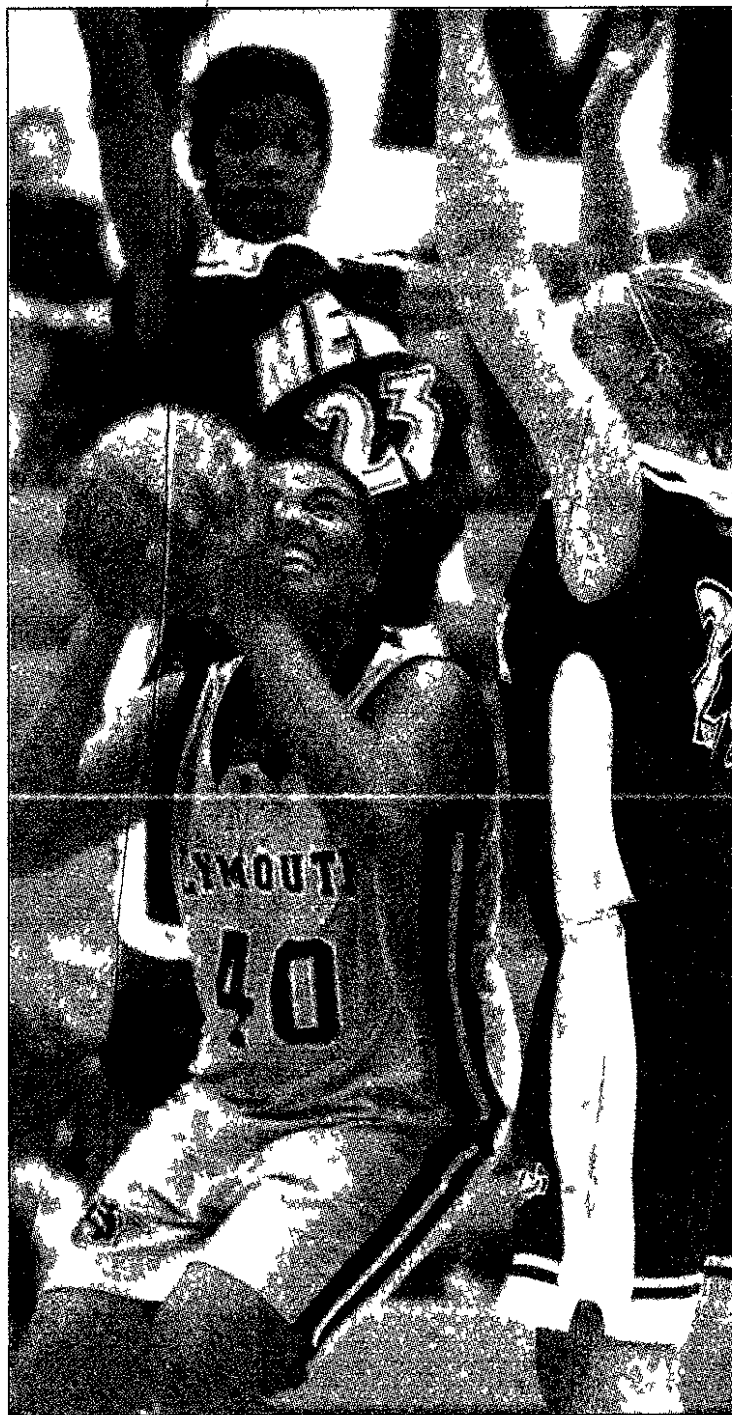
PCA 53, Taylor Baptist Park 23: The Eagles soared over the visiting Wildcats thanks to 19 points and 10 rebounds from senior Kelsey Tietjen. PCA's balanced attack also netted nine points from both Meghan Polera and Sara Ross, and six points from Lauren Beckett.

Ross chipped in with nine assists and Beckett yanked down eight boards.

The victory improved the Eagles' record to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Baptist Park slipped to 1-2 overall.

The Wildcats were led by Tara Pyle's eight points.

"We just outplayed them, it was as simple as that," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "We got the ball out on the break a lot and we made quite a few steals that led to easy lay-ups



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Jeanne Moise (40) pumped in a game-high 16 points in Tuesday night's victory over Taylor Truman. The win lifted the Wildcats to 3-1 heading into tonight's home game against Southgate Anderson.

at the other end. We were consistent the whole game and everybody got an opportunity to play."

PCA led 18-6 after one quarter and 33-10 at the half. The Eagles expanded their lead to 45-15 with eight minutes to

play, which allowed Gerulis to empty her bench.

PCA connected on 3-of-6 free throws while the Wildcats drained just 4-of-13 shots from the charity stripe.

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SALEM

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"I love playing with both of them," Coppellie said of Clann and Mitchell. "They both work very hard. It's going to take a while for everybody to get used to one another after we lost our senior guards from last year, but they're making it easy."

Belleville coach Kevin Edwards couldn't have been more proud of his senior-less team if they had beaten the Rocks by eight points.

"I thought the girls played with a

lot of heart tonight," Edwards said. "They let it all out on the court, which is just as good as a win as far as I'm concerned. We asked them to play with Belleville pride, and they did it."

"Our problem in our two losses this season has been the same — we've fallen behind early and can't quite catch up. I'll have to figure out a way to jumpstart the team a little earlier."

Belleville's junior back-court tandem of Taylor Manley and Danica Holmes struggled early, but came on late to spur on the Tigers' second-half rally. The lightning-quick guards combined to make just 2-of-18 first-

half shots before heating up in the final 16 minutes. Both finished with 14 points.

Jasmine Peterson scored just one point — a fourth-quarter free throw — but she contributed seven rebounds, many in the crunch-time. Junior forward Lauren Kurtz was solid around the basket for the Rocks, netting seven points and 10 boards.

Belleville came with more pressure and intensity in the second half and got back into the game," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "I thought we countered their comeback well in the fourth quarter. Teresa had a couple of

big buckets and Taylor hit all her free throws.

"I thought Brianne played good, solid defense and she only had two or three turnovers."

Salem led 17-2 after one quarter. Both teams may want to erase the video from the second quarter, which saw both squads score just two points each. Belleville, which trailed 19-4 at the intermission, connected on just 2-of-28 first-half shots.

A long triple by Manley with 1:28 left in the third quarter brought the Tigers to within 30-21, the score after three quarters.

Belleville then reeled off the first six points of the fourth quarter to get to within 31-27.

Leading 39-35 with 49.6 seconds left, Salem got two clutch free throws from Langham. Coppellie then iced the win with a blocked shot and rebound on the defensive end. The Tigers fouled Langham with 14.8 to go and she drained both free throws.

Belleville committed five turnovers in the first quarter, but only five more the rest of the game. The Rocks had 15 miscues.

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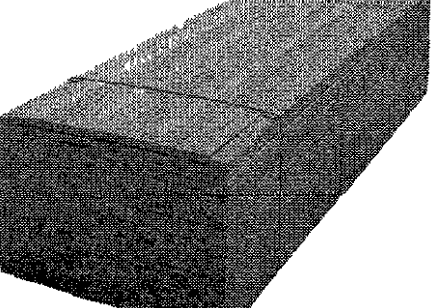
- FALL FESTIVAL RUN**
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5-K RUN
Women's Results
14-and-under: 1 Julie Forster 27:16, 2 Rebecca Krul, 28:35
15-18: 1 Lauren Ahearn 23:28, 2 Sarah Wiercioch, 25:53
19-24: 1 Heather Whittington, 21:46; 2 Asia Rennings, 23:54, 3 Sarah Stobbe, 23:58, 4 Jackie Gauthier 24:54, 5 Elena Drummond, 25:09, 6 Lindsey Pratt 25:10, 7 Katie Roersma, 25:13, 8 Lisa Kozian, 25:38, 9 Andrea Carpinelli, 25:52, 10 Krista Soash, 27:15
25-29: 1 Nicole Schramski, 19:26, 2 Lisa Walters, 23:40, 3 Stephane Gephardt, 25:14, 4 Debbie Axelrod, 25:38, 5 Debi Sherman, 27:18, 6 Lauri Baker, 27:35, 7 Randi McAvoy, 28:33, 8 Laura Lauer, 32:19
30-34: 1. Mn Wiersema, 26:48, 2 Misa Silvester, 28:15, 3 Sarah Banks, 32:46
35-39: 1 Alicia Gresser, 24:24, 2 Angela Hill, 25:04, 3 Barbara Wells-Fox, 25:21, 4 Heidi Grybas, 25:44, 5 Bridgette Trujillo, 25:47, 6 Diane DeAngelis, 25:49, 7 Suzanne Fanning, 25:51, 8 Lisa O'Donnell, 26:05, 9 Jennifer Harding, 26:41, 10 Carol Gardella, 26:46
40-44: 1 Julia Buzzard, 22:43, 2 Kathy Bey, 24:22, 3 Maureen Campbell, 24:38, 4 Kathi Barker, 24:49, 5 Monica Jensen, 25:15, 6 Jeanne Mulhern, 25:23, 7 Kathy Anderson, 27:26, 8 Joanne Randolph, 27:49, 9 M Randazzo Rathiff, 28:02, 10 Melissa Amin, 28:17
45-49: 1 Lorri Mastic, 27:38, 2 Phyllis Tdenrington, 28:57
50-54: 1 Jill Monette, 26:19, 2 Sheiley Gennara, 28:20, 3 Marcy Rice, 30:14, 4 Linda Seley, 30:52, 5 Suzanne Strohmeier, 33:18
55-59: 1 Donna Olson, 22:05, 2 Elaine Antczak, 26:00, 3 Margaret Levine, 32:56
60-and-over: 1 Charlene Axelrod, 32:57
Mens results
14-and-under: 1 Frank Griffiths, 18:10, 2 Michael Peavyhouse, 20:11, 3 Warren Buzzard, 21:51, 4 Taylor Burris, 27:19
19-24: 1 Brian Soash, 21:00, 2 Paul Jewell, 22:12, 3 Brian Hejka, 22:15, 4 David Ford, 22:20, 5 Ben Shaft, 23:28, 6 Jonathan Johnson, 28:16
25-29: 1 Mark Hoffman, 17:17, 2 Andrew McDonald, 18:27, 3 Douglas Herrman, 19:47, 4 Dale Maskill, 20:52, 5 Dan Elder, 23:05, 6 Brian Krautler, 23:29, 7 Mike Drummond, 29:27
30-34: 1 Greg Gage, 27:01, 2 Jamie Miller, 29:40
35-39: 1 Dean Brown, 20:43, 2 Joon Sung, 20:46, 3 Stan Wojciechowski, 21:52, 4 Wyatt Hazlett, 23:52
40-44: 1 Bob Hickson, 20:44, 2 Brian Anderson, 20:47, 3 Greg Wiercioch, 21:03, 4 Kevin Grady, 21:17, 5 Jim Zittle, 23:08, 6 Mark Gresser, 23:38, 7 Michael Rossman, 26:00, 8 Mike Krul, 28:41, 9 Rod Dunlap, 31:12
45-49: 1 Paul Benson, 22:56, 2 Chip Griffiths, 23:31, 3 Michael Stephen, 24:08, 4 Jack Wilson, 24:17, 5 Paul Offer, 25:16, 6 Gregory Ryan, 25:43, 7 Jeff Burris, 27:46, 8 Gene Myers, 28:17, 9 John Johnson, 29:48, 10 Mark Brown, 29:57
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ONE-MILE RUN
1 Anthony Thibodeau, 6:36, 2 Paula Schubats, 6:42, 3 Keith Erichsen, 6:59, 4 Taylor Burris, 7:28, 5 Daniel Ahearn, 7:33, 6 Jacob Stephen, 7:33, 7 Bobby Hickson, 7:40, 8 Jennifer Erichson, 8:07, 9 Emma Fricke, 8:18, 10 Alexander Merced, 9:59



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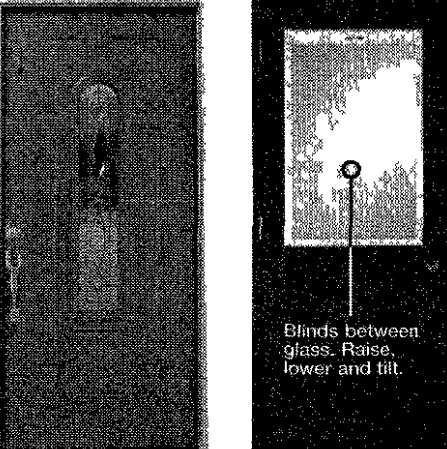


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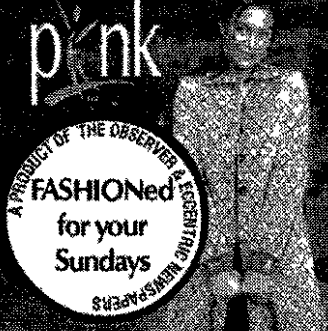
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One of the many duties I do at Sports Radio WDFN AM (1130) is host the Detroit Lions postgame show. You know the usual drill over the last few years: cry about the loss, scream about the quarter backing, yell at coaching decisions and generally whine about a franchise that has been 16-48 under its current regime.

Heading into this season, optimism was higher than it's been around here in a long time, even after the brutal prime time exhibition game against St. Louis.

Many of us wondered aloud: why not the Lions? The NFC North is not very strong, and the Lions seem to be much better on paper. Sunday was a pleasant surprise, to say the least. The



Sean Beligan

Lions beat Brett Favre and the Packers by two touchdowns and held the Packers offense to just a 50 yard field goal a record for lowest scoring by the Packers with Favre as the starter.

Imagine my surprise as caller after caller phoned in to voice their displeasure in regards to this, that or the other thing the Lions did. What? Are you kidding me? Look, I have been as hard, if not harder, on the Lions as anybody the last four years and rightfully so when you average 4-11 seasons in the Millen era,

but you just beat Green Bay in the home opener by two touchdowns! Aren't we a little premature in wanting the world from this unit?

I guess the old saying of learning to crawl before we learn to walk does not apply here. I understand your frustration, I feel it as well. It's not just about the Millen regime; it's the Ross era, it's the frustration of not winning a title since 1957. With that said, the Lions just beat a team and QB that have owned them by two touchdowns to start the season. Was it beautiful? Heck no, it's football. If you want art, go check out Van Gogh and Monet.

I do wish the Lions would go down field more often. I do wish Joey Harrington would play better than

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Gripen Saab of Troy	5-7	5-7	5-7	5-7	5-7	5-7	5-7	5-7
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Honorable Mention - Vicksburg
Division 3 - 1 Madison Heights Bishop Foley 2 Flint Powers Catholic 3 Macomb Lutheran North 4 Jackson Lumen Christi 5 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 6 Grosse Ile 7 Williamston 8 Lansing Catholic Central 9 Stockbridge 10 Muskegon Orchard View
Honorable Mention - Roscommon Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian Grandville Calvin Christian Elkton Pigeon Bay Port
Division 4 - 1 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 2 Allen Park Inter City Baptist 3 Birmingham Roeper 4 Ann Arbor Greenhills 5 North Muskegon 6 Southfield Christian 7 Westland Lutheran 8 Adrian Lenawee Christian 9 Kalamazoo Heritage Christian 10 Jackson Christian

Hemlock
Division 4 - 1 Suttons Bay 2 Traverse City St Francis 3 Harbor Springs 4 North Muskegon 5 Southfield Christian 6 White Pigeon 7 Breckenridge 8 Rudyard 9 Saugatuck 10 Bay City All Saints 11 Muskegon West Michigan Christian

Football
(By the Associated Press)
NOTE - The top 10 teams in the Associated Press high school football poll with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 10 points for a first place vote 9 for second etc. The Michigan High School Athletic Association on Oct. 23 will determine playoff qualifiers in eight divisions based on enrollment. The divisions in this poll are unofficial.
Division 1 - 1 Rockford (3 0) 48 2 Sterling Heights Stevenson (3 0) 47 3 Milford (3 0) 29 4 Holt (3 0) 28 5 (tie) Midland (3 0) 42 Walled Lake Western (3 0) 42 7 Novi (3 0) 20 8 Bay City Central (3 0) 17 9 Saginaw Heritage (3 0) 16 10 Clinton Twp Chippewa Valley (3 0) 11
Also receiving votes - Grand Ledge Grand Blanc Clarkston Lake Orion Utica Holland West Ottawa
Division 2 - 1 (tie) Birmingham Brother Rice (3 0) 46 Lowell (3 0) 46 3 Muskegon (3 0) 38 4 Bay City Western (3 0) 33 5 Orchard Lake St. Mary's (3 0) 27 6 Allen Park (3 0) 26 7 Hudsonville (3 0) 20 8 Rochester Adams (3 0) 17 9 Warren De La Salle (3 0) 16 10 Detroit U D Jesuit (3 0) 3
Also receiving votes - Greenville Royal Oak Kimball
Division 3 - 1 East Grand Rapids (3 0) 50 2 Adrian (3 0) 41 3 Stevensville Lakeshore (3 0) 36 4 Haslett (3 0) 30 5 Fowlerville (3 0) 22 6 Bloomfield Hills Lahser (3 0) 20 7 Gaylord (3 0) 18 8 St. Clair (3 0) 9 9 Richland Gull Lake (3 0) 8 10 Birmingham Seaholm (3 0) 7
Also receiving votes - Dearborn Divine Child DeWitt Farmington Hills Harrison Gibraltar Carlson Ionia Lansing Sexton Linden
Division 4 - 1 Muskegon Orchard View (3 0) 50 2 Bay City John Glenn (3 0) 41 3 Marshall (3 0) 38 4 Grand Rapids South Christian (3 0) 36 5 Paw Paw (3 0) 28 6 Marine City (3 0) 27 7 Milan (3 0) 15 8 Birch Run (3 0) 11 9 Grand Rapids Catholic Central (2 1) 10 10 Dowagiac (3 0) 8
Also receiving votes - Comstock Park Flint Powers Catholic Highland Park Spring Lake Wyoming Park
Division 5 - 1 Jackson Lumen Christi (3 0) 47 2 Midland Bullock Creek (3 0) 45 3 Saginaw Nouvel Catholic (3 0) 35 4 Detroit Crockett (3 0) 32 5 Muskegon Oakridge (3 0) 31 6 Hillsdale (3 0) 22 7 Allendale (3 0) 18 8 Millington (3 0) 16 9 Menominee (3 0) 10 10 Cass City (3 0) 9
Also receiving votes - Birmingham Detroit Country Day Birch Run Brooklyn Columbia Central Saginaw Swan Valley
Division 6 - 1 Constantine (3 0) 49 2 Iron Mountain (3 0) 44 3 Charlevoix (3 0) 42 4 Blissfield (3 0) 35 5 Ojibwa (3 0) 28 6 Ravenna (3 0) 22 7 Montague (2 1) 18 8 Quincy (3 0) 13 9 Berrien Springs (3 0) 11 10 Kingsley (2 1) 6
Also receiving votes - Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Leroy Pine River Madison Heights Bishop Foley
Division 7 - 1 Unionville Sebewaing (3 0) 47 2 Gobles (3 0) 46 3 Mio (3 0) 29 4 Royal Oak Shrine (3 0) 28 5 Homer (3 0) 23 6 Rudyard (3 0) 21 7 Onaway (3 0) 17 8 Grass Lake (3 0) 15 9 Decatur (3 0) 13 10 Burton Bendle (3 0) 11
Also receiving votes - Muskegon Catholic Central Pottersville Traverse City St. Francis
Division 8 - 1 Climax Scotts (3 0) 48 2 Beal City (3 0) 44 3 Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (3 0) 39 4 Fulton Middleton (3 0) 34 5 Crystal Falls (3 0) 29 6 Bay City All Saints (3 0) 21 7 Vestaburg (3 0) 12 8 Central Lake (3 0) 11 9 Mendon (2 1) 9 10 Engadine (3 0) 6
Also receiving votes - Au Gres Sims Cedarville Frankfort Iron Mountain

Girls Swimming
(By the coaches association)
Division 1 - 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 2 Farmington Hills Mercy 3 Rochester Adams 4 Northville 5 Holland 6 Livonia Stevenson 7 Zeeland 8 Jenison 9 Holland West Ottawa 10 Ann Arbor Huron
Division 2 - 1 Birmingham Groves 2 Dexter 3 Milan 4 Okemos 5 Bloomfield Hills Lahser 6 Grand Rapids Christian 7 East Grand Rapids 8 North Farmington 9 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 10 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood

Girls Tennis
(By the coaches association)
Division 1 - 1 Ann Arbor Huron 2 Ann Arbor Pioneer 3 Grosse Pointe South 4 Troy 5 Clarkston 6 West Bloomfield 7 Grand Haven 8 Farmington Hills Mercy 9 Traverse City Central 10 (tie) Northville Midland Dow and Saline
Division 1 - 1 Birmingham Seaholm 2 Okemos 3 Bloomfield Hills Lahser 4 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 5 Mattawan 6 East Lansing 7 North Farmington 8 Birmingham Maran 9 Rochester Stoney Creek 10 Holly
Division 3 - 1 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 2 East Grand Rapids 3 Holland Christian 4 Bloomfield Hills Andover 5 Allegan 6 St. Joseph 7 Battle Creek Lakeview 8 Richland Gull Lake 9 Hudsonville Unity Christian 10 Sturgis
Division 4 - 1 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 2 Whitehall 3 Grosse Pointe Woods University Ligegett 4 Flint Powers Catholic 5 Ann Arbor Greenhills 6 Lansing Catholic Central 7 North Muskegon 8 Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart 9 Kalamazoo Christian 10 Battle Creek Pennfield

Boys Water Polo
(By the coaches association)
Open Division - 1 Rockford 2 Ann Arbor Pioneer 3 Grand Haven 4 Birmingham Groves 5 Jenison 6 Ann Arbor Huron 7 Zeeland 8 Birmingham Seaholm 9 East Kentwood 10 Holland West Ottawa

Boys Golf
(By the coaches association)
Division 1 - 1 Muskegon Mona Shores 2 Novi Detroit Catholic Central 3 Saline 4 Grand Blanc 5 Clarkston 6 Grandville 7 Holt 8 Ann Arbor Huron 9 Okemos 10 Milford 11 Rochester Adams 12 Walled Lake Western
Division 2 - 1 Mt Pleasant 2 East Grand Rapids 3 Haslett 4 Trenton 5 Marshall 6 Mattawan 7 Battle Creek Lakeview 8 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 9 Bloomfield Hills Lahser 10 Lansing Waverly 11 Ludington 12 Cedar Springs
Division 3 - 1 Lansing Catholic Central 2 Cheasaning 3 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 4 Kalamazoo Christian 5 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 6 Jackson Lumen Christi 7 Big Rapids 8 Grosse Ile 9 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 10 Williamston 11

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Canton x-country team stocked

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Weeks before the starting gun sounded in the season's first invitational, the Canton boys cross-country team had already impressed seventh-year coach Bill Boyd. It wasn't the Chiefs' times that Boyd was enamored with as much as the team's willingness to improve those times. The two captains - seniors Trey Wolfe and Evan Shephard - made a lot of calls and made sure the team got together for workouts, which didn't happen last year, Boyd said. "It was a

breath of fresh air for this program. They took it upon themselves to put together a couple of camps and made sure everybody was running. Their attitude is they don't want the team to get really good after they graduate. They want it to be good now and later on." Shephard and Wolfe will serve as the anchors of this year squad, which talented, but extremely young Wolfe is a four-year runner while Shephard has earned three varsity letters. "Trey's times were in the 17's at the end of last year and he's

in the low 18's - around 18:07 - right now. Evan has been fighting a sore knee, but he's been keeping up with Trey in the workouts." The Chiefs' 17-member team is filled with seven freshmen, the most ninth-graders Boyd has ever had on his team's roster. Leading the youngsters is Kyle Clinton, who shows a world of promise, according to his coach. "Kyle has really been working hard in the workouts and he's been running with the seniors, which is good," Boyd said. Other key contributors this season will include sophomore Derek Hoerman, and fresh-

men Duncan Spitz, Greg Reed, Aaron McClellan and Justin Morrison. "Derek's time at the beginning of last season was around 22 minutes, but by the end of the year he was in the low 18's," Boyd said. "He wants to knock another minute off that this year. If he improves on his sprinting, I think he's capable of that. By the time he's a senior, he could be one of the best in the league." Boyd also has high expectations for first-year sophomore Dave Catalan, who is currently hampered by shin problems. ewright@oehomecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

Chief harriers finish 13th at run

Canton's boys cross-country team finished 13th Saturday's Tortoise & Hare CC Classic, which was held at the Hudson Mills Metropark. The Chiefs' 301 point total lagged behind the top three finishers - host Dexter (38), Portage Northern (77) and Brighton (119). "It was a very hot day, so our times weren't as good as we would have wanted," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "The race started at 1:50 in the

afternoon, so it was the hottest part of the day. Sophomore Derek Hoerman paced the Chiefs with a clocking of 18:47, which was good enough for 48th place. He crossed the line just ahead of teammates Trey Wolfe (18:48, 49th) and Kyle Clinton (18:59, 56th). Also scoring for Canton were Duncan Spitz (19:18, 72nd) and Greg Reed (19:23, 76th). Aaron McClelland (19:24, 77th) and Justin

Morrison (90th, 20:24) rounded out the field for Canton, whose roster includes four freshmen and two sophomores. **ROCKS 15TH** The Salem boys cross-country team finished 15th in the 23-team Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational Saturday. Salem racked up 345 points compared to first-place Ann Arbor Pioneer's 83. Warren De La Salle was the runner-up

with 133 points, Lake Orion (155) was third and Livonia Churchill (158) was fourth. Jimmy Walsh paced the Rocks with a 21st-place showing in 17:48. Also scoring for Salem were Dan Kapadia (17:58, 28th), Andrew Cassidy (19:02, 96th), Erik Dondzila (19:04, 99th) and Cameron Loftus (19:06, 101st). Kevin DeBear (19:12, 104th) and Justin Kane (19:42, 119th) also competed for Salem.

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Sarnia stings Whalers in shootout

Harrison Reed's shootout goal gave the Sarnia Sting a 4-3 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League pre-season game played at the Compuware Sports Arena Saturday afternoon.

The game was tied 3-3 after regulation and Sarnia won 2-1 in the shootout with Reed and Michael Haley scoring. John Vigilante scored the lone Whaler goal in the five-man shootout.

The Whalers are now 1-1-0-1 in the pre-season. Tom Sestito, Gino Pisellini and Andrew Fourmier scored in regulation for Plymouth.

Richard Clune scored twice for Sarnia and Mark Lytwyn added a single.

Sarnia outshot Plymouth, 42-31, with Parker Van Buskirk playing in goal for Sarnia and Justin Garay for Plymouth.

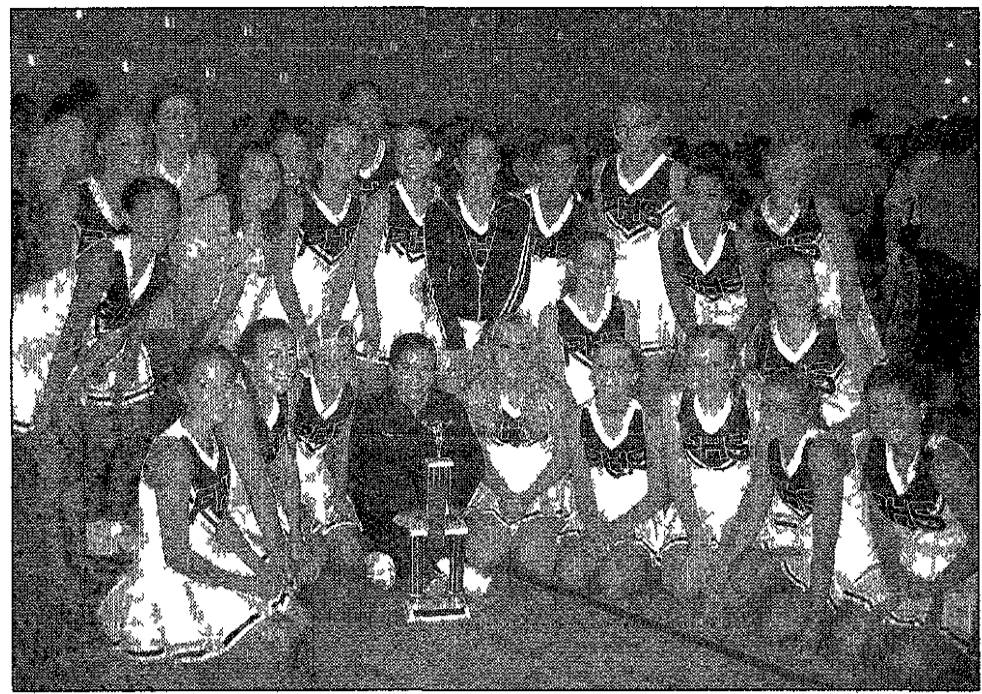
Sestito scored the only goal of the first period, giving the Whalers a 1-0 lead at 8:19 of the first period when he deflected Chris Terry's shot by Van Buskirk. Sarnia scored twice in 2:29 in the second period when Lytwyn and Clune scored in tight on Garay. Reed drew assists on both goals. Pisellini tied the game on a Plymouth power play with 18 seconds left

in the second period.

Fourmier gave the Whalers a 3-2 lead with an unassisted goal at 6:58 of the third period when he stripped Clune of the puck in the high slot in the Sarnia zone and beat Van Buskirk. Clune tied the game at 3-3 with 9:31 left when his shot in tight at the right wing goal line went top shelf over Garay's shoulder.

Plymouth is off until Friday when it plays in a four game OHL pre-season tournament in Erie, Pa. against the Toronto St. Michael's Majors at 5 p.m. Erie hosts Saginaw in the other game on Friday.

The losers of Friday's games will play next Saturday at 5 p.m. with the winners going facing off Saturday at 7:45 p.m.



Super Saberettes

The Plymouth junior-varsity Saberettes were crowned "Grand Champs" at the summer camp they attended in Midland. Pictured are (top row, l-r) Candy Knisely, Sarah Hammond, coach Laura, coach Danielle Parsley, Emily Gurzynski, Kristen Yates, Brittany Turner, Ashley Stoeckle, Ashley Soares, Becca Garzanti, Jaclyn Heck, Kaseigh Zebari, Tiffany Braboy, (bottom row, l-r) Jamie Houdek, Amanda Mifsud, Jill Brennan, camp staff sister Laura Breanna Schuhardt, Lauren Rakowicz, Ashley Chiado, Megan Birman, Alex Boxman, Jenn Schinker and Michaela Allen. Not pictured are Brittney Lubinsky, Taylor Lewis and Stephanie Jones.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- September 6, 2005

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday September 6 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S. Clerk Bennett made a motion to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter Chair supported by Zarbo. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo. Members Absent: Yack. Staff Present: Director Faas, Bob Belar, Todd Zalneck, Bill Serchak. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Canton Officials respond to Hurricane Katrina.** Canton's elected officials and department directors met today with members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Community Foundation to begin forming a plan of action in response to Hurricane Katrina. Many issues will be addressed including Canton's ability to answer any calls for assistance from Governor Granholm. The Governor has partially activated the Michigan State Emergency Operations Center to help coordinate resources throughout the state. Canton Public Safety is coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to provide police and fire personnel in the affected areas. Currently, if any evacuees arrive in Michigan, and no prior arrangements have been made for their care, they are to call the FEMA disaster assistance hotline. The hotline is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The FEMA Assistance Hotline is 1-800-621-3362. **STUDY SESSION TOPICS: Item 1. UPDATE ON 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MSD)** Each year the Municipal Services Department Public Works Division undertakes an extensive capital improvement program (CIP) on both existing and new infrastructure in our community. The 2005 CIP includes projects that will improve the public road, water sewer, sidewalk and intersection systems. Proposed 2006 improvements: Saltz Road Paving, Canton Center to North Ridge Rd., Saltz Road Paving, Canton Center to Beck, Saltz Road Paving, Beck to N Ridge, Denton Road Extension, Cherry Hill Road Paving from Ridge to Denton, Ford Road Safety Improvements, Project 1, southbound off ramp of I 275 and add continuous right turn lane along Ford Road from Haggerty to Lilley, Ford Road Safety Improvements, Project 2, widened Ford Road west of Canton Center to Gorman Rd, Lotz Road paving, Warren Road to Ford, Sheldon Road Approach Reconstruction south of Ford Road, Pilgrim Hills Subdivision Sanitary Sewer and Water Ridge Road Water Main, Beck Road Water main north of Geddes, PRV & Meter Pit corner of Ridge at Proctor, Local Sanitary Sewer Collection System Relief Projects, 2005 Sidewalk Repair Program, Century Farms cherry Hill Orchards, Hampton Court Stonegate and Palmer Manor Subdivisions, 2005 Sidewalk Gap Program, Cherry Hill and Lilley Road DDA Sidewalk Repairs along Ford Road Intersection Improvements, Sheldon at Saltz and Sheldon at Cherry Hill Intersection Improvements, Contract 2, Beck at Warren, Item 2. **FUTURE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLANS (MSD)** On July 22, 2005 the SEMCOG Executive Committee presented the final list of road improvement projects for the next three (3) years as part of the FY2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for southeast Michigan. This list is updated once every other year in order to reflect changing priorities and funding. The roads budgeted for 2006 are: Warren Road from Canton Center to Morton Taylor Ford Road Bridge over Fellows Creek, Ford Road dedicated right turn lane for eastbound traffic and mast arm, Sheldon Road resurface from Ford to Westminister Way, Canton Center Road widen from Cherry Hill to Palmer, Lilley widen from Warren to Ford, I 275 Southbound at US 12 add turn lanes, I 275 Non motorized Path (2007), M 14 Rebuild Project bridge repairs on 17 Wayne County bridges, I 275 Canton Rest Area, Cherry Hill Road widen from Canton Center to Morton Taylor, (2008) Joy and Haggerty CSX Rail Crossing. The Federal Aid Committee (FAC) of Wayne County is a group of engineers from various communities that meet at least once a year to update the priorities for recommendation to SEMCOG. Tom Casari (Township Engineer) is our representative on the FAC. SEMCOG also produces a comprehensive 25 year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) projecting out the long term plans for improvements. The presentation provided the Board with an update on the latest three (3) year TIP projects and the 25 year RTP projects that will impact Canton. Item 3. **2006 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (MSD)** In 2005 the Board approved Year #1 of a nine year plan to upgrade 34 intersections across the community. The intersections that are part of the 2005 program should be under construction this fall. The preliminary construction estimates for the 2005 program have caused us to reconsider the 2006 program list together with a desire to coordinate next year's program with the county road widening project along Warren Road. The presentation provided the Board with a revised recommendation on the 2006 Intersection Improvement Plan in advance of the September 21st Budget Study Session and October Intersection Audit Committee (IAC) meetings. Item 4. **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY PROGRESS (MSD)** The regional transportation study is now underway. Since this is an agency study, unlike the Access Management Study there is limited opportunity for input by the Board and the public. Agency studies are considerably less costly and rely on the knowledge of the staff involved. The presentation provided the Board with an overview of the nine (9) major tasks to be completed by the project team. Item 5. **DWSD TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE (MSD)** In April of 2003 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) formed a special committee on "customer outreach" to engage customers in dialogue on their water system master plan. Coincidentally DWSD was getting increasing pressure from a variety of suburban customers that were pushing for regionalization of Detroit's Water and Wastewater Operations. The group, called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed initially to address the water operations and has since evolved into the wastewater area. Currently over two hundred (200) people participate on TAC which has multiple work groups. In January of 2004 Canton was asked to have its Municipal Services Director actively participate on TAC and has participated ever since. Since 2000, there have been at least three (3) attempts by the Michigan House and/or Senate to legislatively wrestle control of DWSD away from the City of Detroit Water and Sewer Board. The presentation summarized the role of the TAC, our participation in TAC and outline some of the accomplishments to date. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT** Alford Brock 40047 Cambridge, stated he would like to access the DWSD website for reading of the minutes and other public documents. Director Faas stated he would speak with DWSD and get an answer for Mr Brock. **OTHER:** Trustee Caccamo stated James Huddleston has a Willow Creek problem and would like Director Faas to make aware of the issue. Trustee LaJoy would like to issue a reminder to the public to drive with your headlights on for a September 11th memorial. The next regular Board Meeting will be September 13, 2005, Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S, Canton First Floor, Board Room. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY P. O. BOX 30204 LANSING, MI 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Summit on the park Ash Room 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan on Wednesday October 5 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 05 82 0111 P under Part 303 Wetlands Protection of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA 451 as amended by Stuart Frankel 2301 Big Beaver Road Troy Michigan 48064. The applicant proposes to place fill in a wetland and enlarge a storm water basin for the purpose of expanding the Centre Village Shopping Center on the south side of Ford Road west of Canton Center Road. Approximately 1,355 cubic yards of fill material is to be placed within 36,450 square feet (0.84 acres) of wetland for additional retail buildings and parking areas. A total of 19,300 cubic yards of material is proposed to be dredged from an 87,000 square foot (2 acre) area of an existing storm water detention basin to accommodate storm water runoff from the larger site. Mitigation is proposed with this project. This project is located in T2S R8E Section 16 Canton Township Wayne County Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division DEQ 27700 Donald Court Warren Michigan 48092 2793 by calling (586) 753 3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding. Witnesses will not be sworn and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will upon written request provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WENDY FITZNER Permit Consolidation Unit Land and Water Management Division (517) 373 9244

Date September 6 2005
NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility visual hearing or other assistance.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Department of Planning Services until 4:00 p.m. Thursday September 29th 2005 for the following:

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The specifications are available at the Downtown Development Authority office located on the third floor of the administration building inside the Supervisor's Office or you may contact Kathleen Salla at (734) 394 5186. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOW PRACTICE

Canton Leisure Services will be offering free, drop-in practice for bow hunters at the Canton Police Dept. gun range on Saturday, Sept. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The range is located on Lilley Rd. just north of Van Born.

Participants must bring his or her equipment and targets (hay bails will be available). No firearms or crossbows will be allowed. There are no rest-rooms on location. Registration is not required. For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

HOOP CLINIC

High Velocity Sports Canton will host a six week basketball clinic on Tuesdays from Oct. 4 through Nov. 8. The clinics will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for 6-9 year olds and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for 10-14 year olds.

The camp will focus on the basics of basketball — dribbling, passing, shooting and fundamentals. Each class will end with a scrimmage. The cost of the camp is \$60 and the registration deadline is Sept. 27. For more information on HVS leagues, call (734) HV-SPORT or visit us online at www.hvsports.com.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The 9U Canton Yellow Jackets will be having tryouts for their 2006 season on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. at Heritage Park's field #1. Players are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early. For more information contact Bill Flohr at (248) 761-9694.

POMPON CLINIC

The Canton varsity Chiefettes pompon team will hold its annual "Kids Clinic" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, in the Canton High School cafeteria. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

The clinic is open to girls between the ages of 5 and 13. The cost of the clinic is \$35, which includes a T-shirt and snack. Registration packets are available in all P-C elementary and middle school general offices.

ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUES

Starting Sept. 11, adult recreational hockey leagues will be offering at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth and the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton through April 2.

There will be three divisions of men's and women's leagues over the age of 21, along with a pair of over-50 leagues.

Senior over-50 drop-in hockey is available Tuesday and Friday mornings at the Arctic Pond.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, visit www.rspl.net, or call John Wilson at (734) 927-1267. You can also E-mail Wilson at john@rspl.net, or call the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663.

Frost breaks Madonna spikers' assist mark

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Even after breaking the Madonna University record for career assists Saturday, senior setter Ashley Frost downplayed the accomplishment and sounded happier about how the Crusaders swept past four opponents in two days to win the sixth annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament. "It's a team sport," said Frost, whose 5,146th assist bypassed 12-year record holder Mazie Pilut. "But definitely, it (record) is nice to get."

Frost passed Pilut during Madonna's 3-0 victory over Ohio-based Walsh College (30-27, 30-26, 30-20) with a 46-assist outing. She followed that performance up with 33 more helpers later Saturday against Daeman College, another 3-0 win, by scores of 30-21, 30-14, 30-12.

The Lake Odessa (Mich.) native said she "had no idea" about her pending record until about a week ago. But now that she has it, she would rather give credit to her teammates - such as outside hitters Natalja Timna, Kelsey Mack and middle hitters Laura Lesko and Caryn Inman. "It feels good (the record)," said Frost following Monday's practice. "But there's no way I can get assists without my outside hitters and middle hitters." Crusaders head coach Jerry

Abraham, whose team improved to 13-0 with the triumph over Daeman, said Frost is very deserving of the record. "She's very sound technique wise and she's a tremendous leader," said Abraham, who also coached Pilut, both at MU and Redford Bishop Borgess High. "She has one of the best work ethics I've seen in an athlete and she's respected by her teammates. She picks up her teammates best in pressure situations."

Abraham added that Frost essentially broke the record in three years, because she was primarily a reserve during her freshman season.

Meanwhile, the real goal, noted Frost, is to win the National Association of Interscholastic Athletics championship.

If the Crusaders continue playing the way they did Friday and Saturday, the squad has a legitimate shot at it.

"This is a strong team, Abraham said. "We have a lot of weapons offensively. It's one of the better teams, but we've had a lot of great teams. It has the ability to go as far as anybody."

About taking the Julie Martin tourney, the coach said it was a good benchmark to move forward from. The Crusaders knocked off Saginaw Valley State and Georgetown University on Friday before finishing the job the next day



Madonna University senior Ashley Frost celebrates with Crusaders head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham after she set a new career assists record on Saturday. Frost also earned setter of the week honors from the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference.

MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

against Walsh and Daeman. "We did a lot of good things, he said. "We spread the ball around offensively - we served well throughout and (Frost) did a beautiful job of running the team on the floor."

On Saturday the Crusaders received big contributions from a number of sources. Timna totaled 35 kills and 15 digs. Lesko added 19 kills and seven digs and freshman Mack (Livonia Churchill) chipped in

with 13 kills on the day, along with 10 digs. Also strong defensively were Jacqu Gatt (12 digs) and Amy Szymanski with a total of 10 digs.

Bypassing Pilut for the record turned out to be just one of the day's honors for Frost, who was named the tournament MVP. Timna and Mack were named to the tour-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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Notice is hereby given that on (September 26 2005) Tate & Co Auctioneers Executive Administrator for Storage USA will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD, CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

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- E179 Dominador Reyes 1996 Dodge Stratus chairs vacuum & ect.
- C 72 James Pullen Jr Storage boxes & ect
- C80 & F207 Rosalie Whyman Household goods
- D121 Cleveland Woods Household goods
- D136 Carol Panik Cur cabinet wood table

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Department of Planning Services until 3:00 p.m. Thursday September 29th 2005 for the following:

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The specifications are available at the Planning Services counter on the second floor of the administration building or you may contact Judy Bocklage at (734) 394-5176. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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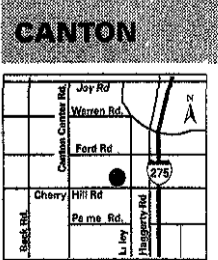


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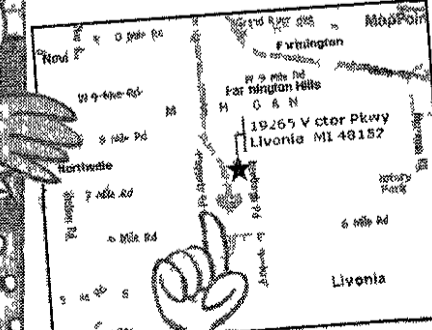
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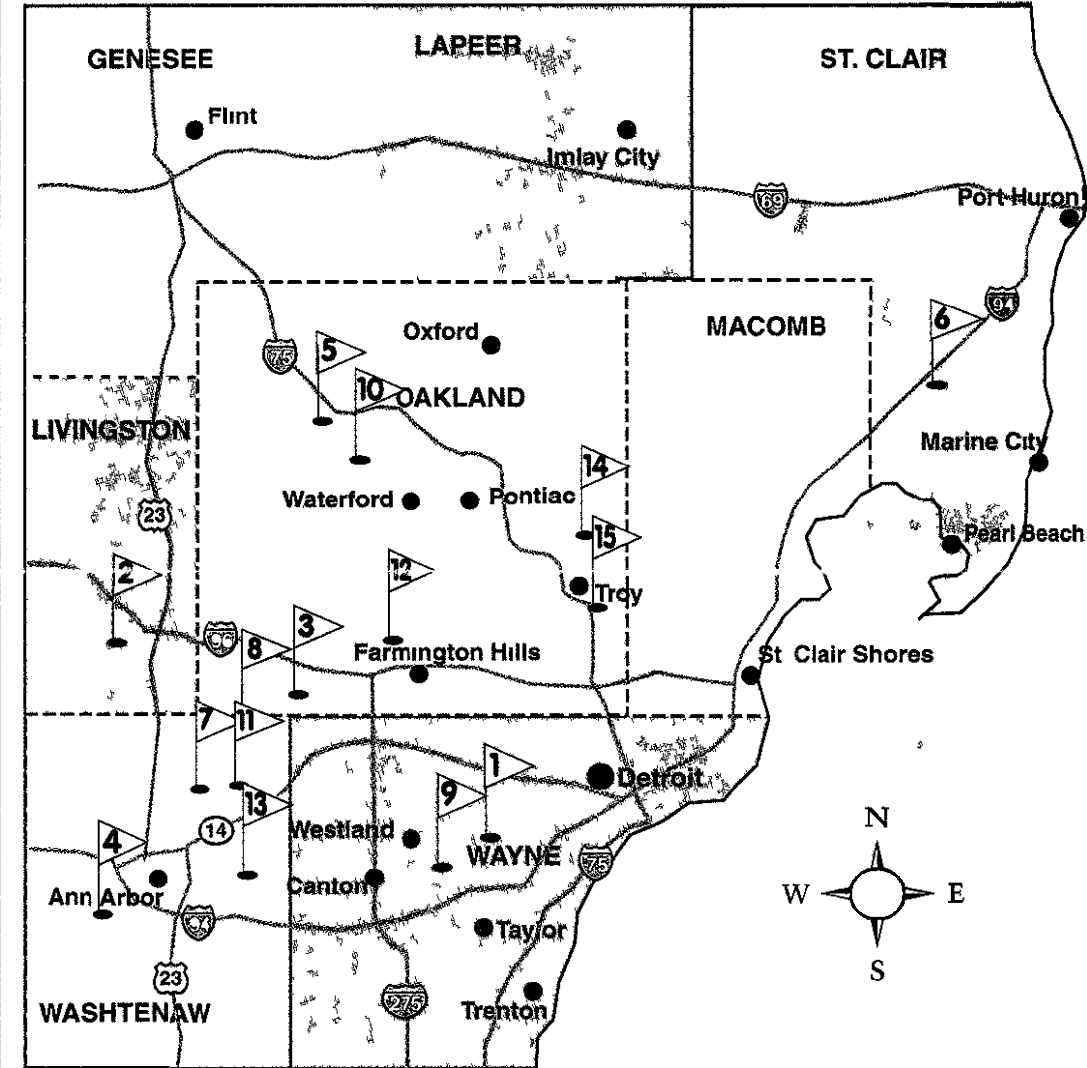
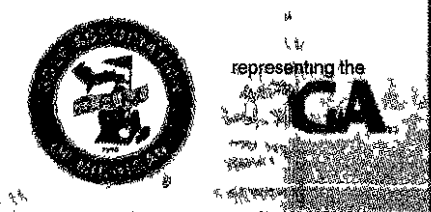
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Course Profile

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Inkster Valley Golf Club is a public golf course owned & operated by Wayne County. The course opened May 23 1998 to the public & incorporates more than 100 acres of wetlands within its 400 acre surrounding.

The western portion of the golf course (west of Henry Ruff Road) was the site of the former Eloise Infirmary & Hospital. Around the turn of the century, Eloise was among the first medical facilities in the US to use x-rays for medical diagnosis. The former Causeway Bridge, built in the 1930s connected to hospital buildings located on the north & south side of the river. The bridge was renovated to serve as a golf cart bridge that connects golf holes 12 & 13. A portion of the golf course site between Middlebelt & Inkster roads was privately developed as a golf course in the 1920s.

Inkster Valley Golf Club is a Harry Bowers 6700 yard Par 72 championship style course. The Rouge River along with an additional 55 acres of wetlands comes into play on 14 of the 18 holes. Its extraordinary natural features & abundance of wildlife contribute to the Up North atmosphere in an urban setting without the long drive!

For more information check out the Directory below

HOLE IN ONE!

Here is this week's list of who hit a Hole in One... and where!

Inkster Valley Golf Club
John Cash on 8/24/05
Hole #: 4 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Iron

Joe Hubbard on 8/20/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Iron
Comments: First Hole in One after playing 12 years!

Rolling Meadows
Donald Hanner on 9/1/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Iron
Witness: Eric Burton

Roy Purcell on 8/31/05
Hole #: 6 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Wood
Witness: Floyd Meyer
Comments: 6th Hole in One! 68 Years Old, Shot a 79!

Tanglewood
Max Berlin on 8/30/05
Hole #: West 2 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Iron

Hill Top
Lisa Hengsten 8/21/05
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Wood
Witness: Dawn Beading
Comments: 1st Hole in One! Saw it bounce then disappear WOW... It went in!

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- 2 THE JACKAL GOLF CLUB**
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No of Holes 18 Par 71 Yards 6700
Manager Rob Bruhn
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Manager Gerald Cook
Directions Dixie Highway to Davisburg Road (West) to Ormond Road (South) to Big Lake Road (East)
- 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 Behaylo
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South Lyon MI 48178
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No of Holes 27 Par 36 Yards 3636
Manager Ann Lewis
Directions 10 Mile Road between Wixom and Milford
- 9 INKSTER VALLEY GOLF COURSE**
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Inkster, MI 48141
734 722 8020
No of Holes 18 Par 72 Yards 6709
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- 11 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB**
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- 12 INDEPENDENCE GREEN GOLF COURSE**
24360 Washington Court
Farmington Hills MI 48335
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BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you're selling your home, first impressions count. "You never have a second opportunity to make a first impression," said Nancy J Rands, a Realtor with Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating in Birmingham and 2006 president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. Rands, who has 30 years in the business, recommends home sellers drive toward the home as if a buyer, to get a fresh eye. A good friend can help you see your home more objectively. "The good friend can be a Realtor," Rands said. "It's important to get somebody objective." She recommends looking at the front door, which should be freshly painted or stained and its hardware clean. Windows, especially in front, should be clean as well.



Realtor Laura Prendergast of Century 21 Today of Farmington Hills also knows the importance of curb appeal.

"Make sure their front door is clean and painted if need be," said Prendergast, who recommends maintaining grass and putting in flowers, including hanging baskets, to spruce up a home for sale.

"People walk up and it's the first impression of the home," Prendergast said. "Make it appealing."

That means trimming bushes, she said. Prendergast gets a lot of questions from home sellers on how to boost curb appeal, "what they can do to make it more appealing."

The Realtors note the home's interior should be decluttered as well, with closets not jammed.

Sometimes a fresh coat of paint will make a big difference in a home," said Prendergast, who's worked in the field since 1983.

They agree it's a competitive market for home sellers, and having an edge helps. Rands noted mortgage rates are low.

"There's a lot of money that is available for people who wish to purchase homes," she said. "When buyers have lots of homes to choose from, it needs to be distinguished in some way."

A realistic price for the market is vital, too, she added. Rands also recommends keeping the home's entrance area swept clean, and landscaping around the front walk trimmed away from the approach to the door. The railing should be in good shape, and fall planting options include flowering kale or mums.

"There are a number of different plants that are very hardy," she said. "Your local nursery can always help you with that."

Rands said the home's address should be clearly displayed, also a safety concern if an emergency arises.

She doesn't recommend Halloween decorations, as they may not appeal to some buyers. "Why take the chance? You just don't know. They can be distracting."

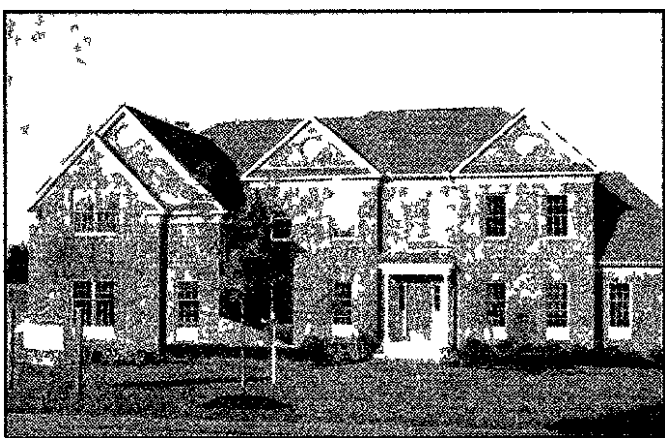
Jame Clemons, Realtor with Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke of Plymouth, said assisting with curb appeal is part of the listing presentation. She and colleagues are working with what they've got and putting their best foot forward.

Clemons recommends a clean, neat exterior, including removing traces of pets, such as bowls from the entrance. The lawn should be at its best, the exterior free of weeds and concrete repaired if needed, "so that people will get the impression the home has been well-maintained."

People are more likely to buy a well-maintained home, noted Clemons, who has 13 years in the business. She's found if a home is priced right and presented to show well, it will sell.

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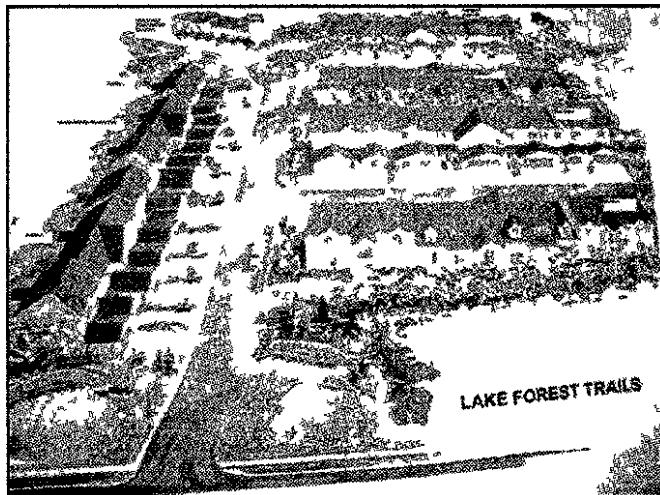
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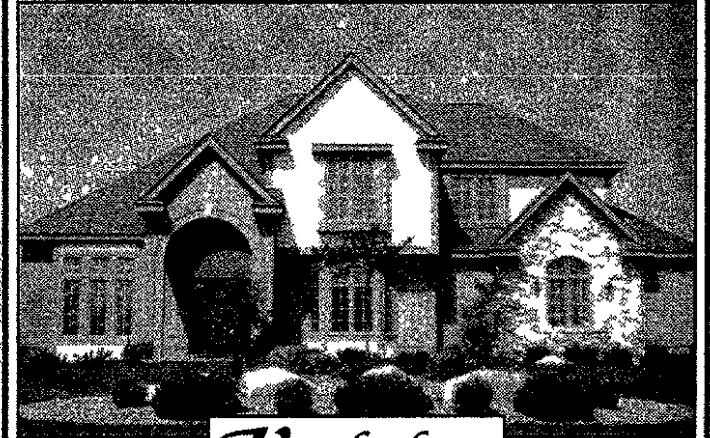
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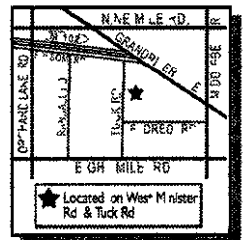
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"In light of the tragic events that have affected the Gulf Coast, we are pleased that our Village Green residents and associates have stepped up as a community with such generous donations to assist our friends, families and fellow Americans," said George S Quay IV, president and COO of Village Green Companies.

Above and beyond Village Green's fund-raising efforts to aid the American Red Cross and Hurricane Katrina victims, the company is also seeking to fill numerous job opportunities. "In an effort to help all of the people that have been displaced by this devastating event, Village Green is being

very proactive in our recruitment process by advertising employment opportunities in Houston, Texas, Baton Rouge, La., and Jackson, Miss., where many survivors are being hosted," said Kim Brown, vice president of Talent Acquisition and Training. "We are hiring for all positions in all of our Midwest

locations. In addition, one of Village Green's most attractive recruitment methods is to offer housing discounts to our employees at our apartment communities."

For information about Village Green fund-raising efforts for survivors, contact

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Caring Realtors reach out to those impacted by tragedy

In the time since Hurricane Katrina swept through the U.S. Gulf Coast, dozens of Web sites have been launched to provide housing information for those displaced by the storm. A new site, Relief WelcomeWagon.com, created by Homestore Inc., seeks to make it easier for victims to sort through this vast amount of housing data by aggregating information from a variety of other Web sites and displaying it all in one place.

There are more than 41,000 listings on the site, and additional hurricane housing sites will be added on a daily basis - alleviating the need for people in need of shelter to conduct the same search on many sites, said Erin Campbell, director of corporate communications for Homestore.

"We're adding new sites every day," Campbell said. Among the housing Web sites that have already been added are HurricaneHousing.org, KatrinaHousing.org, HomeRentalAds.com, Katrina-Relocation.com, and KatrinaHome.com.

By visiting Relief WelcomeWagon.com users can search the com-

prehensive database of available homes, and sort by city/state, number of people, and length of stay.

When a search is initiated, multiple hurricane housing sites are simultaneously evaluated for matching search results. Results include available housing in shelters, churches, apartment complexes, single family homes, and senior facilities throughout the Gulf Coast and neighboring communities.

If you have temporary housing available, you also can use the Web site to post a listing for open beds, extra rooms, guest houses, or other temporary housing that's available for hurricane victims.

To add your Web site to the list of sites searched for housing information, send an e-mail to relief@welcomewagon.com. Westlake Village, Calif.-based Homestore launched the site through its Welcome Wagon division, a marketing company that provides information to new homeowners about businesses and services.

In addition, contributions to the Realtors Relief Foundation continue to pour in, with donors

answering the call for funds to help victims. Donations were nearing \$2.75 million as of Saturday for disaster relief in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Those funds, which include the \$1.15 million seed donation from the National Association of Realtors, will directly help those affected by Hurricane Katrina. NAR will absorb all administrative costs of the project.

NAR launched the fund-raising drive on Aug. 30, a day after Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. Gulf Coast, with a contribution of \$150,000. A day later, as the extent of devastation caused by the storm became more clear, NAR leadership approved an additional \$1 million donation to the fund.

At least 9,000 Realtors have been affected, according to NAR estimates, more than any other disaster in history.

Contributions are tax deductible. To donate by mail, send a check, payable to the REALTORS® Relief Foundation, to REALTORS® Relief Foundation, Attn: NAR Finance Division, 430 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.



NOVI
REMODELED COLONIAL newer windows powder room main bath with Corian kitchen with cabinets & Corian new hardwood floor in living room new carpet in foyer 1st bath & kitchen central air (98) roof shingles (35) bay window in dining room (C1) front door (C2) remodeled master bedroom & bath \$294,500 JAM47



WESTLAND
FABULOUS 2 STORY WALK OUT Two tiered deck two-tiered pond beautiful paved walkway and huge paver patio. Lush landscaping and huge back yard with fenced lot. Great gas formal living room and dining room with fireplace dynamic volume ceilings stained wood work and huge kitchen \$224,900 HAN83



CANTON
GORGEOUS UPDATED Ranch within walking distance to school Kitchen with granite floors fireplace in family room new hardwood floors roof & carpet Basement laundry area sound proof room & remodeled master bath Pro landscaped yard & in ground heated pool \$277,900 DFR09



CANTON
GREAT FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD Three bedroom 1/2 bath home on large corner lot & features a large sun room Tear off roof in 00 and newer windows Family room has a wonderful gas fireplace most appliances to stay kitchen updated with new floor & call no fans Home warranty \$209,900 MCA39



GARDEN CITY
BRICK RANCH Two car attached garage with tiled door a lot a double fenced lot Three bedrooms bath updated kitchen with oak cabinets and wood floors whole house has hardwood under carpet Windows replaced furnace and pool 4 years old \$159,500 BAR26



LIVONIA
SHARP CAPE COD First floor master floor plan living room w/ a kitchen dining room den bath with skylight Family room & 1st bedroom First floor laundry Deck screened & lighted gazebo 27x27 garage 9 foot work shop with 220 Landscaped with waterfall & sprinklers \$259,900 PUR51



WESTLAND
EXCEPTIONAL Home with upgrades soaring ceilings 2 1/2 car garage premium front porch and landscape hardwood floors granite crown moldings 9 foot ceilings windows gas fireplace master suite with Jacuzzi custom tile upgraded electrical appliances pre-inspected \$439,999 RIV99



WEST BLOOMFIELD
BEAUTIFUL SOFT CONTEMPORARY in desirable Timbers Edge Sub Great room gourmet kitchen large master party & finished basement first floor laundry Water heater in 03 roof in 04 large premium lot Finished deck overlooking common area and wetlands Never carpet throughout \$399,000 THM83



NORTHVILLE
GREAT CONDO in desirable location Weisde windows with warranty Freshly painted New cabinets counter tops & sinks in kitchen & baths All appliances included Deck privacy fence private entry with convenient parking Access to 3 lakes Tennis courts & club house Association fee includes heat & water Home warranty \$129,900 QUE80



DEARBORN HEIGHTS
GORGEOUS PARK LIKE SETTING Living room with great view of landscaped yard & fireplace Fresh painted interior hardwood floor in dining room & kitchen updated kitchen door to deck & hot tub Brick paved patio 2/2 car garage Northville schools Near 1 acre of property \$439,000 MAI38



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FABULOUS RANCH 3 bedrooms 2 baths and a beautifully finished basement Updated kitchen with a large window overlooking the backyard Hardwood & ceramic floors new roof oversized 2 car garage and an excellent location \$157,000 (P 126AV)




COUNTRY SIZED LOT Room to roam in this 5 bedroom home! Spacious kitchen & large sun room Family room w/brick hearth fireplace newer roof & windows oversized garage and walking distance to downtown Belleville \$214,900 (P 36BED)




REALLY NICE! 4 bedroom home with over 1500 sq ft Formal dining 2 1/2 baths finished basement with glass block and a wet bar fireplace 2 car garage and a huge fenced yard Nice landscaping too! \$174,900 (C 715CL)




THE CREAM OF THE CROP! Situated on an arched setting in a golf course community Stunning landscaping top of the line everything great room floor plan w/ study & finished walkout 3 1/2 BR/3 1/2 BA lot easily converted to 4th bedroom comp of sellers \$799,900 (P 562ME)




LEISURELY LIVING Freshly painted 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo in Canton Family room w/fireplace master bath w/jetted tub and walk in closet 1st floor laundry basement and attached garage Affordable living doesn't get any better at \$152,000 (P-402HU)



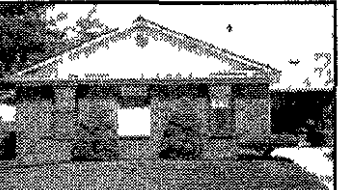
TOO COSTLY TO DUPLICATE! Overlooking the 18th fairway and Tray Lake lies this lovely Duke model with numerous upgrades Dream kitchen extensive use of recessed lighting ceramic floors finished walkout and a luxurious master \$494,950 (P 313IV)




ENJOY THE FRUIT TREES On the beautiful 8 of an acre that comes with this spacious brick ranch Massive family room with newer carpeting updated kitchen w/ appliances updated bath and hardwood floors \$184,500 (C 897RU)




AWESOME VIEWS From the private yard overlooking the pond Nicely decorated hardwood in the great room w/fireplace and kitchen spacious 1st floor master w/ oversized jetted tub finished basement and large bedrooms \$249,900 (P 497SH)




VERY POPULAR CONDO 2 bedrooms 2 baths and immediate occupancy 55 and over community with a pool and clubhouse with many activities Hardwood floors and new windows make this a winner Clean move in condition \$136,900 (C 221NE)




LOVELY COLONIAL Located in popular Arbor Parkview Sub Updated Kitchen w/ ceramic tile & removable island Very large master suite with master bath Clean neat & ready to move in to \$289,000 (C 914HA)




SPECTACULAR VALUE Perfectly situated estate with over 5000 sq ft of pure beauty and insightful design Dual staircases 3 fireplaces extensive landscaping and all the luxuries you deserve Just over an acre on a privately owned wooded park \$879,900 (P 840VA)




LUXURY HOME French architectural design w/unique floor plan & quality amenities dual staircase hearth room 4 fireplaces dramatic ceilings a study Murano glass fixtures central vac finished walkout & 3 plus car garage 1 98 acres \$939,000 (C 740RI)




WOODED PARADISE Stunning 4 bedroom cape cod on almost 4 acres in Canton Beautifully finished walkout gourmet kitchen luxury master and a huge floor plan Come see for yourself or call for an appointment \$599,900 (P 656CH)




BEAUTIFUL VIEW Upgraded Oxford model in popular Canton sub surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve Many upgrades - circular stairway hardwood & ceramic side entry garage fireplace & cherry kitchen \$319,900 (C 859DO)




IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY Canton colonial with 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths and an extra large lot Huge floor plan partly finished basement neutral throughout hardwoods fireplace sprinklers and a 3 car garage \$329,900 (P 562EM)




MR CLEAN LIVES HERE! Sparkling 3 bedroom bungalow offering an updated kitchen w/wood laminate floor newer carpet and paint updated electrical leaf guard gutters and more Wont last at this price \$139,900 (C 136W)




LAKE LOVERS TAKE NOTE! Completely remodeled & only 1/4 mile from Proud Lake Rec area w/access to Wolverine Lake 1387 sq ft a huge great room w/ bay & fireplace new windows roof furnace & carpet 1st floor laundry - the list goes on and on! \$174,900 (P 346DA)




EXCELLENT LOCATION Clean and well maintained brick ranch Florida room hardwood floors vinyl windows a finished basement with a bedroom & lav Walk to the park and schools Faces a wooded ravine & feels like the country \$149,900 (P 591PO)




ONE OF A KIND Custom sprawling ranch on a private wooded lot Hardwood floors custom kitchen w/built ins superbly finished walkout w/in law quarters Nice view from the large windows and a dual sided fireplace \$439,900 (P 360CO)




ALL ON ONE FLOOR 3 bedrooms 2 full baths attached 2 car garage 1st floor laundry gas fireplace front and rear patios open stairway to full basement new furnace ac and windows Pool and clubhouse too \$174,900 (C 829ER)




LIKE NEW Enhanced Charleston model! Cherry kitchen & stainless appliances soaring ceilings master w/cathedral ceiling walk in closet & his and her seated enclosed shower Much more \$184,750 (C 934NO)



GREAT LIVING SPACES Like this one are hard to find! Updates Newer Wallside windows furnace hwh and electrical Hardwood in the living room w/fireplace updated kitchen w/ceramic bay window formal dining and lots more Call now! \$159,900 (P 330HE)



SHARP CANTON CONDO Like new with a white kitchen incl appliances dining w/ doorwall to large deck living room offers crown moldings & fireplace 1st floor laundry deluxe main bath w/jetted tub basement and a garage \$157,000 (P 371HU)



COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY Wonderful ranch in Huron school district Plenty of cabinets in kitchen w/deep sink & spacious breakfast nook Master suite w/WIC & jetted tub Home is located on over 3 acres \$229,900 (C 433CA)

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

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33629 Shawwassee	\$178,000	28887 Kendallwood	\$240,000	41694 Charleston	\$240,000	41674 Tera	\$238,000	22505 Provide ice	\$180,000	6035 Petros	\$329,000
		28498 Lake Park	\$306,000	21926 Chase	\$306,000	39819 Village Wood	\$115,000	30545 Red Maple	\$210,000	2045 S Hammond Lake	\$250,000
		20804 Rensselaer	\$156,000	22443 Eaton	\$156,000			15650 Stone Crossing	\$158,000	6210 Saint James	\$270,000
25088 Arden Park	\$300,000	36492 Rutherford	\$300,000	44767 Larkspur	\$300,000	Southfield		19869 Villa	\$165,000	5880 Vassar	\$145,000
32710 Briarcrest	\$234,000	23500 Sans Souci	\$230,000	30211 Pennington	\$230,000	30341 Cascade	\$50,000			7120 Westbury	\$284,000
34754 Bunker Hill	\$266,000	28473 Westerleigh	\$240,000	24636 Picara	\$240,000	17600 Dorset	\$170,000	West Bloomfield		7197 White Oak	\$350,000
36330 Fredericksburg	\$268,000			22204 Pondview		28307 Everett	\$94,000	7457 Brynmawr	\$170,000	7993 Woodingham	\$160,000
28745 Hidden	\$546,000	Novi		22537 Porter		20954 Mapleridge	\$55,000	4040 Hardwoods	\$258,000	5254 Wright	\$210,000
38996 Holsworth	\$355,000	24447 Bashian	\$160,000	24753 Sarah Flynn		17041 Maryland	\$308,000	5328 Langlewood	\$284,000		

Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK



Canton - Beautiful 2400 sqft colonial that backs to creek Great room w/ cathedral ceilings and natural fireplace large kitchen island and hardwood floors 1st floor laundry y 6 panel doors formal dining room master suite has a walk in closet and master bath bsmt large deck sprinkler garage \$319,800 (38TRE)



Dearborn Hgts - Gorgeous 3 bed 1.5 bath brick ranch Beautiful sunroom private fenced yard bsmt garage attic fan Family room with fireplace hardwood floors 6 panel doors double sinks in bath oak kitchen cabinets pella windows large closets Newer electric HW/H and roof shingles \$235,000 (16TIM)



Livonia - Beautiful 3 bed 1.5 bath brick ranch on a gorgeous landscaped corner lot Open floor plan from the kitchen to family room overlooking a beautiful California stone wall fireplace Patio w/ retractable awning privacy fence bsmt storage shed w/ large loft and electric sprinklers \$258,900 (95BAI)



Livonia - Well maintained 3 bed brick ranch on a quiet cul de sac location Sprinklers garage bsmt bay window updated kitchen Kitchen opens to generous fam y room w/ gas fireplace doorwall to deck w/ retractable awning Appliances stay lots of updates! \$234,900 (99BAI)



Livonia - Updated home with crown moldings through out Wood flooring n family room and kitchen eating area Newer kitchen furnace HWH updated laundry room kitchen has tiled walls and slate tile floor Fenced yard shed and garage \$119,990 (05CAR)



Livonia - Sharp 3 bed 2 bath brick ranch with hardwood floors Home warranty fenced yard bsmt sprinklers garage Updated windows and doors Copper plumbing C/A newer HWH 4th bedroom & bath in bsmt ceramic tile floor in kitchen porch on front of house \$164,900 (21HAT)



Livonia - 3 bed 2 bath brick ranch Finished bsmt w/bath refinished hardwood floors newer roof new windows doors and garage door Remodeled kitchen some appliances stay garage fenced yard \$174,900 (12PER)



Livonia - Neat and clean 3 bed 1.5 bath brick ranch Finished bsmt w/bath sprinklers fenced yard garage w/open cathedral ceilings Newer siding vinyl windows C/A appliances negotiable deck \$169,900 (18ROU)



Redford - Very nice 3 bed brick ranch Excellent investment! Close to parks and schools newer furnace C/A HWH bsmt with gas log fireplace and wet bar Nice large kitchen garage has workshop & electrical finished yard Motivated seller! \$119,900 (92MAR)

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Boston real estate market is sizzling

I am interested in transferring to the Boston area and understand that the market for homes is tight and extraordinarily expensive. Do you have any knowledge of the market conditions in Boston at this time?

In a recent visit to Boston, I was able to confirm that the median price of homes in Boston is twice that of the country and there is not a lot of new development thereby increasing the cost of existing homes. Homes that might sell for \$200,000-\$300,000 in suburban Detroit are costing close to \$1 million in Boston. Rental properties are also extremely high the closer you get to Boston. You are best advised to consult with a real estate person knowledgeable about the Boston area before making any investment or purchase decisions. We have a number of new members



Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

coming into our association and it has been suggested that we have some sort of member orientation program. What do you think?

I think it is a good idea. New members often do not understand how associations operate. For example, they often consider association attempts to impose its rules on them to be an intrusion in their private lives. They don't understand their obligations as homeowners to pay assessments, live by the rules, and otherwise

give up certain liberties that they would normally have in another type of environment. I would recommend that the board have a general orientation session and have the association's attorney available to answer questions concerning their legal obligations as co-owners. Some of the things that might be covered at the orientation include the benefits and draw backs of condominium ownership, the corporate structure and their rights and obligations as members.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit meisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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CANTON Excellent 4 bdrm colonial in convenient location! A little bit of country in the city! Master ste w/frpl, balcony, WIC, double sinks! Refrig, stove & dishwasher stay! Huge deck! \$279,950 (25127176PAL) 248-324-3800



RENOVATED RANCH 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, country kitchen w/granite, SS appl & lounging area w/FP Mstr bth w/sunken tub Finished LL w/full kit & 1/2 bath All on a beautifully landscaped dbl lot \$199,500 (25126478ROS) 248-626-8700



BROWNSTOWN CONDO 3 bedroom townhouse built in 1997 boasts central air, alarm, 2 car garage, bsmt, 1256 sq. ft Ceramic tile in kitchen which incl all appl Close to I-75, neutral decor, move in condition \$149,900 (25031035QJA) 248-851-4400



REDFORD Country setting Large 3 bedroom ranch on 1/2 acre Boaste newer kitchen, 2 full baths, 28x16 family room w/wood stove, formal dining room and 2 car attached garage Immediate occupancy! \$149,900 (25105187NEG) 248-851-4400



DEARBORN HEIGHTS BUNGALOW Truly move in condition New dishwasher, gas stove & kitchen cabinets, new A/C & furnace, family rm addition, finished basement w/glass block windows 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths \$126,000 (25113975DAR) 248-626-8700



WESTLAND Updated home with basement, garage and Livonia Schools Updates Furnace, HWH, windows, entire bathroom, kitchen cabinets and counters Home protection plan too Call today, tomorrow may be too late \$108,000 (25073413CAV) 248-851-4400



EASTPOINTE 3 bdrm alum sided ranch Freshly painted inside & out Newer carpet over hwdwd flrs, updated kitchen w/newer appl's Updated bath, newer roof to boards Full bath in bsmt, copper plub 1 car gar 1 yr warranty \$104,900 (25090953TOE) 248-547-2000



HARPER WOODS Bright, airy 3 bdrm "Private oasis" in backyard Many updates Finished bsmt w/4th bdrm, full bath & kitchen Updated kitchen w/appl's New roof, gutters, freshly painted & new carpet 05 \$89,900 (25129139) 248-547-2000




DEARBORN HEIGHTS Fixer upper Investment opportunity knocks Hardwood floors under carpet Plaster and roof repairs needed Wallside windows and doors Large lot with detached garage Stove and Fridge too \$82,500 (25100669ETO) 248-851-4400

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NORTHVILLE \$329,900
10 year old 3 bdrm 2.5 bath w/ finished basement w/ full kitchen, granite, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, large deck, finished laundry room, central air conditioning, walk out to back yard, close to schools and shopping. Call 734-455-6000. #1196 H 25123136




SCIO TOWNSHIP \$378,900
21 year old 4 bdrm 2.5 bath w/ finished basement w/ full kitchen, granite, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, large deck, finished laundry room, central air conditioning, walk out to back yard, close to schools and shopping. Call 734-455-6000. #1196 H 25123136




BELLEVILLE \$249,900
Spacious 3 bdrm ranch w/ basement walk out to wooded lot w/ large deck, finished laundry room, central air conditioning, walk out to back yard, close to schools and shopping. Call 734-455-6000. #1196 H 25123136




GARDEN CITY \$245,900
17 year old 3 bdrm 2.5 bath w/ finished basement w/ full kitchen, granite, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, large deck, finished laundry room, central air conditioning, walk out to back yard, close to schools and shopping. Call 734-455-6000. #1196 H 25123136



CANTON \$197,000
Three bedroom 2 bath colonial located in an nice neighborhood, close to schools and shopping, finished laundry room, central air conditioning, walk out to back yard, close to schools and shopping. Call 734-455-6000. #1196 H 25123136



PLYMOUTH \$179,900
18 year old 3 bdrm 2.5 bath w/ finished basement w/ full kitchen, granite, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, large deck, finished laundry room, central air conditioning, walk out to back yard, close to schools and shopping. Call 734-455-6000. #1196 H 25123136



NORTHVILLE \$169,900
3 year old 3 bdrm 2.5 bath w/ finished basement w/ full kitchen, granite, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors, large deck, finished laundry room, central air conditioning, walk out to back yard, close to schools and shopping. Call 734-455-6000. #1196 H 25123136

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Taylor speaks

The Metro Detroit Real Estate Investors Network, a Livonia-based cooperative of local agents, is holding a one-day conference featuring real estate guru Jeffrey Taylor. The event will take place from 6-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Holiday Inn on Telegraph Road in Southfield. The event will be held for a one-time door fee of \$20.

Taylor and his fellow speakers will share experiences about filling vacancies in an increasingly tough market. Additional topics covered will include adding thousands of dollars to cash flow for landlords, protection for one's assets and investments and other strategies and insight valued by real estate professionals. Taylor will also give a keynote address about strategies that will help landlords learn to keep long-term tenants in their property.

For more information, contact Sue Downey at (734) 402-0180, Ext. 110, or visit <http://www.detroitinvestments.com>

Blood Drive

RE/MAX Trio will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at 29848 Ford Road, Garden City (734) 762-6262. Career Seminars at Keller Williams

Keller Williams Plymouth will hold Career Seminars at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27 and 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome (734) 459-4700. Education Seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 — Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a real estate continuing education seminar presented by Lori Chumura of Middleton Training at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$75 for BIA members, and \$90 for guests (248) 862-1033.

■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 — General membership meeting, "It Feels Like a Million and Costs a Lot Less," at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Registration fees including lunch, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for guests and non-members and \$200 for table top display (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 — Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Business Accounting & Job Costs," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests (248) 862-1008.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30 — Effective Business Management Seminar "Design for Different Lifestyles and Different Generations," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for non-members and guests (248) 862-1033.

How To Classes

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes during the month of September:

■ How To Build Your Own Home — 6-10 p.m. Sept. 20, 22, 27, 29 at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 203-3800. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. (The cost is \$190 plus \$30 for two textbooks.)

■ Basement Remodeling — 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Sept. 19 & 21, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 27 & 29, at Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. The instructor will explain the facets of basement remodeling including space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials as well as the basics of construction. The cost is \$95 plus a textbook fee of \$10. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Sept. 15 (248) 433-

0885

■ **Builder's Pre-License Class** — This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Sept. 17 & 18, at Best Western ConCorde Inn, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills, (248) 651-2771, Sept. 15, \$205, 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays/Thursdays, Sept. 20, 22, 27 and 29, at The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, (248) 489-3333, Sept. 16, \$190 plus \$20 for textbooks, 6-10 p.m. Mondays/Wednesdays, Sept. 19, 21, 26, 28, at Avery Elementary School, 14700 Lincoln, Oak Park, (248) 837-8900, \$190 plus \$20, 6-10 p.m. Mondays/Wednesdays, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3 & 5, at the South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, Sept. 22, \$190 plus \$20 for textbooks, 6-10 p.m. Mondays/Wednesdays, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3 & 5, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents and \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for textbook, Sept. 22, and Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, (248) 956-5000, Sept. 15, \$199 plus \$20 for textbooks, and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 27 & 29, Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, Sept. 23, (248) 682-1088 \$199 plus \$20. **New Sales Associates in Clarkston**

Cathy J. Black and Kathy McAtamney have joined Coldwell Banker Schwitzer as full-time sales associates working out of the Clarkston office. **Friedman Real Estate tops**

CoStar Group recently announced its Third Annual Power Broker Awards and David Friedman, president and CEO of FREG, received an award as one of the top 20 industrial leasing brokers in the Detroit market. Friedman, Matthew Farrell, Todd Hawley, Roxanne Larson, Mitchell Lipton, and Todd Papazian were all ranked in the top 20 of office leasing brokers.

Matthew Farrell, CCIM and a vice president at FREG, was named 'Power Broker' by Costar Group. The Power Broker award recognizes leading deal makers in their particular market based on volume of deals in 2004.

CoStar Group named Friedman Real Estate Group as one of Detroit's top five brokerage firms based on leasing and top 10 in sales transaction volume. Howard Perlman and Barry Swatsenbarg of FREG ranked among Detroit's top 10 sales brokers based on transactions completed in 2004. **Weir Manuel - Three Arch Bay**

Weir Manuel Realtors announces its partnership with The Wexford Development Group in the sales and marketing of Washtenaw County's Three Arch Bay, featuring new homes designed by award-winning architect Dominick Tringali.

Located between Ann Arbor and Saline, Three Arch Bay surrounds a lake, and adjoins the Travis Pointe Country Club. The luxury homes range from 4,400 to more than 10,000 square feet of finished space. Prices begin at \$1.3 million, which includes a lake-front home site and a \$50,000 landscaping allowance. Home site premiums vary depending upon lake, pond, or golf course locations.

Project Engineer Gets Promotion

DeMaria Building Company announced the promotion of Eric Dumont from project engineer, Health Care Group, to program manager in the Health Care and University Groups. Dumont will manage construction projects for medical, hospital, laboratory and higher education clients. **Koehler named president**

The International Builders Exchange Executives (IBEE) has elected Kevin Koehler to serve as president for 2005-06. Koehler is president of the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), a 3,700-member organization headquartered in Bloomfield Hills that provides services to construction-related businesses including bidding information, online project news and safety and educational programs. **Kevin Brady is Founding Principal**

Kevin Brady has joined Lee & Associates, the fourth-largest full-service commercial real estate sales organization in

the country, as founding principal in the firm's Southfield office.

Brady's specialties include commercial and vacant land for development as well as office, retail, industrial and investment properties. He will be responsible for the office, retail and vacant land sales in the Livingston County market. **Muscillo joins RE/MAX**

Kathy Muscillo, CRP, has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX In The Hills, 36700 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Muscillo has been in real estate for 15 years and specializes in

relocation. She comes to RE/MAX from Century 21. **Gail Bernard von Staden Joins Gensler's**

Gail Bernard von Staden, AIA, has joined Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning Worldwide (www.gensler.com) as a senior project manager for the Detroit office. Von Staden brings 15 years of experience to Gensler, including extensive experience in program development, facility assessment, project management, and contributions to the design community.

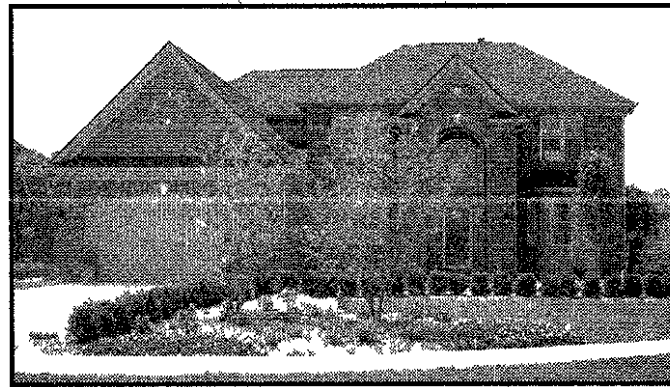
As a senior project manager for Gensler's corporate workplace projects, Von Staden is managing the design for the Detroit offices of three leading global advertising agencies. Prior to joining Gensler, von Staden was project manager and associate for Rossetti of Southfield. She has also worked at the Cranbrook Educational Community as the assistant director for the architectural office and as a project manager of the Institute of Science New Exhibits.

Randazzo named real estate analyst
Sarah Randazzo has been

named a real estate analyst in the acquisition and development department at Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., a commercial, residential and industrial property management and development company in Birmingham.

Randazzo had been a real estate analyst with Stout Risius Ross in Farmington Hills, a resident of Rochester Hills, she earned a master's in business administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Oakland University.

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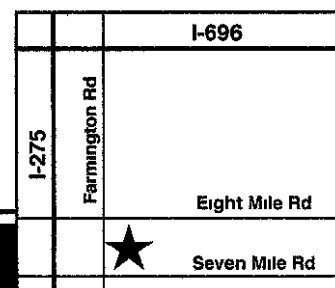


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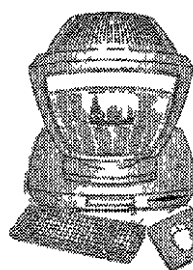
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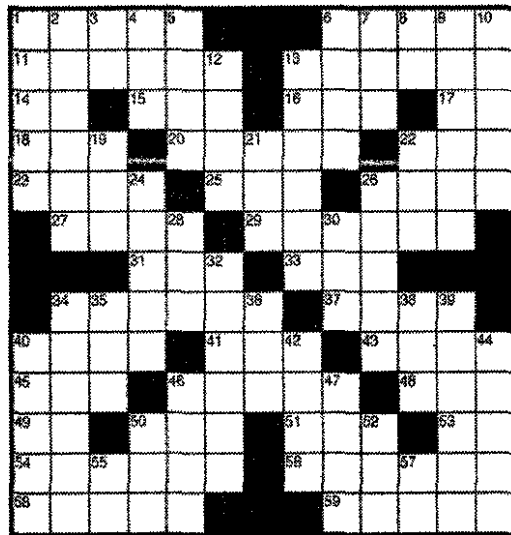
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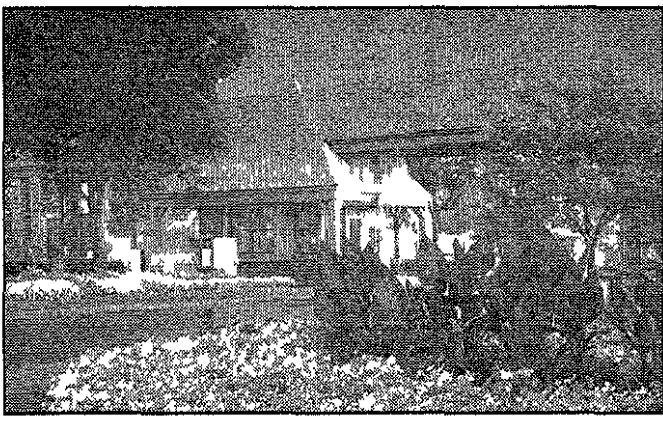
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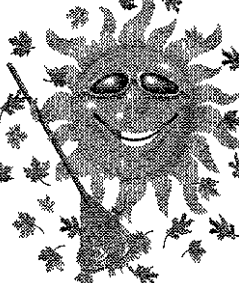
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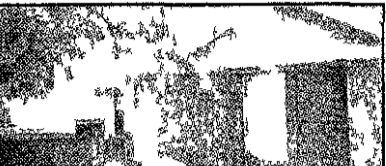
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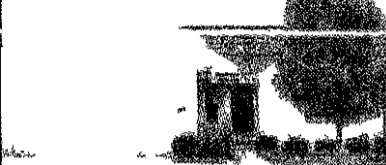
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TAYLOR Enormous Value
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REDFORD Pride Of Ownership
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS Move-In Condition
This 3 bedroom ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, double doors, and a finished basement. A great property in a great location.

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NORTHVILLE Must See In Maple Hills!
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(E16CAM) 248 349 5600 \$379,000



LIVONIA Sharp Home
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CLINTON TOWNSHIP Numerous Updates
Kitchen and bath updated in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Hardwood floors and a finished basement. Call today!

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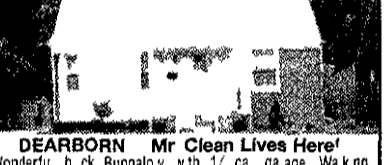
CANTON Private Wooded View
Two bedroom, 2 bath ranch with a finished basement and a large deck. A beautiful property in a great location.

(E07CAR) 734 455 5600 \$178,900



DEARBORN Pay Attention To This One!
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod with a finished basement and a large deck. A must-see property.

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DEARBORN Mr. Clean Lives Here!
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod with a finished basement and a large deck. A must-see property.

(E12VEN) 248 349 5600 \$154,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Cozy & Charming Condo
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CANTON Unbelievable Value!
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(E48RAI) 734 455 5600 \$235,000




LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Ranch
This 3 bedroom home is a beautiful property in a great location. A must-see property.

(E82ANT) 734 455 5600 \$189,000



LIVONIA Enjoy The Tranquility
A beautiful property in a great location. A must-see property.

(E30PER) 734 455 5600 \$221,000



BROWNSTOWN Beauty Door To Door
Beautiful 1 story condo with a finished basement and a large deck. A must-see property.

(E74WES) 248 349 5600 \$188,500



MILFORD Summer Walks To Town
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CANTON Beautiful Colonial
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(E76AME) 734 455 5600 \$489,900



WESTLAND Great Location
Two bedroom, 1 bath condo with a finished basement and a large deck. A must-see property.

(E83PRI) 734 455 5600 \$142,000



WATERFORD Must See Ranch!
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(E36HAN) 248-349-5600 \$165,000



LIVONIA Brick Ranch
This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home has a finished basement and a large deck. A must-see property.

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LIVONIA Move Right In & Enjoy
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PLYMOUTH Breathtaking Colonial
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NORTHVILLE Waterfront Beauty!
Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with a finished basement and a large deck. A must-see property.

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CANTON Ideally Located
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GARDEN CITY Don't Miss This One!
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LIVONIA Private Setting So Many Updates
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(E59MAY) 734 455 5600 \$210,000



ALLEN PARK Not Your Standard Ranch
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NORTHVILLE Mind Boggling Condo
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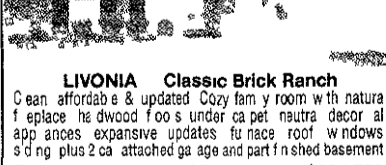
REDFORD Welcome Home
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TAYLOR Make It Your Own
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(E48GOD) 734 455 5600 \$269,620



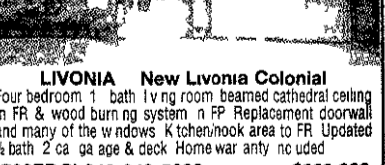
LIVONIA Classic Brick Ranch
Clean, affordable & updated. Cozy family room with a fireplace, hardwood floors, a new kitchen, a new roof, a finished basement, and a large deck. A must-see property.

(E50VAR) 734 455 5600 \$224,750



LIVONIA Awesome Area
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(E32KIN) 248 349 5600 \$190,000



LIVONIA New Livonia Colonial
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NOVI Exceptional Colonial Home
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WESTLAND Terrific Home!
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WESTLAND A Real Dream House
This charming home offers 3 bedrooms with a gorgeous basement with a finished basement and a large deck. A must-see property.

(E39GIL) 734 455 5600 \$180,000



LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Cape Cod
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(E56WHI) 248 349 5600 \$219,800



NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo
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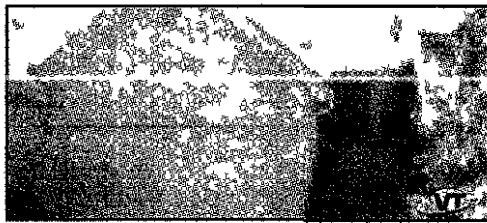
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OWN A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN 3 5 acres Beautiful prop Secluded yet close to everything Custom blt ranch Tons of upgrades Granite kit amazing LL w/2020 add'l SF 349-6200 (25107587) \$600 000



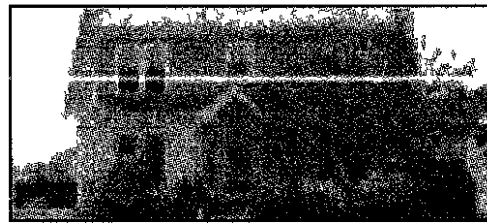
YPSILANTI 734-455-7000
WONDERFUL COLONIAL IN THE PRESERVE Beautifully maintained with loads of upgrades & improvements 4 BR 2 5 BA 2900 SF huge gar backs to trees trex deck & stainless appl (23C6207) \$339 000



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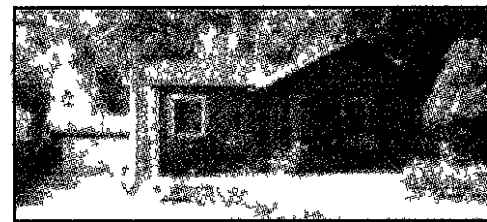
DEARBORN 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL BRICK 4 BR CAPE COD HOME Kit w/table space opens to FR w/hat fplc FR leads to brick paver patio C/A 2 5 BA Party fin d bsmt 1st flr BR 349-6200 (25080502) \$229 500



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METICULOUS DREAM RANCH Delightful brck home park like setting on lg deep lot 3BR FP A/C 2 car gar rebuilt in 1999 so everything is 6 yrs old (23B34815) \$198 815



WAYNE 734-326-2000
CUSTOM BUILD ON RAVINE LOT 1865 SF 3 BR Bung FP h/wd flrs cove ceils frm DR sunrm C/A fin d bsmt 2 car gar Beautiful lot Ready to move in! (W321) 20612 \$189 900



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Contemporary hm w/many updates 3 BR 1 5 BA lrg LR w/cathedral ceils & open staircase Updates incl Furn C/A roof wndws drs & crpt Hdwd flrs quality woodwork 2 car gar & carport (25117042) \$187 000



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Large 4BR bung w/Livonia schls Tons of updated complete more to come Includes shed & heated 2 car gar w/huge separate workshop 1 yr home warranty (25117731) \$169 900



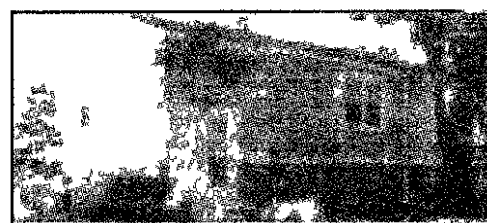
PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Check out this charming condo in desirable downtown Plymouth walking distance to park Home feaures updated kit w/cer flr & oak cabs Mstr BR w/cath ceilings Neutral decor all newer apps (25107157) \$169 900



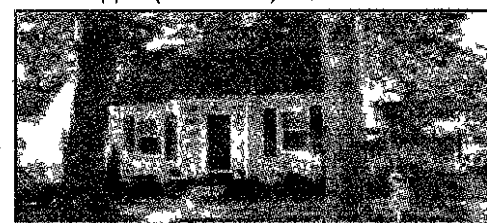
WAYNE 734-591-9200
One of Wayne's finest! Fabulous decor! Most all updates have been completed 3BR 2BA bsmt gar deck w/hot tub Fantastic kit/DR w/loads of cabs All appls stay (25116710) \$154,900



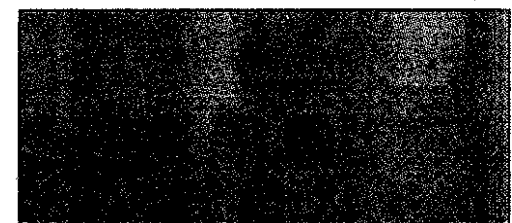
REDFORD 734-591-9200
Great golf course area-3BR brck ranch brand new kit w/loads of cupboards roof (tear-off) a/c drs h/wdwd flrs crpt remod BA glass blk wndws copp plumb painted move right in (25104636) \$146 500



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
CAREFREE CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING Great stand alone ranch w/attached gar in Novi Updated wndws kit Lg mstr BR w/WIC 1st flr laundry in complex w/pool 349-6200 (25104792) \$136 900



WAYNE 734-326-2000
A BEAUTIFUL STARTER IN TIP-TOP SHAPE is this 3 BR vinyl bungalow w/remod kit and BA h/wdwd flrs full part fin d bsmt and a newer 2 car gar (W342) 20622 \$129 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautiful updated private entry 1st flr 2BR 2BA 971 SF condo Scenic views of the private nature pond All appls stay (25120925) \$122 000



REDFORD 248-348-6430
CAPE COD W/CHARACTER & CHARM Check it out! Full brck home situated on quiet street Hdwd flrs quality woodwork 2 car gar & bsmt Newer roof 349-6200 (25093038) \$113 500



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW- 3 BR home w/ready to finish lower daylight bsmt offers extra 700 SF of living space Vinyl wndws oak kit C/A Built 2002 Nice clean and ready to move-in (25123845) \$111 500



INKSTER 734-326-2000
PERFECT STARTER HOME cozy & comfortable 2 BR ranch has an open floor plan fireplace lrg deck & hot tub off the family rm Bsmt part fin d w/bar All appls inc (A515) \$105 000



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
GROUND LEVEL CONDO W/POND VIEW 2 BR 2 BA is freshly painted with newer carpet and windows Clean & bright with pond view Come see (W755) \$84 900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Welcome to this exquisite 2003 built 4BR 2 5 BA 2448 SF, 2 car att gar & bsmt det condo w/maple cabs corian counters & a great view (25057048) \$289 000

CANTON 734-455-7000
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DEARBORN 734-326-2000
GREAT DEARBORN LOCATION 3 BR possible 4 2 BA 2 kits h/wdwd flrs 2 car gar w/ elec and carport C/A (25079715) \$137 500

DEARBORN HGTS 734-326-2000
YOU VE FOUND THE BEST w/ this 3 or 4 BR 2 story 2100 SF Colonial W/2 5 BA FR W/FP Full bsmt & 2 car att gar Many newer features & brand new carpeting (25127070) \$260 000

DETROIT 734-455-7000
THE PERFECT HOME! 3 BR 1 BA brck home has it all-fireplace gar oak cabs c/a dishwasher ceiling fans stove refng home warr (25031544) \$100 000

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/fpic & drwall to patio 1st flr lndry Prvt back yard (25072976) \$259 900

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
END UNIT RANCH CONDO! OPEN FLR PLAN Vldd ceils w/skylite in kit New wndws roof-03 new stove microwave & dishwasher Gas fpic neut t/o 1 car gar w/opener 349-6200 (25011747) \$160 000

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
GARDEN CITY S BEST BUY! 3BR brck ranch w/bsmt in all brick area Some major updates Do the cosmetics and make some sweat equity! (25120720) \$127 900

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
COTTAGE IN THE WOODS 2BR brck ranch situated on 1/4 acre treed lot Lots of updates good-sized rooms remodeled kit and BA and much more (25122765) \$127 900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
5 ROOMY BR & 2 BA 5 BR for the growing family Many updates including kit & BA Wayne Westland schls (25119511) \$159 900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
BEAUTY BEYOND COMPARE is this 3 BR brck bung w/remod kit & BA full fin d bsmt Formal DR & 2 ca 5 gar on a nicely landscaped lot (25041006) \$119 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Not your typical ranch Totally updated & redesigned open floor plan with a kit you would only dream of FR w/FP fin d bsmt 2 car att gar & custom upgrades (25118783) \$239 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Charming 7 yr old Colonial that sits 100 ft from road almost 1/2 acre lot Newer carpet 6-cel fans 3BR 2 5 BA High efficiency gas FP insert Drive thru gar (25065385) \$221 500

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Updated and in move in condition 3BR brck ranch @ 5 & Levan Beautiful landscaped interior lot 2 car gar fin d bsmt and recent costly updates (25100660) \$219 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Charming air conditioned 3 BR home has many updates New kit BA roof beautiful FR fin d bsmt w/glass block wndws 2 car gar w/ a very pretty yard (25111786) \$179 900

LIVONIA 734-326-2000
LIVONIA CHARMER 3 BR rch w/gorgeous fin d bsmt & 2 car gar All new roof vinyl windows updatd electric & more Open floor plan Clean & bright (25118407) \$149 900

NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
3200 SF Victorian w/5 BR and 3 5 BA w/period design and accents t/o Too many high end upgrades to actually list (25048938) \$794 000

NOVI 248-348-6430
GORGEOUS HOME ON CULDESACLOT Gourmet kit prvt lib w/cath ceil LR & DR FR mstr & prvt BA fin d LL deck brick paver patio & 3 car side entry gar 349-6200 (25088685) \$479 900

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NOVI 248-348-6430
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NOVI 248-348-6430
CROSSWINDS OF NOVI CONDO Quick occup 2BR 1 5BA Many updates Fin d LL w/fpic & study Lg mstr w/WIC Brazilian cherry h/wdwd in kit nook & PR 349-6200 (25109991) \$144 900

PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Beautiful home in the heart of Plymouth Huge bckyrd w/lrg deck Updts incl New wndws roof newer furn HWH & landscaping Hdwd flrs & part fin d bsmt & more (25123021) \$244 900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
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PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
WALK TO DWNTWN! 3BR 1 5BA plus a fin d bsmt lrg lot granite kit stainless appliances very neut newer flooring t/o 2 car gar (25121744) \$209 900

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LOWEST PRICE IN THE COMPLEX! Contemp flair Spacious condo! Vldd ceils sky-lts 2 car gar 2 BR 2 5 BA fplc 349 6200 (25050935) \$173 900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
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WESTLAND 734-326-2000
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WESTLAND 734-455-7000
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WESTLAND 734-326-2000
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BY DALE BUSS

Clearly, the environment for selling sport-utility vehicles in the American marketplace is getting increasingly difficult. Over the last few years, more and more entries by nearly every significant auto manufacturer have been appearing in the segment, making the SUV market increasingly competitive just because of that dynamic alone.

For the traditional U.S. Big Three auto makers, an additional complication has been the fact that effective foreign competition has been flooding into niches of the SUV market that the Americans once dominated, including medium- and large-sized vehicles.

And now, of course, \$3-a-gallon gasoline is forcing all but the most stubborn consumer fan of SUVs to consider whether carrying around all that extra weight and room all the time is worth it, all the time, because of the great sacrifices they're making in fuel economy. This last factor stands the biggest chance of any of the elements of turning the Big Three's long dependence on SUVs for profits into a terrible albatross rather than the golden goose that it's been for many years.

Yet while GM soon will be debating new replacements for some of its biggest and best-selling SUVs, it might be Ford Motor Co. that is showing its Detroit rival the smartest way to proceed through what looks to be an increasingly perilous future for the American-made SUV. Ford began by trailblazing the Big Three's entry into hybrid versions of SUVs with its new hybrid Escape.

At the same time, Ford has added an entirely new line of SUVs with its Ford Freestyle mid-size model and continues to improve the conventionally powered Ford Escape and its cousin, Mercury Mariner. These additions and enhancements help add up to an SUV-segment strategy that may allow Ford to sustain the worst damage that can be wrought by \$3-a-gallon gasoline without too-terrible effect.

Mercury began offering Mariner in a 2005 model after Ford had introduced the Escape in 2001 and also gave Mazda a version of this same vehicle, Tribute. And Ford's stepchild division has made the most of this vehicle. It shares Escape's basic structure, platform and power trains. But when it comes to styling, Mercury appropriately sets itself apart with Mariner.

Mariner's grille is definitively rich looking, and the vehi-



The Ford Freestyle gets 19 miles per gallon in the city and 24 miles per gallon on the highway.

cles distinctive 16-inch aluminum wheels and sleek rocker moldings clearly set it apart from both Escape and Tribute. Mercury has optimized the opportunity to move this vehicle platform upscale for Ford without trying to make Mariner seem like it should be a Lincoln instead.

Under the hood, Mariner shares with Escape and Tribute a decent capability when it comes to the increasingly important criterion of fuel economy, yielding 18mpg in the city and 23mpg on the highway for the Premier version that I drove. For 2006, in fact, Ford is introducing a hybrid version of Mariner, which will allow Mariner customers to achieve even better results in the increasingly important fuel-economy consideration.

For 2005, Mariner's standard power train is a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine that obviously gets better fuel economy, but I was happy with the combination of capable performance and OK mileage provided by the 3.0-liter Duratec V6 engine under the hood of the Mariner Premier. With 200 horsepower and 193 pound-feet of torque, coupled with four-wheel-drive capability, Mariner Premier is a little powerhouse.

Inside, Mariner's big distinctive, in the top-of-the-line Premier version, is two-tone leather seats with suede-like inserts, which set it apart definitively from Escape and Tribute underneath the roof. The Premier version also offers heated outside mirrors, a premium audio system

with subwoofer and heated seats. All that for a suggested price of \$27,845.

In coming up with Freestyle to plunk in the middle of its SUV lineup, Ford demonstrated a bit of inventiveness and the fruits of corporate acquiescence that are increasingly evident across the spectrum of the globalized auto industry. Freestyle, you see, is based partly on the S80 platform designed by Volvo, Ford's acquisition of not too many years ago.

The S80 heritage gives Freestyle a solid pedigree when it comes to both refinement as well as safety. Freestyle is a true "crossover" vehicle, bearing as it does both the cargo characteristics of a truck or large SUV as well as the drivability of a sedan. Ford's new Five Hundred sedan also emerged from Ford's same recent impulse to broaden its product lineup.

Freestyle contrasts with Ford's older, trailblazing Explorer SUV in that it has a lower ride height for easier entry and exit as well as more nimbler handling and a quieter, more passenger-focused cabin. Even so, the Limited, all-wheel-drive version I drove can seat seven and retails for a reasonable \$33,720.

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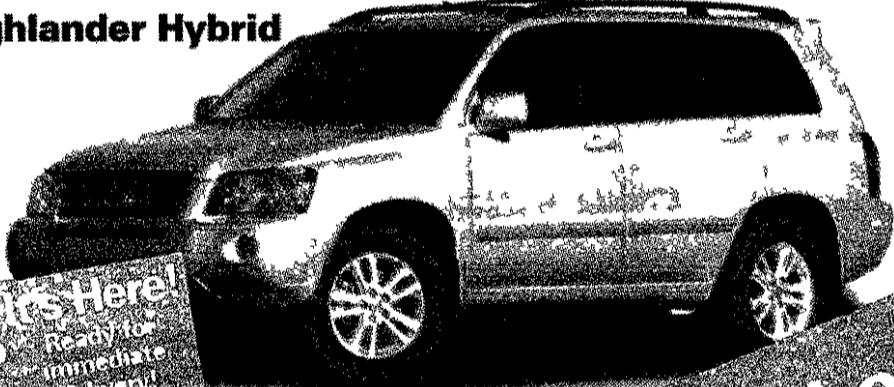
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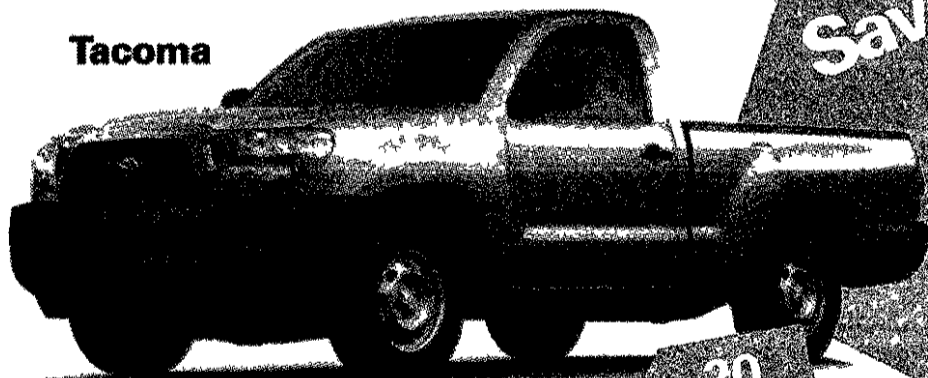
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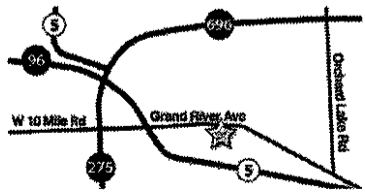


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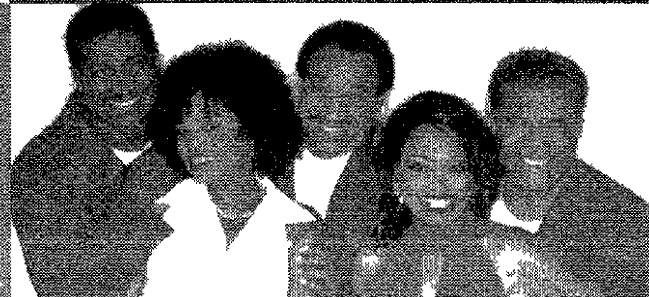
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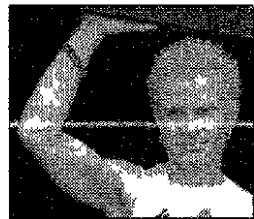
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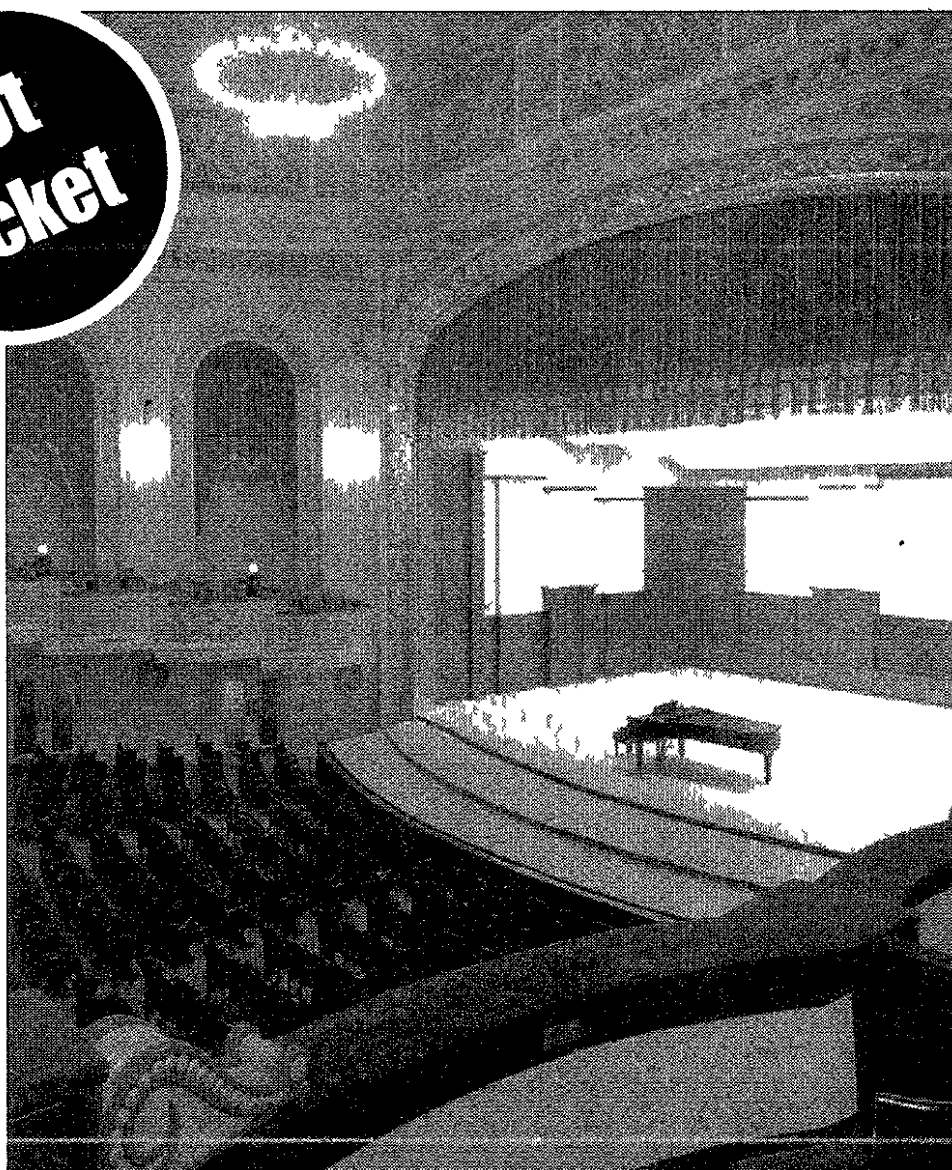


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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its 2005-2006 season in Orchestra Hall tonight with violinist Itzhak Perlman performing selections from movie scores

DSO's first season without Maestro Jarvi boasts variety

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 2005-06 season will surely be unlike recent series

The season, which opens tonight with "Silver Screen Serenade," a benefit concert featuring violinist Itzhak Perlman playing selections from favorite film scores, is the first for the orchestra without its beloved musical director of 15 years, Maestro Neeme Jarvi, who stepped down last year

"It is our first without Neeme Jarvi, which poses challenges and opportunities," said Stephen Millen, DSO vice president and general manager

To begin, more than 20 guest conductors are slated to lead programs during the season That's because Jarvi typically conducted 10 weeks' worth of concerts each season, and a new musical director has yet to be named

SILVER SCREEN OPENING

What: Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its 2005-2006 classical season with benefit night featuring violinist Itzhak Perlman playing selections from favorite film scores

When: Opening Thursday Sept 15 cocktail reception 6 p.m. concert 7 p.m. and dinner 8 p.m. Season runs through June 2006 most concerts slated weekends with some weekday performances available

Where: Orchestra Hall Max M Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Detroit

Tickets: Benefit tickets start at \$40 regular single concert tickets start at \$19 call (313) 576 5111 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com

The challenge comes with coordinating and scheduling the programs and conductors The opportunity is a

chance to present a season with tremendous variety

"Having this many artistic minds coming to the table with ideas - it makes the season more varied," said Millen

Indeed, the contrast can be striking For instance, in December, guest conductor Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos leads a traditional program featuring Beethoven's ever popular Symphony No. 9 In April, conductor JoAnn Falletta presents a Spanish-themed concert that includes three rarely performed pieces, Spanish guitarist Sir Angel Romero and Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*

"The most important opportunity is, of course, that we will be able to see more musical conductors that could be potential candidates for musical director," said Millen "We

PLEASE SEE DSO, D17

Chamber Music Society of Detroit expands season

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

In its 62nd season, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit is more popular than ever

Subscriptions to the annual concert series have sold out in recent years, so the non-profit organization has decided to expand its offerings

An additional three-concert series has been added to the regular season, a nine-concert series that opens Saturday with performances by the Shanghai String Quartet and Guarneri String Quartet at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills

Our purpose is to satisfy public demand. We're happy that we're so successful, and we really don't want to turn people away," said Lois Beznos, Chamber Music Society of Detroit's president. "Whether chamber music in and of itself is becoming popular, I don't know. But what we've discovered is that many people are thrilled to come to concerts at the level at which we

MUSIC MORE TO HEAR

What: Chamber Music Society's 62nd season features the addition of new performance series and opens with a concert featuring the Shanghai String Quartet and Guarneri String Quartet

When: Opening concert 8 p.m. Saturday Sept. 17; season continues through May 2006 with most concerts slated for Saturdays

Where: Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

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tures led by the evenings featured artists precede the concerts

When these artists perform in cities like New York, you don't have the opportunity to see them do a pre-concert lecture. What the people are getting here is really quite extraordinary, and the people are aware of it. That's why we're sold out," Beznos said.

Special reception events and the Society Cafe where patrons can gather for refreshments before concerts and during intermission add to the sense of community that permeates the setting, said Beznos. And it's a very friendly audience. It readily welcomes new people, and we have lots of social and reception events."

In assembling each season's program, Beznos takes into account audience feedback, while striving to present a mix of popular performers and new ensembles — always with an eye toward a diverse program in terms of works presented and instrumentation.

Several new performers are scheduled this year, including pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard (Oct. 15), The English Concert



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The Shanghai String Quartet opens the Chamber Music Society's 2005-2006 season


with violinist and leader Andrew Manze (Nov. 12) and cellist Matt Hamovitz, who will perform Bach's complete unaccompanied cello suites (Feb. 11).


"We like to expose our


audiences to new opportunities," said Beznos.

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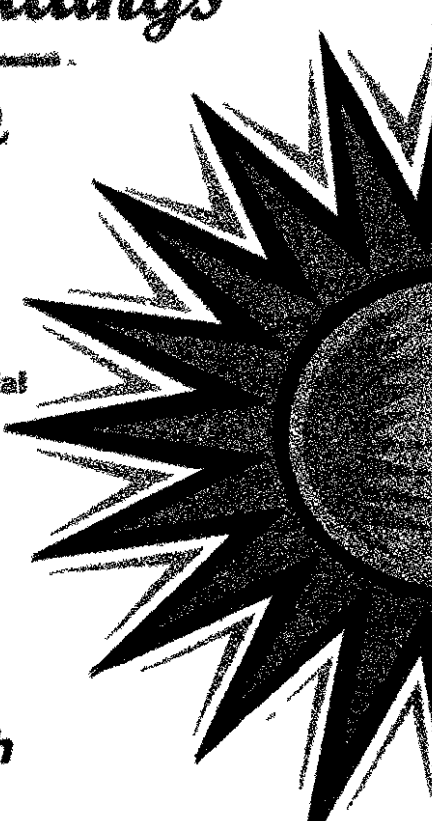
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Wistful yet twitchy

Robert Schefmal exhibit opens at Meadow Brook Art Gallery

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The subjects in Detroit painter Robert Schefman's works are restless yet meditative — a state of being all too familiar in contemporary times.

At the same time, Schefman's large-scale paintings, currently on exhibit through Oct. 23 at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, evoke a sense of the past.

They are beautiful and surprising, Dick Goody, exhibit curator and Meadow Brook Art Gallery director, said of the works. You have this person who is doing these paintings that look as if they're done in the 16th century but who is aware of what's happening now. That's an interesting paradox, Schefman, an instructor at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, is a realist narrative



painter and former sculptor. The exhibit presents about 40 of his fastidiously rendered paintings, spanning from 1982 to the present.

People say they don't teach skills in art school any more and that today's artists are only doing conceptual and not technical works," Goody said.

Schefman's paintings show otherwise, rendering them highly accessible and, if not entirely contemporary, then certainly of the here-and-now.

"Somebody who doesn't go to art shows could come to the gallery and have a really good time," said Goody, who decided to abandon organizing the exhibit chronologically after realizing the images provided a tremendous opportunity to create striking visual dynamics. "Probably people who don't know much about art, will say, 'Wow, he really knows

PREOCCUPIED FIGURES

What: Robert Schefman, an exhibit of the Detroit painter's work from 1982 to the present plus an artist-led lecture and auction gala with bidding on the opportunity to serve as the subject of a Robert Schefman painting.

When: Exhibit runs through Oct. 23. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Artist lecture 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Auction gala 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

Where: Meadow Brook Art Gallery on campus of Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills.

Admission: Exhibit and lecture are free and open to the public. Auction gala tickets are \$100, include wine and a strolling buffet to benefit the gallery.

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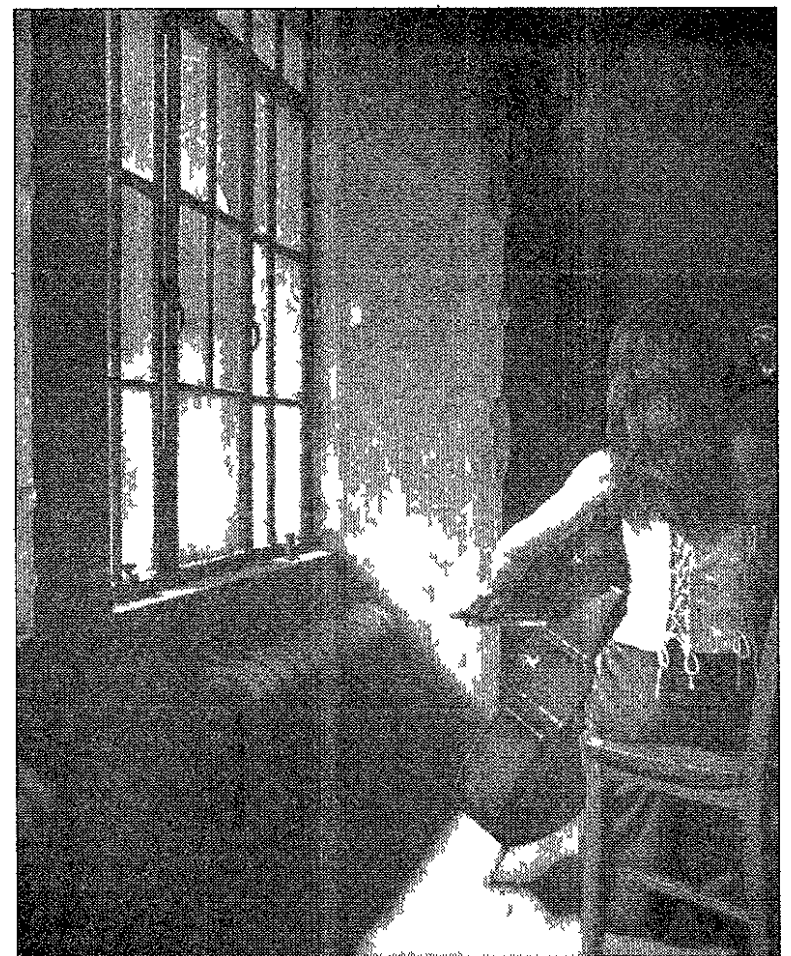


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how to paint,' and then go home and realize they're quite disturbed.

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Among the 40 works by Detroit painter Robert Schefman on display at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery in Rochester Hills is "Vermeer in Bosnia," oil on canvas, from the collection of Michael A. Leibowitz.

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Disney comes to Dearborn



BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

In 1940, 15 years before Disneyland opened in California, Walt Disney took interest in everything mechanical during a visit to Greenfield Village

Now 50 years later as Disneyland celebrates its golden anniversary, The Henry Ford is debuting a mammoth exhibit in Disney's honor

Behind the Magic — 50 Years of Disneyland opens at The Henry Ford on Sept. 23 and runs through Jan. 1, 2006. After that, the exhibit will travel the country.

The Henry Ford collaborated with Walt Disney Imagineering to create the exhibit. It's the first exhibit to include art and artifacts focused on Disney.

50 Years is a 7,500-square-foot exhibit that includes 250 pieces of original Imagineering art work, hand-crafted models, construction drawings and marketing materials tracing the growth and history of Disneyland.

Some of the artifacts are arcade games from Disneyland's New Orleans Square, 3-D models used to develop the *Jungle Cruise* and Mickey Mouse's *Toontown House*, sculptures from rides of *Dumbo*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Alice in Wonderland* and

BEHIND THE MAGIC

What: Celebrating 50 Years of Disneyland art artifacts and more focused on Disneyland

Where: The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn

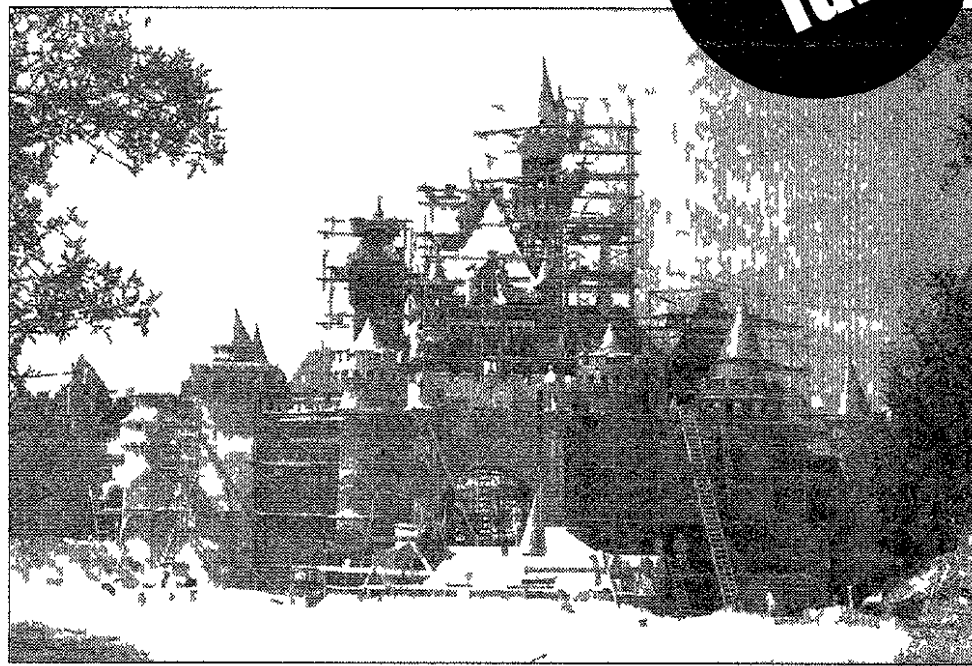
When: Beginning Sept. 23 through Jan. 1, 2006

Tickets: \$10 plus general museum admission. Purchased at the door (but advance purchase recommended) or at www.thehenryford.org or by calling (313) 982-6001.

the *Haunted Mansion* original vehicles from the monorail *Mr. Toad's Wild Ride* and *Peter Pan's Flight*; Mickey's big bass drum used in the Electric Light Parade; audio animatronics of a raven from the *Haunted Mansion*; conceptual sketches from Adventureland, Fantasyland, Frontierland and Tomorrowland and much more.

Scott Mallwitz, design director with Disney, said The Henry Ford was chosen to organize the exhibit for many reasons, including its influence on the early development of Disney's first theme park.

The connection can be traced back to Walt Disney himself and his first visit to Greenfield Village in 1940, said Mallwitz. "Walt was so taken with Henry Ford's vision of an idealized American village that



Above: the Sleeping Beauty castle under construction in 1955, getting a few final touches from construction workers before its unveiling. Walt Disney wanted this castle to be a friendly and welcoming presence in his park, so it was built on a smaller scale than its European counterparts. At left: the Mad Tea Party in 1966 is based on a scene in 'Alice in Wonderland.' Pictured here at its original location, it was moved near the Matterhorn in 1983 during the construction of the new Fantasyland.

he returned eight years later. These trips and visits to other destinations and events across the country helped him frame the concept of what would later become Disneyland.

One of those visits to Greenfield Village by Disney was with animator and railroad enthusiast Ward Kimball. On their trip home, Disney wrote notes about his trip and later wrote a memo called "Mickey Mouse Park" that read: "The Main Village is built around a village green or informal park. In the park will be benches, a bandstand, drinking fountain, trees and shrubs. It will be a place for people to sit and rest, mothers and grandmothers can watch over small children at play. I want it to be very relaxing, cool and inviting."

He also discussed ideas like a town hall, a main street and shops. The comparisons were strong to The Henry Ford.

"While Walt Disney admired many of America's great historical figures, he particularly revered Henry Ford (who unknowingly played a significant role in helping Walt visualize his revolutionary concept for a multi-themed amusement park), author Michael Broogie wrote in his book *Walt Disney's Railroad Story*.

Today, Disney Imagineers try to honor Walt's original vision. Walt Disney Imagineering creates — from concept to construction — all Disney theme parks, resorts, attractions, cruise ships, real estate developments and regional entertainment venues worldwide.

Marty Sklar was hired by Walt Disney shortly before the opening of Disneyland and worked with him for many years.

Since designing Disneyland, Imagineers have pushed the boundaries of creativity with our Disney parks, said Sklar, who is now vice president and principal creative executive of Walt Disney Imagineering.

On Disneyland's opening day, July 17, 1955, Disney gave a speech. He said: "To all who have come to this happy place, welcome. Disneyland is your land. Here age relives fond memories of the past and here youth may savor the challenge and promise of the future. Disneyland is dedicated to the hard facts that have created America — with the hope that it will be a source of joy and inspiration to all the world."

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Boogie Woogie Festival is now a two-day event

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It just keeps getting bigger. The goal for Ron Harwood, founder of Farmington Hills-based American Music Research Foundation is to preserve America's roots music of boogie



Kenny 'Blues Boss' Wayne performs on Friday



woogie and R&B. Not only is he succeeding, he's also sparking new interest in the music.

The Motor City Boogie Woogie & Blues Festival (this year is the seventh) returns this year. The festival has expanded, and relocated from the Redford Theatre to its new locale at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

And this year it's a two-day event on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15. Over the years the event had been limited to just one evening.

Boogie woogie is considered America's industrial-strength music," Harwood said. Over the years it has inspired many struggles for freedom and self-expression through its music. Boogie is the root for much of America's blues, rock and jazz today."

Friday night's show highlights pure boogie woogie roots artists Michael Kaeshammer, Toronto keyboard star, headlines. Also on Friday is keyboard sensation



Philippe LeJeune of France brings a different twist to the evening

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne, from Vancouver, international artists Philippe LeJeune from France and Silvan Zingg from Manno-Lugano, Switzerland.

Saturday night's concert features "Gen 2 Blues." It's second-

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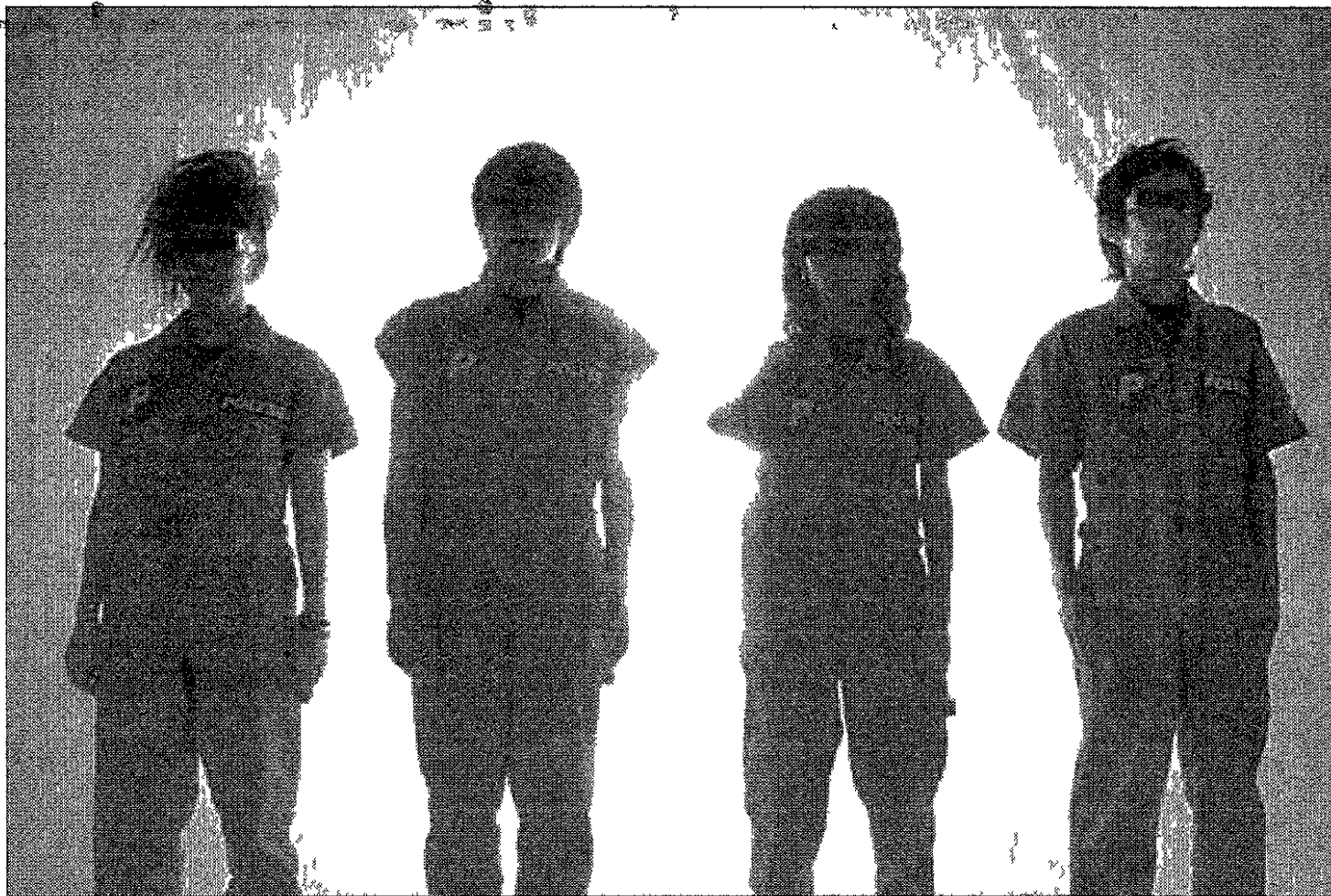
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JAPAN'S PUNK INVASION

POLYSICS BRINGS FRESH SYNTH SOUND TO DETROIT

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Those who have their musical ear to the ground have known about Polysics for years

The fun, Japanese technicolor-pogo-punk-synthesizer band mixes electronics sounds and distorted guitar to create melodic, energetic music with a hint of old Devo

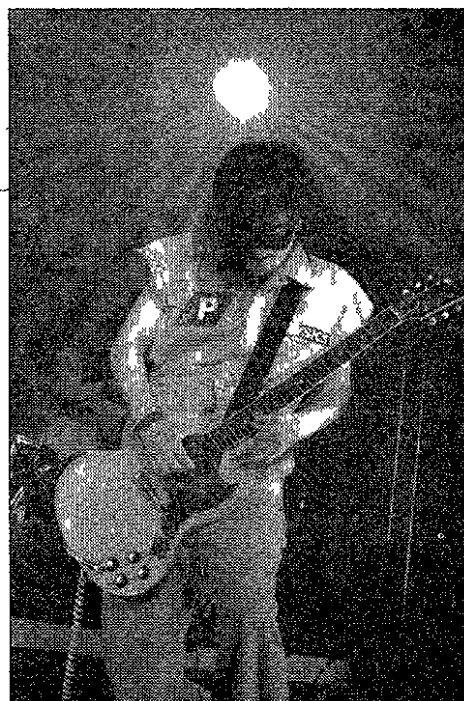
Some say Polysics is a blend of Kraftwerk meets the Ramones, meets Blondie meets Atari and Play Station videogame noise electronica. The band performs to crowds of energetic pogo-ing new punks and seasoned new wavers enjoying the fresh sound based on punk roots. The fan base is strong and frenetic.

This young band has paid its dues, playing everywhere it can since the late '90s.

Polysics is selling out shows at the hippest U.S. nightclubs such as The Knitting Factory in L.A., CBGB's in New York.

The band is coming to Small's in Hamtramck on Friday, Sept. 23, for an all ages show. Tickets won't be available until show day, so just arrive a little early before doors open at 8 p.m.

Polysics are known for their wild costumes - maybe bright orange jumpsuits



Polysics guitarist Hiroyuki Hayashi said to expect high energy at the show

and wrap-around Devo-ish glasses, good ole ratted spiked hair and Converse footwear (as all good punks do). The band sings in English, Japanese and its own

'space language' on the newest CD *Polysics or Die!!*

The band formed in Tokyo and are known for the remakes of The Knack's *My Sharona* and the song *Kaja Kajo Goo* (remember *Kajagoogoo* from the '80s? Sure you do!)

In 1997, Hiroyuki Hayashi, guitarist/vocalist and electronic programming master, was inspired by Devo. He recruited now fellow bandmates Kayo, who plays synthesizer, vocoder and sings, Fumi on bass, synthesizer and vocals and also drummer Yano. Together they strive to create new music with strong electronics and distorted guitar noise. For the past eight years, Polysics has paved way for other pop punk bands in its native country through thrashing, exuberant shows.

In 2000, the foursome was signed with Sony's Ki/oon Records and now are on the independent and well-respected Tofu Records label. We spoke with Hayashi recently. Here's what he had to say.

Is this your first time in Detroit? Did you know The Knack's singer Doug Fieger (*My Sharona*) is originally from here?

This will be the Polysics' second time in Detroit. Had a great time so I had to come back! I was not aware (he) came from there.

How did the band meet?

The current lineup of Polysics must have been brought together by fate. Kayo is a school mate of mine from high school. I met Fumi through a musician friend we had in common. Yano came to Polysics recently from music school. I am happy to say Polysics sounds stronger than ever!

The song "Eno" is that a tribute to pianist Brian Eno?

Many of our songs are created with words and sounds that work well. Some are in Japanese, others English and some turn out to be words I didn't know. *Eno* is one of those. The sounds came out and I liked the way it fit. It wasn't written about anyone.

You're with Tofu Records. Are you vegetarians?

(laughing) No, we eat all types of food. In America, I love to go to Hooters.

Tell us about the name Polysics

It was my first synthesizer KORG "Polysix" and left a strong impression on me. I loved the sound. It made sense to pay homage.

How do YOU describe your music?

New Wave Punk!

What can we expect from a Polysics show?

Lots of energy from both Polysics and the audience. Everybody jumps around, dances and "body surfs" to the music. It will open doors to a new world of music for you!

We know you love Devo. Who else inspires you?

Other influences include XTC, Kraftwerk, YMO, Talking Heads, King Crimson and Metallica.

What kind of emotion do you want people to feel through your music?

Whatever emotion it brings to them. In

America, audiences really show us happiness. That's where all the energy comes from. It's great!

Do you still wear Converse?

I wear Converse "One Star". They look and feel great - help me stay secure as I jump around on stage. All Polysics wear them.

Tell us about your musical backgrounds/history. Self-taught? Trained?

All of us learned differently. Fumi (bass) & I learned to play by ear. Kayo (synthesizer) was trained as a young girl with piano lessons. Our drummer Yano had serious drum training in a special school.

Name the top five CDs of other bands whom you're listening to right now.

Kraftwerk's *Minimum-Maximum* (live), The Futureheads, The Blood Brothers, *Crimes*, Depeche Mode, *Speak & Spell*, CAN, *Tago Mago*.

Tell us anything that we should know about Polysics!

We change the color of our jumpsuits each tour. Can't say what it will be this time - you'll have to come to the shows and see!

What's the biggest difference between U.S. and Japanese audiences?

Americans react directly to the music. I like the spirit of everyone enjoying it in their own way. Here we have people dancing, jumping and being active. Japanese are shy.

Polysics certainly has paid its dues in the music world, has earned respect from critics and fans... what are your future album plans?

Polysics always write and create new music! Our music is moving forward, each sound is tight and thick, bringing Polysics sound to the forefront. Also, our compositions are becoming leaner, compact. Expect new works from us in 2006.

Cover story

POLYSICS

Who: Japan synth punk band Polysics with special guests The Talk

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www.polysics.com or www.smallsbardetroit.com

Punking around on the 'Devil's Playground'

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

It would have been difficult to journey through the world of rock 'n' roll in the 1980s and miss out on the electricity generated by Billy Idol.

Whether you craved the unique sounds of the decade or were totally turned off by synthesizers and electronic drum machines, there was little doubt Billy Idol was the '80s.

Linked to the first generation of punk, Idol cuts filled the

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airwaves and blared through speaker systems with a familiar chorus of "In the midnight hour," or "It's a nice day for a," or simply, "Mony, Mony." And if that wasn't enough, a quick click of the remote could usually bring up a leather-clad, fist-

pumping, platinum-haired Idol screaming "More, more, more."

Now, two decades later, America's iconoclastic figure of punk is back on stage rocking audiences old and new with his recent release of *Devil's Playground*.

"*Devil's Playground* is a journey through the musical taste of Billy Idol - punk, rockabilly, country & western, rock, dance," said Idol, who will bring a stage full of energy to Jerome Duncan Ford Theatre in Sterling Heights tomorrow night. "My job is to make people be in love with the world that the music has created, because I am. That's really important to be in love with what you are, sure of what you are, proud of what you are."

With longtime pal and songwriting partner Steve Stevens back on guitar and bandmates Stephen McGrath (bass),



Derek Sherman (keyboard) and Brian Tichy (drums), the show promises to deliver what fans have been craving as the '80s nostalgia boom rocks on.

"Detroit is definitely a rock 'n' roll town," said the multitasking Stevens, who joined forces with Idol back in 1981. "We played there a few years ago and the energy was fantastic."

Stevens said the current tour, which kicked off its American leg last Friday in New York City, has been highly anticipated by him and Idol, thanks primarily to the stability again found in the band.

"Both Billy and I always wanted a permanent band and we've been going strong now for four years," Stevens said. "We needed that as a type of security blanket to do a rock 'n' roll record and go back on the road. Our label (Sanctuary) allowed us to do that."

At 43, Stevens is among the elite guitarists of all time, sharing stages with a wide array of artists, ranging from Michael Jackson to Chris Squire and Billy Sherwood. But through it all, including the decade or so that he and Idol ventured in other areas, the bond between the two remained solid.



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California, rainbow, dragon, soft crab and spicy tuna rolls are among Musashi's popular dishes

Anniversary

Musashi celebrates 20 years

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

A milestone in ethnic dining in the Detroit-metro area was reached 20 years ago when Koji Watanabe and his wife Kyoko opened Musashi in Southfield's Town Center

Those of Japanese origin or the well-traveled flocked there to eat traditional dishes. The majority of diners looked upon sushi as an exotic delicacy, unfamiliar to American mainstream tastes. Over two decades, however, a number of Japanese-style eateries, sushi bars and Nu-Asian eateries opened and today Japanese cuisine is nearly standard in American dining habits

SUSHI EXCELLENCE

Through that, though, we've learned to accept some mediocrity, especially with sushi and fusion concepts. 'Musashi's sushi chefs are highly-trained

and have exceptional knife skills," said Koji. Each has been mentored by him. That's easily seen if you order some makimono (rolls), especially the Dragon Roll topped with nearly paper-thin sliced ripe avocado. "With Musashi's sushi," Koji continued, "you also know you're eating King Crab or Soft-Shell Crab." Order the King Crab California Roll or the Softshell Crab Roll to learn this and notice the difference in their excellence compared with makimono elsewhere.

Musashi makes extraordinary Unagi Battera, barbecued river eel and sushi rice pressed in a wooden mold. It can also be ordered with shrimp or salmon.

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'The Man' squanders actors' talents

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films opening this week

The Exorcism of Emily Rose

It may aspire to be a high-brow horror movie, but deep down, *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* is more like a two-hour, sweeps-period *Law & Order* episode, complete with special guest stars and a shocking story that's been ripped from the headlines

Director Scott Derrickson, who cowrote the script with Paul Harris Boardman (which was inspired by true events), is all business in telling the story of a Catholic priest on trial for negligent homicide following the death of a satanically possessed 19-year-old on whom he'd performed an exorcism. Sounds juicy, gory, potentially cheesy, right? It even could have been ironic and knowing, considering the plethora of previous films about demonic forces

You'll find no references to regurgitated pea soup or Linda Blair here, though. Just a cavalcade of Oscar nominees (Tom Wilkinson, Laura Linney, Shohreh Aghdashloo) going about their work very, very seriously, and a few solid scares. PG-



13 for thematic material including intense/frightening sequences and disturbing images. 114 min. Two stars out of four

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

The Man

Autumn is on the horizon, with its tantalizing promise of quality films following the pitiful offerings of summer. Until then, *The Man* is keeping us down. Just to give you an idea of how egregiously this buddy-cop comedy squanders the unique talents of its stars, Samuel L. Jackson and Eugene Levy are forced to endure not one but two lengthy flatulence jokes, one of which involves an elevator full of nuns (Levy's character, a dental-supply salesman, also urinates in a motel pool). The two must team up when Levy's character is mistaken for Jackson's tough-guy undercover federal agent during a stolen weapons deal with generic European baddies. Each actor is relegated to a one-note role in a movie that's singularly high pitched as it strains desperately for wacky laughs. This should come as no surprise, however, from *Les Mayfield*, the man who directed *Encino Man*, *Blue Streak* and *Flubber*. PG-13 for language, rude dialogue and some violence. 83 min.

One star out of four

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

An Unfinished Life

All the pieces seem to be there. You have the A-list cast (Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman and — OK, we'll give her the title, too — Jennifer Lopez), the Oscar-nominated director (Lasse Hallstrom), the sprawling vistas of rural grandeur, all awash in glorious golden light. But something is unfinished about the film — its dysfunctional family goes through the motions of anger, reconciliation, forgiveness and renewal, but the emotional impact just isn't there. Too often the movie feels self-conscious and calculated, despite the humor that springs from the cranky banter between Redford and Freeman's characters, friends who've worked on the same Wyoming ranch for 40 years. Lopez, meanwhile, plays a woman on the run from an abusive boyfriend. But she can't hide from the fact that she's Jennifer Lopez, regardless of the role, she always looks ready for a music video shoot. Playing her 11-year-old daughter, though, Becca Gardner is a total natural and a real find. PG-13 for some violence including domestic abuse, and language. 108 min. Two stars out of four

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic



Here are new video releases for the week of Sept. 12 according to videoeta.com

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG)

Earth is leveled to make way for hyperspace express route (Starring Martin Freeman [Arthur Dent], Mos Def [Ford Prefect], Zooey Deschanel [Trillian])

Fever Pitch (PG-13)

Die-hard Red Sox fan has unlucky love life akin to his team (Drew Barrymore [Lindsay], Jimmy Fallon [Ben], Lenny Clarke [Uncle Carl])

Madison (PG)

A man fixes an old boat and enters it into a boat race (Jim Caviezel, Jake Lloyd, Mary McCormack)

Nobody Knows (PG-13)

Four children must rely on each other when abandoned (Yagra Yuya, Kitaura Ayu, Kimura Hiei)

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'Exorcism of Emily Rose' possesses weekend box office

BY LAURA WIDES
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* bedeviled its competition in its box-office debut this weekend, hauling in \$30.2 million with its mix of courtroom drama and classic horror.

The film, inspired by true events, follows a Catholic priest on trial for negligent homicide following the death of a satanically possessed 19-year-old.

Its PG-13 rating and cast, including Oscar nominees Tom Wilkinson, Laura Linney and Shohreh Aghdashloo, helped give it wide appeal, bumping last week's newcomer, *Transporter 2*, from the No. 1 spot, according to studio estimates.

Overall revenue for this weekend's top 12 films was up 16 percent from the same period last year, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Transporter 2 fell to third place with three-day estimated ticket sales of \$7.2 million. The action sequel dropped below *The 40 Year Old Virgin*, which held on to the No. 2 spot in its fourth week with \$7.9 million, boosting its total domestic gross

to \$82.3 million.

The critically panned *The Man*, a buddy comedy that throws together federal agent Samuel L. Jackson and dental supply salesman Eugene Levy to solve a murder, opened in sixth place with \$4.0 million.

An Unfinished Life, which stars Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Lopez in the story of a rancher reluctantly reunited with his estranged daughter-in-law, opened well in limited release, with \$1 million and a per theater average of \$7,264.

Meanwhile, *The Constant Gardener*, starring Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz and based on a John le Carre novel, moved to fourth place in its second week. The film took in \$4.8 million, bringing its total to \$19.1 million, while playing on fewer than half the number of screens given to *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*.

Finishing in 10th place with \$2.5 million in its 12th week was *March of the Penguins*. Its total domestic gross increased to \$66.8 million.

For the year overall, revenues at theaters are down about 6 percent and attendance is down about 9 percent.

Movie Guide

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We've got some good albums coming up, so until then I'll talk about why I love all things digital

DVDS

Even though I'm only 25, there are a few things that make me realize I'm growing older, such as escalating prices for concert tickets, thinking back to when gas cost 97 cents a gallon and the return of Care Bears as cultural icons. However, I felt incredibly old this morn-



ing when I saw an ad promoting the 10th anniversary of *Toy Story*

I'm not sure what's worse: Realizing it's been 10 years since I first saw the Pixar classic or the fact that there's a generation behind me who will enjoy the anniversary edition of *TS* as first-time viewers much like I did

with the original *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* when it was released on video for the first time

But it doesn't stop with Woody and Buddy. Another film celebrating a 10th anniversary has just been revamped for today's teens: *Clueless*, now available in the "Whatever" edition. OK, this might be the ultimate guilty pleasure if you ask my friends.

This fall seems to be "the 'time to release anything onto DVD, which is fine by me. Think of your favorite movie or television show and I'm sure it's been remastered and pumped up with additional stagehand commentaries. You know it's bad when the Canadians are getting set to

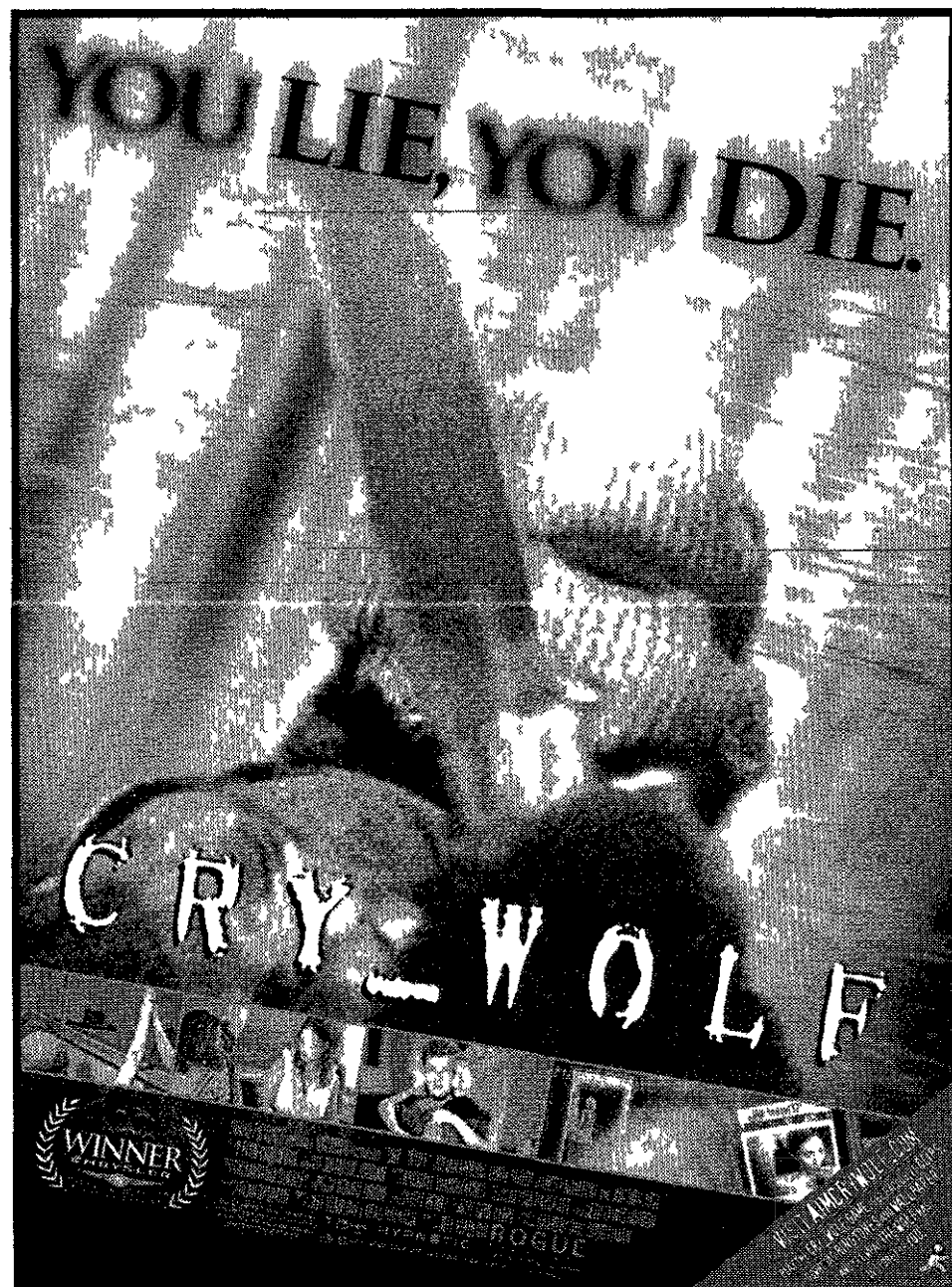
release the complete 1980s teen saga *Degrassi Junior High* series on DVD this October

TV

It brings me no greater joy than to announce the third-season debut of Fox's *Arrested Development* on Sept. 19. Set your TiVo now. If you ask me, this has to be the best show on TV.

How do I know that? Well, when Academy Award-winner Charlize Theron is set to spend five episodes as a guest star, um, it's good.

Alicia Dorset is starting a letter-writing campaign to reduce the cost of *My So-Called Life* on DVD. If you feel as strongly about it as she does, send her a note at adorset@oe.homecomm.net



Manhattan film festival heads to Ann Arbor

Film lovers in Michigan will have the chance to see works by the next generation of filmmakers from around the world and vote for their favorite films.

The 2005 Manhattan Short Film Festival is set to run Sept. 18 at Ann Arbor's historic Michigan Theater.

The festival received 504 entries from 30 countries and accepted 12 finalists, whose short films — 14 minutes and under in length — will ultimately be presented to the cinema-going public in 54 venues in 32 states.

Films from Ireland, Israel, England, Wales, Australia, Spain and the United States make up this year's selection of 12 finalists.

Audience members will be handed a voting card upon entry and asked to vote for a winning filmmaker. The winner will be announced at a final screening Sept. 25 in Union Square Park in New York City.

In its eighth year, the Manhattan Short Film Festival has featured short film directors who have gone on to win Academy Award nominations and direct feature films such as *Robots*, *Ice Age*, *The Animal* and *The Girl Next Door*.

Past judges for the festival have included Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins, Eric Stoltz, Laura Linney, Roger Corman, and other Hollywood studio representatives. In 2004, the festival

MANHATTAN IN ANN ARBOR

What: The Manhattan Short Film Festival
When: 7 p.m. Sunday Sept. 18
Where: The Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Tickets: Regular film ticket prices are adults \$8.50, students, seniors and veterans \$6.75, and members \$6. Memberships cost \$50. For more information, call (734) 668-TIME or visit www.michtheater.org

expanded.

"The response was phenomenal," said festival director Nicholas Mason.

"The events were well attended and seemed to attract a wider audience than just your usual film festival fanatic. When the festival first started, the objective was to present the next generation of feature filmmakers to the people of New York City. Six years later, the technology is available that allows these short films to be seen across the whole country.

The entire program runs approximately 2 1/2 hours with a 10-minute intermission.

Nicole Stafford

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SCHEFMAN

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about what they've seen."

Schefman's paintings set out extravagant allegories, objects of desire and nudes in settings that feel close and immediate to

the viewer, yet strangely at a distance.

These paintings are sort of hermetically sealed from us. We're very aware that we're outside the frame, but you feel somehow that the narrative belongs to you. You sort of take possession of the narrative." Sounds like the ultimate voyeur experience.

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Stones' latest strikes a confessional chord

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUSIC REVIEWS

make the album a good alternative to the bubble gum R&B from artists like Tairra Marie and Ciara

Michael Feeney AP Writer

Selected music reviews A BIGGER BANG

The Rolling Stones (Virgin Records)

They're old but they're not dead yet. For 40-plus years, the Rolling Stones have strutted their way across rock n' roll's youthful terrain. Now *A Bigger Bang*, the band's first studio album since 1997's *Bridges to Babylon*, hammers home the fact that The Rolling Stones still have it and they're willing to grow.

The famously sparring duo of Mick Jagger and guitarist Keith Richards set aside their differences after drummer Charlie Watts developed throat cancer. With producer Don Was at the helm and longtime guitarist Ron Wood in the studio, Jagger and Richards scribed an array of their classically R&B tinged rock tunes, plus some uncharacteristically confessional songs.

Sweet Neo Con, a critical rant for this generally apolitical band, finds Jagger jabbing at President George Bush harder than Green Day. "You call yourself a Christian/ I think that you're a hypocrite/ You say you're a patriot/ I think you're a crook of."

On *Biggest Mistake*, the 62-year-old singer showcases a refreshing vulnerability, considering his famed take-no-prisoners sexuality (i.e. 1971's *Brown Sugar* and 1966's *Under My Thumb*). Here, Jagger has made "the biggest mistake of my life" by walking out of a relationship because of succumbing to past rebel ways. "I acted impatient, acted unkind/ I took her for granted," he sings. Jagger even admits, after realizing his wrongdoing, that he's becoming a grouch, drinking on the couch and watching TV. This from the man who once crooned, "I only get my rocks off while I'm sleeping." Similarly, *Laugh I Nearly Died* grooves on Richards' bluesy momentum and Jagger's falsetto pleading and wailing groans, a lost soul looking for love and wandering the world. Richards also rips open his soft side on *This Place Is Empty*, a slow piano sprinkled number sweetly darkened by his deep, underrated drawl.

But the Stones wouldn't be the Stones without reminding us of their boot-stomping heyday. Big swiveling riffs in *Look What the Cat Dragged In* and *Driving Too Fast* recall the band's penchant for sweaty guitar assaults. Jagger even contributes stellar slide guitar on the simple swagger of *Back of My Hand*.

No, Jagger can't chicken strut forever, and Richards has skimmed death's surface a few times already. But for now, time is still on the Stones' side. Yes, it is.

Solvej Schou AP Writer

CHAPTER 3: THE FLESH

Syleena Johnson (Jive)

Syleena Johnson turns up the heat on her latest and most seductive release, *Chapter 3: The Flesh*. In her first album in nearly three years, the sultry 28-year-old leaves little to the imagination with sensual songs like *The Flesh*, *Slowly* and *Phone Sex*, the latter featuring fellow Chi-town native Twista.

"Can you see me in a red thong? Red pump heels, nothing else on," she teases on *Phone Sex*, adding much needed flair to a mediocre collection focusing on the ups and downs of love.

Fabulous and Johnson's mentor R. Kelly appear on the first single, the uptempo club banger *Hypnotic*. Kelly also joins Johnson on *Special Occasion*, where he provides yet another step routine.

Standouts include Anthony Hamilton on the powerful duet *More Common* on the Kanye West produced *Bulls Eye*, and Jermaine Dupri on *Classic Love Song*. These tracks help

Jake Coyle AP Entertainment Writer

BLUEPRINT OF A LADY - SKETCHES

OF BILLIE HOLIDAY

Nnenna Freelon (Concord Jazz)

Nnenna Freelon took a big risk by inviting comparison to Billie Holiday but has come up with an innovative, intelligent, deeply spiritual album that pays sincere homage without trying to imitate the legendary Lady Day.

From the opening *I Didn't Know What Time It Was* with its pulsating, buoyant Latin percussive rhythms to the closing standard *All of Me* set to a reggae beat, Freelon puts her own contemporary stamp on many of the 15 tunes by altering the melodies, rhythms and moods. Instead of Holiday's flirtatious take on *Them There Eyes*, Freelon turns it into a darker music on Holiday's childhood rape. Holiday's anti-lynching song *Strange Fruit* is sung in a jarring medley with a Latin accented *Willow Weep For Me* while *God Bless The Child* gets a slightly funky treatment.

Freelon takes a more traditional approach on some tunes. Her calming version of the African American spiritual *Balm in Gilead* is done as a gospel inspired duet with pianist Brandon McCune. And *You've Changed* starts as a slow tempo, languid romantic ballad with Freelon trading lines with tenor saxophonist Doug Lawrence in a manner reminiscent of Holiday's recordings with Lester Young. Freelon's overall approach is best summed up on her one original song, *Only You Will Know*, an imagined dialogue between Lady Day and a young singer seeking to emulate her. "Lady Day advises her young protege to be yourself. Sing until you know who you are and why you came/ Sing until you know your own name. You may sing a lady song, sweet drawl soft and low/ but only if the song is you and only you will know."

Charles J. Gans AP Writer

LOVE KRAFT

Super Furry Animals (XL Recordings/Beggars Group)

It's difficult not to use the word "weird" in describing the Super Furry Animals.

The first sound on *Love Kraft*, the Furrines' seventh album, is guitarist Bunf splashing into a swimming pool. Kerplunk goes the Super Soggy Animal.

Then comes *Zoom*, a blistering 7-minute swirl of slashing guitar and foreboding choir. Gruff Rhys sings, "I can't get enough of it/ Kiss me with apocalypse/ An instant hit." After the band's overtly political *Phantom Power* in 2003, it sounds as though Rhys has thrown up his hands at the world, dug myself a hole, then I fell into a vacuum.

Though the Furrines exhibited a more even keeled melody on *Phantom*, here they are back to their usual unpredictability, thanks partly to writing and singing contributions from all four members. The sweeping strings and sugary lilt of *Walk You Home* is followed by *Lazer Beam*, a call to revolution and no more romantic comedies, via groovy utopia making space chariots, which are really the best kind of space chariots. Obviously, the Super Furry Animals can be a bit much. But they steer one of the most entertaining and beautiful trips down an LP this side of the Flaming Lips.

In a stunning bridge on *Frequency*, the Furrines show they still have some fight left in them. Hand in hand, we can break the command. But it's impossible to actually think about politics during *Frequency*, or most any SFA song. Thankfully, in the sonic world of the Furrines, the real world doesn't make a splash.



The guys from Audioslave will also perform songs from their previous bands Soundgarden and Rage Against the Machine

Audioslave plays intimate venue

Imagine it: the crooning of Chris Cornell and razor-sharp rhythm of Tom Morello just a few feet away from you.

Audioslave is touring the United States. Even though it's a multi-platinum band, the band hits the stage at the Fox Theatre at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, with special guest Seether.

Tickets are on sale now. At the show, fans can also expect Audioslave to play songs from the Cornell's previous band Soundgarden and from fellow bandmate's previous group Rage Against the Machine. This tour

kicks off just a short time after the band's recent performance in Cuba. Audioslave also played at Live 8 in Berlin.

The tour promotes the CD *Out of Exile* that debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts.

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Appearing in *Tape* (from left) are Chris Roady, Dylan MacDonald and Lisa Betz

Breathe Art pursues truth, redemption, sexuality

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

From the moment the cross border performance troupe, Breathe Art Theatre Project, appeared on the scene, you had to know it was something different

Founded last year to cultivate the exchange of artistic ideas between Detroit and Windsor, the group opened its second season earlier this month with the high-stakes contemporary drama *Tape* at 1515 Broadway in Detroit. The play, written by Stephen Belber – best known for his involvement with the Laramie Project – continues through Sept. 24.

“Last year’s primary focus was on politics,” said actress and troupe artistic partner Lisa Betz of Breathe Art Theatre’s season programming.

“So this year we wanted to focus more on the individual and the perceptions that individuals have about

their lives and contemporary life. The motives of truth, redemption and sexuality are the three main themes that we have this season.”

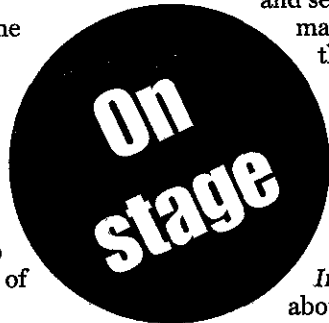
Following *Tape*, the group has scheduled *The Dead Eye Boy*, the story of a mother and son’s struggle to overcome a dark past, and *Hedwig and The Angry Inch*, a rock comedy about the smashing East

German rock ‘n’ roll goddess who’s the victim of a botched sex-change.

The Dead Eye Boy is slated Oct. 27-29 and Nov. 3-12 at 1515 Broadway. *Hedwig and The Angry Inch* is set to play March 3-25 with shows at both The Loop in Windsor and Detroit’s 1515 Broadway.

Breathe Art is a collective of 10 artistic partners, all of whom are graduates of either Wayne State University’s Hilberry Theatre program in Detroit or the University of Windsor.

Betz, a Grosse Pointe Farms



STARTING UP

What: Breathe Art Theatre Project opens its 2005-06 season with *Tape*, a high stakes drama.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday until Sept. 23 and 2 p.m. Sept. 17 and Sept. 24.

Where: 1515 Broadway theater, 1515 Broadway, Detroit.

Tickets: Adults \$18, students \$10 and Thursday shows to reserve. e-mail: breathearttheatreproject@yahoo.com or call (313) 965-1515.

resident and Hilberry Theatre program graduate, plays the female lead in *Tape*, which she describes as a simple, three-person play about relationships and perceptions.

The impetus of the drama is a reunion of three high school friends 10 years after graduation.

The two male characters were best buddies in high school, but both dated Betz’s character, Amy.

The problem is one of the friends suspects the other of raping Amy and has hatched an elaborate plot to bring the question to the surface.

“It’s a play about how three people can have completely different perceptions about one single event,” said Betz.

“And there’s a lot of intensity in this play. It’s like a slow burn.”

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HOROSCOPE

BY MADAME HUGHES

(For Sept. 18-24)

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You have accomplished a lot already this week. No need to run yourself ragged. Give yourself permission to be a little lazy and do whatever it is that stirs your soul.

Taurus (April 19 - May 20)

My guess is that you are feeling overwrought from too many demands being placed on you. Take heart: this week looks ideal for a relaxing break that will refresh and rejuvenate you.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

That high level of intelligence you possess can be a real advantage – but watch out for a swollen ego, which often accompanies it. Most people can appreciate braininess, however few tolerate arrogance well.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Submarines spend a great deal of time existing below the surface. As one living under the moody sign of Cancer, you too may be inclined to sulk and hide under the radar, so to speak. Fight this impulse whenever possible.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Avoid another Leo when searching for a romantic partner. As with most people, you will be attracted to their warm, outgoing personality. But with both of you needing center stage, that would put way too much strain on any long-term relationship.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You are thinking of making a minor change in your appearance, but you have some reservations. Changing a hairstyle or coloring some gray can provide an instant lift. If you don’t like the new you, no real harm has been done. My advice – take the plunge!

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Practice being a good listener when someone tells you a story. Put yourself in their shoes and pretend the experience happened to you. Your face will register sincere interest and, by listening, you may just learn something.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone. Keep these words in mind this week when you are tempted to indulge in self-pity.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Lately you’ve been thinking of ways to generate healing. Many studies have shown pets to be beneficial to one’s health. Instead of a trip to the doctor, maybe an encounter of the canine or feline kind would prove more helpful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

If the sky is not the limit, then be sure to let your family know that. In trying to please, you may be sending a mixed message. Family members need to be aware that, however lamentable, it is necessary to operate within a budget.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Should people look at you and think you were born with a Teflon coating, they may be right. Although you embrace mankind as a whole, you can remain quite aloof in more intimate relationships.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Soon several job opportunities will surface. Salary should not be your only concern. No amount of money is worth becoming an indentured servant. Look them over closely.

If your birthday is Sept. 23, you share your birthday with jazz great John Coltrane and musician Bruce Springsteen. For the most part, you put your work first and pleasure second.



Spirit of '76 is a multimedia show with band performing popular tunes from the era. A DJ spins disco and funk between band breaks.

'70s revisited

Get out your polyester outfit and platform boots and prepare for an evening of 1970s fun on Saturday, Sept. 17. Fifth Avenue Ballroom in Novi is hosting a glam rock night with metro Detroit entertainers Spirit of '76.

Take the trip back to the '70s with the band who does enough costume changes

to impress even David Bowie. The music is danceable rock, popular sing-a-long '70s hits and a mix of disco.

Spirit of '76 performs at Fifth Avenue Ballroom, located at 25750 Novi Road, in Novi. Showtime is 10 p.m.

For more information visit www.Tangerinemoonproductions.com

BOOGIE

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Michigan artists while recording with Motown in Detroit.

Also performing Saturday is the Phantom Blues Band that have backed up Taj Mahal and are part of the Blues Brothers touring band. Bernard Allison, Luther Allison's son, and Kenny Neal, son of blues harmonica legend Raful Neal

also performs as will Tasha Taylor, whose father, Johnnie Taylor, is known by music lovers as The Warler.

The festival honors Johnny Johnson, the former Chuck Berry keyboard virtuoso, who died in April.

Proceeds also will benefit the American Music Research Foundation, a non-profit group that assists musicians in need. Donations will be accepted for Hurricane Katrina victims.

DSO

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can use virtually the entire season to do this. And having this opportunity is priceless.

While Millen was tight-lipped about the potential candidates, he did say the committee charged with selecting the new musical director is looking for chemistry between the conductor and orchestra, as well as a conductor who will interact with the audience and community.

Also atypical relative to seasons past Itzhak Perlman is scheduled to join the DSO for only one week. Following "Silver Screen Serenade," which Perlman proposed based on his love of movies, the renowned violinist is set to perform Bach's Violin Concerto in E Major, Sept. 16-18.

Other highlights include "Bolero" with Neeme Jarvi as guest conductor, Nov. 10-13, and eminent conductor James Conlon leading the DSO through Mahler's Symphony No. 3 in D Minor, June 2-4.

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The Slippery Weasel Society Exhibition mixed media and sculpture runs to Sept 24 with closing reception 6 9 p.m. Friday Sept 23 at corner of Fourth and Pine streets downtown Rochester (248) 651 4110 or www.pccart.org

Lawrence Street Gallery

Solo exhibit Linda Sterns Journey mixed media watercolor painting and collage to Oct 1 22620 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 0394 or www.lawrencestreetgallery.com Linda Ross Contemporary Art + Projects Little Rascals Images of Children in Contemporary Art drawing to photography until Oct 8 at PF Galleries 213 E 14 Mile

Rd Clawson

Lemberg Gallery

map room works by Jane Lackey Cranbrook Academy of Art artist in residence and head of fibers department runs through Oct 15 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberggallery.com

ART etc.

Artworks for Life Live and silent art auction of over 300 pieces of original work by premier Detroit artists with auctioneer Joseph DuMouchelle to benefit AIDS Prevention Project Saturday Sept 24 with cash bar food live entertainment Tour of Masonic Temple 5 30 p.m. auction 8 30 p.m. 500 Temple Avenue Detroit \$85 (248) 545 1435

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

2005 2006 classical season opens with benefit night featuring violinist Itzhak Perlman playing selections from favorite film scores 6 p.m. Sept 15 tickets start at \$40 Periman Plays Bach Sept 16 18 single tickets start at \$19 Orchestra Hall Max M. Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Detroit (313) 576 5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

Chamber Music Society

2005 2006 season begins with Shanghai Quartet and Guarneri String Quartet Sept 17 season runs monthly on Saturdays through May 20 concerts at 8 p.m. with three additional concerts slated in 2006 \$23 75 subscription packages also available (248) 855 6070 or www.ComeHearCMSD.org

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Season begins with Nightnotes 8 p.m. Sept 18 at Hagopian World of Rugs Old Woodward downtown Birmingham \$20 with hors d'oeuvres (first of five concerts in series) (248) 559 2095 or www.detroitchamberwinds.org

CLUBS

Belmont Bar

This Tuesday Sept 20 popular rockers The Electric Six performs 10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966 Mademoiselle Mondays \$10 for martini & manicure Therapeutic massage \$1 minute Punk nights Tuesdays Live rock Wednesdays DJs and local bands on weekends Call as schedule changes



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ART

Art in the Park, a juried art fair with nearly 200 artists, food, entertainment and children's activities, runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept 17 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept 18, in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. The annual event, in its 31st year, benefits Common Ground Sanctuary and is free. For information, call (248) 456-8150 or visit www.ArtinthePark.info

Bleu Room Experience

Dance music 1540 Woodward Avenue Detroit www.bleudetroit.com

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night at the Bosco 22930 Woodward Ave. Ferndale. Download music into your MP3 Player take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs. No cover. For more information visit www.thebosco.com or call (248) 541 8818 21 and over only

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays Hip hop 18 & over 299 E Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

Double Olive

Rock and funk Thursdays 15230 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Park (313) 823 8892

Elysium

Lounge dance and happy hour 3 9 p.m. Tuesdays Fridays Nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (313) 962 2244 625 Shelby Detroit www.elysiumlounge.com

Jam at The Gem

The series returns to the Gem Theatre patio Every Thursday night from 5 8 p.m. Guests can enjoy summer drink specials appetizers and entrees from the Century Grille. For more information call (313) 963 980 or visit online at www.gemtheatre.com

Just a few days left...

Baar Bazaar ends Saturday Sept 17 The rock flea market features vintage clothing and records at the Magic Stick 4120

Woodward Avenue Detroit Hours vary Call (313) 833 9700

Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. Located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

COMEDY

Second City

In iPod We Trust 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 \$15 20 42705 Grand River Avenue Novi (248) 348 4448

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase Stand up 314 East Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 996 9080 www.aacomedy.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeycomedy.com

DANCE

University Musical Society

Presents Mark Morris Dance Group 8 p.m. Sept 16 17 Power Center for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher Street Ann Arbor \$20 44 (734) 764 2538 or www.ums.org

FAMILY

Children's theater series

Performance Network Theatre opens its children's series 2 p.m. Saturday Sept. 24, 2005 showing Ferdinand the Bull continue one Saturday each month with milk and cookie reception adults \$10 children age 16 and under \$7. 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or www.performancenetwork.org

FESTIVALS

31st Art in the Park

Juried festival of about 200 artists with food, entertainment, children's activities and more. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 17 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 to benefit Common Ground Sanctuary Shain Park downtown Birmingham. Free. (248) 456 8150 or www.ArtinthePark.info

15th Annual Sheep and Wool Festival

Enjoy a day on the farm with demos, music vendors and more. Sept. 24, 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mt. Bruce Station, an Eastlake style farmhouse, private dairy and grounds. 6440 Bordman Road, Romeo, located six miles north of Romeo on Van Dyke. \$6 free for kids age 5 and under. (810) 798 2568 or www.sheepstuff.com

Ferndale Fine Art Show & Food Festival

Juried art show. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. N. Ne. Mile Road, Ferndale. (248) 546 1632 or www.downtownferndale.com

Sally Ride Science Festival

Science festival, street fair and activities for girls grades 5-8. 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, University of Michigan's Pierpont Commons Building (North Campus), Ann Arbor. \$18 includes lunch, advance registration is required. (800) 561 5161 or www.SallyRideFestivals.com

Festivals at the Zoo

Native American Festival, Oct. 8-9, all feature entertainment, ethnic food and arts and crafts. Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile Road and Woodward, just off I-696, Royal Oak. Admission \$7.11, parking \$5.8. (248) 398 0900, visit www.detroitzoo.org

FILM

Planet Ant Theatre

2005 Planet Ant Film & Video Festival with locally produced short films. Thursday, Saturday, Sept. 15-24, shows at 10:30 p.m. 2357 Caniff Avenue, Hamtramck. \$5. (313) 365 4948 or www.planetant.com. Michigan Television presentation. Screening of documentary *And They Flew*. The Story of Mosaic Youth Theatre. 7 p.m. Sept. 15, presented by U of M public television. Performance by Mosaic Youth Theatre follows movie. Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Detroit suggested donation \$5. (810) 762 3028 x102.

Michigan Short

Manhattan Short Film Festival. 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 603 East Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. \$6.85. (734) 668 TIME or www.michtheater.org

Detroit Film Theatre

Masculine/Feminine. Sept. 15-16. \$7.50. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Detroit. \$7.50. 833 3237 or www.dia.org/dft

FOLK, POP & ROCK

Marshall Field's Day of Music

Free 24-hour music festival with diverse lineup of local acts from rock to jazz to children's music. Non-stop from 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 576 5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

Aaron Carter

Performance at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at



MUSIC

The musical aid keeps coming. On Saturday, Sept. 17, rocker Meatloaf will donate all proceeds from his concert in Savannah, Ga., to Hurricane Katrina relief. "Like everyone else, I was horrified by the devastation caused by Katrina," Meatloaf said. "With Biloxi on my tour schedule (but was canceled due to the hurricane), the situation hit close to home. I just wanted to step up and do my share to provide help for victims of this natural disaster." At 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27, Meatloaf continues his "regular" tour and will perform at DTE. For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645-6666. Tickets \$10-\$37.

the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts located on the southwest corner of M 59 (Hall Road) and Garfield Road in Clinton Township. Presented by Radio Disney Famorama. 1-4 p.m. AM910 Radio Disney Pop Talent Search Finals featuring Carter as celebrity judge. Tickets are \$50 (which includes a meet and greet with Carter). \$25 for adults and \$20 per person for students and family four packs. Call (586) 286 2222 or visit www.MacombCenter.com

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

8-11 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Marge's Bar, 15300 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park. Tom Saunders and Detroit All Stars. 8 p.m. third Thursday of month. the Dakota Inn, 17235 John R. Detroit. Mike Montgomery and Kerry Price. noon to 3 p.m. every Sunday. La Dolce Vita, 17546 Woodward. the Gypsy Strings of Detroit.

MORE MUSIC

Masonic

The White Stripes. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2. The band has added a third show at the Masonic Temple Theatre. To charge by phone, call (248) 645 6666. To purchase tickets online, visit OlympiaEntertainment.com or Ticketmaster.com. Call (313) 471 6611.

Open Mike

Musicians perform on open mike night

new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*. 5-9 p.m. Sept. 23. \$6 shows run indefinitely thereafter. museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. 5020 John R. Detroit. \$6.7. (313) 577 8400 or www.detroitssciencecenter.org

Detroit Historical Museum

Reflect on The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection, an exhibit of Supreme's costumes, through Feb. 12. 5401 Woodward. Detroit. admission is \$3-\$5. (313) 833 1805 or www.detroitshistorical.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Bike tour

Detroit Historical Society and Grosse Ile Historical Society lead historical bike tour of Grosse Ile. 10:30 a.m. Sept. 17 from Grosse Ile Yacht Club. \$20-25. (313) 833 1405

Collaboration

A model for an eight-unit loft development features three installations by Beverly Fishman, Cranbrook's artist-in-residence. Works featured by Matthew Penkala, Susan Goethel, Campbell and Janet Hamrick. 400 Parent Avenue, Royal Oak. 4-9 p.m. Wednesdays, noon-8 p.m. Fridays, noon-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (248) 591 6623

Open house

The Farmington Players host an open house. 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Farmington Players Community Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road. Enjoy tours of the theater and information on shows, acting, directing, set building, technical support, costumes and membership. Refreshments will be provided. The box office phone number is (248) 553 2955. The website address is www.farmingtonplayers.org

Crafters sought

19th annual juried show for Delta Kappa Gamma. Saturday, Oct. 15, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call (734) 844 1707 or e-mail theways@comcast.net

Stained glass talk

The Art and Architecture of Stained Glass at Cranbrook House. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, and Friday, Oct. 28. \$20 per person includes a wine reception and tour of the house. Reservations limited to 45. (248) 645 3149

Stars for Guitars

Strolling dinner auction and entertainment featuring the cast of *Beatlemania*. 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, Shriner's Auditorium, 24350 Southfield. \$75 to benefit Pediatric Cancer Survivors. William Beaumont. visit www.starsguitars.org

Oakland Town Hall

Dr. Elliott Engel opens the Oakland Town Hall lecture series, Oct. 12, with a discussion of the lives of Charlotte and Emily Bronte, the sisters who wrote *Jane Eyre* and *Wuthering Heights*. Also scheduled are Lori Borgman, Nov. 9; Bob Farmer, April 12, and Erma Stewart, May 10. Lectures are at 10:30 a.m. at St. George Cultural Center, 43816 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Series of four luncheon and lecture tickets are \$115. Luncheon is \$58 and lectures \$57. For information, call (248) 625 3117.

Festival with Animals

Sasha Farm, an animal sanctuary that rescues farm animals, hosts its annual Fall Festival. 4 p.m. to late unknown midnight.

hours on Saturday, Sept. 24. Hayrides, bobbing for apples, vegan food, bonfires and farm tours. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 for kids 10 years and younger. Located 17901 Mahrie Road, Manchester, outside of Ann Arbor. (734) 428 9617 or www.sashafarm.org

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Farmington Players

Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* opens Sept. 23 and runs through Oct. 15. Shows are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. 32332 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$10-13. (248) 553 2955 or www.farmingtonplayers.org

Players Guild of Dearborn

78th season opens with *Over the River and Through the Woods*. Sept. 16-17 and Sept. 23-Oct. 2. \$11-14. 21730 Madison, Dearborn. (313) 561 TKTS or www.playersguildofdearborn.org

Village Players of Birmingham

The Scarlet Pimpernel, swashbuckling romantic musical based on the famous novel. Sept. 16-17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. Sept. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. Village Players, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. (2 blocks south of Maple). \$15-248 644 2075

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre

Presents *West Side Story*. Sept. 15-18. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15-24. (734) 971 2228 or www.a2ct.org

Novi Theatre

Kicks on Route 66, a senior variety series. noon-Sept. 15, 16 and 2 p.m. Sept. 18. \$13. Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile. Novi. \$17. (248) 347 0400

Stagecrafters

50th anniversary season begins with the musical *The Music Man* through Oct. 2-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. \$16-18. (248) 541 6430 or www.stagecrafters.org

THEATER - COLLEGE

Hiberry Theatre

An Immaculate Misconception. Wednesday, Saturday through Sept. 17. Performances at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. \$10-22. (313) 577 2972 or www.theatre.wayne.edu

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Performance Network Theatre

Season opens with *Ice Glen*. previews Sept. 15-22. opens Sept. 23 and runs through Oct. 30. 120 East Huron Street, Ann Arbor. \$20-34.50. half price student tickets available. (734) 663 0681 or www.performancenetwork.org

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Miss Sargon. 8 p.m. Sept. 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 24 and 3 p.m. Sept. 25. \$40-\$45. (586) 286 2222 or www.macombcenter.com

City Theatre

Altar Boyz, award-winning musical comedy through Dec. 18. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. 1 p.m. Thursday. 2301 Woodward, Detroit. \$22.50-45. (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Breathe Art Theatre Project

2005-2006 cross border season begins with *Tape*. 1515 Broadway, theater. 1515 Broadway, Detroit. through Sept. 24. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday. Sept. 17 and 24. \$10-18. (313) 965 1515 or e-mail breathearttheatreproject@yahoo.com

