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Senate bill would delay school

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Public schools in Michigan will be required to extend summer vacation through Labor Day if legislation passed Tuesday by the state Senate is approved by the House - as expected - and signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The Senate voted 21-17 to approve the bill, which is intended to help boost the state's tourism industry by stretching the summer travel season. State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, was one of only four Republicans who voted against the bill, which was passed mostly along party lines.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan calls the bill both a blessing and a curse.

"It's a blessing if school starts after Labor Day because it gives us more time to complete summer building projects," said Ryan. "It's a curse because then we have to decide if we're going to extend the school year or make longer days."

There are students who are already committed to band and athletics, and are back at school in the middle of August," he said. "I think it's a local control issue."

Most Michigan school districts begin classes in late August. State law prohibits schools from holding classes the Friday before Labor Day.

Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said in light of this summer's construction projects at Allen, Bird and Smith elementaries - as well as future construction projects - which were completed only days before classes started, he likes the legislation.

"That way we won't have construction workers in buildings at the same time as teachers, who were trying to get their classrooms

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Adam Nolan loads hurricane recovery supplies as friends and members of the Nolan family get ready for a trip down south to help Hurricane Katrina victims

More than just New Orleans

Local family helps Katrina's lesser-known victims

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast more than three weeks ago, most of the national attention has been on major areas like New Orleans or Biloxi, Miss.

Plymouth Township resident Pat Nolan and his wife, Lisa, know it's lesser-known towns - places like Lakeshore, La., and Clermont, Miss. - that were smacked the hardest, are getting the least attention and, most importantly, need the most help.

Pat Nolan's family has had a home in that area for some 45 years, and the Nolans know how much help is needed in an area that looked Katrina dead in the eye. That's why the Nolans were on

PLEASE SEE KATRINA, A4



Volunteers line up to load shovels, rakes, pruning saws and many other tools useful for the massive clean-up

County set to expand Beck Road

Center turn lane among improvements

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Drivers using Beck Road to get around construction on Sheldon might want to think about other options.

Wayne County officials are set to start construction today (Thursday) on a widening and repaving project on Beck Road at Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township, a projected six-week program designed to add a turn lane and put down new pavement.

According to Plymouth Township officials, the county will close Ann Arbor Trail in both directions on Beck for about six weeks.

The project will result in a center turn lane for both north and southbound Beck. Township supervisor Richard Reaume said the project will be completed in two phases. The closing of Ann Arbor Trail for the duration, and the milling and repaving of the road.

While Ann Arbor Trail will be closed in both directions, Reaume said, traffic on Beck will be maintained.

Because of the busy traffic flow on Beck, the county is going to do its best to keep traffic flowing," Reaume said.

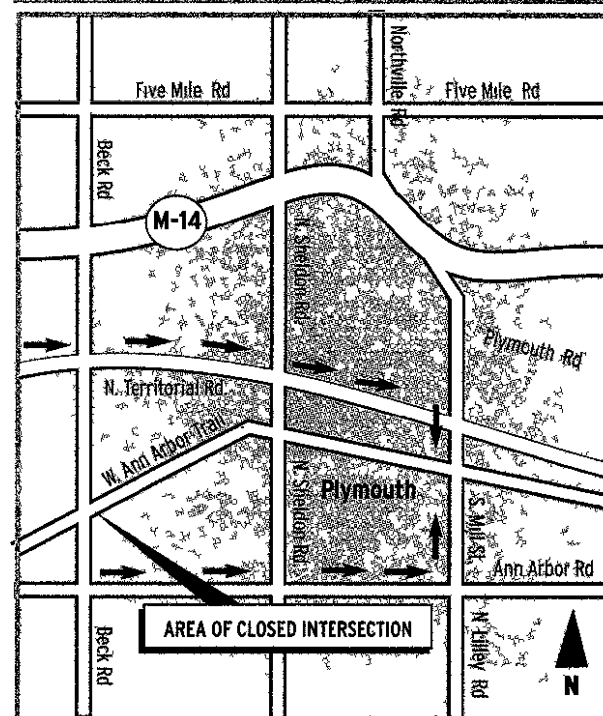
Wayne County officials will post Ann Arbor Road as the detour, and Plymouth Township police are hoping drivers will use the official detour rather than cutting through subdivisions.

But drivers may be finding those alternatives a bit congested, because they were already using Beck as an alternative to driving Sheldon, which is under construction for lane-widening from Ann Arbor Trail north to the CSX crossing.

"We're definitely encouraging people to use the detours and not use the residential subdivisions to create their own pathways," Chief Tom Tiderrington said. "That could create traffic hazards and be potentially dangerous to pedestrians. We hope drivers will follow the detour."

BACKED UP ON BECK

Ann Arbor Trail is expected to be closed in both directions at Beck Rd for 6 to 8 weeks. Plymouth Township officials are suggesting Ann Arbor Rd and N Territorial Rd as alternate routes.



Striking mechanics target local real estate firm

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The bad blood brewing between Northwest Airlines and its mechanics union spilled into the Plymouth-Canton area this week when striking mechanics conducted an informational picket in front of a Plymouth real estate firm.

More than a dozen members of Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association Local 5 carried picket signs in front of Coldwell Banker Preferred on Ann Arbor Road Tuesday. They said they were protesting the return to work of Bob Beeler of Canton, whom the union says is a Coldwell Banker Realtor who is also a member of the

mechanics union. However, they may have targeted the firm for no reason. According to officials at Coldwell, Beeler has no real connection with the firm other than the fact his wife works there. That left management at the real estate firm angry and perplexed.

"(Beeler) is an assistant who helps his wife in his off-hours, his wife is the Realtor," said owner Jim Stevens. "In fact, we have a number of agents whose husbands are members of the UAW and other unions. It's unfortunate (strikers) chose to paint us with a broad brush as not supporting them."

Northwest Airlines mechanics

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Striking members of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association Local 5 picket outside a real estate office along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

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Chamber space

While waiting for its new offices on Ann Arbor Trail to open, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has moved to a temporary location on the second floor of the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey

The chamber will be located in Suite 208, with its normal hours of operation 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone and fax numbers remain the same (734) 453-1540 and (734) 4563-1724, respectively

The chamber's new permanent mailing address will be 850 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170

Katrina choir

When the Plymouth-Canton Choir and Orchestra open their 2005-06 concert series Oct. 11, the concert will have more than just a musical impact

The choirs and orchestra will combine for the concert and donate 50 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina victims

The concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School. Seats are not reserved, and tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per adult, \$4 for students, child and seniors, with a family rate of \$10

For more information and other concert dates, visit the Web site calendar at http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pccp/calendars/calSchool.asp

Senior health

Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts a Senior Health and Wellness

Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13

The event features free blood pressure tests, hearing tests, blood sugar screening, bone density tests, advice on Medicare prescriptions and a sample chiropractic massage. Flu shots will be available for \$29 (free with Medicare Plan B). The church is looking for nurses to volunteer to help administer the shots

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, and include lunch. Plymouth First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial. For more information, call (734) 453-5280

'Hardball' forum

State Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township), leads a discussion regarding higher education funding and affordability from 7-9 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the James Madison College at Michigan State University

"There is a direct relationship between the state of Michigan funding of higher education and keeping tuition down," said Stewart, chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education

Stewart will also sponsor public forums Sept. 26 at Central Michigan University and Sept. 29 at Eastern Michigan University

Mom-to-mom sale

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples holds their Fall/Winter Sale from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill, north of Ann Arbor Road

The event features department-style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to size 7, maternity

clothing, toys and baby gear. There will also be a bake sale. Admission is \$1 for adults. Cash only and no strollers, please

Chorus auditions

The Plymouth Community Chorus holds auditions for the 2005-2006 concert season for new members on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005

Auditions are by appointment only at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center on the corner of Center and 8 Mile in Northville. Auditions start at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the chorus at (734) 416-9885

Craft fair

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

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

Symphony volunteers

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is ready to start its 60th season, and is hoping people in the community will help celebrate the milestone by volunteering

Volunteers are needed to promote upcoming events and concerts. Volunteer responsibilities include helping with mailings, hanging posters, Web site assistance, ushering at concerts, data entry, hosting a fund-raising event, planning after-concert parties and publicity. Committees are also looking for volunteers. The Symphony offers free admission to volunteers for season subscription concerts. To participate or for more information, e-mail info@plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112

Chili cookoff

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, which formerly made Plymouth its home, makes its debut at the Washtenaw Farm Council



Live on stage

On Oct. 7, the down home funk and grass sounds of "Back Forty" will fill the halls at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth. As part of the "First Friday" series, the Plymouth Community Arts Council welcomes this up-and-coming group of young musicians to the stage. The evening starts at 7 p.m. with "Fear No Art," an ongoing opportunity for high school and college students to exhibit art, perform poetry, and play music in an "artistic" environment. "Back Forty" will take the stage at 9 p.m. to finish off the evening. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the Arts Council or by calling (734) 416-4278

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

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

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Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators

Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet 7-8:45 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 Cochran 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. - 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

Radio fund-raiser

WSDP teams up with Parisian for the station's Celebrate Education fund-raiser from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Station members are selling \$5 tickets that provide the buyer with 20-percent discounts off almost any item in the store, including rarely discounted merchandise, during the event. The station gets to keep the \$5 for each ticket sold

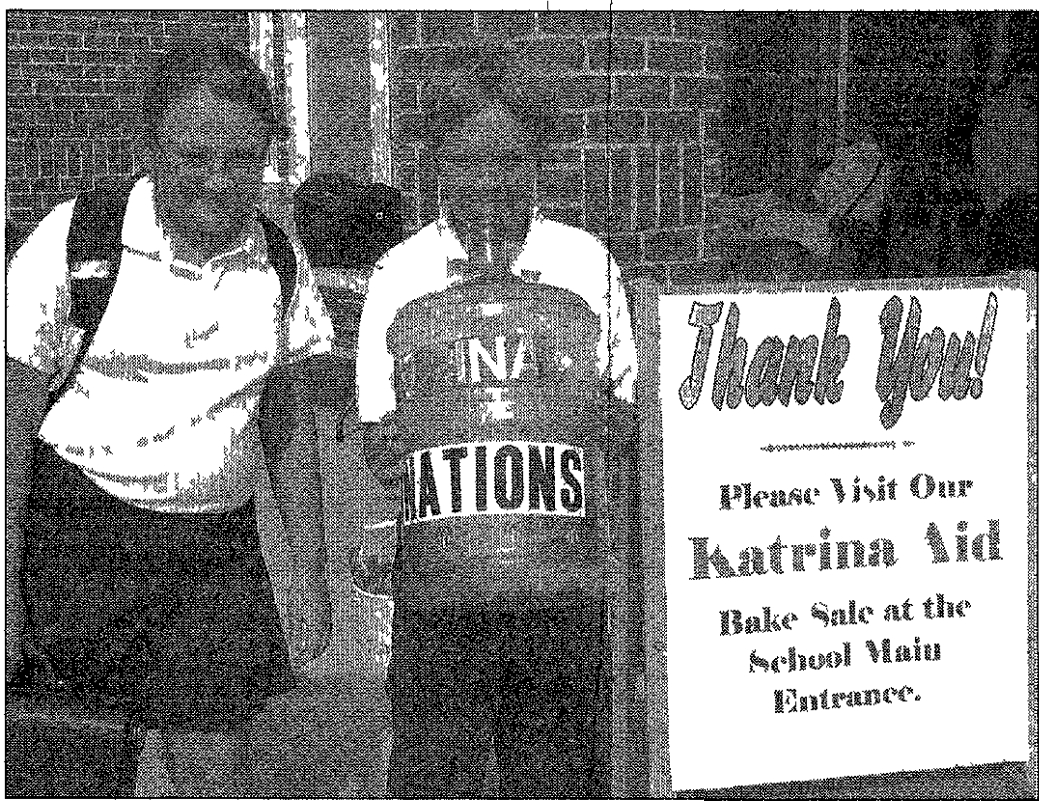
If each of our staff members sells five tickets, we'll raise \$500," station manager Bill Keith said

"We're using our proceeds to upgrade or purchase a new computer for our production studio

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

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Emily and Andy Finch of Plymouth pass a donation bucket at Canton Charter Academy's fund-raiser

'Giving of themselves'

Local students get involved in relief efforts

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

What do cookies, a good laugh and an afternoon walk have in common? They're just some of the activities that kids in Plymouth and Canton have been doing to raise money for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

The 680 elementary students at Canton Charter Academy raised \$730 for the Salvation Army's hurricane relief fund by holding a bake sale on Sept. 13.

"We had two things going on at the same time. One was a car wash, in which the students were raising money for a Mackinac Island Field Trip in May," said Principal Claudia Williamson. "The other was the bake sale, which was held at the same time as the car wash."

Dodson - K-5 kids, 700 students, raising money walking during their recess Thursday, Sept. 15.

Just a few days later 700 students at Dodson Elementary, at Beck and Cherry Hill, put on comfortable shoes and hit the bricks (or rather, playground grass) to do their share.

Students there held a fundraiser in which they took pledges and walked the playground during their recess period in order to raise money for hurricane relief.

Before the walk even started, students got to work raising money.

"In my class we've already raised more than \$40 and we



Krista Spaulding of Canton buys baked goods from Chelsea Mc Bay-Canton. Emily and Andy Finch of Plymouth

just started a couple of days ago," said Dana Chicken, student council coordinator and fourth grade teacher, the Friday before the fundraiser.

Though the money is still trickling in, Chicken has high hopes that the fundraiser will go well. Dodson students raised \$1,500 for the tsunami relief effort, as well as \$800 for the Humane Society after Hurricane Charley struck in Florida last year.

"We wanted to do something to get the kids community-oriented. But we didn't want them to just drop off money. Recess is a big thing for kids at this age, so they're really giving something of themselves," said Shelley Atwell, Dodson fourth grade teacher.

Later this month, a group

of local teens will do their part, tackling funny bones and raising money as the Plymouth Canton Educational Parks Improv Troupe, Sketchy At Best, will hold a performance at The Village Theater and Cherry Hill and donate all proceeds to Red Cross hurricane relief.

The show will be 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Tickets are \$5. Sketchy at Best's show last year brought in \$1,000, so the troupe hopes to raise even more for hurricane relief, according to the group's advisor, Evin Green.

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Board iffy on future bond

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education was presented with preliminary details of a \$95 million bond proposal Tuesday night, several trustees appeared a bit squeamish about such a large number, considering it was only last year voters approved \$109 million in bonds for a new elementary school in Canton and renovations at most other school buildings.

"On the heels of the \$109 million, which the community graciously passed, I think it's way beyond what this community is going to be able to do again," said trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski.

Vice-president Judy Mardigian isn't making any decisions until all the facts and figures are in, however, she still expressed concern.

"There are definitely some things we need to include in the bond, and there are other items that, to me, get into a gray area of whether or not we can actually sell a bond of that size," said Mardigian.

The Board of Education has begun its due diligence to determine the parameters —

needs and cost — of a future bond issue. While no amount has yet been determined, Superintendent Jim Ryan said earlier he expects it to be in the range of \$85-\$100 million.

That figure could go higher if a career and technical education center is constructed at the high school park to help alleviate what is quickly becoming an overflow situation at the three high schools.

"If we don't do this (career and tech center) and free up rooms, where do we put them (students)?" questioned Trustee Barry Simescu.

"We can't just say we're not going to do anything at the Park."

According to figures presented by Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Patricia Brand, a \$95 million bond issue would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home in the district \$62 annually in additional taxes.

Brand also provided figures for a sinking fund, a millage approved by voters that would allow the district to purchase real estate, install technology and construct and repair buildings without taking money out of the general fund budget.

"It gives you the flexibility to

do the things you should be doing, but haven't had the money to do," she said.

A sinking fund, according to Brand, is generally a quarter-mill to one-mill levy approved by voters. That would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home in the district \$25-\$100 annually, providing the district with \$1.3-\$5.2 million in additional revenue.

Mardigian has been a proponent of a sinking fund in order to free budget money for educational purposes.

"In essence you pay for repairs out that money, instead of taking money out of the classrooms," Mardigian said.

The main elements of a new bond are expected to address the future of Central Middle School, construction of a new middle school in Canton, the future of Starkweather Educational Center and improvements to elementary schools, including additions of separate gyms and cafeterias.

If approved by the Board of Education, a bond issue could be put before voters in May or November 2006.

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Concert raises cash for Katrina victims

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A special Music in the Air concert in Kellogg Park Friday raised more than \$3,400 for the Salvation Army and its drive to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Kelly Boelter of the Plymouth Salvation Army said Community Financial, the main concert sponsor, raised \$887 of that amount by collecting \$75 donations in exchange for blankets and coffee mugs.

Bob Anderson (Plymouth

Downtown Development Authority director) came to me and said 'Let's do it,' said Boelter. "And, the two bands that might played for only expenses."

"The generosity of the Plymouth community never ceases to amaze me," she said.

Other sponsors of the night included Jimmy Johns and the Plymouth A.M. Rotary club.

Boelter said while the money from the Friday night concert will be sent to the national campaign, more than \$2,300 raised during the Plymouth

Fall Festival will remain in the area to help displaced Katrina victims. Boelter said 13 families from hurricane-ravaged areas are being housed by the Salvation Army at the Extended StayAmerica motel in Canton.

All told, with additional money donated to the relief effort, the Plymouth Salvation Army has collected more than \$60,000.

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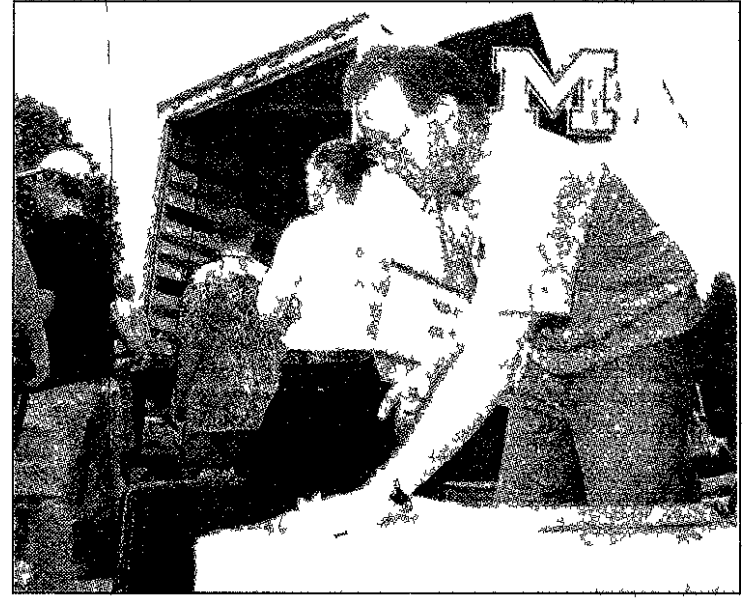
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Canton orthodontist Patrick Nolan tapes up boxes for the journey south to help Hurricane Katrina victims

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their way to Mississippi this week with truckloads full of clothing, toiletries and other items, destined for the storm ravaged area.

There was hardly anything there before the storms, heck, the closest Home Depot type store is 30 miles away, said Lisa Nolan. The eye passed right over it. They think the winds hit 105 mph, the storm surge was 35 feet. There's just nothing left.

Pat Nolan, a Canton orthodontist, comes from a family that has been in New Orleans for some six generations, but the Nolans were focusing on help for friends in other areas because New Orleans was still under water when plans started to develop.

So, while residents of New Orleans wait to get back to their homes - "There's nothing we can do for them yet," Lisa Nolan said - the family concentrates on getting help to the smaller damaged areas. Word spread through the Nolans network of friends, and the couple's garage quickly started filling up with donations.

"We felt like we wanted to do something, we've been so blessed ourselves," Lisa Nolan said. The community there has always been so giving. We felt we could do more for those towns (than places like New Orleans). The eyes of the nation weren't on these little towns. We felt we could make more of a direct impact.

Nolan family friend Pam Butt of Plymouth Township jumped right in when the



Lisa and Patrick Nolan both have family in the area hit by Hurricane Katrina

Nolans decided to help, contributing her efforts in helping sort and load the trucks. The Nolans collected enough bedding, clothing and other items, including rakes, shovels and other tools, not only to fill their own garage, but to take up space at Pat Nolan's Canton offices.

"When we see people in need, if there's a way we can help, we should help," Butt said.

So helping is what the Nolans' trip to the Gulf is all about. They loaded up several 24-foot trucks Monday night, bound for the smaller towns damaged by the hurricane. That doesn't mean, though, that their thoughts are very far away from friends and family in New Orleans.

"We're hoping once our family is a little more settled, we'll be able to get them some help," Lisa Nolan said.

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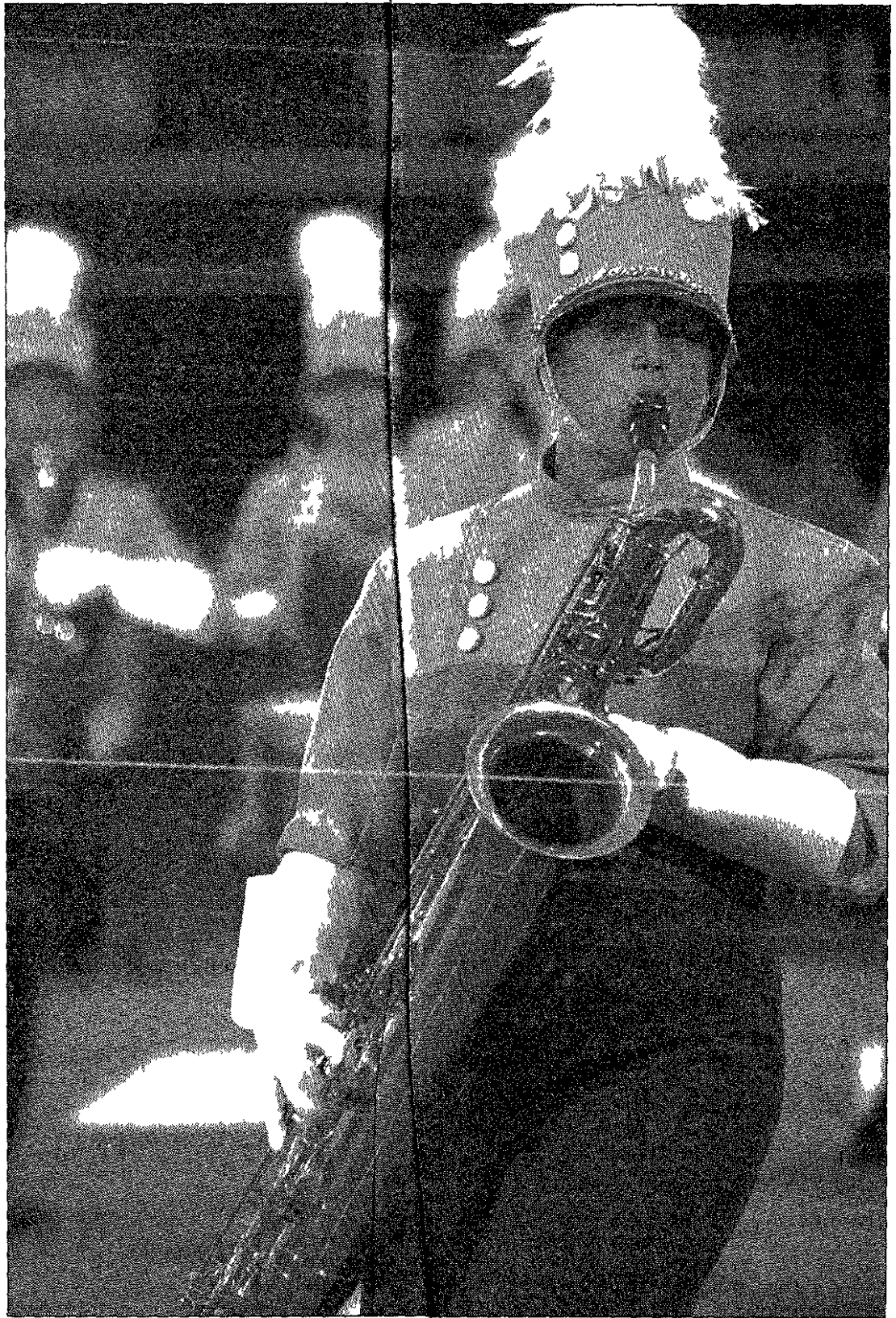
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Andrew Kaump (left), Sarah Jung, Jordan Dix and Myles Aten concentrate on their marimbas while Adrienne Gibson keeps the beat on the timpani during the P-CEP Marching Band's first-place performance at the Michigan Invitational in Flint on Saturday.



Caitlin Thompson belts out the low notes on her baritone sax during P-CEP's production, 'Performing Inside-Out' at the Michigan Invitational in Flint on Saturday. The hometown marchers received the highest score of all eighteen competing bands.

Governor's Trophy home again

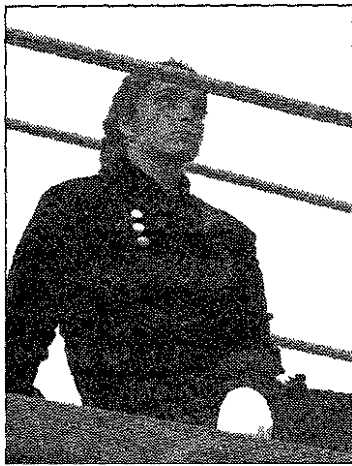
Marchers make grand sweep at season opener

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The 204-member Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band brought home the bling on Saturday when they captured the Flight I first place trophy along with captions for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect, plus the prestigious Governor's Trophy for overall highest score of the 18 competing bands at the Michigan Invitational, hosted by the Flushing Raiders, in Flint's Atwood Stadium.

This marks the 20th time in the 29 years the Governor's Trophy has been awarded that the nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton marchers have landed it in their trophy case.

"For the first show of the season, they did a very good job," said director of bands Marc Whittlock. "I was very happy with their aggression, their assertiveness and their desire to do well. The emotion and the intensity were there



Drum major Jenna Olexsey remains in control as she sits atop the conductor's stand and keeps her back to her band as Plymouth-Canton begins their award-winning competition performance in Flint on Sept. 17.

and it was very apparent on the field. That doesn't mean there weren't mistakes, but their recovery was fast from those mistakes.

Those abilities gave the P-CEPers a lot to smile about after the first official perform-

ance of their 2005 show, 'Performing Inside-Out.' The show starts in an unusual fashion, with no drum major to provide timing for the performers. Designed to illustrate the "Control" the first piece is named for, it also produces unusual challenges.

"It's really unique," said Salem junior Katie Brock, an alto saxophone player. "It's the first time I've ever heard of not having a drum major in the opener. I don't think most people realize what the drum major does for us. It's a lot of work and we had to practice a lot as we took the drum major away little by little."

Salem senior Evan Winter, a trumpeter, concurred with the unique complexity of the show.

"This is a very difficult show, he said. 'The timing has to be internal, coming from the band instead of a drum major.'

Our show is so risky, agreed Whittlock, who said he's amazed by the skills of his performers. It requires a great internal pulse.

For drum major Jenna

Olexsey, a Salem senior, who begins the program sitting on the conductor's stand with her back to her band, it's doubly difficult.

"It's really hard when I feel people pulling back and starting to fall apart," she said. "I want to get up and do something, but I can't. We're getting

a lot better at now, though."

Still, the risk was evident in Saturday's performance when Plymouth-Canton received a 1.7 point penalty for beginning too soon. That hurt them, with a score of 72.75, just a hair's breadth away from second-place South Lyon with a 72.45. Other area bands included

Milford - third, and West Bloomfield - seventh in Flight I, and Lakeland - first in Flight II (flights are determined by school enrollment, not band size, with Flight I the largest schools).

Next up for the P-CEPers is the Livonia Franklin Invitational Sept. 24.

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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 radwan@com-cast.net.

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Group hosts 11th annual toy run

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Organizers have released the following information about the toy run.

A parade of motorcycles with a police escort will leave from Westland City Hall about 12:30 p.m. The parade will move east on Ford, south on Carlson, east on Marquette, south on Newburgh, west on Cherry Hill, north on Beck, east on Six Mile, south on Northville Road, south on Hines Drive,

north on Inkster Road and west on Joy Road to Joy Manor. In case of rain, the parade route would change once it heads south on Hines Drive. It would go east on Ann Arbor Trail, north on Inkster and west on Joy Road.

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■ **BANNED BOOKS WEEK**, Sept 24-Oct 1 — Book lovers can visit the Plymouth District Library and check out any number of books that have been banned over the years. For a list of banned books, stop at the Reader's Advisory desk or go to <http://ala.org/bbooks>

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Sept 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair. Copies of these books are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453 0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE PROGRAM**, Thursday, Sept 29, 1 p m — The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will present this program which brings in representatives from the Social Security Administration and the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program. They will provide information and answer questions about the upcoming Medicare drug program. Registration is requested and can be made through the Council on Aging

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■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP** — No September meeting scheduled. Mark calendars now for the next meeting on Sunday Oct 9 at 1:30 p m. For more information contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548 or donhewlett@aol.com

YOUTH PROGRAMS

■ **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES** Session one, Tuesdays, through Sept 27, 7 p m, Session two Wednesdays Sept 7-28 7 p m — This evening story time can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone (734) 453 0750 Ext 4

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■ **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES**, Wednesdays, through Sept 28 10 a m — The 10 a m session is for children ages 2-3 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

The 11am session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made by telephone (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Sept 26, 10 a m and 11 a m repeated Saturday Oct 1 10 a m — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by

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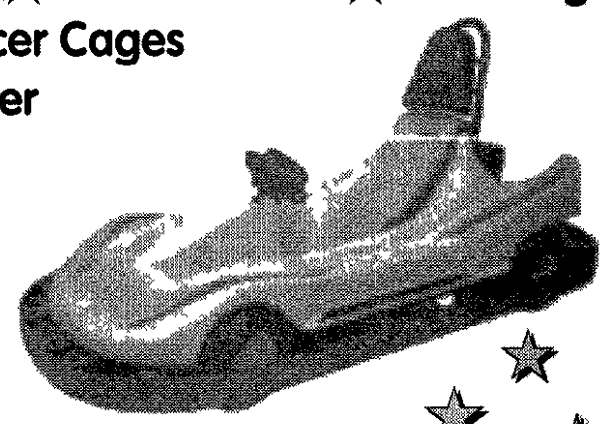


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Norma Beemer
Maybury Farm

BY MAUREEN JOHNSTON
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

The twinkle has returned to Farmer Beemer's eye. He's walking around a century-old barn, putting up hay for the animals and tending to his 28-year old workhorse, "Sarge," more companion now than tool.

The sounds, smell and feel are familiar.

Two-and-a-half years after an unexplained fire destroyed the farm's charming simplicity, intricately orchestrated support has returned life to Maybury Farm.

And starting this week, the farm again will embrace the public.

THE WAY BACK

There's a new farm entrance on Eight Mile Road, east of Napier.

Entry through the welcome center will put return visitors on familiar ground. Newcomers can uncover the region's agricultural roots with Maybury Farm's turn-of-the-century methods.

Cows, horses, pigs, goats and sheep grunt and murmur behind pens, stanchions and stalls in the vintage barn. The coop, spared from the fire, is alive with clucks, squawks and crows.

'HEALING'

John and Norma Beemer hustled the final days before the farm's grand re-opening. Earth movers early this week flattened the dirt paths leading

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to the milkhouse, corn crib, equipment shed.

The excitement is a welcome contrast to the flat patch the Beemers returned to last sum-



Burger Center student and choir member Carlin Tressler, 7, was chosen to give a stocking of money from a fund-raiser at the school to Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation for the rebuilding of Maybury Farm. The fund-raiser collected more than \$700.

mer. The void where the barn had stood for a century was a reminder of life lost there during a 2003 fire.

For 25 years, the couple lived at the farm, raising their children there, running the farm and sharing the concept of living from the land with a stream of visitors from throughout southeastern Michigan.

"It is something good coming out of something bad," Norma Beemer said. "It's a way for us to work through the devastation of the fire. It's healing."

Norma still chokes up at the memory of the barns returning to the site last August. When luxury home builder Toll Brother donated two barns from a Novi development site, the project turned a corner.

"This has been our goal to see it happening, to have it open," she said. "When you think of only a year, a lot has been done in a year's time. It wouldn't have happened if everyone hadn't pulled together."

IN DUE TIME

Returning the old barns framework to usable condition didn't allow Beemer to fully till the farm's 50 acres this season.

Corporate, individual donations fund farm

BY MAUREEN JOHNSTON
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Every two weeks since Maybury Farm burned, a \$2 money order arrived from Mount Clemens.

That woman's contribution and every other has counted toward the re-opening of the vintage farm this week, said Shari Peters, Northville Community Foundation president. The non-profit agency that rebuilt Maybury Farm officially invited the public back Tuesday.

"This has been no easy job," Peters said. "This has been one horrendous job for a woman who is not a builder. It's been an incredible journey to see how many people will reach out to you."

Corporations contributed more than \$1 million in products and services, Peters said. Cash contributions have helped get the operation up and running.

"I look over there and it's just a small miracle," Peters said. "It's a huge day and my hat is off to all 24 communities that donated. We'd never be opening without them."

From the moment the smoke cleared following a

February 2003 fire, the community rallied around the effort. School coin collections, spaghetti fund-raisers and larger donations pooled funds toward the goal to rebuild.

Likewise, the sweat and effort came from all corners of the community.

Farmer John and Norma Beemer watched countless volunteers work toward returning the popular community attraction.

"Everybody with different skills has come together," Norma said. "People have always really taken ownership of the farm."

"That's what we always tried to stress — this is their farm."

When the foundation and the Department of Natural Resources announced a 15-year lease of the farm land in 2003, state officials cited the local organization's ability to tap into community support, volunteers and business connections.

The state maintains ownership of the park land, while putting control of the farm in local hands.

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But farm operations are grinding ahead.

Hundred-year-old, hand-hewn beams shelter dozens of Maybury farm animals. The memorial rubble of the fire's devastation is nearly cleared. "We'll get the fields back to where they were before," he said. "It takes time."

Beemer proudly handles the plow his granddaddy bought in 1900, as he works the soil true to traditional methods.

"I do as much work with the horses as I can," Beemer said. Depending on the chores of the day, visitors might see the farmer binding corn, baling hay or collecting eggs.

MANY LESSONS

Rebuilding the farm allowed time to rethink the hands-on programs initiated in 1975.

Prior to the fire, farm hands led visitors through the purpose of each animal, crop and product.

Topics covered with visiting classrooms — tapping maple trees and historical farming to sheep shearing and plants and food — now will consider curriculum requirements, said Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, the non-profit agency supervising the farm's operation.

Representatives from Northville, Novi, South Lyon, and Plymouth school districts helped develop educational programming, Peters said. Retired teacher Norma Beemer will lead the visitors.

The foundation invited more than 20 school districts from throughout southeastern Michigan to bring students to the farm, Peters said. Teachers have responded, scheduling visits.

"We'll let them know what's going on and they can make a

decision what they want to come out for," she said. Also planned in the coming months: programming designed with senior input, including crafts, short garden walks, square dancing and healthy eating.

"We're really going to have something going on about every weekend," Peters said.

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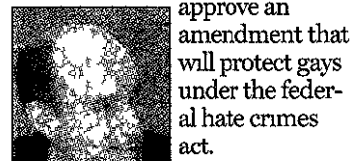
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Conservative group attacks McCotter vote to protect gays

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Lavonia), is being attacked by a conservative group for voting to



McCotter

approve an amendment that will protect gays under the federal hate crimes act. The American Family Association of Michigan sent out an e-mail Monday saying that McCotter's vote 'threatens the religious free speech rights of Americans who believe such behavior is morally wrong'.

The amendment to the Children's Safety Act was offered by Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit. On Sept. 14, the House voted 371-52 in favor of the act which

creates a national Web site for sex offenders and mandatory penalties for failing to comply. The Conyers amendment expands protection for gays under the federal hate crimes law.

McCotter was one of 30 Republicans who joined 194 Democrats in approving the amendment which passed 224 to 197.

I think in the end we have to be honest with ourselves and admit that gays are especially vulnerable and targeted, McCotter said Tuesday.

He said the hate crimes laws which he supported as a state legislator, protect police officers, African Americans and others who are specifically targeted for abuse.

As an outspoken opponent of gay marriage, I have to recognize the concerns of gays," he said. "I hate the sin. I oppose gay mar-

riage, but I also oppose anyone who would harm them.

The AFA argues that the amendment violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution. The organization also argues that it is a violation of free speech.

Rep. McCotter's vote also puts at risk the religious free speech rights of Christians and others who believe homosexual behavior is destructive and morally wrong, said Gary Glenn, president of the AFA in a statement.

McCotter said he disagreed with that interpretation and he added that the American Civil Liberties Union wouldn't accept that definition either.

The argument that this would be a violation of free speech would mean that it would apply to me, because of my opposition to gay marriage, and it doesn't, McCotter said.

Groups will offer low-cost health care

The Wayne County HealthChoice(tm) program and Blue Care Network of Michigan are partnering to provide low-cost health care coverage to up to 1,000 young adults and to up to 500 part-time and temporary workers living in Wayne County. Enrollment begins Oct. 1.

The county program will offer health care coverage to persons 18 to 30 years old who live in Wayne County. The young adult can be a full or part-time worker and/or a full or part-time student at a college, university or other institution. Program members will have a \$250 deductible.

The Wayne County HealthChoice Tempro program will offer coverage to part-time and temporary workers who live in Wayne County. Program members will have a \$500 deductible.

To qualify for either of the programs, a person must earn \$30,000 or less a year, and be ineligible for other health care coverage. There are additional requirements as well.

Under both the Young Adult and Tempro programs, a person will pay a monthly premium of \$85 which will be matched by Wayne County HealthChoice.

Additional co-payments and deductibles will apply for certain services.

Both programs feature a \$15 co-payment for office visits, \$100 copay for emergency room visits, 50 percent co-pay for prescription drugs and a maximum of \$1,500 in out-of-pocket costs.

Wayne County has made a special commitment to protect the health care safety net, said Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County executive. We're fortunate to have the public and pri-

vate sectors working together to provide solutions for small businesses and our residents who need affordable, quality health care.

Kevin Seitz, Blue Care Network president and CEO, said he was pleased to partner with Wayne County Healthcare to provide coverage for the uninsured.

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OUR VIEWS

Symphony hits 60th in style

As the Plymouth Symphony gets set to celebrate its 60th birthday, it's easy to see why musicians, administrators and supporters of the organization are practically giddy

For 60 years, the PSO has blessed this community with not only its outstanding musical ability, but with a heart that reaches out to everyone — male and female, classical buffs and contemporary music fans, old and young

The award-winning orchestra, which opens its 60th season next month, isn't just a musical machine, though it continues to pile up honors. Most recently the PSO, under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn, won a third-place award for Programming of Contemporary Music, offered by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) and the American Symphony Orchestra League.

It's the second time the PSO has won the award (Washburn has won it 16 times) but, more importantly, it got it because Washburn strongly believes it's "so much a part of the mission and incorporated into everything we do"

The PSO recently commissioned a new piece, showing youngsters and older fans alike it's OK to be an American composer. It brings composers in for its concerts as often as possible

Much of what the PSO does is aimed at bringing children into the fold. The annual Youth Artist Competition is designed to recognize young talent in the Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland school districts. This year the program handed out some \$1,500 in scholarships.

The PSO has crafted an educational program designed to bring orchestra music to young children, and the first piece the orchestra commissioned, a musical version of *Paddle to the Sea* by Holling C. Holling, did just that by having the composer, Andre Myers, work directly with youngsters to put the composition together.

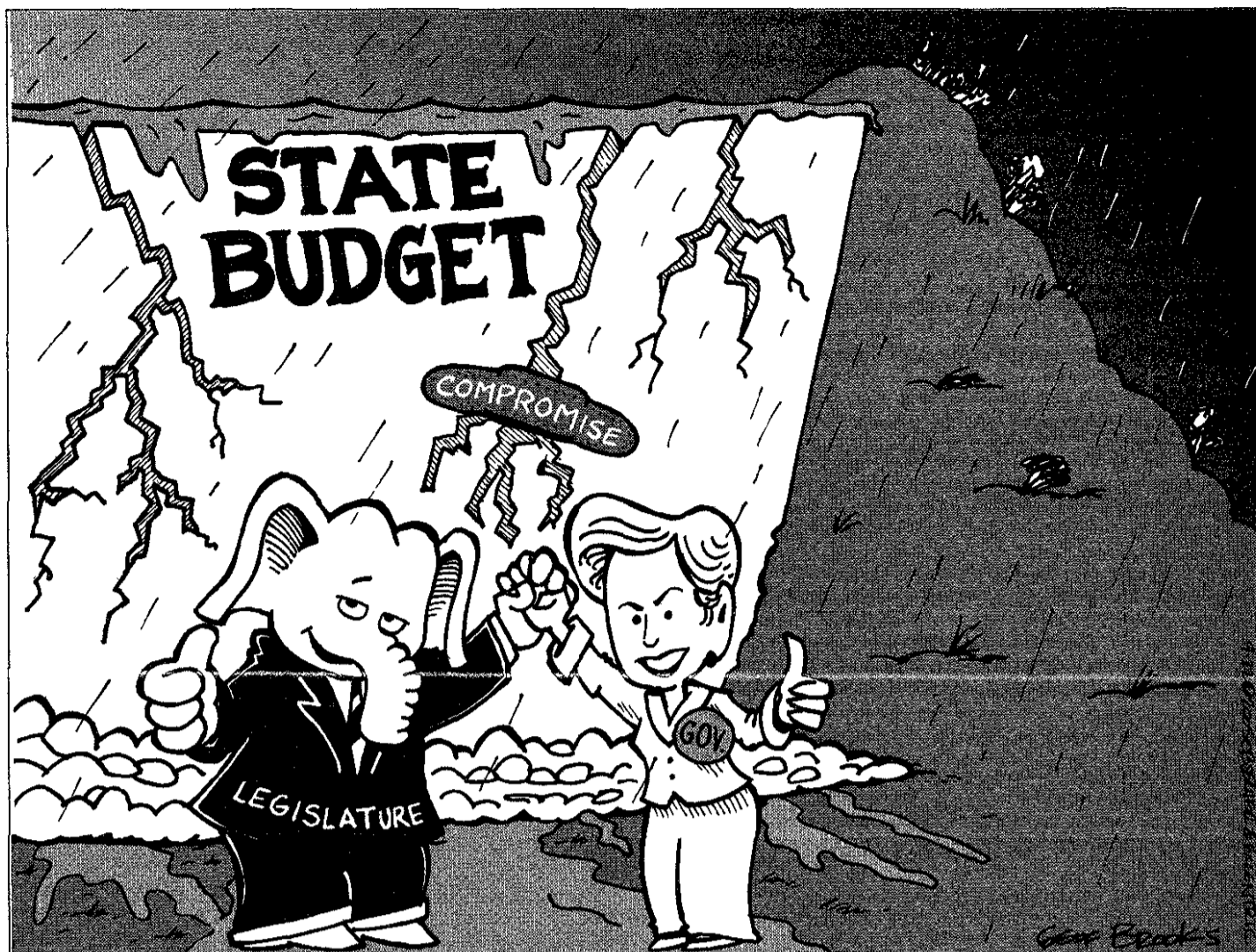
The PSO's education programs impact more than 4,000 students throughout southeastern Michigan every year. There are five education programs offered to students: CLASSical Music Outreach, Konzert for Kids, Instrumentorship, the Celebration Youth Orchestra and the Youth Artist Competition.

The group has spread to Canton by starting Orchestra Canton, and this year it will bring back the old Symphony Ball in December.

The organization structures its budget, not only using donations from a generous list of donors in the community, but also through creative grant writing. The musicians are first-rate, the concerts crafted from a wide pallet that feature everything from classic composers to an eclectic mix of contemporary music.

How eclectic? One concert this year will feature music from cartoons.

The Plymouth community is blessed with a strong affinity for, and support of, the arts. As it gets ready to open its 60th season, the Plymouth Symphony continues to prove such support is well-earned.



Reject Roberts

I demand rejection of John Roberts, by filibuster if necessary.

A job interview where the job seeker will not answer 80 percent of the questions posed? John Roberts has no opinion on anything except his favorite movies. This is a job for LIFE. Where is a rule book for all the times he has cited he can't answer the dozens and dozens of questions asked?

What about the case he recently ruled in favor for the Bush Regime in July 2005? Roberts sat on a three-judge panel in the D.C. Court of Appeals, the Hamden case, while interviewing with some of the defendants (Bush people) of this very case regarding his nomination to the Supreme Court. Was this even ethical? I sure wish our legal community would step forward to speak to this.

I am fed up with all the politicians. I think there should be all new rules, make them retire after two terms like the president. The payola in government is so disgusting our forefathers are rolling in their graves. Meanwhile, as our entire system of government is being taken apart by the illegally elected president and his cronies, it is business as usual in America.

When will people wake up? Our country is being sold to corporations willing to line the pockets of the politicians.

Carolyn Maxwell
Plymouth

Excellent article

Thank you for printing the excellent article by Julie Brown about the Women's Equality Day Celebration ("Equal Rights Amendment very much alive for its supporters," *Observer*, Sept 1) featuring an update on the ongoing struggle for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

In 1992, Congress jump-started the movement when it accepted ratification of the 203-year old Madison Amendment. The Madison Amendment concerns congressional pay raises and is named after President James Madison who first proposed it in 1789.

With legal justification, ERA supporters have concluded that ratification of only three more states are necessary to make the ERA part of our Constitution. The proposed ERA simply states "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied by the United States or any state on account of sex."

An ERA was included in the Japanese constitution following WW II. More recently ERAs are now included in the constitutions of Afghanistan and Iraq. If our government believes that the women of these countries are deserving of an ERA, then it should do no less for the women of this country. In fact, ratification of the ERA is a matter of justice that is long overdue.

There is growing momentum to finish this unfinished business for the

Constitution. Much of the activity flies beneath the radar of the mainstream media. Therefore the article is greatly appreciated.

Laura Callow
Livonia

Focus on existing parks

I would like to respond to Kurt Kuban's column on the Lower Rouge Parkway. It would be a nice to expand the usage of the Lower Rouge Parkway, but after supporting the millage renewal for Wayne County Parks, we the residents abutting the Middle Rouge in Hines Park are very disappointed with the promises that were not fulfilled along with the upkeep/care of the park this year. If the county can't take care of what is existing, how can development of other areas be considered?

Grass cutting and weed trimming in Hines Park have been third rate, not to mention the trees that fell during the spring did not receive attention until we called the park office to complain — several times. Signs have been stolen due to the lack of sheriff's patrol. Despite phone calls many of the signs still have not been replaced. We have been told that often there is only one car on patrol or none at all. Recently, a lady was walking her dog in the park and when she returned to her vehicle a window was broken out. When the incident was reported to the sheriff's office, they related they had no cars available. The local police department was called and they related that the park is off limits to them and they were told it is solely the sheriff's responsibility.

The dead trees in Hines Park have become a severe safety risk. Yes, the emerald ash borer has killed many of the dead trees, but many near roads and walkways are not ash trees. I have witnessed two separate tree limbs falling on vehicles and a near miss on a walking path. Recently funding has been approved to extend the Hines pathway through Dearborn and Downriver eventually ending at the Ambassador Bridge. Upkeep will be the issue, as one drives down the I-275 corridor it is obvious that the long established walking/biking path there has not been cared for by the authorities.

Many areas in Hines Park have been allowed to go wild and every year new signs appear, "DO NOT CUT THIS AREA." Unfortunately these areas have turned into mosquito breeding areas. The citizens of Wayne County have agreed to give more, but are getting less. Mr. Kuban's column is good — it would be nice to have more access to nature areas. But before we do that, the county must take care of what already exists.

Greg Laskowsky
Livonia

Oppose Roberts' appointment

The National Organization for Women has been outspoken in our opposition to the nomination of an anti-women's rights,

anti-civil rights judge, John G. Roberts, to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate must find its collective spine and not roll over for Bush's favored candidate. They must refuse to move forward until all requested documents are released, and they must ask even tougher questions of Roberts because of the critical nature of the chief justice appointment. Stand up and be counted.

David Nagy
Garden City

Respects column

I have respect for Hugh Gallagher, even more so after reading "Conflict over there" stirs passions in our community." His honesty and his attempt to remain fair was obvious when he talked about the passionate views of the Palestinian American, Ali Abunimah, and the deputy consul general of Israel in Chicago, Andy David.

Mr. Gallagher recognized both of them, as similar in character and both, regardless of their opposing analysis to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. In order for us to have a more truthful and reasonable understanding of any conflict, we need to be more like Mr. Gallagher. As a prerequisite, we need to have honesty and truthfulness, followed by compassion and understanding, and a desire for good will for both sides.

Which brings me to ponder just how many of us, who have already taken sides, are truly aware of the factual history of the conflict? And how many of us understand both sides of this conflict and their different facets? It is true that there are those of us from both viewpoints that have no respect for the truth and no compassion for the other. And it is also true that our mainstream media have failed in presenting this conflict fairly. Nevertheless, despite the obstacles, truth and compassion still exist on both sides of this conflict and if united have the power to bring about a just and lasting peace.

M.R. Holmberg
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Budget agreement won't solve problem

After many weeks of the usual wrangling, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the state Legislature have reached general agreement on a \$40 billion budget for fiscal year 2006.

Details are still being worked out, but Republicans are crowing that the budget includes no new taxes or fees and Democrats are noting that the new budget includes increases for K-12 schools and public universities and will not include GOP proposed cuts in Medicaid and welfare.

It's the annual compromise that avoids the central issue.

While technically a "balanced budget," the state will continue to have a structural deficit (in which the state collects less revenue than it spends) with shortfalls being covered by "increased tax enforcement" and interest on the tobacco settlement.

While the Democratic governor and the Republican-dominated Legislature pat themselves on the back, no real substantive changes have been made.

Hard decisions need to be made about cutting state spending and finding new revenue sources (one idea is to extend the sales tax to services).

Once again, no one was willing to make those decisions.

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"My first reaction was to take my name off the list, because I could never compete with some of those other names ... 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. There are other people who really have made significant contributions to the educational climate of our schools and community."

— James Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, on the honor of being nominated as a possible namesake for the new Cherry Hill Village elementary school

Our state is in shambles; does anybody really care?

Michigan is in a time of crisis. Our political system is broken. And nobody seems to care. Want proof? I spent last Thursday afternoon at the Lansing Center attending meetings of the Michigan Economic Development Corp (MEDC). I'm the vice chair of the MEDC. Just a couple of blocks down Michigan Avenue in the state Capitol, legislative leaders and representatives of the Granholm administration were engaged in last-minute haggling over the state's budget for fiscal 2006. Talk about two different worlds!



Phil Power

The MEDC meeting featured respected auto industry researcher Sean McAlinden. Titled "An End to Business as Usual," McAlinden's talk detailed the apocalypse that is about to land on Michigan's economy. If you think things are bad now, you haven't seen anything yet. Over the next three years, Michigan is likely to lose 46,000 primary jobs in auto assembly and parts plants. That's about one out of every five auto-related jobs and a marked acceleration of the hemorrhage now taking place in our manufacturing base. Virtually all of these jobs will come from Michigan-based companies. General Motors, Ford, Visteon and Delphi, all firms that have taken big hits to their market share from foreign-owned car companies. Worse, there's a big "multiplier effect" as well. Primary manufacturing jobs sustain jobs in lots of other businesses — restaurants, retailers, various services. McAlinden forecasts that 250,000 of these additional Michigan jobs lost will be lost by the end of 2008. McAlinden's conclusions are stark. "Our old business model is broken," he says. "As a result, it's time to panic — in an orderly way!" There are some bright spots. Michigan is home to one out of every four automotive workers in the U.S., and especially 186,000 skilled trades workers. McAlinden says that foreign-owned transplant plants in the South literally cannot find electricians or tool and die makers of the sort we have here. Not only that, but Michigan is still the home for high value-added automotive research, development and engineering. The Detroit chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers, for example, has 14,000 members, 16 percent of the group's entire membership worldwide. McAlinden argues the old system of every company competing with every other company and every community competing with every other community will have to be replaced by a series of collaborations. He points to the wildly successful effort pioneered by

David Hollister, formerly the mayor of Lansing and now the director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth in the Granholm administration. By getting the city, the schools and community colleges, the UAW and General Motors all in the same room to see how each of them could help the other, he set the wheels in motion to build two entirely new GM assembly plants in the Lansing area.

Yet none — absolutely none! — of this cut any ice down the street, where legislative leaders were squabbling with the Granholm administration over the budget.

A primary focus was the continuing attempt to gut the nonprofit, nonpartisan MEDC, the state's only economic development outfit. Between 2000 and 2004, state funding for the MEDC has been cut by 41 percent, from \$65 million to \$38 million. In last Thursday's negotiations, the only question being argued was how much additional to slash — \$9 million or \$3 million.

There is something very puzzling going on here. Northwest Airlines, our largest air carrier and employer of 9,000 people in Michigan, went into Chapter 11 bankruptcy last week. The auto industry is set to lose 46,000 jobs over the next three years, with an additional 250,000 coming from other sectors of our economy. And Michigan already has the highest unemployment rate in the country.

If this state needs anything, it is an outfit whose job it is to figure out how to produce new jobs.

So for what possible reason could legislators want to gut the MEDC? Some ultra-libertarian ideologues, led by Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche, R-Nowi, and Rep Jack Brandenburg, R-Harrison Township, believe that no government money should be spent on economic development. "Let the free market have its way," they say. For partisan reasons, other Republicans are perfectly happy to see the economic development operation in Michigan be crippled. If the state's economy continues to slide, they reason, it's going to be easier to blame Granholm come election time next year.

I came away from Lansing with a headache. In one room, business leaders were talking about how important it is for everybody — Republicans and Democrats, management and labor, communities and schools — to collaborate to help our economy. At the same time in another room, our political masters — who are supposed to be our servants — were squabbling over how to stymie exactly the collaboration we so desperately need.

And these are the people we elect to do the best possible job for us.

It can't be said often enough. Michigan is in a time of crisis. Our political system is broken. And nobody seems to care.

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I'm paying homage; your writing is derivative; he is a mere hack

The late Sydney J. Harris was one of a kind among syndicated journalists. Harris, based in Chicago, wrote a pithy, insightful column, "Strictly Personal," in which he discussed politics, business, religion, sports, society and pretty much everything else.

Harris' writing was informative and entertaining, learned yet unassuming, offering erudition for the everyday man (and woman) — back when the country was a little less class conscious (and politically correct).

He was never one to follow the pack in dissecting the story of the moment, taking, instead, a broad view of events. At the same time, he was able to pluck from life, both his and his readers', the most ordinary occurrences — routines, social encounters, oft-repeated rationalizations — and challenge the beliefs and hypocrisies that lay behind them.

He was an expert at spotting spin — political and personal — before it was called spin.

With that preface, let's apply one of Harris' most effective techniques to the state of things today in

POLITICS

My appointees are dedicated public servants who have paid their dues. Yours are benefiting from the spoils of your election. His are cheap political cronies.

I am loyal to the people. You gauge public sentiment before making a decision. He twists and turns with every poll.

My administration invested its resources in a worthy project that could benefit the entire community. His administration gambled taxpayers' money on an ill-conceived boondoggle.

Unforeseen circumstances forced some belt-tightening in my administration. His administration made deep cuts because of

poor planning. Our nominee is an experienced jurist whose strict interpretation of the Constitution has been mislabeled as radical. Theirs has a long history of judicial activism.

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My son is a bright, spirited child who needs to channel his energies. Your boy could use a bit more direction. His kid is an incorrigible brat.

My films infuse the commonplace with a wry, sophisticated social criticism. Your B-grade movies contain some moments of enlightenment. His pretentious fare is strictly lowbrow.

Our schools face some long-term challenges due to underfunding and unrealistic expectations. Their schools have a track record of failure.

I am against this project because it isn't a demographic fit for the community. You oppose it because you think it would bring in outsiders. He is appealing to racial fears.

PERSONAL HABITS

My SUV is essential for my 90-mile round-trip commute. You bought yours for the occasional weekend up north. He fancies himself some kind of urban cowboy.

I keep up with the flow of traffic. You tend to have a lead foot. He is a chronic speeder.

My prescriptions help keep me balanced in a fast-paced, stressful environment. You need to be more careful with the booze. He is an addict.

My work station is cluttered because the demands of my job keep me multitasking. Your productivity would improve if you straightened your desk. He is a disorganized slob.

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UFO expert builds case at OCC lecture

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Aliens and unexplained flying objects were the focus of a presentation by UFO researcher Nick Redfern Friday night hosted by Oakland Community College and the Michigan Mutual UFO Network.

Redfern, a British native living in Dallas, was there to talk about the UFO phenomenon and to promote his book, *Body Snatchers in the Desert: The Horrible Truth at the Heart of the Roswell Story*.

OCC paraprofessional and MUFON member Bill Konkolesky said in his introduction whether you're talking about little green men, stealth aircraft or errant weather balloons, there's something going on in the sky.

"It's not our opinion, people see things they cannot explain," he said. "We just think people should find out about them."

Nettner should people feel marginalized if they report seeing something in the skies. One Michigan report was filed about strange lights over Hillsdale — by then-Congressman Gerald Ford.

Skip Bushart of Waterford attended the talk. He said he's always been interested in unexplained phenomena.

"I do believe (that UFOs are alien craft)," he said. "It's egotistical to believe we're the only intelligent beings in the universe."

HARD TO IGNORE

John Waskiewicz of Livonia, a research specialist with MUFON, said there's just too much information out there to ignore.

"It's difficult to get closure without direct evidence," he said. "There's been a host of evidence over the last 60 years, events that can't be explained easily."

Redfern opened the conversation by saying everyone's heard stories about strange lights in the sky, but a lot depends on the storyteller.

"If you see it in a magazine or on TV you move on," he said. "But it's different when you see something yourself or hear the story from someone you trust."

His father, a former Royal Air Force radar operator, was monitoring the English Channel in 1952 when, for three nights, pilots reported a cat and mouse game with "silvery balls of light." Whatever they were, they were highly mobile and able to slide around the RAF planes with ease. The incident was hushed up by the British government, Redfern said.

Of course, that made the

story all the more tantalizing. "If there's something the government doesn't want you to know about, it's probably something worth knowing about," Redfern said. "It's not impossible that (the lights) were some kind of specialized aircraft, but why aren't we using that technology now if it were a secret in the '50s?"

MILITARY REPORTS

Many reports of UFOs, he said, come from military personnel who are trained specifically to watch the sky. He said that Freedom of Information Act request responses from all sorts of government agencies have revealed thousands of pages of documented sightings, many of them explainable by completely mundane circumstances. Others, he said, aren't so explainable.

"I've got no doubt there is a

real UFO phenomenon," Redfern said. "But if they're here, where did they come from? Outer space? Are they interdimensional? It's not a theory I believe, but could they be time travelers?"

He said things like tales of abductions, cattle mutilations and UFOs' propensity for appearing near military installations are hard to fathom. Maybe their presence isn't a good thing — there's going to be no knowing until real contact is made.

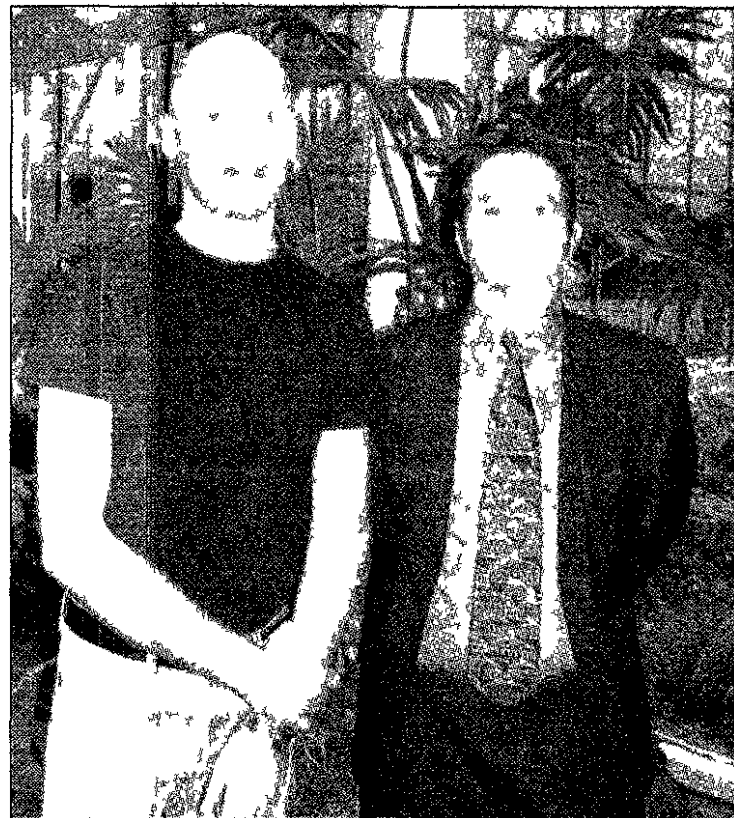
"We're not going to know for sure until, or if they decide to land," he said. "Whatever they want, they don't desire or need contact with us."

The incident everyone knows about, he said, is the supposed crash landing of an alien craft in Roswell, N.M. What isn't so well-known, he said, is that the original story came from military officials at

Roswell Air Force Base. "A rancher found a crash site on his property and that was hushed up," Redfern said. "But the official story has changed over time, sometimes without prompting from anyone."

Roswell also gave birth to one of the most enduring images in the UFO parlance. "Eyewitnesses say a fleet of delta or half-moon shapes moving 'as a saucer would skip across water' and a reporter shortened that to the flying saucer," Redfern said.

The reasons for a cover-up he said, are myriad. He said he's had interviews with government officials who said the Air Force disseminated some of the stories about alien corpses in cold storage to frighten the Soviet Union — stories that said the U.S. had access to a technology they couldn't possibly match.



UFO researcher and author Nick Redfern (left) was introduced by Oakland Community College paraprofessional Bill Konkolesky, a member of the Michigan branch of the Mutual UFO Network.

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The two winners, along with their creation, will be announced in November. Twenty additional students will be awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates.

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Rooms with a point of view

Designers distinguish themselves at showhouse

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Designed by famed architect Albert Kahn. Rented to Charles Lindbergh and family. Distinguished names have been associated with the house at 945 Cranbrook Road for decades.

More than 25 area interior designers and landscape architects have distinguished themselves recently with their work at the Bloomfield Hills property, the 2005 Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council Designer Showhouse and Gardens at Cranbrook.

The creative corps has enhanced features of the house given some rooms an entirely new look and turned areas ordinarily overlooked in a residence into works of art. The site has wide appeal, with such elements as charm, vibrancy and comfort.

Visitors will be able to see for themselves when the house is open to the public Oct. 8-30 (see related item). Proceeds from the showhouse benefit the education and outreach programs of the DSO.

The house was built in 1928. The property was rented to Lindbergh 1942-43, who came to Detroit as an adviser to Henry Ford about converting auto factories into bomber factories for the war.

During this time, Anne Lindbergh took art classes at the Cranbrook Academy and the Lindbergh children attended Cranbrook schools.

Later owners were Roger and Helen Kyes. Helen Kyes was among those who helped start what is now Oakland University, and helped in establishing the Meadow Brook Music Festival. Roger Kyes was an executive vice president at General Motors Corporation, on the boards of directors of the DSO and Detroit Grand Opera Association, and a deputy secretary of defense in the Eisenhower administration.

PLEASE SEE DESIGNERS, B3

DSO VOLUNTEER COUNCIL DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE AND GARDENS AT CRANBROOK

■ **What:** Public tours of rooms and grounds refurbished and furnished by area designers and landscape architects. A sale of items offered by designers from their studios and a shop with unusual yard and garden ornaments and accessories are also featured.

The showhouse is presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council. Proceeds will benefit the education and outreach programs of the DSO.

■ **When:** Oct. 8-30. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Last entry one-half hour before house closes.

■ **Where:** 945 Cranbrook Road west of Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

■ **Parking:** At Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads in Bloomfield Hills, with free shuttle service to the showhouse. Parking isn't permitted at the showhouse.

■ **Tickets:** \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$15 each for groups of 15 or more bought together. Ticket outlets are at Blossoms, 33866 Woodward at Adams, and La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham. Franklin Grill, 32760 Franklin Road in Franklin, all Bordine Nursery locations, all

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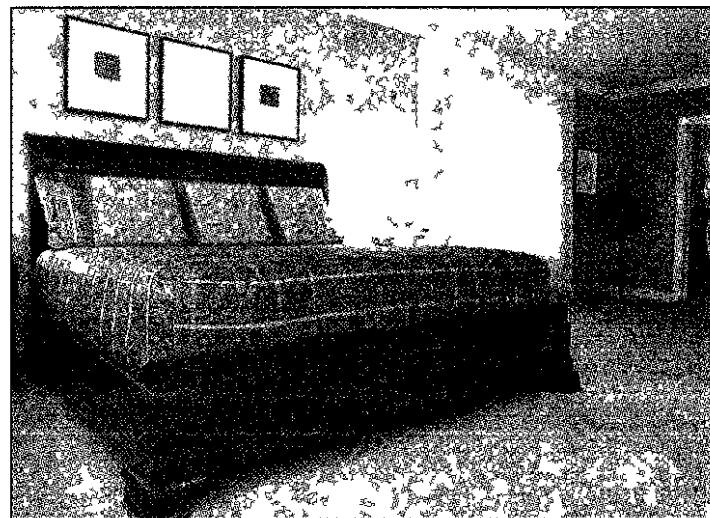


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P.J. Whitehead of P.J. Whitehead Interiors of Birmingham designed a sumptuous bedroom.



Andrea Proctor of Inspirations for the Home of Plymouth gave the library a 1920s feel. The walls are a color called sea mist. Visitors to the DSO Volunteer Council Designer Showhouse and Gardens at Cranbrook will see this room and other sites on the property. Proceeds benefit DSO education and outreach programs.



The master bedroom by David Pulice of Classic Lines of Farmington Hills features metallic elements, including in the paint and bedspread.

ACCENTS

Gear up for fall

The Toro Company created yardcare.com, a Web site dedicated to providing information and answers to lawn and garden questions.

This month yardcare.com offers information about choosing the right lawn tools for the season.

Even though leaves in autumn are aesthetically pleasing with their vibrant colors, they can become an annoyance when removing them from your yard.

One of the best weapons to use in the war on leaves is a blower/vac.

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You can take a low-tech approach and buy a quality rake instead of a blower/vac.

There are a number of new models on the market that are geared toward making the task as comfortable as possible.

The best bang for your buck is an old-fashioned, durable, steel tine rake.

For lightweight rakes, poly or plastic rakes are the best way to go.

These rakes are easy to handle and are great for removing leaves, grass and other loose materials.

Combination rakes that are made with both poly and steel can incorporate the best features of both types.

Pet prowess

Where should your dog or cat eat? According to *Cleaning & Stain Removal for Dummies* (John Wiley & Sons), designate a pet-feeding area in a room without a carpet - cleaning pet food off carpet can be time-consuming - and with a sink, such as a utility room.

In the sink, you can wash the dog's or cat's bowls and any utensils you use to scoop and serve the food.

You can also store your pet's food in this area. Remember to refrigerate any unused open cans.

Keep your house warmer with tech tricks



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

If you've been following the news lately, you've probably heard that energy prices are expected to skyrocket this winter.

I don't know about you, but I've had quite enough skyrocketing. So I called DTE Energy efficiency expert Larry Kaufman to ask if technology might rescue us from the pricey claws of Michigan's winter months.

Surely there's some new gizmo that can keep us warm and snug on the cheap, I said. No such luck, Kaufman said,

but there are plenty of ways — high tech and low-tech alike — to save energy and lower your bill.

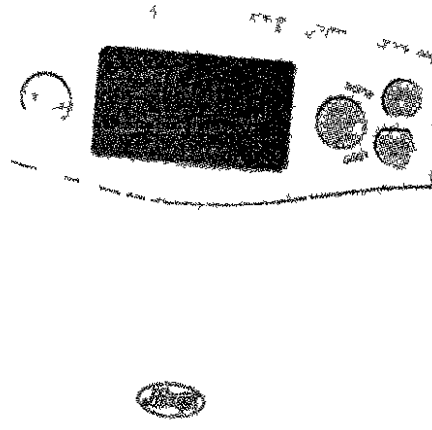
One option, albeit a costly one, is a geothermal furnace, which provides heating, cooling and hot water. Because it's significantly more efficient than a standard furnace, air conditioner and water heater, it can save around \$1,500 in energy costs per year, Kaufman said.

Alas, it'll cost you about \$7,500 for the furnace and installation, which involves burying a loop system that

draws heat from the ground (cool, huh?)

Kaufman also recommends spray-on cellulose for your attic. The stuff gets blown into all the nooks and crannies that fiberglass insulation (which is usually installed incorrectly, Kaufman said) can't cover. It has the added benefit of preventing ice dams.

To find out more, Kaufman suggests contact-



With an inexpensive programmable thermostat like this one and a little fine-tuning of your house's temperature, you can save big.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B7

Used refrigerator good for garage

John and Joan write "Hi Joe A long time ago, I either heard you speak about or read a column where you indicated that the new refrigerators that use the new equivalent of freon will be a problem for folks who have cottages that they close up for the winter, drain the pipes, etc and turn off the electricity. "We now face a problem of replacing a great Westinghouse refrigerator that is many years old and has served us well. Please, can you help us in our quest for a replacement?" I think I remember that you said folks should try and purchase old refrigerators to replace the ones in these circumstances. You also stated that the salespeople will not inform buyers about this problem. Any information you can share will be greatly appreciated. We'll have to deal with this next spring. Thanks for being there for all of us consumers. You are a

tremendous help and really have informed me for a long time. I have listened to you on radio and now read your column. We own a fabulous place on Lake Michigan south of St. Joseph and have to drain the pipes and go through all the closing rituals of those who have cottages. My husband and I are in our 70s and so many memories go along with this cottage. Our four kids love it too as well as the other members of the family who are part owners. Dear John and Joan, your beautiful letter reminds me so much of my young years in northern Canada where my parents had a cottage and it was such a gathering place for friends and family. I can truly appreciate how you feel about your place and how much it means to you. As for the old refrigerator that you need to replace, maybe I can help you make the right decision. The modern refrigerator of today cannot be operated in temperatures below 55 degrees or you risk causing serious damage to the compressor. Older refrigerators (15 years or more) were less prone to damage by cold temperatures. I have said that if you are going to install a refrigerator

in a garage and operate it in the winter months, you should try to buy a used old refrigerator.

It was true at one time that many sales personnel wouldn't inform a consumer that today's refrigerator shouldn't operate in colder temperatures. Today, this has become standard information and I believe is written in most instruction books that come with the products. There have been consumers who had to pay for compressor replacements even though the product was still in the warranty years, all because they didn't know about this temperature thing.

There are some simple rules to follow when doing the moving yourself. A refrigerator is heavy and care should be taken and directed to the back muscles. A good, strong moving dolly is necessary, with a lot of care toward the security straps. The straps could move and cause marks on the painted surfaces. The lower edge of the dolly could press against the tubing on the underside of the refrigerator and cause serious problems. Moving a refrigerator in the

normal upright position is best, but it can be laid down for transporting. Always make sure it sits upright for at least a two-hour period before you plug it in or attempt to operate it. Level it and raise the front legs a half inch higher than the rear. This will help the doors to close by themselves. When the refrigerator isn't in use for an extended period of time, always leave the doors cracked open and a box of baking soda inside the product. I doubt very much that the new refrigerator will even come close to operating as long as that old Westinghouse you're replacing, but be assured that you can add several years of life to a modern refrigerator by simply keeping the condenser nice and clean. Give that job to the kids and family to do. It's time for you guys to sit back and relax. Stay tuned.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

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

Schoolcraft College
Schoolcraft College in Livonia offers a variety of gardening classes. The schedule includes Perennial Gardening Saturday, Sept. 24 (fee is \$71). Lawn Care Basics Monday, Oct. 3 (\$67) and Forcing Bulbs for Winter Beauty Wednesday, Oct. 12 (\$39). Merritt Wolson of Merrittscape will teach Basic Perennial Gardening Saturdays, Sept. 24 to Oct. 8. Registration is required. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Recycling 101
The Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority will present a free workshop "Recycling 101" 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 4 Ridge Road (south of I-696 and west of Woodward). The workshop is for residents of the SOCRRA member communities: Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Lathrup Village, Troy, Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge and Royal Oak. To register call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail socrra@socrra.org. Each participant will receive an information binder with answers to frequently asked questions, a waste reduction guidebook and copies of all of SOCRRA's informational flyers.

Hardy Plant Society
The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3 at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, Cranbrook Road at Woodward between Lone Pine and Long Lake roads in Bloomfield Hills. Michael Saint of Goodearth Landscape Inc. will speak on "Spring Bulbs." The public may attend. Guest fee \$3. For more information call (248) 589-2286 or e-mail mzbj@sbglobal.net.

Livonia Garden Club
The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington and Five Mile roads. Della Haydon, an accredited flower show judge and president of the Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild, will give a presentation on the art of bonsai. Visitors are welcome.

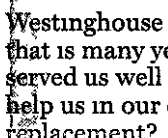
About birds
English Gardens hosts seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores including locations in West Bloomfield (phone: (248) 851-7506), Dearborn Heights (phone: (313) 278-4433), Royal Oak/Troy (phone: (248) 280-9500) and Ann Arbor (phone: (734) 332-7900). Feeding Our Feathered Friends will be the topic Sept. 28. Admission is free. Attracting birds is a common hobby among gardeners. You'll receive tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that birds will call home. Hands on Fresh Floral Arranging will be the topic Oct. 5. Fee is \$30. Call the nearest store to register. Learn how to make floral arrangements from the pros and take home two floral arrangements. The program is packed with inspiration and design basics.

Winterizing roses
Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of free programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 anytime to request a flyer. Winterizing Roses, a popular garden demonstration by the Lindleys of techniques to ensure winter survival of all roses, even the most tender, will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26; 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2; 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3) and two more times in October.

School of Gardening
The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Transplanting Large Plants Saturday, Sept. 24 in Pontiac (fee is \$72). Landscape Design Fall Color in the Landscape Monday, Sept. 26 in Pontiac (\$42). Difficult Sites I: Wet and Dry Sites Wednesday, Sept. 28 in Pontiac (\$72). Pathways: Improving the Garden Journey Thursdays, Sept. 29 to Oct. 6 in Pontiac (\$72). Compost: Black Gold from Garden Waste Friday, Sept. 30 in Pontiac (\$42). Designing for Winter Interest Saturday, Oct. 1 in Pontiac (\$42). Groundcovers: Two Mondays beginning Oct. 3 in Livonia (\$72). All About Lawns: three Mondays beginning Oct. 3 in Pontiac (\$115) and Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing: four sessions beginning Thursday, Oct. 6 in Livonia or Friday, Oct. 7 in Pontiac (\$137). If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

Appliance Doctor

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The contest is open to residents of Oakland, Wayne, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Sanilac, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties who are 18 years of age or older.

More contest details are on the KSI Web site, www.ksikitchens.com.

The winner will receive a makeover that includes KSI's design services and professional installation, Merillat cabinetry, Corian countertops, a refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, cooktop and built-in oven from the Whirlpool Gold Kitchen Suite, a Kohler faucet, a garbage disposal, freshly painted walls and ceiling, new flooring from Carpet Center & Floors, new ceiling

and under-cabinet lighting, and backsplash tiling.

Once the winner has been selected in mid-October, the kitchen makeover will be chronicled on the KSI Web site and on WDIV-TV with Jon Jordan, the station's style reporter.

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BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

The building industry's embrace of "green" products has reached the home insulation market.

Homeowners need look only as far as banned items such as treated lumbers and panels or ozone depleting materials to know that builders and manufacturers seek to cut back on harmful construction products.

For decades, thick blankets of fiberglass insulation ruled attic and wall openings.

The batts were joined by open cell foams that were good insulators but were saddled by environmentally questionable side effects that depleted the ozone layer or released urea-formaldehyde that caused health problems when inhaled by building occupants.

Use of these components was halted by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Homeowners already have seen rigid foam insulators at work.

For years, consumers applied small bottles of spray-on rigid foam insulation in and around cracks near doors and windows to seal off air flow. The insulation expands once applied and hardens when set.

Now, the insulation industry wants to expand that use between wall studs.

Ken Gayer, head of foam blowing agents for Honeywell, says new rigid closed cell foams are better insulators. Closed cell foams have insulation value of R-6 per inch compared to R-3 for fiberglass and open cell products.

There are obvious differences between open and closed cell foams.

Soft open cell foams are akin to a sponge and depend on the qualities of trapped air for performance. Rigid closed cell foam completely fills a space to seal off air flow and thus doesn't depend on trapped air as an insulator. The upshot is that cold spots and drafts are eliminated.

The energy savings can be substantial. Gayer says homeowners can expect to save 30 percent to 50 percent on home heating and cooling.

In an 11-month test between identical homes located within blocks of each other in California, the unit insulated with closed cell foam cost \$1,410 to heat and cool vs. \$2,565 for the home sealed by conventional fiberglass.

The closed cell rigidity offers other properties attractive to

both builders and homeowners. Tom Harris of BASF, a user of Honeywell's foam-blowing agents, says the hardened foam adds to structural stability and is a better noise barrier than competing insulators. In some states, builders can do away with separately installed vapor barriers.

Because closed cell foams are nearly twice as energy efficient per inch compared to other insulators, builders can supplant 2-by-6-inch wall studs with less costly 2-by-4-inch studs and still achieve the same R-19 insulation value in colder climates.

Home designers could scale back the tonnage of heating, ventilating and air conditioning units because a home will be sealed that much tighter.

The drawback to rigid foams is cost. Gayer estimates spray foams cost \$1.50 per square foot compared to 75 cents for fiberglass.

This adds roughly \$3,000 to the cost of a home with 3,000 square feet of walls.

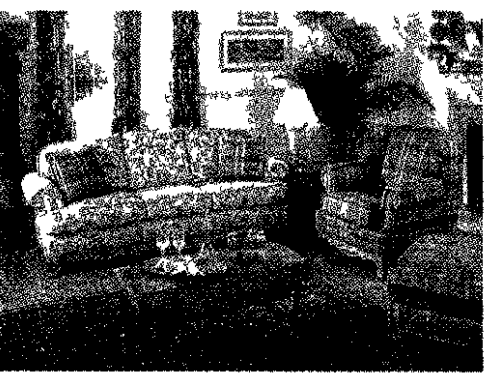
Recent federal energy legislation allows a \$2,000 tax credit for energy savings, and Harris of BASF said that although "the biggest drawback we have is cost, your first-time or rental cost isn't always the best basis for a good decision."

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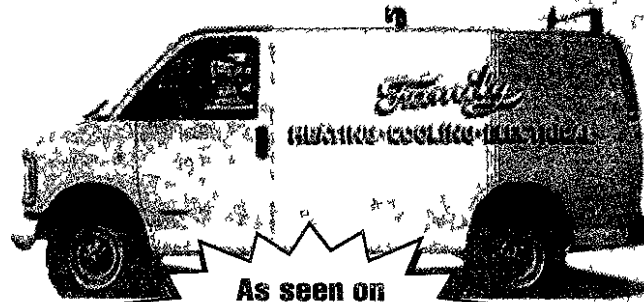
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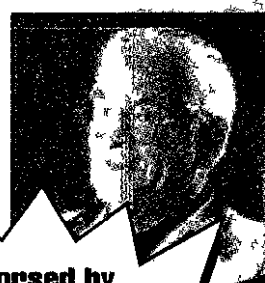
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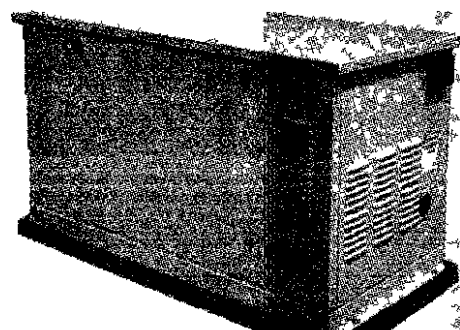
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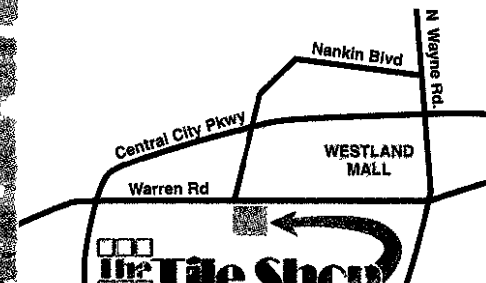
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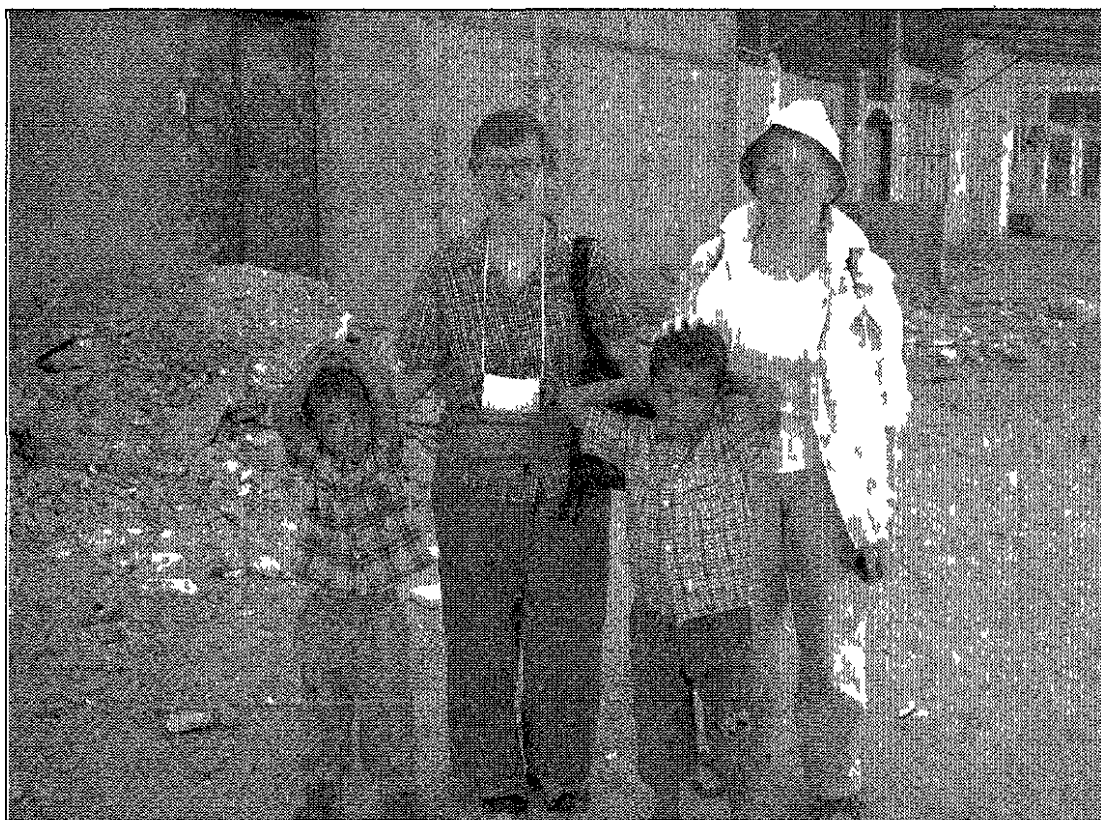


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Sisters Karen Donahue and Mary Miner pose with children in Rafah's Qista neighborhood

Peacemaker

Sister uses nonviolent actions to fight injustices

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sister Karen Donahue is too petite to be considered much of a threat but that doesn't stop her from fighting injustice. Her recent presence in the Gaza Strip as a member of the Michigan Peace Team was enough to deter the Israelis from perpetrating violent acts on the Palestinians during preparations for the withdrawal of Jewish settlers.

All have left now but the occupation continues as Palestinians must come and go through Israeli checkpoints.

"It was difficult to get into Gaza. It was a potentially explosive situation and we ended up in Rafah, a city of about 160,000 fairly near the settlements which are highly fortified with gun towers and barbed wire," said Sister Karen Donahue, justice coordinator for the Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills. "It's like two different worlds. We'd go to the Internet cafe everyday to check e-mail. It was only five miles away from us but could have been on Mars."

Nuns have definitely changed since the days before Vatican II. Sister Donahue has no qualms about speaking her mind. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, she would have been ostracized for her views. Of course, back then no one listened to the women who were either nurses or teachers.

Today the Action Alerts e-mailed from her office support the positive work of the United Nations but adverse issues as well. It is her job to deal with poverty while condemning the Iraq war.

As part of the Michigan Peace Team, an organization that assists people in nonviolent peacemaking, Sister Donahue was trained to enter potentially dangerous situations. This is her second trip to help the Palestinian people. In spring 2003 she went to the West Bank and spent a week with a family whose home was threatened by demolition.

"Other members of the team observed at checkpoints which close arbitrarily. People can't



A young Palestinian girl plays with view of the Israeli gun tower on the Gaza-Egypt border

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Sister Karen Donahue
Sisters of Mercy

get to jobs, medical appointments," said Sister Donahue. "We escort children to school. Children are anxious to learn, but play on rubble strewn streets. We do what has to be done to diffuse situations of violence."

"In May 2004 the Israelis created a buffer zone that keeps on moving. It's caused tremendous home destruction, buildings and homes sprayed with bullets. The Israelis said there were tunnels where arms were being smuggled. They came in and leveled neighborhoods. They've created great suffering among the people of Gaza."

It's apparent Sister Donahue is fond of the Palestinian people. She condemns the U.S. for being "the patron of Israel and

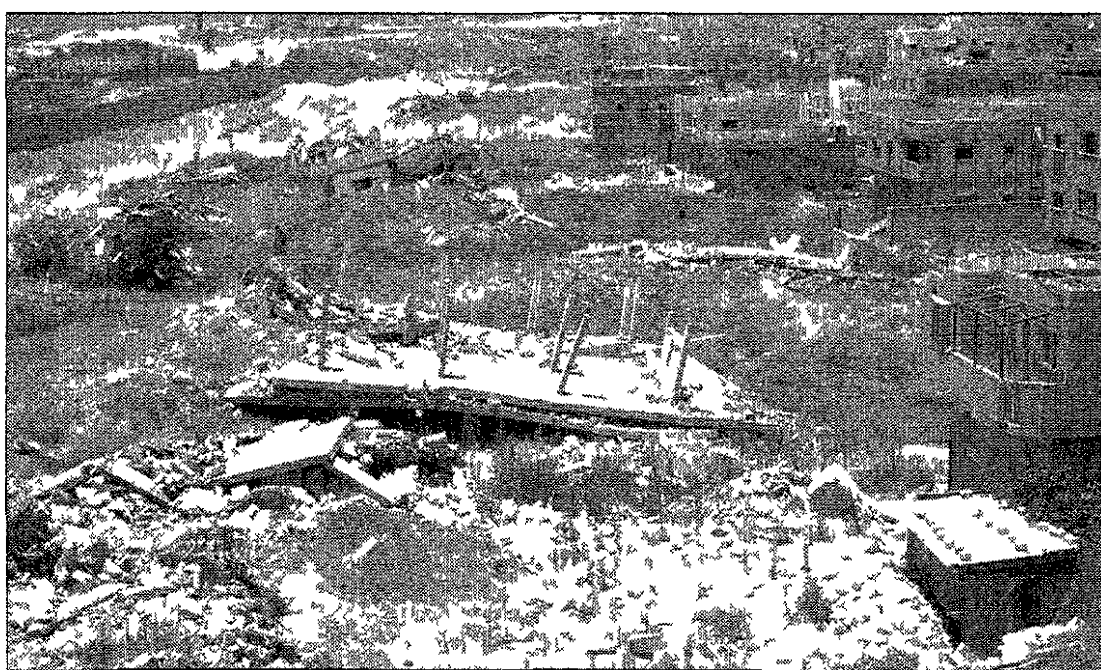
the media for focusing on suicide bombers who intermittently kill Israelis but not the Palestinians dying everyday. She's trying to set the record straight by giving talks about her trip to the military zone where Palestinians face the continuous danger of gunfire coming from watchtowers located behind a 25 foot high wall constructed east of the international border between Egypt and Gaza.

"I think there will be peace one day. The majority want to live in peace," said Donahue, a Sister of Mercy for 44 years. "The occupation has to end. We need a high level international committee made up of Nobel Prize winners like Nelson Mandela."

Arabs and Muslims have been so demonized since 9/11 but they only want peace. When I was there I had some wonderful discussions on Islam with the translator. It's important to convey their message to the outside world. The Palestinians want me to tell people their story. They say to come eat with us, pray with us and then tell us we're wrong. Every aspect of Palestinian life is controlled by Israelis. You can't fly to Palestine. You still have to go through Israeli security.

For more information about Sister Donahue's presentations call (248) 476-8000, Ext. 221.

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This is the border area in Rafah which was destroyed in May 2004. The wall (upper left) separates Gaza from Egypt.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

team invite women of faith to the kick off Prayer Walk 7 p.m. Thursday Sept. 22 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The walk begins a free two day life changing event Friday Saturday Sept. 23-24 for women 7 p.m. prayer rallies lead up to the revival at Woodside Bible Church in Troy on Sept. 8 and Grace Gospel Fellowship Church in Pontiac Sept. 13. For information visit the Web site at www.annegrahamlotz.com call (248) 651-8114 or send e-mail to JGMJDetroit@comcast.net

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Sept. 23 at SS Simon and Jude Church 32500 Palmer Westland. \$2 bag sale at 4 p.m. All large items will go for \$2 at the bag sale. For more information call (734) 722-1343.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Sept. 24 applications now being accepted for table rentals (\$30) which includes a rack and a box lunch at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor trail Livonia. For information call (734) 422-0149.



ALICE MARGARET CARNEGIE

Of Redford died peacefully September 17 2005 at the age of 89. Born in Salem Twp 1916 she died at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. She is survived by her son Donald King and his wife Sue grandchildren Bruce Marcus Sarah Tim David Allison & Peter and 13 great grandchildren. Also her son Earl King and his wife Suzee grandchildren Kristine Kari Brian & Ken and 4 great grandchildren. Margaret lost a daughter and 3 husbands. She was an advocate for all liberal causes especially unionized labor. She loved to entertain to dress up to get a bargain to play pinocle eating out occasions to make people feel special & winters in Florida. She made a lasting impression on people. There will be a private service for the family at Parkview Memorial Cemetery Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561-1500.

BOBBIE JO FOX

Age 76 of Livonia died September 19 2005. Beloved wife of the late Willard S. Fox. Loving mother of Debra Jo (Mark) Krumm Vickie (Tim) Sherrill Spears and Patricia (Tom) Olds. Beloved grandmother of Tammy Jo Christy Lynn John III Danny Jr Scott Tommy and Kyle. Beloved great grandmother of Crystalyn Jacob Justin and Danny III. Dear sister of Harold Eugene Medely and Larry Edward Medely. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 N. Pontiac Trail Walled Lake (3 blks S of Maple Rd) Friday 11am. Interment Parkview Cemetery Friends may visit Thursday 4pm to 9pm. Memorials to the American Heart Association appreciated.

DEANNA JEAN ROBINSON

September 16 2005. Dear mother of Cindy (Pete) Celano of Livonia Suzanne of Sterling Heights Grand mother of Alexandra Joseph Adrianna and Jessica. Daughter of Helen (deceased) and John Pennington devoted stepfather (Westland) father Tyrus Harrison (deceased). Sister to Bonnie Pennington of Livermore CA and Bud (Tish) Pennington of Milford. Visitation on Friday at 5:00 and Saturday at noon. L.A. Tarowski Funeral Home 9300 Middlebelt, Livonia 734-427-3400. Memorial service Saturday at 1:00 in lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the Salvation Army.

LINDA R. CIUNGAN

Of Dearborn September 16 2005. Age 47. Loving mother of Christina Kathryn and Costas. Dearest daughter of Gus Roussakies. Also survived by 1 sister Instate Thursday 10AM with an 11AM mass at St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church 34375 Joy Rd Westland. Interment at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Arrangements by Kernan Funeral Home 313-381-2345.



MARIA BLACKINTON

of Wolverine Lake formerly of Birmingham passed away Sept. 20 2005. She was born in Genoa Italy March 13 1917. Loving mother of four daughters Jacqueline Smith Christine Carlson Carolyn Blackinton and Gail Smith. Loving grandmother of four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

WILLIAM "BILL" HEMPEL

Age 49 formerly of Garden City MI. Died Sept. 18 2005 at home in North Port FL. He was born February 13 1956 in Garden City to Robert and Rose Hempel. He is survived by his wife Vicki three children William Robert and Sally his parents his mother and father in law Dale and Sandy Grim sisters Linda (Lawrence) Zimba Terr (Wayne) Golden Hart Lynette (Dwayne) Childress and Bethany Grim brothers Robert David (Gail) Brian (Carrie) Hempel and Clifford (Dawn) Golden. Services and burial will take place in Florida. In lieu of flowers donations for the Hempel children would be appreciated. Call the funeral home (941) 423-9110 for details. Arrangements by James A. McKee Funeral Home North Port FL.

Nino A. DellaSavia

Age 78 September 18 2005. Long time resident of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Dolores Loving father of Barbara (Tony) Patricia (Rich) Andrea (Rick) and Vince (Amanda). Dearest great grandfather of Jeremy Rachel Derrick Cecilia Sydney and Guseppi. Dearest great grandfather of Jeremy Jr and Aleasha. Beloved brother of the late Norma Riga. Mr. DellaSavia was retired from Skyline Concrete and Floors. He was a Naval Veteran of the Pacific Theater in WWII. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm. Funeral services Friday 10am at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home 1139 Inkster Rd (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill) followed by burial at White Chapel Cemetery Troy. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

PETER D. MARROCCO

Age 49 September 18 2005. Beloved husband of Denise. Dear father of Christopher and Maria. Brother of Thomas Lynette (Hilton) Hyde Kelley and James. Brother in law of Mark (Michelle) Dennis (Marja) and Kathy (John) Lokotar. Son of William and Arnelinda. Son in law of Charles and Jean Bennett. Visitation Tuesday 3-9pm and Wednesday 12-9pm. Services Thursday 10:00am at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home 1139 Inkster Rd (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill) Garden City.

REXFORD HOFFMAN

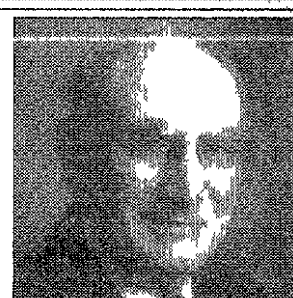
Mr. Hoffman a long time Plymouth resident died September 15 2005 at the age of 99. Born December 15 1905. Mr. Hoffman moved to Plymouth in 1946 with his wife Helga and two year old son Thomas. One year later another son Jeffrey was born. Mr. Hoffman held several positions throughout his working career but his favorite was that of Secretary and Treasurer of Novi Equipment Company. One of the divisions was the Novi Racing Corporation which enter cars in the Indianapolis 500 during the forties and fifties. Not having sufficient mechanical skills he was occasionally assigned the task of providing drinking water to the Novi drivers. Mr. Hoffman was a life time member of the Christian Science Church and active throughout his life. Mr. Hoffman also remained active in the Masonic Order having been initiated in 1929. Funeral Service were held at Schrader Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth followed by burial in his native Alpena. He was buried next to his wife of 50 plus years. He is survived by his two sons.

JULIUS "AL" ALBERANI

Age 80 September 19 2005. Beloved husband of Nina for 34 years. Dear father of Candice (Mark) Grant Kim (Lana) Alberani and stepfather of Mary (Ralph) Thompson and Andy Stout. Dearest grandfather of 11 and great grandfather of 11. The family is planning a memorial service at a later date. Services entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home Livonia.

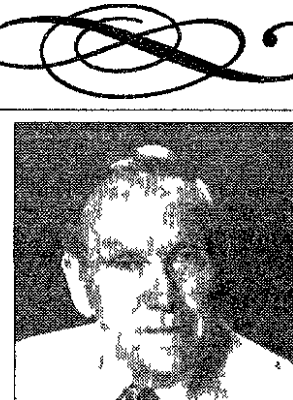
MICHAELA NAEL

Of Whitmore Lake (of Livonia until 1985) Age 57 passed away at his home Monday September 12 2005 after battling a rare form of pancreatic cancer (islet cell tumor) since June 2003. Michael was born February 24 1948 in Windsor Ontario Canada the son of Wilfrid and Josephine (Brown) Nael of Livonia. Michael married his loving wife Cheryl (Manofsky) on November 9 1985 in Detroit Michigan. He received a medical retirement from Ford Motor Wixom Assembly in January 2005. Surviving are his parents his wife his brother Patrick (Tina) Nael and nephew and niece Adam and Audrey. Nael of Lapeer uncle George Halatsis of Livonia cousins Toeki (Connie) Halatsis and son Nick of Livonia Louie Halatsis of AZ Jill (Bryan) Winkle and son Brett of Livonia mother in law Kathryn Manofsky of Detroit brother in-law Jerome (Marie) Manofsky and daughters Denise (Adam) Dresden of Clinton Township and Renee of WI sister in law Anne Marie (Lawrence) Swartwood of CA and daughters Pamela (Kelly) Reese of CA and Cynthia (Darren) Miller of WA Janet (Grant) Chapman and sons Craig (Carree) and Paul (Libby) of OH. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday September 15 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church Hamburg Fr. William Thomas pastor concelebrated with Frs. Patrick Egan Ziad Antoun OMM and Andrew Bloomfield. Memorial contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice of Livonia 14100 Newburgh Road Livonia 48154 734-464-7810. Please visit Michael's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or www.carepages.com.



ROBERT DI GIULIO

Age 75 of Lathrup Village and a former administrator with the Southfield Community School District passed away at his home Friday morning September 16 2005. Robert is the loving husband of Susanne (nee Stoner) and beloved father of Nancy Perchard (Don) and Mario. He is the cherished brother of Ann Smart (James) and brother in law of Sharon Di Giulio. He was predeceased by his siblings Sister Joanne Therese (Maddalena) Fr. Mario and Dr. Walter Di Giulio. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday September 19th at St. Ives Catholic Church in Southfield. Burial followed at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Memorials to Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Clinton Township will be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS in Southfield. On line condolences may be left at www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com



LEROY CHENUAULT HAMILTON

Leroy Chenuault Hamilton 88 of Sun City West AZ (formerly of Birmingham and St. Clair) passed away on Monday September 6 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife Rose Lillian Hamilton in 1985. He is survived by his second wife Nancy his daughter Valerie Jones (Royden J.) of Rochester Hills and his son Timothy Hamilton (Dianne) of Traverse City. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren Royden Jones III (Jennifer) Stephanie Williams (Travis) Hillary Jones Timothy Hamilton Jr. Andrew Hamilton and Amelia Hamilton. He also leaves behind three great grandchildren Joshua and Megan Williams and Ellen Rose Jones. In 1934 Lee joined the U.S. Coast Guard. During World War II he served in the South Pacific as a chief petty officer. Following the War his professional career was with Huron Cement where he started in the traffic department and advanced to become Vice President of Sales and Marketing before retiring after 35 years. Lee was a life member of the Masons Knights Templar and Moslem Shrine. He will be remembered as a man of faith and love whose kindness and humor brightened the lives of all around him. A memorial service will be held on Sat. Sept. 24th at 1:00 PM at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham MI. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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HOME CALENDAR

Home decorating
 Fancy Color Paints and Interiors presents a variety of classes taught by professionals 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the store 3883 Rochester Road in Troy. For registration and class fee information call Troy Adult Education (248) 879-7599, Rochester Adult Education (248) 726-3165, Birmingham Adult Education (248) 203-3800 or Royal Oak Adult Education (248) 588-5050. In Advanced Faux Finishing and Marbleizing (Sept. 27) learn the techniques of frottaging, mottling, marbling and wood graining. In Updating Kitchen Cabinets (Oct. 4) learn how to restore and rejuvenate your kitchen cabinets.

Conservation workshops
 Caroline Ashleigh Associates inaugural auction of fine art and antiques continues to Sept. 30 on www.igavel.com, the internet auction site for fine art antiques and collectibles. An exhibition of items in the auction will be open to the public at the Birmingham Historical Museum 14 p.m. Friday-Sunday Sept. 23-25. During the exhibit, experts will conduct conservation workshops at the museum to help people learn how to care for their valued possessions. The Birmingham Historical Museum is at Maple (15 Mile) and Southfield Road. The exhibit will be in the Hunter House

and the workshops will take place in the Allen House. Conservation workshops will take place 2-2:30 p.m. and 6-6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2-2:30 p.m. Sunday. Reservations aren't required but seating is limited. The standard museum admission fee of \$10 covers both the exhibit and the workshops. Parking is available across the street and is free for the first two hours. For more information about hours, reservations and admission, call Bill McElhone at the Birmingham Historical Society (248) 642-2817.

Antiques exposition
 The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday Sept. 23-25 at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 regular, free for ages 12 and under, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Celebrating its 25th season, the exposition will feature a diverse selection of fine American, European, Oriental and tribal antiques and art. Antiques merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their

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

Interior design
 Continuing education classes in the fall schedule at the College for Creative Studies include Elements of Interior Design 10 Saturdays beginning Sept. 24. Cost is \$295 plus \$10 material fee. For information, call (313) 664-7691. Teri Main, principal designer and owner of Main Design Innovations in Royal Oak, is the instructor. An overview of the field of interior design, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually satisfying. The basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes will be included. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room.

Prospective Members' Tea
 Historic Cranbrook House, the oldest manor home in metro Detroit, relies on auxiliary volunteers to maintain its vast gardens and beautiful buildings. A Prospective Members' Tea is set for 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Cranbrook House for metro Detroiters interested in becoming involved with this local treasure. The afternoon will feature refresh-

ments and a house and garden tour. For more information about the tea or to RSVP before Friday, call (248) 645-3147. Cranbrook House is on Lone Pine Road at Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Auxiliary members work on restoration tours, garden and greenhouse upkeep and fundraisers such as the popular annual Holiday Tables and plant sales. In addition, volunteers conduct educational programs explaining the many contributions of the Booth family to Cranbrook and the Detroit cultural scene.

Decorating class
 Take the guesswork out of decorating your home while learning the basics of good interior design with a new seminar presented by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with The Design Spirit of Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar, Decorate Like a Designer, will take place 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Oct. 6-27, at the Henry Ford Community College Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$95 plus \$3 materials fee to the instructor. Class size is limited. Register by Tuesday, Oct. 4. To sign up, call Henry Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Learn how interior decorators make decisions about furniture choices and placement as well as those important touches that create beautiful homes. Hands-on exercises will include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper and finding companion wall, furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. Bring a small pair of scissors to class. The Design Spirit presents the interior decorating classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Simple curtain
 Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Simple Curtain Mondays, Oct. 4-18 (fee is \$60). In the class, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Make a simple rod pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. You leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor.

Cranbrook House and Gardens
 Visit Cranbrook House, Detroit's oldest manor home, and its glorious gardens

during Thursdays at Cranbrook or Sundays at Cranbrook. Cranbrook House is the former residence of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth. It is at 380 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Hills. Thursdays at Cranbrook will continue until Oct. 27, offering guided tours of historic Cranbrook House at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays. Fee for the Thursday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Stay after or come early for a salad buffet lunch at noon in the Oak Room for an additional \$15. Now through Oct. 30, take a guided tour at 3 p.m. Sundays with a garden visit. Fee for the Sunday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Reservations for the lunch and tours are required. Call (248) 645-3149. The gardens are open to the public 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily in September. In October, they will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends only. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors. Pre-arranged guided tours are available to groups. Cranbrook House was designed by famed architect Albert Kahn in 1908. The English Arts and Crafts style home is filled with rare antiques and surrounded by more than 40 acres of beautiful gardens, fountains and sculpture.

Colossal garage sale to benefit Meadow Brook Hall gardens

Imagine a giant garage sale, a bargain shopper's dream. This dream can become a reality at the Colossal Indoor Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 13-15, at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. The sale is sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. All proceeds will benefit the maintenance of the Meadow Brook Hall Gardens. The club is solely responsible for the maintenance of the gardens, and this is its major

fund-raiser for the year. Bargains galore will include furniture, china, antiques, sporting goods, garden items, toys and Halloween costumes. Anyone who would like to support the gardens by donating sale items may bring them to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 11-12. No clothing will be accepted. Tax deduction forms for donations will be provided upon request. For more information, call (248) 299-3948.

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 ing Applegate Insulation (www.applegateinsulation.com) and Nu-Wool (www.nuwool.com). Perhaps the best investment you can make is a programmable thermostat. Available for as little as \$50, these gizmos can automatically adjust the temperature at specified times. During the day, for instance, you can program it to keep the house cooler because everyone's away at school or work. Half an hour before everyone gets home, it can raise the temperature back to a comfortable level. Likewise, program a lower temperature for nighttime, when you're sleeping, raising it again shortly before the alarm goes off. All told, you may end up running your furnace at a lower temperature for upward of 16 hours per day. That can add up to considerable savings over the course of several months. In fact, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, turning your thermostat back 10-15 degrees for eight hours can save upward of 15 percent annually on heating. Doesn't the furnace consequently have to work harder to

reheat the house? Nope, that's a misconception, the DoE said. Speaking of little-known facts, Kaufman said that just 27 percent of a house's energy loss comes from windows. Thus, new windows "are not a particularly good investment." Finally, don't forget the common-sense energy savers you've heard before: turn off unnecessary lights, switch to compact fluorescent bulbs, caulk around leaky window frames, and replace your furnace filter monthly. And then there's Kaufman's favorite: run your ceiling fan in reverse. It'll keep the warm air (which rises, remember?) circulating downward. If you want to learn more, Kaufman will be speaking on energy conservation at the Berkley Rotary Club, in First United Methodist Church at 12 Mile and Kipling, 12-15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17. Or, you can call him at (313) 235-8196. He said it was OK, really. Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Musmatch and 101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Some weeds have qualities

BY LEE REICH
 FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES
 Something really must be done about weeds, which too often get the upper hand by now. Until stopped by cold, annual weeds continue to spread their seeds which will sprout next year and in years to come. And cool, moist autumn weather is going to help perennial weeds get a stronger hold on the soil. Besides this, all those weeds will smother cabbages, asters, chrysanthemums and all the other wonderful garden plants of fall. Weeding isn't as daunting a task as it might seem at first, because weeds also have qualities. If your garden is very weedy, there usually are a few very large weed plants rather than

many small plants. Forget about using a hoe in any garden inundated by weeds. Instead, starting in one corner of the garden, grab each large weed and give it a tug. This wrenches the whole plant from the soil, roots and all. Alternatively, eat the weeds. Make believe you are cultivating them. Many late summer weeds - and three in particular - are edible. If weeds haven't grown so large as to completely shade your garden, you undoubtedly will find some purslane growing near ground level. This ubiquitous weed, with reddish stems and fleshy, spoon-shaped leaves, is cultivated as a vegetable in India and France, but all you have to do is go out to your garden to weed and eat at the same time.

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Side dish

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Bob Evans will introduce another burrito to its line of refrigerated homestyle convenience foods in September.

The Bob Evans Bacon, Egg & Cheese Burrito features bacon, eggs and cheese rolled into a soft flour tortilla, and is ready from the microwave in 35 seconds.

It will be introduced in the Bob Evans Snackwiches® line throughout the 21-state Bob Evans food products market.

"Since four of the top 10 products in the grocery store breakfast sandwich category are Bob Evans Snackwiches®, our expectations for the new Bob Evans Bacon, Egg & Cheese Burrito are high," said Roger Williams, Bob Evans Farms executive vice-president of food products.

"As a convenient homestyle breakfast, or a quick but hearty snack or meal entrée, it meets the needs of today's busy consumers."

The product is packaged with six burritos per 14 4-ounce box, with a suggested retail price of \$3.89.

Bob Evans' other Snackwiches include Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuits, Large Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuits, Sausage, Egg & Cheese Burritos, Sausage Biscuits, and Sausage Cheeseburgers.

Among other Bob Evans grocery store products are fresh sausage rolls, links and patties, Bob Evans Express® fully cooked sausage; grilling sausage; frozen biscuits and dinner rolls, refrigerated mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, hash browns and home fries, and several refrigerated entrees, such as chicken and noodles, and frozen entrees, such as chicken pot pie.

Bob Evans also owns and operates 590 full-service, family restaurants in 20 states. For more information about Bob Evans Farms Inc., visit the company's Web site at www.bobevans.com.

Happy 35th

Pizza and cake lovers across Michigan are getting a special treat from Papa Romano's Pizza as it celebrates 35 years of serving the best pizza in Michigan.

With every regular-priced large or extra large pizza ordered, Papa Romano's Pizza patrons get a free chocolate Sanders bumpy cake. Coupons are available online at www.paparomanos.com. The offer is good at all 60 Papa Romano's Pizza locations and lasts until every bumpy cake is gobbled up.

"We wanted to give our customers something special to celebrate 35 years of success in Michigan," says Ron Hancock, founder and president of Papa Romano's Pizza. "What better way to say 'thank you' than with a free Sanders bumpy cake?" Visit www.paparomanos.com for more information.

Winning recipes

From pork to pinwheels, Canton woman cooks up a storm

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Bunting's love of cooking began at the very tender age of 4.

Bunting remembers those early days of childhood when she'd visit her grandmother Lucille Kozlowski.

"I'd go to her house and I'd always ask, 'Are we baking today?'" Bunting said with a warm smile at that memory.

"I helped her every day. She was always baking or making dinner that night."

And Bunting still loves cooking. Bunting's efforts paid off a few weeks ago when she took two first places, a second place and two third places in various cooking categories at the Michigan State Fair.

The Canton woman took first place in a Pillsbury Pie Crust contest for her Royal Coronation Peach Pie, a first place for her Cherry Ricotta Almond Muffins in the open baking category, a second place for her Peach Jalapeno Glazed Pork Tenderloin in the Wow Now Pork Recipe Rally of the National Pork Board, a third place for her Super Cheesy Ranch Pinwheels in the Hidden Valley Family Friendly Food contest, and a third place for her Martha White cornbread.

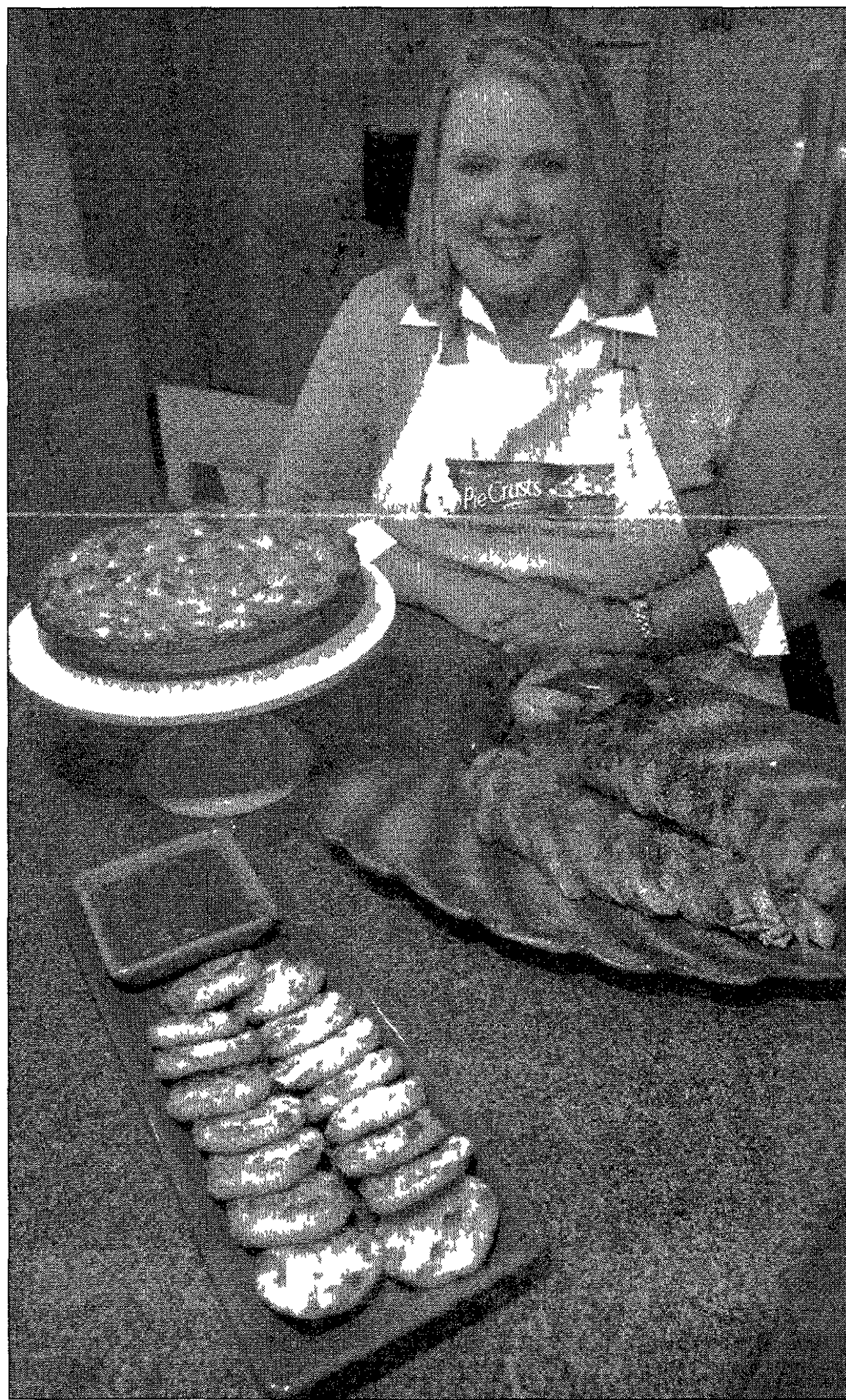
She has competed three years at the state fair. Teresa Sirois of Oxford, who grew up with Bunting in Dearborn and knew of her love of cooking, convinced her to sign up for the state fair cooking competitions.

"Three years ago, she got me into it," Bunting said. "After my (first) son (Daniel) was born, she said, 'You can do it, there's no excuses.' She's done it her whole life with her mother and grandmother."

Bunting said she made a conscious effort to simplify her dishes this year and it paid off. The daily category of foods requires contestants to prepare dishes that day, which she did for the pork, pinwheels and cornbread.

For the daily category, I got the hang of it, Bunting said. I think I tried to do too much last year. I think that they look for things that can be easily recreated, that anybody can do and didn't take a lot of work."

The National Pork Board contest required a maximum of five ingredients.



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Kelly Bunting of Canton was a winner at the Michigan State Fair

PLEASE SEE WINNER, B10

PEACH JALAPENO GLAZED PORK TENDERLOIN

- 1 13 ounce jar peach preserves
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped jalapeno pepper
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger root
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 pork tenderloins

Preheat grill on high heat. In a small saucepan combine preserves, vinegar, jalapeno, ginger and honey. Mix well.

When ready to grill, reduce grill heat to medium. Cook tenderloins 20-25 minutes or until no longer pink in center. During last 10 minutes of cooking time, brush tenderloins with glaze.

To serve, heat remaining glaze on low heat until hot. Slice pork tenderloins and drizzle glaze over top. Serves 8.

Recipe courtesy of Kelly Bunting of Canton, second place winner in Wow Now Pork Recipe Rally.



Peaches sweeten and jalapeno heats this pork tenderloin

Paul Hobbs wines achieve cult status

Paul Hobbs wines have achieved cult status in the super-luxury wine category, but he's not an overnight sensation.

Recognition has been growing since 1991 when Hobbs focused on producing vineyard and appellation-designated varietal wines, distinguished by their fruit intensity and recognizable regional characteristics.

Hobbs defined the super-luxury category as wines of high quality, rarity, price and prestige.

"When I price my wine in the super-luxury category," Hobbs said, "I'm saying that the quality ranks with the best on



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the planet.

Yet Hobbs believes that it's all about vineyard sourcing. To reach his goals, it has been vital to work with exceptional vineyards such as Walker Station in the Russian River Valley, Richard Dinner on Sonoma Mountain, Hyde Vineyard in

Napa Valley-Carneros and Beckstoffer's Tokalon in the Napa Valley.

The very best grapes grow in a limited number of places.

"They're distinguished by climate, exposure, clones and site," Hobbs said.

GETTING STARTED

Hobbs began his winemaking career in 1978 at Robert Mondavi Winery, then climbed the career ladder at Simi Winery in Sonoma County.

Intrigued by the expanding potential of Chilean and Argentinian wines in 1988, he had the fortune to meet Argentina's renowned Nicolas Catena,

who offered him the opportunity to make Argentina's first world-class chardonnay.

Hobbs' interest in the wines of Argentina continues with his value-priced Nativio brand including Cocodrilo (cabernet sauvignon), LaGarto (merlot), El Felno, Cobos and Bramare (malbecs from different Mendoza sources and ages of vines).

Along with several partners in 1991, Hobbs founded his eponymous brand and in 2003 crushed grapes for the first time in his own 18,000-acre, state-of-

PLEASE SEE HOBBS, B9

EVENTS

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

Music, art and nature
Oakland Land Conservancy will present Music under the Stars 7-11 p.m. Friday Sept 23 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center 1516 Cranbrook Road just north of 14 Mile Road. Guests will be able to view the center's art exhibit, listen to the new folk music of writer/singer/musician/recording artists Jim Bizer of Franklin Jan Krist of Royal Oak and their friends and have a full course buffet dinner. The event will help support the land protection work of the conservancy. Tickets are \$50 per person and half the cost is tax deductible. For reservations call the conservancy at (248) 601-2816. Bizer has won numerous honors as a singer/songwriter/guitarist. They include the 2004 grand prize in the Great American Song Contest for his song *We Are All Connected* a moving 9/11 testament. Playing beside him will be Krist who has won four Detroit Metro Music Awards.

Oakland Land Conservancy currently protects some 700 acres of land through conservation easements or outright ownership. It is directed by an all-volunteer board that meets monthly. Operations and acquisition projects depend on memberships, gifts and grants. A Bluestem Challenge grant will match every \$10 donation with \$5 up to \$10,000 through 2005 year end. The conservancy's current Conservation Acquisition Project focuses on three areas in Oakland and Lapeer counties that have high quality natural resources and potential for green infrastructure connections: the Shiawassee River headwaters, Metamora horse country and the Stony Creek corridor. Music Under the Stars will honor the conservancy's past president John Jickling A.I.A. It is sponsored by DENSO International America Inc. Gordon Advisors PC and Silverman Development Co.

Rochester
Let's Go to Italy is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Sept 27 at the Rochester Community House 816 Ludlow. This class helps you to discover the secrets of Italy from the experts. Reawaken your love of food, wine, art and travel. There is no fee for the class but call the Rochester Community House at (248) 651-0622 to reserve your spot. A Tour de France wine dinner will be prepared by Chef Dan Vernia and wines selected by Jean Jacques Fertal 6-30 9-30 p.m. Wednesday Oct 19 at the Rochester Community House. The two will work together to create harmony between the foods and the wine. Call (248) 651-0622 for reservations. Dinner is \$65 per person. Music: Tea and Me allows guests to enjoy an evening of music and meditation to renew your spirit and empower your life. Relax before the holidays with a cup of tea and bring a good friend to the Rochester Community House 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec 7. Call (248) 651-0622 for information.

Busch's
Busch's Markets presents a cooking class series for September. Well Preserved Recipes and Techniques for enjoying Summer and Fall's Seasonal Bounty throughout the Year. Busch's cooks will demonstrate safe canning, freezing, drying and bottling techniques. Sample apple butter on Busch's cinnamon swirl bread, egg plant relish on flat iron steaks, orange basil butter on salmon, tomato chutney on Busch's rotisserie chicken and a composed salad with a lemon tarragon vinaigrette. The class is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday Sept 22 at Busch's 24445 Drake Road in Farmington. Call the store at (248) 427-7400 for information.

Healthy Cooking Classes
Vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands on experience preparing the recipes. Upcoming classes include Fall 2005 two week series on Oct 19 and 26 fee \$60 (\$30 each class) and a Beginning Series on Sept 27 and Oct 4 (\$30 each class). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are 6-9 p.m. in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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

Swiss Chocolates
Acquire chocolate knowledge. Enjoy demonstrations of how to temper chocolate, produce hollow shells, dip chocolate and caramel dipping techniques. Class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday Sept 22 and taught by certified master pastry chef Joe Decker. Fee is \$98 and \$78.40 for seniors.

Hands On
Note: Hands On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101 Skill Development class or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others.

International Breads 5-9 p.m. Thursday Oct 6. Cooking with an Asian Flair 6-9 p.m. Tuesday Oct 11. Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking two days 6-10 p.m. Friday Oct 21 and 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Oct 22.

The Community House
The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham has scheduled fall cooking classes. Unless otherwise noted, each class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Community House and has a fee of \$30. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Want to try something a little different? On Tuesday Sept 27 join Peter Engelhardt, Executive Chef at The Community House in preparation of this three course meal that will appeal to all of your senses: thyme scented mushrooms on bibb lettuce, sautéed shrimp with feta, marsala with couscous. Top it off with pepper mint ice cream pie.

Breads of India is scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday Sept 22 in Room 114 of Derby Middle School 1300 Derby in Birmingham. Learn how to make the yeast free dough to creating several breads on a griddle including flat bread, layered bread and spiced vegetables stuffed bread. Prepare a five minute curry and fresh cucumber salad. Material fee of \$13 payable to instructor at class. Bring a cup measure, a wide bowl and two dish towels. Fee is \$39 for Birmingham residents and \$44 for others.

Heavenly Vegetarian Curries is scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday Sept 29 in Room 114 at Derby Middle School 1300 Derby in Birmingham. Journey through various regions of India. Prepare four different curries from beans, fresh cheese, vegetables and yogurt including restaurant style dishes like Matar Paneer. Perfectly cooked Basmati rice will accompany the meal. Bring a dish towel. Material fee of \$13 payable to instructor at class. The fee is \$39 for Birmingham residents and \$44 for others.

So You Went to the Cider Mill and Bought a Bushel of Apples. Now What? is scheduled Tuesday Oct 11. This seasonal fall delight will thrill the apple lover. Start with baby salad greens drizzled with fresh apple vinaigrette. Your entree will be chicken breast stuffed with apples, brie and sun-dried cherries in an apple brandy sauce with wild rice. And for the piece de resistance, enjoy a baked caramel apple purse. Instructor Peter Engelhardt is Executive Chef at The Community House. He moved here from Atlanta, where he was the Executive Chef for Turner Field and Philips Arena. Engelhardt graduated with degrees in culinary arts and food management from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I.

HOBBS

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the-art winery on his 14-acre Lindsay Vineyard estate in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

MOVING FORWARD
Hobbs' thrust is the production of single vineyard wines. He cited Burgundian varieties, pinot noir and chardonnay as classic models for producing vineyard-designated wines. Hobbs' Bordeaux model incorporates up to five varieties in the blend. Beckstoffer ToKalon was designed as a Bordeaux-style estate vineyard with all five varieties planted. "Beckstoffer ToKalon Cabernet Sauvignon," Hobbs said, "is 100 percent cabernet sauvignon. I blend five or six clones of cabernet from the ToKalon vineyard and work with a barrel mix to achieve complexity." We had to ask "When you stopped working for others and started Paul Hobbs Winery, what took your wines to cult status?" "I can't answer that ques-

tion," Hobbs said, "except to say that I continually ask myself, 'How can I improve my wines?'" "There are many little things that get a brand to the top, including positive press, consumer feedback and distributor response. A buzz starts among sommeliers, wine shop owners, restaurateurs and consumers. There was something about my wines that people liked." "We succeeded because, at first, we did not spend a lot of money on a winery, we built a brand. The investors were paid off faster than projected. We turned a profit within six years." "I learned this from Nicolas Catena. All of his assets were in vineyards and his focus was making great wine. It was only after 10 years that Catena built his winery. I followed his model." The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

The WINES OF PAUL HOBBS are in limited quantity and in high demand. The following wines were released on Sept 15, so if you have any thoughts of trying some of the very best from California, don't delay in speaking with your favorite wine retailer.

- 2003 Paul Hobbs Chardonnay, Walker Station Vineyard, Russian River Valley, \$60, is distinguished by aromas that are at first floral, then evolve to citrus and green apple. Flavors are layered with a touch of toasty elegance.
- 2003 Paul Hobbs Chardonnay, Cuvée Agustina Richard Dinner Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain \$100, is a blend Hobbs named for his daughter. Spice and honeysuckle top fruit tones and lead to flavors of apple and pear highlighted by a creamy finish.
- 2003 Paul Hobbs Pinot Noir Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley, \$70, has rose-like aromatics, then sings cherry and plum flavors. Hints of vanilla complement flavors long into the rich finish.
- 2002 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Beckstoffer ToKalon Vineyard, Oakville Napa Valley, \$265 (excellent vintage). When one pays this much for a cabernet, expectations are those of outstanding fruit levels, structure, complexity and overall magnificence. This wine delivers on all counts as 100 percent cabernet sauvignon, aged in 100 percent new French oak for 20 months and bottled unfined and unfiltered. Only 611 cases were produced. Find a bottle and buy it.

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WINNER
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This was the first year they had the pork competition, at least for the three years I've been entering," Bunting said. I heard about the contest and said, "I can do that."

"I wanted to find something fruity with the pork. I put the jalapeno in for my husband (Brad), ginger root and honey and white vinegar."

Bunting played with the recipe, tasting and asking herself what it needed with the preserves.

"The vinegar helps keep the peach preserves from re-coagulating. I was trying to find something my husband wouldn't put hot sauce on."

"I cooked them quite a few times to get them just the way I wanted them."

Bunting received cash prizes of \$200 from Pillsbury, \$100 from the National Pork Board and \$50 from Hidden Valley.

Her pinwheels are "fantastically easy," she said, and the peach pie - made with ready-made Pillsbury crust - contains canned peaches, almond extract, brown sugar, orange zest and lemon juice.

What foods does she like? Bunting likes different foods and a variety of dishes.

"People will ask me to bring certain dishes to parties, but I always like to bring something different. I like to browse through cookbooks. I like to

grill and bake."

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SUPER CHEESY RANCH PINWHEELS

These pinwheels make a great appetizer or snack with the optional pizza sauce for a dip. They are also wonderful as an accompaniment to a salad or main course. They can even be made in advance and chilled for up to two days, or frozen for up to two months (before slicing).

- 1 1/3 8 ounce prepared pizza dough from dairy case
- 8 ounces cream cheese softened to room temperature
- 1 1/2 ounce package Original Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup shredded pizza cheese
- 2 tablespoons shredded parmesan/romano/asiago cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated parmesan/romano cheese
- 1 cup prepared pizza sauce for dipping (optional)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a large bowl, mix cream cheese, ranch mix and milk until fully combined. Then add cheese and stir until fully incorporated.

Unroll pizza dough onto a work surface. Spread cheese mixture over entire surface of dough. Roll dough in jelly roll fashion, starting at longest side.

Chill or freeze until firm before slicing. (If frozen, thaw slightly before slicing.)

Slice into 16 rounds (about 1/2 inch each). Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake for 13-15 minutes until golden brown. Serve with pizza sauce as an

appetizer/snack or as a side with salad or your main meal.

Recipe courtesy of Kelly Bunting, third place winner in Hidden Valley Family Friendly Food Contest.

ROYAL CORONATION PEACH PIE

- 1 15 ounce package Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust (2 crusts)
- 3 cups sliced peaches
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar (light)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon butter

- 1 egg white, slightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a large bowl mix peaches, brown sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, salt, orange rind and almond extract.

Fit bottom crust into 9 inch pie pan. Pour in peach mixture. Dot top of filling with butter.

Cut second crust with pastry roller for crimped edge in 1/2-inch strips. Starting at the center twist and spiral dough, pinching strips together. Form a crown with the spirals and attach final strips to bottom crust edge with egg wash. Brush entire top with egg wash and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake for 45-55 minutes until bubbling and golden brown. Serves 8.

Recipe courtesy of Kelly Bunting, first place winner in pie contest.

WINE CALENDAR

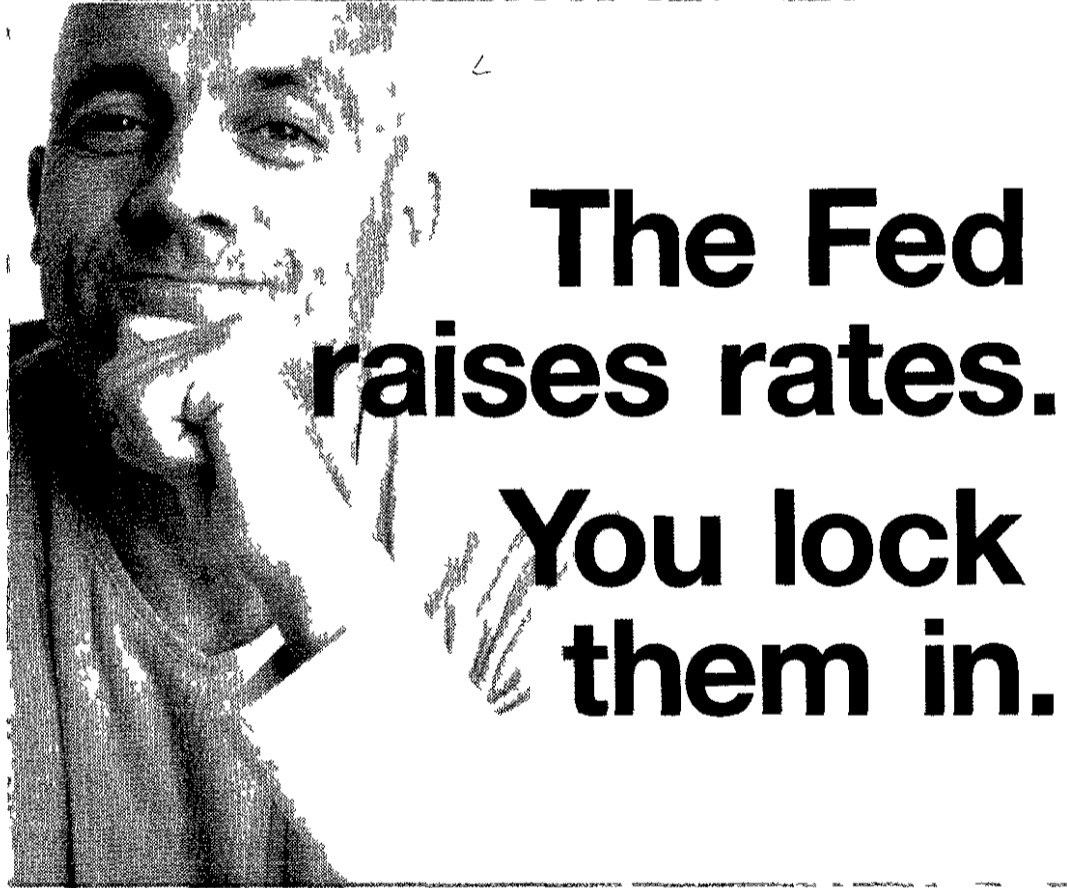
Wine Tasting

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

Wine Exploration

The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham presents a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend. To register or for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the instructors. Classes are:
 ■ French Wines Sept 28 (\$26) Receive an introduction to wines from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser known areas. Learn about the variety of French wines and how to read

appellations distinguish between vineyards and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted.
 ■ More about French Wines Oct 5 (\$26) Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence. Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts do.
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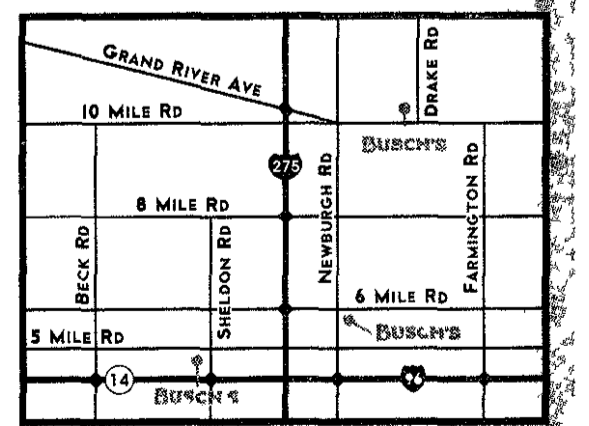
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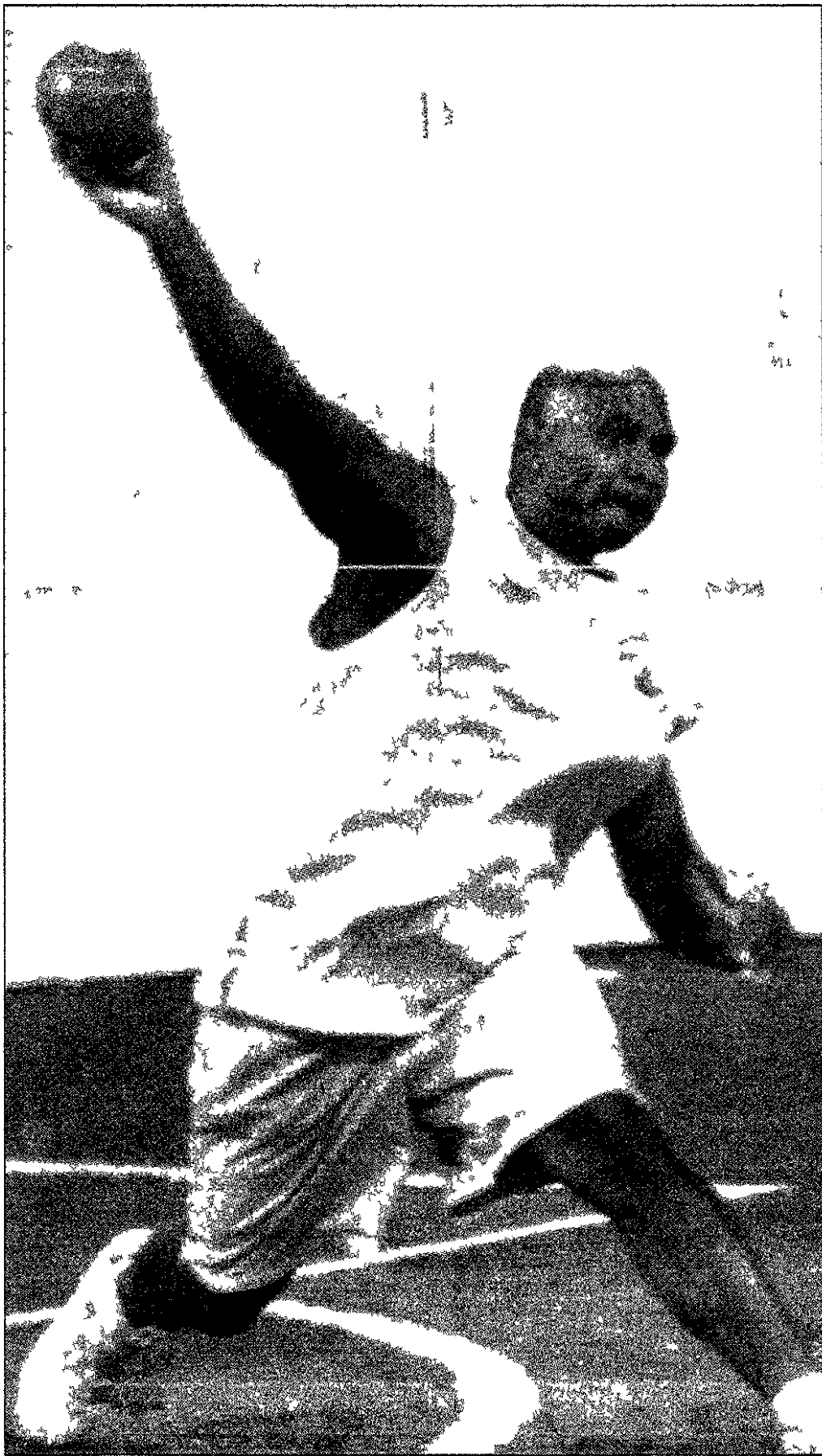
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Livonia resident Kevin Rudolph rears back and fires away during a dodge ball game Monday night at Canton's High Velocity Sports. A favorite gym activity for many middle-schoolers, dodge ball has grown in popularity among 20 somethings in the Observerland area.



Members of the "Smelly Targets" (backs to camera) get defensive Monday night in a recreational dodge ball game played at High Velocity Sports.

Dodge ball's *back*

Grown-ups are flocking to fast-paced game they played during teen years

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Dave Burrows is 21 years old, but he felt 13 again Monday night as he scooped up a spongy red ball and fired it with all his might at another "twentysomething" who was stationed at the opposite end of the High Velocity Sports mini-soccer field.

A split second after the ball left Burrows' hand, he was drilled in the side by a second ball, sending him to the sidelines until the beginning of the next game.

Burrows was playing dodge ball, a retro playground activity that found

new life at HVS in the spring of 2004 when the Buffalo Wild Wings Dodge Ball League was formed. The fast-paced action the sport offers is a drawing card for hundreds of area residents who are searching for a combination of exercise, camaraderie and rapid-fire competition.

"This game brings me back to my middle school days," Burrows said, as he wiped sweat from his brow. "It's a great sport because it's fun and it's different. To be good at it, you need quickness — and a great arm doesn't hurt."

PLEASE SEE **DODGE BALL, C4**

Sidelines

Junior golf winners

Canton Leisure Services and Pheasant Run Golf Club hosted the Drive Pitch and Putt Sectional Competition on Saturday, Aug. 28. Thirty youngsters competed for ribbons in the following age divisions for boys and girls: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Nine first- and second-place winners of each division from Canton participated in the state competition held at Bald Mountain Golf Course in Lake Orion on Sunday, Sept. 18. Representing Canton were Samantha Smed (8-9), Nicole Berry (8-9), Jeniella Davis (10-11), Amanda Kerr (12-13), Glenn Plot (8-9), Donnie Trosper (8-9), Nick Eiben (10-11), Bennett Smed (10-11) and Nick Walker (12-13). Kerr and Plot both placed first in their respective divisions, and Nick Walker placed second in his division.

Lions win 1 of 3

The Lions freshmen suffered their first setback of the season, losing 33-13 to Rochester when the Lions moved the ball. The blocking was led by Daniel Tidwell, Alex Smith, Shane Raymond and Mike Frazier. The Lions' touch downs were scored by Eric Thomas and Kyle Durham.

The Lions junior-varsity squad improved its record to 2-0 with a 33-18 victory over the Redskins. Braden Price (three touchdowns) and Joshua Nolen (two TDs) led the scoring punch behind a strong offensive line led by Bobby Riche and Robert Turfe. The defense was paced by Matt Harris, Kyle Dexter, Corey Watkins and Faris Abraham.

Steelers win pair

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football league team won two of three games Sunday from the Belleville Cougars. The freshmen Steelers won, 19-7, while the junior-varsity squad upended Belleville, 33-0. The varsity fell, 44-20.

GCYBSA news

■ The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) Travel Group is accepting coaching applications for its 10U Canton Cubs and 12U Canton Reds teams. Interested coaches and prospective players should send an e-mail to: thepotters@wowway.com

■ The newly formed 9U Canton Cardinals will be holding tryouts for its 2006 team this afternoon from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Oct. 2 at the same time at the Plymouth Township Park, which is located off Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Players who live in or attend school in Plymouth or Canton are eligible to play. For more information, contact Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446.

Motivation is the key to success in 4th quarter

Pretend for a moment you're a high school football player. It's the fourth quarter, you're flat out drained and your coach's ear-popping, adrenaline-boosting halftime speech seems about as distant as the Gettysburg Address.

What do you do to keep the edge you need to perform in a physical, unforgiving sport like football?

If you're like me, you resort to self-motivating visualization techniques that can carry you through until the final whistle blows.

I had to fall back on these techniques often during my less than memorable senior season playing for the 1979 Lansing Hill Panthers. My most effective self-motivation tactic when I played cornerback worked like this: As the opposing running back came rumbling around the end and into the secondary, I would block out my fatigue and the fact that we were down 30 points by visualizing that the running back had just stolen my *The Best of Earth, Wind & Fire* eight-track tape and I had to stop him.

It was so effective that he would usually only drag me 6 yards instead of 12. As a bonus to any prep players reading this column, here are a couple of self-motivating visuals you can use for this week's game.

1. Visualize going through the drive through at Taco Bell after a long day at

PLEASE SEE **GRID PICKS, C9**

PCEP employee earns body-building glory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The sun hasn't lifted itself over the horizon most weekday mornings when Plymouth-Canton Educational Park security guard Rick Thom starts lifting iron in the Salem High School workout room.

The pre-dawn regimen has proven to be a winning formula for the 48-year-old Livonia resident, who finished second in the Masters Division (over-40) Tall Class (over 5-foot-11) competition at the National Amateur Body Building Association's national event held in Harrisburg, Pa., over Labor Day weekend.

"Myself and a couple of training partners start lifting as early as quarter to five some mornings," Thom said. "We usually work out four days a week for about an hour and a half. It's early, but it's the only time my schedule allows me to lift. I work all day, pick up my kids after school, then I like spending time with my family in the evening."

"It actually works out real well. It's nice lifting in the morning because it gets my metabolism going for the rest of the day."

Thom's passion for body-building developed during his senior year at Canton High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track-and-field. "One day I was in the coaches' office

and I saw a copy of *Sports Illustrated* with Arnold Schwarzenegger on the cover," Thom recalled. "I picked it up, started reading the article about how he got into body-building, and decided that's what I wanted to do."

"It's competitive now, but it's fun, too, which is why I'm still competing."

Thom qualified for the NABBA national tournament by winning his class in the Eastern United States regional qualifying event Aug. 6 in Bridgeport, W. Va. The feat was impressive considering he's usually the oldest competitor in his class. "The age range in the Masters Division

PLEASE SEE **BODY, C4**

Captains lead Rock swimmers past Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem swimmers Kelsey Lincoln and Kate Musson were voted team captains by their peers in part because of their strong leadership qualities.

In Tuesday night's season-opening dual meet against Canton, the pair of swimmers led by example.

Both Rock captains finished first in every event in which they competed and were instrumental in Salem's 103-83 victory. Lincoln touched first in the 200 IM (2:19.04) and 100 backstroke (1:03.25) and was a key member of Salem's winning 200 medley relay and 400-freestyle relay teams, while Musson captured the 50 freestyle (26:87) and 100 freestyle (58:51) along with notching two relay victories.

"I'm always a little skeptical before our first dual meet of the season because you never know what to expect," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "But I thought that, by and large, the girls swam well. We still have a few problems that we need to

address, but all in all I was pleased with the effort."

Despite the loss, Canton coach Molly Raines saw a number of positive developments.

"We swam some good races," said Raines, whose team went unbeaten in dual meets last season. "We got some unexpected points in a few areas, which is always nice to see. Salem has a nice, deep team."

Sophomore standout Allison Schmitt had an outstanding meet for Canton, winning the 500 freestyle (5:15.09) and 200 freestyle (2:01.44). Chief swimmer Monica Blaesser also sparkled for the hosts, winning the 100 butterfly (1:05.98) and finishing second in the 200 freestyle behind Schmitt (2:04.11).

Canton's Chelsea Seldon won the diving competition with 167.75 points.

Salem's Kim Heaney turned in a gold medal performance in the 100 breaststroke, winning in 1:13.36.

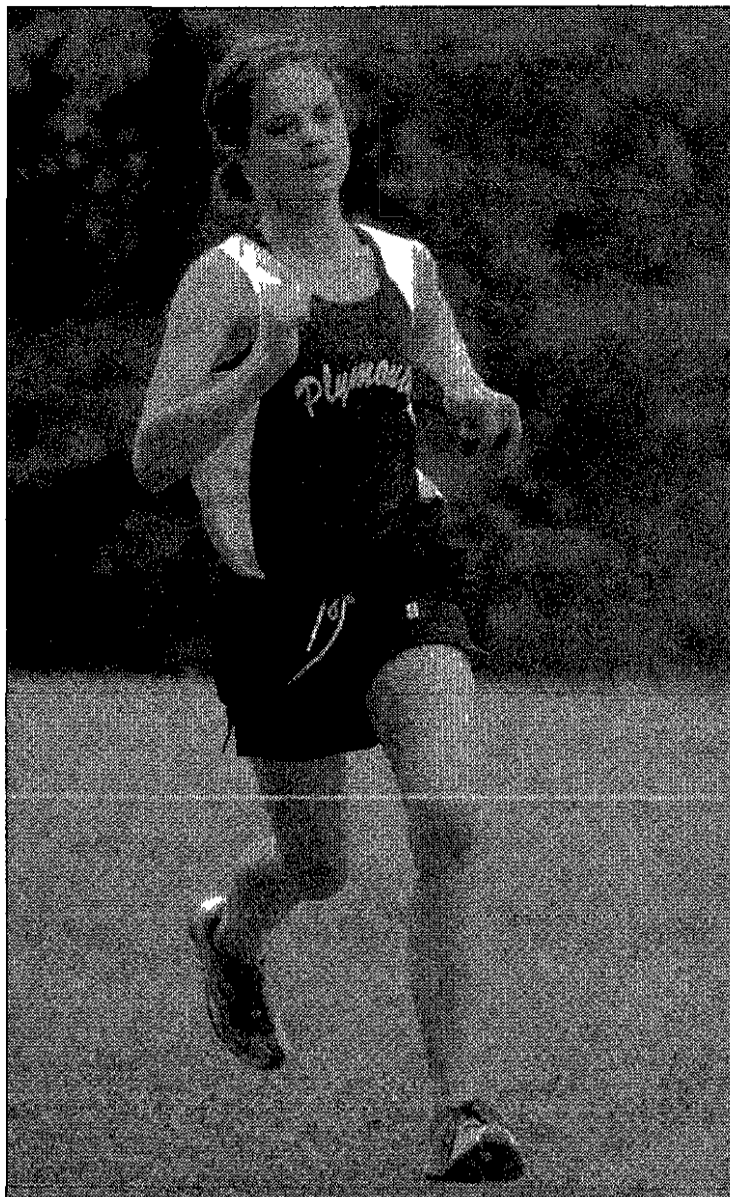
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Salem's Kelsey Lincoln completes the breaststroke portion of the 200 IM during Tuesday night's dual meet at Canton. Lincoln finished first in the event, helping the Rocks upend the Chiefs, 103-83.

Plymouth, Salem harriers bring home gold at invites



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A strong effort by senior Amy Ostrowski led the Plymouth cross-country team to its first invitational championship Saturday afternoon

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Saturday proved to be a productive day for the Plymouth and Salem high school girls cross country teams

The Wildcats captured first place in the Autumn Classic at Stony Creek Metro Park while the Rocks successfully defended their title at the Holly Invitational

Plymouth compiled 31 points, which was half the total of runner-up and host Warren Mott's 62. The field was rounded out by Mt. Clemens L'Anse Creuse (75), Dearborn Divine Child (104), Harper Woods Regina (110) and Warren Woods Tower (142)

"Ideally, you want the finishing times between your No. 1 runner and No. 5 runner to be two minutes or less," said Wildcat coach Mary Kerwin. "Our top five runners finished within 52 seconds of each other Saturday, which is why we won. We don't have anyone who runs in the 18's, but we have a lot of depth, which makes us competitive. I was very pleased with our performance."

The gold-medal performance was the Wildcats' first in school history

Senior Amy Ostrowski led Plymouth with a third-place showing in 20:46. She was followed by teammates Beth Heldmeyer (fourth in 20:53), Pam Bhullar (seventh in 21:06), Sarah Sherwood (eighth in 21:21) and Jackie Beeler (ninth in 21:38). Running but not scor-

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

ing were Molly Slavens (13th in 21:57) and Liz Koet (21st in 22:37). Slavens' time was a personal best.

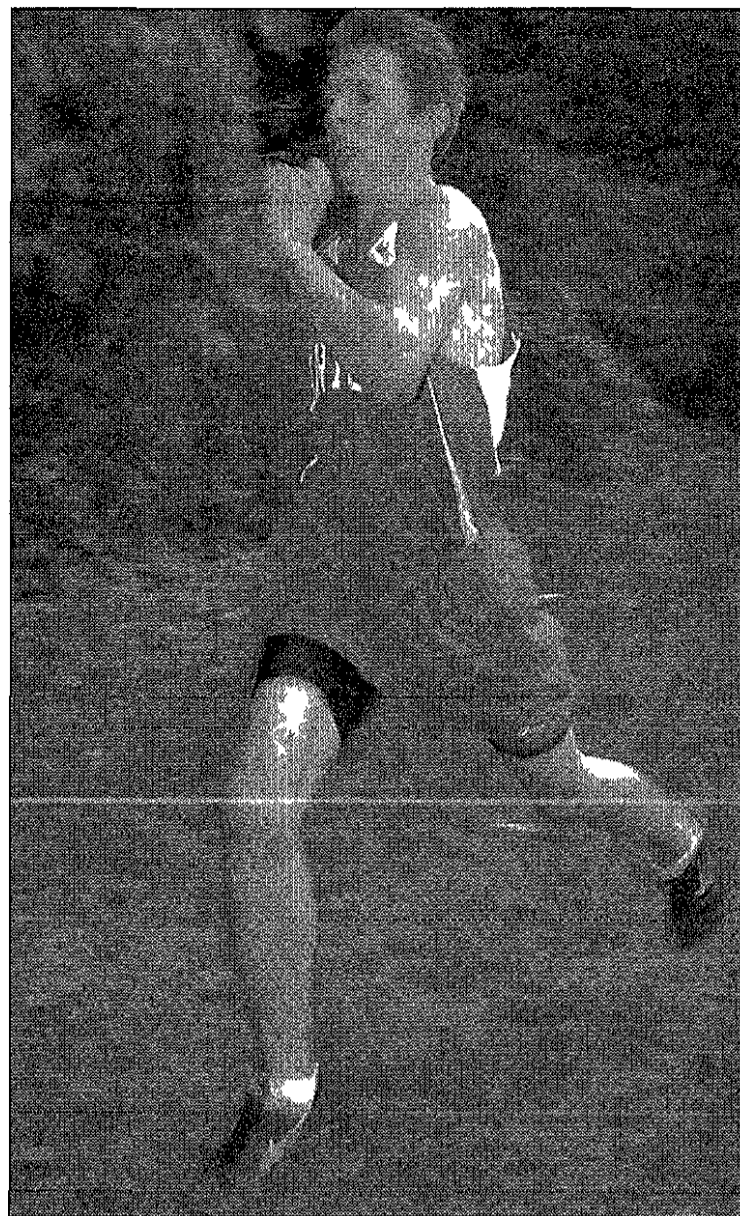
"I was very proud of the girls' performance," Kerwin reiterated. "They're getting better every week. There are a lot of tough teams in the area, but we proved we can run with them now."

Salem's successful defense of the Holly Invitational title was led by Hannah Cavicchio, who finished second in 19:31, just 12 seconds behind invite medalist Nicole Hammer of Troy Athens.

The Rocks finished with 70 points, 31 fewer than the Red Hawks' 101. The top five places were filled out by Troy (132), Grosse Pointe North (134) and Howell (139).

"It was nice to see us follow up our City Meet championship with a strong performance in Holly," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "There was some decent competition and it was a tough course, so the girls were excited about the meet and the challenge. We knew we had some holes to fill from last year's team, but the girls are really doing a nice job so far."

Other point-earners for Salem included Marisa Carpinelli (10th in 20:26), Alie Vraniak (12th in 20:30), Allison Janda (22nd in 21:19) and Kristen Dondzla (24th in 21:31). Running but not scoring for the Rocks were Sarah Kosteva (43rd in 22:10) and Amanda Kassem (53rd in 22:35).



Canton senior Trey Wolfe helped lead the Chiefs' cross country team to a fifth-place finish in Saturday's Ludington Invitational

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Salem harriers are 3rd at New Boston

Salem earned a third-place finish in the 15-team New Boston Huron Invitational Saturday afternoon. The Rocks finished with 101 points, behind only Monroe (66) and Erie-Mason (67).

Jimmy Walsh was the first Rock to cross the finish line, earning fifth place with a time of 16:47. He was followed across the stripe by teammates Dan Kapadia (sixth in 16:50), Kevin DeBear (26th in 17:48), Andrew Cassidy (30th in 17:52), Craig Cowing (34th in 17:59), Justin Kane (35th in 18:00) and Cam Loftus (40th in 18:11).

PLYMOUTH 9TH IN HOLLY

The Wildcats placed ninth at the Holly Invitational held Saturday at Springfield Oaks Park in Davison. The meet was won by Pioneer (86), which finished one point ahead of second-place South Lyon. Lake Orion rounded out the top three spots with 99 points. Plymouth finished with 213. "We ran better than we did last week in the City Meet, but it was a tough course, so you couldn't see the improvement in the times," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "Our first three runners ran well. Now we need our four and five guys to step up."

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Anthony Scaparo was the fastest Wildcat, finishing seventh in 16:55. He was followed by teammates Pat Slavens (30th in 17:40), Derek Lax (36th in 17:46), Nate Kostegan (66th in 18:27), Justin Huey (80th in 18:43), Justin Magill (87th in 18:52) and Alex Noble (88th in 18:56).

CANTON 5TH IN LUDINGTON

The Chiefs finished fifth in Saturday's 10-team Ludington Invitational. The meet was captured by Fremont, which netted just 38 points. Muskegon Orchard View was second (84) followed by third place Petoskey (88). Canton finished with 125.

"Our top five guys all finished in the top 30, so we're seeing improvement," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "It was the hardest course we'll run on this year, so the times weren't great."

Senior Trey Wolfe paced the Chiefs with a 17th-place showing in 18:14. He was followed by teammates Kyle Clinton (24th in 18:41), Derek Hoerman (26th in 18:46), Duncan Spitz (28th in 18:52) and Aaron McClellan (30th in 19:03).

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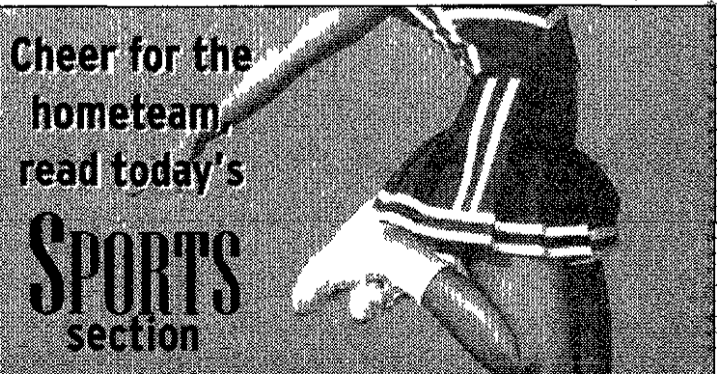
The Charter Township of Plymouth has prepared a written Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Lease/Management of Hilltop Golf Course located at 47000 Powell Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The Hilltop Golf Course is an 18 hole course with a clubhouse. The course will be available for lease/management as of January 1, 2006.

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.

If you have any questions, call Clerk Marilyn Massengill at (734) 354-3224 or Tony Hollis the Public Works Manager at (734) 453-8131.

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DODGE BALL

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WIDESPREAD APPEAL

Interest in the HVS dodge ball leagues gathered steam faster than the ball that left Burrows' hand Monday night. There were eight teams in the first session we offered and 24 in the next one," said HVS marketing manager Elaine Mavridis, describing the unique sport's rapid growth. "Once you play it, it's addictive, you can't stay away." "People thought it was crazy when we first offered it, but they love it. It's fun and everybody can play. You don't need any special skills like some other sports." As far as the balls used in the game, think of a Nerf basketball on steroids. They're a little bigger than a Nerf ball, but still small enough so that players can palm them with relative ease. They're denser, too, so a direct shot to the facial area can sting for a second or two. Games start with 10 players per team. A player is out when he is hit by a ball thrown by an opposing player, or if a ball he throws is caught by an opponent. The team with the last player standing wins the game.

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Teams play for one hour each week. Whichever team wins 10 games first or has the most wins after the hour elapses wins the match.

It's non-stop action and you can never stop moving," said Plymouth resident Beth Harris, a teacher at South Redford's Pierce Middle School. Does Harris utilize any strategy when she steps onto the dodge ball surface? "Don't get hit," she said, laughing. Ben Martinez, 24, drives in from Detroit every Monday night to compete for the "Nasty Nasty," a team made up of long-time friends and co-workers. Even though the round-trip drive takes longer than the actual game, it's worth it, Martinez asserted. "It's great exercise and there's a lot of action,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Drew Crawford fails to elude a fast-moving ball during a game of dodge ball Monday night at Canton's High Velocity Sports. A total of 14 teams play on Monday and Wednesday nights on the mini-soccer fields at HVS.

Martinez said "You can never turn your back out there. One time I bent down to pick up a ball, then when I looked up — BAM! — a ball hit me in the side of the face. The balls are soft so it doesn't hurt, but it stings a little."

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Redford resident Michelle Sharpe, a member of the "Smelly Targets," said dodge ball helps her unwind after a long day at work. I work with kids all day, so

this lets me cut loose a little bit, she said. "It gets pretty competitive sometimes, but the nice thing about it is it's fun even if you don't win." The registration deadline for the next session is Oct. 19. For more information, contact Mavridis at (734) HV-SPORTS. The entry fee is \$400 per team, which is a small price to pay for being able to feel 13 again. ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

PREP GOLF RESULTS

CANTON 160
W. L. CENTRAL 166
Sept. 20 at Hilltop G C
Canton scorers: Derek Trospier 39, Pat Gallagher 40, Justin Pierce 40, Brandon Eggesfield 41, Ben Underwood 44, Clark Albers 48.
W. L. Central scorers: Tony Lis 41, Cory Codere 41, Joel McGinley 42, Nick Green 42, Casey Johnson 45, Brad Nedro 46.
Dual meet records: Canton, 4-3 overall; W. L. Central 2-2 (WLAA).

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 175
SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 182
Sept. 20 at Hickory Creek
PCA scores (low four count): Ross Geruhs (medalist) 39, Keith Boruta 40, Derek Elenbaas 43, Mitch Geracz 53, Kevin Bottorff 55, Jacob Hubbard 61.
Southfield Christian scorers: Kurt Goldsby 44, Jordan Ronketto 45, Alex Vartee 46, Joey Spears 47.
Dual meet records: PCA 6-4 overall and 5-2 in the MIAC Red.

CANTON 169
WAYNE MEMORIAL 182
Sept. 19 at Fellows Creek (West)
Canton scorers: Brandon Eggesfield, Derek Trospier and Justin Pierce 42 each (co-medalists), Ben Underwood 43, Pat Gallagher, 47, Joey Underwood 50.
Wayne scorers: Justin Ables, 42 (co-medalist), John Lopez and Adam Beyer 45 each, Michael Green 50, Andrew Pomcan 53, Andrew Zimmerman 55.
Dual meet records: Canton, 3-3 overall; 3-3 WLAA; Wayne 2-7 overall; 1-6 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 154
W. L. WESTERN 164
Monday at Hickory Creek
Plymouth scorers: Jimmy Vloek 36, Jeff Selasky 37, Matt Talbot 39, Mike Gensch 42, Andrew Overmeyer 43, Ryan Hoeman 48.
Walled Lake Western low scorer: Rich Safenam 39.
Plymouth overall record: 4-2.

PLYMOUTH 157
LIVONIA STEVENSON 167
Sept. 16 at Fox Creek
Plymouth scorers: Matt Talbot 36 (medalist), Jimmy Vloek, 38, Mike Gensch 40, Jeff Selasky 41, Justin Allen 42, and Ryan Hoeman 43.
Stevenson scorers: Sean Morgan 42, Jordan Rayburn 43, Richard Wyman and Shayne Giordano 44 each, Andy Jones 46, Sean Burry 48.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Patrick Gallagher pushes a putt across the #1 green during Wednesday's matchup against Salem at Hill Top. Dual meet records: Plymouth 2-2 WLAA, Stevenson 1-5 overall; 1-5 WLAA.

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is 40- to 49-years-old, so I'm usually one of the oldest - if not the oldest - person in the division," he said. "It's a disadvantage because the older you get, the harder it is to stay in shape. Competitors are judged on muscle size and shape, and muscularity, said Thom, who once bench-pressed 550 pounds 10 years ago. Thom said competitors are not tested for steroids and other muscle building drugs.

"It's the body-builders' choice whether to use them or not, but I don't," Thom said. "When you get up in age like me, it's not something you want to mess around with." While he and his workout friends are dedicated to their routine, they're not fanatical about it, Thom assured. Some mornings when we meet in the weight room, if we don't feel like lifting, we go out for breakfast instead," he said, smiling. ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108



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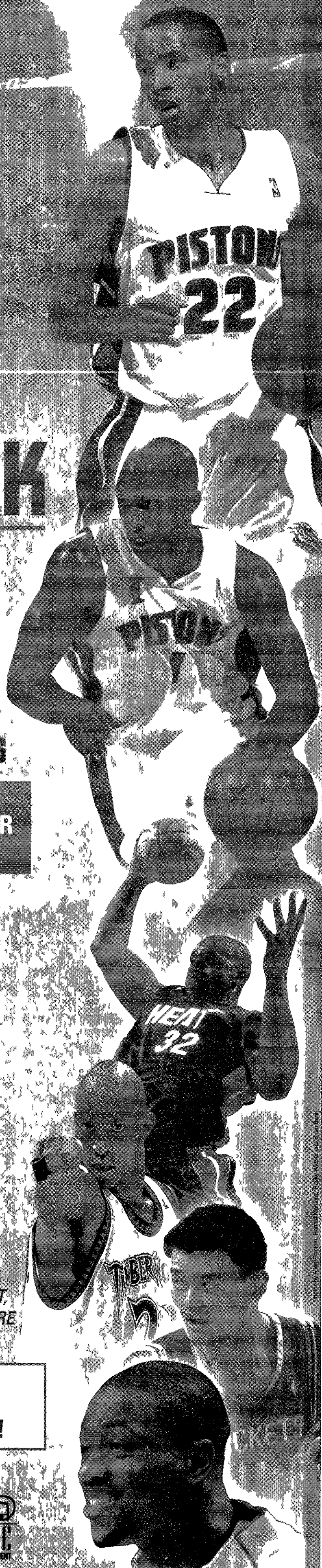
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Many listeners who called our show Monday, describe themselves as "long-suffering." For the most part, they're right, but there are always those "glass is half full" optimists who try to deny that the Lions are better off than Franchise A or "Franchise B."

I am willing to admit that sports does transcend time. For example, there's no way to properly explain to a 16-year-old Tigers fan, that when that teenager had just learned how to properly use the toilet, their favorite baseball team actually won more games than they lost. Conversely, a 16-year-old Red Wings fan also doesn't recall when their team wasn't one of the most admired and dominant franchises in hockey. But for Lions fans, young and old, all they hear about is 1957.

But being a Lions fan does kill nearly any other argument from fans of other teams.



Greg Brady

Take me, a diehard Dolphins fan. Twenty of my 32 years on this planet, they have made playoff-offs, winning 20 playoff games and lost 18. Three below 500 wins in 32 years. A stark contrast to the Lions' eight post-season trips since 1971 and their 1-8 playoff record and 19 below 500 wins. So when I describe myself as a "long-suffering" Dolphins fan, I'm frustrated by no Super Bowl wins since 1973, no Super Bowl appearances since 1984, and no playoff wins since 2000, it's no wonder I want to go Chewbacca on me.

Let's look at the facts. Twenty-five of 32 NFL franchises have played in the Super Bowl at least once since its inception in 1957.

ly 40 years ago. The Rams and Ravens wasted little time in winning titles for new cities. The Browns can lay claim to coming extremely close two straight seasons in the mid-80s before John Elway and Ernest Byner ruined their dreams.

The Colts have yet to represent Indianapolis in the big game. They have, however, in 20 years in Indy given Colts fans five playoff victories and you just know Peyton Manning will have them in the Big Game infinitely sooner than the Lions will be. Jacksonville is in its 11th season, yet it boasts four playoff wins since the Lions last had one. Seattle has put up three playoff wins since its inception in 1976.

The Houston Texans can't possibly be punished for not having gone yet, but they have won as many games in three years of existence as the Lions have in the previous

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Canton, Churchill battle to 2-2 draw

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's not how you start, it's how you finish. That was the case Monday night for both the Livonia Churchill and Canton boys soccer teams, who battled to a 2-2 draw in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover match. Churchill is 4-3-1 overall, while state-ranked Canton is 6-1-3. All four goals came in the second half as Canton's Kyle Gring opened the scoring with 38:58 to go on an assist from Paul Newall. Churchill's Brad Evans tied it with 26:57 to play on an assist from Joe Thomas, but Canton answered with 19:07 remaining as Eric Zech scored from Newall. Aaron Bedell scored the equalizer with only 5:20 remaining on an assist from Matt Winters. "It was a good, intense game, back and forth," Canton coach

George Tomasso said. "Defensive mistakes cost us on both goals. And that's not the way it's been for us the first half of the year. We've had five shutouts in nine games. We just had a couple of miscommunications, but give Churchill credit because they were able to capitalize." Both teams had chances to win it during the final five minutes as Churchill defender Danny DeRoo cleared a potential Canton game-winner off the line, while Evans maneuvered in on Canton goalkeeper Parker Laabs from point-blank range, only to be denied by time and the 0:00 displayed on the clock. "When it was 1-1 we couldn't clear the ball," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said of Zech's goal. "We had three different players who couldn't clear it. We gave them that second goal and that's what I'm most disappointed with." "That was the only negative. But the good news is that we never quit and I was proud of

the effort. That second goal (by Bedell) was one of the prettiest you'll see. I think we had nine different people touch the ball on that play." Churchill played without two starting defenders, David St. Amant and Bryon Niemczak, both down with injuries. So Friedrichs went with a patchwork lineup by rotating four different players into those outside back spots including Eric Puroll, Jeff Monthei, Cory Allen and Bedell. "We had two guys who don't even normally play there," Friedrichs said. Tomasso, meanwhile, went with out senior captain and starting center-midfielder Garrett Fishaw, also out for the week with an injury. "Not having Garrett in there changes what we're trying to accomplish," Tomasso said. "We moved guys around and changed our formations up because he's such a huge part of this team."

No.1 ranked Stevenson topples Wildcats, 4-1

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The only drawback to being the No. 1 team in the state is that the target on your back grows each game. The huge bull's-eye the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team carried around Monday night didn't slow down the Spartans, who raced to a 4-1 victory at Plymouth. The victory improved Stevenson to 8-0-0 heading into Wednesday's key Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division game against Salem. The Spartans are the top-rated team in Division 1. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 7-4-1. "When you're No. 1 like we are, you know the other team is going to be up for the game because a win over the No. 1-rated team could be the highlight of the season for some teams," said Stevenson coach Richters. "I use it as a motivating tactic when my teams play top-rated teams." Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich said his team was fired up to play the Spartans, but some early mistakes deflated the excitement level. "We gave them way too many opportunities," Neschich said. "We had too many defensive breakdowns." "Stevenson has everything. They have good talent, good team speed and they move the ball very well." The Spartans jumped ahead 1-0 in the second minute when Brian Klemczak scored off a

pass from Luke Knochel. Stevenson secured a 3-0 half-time lead on goals off penalty kicks from Knochel and Kyle Thom. Knochel made it 4-0 early in the second half when he scored unassisted. Plymouth's lone goal came off the foot of Ali Youssef, who beat Stevenson back-up goalie Giovanni Enea with 1:38 remaining. Mitch Hildebrandt worked the first 70 minutes in goal for the Spartans. "I was a bit nervous coming into this game because I was afraid the boys might overlook this game with a divisional showdown against Salem coming up on Wednesday," Richters said. "I was also nervous because I remember playing Plymouth last year and knowing that they were returning a lot of good players." "But the boys came out and gave a good effort right away, which was nice to see." SALEM 5, W.L. NORTHERN 0: Rock forward Brooks Belhart made a lasting impression on the Knights Monday evening. The junior scored three goals to lead Salem to the lopsided victory. The victory upped the Rocks' record to 8-2-2 overall and 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division heading into Wednesday's showdown at No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson (results will appear in Sunday's Observer). The loss dropped Northern to 4-4-1 overall and 2-2 in the division.

Salem led 3-0 at the half and never looked back. Adam Brown also had a productive night for the winners, notching a goal and two assists. Alex Lumley added the final goal along with a helper. Bobby Towne and Jake Bennett were also credited with assists. Brian Field recorded the shutout in net for Salem. CANTON 0, SALINE 0: On Saturday, Chief junior goalkeeper Parker Laabs knocked away eight Saline shots — including one he punched over the net in spectacular fashion with less than three minutes to play — to preserve the tie for Canton, which now stands at 6-1-2. Laabs received strong defensive support from Erik McKee, Eric Zech, Josh Shifferd and Ryan Dugan. SALEM 2, TROY ATHENS 2: The Rocks exploded to an early 2-0 lead Saturday afternoon before the host Red Hawks rebounded for the tie. The deadlock left Salem with a 7-2-2 record while Athens is 5-2-2. Brooks Belhart and Aaron Brown scored the Rocks' first-half goals. They were assisted by Tom Bennett and Bobby Towne, respectively. PLYMOUTH 11, ADRIAN 0: The Wildcats led 8-0 at halftime and never looked back Saturday afternoon. Colin Rolfe, Sean Dillon and Ali Youssef all scored a pair of the goals for the winners. Nick Siekirk notched the win in net

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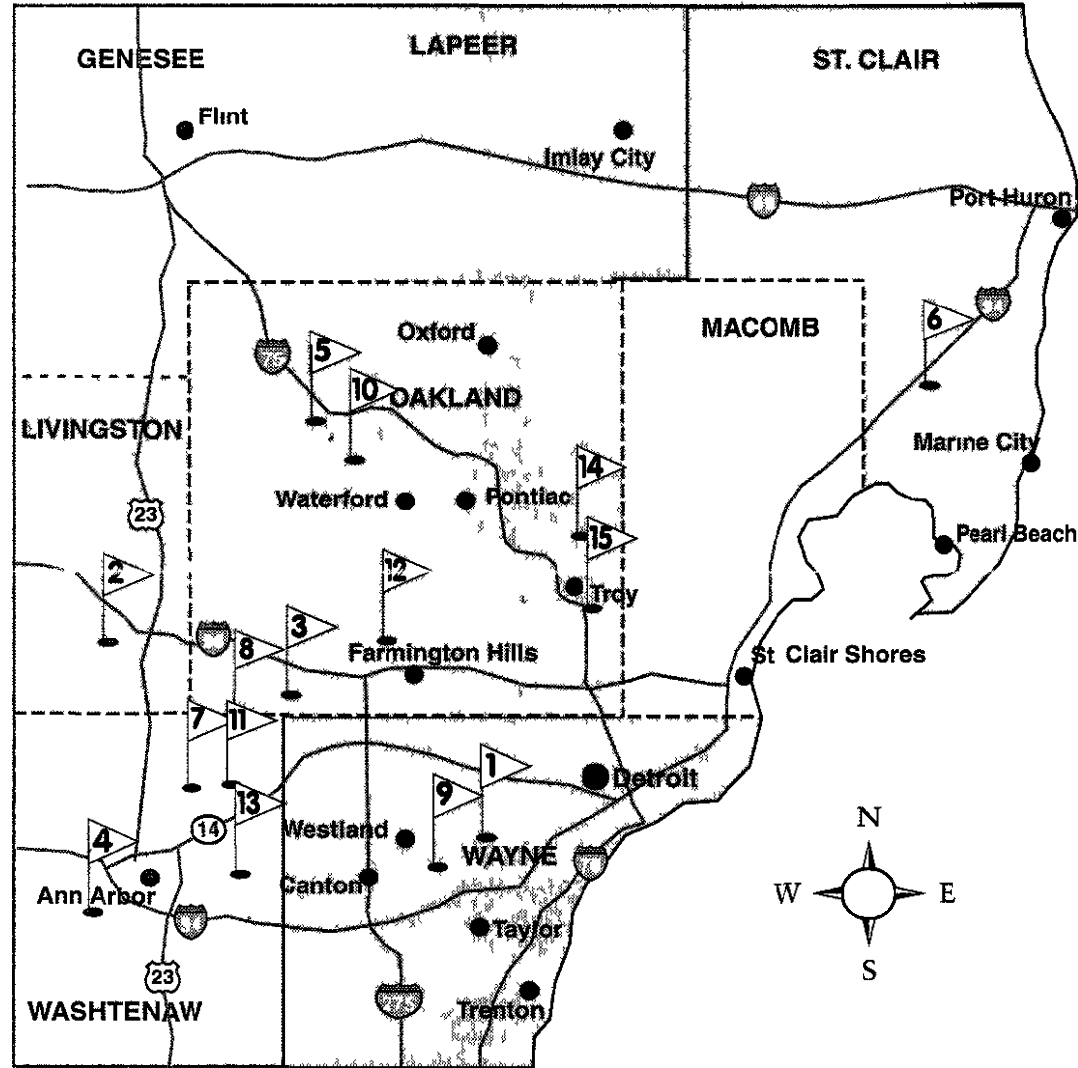
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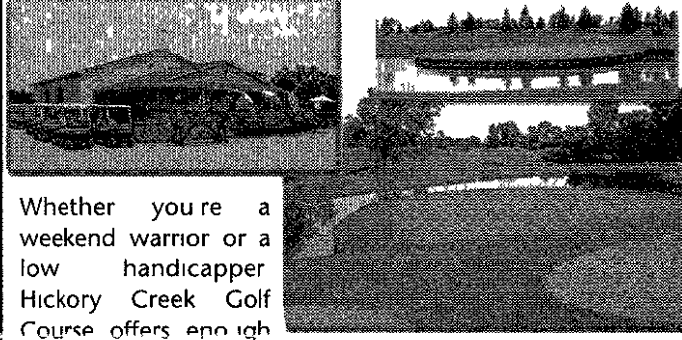
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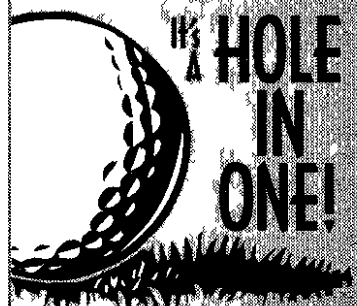
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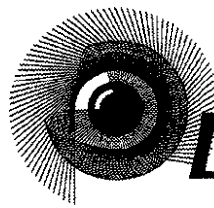
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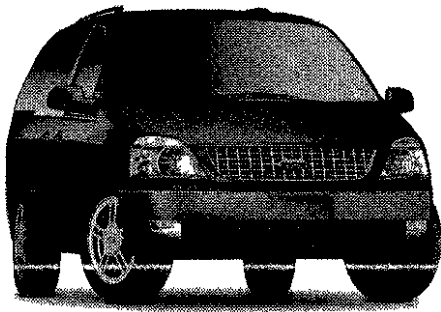
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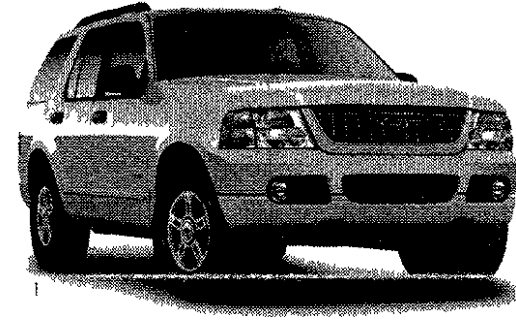
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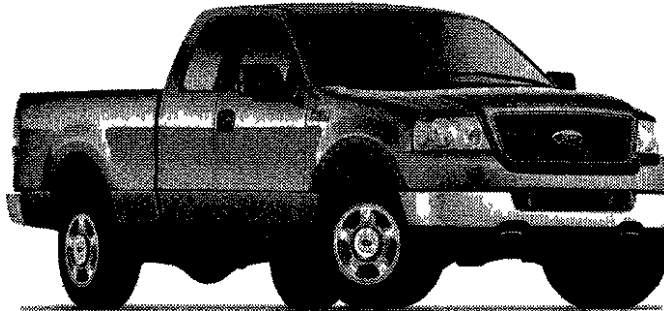
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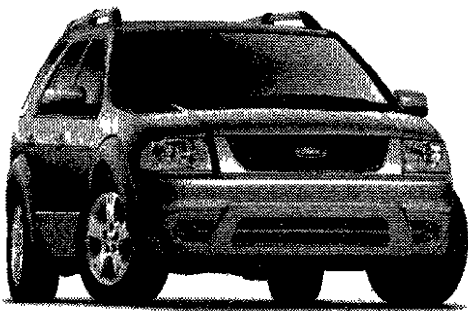
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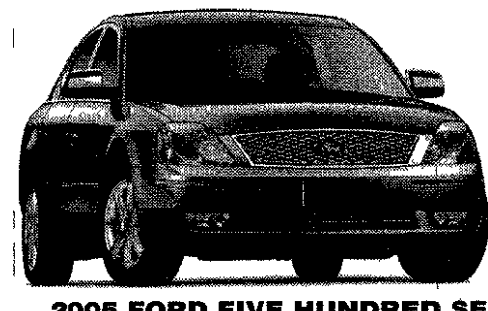
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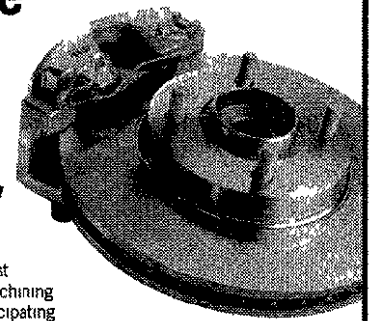
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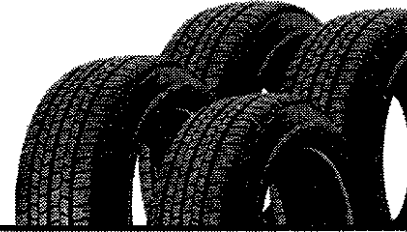


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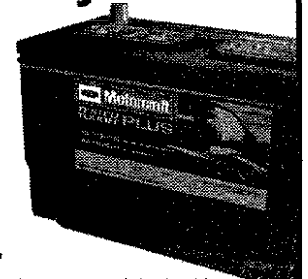
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:05 p.m. in closed session to discuss employee negotiations. Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Fire Chief Rorabacher, Andrew Barron.

Expenditure Recap for September 13, 2005. Table with columns for Fund Name, Amount, and Total. Total - All Funds: 2,656,643.66

PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2006 BUDGETS (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. on proposed millage rates and FY 2006 Budgets.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 31 Aug 05. PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES 10 23 AM. DECEMBER 2005 TAX LEVY. Table with columns for Millage Levy, Proposed Millage, Increase (Decrease).

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT AMENDMENT TO INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #2004-603 FOR POINTE SCIENTIFIC INC. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED APPLICATION OF POINTE SCIENTIFIC, INC INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #2004 603 FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS pursuant to PA 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207.551 et seq. after a duly noticed public hearing held on October 26, 2004 the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District as requested by the property owners and WHEREAS, Poinsite Scientific Inc has filed an application for an amendment to Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2004 603 with respect to their facility located within the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on September 13 2005 at the Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. at which hearing the applicant the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before October 18, 2004 the date of acceptance of the original application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and WHEREAS completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township and WHEREAS the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that 1 The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the amended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2004-603 considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978 shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township 2 The application of Poinsite Scientific, Inc to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2004 603 with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District to wit Parcel No 71 131 01 0012 000 The south 150 00 feet of Umt 12 of Quadrants Industrial Research Centre of part of Wayne County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 814 Canton Township, Wayne County Michigan Containing 77,209 square feet or 1.772 acres be and the same is hereby approved 3 The amended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2004 603 when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for the originally approved period through December 30 2008

Item 3. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR MAPCO MANUFACTURING (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to open the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. to consider Tax Abatement for Mapco Manufacturing Motion carried by all members present Trustee Caccamo arrived at 7:16 p.m. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. to consider Tax Abatement for Mapco Manufacturing Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Mapco Manufacturing Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and Personal Property Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF MAPCO MANUFACTURING COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS pursuant to PA 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207.551 et seq. after a duly noticed public hearing held on February 8, 2005, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the MAPCO Industrial Development District as requested by the property owner and WHEREAS MAPCO Manufacturing has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their new facility located within the MAPCO Industrial Development District, and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on September 13 2005 at the Canton Township Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. at which hearing the applicant the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application and WHEREAS construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before July 15, 2005 the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of

issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township and WHEREAS the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that 1 The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of Certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978 shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township 2 The application of MAPCO Manufacturing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the MAPCO Industrial Development District to wit Parcel 4 of Tax ID #128 99 0005 701 Part of the S E 1/4 of Section 32 T 2 S R 8 E Canton Township Wayne County Michigan more particularly described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 32 distant South 87 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds West 471 72 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 32 and proceeding thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West 536 06 feet along the South line of said Section 32, thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 309 99 feet thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 277 52 feet thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 65 24 feet thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 257 55 feet thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West 348 00 feet along the center line of Beck Road to the point of beginning Containing 4.03 acres Subject to easements of record and that part taken used or deeded to Beck Road be and the same is hereby approved 3 The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 8 years expiring December 30, 2013 70 points would suggest a 50% tax abatement for 8 years according to the guidelines

CONSENT CALENDAR. Item 1 SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR GIL-MAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the public hearing for October 11 2005 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Gil Mar Manufacturing Company for their new facility to be located at 7925 Ronda Drive Canton Michigan Motion carried unanimously

Item 2 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR SAM'S CLUB'S 'CAMPAIGN TO SAVE SIGHT' (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs (Saturday September 17 and will be removed immediately after the event) for Sam's Club's Campaign to Save Sight held on Saturday September 17 and Sunday September 18 2005 in the parking lot at 39800 Ford Road Motion carried unanimously

Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S KIDS SALE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs (Signs will be placed at major intersections throughout the community on Sunday October 9 and will be removed by Sunday October 16) for Calvary Baptist Church's Kids Sale on Saturday October 15 2005 Motion carried unanimously

Item 4 Consider Road Right-Of-Way Dedication (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the right of way documents after the county review and approval Motion carried unanimously

Item 5 Authorize increase in purchase order for Tithists Golf Equipment. (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize an increase in the purchase order for Tithists golf equipment in the amount of \$6 300 (Resale account #584 756 726 0000 in the Pheasant Run Budget) from Acushnet Company P O Box 965, Fairhaven MA 02719 0965 Motion carried unanimously

Item 6 REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-1, ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, R8 1212, RULE 212 (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to effective immediately to allow enforcement at Rustic Ridge Condominiums located off Saltz Road between Beck and Ridge Roads for traffic enforcement on private property in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70 Section 70 1 Adoption of the Uniform Traffic Code R28 1212 Rule 212 Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR. Item 1 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR ITALIAN MARBLE AND GRANITE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Italian Marble and granite Motion carried unanimously RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Italian Marble and Granite WHEREAS the Project Sponsor Mr Bryan Amann has requested site plan approval for Italian Marble and Granite to be located on Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford Roads identified as tax EDP # 036 99 0004 704 and WHEREAS the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr Bryan Amann to approve the site plan for the proposed Italian Marble and Granite subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof

Item 2 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR MELODY'S GOURMET MARKET AND CAR WASH (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Melody's Gourmet Market and Car Wash Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Melody's Gourmet Market and Car Wash

WHEREAS the Project Sponsor has requested site plan approval for a specialty market and car wash located on the north side of Michigan Avenue and west of Haggerty Road (Tax EDP #s 139 99 0001 000 and 137 99 0002 001), and WHEREAS the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed request for special land use approval and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the site plan for Melody's Gourmet Market and Car Wash located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Haggerty Road on tax EDP #137 99 0001 000 and 137 99 0002 001 and subject to all other regulations of the Township

Item 3 CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PDD FOR MONUMENT PRESERVE CONDOMINIUMS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the preliminary PDD approval for Monument Preserve Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary PDD Approval for Monument Preserve

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for Monument Preserve located west of Haggerty Road and south of Palmer Road (Tax ID #s 101 99 0005 000 and 101 99 0006 000), and, WHEREAS the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Community and recommended APPROVAL subject to resolution of the landscape buffer issue with Wethersfield Condominiums modification of the side and rear elevations and addition of guest parking in proximity to the buildings where space would permit and WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Monument Preserve located west of Haggerty Road and south of Palmer Road (Tax ID #s 101 99 0005 000 and 101 99 0006 000) subject to the conditions outlined by the planning commission and subject to all applicable regulations of the Township

Item 4 CONSIDER SARNECKY REZONING (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution rezoning request of Mike Funari (Sarnecky Property) Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Mike Funari (Sarnecky Property)

WHEREAS the petitioner has requested approximately 3 acres of land located east of Lotz Road and north of Cherry Hill Road be rezoned from R-2 Single Family Residential District to R 6 Single Family Attached Residential District and, WHEREAS the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the comprehensive Plan and WHEREAS the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP #s 052 99 0016 708 052 99 0016 709 052 99 0016 710 and 052 99 0016 711 from R 2, Single Family Residential District to R-6 Single Family Attached Residential District

Item 5 CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR SINGH SABHA TEMPLE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use for Singh Sabha Temple Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use for Singh Sabha Temple

WHEREAS the Project Sponsor has requested special land use approval for a religious institution to be located west of Canton center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads (Tax ID # 112 99 0025 000), and WHEREAS the Planning Commission found the proposed special land use request to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and meet the general criteria for said use and recommended APPROVAL of the special land use and WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the proposed special land use and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use for a religious institution on Parcel no 112 99 0025 000 subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township

Item 6 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR VICTORY TOYOTA CAR DEALERSHIP (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Victory Toyota Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Victory Toyota

WHEREAS the Project Sponsor Mr Lonnie Zimmerman has requested site plan approval for Victory Toyota to be located on Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads identified as tax EDP # 129 99 0009 000 and 131 99 0010 000 and WHEREAS the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr Lonnie Zimmerman to approve the site plan for the proposed Victory Toyota subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof

Item 7. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR LIGHTWEIGHT TRENCH BOX SYSTEM (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from American Shoring Inc and approve a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$7 200 00 and authorize the Public Works Division to purchase one modular lightweight trench box system with the ability to be built to 8 ft in height 8 ft in length with a width adjustment of 3 ft to 7ft during the 2005 calendar year Funding to come from Act #592 000 154 0000 Motion carried unanimously

Item 8. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO RETROFIT THE EXISTING SEWER INSPECTION TRUCK (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the bid for retrofit of the existing sewer inspection truck with a Color CCTV Pipeline Inspection System from Jack Doheny Supplies Inc 777 Doheny Ct Northville Michigan 48167 for the amount of \$ 74 935 Funds to come from Public Works FY2005 Account # 592 000 142 0000 Line item # 5 Motion carried unanimously

Item 9 CONSIDER AWARDED OLSON CEMENT WORK, INC THE 2005 SIDEWALK GAP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM CONTRACT (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to award the 2005 Sidewalk Gap Construction Program to Olson Cement Work Inc in the amount of \$70 731 25 plus a contingency of \$342 01 for a total not to exceed amount of \$71 073 26 (Sidewalk Installation Fund # 101 441 970 0000 and funds in the amount of \$21 139 will be taken from the Metro Act Right-of Way Fund # 101 441 930 4802) and authorize contingency funds to be used for Metro Act repairs and restoration Motion carried unanimously

Item 10 CONSIDER AWARD OF BID TO ABLE DEMOLITION, INC FOR DEMOLITION OF FORMER DPW BUILDING LOCATED AT 44508 GEDDES ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to award the demolition contract to Able Demolition Inc for a total of \$20 150 00 plus a contingency in the amount of \$850 00 for a not to exceed total of \$21 000 00 and to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents Motion carried unanimously

Item 11. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND-BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a replacement printer for Building & Inspection Services and to approve the transfer of \$1 600 00 budget funds from Maintenance and Repair of Equipment Act No 101 371 932 0000 into Capital Outlay Equipment Act No 101 371 977 0000 for this purchase Motion carried unanimously

Item 12 AUTHORIZE INCREASE OF PURCHASE ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON THE FELLOWS CREEK NATURALIZATION PROJECT (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to increase the Purchase Order for Smith Group JJR 110 Miller Avenue Ann Arbor Michigan 48103 for professional services by \$5 170 for the Fellows Creek Naturalization Project funded from the Parks Division Account # 101 270 930 0000 Maintenance and Repair Parks Motion carried unanimously

Item 13. TREE REMOVAL AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the contract for tree removal at Pheasant Run Golf Club to The Davey Tree Expert Company 8250 Ronda Drive Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$9 010 to be taken from Pheasant Run Golf Club Capital Outlay Land and Improvement budget for course restoration Motion carried unanimously

Item 14 AUTHORIZE DESIGN OF LEISURE SERVICES COLLATERAL MARKETING PIECE (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the design of a collateral marketing piece for Canton Leisure Services in the amount of \$3 125 00 to Bounce Inc 21864 Sunrise Blvd Novi MI 48375 from Summit on the Park account #208 757 885 0000 Marketing Role Call Vote Ayes Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Nays Caccamo Motion carried

Item 15. AWARD BID FOR PICNIC TABLES (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 18 picnic tables (15 regular and 3 ADA) from Jack Golden Associates Inc 16475 Stricker Eastpointe MI 48021 in the amount of \$9 109 to be taken from the Parks Division 2005 Budget account #101 270 977 0000 Capital Outlay Equipment Motion carried unanimously

Item 16. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 5 CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT. (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of five pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment from All Pro Exercise of 24166 Haggerty Road Farmington Hills MI 48335 in the amount of \$20,943 I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for this purchase

Table with columns for Description, Amount, and Total. Increase Revenues: Equipment Lease revenue \$101 000 669 2080 \$ 5 000; Appropriation from Fund Balance \$101 000 699 0000 \$ 7 580; Total \$12,580

Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay Equipment Gen Gov t Dept #101 200 977 0000 \$12,580 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$745 214 to \$757 794 and the General Fund budget from \$28 129 757 to \$28 142 337 Motion carried unanimously

Item 17 ANNUAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO CART PATHS. (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the cart path repair project to S & J Asphalt Paving Company 39571 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 in the amount of \$9,972 to be taken from Golf Division Budget account #584 756 971 0000 Capital Outlay Land and Improvements Role Call Vote Ayes Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Nays Caccamo Motion carried

Broadcast legend Schenkel to be missed

Sadly, we noted the passing on Sept. 11 of longtime sportscaster Chris Schenkel, the voice and persona of professional bowling on ABC TV.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Older bowlers will remember the great bowlers of that era when Schenkel began on those memorable Saturday afternoons.

Those were the days of Don

Carter, Dick Weber, Carmen Salvino, Eddie Lubanski, Johnny Petraglia and Ray Bluth to name just a few. Schenkel was an outstanding announcer in most sports and many will remember that golden voice for bringing the excitement of professional bowling into our living rooms and dens.

Schenkel succumbed to emphysema at the age of 82. He was elected to the American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 1988, an honor that he took great pride in.

If you missed the Ten Pin Alley column last week, that's because there wasn't any. After 15 years in these pages every week, this column will be put on an alternating week basis.

It is usually there on Sundays, but due to occasional space limitations, it sometimes appears in the Thursday editions.

I will continue to keep my readers fully informed on what is happening on the local bowling scene.

And if you have any information for a story that I can use, please don't hesitate to contact me at the phone number below.

I had planned to run a list of bowling centers and leagues in this area seeking a few more bowlers to fill any vacancies.

However, there are leagues just about everywhere that still have some openings for teams or individuals.

Check with your favorite house and they will let you know of any openings still available.

You can find just about any type of league, some are mixed gender, along with seniors-only or youth leagues.

There are classic leagues for the top level competitors, sport condition leagues for those who seek a greater challenge

under more difficult scoring conditions.

If you are a novice bowler and just starting out, don't be afraid to ask for help or seek advice from more experienced players. They will be happy to help you get started.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame revealed its selections for induction later this year.

Nick Wissinger and Doug Spicer were selected in the men's division, while Altramese (Mickey) Webb is the woman's honoree.

Janet Drummer and Richard Lang were chosen in the veteran's category.

Larry Crake, Sr., proprietor of 300 Bowl in Waterford, earned the meritorious service selection.

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

Tiffin upends MU's kickers

Tiffin University scored three straight goals to build an insurmountable lead Sunday against Madonna University, defeating the visiting Crusaders, 4-2, in a non-conference men's soccer match.

The Dragons broke a 1-1 tie on a goal by Anthony Colaluca with 17 minutes remaining in the first half and scored twice in a six-minute span late in the second half before MU's Rod Aslam scored an unassisted marker with about nine minutes remaining.

Madonna's Endri Xhacka squared the match at 1-1 with about 28 minutes to play in the first half, converting a pass from Derrick Mudry.

Tiffin's Mark Dlugopolsky scored at the 27-minute mark of the second half (from Colaluca) and Moe Karanouh made it 4-1 about six minutes later when he put an unassisted goal behind the Crusaders Kristofer Lyons (six saves).

MU (3-3) also was thwarted by Tiffin goalkeeper Mike Rutkowski, who made nine stops.

On Saturday, the Crusaders nearly pulled off a stunning upset of No. 3-ranked Rio Grande but fell short, 2-1.

Ryan Montague tallied a clutch second-half goal for the visitors to tie the contest at 1-1, only to see Rio Grande net the game winner a short time later.

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Item 18. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NORTH POINTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate budget funds for the North Pointe Special Assessment project:

Increase Revenues			
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101 000 699 0000	\$30,140	
Increase Appropriations			
Maintenance & Repair North Pointe	#101 441 931 2000	\$30,140	

This budget amendment increases the Public Works Road ROW division budget from \$547,561 to \$577,701 and the General Fund budget from \$28,142,337 to \$28,172,477. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 19. APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF MS EXCHANGE SOFTWARE (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the expenditure of \$28,300 from 2005 ITS Software Purchases (101 258 755 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 20. APPROVAL OF BID FOR ROOF REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT AT THE BARLETT TRAVIS HOUSE (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the removal and replacement of cedar shake roofing at the Bartlett Travis House to Canton Construction Corp. in the amount of \$29,800 with a ten percent contingency for replacement of damaged wood under the existing shingles, for a total contract amount of \$32,780 (Funds totaling \$37,000 were budgeted for the project in the 2005 Historic District Commission budget line item 101 803 976 0000 Capital Projects Travis). Role call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried.

Item 21. WAIVE THE BIDDING PROCESS AND PURCHASE (31) K26 TASER ELECTRO MUSCULAR DISRUPTION (EMD) UNITS (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to waive the bidding due to a sole manufacturer and approve the purchase of thirty one (31) Tasers and corresponding accessories through Michigan Taser Distributing 32938 Soone St Livonia MI 48154 from an amount of \$26,996.47. Police Capital Outlay 207 301 977 0000 item #11. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 22. PURCHASE OF TEN (10) POLICE VEHICLE RADIOS (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to create a new capital line item for the purchase of ten (10) police vehicle radios Model M21 KTM9PW1 N from Motorola priced through the State of Michigan bid for an amount of \$27,462 and transfer budget funds of \$27,462 from Transfer to Fund Balance Appropriation account #261 346 999 0000 to Capital Outlay Police account #261 346 977 2070 for this purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 23. PURCHASE A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of an MSA Evolution 5200 Thermal Imaging Camera including heat seeker plus quick temp, truck mount charger two (2) batteries retractable lanyard charger and case from Apollo Fire Equipment, 12584 Lake Shore Drive, Romeo, MI 48065 in an amount of \$9,250. Fire Capital Outlay account #206 336 977 0000 line item #10. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 24. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL RESPONSE AID (CoBRA) COMMAND KIT (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of the Cobra Command Kit integrated hardware system from Hagemeyer North America 330 W Montague Ste #200 Bldg A North Charleston SC 29418 in the amount of \$19,675 account #101 860 977 1600 Homeland Security Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 25. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT-ELECTIONS DIVISION (CLERK) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget in the General Fund to increase the Elections Division budget:

Increase Revenues			
Reimbursement Elections	#101 000 677 0000	\$ 18,500	
Increase Appropriations			
Overtime Elections	#101 191 708 0000	\$ 6,500	
Operating Supplies Elections	101 191 740 0000	2,000	
Contracted Services Elections	101 191 818 0000	10,000	
Total		\$18,500	

This budget amendment increases the Elections Division budget from \$198,300 to \$216,800 and the General Fund budget from \$28,111,257 to \$28,129,757. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER: Trustee Caccamo stated he received an email from Supervisor Yack explaining a situation regarding an ordinance violation with an oil changing place and was disappointed in the Township and felt the Township should have let that one go. Supervisor Yack explained that two businesses have an ongoing battle of filing ordinance complaints against each other. This complaint history is documented over the last two years. Assistance was offered by the Building Department to expedite a banner sign permit though no application was made. An ordinance officer instructed the owner to move the sign out of the road right of way. Supervisor Yack stated Canton Michigan to Canton, Mississippi, Katrina victim donations can be dropped off at the DPW Sheldon Road south of Michigan Avenue, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. A list of materials needed can be obtained from the Township's web site www.cantonmi.org. Monetary donations are welcome please make your check out to the Canton Community Foundation. Business owners can partner with the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Director Conklin read a letter of appreciation from Canton, Mississippi's Joanne Gordon, Mississippi Convention and Visitors Bureau Supervisor Yack stated on Tuesday September 20th and Wednesday September 21st will be the Board Study Session for the FY2006 Budget.

ADJOURN. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval.

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SHURGARD STORAGE CENTERS

"Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on September 30, 2005 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard of Canton
2101 Haggerty Road
Canton MI 48187
734 981 0300

K Bien household
K Bien household
K Bien household
K Bien household
T Fulgenzi household
R Gascoigne household
M Greenstein household
R Hayes household
T Merritt household
J Neighbor household
S Payne household
M Pitts household
T Ringo household
T Robbins household
M Rutland household
L Smith household
J Williams household
J Williams household

Shurgard of Canton South
45229 Michigan Avenue
Canton MI 48188
731 398 5416

Cash household
Cristle household
Hite household
Husketh household
Steele household

Shurgard of Dearborn
24920 Trowbridge
Dearborn MI 48124
313 277 2000
Blay household
Washington household
Hayes household
Garrard household
Tenny St Roadhouse
household/business/restaurant
Hanchett household
Ferguson household

Shurgard of Livonia
30300 Plymouth Road
Livonia, MI 48150
734-522 7811

J Croft household
M Harris household
D Kenney household
Masterpiece Construction
household/office/business
P Robinson household
K Whitmore household
D Platz household

Shurgard Taylor
9300 Pelham Road
Taylor, MI 48180
313 292 2950

Burch household
Cason household
Evans household
Farrar household
King household
Maxwell household
Roop household
Steward household
Whitley household

Shurgard of Westland
36001 Warren Road
Westland MI 48185
734 326 6000

J Brown household
J Cinquemam household
L Graves household
S Kendrick household
C Lake household
K Myers household
L Newton household

Shurgard of Plymouth
41889 Joy Road
Canton MI 48187
734 459 2200

G Depriest household
G Depriest household
J Kuchum household
T Ensign household
N Young household

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECOMMEND REVOCATION OF TAX ABATEMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing shall be conducted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees on Tuesday October 25 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170 regarding a Resolution to Recommend to the State Tax Commission the Revocation of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (#201 127) granted to Precision Com. The Resolution shall be based on fraud in the inducement to enter into the Abatement Contract any failure to comply with the Contract requirements.

By correspondence dated July 13 2005 with attachment the attorney for Precision Com indicates that \$1,700,000.00 in excess labor costs should not have been incurred by Precision Com in the installation of the personal property. Additionally the parent company (PICO) required Precision Com to use as suppliers of the personal property subsidiaries of PICO which were more expensive in that there was no competitive bidding process. The net result of the issues described in the correspondence is that Plymouth Township was misled as to the value of the personal property and its installation thereby inflating the tax abatement amount to the detriment of Plymouth Township and the other affected taxing jurisdictions.

Wherefore pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Abatement Contract between the Charter Township of Plymouth and Precision Com Precision Com has been given thirty (30) days written notice.

Charter Township of Plymouth

By Clerk Marilyn Massengill

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41 72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon notice to the Plymouth Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Plymouth Township by writing or calling the following Plymouth Township Supervisor's Office 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Michigan 48170 Telephone Number (734) 354 3201.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. C-2005-07

CHAPTER 24 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. C 2002 05 FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF, PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PRIOR FIRE CODE.

Ordinance No. C 2002 05 adopting by reference the 2000 Edition of the International Fire Code as the Plymouth Township Fire Code be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

Chapter 24 the Charter Township of Plymouth Fire Prevention Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 24.010. Code Adopted.

The 2003 Edition of the *International Fire Code with Appendices* is adopted by reference as modified in this article, as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth for regulating the safeguarding of life and property from the fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the Charter Township of Plymouth subject to the additions, deletions and amendments to the 2003 Edition of the *International Fire Code* as listed in Section 24.020 of this Chapter.

Section 24.020. Changes in the Code.

The following sections and subsections of the 2003 Edition of the *International Fire Code* are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated. Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to the like numbered sections of the 2003 Edition of the *International Fire Code*.

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Prevention Enforcement Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth and are hereby referred to as such or as the "Code".

Section 109.3 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official or of a permit or certificate used under the provisions of this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 111.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable for a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE

The rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication thereof.

CERTIFICATION

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of September 2005 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

Introduced August 9, 2005
Adopted September 13, 2005
Effective September 22, 2005

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Churchill pom clinic

Girls ages 7-14 can learn to pom pon with the Livonia Churchill varsity team from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Sept. 24, at the high school gym, located on Newburgh Road between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail.

The cost for the sixth annual clinic is \$35 per person (includes T-shirt, music CD and snack).

Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants (You will be contacted if the clinic is full.) Wear comfortable shorts, T-shirt and tennis shoes.

Clinic participants will perform a routine learned at the workshop for family at friends at 11:45 a.m. The clinic participants will be invited back to perform Monday, Sept. 26, at a Churchill boys soccer game.

For more information, call either Linda Murzin at (734) 261-8531 or 7966.

Soccer exchange

The Wayne-Westland Soccer League will stage its first Soccer Exchange from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Wildwood Elementary School soccer field, located on Cherry Hill and Wildwood roads.

The exchange is for any new or slightly used and clean soccer equipment, coaching aids, and other related items. A small donation will be asked for those who do not participate in the exchange.

Tickets for the WWSL fall banquet, set for Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia, will also be on sale from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7 and 14, at the Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland.

(Season players are free with an adult. Tickets can only be picked up or purchased on the above dates.)

For more information, call (734) 467-3846 (after 8 p.m.).

Youth flag football

The Michigan Athletic Youth Association, CL3 Promotions, Brooke Insurance Agency and the Wayne-Ford Civic League have partnered to bring to the community NFL Youth Flag Football.

This is a national program, which will give participants a chance to travel to Orlando Fla. to play in the national tournament at Walt Disney World of Sports Complex. Practice has already begun and parents are invited to coach.

There are four divisions in each league: 6-8 and 9-11 (co-ed), 12-14 (girls), 12-14 (boys). Each division fields 32 teams with 10 players per team.

The cost is \$75 per participant or \$65 for each additional family member. For previous Wayne-Ford Civic League participants, the cost is discounted at \$60 (\$55 for each additional family member).

You can register at the Wayne-Ford Civic League by appointment, or pay online by visiting www.cl3promotions.com (check on the NFL Youth Flag Football link). You can also send by mail to P.O. Box 87386, Canton, MI 48187.

You may pay by cash, check or money order, or by all major credit cards to Michigan Athletic Youth Association.

For more information, call Leon Carter at (734) 231-7110, Richard White at (734) 516-8469, Vic or Terri Barra at (734) 728-5010.

Youth baseball tryouts

A Livonia-area 11-and-under travel baseball club, the WaCo Wolves, will host tryouts at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 and 25 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (field No. 2).

The travel team will compete in the MATBAL, along with 7-9 tournaments including a season-ending World Series.

The Wolves start indoor training in mid-January and run indoors twice per week until April. Committed players who want to play at high level, learn fundamentals and have some fun are urged to call Bill Hardin or Art Cameron at (734) 516-3723, or visit www.wacowolves.org.

Tryouts for an 11-and-under competitive baseball team for spring and summer 2006 season will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 5), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads. To be eligible, players cannot be older than 11 as of May 1, 2006.

For more information, call Mark Harris (734) 462-8955.

WYAA girls fastpitch

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association 2006 fastpitch tryouts for girls ages 8-16 will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

Tryouts are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. The registration fee is \$25. New players must provide a copy of their birth certificate. Fundraisers are required.

For more information, call WYAA softball commissioner Dave Mars at (734) 748-1639 or visit www.wyaa.org.

Soccer openings

The Livonia Soccer Club has limited openings for the following age groups: under-4 program, under-5 program, under-6, -8 and -9 under boys and girls, under-10 boys and girls, under-11 boys and girls, under-12 and -13 boys.

Registration forms are available through www.livoniasoccer.org.

For more information, call (734) 464-8575.

Open skating

Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia recently announced its open skating schedule for August through May, 2006.

Adults only can skate 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, parent-child skates are 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, general open skating is 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Friday, 2-3:20 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Resident fees are \$2 for senior citizens, \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for children. Non-resident fees are \$2 for seniors, \$5.15 for adults and \$4.10 for children.

For more information, visit www.livoniahockey.org or call (734) 427-1280.

Target archery

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer introduction to target archery classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off of Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

Registration for September classes is at the Parks and Recreation desk, located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center office.

The fee is \$12 for residents and \$14 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

MU alumni softball

Sunday, Sept. 25 is another big day for Madonna University, with the annual women's softball alumni game.

The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Madonna University Field.

Crusaders head coach Al White is looking for former players to come back and compete.

For more information, contact White at (734) 432-5783.

U-M/MSU rival run

The Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, will sponsor the 27th annual U-M-MSU Rival Run beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30.

The event includes a one-, three- and five-mile fun run.

Entry fees are \$10 (ages 13-and-under), \$15 (ages 13-25 with I.D.) and \$20 (adult). Each participant will receive a Rival Run T-shirt.

Prizes will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group in the three- and five-mile races. And award will also go to the best dressed reflecting their school preference.

A post-game tailgate party will follow with snacks and refreshments. Spectators can also purchase a \$4 food ticket.

Race packet pick-up is from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 28-29, at the Livonia Y.

For more information, call Megan McGinty at (734) 261-2161 or visit www.runmichigan.com.

Road Runner Classic

The Northville Road Runners will present its 1 mile fun run-walk and 8K Road Runner Classic, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Maybury State Park, located on Eight Mile Road one mile west of Beck Road. (A \$6 motor vehicle permit is required.)

The cost is \$12 (before Sept. 21) or \$15 race day. A collec-

tors long sleeve shirt, available on a first-come basis, is optional for an additional \$10.

Race day registration starts at 8 a.m.

Post-race festivities include food, refreshments, music and awards (to first male and female finishers in 13 age-brackets).

All proceeds will benefit the Friends of Maybury.

For more information, visit www.friendsofmaybury.org, or contact Bart Gregoroff at (734) 748-2555 or E-mail him at NR_RACE@comcast.net.

Archery range open

Hours for the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off of Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road, will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays (through October) and 4 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays (through October).

Registration is ongoing at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Parks and Recreation desk).

Daily pass fees are \$2 (resident youth 17-and-under), \$4 (resident adult and non-resident youth 17 and-under), and \$6 (non-resident adult).

Season pass rate for residents and non-residents, respectively: individual, \$25 and \$40, two members, \$35 and \$50, three members, \$45 and \$60, and four or more members, \$55 and \$70.

A season pass will grant the bearer unlimited use of the range during posted hours for the entire season. (It does not include Introduction to Archery classes or Shoot to Score competition.)

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Northville Road Runners

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road

Runners running organization.

All levels are welcome.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Hillside Middle School located at Eight Mile and Center Street, in Northville.

The club also meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays by the horse stables at Maybury State Park.

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6 miles.

For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprayer.com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

KVBSA openings

The Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association is accepting applications for

travel baseball and softball teams for the 2006 season.

Division openings include baseball (under-9 and under-18) and softball (under-12 through under-18).

For more information, call Jeff David at (586) 206-7646, or E-mail jeff.david@kvbsa.com. You can also visit www.kvbsa.com.

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Home ownership not impossible dream, experts say

credit issues can often have the seller pay the majority of the closing costs

Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration loans are among McGaw's areas of expertise, and she noted those government programs are often more lenient with credit and even income. Monies can be gifted for a down payment.

McGaw's business is steady, but she encourages calls from potential buyers and can be reached at (734) 748-8515. She agreed some renters have the perception they can't afford to buy, when in reality they can and will pay less as an owner.

Right now, there's everything on the market from small to large," she said of the housing selection.

Annemarie Rogers, Michigan specialty lending manager for National City Mortgage, agreed that renters often walk a treadmill. "You never really get anywhere," she said, adding that there are options requiring as little as \$500 out of the borrower's pocket and substantial seller concessions.

"You see it far more frequently today," said Rogers, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. It really depends on how homes are moving in the area.

National City Mortgage offers homebuyer seminars, including some partnering with nonprofits. Rogers noted that good credit means most desirable rates. However, we do have a lot of flexibility, accommodating the 25 percent of Americans who have no credit.

Rogers cited such nontraditional credit as rent payments, utility and car insurance bills. "We offer a multitude of products including FHA and VA mortgages. There are also rural housing loans backed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide housing in less densely populated areas.

Information is available online at www.nationalcitymortgage.com. Rogers said that Wayne and Oakland counties use 80 percent of adjusted median income as the general standard, \$54,240 gross for a family.

There are partnerships with municipalities to provide a down payment of up to \$10,000, including the American Dream Down Payment Initiative which includes other lenders. The customer needs to apply

before buying the home, with community development the source in Oakland County and Faith Community Homebuyers in Wayne.

National City Mortgage also offers a National Dream product to aid an emerging market including immigrants, minorities, single parents and others who traditionally are less likely to own homes. Boarder or stated secondary income (from baby-sitting, handyman work or tips) can be used, along with alternative credit for qualification and up to 6 percent in seller concessions.

"We take home ownership for all segments of the population very seriously," Rogers said. It's the best way to build wealth, she added, providing for children's education as well as retirement.



BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

You don't have to be wealthy to own a home. Lenders will often work with you to help with closing costs and securing a mortgage.

The biggest stumbling block they have is credit issues, said Mary McGaw, assistant vice president/loan originator with Standard Federal Home Lending Center affiliated with Standard Federal Bank. "Honestly, it's the credit."

Some lower income buyers don't have sufficient credit, or have a track record of paying bills late. McGaw cites such possibilities as 12 months of bank statements without any insufficient funds, utility bills and cell phone bills paid on time.

"Make sure they get their bills paid on time and get those collection accounts paid off as soon as possible," said McGaw, a Westland resident.

Private Mortgage Insurance, or PMI, is typically required when less than 20 percent is put down for a down payment. Standard Federal offers homebuyer counseling classes, in person and online, including a coupon for \$100 off on closing costs.

McGaw noted that job hopping, especially from one field to another, makes qualifying for a mortgage more difficult. "We have 100 percent loans," she said, noting that buyers with

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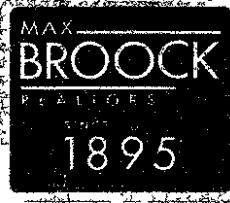
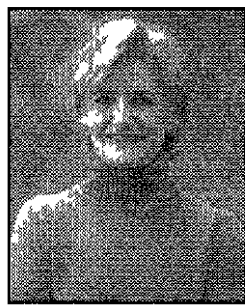
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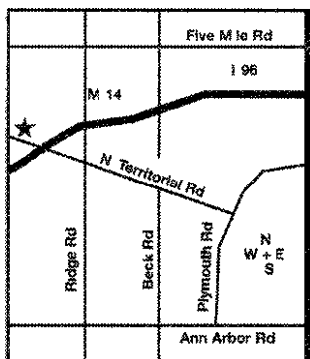
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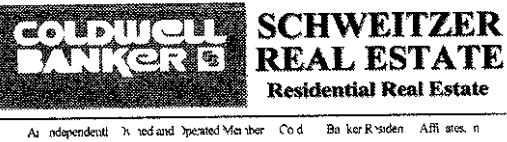
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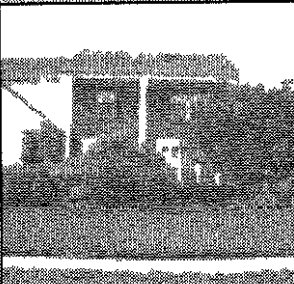
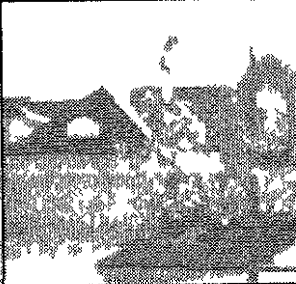

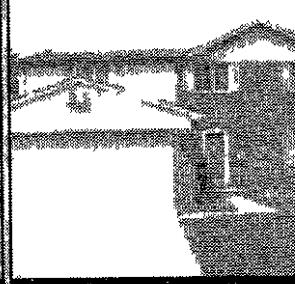

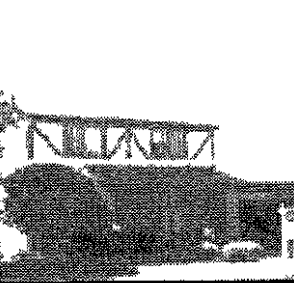

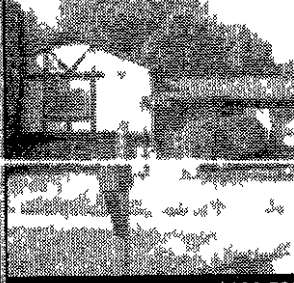
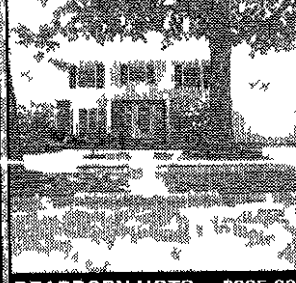

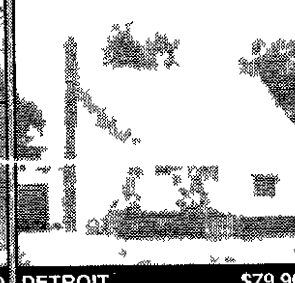
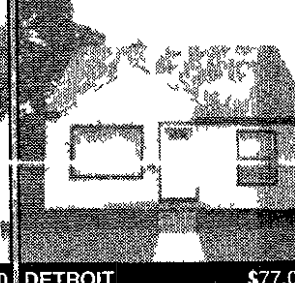

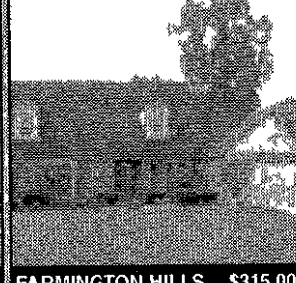
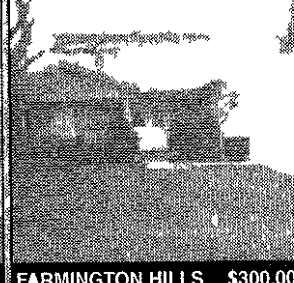

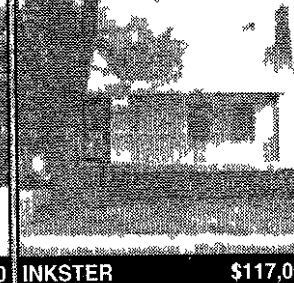
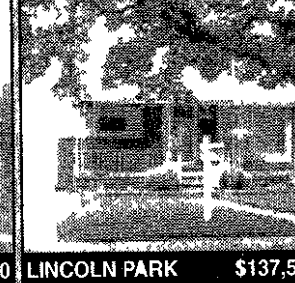
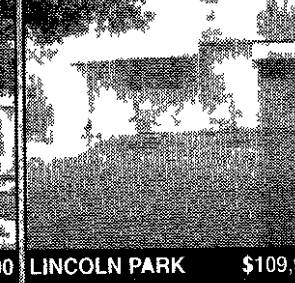

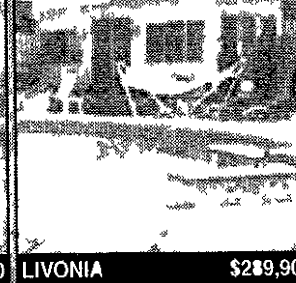
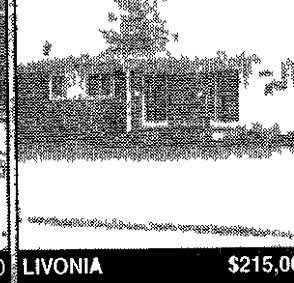
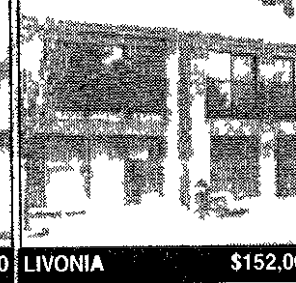
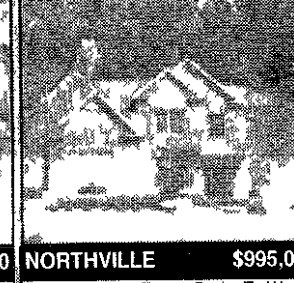
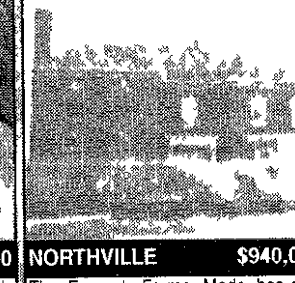
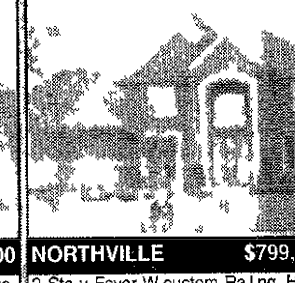
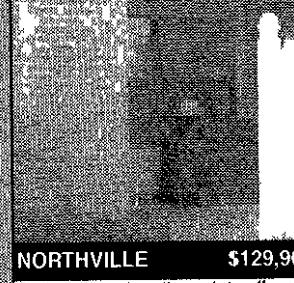
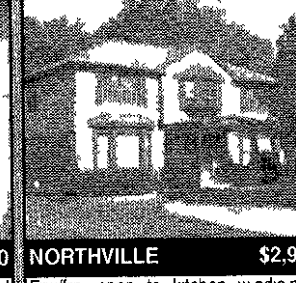
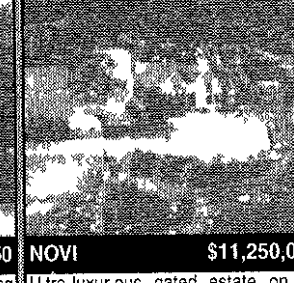
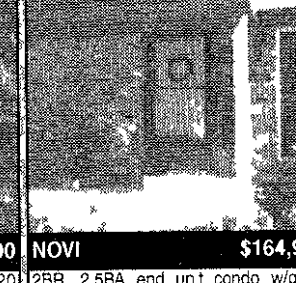
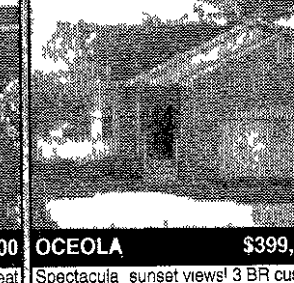
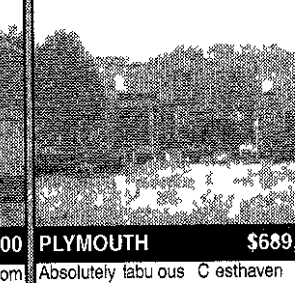
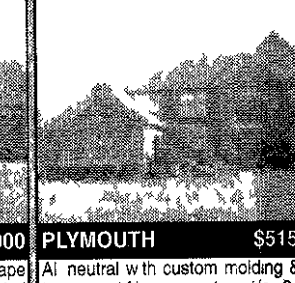
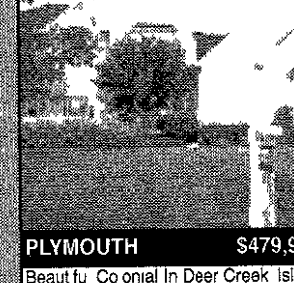
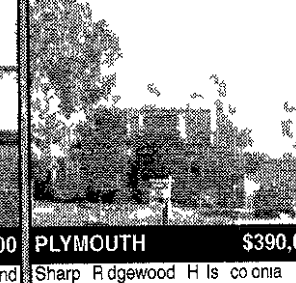
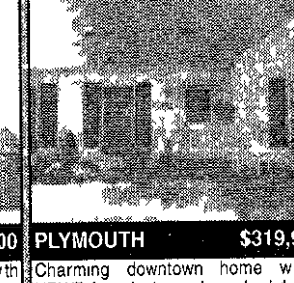
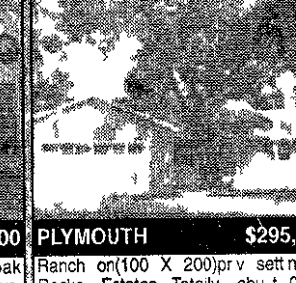
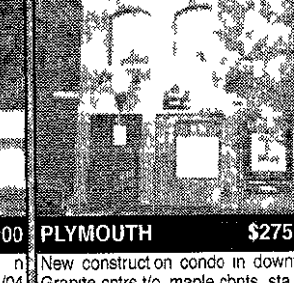
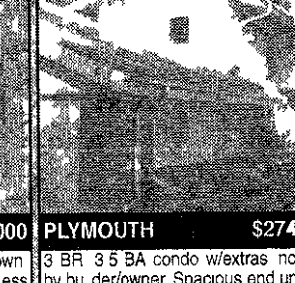
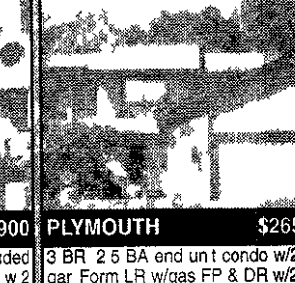
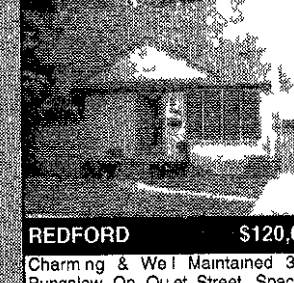
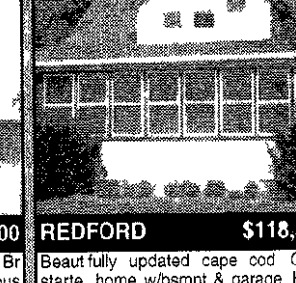
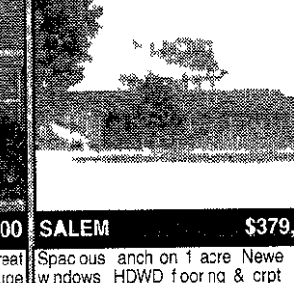
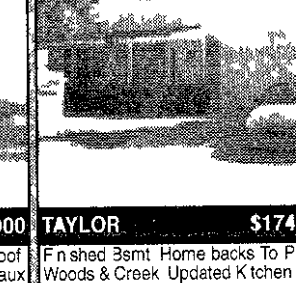
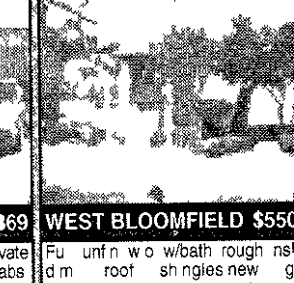

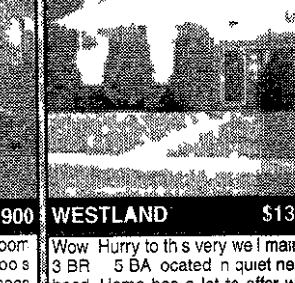
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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of May 2 6 2005 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds Office Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices

4357 Abbey	\$307 000	4172 Bridgeville	\$52 000	520 Sylvan	\$426 000	14226 Farmington	\$247 000	14437 Robinwood	\$188 000	505 Darwin	\$129 000
		4046 Cornerstone	\$46 000			9913 Inkster	\$43 000			31024 Grandview	\$133 000
		48047 E Oxford	\$150 000			18401 Melvin	\$130 000			29780 Marshall	\$248 000
		50143 Harding	\$231 000	846 Helen	\$159 000	9009 Newport	\$163 000	19293 Brady	\$61 000	32442 Muskegon	\$93 000
		50151 Harding	\$315 000	221 Ross	\$110 000			16721 Glenmore	\$124 000	5902 N Livville	\$90 000
		50166 Harding	\$50 000					20490 Olympia	\$155 000	7871 Ritz	\$162 000
		45970 Maben	\$985 000	19320 Brentwood	\$113 000	49990 Ann Arbor	\$480 000	14203 San Jose	\$139 000	34333 Shawnee	\$168 000
		45651 Morningside	\$348 000	31160 Dalhousie	\$176 000	40826 E Ann Arbor	\$393 000			8218 St Johns	\$292 000
		221 S Village	\$40 000	9538 Deering	\$156 000	42514 Hammill	\$145 000	33307 Belding	\$95 000		
				30867 Fargo	\$180 000	50924 Richard	\$394 000	7358 Central	\$85 000		

Home finance can be 'outside the box'

Occasionally, clients phone me with situations so ugly that there's not a simple mortgage choice that will help. In some cases, there are not even complex mortgage solutions available.



Timothy Phillips

My roommate in flight school, a fellow Air Force second lieutenant, always kept life funny and 'real' with his hometown Arkansas quips. Two decades later, I still use this one: "You can't buff a turd."

It's so funny, yet so true. I suppose. However, there's nothing that says you can't just cover it and go around it.

Such is the case with mortgage borrowers trying to tackle presumably impossible situations. However, with the right combination of skill and cunning, a dash of creativity, and cooperative and 'coachable' borrowers - (and sellers, if required) - almost anything is possible in real estate.

People just need to operate in the region "outside the box" of conventional thinking while remaining within the boxes of integrity and law.

Recent mortgage clients of mine approached me with this seemingly impossible scenario. Sporadically employed for several years, they had lived on credit cards and racked up a \$160,000 consumer debt. Heading Mach 2 toward the ground in debt, they stood to lose everything, even their home.

Thankfully they owned their \$185,000 home "free and clear," but with very little verifi-

able income and totally terrible credit there was not a lender coast-to-coast that would help.

They basically needed a mortgage for 90 percent of their home's value, and no lenders would loan that amount.

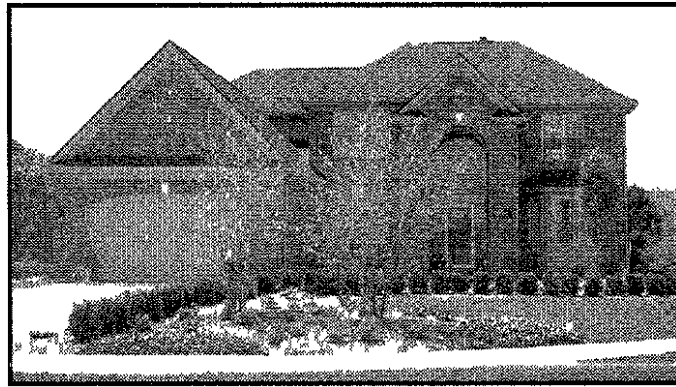
My "outside the box" solution came in three phases. First, we "stopped the bleeding" by arbitrating their debt load down to less than 50 percent of the total. Then, I got them a private mortgage from a local investor to pay off all of their debt.

Next, we put them through professional credit repair process. Our final step, after their credit scores have recovered, will be to refinance them into an A+ mortgage.

Today's TIMBIT! Answers exist if you have the guts to look for them. There's no room here to detail this or other mortgage solutions, but I have posted more information on this particular situation on one of my Web sites at www.PhillipsHQ.com.

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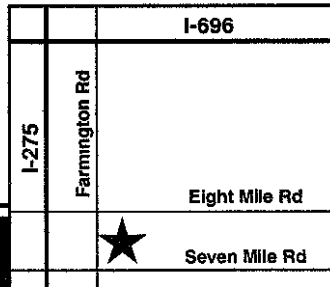


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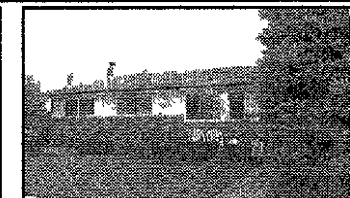
FULLY LOADED 2-STORY Dramatic soaring ceilings maple & granite kitchen dual sided fireplace office central vac & sprinklers dual water tanks zoned furnaces and central air conditioners. There's just too much to list! Walking path to Hines \$639 900 (P 168W1)



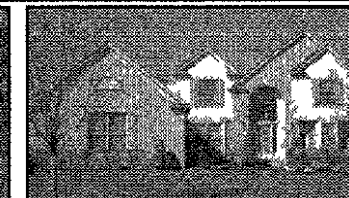
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LOOKING FOR VALUE? This Canton colonial features 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths Sunny kitchen w/extended island nook and appliances. Traditional living/dining/family room w/fireplace. Nice master. Call to see this one today! \$238 000 (P 431PA)



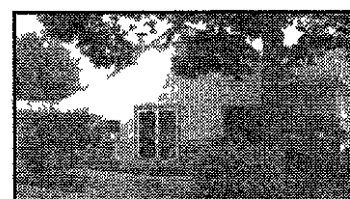
DETACHED CONDO! Nestled among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & Hines. Top of the line upgrades throughout finished basement and a huge great room floor plan \$339 000 (C 811PI)



HOUSE BEAUTIFUL IN CANTON Absolutely stunning home offering many upgrades like granite in the kitchen top of the line carpeting marble surrounding the fireplace cherry wood floors. Call to see it today! \$284 900 (C 770SC)



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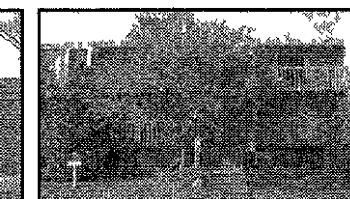
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Industry assists Katrina victims Employees, businesses support Hurricane Katrina relief effort

Realtors and their industry collectively have donated almost \$8 million toward relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims since the natural disaster struck the Gulf Coast, in addition to the industry's donations of goods and services and countless hours of aiding in temporary housing efforts.

Of the \$8 million, \$3.6 million is from direct contributions to the Realtors Relief Foundation, administered by the National Association of Realtors State and local Realtor associations and MLSs have contributed an estimated \$1.7 million, some to RRF, some directly to the three state Realtor associations in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, and some to other aid groups, such as

the American Red Cross. Millions more are coming from the large real estate companies, who've announced donations to a variety of relief organizations, including the American Red Cross and the United Way. Some companies, like RE/MAX International and Ebby Halliday, Realtors, have asked their sales associates and employees to donate directly to the charities of choice.

The total monetary contributions are expected to continue to climb in the coming weeks as individual Realtors, associations, and real estate companies continue their fund-raising drives and make additional donations.

In addition to donating money, Realtors are providing assistance in a

number of other ways. They have been instrumental in efforts to provide temporary housing to displaced victims of the hurricane. In addition to individual efforts to find vacant listings, warehouse space, and any other structures that can serve as temporary housing in the weeks following the hurricane, two Louisiana Realtors launched HurricaneHousing.net, which is now serving as the federal government's central clearinghouse for information about available housing for hurricane victims.

A number of real estate companies also said that their parent companies were making substantial donations to hurricane relief. For example, Prudential Real Estate

Affiliates' parent company, Prudential Financial, said the company and its employees would contribute more than \$5 million to charitable organizations, GMAC Real Estate's parent company, General Motors, has increased its total pledge to the American Red Cross to at least \$1 million, which includes an immediate cash donation from the GM Foundation and GMAC, employee donations, and GM Foundation matching funds, Cendant Corp., parent company of the Coldwell Banker, Century 21, and ERA real estate franchise companies, is matching up to \$500,000 in American Red Cross contributions from brokers and sales associates in the three brands.

Friedman Real Estate Group (FREG) and Finsilver/Friedman Management Corporation (FFMC) challenged all of their employees to give financially in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. FREG and FFMC pledged to match each dollar that their staff contributed to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief effort. Within a week, employees came together and gave \$9,691. The principles of FFMC and FREG stood by their challenge and matched the amount donated, contributing a total of \$19,382 to the Red Cross.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, the Red Cross has housed more than 160,000 survivors, providing almost two million overnight stays and approximately 77 million hot meals, in more than 700 shelters.

The Red Cross, one of America's most trusted charities, serves humanity and provides relief to victims of disaster, both locally and globally. In reaction to an earthquake, tornado, flood, fire, hurricane or other disaster, it provides relief services to communities across the country. Along with donations made to the Red

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Cross, FREG and FFMC have given of their time and money to other charities, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Melanoma Research Foundation, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and others this year alone.

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Deed needs to be clarified in this case

We have a clearly discriminatory provision in our condominium documents that should be removed. We have had difficulty getting two-thirds of the co-owners to approve the modification since we have total apathy in any event. What do you suggest?



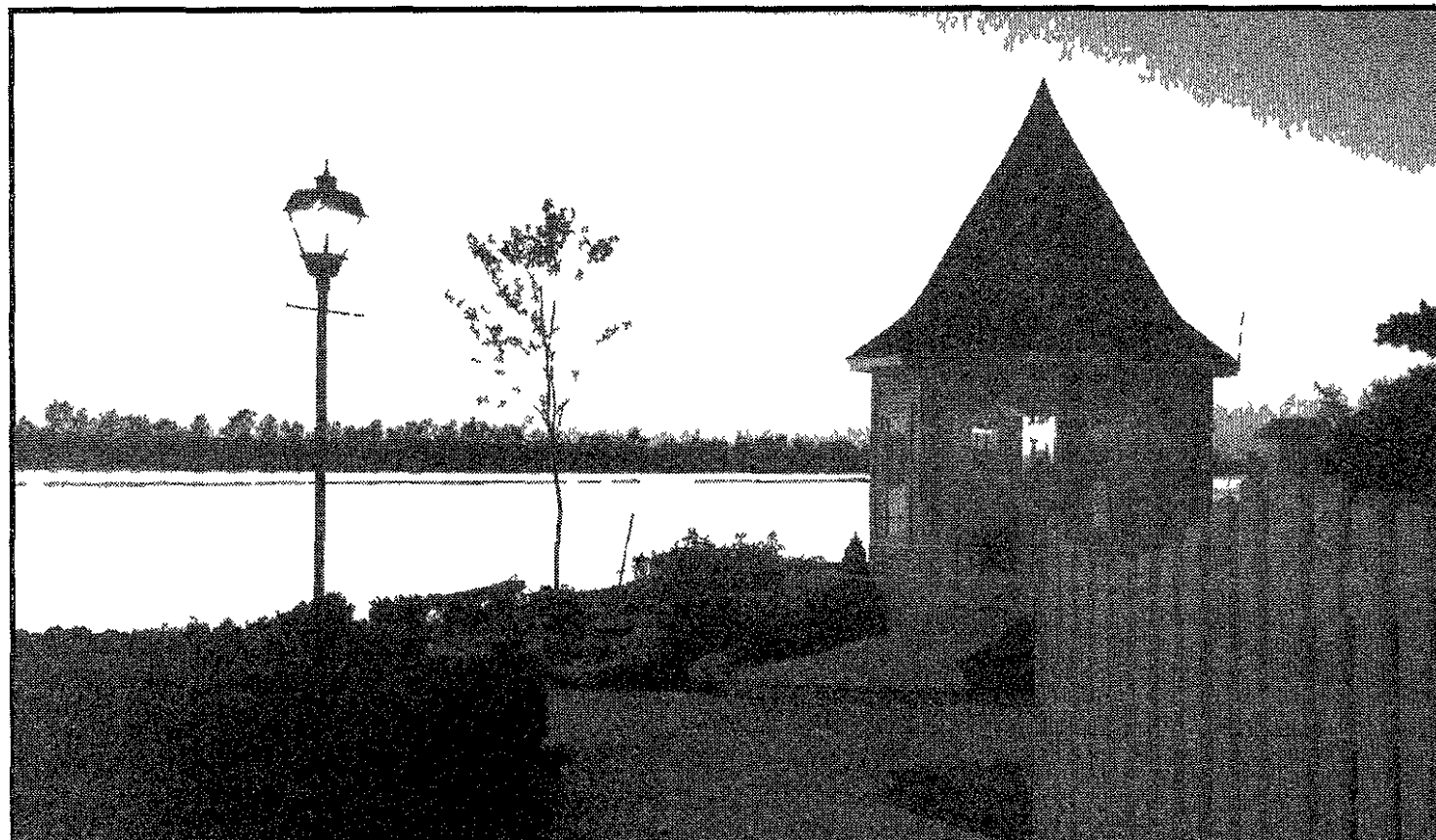
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It is a ticklish situation but you may want to record an affidavit with the Register of Deeds that indicates that the Association does not intend to enforce that deed restriction which is unenforceable. Obviously, you should attempt to get the co-owners to approve the modification, perhaps with other changes that need to be made but in the absence of same, you may wish to attempt to clarify to the world that you are not enforcing clearly unenforceable provisions. I have heard about the so-called health exclusion in obtaining a tax deduction is allowed by the IRS. Do you have any information about that?

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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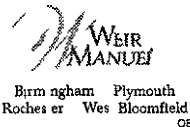
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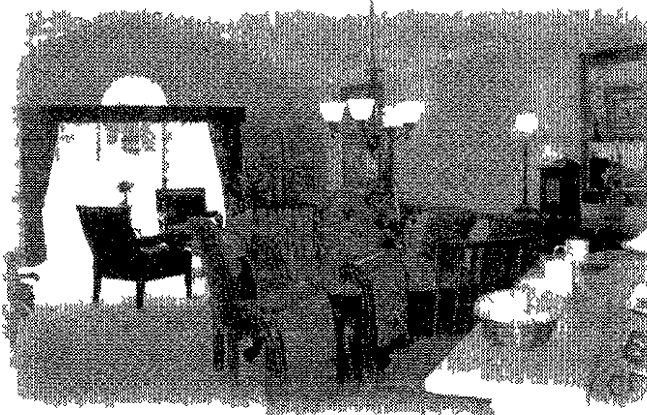
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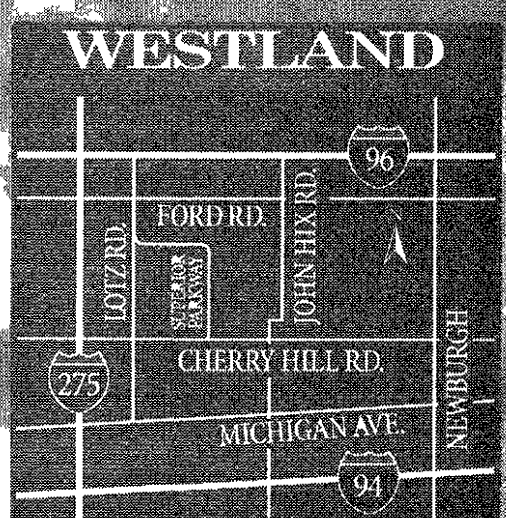
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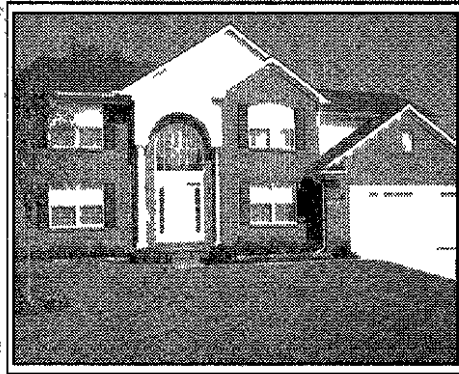
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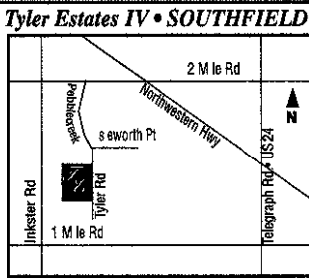
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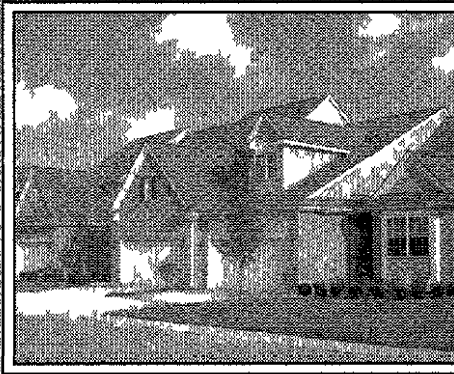


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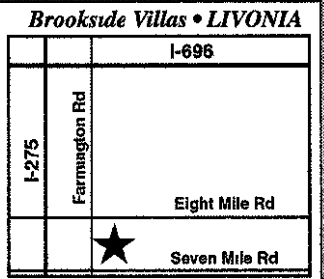


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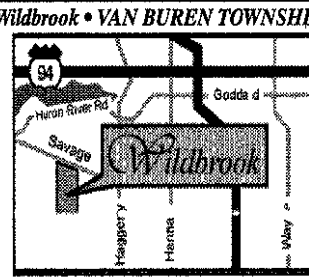


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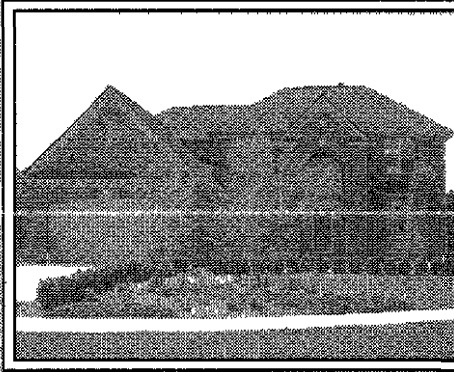


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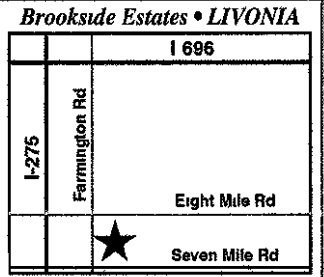


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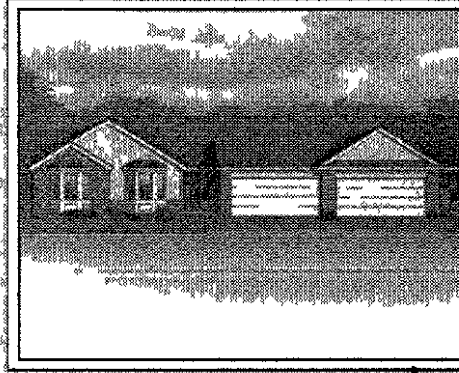


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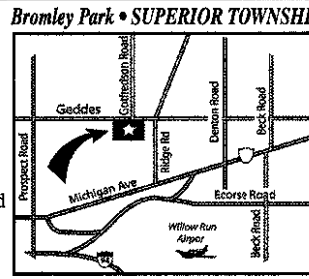


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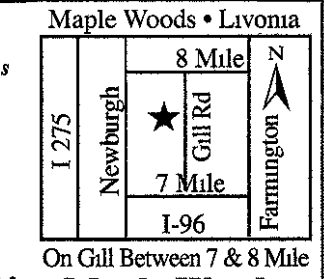


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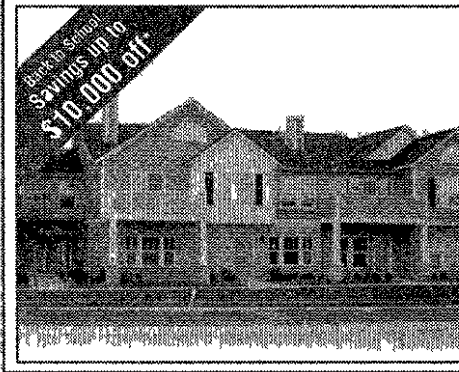


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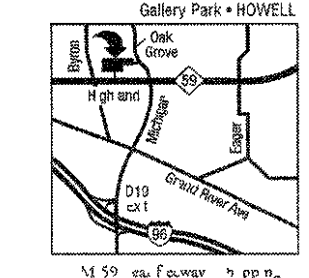


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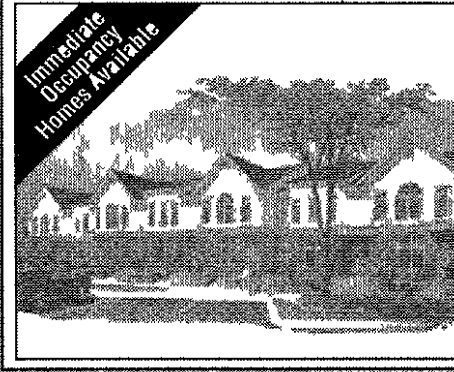


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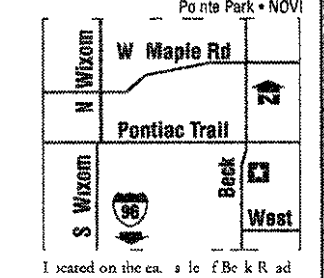


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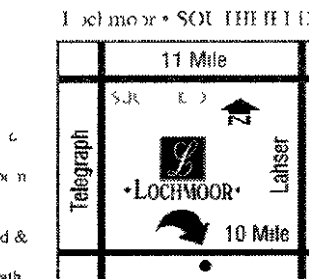


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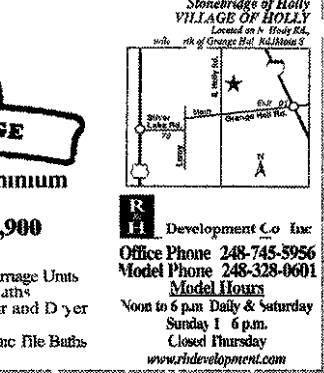
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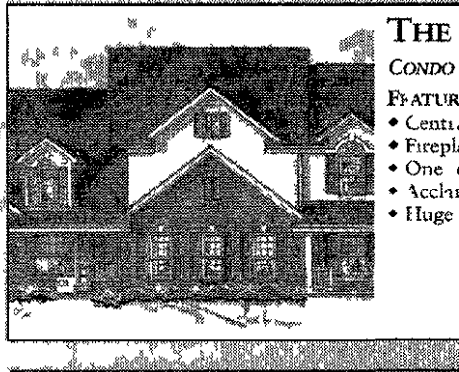
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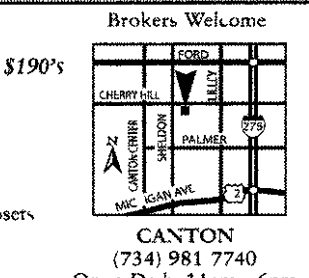


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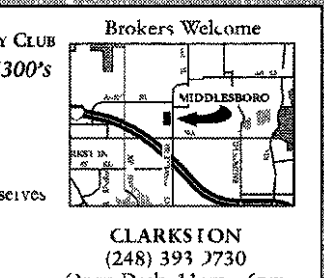


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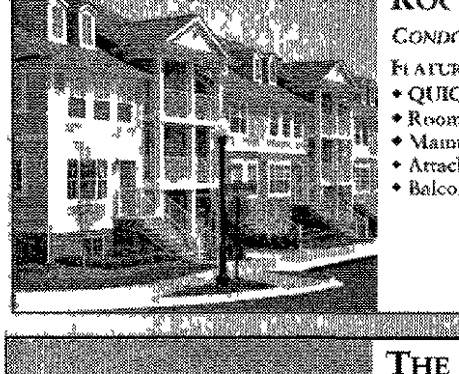


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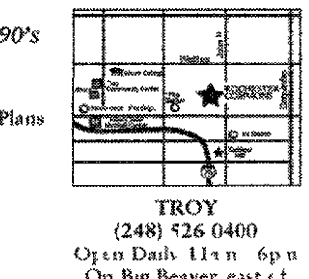


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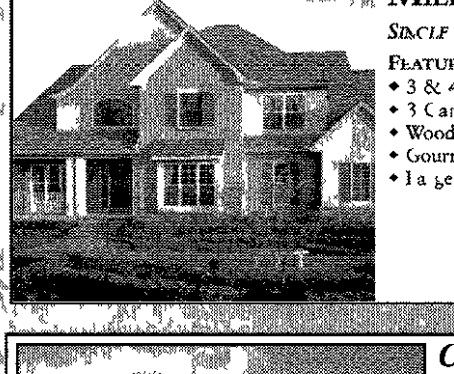


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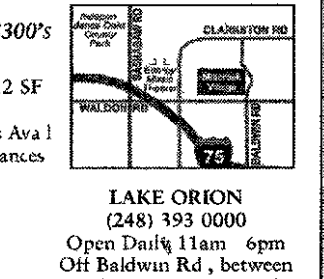


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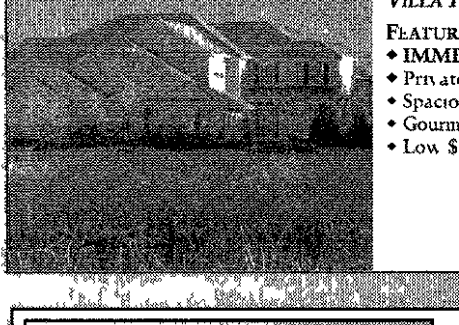


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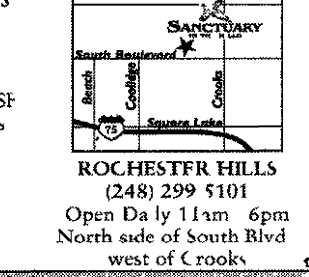


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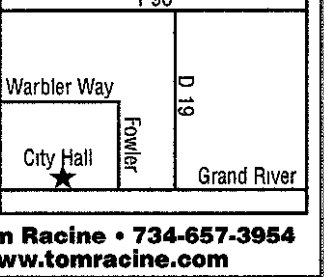


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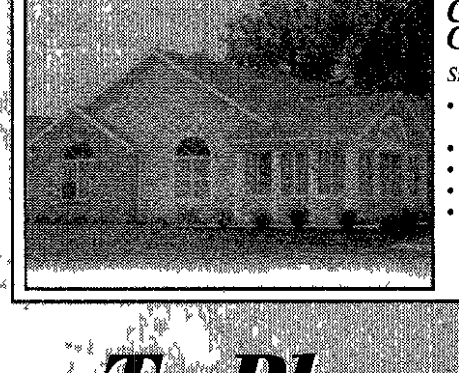


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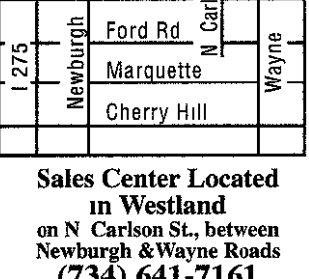
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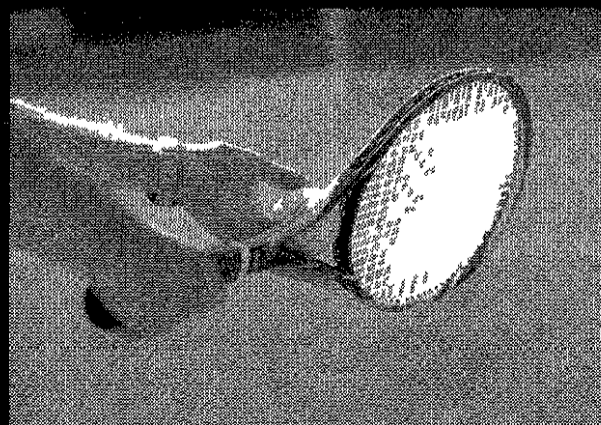
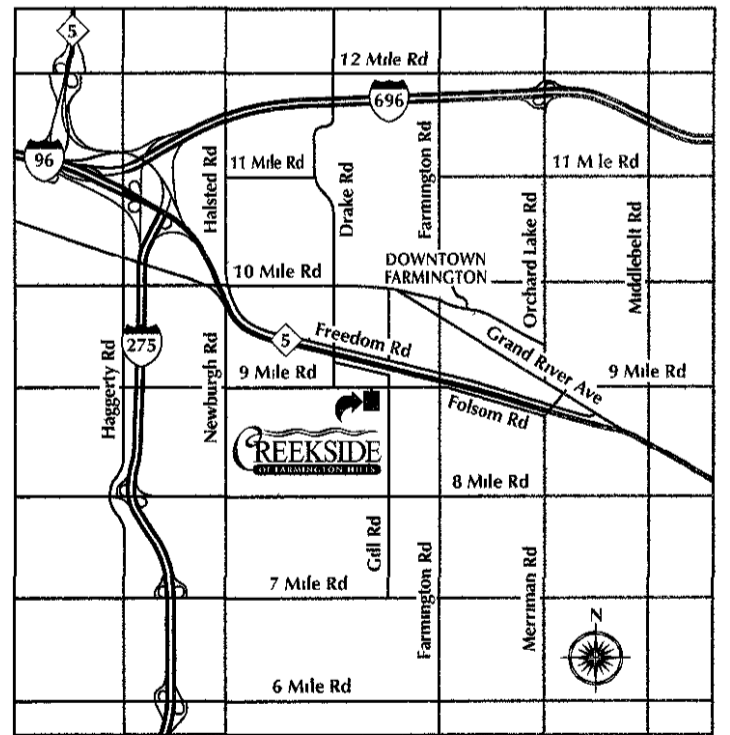
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- Not share
- You can — that again!
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GARDEN CITY This Could Be Yours
Charming 3 bedroom ranch offe s ga age. C/A stove and fridge close to school's. You have to see in one at th s great pr ce.
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PLYMOUTH In The Heart Of Town
Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow w/many updated! Replace heat ng/cooling leaf guard gutters + 2.5 car garage glass block w/ndows in partially finished basement. Large deck and pat o.
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FARMINGTON Newly Decorated Quad
Updated 4 bedroom 2 bath home. Hardwood floors living room w/pature window walk out room kitchen with app lances. Breakfast room w/doorwall to fenced yard and garage.
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NOVI Bright, Cherry Condo
3 bedroom 2.5 bath 1.5 story condo w/brk basement attached garage on quiet court. Freshly painted w/white k t cabs. Recently sta ned deck & porch. Wooded view from back & app ls incl u Golf comm w/pool clubhouse.
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WESTLAND Ranch On Quiet Street
Good s z kitchen w/eat n space and doorwa. p an oak staircase and ban star living room w/ fireplace mant e + partially f n shed basement & garage.
(E88BAR) 248 349-5600 \$149,900

WESTLAND Fantastic Buy!
Th s charming 3 bed oom b ck anch offe s Livon a schools pa tially f n shed basement huge deck hardwood f oos n v ng oom & under ca pet n bedrooms & updated kitchen. Also a n ce 2 ca ga age.
(E25MER) 734 455 5600 \$154,900

INKSTER Nicely Updated
This lovely home offe s 4 bedrooms + office. Remodeled kitchen Newe s d ng & porch. Updated electric part ally f n bsmt w 5 bath 2 car gar fenced yard. Addition in 2002. Newer siding on house & gar.
(E41GEO) 734 455 5600 \$135,000

NORTHVILLE Come Home & Relax
Location ocation plus all the amenities of popular Country Club Village. You ll love this spotless & brght 3 bedroom 2.5 bath condo. Freshly painted newer carpet & flooring finished basement & 1 year home warranty.
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PLYMOUTH New Ranch 05
Full basement w/poured brck form walls. Kitchen with island nook w/bow window snack bar dining room opens to living room. MBR suite w/bath & WIC. 2.5 car garage w/opener C/A. Some app ls. Must see.
(E88ANN) 248-349 5600 \$299,900

GARDEN CITY Move Right In!
Move right n To this recently remode ed b ck anch w newer furn updated elec replacement w/ndows finished basement beautiful kitchen hardwood floors & fresh y pa nted. Walk to Ga den City park.
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DEARBORN You ll Love This One
2 fu baths n th s 3 bedroom ranch offering fam y oom v nat a 1 ep ace brght kitchen w spacious kitchen newer roof w/ndows C/A steel doors & garage door opene. Basement has workshop storage.
(E15SYR) 734 455 5600 \$135,000

DETROIT What A Charmer
Th s lovely 3 bedroom bungalow has oversized extra deep lot w/pat o that s just beautiful. Remodeled kitchen newer roof w/ndows C/A steel doors & garage door opene. Basement has workshop storage.
(E03MIN) 734 455 5600 \$99,900

NORTHVILLE Beautiful & Spottless
3 BR 3 BA ranch close to downtown. Spacious kitchen, fireplace in living room & neutral colo s. Nicely finished walkout LL includes bath. Some new landscaping. Two tiered deck backs to very private sett ng. All app ls.
(E69CAR) 248 349 5600 \$250,000

LIVONIA Indulge Yourself!
Huge master suite w/cathedral ceiling, skylight. French doors and full bath d n updated kitchen with white Merriat cab nets & light oak. Fargo wood floor. Almost a quarter ac lot.
(E05BRE) 248-349-5600 \$164,900

PLYMOUTH In The Heart Of Town
Charming colonial w/wonderful curb appe offers newer vinyl siding & windows open floo p an oak staircase and ban star living room w/ fireplace mant e + partially f n shed basement & garage.
(E57PAL) 734 455 5600 \$209,500

DEARBORN HGTS Gorgeous Brck Ranch
Great home offers v ny w ndows updated kitchen cent a 5 bath hardwood floors in bedrooms awesome f n shed basement la ge co ne ot & home war anty. Come see t you ll call t home.
(E19COL) 734 455 5600 \$174,900

INKSTER Cute As A Button
Updated & ready for you! Newer windows updated bath. Large eat n kitchen deep backyard w/ 1.5 car garage and newer edment drive.
(E81OAK) 734-455 5600 \$77,000

FERDALE Newer Ranch Style Home
Clean and neutral T/O. 3 bedrooms 1 bath. Large eat n kitchen w/wood cabinets. First floor laundry. Lots of cabinet space and storage. Nice fenced yard w/small gardens.
(E44PIN) 248-349-5600 \$137,000

NORTHVILLE Downtown
Queen Anne 4 BR 3 BA MBR ste w/frp/c & MBR w/bed tub. Cherry cabs. Rust hutch. 12 center island in kit. Grand FR w/frp/c & French drs to nook. Formal LR & DR. FFL. Paver front walk & patio. 3 car gar.
(E14CAD) 248-349-5600 \$649,900

REDFORD Completely Charming
W th golf course view numerous updates part f n shed basement w/block glass windows 2 car covered ce l ngs in LR & DR fireplace in LR hardwood floo s T D p etty yard screened rear porch & so much more.
(E20GRA) 734-455-5600 \$149,900

PONTIAC This House Needs A New Owner
Charming 3 bedroom ranch offe s newer oak kitchen and bath updated oof furnace and C/A. F n shed basement w gas f ep ace bar and den plus ga age.
(E50THI) 734 455 5600 \$128,000

LIVONIA Livonia's Best Buy!!
Updated 4 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial w/newer w/ndows roof furnace and C/A. Fresh and neutral Family room w/wood stove and 2 car attached garage.
(E25RIC) 734-455 5600 \$179,900

LIVONIA Spectacular Ranch
Recently redone 3 BR 2.5 BA home. Newer kit & baths. Lovely sun room w/loads of windows & newer blinds. Newer roof. Lg lot approx 63 acres. Newly landscaped. Guest/storage barn w/elec heat & tale.
(E43BET) 248-349 5600 \$314,900

NOVI Great Value In Now!
Townhouse w/2 master suites! Upgrades include newer windows doors gar door recessed & lighting fixtures C/A k t countertops app ls & flooring. Partially fin bsmt neutral decr T/O. Garage close to unit.
(E64GLE) 248-349-5600 \$149,700

PLYMOUTH TWP Live In Plymouth
Great fir plan w/hardwood floors vinyl w ndows tea off roof w/ny siding offers th s 3 bedroom ranch s t n ng on a double lot w/2 car attached garage. Low two taxes but all the amenities of living close to downtown.
(E45BRO) 734 455 5600 \$197,000

PLYMOUTH 5 Star Condo
Amazing 3 bedroom 3.5 bath townhouse w/2 ca attached ga age. F n shed LL walkout 1 b a y 2 f r ep ace hardwood floo s lot over cooking GR a app s gated courtya d w b ck pavers & mo e. Beaut fu.
(E41BEA) 734 455 5600 \$429,700

COMMERCE Priced & Designed To Sell
City chic w/pottery barn flar. 4 BR 3.5 BA home sits on huge tucked away lot near lakes. Costly amenities & upgrades include HW floors newer carpet 2 tone path high ceiling stone flr/cr Crowns fin LL W/O.
(E60STA) 248-349 5600 \$375,000

LIVONIA Brick Ranch With Extra Deep Lot
Heavily wooded yard with running stream provides privacy & beautiful views of nature. 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths. Kit & dining area overlook yard. Spacious living room. Full bsmt & 2 car attached garage. Quick occup.
(E07BR) 248-349 5600 \$165,000

WESTLAND Great Space!
Updated or new since 1998 roof garage driveway turn A/C windows doorwall glass block windows all doors baths sliding gutters kitchen floor counters window treatments laundry/workout room basement.
(E06AVO) 248-349 5600 \$179,900

PLYMOUTH Charming Colonial
Nicely updated w/open floor plan sun oom on v ng room w/frp/c pat o deck off master la ge country kitchen & large DR hdwd flrs & newa w ndows n th s 3 bedroom 2 bath home + 2 car gar & part f n bsmt.
(E98SHE) 734 455-5600 \$339,900

GROSSE ILE Gorgeous Updated Colonial
4 bed oom 2.5 bath home w/lo basement attached ga age updated oak kitchen w/ce am c tle news roof vny s d ng wood floors large deck w p va s ya d updated baths FR w f plc eat n kitchen fo mal DR.
(E91PAR) 734 455 5600 \$264,900

GARDEN CITY Maintenance Free
Mot vated seller! 3 bed oom 2 bath home. Living room w/wood ceiling. Step saving kitchen. Master bedroom retreat. Partially f n shed basement. Two car garage. Large fenced yard. Not a d va by.
(E37SHE) 248 349 5600 \$155,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS Well Kept Cape Cod
3 bedroom 2 full bath home w/updated dimensional roof. Gorgeous kitchen w/oak case & neutral counters. Upstairs BR w/WIC & full bath. Double lot w/fruit trees pat o gazebo & pond. Two car attached gar. 1 yr warr.
(E00ROB) 248-349 5600 \$209,900

KEEEO HARBOR Waterfront Condo
2 bedroom waterfront condo w/access and docking on both Sylvan and Cass Lakes. First floor w/ndows to patio overlooking the water. Updated kitchen neutral decor appliances gas and water ncluded.
(E55CAS) 248-349-5600 \$119,900

BELLEVILLE Gorgeous Cape Cod
3 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/lo basement 2 ca attached garage loft study great room w/replace FF master w/WIC & Jacuzz FFL forma d n ng oom hardwood & ceramic floors home warranty.
(E73STR) 734 455 5600 \$275,000

VAN BUREN Andover Farms Colonial
Newe 4 bedroom 2.5 bath sland kitchen forma LR & DR. FR has cath ce ngs & gas f replace FFL master suite w/WIC dia s nks & jetted tub. La ge bed ooms C/A spr nke part f n bsmt neut al move n cond on.
(E45STR) 734 455 5600 \$279,900

FARMINGTON HILLS Welcome Home
Is what this home says to you. Cape cod 3 bedroom 2.5 bath w/valued ce l ngs GR w/built ins deck off DR. 3 season room of kitchen. Some updates 2 car side entry garage. Large treed ot and much more.
(E64WL) 248-349 5600 \$438,000

LIVONIA Awesome Area
Beautifully updated 4 BR 2 BA brck home n wonderful neighborhood. Close to schools shops & swim club. Gorgeous newer kitchen bath updates & windows turn HWH & more. Super addition incl mud room.
(E09SUN) 248 349 5600 \$259,900

NOVI Super Condo
Exquisite! This one won't last! Impressive upgrades. Ground level 1 BR w/wheelchair access. Extra large bath. Neutra decor. Freshly painted. View of woods. Shows like a model. Access to Walled Lake.
(E55SLA) 248 349-5600 \$85,500

BROWNSTOWN A Rare Find
In th s 3 bedroom condo in newer comp ex offer ng eat n kitchen forma dining room l v ng oom w/gas fireplace master ste w/WIC C/A 2 car attached ga age basement & close to freeways & shopping. Bu t n 2002.
(E37MCC) 734-455 5600 \$208,900

WAYNE Beautiful Ranch With Updates
3 bed oom 1.5 bath brck home w 2 ca ga age updated w/ndows roof HWT eat n go geous kitchen LR/DR combo ow bow w ndow b bathtackng ot & landscap ng some app ls part f n basement sun oom.
(E22WIN) 734 455 5600 \$144,900

LIVONIA Location! Location!
This 4 bedroom 2 bath quad has an open floor plan hardwood floors newer w/ndows roof updated deck for BBQs kitchen & baths 2+ car garage fenced yard partially finished LL. Great home great sub & location.
(E98MEA) 248-349 5600 \$217,800

SOUTHFIELD Exceptional Value!
Very well maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch on large lot. Features newer vinyl windows attached garage first floor laundry huge deck master bath and right access from Plum Hollow Golf Course. 1 yr warranty.
(E70LAH) 248 349 5600 \$126,900

ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning Condo
3 BR 2.5 BA condo w/attached garage into kitchen. F replace heats LR & DR combo w/door wall backing to trees putting green & walking trails. Basement used as FR has glass block daylight. Beautifully decorated.
(E76TEN) 248-349 5600 \$179,900

WESTLAND Cute As Can Be!
This 3 bedroom ranch offers Livon a schools neutra decor newer windows large 2 car garage. C/A & some appliances. This one won't last at th s p ce.
(E77ARC) 734 455-5600 \$115,900

REDFORD Brick Ranch In S Redford
3 bed oom 5 bath 2 car ga age partially f n shed basement. 5 bath off master bed oom possible 4th bedroom off n basement. C/A cool ng fan neut al decor eat n kitchen some app s l g c osets & sto age.
(E18ARN) 734 455 5600 \$139,000

PLYMOUTH Classic Brck Colonial
In great subdivision 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home with formal v ng room and dining room & fireplace in family room w/doorwall. La ge kitchen with appliances. Den 1st floor laundry basement & 2 ca attached garage.
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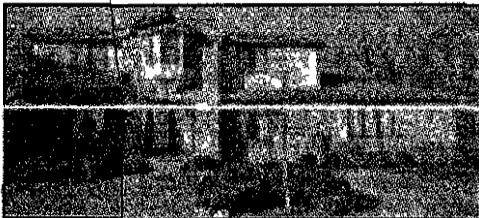
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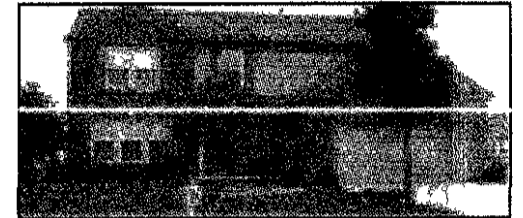
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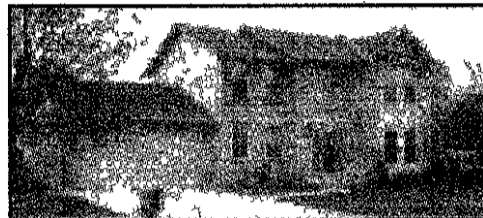
BELLEVILLE 734-591-9200
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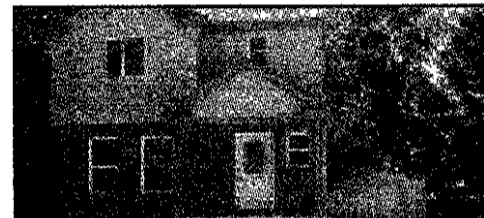
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LIVONIA 734-326-2000
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WESTLAND 734-591-9200
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LIVONIA 734-591-9200
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GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
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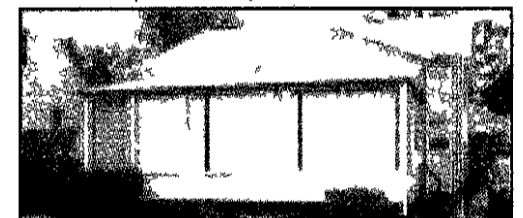
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WALLED LAKE 248-348-6430
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WARREN 248-348-6430
GREAT STARTER CLOSE TO GM TECH CENTER LR carpet door & wndws in 04 vault ceil w/skylites in mstr bdrm & DR lg Fla rm in front remodeled kit w/newer oak cabs freshly painted 349-6200 (25055636) \$100 000

ALLEN PARK 734-455-7000
Charming brick bungalow with updates galore Enclosed summer porch Great price and location Immediate Occupancy (23P7829) 25128607 \$159 900

INKSTER 734-591-9200
BRICK BUNGALOW 4 bedrooms bright kitchen leading to deck 2 car oversize garage Basement newer roof & A/C Some applncs (25028595) \$124 900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
Charming Ranch has moved the garden indoors 3 bdrm 3 baths w/recently renovated kitchen & hwdw flrs Skylights 349 6200 (25118189) \$350 000

ROMULUS 734-326-2000
Cozy 3 Bd Rnch in Quiet Nghbrhd Open Kit & FR is Great for Entnrmnt Fla Rm & Part Fin Bsmnt w/Strg All Appl (B938) 25115827 \$148 900

CANTON 734-455-7000
Oak island kitchen family rm w/spruce surround FP & hwdw flr Great fin bsmt daylight wndws office w/"berth" All appliances Home Warranty (23R3077) 25056074 \$263 000

INKSTER 734-326-2000
2 BR brk ranch has an open floor plan fireplace lrg deck & hot tub off the FR Bsmt partially fin w/bar All applncs (A515) 25115815 \$98 000

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
3 bdrm Cape Cod remodeled kit 2 baths nook in mstr bdrm for computer or sitting area rec rm 2 car att garage fenced yard Walk to town & schools 349-6200 (25099540) \$332 900

SOUTH LYON 734-455-7000
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CANTON 734-455-7000
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INKSTER 734-326-2000
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NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
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CANTON 248-348-6430
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LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Gorgeous 1994 Cape Cod 3 BR 2 5 BA 1st flr Mstr suite w/BA & WIC 1st flr Indry upper BRs w/double closets Cerm tile in BAs white cabs in Kit & BA Lrg deck (25085102) \$225 000

NOVI 248-348-6430
Lovely GR w/cathedral clg formal DR priv den sunny kit & brkfst area 4 nice BRs 2 5 baths 1st flr laun spacious deck & plenty of room in the fin bsmt 349-6200 (25114528) \$300 000

WEST BLOOMFIELD 248-348-6430
TOWNHSE CONDO Gourmet kit w/Corian cntrs Frplc in LR Appliance Property in foreclosure All offers subject to approval of short sale proposal by seller's mort co 349-6200 (25095233) \$350 000

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
North Dearborn Heights Ranch 1680 sq ft Spectacular ravine setting w/golf course on other side (25026228) \$179 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Contemporary 3 BR 1 5 baths lrg liv rm w/cathedral clngs & open staircase Updates incl Furn C/A roof wndws drs & crpt Nicely landscaped yard w/2 car gar & carport (25117042) \$187 000

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Beautiful updated home w/priv treed yard 4 bdrms 2 baths newer oak kit neutral flooring t/o Move-in condition Sub has pool clubhouse playground & Lake 349-6200 (25114441) \$249 900

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Absolutely gorgeous brick ranch totally re done w/pottery barn style 3BR 2 full BA rec rm in awesome fin d bsmt Another rm down that could be office or 4th BR (25025583) \$186 900

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New oak kitchen updated wndws trim electrical panel tiled landing & stairs H2O heater Close to shopping schools & park Don't miss this one A real gem 349-6200 (25107133) \$139 000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Rnch loaded w/updates & it shows beautifully fin d bsmt is built for fun 2 5 garage is set up to entertain in too Low traffic street (25038485) \$184 900

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2 bedroom condo beautiful cherry cabs appls stay Bright Liv Rm & Din area w/pergo flrs Updated 1 5 BAs Fin Rm in bsmt Brk paver patio Dir access to gar (25031766) \$149 000

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Great curb appeal on this 3 BR 1081 Sq Ft Colonial W/fin Bsmt Needs minor TLC Newer furnace windows & siding (C232) 25078766 \$99 000

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
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SNITCHING ON A CO-WORKER



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

A coworker you considered a decent person has done something that's way out of line. Should you snitch? If so, how?

UNCERTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY
Paul Fiorelli, professor and director, Williams College of Business Center for Business Ethics and Social Responsibility at Cincinnati's Xavier University, has brought such whistleblowers as Sharon Watkins of Enron and Roger Boisjoly of the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster to the Center. Fiorelli also served as a Supreme Court Fellow at the United States Sentencing Commission, which developed a white paper about reporting whistleblowers put themselves at risk, because they cannot remain anonymous. "If I make a report to a company," he states, "the company can't promise to protect my identity. It's like newspapers, where the trend today is not to protect. If the organization gets sued or there's a criminal prosecution, you're going to have to give that person up. The company can promise to protect a source's identity subject to a condition - as long as a third-party litigant or the government doesn't request it during discovery." Chris Murphy points out why, even in companies with an 800 number to report

He's a partner at Saul Ewing L L P, in Philadelphia. Such numbers "often require identification to prompt a thorough investigation," he explains. "If you don't have a complainant, it's difficult to treat the situation with a level of credibility." You may be at even greater risk in a company lacking "ethical guidelines or conflict of interest policies," Murphy adds. "In that kind of company, people don't have a set of rules to look at telling them what to do and specifying who to go to." **'SECOND CHANCE'**
Even if you decide to act, "give the person the benefit of the doubt while assuming the best," recommends Robert "Bo" Short, public speaker and president of the American Leadership Foundation in Charlottesville, Va. "Allow a second chance. Find out if in fact something is wrong. Even if it's out of ignorance, it has to be corrected." Fiorelli advises you to have a non-confrontational conversation with the individual to clarify whether there were a company policy violation. "Can you explain it to me?" he suggests you ask. The response will be critical, ranging from "I've gotten approval for it - if you want to, talk to my supervisor" to "Beat it, mind your own business." The mistake may have been inadvertent rather than intentional, Short indicates. It could include unintentionally providing misinformation to a client. Sometimes, a person may not want to admit error.

Short advocates keeping the person out of your investigation by going to a leader first. Explain that you "care about the company and have a responsibility to everyone in the organization," he advises. "Say something to this effect: 'I don't know whether it's being done intentionally or not, but I have a responsibility to this organization and its employees to bring this to your attention.'" Murphy indicates that employers don't want employees to make legal decisions, but to report "conduct that they believe is wrong, based upon their common sense and business judgment. There's a fine line between turning everyone into an employer and making appropriate reports." Short is adamant about reporting ethical violations. "Unfortunately, many of the problems we have trusting corporations are traced directly back to these types of non-reported violations," he asserts. "Some of America's greatest business collapses may have been averted had someone reported what they knew. Not reporting has the effect of creating an environment of cynicism, which only perpetuates the problem." You do risk ostracization. "Rarely do I hear people refer to whistleblowers as loyal employees, corporate heroes or employees with a conscience," Fiorelli comments. "Snitch, rat, tattler" occur more often. I would argue that when the employee does blow the whistle on a co-



Robert Short, public speaker and president of the American Leadership Foundation of Charlottesville, VA, is adamant about reporting violations.

worker, colleague or customer, and they are not acting out of spite, this can be a true act of moral courage." Are you tempted? You may "receive a 'bounty' for reporting people who are ripping off the government," Fiorelli adds, "but (face) the prospect of being ostracized by peers or losing clients. It seems to reinforce the old adage that 'no good deed goes unpunished.'" (Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2005 Passage Media.)

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Reviewing vehicles isn't all about the thrill of being able to put a different car through its paces each week. It's a lot about what I'll high-mindedly call "public service," as well - bringing insights to readers that might not have occurred to you, and advice that I hope you'll be able to use in the automotive marketplace.

So here's my public-spirited thought of the week: Give Saturn a chance, folks. Specifically, if you're looking for an SUV that is an overall cut above the "cute utes" offered by some of the import makes - and is a great value at its price besides - consider the greatly improved 2006 Saturn Vue.

Saturn has been one of the great missed opportunities in all-time automotive history over its 25 years of history. Former GM Chairman Roger Smith aggressively established Saturn as a quasi-independent entity that would use fresh design and engineering, a more cooperative workplace culture in Tennessee, and a consumer-friendly retailing network to beat back some of the import invasion in the Eighties.

But instead, GM halved the capital set aside for Saturn by the mid-Eighties, and by the mid-Nineties, it was clear that The General also was starving its import-fighting trailblazer for product-development money as well. Saturn was coming out with one or two new tired-looking and -performing vehicles every year or two, and American consumers got wise. Its admittedly revolutionary, coddle-the-customer approach to car selling was only going to take Saturn so far.

Fortunately, before Saturn got to the end of that perilous road a few years ago, General Motors executives recognized the potential gem they had in this small-vehicle division and began reviving it with infusions of new technology and new vehicles. Just about at the time that GM tanked the Oldsmobile brand, it began reviving Saturn. And today, that renewed attention to Saturn is evidencing itself more and more in the vehicles that Saturn actually is putting in its oh-so-friendly showrooms.

Vue may be the prime example of why it's good that GM returned its love to Saturn. First introduced a few years ago as Saturn's tepid attempt to tap into the light-SUV derby,



The 2006 Saturn Vue gets 28 mpg on the highway and 20 mpg in the city.

with a four-cylinder or mild 3.0-liter V6 engine, Vue has kept improving and kept improving each year. For the 2005 model, for instance, Vue received several updates, including a four-speed automatic transmission for the four-cylinder engine.

But the 2006 version that I just drove is clearly the best manifestation yet of Vue and of what GM is trying to do with Saturn. The latest update includes cosmetic and detail changes that significantly upgrade the vehicle.

From the get-go, Vue is a good expression of the original Saturn ethos. It is very boxy and practical looking, perhaps even Scandinavian if you squint a bit, and so appeals to the young demographic that GM desires for the brand. But it's also sharp-looking, with a new hood, grille and headlights for 2006. Gone are huge old headlights that used to distinguish Saturns as a styling trait, replaced on V-6 versions like the one I drove with projector-style lamps.

Vue has a distinctive look for a light SUV anyway, longer and more angular than competitors such as Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V. Using plastic for some of the main body panels - demonstrating a very practical bit of high technology - also helps Saturn keep the Vue's design uncluttered because there is no plastic cladding along the

bottom of the vehicle.

Those same plastic panels also help Vue achieve a highly satisfactory 20mpg in the city and 28mpg on the highway, another very attractive trait, considering \$2.69-a-gallon gasoline these days. Nevertheless, the 3.5-liter V6 engine in the front-wheel-drive version I drove provides plenty of pep in every driving situation I was in, relying on 250 horsepower.

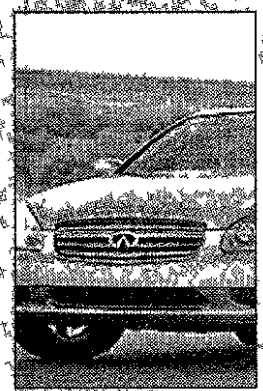
I also enjoyed being inside the Vue. There's an ample sunroof. The leather-appointed package in the version I drove, retailing for an extra \$695, was put to good use. The front controls and console are clean and appealing. XM Satellite Radio helps the drive go by. Fold-down seats all over, including the front passenger seat, optimize the vehicle's considerable cargo room.

And then there's the feature that may well be the most distinctive thing that Vue has going for it: a rear-compartment organizer that is specifically and explicitly designed to hold a bunch of grocery bags and, flanked on each side, molded wells that are just the right size for a gallon of milk.

Milk-holders are standard and part of the entry price point of \$21,390. The Vue version I drove retails for \$26,200. Certainly enticing enough to give Saturn Vue a look.

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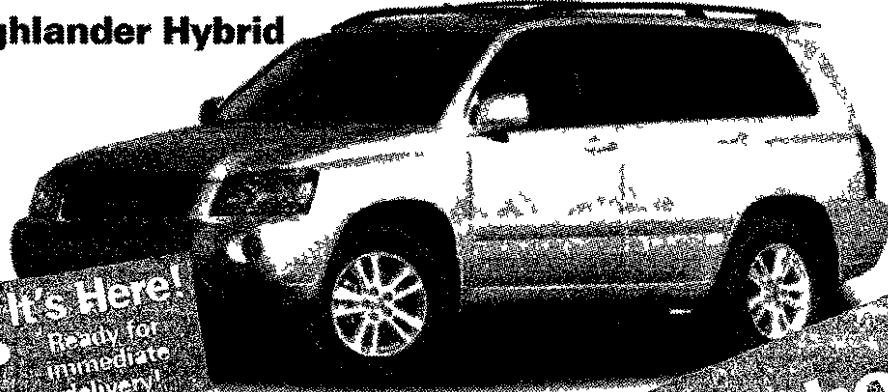
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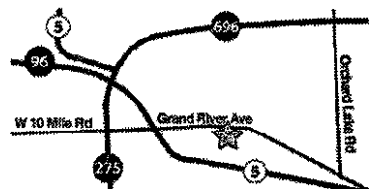


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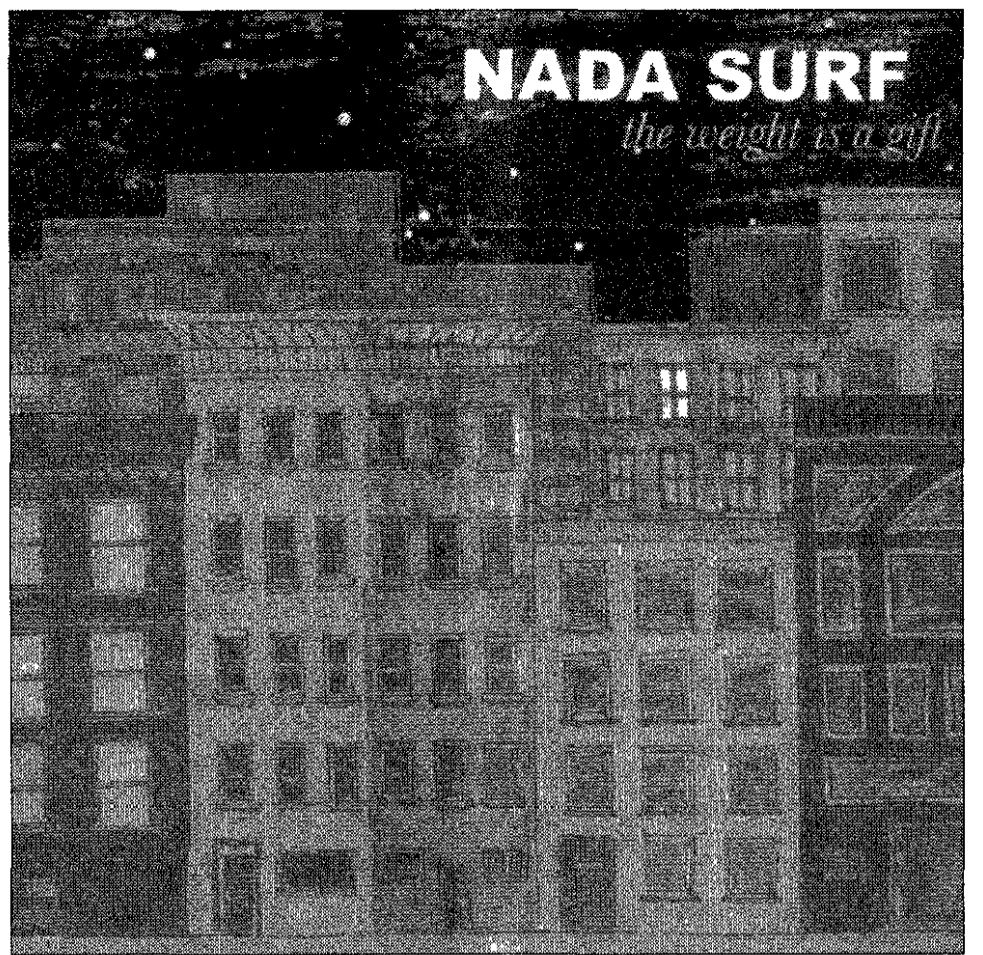


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NEW MUSIC

When I was in high school and thought of the band Nada Surf, "critically acclaimed" wasn't a term that came to mind. If anyone remembers their 1996 debut record *High/Low* and the MTV video favorite *Popular*, you'd understand why. However, the boys of Nada Surf shed *Popular* a while back with their 2003 release *Let Go*, a favorite of both music critics and music lovers alike. Their recent Sept. 13 release, *The Weight is a Gift*, is continuing the "gem" tradition with 11 tracks of pure pop goodness.

If you ask me, *Weight* picks up right up where *Let Go* left off. Nada Surf is the type of band that somehow can write both the happiest and saddest songs you've ever heard all on one album, you'll either blast it from your car stereo while flying down the highway or curl up with your headphones after a bad breakup. Of course, *Weight* has that proper mix of fast and slow and happy and sad tracks.

The opening track, *Concrete Bed*, is a great start to the album and features some of my favorite lyrics: "To find someone you love, you've gotta be someone you love." Other favorites currently include *Your Legs Grow* and *Blankest Year*, which has some of the most toe-tapping guitar sounds that I've come across in some time.

If the good music, produced by Death Cab for Cutie's Chris Walla, isn't enough for you, fear not. Nada Surf was kind enough to include a bonus disc of four extra tracks. And if you're still not satisfied, unfold the CD's liner notes and look in amazement at the clever die-cut designs. There, now you should be happy.

Stay tuned for tour dates. I'm hoping they won't forget about us here in Detroit.

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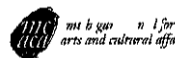
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John Santieu of Garden City tries one of the many dessert vendors' samples during last year's Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College. Ian Tamm of Elite Sweets in Livonia enjoys the attendees' reactions to their excellent creations.

Good food for a good cause

Schoolcraft College hosts Culinary Extravaganza

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Like food? Visit Schoolcraft College in Livonia Sunday.

The campus will be the site of one of the great annual gatherings for food and wine lovers at the college's annual Culinary Extravaganza, Sunday, Sept. 25.

The celebration of gourmet foods and fine beverages takes place 2-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, with all proceeds supporting student scholarships.

Restaurants such as Milford's Five Lakes Grill, Farmington Hills Tribute and Detroit's Seldom Blues are among the approximately 50 eateries and beverage houses that will have samples of their best offerings ready to taste.

Others include Loving Spoonful of Farmington Hills, The Farm in Port Austin, The Gravity Bar and Grill in Milford, Gala - A New American Bistro of Farmington Hills, and

Schoolcraft's own American Harvest Restaurant, L Mawby Vineyards, Black Star Farms and the Pelee Island Winery are among the beverage makers that will bring samples of their products.

Bruce Konowalow, culinary arts director at Schoolcraft, said the restaurants chosen are top-notch eateries.

"We try to be very careful and use restaurants that are quality establishments," Konowalow said. "We are getting top-quality places

(The restaurants) don't hold back on

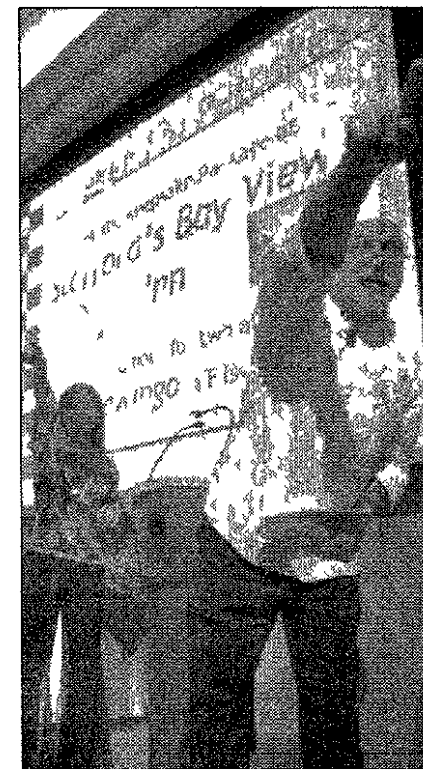
CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2005

What: Guests can try culinary delicacies from more than 50 restaurants, bakeries and beverage vendors in the Detroit area. Patrons can take in a wine tasting seminar and participate in a live and silent auction.

Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia.

When: 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25.

Tickets: \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.
For information: Call (734) 462-4400 ext. 5008 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/events.htm



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Kevin Gawronski, instructor and certified master chef at Schoolcraft College, is the auctioneer during the Culinary Extravaganza.

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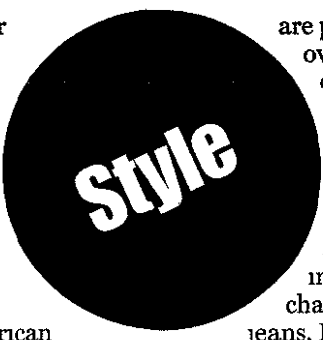
Walk to Royal Oak's shops

Royal Oak's reputation for restaurants and bars is strong, but over the years its status in the retail clothing world has fluctuated.

That's changing fast. Stylish retail stores are popping up everywhere between the coffeehouses and food establishments in downtown Royal Oak. American Apparel, Chaud Jeans and Pitaya are already popular among trend setting women and teens.

The highly anticipated Rise clothing boutique opens its doors on Washington Street next month.

Showcasing the city's retail side is a self guided walking tour to the city's businesses that are offering sales and hosting special events. *Downtown Royal Oak In Style* will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday Sept. 24. More than 30 retailers



are participating. Some store owners will donate portions of the proceeds from sales that day to Hurricane victims.

The tour includes the city's newest condos, art galleries, houses of fashion and couture, jewelers offering fine, custom and interchangeable jewelry, designer jeans, European couture, trend-setting hair and cosmetic salons, lingerie, everything for organic living, home decor crafts, unique gifts and custom gift baskets, premium cigars, chocolates and coffee.

Stop into any of downtown Royal Oak stores during that day for sales, and some will have different types of entertainment. For more information, call (248) 414-4533 or visit www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us or www.downtownroyaloak.org

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New directions

Planet Ant embraces new leadership, new plays

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Planet Ant Theatre in Hamtramck relishes the opportunity to explore new territory and take theatrical risks

But this season, in addition to offering a lineup packed with new works, the theater has a new artistic director

Planet Ant executive director Eric Maher stepped into the position in May and is currently serving in both roles

This year is going to be a transition for us, he said of the season, which opened Sept. 9 and continues through June 2006

On the other hand, the theater's mission – exploring new works and experimenting with classics – remains the same, and seems to be one that Maher has

On
stage

happily embraced

To kick off the season, Maher is directing *Two Men in a Box*, an original comedy by local playwright Daniel Roth. The show, which is currently running, is scheduled to continue through

Oct. 15

"We're interested in the establishment of new works in our theater community and not so much picking scripts as much as artists who are fired up," Maher said of the theater's philosophy and *Two Men in a Box*

The two-act play about two men on an existentialist journey came about when Maher saw Roth's original one-act version of the slapstick-style comedy at the Michigan New Play Festival in June

"It was just incredible, it's a lot of fun, and the audience loved it,"

TOO FUNNY

What *Two Men in a Box* an original comedy by local playwright Daniel Roth opens the Planet Ant Theatre's 2005-2006 season

When Continues through Oct. 15, shows at 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday

Where Planet Ant Theatre 2357 Caniff Hamtramck

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said Maher. It's very similar to the Abbott and Costello style, but everything relates to existentialist philosophy"

So Maher asked Roth if he could transform the play into a two-act for production at Planet Ant, and the rest is history

"The characters are two men of working class stature. They are not philosophers, but they enjoy



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'Two Men in a Box' a new original comedy by a local playwright, opens Planet Ant Theatre's 2005-2006 season

talking about life. They start out trying to figure out how life began, then what is the meaning of life"

Next thing they know, the characters, who have concluded life is about 'living in a box, find themselves quite literally existing inside a wooden box

"You just buy it – that they are in this box and try to do more in


the box than they ever did before

Although Maher likened the play to the well-known absurdist existentialist play *Waiting for Godot*, he said *Two Men in a Box* is 'less heady and more fun'

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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

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Larco's in Troy teams with Energetic Soul Studios to offer Cha cha and salsa lessons plus swing and hustle every Friday. At Sweet Georgia Brown in Greektown, jazz acts perform every Friday and Saturday.

Entertainment doesn't exist

just on weekends
Weekday evenings at Cafe Mario's in Troy offer fun too.

For one night only, on Friday, Sept. 30, at El Comal in Mexicantown, some of the area's most prestigious Flamenco dancers and musicians will perform.

The schedule follows:

■ **Larco's Italian Chophouse**, 645 N. Big Beaver Road, Troy (248) 680-0066

Dance every Friday. Cha cha lessons at 9 p.m., salsa lessons at 9:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. Dance floor opens at 10 p.m. For more information, visit www.energeticsoul.com.

■ **Sweet Georgia Brown**, 1045 Brush at Monroe in Greektown, (313) 965-1245

Are you game?

Friday and Saturday evenings 7:30-11:30 p.m., live jazz.

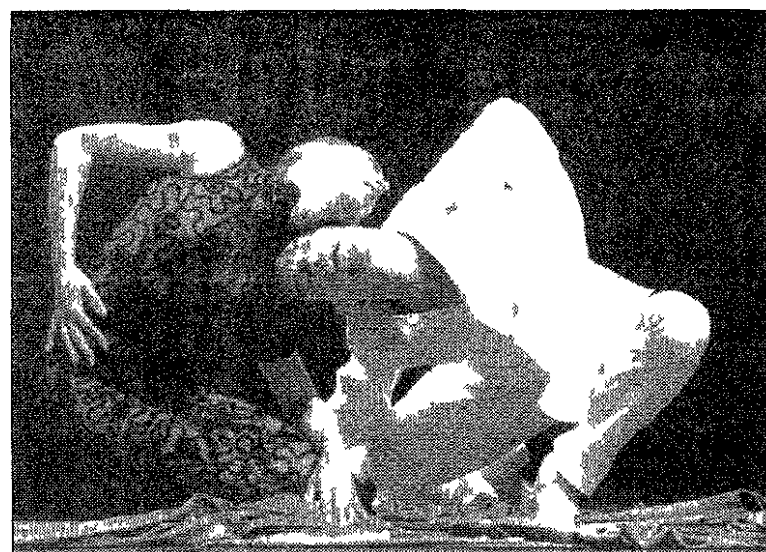
On Friday, Sept. 23, the Charles Boles Trio performs. Saturday, Sept. 24, Robert Low and Friday, Sept. 30, Van Cephus.

Menu items include

shrimp and crab cakes, lemon garlic shrimp served on Pappardelle pasta, peach cobbler and Creme Brulee. Specialty martini is the Sweet Georgia Chocolate Delight with Absolut raspberry vodka and Godiva chocolate liqueur in a chocolate-rimmed glass with fresh raspberries.

■ **Cafe Mario's**, 1477 John R, south of Maple, Troy, (248) 588-6000

Entertainment on the patio for the remainder of the month.



The Tango Flamenco company fuses both styles of dance and performs to live music.

Every Tuesday is Karaoke. Fridays, Sept. 23 and 30, are live comedy nights. Saturday, Sept. 24, performer is Herbie Russ. Extensive Italian menu.

■ **El Comal**, 3456 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, reservations for special event (313) 841-7753

Saturday, Sept. 30, presents Talao Flamenco. Dancer Valeria Montest "La Chispa" (meaning "The Spark"), who trained in Spain, will perform Flamenco. Detroit's well-known Mark Sawasky, of the bands Immigrant

Suns and Eastern Winds, will play the Peruvian box drum. Christina Scott, also a well-known Flamenco dancer, will participate with "palmas" - a rhythmic hand-clapping unique to Flamenco.

Tickets are \$20 and include one drink plus a Latin American meal. Children 12 and under, \$10. Seating begins at 7 p.m. Showtime 8 p.m. Call (313) 841-7753 for reservations.

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Well the cost of gas might eliminate the latter, so in its place why not opt for a corn maze?

The Northville Community Foundation boasts the largest corn maze in metro Detroit at Maybury Farm, spanning 12 acres. It's only the second year for the giant maze, but thousands are expected to wander its paths.

Everyone had such a wonderful time last year that we can hardly wait to see everyone's face when they see this year's corn maze," Northville Community Foundation president Shari Peters said. Farmer (John) Beemer has worked long and hard on this one."

For a happy-go-lucky family event, visit the maze during daylight hours. But if you're feeling creepy a la *Children of the*

Corn, head out during darker hours, as it runs til 9 p.m.

The maze runs through Sunday,

Oct. 30

Hours are 5-9 p.m. Fridays and 1-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Group tours are available Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Children 3 years old and under admitted free.

Maybury Farm is at 50165

Eight Mile, east of Napier Road, in Northville. Use the farm entrance on Eight Mile Road and follow to the maze parking lot.

Call (248) 374-0200 for more information.

Proceeds from the maze feed the animals of Maybury. The farm reopened this year after it was destroyed by a fire in 2003.

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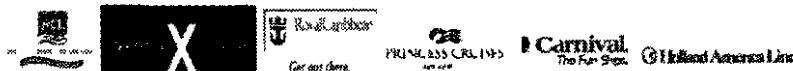
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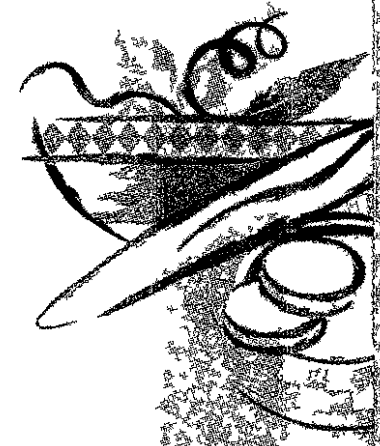
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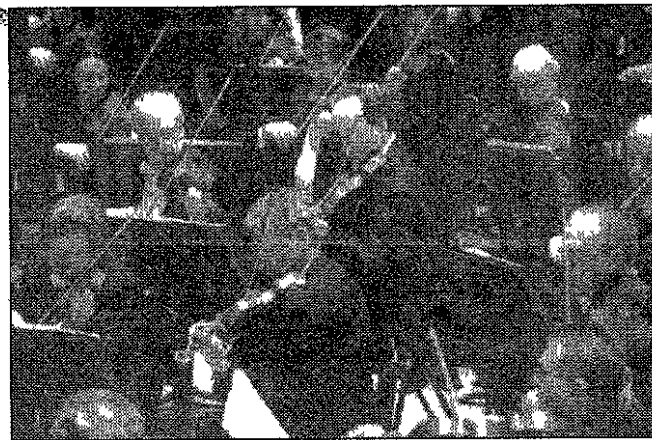


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The event presents a diversity of music genres. Scheduled performers include, clockwise from top, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Black Merda, Jesse Paiter and Wall of Denial



24/7

It's non-stop listening at Day of Music

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

If you want rock, they've got it. If you want jazz, they've got it. If you want classical, folk, blues, hip hop, R & B, even the meditative sounds of the sitar, they've got it at Marshall Field's annual Day of Music.

The free, non-stop music extravaganza starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 and ends at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, with concerts running on all five stages inside the Max M. Fisher Music Center in downtown Detroit.

Yes, you heard it right, 24 hours of free, continuous music.

Not that you have to pull an all-nighter to have a good time. In fact, that's not the idea, really.

"We're just trying to make sure we have people in this building every hour for 24 hours," said Kendra Whitlock, programming director with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Max.

So the idea is to cover a broad range

of musical genres — 35 local acts are scheduled — offer simultaneous concerts at peak hours, and tailor the day's schedule to meet different audience group lifestyles.

For instance, Friday night is devoted to rock and blues with headliner Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise performing at 10 p.m. Several other bands in the rock genre also are slated, including Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty, formerly of the Detroit Wheels, Question Mark and the Mysterians, which recorded the hit *96 Tears*, and Black Merda, an early Motor City black rock band.

In contrast, Saturday brims with concerts and programs for children and families, from an instrument "petting zoo" where kids can pick up and try out their favorite sound makers to Candy Band, a group of Detroit area moms who play nursery rhyme-rock.

Also scheduled Saturday is the Day of Music's DSO Idol Contest with contestants age 8 to 24 competing all

afternoon for an opportunity to sing live with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The audience will select the winner from the five finalists chosen by a panel of music pros, including Motown legend Martha Reeves. FOX 2 News' Lee Thomas will host the contest, which begins at noon.

"It's really fun. People love it. They love the audience-voting part," said Whitlock. "We've had people come down just for the contest and stay five hours. I'm serious."

Food by Epic Catering is available 24 hours with cocktails offered at night.

Last year, the event drew approximately 11,000 attendees.

"We're expecting big crowds this year because the programming really has something for everybody. There's a lot of stuff going on here. This is going to be the place to be come 5 p.m. Sept. 30th."

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Lura exposes Cape Verde's hidden music

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OTHER THURSDAY EVENTS

Lura's show kicks off the Ford Comerica Global Thursdays events at AANM where performers from around the world will showcase their talents

- 6 p.m. Oct. 6 Understanding Arab Classical Music with Radio Maqam
- 8 p.m. Oct. 13 Ex-Centric Sound System World Fusion
- 6 p.m. Oct. 27 Understanding Arab Classical Music with Alexandre Tannous
- 8 p.m. Nov. 3 Straight Ahead world jazz

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The story behind the accordion-driven Funana music is appealing

The African style of music, from Cape Verde – an archipelago west of Senegal – was banned for centuries by the colonial government because it was considered too erotic. In 1975, when Cape Verde gained independence, the music resurfaced

Singer Lura will play that music, part of her heritage, on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn

Her show kicks off the Thursday world music series at the museum. Along with Funana, Lura will also perform batuku rhythms

Originally, that music was performed by at least a dozen women who would beat the batuku rhythm on folded stacks of clothes, held by their knees, while a lead singer

improvised poetry

It was accompanied by a sensual dance

"The women in Cape Verde spend a lot of time together, working and talking, and that is how batuku started, from the women of Santiago," Lura said

"Now I and others are making a kind of batuku, but singing alone, not in a group. I'm a little representation of batuku from Cape Verde"

Drought and economic trouble drive many Cape Verdeans to Europe and the U.S. Lura was raised in Lisbon

"In the poems and lyrics of Cape Verde we speak a lot about immigration," she said. "A lot of people move away to make a better living. We talk a lot about rain because there is so little rain. And we talk about food because sometimes it is very difficult to get food and we talk about the relationship between parents and their children because so many families are apart"



Lura plays the music on her CD *Dr. Korpu Ku Alma*. Five songs on *Korpu* feature Lura's versions of compositions by Orlando Pantera, a batuku-style musician who never released his own album. He died in 2001. Pantera's music helped strengthen Lura's interest with Cape Verdean song

"When I first heard his music, I fell in love," Lura said. "He expresses daily life of the Cape Verde people in a very unique way. His music and his words are very strong, and very Cape Verdean. I fell in love with him, but I never met him. When I found out he died, I felt this is something I can do for him. So his music lives on"

Every Thursday throughout through May 2006, the museum hosts Ford Commercial Global Thursdays. The program is aimed to advance cultural awareness through music, film and dance

"This is a great opportunity for people to get a taste of many exciting and worldly musical acts from around the world. It's a



Lura will perform Cape Verdean music, a style that blends Portuguese and West African sounds

celebration of diverse heritages and is a great way to bring people together," said Dr. Anan Ameri, director of AANM

Other artists include Haitian performer Emeline Michel (Oct. 20), who blends Haitian twoubadou and rara along with jazz, rock, bossa nova and samba

The women's jazz band Straight Ahead performs Nov. 3. They are based in Detroit. Their music includes salsa, smooth and soulful jazz

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Murdic and Tina Coleman of Southfield check out breads made by Jeff Greenwald during last year's Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza

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bd's Mongolian Barbeque expands concept

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Legend has it that after days devoted to hunting, groups of Mongolians gathered in banquet-style pavilions to sear sliced meat and vegetables on overturned shields, heated by a roaring fire. The Kublai Khan and his top warriors sat high above the crowd and enjoyed the same food prepared on a large, hot griddle.

Segue to modern day and you get the concept of bd's Mongolian Barbeque where diners "hunt down" selected ingredients from meats, seafood, vegetables, sauces and a variety of spices, to create their own stir-fry.

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'Just Like Heaven' tries a little tenderness

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films opening last week

JUST LIKE HEAVEN

Reese Witherspoon is sunny and bright and appropriately otherworldly in her blond radiance – since, after all, she haunts the man who rents her apartment after she's involved in a serious car accident, and learns more about life and love while in spiritual form than she ever did on Earth. Sound just like *Ghost*, or *City of Angels*, or *It's a Wonderful Life*? Yes, *Just Like Heaven* has elements of all of those and *All of Me* when Mark Ruffalo, showing a surprising knack for physical comedy, convulses and flails while struggling with Witherspoon's ghostly character at a crowded bar over a glass of scotch. The whole exercise might have been too pre-

cious – and at times its message about the importance of appreciating life is too obvious – if not for the intelligent presence and infinite likability of its stars. Together they bring weight and tenderness to a movie that could have been as ethereal as the fog that lingers over its San Francisco settings. PG-13 for some sexual content. 97 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

LORD OF WAR

Andrew Niccol does satire, from the brilliantly pointed (*The Truman Show*, which he wrote) to the oppressively heavy-handed (*Simone*, which he wrote and directed). This falls somewhere in between. His story of an unapologetic gun runner, played with great swagger and charisma by Nicolas Cage, is smart, taut,

thrilling and darkly funny. It's also meticulously researched, evocatively detailed and very, very relevant. Functioning again as both writer and director, Niccol based Cage's character, Ukrainian immigrant Yuri Orlov, on five real-life weapons dealers and he re-enacted events that actually have taken place. But it's precisely because he rooted the film in such realism that when he eventually slips into preachiness and melodrama, it feels unnecessary and out of place. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. And people with arsenals of AK-47s can (and do) kill a lot of people. We get it already. Jared Leto plays Yuri's coke-addicted younger brother, Bridget Moynahan plays his trophy wife with statuesque blandness. R for strong violence, drug use, language and sexuality. 122 min. Three stars out of four.

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PROOF

In happier, saner times – when

he's alive, in flashbacks – Anthony Hopkins' mad mathematician describes the sensation of lucid, analytical thought by saying the machinery is working. In a film, though – especially one with such pretensions of realistic heft and emotional resonance – you shouldn't be able to see the machinery working, or to hear it. It should just happen. Director John Madden's adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony-winning play by David Auburn tries very hard and very noisily to be powerful, to be About Something. It presents its ideas about mental illness – whether it's inherited, whether it's inevitable – with the volume consistently turned up. And most of the sound and fury comes from Gwyneth Paltrow as Hopkins' daughter, who wonders whether she inherited his insanity as well as his mathematic ability. Jake Gyllenhaal and Hope Davis co-star. PG-13 for some sexual content, language and drug references. 100 min. Two stars out of four.

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TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE

More than a decade after *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, Tim Burton marries stop-motion animation and digital technology in way that's wondrous, strange, poignant, and beautifully reflective of the director's distinctive, darkly humorous style. His fans will be more than satisfied – much of it is visually reminiscent of *Beetlejuice*, *Edward Scissorhands* and *Sleepy Hollow* – and their children, who may have only been exposed to his work through this year's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, will be dazzled, as well. And at an efficient 74 minutes, the whole family can enjoy it together. With an all-star voice cast led by Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter, the film follows the romantic troubles of a shy young man torn between the woman his parents have arranged to marry him (voiced by Emily Watson) and the woman who rises from the Land of the Dead and accidentally becomes his wife. Three and a half stars out of four.



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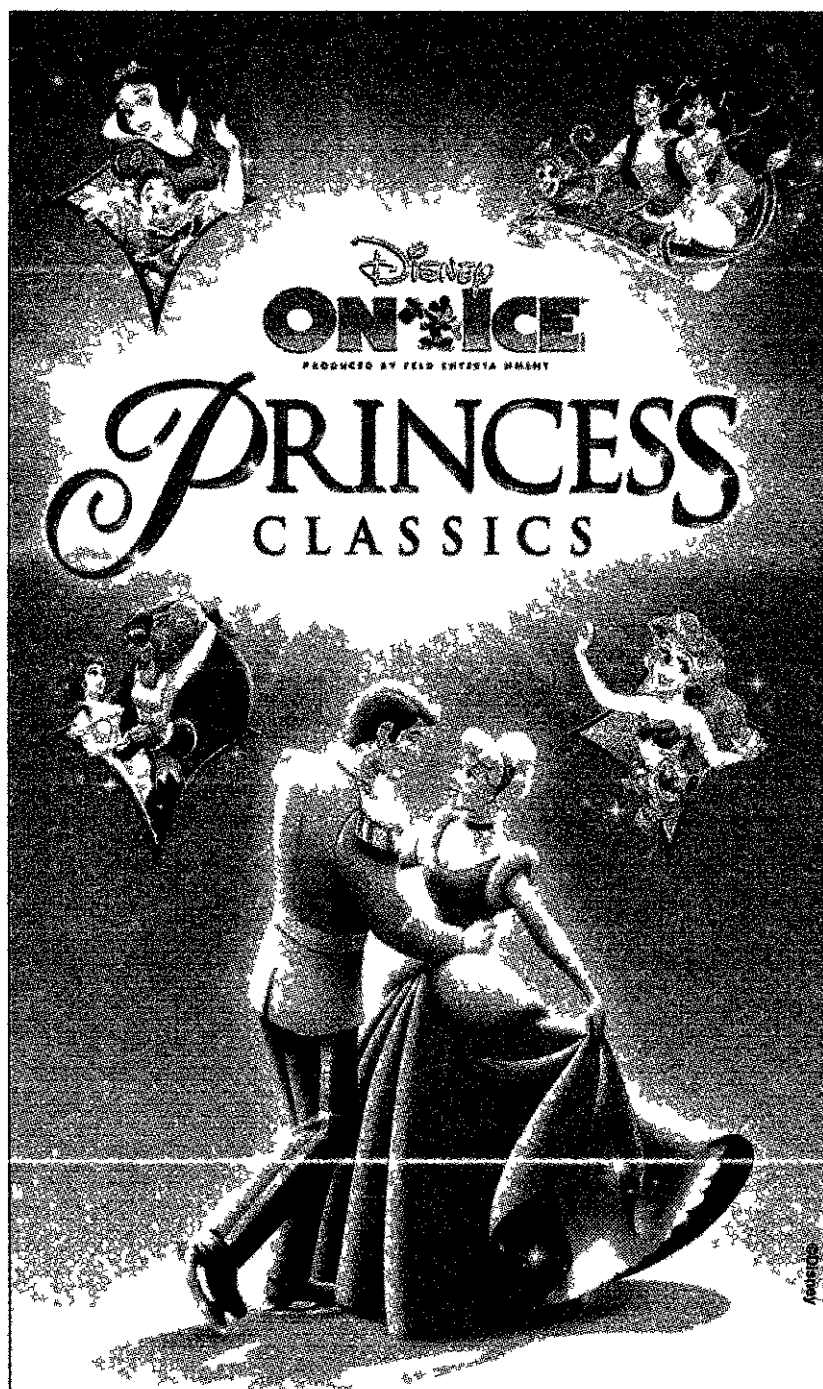
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Just where *Prison A Go Go* fits into the milieu is hard to determine It certainly isn't as nasty as most prison movies, but the cast includes Mary Woronov Rhonda Shear and Lloyd Kaufman, whose names are synonymous with sleazy, cheesy movies

The story is appropriately idiotic When a young lady named Callista is abducted by a mad scientist (and torturist) Dr Hurtrider to be subjected to even madder experiments her sister tracks her to a notorious prison in the Philippines

Nothing beyond this point makes the least bit of sense There is a food fight battling ninjas, a prisoner with a pet porcupine, a fortuitously placed mud puddle ideal for mud wrestling and - of course shower scenes Pointless multiple shower scenes Well not pointless

Anyway whatever semblance of plot kind rapidly vanishes But you know better than to expect too much when writer-director producer Barak Epstein and producer Shane Stem suddenly stop the film and announce they had lost funding for the production of the movie when their backer realized what kind of movie they were making and they had to resort to another sponsor with some overly obvious product placement shots

Clearly this isn't Shakespeare But no film with Lloyd Kaufman can possibly be all bad In case you don't know he's the guy who gave us the Toxic Avenger movies *Class of Nuke em High* and the soon to be legendary *Tales from the Crypt*

The movie does have its flaws Woronov, as evil Warden Dyanne Slutface (that's not her whole name, but it's all I am allowed to print in a family newspaper) has way too brief of a role And the acting is well about what you'd expect from this sort of movie

Still it's all fun In an utterly idiotic sort of way Thomas Video in Clawson has a copy

Greg Kowalski is now on the trail of Epstein's other great film *Cornman American Vegetable Hero* He can be reached at (248) 901 2570 or gkowskigr@oe.homecomm.net

Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

Venom



A voodoo crazed serial killer wreaks havoc in the Louisiana swamps and leaves the corpses of several attractive young people in his wake Its a straight-up slasher flick which probably should have gone straight to video for the cheesy looking, computer-generated snakes alone Potential victims do stupid things like ride a bike home from work alone at night in the fog Or wander into a dilapidated, deserted gas station and yell out "Hello?" over and over until someone they probably didn't want to meet up with answers their calls Director Jim Gillespie does manage to evoke the sticky humidity of the bayou But it's hard not to laugh at a couple of scenes that weren't meant to be funny One features the teenage friends using one of their own (who's already dead) as a voodoo doll, and stabbing him repeatedly in the leg to slow the killer down Agnes Bruckner, Jonathan Jackson, Biju Phillips and Meagan Good co star R for strong horror violence/gore, and language 87 min One and a half stars out of four

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Alvey Jones abstractly depicts the film Intolerance



Film off screen

Exhibit recreates movie images through many mediums

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Some of the works are stained glass. Others are paintings, collage or assemblage.

Some pieces are free standing, while others hang on the wall.

Ann Arbor artist Alvey Jones exhibit *As Time Goes By: Scenes from Famous Motion Pictures*, is as varied as it is unique.

Continuing through Oct. 23 at the Washington Street Gallery in downtown Ann Arbor, the one artist show features 17 works based on scenes from motion pictures. The exhibit's opening reception is set for Friday, Oct. 7.

He looks at old movies from an interesting standpoint," said Jean Lau, a member artist of the gallery. He looks at stills or makes sketches while watching them. Others are remembrances of movies and others are just impressions.

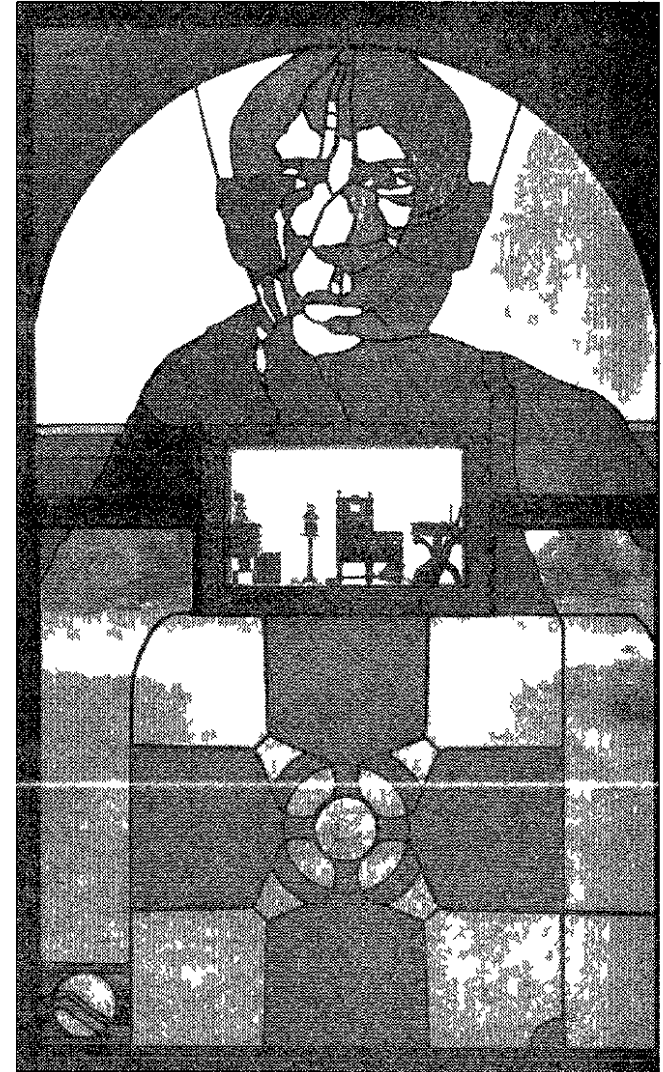
Through the works which represent and combine several artistic genres and techniques, Jones seeks to convince his audience to question and reconsider the big screen scenes in the movies they've seen.

Although Jones painted film stills look like classic movie scenes at first, they cause the viewer to wonder whether the movie was as they remember experiencing it in the theater.

One of Jones' works for instance recalls the famous film *To Kill a Mockingbird* by recreating a painted image of Scout and Atticus Finch. Attached to the frame of the work is a pink assemblage box containing the items that might have been inside Scout's pocket.

Jones' primary aim, however, is to focus viewers' attention on the human drama and relationships presented in each film he depicts.

It's a great idea, and he's such an interesting artist in that he starts out with an idea and goes in every direction with it, said Lau. There are a lot of people who



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Alvey Jones rendered the film *Surviving Picasso* in stained glass.

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ART ON MOVIES

What: *As Time Goes By: Scenes from Famous Motion Pictures* painting, assemblage and stained glass by Alvey Jones.

When: Exhibit runs through Oct. 23, opening reception 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Washington Street Gallery, 120 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

Admission: Free. For information call (734) 761-2287 or visit www.wsgart.com.

have wanted to see the exhibit even before it opened.

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storytelling about what the characters remember, from the loves of their lives to their relatives”

Indeed, comedy drives Planet Ant's entire 2005-2006 season. Following *Two Men in a Box* is *The Weekend*, an original suspense comedy generated from the actors improvisational work, scheduled Nov 9 to Dec 3.

In late December, the Detroit folk rock band, The Bannisters, gets in on the action in a variety style format comedy

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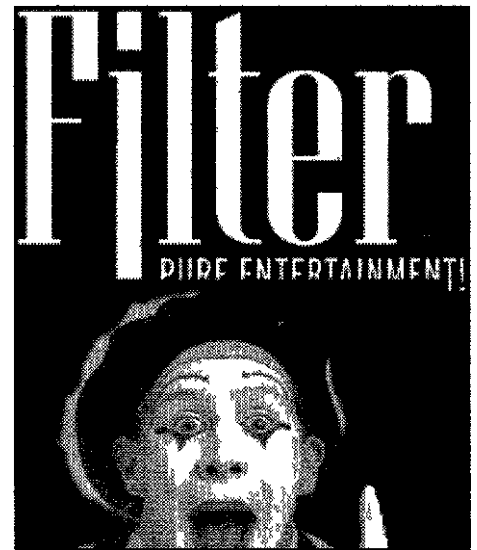
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The original sci-fi comedy, *Living Space Jerks at Warp Speed*, takes the Planet Ant stage in February followed by a series of experimental new works in March and two more comedies to finish up the season.

“It seems like everybody wanted to do fun material, and it's what people in the market want right now – to get out and have a good time,” Maher said. “So this year, I'm going to deal in an environment of comedy”

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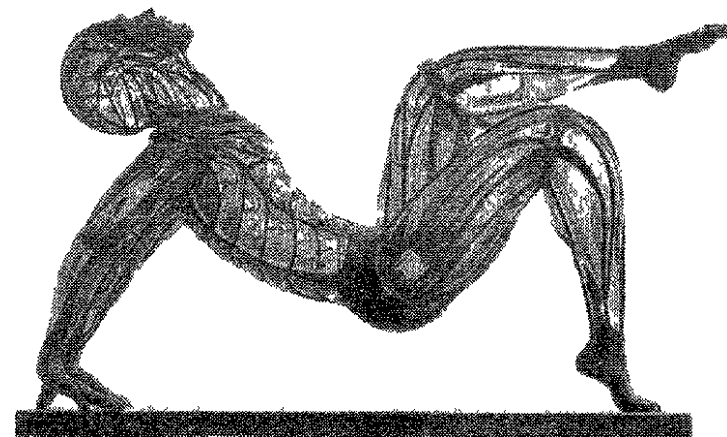
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Sally Ride Science Festival

Science festival street fair and activities for girls grades 5-8 11 a.m. Saturday Sept 24 University of Michigan's Pierpont Commons Building (North Campus) Ann Arbor \$18 includes lunch advance registration is required (800) 561 5161 or www.SallyRideFestivals.com

Festivals at the Zoo

Native American Festival Oct 8-9 all feature entertainment ethnic food and arts and crafts Detroit Zoo 10 Mile Road and Woodward just off I 696 Royal Oak admission \$7 11 parking \$5 8 (248) 398 0900 visit www.detroitzoo.org

FILM

Detroit Film Theatre

Genesis a documentary about the creation of life and the universe 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sept 23-24 and 4 p.m. Sept 25 \$7.50 Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$7.50 833 3237 or www.dia.org/dft

Planet Ant Theatre

2005 Planet Ant Film & Video Festival with locally produced short films through Sept 24 shows at 10:30 p.m. 2357 Caniff Avenue Hamtramck \$5 (313) 365 4948 or www.planetant.com

FOLK, POP & ROCK

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers Robben Ford and Eric Bibb in the Rockin' Blues Revue 8 p.m. Saturday Nov 5 \$35 40 M 59 (Hall Road) and Garfield Road Clinton Township (586) 286 2222 or www.MacombCenter.com

Marshall Field's Day of Music

Free 24-hour music festival with diverse lineup of local acts from rock to jazz to children's music non-stop from 5 p.m. Friday Sept 30 to 5 p.m. Saturday Oct 1 Max M Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Detroit (313) 576 5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

Aaron Carter

Performance at 5 p.m. Saturday Oct 1 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts located on the southwest corner of M 59 (Hall Road) and Garfield Road in Clinton Township Presented by Radio Disney Fam O Rama 1-4 p.m. AM910 Radio Disney Pop Talent Search Finals featuring Carter as celebrity judge Tickets are \$50 (which includes a meet and greet with Carter) \$25 for adults and \$20 per person for students and family four packs Call (586) 286 2222 or visit www.MacombCenter.com

Memphis Smoke

Award winning Detroit Women R&B/Blues artists 10 p.m. Friday Sept 23 Located 100 S. Main Street in downtown Royal Oak

JAZZ

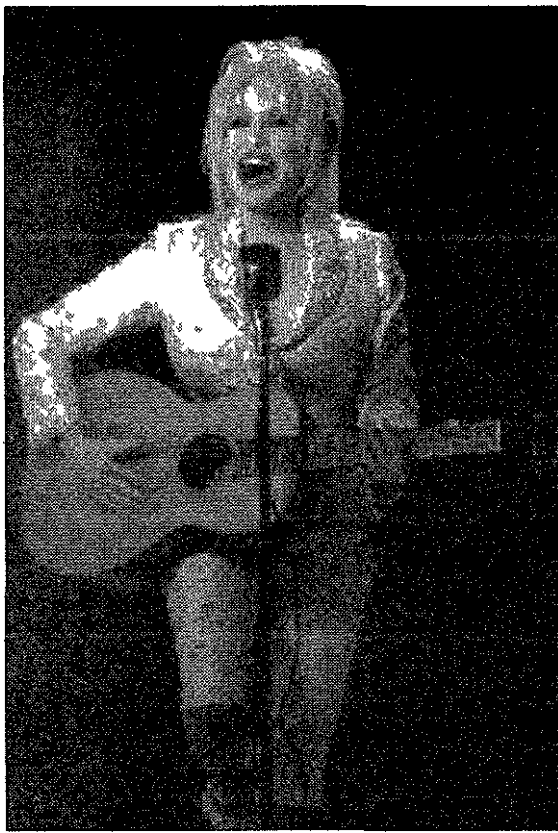
Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

8-11 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays of every month Marge's Bar 15300 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Park Tom Saunders and Detroit All Stars 8 p.m. third Thursday of month the Dakota Inn 17235 John R Detroit Mike Montgomery and Kerry Price noon to 3 p.m. every Sunday La Dolce Vita 17546 Woodward the Gypsy Strings of Detroit

MORE MUSIC

Masonic

The White Stripes 7:30 p.m. Friday Sept 30 Saturday Oct 1 and Sunday Oct 2 The band has added a third show at the Masonic



MUSIC

Tickets are on sale now for Dolly Parton, who comes to the Fox Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct 27 Price is \$35-\$75 Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.olympiaentertainment.com or charge by phone at (248) 435-1515

Temple Theatre To charge by phone call (248) 645 6666 To purchase tickets online visit OlympiaEntertainment.com or Ticketmaster.com Call (313) 471 6611

Open Mike

Musicians perform on open mike night every Thursday from 8-11 p.m. at The Bubble Bliss 125 S. Main Street Come and watch or bring an instrument to perform

KerryTown

415 North Fourth Avenue Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerrytownconcerts.com 8 p.m. Saturday Oct 1 Kamosc Trio (jazz at the edge) 7:30 and 9 p.m. Sunday Oct 9 Songs We Like (cabaret and musical theatre)

The State Theatre

The 2005 Nintendo Fusion Tour with Fall Out Boys The Starting Line Motion City Soundtrack Boys Night Out and Panic! at the Disco Wednesday Sept 28 Call Ticketmaster (248) 645 6666

Magic Bag

On sale now Blue Rodeo Friday Sept 23 Shemekia Copeland Sunday Sept 25 Rasputina Tuesday Sept 27 Located 22920 Woodward Avenue Ferndale (248) 544 1991

Live @ 744

At the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts on Friday evenings throughout the fall with Back Forty funk and grass roots performs at 7 p.m. Oct 7 74 N. Sheldon Rd Plymouth (734) 416 4278

Station 885

885 Starkweather Plymouth Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday from 7-10 p.m. (Bass and piano)

World Music

Noon 3 p.m. Saturday Sept 24 world music groups Milish Eastern Winds and Biakuye Unity Ensemble at the Farmington Civic Theater 33332 Grand River Farmington Call (248) 474 1951

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of Magnificent Desolation Walking

on the Moon narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show Journey to the Edge of Space and Time 5-9 p.m. Sept 23 \$6 shows run indefinitely thereafter museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10-30 a.m. 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday 5020 John R Detroit \$6 7 (313) 577 8400 or www.detroitssciencecenter.org

Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection an exhibit of Supreme costumes through Feb 12 5401 Woodward Detroit admission is \$3 \$5 (313) 833 1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Collaboration

A model for an eight-unit loft development features three installations by Beverly Fishman Cranbrook's artist in residence Works featured by Matthew Penkala Susan Goethel Campbell and Janet Hamrick 400 Parent Avenue Royal Oak 4-9 p.m. Wednesdays noon 8 p.m. Fridays noon 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (248) 591 6623

Detroit Historical Museum

Architects We Knew lecture series with several expert lecturers per session speaking about Detroit's development and involved architects 6-30 p.m. Wednesdays (Oct 19 and Nov 16) 5401 Woodward Avenue Detroit \$10 in advance per lecture \$15 at door (313) 833 7935 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

Crafters sought

19th annual juried show for Delta Kappa Gamma Saturday Oct 15 at West Middle School 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth Call (734) 844 1707 or e-mail theways@comcast.net

Stained glass talk

The Art and Architecture of Stained Glass at Cranbrook House 6-30 p.m. Thursday Sept 29 and Friday Oct 28 \$20 per person includes a wine reception and tour of the house reservations limited to 45 (248) 645 3149

Stars for Guitars

Strolling dinner auction and entertainment featuring the cast of Beatlemania 7 p.m.

Saturday Sept 24 Shriner's Auditorium 24350 Southfield \$75 to benefit Pediatric Cancer Survivors William Beaumont visit www.starsguitars.org

Oakland Town Hall

Dr. Elliott Engel opens the Oakland Town Hall lecture series Oct 12 with a discussion of the lives of Charlotte and Emily Bronte the sisters who wrote Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights Also scheduled are Lori Borgman Nov 9 Bob Farmer April 12 and Erma Stewart May 10 Lectures are at 10:30 a.m. at St. George Cultural Center 43816 Woodward Bloomfield Hills Series of four luncheon and lecture tickets are \$115 luncheon is \$58 and lectures \$57 For information call (248) 625 3117

Festival with Animals

Sasha Farm an animal sanctuary that rescues farm animals hosts its annual Fall Festival 4 p.m. till late unknown midnight hours on Saturday Sept 24 Hayrides bobbing for apples vegan food bonfires and farm tours Tickets \$20 adults \$10 for kids 10 years and younger Located 17901 Mahrle Road Manchester outside of Ann Arbor (734) 428 9617 or www.sashafarm.org

Benefit Hurricane Katrina

Eminem and 50 Cent items are available on ebay to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina Visit ebay's Collectibles for a Cause

Support Make-A-Wish

3 to 8 p.m. Sunday Sept 25 Roostertail 100 Marquette Drive Detroit (313) 822 1234 Fantasy cuisine open bar live entertainment kids activities fireworks stroller valet and more Adults \$65 kids \$18

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Farmington Players

Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew opens Sept 23 and runs through Oct 15 shows are 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday 32332 West 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills \$10 13 (248) 553 2955 or www.farmingtonplayers.org

Players Guild of Dearborn

78th season opens with Over the River and Through the Woods Sept 23 Oct 2 \$11 14 21730 Madison Dearborn (313) 561 TKTS or www.playersguildofdearborn.org

Village Players of Birmingham

The Scarlet Pimpernel swashbuckling romantic musical based on the famous novel Sept 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. Sept 25 at 2 p.m. Village Players 34660 Woodward Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple) \$15 248 644 2075

Stagecrafters

50th anniversary season begins with the musical The Music Man through Oct 2-8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Baldwin Theatre 415 South Lafayette Ave Royal Oak \$16 18 (248) 541 6430 or www.stagecrafters.org

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Gem Theatre

Deception to the Rule a spoof on the detective film noir story opens Sept 30 and runs seven weeks 2301 Woodward Detroit \$29 50 34 50 (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Planet Ant Theatre

Two Men in a Box an original comedy by local playwright Daniel Roth opens the 2005-2006 season play runs through Oct 15 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday 2357 Caniff Hamtramck \$10 15 (313) 365 4948 or www.planetant.com

Performance Network Theatre

Season opens with Ice Glen previews through Sept 22 opens Sept 23 and runs through Oct 30 120 East Huron Street Ann Arbor \$20 34 50 half price student tickets available (734) 663 0681 or www.performance-network.org

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

Miss Saigon 8 p.m. Sept 23 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept 24 and 3 p.m. Sept 25 \$40 \$45 (586) 286 2222 or www.macombcenter.com

City Theatre

Altar Boyz award winning musical comedy through Dec 18 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 7-30 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. Thursday 2301 Woodward Detroit \$22 50 45 (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Breathe Art Theatre Project

2005-2006 cross-border season begins with Tape 1515 Broadway theater 1515 Broadway Detroit through Sept 24 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday 24 \$10 18 (313) 965 1515 or e-mail breathearttheatreproject@yahoo.com

Menopause the Musical

Celebrate the longest running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Tickets (\$39 50) can be purchased through the Gem Theatre box office by calling (313) 963 9800 Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645 6666 and online at www.ticketmaster.com

TICKETS ON SALE

Peter Pan with Cathy Rigby

Now on sale for the musical running Oct 8 to Nov 6 Fisher Theatre 3011 West Grand Boulevard Detroit \$30 50 68 (248) 645 6666 www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

University Musical Society

127th season Michigan League Ticket Office 911 North University Avenue Ann Arbor (800) 221 1229 all venues in Ann Arbor Ford Community and Performing Arts Center Fifth professional season opens Oct 22 with Grammy winner Dionne Warwick \$43 48 season continues through 2006 15801 Michigan Avenue at Greenfield (313) 943 2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Cats

Tickets now on sale for 25th anniversary tour of musical Nov 8-13 Masonic Temple Theatre 500 Temple Avenue Detroit \$19 50 67 50 (248) 645 6666 www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Performance Network Theatre

2005-2006 season ticket packages available now \$85 102 five and six show packages season starts September 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or www.performance-network.org

Michigan Opera Theatre

35th anniversary opera season Desperate Divas and DaimlerChrysler Dance Series \$23 113 at box office 1526 Broadway Detroit or (313) 237 7464 or www.MichiganOpera.org

Golda's Balcony

Tickets for the Broadway hit about the legendary prime minister Golda Meir go on sale Sept 25 play runs Nov 8-27 Fisher Theatre 3011 West Grand Boulevard Detroit \$32 57 (248) 645 6666 www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

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Drain's own Lily Tomlin provides a rare and intimate evening of entertainment as the famous comedienne presents "An Evening with Lily Tomlin." Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25. Ticket info: 734-487-2282.



STEP SHOW

An EMU tradition marks its 15th year, the Black Alumni Chapter Annual Break Step Show is a high-energy performance featuring EMU students. Sunday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Advance tickets are \$12, \$15 at the door. Ticket info: 734-487-2282.



TAILGATING

Come join other EMU alumni and friends before the game. The Spartan Tailgate section opens at 10 a.m. for "Go Green" Alumni Tailgate in red. The first 500 guests receive a free EMU Tazoderm towel from the Continuing Education.



CHAPPELLE

Comedian Eve Chappelle brings her unique brand of humor to campus. Friday, Sept. 30, 8 p.m., EMU Convocation Center. Opens at 7 p.m. Limited seats available. Ticket info: 734-487-2282. Show contains adult content.



FALLaPALOOZA

A variety of homecoming events in downtown Detroit. Sponsored by the Detroit Area Association, EMU and Friends of the Railroad Freight House. Friday, Sept. 30 to Saturday, Oct. 1. Features street fair, Farmer's Market Festival, throughout, dances, wine-tasting, shopping.



FOOTBALL

Come watch the renowned Eagles take on Kent State Wednesday and be sure to wear your Green and White with pride. Tickets are \$11 and NFL students get in free with student ID. Ticket info: 734-487-2282.



See the complete event schedule online at www.emu.edu/homecoming or contact the Office for Alumni Relations at 734-487-0250.