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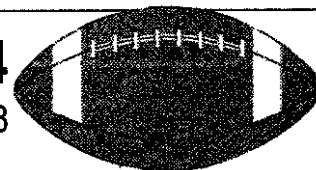
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Senior superiority

Plymouth contingent hauls home the medals from 1st Olympics

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the first Western Wayne Senior Olympics figured the competition would be exciting and fierce, with some 210 participants in the various events spread around the county



The pinochle competition begins as Alice Bache, Herman Bersano, Dale Bache and Ray Costan play a hand

But an apparent by-product of that competition left some people pleasantly surprised

"What we found was the seniors were really making new friends," said Marsha Koet, who runs the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "The competitions were friendly and fun. We expected the competition, but we didn't expect it to be so fun and social. We're just so pleased."

The western Wayne County version of the Senior Olympics, hosted this year by Van Buren Township, is a carbon copy of competition already taking place in Downriver communities, which draws nearly 400 seniors for contests in such areas as baking, golf, swimming, bridge, bocce ball, frisbee, pinochle and euchre. Plymouth played host to pinochle at Friendship Station, and a Plymouth contingent of some 35 people brought home 20 medals, according to Koet. Among them were four medals won by Mary Ann Sant in the baking competition and two golds and a silver medal won by Terry Allor.

Allor, who lives in Plymouth Township, didn't start swimming until she was 40. But now at the age of 59, she swims a couple of times a week, along with water aerobics, to keep in shape.

"It's knowing that you can perform and achieve a goal," Allor said before the competition. "You feel really good about that, and it's a lot of fun."

Next year's event will be hosted by Northville, Koet said.

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Senior Olympian Bernice Rudick keeps an eye on her opponents in the pinochle competition at Friendship Station in Plymouth Township during the first Western Wayne Senior Olympics

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Tonquish opens heart to Katrina survivor

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Betty Roberts moved from Livonia to D'Iberville, Miss., with her husband in 1981, she never envisioned coming back to Michigan for more than to visit with relatives.

However, as a result of Hurricane Katrina, those plans have changed as Roberts, 69, will soon be moving into Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth after her home was destroyed by the devastating storm.

"I've been through some hurricanes, but nothing like this one," said Roberts, who is staying with relatives in Dearborn Heights. "I never want to do it again. Once was enough for me."

Roberts weathered the storm only a few miles away at her sister's house. But when she went back to her rental home, there was nothing salvageable.

"At first, I only saw a few trees down and shingles from my sister's house missing. But, when I went to see my house, it looked like water was all the way up to the ceiling and it sits four feet off the ground," said Roberts, who surveyed the damage after the water receded. "Everything was water soaked and there was a lot of mud. I didn't even walk around and look, there wasn't anything to save. If I would have stayed in that house, I wouldn't be here today."

Relatives throughout metro Detroit, including a sister in Livonia and a niece in Canton, were scrambling to find senior housing for Roberts, and Tonquish Creek Manor had one apartment open.

"We met with her this week, and we're expediting the application," said Sharon Thomas, Housing Commission director in charge of Tonquish Creek Manor. "Our residents are so happy to be able to do something."

PLEASE SEE SURVIVOR, A7

Salvation Army houses evacuees

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Salvation Army is helping at least two families who traveled from Shreveport, La., to Canton Township with barely more than the clothes on their backs after escaping Hurricane Katrina.

Bill Moritz, director of social services for the Salvation Army in Plymouth, said the evacuees are being housed at the Extended StayAmerica motel at Haggerty Road and I-275 in Canton, until they can find more permanent living quarters.

Moritz said most of the displaced victims ended up in Michigan because they have family in Canton Township.

"Two of the families — a total of eight people — drove up in a minivan, which was also crowded with a wheelchair for one of the kids," said Moritz. "They left with a week's worth of clothing because they thought they'd be able to go

back. However, Shreveport was leveled and the National Guard won't let them back in," he said. "They literally lost everything."

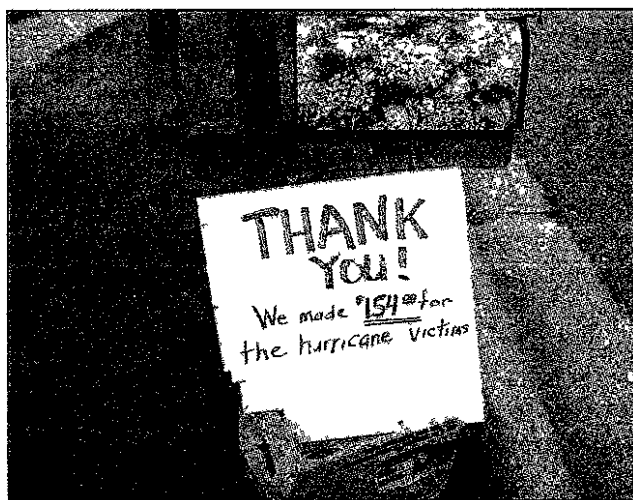
Moritz said the Salvation Army is paying for a 30-day stay at the motel, and is assisting in purchasing food and gasoline.

"Hopefully, we'll find them a home or apartment," said Moritz. "If not, we'll continue to put them up at the motel."

Moritz added the Salvation Army is also supplying transportation to a command post at Detroit City Airport, where evacuees can fill out applications for federal relief from FEMA, food stamps and health screenings.

"The Salvation Army is also offering a \$50 voucher for clothing, as well as feeding them," said Moritz.

Moritz said there are a total of 22 people in the area who are from the Gulf Coast region devastated by Katrina. The Plymouth-Canton Schools reported it has enrolled 14 students from



The young proprietors of this lemonade stand — Cara, Katie and Gracie — were thankful for patrons who helped them raise \$159 by buying lemonade and cookies.

Katrina-ravaged areas.

Moritz noted \$2,300 was collected at last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival by the Fall Festival committee, Plymouth Community Fire Department and Salvation Army for hurricane victims. Another \$1,200 was also given by a single donor.

Plymouth's Downtown

Development Authority held a final Music in the Air concert in Kellogg Park Friday, with collections directed to the Salvation Army.

"Thus far, we've collected about \$9,000 for local Katrina efforts," said Moritz. "And, nearly \$38,000

PLEASE SEE EVACUEES, A7

Board to figure out what's in a name

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostom has grandchildren who live near the new Plymouth-Canton elementary school being constructed in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village. And, while assignments have yet to be made, there's a good chance they will attend classes at the as-of-yet unnamed school.

The Board of Education is currently in the process of accepting nominations for what to call the new school, and, coincidentally, Ostom's name is on the list.

"It is very flattering to be recognized in this fashion for this honor," said Ostom, 61. "When you think of the other people I respect who have names on some of our present buildings, like the Hobens and Isbisters, it's a great honor."

Ostom — who was hired as an assistant principal in 1974 and became principal in 1986 — is one of more than a dozen people whose names have been submitted to the school board for consideration.

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Car wash

On Sunday, Sept 18, the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission hosts a car wash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

Chili cookoff

The Great Lakes Regional

Chili Cookoff, which formerly made Plymouth its home, makes its debut at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds Saturday, Oct. 1.

Sanctioned by the International Chili Society, the cookoff features prizes in three categories — red chili, chili verde or green chili, and salsa — with entries accepted through Sept. 28.

Other activities include a Harley and non-Harley motorcycle show, live entertainment, an Egg Drop competition, kids activities and an Auto Enduro Run.

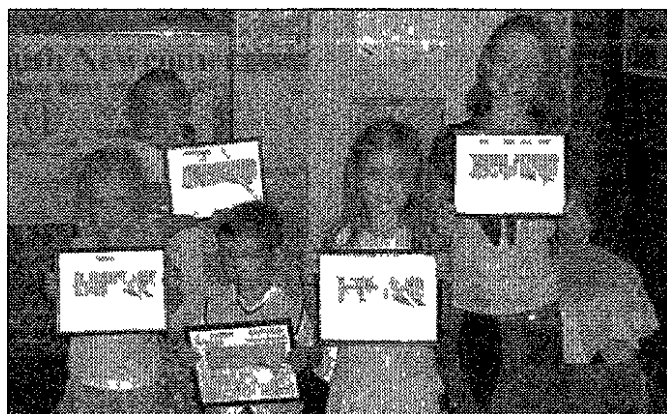
Winners of the Great Lakes cookoff advance to the 2006 world championships and a shot at \$30,000 in prize money.

Admission, which includes samples of the chili, is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate for single tickets, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate for family tickets, and children under 12, \$5.

For more information call (734) 455-8838.

Grief support

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop from Grief to New Hope beginning Oct. 18.



Color them winners

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors sponsored the group's seventh annual coloring contest during last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival for children ages 2-12. A team of judges pored over more than 560 entries, ultimately choosing one first place winner and two honorable mentions in each age category. Each of the five first place winners was awarded a prize. Those winners were Jack Birks of Plymouth (2-3 year age category), Avery Nielsen of Westland (4-5), Adrienne Paton of Plymouth (6-7), Claire Amin of Plymouth (8-9), and Amber Webber of Inkster (10-12). Honorable Mentions were awarded to Michelle Lemmink, Samantha Seyler, Ellie Zimmerman, Emily Barrett, Ryan Clemmons, Minon Tsuji, Bryn Brichler, Aimee Atkinson, Nikki Switalski, and Anna Ciesiak.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, Director of New

Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group partic-

ipation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet 7-8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for eight consecutive Tuesday nights through Dec. 6, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church located at 47650 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

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

Drug coverage

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a seminar on prescription drug coverage at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Plymouth District Library.

Speakers from the Social Security Administration and the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program will explain the new Medicare prescription drug program.

The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Church forum

Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts a forum, "Why Christianity?" in its sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25.

Four people who were raised among the Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu religions will share why they chose to become Christians. The program will feature a question-and-answer period. There is no fee for admission, but a free-

will offering will be taken. The church is located at 45201 N. Territorial, a quarter-mile west of Sheldon. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Canton-Northville, meets for a brown-bag luncheon at noon Monday, Oct. 17, at the Northville Library. Featured speaker Mary Fritz will discuss AAUW Landmarks Registry.

For more information about the meeting, call (734) 459-4764. For information about membership in the DAR, call (734) 495-0132.

Make a difference

The Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to help with "Make A Difference Day" from 8 a.m. to 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 refreshments, 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.

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Decorating by design

Studio, warehouse combination helps homeowners make aesthetic decisions

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The popularity of television shows such as Trading Spaces and Extreme Home Makeover have made homeowners more aware of what their homes need and in need of a place to go to get help accomplishing the feat.

With the addition 3,000-square-foot warehouse to its established Old Village studio, the ladies at Designer's Choice warehouse are trying to help them take advantage of the knowledge.

'With TV and those home-and-garden shows, people are much more cognizant of home design,' said Judy Hepler, a designer with the company. They don't have anywhere to go to get the help.

That changed, according to owner Dawn

DESIGN CHOICES

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Where: 15073 Northville Road in the Provincetown Center

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Principal business: Variety of lines of furniture, accessories, floral designs, rugs, wall art and art.

Staff: Dawn McAllister (owner), Judy Hepler, Abigail Mitchell, Linda Simko
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The folks at Designer's Choice Warehouse — Dawn McAllister, Judy Hepler, Abigail Mitchell, and Linda Simko — have assembled an interesting and ever-changing collection.



Art and other accessories are among the eclectic inventory at Designer's Choice Interior Warehouse.

McAllister, some 18 months ago, when she added the warehouse in Provincetown Center on Northville Road. While full-home design help is available at the studio in Old Village, the warehouse allows McAllister and her staff to help customers more with single pieces of furniture and accessories.

The warehouse, which opened in March 2004, features a variety of lines of quality furniture. McAllister uses it as an extension of the studio. It's filled, she said, with 'unique pieces' of designer furniture, accessories, wall art, rugs, custom cabinetry and custom floral designs.

While the customers at the design studio are generally revamping an entire home, shoppers at the warehouse are usually looking for 1-2 pieces, or something to complement designs they've already done.

'People who come to the design studio are doing whole rooms or a whole house,' McAllister said. 'We're not all things to all people at the warehouse, but between the two we can be. They can start (at the warehouse) and get comfortable with us, and then move on.'

Designer's Choice should be qualified to help them do just that, McAllister's career goes back some 30 years, and her parents owned

McAllister House of Decorating in Northville. Hepler has worked in a variety of design positions in the fashion and cosmetic industry. And designer Abigail Mitchell has a degree in interior design from Michigan State University.

'I trust the gals working for me,' said McAllister. 'They understand the needs, budget and time frame.'

McAllister said one of the things that makes Designer's Choice unique is the advent of frequent Design Events, seminars and sales at the warehouse that include a short, informational presentation on whatever item happens to be featured.

The next event is Sept. 24, featuring art from the Carolinas.

Many items will be discounted 40 percent. It's all designed to do one thing: Keep customers happy.

'My mom and dad trained me a long time ago to satisfy the customer,' McAllister said. 'It's our job to get into their home and add the products that would complement what they have.'

According to Hepler, that's accomplished by putting together a map of the customer's home, helping the client figure out what is needed.

Clients don't know what it is that's missing.



Designer Linda Simko adjusts a dried floral arrangement on the floor of Designer's Choice Warehouse, located in the Provincetown Center on Northville Road.

Hepler said. 'They need someone to come in and see with a fresh eye, and bring a balance to it.'

That makes decorating a home much like life itself, according to McAllister.

'That's what design is all about,' she said. 'There's balance in all things in life.'

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Rare Earth tops Katrina concert Pets find a safe haven

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A group calling itself Musicians for Relief will stage a 12-hour concert Sunday, Sept. 25, to help the city of Westland raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"We're hoping to raise \$100,000 that day, and I think we can do it," said event manager Dean Boucher, a stagehand with Detroit Stage Employees Local 38 and a drummer for the local rock band Power Source.

"It's an event for the whole family," said Boucher, a 39-year-old Westland resident. "This is a whole community coming together. The American people have shown that they can come together to help people."

Boucher and event brainchild Eric Turczyn, working with city officials, announced that the Musicians for Relief

bands will play 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Central City Park, in the ball diamond area behind the Bailey Recreation Center.

"It'll happen rain or shine," Boucher said.

Admission will be \$10. Concert-goers with student identification will get in for \$5, and the event will be free for children ages 10 or younger.

The proceeds will be given to a city hurricane relief fund established by Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, who said the money will go to the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

Rare Earth, a band with Motown roots, will headline the concert, Boucher said. 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.

"Bands will be playing all day," Cicirelli said. "It will be family-type music."

Boucher, Turczyn and others hastily planned the Musicians for Relief benefit in the after-

math of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the Gulf Coast and left many survivors with nothing.

"We were watching all of this transpire daily, and we wanted to help whoever we can," said Turczyn, who is unemployed with disabilities brought on by a fall. "You see stories of children without parents and children leading other children to safety. I am a Catholic, Christian person, and I believe we have to take care of our people."

Organizers had planned to stage the concert at Chatters, a local bar. Ultimately, they decided to have it outdoors to accommodate a much larger crowd.

"It's just remarkable how it's gotten so big," Turczyn said. In other concert-related developments,

Those attending are urged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The Michigan Humane Society will have a booth to accept donations to help pets affected by Hurricane Katrina

- an idea spearheaded by Boucher's girlfriend, Tracy Gruch, and her daughter, Kaylee.

Performance Staging of Plymouth will provide a stage for the concert, and Thunder Audio Group will lend a \$500,000 sound system, Boucher said. The latter company has worked with performers as diverse as Metallica and Mary J. Blige, he said.

Organizers will arrange for a semi-truck so that concert-goers can donate toys, books, school supplies and such baby items as diapers, Boucher said.

The event will include a classic car show.

A children's area will include clowns, an inflatable moonwalk, face-painting and other activities, Boucher said.

Corporate donations to offset costs, such as insurance, will be accepted, Boucher said.

Various merchandise will be raffled off.

"People of all ages can come and have a good time," Boucher said.

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Rescuers picked the name Stormy for a dog found on a rooftop in the hurricane-ravaged South. He's among 16 dogs and 16 cats looking for new homes in Michigan.

Last weekend, six local volunteers rescued as many of the abandoned animals as they could from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Upon their return Tuesday, doctors and technicians at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Bloomfield Township vaccinated the animals and assessed their health before releasing them to adoption groups.



Matt Schaefer from Plymouth and Michell Stone from Clarkston unload dogs at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services.

"These were all healthy animals. They all seem to be socialized," said clinic owner Dr. Lucy Henney.

One litter of nine 4-month-old puppies returned without their mother who is being treated at a clinic in Alabama.

Matt Schaefer of Plymouth, a volunteer with the Animal Care Network, says that animals in those conditions form packs, posing a danger to relief workers.

Families can become foster caretakers while the pets await permanent placement.

"We're not in a hurry. We just want to get the right home for the right animal," said Marie Skladd, president of the Michigan Animal Adoption

Network, which spearheaded the rescue effort.

Anyone interested in adopting or becoming a foster caretaker can call the Michigan Animal Adoption Network at (248) 545-5055 or Michigan Animal Rescue League at (248) 335-9290. People can also donate food and other supplies at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, 1400 Telegraph Road south of Orchard Lake Road, open 24 hours a day.

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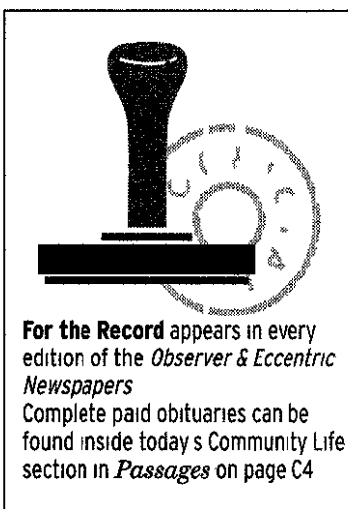
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A
Sister Mary Adrian
 Adrian 91 of Farmington Hills died Sept 12
Priscilla K Arcure-Eastman
 Arcure Eastman 85 of Rochester Hills died Sept 6
Marjorie E Arnold
 Arnold 96 of Rochester died Sept 4
Lloyd Ayotte Jr.
 Ayotte of Clarkston died Sept 14
B
David Watt Barton
 Barton 82 of Bloomfield Hills died July 13
Clarice Bruce
 Bruce 88 of Martin Tenn died Sept 9
C
Thelma E Cameron
 Cameron 77 of Rochester died Sept 8
June M. Cassidy
 Cassidy 78 of Shelby Twp died Aug 31
Floyd "Bud or Curly" Curtis
 Curtis 75 of Rochester Hills died Aug 27
D
Robln G. Daniels
 Daniels 36 of Troy died Sept 13
E
Earl "Ray" Eckert
 Eckert 81 of Madison Heights died Aug 28
Sallie Hoppin Eckert
 Eckert 90 of Waterford formerly of Birmingham died Sept 7
F
Warren C. Forester
 Forester 88 of San Antonio Texas formerly of Clawson died Aug 27
Alice D. Fuller
 Fuller 94 of Clarkston formerly of Rochester died Sept 3
G
James R. Graham
 Graham 84 of Rochester Hills died Sept 5
H
Leroy Chenuault Hamilton

Hamilton 88 formerly of Birmingham died Sept 6
Rosemary Brady Hayes
 Hayes 85 died Sept 10
K
Vitold Kaminskis
 Kaminskis 86 of Rochester Hills died Sept 12
Lorraine Kanava
 Kanava 84 of Birmingham died Sept 7
M
Chester Ray Macer
 Macer 79 of Howell died Sept 15
Barbara Helen McKelvey
 McKelvey 87 of Plymouth died Sept 2
Melanie Meenen
 Meenen 55 of Harlingen Texas formerly of Livonia
Edna Moorman
 Moorman 87 died Sept 8
N
Thomas F. Norton Jr.
 Norton 71 of East Sandwich Mass formerly of Plymouth died Sept 12
P
Marla G Pagano
 Pagano 89 of Royal Oak died Aug 27
Florine M. Phillip (nee Steintrage)
 Phillip 89 of Farmington Hills died Sept 10
R

Neil W Robert
 Robert 63 of Canton died Aug 11
S
Glada E Sartor
 Sartor 99 of Rochester Hills died Aug 31
Joan A Simmons
 Simmons 75 of Port Charlotte Fla died Sept 2
Ralph M. Stanifer
 Stanifer 58 of Sioux City Iowa died Aug 29
Aurelia "Irene" Szumanski
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Mary Lou Warner
 Warner 55 of Rochester died Aug 24
Ellen D Wheeler
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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
 ■ **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

■ **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, 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 with representatives from the Social Security Administration and the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program Registration is requested and can be made through the Council on Aging office at (734) 453 1234, Ext 236

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Local young icers help Special Olympics

Players on the 98 Mite A Plymouth Stingray Travel Hockey Team are hard at work conditioning, practicing and fund-raising for their upcoming season. A returnable pop can here, a donation there, all help to sponsor the 7-year-old boys and cover the cost of their equipment, ice time and tournaments.

While the boys are hard at work they realize there are a lot of children their age who would love to practice, play and collect those pop cans but cannot.

That is why the boys have decided to turn the tables and become sponsors themselves. This year, the 98 Stingrays are teaming with Special Olympics, the Detroit Lions and quarterback Joey Harrington to help raise funds

for Special Olympics through the Pennies-A-Yard Program.

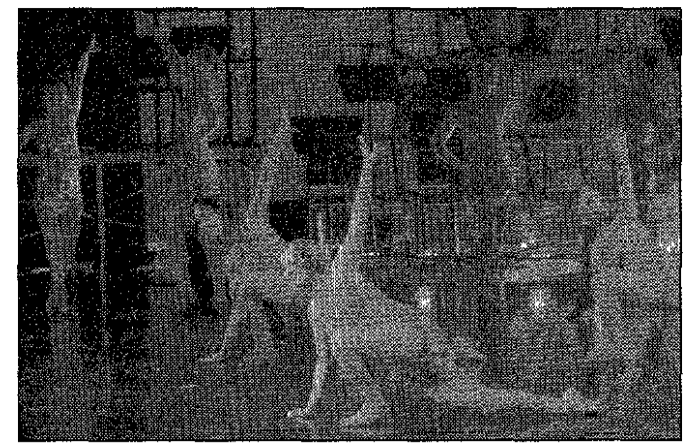
"Kids learn so much more than just how to play a game when they are involved in sports," spokesman James Radwan said.

"The 98 Stingrays agree with 2002 Special Olympics Report outlining the Top 10 Ways Special Olympics Benefits Athletes: 'If kids want to play sports they should be able to, and the 98 Stingrays want to help make that happen.'"

Anyone who would like to learn more about the Pennies-A-Yard Program or support Special Olympics can visit the Web site at www.som.org, anyone interested in supporting the Stingrays can e-mail Radwan at jradwan@comcast.net.



Members of the '98 Mite A Plymouth Stingrays Travel Hockey Team include (back row) Riley Brass, William Borrows, Jack Campbell, Adam Olson, Keegan Howdeshell, David Kiers, Ben Phillips and Cody Burke, (front row) Nolan Corker, Kyle Kozler, Nick Beers, Johnny Sladic, Cooper Zech, Ryan Radwan and Chase Danol, and (in front) goalie Trevor McManus. The team's head coach is Dave Brass, assistant coaches Russ Borrows and Jeff Campbell.



Members of Central City Dance performed 'Big Noise,' a Bette Midler song, during the Village Theater's season preview gala last Saturday.

Patrons get a preview of theater's new season

Theater lovers got a sneak peek at what's in store for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill during its upcoming second season on Saturday, during the Season Preview Gala.

The elegant evening included a strolling supper, champagne and a number of performances by some of the actors and musicians who will be featured during the upcoming season.

"It was a very enjoyable evening," said Linda Pohl, a member of the Spotlight Players board of governors. "They showed a good gamut of what they've done in the past, and what they will be doing this year. It was a nice showcase of this year's performances."

Members of the Spotlight Players, a local acting troupe, performed songs from the musical *The Sound of Music*, which opens at the theater this weekend. Other performers included the Canton Concert Band, Ever After Productions, Destination Theater, Canton Community Chorus, Central City Dance, Celebration Youth Orchestra, John Brown's Body, Summit Players, and Sounds of Canton.

The \$100 tickets for the event will benefit arts programming in the greater Canton community.

Fund-raiser set

WSDP teams up with Parisian for the station's Celebrate Education fund-raiser from 7 a.m. to 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.

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said Frank Ruggiello, director of community relations. That includes employees, board members and community members who have made significant contributions to the education of children in this district.

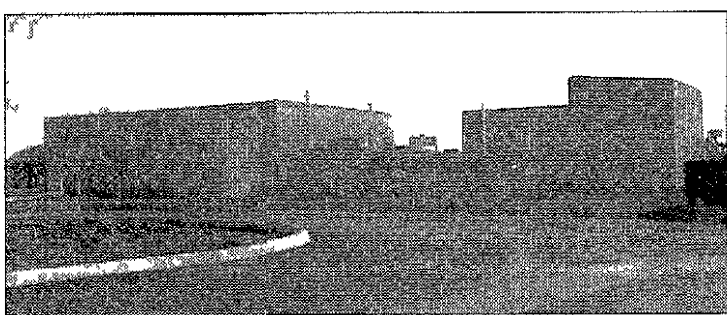
Another on the list is Superintendent Jim Ryan, who was hired as assistant superintendent in July 2001 and took over the top district position a year later.

My first reaction was to take my name off the list because I could never compete with some of those other names, said Ryan. But I came to understand what an honor it is that people are saying I'm a man of integrity and that made me feel very good.

"But I still wouldn't be comfortable with my name on that building," he said. There are other people who really have made significant contributions to the educational climate of our schools and community.

Others who have been nominated include:

■ William Sculligan, 11th history teacher at the original Plymouth High School (now



Plymouth-Canton school board members are beginning considering names for the new elementary school being built in Cherry Hill Village.

Central Middle School) and Salem High School from 1966-2000.

■ Trevor Blumberg, a Salem High School graduate who was killed in Iraq on Sept. 14, 2003.

■ Elizabeth Donnelly, who taught at Central Grade School from 1931-37 and Starkweather Elementary from 1954-76.

■ Dave Fairquharson, hired as Field Elementary teacher in 1976 and served as East Middle School assistant principal and Field principal.

■ Earl and Betty Gibson. Earl was principal at Gallimore, Tanger and Farrand elementary schools before retiring in 1985.

■ Peggy Heiney, teacher from 1968-94.

■ John Sule, currently the

assistant head maintenance employee at Tonda Elementary.

■ Donald Tripp, Board of Education member from 1968-71.

■ Thomas Workman, who during his 40 years in the district spent 19 years at Allen Elementary as six years as principal at East Middle School before retiring in 1992.

The Board of Education will continue to take nominations on its Web site or in writing through the end of this month. According to policy, the board will discuss the names of the nominees at its regular meetings for two full months — through the Oct. 25 meeting with the earliest the board can vote for a finalist at the Nov. 8 regular school board meeting.



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EVACUEES

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has been given to our office for national relief efforts. People from around here are dropping off checks left and right.

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Community United Way has

dipped into its coffers to help fund Katrina relief efforts.

Our Board of Directors has approved a \$10,000 grant to be used in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, said Marie Morrow, president. We're in the process of working with the United Way and Salvation Army in the affected areas to

find the best place for the money to be used.

Morrow said thus far the PCUW has collected \$500 locally for the national effort.

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SURVIVOR

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Thomas said Roberts will be moving into the senior complex within the next three weeks and the Iniquish Creek Manor staff is in the process of collecting goods to help her get moved in.

Right now, we're keeping a log of what people have available and we will all them when the time comes for Betty

to move in, said Thomas. We know people want to be generous, but we don't want a lot of duplication. The Plymouth community always steps up to the plate when we need help.

Thomas said those with donations should call her office at (734) 455-3670.

Roberts said she's grateful for all the help she's received from relatives who are holding a Katrina party to collect gift cards, and those at Iniquish Creek Manor

Plymouth Housing has been phenomenal, especially Cindy (Rapson, office manager) who has bent over backwards to help me, said Roberts. There was no other place to live. I couldn't stay in Mississippi because there were too many houses destroyed.

Nobody knows how much I really appreciate it, she said.

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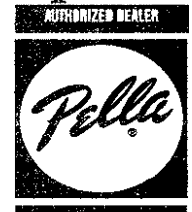
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Madonna University Faculty Awardees with college administrators (top left to right) are Monika Kimball Ernest Nolan vice president for academic administration (bottom) Therese Jamison Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president and Sharon Meldrum Not pictured is Boguslawa Gatarek

Madonna honors 4 of its faculty members

Selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to the teaching-learning environment, four faculty members received the 2005 Madonna University Faculty Excellence Awards at a conference on August 29.

The Faculty Excellence Awards recognize professors who demonstrate a standard of professionalism that their colleagues admire and aspire to, said Ernest Nolan, vice presi-

dent for academic administration. "The awards have a special meaning because they represent commendations from their peers."

Monika Kimball, associate professor of English as a Second Language, was selected for the Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation. Kimball has been teaching at the university since 1991.

I accept this award with

genuine humility," said Kimball, a South Lyon resident. "I thank God for this experience. Teaching at Madonna has gone beyond all my expectations."

The recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award for Service to the Community was Sharon Meldrum, a deaf assistant professor of Sign Language Studies (SLS). Meldrum has been teaching at Madonna University since 1976 and is a

Livonia resident.

"It is an honor to receive this award," Meldrum said using American Sign Language. "I want to thank the SLS department and staff for their support and thank the deaf community. In the deaf community, MU is very well known - locally, nationally and internationally."

Boguslawa Gatarek, adjunct associate professor of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, was recognized with the Adjunct Faculty Member Award. She has been teaching at the University since 2000 and resides in Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada.

The Faculty Award from Graduating Seniors went to Therese Jamison, associate professor of Nursing and a Farmington Hills resident. All graduating seniors were sent nomination forms and asked to identify faculty members who best personified the mission of Madonna University.

"It is an honor and privilege to receive this award from graduating seniors," said Jamison. "We have many blessings in our life - family, friends and professions. To be a nurse has greatly enriched my life. MU is another blessing."

Schoolcraft students raise money with beads

A coalition of student organizations, working through the Student Activities Office will use a famous New Orleans tradition to raise money to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. This is one of number of programs the college is initiating to help Katrina victims.

All donations will be passed on to relief agencies providing direct support to displaced individuals and families.

The One for One campaign encourages each student and employee to give one dollar. Donors receive a string of Mardi Gras beads to wear as a means of promoting the campaign to others. Students are selling beads at locations throughout campus and at events, ranging from a soccer game to the School Daze welcome back activities Sept. 20-22.

Other activities are in the planning stages for October, November and beyond. Coats, hats and mittens will be collected to provide displaced families with the proper clothing for a northern winter. Efforts to collect non-perishable food items and personal care kits are also under discussion.

The residency status of students displaced from colleges in the Gulf Coast region is now in a state of flux. To address this issue, Schoolcraft is offering the resident tuition rate of \$65 per credit hour to displaced students. Normally, out-of-state tuition is \$143 per credit hour.

Although the fall semester opened Sept. 1, there are more than 100 courses that start in September or October.

Schoolcraft is also part of a statewide effort to open online courses for displaced students, and there are nearly 350 continuing education and professional development courses in the fall schedule, including many with start dates from September into December.

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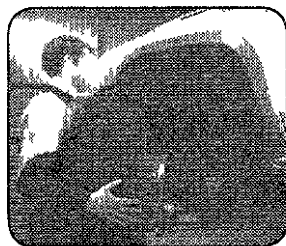


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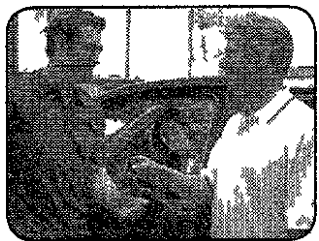
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Global village images reveal problems deeper than water

Marshall McLuhan once wrote that electronic media was creating a "global village." In *Understanding Media*, he wrote, "Today, after more than a century of electric technology, we have extended our central nervous system in a global embrace, abolishing both space and time as far as our planet is concerned."

As the world watched over the last couple of weeks, the tragic story of the Gulf Coast confirmed how right McLuhan was. Day after day, we've watched poor people pleading from roof tops, slogging through chest-deep fetid waters, crowding into steamy convention halls and sprawling on steps waiting in fear and danger for food and buses that took forever to arrive. We watched small-town residents walking shell-shocked through the ruins of what had once been "home." Over the shoulders of posturing cable reporters, we could see the unbearable agony of people who had lost what little they had to lose.

We watched and we responded. Private charities have raised millions for relief. Thousands have volunteered their services, their schools, their homes to those whose lives have been changed forever by Hurricane Katrina and the flood left in its wake. Congress passed what will be the first of several emergency spending bills. Yet, those images showed us how little we know and how little we care.

Long before Katrina sent waves crashing into its levees, New Orleans was a poor city. It was poor, black, crime-ridden, surrounded by white middle-class suburbs. When visitors went to the famous New Orleans, the Bourbon Street New Orleans, they were always warned not to wander too far from the French Quarter. New Orleans had the nation's highest murder rate last year.

It came as a shock when suddenly homeless residents took the opportunity to loot stores and young gangs fired on rescuers and committed heinous acts against fellow flood victims. It came as a shock that people didn't just get in their cars and get out of there. It came as a shock that New Orleans wasn't exactly the fun city that the tourist board had portrayed.

And when some evacuees were moved to Houston, former first lady Barbara Bush looked about and said, "What I'm hearing, which is sort of scary, is they all want to stay in Texas. Everyone is so overwhelmed by the hospitality. And so many of the people in the arena here, you know, were underprivileged anyway, so this is working very well for them."

How nice, and scary. And some arch conservative Web sites, another connection in the global village, are saying Katrina is God's way of "purifying" America. While we sat engrossed by the images from the



Hugh Gallagher

Perhaps in answer to this, the Republican leadership in the state legislature proposed easing Michigan's financial burden by shifting it on to the poor (maybe because there are so many more of them now).

Gulf Coast, on Aug. 30 the Census Bureau released a report showing that in 2004 Detroit was the poorest city in America with one-third of its residents living below the poverty line. The report also showed that child poverty in Michigan increased from 15 percent in 2003 to about 18 percent in 2004. But in Oakland County those living in poverty actually declined from 8 percent in 2003 to 5 percent in 2004, while in Wayne County it increased from 17 percent to 20 percent.

Perhaps in answer to this, the Republican leadership in the state legislature proposed easing Michigan's financial burden by shifting it on to the poor (maybe because there are so many more of them now). They proposed dropping families from welfare after four years, reducing the payment from the lavish \$499 a month to \$409 and cutting Medicaid benefits. They settled for a review of the Medicaid and welfare rolls to track down those who could be cut.

On Thursday President Bush gave a remarkable speech in which he conceded that, yes, all levels of government had failed in Katrina but that, "The system at every level of government was not well coordinated and was overwhelmed in the first few days. It is now clear that a challenge of this scale requires greater federal authority and a broader role for the armed forces. Americans have every right to expect a more effective response."

But it isn't just the destruction of New Orleans that we witnessed, but its ongoing suffering made visible. To that Bush acknowledged, "As all of us saw on television, there is also some deep, persistent poverty in this region as well. And that poverty has roots in a history of racial discrimination, which cut off generations from the opportunity of America."

"We have a duty to confront this poverty with bold action. So let us restore all that we have cherished from yesterday, and let us rise above the legacy of inequality."

It shouldn't take a storm to suggest that we need to address these same problems here in Michigan at the local, state, federal and personal level.

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Affirmative action necessary, effective in advancing opportunity

Although the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of affirmative action and scholarly studies such as that by former Princeton President William Bowen and former Harvard President Derek Bok have shown the benefits of enrolling a diverse range of qualified students, opponents of the programs continue to make misleading arguments.

Even as universities in California and Florida report troubling declines in the number of African American, Latino and Native American students, UCLA law professor Richard Sander is attracting publicity with the argument that it is African Americans themselves — not whites — who are harmed by racially conscious admissions policies. His claims are neither new nor persuasive.

Sander asserts that affirmative action leads to African Americans attending law schools where they cannot compete. According to him, they either flunk out or drop out. Those who graduate aren't likely to pass the bar. He concludes that "a race-blind system will produce more black lawyers — a goal he says he shares."

If law schools — and by extension other professional and graduate programs — were to adopt the system Sander advances, there is little doubt that these institutions would quickly become re-segregated. There would be schools that were virtually all white, with a handful of Asian Americans, there would be other schools that could boast a modest racial mix, and there also would be many African American students who would lose access to higher education. The top law schools, those that are the beginning of the pipeline to lucrative jobs with prestigious firms, powerful positions in the judiciary, as well as business opportunities and influential roles in academe, would be largely drained of African American students.

After a year that saw countless celebrations of the 50th anniversary of school desegregation, ordered in the profound case of *Brown vs. Board of Education*, such an outcome would be as ironic as tragic.

Leaders in higher education recognize that considering race as a factor in high-stakes decision making alters the composition of the classroom. Law schools, which enjoy an abundance of terrific applicants for every open seat, look at many criteria in determining how to best serve the myriad aspects of an academic mission. Without exception, law schools give substantial weight to the Law School Admissions Test and undergraduate grade point average.

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That is only the beginning of the process, not the end. There are many other measures, such as background and life experiences, that have proven useful in predicting a student's drive, commitment, civic engagement and other traits vital to the success of lawyers and law schools.

Ignoring other factors, Sanders states there is a "powerful" correlation between LSAT/GPA and bar exam performance. Just as a statistical matter, aside from the policy implications, his analysis is flawed. According to the data he relies on, LSAT scores and GPA account for less than 10 percent of the disparity in bar exam results. In other words, he ignores the 90 percent of the difference that cannot be explained.

He also uses old data. His 2001 data suggest that without affirmative action, there would be a 14 percent decline in African American admittees. The 2002-03 data show that there would be a 35 to 45 percent decline and, incidentally, a 25 percent increase in white admittees.

Racial disparities have long existed and unfortunately continue to persist — for a complex range of reasons, including the vestiges of past discrimination. It isn't clear why anyone who, like Sander, insists he wishes to help African American students would want to abolish a proven means of doing so.

Writing for the majority of her colleagues, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor articulated a principle which since the civil rights movement Americans of all races have consistently said they believe in. "In order to cultivate a set of leaders with legitimacy in the eyes of the citizenry, it is necessary that the path of leadership be visibly open to talented and qualified individuals of every race and ethnicity."

Affirmative action is not only necessary but also effective.

Frank H. Wu of Canton is dean of Wayne State University Law School. He testified in the trial of the Grutter vs. Bollinger affirmative action case.



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Sheriff, deputies return from mission to New Orleans

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans and a contingent of deputies arrived back in Westland after nearly two weeks of helping the Hurricane Katrina relief effort in New Orleans.

Evans' quick, and officially unauthorized, response to an SOS for help, won him favorable mention in last Sunday's *New York Times* but, more importantly, gave him a renewed respect for the officers under his command.

On Aug. 31, Sheriff Edmund M. Sexton of Tuscaloosa County, Ala., and president of the National Sheriffs' Association, sent out an alert asking for members to help.

"Like everyone, we'd been watching national media coverage and getting a good idea that it wasn't good," Evans said Friday.

Evans said he realized that the effort needed more than just added police presence. He began to organize a convoy to take needed supplies down to the Gulf Coast.

"We started the planning process and wanted to leave in 24 hours from the time we started and to call all the contacts we had to get the things we needed to go down there, the donations of water and toilet paper and all those essential items," he said.

The Teamsters Union supplied drivers and six tractor-trailers. Big Boy restaurants set up collection sites and the word went out for people to drop off items. Greater Grace Temple in Detroit was gathering items for its own mission to an Alabama church and joined the convoy. Steve Radden of Steve's Soul Food also joined with his restaurant on wheels as did an ambulance from Hart Medical and a big rig from Boulevard and Trumbull Towing. Walt Michaels RV supplied living quarters for the 33 deputies who volunteered to make the trip.

The deputies agreed to be paid for eight hours of straight time for the time they were there.

"Most would have gone with no pay," Evans said. "They were committed to do something."

Evans said he hopes to be reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency but is concerned that there might be a problem because he left without authorization from Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"From my perspective we had a request from another police agency or group of police agencies," he said. "When we were gearing up, we were in constant contact with them. We knew there would be some kind of coordination that would make sense. We started down based on that."

Evans said one of the problems in the slow response to



JOHN ROACH

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans tries to get a little rest from his duties on relief work in New Orleans.

the mounting flood was that government officials were afraid to act based on budget concerns.

"I think the sad things people need to review in this is that many conscious decisions to wait said, 'Human life, repayment?' I think when you peel back the layers I don't think anyone consciously said repayment was more important than human life. I think they got confused about what the hold up was all about," he said.

SURREAL CITY

After stops in Mobile, Ala., for Grace Temple and Baton Rouge, the deputies arrived at Gonzales, La., the staging area for New Orleans relief. Evans said everything seemed to be under control and well organized. His deputies were sworn in and immediately deployed to the ravaged city.

Their first job was to relieve tired and shell-shocked New Orleans police officers. There was still sniper fire which prohibited night patrols.

"National media did a good job of showing it, but what they couldn't show was the smell. It couldn't show the lack of infrastructure - no hospitals, no jails. When you ran into something you had to be ingenious," Evans said.

The flood waters actually helped mask the smell of bodies floating in the water. Emergency medical care had to be given on the spot. "It was kind of surreal," Evans said.

The sheriff said bureaucracy was a major problem in responding to the disaster. Too many levels of government were waiting for somebody's authority.

"Regardless of what it is, if it needs first responders for immediacy, then people just have to go," he said. "That doesn't mean willy-nilly. There is an idea that we would go in like the Lone Ranger and say, 'We'll fix this, no I've been in this business too long, you coordinate, use the telephone,

talk with officials and ask how we can help."

He said a system needs to be developed to identify first responders and then a second tier to handle the more complex follow up.

"Any police officer who wants to save lives can wade through water to get people out and on to higher ground. It's not rocket science," he said.

Evans did come away with a renewed respect for his own officers.

"The thing that stands out for me is that they were all excited to help," he said. "There was no sniping. They would give the shirts off their backs for New Orleans police officers. It's good for the department. They can say, 'I worked hard, I did the best I could. I was a credit to my community. I am extremely proud of the whole group.'"

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Wayne County sheriff's deputies look over the flooded streets of New Orleans.

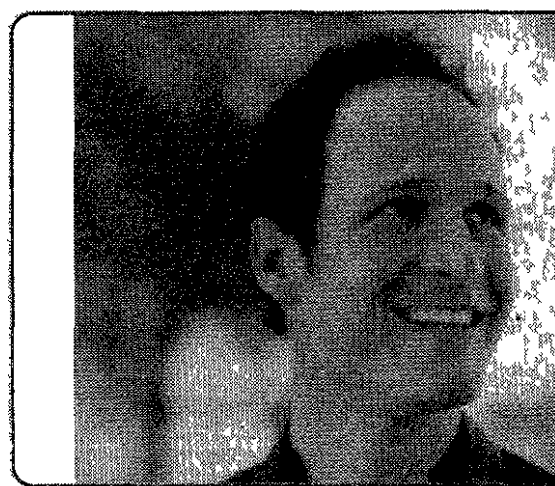


Wayne County sheriff's deputies are sworn in by a Louisiana law enforcement officer.

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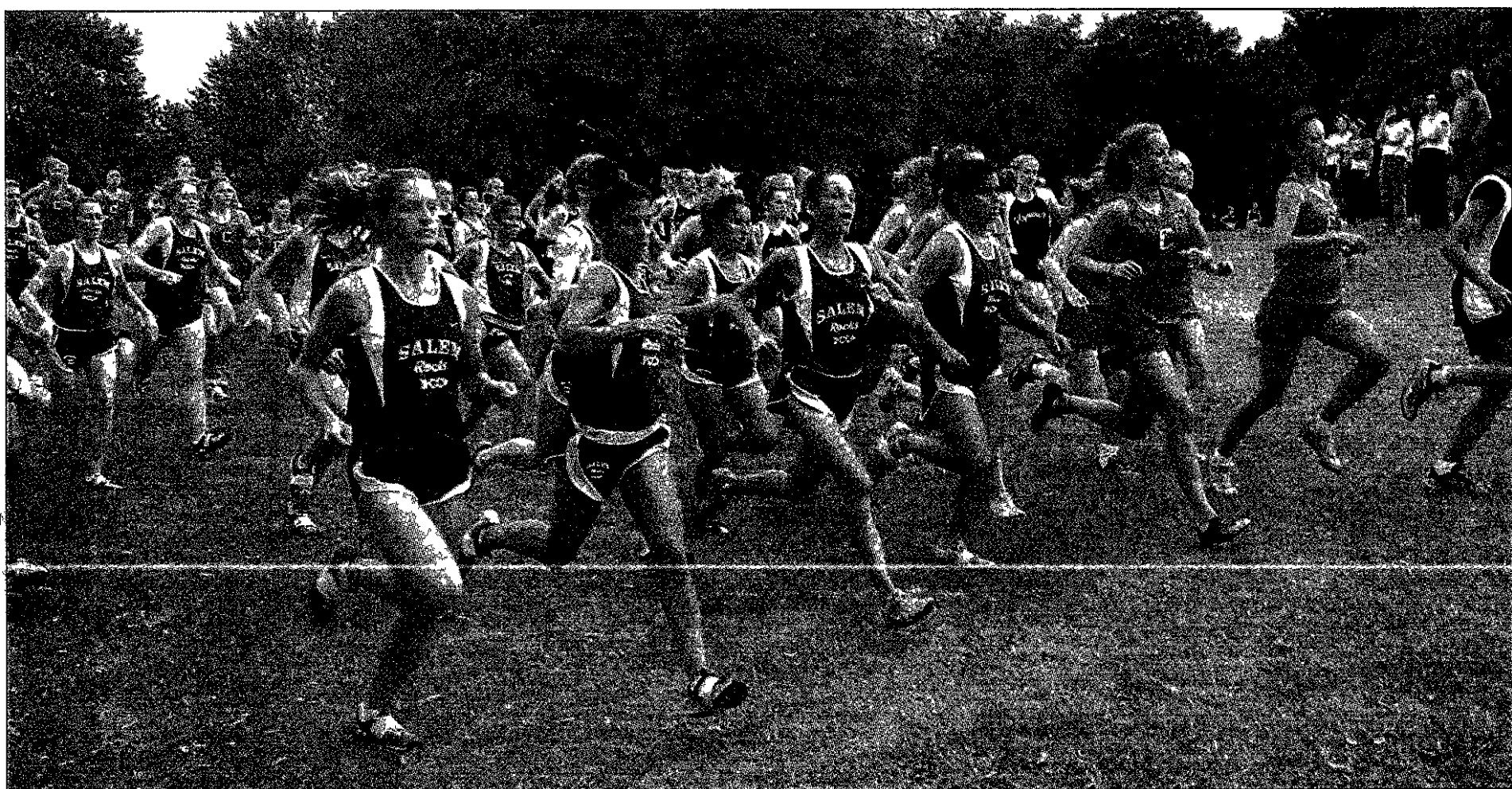
Wayne County Sheriff's Lt. Douglas Outlaw and Officer Kristyn Montgomery help a thirsty dog in New Orleans.

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The runners from Plymouth, Canton and Salem were still tightly grouped during the opening seconds of Thursday's 4th Annual City Meet held at Cass Benton Park in Northville. The field eventually spread out over the 5K course and the Rocks sprinted to their fourth consecutive title. The Chiefs finished second, just ahead of the Wildcats.

Salem retains city cross country title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton and Plymouth girls cross-country teams walked away from the first three City Meets feeling blue — Salem blue.

The fourth annual meet held on Thursday at Northville's Cass Benton Park was no exception as the Rocks won decisively on the rugged, hilly course.

Led by the 1-2-3 finish of Hannah Cavicchio, Alie Vraniak and Marisa Carpinelli, Salem compiled a scant 26 points. Canton notched second with 45

followed by Plymouth with 49.

"We were expected to win and we did what was needed to accomplish that," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "It helps when your top three runners finished one, two, three. We have a very big meet coming up Saturday in Holly, so our strategy today was to come out and do what was needed to get a victory. The girls kind of held back the first mile and then did whatever they needed to do after that."

"It was important for the seniors to win today because now they can say they finished first in the City Meet all four

years of their high school careers."

Cavicchio's winning time was 19:39. Vraniak and Carpinelli actually tied for second with 20:35 clockings. Also figuring in the scoring for the Rocks were senior Allison Janda (eighth place in 21:07) and Kristen Dondzila (12th place in 21:35).

Highlighting Canton's second-place showing were a trio of freshmen: Sarah Thomas (fourth place in 20:45), Katy Galm (sixth place in 20:53) and Katelyn David (ninth place in 21:19). Thomas's time was her personal best.

Our freshmen really came up to bat

for us today," said Canton coach Tracy Himmelspach. "Sarah was our first finisher at our meet on Saturday, and apparently she liked it so much she decided to stay there."

Also scoring for the Chiefs were Becky McCormack (11th place in 21:31) and Jennifer Thomas (15th place in 21:43).

This was the first City Meet in which the Wildcats ran with four classes.

"I'm disappointed we didn't do better," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "In order to finish second, we needed every-

PLEASE SEE CROSS COUNTRY, B2

Chiefs boot Pats, 9-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's soccer team had one of those everybody-gets-to-play victories over Livonia Franklin Monday night.

It came close to becoming an everybody-gets-to-score win, too, as the Chiefs rolled to a 9-0 victory.

Canton is now 6-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Patriots slipped to 1-7 and 1-1.

Canton striker Matt Kulczycki accounted for one-third of the Chiefs' offense by recording his first

PREP SOCCER

career hat trick. The junior lit up the scoreboard twice in the first half before netting Canton's fifth goal of the game three minutes into the second half.

"Matt was injured earlier in the year, so we're bringing him back slowly," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "He needed a game like this to get him rolling."

Joining the scoring parade for the Chiefs were Logan McGraw (two goals), Keith Campbell, Eric Wilt, Justin Biega and Matt Epelman, who found the net on a penalty kick. Jon Somercak hit the post with a kick mid-way through the second half.

Logan McGraw, Ben Krause, Kyle Gring and Wilt all notched assists for the winners.

"I thought we worked hard and we had some opportunities to score," said Franklin coach Victor Rodopoulos. "We lost 9-0, but we didn't play horrible. Canton's first three goals were well-deserved. After that, we just didn't mark very well."

Tomasso said he wasn't totally comfortable at halftime, even though his team had built a 4-0 advantage at the break.

"Franklin's team always plays with intensity, they never give up," Tomasso said.

Defense, special teams lead 'Cats to win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How's this for a role reversal? One week after dominating possession of the ball and losing to Livonia Franklin, Plymouth's football team ran just a handful of offensive plays in the first half Friday night against Northville, but won going away, 41-3.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 3-1 (1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division) heading into Friday night's key divisional showdown at unbeaten Walled Lake Western. Northville slipped to 1-3 and 1-1.

File this stat in the strange-but-true department: The Wildcats led 14-3 with 1:50 remaining in the first quarter even though their offense had been on the field for just three plays.

Plymouth's defense accounted for the game's first score when Taylor Fox drilled Mustang quarterback Michael DeLuca, who fumbled. Wildcat linebacker Jared

Panyan scooped up the loose ball at the Northville 31 and raced untouched into the end zone one minute into the game. Jeff Lucco booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

After the Mustangs strung together an eight-play, 48-yard drive that was capped by a 22-yard Evan Carbell field goal, the Wildcats' special teams struck when Plymouth's Labrodic Caldwell returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a TD.

"It was nice to see the special teams and defense contribute like that," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "It shows that we have a complete team."

"Our offense was itching to get back onto the field in the first half. We didn't run many plays, but the way our defense played, we didn't have to."

With 5:59 left in the second quarter, Northville had run 30 offensive plays to Plymouth's three, yet trailed 14-3. Carbell nearly put a dent in the Wildcats' lead

PREP FOOTBALL

with six minutes to play in the half, but his 38-yard field goal sailed wide left.

Plymouth padded its lead on the final drive of the half when running back Anthony Green motored 24 yards to paydirt. Lucco's extra point made it 21-3 with 34 ticks left on the clock. Five plays before Green's scoring run, Plymouth quarterback Brent Jones' 48-yard TD run was called back due to an illegal procedure penalty.

The Wildcats dominated the second half, scoring on their first three possessions. Nate Gholston bulled over from the two-yard line with 7:57 left in the third to make it 28-3. Six minutes later, Green plunged in from the one to put the hosts up 34-3.

The game's final tally came on back-up quarterback Jeff Harrison's three-yard keeper with 6:49 left in the game.

For the first time in his high school varsity career, Jones did not attempt a pass. However, he had a stellar game on the

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Rowe gets kick out of two sports

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER



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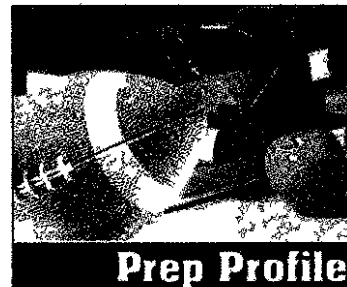
Salem student-athlete Ryan Rowe is a key contributor for the Rocks' football and soccer teams this fall. Rowe is a starting split end on the gridiron and a starting defender on the soccer field.

"Rush hour" starts at approximately 5 p.m. most fall weekdays for Salem football/soccer player Ryan Rowe.

That is the time Rowe rushes home after an energy-draining football practice, grabs a bite to eat, hits the couch for a 20-minute power nap, then rushes back to Salem for either a soccer practice or game.

Rowe is a rare breed in high school: a student-athlete who competes in two demanding fall sports at the same time.

"There have been a few soccer players who have kicked for us since I've coached here, but none of them have played regularly with the offense or



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defense like Ryan has," said Salem football coach Bob Cummings. "He's only missed maybe one practice the past two years, which says a lot about his energy level and his commitment."

REAL DEAL

Rowe's two-sport, same-season juggling act is far from a gummuck. The speedy senior

PLEASE SEE ROWE, B2

Sidelings

Pride elections

The Plymouth/Canton Pride fast-pitch softball organization will hold its annual open meeting for the election of officers for the board on Nov. 15 in the Canton library's community room.

The meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The positions up for election are vice president, treasurer and two at-large members. All positions have a two-year term. All members of the Plymouth/Canton Pride fast-pitch organization are encouraged to attend and vote.

Penguins meeting

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins unified girls hockey team will hold an informational meeting Monday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in Canton High School's Phase III orchestra room.

The meeting is for all Plymouth, Canton and Salem female athletes who are interested in playing for the Penguins during the 2005-06 season. The season starts in November.

Punt, Pass & Kick

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a free Punt, Pass & Kick competition for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 15. Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at Heritage Park. Check-in starts at 9:30 a.m.

The event will be divided into four age groups: 7-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. The competitors' age as of Dec. 31, 2005, will be used. Competitors must wear gym shoes during the event. Cleats, football shoes and turf shoes are not allowed.

First-place winners in each age group will qualify for a sectional tournament.

Contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 483-5600.

Coaches: Please call in results

The area's prep athletic coaches are encouraged to call the results of their team's competitions into Observer sports editor Ed Wright so that the high school athletes receive the recognition they deserve.

Results can be phoned in to Wright at (734) 953-2108, they can be faxed to (734) 591-7279, or they can be e-mailed to ewright@oe.homecomm.net.

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.

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Franklin defense sends Canton to 2nd setback

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's resilient defense came off Friday night in a hard-fought 13-7 football victory over visiting Canton.

The Patriots, despite three second-half turnovers, kept Canton's vaunted Wing-T offense out of the end zone and handed the Western Lakes pre-season favorites their second straight division loss while improving to 4-0 overall.

Our defense just played awesome," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose Patriots beat Canton for the first time since 1997. "They've taken the rap in the past for giving up too many points, but tonight they stepped up and did not let them score."

"This win is huge because Canton is the team everybody in the Western Lakes has to beat. And that's why Canton is always my preseason pick until somebody goes out beats them." Canton's only TD came with 6:23 left when linebacker Jeff Piper came up with a loose ball and rambled 51 yards for a TD to cut the deficit to 13-7.

But Canton had trouble converting on its final five offensive possessions - all on fourth down situations - including a interception in the final minute by Dan Chynoweth near the goal line to seal the Patriots' win.

Franklin led 13-0 at halftime as quarterback Matt McCullough, who was 7-of-10 for 111 yards during the first half, scored on a 9-yard keeper

with 4:53 left in the first quarter (Franklin's first extra point was blocked by Andy Rossow). The senior then hit tight end Jeremy Peer on a 2-yard scoring pass with just 17 seconds left in the half.

Canton's defense reasserted itself in the second half, limiting the Patriots to a pair of first downs.

The Chiefs seemed poised to score on their first possession of the second half, marching 57 yards in 11 plays, only to fumble the ball away at the Patriots' 2 as linebacker Phil Reske made the recovery.

Phil Muszynski made a key tackle on a fourth-and-one late in the third quarter to stymie a Canton drive at the Franklin 36.

Early in the fourth quarter, Canton quarterback Corey Nicoloff was sacked on fourth-and-3. And in the final minute, Franklin linebacker D J Tracy came up with another key sack on third-and-5.

"I feel like I'm a bad coach," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, whose team fell to 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the Western Division. "Our defense wasn't playing the first half and I don't know what to do about the fumbling."

"It was the same as last week (vs. Walled Lake Western, a 21-14 overtime loss) where we make stupid mistakes. It's been a few years since we've self-destructed like this."

Franklin kept Canton's speedy Deshon McClendon under wraps for the most part. The 5-foot-6, 170-pound senior had 106 yards on 17 carries,

while sophomore Dalton Walser added 65 yards on 16 attempts.

"Our number one goal was to take away McClendon because we felt he could hurt us," Kelbert said. "He didn't get away from us. He's had a big TD run in every game so far and he didn't get that against us tonight."

The statistical battle was virtually even with Canton holding the edge in total offense, 226-218, and in first downs, 13-11.

"Our defense stepped it up," Kelbert said. "This is the group of kids John DiPonio (Franklin's JV coach) had and we kept those guys together last year for a reason. They're a very cohesive group and I'm pleased with the way they're working out."

Canton's starting quarterback, Shawn Little, a three-year starter, is expected to be back in the lineup next week against Wayne Memorial.

That should give the Chiefs a boost.

But it was the Chiefs' inability to cash in on three Franklin turnovers which left Baechler befuddled afterwards.

"They (Franklin's defense) guessed right a few times and they outplayed our defense the first half," the Canton coach said. "We have no excuses because right now we're not very good. We're inexperienced in a lot of spots coming into this year. But I still think this group can be good. It just has to learn how to play with some heart, and maybe we did that the second half."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Forty-seven runs competed in Thursday afternoon's City Meet cross-country meet at Cass Benton Park in Northville. Salem successfully defended its title with 26 points.

Salem sprints to City title

The Salem boys cross-country team successfully defended its City Meet title Thursday by out-running Plymouth and Canton at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The Rocks finished with 26 points, 11 fewer than the Wildcats. The Chiefs earned 73 points.

All five Salem scorers finished in the top eight. Dan Kapadia led the way with a second-place finish in 17:14, six seconds behind overall winner Anthony Scaparo of Plymouth.

Salem's Jimmy Walsh finished third in 17:23 while

Kevin DeBear (18:04) and Craig Cowing (18:09) finished seventh and eighth, respectively.

Canton's top runner was Trey Wolfe, who finished fifth in 17:42.

Plymouth's second runner to cross the finish line was Pat Slavens (fourth in 17:35).

"We had three guys run well and the rest didn't," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "I was disappointed we didn't do better than we did. I was happy with Derek Lax, a first-year sophomore who I thought would be our seventh runner this year. He's stepped up and been in the

top three. He ran great today in his first varsity meet."

FOURTH ANNUAL CITY MEET RESULTS
Thursday at Cass Benton Park
FINAL STANDINGS: 1 Salem 26 2 Plymouth 37 3 Canton 73
TOP 25 FINISHERS: 1 Anthony Scaparo (P) 17:08 2 Dan Kapadia (S) 17:14 3 Jim Walsh (S) 17:23 4 Pat Slavens (P) 17:35 5 Trey Wolfe (C) 17:42 6 Kevin DeBear (S) 18:04 7 Andrew Cassidy (S) 18:08 8 Craig Cowing (S) 18:09 9 Derek Lax (P) 18:16 10 Justin Huey (P) 18:17 11 Cam Loftus (S) 18:21 12 Justin Kane (S) 18:30 13 Erik Dondzila (S) 18:33 14 Nate Kostegian (P) 18:34 15 Justin Magill (P) 18:41 16 Duncan Spritz (C) 18:43 17 Evan Shepherd (C) 18:46 18 Cristian Chagas (P) 18:50 19 Alex Noble (P) 18:52 20 Derek Hoerman (C) 18:57 21 Greg Reed (C) 19:02 22 Aaron McClellan (C) 19:03 23 Colin McGary (S) 19:08 24 Dave Catalyn (C) 19:14 25 Lucas Seibel (P) 19:17

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body to run in top gear and we needed everyone on top of their game. It turned out that some were and some weren't. It's disappointing because I know we can run better. Both of the teams that beat us are tough and well-coached."

Crossing the line first for Plymouth was Amy Ostrowski, who finished fifth in 20:50. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Beth Heldmeyer (seventh in 21:02), Pam Bhullar (10th in 21:20), Jackie Beeler (13th in 21:36) and Sarah Sherwood (14th in 21:39). Bhullar's time was a personal-best effort, Kerwin noted.

Cass Benton is a hilly course

and is ranked as the fifth-toughest in the state, which is why the times weren't great today," Kerwin said. "I thought we had a shot at second today. We didn't get it, but we've got to keep going out there and working hard."

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ROWE

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starts at split end on the gridiron and is a key member of the soccer team's defense.

"I have my practice and game schedules memorized," Rowe said, when asked if he has a chart that lists his crazier-than-heck daily activities. My mom has everything written down, though, just so she knows where I'm at every day.

Surprisingly, caffeine does not play a big role in Rowe's two-sport balancing act. "I'll have a Mountain Dew every once in a while, but that's about it," he said.

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When it comes to Rowe's list of athletic favorites, soccer tops the list. He started playing when he was 5 years old. Football didn't enter his life until just before his junior year at Salem when he decided to climb his family tree.

"My dad (Darrell) played for Salem's state championship football team in 1974, so I thought it would be cool if I could follow his football path in high school," Rowe said. "I would have tried it sooner than my junior year, but I didn't think they'd let me play both sports at the same time."

Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy said Rowe's desire to play football hasn't lessened his soccer production.

"I've had no complaints at all with it," McCarthy said. "I'm sure he's extremely tired at the end of the day, but it doesn't show when he's at practice or in games. He's a very aggressive player who tackles well. He also takes the majority of our free kicks in the defensive end."

CALORIE BURNER

The two-practice afternoons and four-games-a-week agenda have amped up Rowe's metabolism to such a level that it has created a slight problem.

NO REST FOR ROWE

Following is a typical mid-week day for Salem two-sport standout Ryan Rowe, who competes for the Rocks football and soccer teams.

- 7:15 a.m.-2:10 p.m. - attends classes,
- 2:10-2:45 - makes quick trip to Wendy's for post-school snack
- 2:45-5:00 - football practice
- 5:00-5:45 - heads home for dinner, 20-minute power nap
- 5:45-6:00 - drives back to Salem,
- 6:00-8:00 - soccer practice,
- 8:00-10:00 - heads home to eat, do homework, spend time with family
- 10:00-6:00 - sleeps

"I want to gain weight, but I haven't been able to," Rowe said. "Ever since my freshman year, I've been between 145 and 155 pounds, which is a little light for football."

"The best thing about playing two sports at the same time is that I'm in great shape. I never get tired when I run sprints in practice."

Rowe takes the winter season off before diving into baseball in the spring. Gifted with dazzling speed, he served as the Salem baseball team's top pinch-runner in 2004. This year, he's a good bet to start in center-field.

Would he ever consider picking up track this spring and trying the two-sport thing again? "If the track coach wanted me to try it, I'd be all for it," he said. "It wouldn't be that hard because I'm already used to it."

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Salem boys roll over Glenn, 7-2

Salem's boys soccer team humbled Westland John Glenn, 7-2, Wednesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division showdown. The victory vaulted Salem's record to 7-2-1 overall, 3-0 in the WLAA and 3-0 in the division.

Salem coach Ed McCarthy thought his team under-achieved in the first half, which ended with the score knotted at 1-1.

"At halftime, I told the team I thought they could play much better," McCarthy said. "It was critical that we won this game because we have to win all of our division games if we want to make it to the conference finals. The boys came out much more motivated in the second half."

Steve Gallagher tallied the Rocks' lone first-half goal off an assist from Jake Bennett.

Salem's second-half scoring onslaught was led by Alex Lumley, who netted two goals. Bennett, Adam Brown, Kevin Cope and Dan McLaughlin all

PREP SOCCER

notched single goals for the winners.

Matt Smokowitz earned the victory in net for the Rocks. Plymouth 5, W.L. Northern 0: Wildcat goalie Nick Seikark recorded his fourth consecutive shutout Wednesday night.

He was assisted by strong defensive play from Jeff Lucco, Travis Norris and Robert Lovelace.

"Our defense was outstanding," Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich said. "Our entire team is starting to turn the corner and do some good things. We're distributing the ball well and controlling the ball on the attack."

The victory improved the Wildcats to 6-3-1 overall and 3-1 in the WLAA.

Jim Wilbur paced the winners' offense with two goals and an assist.

Robert Matar chipped in with a pair of goals while Colin Rolfe

picked up one goal and two assists. Sean Dillon capped the scoring with an assist.

The Wildcats host Livonia Stevenson on Monday at 7 p.m. The Spartans are the No. 1 ranked team in Division 1.

Huron Valley 4, Canton Agape 3: Kurt Metzger tallied a pair of goals Friday to lift Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-5, 2-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division triumph over Canton Agape Christian.

A J Grosniks and John Sharrow also added goals for the victorious Hawks, who were tied at 2-all at intermission.

Goalkeeper Dan Doletzky made eight saves in the win. Jack Anleitner led Agape with two goals. Mark Mullett added the other.

On Tuesday, Huron Valley also won 4-3 at Macomb Christian in an MIAC matchup on goals by Sharrow, Metzger, Brad Schmidt and Andrew Faulk.

Northern QB dazzles Rocks, 22-13

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A few minutes after leading his team to a 22-13 victory over Salem Friday afternoon, Walled Lake Northern quarterback Ryan Sheridan still had a firm grip on the football he had used to frustrate the Rocks' defense.

Had the senior been awarded the game ball in honor of his 8-for-15 passing performance?

"No," Sheridan said, smiling. "I just haven't had a chance to put it in the bag yet."

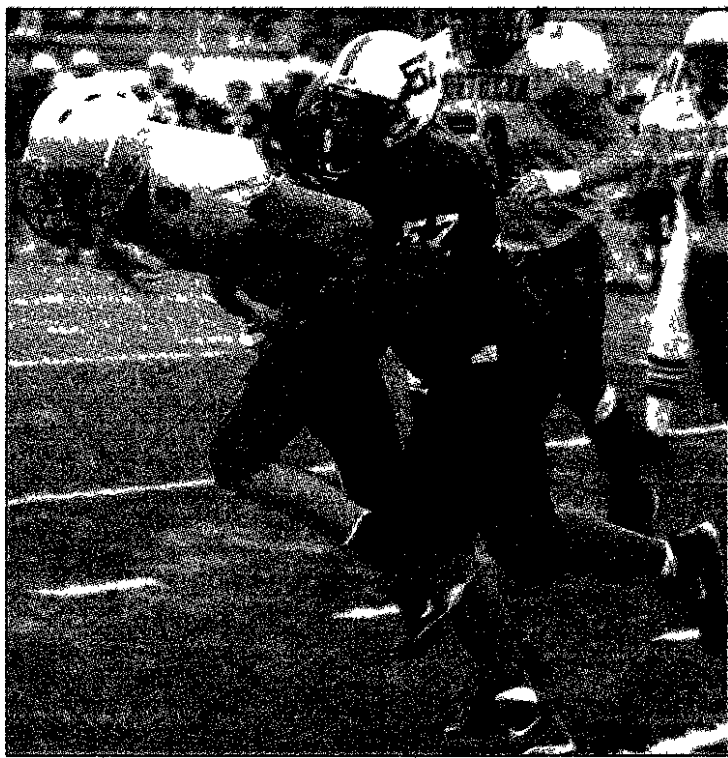
Sheridan hadn't put the ball in the bag yet, but he was instrumental in helping the Knights bag their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association victory. The 6-foot-3, 170-pound signal-caller kept Salem off balance all afternoon, piling up 103 yards through the air and 52 on the ground, including a clutch 40-yard run on third down and two short TD's.

The victory improved Northern to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA. Salem dropped to 1-3 and 0-2.

"We've been confident before every game this year, including today," Sheridan said. "We finally put it all together today."

Despite the loss, the Rocks made strides since last week's 48-8 setback to Walled Lake Central, Salem coach Bob Cummings asserted.

"I was glad to see the kids came back today and played hard after not playing well the past couple of weeks," Cummings said. "I'm disappointed with the loss, but everybody was into the game. I thought (quarterback) Kevin



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Dominique Young sacks Walled Lake Northern quarterback Ryan Sheridan during the first quarter of Friday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association game. The Knights downed the Rocks 22-13 for their first-ever WLAA victory.

Bradley had a nice game and (running back/receiver) Chris Sorensen played well."

Salem jumped out to a 7-0 lead when Sorensen sprinted 15 yards to the end zone on the final play of the first quarter. The TD was set up two plays earlier when Jon Wilson intercepted a Sheridan pass and returned it to the Northern 17-yard line. Jon Pomorski booted the extra point.

The Knights responded to the adversity with a 12-play, 57-yard drive that was capped by Chris Faustyn's bruising seven-yard touchdown run through the heart of the Salem

defense. The extra point was missed following a high snap, leaving Salem with a 7-6 advantage.

Northern grabbed its first lead of the afternoon six minutes into the third quarter when Robert Anderson's 39-yard field goal made it 9-7.

Thanks to a 54-yard keeper by Bradley, Salem marched to the Northern three-yard line on the ensuing drive, but came up empty when the Knights recovered a fumble on the 11.

On third-and-11 from the 10, Sheridan scrambled right, then dashed 40 yards to mid-field, setting the stage for his

own one-yard TD drive three minutes later to put the Knights ahead, 16-7.

The Knights turned the lights out for good on Salem with a 53 to play when Sheridan snuck the ball over again from one yard out to make it 22-7.

The Rocks' final score came on back-up quarterback Pomorski's six-yard TD pass to Sorensen with 1:53 left. Wilson recovered the ensuing on-side kick, but the Rocks were unable to score in the game's waning moments.

"This win is very important for this program because the kids are still learning how to win," said Northern coach Mike Fras. "This was big because it's our first league win and first win in the middle of the season."

"I was extremely proud of Jacob Caldwell today," Fras said, referring to the Knights senior linebacker. "He had blood drained from his knee last week and he was in tremendous pain, but he did a great job today."

John Parvin was Northern's top ground-gainer, picking up 53 yards on 16 carries. Wide receiver Evan Jacobson had a big night, hauling in four Sheridan aeriels for 49 yards.

Bradley carried the ball 15 times for 92 yards.

Pomorski sparkled after replacing an injured Bradley in the fourth quarter, running for 31 yards on six carries and completing 3-of-9 passes for 36 yards.

Salem's Matt Kenison caught a pair of passes for 32 yards.

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Jaguars derail Belleville gridders

Allen Park rolled to an 18-0 halftime lead and never looked back Friday night in its 38-7 victory at Belleville.

The Jaguars' defense proved to be almost as productive as its offense, recording a pair of first-half safeties to go along with two offensive TD's.

Belleville's lone score came on a 10-yard TD pass from Josh Lemons to Brandon Harris mid-way through the third quarter. Jacob D'onofrio booted the extra point.

Carlos Clark led the Tigers' ground attack with 19 yards on 10 carries. Waseem El Waadi picked up 16 yards on eight attempts. Lemons completed 3-of-8 passes for 34 yards.

Belleville's offense was limited to just 121 total yards and nine first downs.

Belleville returns to action Friday.

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ground, rushing 10 times for 100 yards.

Green pounded the Mustangs' defense for 96 yards on eight carries. Harrison finished with 59 yards on 10 rushes and Gholston racked up 47 on eight.

"We were running the ball so well that we decided to stay with it," Blaylock said, referring to the Wildcats' one-sided attack. "The O-line did a great job of coming off the ball and Jeff Harrison and Anthony Green both ran hard."

Dittrick Williams was the Mustangs' top producer, rushing for 52 yards on 22 carries. DeLuca completed 11-of-24 passes for 84 yards.

Plymouth outgained Northville, 309-125. The Wildcats' defense was led by Fox, Mike McIntosh, Caldwell and Nick Rosochacki, who intercepted a DeLuca pass at the three-yard line with 3:56 left in the third quarter.

"Walled Lake Western is a very good team with good overall speed," Blaylock said, looking ahead to next week's game.

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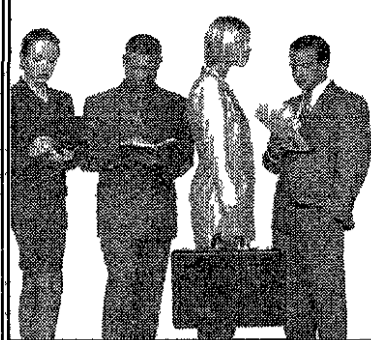
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PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 23	Salem at W.L. Western 7 p.m.
Salem at Westland John Glenn 7 p.m.	Plymouth at W.L. Western 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton 7 p.m.	Belleville at Taylor Kennedy 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Sept. 20	A.A. Huron at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Canton at A.A. Pioneer 7 p.m.	Belleville at Saline 7 p.m.
Inter City at PCA 7 p.m.	Thursday, Sept. 22
Salem at Canton 7 p.m.	Plymouth at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
Southgate Anderson at Belleville 7 p.m.	Canton Agape at Inter-City 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23	Macomb Christian at Canton Agape at United Christian 6 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER Monday, Sept. 19	W.L. Northern at Salem 7 p.m.
on P. CEP varsity football field	Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth 7 p.m.	Canton at Livonia Church Hill 7 p.m.
Belleville at Monroe 4 p.m.	Tuesday, Sept. 20
Southfield Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.	Macomb Christian at Canton Agape at Independence Park 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Salem at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Central 7 p.m.	Wayne Memorial at Canton 7 p.m.
Belleville at Dearborn 4 p.m.	Saturday, Sept. 24
Saginaw Heritage at Salem 2:30 p.m.	Canton at W.L. Northern 12:30 p.m.
PCA at Lenawee Christian 1 p.m.	BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Sept. 24
Salem at Jackson Invitational 10 a.m.	Plymouth at Novi CC Invite 10 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Sept. 24	Salem and Canton at Monroe Jefferson Invite at Sterling State Park 10:30 a.m.
Plymouth at Novi CC Invite 10 a.m.	GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, Sept. 20
Salem at Canton 7 p.m.	Thursday, Sept. 22
Salem at W.L. Western 7 p.m.	W.L. Northern at Plymouth at Salem pool 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Canton 7 p.m.	Redford Union at Belleville 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23	Belleville Alumni Meet 7 p.m.
BOYS GOLF Monday, Sept. 19	Salem at Adrian Invitational 10 a.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 3 p.m.	W.L. Western at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C. 3 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial 3 p.m.	Belleville at Woodhaven 3 p.m.
Southfield Christian at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C. 4 p.m.	Wednesday, Sept. 21
Salem at W.L. Western 3 p.m.	Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 3 p.m.
Canton at Westland John Glenn at Hilltop G.C. 3 p.m.	Belleville at Garden City 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22	Willow Run at Belleville 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23	Franklin at Salem 3 p.m.
at St. John's Golf Course	Wayne Memorial at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C. 3 p.m.
Canton at Northville 3 p.m.	PCA at MIAC Meet TBA
GIRLS TENNIS Monday, Sept. 19	Salem at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.	Northville at Canton 4 p.m.
Belleville at Allen Park 4 p.m.	Wednesday, Sept. 21
Wayne Memorial at Salem 4 p.m.	Northville at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Northern 4 p.m.	Dearborn Edsel Ford at Belleville 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23	Salem at Northville 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton 4 p.m.	Belleville at Wyandotte 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24	Salem at Bay City Tournament in Essexville TBD
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
MU at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.) TBA	MEN'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	ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Wednesday, Sept. 21
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit 7 p.m.	Saturday, Sept. 24
Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.	TBA - to be announced

Sophomore sparks Salem victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem sophomore guard Alaya Mitchell had a coming-out party Thursday night. Howell probably wishes it hadn't been invited. Mitchell scored 13 points — including all nine of her team's fourth-quarter points — to lead the Rocks to a 39-36 road win. The triumph lifted Salem's pre-Western Lakes Activities Association record to 3-1. The Highlanders fell to 2-3. While Mitchell paced the Rocks' backcourt, Teresa Coppellie ruled in the paint, finishing with 14 points and eight rebounds. Junior forward Lauren Kurtz also turned in a strong game, netting eight points and five boards. Mitchell did more than score, piling up four assists and three steals. "Howell beat us in overtime the past two years, so this was a nice win for us," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "I knew they would play better than they played against Canton last week (the Chiefs won, 53-31, over the Highlanders), especially since it was in their gym. We did a nice job of controlling the game's tempo. They switched to a zone

defense in the second half, but I thought we broke it down well." The Highlanders led 16-12 after one quarter before Salem surged back to grab a 26-22 halftime lead. The Rocks led 30-27 with eight minutes to play. With the game knotted at 34-34 with one minute left, Mitchell hit one of two free throws. Following a Howell miss and a Salem rebound, Mitchell put Salem up, 37-34, when she connected on a short runner. The Highlanders sank a pair of free throws, but Mitchell iced the win with a pair of her own. **Plymouth 31, Southgate Anderson 26:** The Wildcats used a strong defensive effort to win their fourth game in five starts this season. Southgate Anderson dropped to 3-2. "At halftime, we were ahead 14-6 and the girls were working extremely hard to score and defend," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "It was a very physical game, but the referees were letting them play. There weren't a lot of fouls called." A pair of seniors — Kim Olech and Jeanne Moise — led the Wildcats with double-dou-

bles. Olech netted 12 points and 10 rebounds while Moise chipped in with 10 points and 10 boards. The Titans were paced by sophomore forward Lindsey Potter, who poured in 11 points. Plymouth extended its eight-point halftime advantage to 28-13 after three quarters. Anderson mounted a semi-comeback over the final eight minutes, outscoring its hosts 13-5. "This was a real nice team win for us," Reilly said. "All nine girls who played gave us great minutes." Reilly noted Val Klemmer, Amber Davis and Chelsea Quinlan as players who performed well in a reserve role. Both teams struggled at the free-throw line. Plymouth hit 4-of-12 shots while the Titans were 0-for-4. **Flint Northern 52, Canton 39:** The Chiefs (3-2) dropped their second game of the week to a state-ranked opponent. On Tuesday, the Chiefs fell to powerful Birmingham Marian, 39-37. "We tried to run with Flint Northern after the first quarter, which is something you can't do against them," said Canton

coach Brian Samulski. "They're too quick and too athletic. If you don't have numbers on the break, you have to slow it down and move the ball around until you get an open shot. We didn't do that very well after the first quarter." Senior forward Lisa Ealy paced the Chiefs with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Junior forward Ja'nee Morton twined 10. "Takeya Fortner netted a team-high 16 points for the Vikings, who improved to 4-1. Canton led 13-10 after the first quarter, but trailed at the half, 25-20. "We were only down 36-31 after three quarters, but we stopped moving the ball and we tried to run too much," Samulski reiterated. "In Marian and Flint Northern, we played two of the top teams in the state this week, which will only help our kids down the road when playoff time rolls around." The Chiefs travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer Tuesday before hosting cross-campus rival Salem on Thursday. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 164 CANTON 169
Sept. 16 at Hilltop
Churchill scorers: Tommy Lucko, 37 (medalist), Josh Proben and Mike Lawton 42 each, Josh Brist, 43. Dan Bostick and Mark Umerlik 44 each.
Canton scorers: Patrick Gallagher, 40, Derek Trospen 42, Justin Pierce 43, Ben Underwood and Joey Underwood, 44 each, Brandon Eggesfield 46.
Dual meet records: Churchill 6-2 overall, 6-2 WLAA, Canton 2-3 overall, 2-3 WLAA.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 155 CANTON 156
Sept. 14 at Idyl Wyld
Franklin scorers: Austin Stallman, 38 (co-medalist), Steve South, Justin Weigand and Ryan

Leidal, 39 each, Alex Chisholm 44, Tony Semonick, 45.
Canton scorers: Derek Trospen, 38 (co-medalist), Pat Gallagher and Brandon Eggesfield, 39 each, Joey Underwood, 40, Ben Underwood, 41, Clark Albers, 46.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 3-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA, Canton, 2-2 WLAA.

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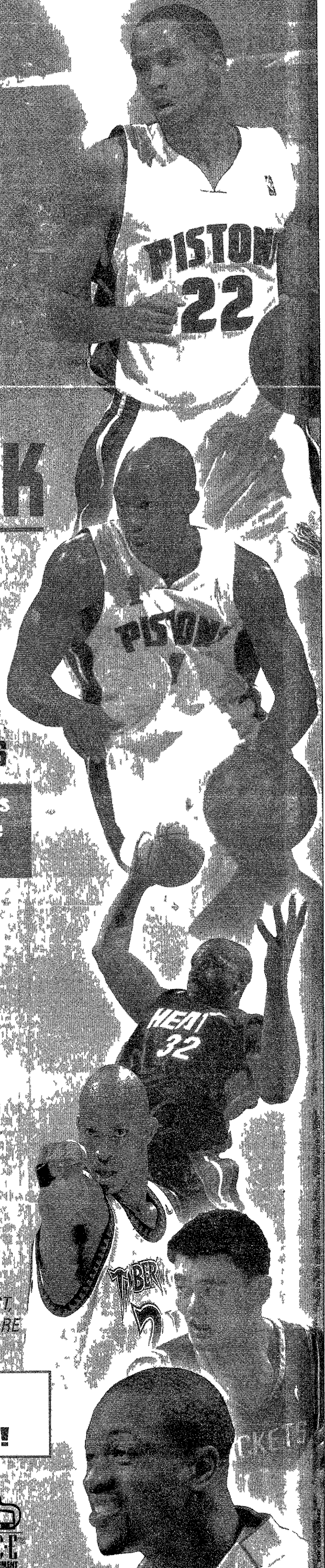
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A copy of the RFP can be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan during regular business hours. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall Board Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road with a golf course inspection to follow. All proposals must be received in the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2005.

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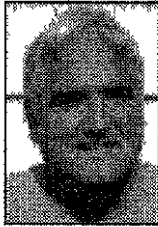
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Len McCulloch

Defining mental health

Several years ago I was asked to consult with a company called Psychodynamic Research, Inc

They were developing a special battery of interviews and tests to assess upper level management positions being considered for executive promotions in a large newspaper company They were looking for indications of mental health, not mental illness When I asked, "Well, just what is mental health?" the other researchers answered, "Well, it's the absence of mental illness"

More recently one of my readers pointed out that the articles in the "Our Mental Health" column are very helpful in learning about the many variations which mental illness can take He had read the papers on depression and anxiety disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder, learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and so forth

He said, "If your column was to have an article on "mental health", what would you write about?" I answered, "I'd only be able to say it's the absence of mental illness"

But after reflecting I came to the conclusion that there is much more to it After all, physical health is more than the absence of disease and injury It requires maintenance and safe keeping through good living and prevention So too with mental health It requires mental hygiene, psychological mindfulness, and prevention strategies

Dr Sigmund Freud was the first to be asked to define mental health His answer was, "To do well in the world of work and love" Dr Carl Menninger, founder of the Menninger Institute, has written the following in defining mental health the ability to deal with reality, the capacity to adapt to change, the capacity to find more satisfaction in giving than receiving, the capacity to relate to other people consistently, and the capacity to love

Furthermore, experts at John Hopkins Medical School of Psychiatry point out the following mental health "ingredients" reduced stress with techniques such as meditation and exercise, challenge your mind by learning new skills, and cultivate satisfying relationships

The concept of "resilience" is being talked about more in the mental health field According to the Psychological Association, resilience is described as the process of adapting well in the face of tragedy, health crises, and problems in the work place and at home Resilience means, "Bouncing back from difficult experiences"

A healthy ability to endure and overcome and learn from tragedy builds resilience - and scar tissue is said to be the strongest type physically and emotionally

Steps one can take to build resilience include accepting change as a part of living, nurturing a positive view of yourself, and taking care of yourself physically - a healthy body can only enhance health of the mind

I think that Dr Freud originally hit the nail on the head But we can add to his conclusion by considering what others since him have said For now, the position will be taken that mental health means to be relatively successful in the worlds of love, work, recreation, spirituality, resiliency, and, to enjoy the journey

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Bryan Stapp is lead guitarist with The Loaners Here he performs a solo in the regional competition of Fortune Magazine's Battle of the Corporate Bands in Columbus, Ohio

Banking on Rock

Corporate band finalist in competition

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Lead guitarist Bryan Stapp knew from the first band practice eight months ago that he'd hooked up with some of the finest musicians around Stapp together with Brian Macias on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Brian Jeffery on drums, and Eric Rowland, bass, definitely rock - and they're not the only ones that think so

In mid-July, The Loaners took the top spot in the FORTUNE Battle of the Corporate Bands regionals in Columbus, Ohio, and plan to sweep the finals Oct 8, at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland

They're not quite ready to quit their day jobs at Quicken Loans and Rock Financial in Livonia, but who knows what the future holds for the band All have played instruments from an early age but were more intent on climbing the corporate ladder in recent years Stapp picked up the guitar to play Rolling Stones and Chuck Berry songs in seventh grade while living in Costa Rica Today the 43-year-old Northville resident is chief marketing officer for the finance company Over the past 25 years, he's collected 11 guitars including his favorite Fender Telecaster

"Brian Macias and I had played together casually and

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Bryan Stapp (left), Brian Macias, lead vocals and rhythm guitar, and Eric Rowland, bass, placed first in the regionals for Fortune Magazine's corporate band competition

Book captures Detroit's rocking past

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Kick out the jams, brothers and sisters!

With that raucous battle cry (sanitized here as it was on AM radio), the MC5 ignited a psychedelic rock revolution - in Detroit

Talk about Detroit popular music in the 1960s and most people immediately think Motown, Berry Gordy's highly successful rhythm and blues factory

"But if you were into rock music, you think about Bob Seger, the MC5, the Amboy Dukes," author David Carson said

Carson celebrates that other Detroit sound in his

new book *Grit, Noise and Revolution: The Birth of Detroit Rock 'n' Roll* (University of Michigan Press, \$28.95)

"Most stories about Detroit music are focused on Motown," he said "You can't ignore the importance of Motown, but there was music before and during Motown, but it's never been chronicled except in isolated stories"

Carson's book sets things right with a story that will jump-start the memories of baby boomers and give younger readers an appreciation for a Detroit rock scene in the 1960s that was as vital as any in the world Carson will be signing

copies of his book 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept 24, at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Haggerty and Six Mile, Northville

Carson, who now lives in Tennessee, was born in Detroit and raised in Royal Oak He graduated from Dondero in 1967

"I guess, like a lot of teenagers, I played in a small band, basement band," he said "We played at weddings and parties for five bucks"

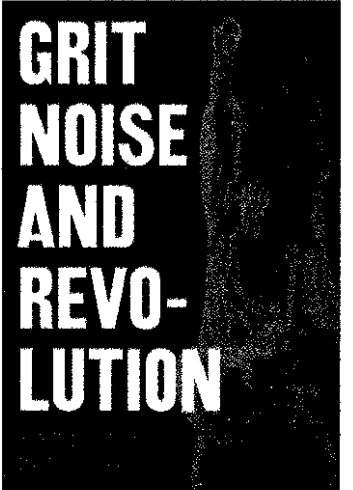
Carson was also a teenage radio enthusiast who spun an eclectic program of records on a low wattage public station Carson's first book, *Rockin' Down the Dial: The Detroit Sound of Radio*, grew out of his love for

Detroit's rock disc jockeys beginning in the late 1940s with Ed McKenzie, Jack the Bellboy on WJBK

ROCK AND RHYTHM

Grit also begins in the late 1940s with John Lee Hooker, whose inimitable booming bass sound on *Boogie Challen* ushered Detroit into the rock and roll era It wasn't long before ringing guitars and banging drums were beginning to create Detroit's early rock 'n' roll stars - rockabilly singer Jack Scott, falsetto maestro Del Shannon, the original twister Hank Ballard and several doo-wop groups, including the

PLEASE SEE BOOK, C3



The cover shows the late Fred 'Sonic' Smith of the MC5 in a photo taken by Leni Sinclair

ENGAGEMENTS



DeJager-Barone

Paul and Karen DeJager of Rochester Hills, formerly of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Jean DeJager, to Michael Roger Barone, son of Gino and Carol Barone of Novi.

The bride elect is a 1999 graduate of Rochester Adams High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a Biosynthetic Process Engineer at Eli Lilly.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a Pharmaceutical Chemist at Eli Lilly.

Michael and Wendy are planning a fall wedding.



Harvey-Timmerman

Andrea Huntsman of Garden City and James and Janet Harvey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Harvey, to Nicholas Timmerman, son of Pamela and Daniel Timmerman of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a first-grade teacher at Randolph Elementary in Livonia.

The prospective groom is scheduled to graduate from Eastern Michigan University, majoring in social studies/history with a certification in secondary education.

A July 1, 2006 wedding date has been set.

LIBRARY PICKS

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FICTION

- 1 'Polar Shift,' Clive Cussler
- 2 'The Historian,' Elizabeth Kostova
- 3 'Slow Burn,' Julie Garwood
- 4 'Point Blank,' Catherine Coulter
- 5 'Chill Factor,' Sandra Brown

NON-FICTION

- 1 'The World is Flat,' Thomas Friedman
- 2 '1776,' David McCullough
- 3 '100 People Who Are Screwing Up America,' Bernard Goldberg
- 4 'FairTax Book,' Neal Bortz
- 5 'Lance Armstrong's War,' Daniel Coyle

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 'Swing High, Swing Low,' Fiona Coward
- 2 'Silly Horse,' Vadim Levin
- 3 'One Magical Morning,' Claire Freedman
- 4 'Ten Little Sleepyheads,' Elizabeth Provost
- 5 'No Dogs Here!' Kathryn Hewitt

Author offers some tips for teen boys

One Hundred Things Guys

Need to Know by Bill Zimmerman (Free Spirit, \$13.95, 2005) for boys ages 9-13 - this book is truly a gift. It is comic strip format with lots of boxes and easy reading, yet packed with well-researched advice. Many references I use in my work are included. I am not sure anyone who has not developed a serious book about or for teens appreciates the work that goes into evaluating and locating supplementary references. Buy this book for your teen and buy one for his school library.

Here, with Zimmerman's permission, are tips to help your son.

1 Every boy needs to have some basic things he believes in, or his key operating principles. These can be things like believing in yourself, not giving up easily when problems occur, or treating others the way you want to be respected. These will keep you steady when life throws you some curves.

2 You're not alone. Look around you. No matter whether other boys are short or tall, athletic or brainy, funny or quiet, they all have thoughts, feelings, and worries just like you.

3 You have more power than you think, and often that power comes in the form of helping others.

4 Stop worrying about whether you're "macho" or manly enough. The strongest guys are always the ones who think for themselves and treat everyone with respect. The only big muscle you really need is a good heart.

5 The reason pencils have erasers is that no one does everything right the first time. When you're learning something new, be patient with yourself.

6 Ask for help when you have a problem. There's nothing wrong with admitting you don't have all the answers. There is someone who can help you, a parent, a relative, a



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

teacher or some other trusted adult.

7 Don't bottle up your feelings all the time, it will only create too much pressure inside you. Crying is something all people do, it means you're human.

8 Believe in yourself. Everyone will have bad days. And that's the time to try to remember the good things in your life and what you have accomplished. Keep a list of them. This will give you courage and perspective.

9 You're special. There never has been, and never will be, anyone on earth exactly like you. You bring something to the world that nobody else has.

10 Part of getting older is learning to make good decisions. This includes choosing with whom you want to spend time. Don't give in to group pressure. Hang out with friends who like the true you.

11 Be yourself. Maybe you're someone who likes to spend a lot of time hanging out with big groups, or maybe you're more quiet or shy and prefer spending a lot of time on your own.

12 Be your own hero. Think of all the problems you've fixed and overcome. Think of the friends and family you have helped. When tough times call you have the skills and courage to take on the challenge.

Ask your son to put this column in his backpack or wallet.

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BAND

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together live a little, so we decided to put a band together and enter," said Bryan Stapp, who's originally from New Jersey

WINNING SOUNDS

So far, The Loaners beat out 34 of the 42 corporate bands who entered *Fortune* magazine's fifth annual competition by sending a CD of songs. Of the 42, 18 originally were selected to perform live at three regional battles in New York, Ohio and Los Angeles. The first- and second-place winners along with an Australian band and another of the judges choosing compete on Oct. 8.

In addition to opening for the Black Eyed Peas at Rock Financial's 20th anniversary celebration at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland and playing a benefit at the Royal Oak Music Theatre for the Darren McCarty Cancer Foundation, fans had a chance to hear The Loaners on Sept. 8 at Champps in Livonia.

The band decided to make the show a fund-raiser and ended up with \$1,400 to send to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina survivors. The competition is also a benefit with the \$7,500 in entry and finalist fees from each band going to support music education programs at the Hall of Fame where more than 20,000 schoolchildren a year learn about the role rock played in 20th century culture. Rock Financial paid for the fees and to bus 200 employees to cheer on the band Oct. 8.

"We're planning to have a lot of fun," said Stapp. "We're going to bring a couple hundred people on buses. These are our hard core friends and fans. The company supports the band doing this and the employees going down and that's why it's a great place to work."

Macias never dreamed the band would come this far even though he's been rocking for years. The 27-year-old Berkley resident performed regularly at the Coffee Express in Livonia while going to Farmington High School. Macias had played cornet and then French horn



Drummer Brian Jeffery of Canton performs with The Loaners. The corporate band competes against seven other finalists on Oct. 8 at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio.

People don't see us coming. They think these are some corporate rockers who show up in Dockers and we come out and rock. We're a tight, solid band and we rock for working stiffs.

Brian Macias
director of banker training, Quicken Loans and Rock Financial

through eighth grade at Gill Elementary but switched to guitar after receiving one as a gift. Over the years, he played James Taylor, Cat Stevens, Bon Jovi and White Snake music on solo acoustic guitar at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth and Bamboozle's in Farmington Hills.

His favorite band is Bon Jovi, and, of course, the Rolling Stones. On Monday, he and Stapp had a chance to meet their idols. It was one of the perks of their day jobs. A marketing vendor knew of the national radio interview the English rockers were doing and invited them along.

'WE ROCK'

I've always loved music and

was a huge fan of Poison," said Macias, director of banker training for the finance company. "The cool thing about our band is we're a real band. People don't see us coming. They think these are some corporate rockers who show up in Dockers and we come out and rock. We're a tight, solid band and we rock for working stiffs."

Their tight sound doesn't come easy though. At least once a week they spend hours practicing music by the Black Crowes, Rolling Stones, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Tom Petty, Grand Funk Railroad, and AC/DC in Brian Jeffery's Canton basement. Jeffery's gave up playing drums after graduating from Wayne Memorial High School but didn't hesitate to pick up his sticks when Stapp told him about the

competition

Everything is a rush right now," said Brian Jeffery, a 43-year-old executive mortgage banker at the company. "What's cool is we all have real jobs. On stage everybody jumps around and goes crazy, but it's very draining. We put some blood, sweat and tears into this."

Eric Rowland firmly believes all of the work will pay off on Oct. 8 when the winner receives the honor of having their name posted for one year in the Hall of Fame along with being featured in a special section of *Fortune* magazine's Dec. 12 issue. Rowland, who's been playing bass since 1989, is an underwriter for the company. He began learning piano at age 5 and played with groups, including rock groups, throughout high school and economics studies at Wayne State University.

Later, he played electric acoustic bass with the Dearborn Big Band.

"There's no way that we're walking out of Cleveland with out winning," said Rowland, 30 of Dearborn. "There's no saying where we can go or how high

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BOOK

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Larados and Livonia's own Reflections (*Just Like Romeo and Juliet*)

But it was Motown that gave Detroit its first national identity. Carson devotes a chapter to Motown, more to acknowledge the setting for that other Detroit sound, a blend of rock and rhythm and blues beginning with entertainers like Jamie Coe and the Gigolos.

He was loaded with talent," Carson said of Coe. "At the time he came along, he could swing like Bobby Darin or Sinatra, but he could also rock."

He was the first Detroit band that was successful with the over 21 bar scene."

Coe had several local hits, but he could never break out of the Midwest. Bad record distribution and poor management decisions left Coe behind to operate several local restaurants.

The first breakout act was Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels.

This was the band that changed things," Carson said.

Originally as Billy Lee and the Rivas, they were the first band to click. They signed with Bob Crewe. They were the first band to have big hits with *Jenny Take a Ride*, *Devil With A Blue Dress*. There was that heavy rhythm and blues influence in their rock and roll."

Ryder was a charismatic, handsome rock star backed by a dynamite band with innovative lead guitarist Jim McCarty. Carson quotes someone as saying they might have become an American Rolling Stones. But manager Bob Crewe, who had made stars of the New Jersey band the Four Seasons, began separating Ryder from his band.

He wanted to make Mitch a nightclub star," Carson said. "That was the mindset that Crewe had. He broke the band up."

Ryder never achieved the same kind of success again. It is a story that repeats itself

for bands like Grand Funk Railroad, the Rationals, the Frost, Frigid Pink and SRC, each with varying degrees of success.

BARNUM OF THE REVOLUTION

But Carson's book is most interesting in describing the rock scene that revolved around Detroit's "Hippie King," John Sinclair. It was Sinclair, a revolutionary with a taste for marijuana, beat poetry and modern jazz, who took over management of the hard-rocking MC5.

"The MC5 was the quintessential Detroit band, rhythm and blues-influenced rock and roll," Carson said. "They were part of the late '60s, but also a tribute to the past. When you put a wild band like that up there, Sinclair was the PT Barnum of the revolution."

And an entrepreneurial Dearborn teacher provided the perfect venue.

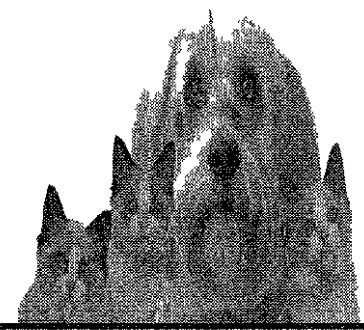
When Russ Gibb returned from a visit to San Francisco and the Fillmore Auditorium, he wanted to start a similar club in Detroit. When he needed talent, he was told he had to talk with Sinclair.

The MC5 became the house band at the Grande Ballroom, which became the place to be for young Detroiters and the best local and national bands. "He (Russ Gibb) moved everything up a notch," Carson said.

In addition to operating the Grande, Gibb also became a radio celebrity on WKNR-FM, a rival to Detroit's first underground station WABX. As Uncle Russ, he dissected the clues in the "Paul McCartney is dead" riddle. Carson tells some lively stories about Detroit's rock magazine *Creem*, hard rocker Ted Nugent, flamboyant Alice Cooper, sock hops and head shops, Plum Street and the Fifth Estate. The book includes an excellent gallery of photos that capture the shifting look of popular music from the early '50s to 1972, Detroit style.

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DAVID WATT BARTON, of Bloomfield Hills and Harbor Springs, passed away on July 13, 2005 at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. He was 82 years of age. Born in Flint, Michigan, May 18, 1923, he was graduated from Flint Central High School in 1941. At the University of Michigan, he received a bachelors degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a Masters in Engineering Mechanics. During World War II, he saw Navy duty in the Pacific theater as a Lieutenant JG aboard the seaplane tender, St. George. Over the years, his career included engineering employment with Vickers Chrysler and Ford Motor Company. In 1980, he retired from Ford. He was a member of the Bloomfield Township Planning Commission for ten years, past president of the Rosecroft Improvement Association and recently on the Architectural Committee. He was a member of the Petoskey Bay View Country Club and the Little Traverse Yacht Club in Harbor Springs, where he sailed on Little Traverse Bay with the N.M. Fleet. Some years ago, he was a Commodore at the Pontiac Yacht Club on Cass Lake and sailed with their Lightning Fleet. He was also a member of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. David was a man of many interests. His watercolor paintings grace the homes of friends while the hobbies of woodworking, wine making, and creative writing kept him active during retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Willard Watt Barton and Dorothy Spencer (Pierson) Barton, as well as a brother, Frederick Pierson Barton. He is survived by Margaret Jane (Walsh) Barton, his wife of 59 years and daughter, Linda Jane Barton of Blairstown, New Jersey. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills on Friday, September 30th at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice or to the Associates of the American Wing, The Detroit Institute of Art, Department of American Art, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202 or the Birmingham Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.



SALLIE HOPPIN ECKERT, Age 90 of Waterford (formerly of Birmingham) died suddenly on September 7, 2005. Beloved mother of Philip and Stephen Eckert and Ellen Anderson. Also surviving are many grandchildren and great grandchildren, 4 siblings, a host of nieces and nephews, and an extended family whom she loved and who loved her. At Nativity and at Canterbury, Sallie sold real estate in Birmingham for many years. She was a passionate political activist who fought hard for fair housing and human rights and equal opportunities. Joyful, enthusiastic and positive, she lived life to the fullest. Memorial Service on Saturday, September 24, 2:00 p.m., Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W 14 Mile Rd., Bloomfield Township. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Nativity or Canterbury on the Lake, Waterford, MI.



ROSEMARY BRADY HAYES, Age 85, September 10, 2005. For Rosemary family always came first throughout her life. Beloved wife for 57 years of the late James J. Hayes. Young adult years employed by J.L. Hudson Co. & U.S. Rubber Co. Many years of charitable work with the Christ Child Society of Detroit to promote the well being of disadvantaged children. Loving mother of James J. Jr. (Barbara), Robert A., William T. (Carol), Justine, Tina, (Frank), MacDonell, Rosemary Brady Hayes Jr., Dear sister of Justine, Tina, Savage, Susan (George) Bradbeer, Sister in law of Janet Patricia & Kathleen Brady Marie Norton. Predeceased by brothers Thomas Robert & Peter Brady, sister Betty, sister in law Ann Brady & brother in laws Philip Savage, Dr. Thomas Norton, Loving daughter of predeceased parents Justine Nana Moore & Dr. Thomas Doc Brady. Loving grand mother of Andrew (Jennifer) Mark Patrick Brady & Christian Hayes, Justine John & James MacDonell, Aaron Hayes. Memorial Mass Saturday, September 24th, 10:00 a.m., St. Regis Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Remembrance donation to Christ Child Society, 1571 Joy Detroit, MI 48228. Arrangements handled by Wm. Sullivan & Son, Funeral Home, Royal Oak, MI 248 541 7000.

FLORINE M. PHILLIPS (nee Stenstrager)

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 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.



JOAN A. SIMMONS, Pioneer in Michigan Auto Racing. Joan Simmons, 75 of Port Charlotte, Florida, died Friday, September 2, 2005, at her residence with her family at her bedside. She was born January 1930 in Detroit, Michigan, and moved to Port Charlotte in 1992 from Plymouth, Michigan. She was a retired accountant and race car promoter in Michigan. Survived by her loving husband, Richard L. Simmons of Port Charlotte, a son, William Richard (Sharon S.) Simmons of Brighton, MI, and two grandchildren, Kristina Simmons of Rockwood, Michigan and Shannon Simmons of Brighton, Michigan. Memorial services will be held September 22, 2005 in Plymouth, MI with inurnment in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, MI. Memorial contributions can be made in her name to Hospice of Southwest of Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238.

CARLA WATKINS TROUSDALE

Age 56 of Troy, Michigan (formerly of Birmingham), September 14, 2005. Survived by her husband, David A. Trousdale, daughters Emily and Mary, father Carl Watkins of Birmingham, sisters Molly Kelley of Lapeer, MI, Jane (Joe) Welmers of Rochester Hills, and Elizabeth Watkins of Birmingham. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her mother, Marcella Watkins. Carla was a graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham, received a Masters Degree in Psychology from Oakland University and a Masters Degree in Library Science from Wayne State University. She was a Librarian with the Troy Public Library for many years and a long time member of The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, where a funeral service was held for her on September 17 (The Rev. Jack Harnish officiated). Interment Van Hoesen Jones, Stoney Creek Cemetery, Rochester Hills, Michigan.

CHESTER RAY MACER,

Age 79 of Howell, died Thursday, September 15, 2005. Born November 29, 1925 in Allendale, Illinois. Son of Charles E. and Nola (Litherland) Macer. Chester lived in Plymouth about 40 years before moving to Livingston County in 1990. He was an Army veteran, retired from General Motors. He married Lillian Irene (Smith) Macer in Garden City in 1948. She preceded him in death on February 20, 2003. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth (Johnie) Osborne, grandson, Matthew D. Knepper, both of Whitmore Lake, sisters, Rose (Harold) Wayenburg of Yakima, WA, Geraldine Lytle of Allendale, IL, and brother, Donald (Carolyn) Macer of Mt. Carmel, IL. He was preceded in death by son, Charles Robert Macer in 1991. Funeral services were Saturday, 11:00 A.M. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517 546 2800). Burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Memorial contributions suggested to St. Joseph Mercy, Livingston Hospice.



BARBARA HELEN MCKELVEY, Plymouth/Canton

Barbara H. (Maynard) McKelvey, longtime Detroit area resident, died September 2nd of respiratory failure at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was known for her commitment to family, civic and church affairs, and volunteerism in many areas. My mother was a wonderful woman with an incredible level of energy and a passion for the well being of others, said her son, Tim. Mrs. McKelvey was born in Milan, Michigan in 1918 to Blanche and Newkirk Maynard, a pharmacist, then serving in WWI. The family resided in Gagetown, Michigan (Tuscola County) after the war and ran the village's drug store. In 1927 they moved to southwest Detroit and owned and managed the Maynard's Drug Store on Oakwood Boulevard near the Ford Rouge plant. Mrs. McKelvey graduated from Western High School in 1936 and in 1941 married James McKelvey, a fellow graduate from Western High who went on to work for Ford Motor Company for 41 years in labor relations. Their marriage celebrated 62 years and Mr. McKelvey died in 2004. Mrs. McKelvey was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth since 1969 and was active in its St. John's League and volunteer program with the Crossroads Center in Detroit. She was a longtime member of the Plymouth Republican Party and the Livonia/Plymouth Republican Women's Club, and served as Secretary for the Wayne II Republican organization attending many state GOP conventions as a delegate. She was an active volunteer with the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn in Gagetown and a member of the Rose Island Area Association in Sebewang, Michigan where the family has had a summer home since 1921. Other survivors include her daughter, Anne and sons, Jim, Mark and Paul, five children in law, 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on September 7 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Memorial gifts may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, PO Box 145, Gagetown, Michigan 48735.



ANNETTE VETTRAINO

Age 87 of Birmingham, died on July 8, 2005. Dear sister of Conne (Gerry) Ross and Rose (Leon) Rucelli, sister in law of Anne Vettrano. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by her parents, Michael & Michela Vettrano, brothers, Dominick, John, and Sam, and sisters in law, Theda & Nancy Vettrano. A memorial service will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, 32340 Pierce St., Beverly Hills (south of 14 Mile Rd.) on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00am. Friends may visit at the church beginning at 10:30am. Memorial contributions made to Cranbrook Educational Community, The Vettrano Family Fund, Beaumont Hospice or Michigan Opera Theater.

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AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed

■ Crafters needed for the 19th annual Delta Kappa Gamma West Middle School juried show Saturday Oct 15. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at 734 844 1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net. The Annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Sunday Nov. 27. For information contact Sue or Paul at 734 844 3128.

Livonia Youth Philharmonic

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is looking for student musicians ages 5-18 to join one of its five concert groups. Rehearsals are held Saturday mornings at Churchill High School in Livonia. Wind ensemble, string orchestras, flute choir, and full Philharmonic orchestra spots are available. For more information, e-mail auditions@lypm.org or call (248) 476 6341 or (734) 464 8704.

AAUW District 7 & 8 meeting

The AAUW District 7 & 8 hosts its fall meeting to hear from speakers and update members on equality issues from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 8 at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. Cost is \$25 and includes a buffet luncheon. Register with Sally Fedus (734) 455 2093. The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College is co-sponsor.

Used book sale

Friends of the Northville District Library host its largest fund raiser a Used Book Sale, Sept. 29-Oct. 2 at the library located at 212 W. Cady in Northville. The sale runs 7 p.m. Sept. 29 for members only and then 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30 to 10 a.m. Oct. 1 and 1 p.m. Oct. 2. For more information call (9248) 349 3020.

Diabetes prevention

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a diabetes presentation, Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 Diabetes, 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 19 in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile. The seminar is designed to help make appropriate lifestyle changes to help reduce the risk of developing diabetes. There is a \$15 fee. For more information or to register call (734) 655 8950.

Civil War re-enactment

Visitors of all ages are invited to witness the portrayal of Civil War life on in Marshall Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25 when the City of Hospitality hosts a Civil War Encampment at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. There will be re-enactors portraying Union and Confederate soldiers busy with daily assignments, maneuvers and engaging the enemy in a "Battle for Beverly Road." The battle for this re-enactment begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 and another battle is held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. The cost for this event is \$5 per person per day. Children under 5 are free. Gates are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information contact Dave McKee at (269) 781 8921 or the Calhoun County Fair grounds at (269) 781 8161.

Art show and sale

Beverly Hall Smith, assistant professor of Art History at Marygrove College, is the juror for the 13th annual Sharing the Gift art show and sale Oct. 17 at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. The show runs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1, noon 9 p.m. Oct. 2, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 3 and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 5. Smith will give a gallery talk at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the church located at 200 E. Main in Northville. For more information call (248) 349 0551.

Western Wayne genealogy

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Dianne Oslund will speak on "Mistakes in Vital Records." There's a 6:30 p.m. session on Family Tree Maker video. Meetings and classes are open to the public free of charge. For details call (734) 425 3079.

Hospice benefit

Tickets are now on sale for Arbor Hospice & Home Care's 14th annual charity benefit, "Up & Away!" set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at the Morris Lawrence Atrium at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor. The event will include a tribute to retiring CEO Markey Butler. Proceeds from the annual fundraiser will benefit The Arbor Hospice Foundation which supports the programs and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care. Guests will be treated to gourmet food items donated by area restaurants and caterers, a silent auction, a live auction and special entertainment. A wine sampling will take place, compliments of Whole Foods Market. Local radio celebrity Todd Mundt will serve as Master of Ceremonies with Betty Stremch as auctioneer. The Community High School Jazz Ensemble will also return to provide background music and ambiance. Benefactor tickets are \$150 each and Patron tickets are \$100 each. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662

5999 ext 152 or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www.arborhos.pice.org

Wiz auditions

Auditions for Henry Ford Community College's production of "The Wiz" take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 and Sept. 28 in the Adray Auditorium of the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center. Student actors from high school freshmen upward are eligible. Performances are April 21-30. Call (313) 845-9817 for more information.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 to discuss Using FamilySearch.org. It's the second of two presentations relating to family history library research. There's a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Brighton District Library, 100 Library Drive in Brighton. For more information call (810) 227 7745.

Lawrence Tech open house

Lawrence Technological University launches its popular Weekend Master of Business Administration (MBA) program Sept. 21 on the Schoolcraft College campus. Classes will meet in the VistaTech Center, a new award-winning \$27 million building on the north side of Schoolcraft's campus. To learn more about Lawrence Tech's program, interested students are encouraged to attend a special open house from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Strategic Bay Room (VT425) Schoolcraft College VistaTech Center. To RSVP for the open house call 1 800 CALL LTV and press 1 for the Office of Admissions.

Ann Arbor women

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 22nd annual Holiday Art & Craft festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Oct. 29 at the ASWCC, 1830 Washtenaw between Devonshire and Hill. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and younger admitted free (no strollers). For information, e-mail Sylvia Stetz at stetzpinckney@aol.com or call (734) 878 9044.

Sally Ride Festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for a day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. The festival features a street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun, a chance to meet and listen to world famous ocean explorer Sylvia Earle, and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. The festival will take place in the Pierpont Commons Building (North Campus). The day begins at 11:00 a.m. with check-in and the street fair and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration is required. Teachers, parents, and students can register and learn more about the festival by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561 5161.

Solo exhibition

Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale hosts a solo exhibition, Linda Sterns Journeys, through Oct. 1. Included in the mixed media solo show will be watercolor paintings and collages. For more information, call the gallery (248) 544 0394 during gallery hours, noon 5 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday. Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward, Suite A in Ferndale.

Outstanding women

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking for nominations for its 14th annual YWCA Women of Achievement Luncheon, scheduled for Oct. 27 at the Dearborn Inn. The luncheon recognizes outstanding women throughout western Wayne County. Keynote speaker is 2005 Woman of the Year Kathleen Ligocki, president and CEO of Tower Automotive. Women will be honored in the following categories: arts/communications/business/industry/government/law/professions/senior woman/volunteer service and young woman. Nominations are accepted by calling the YWCA Women of Achievement Department, (313) 561 4110. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 30. Tickets for the luncheon are \$40 per person.

Wine event

The wine event "Taste Michigan" takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Metro Detroit. The Royal Park Hotel at 600 E. University Drive, Rochester, will host the Annual "Taste Michigan" Wine Event with hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment and silent auction. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes tasting of several different wines from Michigan wineries. Tasteful and creative hors d'oeuvres will be provided by The Royal Park Hotel along with musical entertainment by Dr. Dave Bauer. This event also features an impressive silent auction which will feature items from the tasting and other items. Sponsorships are still available at several levels from \$500 to \$5,000. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships should call Jill Katynski at the CF Foundation, (248) 269 8759.

CLARICE BRUCE

Age 88 of Martin, Tennessee. Passed on September 9, 2005 at Volunteer Community Hospital, Martin, TN. She was a member of the Fraser Baptist Church in Fraser, TN and had been a member of the Plymouth Baptist Church in Plymouth, MI. She was a home maker and had also worked for the Kresge Five & Dime Store in Plymouth, MI. She had lived in Plymouth, MI for 34 years and then moved to Memphis, TN area and lived there for 15 years before moving to this area in 1985. She is survived by a daughter, Betty Hornbeck of Fraser, MI, 2 sons, Bob Bruce of Memphis, TN and Bill Bruce of Iron Station, NC, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and a brother, J.W. Burress of Westland, MI. She is preceded in death by her husband, Fred E. Bruce, her parents, Ethel (Donnell) & Willard Asbury Burress, a son, James Willard Bruce, a daughter, Brenda Roeding, and a sister, Frankie M. Walker. Visitation was Saturday, September 17 at 9 & 2pm. Service was held September 17, 2005 at 2:00 pm at Hornbeck Funeral Chapel in Fulton, KY. Clergy, Rev. Larry McClure. Burial site, Mr. Moriah Cemetery, Troy, TN.

PHILIP L. EHRLMAN

Of Lady Lake, Florida. Mr. Ehrman was retired from Allstate where he worked as a Claims Manager for 35 yrs. He was an active member of the American Legion, enjoyed ball room dancing, reading, gardening, and also a member of the Villages Water Buffalos. He was also a US Army Veteran. Survived by his wife, Mary T. Ehrman, The Villages, Fla. His sons, Robert Ehrman (Samantha) Hanover, PA., Stephen Ehrman, Redford, MI. His daughters, Ann Madsen (Mark) White, Lake MI, Marcia Ralph (Michael) Olathe, KS. His sister, Bobbie Lee Prior, Shawnee Mission, KS. 4 grandchildren, Andy, Samantha, Reid & Nicholas. Visitation was held September 17, 2005 from 10:00am to 11:00am. Contributions can be made to The Villagers for Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, Fla. 32162.



WARREN C. FORESTER

February 13, 1917-August 27, 2005. Warren Charles Chuck Forester, retired commercial pilot, volunteer fire fighter, and decorated World War II aviator, died of cancer on Aug. 27 at the Laurels assisted living home in San Antonio, TX. A resident of Universal City, TX, he was 88. Born in Clawson, MI in 1917, Captain Forester graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham, MI in 1936 where he lettered in basketball and football during World War II. He was drafted into the Medical Corps but transferred into the Army Air Corp following Pearl Harbor. A B-24 Liberator pilot (485th Bomb Group, XV Air Force), Forester flew 50 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial combat. He also earned an Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. A long time resident of Houston, TX, Forester moved to Carriere, MS where he retired as corporate pilot from the McDermott Oil Company in 1977. In retirement, he became a skilled clock repairman and a volunteer fireman. The firehouse at Hide a Way Lake, MS is named in his honor. In 1995 following the death of his wife of 54 years, Eva Mae Shepherd Forester, he moved to Universal City where he became active in the AARP, the VFW and American Legion. Captain Forester is survived by two sisters, Irmalee Halsey of Troy, MI and Helen Seiden of Mount Dora, FL, three children, Don C. Forester of Towson, MD, David B. Forester of San Antonio, TX, Mary Beth Forester of Baton Rouge, LA, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Colonial Funeral Home in Universal City on Saturday, September 3, 2005.

TERRY LYNN CUSHING

40 of Harrison, formerly of Rochester, passed away September 13, 2005. Terry was the son of William S. and Bev M. Cushing. On May 6, 2000, he wed Janice M. Mathews. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 17, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. from Stocking Funeral Home, 165 Oak St., Harrison, 989 539 7810.

ROBIN G. DANIELS

Troy, Michigan. Age 36. Passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005 at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan. She was born March 14, 1969, in Owosso. Her parents are Bob and Vicky (Humpula) Daniels of Troy. Robin earned an Associates Degree from O.C.C. and worked as a Receptionist. She is also mourned by her sister and brother in law, Jodi & Jason Martin of Rochester, nephew Jacob Michael Martin, also of Rochester, aunts and uncles, Jerry and JoAnn Humpula of Chesaning, Bob and Lenore Beckman of Chesaning, Dennis and Bev Humpula of Marquette, Roger and Terry Humpula of Gladstone, Danny and Ann Humpula of Altus, OK, Cheryl and Larry Mouton of Battle Creek, Tammy and Don Engler of Lincoln Park, Sharon Daniels of Higgins Lake, Judy Daniels of Traverse City, and numerous cousins. Those who have preceded Robin in death include her grandparents, Jim and Marie Humpula, Toby and Viola Daniels, and her uncle, Larry Daniels. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Chesaning. Rev. Fr. Richard Bokunski officiating with burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning. Memorials may be made to the Jacob Michael Martin College Fund or the Troy Beaumont Dialysis Center.

Italian American club to celebrate heritage on Oct. 9

Dinner dance marks roots

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

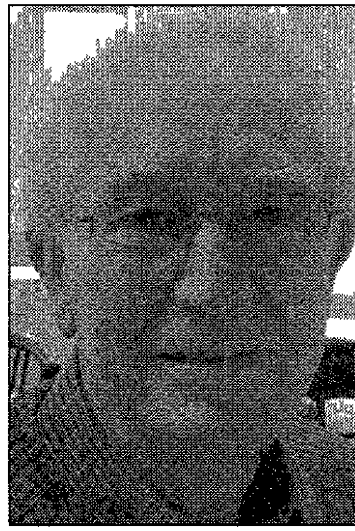
Although Angela Centi was only 6 when her family immigrated to America, she never forgot her roots. Her involvement with the Italian American Club of Livonia keeps alive the music, language, food, and traditions throughout the year but especially at the Columbus Day Dinner Dance to be held Sunday, Oct. 9.

Festivities for the 28th annual gala celebration begin at 4 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres followed at 5 p.m. by a family-style dinner that includes wines, beer, cappuccino, and espresso. At 7 p.m. The Gaylords entertain with jokes, stories and songs about ethnic America. Fantasia, a six-piece band, provides dance music at the club and banquet center, 39200 Five Mile.

The cost is \$65 per person. Seating is limited. For information and reservations, call Centi at (248) 477-9693 or send e-mail to columbus-day@msn.com.

Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson kicks off the celebration by proclaiming Italian Week and raising the Italian flag at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Livonia City Hall.

"Our heritage and roots help define who we are," said Angela Centi, the Livonia resident who co-chairs the event with Vicki Paghione and the help of the Cultural Committee. "Oct. 10 is the 512th anniversary of discovery by Christopher Columbus of America. Columbus Day is a holiday that reminds us of the spirit and courage of the immigrants who dared to venture from the old world to the new world. They were confronted with a foreign language and



Mario Galasso is being honored as 2005 Outstanding Italian of the Year at the Columbus Day Dinner Dance on Oct. 9.

different customs. My parents had few possessions. My father worked for the railroad during the day and as a janitor at night, my mother at a pizza restaurant. "But it's not just Italian

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American immigrants we're remembering. It is the Irish, Asian, African American, all who came for the sake of finding a better life for themselves and their families. All are invited. This is a celebration that invites all Americans, all ethnicities.

One of the special guests will be Mario Galasso who is being honored by the club as the 2005 Outstanding Italian of the Year. A founding member, Galasso continues to put his artisan skills to work at the building which was completed 11 years ago. Galasso was an employee at Crudo Brothers Cabinet Shop for more than 31-years until starting his own business. Although retired, he's

at the club nearly every day refurbishing the bar so a pizza oven can be installed.

"I feel that I'm very involved with the club and very proud of the Italian American Club," said Mario Galasso, a 32-year resident of Livonia before building and finishing his dream home in Northville 12 years ago. "It helps maintain culture and traditions. I go there to speak the Italian language, play bocce ball and other Italian games and socialize with people we know. I like talking Italian."

Galasso learned Italian in the town where he was born in 1931 - Colle Sannita in the Province of Benevento. After arriving in America by boat in

1949, he felt alone because he didn't speak English but eventually met a group of young Italian men at a sweet shop on the northeast side of Detroit. When the Italian American Club of Livonia started in 1977, he quickly made Wednesday his club night. Over the years he's done a lot of work for the Italian American Club. His artisan touches can be seen everywhere from the vanities in the bathrooms to the oak wainscot and large map of Italy enjoyed by club members. "It's our home away from home," said Galasso's wife Mary.

"Many of our friends are envious because we always have someplace to go. The culture is important and Mario wants to preserve it. My mom was from England, dad from Germany, but I'm mainly Italian now because of our kids. It's such a rich heritage, the music, the warmth of the people."

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Family fitness

Parents take time out for yoga

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Randi Schreiber found yoga so relaxing to do with her infant twins that two years later the Farmington Hills mother signed up for a class with Beverly Price at Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park.

Even though the session is called Yoga for Mom and Baby, a father could benefit as well from learning poses to de-stress and bond with children. In addition to quieting parents, yoga calms babies and in older children encourages development of healthy habits, confidence and creativity.

"I've done yoga even when pregnant," said Randi Schreiber. "It's good to start young because kids are such sponges and it's a good learning experience. When they were babies they just laid there, but did great. They really enjoyed it as I did different stretches with them."

Price's classes follow the teachings of Helen Garabedian's book *Itsy Bitsy Yoga* which includes more than 75 poses and techniques for babies from three weeks to 24 months. Two one-time sessions are scheduled 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 (for 6-12 months) and 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 (13-30 months). The cost is \$25.

'FUSSY TIMES'

There are always fussy times babies and toddlers go through. You can help them to go through those times with less stress," said Beverly

Price, a yoga teacher and registered dietitian with offices in Bingham Farms and Royal Oak. "Studies have shown for babies it improved sleep, digestive health. Because a lot of babies are born with reflux this is more of a natural solution than medication. For the class, parents are learning to hold and play with them, cuddle and relax them at the same time. For toddlers learning to crawl and walk, yoga is refining their motor skills. There are some natural things they do that actually mimics yoga moves, a down dog or they lie on their stomach and grab their legs. Sometimes we use animal names for poses to make it fun and interesting."

Parents like Schreiber have found the one-time classes so enjoyable that Price is adding a six-session series beginning Wednesday, Nov. 2. Times are 11:15 a.m. to noon for infant to pre-crawling, 10:30-11:15 a.m. for crawling to 24 months. The cost is \$120 per parent (mom or dad) and child.

It's an opportunity for moms to meet. Often friendships start at babyhood," said Price. "I'm going to incorporate the nutrition component. Moms always have questions about what to feed my child as a snack. Our bodies crave nutrients. There are so many nutrients involved in the growth process."

PLACE TO LEARN

Healthy nutrition and the value of organic foods are two of the topics Schreiber covers in Brunch, Bunch and Babies, an eight-week infant massage class beginning 10-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19. Afterward, moms gather for bagels and conversation. The cost is \$60 members, \$75 non-members.

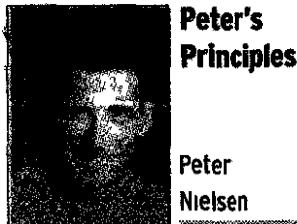


Mom Sally Gaft and Rachael Chava-Gaft do the up dog pose.

The Gan Shalom Parenting Center was founded at Congregation Beth Shalom in June to provide a nurturing and educational environment with classes in science, Hebrew, art, music, and movement for young children and families who

need not be Jewish to sign up. "We want to unite the community and bring people into a comfortable atmosphere where parents can converse with each other and children."

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Peter Nielsen

Try raisins for dental health

Cheryl from Saline e-mails asking for a natural way to promote better dental health. Cheryl, it turns out those dancing raisins should have been wearing dental jackets. Raisins sometimes stick to your teeth but in this case, that could very well be a good thing! A new study shows that raisins are rich in phyto-chemicals. They're essentially natural antioxidants found in plants that can help promote dental health. The study finds five essential phyto-chemicals in raisins that could help fight cavities. One word of caution, the study was conducted by the California Raisin Marketing Board. However, dental groups have yet to come out against the research. It's a good bet that there are positive benefits associated with raisins, so enjoy!

Michelle from Farmington Hills e-mails that she and her husband are thinking of installing a new home gym. She wants to know the potential pluses and minuses.

Michelle, you might be surprised how many times I'm asked that question. Today's young families and baby boomers are putting in more home gyms than ever before! They often include state of the art equipment like elliptical trainers and treadmills. Most also have free weights or machines. The upside of home gyms is that they cut down on travel time and wait time for equipment at traditional gyms. Also, if the price of gas keeps soaring, they could save you additional money over the long haul. Some of the downsides however include distractions such as children and telephones. You also lose the socialization factor and sometimes the motivation to work out intensely. And remember, there are no personal trainers in home gyms unless you hire them.

The bottom line is you have to factor in whether or not the benefits of a home gym justify the expense. Just be sure to buy good, user-friendly equipment.

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learn, said Susan Gartenberg director of Gan Shalom and a Bloomfield Hills resident. Gartenberg taught preschool for many years after receiving an undergraduate degree in special education and master's in educational psychology.

"I'm excited about the program including parent-tot classes to learn socialization and exploration with a parent."

In Schreiber's classes parents learn about the stages of child development in addition to baby signing. Schreiber taught her twins, Joshua and Hannah, to sign at 7 months and 9 months, respectively, to stimulate language processing in the brain so they could speak sooner.

Formerly a physician assistant in pediatrics at St. Jude Research Hospital in Tennessee, Schreiber was trained in baby massage.

"The age you start is during the first hours of their life, but you need to know how to do it. You don't want to do it too rough or soft," said Schreiber. Infant massage not only strengthens the bond but also gives a form of relaxation to babies including those who have colic. There's less pain from colic when relaxed. "Massage does make a happier baby. It releases endorphins and relieves the distress of teething, emotional stress such as when they're first born, the major stress from coming through the birth canal."

There are other benefits of infant massage as well. "Skin stimulation speeds brain-body communication," said Schreiber. It strengthens the immune system, improves sensory awareness, helps parents become more relaxed with baby, and provides a quality time for parent and baby. It's a great way for a father to become intimate with baby.

DOCTOR'S AN ADVOCATE

Dr. Bruce Eisenberg recommends yoga to patients at least six times a week at his office in Bingham Farms. The West



Mom Randi Schreiber with Hannah and Joshua pose with the help of Beverly Price

Bloomfield resident's been practicing yoga nearly every day for the last year. Eisenberg worked out for 20 years to control weight and improve cardiovascular fitness before switching to yoga.

"I'm very much into preventive medicine. I just turned 50 this year so I'm starting to see that second generation. My patients are turning old enough to have their children have children," said Eisenberg, an internist on staff at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce. When I was a kid, I used to play baseball and hockey. In college I was a jogger. Later, we built an exercise and play room in our home. The step aerobic classes were getting rough on my joints. I'm an avid golfer so winter time was void.

Then Price suggested Eisenberg try yoga. He's been going to The Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield nearly every day since.

With yoga you get into an environment with people and the classroom becomes community, said Eisenberg. Many times your eyes are closed. You are transformed from your daily life, traffic jams, all the headaches of life stop.

I now have my kids and wife doing it. There's a bonding. If you can involve other family

members especially at a young age, it's just soothing and calming."

Yoga helped to lower Eisenberg's cholesterol. After 20 years of seeing patients with self-destructive behaviors like overeating, drinking and smoking, Eisenberg doesn't hesitate to pass out prescriptions for yoga to help control hypertension, diabetes, depression and anxiety.

"Yoga teaches self respect so you're less likely to binge eat," said Eisenberg. There's no question it will lower blood pressure and provide good weight control.

Price offers a seven-week series, Reconnect with Food, for people with food, body image and weight issues, and in January begins Yoga, Diet and Transformation Process on food and behavior addictions and creating healthy eating habits for life instead of dieting.

Congregation Beth Shalom is at 14601 W. Lincoln Road, between Greenfield and Coolidge, Oak Park. For more information, call (248) 547-7970, Ext. 234, or send e-mail to sgartenberg@congbethshalom.org. chomin@home.com.net | (734) 953 2145

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This reputation for cortisone contains a grain of truth but for the most part is wrong. The attitude toward steroids is more harmful than the risks that accompany the medication.

Steroids are excellent anti-inflammatory drugs. When correctly used, they cannot be equaled by any substitute therapy. A part of nearly every physician's training focuses on the indications for steroids, their proper dosage, and when to stop their use.

You should also know that steroids come in oral and injectable forms. Concern about cortisone needs to be greater when you are taking steroids by mouth. In this form, the medicine reaches the whole body and can cause side effects that affect the eyes, lungs, stomach, and skin. However, steroids by injection do not have this effect as injectable steroids are formulated to act locally in joints, tendons or muscles.

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Overcoming the homework hurdles with your kids

Homework time can be far from fun for parents. Frustration seems to creep in when things don't go smoothly. What is a parent to do?

Laurie has a common complaint. When her son asks for help with math, he ends up saying, "Your not doing it right. That's not the way my teacher does it." Laurie gets mad. She says, "I have a Ph.D. in engineering. I know how to do fifth grade math. Don't tell me that I'm doing it wrong!"

Robert helps his 10-year-old step son, Alex, with homework. Many nights, it comes to a screeching halt because of the same old pattern. Robert explains, "Alex doesn't understand. Robert gets that tone in his voice. Alex gets nervous and makes mistakes. Robert's temper flares. Alex cries. Mom rushes in to save her son from his 'mean' step dad."

Rita's first born gave her no trouble with homework. He followed her around the house begging for another round of flash cards because he loved learning the times tables. Her daughter on the other hand, doesn't want to do her home-



On Parenting
Marilyn Suttle

work. Every night, Rita gets knots in her stomach, coaxing her daughter to finish it up.

As frustrating as it is for parents, imagine what it feels like to be the kid on the receiving end of that frustration. Cliff shares this memory, "Before we knew I had a reading disability, my dad would get furious with me when I couldn't learn my spelling words. One night, every time he got to the word, if, on my spelling list, I went blank. I couldn't remember how to spell it. My dad blew up. He said, 'How stupid can you be, that you can't even spell the word, if?'"

I walked away feeling like the biggest loser in the world.

A high school counselor told me, "When kids struggle with schoolwork, it's common to see parents get upset and pull away their support and affection. That just makes their problems

get worse. Every now and then I spot those special parents who understand that when kids struggle academically, they need a soft place to land. They need someone who will believe in their ability to pull it together in the long run. They need a parent who allows them to feel like they still belong even when they aren't doing well at school. They need a parent who focuses on any attempts at improvement. These are the kids who have a better chance of finding their way back to academic success as they mature."

Before dealing with your child's homework issues, do your own emotional homework. Look at how your behaviors and attitudes affect your child's progress. Does yelling lead to a positive or a negative learning experience? Does nagging increase cooperation or increase resistance? What results do your current behaviors produce? Notice how you react to your child's different behaviors. Are there other options you can choose in responding to your child's more challenging behaviors?

Parents sometimes think in extremes. It's either black or

white, good or bad, all or nothing. It's easy to dismiss the middle ground. Karen thinks she has no choice but to feel frustrated when her son struggles with homework. As an Option Method practitioner, I learned to ask parents a series of non-judgmental questions to help them uncover self-defeating beliefs. I asked Karen, "What are you concerned would happen if you didn't feel frustrated?" Her answer shot to the opposite extreme, "If I wasn't frustrated, I'd be uncaring."

Would she really stop caring if she wasn't frustrated? After doing her emotional homework, Karen realized she had other options between the extremes. Karen shares her discovery, "When Bob isn't doing a good job with homework, I get scared that he will become a failure. I want to do something but I don't know what to do, so I get frustrated with him. As long as I'm feeling frustrated, it's like I'm doing something. The problem is, I'm only adding stress to the situation. As I think about it, I realize that doing poorly with a homework assignment just means that he is inexperienced in that area of

learning and needs more practice. I really believe that."

With her new belief, Karen feels calmer during homework time, and is now more aware of how her thoughts influence how she feels and acts when her son struggles.

Eleven-year-old Trisha has a learning disability and needs extra help with homework. She sometimes takes Mom for granted, expecting instant answers. When Mom has trouble explaining the assignment, she snaps, "Come on Mom. You're driving me crazy. Did you forget everything you learned in school?"

Trisha's mom was tired of the disrespect, so she did her emotional homework. She decided what actions she could take to produce better results. Now she only helps with homework when Trisha remains respectful. She said, "Trisha, I hear how frustrated you are feeling with this assignment. I cannot be helpful to you when I'm treated with disrespect. Right now I need to take a break. We can try again later when we both have calmed down."

The results have been positive. At the end of the last

school year, Trisha said, "Mom, I'm feeling frustrated with this homework not with you. Thanks for helping me!"

It is a great feeling to see children complete their homework all on their own. Yet, sometimes, they need a little help. Keep working toward expanding their independence. When you get involved with homework, help without hovering. A watched pot takes forever to boil. Instead of sitting right next to your child, give yourself a project close by. Roll coins, balance your checkbook, or clean something.

By having an alternate focus, you give your kids breathing room to think, struggle and come up with solutions of their own. By keeping your awareness on helping your children help themselves, you'll sidestep hostility and establish a more productive learning environment at home.

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MADD walk welcomes four-legged supporters

When the Metro Detroit MADD chapters said everyone is encouraged to participate in the upcoming Strides for Change 5K, they weren't kidding.

People won't be the only participants, the invitation has been extended to all four-legged canine friends. The Strides for Change 5K walk presents dogs with an opportunity to walk among the many supporters in this event.

The walk will take place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Olde World Canterbury Village, in Lake Orion. Opening ceremonies will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the walk starting at 9 a.m.

"MADD invites all walkers to participate, regardless of age, gender, or species," said

MADD volunteer Vicki Clark. It gives people from all walks of life, an opportunity to join together to support MADD in their mission to create safer roads. Anyone can make a difference, even the pups."

MADD's Metro Detroit chapter is also offering a prize package to the "top dog." The dog that raises the most money will be crowned the canine cash challenge winner for Strides for Change.

Additionally, they will receive an all expense paid getaway to a dog hotel for a week, as well as a photo session with their owner and other prizes. However, no dog will go home empty handed. All four-legged friends will receive a doggy goodie bag and their own special VIP area, the MADD Dog

Diner. In the MADD Dog Diner, vendors will provide grooming and training demonstrations, literature and other items to pamper our canine fundraisers.

MADD Dog Diner allows our four-legged friends to lend a paw in helping MADD keep our communities safe, as well as an opportunity to participate in various other activities," said MADD Dog vendor Marc Guerrier, owner of Canine Resolution in Waterford. "In addition to raising funds and promoting safe driving, they can show-off their unique talents in the best dog trick competition, participate in one of our training demonstrations and engage in many other enjoyable activities in the VIP section."

Maddux, a feisty yorkie from Oakland County, is excited to be a part of this important fundraising event. According to his owner, Matt Burchart, he's already raised more than \$100.

"This is a fun and unique way to bring attention to MADD and raise money for their programs," said Burchart.

If your dog is interested in participating in Strides for Change, please visit www.stridesforchange.org and under select a city, click on 'Detroit Metro.' When registering, under 'First Name,' type in your dog's name. Under 'Last Name' type in the word, 'Dog.' If you are registering your dog, you will not need to register yourself.

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GIVE ME A TRY

SBF 43 53 175lbs N/S works in a group home for adults with disabilities loves swimming fishing exercising and camping Seeking man 35-60 N/S fun loving ☎764052

HELLO OUT THERE

Attractive SBF 36 intelligent H/W proportionate seeks special man for possible LTR You won't be disappointed ☎804983

VERY CARING

AF 45 53 110lbs attractive active very independent loving down to earth health conscious vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining and travel Seeking W/AM 40-50 H/W proportionate ☎609537

I WON'T GO BREAKING

your heart SWF 19 57 long blonde hair N/S loves baseball Seeking WM 19-22 N/S also into sports to hang out with ☎757592

TRY ME

SF 18 w/adventurous streak music/cin/singer auburn hair Comic book animator/creator loves Japanimation graphic novels writing most music fitness Seeking creative unique like minded guy 18-22 skater/musician A+ for friendship good times ☎785152

MAKE IT HAPPEN

SBF 39 Libra N/S seeks man 30-50 N/S for friendship possible romance ☎786000

MOTHER OF TWO

SWF early 40s easy to get along with looking for a man 43-50 N/S who likes playing cards bowling animals biking going to movies ☎782643

DANCE PARTNER

SWF 57 Capricorn N/S seeks WM 50-62 N/S for friendship possible romance ☎773846

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship Lets create sparks and watch them fly ☎639272

LIFE IS BEST SHARED

Compassionate honest family oriented SF 42 dark blonde/blue full tured mother of 2 w/autistic son, enjoys picnics weekend getaways simple times Seeking understanding child friendly man who loves life and having fun ☎776587

HOPE YOU CALL

SWF 49 marriage minded N/S works in the mortgage business has 3 dogs seeks nice SWM 45-61 N/S to be a good companion and friend ☎788722

WHERE ARE YOU?

Looking for a emotionally and financially stable man who is kind generous honest communicative for friendship first possible marriage Me SWCF 55 brown/blue good person gentle lady ☎779434

TALL BRUNETTE

SWF 51 marriage minded N/S has a great smile likes romantic comedies music plays outdoors seeks SWM 49-60 N/S for LTR ☎790785

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving attractive SWCF 74 trim fun N/D N/S hombody type seeks last ing friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s Lets talk! ☎794040

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF 68 52 long dark brown/brown dark N/S seeks WM 45-70 N/S for friendship maybe more ☎734502

WITTY IN WAYNE

Italian SWF 41 53 150lbs dark/dark N/S seeks WM 45-70 N/S for friendship maybe more ☎734502

YOU MIGHT BE THE ONE

SBF 44 N/S looking for an honest guy SWM 35-44 N/S 6-2 HPTW who likes walks movies simple things ☎742085

SINGLE FEMALE IN

search of her first and last Single attractive African American female 39 in search of a marriage-minded man who is ready to take that next level Race is definitely unimportant ☎742971

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE

Active sociable SWF 44 54 size 10 auburn/green mother home/business owner enjoys horror foreign films Middle Eastern cuisine the beach reading dancing cycling Seeking romantic sociable happy man open to life/love ☎746704

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SWF 50 57 auburn/blue 195lbs nurses assistant likes mystery and action films dancing concerts bowling romance Looking for an easygoing understanding man to share friendship and possibly more ☎785414

ZEST FOR LIFE

SJF 60 52 attractive intelligent sin cere outgoing easygoing down to earth romantic spontaneous sensitive with great SOH loves to laugh/smile enjoys music plays concerts Seeking compassionate communicative caring quality SWJM 50-70 ☎444319

ENERGETIC, ATTRACTIVE

SWF 72 blonde/blue educated financially and emotionally secure cultured N/S youthful and adventurous Travel is my passion Diverse interests include bridge oil painting movies the ater museums cooking finance the internet ☎768599

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark hand some BM 33-50 ☎481293

GOOD MAN WANTED

Attractive SBF marriage minded 5 6 average build 40 Capricorn N/S seeks BM 40-51 N/S, to enjoy life and more ☎692032

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

Financially secure independent SBCF 31 57" 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30-45 with similar interests for possible LTR ☎217475

MR RIGHT

Are you a tall big handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 58" attractive loving and fun lets share life together ☎443339

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE

SF 47 years young 55 very outgoing loves family fun life Would like to spend time with someone 40-60 who loves jazz concerts movies dinners weekend getaways ☎208051

A KIND HEART

SBF 56 mother enjoys dining in/out swimming horseback riding camping picnics Seeking sociable honest fun employed man N/S to share happiness friendship and possible LTR ☎780769

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim attractive 57 yr old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54-64 please respond ☎589875

GOOD LOOKER

Positive caring easygoing SBPF 53 (looks younger) N/S not into bars enjoys jazz old school music and fun times Seeking special secure man 48-60 N/S for laughter good times and LTR ☎725001

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks concerts quiet evenings ☎574342

SOCIABLE SENIOR

SWPF 84 Leo N/S enjoys dining out casinos Seeking a fun loving elder a WM 60+ N/S who can lead the walk or ☎755240

GORGEOUS

SBF 31 51 petite athletic build big brown eyes N/S enjoys music art and good conversation Seeking kind hearted intelligent down-to-earth WM 29-39 N/S ☎757791

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF 53 59 brown/brown N/S nursing home activities coordina tor enjoys boating swimming and Michigan State football games Seeking WM 50-62 with similar interests ☎759316

WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

Very caring loving very good looking DBF 54 would love to meet a very sin cere male 45-65 to spend time with ☎777200

LONESOME

Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65-75 enjoys everything easy to please So hurry up and call me! ☎449585

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 56 enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 51+ w/ N/S social drinker for LTR ☎548938

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty charming SWF successful kind compassionate lots of fun looking for her knight in shining armor Any sincere caucasian gentlemen 55-80 please respond Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates ☎592074

MUST LOVE ANIMALS

WF 53 54 blonde/blue full figured likes travel fine dining shows plays animals children picnics boating swimming cooking reading fishing slow dancing Seeking good kind hearted man 50-62 with integrity and morals ☎601892

GREAT COMPANION

SF 65 looks 55 52 unique bright w/many talents and interests I m well traveled very attractive health conscious How about you? Seeking non smoking counterpart 62-70 ☎633527

SEMI-RETIRED

SBF 61 58 165lbs very care free loyal honest enjoys reading flea mar kets antiques long walks and travel Seeking BM 58-61 with similar interests ☎649333

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Refined full of life easygoing well dressed professionally employed aff ectionate romantic kind early very youthful 60s 53 feminine shapely fit enjoys dining travel music theatre dancing family and friends Seeking a handsome educated college gradu ate gentleman over 50s N/S with a youthful passion for life Serious replies only ☎652360

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger N/S loves music and dancing stays physically active would like to hear from friendly honest man 56-68 N/S ☎672174

WHY NOT CALL?

Employed SAF 49 53 110lbs mother-er likes outdoor sports park walks movies and more Seeking easygoing child friendly fun loving man to share life and it's simple pleasures ☎690621

HAS ZEST FOR LIFE

Youthful blonde 60 52' with family values shapely medium build professional N/S light drinker enjoys travel theatre dining out and much more Seeking well groomed financially secure gentleman 55-68 similar characteristics ☎697194

WILDFLOWER

SWF 63 56 average build Anes N/S enjoys dancing dining out seeks WM 58-75 N/S with a sense of humor for friendship possible romance ☎720594

KIND HEART

Full figured SF 55 enjoys dancing and all types of music likes working with animals seeks good natured single man 44-60 ☎742466

QUALITY TIME

SWF 48 5 115lbs petite dark/dark N/S seeks easygoing WPM 45-50 N/S who enjoys dining in/out movies travel concerts plays and ball games ☎670169

CALL ME

Attractive charming ex business woman 60 loves movies plays concerts dining dancing traveling internationally comfortable gourmet ☎743556

HAPPY WITH LIFE!

SWF 70 attractive recently widowed who likes fun enjoys life Seeking to meet like minded male 65-75 to share movies travel music laughter and quiet sunsets Prefer N/S ☎777271

HOMEBODY

SBF 63 58 155lbs retired (but does work part time) very honest and caring Scorpio N/S seeks BM 58-65 honest and caring ☎553874

THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF 30 55 240lbs N/S N/D no kids employed Seeking nice looking SM 20-35 w/no kids N/S for friend ship possibly more ☎534802

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then ☎271793

LOOKING!!!

SWF smart fun easy to be with suc cess attractive petite looking for a soulmate SWM N/S 55-67 S Oakland area ☎738822

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

IS SHE THE ONE

Loving fun happy European gentleman 43 seeks affectionate SF 25-30 to share talks dates snuggling romance and possible LTR ☎804805

MUSCULAR & FRIENDLY

SWM 45 62' 209lbs N/S enjoys conversations college football and new activities Seeking a down to earth SF Age/Area open ☎982364

NICE TO THE BONE

SWM 39 58 170lbs smoker not into bars seeks nice SWF 30-45 to become friends with possibly more ☎656304

SEEKING MUSIC LOVER

Good looking SM 47 58 146lbs col lege graduate outgoing easygoing seeks slim attractive SF who enjoys cyder mills concerts movies dining out art theater symphony long walks and romance ☎331159

LET'S TRY IT OUT

Just call this friendly social easygoing SWM 40s humorous optimist seeks kind sociable lady for casual dating Age open ☎513284

LOOKING FOR SEXY WOMAN

SBM 33 185lbs 5'10" slim to medi um build no kids N/S enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited sponta neous open minded sexy SBF for friendship ☎804331

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM 56 510 handsome and secure seeks honest S/DWF w/sense of humor who enjoys travel candle light dinners plays dancing concerts boating and movies Friendship possible LTR ☎269846

WELL, HELLO

SM very young looking 50 57 180 lbs medium build employed self reliant D/D free easygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF 40-55 200 350lbs ☎597126

JOIN ME

SM 59 63 260lbs engineer likes the outdoors square dancing camp ing nature walks Seeking easygoing active spontaneous fun loving lady 56+ proportionate N/S to enjoy travel talks dates friendship fun LTR? ☎634440

COFFEE PALS

SWM 50 511 H/W proportionate for mer teacher no care gear seeks casual friendship possible LTR with non mater alistic affectionate SWF ☎802698

TALL

DWM 47 65 215lbs likes music camping jazz cooking sports brown/brown seeking a woman with SOH/compassion honesty ☎765375

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited sponta neous SWF age open ☎547524

PATIENTLY WAITING

SBM 37 185lbs 58 no kids never married Seeking caring attractive SF no kids never married for great relationship ☎710917

WORTH A SHOT

Employed commitment minded DWM 45 64 260lbs brown/brown Scorpio affectionate loving enjoys country music bowling fishing travel Seeking loving fun easygoing honest woman to share the good things in life ☎695811

IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

DM 43 59' N/S single father factory worker enjoys country music Seeking woman 28-35 N/S for friendship possible romance ideally leading to mar riage ☎796232

LOVELY TOO LONG

HM 46 Taurus seeks H/WF 40-55 marriage minded+ interested in dat ing and friendship leading to some thing greater ☎798766

I REALLY BELIEVE

Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM easy to talk to ac tive adventurous seeks pleasant playful SWF 35-50 ☎686509

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M

looking for SWM 62 smoker seeks a respectful and respectable WF 58-62 close to 300lbs who loves Jesus Christ God and the Holy Spirit ☎734503

LOOKING FOR A GIRL

SWM 25 smoker black/brown likes hip hop R&B and rock music wants to meet single woman 20-32 Possible LTR ☎742655

SEEKS SPECIAL LADY

SWPM 49 tall dark/dark N/Drugs N/S seeks attractive sensitive kind hearted good natured SF 42-52 N/S N/Drugs who enjoys home-cooked meals nights on the town or home for dating possible LTR ☎765993

NEED 2 BE TREATED LIKE

a lady? I m your man DWM 49 6 190lbs easygoing fun loving seeks romance with 30-50 year old woman Don't miss your opportunity to be treated the way you deserve ☎781311

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM 40s 6 175lbs N/S homeowner auto worker easygoing honest and secure enjoys hunting Harleys and the outdoors Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30-50 N/S D/D free comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

CUTE & CUDDLY

Nice SWM 50s with wisdom wit and warmth can be fun charming helpful and who knows what else would like to meet a nice lady and see what devel ops ☎478746

NEW DREAM TEAM?

Spend some time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s ☎550046

KIND & EASYGOING

gentleman SWM 42 6 195lbs auburn hair/beard affectionate and considerate enjoys cooking garden ing music fishing nature cats Seeking honest good natured woman 35-65 race open who loves romance and affection ☎693485

WORTH A CALL

BM 42 51 likes playing sports dancing computer games karaoke and having fun Looking for a fun loving woman who is adventurous ☎745377

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Fit for Fashion

Athletic wear that flatters

By Anna Foard PINK Correspondent

Forget those threadbare biker shorts and that faded old T-shirt that used to serve as your gym clothes. Today's fitness wear is designed to flatter your body while you work it into shape. "If you're trying so hard to look good, you might as well look good while you're doing it," said Michelle Meek, founder of Fit Diva in Livonia.

Julie Gutowski of Livonia sells the Planet B line from Brazil through home parties, along with her partner Pam Cosmi of Linden.

"The stuff is going so fast, they're so hot," she said. Planet B's offerings include flared, low-rise workout pants, with a patterned pocket and belt that matches a top. Floral, artsy, as well as Duck Tracy-style cartoon patterns make these tops unique and fun.

The cuts of the pieces are "phenomenal," Gutowski said. "It doesn't matter if you're small, medium or large, no matter what the body type, it fits like a glove," she said. Meek said the styles she offers are a little bit more on the sexy side than traditional workout clothes. "My philosophy is be a diva while you sweat," she said.

Of course, that doesn't mean you have to walk around in sweat-stained attire. Dominator Clothing in Birmingham carries classic yoga styles in two unique fabrics that help keep your clothes looking new.



PHOTO BY DAVID REED

Julie Gutowski (left), Michelle Meek and Pam Cosmi (seated) model Planet B and Fit Diva fashions at Fitness Unlimited in Royal Oak. The clothing is available in the area through home parties.

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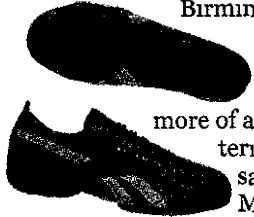
Meryl, a fabric imported from France, includes UVA and UVB protection and doesn't show sweat marks. "It's incredibly comfortable and functional," said Sarah Kearfott, floor supervisor at the store.

Bright colors are what people look for, including lilac and ocean green palettes, Kearfott said. Dominator Clothing also is the only company in North America that carries fitness wear made of Novarel, a breathable fabric imported from Italy that doesn't shrink or fade.

From gym to golf

If taking a few swings out at the golf course is more your style of exercise, check out the latest fashions from girls' golf, a Michigan-based retailer that sells its line of trendy golfing attire in elite country clubs and

boutiques across the country, including Lori Karbal in Birmingham.



The ballet slipper inspired Reebok Zenswa

Clothes on the links are 'becoming more of a silhouette flattening to women,' said Anne Margulis, founder and creative mind behind girls' designs.

Shorts with flat fronts and no pleats, longer shorts that are tapered and more fitted shirts.

Also in demand from girls' golf are puff-sleeved polo shirts, skirts and bucket hats — a new trend for women.

The girls' golf line consists primarily of a machine washable, cotton-Lycra blend that "fits you better and makes you look better," Margulis said. And forget the standard khaki and black color scheme. Try pink, grass green, orange, coral and aqua — all hot new colors for teeing off this year.

The trend is for retro-'70s style patterns and colors in new, modern and flattering cuts that women can wear on

Look for our fabulous PINK issue next week.

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Trina Turk
Eve painted
plaid jacket



Obsession Night

Sex, Love & Secrets

Cropped
jeans

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Zadie Smith

Arden B sequin
and mesh
lace clutch

All the Stars and Boulevards by
Augustana

Lana slingbacks
(yes, from Anthropologie)

Mega M&M s in new fall fashion friendly colours

Fashionable footwear

Of course, you can't neglect the footies when selecting your fashionable fitness wear. The ideal athletic shoe must be comfortable and stylish.

Many of the latest styles are retro styles, like Reebok pumps and [Nike] Shox sneakers for running," said Rachel Carroll, owner of Burn Rubber in Royal Oak, one of a handful of stores across the country that sell limited-edition sneakers.

Carroll said many athletic shoe companies are creating lines inspired by different sports and activities, such as Reebok's Zenswa, a line of sleek, feminine shoes and boots designed after the ballet slipper, and the Gola soccer silhouette that comes in pinks, oranges, aquas and other bright colors. Slip-on styles continue to be popular, as well.

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Michigan's Finest Women
Florine Mark, President and CEO of The Weight Watchers Group Inc. will host the 6th Annual Remarkable Women Luncheon to recognize and honor "Remarkable Women" noon 2 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Atheneum Hotel in Detroit's Greektown. The charity luncheon with special guest speakers will raise funds for Barbara Ann



Florine Mark, host of the 6th Annual event

Karmanos Cancer Institute and Beaumont Women's Heart Center. Tickets are \$50, or \$40 for current WW members. Visit www.florineonline.com or call (877)99 WOMAN.

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Tips on conducting a successful presentation

(NUI) — Whether you're a student, a full-time employee or the head of a book club, there is one task that is hard to avoid: public speaking.

Having to give a speech or presentation in front of a group is something that's unavoidable in most people's lives. But it doesn't have to be a scary situation. With the right preparation, you can channel your public speaking stress into an effective, memorable presentation.

The following tips will help you further your performance when giving a presentation and keep stress under control.

■ **Prepare beforehand**
Practicing your presentation in front of a mirror, video camera, small audience or with a tape recorder will help you feel more comfortable delivering it.

■ **Help yourself relax**
With a supplement. A sublingual spray such as Stress and

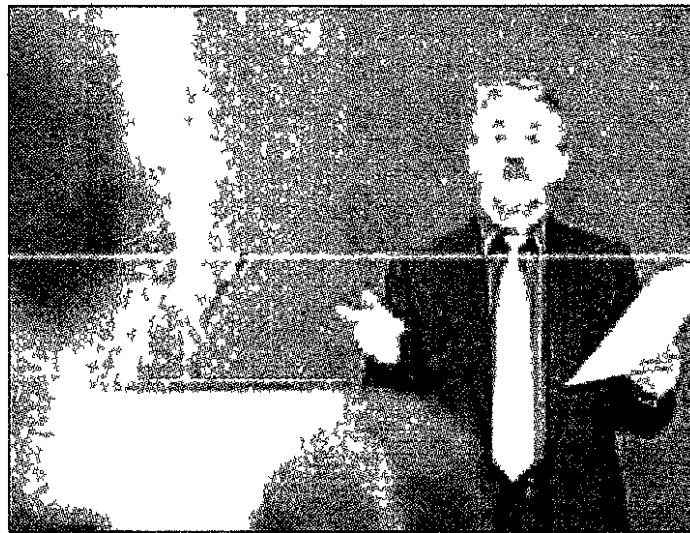
Tension, a product from the "Spray" line of all-natural remedies, may help.

Stress and Tension contains ingredients that temporarily relieve symptoms of nervous tension and anxiety, helping you to focus more on your presentation rather than the stress caused by public speaking. This spray meets all Food and Drug Administration guidelines for good manufacturing practices and was developed by doctors. For more information, visit

www.thespray.com or call (866) 412-7827

■ **Know your surroundings**
Arrive at the place of the presentation early so you can familiarize yourself with the room. Getting there early also will give you time to test out any equipment, like a computer or projector, that you will be using.

■ **Keep it structured**
When writing your presentation, focus on no more than three key elements



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Discussing too many topics can give listeners an overload of information.

Also, to keep your presentation interesting, make sure it has a beginning, middle and end. Start your speech with an opening comment,

question or with humor to grab the audience's attention. Next, give the audience the vital information. Then finish with a strong quote, question or piece of information that will be memorable to your listeners.

Older workers are getting the job done

(NAPSI) — Do you know of a relative, a neighbor or a co-worker who is 65 or over and still working? Would you like to have them receive national recognition for their life's work and contributing to their community? Nominations are being accepted for the Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program, which recognizes an outstanding older worker from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, as well as "America's Oldest Worker" and top employers of older workers.

To be considered for a state's outstanding older worker or America's Oldest Worker, applicants must be currently employed, work a minimum of 20 hours per week in paid employment, be age 65 or older, and willing to travel to Washington, D.C.

In past years, the outstanding older workers have ranged in age from 66 to 100. Last year, the average age of the honorees was 79. Honorees participate in special activities and events within their states throughout the year, and in Washington, D.C.

To access a nomination form, visit www.experienceworks.org. To receive a nomination form by mail, send a postcard or note to Prime Time Awards, Experience Works, 2200 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22201 or call (866) EXP-WRKS (1-866-397-9757) toll free.



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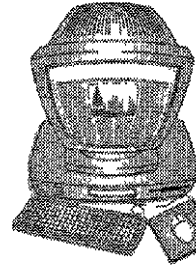
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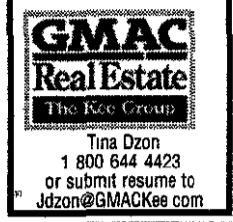
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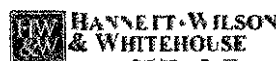
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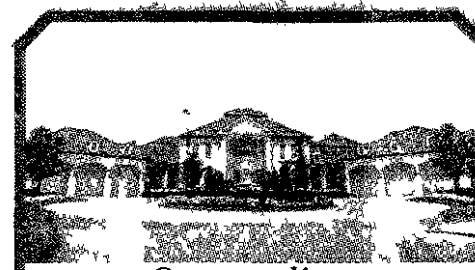
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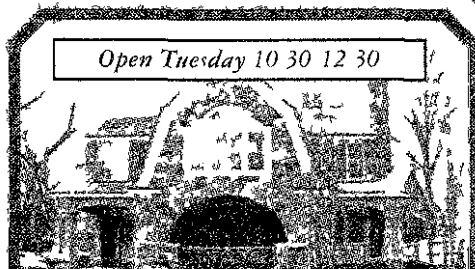
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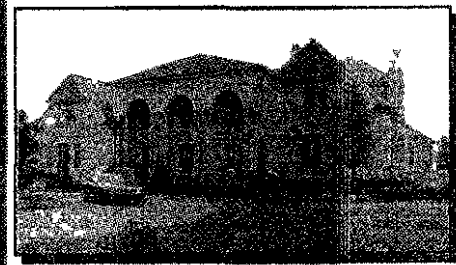
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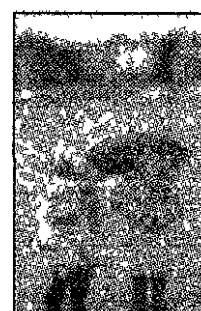
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Avoiding loss of home purpose of business

BY DEBRA PASCOE
CORRESPONDENT

The belief 'bad things happen to good people' is what got Dick Chelten thinking how to give people in danger of losing their homes another chance.

His company, Marketplace Homes LLC, purchases "nice homes in nice neighborhoods" in foreclosure and leases them back to the owner. Once the now-lessees credit is repaired with the help of Marketplace's credit repair specialists, they can buy it back within 24 months.

There is, however, a price to pay. The owner is responsible for closing costs, a 6 percent real estate fee, a 3 percent acquisition fee and a 15 percent investor fee - on top of the monthly lease payment. And, the lessee is responsible for all repairs and maintenance to the home during the lease period.

"This is not Christmas. This is not a gift. This is a working relationship where we both get what we want," Chelten, a licensed Realtor, said of the sale/leaseback program.

However, there are others in the mortgage business that question sale/leaseback programs that are now being offered by several companies statewide.

Those kinds of transactions are fraught with a lot of risks for the homeowner, there are unscrupulous operators that are taking advantage of homeowners, said Murray Brown, director of development for the Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association.

Brown said the association has been discussing sale/leaseback programs and confirmed there is nothing "illegal" about them. However, they question if companies offering these programs are offering full disclosure.

"The concern of the association is that people who are entering such agreements do not know in some cases they have sold their house to the company that is offering this service," he said. "We want to make sure that people in foreclosure - who are very stressed to begin with - are reading the documents carefully enough."

Chelten said Marketplace thoroughly explains the process to potential clients and does not offer the service to everyone seeking help. Some people, he said, do not have the required 20 percent equity in their homes, the income to make lease payment or the desire to stay in their homes.

"We need to see some equity in the deal to make it reasonable for them to say it's worth being in the house," he said, adding the process is all confidential.

"We don't put a scarlet letter outside your house and the family



does not get disrupted."

Chelten offered the following scenario on how the program works. The owner of a house appraised at \$200,000 is in foreclosure and owes \$160,000 to a lending institution. Marketplace will tack on an estimated \$5,000 for closing costs and purchase the home for \$165,000. Once the now-lessee clears his/her credit and is approved for a mortgage, Marketplace will sell the home back for \$189,000 and net a \$24,000 investment fee or profit.

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Accounting for an estimated 5 percent annual appreciation,

Chelten said the homeowner will have \$31,000 in equity in the home at time of buyback.

Out of 55 clients, only one has been evicted or failed to complete the buyback transaction, Chelten said.

For more information on Marketplace Homes, LLC visit its Web site at www.marketplace.com.

As a cautionary measure, Brown advises homeowners to check with the Better Business Bureau Office of Financial and Insurance Services to ensure the mortgage lender they have chosen is legitimate.

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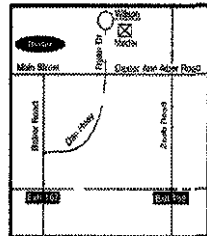
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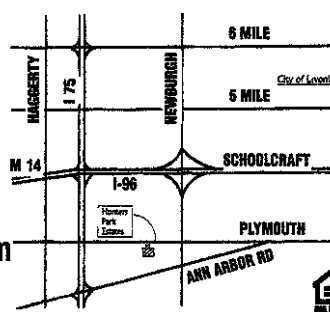


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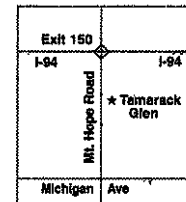
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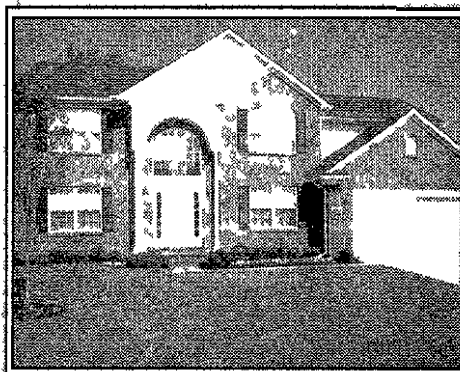


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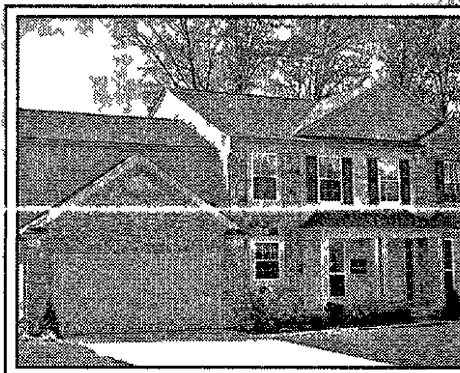
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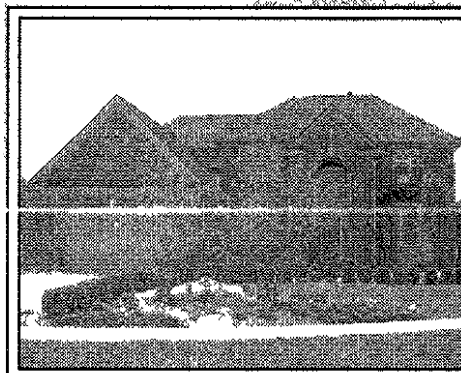
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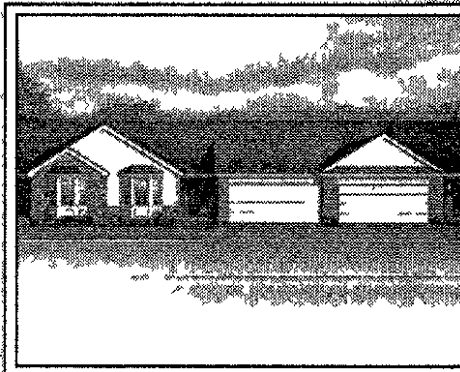
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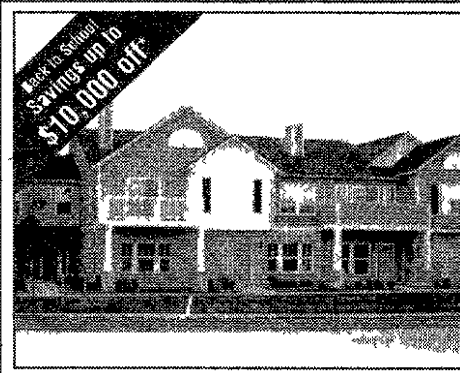
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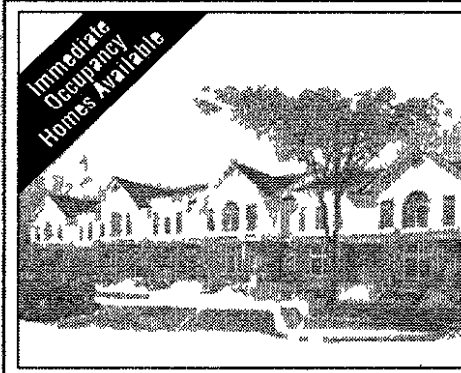
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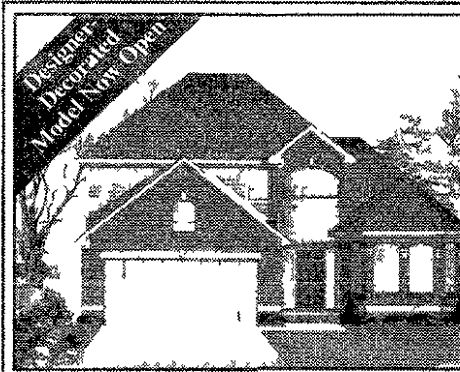
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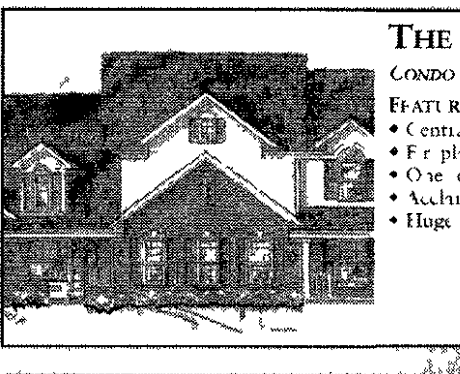
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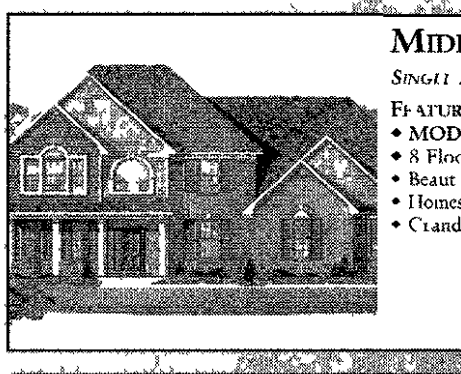
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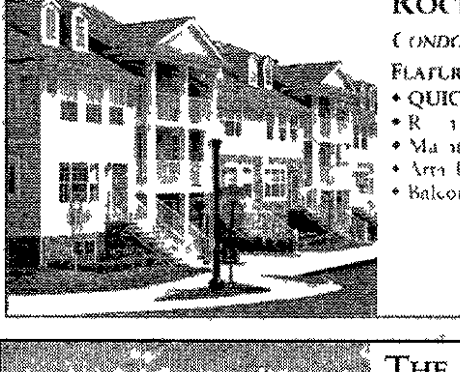
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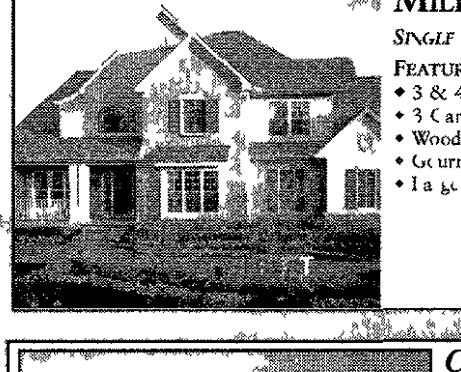
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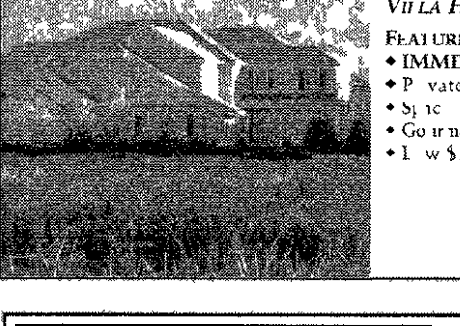
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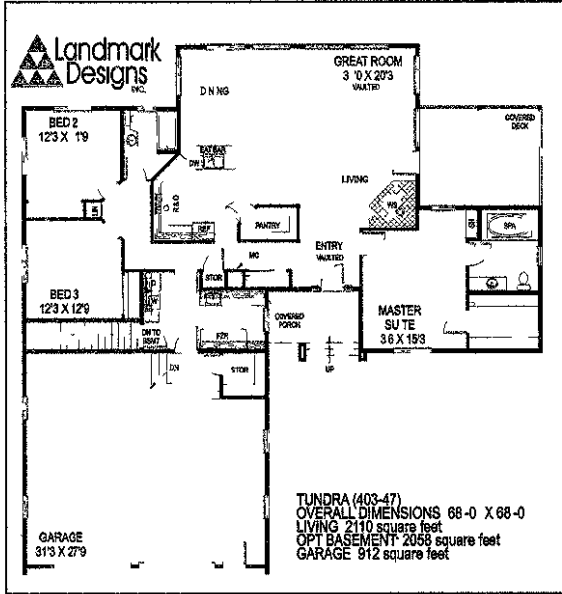
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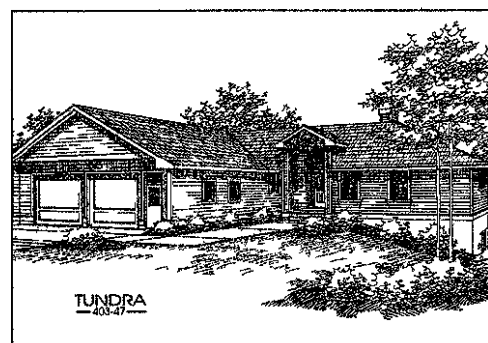
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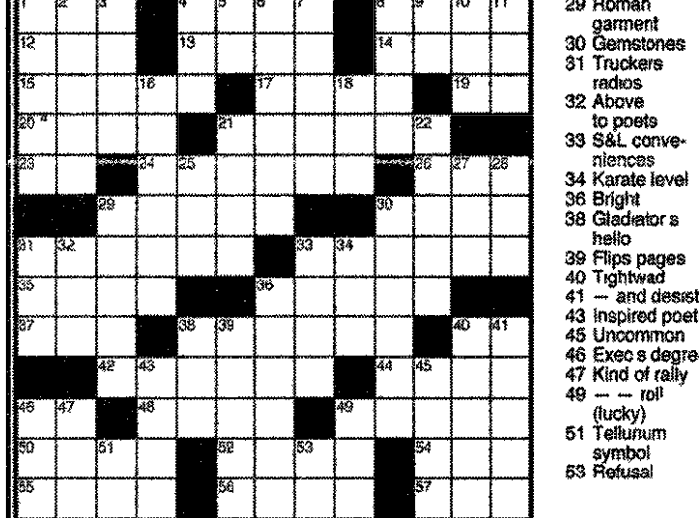
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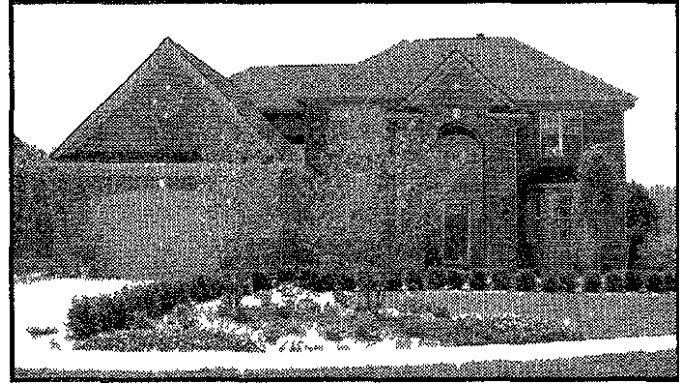
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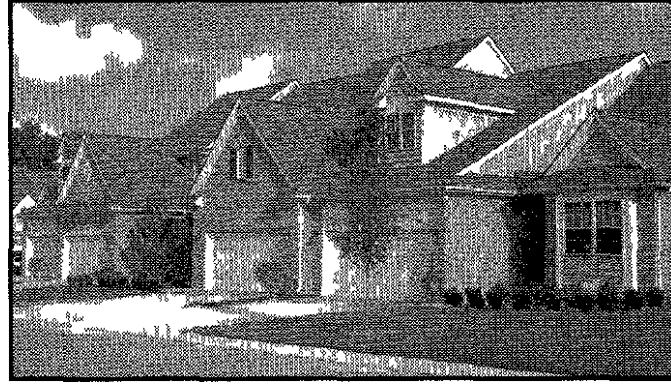


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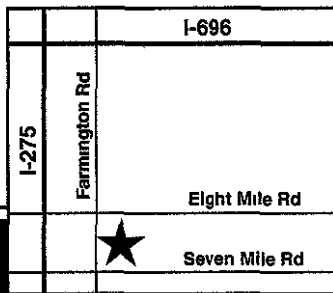


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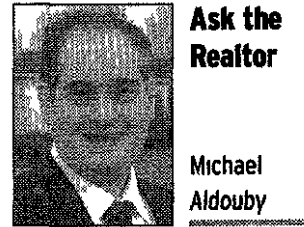
Keep in mind that banks don't want to give away their properties. If a house/condo is below market value there usually is a reason why. If you buy a foreclosed home you can often get a good deal, but there are usually more hurdles that you need to go through than if you buy a non-bank-owned home.

Here are some possible pitfalls to watch for:

■ When buying a bank-owned home often the earnest money deposit is held by the listing office, rather than the selling office. Normally, the deposit is held by the selling office, which is the office that represents the buyer. If the office that represents the bank holds the buyers' deposit it means that buyers have less control getting their money back if something bad happens.

■ Usually when you find a property that you make an offer on, the purchase agreement that you will use will favor you. However, when you make an offer on a bank owned property you will, most likely, use the bank's purchase agreement, which will favor them. Keep in mind that no matter what the purchase agreement says almost everything is negotiable.

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erty is sold as is. However, you still have a right to do an inspection. If you take this option, you can still normally get out of the purchase agreement if a problem during the inspection pops up. What this means to you, is that even if there is something wrong in the house, which you find during an inspection, that although the purchase agreement says that the property is sold "as is" it is still negotiable. You can ask for the property to be fixed by the bank or you can request a repair allowance.

Is it worth all the trouble? You need to determine what the market value is of the property you are interested in. Have your Realtor do a market analysis. Factor in the costs involved if you have to pay for significant repair. The views expressed in this column are solely those of the author.

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Garage Sales 7110 BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE Fr Sept 23 9 3pm 389 West wood Dr 3 Streets E of Cranbrook Rd 1 blk N of Maple Lots of interesting misc No early birds!

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LIVONIA Thurs Fri 9/22 9/23 9 5pm 2 Family 20175 Laurel N of 7 Mile W of Gill off Navan Furniture bikes kids stuff household & more

LIVONIA 17516 Francavilla Dr W corner of 6 & Farming ton Sept 22 24 10 4pm Kids toys bikes clothes & misc household

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NOVI Thurs Sept 22 & Fri Sept 23 9am 4pm Marks Dr E of Meadowbrook btwn 8 & 9 Mile Rds Much misc household some furn ture tools games c othng

Garage Sales 7110 WEST BLOOMFIELD Sept 22 23 8am 4pm Msc teaching supplies kid s books household items 6683 Cootenwood Knoll

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CANTON Beautiful Colonial
 This well maintained 4 bdrm 2 1/2 & 2 bath sitting on a quiet court location offers 5 fin bsmt 3 c att ga 4 seasons run rm mstr ste w/WIC & double sinks fam rm w/frp c & much more

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ROCHESTER HILLS Private Backyard
 4 bed rooms 4.2 baths neat n dco Shows great Fin shed daylight basement w/full bath mpress ve master w doorwall to private deck Jack and J bath Library w wdgns paneling

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning Contemporary
 Premium of plush landscaping 4 BRs 2 1/2 BAs master su with walk in closets jet tub separate shower use of granite Custom kitchen features butler's pantry 10 ceiling crown moldings FP 3 car attached garage

(B97QUE) 248 363-1200 \$519,900

BIRMINGHAM Charming Vintage Tudor
 With many updates. Newer kit baths electrical and plumbing. Original archways cove ceilings and hardwood flrs. 4BR 2 5BA great location. Large of and more

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Walkout
 Bring your fust est buyer to this elegant colonial. Maple cabinets/kitchen granite in all baths. 2 story family room w/wooded views New deck & brick paved 3 car garage G and master suite Freshly painted

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BLOOMFIELD TWP Approx 1 1/2 Acres
 Outstanding rca of turn of the 20th century o g na farmhouse. Mstr BR suite added in 1990's w skylight gas log FP & Palladium windows overlooking backyard gas den & pool 3 c gar w/office upstairs

(B43ADA) 248 524 1600 \$865,000

OAKLAND TWP Prime Wooded Lot
 Peaceful & class Gorgeous walk out Colon a on prem at. Beautifully decorated w/ wdg. Putney Ba n colors. Luxy mstr ste w huge walk in closets. Fantastic fin walkout bsmt w/bath bar office media area

(B06FAW) 248 652 8000 \$499,950

COMMERCER TWP Lakefront
 All Sports Lake Sherwood Open layout and unique architecture. 3 BR 2 5 BA custom built has 1st flr mstr suite w/beck overlooking water Large high lot Sandy beach over 120 ft. of frontage Spectacular views

(B21ECON) 248 363 1200 \$550,00

OAKLAND Gorgeous
 4BR 3 1BA Colonial kit w/granite and bu l brary & GR w/wood floor FP Fin LL w/out w/media area 2nd kt & more Beautiful n ground pool on private road w/only 3 houses

(B97SNE) 248-642-8100 \$648,500

SOUTH LYON Classic Custom Cape Cod
 Two toned che y cabinets granite countertops uppg add tr m & moudng t/o Two story GR w/large stone faced FP & custom mantle 4 car ga insulated and fin shed Pa k like yard w/mature trees 27 hole golf course

(F60POI) 248 349 5600 \$694,900

COMMERCER TWP Spectacular Location
 On all sports main lake cu de sac w th ng pond pool 3 ca att garage patio deck t k bar boat ho st fin shed walk out cover level. Master bath w sauna Gas f ep ace n GR and FR Newer roof

(B92RAV) 248 524 1600 \$749,900

ROCHESTER Warm and Inviting
 This gorgeous home has a remodeled kitchen w granite counters hcky cabinets & stainless steel appliances Two story foyer and fam y room w/freplace fin basement w wet ba and na f bath

(B41WYN) 248 652 8000 \$444,900

SOUTHFIELD Beautiful House
 Approx 3/75 acres lots could be split into 4 cts. Fin basement repaced carpet 6 bedrooms 3 baths 3 half baths swimming pool 5 car detached garage and 4 car attached garage. Located in the heart of the city

(B00COR) 248-626-8800 \$1,100,000

BIRMINGHAM Rebuilt Walk to Town
 Beautiful home Three BRs with catted a ce l ngs 3 full BAs & 1 half bath kitchen with granite counters & Jenn Air SS appls MBR suite with walk in closet own laundry area & FP Hardwood floors & cedar deck

(B76BAT) 248 642-8100 \$623,313

ORCHARD LAKE House on 2 Sports Lakes
 Upper strats & Orchard Lakes 2+ wooded acres 6BR 3 5BA 2 FP cathedra ceilings huge DR & office La ge Deck garden paths gazebo 2 boat docks & privacy Dr g owners hate to leave in a awesome pace

(47OLD) 248 349 5600 \$1,875,000

SHELBY TWP Gorgeous
 four bedroom b ck Colonial built n 2002. The ee full baths two lvs l brary d n g room v ng com g eat com FFL and ext a deep daylight basement. Two sto y foyer w dual sta case 3 1/2 c att s de ent y garage

(B37SWA) 248 524 1600 \$499,900

BRUCE TWP Peaceful
 Near y 5 acres on a quarter m e from Oakland County 4 bedrooms 2 5 baths paved roads a ge poe barri lin g mound pool Ho da room f eplice updates w windows doo s fu nace k tchen baths carpet and f oo ng

(B01HEN) 248 652 8000 \$439,000

FARMINGTON HILLS Executive Condo
 Detached site condo w/all services provided. Located in very small Farmington Hills enclave. 3 levels total over approx 4,000 sq ft. Every amny huge w rdows high ceilings Jacuzzi tub. Must be seen. Owner proud to sell

(B42CRO) 248-626-8800 \$500,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS A Must See
 This 4BR 3 5BA home has many w rdows facing treed lot approx 1 acre private cul de sac location w/pan up north feel. Elegant decor w/wood met kt updated baths large patio off FR brick walk & ne ve landscap ng

(B45WES) 248 642 8100 \$579,900

NORTHVILLE Welcome to Paradise
 Nestled on approx 5 acres of well cared for grounds. Tennis court gazebo. Heistone fountain area flagstone walkways through the ring ter a n. Five bed rooms & 4 baths & mo e. A spectacu ar te & home w/ebbed tub granite n kit plus much mo e

(B00SHE) 248 349 5600 \$1,900,000

TROY New Construction
 with Toy schoos 4 bedrooms 3 5 baths ceramic aund y foyer kitchen nook & powder room maple cabinets granite countertops master suite w/jetted tub and sep shower. Forma DR b 3 c s de entry gar

(B89EVA) 248 524 1600 \$524,900

ROCHESTER Dynamic
 4 bed colonial. Grand foyer w th soaring ceilings and hardwood floors lead ng you to dynamic great room walls w w rdows overlooking commons area kit features stainless steel appliances & chie y cabinets

(B77WER) 248 652 8000 \$424,900

NOVI Square Mile of Backyard
 Lake fronted from the best of homes. 4 BR 4 BA over 4000 sq ft. Bu lt n 1997 w/love & best products. Move in & use the ake all sports 870 acres ski kayak entertain from 3 decks or just relax & watch long sunsets

(B12EAS) 248 626-8800 \$1,200,000

BIRMINGHAM Uniquely Beautiful
 3BR 3BA home w/prof landscapng yard and Koi pond. Remodeled in 01 transformed into a showplace. Maple cabinets built in appliances in kitchen and filled w/top of the line amenities

(B17HAL) 248 642 8100 \$569,799

CANTON Custom Built Home in 2005
 New const on approx 1 acre lot offers 4 BR 3 5 BA 4 c att gar & full W/O bsmt. Foyer opens to former DR & L b open staircase to lower level. LR w/FP mstr ste w/ebbed tub granite n kit plus much mo e

(B50ROL) 734 455 5600 \$1,080,000

TROY Spacious Colonial
 This spacious West Troy Co on al has 4 bedrooms 2 5 baths & back to the woods. Beautiful landscap ng two c att gar aft ds of updates. Freshly painted n neutral tones. Berber carpet A+ award winning new Troy H S

(B04LAN) 248 524 1600 \$429,900

COMMERCER Lake Sherwood Lakefront
 Gorgeous 2 story Co on al has the most beautiful wew of Lake Sherwood 2 fu naces upstairs laundry Extra ga age Lower level w great room and 2nd kitchen and fu bath Sun com This s a must see home

(B16DR) 248 363 1200 \$859,900

TROY Lots of Extras
 Beautiful 4 BR ranch w/all the extras and fab wvw of Cass Lk. All sports lake A must see. Great for entertaining entry level has open floor plan 3 car garage cath ceilings & skylights W Bloomf eld Schools

(B96ISL) 248-626-8800 \$649,900

BEVERLY HILLS Spacious Home
 Classically designed Cathedral ceiling and fireplace in GR MBR ste w/window seat and 2 WICs 2nd BR w/bay window and private bath 2nd 1 off opens to GR and 2 car att gar. Professional landscap ng

(B10VIL) 248 642-8100 \$459,900

PLYMOUTH Open House 1 4 PM
 5 bd m 4 bath 19th centu y co on al on approx 2 9 acres. Great mstr bedrm hrowd f s count y rt & forma din rm Pond deck & gazebo A must see

(B66HOM) 734 455 5600 \$519,900

BLOOMFIELD TWP Well Cared For
 Co onal w/pool a floo plan 4 bed rooms 3 5 baths fin basement deck and private yard stand kitchen w/pant y GR w/jetted ceiling MBR w/ess ng area tub & showe. Ne ce location ng eat family sub

(B19HIC) 248 524 1600 \$480,000

COMMERCER Quality Lake Sherwood
 Enjoy lake ont v ng n ths contemporary 5BR 3 5BA 2 FP's F st flr mstr ste w/jazz tub & sep glass block shower Fin LL offers fu bath wet ba & k tobacnette 3+ att c gar C y water/sew Huron Valley Schools

(B01COM) 248 363 1200 \$839,900

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Renovated
 4 BR home s th gh on approx 3/4 acre treed lot. Huge mstr ste addtion w/den/home office K t w/water cabinetry & appliances hardwood flrs stand Formal DR & LR w/freplace Fin LL w/o 3 car garage

(B40KEN) 248 626 8800 \$634,900

BIRMINGHAM Stunning
 3BR 2BA charmer walk to town schools and parks. Never custom kit w/granite counters and SS appls. Updates incl furn A/C plumbing electrical and bath. Priced to sel

(B67MAR) 248 642-8100 \$433,900

PLYMOUTH Elegant Woodlure South
 2 sto y on 1 bed cu de sac Full back front Foyer w curved staircase hardwood flrs GR w/ceah cal full windows marble trim gas FP form DR & LR kt w che ry cabinets k st a sa open to sun rm mst w/st a ea 3 c gar

(B99MAR) 734 455 5600 \$529,000

SHELBY TWP Entertainer's Delight
 Four BR 3 5 bath Colonial w/an open 1 1/2 pan hrowd flrs glamour kitchen w/but o's pantry g eat room w/freplace bary elegant MBR suite la ge bonus room daylight basement & 3+ c gar Qua ty home

(B15HAW) 248 524 1600 \$569,000

COMMERCER Pine Cove Villas
 Come lot Spectacular a gence A br ck home 1st flr mstr ste extens ve use of marble t/o Ve y large home w/supe b quality ake pvs & pa k on Lower Straits Tennis courts too 3BR 2 5BA See this one frst

(B85RAN) 248 363 1200 \$799,604

ROCHESTER HILLS Great Family Home
 Fin bsmt bridge over foyer & LR marble floor 3 1 BA skylghts t/o kitchen w/island & Jen Air appliances 2 FP's l brary w/glass French doors master BR w/cath ceiling jet tub his & her WICs 2 add BRs in bsmt

(B05SIL) 248 626-8800 \$444,900

BINGHAM FARMS Beautiful Yard
 Landscaped over 1 acre on private wooded lane w/Birmingham Schools 3BR 2BA ranch w/plenty of room to expand. Open floor plan and great curb appeal. A must see

(B50BRI) 248 642-8100 \$429,900

SUPERIOR TWP Surround Yourself
 w th nature s t ng on app ox 14 ac es. Th s 2001 Cape Cod offe s 3 bed ms 2 5 baths mstr w/WC & garden tub. D n rm w vew from deck also 2 5 c att ga huge extra deep w/ak out cover level & more

(B44HAR) 734 455 5600 \$488,500

ROCHESTER Elegant Home in Woods
 Luxu y amenities t/o nested on wooded acre of Fin shed walk out basement w kitchen bath and bed room. Volume ceilings many rooms w/dwd flrs. Master bed room w/FP and s tng area

(B25SPR) 248 652 8000 \$735,000

WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Home
 Not a d ve by Walled Lake Schools. W B com fed 3BR 3 5BA beauty is and kt w g ante hrowd flrs 1st flr mstr ste w/p balcony Fin w/o LL w/wet bar surround sound exer area. Ext decking. mch more

(B11GRR) 248 363 1200 \$659,900

WEST BLOOMFIELD Sitting Majestically
 on a hill w/wews of Walnut Lk 2 sty foyer circ stars marble ceramic t/o DR w/butlers pantry kit & bkst rm w/2 way FP to FR FP MBR BAs LL walkout w/FP kit sauna door to patio hot tub. Decks private balconies

(B96WAB) 248 626 8800 \$1,575,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Done to Perfection
 5BR 2 2 renovated Co onia Approx acre lake beach and a very private lot. Granite SS oak cherry & hrowd flrs French doors to deck FFL poss b e n law site and MBR w/Jacuzzi. Fin bsmt w/wet bar sauna more

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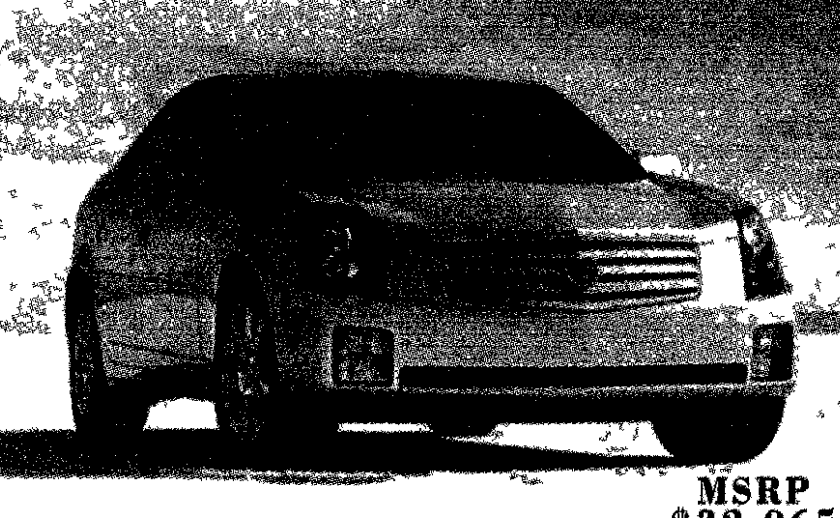
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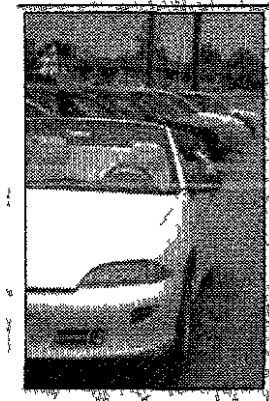
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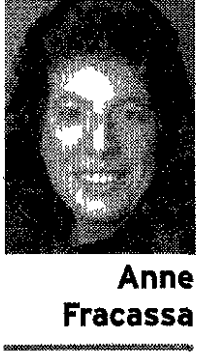
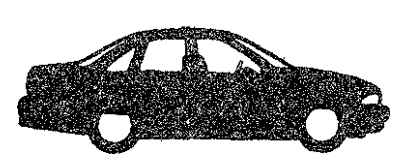
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Auto columnist Anne Fracassa is at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. This week's column is written by Dave Menard, her colleague at Avanti News Features.

Here's a news flash: gasoline prices are sky high and show no signs of dropping any time soon. That means you might have to ditch your SUV in favor of something smaller, right? Not necessarily, friend. You can get good mileage in an SUV, plus get a tax credit, with the 2006 Lexus RX 400h.

The RX 400h is a gasoline-electric engine hybrid (hence the "h" after the 400 model number) and as such, qualifies for a tax credit under the Working Families Relief Act of 2004. I'm not going to play tax advisor here, but if you're interested in the RX 400h, you might want to speak to your tax man about whether you can get that \$2,000 credit.

Tax issues taken care of, let's get to the RX 400h itself. The RX 400h is a mid-sized SUV and has a sharp, clean look. It comes with HID headlamps with auto leveling, fog lamps integrated into the front bumper, power liftgate, an integrated rear spoiler, privacy glass, roof rack and graphite polished aluminum alloy wheels.

The hybrid engine is a combination of a 3.3-liter V6 gasoline engine and a pair of electronically-driven motors, and delivers a combined horsepower of 268 and 212 lb.-ft. of torque at 4400 rpm, while still EPA rated at 31/27 mpg. The batteries that charge the electric part of the engine are recharged during normal driving, and you can monitor the engine status on a screen in the dash. The RX 400h comes with an electronically-controlled continuously variable transmission, with planetary gear unit for gear reduction and power splitting, and electronic all-wheel drive control. There's just the slightest hesitation if you mash the accelerator, and downshifting back into the lower gears is slightly more noticeable, but for normal driving and passing, the



2006 Lexus 400h. Vehicle class: Special purpose. Where built: Kyushu, Japan. Mileage: 31/27. Base price: \$48,535. Price as tested: \$52,703

setup performs very well. The ride is smooth and quiet, as you would expect from a Lexus. The suspension system consists of a McPherson strut system with coil springs up front, and dual link struts with coil springs in the rear. Lexus has given the RX 400h what it calls a Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management System (VDIM) to handle and coordinate stability, traction management and braking functions. The Electronically Controlled Brake system (EBS) controls the others and will correct vehicle behavior before it becomes unstable (now how do we get the function for people?). The system functions very well, braking is excellent and the vehicle handles quite well.

Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard. The turning circle is a bit large, but this is, after all, still an SUV.

Being an SUV, there's plenty of room for cargo, both human and otherwise. With the rear seats folded down, you can get almost 85 cu ft of cargo room. Leg, head and shoulder room are plentiful. The power leather seats adjust 10 ways, for the driver, and eight ways for the passenger, and are quite comfortable, it's easy to get good driving position. Heated front seats are an option. There are plenty of cupholders and a center console storage box.

The RX 400h is full of luxury features, so you're comfortable while you save the environment. Dual climate control system, power windows and locks, power tilt steering wheel, moonroof, cruise control, automatic

headlights, programmable garage door opener, are all standard. Also standard is an integrated navigation system with rear back up camera (which should be standard on every car), Bluetooth, voice activation, and the above mentioned energy use meters for the hybrid engine.

The standard audio system is six-disc CD system, combined with an AM/FM tuner and six speakers. An upgraded Mark Levinson system (Mark Levinson is a company that produces high-end audio-video equipment for the home theater market) is available and it sounds wonderful. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system is available for when the kids are driving you bonkers.

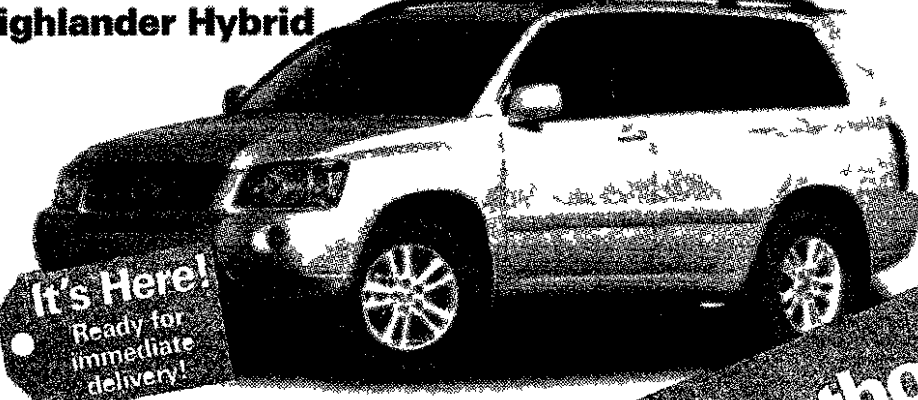
Even though the kids may be driving you bonkers, you still might want to protect them, and there are some solid safety features on the RX 400h. It comes with driver's knee airbag, front seat mounted side impact airbags, and front and rear side curtain shield airbags. You'll also get a theft deterrent system, and a full-sized spare tire.

Saving the environment in this kind of style doesn't come cheap - the RX 400h starts at about \$48,500. Add the rear DVD system, upgraded audio and the heated seats and you're a little over \$50,000. But this is a Lexus, and you're getting great mileage with an SUV. And maybe that tax credit will help.

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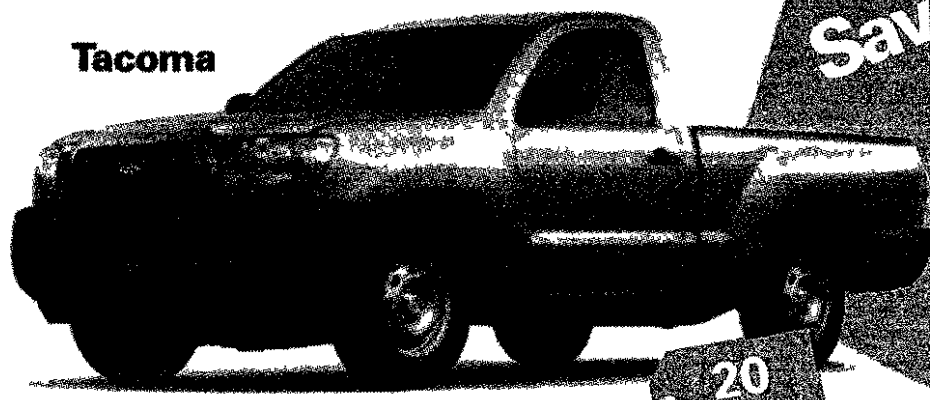
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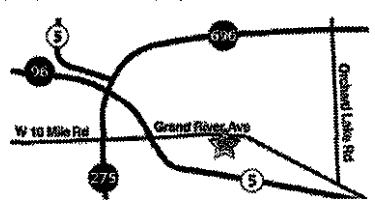


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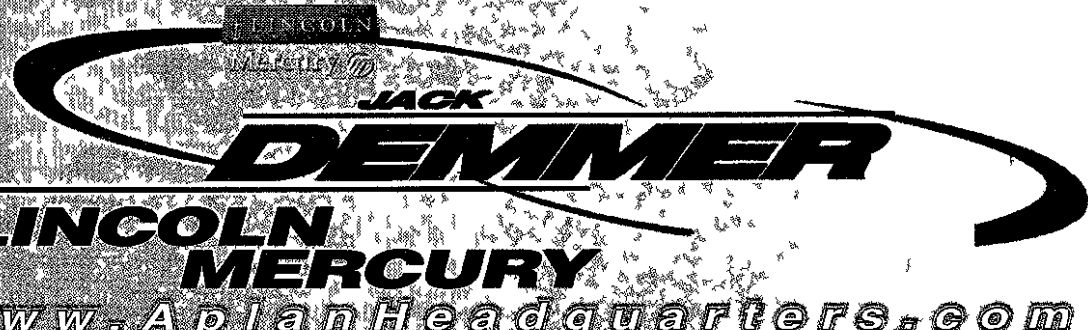
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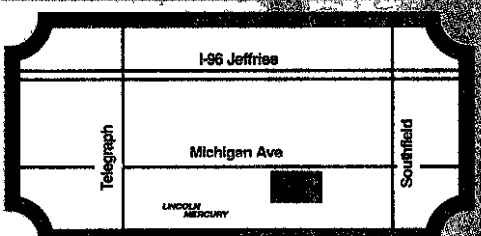
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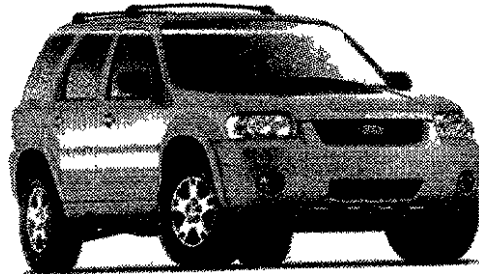


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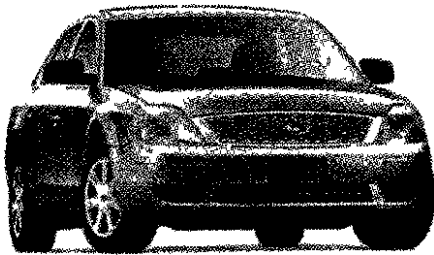


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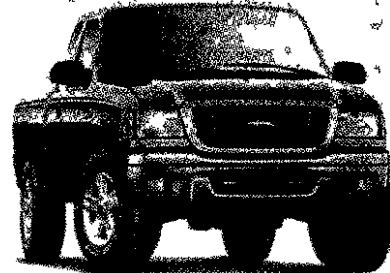


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Leather AM/FM CDx6 MP3 with audiophile sound system 18 aluminum wheels traction control power windows power locks power seats

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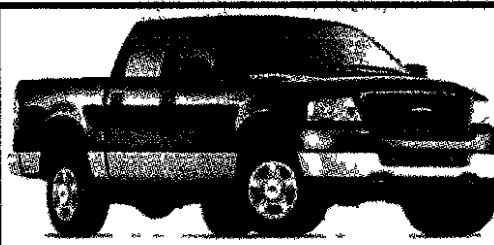


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Limited AWD

Leather AM/FM CDx6 MP3 w/audiophile sound system 18 aluminum wheels continuously variable trans traction control, P/W & P/L power seats

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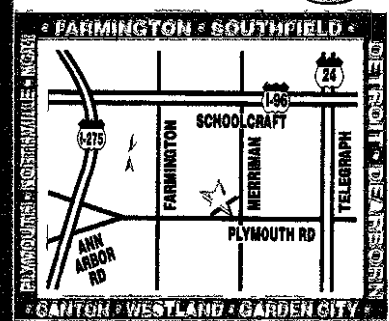
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