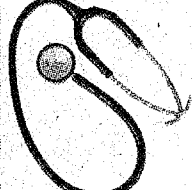


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District braces for bond failure survey

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters turned down a two-question \$120 million bond proposal in May for a number of district-wide improvements, was it the uncertain Michigan economy that sent the bond issues down in flames? Was it just too much money to ask for? Or did voters think the proposals were fraught with wants instead of needs? Trustees will get the long-awaited answers at Tuesday's school board meeting when pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA, a Lansing-based research firm, presents the findings of

a survey conducted for the Board of Education as to why voters turned down both parts of the bond issue. The findings are expected to guide trustees in their plans to put another bond proposal in front of voters, most likely in February. "It will help us gauge what the community's vision is, what the perception is of what we really need and what issues they had with the latest campaign," Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said. "It will confirm for us why the community didn't pass the bond issues, and give us some positive feedback and guidance to move forward." Voters in six communities defeated a request for \$95.4 million for build-

ing expansions, a new middle school in Canton and a Career and Technical Education center at the high school park and a second proposal for \$24.8 million to build a theater and swimming pool at Plymouth High School, a varsity soccer field at P-CEP, an auxiliary gym at Salem High School and improvements to the baseball and softball fields at Canton High School. Sarpolus said he surveyed 352 residents, which is a more comprehensive sample than the 600 questioned for statewide election polls. "The survey is designed to talk to people who don't get to board meetings to express their opinions," Sarpolus said. "In most school dis-

tricts, 70 percent-plus are voters who don't have kids in school. People who don't have kids in school are the ones who determine (in elections) what happens in the schools." Before the May 2 vote, Ham-Kucharski predicted the economy wasn't ripe for passage of the two proposals, and he believes that's what the survey will point out Tuesday. "I think we'll see the economy as a factor, that's my opinion," Ham-Kucharski said. "I hope it comes back and proves me wrong. I talked to people who said there were too many things that weren't needed, especially the pool. People didn't understand the CTE center and the programs that would be there."

Ham-Kucharski, who was not in favor of either bond question, said he would support a February bond issue that called for the construction of a new middle school in Canton and the refurbishing of Central Middle School for repurposing. "There's nothing else I would want added to a bond proposal at this time," he said. "If something comes out of Sarpolus' report that stands out as something the community is looking for, I might entertain that." The school board needs to pass a bond issue before April in order to reimburse the general fund \$2.3 million, which was used to purchase land in Canton Township for a future middle school.

Salem renovations expected on time

Officials say work won't stop school from starting

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem students who think their summer vacation might be extended because of construction at the high school can cast away those thoughts. "There's a rumor going around we're behind schedule and kids won't be able to get into their classrooms, that we'll have to be on half days," said Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services. "Our plan, all along, has been to have teachers in the building on Aug. 30, with school to open Sept. 5. We are on schedule."

Jacobs said that doesn't mean there won't be obvious signs of construction, as the \$14.8 million refurbishment at Salem is scheduled to continue through next summer. "When you walk in here, you're not going to get that extreme makeover feeling," Jacobs said. "We'll have temporary ceiling tiles, our remodeled rooms won't have air conditioning until mechanical work is completed, and we won't have tiling on the floor for a while."

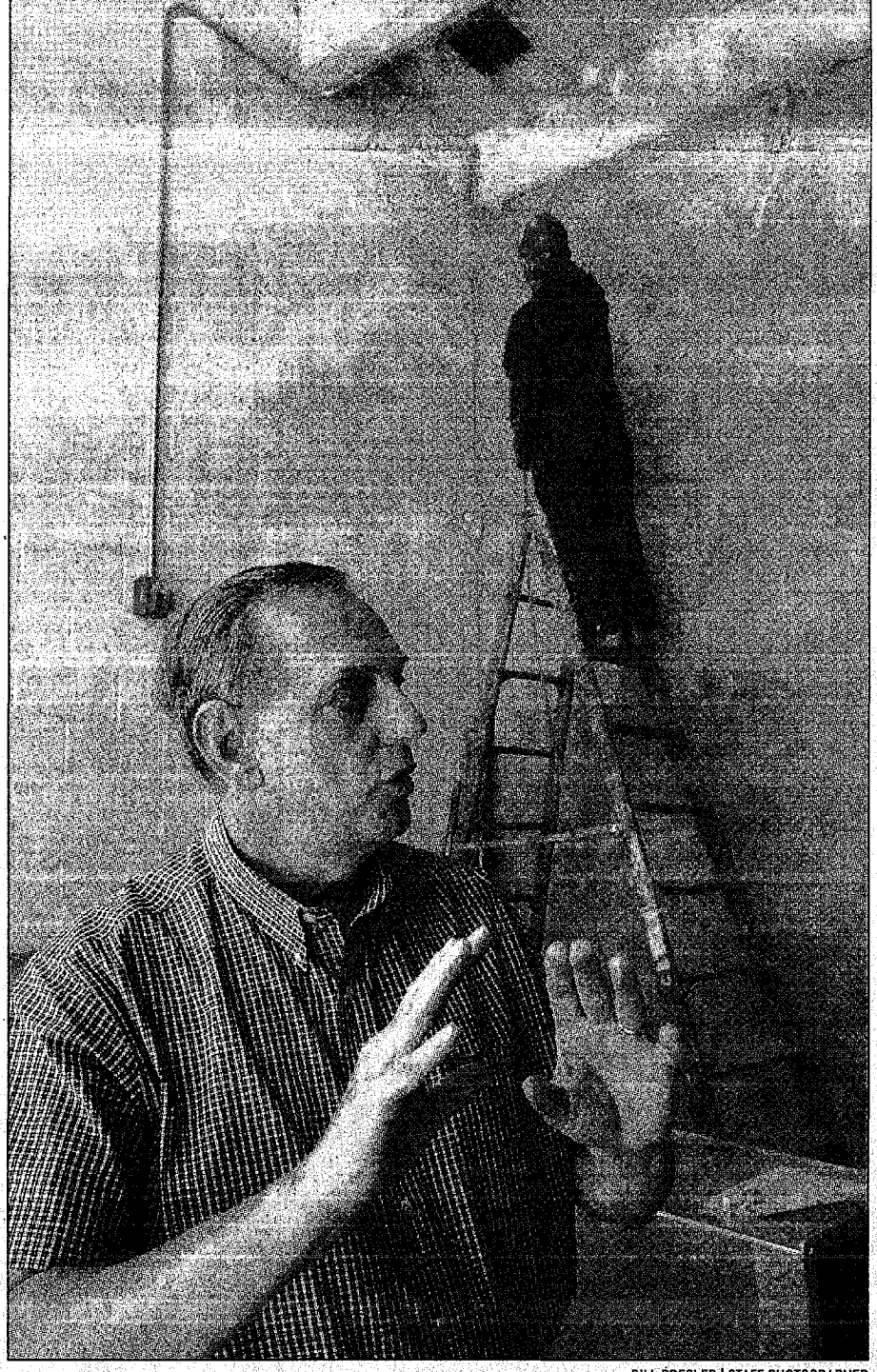
Jacobs said there will be areas of the building cordoned off, with some teachers and students displaced to Plymouth and Canton high schools as new piping, electrical work, windows, floors and painting — among other work — is completed according to terms of the 2004 bond.

Jacobs said when it's completed, Salem — which opened in September 1971 — will last another 35 years.

"The guts of the building will be like new," he said. "We're going to have to live with our finishes, like interiors doors and casework, which were not part of the bond."

Salem, like most other of the district's school buildings being refurbished, will become more energy efficient after an inspection and suggestions from the state program Rebuild Michigan Energy Services. "They went through 10 of our buildings and made recommendations on how to decrease energy use," said Laura Hagan, the district's facility construction coordinator. "They made 22 recommendations for the district as a whole."

Hagan said some of those being instituted at Salem include occupancy sensors on heating and air conditioning units, which will scale back energy consumption during times when no one is in a room; installing a high-efficiency boiler system; and upgrading the single-



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Ken Jacobs describes the scope of the Salem project.

pane windows. "With how we saw energy prices increase last year, it's more and more critical to find every opportunity to save money," Hagan said.

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Third time a charm for owner

Plymouth seems to work for Compari's, Fiamma restaurateur

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, when Frank Yaquinto was searching for a location to open a new restaurant, he thought maybe Plymouth would be a great place to locate.

"I think Plymouth makes sense for our next move," Yaquinto, then the owner of Paisano's Restaurant in Dearborn, said in February 1999. "It's a bit of a gamble, but ..."

Well, more than seven years later, Yaquinto will be opening his third eatery in Plymouth.

Yaquinto, the owner of Compari's on the Park (which opened in August 2002) and Fiamma Grille (August 2005), is set to open the Dilly Dally Deli on Mill Street, the site where Harvey's Deli once did business. And — to no one's surprise — Yaquinto's still views Plymouth as a great place to do business, but

this time in Old Village. "Plymouth is a good market, and I think there's a market for Old Village," Yaquinto said. "It's a viable area, there's a lot of nice businesses and eateries there. We're not going there to take away business, we want to add to the flavor of Old Village."

Yaquinto said Dilly Dally Deli, which operated one night last week for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Old Village Restaurant Crawl, is scheduled to open sometime before the middle of September. It will be back-to-the-future for Yaquinto, whose roots are in the carry-out restaurant business, starting when he was 12 in a family-owned carry-out pizzeria.

"It will be a fairly authentic deli, with corned beef and pastrami sandwiches, as well as other

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Greenhouse owner leaves extended family

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Sylvia Graye had three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters.

But when Graye, 90, for decades the owner of Graye's Greenhouse at Joy and Lilley in Plymouth, passed away Wednesday, she left behind a much larger family than that.

"This whole place was her life," her daughter, Alyce Humphrey, said. "Her customers were absolutely like family. We were open pretty much all the time, because somebody might need something"



Sylvia Graye, the longtime owner of Graye's Greenhouse, passed away Wednesday at the age of 91.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Thursday's Filter features a preview of this fall's movies.

Blood drive

St. Kenneth Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27.

Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are also welcome. St. Kenneth Church is located on Haggerty near Five Mile.

For more information, call Norma Moss, (734) 451-1822.

Crafters needed

Crafters & Vendors are needed for The Plymouth Salvation Army's Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 14.

The fair runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to rent an eight-foot table is \$25. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Call Cassie at 734-453-5464 or e-mail cassie_hull@usc.salvation-army.org for more information.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9.

The exchange is open to everyone; bring a healthy plant, take a healthy plant. The club will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House.

Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

YMCA movie day

Community members can enjoy a night of fun with their families and help send a kid to camp as the YMCA hosts a double feature of family friendly films at a special YMCA day at Computware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatre in Plymouth.

The event is scheduled 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, when the theater opens with a moonwalk and games. The movies — "Barnyard: The Original Party Animals" and "Monster House" — begin at dusk (around 8:25 p.m.).

Tickets are \$25 per car. Proceeds from this event benefit the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and YMCA Camp Nissokone, our overnight camp in Oscoda, Mich.

Computware Arena is located at 14900 N. Beck in Plymouth.

Car wash for vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will host a car wash 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Lighthouse Carwash on Ford Road, which is located on the south side of the road between Haggerty and Lilley roads.

The owner, Paul Berry, donates all the cash proceeds to the chapter that will wash and dry your car this day.

Old-Timers picnic

The annual Plymouth Old-Timers Picnic takes place noon Thursday, Aug. 24 in the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park.

A catered meal will be provided for \$8 per person. Long-time residents of the community should plan on attending!

For more information or to make a reservation, call Richard Sharland, (734) 453-466.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Plymouth Senior Fest Picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Waterford Bend Park at 6 Mile and Northville Road.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 6 at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging office, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Tickets are \$6 and are available to residents only. The ticket includes a box lunch, entertainment and prizes.

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale (formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus) has the new 2007 Entertainment Books and is selling them to support their charitable and educational activities.

The book contains 2-for-1 and 50-percent-off deals for restaurants, entertainment, hotels, sporting events, plane fares, car rental, etc. Retail price is \$25; however, the chorale is offering them for \$20.

The books will be delivered, and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6289.

Craft show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School, 44401 W.



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Professional honor

City of Plymouth Treasurer Teresa Cischke, shown here giving Agnes Caldwell some cookies she won during last year's Christmas party at Medlodge, was one of 46 members of the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada who successfully maintained their Certified Public Finance Administrator credential in 2005-06. The program is a professional certification designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate a strong knowledge of public finance.

Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The show will feature more than 85 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission is \$2.

Me and My Shadow

Young children and their grown-ups are invited to "Me & My Shadow" parent and young child classes at New Morning School. The classes are designed to be a fun, nurturing, and educational introduction to preschool for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and their parents. Activities include music and finger-play, art and discovery projects, snack and story time, all centered around a learning theme.

New Morning School's "Me & My Shadow" classes provide one-on-one time for parents and children and encourage children to take their first steps toward socializing with their peers. Parents will gain and share wisdom from weekly discussions of developmental milestones and parenting strategies.

Twelve-week sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. begin Sept. 11 and Sept. 13. Cost is \$102 for the entire session. To enroll, call (734) 420-3331 or download the registration form at

www.newmorningschool.com/shadow.htm.

Victorian festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the 18th annual Northville Victorian Festival Sept. 15-17, taking the community back to the "romance of the 1800s amid Northville's historic homes and tree-lined streets."

The festival starts with a kick-off parade at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and, for the next two days, the streets will be closed to automobile traffic as townspeople, artists and business owners turn back the clock. Visitors can enjoy a shopping experience, old-fashioned games, food booths, an antique show and a fine art market.

The festival runs 6:30-11 p.m. Sept. 15; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 16; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17.

Fashion show

Bella Mia hosts its annual Fall Fashion Show at E.G. Nicks 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Cost for the event is \$23, which includes lunch, the fashion show and prizes. Tickets can be ordered with Visa or MasterCard by calling (734) 656-0057, or at Bella Mia, 535

Forest in downtown Plymouth. E.G. Nicks is located at 500 Forest. For more information, call (734) 656-0057.

School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive."

Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located on Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Friends of Miller Woods

The Friends of Miller Woods are looking for new members to help build an organization committed to preserving and protecting Miller Woods for future generations.

The group is planning guided tours, guest speakers, fundraising and maintenance activities and is looking for others to join.

Dues are \$25 for an individual, \$40 for families and help pay for biannual newsletters, postage, etc.

For more information or to obtain an application form and recent newsletter, contact Cheryl Bord at (734) 459-7666.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2006-07 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice.

Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks. The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. In fall 2006, the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration

Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Koncert Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition or for more information, e-mail jane@plymouthsymphony.org or call the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

Crafters wanted

Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Call Clara, (734) 254-0849, or e-mail to sweisz59@comcast.net for more information.

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10. This year, the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Fall fest meeting

The next meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Community groups interested in operating a food booth must be in attendance at all meetings. Booth applications are available online at www.plymouthfallfestival.com and they will also be available at this meeting.

For more information, call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

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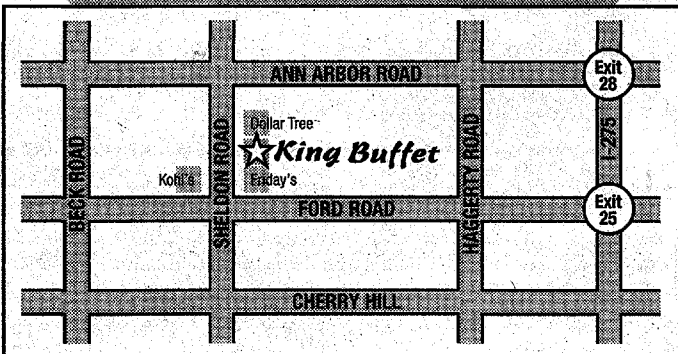
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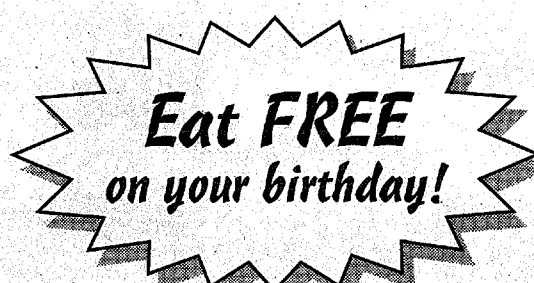
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- 3. Moo Goo Gai Pan.....4.50
- 4. Yu-Hsiang Chicken*.....4.50
- 5. Cashew Chicken.....4.50
- 6. Kung Pao Chicken*.....4.50
- 7. Chicken with Vegetables.....4.50
- 8. Garlic Chicken.....4.50
- 9. Chicken Chow Mein.....4.50
- 10. Curry Chicken*.....4.50
- 11. Beef with Broccoli.....4.50
- 12. Pepper Steak with Onion.....4.50
- 13. Yu-Hsiang Beef*.....4.50
- 14. Beef Chow Mein.....4.50
- 15. Beef with Vegetables.....4.50
- 16. Kung Pao Beef*.....4.50
- 17. Yu-Hsiang Pork*.....4.50
- 18. Twice Cooked Pork*.....4.50
- 19. Sweet & Sour Pork.....4.50
- 20. Garlic Pork.....4.50
- 21. Pork Chow Mein.....4.50
- 22. Vegetables Delight.....4.50
- 23. Yu-Hsiang Broccoli*.....4.50
- 24. Shrimp with Broccoli.....4.95
- 25. Yu-Hsiang Shrimp*.....4.95
- 26. Cashew Shrimp.....4.95
- 27. Kung Pao Shrimp*.....4.95
- 28. Shrimp with Vegetables.....4.95
- 29. Shrimp with Lobster Sauce.....4.95
- 30. Curry Shrimp*.....4.95
- 31. Shrimp Chow Mein.....4.95
- 32. Garlic Shrimp.....4.95
- 33. Sweet & Sour Shrimp.....4.95
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- 35. Sesame Chicken.....4.95
- 36. Shrimp & Chicken Hunan Style*.....4.95
- 37. Triple Delight.....4.95



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- 38. Chicken Fried Rice.....4.50
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- 41. Pork Fried Rice.....4.50
- 42. Shrimp Fried Rice.....4.50
- 43. Combo Fried Rice.....4.50

Lo Mein

- 44. Chicken Lo Mein.....4.50
- 45. Vegetable Lo Mein.....4.50
- 46. Beef Lo Mein.....4.50
- 47. Pork Lo Mein.....4.50
- 48. Shrimp Lo Mein.....4.50
- 48. Combo Lo Mein.....4.50

Appetizers

- 50. Egg Roll(1).....1.00
- 51. Fried Wonton(8).....2.25
- 52. Fried Chicken Wings(4).....2.95
- 53. Fried Shrimp(3).....3.00
- 54. Bar-B-Q Chicken (4).....3.95
- 55. Crab Rangoon.....(3) 2.00.....(6) 3.95
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- 58. Egg Drop Soup.....1.50
- 59. Wonton Soup.....1.50
- 60. Hot & Sour Soup*.....1.50
- 61. House Special Soup (for 2).....4.95
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- 62. House Noodle Soup.....5.95
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- 64. Chicken with Broccoli.....7.50
- 65. Moo Goo Gai Pan.....7.50
- 66. Cashew Chicken.....7.50
- 67. Kung Pao Chicken*.....7.50
- 68. Almond Chicken.....7.50
- 69. Lemon Chicken.....7.50
- 70. Moo Shu Chicken.....7.50
- 71. Yu-Hsiang Chicken*.....7.50
- 72. Szechuan Chicken*.....7.50
- 73. Hunan Chicken*.....7.50
- 74. Chicken with Snow Peas.....7.50
- 75. Curry Chicken*.....7.50
- 76. Empress Chicken*.....7.50
- 77. Chicken with Vegetables.....7.50

Beef

- 78. Mongolian Beef.....7.50
- 79. Beef with Broccoli.....7.50
- 80. Yu-Hsiang Beef*.....7.50
- 81. Szechuan Beef*.....7.50
- 82. Hunan Beef*.....7.50
- 83. Beef with Vegetables.....7.50
- 84. Kung Pao Beef*.....7.50
- 85. Moo Shu Beef.....7.50
- 86. Pepper Steak with Onion.....7.50
- 87. Beef with Snow Peas.....7.50
- 88. Sha Cha Beef*.....7.50

Seafood

- 89. Sweet & Sour Shrimp.....8.50
- 90. Shrimp with Snow Peas.....8.50
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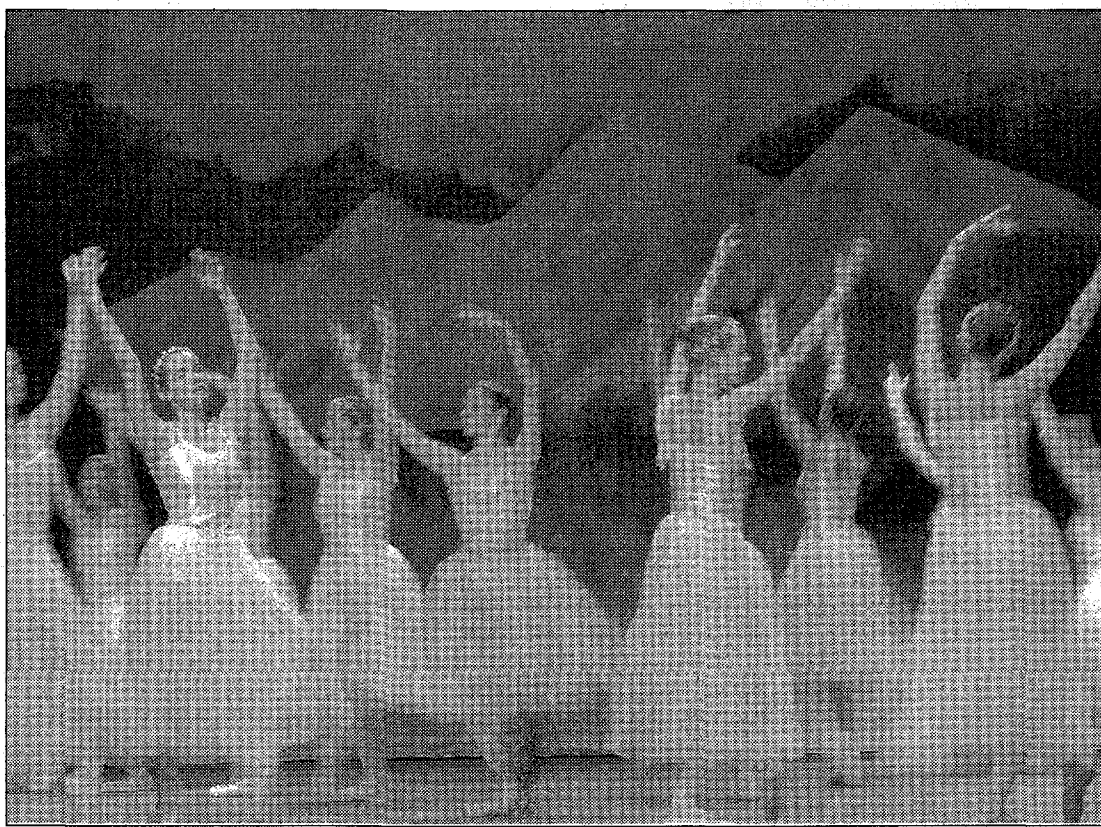
The Metro Shores Ballet and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company announced open auditions for the 2006 dance season and are inviting all dancers, but especially boys, to audition for positions with the companies.

Selected dancers are expected to continue a course of study at their current dance school. Rehearsals are scheduled to minimize conflicts with fall dance programs, officials said.

Dancers will be cast for the 2006 *Nutcracker Ballet* performances. The Metro Shores Ballet performances are scheduled for Dec. 1-3. Metro Shores rehearsals will be held on Saturdays. The Plymouth-Canton Ballet performances will be Dec. 8-10 with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Plymouth-Canton rehearsals are held on Sundays beginning in September.

Dancers will be adjudicated in a Ballet Master Class. The classes will be taught by Dawnell Dryja and Alexey Kulpin, professional dancers with the Grand Rapids Ballet. The Metro Shores auditions will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Grosse Ile Academy of Dance, 8205 Macomb Street, in Grosse Ile.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet auditions will be held at Sunday, Aug. 27, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Suite 200 in



Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will hold auditions for the Nutcracker Ballet and other productions.

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Each day dancers will be divided by age: ages 7-9, noon to 1 p.m.; ages 10-12, 1-2 p.m.; and ages 13-adult, 2-3:30 p.m.

Female dancers must wear ballet shoes, a solid color leotard, pink tights and have their hair in a bun. Older dancers should bring pointe shoes.

Boys should wear black tights, white T-shirt and ballet shoes.

All dancers must bring a picture and a resume. There is a \$5 audition fee per dancer.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Metro Shores Ballet are affiliated 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations under the direction of Dawn Greene. The PCBC was founded in 1989 and the MSB in 1996. The companies have been formed as an educational alternative

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For more information, e-mail pcbc@comcast.net or call artistic director Dawn Greene, (734) 676-7233.

RESTAURATEUR

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ready-to-eat entrees and salads-to-go," he said. "It's basically take-out, with seating for about 30 people, plus a shaded patio."

Yaquinto's sister, Judy Yaquinto, will be a partner and operate the deli. Ed Forsyth, a Plymouth CPA, is also backing the restaurant.

Frank Yaquinto said hours of operation will most likely be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with breakfast foods available; Saturday until 1 p.m.; with Sunday strictly for catering.

The entire building, which also houses more than a dozen small businesses and upstairs

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Yaquinto's deli is the last piece of O'Neill's puzzle, and the Plymouth stockbroker said he's excited about the possibilities.

"I'm excited to have the deli, it will bring a lot of exposure to the building and to Old Village," O'Neill said. "Mill Street, when there's no construction, runs from Canton to Northville and will draw a lot of traffic."

GRAYE

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Graye spent virtually her entire life at the greenhouse. Her father, Alex Wnuk, bought it as a truck-farming business in 1928. When Sylvia met and married Joe Graye, who at the time worked at a greenhouse in Detroit, the couple purchased the business from her parents, and Graye's Greenhouse was born.

The couple worked the greenhouse and, as their family grew, so did the staff at the greenhouse.

"My mother's been doing this from Day One, really," Alyce Humphrey said. "Mom and Dad met at a farmers market in Detroit, got married, bought this place, had a family and worked together side-by-side." Joe Graye died in 1983, but



FILE PHOTO

Sylvia Graye worked at Graye's Greenhouse, which her father started at Joy and Lilley, all her life.

that didn't stop Sylvia, who worked the greenhouse the rest of her life. She also continued to get help from daughters, sons-in-law, her son and grandchildren.

"Everybody pretty much pitches in," Humphrey said.

According to her daughter, Graye ran the greenhouse with

"a homey" touch, doing her best to help solve anyone's needs. Humphrey recalls people coming in needing something, taking it "and you'd find the money on the bench in the morning."

Graye took seriously the needs of her customers. She taught her children not only the importance of customer service, but the idea of taking care of people. If one way didn't work, Graye always found another way.

"So many times somebody would need 30 pots of something for a baby shower," Alyce Humphrey recalled with a laugh. "Mom would say, 'Oh my gosh, if something goes wrong, we have to have a Plan B.' She always told us, 'It's very important to this person, because they're counting on it.'"

"This business was her life," Humphrey added. "This was a self-contained world for her; it was her whole life. People would come and talk and visit, and she was very happy here. She was an integral part of these people's lives. It wasn't a show, it was for real."

Graye is survived by daughters Alyce (Richard) Humphrey and Mary Ann (Daniel) Vittore; son Joe (Connie) Graye; grandchildren Rebecca (Michael) Ohtonen, Amanda Humphrey (and husband Brian Cressman), and Emily, Andrew, Matthew, Charlie and Ben Vittore; great-grandchildren Alex and Christopher Ohtonen; and sisters Dorothy Banks and Christine Adams.

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Camping Center answers call, helps 'Makeover' show

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

What does three travel trailers and *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* have in common?

Just ask David Rochette. His family-owned Westland Camping Center provided three trailers for the ABC television show during its recent week-long stop in Armada.

"When they first called, it was what will we get out of it, but after a while that became secondary to what can we do to help," Rochette said.

"Everyone wanted to be involved, that's what they talked about," added his wife Irene, the general manager. "A lot of times, when businesses find out how far it (the building site) is from them, they back out because of the time and personnel commitment. We were committed by the time we found out where it was."

Producers contacted the Rochettes just after the Fourth



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wearing their 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' T-shirts, Dave Rochette (from left), Dennis Meadows, Darrell Moran and Sonia Sylvester stand in front of one of three travel trailer supplied to the show by Westland Camping Center.

of July, asking for their help at a building site somewhere in the "greater Detroit area." According to Rochette, the show's producers found the camping center on the Internet.

"They researched us and

found we had a high customer satisfaction rate. That's what they look for in a business, someone that's very reliable," Rochette said. "We had to sign at least 14 releases, we couldn't even divulge they were coming to Michigan."

Shortly after Maryann Gilliam and her six children got the Ty Pennington bull-horn wakeup call, the Rochettes got the call to bring the trailers — two 33-foot and one 30-foot — to Armada.

Within 1 1/2 hours, Rochette, his service manager Darrell Moran and lead technician Dennis Meadows were parking the trailers on the lawn of a home at the construction site.

"You couldn't see the farmhouse because of a grove of trees, so when we pulled up and saw this house, I said, 'I don't think they need that much help,'" Rochette said.

The home was huge and its large front yard served as a staging area for the makeover that took less than 54 hours to complete, a record for the show. Two thousand volunteers helped build the 5,000-square-foot home.

Delivering the trailers turned to helping set up tents for the camping center. Every other day, the Rochettes sent

employees up there to make sure the trailers were working and to help. Since there wasn't that much they could do, they stood and watched.

Moran took his daughter Alyssa, a huge fan of the show, for the final day.

"It was cool and interesting," Moran said. "We were right behind the press tent. In the crowd, they were screaming and going crazy. It was pretty neat. So little was going on the first day, but yesterday (Aug. 14) was pretty exciting."

"It was a huge disruption for the neighborhood, but everybody I talked to were very supportive because they knew the family," Rochette added. "When I was there, all the local people were so excited this was happening to this family. They were so happy for them because they worked with the dad and he was a great guy."

After their brush with reality TV, the Rochettes are wondering what they can do to get word out about the camping center beyond being listed in

the credits of the show, which will air in late September or early October.

They have plenty of photographs, including one of Moran and his daughter posing in front of the new home. They'll be at an RV show later this year and are tossing around an idea use the photographs for promotional purposes.

"What we can do is make a picture board and when we go to the show, we can say these are the kind used by *Extreme Makeover* when they came to town," Rochette said.

Participating in the production may have been a good omen for the business. The Rochettes said the camping center has been doing about as well as last year in sales, and not wanting to miss one, they sent only a few employees at a time to help.

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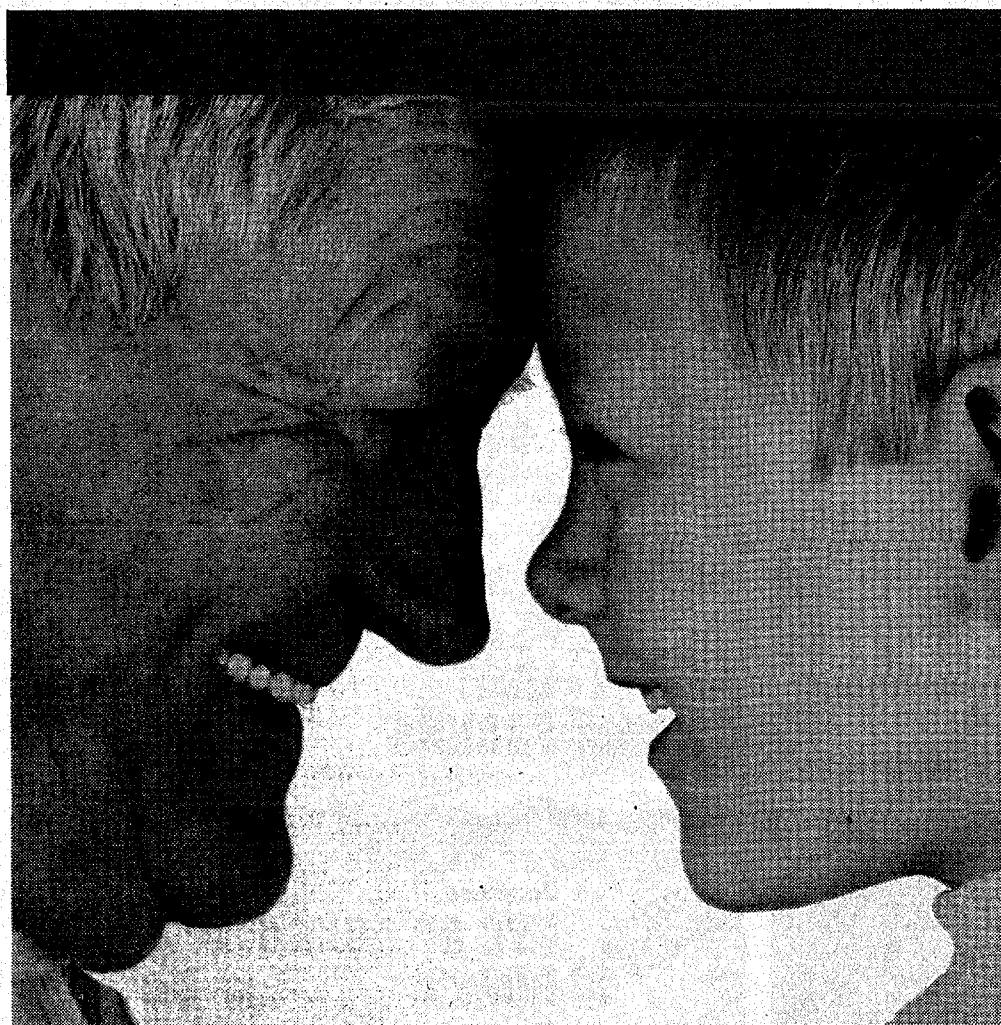
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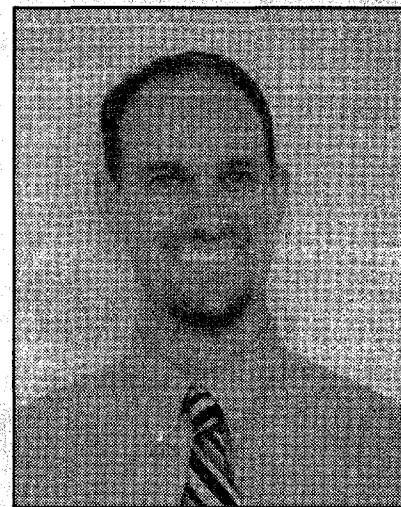
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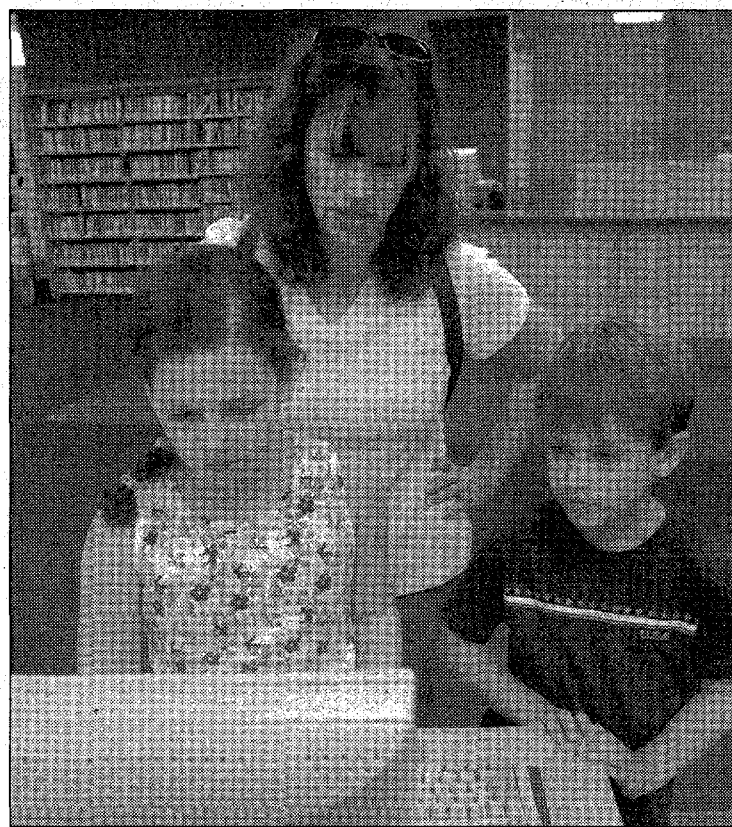
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Seminar will focus on keeping kids safe from online predators



Linda Sudduth and kids Samantha and Graham search for a book on a computer at the Canton Public Library.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's a big world out there in cyberspace. And it can be a tricky place for children to wander. To help arm teens and parents against online predators, the Canton Police Department is offering a free seminar designed to provide Internet safety awareness.

"Social networking Web sites like Myspace.com and chat rooms are a big thing with teenagers," said Sgt. Scott Hilden, who will present the Aug. 26 seminar. "There is so much risk and danger in it, that if they're not cautious and aware, they can get themselves in real trouble."

The numbers are staggering, according to Hilden, who said that according to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in five children who went online last year received sexual solicitation or were approached by strangers looking for sex.

"Pedophiles and other child exploiters have direct access to children through the Internet. They will troll for kids on sites like Myspace.com, in chat rooms and through the use of blogs. It is extremely important that parents understand the risks and educate their children," Hilden said.

The dangers received recent media attention, when a television news program set up a "sting," in which law enforcement officers posed online as underage girls. By the dozens, men who were fully aware that the "girl" online was just a teenager showed up at the home where they thought she lived, in hopes of having sex with her.

"Online, in chats and the like, you can pretend to be whoever you want, and you can be anonymous," Hilden said.

The children don't even realize how much danger they're in, he said. Not long ago, a woman brought her teenage nieces to meet Hilden. She was concerned about the girls' Myspace.com profile pages. And she was right to be worried, Hilden said.

"One of the girls had a lot of personal information on her site — her birthday, what school she goes to, what

extracurricular activities she's involved in, and where she likes to hang out with her friends," Hilden said. "And on top of that, she had a pink sparkling Playboy bunny logo on the site, so that was provocative. Any predator out there could have easily found her and followed her to her after school activities."

When Hilden explained to the teens how dangerous their profiles could be, they were surprised.

"They were very concerned," he said. "They just didn't know."

Most of the time, police are not called until a cyber predator has already become dangerous and known to his or her victims, Hilden said. Police aren't typically asked to get involved until the predator has become a stalker, or has already met with his or her underage target, or begins calling the child's home.

"I think it's a vastly under-reported problem. I think that children are frequently contacted by adults but it doesn't get reported for whatever reasons," Hilden said.

Stopping dangerous situations before they reach that point is the responsibility of the children and parents, Hilden said.

"There is an avenue for predators to have more contact with children," Hilden said. "But I also think that our society kind of is creating more people who are dysfunctional and have problems. So you have this huge amount of the population that has a dysfunction and a problem and now they're using this method to have contact with children."

Awareness and being smart online can keep surfing safe for kids and teens, Hilden said. He hopes that parents will bring their teenagers with them to the online safety workshop.

The workshop will be held from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The seminar is free, but space is limited, so reservations are required. To reserve a spot at the seminar, call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5325.

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Heroin leaving its mark across Livonia

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Instead of preparing for a new year of classes at Stevenson High School, a 16-year-old Livonia boy was laid to rest Thursday after dying from an apparent heroin overdose in his bedroom last weekend, police said.

One day before the funeral, police said an 18-year-old man, who had attended school in Livonia, died of a possible

heroin overdose at a relative's home in Northville.

These cases come just seven weeks after 22-year-old Brian Montes died in the bedroom of his Livonia home from a dose of heroin mixed with the painkiller Fentanyl.

Police officials said these tragedies highlight a growing problem in and around Livonia as they hear about more teenagers and young adults experimenting with the depressant. They report a resurgence in the heroin's popularity — particularly among high school students — over the past decade.

"Our school resources officers (stationed at Livonia's middle and high schools) are hearing about more and more kids using this stuff," said investigations Lt. Greg Winn.

Exact numbers are not known, but Livonia police suspect the drug could have played a role in a dozen deaths in Livonia over the past year.

"We are seeing more cases of heroin overdoses at this time," said Dr. Michael Fox, the medical director for the Chemical Dependency Unit at Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"It seems like these things go in cycles every 10 years from stimulants to opioids. Right now, the drug of choice seems to be opioids (including heroin)."

Livonia police investigators said heroin is an inexpensive drug that is easy to obtain, with plenty of supply on the streets.

"You can get a small package (half a gram) for as little as \$7," said Lt. Ben McDermott, who leads the Livonia police intelligence bureau.

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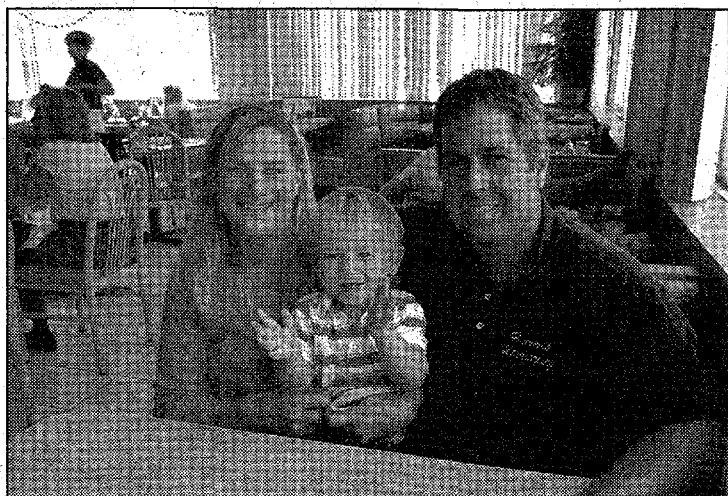
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Dispatcher helps untrained man give CPR, save a woman in diner

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER



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Livonia resident Mark Harris (right) helped save a woman's life Monday using CPR techniques as a Redford 9-1-1 operator talked him through the process. The woman collapsed at a nearby booth at Frank's Diner when he and his wife, Mindy, and son Aidan (both pictured) were there for dinner.

Wednesday, she no longer needed machines to breathe. On Thursday, she sat up and began speaking, Harris said.

Considine said she was "just doing her job" and she was pleased to hear about the positive outcome. She was happy the Harrises reached out to help. "He did a fantastic job," she said. "I'm very proud of them."

Black said in such an emergency it's important to determine whether the person needs CPR before administering it. Otherwise, damage could be done. "If you don't know what you're doing, keep the 9-1-1 operator on the line until the paramedics get there," Black said.

If the person has no heart-beat or has stopped breathing,

Black said, it's better to try to help, than to freeze up.

"We recommend everyone go through some type of class," Black said. "Learn the Heimlich maneuver. We recommend that for kids who baby-sit or parents."

Harris was still in disbelief over the events of the day by midweek. "I'm rattled," he said. "I haven't eaten dinner in two days. It was definitely an experience."

The woman's family members hugged and thanked him at the restaurant, and again later at the hospital. Signs of recovery are already showing. And Harris had plans to visit: "It's going to be pretty exciting just to meet her."

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What started out as a quiet family dinner Monday evening soon turned into a life-or-death situation for a Farmington Hills woman.

Mark Harris, a Livonia resident, took his wife Mindy and 20-month-old son Aidan to Frank's Diner on Plymouth Road in Redford on Monday. But just after their meal was served, a woman at a neighboring booth collapsed to the floor.

The 73-year-old woman had stopped breathing. As some people around him froze in panic, Harris called 9-1-1. He listened intently as dispatcher Kim Considine told him to begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and talked him through the steps.

Though he'd never learned the life-saving technique, Harris was successful. "She came back to life," he said.

Eric Black was one of the firefighters and paramedics who arrived at the scene in Redford Township. "In any emergency situation, it's important to keep your head about you," he said. "Don't panic."

Harris remained calm, as did his wife, Mindy. Looking back, she said it's important to try to help, even if you aren't trained in CPR. She said Considine was very calm throughout the whole incident.

As a result, the woman was transported to Garden City Hospital and treated. By

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Michigan Historical Museum exhibits 1,200 historic photos

"Michigan's Family Album," a Special Historical Photography Exhibit, opened Aug. 5 at the Michigan Historical Museum.

Featuring more than 1,200 historical photographs from the collection of David Tinder, "Michigan's Family Album" runs through Jan. 14, 2007. These special photographs explore all aspects of Michigan life dating from the 1860s through the 1930s.

"His collection of 100,000 pictures of Michigan is far too big for a 'photo album' so the Michigan Historical Museum seized the opportunity to exhibit over 1,200 of them as an art form that reflects Michigan history and culture," said Maria Quinlin Leiby, curator of the exhibit.

When asked about the thousands of images he owns, Metro Detroit resident David Tinder gives a straightforward answer. "One word comes to mind," he says. "Michigan."

"Michigan's Family Album" is divided into several sections: people, home and family, community, work and play. A kaleidoscope of faces that reflects the history and culture of Michigan, this special collection includes images of public figures, businessmen, workers, mothers, school children, First Communion, barn raisings, weddings, graduations, small towns and much more. The exhibit showcases a diverse and breathtaking presentation of daguerreotypes, tintypes, stereo views, cabinet cards and large-format photos. There will be a special display of postcards honoring every county in the state.

"The exhibit will give people a sense of how enormous the collection is, and a sense of what it's like to look at so many photographs at once," Leiby explained. "Visitors will have the opportunity to compare and contrast photographs carefully, but even more importantly to compare and contrast life in the past and present. They can ask a lot of questions and draw a lot of conclusions - What were people doing more than one hundred years ago? What's going on outside the photograph? Some things change, but some things are the same."

"Education is the key to bringing the photographs to life in a meaningful way," said Leiby. "Museum educators will use these historical photographs to help students learn about Michigan's past and also to establish a foundation for under-

standing the present and envisioning the future."

"Careers through the Eye of the Camera" is an activity in which students will photograph their parents or other adults at work and will be encouraged to focus on the work place, tools and equipment, goods or services produced and how various school subjects relate to the job. They will then work with adults to write captions and narration.

An interactive computer program will allow visitors to look up additional text to learn more in-depth information about the photographs.

"Michigan's Family Album" is presented in partnership with Dave Tinder and the University of Michigan's Clements Library. The exhibit is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of Michigan History, the Michigan Photographic Historical Society, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Walle, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Motzenbecker, photographer Allen Charles, Engineering Graphics, Inc., and the Michigan Historical Center Foundation.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing. The main entrance and visitor parking are located north of Kalamazoo Street, just east of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission and weekend parking are free.

The Michigan Historical Museum, the flagship of the Michigan Historical Museum System, is fully accredited by the American Association of Museums. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559, TDD (517) 373-1592.

The Michigan Historical Museum System is a division of the Michigan Historical Center, an agency of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). Dedicated to enriching quality of life and strengthening the economy by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage and fostering cultural creativity, HAL also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Film Office and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information about HAL, visit www.michigan.gov/hal.

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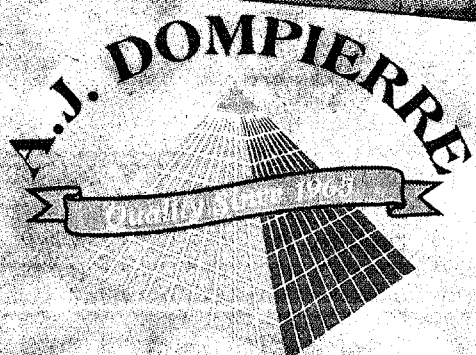
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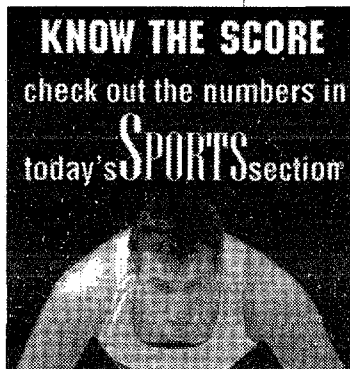
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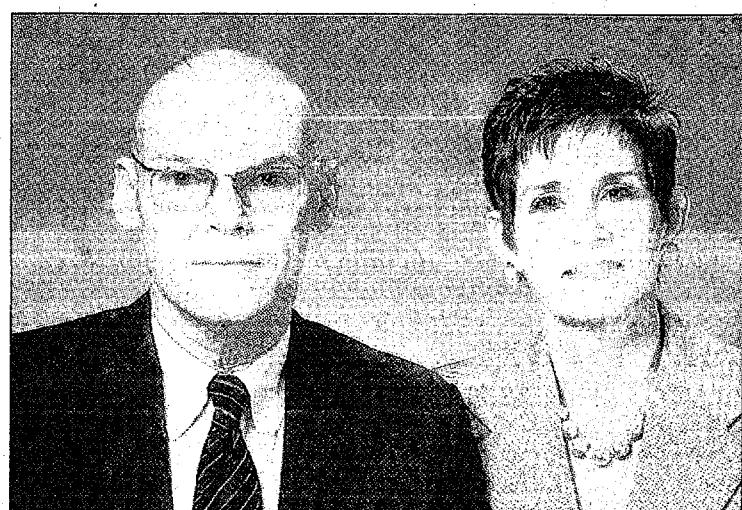
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Matalin & Carville offer up political views at Inforum Sept. 13

Political pundits Mary Matalin and James Carville, joined in marriage but with careers on opposite sides of the political aisle, will speak at an Inforum (formerly the Women's Economic Club) program at Detroit's Cobo Hall on Sept. 13.

"All's Fair in Love, War and Politics" is the Washington power couple's theme.

Tickets for the event, sponsored by Comerica Bank, are \$35 for Inforum members, \$40 for guests who register with a member, \$55 for others and \$350 for a table of 10. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with adjournment at 1:30 p.m.

Registration can be made on line via the Inforum web site www.inforummichigan.org or by calling Inforum 877-633-3500.

One of the nation's hardest-hitting conservative political commentators, Matalin has slugged it out in the political trenches as an election-time political strategist and as a trusted advisor to the corridors of power. One of the country's foremost Republican political strategists, she is known for her astute insights, intellectual integrity and her straight-talking, no-nonsense take on the hot-button issues and political headlines of the day.

She appears frequently as a political commentator, served as co-host of CNN's Crossfire and has written for *Newsweek* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

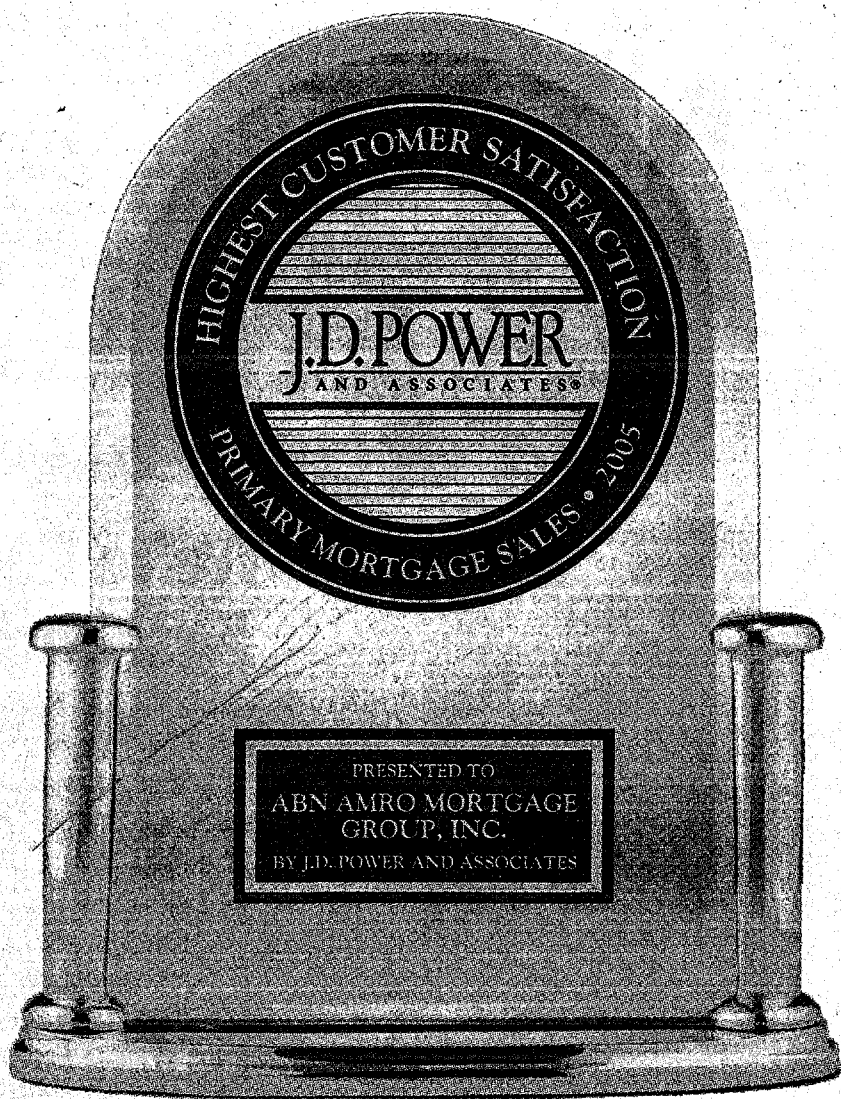
Most recently, Matalin was hired to run Threshold, a conservative publishing division of Simon & Schuster.

Carville is known for his razor-sharp wit and penetrating analysis of the political world. Offering bombastic, enthusiastic, shoot-from-the-hip, no-holds-barred, liberal political commentary, combined with a quick wit and a Southern drawl, the "Ragin' Cajun" is instantly recognizable in his frequent appearances on CNN's political news programming and other venues.

Carville has managed more campaigns than any political consultant in American and around the world.

Inforum, formerly the Women's Economic Club, is a professional women's alliance established to strengthen the business environment in Michigan by creating opportunities for women to lead and succeed. It is one of the largest and most prestigious business forums in the nation. It has more than 2,000 members in its Southeast Michigan (Detroit), Mid-Michigan (Lansing) and West Michigan (Grand Rapids) affiliates, who benefit from presentations by national figures and local experts, attend seminars and networking events and receive training through the Inforum Center for Leadership.

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As suburbs grow in diversity, we need to address tensions

On Sunday, Aug. 13, the *Canton Observer* ran a story on apprehension in the township's Muslim community following the reports from London about an alleged plot to bomb several transatlantic airliners.

The story was pretty straightforward. Our reporter spoke with Dawud Walid, executive director of the Michigan Council on American-Islamic Relations. His comments focused on misunderstandings about Muslims and Arabs (not always the same thing as there are many non-Arab Muslims and many Arabs who are not Muslims).



Hugh Gallagher

He spoke frankly about how Islam is viewed by many in the majority as a "foreign ideology." He urged people to get beyond stereotypes.

Walid's only political comment was in reference to a phrase used by President George W. Bush, "Islamic fascism."

"To dehumanize a faith and religion of 1.6 billion people is wrong," Walid said.

A reader sent an email to complain that CAIR was an organization sympathetic to terrorists and pointed to an anti-CAIR Web site to bolster his concerns. Some former CAIR officials have been under investigation for links with suspected terrorist groups. But, on the other hand, CAIR also sponsors sensitivity seminars with the FBI, has condemned terrorism on its Web site and presents itself as a civil rights group representing the interest of Muslim Americans.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Census Bureau released a mid-decade, short-form census for cities with more than

65,000 residents. Across the country, the census found a growing immigrant population, an enlarging cultural, social and ethnic diversity. As has been the trend for decades, the U.S. Hispanic or Latino population has been growing and now represents 14.5 percent of the nation's population.

Our suburbs have also been changing. The rigid racial and ethnic separation that has been a subject of national discussion and local anguish is beginning to develop some openings. Livonia and Dearborn, two communities that have been singled out for the racial attitudes of some residents, have shown increases in the percentage of African-Americans in their communities. Dearborn is the center of metro Detroit's Arab community and has been for decades. Troy has an Asian population of 11,092 representing 13.2 percent of the city's population. In Farmington Hills 12.2 percent of the population is African-American, 10.3 percent is Asian.

In Canton, the Asian population is 13,162, representing 14.5 percent of the township's population.

On Thursday, the *Canton Observer* headline read: "Census figures show Canton is growing larger, more diverse."

Canton grew faster than any community in the state with a 19-percent population spurt. The census estimates the population at 90,501.

This is a community that has attracted a diverse population — racially, ethnically, religiously and economically diverse. People come for the jobs and others follow.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said, "It's not uncommon for people of other cultures to seek out and gravitate toward communities where there are others who share their culture. We have a mosque and two Hindu temples, so there is a strong

eastern community here."

The two stories in the *Canton* paper reflect the hopes and fears of our changing communities. Change is always hard. Religious, ethnic and racial differences always create tension, suspicion and some animosity.

Two separate pairs of Arab-American young men were arrested last week on "suspicion" of possible terrorist activity. The men were released and statements were made assuring everyone these men were not terrorists.

For police it is certainly a damned if you do and damned if you don't situation at a time when terrorist threats and actions are all too common. The continuing — and, some would say, worsening — situation in Iraq and the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict have tightened our anxiety. Police can't ignore suspicious activities, yet they can't create a situation where a large segment of our population always feels harassed. Not an easy tightrope to walk.

But, in the end, we have to live together. Arabs have been in southeast Michigan since the teens of the last century, but a great new wave came with the oil boom of the 1970s.

Immigration has always been a key part of America's story and its glory. Most of our ancestors came as immigrants from harsh places with internal conflicts and oppressions. They came for freedom, economic opportunity and for peace.

We need that peace. We need to ease tensions with understanding.

Angry blogs and mindless rants don't serve the cause of peace or security or the ongoing American story.

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Venerable Belle Isle is still jewel worth visiting

We all have lamented the closing of the Belle Isle aquarium (old news now), but it occurred to me that the aquarium is gone because all of us who said we treasured it actually hadn't been visiting it.

So Sunday afternoon, I took my own cruise down Grand Boulevard to Belle Isle, which I hadn't been to in over a year. Stopping by the aquarium, of course, was pointless, but I wanted to see what else the grand old island still has to offer the occasional visitor.



Greg Kowalski

The island is a little frayed, but still entirely acceptable as a nice place to pass a sunny Sunday afternoon. Some people were barbecuing, some were fishing and some were even swimming. And it was a nice mix of people, black and white, young and old. There was a very relaxed atmosphere over the whole place. People were laid back and enjoying the wonderful weather.

Slowly circling the island, I decided to pull over and visit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, another spot I hadn't been to in years. What a fabulous place it is. Since I was there last, it has added a new feature. Now you can view a short history film about the Detroit River, which shows scenes of the great old ships that used to ply the waters many years ago. I've always had a fascination for the big boats and years ago I used to take photos of them as they passed.

The Great Lakes have their own version of the romance of the sea, which is perfectly captured in the museum. The fabulous collection of wooden model ships is still on display. And you can go onto a genuine bridge of a lakes freighter, which extends over the waterfront and gives you an exact view of what the operating ships' crews see.

Framing the entrance of the museum is the Gothic Room from the City of Detroit, one of the finest ships to ever travel on the lakes.

Once a great passenger ship, it dripped with elegance and luxury until it tragically was dismantled for scrap in the 1940s. (Don't confuse this with the City of Detroit ship that made the news this week when it was learned its bell was stolen from its underwater resting place. That City of Detroit sank in 1873.)

What a tragic loss, but not expected in our society, which tends to discard everything old, regardless of how beautiful or important it was.

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The Great Lakes have their own version of the romance of the sea, which is perfectly captured in the museum. The fabulous collection of wooden model ships is still on display. And you can go onto a genuine bridge of a lakes freighter, which extends over the waterfront and gives you an exact view of what the operating ships' crews see.

acterize the artifacts on display, ranging from wooden ships' wheels to the jewel-like lenses from old lighthouses.

Much of what is in the museum represents a world that no longer exists. Elegant passenger steamers no longer ride the waves.

Even the beloved Bob-Lo boats are gone. Not that river travel is dead. Looking out over the water, giant ships still rumble by regularly.

There were only a handful of people in the museum Sunday. And these days, it is only open on weekends, and on a limited schedule.

The Detroit Historical Museum, which operates the Dossin museum, is in its own battle for survival.

After an hour or so, I continued my drive around the island. The nature center, I noticed, was also open, but I saved that for another day.

Belle Isle likely will never be what it once was, but nothing is as it once was. A century ago, the island was jewel of the Detroit River and a place where everyone went to relax and play.

But there weren't many other places to go then. Detroit only extended to Grand Boulevard and there was little but farms beyond that.

Still, Belle Isle remains a jewel. It may not sparkle as brightly as it used to, but it's still pretty impressive.

If you haven't been south of Eight Mile since the ice age, you might want to take a ride there. Just take I-75 south to East Jefferson. Or if you are adventurous, take I-75 to the East Grand Boulevard exit and follow that great old roadway. It leads directly to the Belle Isle bridge.

And into history.

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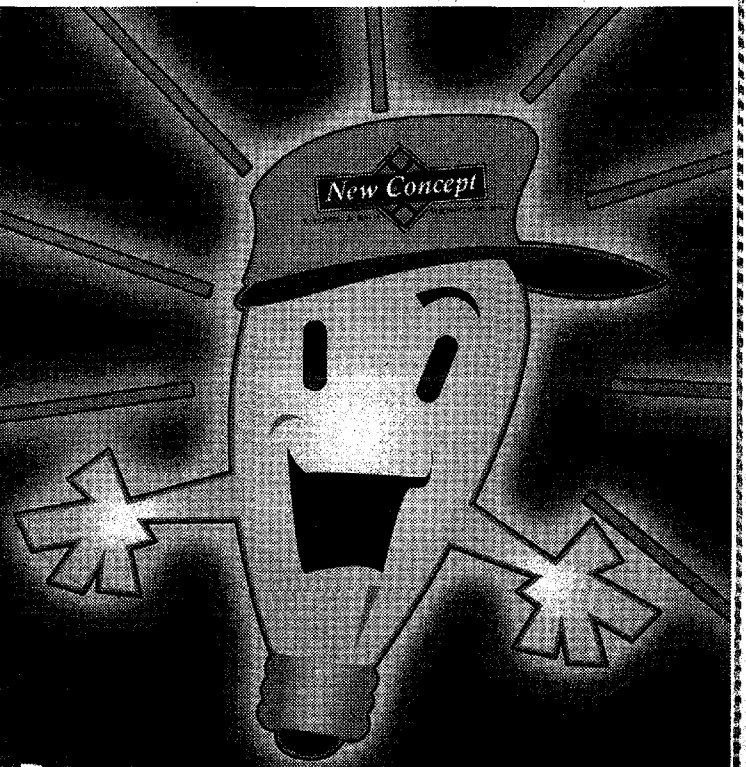
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The 'Tint' effect

Local woman's magazine is for women of all colors

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Margarita Barry wants to celebrate women of every color.

She has used her writing talent to do just that by creating a new magazine called *Tint*.

"People want a magazine that they can really relate to," she said. "Our target audience is any woman 18-35." Barry features a lot of women of color in her magazine because, "they have been the ones who haven't been included in the mainstream media," said Barry, 21.

She describes herself as multiethnic because she is Native American, Mexican and African American.

The magazine is divided into sections on entertainment, real life, mind, body and spirit and culture and style.

Contributing writers and artists determine the content.

"It's up to the contributors and whatever is on their

minds and whatever they want to voice out about," Barry said. "It might be their personal story or thoughts on how black women are portrayed in the media. It's my job to mentor and help them along their paths. There's tons of creative people there."

Tint is Detroit-based but "internationally received," Barry said.

She wants the magazine to be intellectual, to dig deeper into local issues and issues abroad.

"These are issues women care about," she said.

Barry, a Farmington resident, grew up in Detroit and graduated from Southfield High School in 2003.

The first issue of *Tint* debuted as an online magazine. She has 4,000 people on her e-mail list.

Now a print magazine, it is published quarterly and is available at select book stores, including Book & Beat in Oak Park.

The next issue will be published this fall.

Barry started the magazine when she was a freshman in college at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Now a student at Wayne State University, Barry is studying graphic design and journalism. She expects to graduate in 2008.

Fund-raising is one of the biggest business hurdles, Barry said.

She is seeking advertisers, trying to raise money from subscriptions and working to get grants.

She recently received a grant from dosomething.org, a group that recognizes young people who are making contributions in their community.

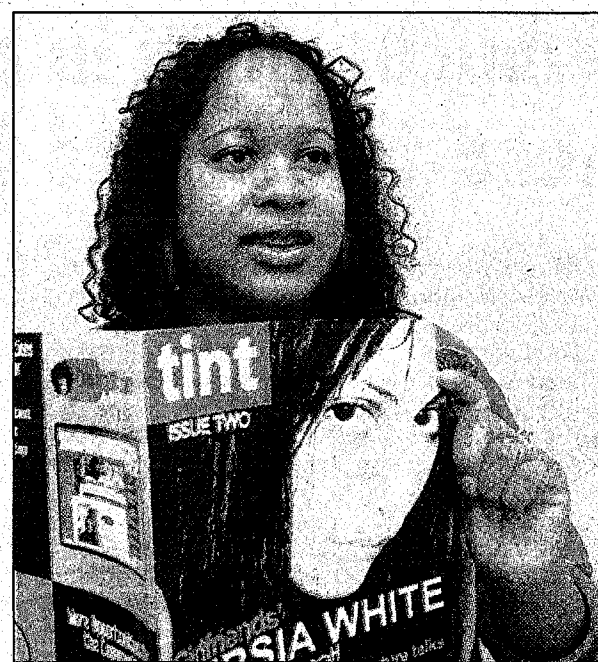
Barry will use the \$500 grant to further develop the magazine which dosomething.org called "smart, edgy and progressive."

Having readers is Barry's proudest accomplishment.

"The most important thing is to have an audience who looks forward to each issue," Barry said.

For more information visit www.tintmag.com.

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Margarita Barry of Farmington is the editor of *Tint*, a magazine geared toward women of all ethnicities.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza is Sept. 24

Outstanding dishes from more than 50 of southeastern Michigan's finest eateries and beverage suppliers await adventuresome diners at Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza. The event is 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus.

All proceeds support student scholarships. In its 15-year history, Culinary Extravaganza has raised more than \$1.3 million and funded thousands of scholarships.

A sample of 2006 participants include Detroit's Asian Village, Rattlesnake, Seldom Blues and Traffic Jam restaurants; Milford's Five Lakes Grill and Gravity Bar & Grill; Dearborn's The Henry Ford, and The Ritz Carleton; and Novi's Shiro and Steve & Rocky's.

Plymouth will be represented by Fiamma Grille & Compagni's on the Park, Inn at St John's "Five," the Hilton Garden Inn, Jeff Zak Catering and LaBistecca Italian Grille. Schoolcraft's own American Harvest, the Cold Stone Creamery and the Cantoro Italian Market are from Livonia.

Farther afield are The Farm Restaurant from Port Austin and L. Mawby Vineyards from Suttons Bay.

Patrons can tour the Schoolcraft culinary arts instructional kitchens, stop in at a free wine tasting seminar and check the items in the silent auction, including a train trip and overnight stay in Toronto or a weekend stay on Bois Blanc Island.

The winning ticket in a raffle drawing will sent its owner to Rome, Italy for a week, while the second and third prize winners receive a diamond bracelet and dinner for six at the American Harvest Restaurant.

Culinary Extravaganza tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

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SPORTS

Lumley beats odds, makes U-M soccer team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER



Lumley

Most teenagers receive iPods, CDs or gift certificates on their 18th birthdays.

Alex Lumley received an opportunity to play big-time college soccer.

And the opportunity was wrapped in maize and blue.

On Aug. 10, the former Salem soccer standout and soon-to-be freshman at the University of Michigan was notified that he had earned a coveted spot on the Wolverines' varsity soccer roster.

Lumley earned the against-the-odds distinction of being one of just two walk-ons to make U of M's highly ranked

team by outperforming seven other talented candidates at a two-day, invite-only tryout held Aug. 9-10.

"During the final practice at tryouts, I noticed that coach (Steve) Burns was going up to and talking to the other players who were trying out," Lumley recalled. "After he talked to each one, they looked kind of upset."

When Burns eventually made his way over to Lumley following the tryout, it wasn't to wish him happy birthday.

"He didn't talk to me during the practice, so I was wonder-

ing if he forgot about me," Lumley said. "As soon as the practice was over, he came over and said he liked the way I played and that I had made the team."

"I called my parents and my dad was like, 'I can't believe it!' He's a big soccer fan, so he was pretty excited."

Earlier this year, Lumley's intentions were to attend school at Kalamazoo College, which had recruited him to play soccer.

"At the very last minute — on May 1 — I decided to go to Michigan," Lumley said. "I decided I wanted to be closer to home, I'd always liked Michigan, and I knew I could play for the club team there."

Lumley's big break came when Burns attended one of his club team's games and was impressed by the 5-foot-7, 128-pound mid-fielder's skills.

"Even though he invited me to the tryout, I wasn't real confident about making the team because there were so many really good players trying out," Lumley said. "In fact, I knew they practiced in the mornings, but I made out my class schedule with mostly morning classes any way."

Lumley is listed as a mid-fielder on the Wolverines' team Web site. He said he could also play defense.

"Wherever they want me, I'm ready," he said.

Lumley said he's accepted the

fact that, as a freshman walk-on, his playing time will be minimal.

"The chances of me seeing the field during games are slim," he said. "The main thing the coaches want from us is to improve and play as hard as we can during practices so that we push the starters."

Lumley joins fellow Salem graduates Kevin Savitskie and Brian Popeney on the Wolverines' roster. Savitskie and Popeney, both seniors, were recently selected as two of the team's three captains, which must be reassuring to Lumley, considering Savitskie was also a walk-on.

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Sidelines

Baseball tryouts

■ The Canton Cannons 11U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, on Field 1 at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park. Players who are 11 or under as of April 30, 2007, are eligible to play for the USSSA/Triple-A level team.

The Cannons will play approximately 40 games, including four or five tournaments.

Contact head coach Chris Tidwell at (734) 891-6116.

■ The Plymouth/Canton Cardinals U14 travel baseball team, a member of the Kensington Valley League, will be holding tryouts for its 2007 squad on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park in Canton.

The Saturday tryouts will run from 2-4 p.m. while the Sunday tryouts will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Players are encouraged to arrive up to 15 minutes early to register.

Contact head coach Doug Heuer at (248) 763-2850.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 12U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 10, at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Beck.

All players must be 12 or under on April 30, 2007, and reside in or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton. Send an e-mail to sudzy190@aol.com; or call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

Hole-in-one

On Aug. 9, Canton resident Colleen Jones aced the 143-yard ninth hole on the Schuss Mountain Golf Club at Shanty Creek Resort & Club. It was the first hole-in-one Jones has recorded since she started playing 15 years ago.

Canton boys

Practice for the Canton High School boys cross country team will be held beginning at 5 p.m. Aug. 21-25 in front of Canton's Phase III.

2006 Prep Football Preview



PHOTOS BY BILL DRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior running back Dalton Walsler, pictured above during the 2005 Division 1 championship game against Rockford, is one of several speedy running backs that will be carrying the ball for Canton this fall.

Ready to rumble

Chiefs look to take 2005 success one step further

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's football team will be decked out in slick new Nike jerseys when it hits the field Friday night for its season opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

However, many of the players wearing the new threads will look hauntingly familiar to the Chiefs' 2006 opponents.

Canton returns 12 players — eight on defense and four on offense — who either started or saw significant playing time during last season's surge to the Division 1 state final game against Rockford.

Leading the returners is two-way starter Deshon McClendon, a 5-foot-6, 185-pound senior running back/free safety. McClendon, who set the school's single-season rushing record last season, will be joined in the full-house offensive backfield by first-year starting quarterback Ben Vaughn, a 6-1, 205-pound junior, and a combination of any two of the following runners: seniors Chris Woudstra (5-10, 170), Chris Bogdanski (5-9, 165), Derek Perino (5-9, 160), Nick Moores (5-11, 215), Antwan Hawkins; and junior Dalton Walsler (5-10, 175).

Vaughn, who was unbeaten as a junior-varsity starter the past two seasons, has all the tools you'd want in a signal-caller, Baechler said.

"He can run, he has great vision and he has a strong arm," Baechler said. "He's a great athlete."

Vaughn will be backed up by first-year senior Steve Paye (6-4, 220), who will also serve as a starting linebacker.

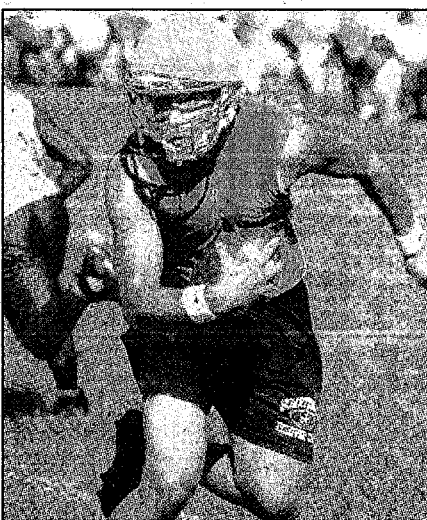
Vaughn's two primary receiving targets will be returning starting tight ends Brandon Fender (6-0, 210) and Billy Turner (6-1, 215). The duo's experience will be as valuable as their blocking and pass-catching abilities, Baechler said.

"The fact that they have a year of experience under their belts is huge," Baechler stressed. "There is a lot of stuff our tight ends need to know, so having them both back will be great for our offense."

Baechler said Turner will see considerable time at linebacker as well, which means he will be spelled quite often on the offensive side of the ball by senior Okemdi Oparaake.

As usual, the Chiefs' offensive

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Ben Vaughn

ALL ABOUT THE CHIEFS

- Head coach — Tim Baechler (9th season);
- Number of varsity players — 62;
- Returning starters — 12 (4 offense; 8 defense);
- 2005 record — 11-3 (advanced to Division 1 state championship game against Rockford);
- 2006 opener — Friday, Aug. 25, at Ann Arbor Pioneer;
- Primary offense — "Tough" (full-house backfield, two tight ends);
- Players to watch — senior RB/FS Deshon McClendon; senior C Jeff Phillips; senior RB/CB Chris Bogdanski; senior RB/CB Chris Woudstra; junior QB Ben Vaughn; senior LB Colin O'Shaunessy; senior DT Donnie Laramie.

Young Wildcats look for growth in '06

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Mix in a small dose of experience with a large helping of youth and what do you get?

Plymouth girls basketball coach Richelle Reilly is about to find out.

The Wildcats experienced a wildly successful 2005 campaign, racking up a 16-5 record and a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association

regular-season title. But the nucleus of that success — potent low-post players Jeanine Moise and Kim Olech — has graduated, leaving Reilly with some huge holes to fill in the paint.

"Our two biggest strengths this season are probably our depth and athleticism," said Reilly, the only coach the five-year-old Plymouth program has had. "The key to how well we do this year will be how we grow as a team as the year goes on."

Orchestrating the Wildcats' offense will be sophomore point guard Jalesa Moise (5-foot-3), the younger sister of Jeanine. Moise showed no signs of being intimidated last season despite her freshman status.

"Jalesa is very aggressive with the ball and she has great court vision," Reilly said. "She's strong defensively, too."

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B3



Sophomore center Shaakira Heywood will give the Wildcats a strong inside presence this season.

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Golden Oaks

The U10 Canton Oaks Red soccer team finished 3-0-1 and won the 1st Division at the Northwest Soccer Festival in Maumee, Ohio on Aug. 12 and 13. In the spring, the Oaks finished first in Division One in the WSSL. They also were crowned champions in the Canton Cup and the Hudson SC Invitational Tournament, finishing a combined 8-0. The team consists of: Kyle Mettlach, Nick Wendel, Jack Zemanski, Carter Schenk, Andrew Murphy, Hunter Olson, Noah Lindlbauer, Champ Kozlowski, Nicholas Gonzalez Danny McEachen. The team is coached by Mark Zemanski and Jim Mettlach.

Salem graduate Smith among top GAM finishers

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

GOLF

The Golf Association of Michigan Women's Championship had it all – ideal playing conditions, clutch shot-making and a second-round rally.

Held Tuesday and Wednesday on the pristine layout of Pine Lake County Club in West Bloomfield, a field of 72 talented and devoted amateur golfers competed in the 36-hole tournament that awards the Betty Richart Trophy to the overall low gross scorer.

Mary Vajgrt of Kalamazoo took home that honor this year, courtesy of a sterling 1-under par 71 Wednesday that erased a seven-shot deficit following her opening-round 78.

Vajgrt's two-day total of 149 bettered that of Andrea Ratigan of Troy and Laura Bavard of Kalamazoo, both finishing two strokes back at 151.

"We didn't have a playoff this year (Shasta Averyhardt defeated Mandi McConnell in a playoff in the 2005 event), but we did have somebody come from behind on the second day to win it, and that is just as exciting," said GAM Executive Director David Graham. "We just had a superb tournament on a superb golf course under tremendous conditions. The ladies really enjoyed it and the

credit goes to everyone involved at Pine Lake for making it happen."

After day one, it appeared it would be a two-player race with Louisa Shu, who has starred for her Birmingham Seaholm girls golf team the past three seasons, and Kathryn Strawser of Flushing sharing a two-stroke lead after carding rounds of 1-under 71.

However, neither managed to have the same magic in their bags on Wednesday. Playing side-by-side in the day's final grouping, both Shu and Strawser finished 10 strokes higher, coming in with 81 apiece. The field was divided into three flights – 'A', 'B' and 'C' – based on handicaps. Vajgrt and Ratigan were both in the 'A' flight, while Bavard competed in 'B'.

Darby Peters, a product of Lake Orion High School, finished second overall in the 'B' flight with a two-day score of 156. Megan Petzko, of Coldwater, was first among 'C' flight competitors, recording rounds of 79 and 78 for a 157 score.

Several other O&E-area participants competed and registered solid outings. Included on that list was Kristen Polanski of Livonia, who followed up a first-day 80 with a sterling 74.

"I shot 74 today and played well," Polanski said. "I made some good chips and putts."

"This tournament is really cool," she went on. "They do a really good job because you're playing with players of all ages and it makes it a lot of fun."

A similar feeling was recorded by Sarah Nirenberg of West Bloomfield, who shot 86 and 95 consecutive days.

"I hit the ball better yesterday and putted better today," said Nirenberg, a 2006 Cranbrook Kingswood High School graduate. "I played last year and had a great time. It's a nice opportunity to play with amateurs in your area. I played in the Michigan Open, but I know people here because it is a little more local."

The remaining area players included: Shannon Warner (79-78 - 157), Livonia; Ashley Smith (81-81 - 162) Plymouth; Claudia Cenko (84-81 - 165), Beverly Hills; Ashley Hamilton (83-83 - 166), Lake Orion; Alexandra Lipa (84-83 - 167), Birmingham; Stacey Goins (86-81 - 167), Rochester Hills; Lauri Ponikiewski (85-87 - 172), Livonia; Jennifer Kubert (90-90 - 180), Livonia; Katherine Solomon (89-94 - 183), Franklin; Pamela Jeremias (95-91 - 186), Redford; Michele Weiss (90-98 - 188), Southfield; Linda Truxell (95-96 - 191), Bloomfield Hills; and Michelle Sroka (95-107 - 202), Livonia.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Aug. 25
Pinckney at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Plymouth vs. Hudsonville at EMU, 2:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Wednesday, Aug. 23
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 24
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Salem, Canton and Plymouth at Gary Balconi Invitational, 10 a.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian Crusader Cup, TBA
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 24
Inaugural Salem Blue/White Meet at Cass-Benton, 4:15 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 26

Canton at South Lyon, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 21
Salem at East Lansing Invitational at Forest Akers G.C., 7 a.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 1 p.m.
Canton at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Plymouth at Brighton Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Franklin Rd. at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C., 3:15 p.m.
Canton at Brighton at Oak Pointe G.C., 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 24
Macomb Christian at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25
Canton at Saline Invitational at Brookside G.C., 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Saturday, Aug. 26
Salem at Troy Invitational at Willow Metro Park, 8 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 26
Wildcat Invitational

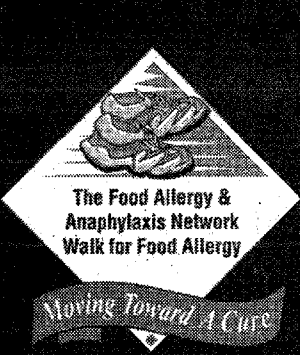
at Canton H.S. pool, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Aug. 24
Wayne State at Madonna Univ., 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 25-26
MI at UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 26
Schoolcraft at Great Lakes Christian, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 21
Madonna at Houghton College (N.Y.), 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Madonna at Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26
Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 6 p.m.
(Univ. of Windsor Tournament)
Schoolcraft vs. U-M Club, noon.
Sunday, Aug. 27
(Univ. of Windsor Tournament)
Schoolcraft vs. James Madison Club, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF
Saturday, Aug. 26
Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.) Invitational, 11 a.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

GOLF RESULTS

FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Aug. 18 at Huron Meadows
Team standings: 1. Detroit Country Day, 287; 2. Novi, 298; 3. Livonia Churchill, 307; 4. Walled Lake Central, 309; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 310; 6. Rochester Stoney Creek, 310; 7. Plymouth, 311; 8. DeWitt, 312; 9. West Bloomfield, 313; 10. South Lyon, 315; 11. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 321; 12. Troy, 322; 13. Birmingham Seaholm, 322; 14. Plymouth Salem, 322; 15. Temperance Bedford, 340; 16. Farmington, 347; 17. North Farmington, 348; 18. Farmington Harrison, 376.
Tourney medalist: Alex Lyall, Novi, 70.

76; Josh Brist, 79; Steve Suzio, 80; Kevin Robinson, 81; Brian Bint, 90.
W.L. Central: Brad Nedrow, 76; Casey Johnson, 77; Nick Green, 78; Shawn Catto, 78; Joel Catto, 80; Joe Starrs, 87.
W.L. Northern: Jon Murphy, 75; Greg Smith, 77; Joe Lemanski, 78; John McMahon, 80; Adam Schmalz, 80; Tyler Storm, 85.
Stoney Creek: Brent Yurik, 73; Dave Seaton, 77; Chris Couchie, 79; Kyle Ziolkowski, 81; Chris Benner, 83; Eric Blake, 84.
Plymouth: Mike Gerisch, 73; Jimmy Vicek, 78; Matt Talbot, 79; Jeff Selasky, 81; Kyle Eisiminger, 84; Kyle Sanders, 87.
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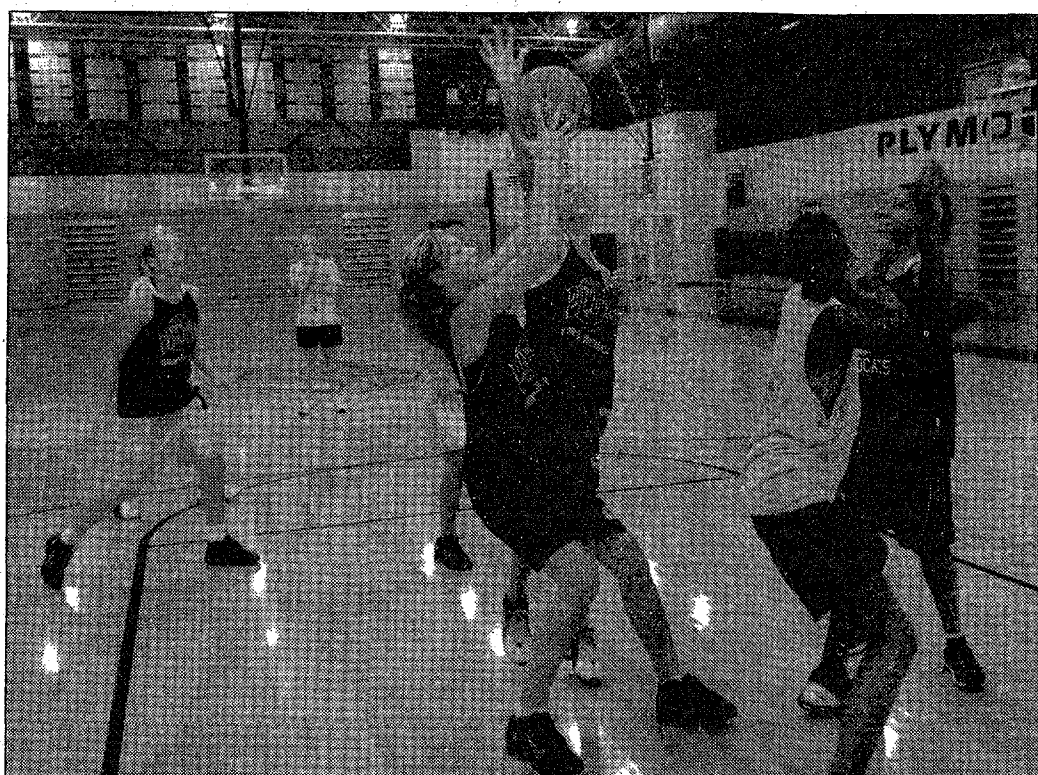


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Plymouth basketball players battle for a rebound during a practice last week. The Wildcats will be trying to duplicate or improve on last season's 16-5 mark.

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WILDCATS

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Moise's backcourt mate will be senior shooting guard Val Klemmer (5-6), who also logged big-time minutes last season.

"Val's biggest strength is her knowledge of the game," Reilly said. "She offers a lot of stability for the younger players."

"Offensively, she's a good perimeter player — she can shoot the three — and she can take the ball to the basket."

Plymouth's most-effective inside player may be Chrystien Guyton, who plays much bigger than her listed height of 5-8, Reilly said.

"Chrystien is strong, athletic and a very good rebounder," Reilly said. "She'll get physical around the basket and is not afraid to go get the ball."

Guyton will line up alongside sophomore center Shaakira Haywood, a 6-foot-er who possesses advanced defensive skills.

"Shaakira has great shot-blocking ability," Reilly said. "She's especially effective when she is helping on defense."

Another sophomore, Kelsi Robinson (5-9), may be the team's leading scorer before the season ends in



Sophomore point guard Jalesa Moise is the Wildcats' lone returning starter.

November or December, in Reilly's estimation.

"Kelsi is one of the players we're going to be looking to score for us," Reilly said. "She's a good shooter and a slasher. She knows how to get to the basket."

Reilly said as many as nine of her players will be receiving ample playing time, including the sister tandem of 5-9 guards Chelsey Quinlan, a senior, and Megan Quinlan, a sophomore.

"Chelsey will provide a steadying influence to the team," Reilly said. "She's also a very strong defender."

"Megan is an aggressive offensive player and a strong defender."

Another set of sisters — senior Amber Davis (5-3) and junior Megan Davis (5-5) — will also provide the Wildcats with all-important depth and offensive firepower. Among the team's key reserves are senior guard Jennifer Beaudoin (5-7), senior forward Trisha Watkins (5-10) and junior guard Megan Mihelick (5-8).

The Wildcats open their 2006 schedule Tuesday, Aug. 29, at home against Adrian. ewright@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2108

Winds of change blow through the Ontario Hockey League

With the Plymouth Whalers Training Camp right around the corner (Aug. 30), there are plenty of changes of note around the Ontario Hockey League.

The Sault Greyhounds have a new home — the sparkling Steelback Centre. The Greyhounds will play their first eight games on the road before hosting the Sudbury Wolves on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

In spite of great ice and an old-school atmosphere at the Memorial Gardens, a new rink was needed in Sault Ste. Marie.

"We have a core of fans that would sit outside to watch a Greyhounds game, and thank God for those loyal fans," Sault Ste. Marie general manager Dave Torrie told the Sault Star. "That core we have to count on, but we also have to attract a younger crowd. When you go out with your wife, family or friends, we want it to be a night out and the game to be part of it."

The Whalers are one of the last teams to play at Steelback Centre, not visiting Sault Ste. Marie until Friday, Jan. 19. But if you want to travel to see the Whalers play — and don't mind traveling at way to do it — the Soo is a straight five-hour shot north up I-75, weather permitting.

Although they aren't moving into a new building, the Oshawa Generals will spend the first two weeks of the season on the road while renovations are being completed at the Oshawa Civic Centre.

The Civic Centre has the lowest ceiling in the OHL — maybe no more than 12 feet off the ice surface — and like the Memorial Gardens, it's time for some changes in Oshawa. The Generals will go with general manager Brad Selwood as head coach, taking over for Randy Ladouceur.

Whaler fans looking to soak up some OHL tradition should consider a trip to Oshawa when Plymouth plays there on Friday,

Dec. 15. Oshawa is just east of Toronto, roughly four-and-a-half to five hours east of Plymouth.

Barring a playoff matchup, the Whalers will play for the last time at the Kingston Memorial Centre this season on Sunday, Nov. 5. A new facility will be built in Downtown Kingston in time for the 2007-08. The Frontenacs have also change head coaches, with Bruce Cassidy taking over for Jim Hulton.

Like Kingston, the Mississauga IceDogs and Toronto St. Michael's Majors will be playing in new buildings, but not this season. In case you missed it this summer, Majors owner Eugene Melnyk — who also owns the NHL's Ottawa Senators — purchased the IceDogs, with the intent of selling Mississauga and then moving the Majors from tiny St. Michael's College Arena to the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

The listed capacity of St. Michael's Arena is 1,617, but that's with at least 500 people standing.

The Majors have done the best they can with their rink — and there's an excellent, old-school flavor there — but it's just too small by OHL standards. So the Majors will move to the Hershey Centre in 2007-08.

Depending on the rumor of the day, the IceDogs will eventually end up in Buffalo, Niagara Falls or North Bay, but stay tuned.

Also, former head coach Greg Gilbert left Mississauga to take the Toronto Marlies' head coaching job in the American Hockey League. The IceDogs haven't named a head coach yet.

The Windsor Spitfires will continue to play out of Windsor Arena, but with new ownership taking over for the departed Steve Riolo, there's hope for a new rink eventually.

New Windsor owners Bob Boughner, Warren Rychel and

Peter Dobrich are pumping new life into the Spitfires, with Boughner retiring as an NHL player to take over as head coach of the Spits and Rychel as the team's general manager.

Assistants D.J. Smith and Bill Bowler were rehired and former Spitfire Mark Turner brought in as Video Game Analyst. Former Whaler and Spitfire Mark Ridout was hired as strength-and-conditioning coach. Ridout played 16 games in Plymouth in 1997-98, adding one assist and 74 PIM's before getting traded to Windsor, where he played the bulk of his OHL career.

The Spitfires aren't the only team in the West Division to make a coaching change. The Sarnia Sting have hired former Erie head coach Dave MacQueen with the hope of jump-starting a young Sarnia team that has finished last in the West Division over the last two years.

MacQueen's long-time assistant — Peter Sidorkiewicz — takes over as head coach of the Otters.

Peter DeBoer and Steve Spott return behind the bench in Kitchener and they'll be joined by former Whaler Troy Smith, who joins the Rangers as an Assistant Coach in charge of Player Development. Smith played defense and some right wing for the Whalers between 1995-99, scoring 11 goals and 47 assists for 58 points and 239 PIM's in 230 regular season games.

Another Eastern Conference team, Peterborough, hired former Ottawa assistant Vince Malette as its new head coach.

The Ontario Hockey League office has made some changes, promoting Ted Baker to Vice-President and creating an opening for a full-time referee in chief, to be named in the near future.

The Whalers also added to their coaching staff, hiring former intern Adam Mattson as Video Coach.

Court of Appeals deals MHSAA another setback

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan High School Athletic Association suffered a setback Wednesday when a three-judge panel of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati upheld a lower court's ruling that the MHSAA's sports-schedule discriminates against girls in some sports.

On May 2, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court vacated the Sixth Circuit order of July 27, 2004, that would have exchanged boys and girls tennis and golf seasons, as well as the girls basketball and volleyball seasons, returning the case to the same three-judge panel that

issued the July 2004 order with instructions to reconsider the case in light of the Supreme Court's decision early that year in a non-sports related case arising in California.

The federal lawsuit was originally filed in 1998 against the MHSAA by Diane Madsen and Jay Roberts-Eveland, two Grand Rapids-area mothers of female athletes, in conjunction with their group Communities for Equity, which argued that girls in Michigan were at a disadvantage for scholarship opportunities playing volleyball in the winter and basketball in the fall, opposite of the college calendar.

The MHSAA argued against

the change, citing that a majority of its member schools polled did not desire switching seasons.

In December 2001, U.S. District Judge Richard Enslin said the scheduling of seasons violated the equal-protection clause of the 14th Amendment, as well as the federal Title IX statute and Michigan civil rights law. In a brief statement, the MHSAA said it "will be studying its options following this decision, which will include a motion to the Sixth Circuit for a rehearing *en banc*, which must be filed within the next 14 days. The 2006-07 school year athletic calendar is not affected by this decision."

CHIEFS

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ine will consist of mostly first-year senior starters. Jeff Phillips (5-11, 215), who missed the 2005 campaign due to injury, will anchor the unit from his center position. He'll be flanked by guards Nick Junleavy (6-1, 220) and Kiel Rice (5-10, 180). Will Khoury (6-4, 305) will man the right tackle spot while Kyle Brodzik (5-11, 240) is slated to begin the year as the starting left tackle.

Baechler noted that junior Justin Scott (5-11, 205) and senior Brandon Lasko (6-2, 335) will also be in the mix for playing time.

"Our offensive line is still ailing," Baechler said Friday morning, a few hours before the team's four-way scrimmage. "I've seen improvement day after day, but they need to see themselves playing on film against other teams before they

can start picking up the little things it takes to get better."

"Two things I know about our O-line is that they will be physical and they'll get off the ball."

The Chiefs' defensive line is big, athletic and mobile. Seniors Donnie Laramie (6-3, 295), Wardell Fuqua (5-10, 285) and Jay Bailey (6-2, 290) all played big minutes last season. Juniors Matt Barylski (5-10, 190) and Tevin Brooks (5-11, 185) will provide solid D-line depth.

Canton's starting line-backing corps will consist of seniors Colin O'Shaunessy (6-0, 215), a hard-hitting three-year letterwinner, Paye, Chris Hasse (6-0, 185) and junior Dan Wanshon (5-11, 195).

Judging by the way Paye has looked the first two weeks of practice, you'd never know he hasn't strapped on pads since the eighth grade, according to Canton's ninth-year coach.

"He's such a natural football player," he said. "It's unbelievable how fast he's grasped our

offense and defense."

Canton's secondary returns three starters, including free safety McClendon along with speedy cornerbacks Woudstra and Bogdanski. The lone newcomer in the starting secondary is junior Adam Powers (5-11, 180), who will man the strong-safety position. Perino and Hawkins will be key defensive-backfield reserves.

The place-kicking duties will be handled by O'Shaunessy, who was nearly perfect on extra points last season.

Baechler said his team's schedule will be anything but a cakewalk.

"I saw John Glenn's scrimmage (Thursday) night and their offense looked awfully good," he said. "And we beat Northville, 35-0, last year, but it was a sticky 35-0. They're extremely well-coached and they have a lot of guys back, so there's nobody on our schedule you can overlook."

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SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of preschool sports programs, which will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The programs include sports sampler, Y-Hoops, Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball. There will be morning and evening classes available for children between the ages of 3 and 5.

The programs will be offered from Sept. 18 through Oct. 27. The cost is \$57 for program members and \$74 for community members.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymca-detroit.org.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is also looking for preschool instructors for these programs. If you are interested, call the number listed above.

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2007 PC Pride girls fastpitch softball program will be held Aug. 26-27 and Aug. 30. The Pride offers teams in 10U, 12U, 14U,

16U and 18U age brackets. The Saturday, Aug. 26, tryout will run from 1-5 p.m. with registration starting at 12:30 p.m. The Sunday, Aug. 27, tryout will run from 1-6 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryout will run from 6-8 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Saturday and Sunday tryouts will be held on fields 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center, which is located on 46555 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The Tuesday tryout will be held at Heritage Park, on Heritage Park Drive in Canton.

For more information, visit the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.com/pepride; or call Scott Ampe at (734) 495-0789.

Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m.-noon; 14U will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and 16U will run from noon-2 p.m.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Tigers, a U12

Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Monday, Aug. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located on Plymouth Road, just east of Haggerty.

Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old by April 30, 2007. For more information, contact Larry at (734) 812-3280.

Tryouts for the 2007 U13 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at Heritage Park Sunday, Aug. 27, beginning at 4 p.m. Players should arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27.

Tryouts for the 2007 Vipers, an 11-and-under Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Plymouth Township Park

(field No. 2), which is located off Ann Arbor Trail (between McClumpha and Beck roads).

Eligible players must be younger than 12 years old by April 30, 2007.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 or tboucher14@yahoo.com; or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224 or arg3@aol.com.

The Pirates 2007 14-and-under baseball team, which represents the communities of Plymouth and Canton, will be conducting tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Heritage is located behind the Canton Township offices on Canton Center Rd., just south of Cherry Hill.

Players must have a birth date on or after May 1, 1992, and enjoy playing at a competitive level.

The team is expected to participate in a total of approximately 40 games — both league and tournament — beginning in April of 2007. Players will also have the option of participating in a fall baseball league beginning in mid-September.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497.

The Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking an additional player for the fall 2006 season. Interested 11- and 12-year-olds should contact Rob Sudz at (734) 420-058. Players must be residents of or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton.

LEARN TO SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association is accepting registration for its Mighty Mini-Mites learn-to-skate program designed for the beginning player (must be 4 years-old by Dec. 31, 2006).

The program, which costs \$350, runs Saturdays from September through March. Full equipment is required.

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The season runs from mid-September through the first week of November.

Practices will be mid-week nights only. The program will also help prepare players for the spring competitive season.

For more information, visit the City of Plymouth Web Site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us; or contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.

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THE TIGER EFFECT
 Remember when Tiger Woods burst on to the scene some ten years ago? Remember how he was really supposed to get more minorities - especially African Americans - involved in the game? While the "Tiger Effect" certainly has impacted minority interest in the sport, it has been from more of a spectator level.

Following Tiger Woods at any event he plays in will usually be a good size contingent of minorities. This was certainly true at the recent Buick Open in Grand Blanc. But the sport needs more minority participation. It just has not happened on the scale we had hoped.

Golf has always been somewhat of a sport for the affluent. Tiger Woods has done much to attempt to change that. He has helped set up access to golf facilities in several inner city areas around the country. But it has not been enough. Tiger needs help.

The sport simply needs to become more affordable for the masses. Even if that means some public courses won't be as pristine green as they had been, it is something that has to happen.

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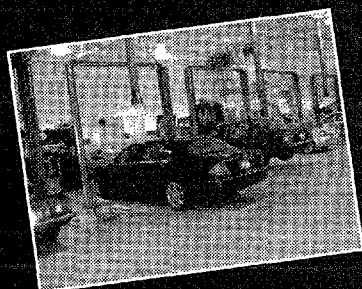
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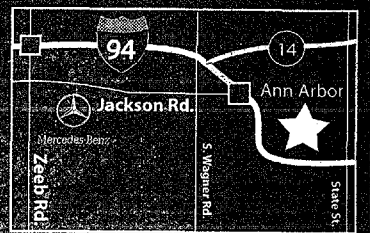
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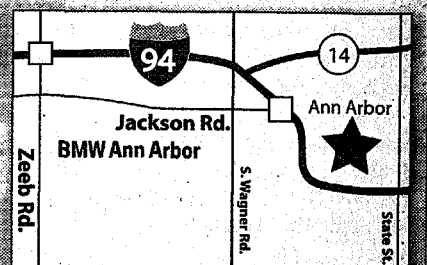
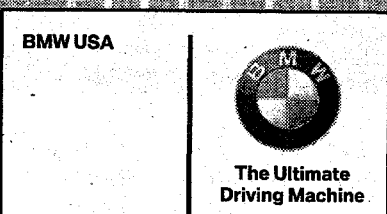
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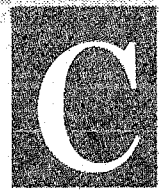
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To become an emancipated minor, you don't necessarily need an attorney. However, an attorney is the best person to help you file all the necessary paperwork with the court. Becoming an emancipated minor is not an easy thing to do ... and for good reason! Once emancipated you are responsible for your own health care, for your own food and housing, and for your own clothes! The courts do not take this issue lightly. In order to become emancipated, you must prove that your parents are not doing what they should be doing as parents: Providing you with food, clothing, housing and health care. In addition, you must provide evidence that you have a job that will support all of your needs, you must be able to show proof that you have a place to live and a way to pay for it, and you must have two people that support your desire to be emancipated. These people must be a social worker, teacher, doctor, clergyperson, or other professional who can testify that you are



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mature, responsible and able to live on your own. The last and most important requirement is that you are at least 16 years old! Before deciding to apply for emancipation, think about whether or not it's worth it. At 18 years old, you are considered an adult. If the situation at home is really unsafe and you think you'd be able to do better on your own, by all means, find adults who can help you. But, if you can stick it out another two years after your 16th birthday, start saving your money now so you'll be in a good financial position to strike out on your own on your 18th birthday. Rent, food, clothes, gas, and car insurance can easily cost \$800 to \$1300 per month for the bare minimum! Life is hard enough on a good day — be careful not to set yourself up for failure before you even begin!

Is there a better way to relieve anger than to take it out on someone else? How can you control your anger?

Really Angry Garden City

It sounds like you are already aware that it isn't right to take your anger out on someone else — that's a great first step in managing your anger! Anger is an emotion like any other emotion: Love, happy, sad, or frustrated. It's easy to know how to express ourselves when we're in love, when we're happy, when we're sad, or even when we're frustrated. For some reason, many people don't know how to express themselves when they're angry. Feeling angry is normal, what matters is how we express it.

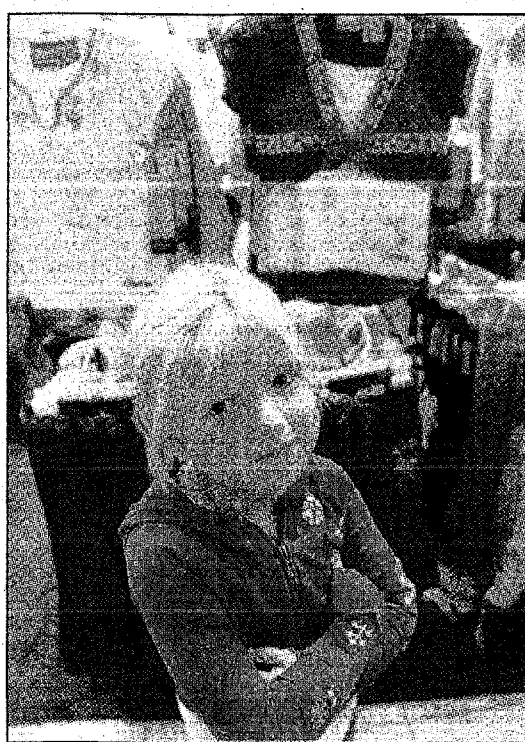
If you're feeling too angry to talk to the other person calmly, take a walk, take a few deep breaths, sit quietly with your eyes closed, or listen to some music in order to clear your head and calm down. Some people release anger and frustration by hitting a punching bag, pounding a pillow, or throwing ice cubes down on the sidewalk or driveway (away from cars or other people, of course!). Other people release anger by writing poems, drawing, playing a musical instrument, writing songs, or writing in a journal.

These are all suggestions to help you cope with your angry feelings until you are able to talk to the person about why you're angry. If you don't take this last important step in managing your anger, the problem will keep happening. Here's the recipe for discussing your feelings (it's called using "I" messages): "I feel angry when _____"

Fill in the blank with whatever it is that you feel angry about. If a friend lied to you, then you could say, "I feel angry when I'm lied to. People shouldn't lie to each other." If your mom yelled at you, you could say, "I feel angry when I'm yelled at. People need to talk to each other instead of yelling." The key is to always express your emotions with respect for the other person and without blaming the other person for making you angry. You are responsible for the way you handle your emotions. Sometimes our emotions seem to overwhelm us ... that's when it's time to take a break before the situation spirals out of control!

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The great fashion debate



Samantha Chapa knows what she likes; hoodies and layered outfits.

Moms and kids shop for back to school

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Denise Murch is happy to hear slimmer cuts of jeans are coming back, but she's more concerned about the price than the latest style. The Westland resident always looks for bargains. When son Tyler, 15, selects a \$70 pair of Circa shoes for skateboarding and school, Murch doesn't seem worried. Last week she bought Tyler and his brother Brad, 12, several shirts at Pac Sun and received a \$25 gift card she'll use to purchase the shoes which are buy one pair, get one free.

In the children's department at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Katie Smith of Canton was selecting shorts and shirts for her grandson while granddaughters Hannah and Aubrey Lint, ages 6 and 12 of Ohio, were hunting for outfits.

It's back to school shopping time and mothers and kids are debating which fashions will be worn and at what cost. Mothers at Parisian in Laurel Park Place and Pac Sun at Westland Shopping Center are leaning toward conservative clothing on sale. Guy Taylor is expecting the last two weeks of

August to be busy with back to school shoppers in search of the slimmer cuts.

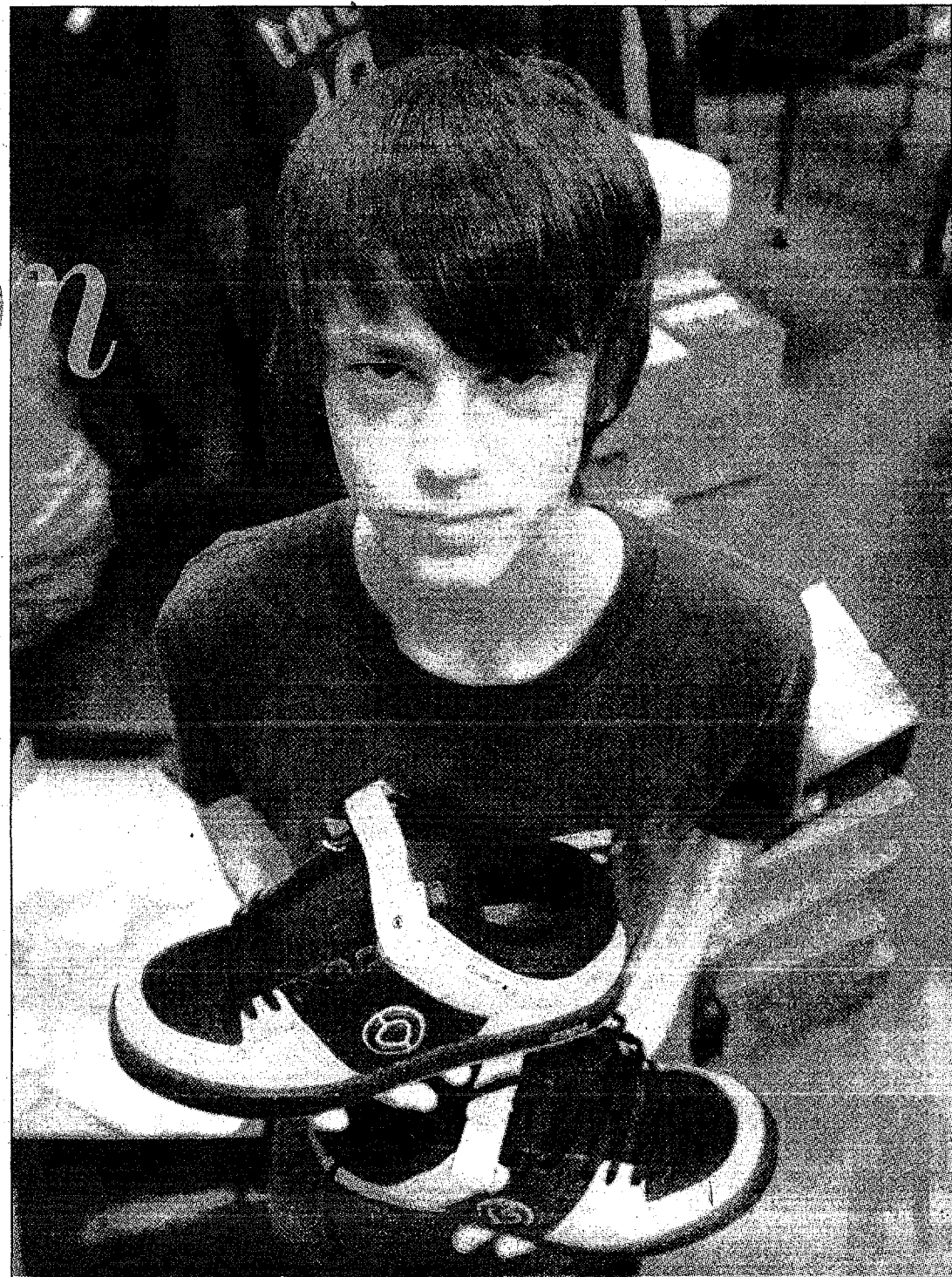
"The fashion was baggy," said Taylor, manager of Pac Sun, a store founded for surfers in California about 20 years ago. The store caters to ages 12 to 30. "A lot of T-shirts have been made slim instead of big and boxy. The new denim dark black and indigo jeans are slimmer."

Denim is popular with the younger set as well. At Gymboree in Laurel Park Place, Nimoza Favazza is selling "a lot of denim with prints and flowers on them."

"Our clothes are mix and match so one pair of pants goes with everything," said Favazza who manages the store for ages newborn to 9.

"(The colors) brown and pink are big and in the store. Before that it was plum. Every two to three weeks we get a new line in which is usually a different color. What's new that's in is the footless tights worn with skirts and skirts or dresses."

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These shoes by Circa will work for Tyler Murch whether he's at John Glenn High School or skateboarding.

selecting shorts and shirts for her grandson while granddaughters Hannah and Aubrey Lint, ages 6 and 12 of Ohio, were hunting for outfits. Aubrey liked a skirt from Ferocious Chick.

Julia Leake, an 11-year-old student at North Middle School in Belleville, chose a pink paisley top and brown striped gauchos from the racks. Her mom Carol says it's important to keep bare midriffs covered at school.

"We're seeing a lot of the gauchos which were popular for summer and transitioned into fall," said Carrie Tobias, manager of the Parisian department where parents are spending about \$300 per child for back to school clothes.

"We have a gaucho jogging suit they can wear with tennis shoes or sandals to be comfortable at school.

"For boys the Parisian brand polo T-shirts look dressy enough for school to pair with shorts, khaki pants or blue jeans. For older boys it's cargo khaki pants. Some look worn away at the seams or look



Eleven-year-old Julia Leake is headed to middle school with new clothes in the latest colors and styles.

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Send kids to school with lots of love, enthusiasm

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Sending a child off to kindergarten or first grade this year? Teacher Cathie Williams has some common-sense advice for parents.

"We want them to be able to come to school and immediately fall in love with learning," said Williams, a kindergarten teacher who'll be among those opening Plymouth-Canton's new Workman Elementary in Canton this year. That love of learning comes from developmentally appropriate activities, teaching through play and children's interests, she

said. "A lot of times, the parents are more worried than the children," said Williams, a 12-year teaching veteran in Plymouth-Canton and a Canton resident. It's helpful to take children in to meet the teacher and see the school.

Seeing the playground or bus stop is a big help, she said. Kids can get excited about school through such activities as picking out a backpack and other supplies.

"It is important to get them involved in the excitement," Williams said.

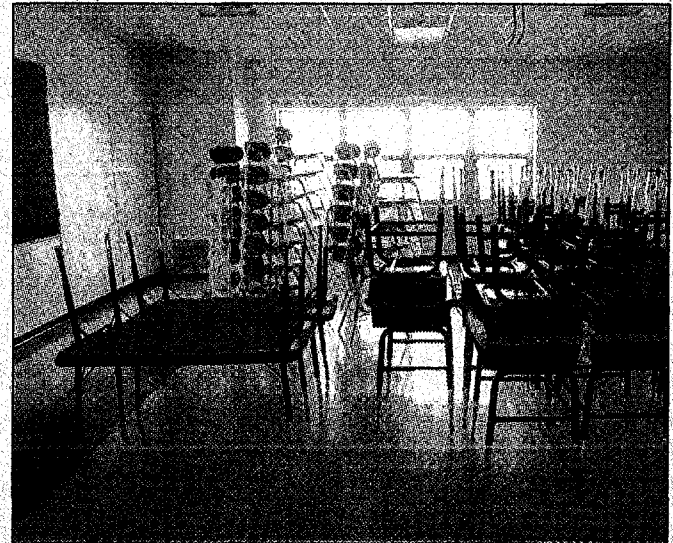
She said it isn't necessarily good to start the school year, when days are often

still warm, with a lot of new clothing for kids: "The children should wear the clothes they're comfortable in. Comfortable clothes, comfortable shoes," she said.

These days, most youngsters starting school already have experience with pre-school or day care. Williams has found that helps them adjust to being in school.

"They find that they can be independent, confident and strong," she said. Williams encourages parents to set a firm bedtime before school begins.

Separation anxiety can show up in physical com-



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Classroom desks and chairs are ready to go at Workman Elementary as the school district gets set to open its newest building.

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AROUND TOWN

Alzheimer's walk
The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease takes place Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. It marks the 15th-annual Memory Walk to benefit the metro Detroit Region of the Greater Michigan chapter. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's 2k fun walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at www.alzgm.org or call (248) 351-0280.

MADD 5K walk
Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K non-competitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30, at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Baby Walk
The 2006 MCARE Michigan Baby Walk to benefit research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome takes place Sunday, Sept. 17 at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck in Northville. For more information, contact event manager Carol Facca, sidsnews@comcast.net

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speaker Sharon Brevoort will talk about "Timelines and Chronologies: Placing Your Ancestor in Historical Context." A help session starts at 6 p.m., and the public is invited. For information, call Margaret, (810) 227-

7745.

Fibromyalgia workshop
The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free fibromyalgia workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Flea market
The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Farmington Players auditions
Auditions for "Moon Over Buffalo," which will run Nov. 17 to Dec. 2, are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, (6:30 p.m. sign-in) at The Farmington Players Barn Theater (32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills). This is a door-slamming, mad-cap farce from the award-winning author of Lend Me a Tenor (Ken Ludwig), where everything that could go wrong does! For more information and script availability, please call the director, Brian Tupper at (248) 553-4506 and leave a message. Please visit www.farmingtonplayers.org for the complete audition notice with role descriptions and requirements.

Golf outing
The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan holds its fourth-annual Movement for Life Golf Invitational Monday, Aug. 21, at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The day's festivities include 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch, followed by dinner and a live auction and raffle. The cost for the

day is \$200 per golfer. Pre-registration is required by calling Jim McIntyre, (734) 615-4272.

Art/craft festival
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyomalley@aol.com

Tournament of charities
The fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities golf event to benefit children and families in southeastern Michigan takes place at the State Course of the Year, Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with the 18-hole shotgun at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the tournament is \$1,200 and includes four rounds of golf for a four person team, four sets of thank you gifts, four pairs of Nike golf shoes and four seats at the banquet at the end of the day. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, e-mail laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, Ext. 120. You can also register at www.mtcogolf.org and indicate your support of Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Charity golf
A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue

Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call (734) 662-5999, Ext. 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Web site, www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through

the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley, (734) 462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic
MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact

Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion
Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club - Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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Benefit golf outing set for Sept. 13 in South Lyon

Area golfers can enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes at the Karl L. Seavitt Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Boys and Girls

Republic, based in Farmington Hills. The outing will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Tanglewood the Lion in South

Lyon, with tee off at 12 p.m. Costs are \$150 per person; \$500 per foursome and \$75 for a strolling buffet only. Hole sponsorships are \$750, which

includes a foursome. For information and to register, call (248) 476-9550, Ext. 324.

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plaints, such as stomach aches, she said. "Listen to your child's concern." It's important to let a child express emotions, and to keep school day goodbyes brief, with "I'll pick you up at such and such time" and a hug or kiss.

Workman, in the Cherry Hill-Denton area, will be opening for the first time this year, and Williams is looking forward to a great school year. "It's going to be an incredible, awesome experience," she said. "We're building a school with the community."

Over at Hulsing Elementary in Canton, Principal Carolyn Washington is also looking forward to a year full of learning. "The first day of school is an exciting day for kids," said Washington, a Canton resident who's been teaching since 1974. "Teachers are just as apprehensive as kids."

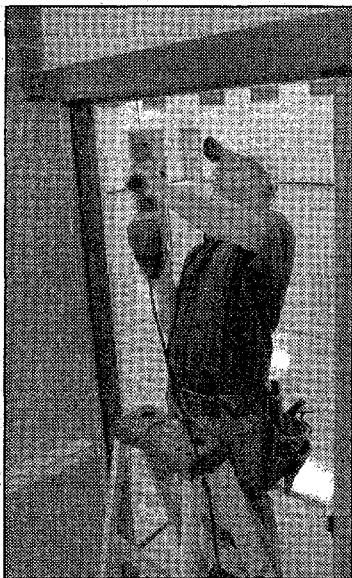
Washington, who called herself a "helicopter parent," recalled sending her daughter to school on the bus, and following in her car. Her daughter asked her to refrain from following the bus.

"Sometimes parents are apprehensive and kids sense that apprehension," Washington said. Being positive about school helps children: "Teachers are there to help you. They make learning a pleasurable experience. You're going to have a good school year."

She agreed with Williams that comfortable clothes are best, including tennis shoes, safer for girls than dress shoes on the playground. Washington also has thoughts on how to work well with school staff.

"It's very important to realize that this is a partnership," she said. Trust and respect are vital, as is regular communication including such things as a family divorce or a child's special needs.

"Communication and trust, trust is extremely important," Washington said. Her school has home school folders which parents should check nightly,



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Jamie Haas installs door hardware at one of the entrances to the gym at Workman Elementary. The gymnasium floor is freshly finished.

as teachers do daily.

Web sites, including that of the National Education Association (nea.org), the teachers' union, also have information on how parents can help kids get off to a good start. Parental involvement in your child's education can mean:

- Reading to your child
- Checking homework every night
- Discussing your children's progress with teachers
- Voting in school board elections
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state.

"Read to your child when your child is going to sleep," Washington recommended. "They've got to learn to appreciate reading." Asking questions about what you've read is helpful, she added, and reading time doesn't need to be lengthy.

"Those conversations around the dinner table are so important," Washington said, in encouraging parents to ask kids about their school day.

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Supporters to shop until they drop

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Mona Brown is always trying to come up with ways to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) so when Jill Engel suggested a private sale event on Aug. 27, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Brown jumped at the chance to shop until she drops. As Building Captain for the Ford Global Walk Team at Ford Credit, Brown has worked on fund-raising efforts to find a cure for diabetes since 1999. Her father died from the disease in 1983.

"It's all about shopping. Being a female that's what it is all about," said Mona Brown of Canton. "It's a private shopping event only from the standpoint that it's a benefit but it's open to the public."

Ford Motor Co. and Parisian at Laurel Park Place team up for the benefit 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, after the store closes to the public. Tickets are only \$5 with the entire proceeds benefiting JDRF based in Southfield.

Guests that evening receive a 20-percent discount on almost all items in the store. To bolster their energy between purchases Max & Erma's, California Pizza Kitchen and Sweet Lorraine's provide

Local businesses outside of Laurel Park Place are pitching in to help as well. Blackwell Ford in Plymouth is not only displaying cars but has donated \$500 to JDRF.

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In the past Parisian has supported a number of fund-raising activities for First Step, the American Heart Association, and Michigan Humane Society.

"Parisian gets involved because it's being part of your community," said Jill Engel, special events coordinator. "We do a lot of community events. That's what makes Parisian so different is that we are involved with community things. When Ford asked us just for a donation for their online auction for their Global Walkathon to raise money for juvenile diabetes, we were most excited about partnering."

"Laurel Park Place is donating prizes. And we have great fashion for the fall. Anyone doing back to school or fall fashion shopping they get to do it for JDRF. Based on how successful the event is we hope to turn this into an annual event

to help juvenile diabetes."

While store manager Randy Dell is excited about raising funds for JDRF, he's also hoping to create an awareness about Parisian.

"Because Ford is so big in our community we've looked for a way the last couple of years to partner with Ford and increase exposure in the communities, but I'm probably most excited about having the opportunity to make a difference with the charity fund-raiser. We're hoping to raise a couple thousand dollars at least. I'm grateful that our company allows us the latitude to work within the community to assist where we can."

Brown hopes that people "just get out and buy a ticket" for the private shopping event.

Ford Motor Co. initially became involved with JDRF in 1983 when it hosted a walk fund-raiser that continued annually until 1990 at the Research & Engineering Center in Dearborn. It was then JDRF merged smaller walk sites into one at the

General Motors Tech Center in Warren. In 1998, Ford organized a formal walk team with Edsel Ford II as Corporate Team Chair and by 1999 founded the Global Walk Team. Since then the Ford family of employees around the world has raised \$19 million for diabetes research.

On Sunday, Sept. 17, two walks will be held at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor and the GM Tech Center in Warren. For more information, visit www.jdrf.org or www.jdrfdetroit.org or call (248) 355-1133.

"It humbles me to see these events taking place because things are very difficult at Ford and GM and people still step up to the plate and volunteer and contribute dollars," said Brown.

"The nice thing about JDRF is that about 85- to 87-percent of the donations actually go to research."

Parisian is in Laurel Park Place, 17625 Newburgh at Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets for the Aug. 27, private shopping event are available from the customer service department at (734) 953-7500, or from Ford JDRF Walk Team Captains.

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more rugged.

"Most parents are buying new gym shoes, and more retro tennis shoes are popular."

Jay Young, director of community services for Livonia schools, says as long as fashions meet the standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with a good learning environment and do not disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to health or safety, children can wear whatever they want into classrooms of Livonia Public

Schools.

Dress codes vary by the district. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are very specific about what is and isn't permitted as far as dress - no low rider pants, halters and spaghetti strapped tank tops, short skirts or shorts, shirts or blouses that create revealing necklines, bare midriffs or shoulders. In high school especially, no clothing advertising or promoting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or weapons is allowed. In Livonia schools principals decide on policy.

"In the judgment of a principal if it's disruptive a student

will be made to make modifications," said Young.

"We leave it up to the culture of the building. Bare midriffs would be considered disruptive in most places, but it's really the call of the principal. Very short skirts would be considered disruptive."

Stacie Beyer and daughter Logan, 5, of Novi were looking for functional, fashionable shorts and dresses that were pretty and conservative.

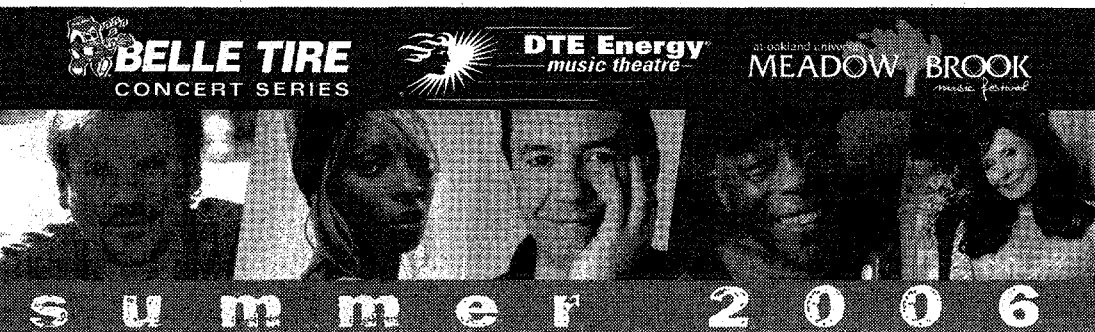
"The school is now requiring a workout every day," said Stacie Beyer in the Parisian children's department. "They need shoes they can get on and

off themselves, and (clothes in which) they can move freely."

Samantha Chapa and her friends Emily and Sarah Gelinias, ages 12 and 10, and older sister Brittany Chapa, 12, were looking for shirts to layer and leggings to wear under skirts to South Lyon schools while mom Kathy Chapa was looking for bargains.

"I always get the sales," said Kathy Chapa who was toting Von Maur shopping bags in addition to Parisian.

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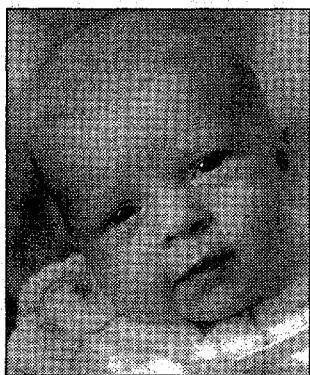
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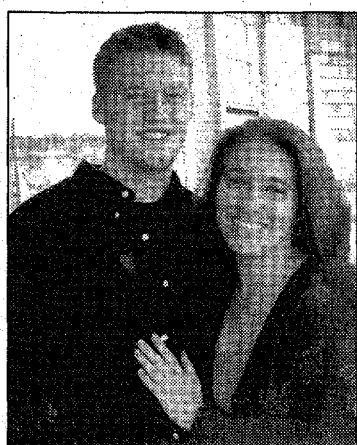
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Remarkable Women Live 2006

NEW VOICES



Leah Marie Bolognino
 Carl and Justine Bolognino of Plymouth announce the birth of their first grandchild, Leah Marie Bolognino, born June 20, 2006.
 Leah Marie was born to former Plymouth residents Charlie and Rachel Bolognino of Plymouth, Minn.
 Leah weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20.5 inches at birth. She is also the granddaughter to Jeff and Suzanne Johnson of Flint.



All-Chernenkoff

Thomas and Judy All of Brownstown announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Marie All, to Steven Russell Chernenkoff, son of Russell and Celeste Chernenkoff of Livonia.
 Kristen and Steve are seniors at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Kristen is studying elementary education and Steve is majoring in marketing and business management.
 They plan a November 2007 wedding.

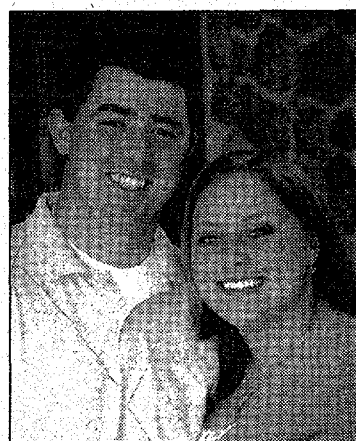
ENGAGEMENTS

Davis-Ott
 Robin and Mary Davis of Oakwood Village, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Marie Davis, to Brian Andrew Ott.
 The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Bedford High School in Ohio and a 2005 graduate of Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio. She is volunteer coordinator for Adoption Network in Cleveland.
 The prospective groom of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, is the son of Mark and Janet Ott of Canton. He is a 1999 graduate of Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Case Western Reserve University. He is a senior developer for PsyMax



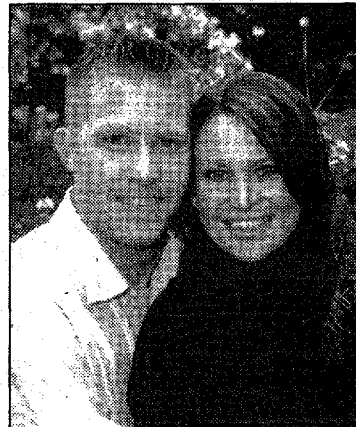
Solutions in Cleveland. A May 2007 wedding is planned for Holy Rosary Church in Cleveland.

Jaskolski-Steele
 Bob and Mary Jaskolski of Howell announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Jaskolski, to Brian Steele, son of Joe and Kathy Steele of Grosse Pointe.
 The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in social studies (elementary education) from Grand Valley State University, and is working at Costco while seeking an elementary teaching position.
 The prospective groom earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality tourism management from Grand Valley State University and works as food



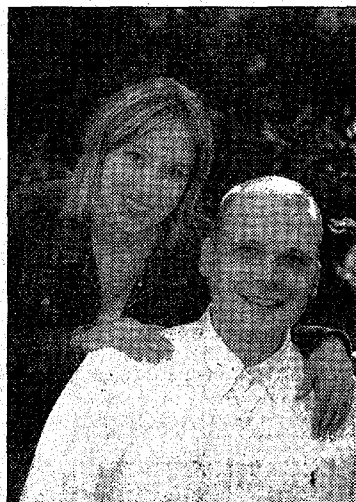
and beverage director at the Grosse Pointe Club. An April 2007 wedding is planned.

LaChance-Briggs
 Patricia and Scott LaChance of Portage announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Beth LaChance, to Douglas Thorson Briggs, the son of Pamela and Loren Briggs of Plymouth.
 The bride-to-be earned a degree in human resource management from Western Michigan University and is the human resource manager at Stryker Instruments.
 The prospective groom earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Western Michigan University and is a quality engineer at Summit Polymer.
 A September 2006 wedding



is planned in Kalamazoo. The couple plans a honeymoon to Kauai, Hawaii, and will reside in Dallas.

Polaczyk-Slatton
 Merry-Jean Harshman, of Livonia, and stepfather Edward Harshman, of Lathrup Village, along with father Joseph Polaczyk, of Detroit, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Merry Polaczyk, of Westland, to Lance Aaron Slatton, of Westland, son of Jan Scicluna, of Trenton, and Marvin Slatton, of Carleton and step-father Paul Scicluna, of Malta.
 The couple will be married in late October at the Hartland Music Hall in Hartland with a wedding reception at the Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland. Pastor Tim Terhune, of Faith Bible Church in Livonia, will officiate.



Lapham-Almodovar
 Trish Young and Farmington native Harry Lapham, Jr., announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Marie Lapham, of Livonia, to Felix Ruben Almodovar, of Livonia, the son of Ruben and Carmen Almodovar, of Ponce, Puerto Rico.
 The bride-to-be was born and raised in Farmington and attended Our Lady of Sorrows School and graduated from Mercy High School in 1998. She has a bachelor's degree from Alma College and is working toward another degree in accounting and CPA certification.
 The groom-to-be was born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico and he came to Michigan to attend college. He will soon graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering from



Eastern Michigan University. The couple will be married in late August at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington and a reception will be held at the Marriott in Livonia. They will spend their honeymoon in Aruba.

Turkowski-Kremer
 Gerald Paul and Lois Turowski of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Marie Turowski of Canton, to Samuel Thomas Kremer of Farmington Hills.
 The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Portage Central High School and graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Pulte Homes in Canton.
 The prospective groom is the son of Michael and Kathryn Kremer of Farmington Hills. He is a 2000 graduate of Farmington High School and a



graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by C.H. Robinson of Ann Arbor.

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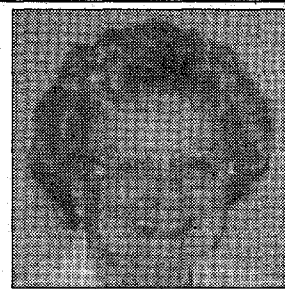
GEORGE APPLETON BALL, SR. PhD

age 85 of Rochester Hills, August 12, 2006. Loving husband of the late Mary Jane Ball. Dear father of George A. Jr. (Anne) Ball, Janet A. (James) Delaney, David L. (Jennifer) Ball and Cindy J. (Mark) Eby. Grandfather of David (Amy) Ball, Karen (Arthur) Doble, Jennifer (Dhammika Dharmapala) Delaney, Michael (Jessica) Delaney, Jeffrey Ball, Eric Eby and Nikki Eby. Great grandfather of Benjamin and Nathaniel. George obtained his PhD in engineering science and applied physics at Harvard University and worked in research for Chrysler for over 30 years. Along with his wife, George was a founding member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ. Memorial service Sunday, September 3, 2006, 2:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to the Church. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook at www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



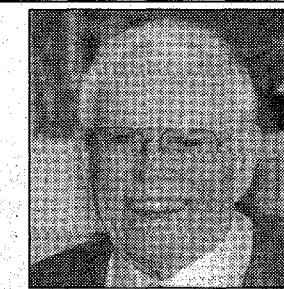
MILDRED PAULINE BEERS

age 87 began her new adventure and was reunited with husband Maury on Monday, August 14 after resting comfortably at her 30-year residence in Westland, Michigan. After putting up an extremely brave fight against Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma for the last eight years and losing Maurice last January, Mrs. Beers is now reunited with her beyond-life partner and the rest of her family which she missed so much. Born January 24, 1919 in Madison, Ohio to parents Lawrence and Waite Eller of Geneva, Ohio. Mrs. Beers entered life as part of a very large, rural farming family and was involved in death by her parents, three brother: Clarence, Merrell and Lawrence Eller Jr and six sisters: Vesta White, Lula Beaber, Mabel Wolcott, Susie Maltby, Ethel Cosgrove, Lela Pethtel, Verness (who died in infancy) and, of course, her husband and now eternal partner, Maurice C. Beers. Mr. Beers passed during January 2006. Mildred Beers was a Life Member of Nankin Chapter #238 and the Grand Chapter of Michigan in the Order of Eastern Star. She served in many capacities throughout the years but, most notably, 1972-73 and 1991-92 as Worthy Matron of Strathmore and Plymouth Chapters and was appointed to the Grand Committee of Michigan in 1977 (Meinhart-Malacos). She also was the Grand Representative of Indiana in Michigan in 1998. Through OES and many other charitable organizations such as the March Of Dimes and countless others, Mrs Beers gave both of her time and resources to help others in need throughout her lifetime. If she has any regrets after her long and productive life, we're sure it's that she won't be here to celebrate the Detroit Tigers World Series win this year. (She'll be lending her support from "above".) She is survived by her sons, Richard Beers of Las Vegas, NV and James Beers, currently of Westland, MI. As someone who always tried to supply guidance, love and tolerance to "her boys" she will be deeply missed but always appreciated. She is also survived by her two remaining sisters: Maxine King and Clouris Arden, both of Geneva, Ohio, sister-in-laws Verna Oehlenschlaeger of Wooster, Ohio and Viola Beers of Temecula, CA. She also leaves hundreds of friends, nieces, nephews and extended family. She was loved and admired by many. The world will miss Mildred Beers very much, but her generous nature and lifetime accomplishments will always be remembered and set examples for others. Visitation will be at LJ Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd in Westland Michigan on Friday, August 25 from 6-9PM and Saturday, August 26 from Noon - 4PM. The funeral service will commence on Saturday at 2:30 PM, finishing with the Order of Eastern Star recognition at 3:30PM. For details, call RJ Griffin at 1-734-522-9400. An OES Luncheon will be held at Wayne Masonic Temple following these services. Mildred will be laid to rest along with husband Maury and her parents at Glenwood Cemetery in Conneaut, Ohio following a service at Marcy Funeral Home in Conneaut on Monday, August 28th. Graveside services will be held the following Tuesday, Marcy Funeral home: 1-440-593-4253. Donations will be made to: Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801. Envelopes will be available at the funeral homes.



HELEN B. ROBERTSON

Age 89, August 16, 2006. Loving wife of 12 years to the late Paul C. Robertson, Sr. Dear mother of Robert Brookman and Janet Brookman. Grandmother of Rob, Molly and Matt, as well as two great-grandchildren. Also survived by Paul's children: Paul C. Robertson, Jr. (Jan), Mary Jane Bower (John), Martha Giles (Greg), Julia Romaine (Jim), David W. Robertson (Nancy) and John B. Robertson (Kathy). She was preceded in death by her first husband Arthur Foster Brookman. Memorial Service Saturday, August 26, 2006, at 11 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. Memorial Tributes to Canterbury on the Lake (Memo line: Good Samaritan Fund), 5601 Hatchery Road, Waterford, MI 48329. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



PAUL C. ROBERTSON, SR.,

formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died August 17, 2006, at age 89. Founder of Robertson Brothers Co. Husband of the late Ruth and the late Helen Brookman. Dear father of Paul C., Jr. (Jan), Mary Jane Bower (John), Martha Giles (Greg), Julia Romaine (Jim), David W. (Nancy) and John B. (Kathy). Stepfather of Robert and Janet Brookman. Grandfather of 21 and great-grandfather of nine. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy (between Maple and Big Beaver) Sunday 2-5PM and Monday 4-8PM. Funeral Service Tuesday 10AM at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Visitation at church begins Tuesday at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital or First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham Organ Fund. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



MARIAN A. BORDINE

FOUNDER, BORDINE NURSERY, PASSES AWAY AT 91. Marian A. Bordine was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 23, 1915. She graduated from Southwestern High School as an excellent scholar during the Depression. In Marian's younger years she worked at C & F Grocery Store and then for the Detroit Board of Education supervising 200 people in a WWII program. Marian met Darrell Bordine, her late husband, at the Greystone Ballroom in Detroit. The eloped to Ohio in 1936. Darrell was a truck farmer from Milan, Michigan and saw the current Rochester Hills Bordine Nursery location on June 17, 1939-the same day is first child, Bruce, was born. Darrell and Marian purchased the Rochester Hills site from a bankrupt greenhouse with trees growing through the roof! The original land purchased was 6 1/2 acres (now 36 acres) on a two-lane Rochester Road. Marian lived with her parents on 20th & Bagley (near the Ambassador Bridge) while Darrell stayed at the greenhouse to start the family business. In 1942, Marian quit her job with the Board of Education to work hand in hand with her husband. Over the years, Marian did everything from tending to the crops, taking care of the bookkeeping, doing the Christmas buying and putting together the Bordine Spring Catalogs. Marian was also a life member of the Rochester Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Marian's husband, Darrell, passed away in 1978. Marian did not enjoy living on her own, so a year later, she moved in with her best friend, Doris Fenner (who was Bordine's first CPA from Fenner, Melstrom & Dooling). Marian Bordine and Doris Fenner retired in 1980 and enjoyed traveling throughout North America in their motor home. They enjoyed their winters in Hobe Sound, Florida. Up until recent years, "Mrs B" (as the "Purple People" at Bordine Nursery affectionately refer to her) could still be found every Spring in the greenhouse tending to her beloved geraniums. Marian is survived by her best friend, Doris Fenner; son, Bruce Bordine; daughter, Carole Manning Whaley (David); late son, Earl Bordine, M.D.; and daughter-in-law Jesslyn Bordine; daughter-in-law, Pauline Schaefer; 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be directed to "The Women's Fund" of the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester and to the Rochester Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home of Rochester. Funeral Services have taken place. Share memories at www.mem.com



RETA MARIE SIMONS

Age 93, of Purcellville, VA, formerly of Stuart, FL, died July 8, 2006, in Leesburg, VA. Born on March 24, 1913, in Regina, Canada, a daughter of the late John D. Petersen and the late Silvia Maul Petersen. Reta received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan where she helped set up the Women's Continuum. Working towards her doctorate in Psychology and counseling, she stopped short and decided to defer to fashion a similar program for Oakland Community College, Bloomfield Hills, MI. She served as Professor and Director of Counseling and Placement for Oakland Community College. Mrs. Simons was also a private pilot, a graduate of Detroit Conservatory of Music (Piano), Marle School of Classical Ballet, and a jewelry designer. Mrs. Simons was active in multiple professional societies and sat on many boards. One of her proudest accomplishments was serving as the Founder and first Chairman of the Board of Project Transition, Detroit, Michigan, a training program for women offenders to affect lasting social readjustment. She conceived of, instituted, and oversaw the program. It was the first live-in, go to school, and employment program for female offenders in the United States. With regret, she resigned after 5 years so she could spend more time as executive wife of Walter J. Simons, Treasurer and Int. VP of Chrysler Corp. When they retired to Sewells Point in Stuart, FL, she started the first Chapter, in Stuart, of the Christ Child Society. Reta loved people and tried to help wherever she could. In addition to raising her three children in Bloomfield Village, she also raised 2 teen foster children. After her husband of 50 years died in 1986, she married Linus MacKenzie, who passed away in 2000. In 1998 she sold her beloved "Windy Hill" property, in Northern, MI, where many friends enjoyed time and her children and grandchildren enjoyed years of activities. Her son, Jay Simons, and his wife Georgiene, of Melbourne, FL, her daughter, Dr. Cheryl McGee of Purcellville, VA, 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandsons, two nieces, one nephew, and five great nieces and nephews survive her. One son, Dale L. Simons, died in 1994, and one brother, Jack Petersen, also predeceased her. A family memorial service and interment will be conducted August 20, 2006, in Torch Lake, Michigan, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband and son. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the ASPCA. Arrangements by: Loudoun Funeral Chapels, Leesburg, VA.

DEE McMULLEN

age 98, of Plymouth, passed away August 18, 2006, in Northville, MI. Beloved husband of Pauline, loving father of Thomas (June), Don (Norma), Ron (Delores), Larry, Harry (Linda), Jack (Linda), and the late Dale McMullen and Doris Slader, grandfather of 20, great-grandfather of 43, and great-great-grandfather of 22. Mr. McMullen was a wire cutter for 20 years with the Burroughs Corporation and he worked for the Lincoln Mercury dealership in Plymouth part time for 30 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Tennessee. Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, from 3-9 pm, funeral services will be held at the funeral home Monday, Aug. 21, at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

BARBARA K. SLOCUM

Age 75, August 17, 2006. Wife of William R. Slocum. Mother of Gail Logsdon and Scott Slocum. Sister of Bruce M. Kinney. Grandmother of Molly and Kelsey Logsdon. Memorial Service, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, 11am Wednesday, August 23rd. In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to charity of choice. Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Company, 1-248-644-6000

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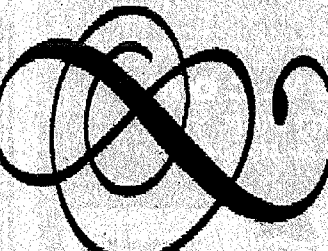


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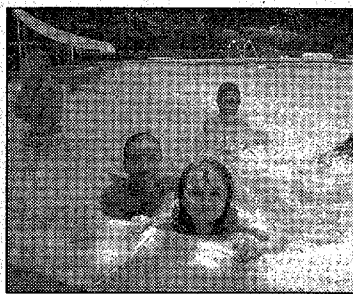
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May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

Families host children they hope to adopt

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



By Tuesday Anastasiia was having fun at a pool party in Clarkston with Sonja Glover, a Livonia woman who is hosting the Ukrainian orphan with her husband, Brian.

Anastasiia was afraid to go into Pontiac Lake the day after her flight from Ukraine last weekend. By Tuesday, the 7-year-old orphan was floating in a tube at a pool party in Clarkston and Sonja and Brian Glover couldn't be more excited about watching her grow. The Livonia couple is one of 11 Michigan families hosting a child for three weeks with the hope of adopting.

Anastasiia and the other children think they're coming to America to experience life in this country. They have no idea that one day these generous families could be their parents, brothers and sisters.

The Glovers have no children of their own that's why they decided to contact Adopt a Miracle, a nonprofit Colorado-based adoption agency specializing in international adoptions. Anastasiia comes from an orphanage in the city of Makiivka in the Doneck region. A total of 23 of the home's children, ages 7 to 12, are being hosted by families around the United States.

"We've been trying for about six years and haven't been able to have a child," said Sonja Glover. "We were nervous, but we just bonded with Anastasiia."

"I noticed she was very timid until we brought out the squirt guns," added Brian Glover. "She bonded with everybody during a good squirt gun fight. How rewarding it is even hosting them."

Although Anastasiia's brother Illya was too young at age 5 to make the trip, the couple would like to make him part of their family, too, but families do not necessarily have to be considering adoption to host a child. Currently families are being sought for the next group of orphans coming from Russia in December. The cost to host a child is \$2,500 and covers their plane ticket, visa

and medical care. For more information, visit www.hostachild.com.

Valerie and Robert Schendel adopted Marina, 12, two years ago from a Kazakhstan orphanage after hosting her in their Clarkston home. Adoptions cost around \$25,000. Today, Valerie is the area coordinator for the Host a Child program. On Tuesday the Schendels threw a pool party for the Michigan host families and children. She and Robert are hosting 10-year old Lakshmi whose father was born in India and mother in Ukraine.

"Once my husband, Robert, and I saw the children in the orphanage and how they got left behind, I decided I was going to find as many homes as I could. I believe all children need to be in a family environment and not in an institution," said Valerie Schendel.

"I'm a volunteer and a mom. Just because you host a child doesn't mean you have to adopt them. You can give the child a three week vacation and try to advocate for the child, to find the child a home."

The Glovers have a list of activities scheduled for Anastasiia's stay including the zoo, indoor rock climbing, and a trip to Kellogg's to see how cereal is made.

"We have a list of things to do," said Sonja. "We want to teach her to ride a bike. We bought books to teach her. My

family is Macedonian and the languages are similar but as far as the language barrier we're just going to wing it. We have a cheat sheet of things she points to when she wants something. When she wanted her hair cut she went to get the scissors."

Sonja isn't worried about communicating with Anastasiia at least for the four days that escort Viktoriia Bylybenko serves as a translator. Bylybenko says Ukrainian children don't learn English until second grade. Anastasiia just finished first grade. Bylybenko is one of two escorts who traveled with the children to Michigan.

"There are more and more orphans in Ukraine," said Bylybenko of Kiev. "They have a low life level. A lot of people don't have enough money to supply the kids with food and clothes."

Anastasiia Borsch doesn't think orphanages have changed much since she was adopted at 16 by a Massachusetts family. The 27-year-old Farmington Hills resident feels empathy for Anastasiia and hopes to spend time with her. Borsch lived in Russian Orphanage No. 46 from age 7. She came to the U.S. as an exchange student and was adopted by the host family.

"It seemed like a lifetime this morning waiting to see Anastasiia," said Borsch.

"Here, Anastasiia has this freedom she never had. We didn't play much. We wanted to go outdoors but had to do homework and cleaning. When I was little I remember seeing kids get adopted and asking 'why not me, am I bad?' In the orphanage we don't have family experience."

Valerie Schendel says the reason there are host programs is because "most people want (to adopt) an infant or toddler, but older children are every bit as lovable if given a chance."

The Glovers like the idea that Anastasiia and her brother are school age so Sonja can

continue working as a manager at Old Navy. Brian is a regional sales rep for Michigan and northern Ohio for Garden of Life nutritional supplements so part of the time can be spent with the children at home when he's not on the road. When either is unable to be there, Sonja's family can help since they live only four blocks away.

"By the time a child is 6 their chance of being adopted is declining," said Schendel who has four adult children of her own in addition to Marina. "By 16 orphanages let them go. Most often a girl's only hope is prostitution. Boys turn to drugs. Orphans are second class citizens around the world."

"I just think of myself as a mom and anyone who wants to be a mom will love these children."

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

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2. "Angels Fall," Nora Roberts
3. "The Messenger," Daniel Silva
4. "The Ruins," Scott Smith
5. "Phantom," Terry Goodkind

NON-FICTION

1. "Fiasco," Thomas E. Ricks

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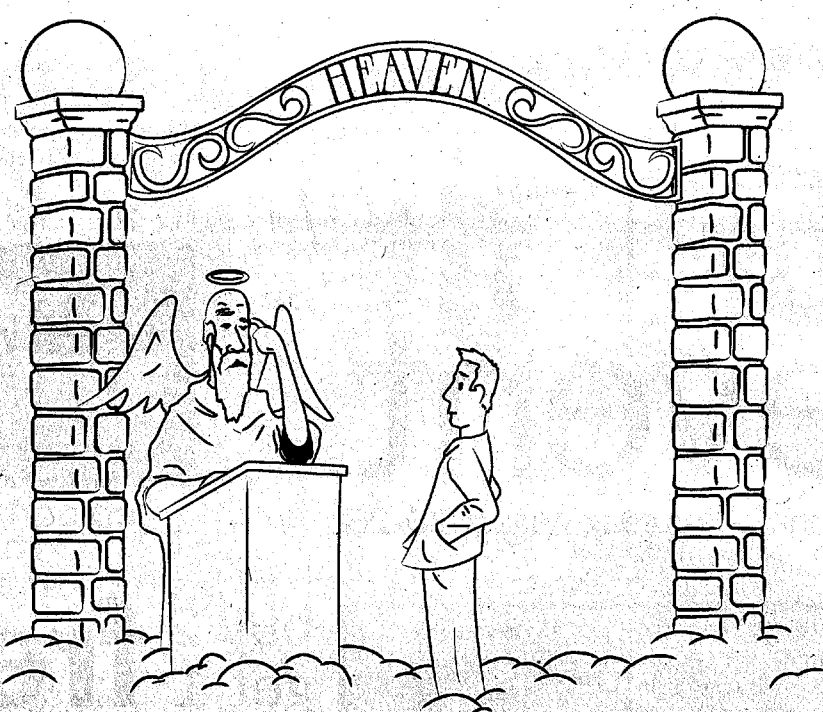
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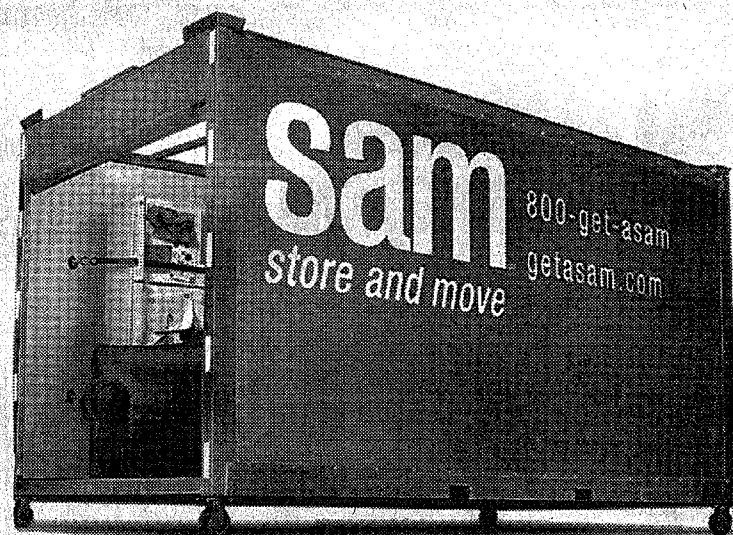
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WEDDING

Paskievitch-Mezzaros

Julie Marie Paskievitch of Whitmore Lake and Mark Joseph Meszaros of Canton were married Aug. 12 at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church in Whitmore Lake. The Rev. Gerald Gawronski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Nancy Paskievitch of Whitmore Lake. She is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a preschool teacher at the Discovery Center in Ann Arbor.

She was attended by Janet Paskievitch, sister of the bride; Lisa Paskievitch, sister-in-law of the bride; Amanda Welton, friend of the bride; Tracy Meszaros, sister of the groom; and Diane Meszaros, sister-in-law of the groom.

The groom is the son of Alex and Carol Meszaros of Canton. He is a 1992 graduate of Canton High School and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by American Aqua Inc. in Saline.



He was attended by Greg Meszaros, brother of the groom; Bradley Paskievitch, brother of the bride; Tony Coshatt, friend of the groom; Gilbert Gonzales, friend of the groom; and Chris Brooks, friend of the groom.

A reception was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. The couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They will make their home in Canton.

Richardses celebrate

50th anniversary
Gordon and Glenda Richards will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1. They were married Sept. 1, 1956, at the First Methodist Church in Ferndale and have lived in the same location in Westland for 46 years.

They have six children, Gordon, Geri, John, Jim, Craig and Jeannie. They have 16 grandchildren.

Glenda has been a past volunteer at the Cooper Elementary School for 20 plus years. She is a past officer of the Parent Teacher Association and a past member of the Parent Education Group at Whittier Junior High School. For the past 18 years she has been a volunteer member of the Garden City Hospital Guild Association.

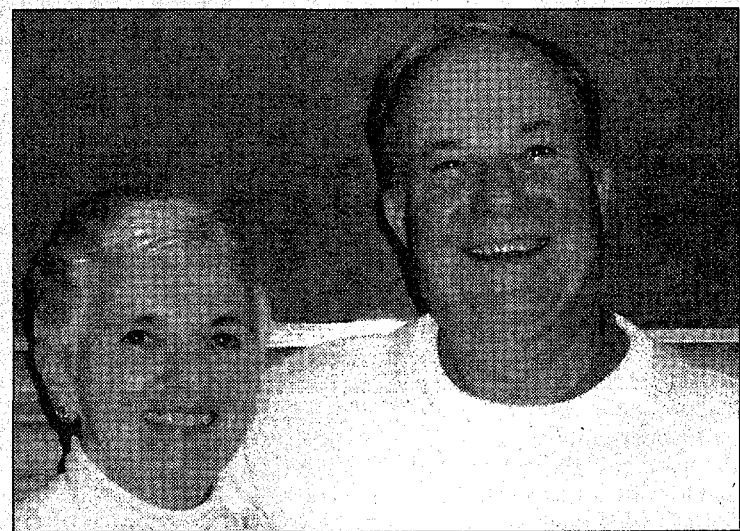
Gordon served 4 1/2 years in the U.S. military. He served as a paratrooper and was a veteran of the Korean War and is a member of VFW Post 3323 in



Westland. He is past member of the Westland Youth Athletic Association. He was a charter member of the Arbor Trail Estates Civic Association. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology and Wayne State University. He is retired from Sperry Corp. where he worked for 26 years.

They will celebrate their anniversary with a family gathering.

ANNIVERSARIES



Fritsch 50th anniversary
Glenn and Dianne Fritsch of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married Sept. 8, 1956, in Detroit.

The couple has three children, Pat and Patty Fritsch of Livonia; Kathy and Kevin Summers of Livonia; and Susan and Evan Stitt of Peachtree City, Ga.

They have seven grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, volunteering at St. Aidan's Church, and wintering in Florida.

Glenn is retired from AAA in Dearborn. A party is planned at DeLuca's for family and friends



on Sept. 2.

Johnstons celebrate 50th anniversary

James R. (Bob) Johnston and Patricia (Melville) Johnston of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 14. The couple was married July 14, 1956, in Detroit.

They have two children, Ronald (Laura) Johnston, and Linda (Bruce) Elenbogen, and two grandsons, Andrew and Josh.

Bob Johnston is a retired electrical engineer from Burroughs Corp. Pat is a retired secretary.



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WEDDINGS

Bax-Hibner

Mandy Hibner and Philip Bax, both of Redford, were married July 29 at an outdoor ceremony at Waterford Oaks County Park in Waterford. Pastor Mark Evans of St. John Lutheran Church, Romeo, officiated. A reception for 200 guests immediately followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Timothy and Kathy Hibner of Romeo. Mandy is a 1998 graduate of Romeo High School. She is self-employed as a state licensed home appraiser. Her maid of honor was her sister, Alison Hibner. Bridesmaids included close friends, Ericka Florence, Melanie Lapan and Melissa Drake. Lindsey Albone, Mandy's cousin, was the flower girl.

The groom is the son of Ed and Pat Bax of Livonia. Phil is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School. He is employed by Sterling Millwork as a carpenter foreman. Phil's best man was a close friend, Greg Job.



Groomsmen were friends, Ben Marcums, Jacob Goedde and Craig Bax, the groom's brother. The bride's brothers Jeremy Hibner and Nathan Hibner served as ushers. Tyler Streeter, Mandy's cousin, was the ring bearer.

Powers-Thompson

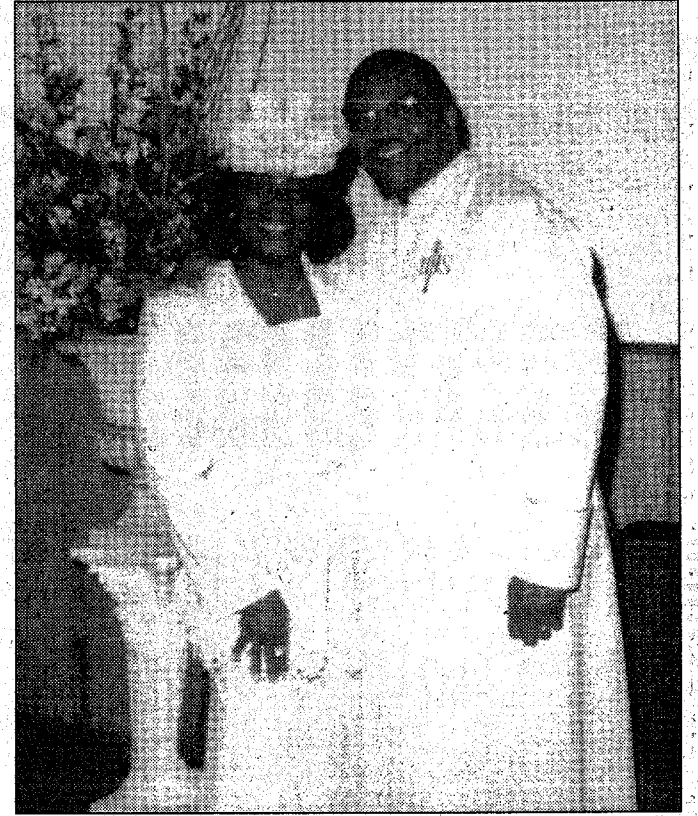
Steve and Debi Johnson of Plymouth announce the wedding of their daughter, Carol Christina Powers, to Robert Michael Thompson, son of Greg and Debbie Thompson of Walled Lake. The couple was married May 12, 2006 at Mill Race Historical Village with Pastor John Shinn officiating.

The bride earned a degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University and works as a chef. The groom is a Wayne State University graduate and is in the U.S. Army.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Beth Biddle, her sister, and by bridesmaids Christina Wight, Stephanie Kivell and Melissa Westfall. The groom was attended by best man James Kirby and groomsmen Kyle Martin, Andy Brown and Dan Ramala.



After their reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, the couple honeymooned by exploring Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



Congregation honors pastor

The congregation of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church in Westland will celebrate the 10th anniversary of District Elder Luke A. McClendon's pastorship with a reception at 2:30 p.m. today at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Romulus. Elder McClendon is shown with his wife Mary Fran McClendon.

Tea Aug. 26 lauds women's voting rights

Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of women winning the right to vote in 1920, is being celebrated 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, with "Tea and ERA" at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies, the education arm of Michigan ERAmerica, is the main sponsor of the program, which will feature an ERA: Legislative Update, a brief film entitled "Unfinished Business for the Constitution," and a live Suffrage Reenactment of Ernestine Rose, who spoke to the Michigan Legislature in 1846 and asked for the right of women to vote.

Donation for the afternoon tea and program is \$20. Checks should be made payable to Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies and mailed to 21697 McClung, Southfield, MI 48075.

Also co-sponsoring the afternoon are the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Michigan, the Business and Professional Women of Michigan, League of Women Voters of Michigan, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit.

Additional informational is available by calling (248) 355-5233 or (734) 425-3572.

Sparks-Mitchell

Jerry Sparks of Alpena and Mary Simmons of Marysville announce the wedding of their daughter, Kimberly Jean Sparks, to Eric Bradley Mitchell, son of David and Deborah Mitchell of Canton. The couple was married April 29, 2006 at Sterling Heights United Methodist Church.

The bride is a graduate of Marysville High School, Western Michigan University, the Seton Hall School of Law and is an attorney in Northville.

The groom is a graduate of Canton High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is an engineer at Albert Kahn Associates.

The bride was attended by Nicole Kwiatkowski, Cari Socia, Abigail Mitchell, Sarah Mitchell, Amanda



Reichenbach and Anna and Alex Reichenbach.

The groom was attended by Ryan McClain, Christopher Jones, Keith Provenzano, Jason Mautone, Gary Lewandowski, Jon Stevwe and Jay Schultz.

After a reception at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights and a honeymoon trip to Sandals Grande, Ocho Rios in Jamaica, the couple established their home in Northville.

Abrahamson-Vail

John and Karen Abrahamson of Livonia are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Adam Abrahamson to Amy Elizabeth Vail, daughter of Christina and Paul Vail, of Sarnia, Ontario.

Amy and Adam were married July 15, 2006, at St. Paul's Church in Sarnia, and the reception followed at the Guildwood Inn in Sarnia.

The maid of honor was Molly Vail, sister of the bride, and the best man was Matthew Abrahamson, brother of the groom. Anita Scott served as a bridesmaid, and Michael Abrahamson (Seminole, Fla.) served as a groomsman.

After their honeymoon in Port Stanley, Ontario, the couple will reside in Sarnia, and attend Lambton College, where Amy is studying nursing, and Adam is studying chemical production engineering.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact chair Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or email jpopel4tam-pabay.rr.com.

Bishop Borgess High School

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance; contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

REUNIONS

Belleville High School

All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chair, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the

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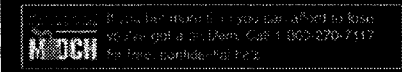
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Immunize

Vaccinations prevent infectious diseases

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jackie Lanier-Ingram is cautioning parents that just because the recent outbreak of mumps cases in the Plymouth-Canton area has died down, children still need immunizations in order to be protected against infectious diseases. It's Lanier-Ingram's job to keep track of the diseases and oversee the school immunization program for the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

Children are required to have all of their records up to date with diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; polio; measles, mumps and rubella; influenza type B; hepatitis B, and chickenpox (varicella) vaccinations before starting school or attending a child care center.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2007, children (2 months to 4 years old) will also be required to have a pneumococcal conjugate vaccination (PCV7) before attending preschool, Head Start or licensed child care programs.

Older children must provide the school with a record showing that a child has received all of the above immunizations, except for influenza and PCV7. Although not a requirement, Lanier-Ingram recommends the influenza vaccine to avoid complications and missed school days. Her 7-year-old and 14-year-old children have had all of their shots.

"Although we don't see the frequency of diseases as we saw years ago, it's because we've done a good job of getting our children immunized," said Jackie Lanier-Ingram, disease control manager for the Wayne County Health Department.

"It's important that they have all of their shots. Make sure they're protected."

Although the Oakland County Health Division hasn't recorded any cases of mumps, George Miller is concerned about a slight increase in whooping cough (pertussis), a disease which can lead to rib fractures, pneumonia and hospitalization. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there were more than 25,000 cases of pertussis in the U.S. in 2004, and the numbers continue to rise. Although the annual average was more than 200,000 cases between 1934 to 1943, the routine recommendation for pertussis vaccination in the 1940s and 1950s eventually led to a historic low of 1,010 cases in 1976. Since the 1980s,



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Jennifer Sexton holds daughter Brianna Sexton, reacting to an immunization injection from Constance Joyner, a registered nurse from Canton. Brianna starts kindergarten in September at Schweitzer Elementary in the Wayne-Westland school district.

the number of reported pertussis cases has increased although the cause is unclear.

"It reminds us immunizations remain very important," said George Miller, health officer for the Oakland County Health Division. "It's been shown in the past, like with polio, that we can prevent some catastrophic diseases in children and adults. We're constantly stressing kids need to be up to date with immunizations. We'd like to see them come in before school starts, not after school starts when the lines are long."

Kay Renny, a registered nurse at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA) said the CDC is so concerned about the increase in whooping cough nationally that in 2005 the governmental agency licensed Tdap vaccines for diphtheria and tetanus that includes pertussis (Adacel for ages 11-64 and Boostrix, ages 10-18) to help reduce the number of cases of pertussis among adolescents. For many years, adolescents and adults received Td (tetanus and diphtheria) boosters that did not contain pertussis vaccine. Immunity to pertussis wanes approximately 5-10 years after completion of childhood pertussis vaccination, leaving adolescents and adults susceptible to pertussis, according to the CDC.

"Babies get immunized and get their last DTaP (diphtheria,

tetanus and pertussis) shot around age 4, so if you have siblings and parents who contract pertussis they can give it to the smaller child who is at more risk," said Renny, a Rochester resident who manages VNA's community programs. "A study showed almost one-third of pertussis transmission at home was caused by a mother, 20 percent by a sibling."

"We can educate parents through their kids. I ask parents when was the last time you had a tetanus shot. You should get one every 10 years. The CDC is asking everyone to get a tetanus shot with pertussis one time."

Renny is equally worried about the spread of bacterial meningitis among college freshman living in dorms. The fast-acting disease produces inflammation in the lining of the brain and spinal cord, and can cause death if not treated immediately.

The VNA offers immunizations for bacterial meningitis (for ages 15 and individuals entering college this fall) and Tdap (ages 11-64) at its clinic in Oak Park.

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■ Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. Walk-ins 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday; and by appointment 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-7100. For information on school immunizations, call (734) 727-7036. For general information, call 734 727-7000.

■ St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers an Infant and Child Immunization Clinic for children under age 18, 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Five Mile entrance and bring all available immunization records to be updated; parent or guardian must be present. The fee is \$10 per child. Registration not required. For more information, call (734) 655-8950.

■ Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan offers meningitis (for age 15 and individuals entering college this fall) and Tdap (ages 11-64) immunizations at its Oak Park clinic, 25900 Greenfield, between 696 and 11 Mile, Suite 600 in the Crown Pointe Plaza. The clinic prefers appointments, but walk-ins are welcome from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

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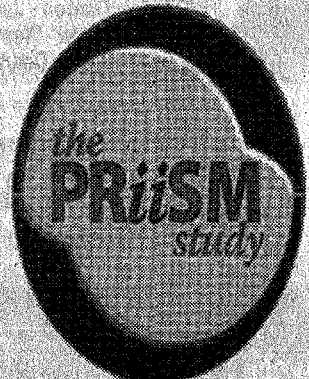
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Fibromyalgia workshop

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

Panic relief

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UPCOMING

Tai chi classes

Open house the week of Sept. 4, classes start week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-75, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

Common pediatric conditions

6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in classroom I of the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Features Dr. Harvey Leo talking about asthma and how life threatening food allergies pose a significant issue for both adults and children. Dr. Scott Moore discusses ear infections and their causes and treatment options. Pediatric neurologist Dr. Brian Woodruff focuses on childhood headaches and seizures, symptoms and diagnosis, and treatment options. Pre-registration required. Visit www.stjosephmercyhealth.org or call (734) 712-5800.

Mini health fair

Livonia Parkinson's Support Group is hosting a Parkinson Mini-Health Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

An Ask the Doctor sessions with Dr. N. Taylor, D.O., a neurologist, will be offered. Vendors with information about Parkinson's Disease will also be available. For information, call (734) 421-4208.

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The Rat Pack is Back goes smoke-free for a performance Sept. 12, at the Gem Theater in Detroit to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's research, education and advocacy initiatives. The show recreates one of the famous Las Vegas performances with Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean. Tickets are \$50, \$110 for a special pre-show and VIP dinner at the Century Grille Restaurant. Call (248) 784-2030.

Educational program

Presented by The Alliance for The Mentally Ill of Oakland County, Families In Action Educational Program begins Wednesday Sept. 13, for people with a loved one that has been diagnosed with a form of mental illness. It is a series of 10, two-hour weekly sessions. The family members who conduct the program are people that have lived the hardships of mental illness and have been trained on how to share their experiences with others. Classes are held on the St. Regis Parish School Campus in West Bloomfield and open to all Metro-Detroit residents. Class size is limited. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 348-7196 for additional information or visit www.amioakland.org.

Empowered to care

A training series focusing on providing care and support 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27, and Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, in the 2 East A Conference Room at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. Weekly topics include teaching listening and communication skills to build empathy, helping children to deal with grief, how to talk to the dying, learning to be sensitive in our diverse world, the impact of religion on health care delivery, ministering to the mentally ill, and the cycle of substance abuse and treatment options. Cost is \$35 for all sessions or \$6 per session. For information or to register, call (248) 471-8850. This series is especially helpful for clergy and church/synagogue workers, health care providers, pastoral care volunteers, and family members.

Golf benefit

Putt Putt Charity Challenge presented by Heartland Health Care Centers 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Oasis Putt Golf Center on Five Mile, Plymouth. The fund-raiser benefits several different charities in the area including American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society. Sponsors choose the charity their donations go to. All donations are welcome. Any donations for goodie bags would also be appreciated. For more information, or sponsorship, call (734) 455-0510 or send e-mail to 4040admiss@hcr-manorcare.com.

Kidney disease walk

To find a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease 10 a.m. (9 a.m. registration) Saturday, Sept. 16, at Rotary Park, 32184 Six Mile, Livonia. Pre-register online at www.pkdcure.org and follow walk links to Detroit Walk. Fee is \$15 adult, \$10 age 12 and under. For more information, call (248) 478-5159 or (248) 632-1328.

Liver Foundation walk

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 (registration at 9 a.m.), at Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville, to raise money and awareness of liver diseases. The walk is wheelchair and stroller accessible. The American Liver Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to preventing, treating and curing hepatitis and other liver diseases through research, education and advocacy. 100-percent of net proceeds go to fight liver disease in Michigan. For information or to register, call (888) MY-LIVER (888) 695-4837 or log onto www.liverfoundation.org/michigan.

Educational program

Presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, a program to promote the use of complementary therapies for cancer patients and the metro-Detroit community 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive. Registration is \$15 for current Karmanos patients, \$25 for general public, \$50 for VIP tickets which includes special seating and gift. Call (313) 576-9281 to register for Experience Wellness program. Attendees will have the chance to experience and observer therapies such as massage, reflexology, Reiki, tai chi, yoga and more.

Passport to safety

A day dedicated to the safety of children, includes bike and water safety, 911 training, choking and poisoning, stranger danger, and computer, automobile, and fire safety 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at laurel Park Place, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniapassportsafety.com.

SIDS walks

Saturday, Sept. 16, 8:45 a.m. check-in, 10 a.m. start, at Dodge Park, 40620 Utica Road, Sterling Heights. Fund-raiser for Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS, a nonprofit to reduce the risk of death for infants. Sunday, Sept. 17, 12:45 p.m. check-in, 2 p.m. start, at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck, Northville. For information, visit www.mibabywalks.org or send e-mail to jjquiring@msn.com, or call (800) 331-7437.

JDRC walk

To benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Sunday, Sept. 17, at two locations in Gallup Park in Ann Arbor and the GM Tech Center in Warren. For more information, visit www.jdrf.org or www.jdrfdetroit.org or call (248) 355-1133.

Bariatric seminar

Educational seminar on minimally invasive gastric bypass surgery 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, Five Mile, west of Levan. Speakers are Surgeon Tallal Zehni, M.D., medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, director, Bariatric Program. To register for the free seminar, call (734) 655-2692. For information, call (877) WHYWEIGHT.

ONGOING

Meningitis vaccinations

Parents, be sure your student is immunized for bacterial meningitis. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is offering vaccinations at its Oak Park office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. Walk-ins welcome, advance registration is preferred. Call (248) 967-8755 for more information.

Water aerobics classes

For moms and senior citizens, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP), continues through August noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at Sheldon Pool, 3123 Van Court, Livonia, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen. No charge for registration information, call (313) 664-8420.

Hospice volunteers

Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers, training in your area is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts two-three hours and can be conducted one-on-one with our trainer to meet the demands of your schedule. For more information, call Brian at (248) 320-0106.

American Red Cross blood drive Aug. 24 to help stabilize supply

The American Red Cross Blood Services of Michigan continues to urge donors statewide to prepare for emergencies by rebuilding a blood supply ravaged by a summer shortage.

The annual Farmington Hills blood drive is being held 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. Appointments can be made by calling (248) 473-1816.

There will be free bone marrow testing. This puts the donor into the National Bone Marrow Registry. You don't have to donate blood to be registered.

"Giving blood is a simple way you can help the ability of your community, state and nation to respond to crisis during these incredibly vulnerable times," said CEO Diane E. Ward of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services. "Every day, we hear from people who say how good it feels to know they can make a difference by simply volunteering to give blood."

Donating blood, recruiting a friend or family member to give, or signing up to sponsor a blood drive will help strengthen a blood supply severely weakened by low donor turnout. Blood shortages frequently occur in the summer, but natural disasters, increased traffic accidents, a waning economy, and a scorching heat



wave have compounded this year's shortage.

The two Red Cross blood regions serving Michigan report an overall blood supply of two days, with critical blood types like O-positive and O-negative at emergency levels of a day or less. The Red Cross considers a three-day supply safe, with five- to seven-days optimal.

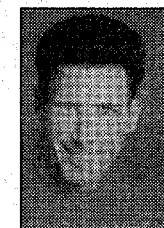
Building a strong and stable blood supply is key to helping the nation prepare, prevent and respond to emergencies—particularly during the upcoming National Preparedness Month in September.

"It's critical for blood to be available around-the-clock to meet ongoing and unexpected challenges," said Ward. "Together, we all have the power to make a difference simply by giving or encouraging others to donate blood."

Blood donors must be at least age 17, weigh 110 pounds, be in good general health, and provide a valid photo ID upon donation.

To make an appointment at a blood drive near you, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

Walk and run for fitness



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Joe from Royal Oak e-mails asking which is more beneficial, a hard run or a brisk walk. Joe, the answer may be a combination of them both!

For runners, walking breaks will add endurance as well as reduce stress on joints and muscles. Walkers, however, can enhance their workout and boost levels of good cholesterol by adding a

little running. Good cholesterol, HDL, helps you burn those extra calories. A good rule of thumb is one minute of jogging for every four minutes of walking. So, all in all, you can win the race for good health with a casual stroll.

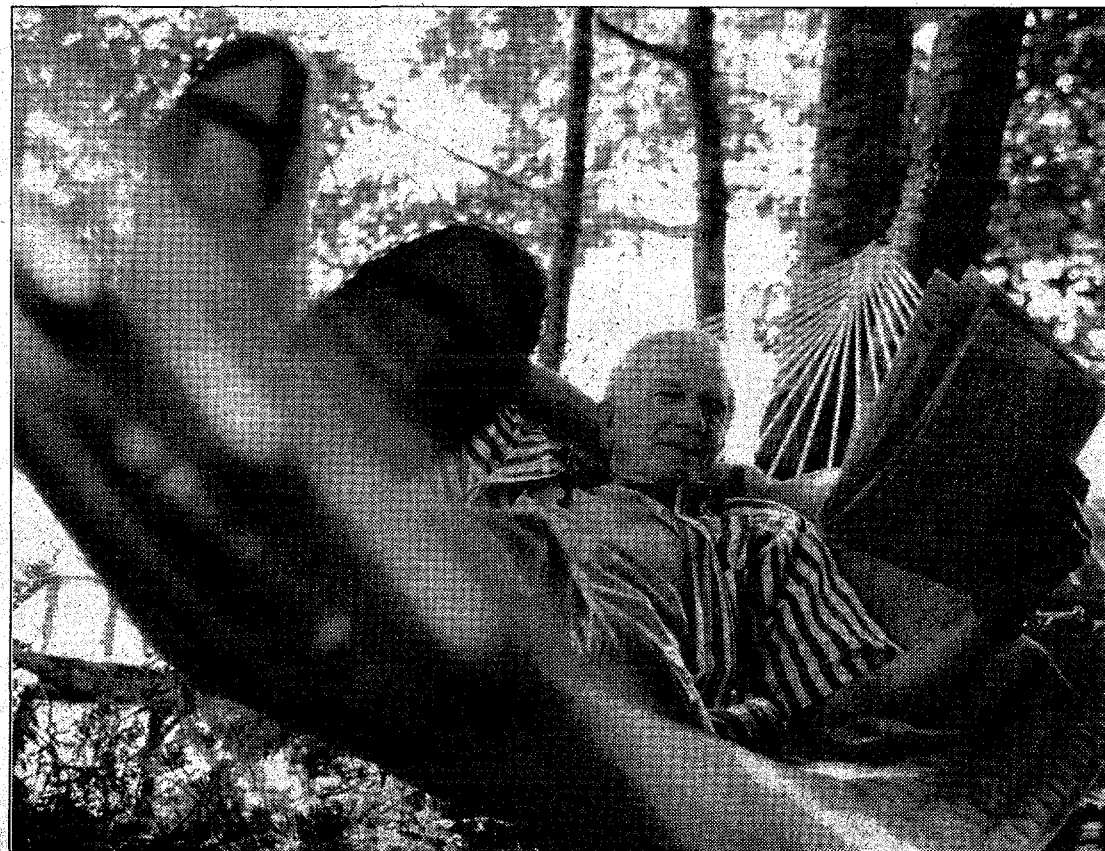
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Your physician can prescribe a pain medication such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Physical therapy may strengthen the quadriceps and hamstring muscles to lessen pressure on the joint, and knee injections may decrease pain for weeks to months. Though I am skeptical, orthopedists use artificial hyaluronate such as Synvisc, Hyalgan, or Storz1 to lubricate an osteoarthritic knee.
The aim of each of these therapies is to keep you moving. When they no longer work, you don't buy a rocking chair, you see an orthopedist for a knee replacement.
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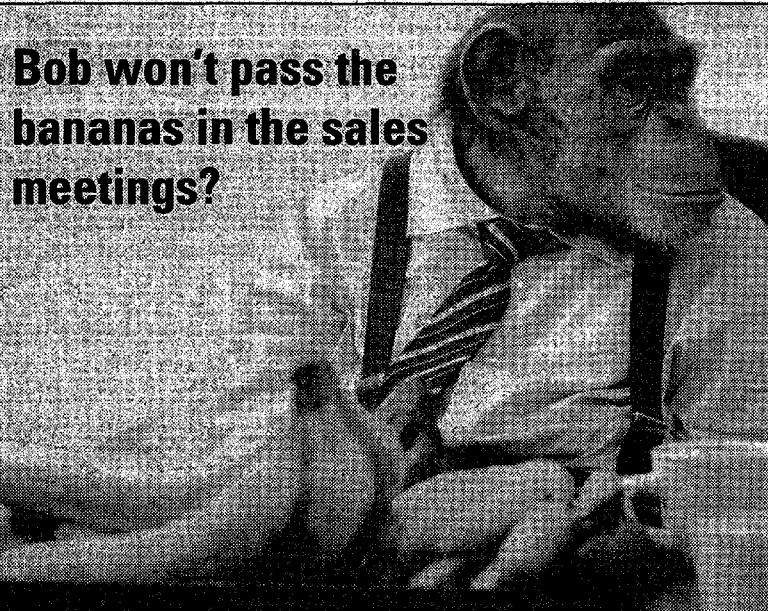


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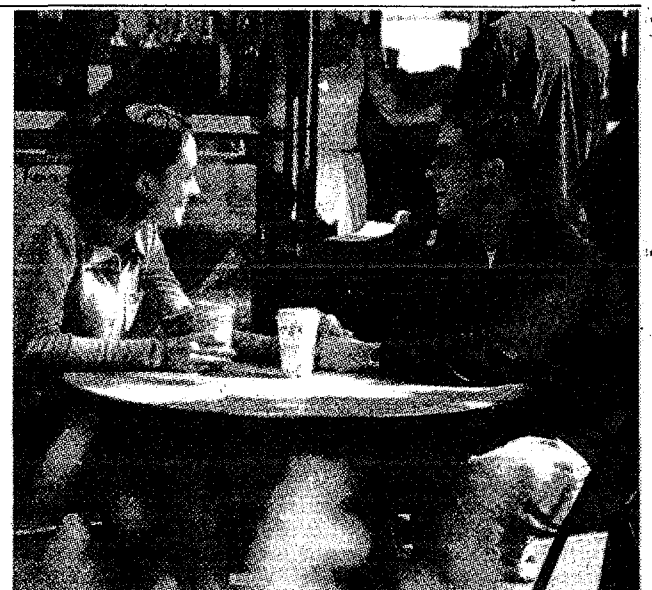
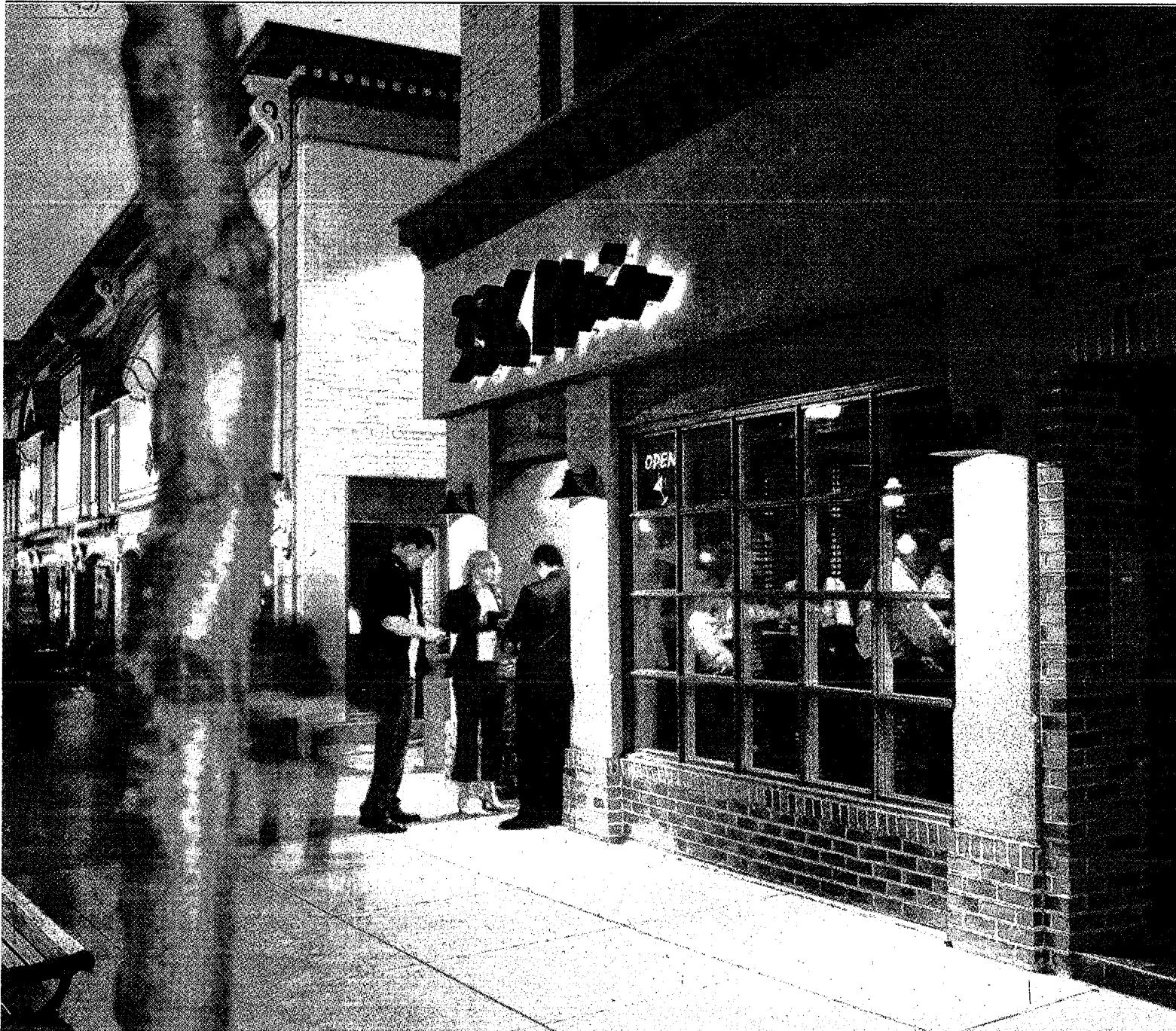
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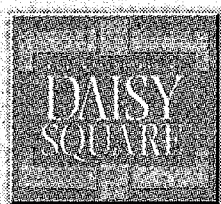
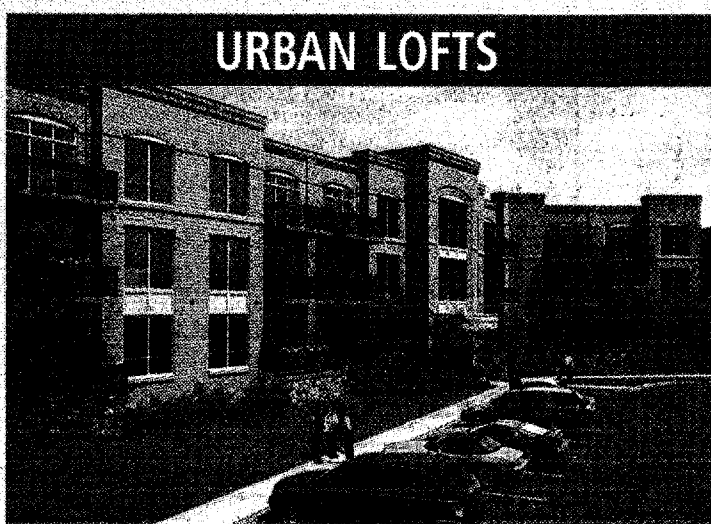
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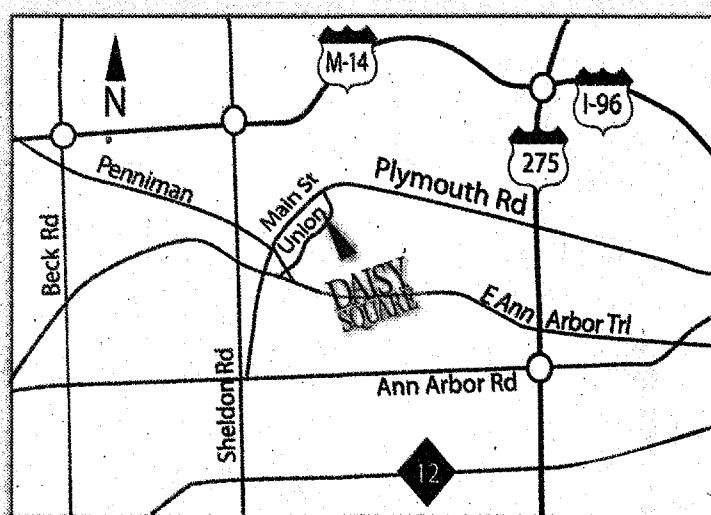
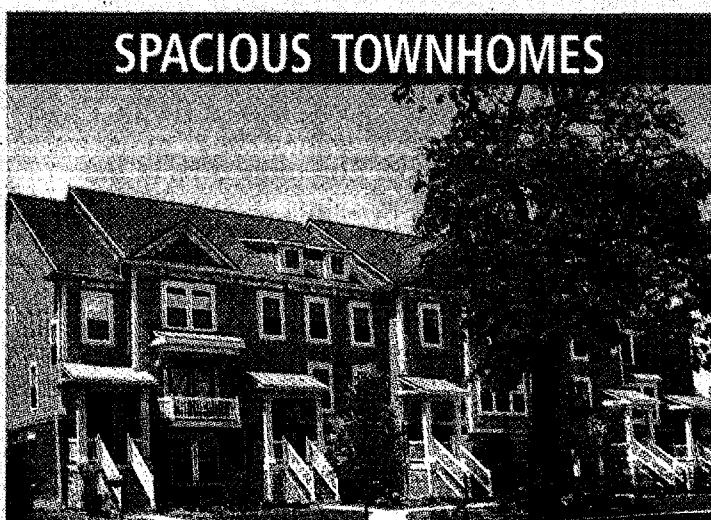
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Pig Roast

Fourth annual Pig Roast Aug. 20 at Papp Park, Taylor. Cost \$20. D.J., games and refreshments included. Call Michele at (313) 996-8644.

Free Concert

Steve King and the Dittilies Friday, Aug. 25, at Kellogg Park, Plymouth. Call Kathy for details at (734) 513-9479.

Monthly Dance

Saturday, Sept. 2, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago. Cost is \$10. Refreshments included, 8 p.m. to midnight. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information at (734) 261-5716.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Join the e-mail list at www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon

Euchre

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is

also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/nonmembers.

Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

Tennis Anyone?

The nets are up at Rotary Park on 6 Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. anytime the weather is above 45 degrees. Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Young dancers wanted to perform

Local ballet companies are looking for dancers to audition for upcoming performances.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company holds open auditions for all dancers from beginning to advanced, male and female for the 2006-2007 season Sunday, Aug. 27, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia.

The season includes workshops, rehearsals and performances.

Audition fee is \$10. For more information, call (734) 427-9103 or (734) 464-7310.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents The Nutcracker every year in December.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company holds auditions for the 2006 dance season Sunday, Aug. 27, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Suite 200 Canton. Dancers will be divided by age - noon to 1 p.m. ages 7-9, 1-2 p.m. ages 10-12, and 2-3:30 p.m. ages 13 to adult.

All dancers, especially boys are invited to audition for positions. Selected dancers are expected to continue a course of study at their current dance school. Rehearsals are scheduled to minimize conflicts with fall dance programs.

Dancers will be cast for the 2006 Nutcracker performances Dec. 8-10. Rehearsals are held on Sundays beginning in September.

The dancers will be adjudicated in a Ballet Master Class. The classes will be taught by Dawnell Dryja and Alexey Kulpin. Both teachers are professional dancers with the Grand Rapids Ballet.

Female dancers must wear ballet shoes, a solid color leotard, pink tights and have their hair in a bun. Older dancers should bring pointe shoes. Boys should wear black tights, white T-shirt and ballet shoes. All dancers must bring a picture and a resume. There is a \$5 audition fee per dancer.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet, a nonprofit organization under the direction of Dawn Greene, was founded in 1989. For more information, contact Greene at (734) 676-7233 or send e-mail to pcbc@comcast.net.

Finch club to present annual bird show

The Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club presents its Annual Bird Show 9 a.m. to completion Saturday, Aug. 26, at Quality Inn and Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Judges for the competition include Patrick Vance of Michigan and Alfred Mion, Canada.

Spectators are welcome to the show hosted by the not-for-profit organization.

For more information, call Jim Heffernan at (313) 247-5900.

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI** on **SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

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UNIT #518 - ROBERT TAYLOR (STANDARD OFFICE SOLUTION) OF 9282 GENERAL DRIVE #195, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

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Mixer, boxes, holiday decorations, toys, household items, and other misc. items.

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Local engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements run in the Sunday editions of the Observer.

There is no charge to submit an announcement.

To obtain a copy of our forms for engagements, weddings, anniversaries and births email Hugh Gallagher at hgallagher@hometownlife.com.

Or send the following information to Hugh Gallagher, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150:

For engagement announcements, include:

- Names, addresses and cities for the bride, groom and both sets of parents
- Where bride and groom attended (or attend) high school and college and years graduated
- Where bride and groom

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- Wedding date
- Wedding location
- Daytime phone number and e-mail address in case we have any questions.

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- All of the above, plus
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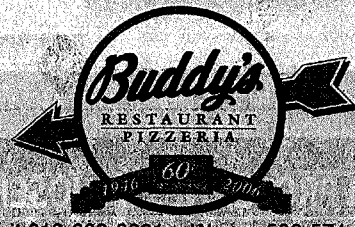
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday**, the 5th day of September, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings at the City Commission Chamber, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving amendments to the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975 as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the north line of Church St. & the east line of Union St; thence south along the east line of Union St. to the north line of Lot 19, Fralick's Addition; thence east along the north line of above said lot 19 to the east line of Lot 19; thence south along the east line of above said lot to the north line of Lot 11, May Subdivision; thence east along the north line of above said lot 11 to the west line of Elizabeth St.; thence south along the west line of Elizabeth St. to the south line of Lot 14, May Subdivision; thence west along the north line of George B. Shafer's Subdivision, a distance of 204.6 ft. to the east line of Lot 240, Assessor's Plat No. 9; thence south along said lot a distance of 165.00 ft. to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence west along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the east line of Lot 710, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the north line of Lot 733, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence west along the north line of said lot to the east line of Lot 734, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west along the south line of Maple Avenue to the east line of Deer St.; thence south along the east line of Deer St. to the southwest corner of Lot 763, Plymouth Plat No. 21; thence west along the south line of Lots 759 and 760, Assessors Plymouth Plat No. 21, a distance of 130.94 ft.; thence north along the west line of said Lot 759 a distance of 132.65 ft. to the south line of Wing St.; thence west along the south line of Wing St. to the west line of Lot 131, Nash's Plymouth Subdivision; thence north along the west line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west to the west line of Lot 285a2b1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 148 ft. to the south line of Lot 285a, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence west along the south line of said lot a distance of approximately 105 ft. to the west line of Lot 285a, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 82 ft. to the north line of Lot 285a, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence east along the north line of said lot to the southwest corner of lot 288, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of Lot 288 to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence east along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the southeast corner of lot 347, Plymouth Plat No. 13; thence northerly along the west line of S. Harvey St. to the south line of Church St.; thence east along the south line of Church St. to the west line of Lot 191, Plymouth Plat No. 8; thence southeast along the west line of said lot; thence east along the south line of said lot; thence northeast along the east line of said lot to the north line of Church St.; thence southeasterly along the north line of Church St. to the point of beginning at Church and Union Streets.

Copies of the proposed Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Commission shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Manager.

This notice is given by order of the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan.

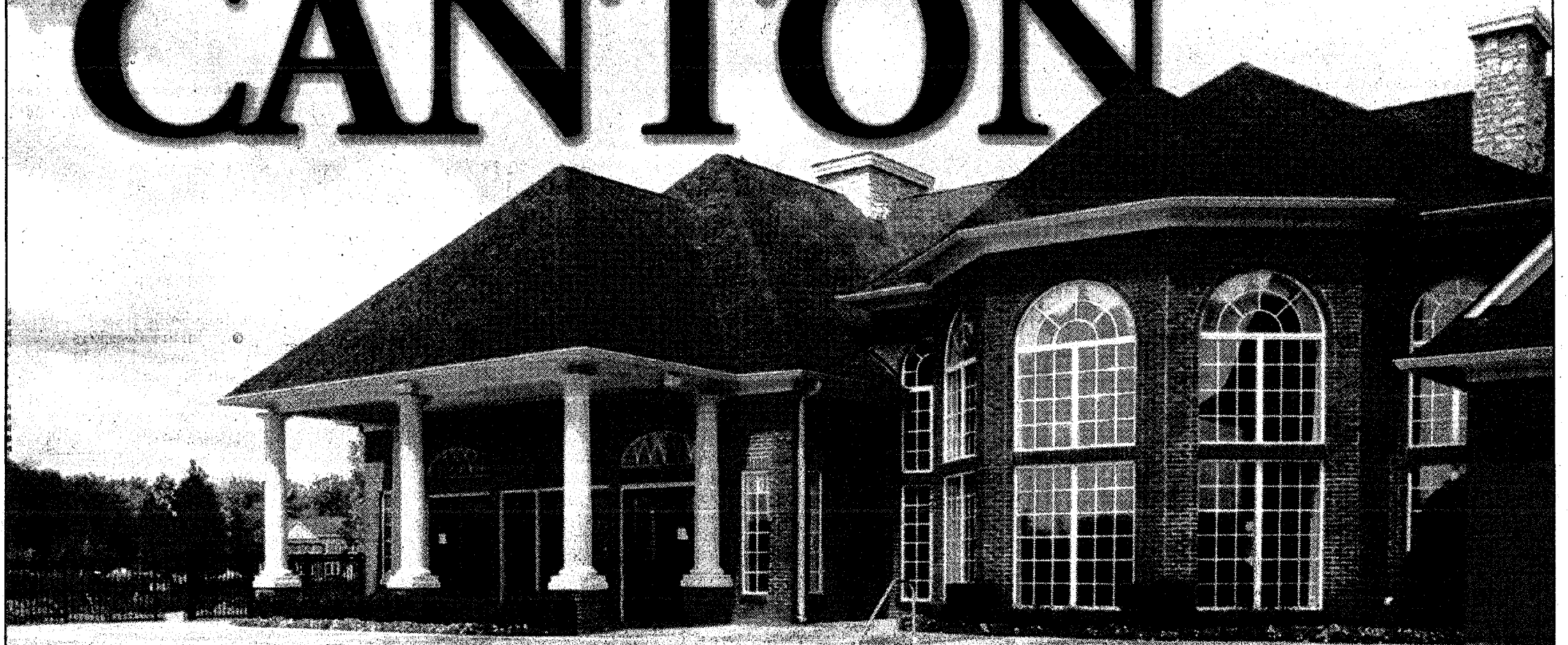
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Linda Langmesser
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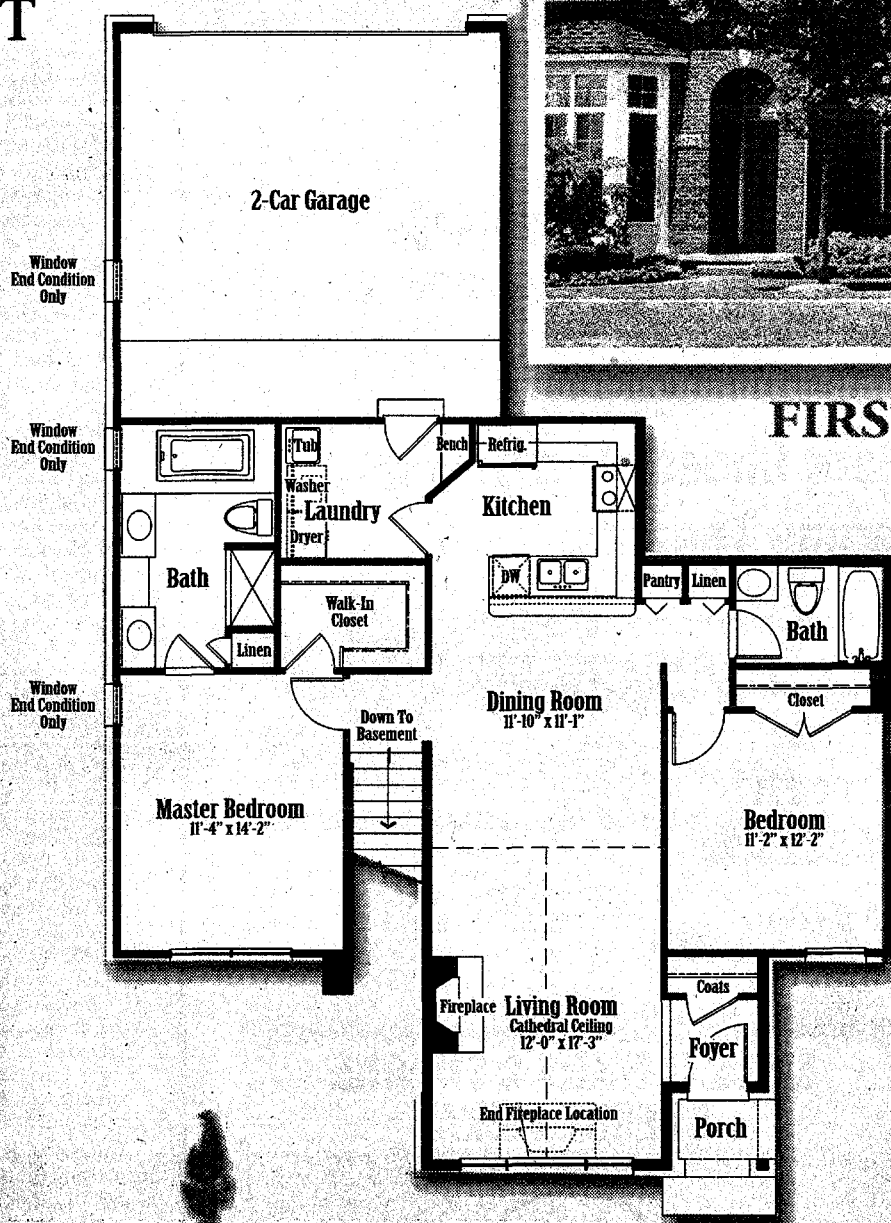
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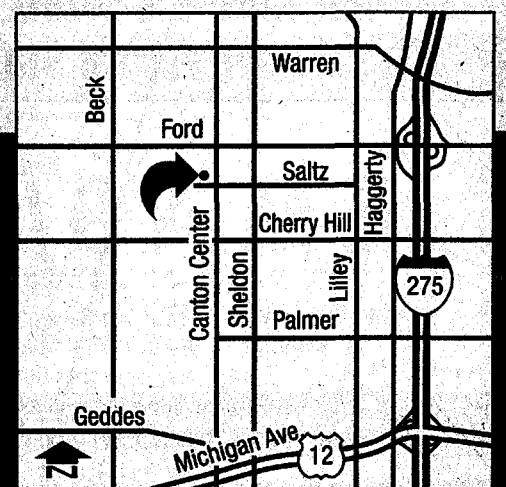
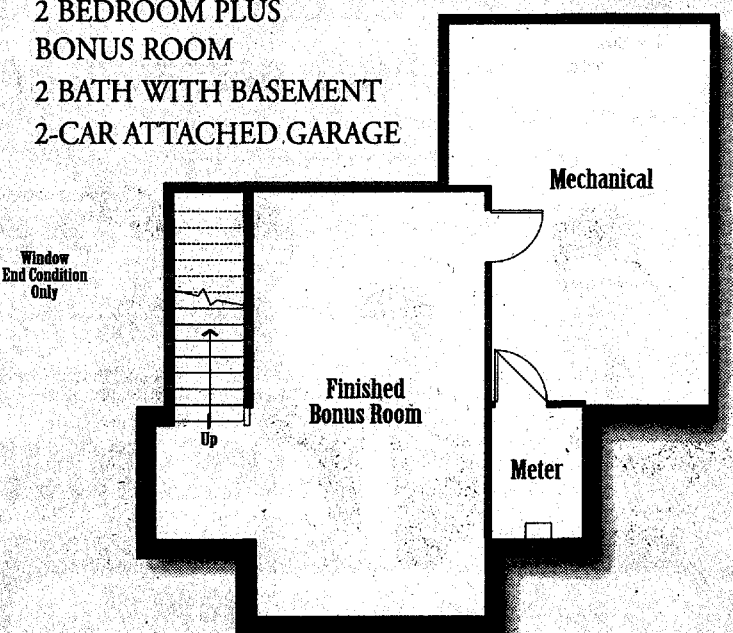
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Interviewing for a job calls for preparation, confidence

BY JULIE BROWN
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When Chris Brant is conducting workshops for job-seekers, she holds up a mockup of a check for \$1,000 and asks why she should hand over the check.

"I want the best person who can do this job for me," said Brant, director of career services for Madonna University in Livonia. "You really need to show them how you are a good match for them."

Sometimes, job applicants focus too much on their own needs and wants, such as car payments, rather than what they can do for a prospective employer. "The bottom line in a job interview is why they should hire you," said Bob Thomas, director of career services at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

Brant and Thomas encourage applicants to do research on prospective employers. "It shows that you're interested in the employer," she said.

A job applicant needs an idea of what the company is about, she added, and what he or she has done that applies to job needs. "Most companies do have a Web site that you can go to," Brant said, adding that



motivated applicants applying to a job at a public place often go to visit in advance of an interview to see how they'd fit in.

"There's no excuse not to know something about the company," Brant said. She works with Madonna students and graduates who aren't getting interviews on their resumes; if they're getting

interviews but not offers, the focus is on interviewing.

"The No. 1 suggestion for interviewers is to prepare," said Thomas. "Preparation about the employer is very important. You need to be familiar with the basic information about the company."

You should also be able to state concisely your experience, he said, using it to answer

behavioral questions such as what was your most successful situation selling an idea to someone in your field.

Madonna University does mock interviews which are videotaped and reviewed. "We always have a demand for that," said Brant, who checks the taped interviews to see if the applicant is overly nervous or not engaging with the inter-

viewer.

She encourages people looking for work to use college/university placement offices; Madonna's workshops are open to nonstudents for a small fee.

The state agency MichiganWorks is another source of help, and Brant notes that Madonna's Web site has links to a number of other sites at which applicants can post resumes online.

Brant encourages applicants to make a "dry run" before the interview to check out location and parking. Don't show up too early, she recommends, as you'll make the interviewer feel pressured, but do be a little early.

"They want to look like they can do the job they're applying for," Brant said, noting not all jobs require business attire. Again, a visit ahead of time can help you decide what to wear on interview day.

"It's always better to be overdressed rather than underdressed," said Thomas. OU also does workshops for students and alumni, including mock interviews generally done with human resources recruiters. Also, clinics are done in which six-eight people pair up for interviews which are critiqued. "It's very competitive," Brant

said of the local job market. "Employers can ask for exactly what they want." She finds being informed and confident is helpful to job-seekers.

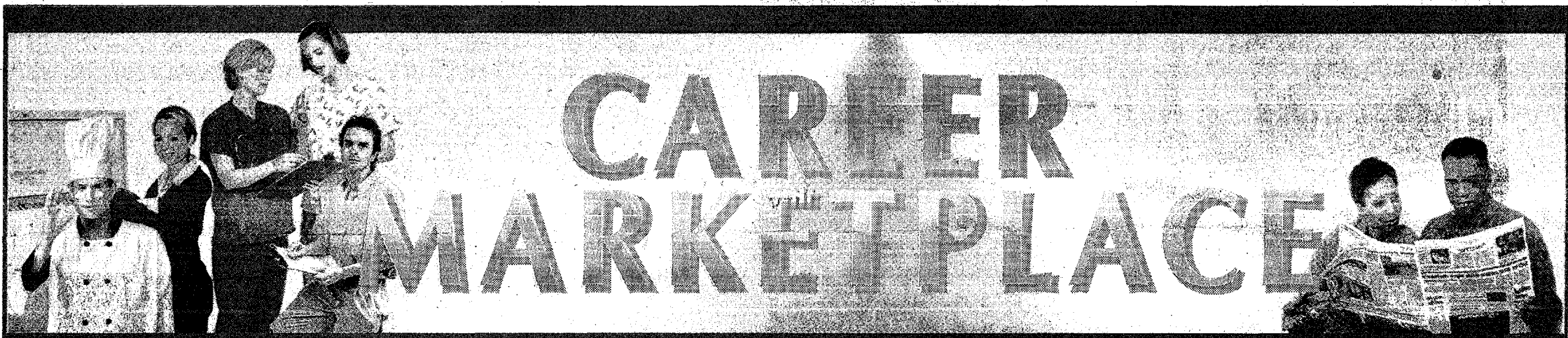
"The job market in Michigan is still sluggish," agreed Thomas. "Some areas are better than others." Health care is strong, he finds, as is accounting and finance. Marketing and management jobs vary according to the industry, Thomas said.

These days, most employers want resumes sent via e-mail or directly on the company Web site. A hard copy will still be needed for the interview, she said.

Applicants may need to expand their job search geographically, Brant said, or possibly into related fields. Talking to people working in the field you want to enter is helpful.

"I think you have to be realistic" about where you'll start, Brant said.

Thomas finds some college graduates face challenges in making the transition to full-time work, although most now have work experience from school days which often means they take longer to graduate. "It makes the transition a little easier," he said of student work experience.



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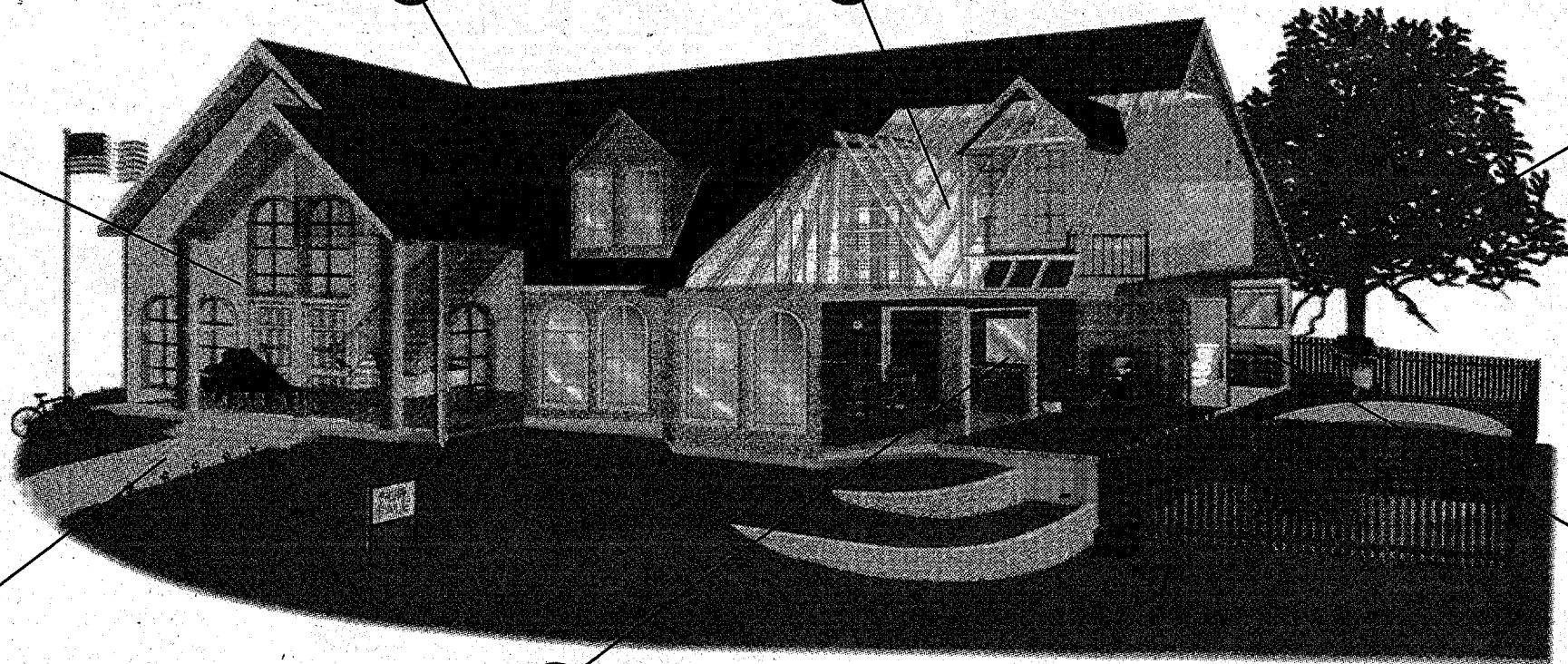
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Realtors join forces to showcase loft living

BY JOE BAUMAN
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Unusual times sometimes call for unusual actions.

A soft real estate market, for instance, may have prompted a handful of local real estate professionals to drop their competitive gloves and — at least for one day — join forces to market some unique residential properties in Royal Oak.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, Realtors from five Oakland County firms will showcase seven unique, two-story condominium lofts located in five different Royal Oak developments.

Ruth Clevers of Weir Manuel Realtors in Birmingham said she helped organize the event to showcase a unique living opportunity in southeast Michigan, and it made more sense to work with other Realtors marketing similar properties to widen the potential buyer base.

"I organized this tour so anyone interested in upscale loft living could easily inspect several projects in one evening," Clevers said. "Each property is one of a kind, and an open house tour makes it easy for people to investigate living options, then stroll to downtown Royal Oak for dinner at one of the delightful outdoor cafes."

"Today's condo buyers want to be able to walk out their front door and be in a lively downtown shopping and dining district, and downtown Royal Oak is certainly not the quiet business district it used to be."

A quarter century ago, Clevers said, downtown Royal Oak had a five-and-dime store, two movie theaters and small retailers catering to area



A unique, two-story loft home inside the Main Street Lofts development is one of seven properties being showcased Wednesday in a special Royal Oak open house.

Each of the showcase units will be open for viewing from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. Clevers said guests will be treated to food and beverages and entered into a drawing for door prizes.

residents who "came to town" on Saturdays to shop. The nature of retailing changed over the years and the central business district reinvented itself several times to capture new markets and new shoppers.

Two years ago, the pulse of the downtown changed again when the first high-rise loft-style condominium project was built on the site of a former bank building at 5th and Main Street. Clevers said the development, SKYLOFTS, was an instant success, selling out before construction was complete.

Since then, a number of other projects have come on board, and are in various

stages of completion. And unlike downtown Birmingham, where strict height restrictions are enforced for the downtown business district, the sky is the limit in Royal Oak.

"Royal Oak today is the loft condominium destination of choice in metro Detroit, with a dozen unique projects offering in town living in a wide style and price ranges from \$200,000 to \$1 million," Clevers said.

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A map showing the location of the loft homes can be picked up at any of the tour stops:

- Main Street Lofts, 111 N. Main
- Center Street Lofts, 112 N. Center
- Lofts@11, 686 W. 11 Mile
- 610south, 610 S. Troy
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In addition to Weir Manuel Realtors, other participating real estate companies/Realtors are:

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■ The buyers that shop for sale by owners, know that you would not be paying a Realtor, therefore, their offer will most likely reflect this bit of knowledge. Typically, the real estate fee is 6 percent, although it may vary. It may be anything you negotiate with your agent. At best, buyers will usually offer you 3 percent less to get their half of the savings from not paying a Realtor.

Buyers get a tremendous amount of services from Realtors for free most of the time. This includes finding homes to look at, setting up appointments, finding out the market value, writing the purchase agreement, and bringing the transaction to a close.

Typically, it's the seller who pays both agents. Therefore, the people who usually look at for sale by owners are the bargain basement hunters, who will try to pay the very least possible.

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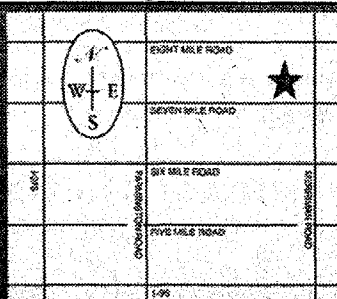
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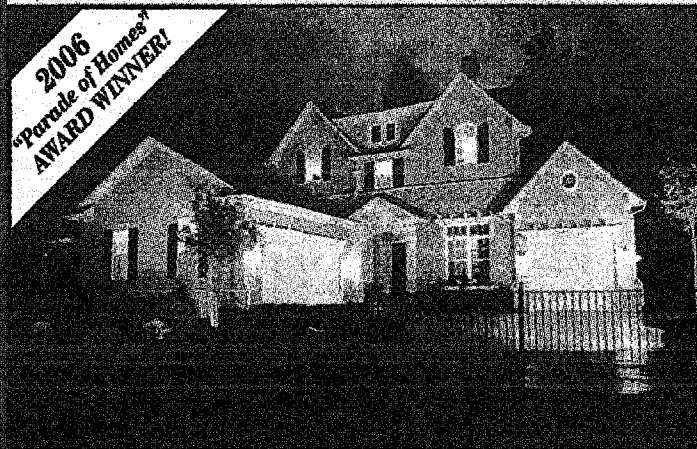
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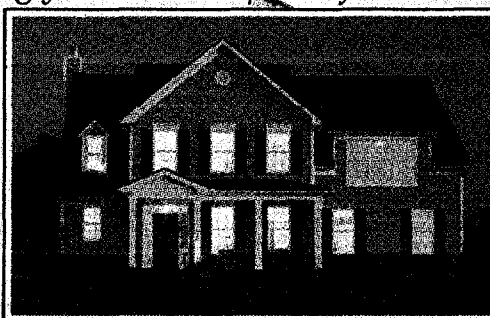
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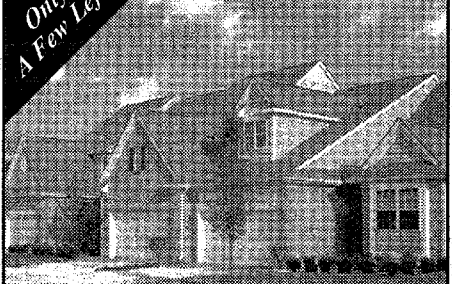
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 27-31, 2006 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	Price
1624 Aberdeen St	\$230,000
1390 Aziz Dr	\$285,000
45553 Baldwin Ct	\$380,000
140 Cherry Stone Dr	\$264,000
252 Cherry Stone Dr	\$169,000
50523 Colchester Ct	\$308,000
1557 Copeland Cir	\$200,000
3957 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000
4161 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000
40675 Deer Creek Ct	\$365,000
3455 Empire State Dr	\$304,000
41808 Glade Rd	\$248,000
45377 Horseshoe Cir	\$172,000
48229 Inveraray Rd	\$465,000
1909 Jan Cir	\$141,000
50249 Jefferson St	\$80,000
47291 Labana Dr	\$390,000
43572 Lancelot Dr	\$268,000
42511 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$128,000
42779 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$113,000
49332 Lincolnshire Ct	\$495,000
1865 Maple Park Dr	\$246,000
41211 N Maplewood Dr	\$212,000
367 Patriot St	\$165,000
1843 Pinecroft Dr	\$206,000
2098 Preserve Cir E	\$204,000
47449 Raminder Ct	\$171,000

47450 Raminder Ct	\$576,000
47944 Royal Pointe Dr	\$378,000
41935 Saratoga Cir	\$180,000
4240 Sherwood Cir	\$103,000
482 Torrington Dr W	\$465,000
39891 Wales St	\$200,000
48667 Westbridge Dr	\$58,000
6040 Willow Creek Dr	\$258,000
Farmington	
34920 Bunker Hill Dr	\$250,000
30030 Kingsway Dr	\$375,000
35112 Meadow Ln	\$212,000
29329 Regents Pointe	\$195,000
22100 River Ridge Trl	\$258,000
29117 Shenandoah Dr	\$310,000
33246 Slocum St	\$269,000
23923 Susan Dr	\$281,000
37860 Wendy Lee St	\$179,000
25242 Witherspoon St	\$320,000
Farmington Hills	
27820 Berrywood Ln	\$115,000
27815 Kendallwood Dr	\$227,000
28056 Kendallwood Dr	\$240,000
27923 Quail Hollow Rd	\$243,000
28735 Salem Rd	\$357,000
Garden City	
32216 Balmoral St	\$127,000
32370 Brown St	\$236,000
2015 Cardwell St	\$110,000
1000 Deering St	\$132,000
5641 Deering St	\$128,000
32262 Elmwood St	\$209,000
30751 Florence St	\$122,000
33140 Florence St	\$93,000
33140 Florence St	\$135,000

250 Gilman St	\$140,000
1642 Gilman St	\$83,000
6417 Hawthorne St	\$149,000
6940 Helen St	\$136,000
31255 Hennepin St	\$240,000
6161 Inkster Rd	\$144,000
28428 Leona St	\$161,000
33604 Leona St	\$152,000
28945 Rush St	\$92,000
6507 Sharon Rd	\$148,000
28937 Warren Rd	\$400,000
Livonia	
34745 Eight Mile Rd	\$500,000
15845 Alexander St	\$184,000
36766 Angeline Cir	\$169,000
19353 Antago St	\$245,000
29145 Barkley St	\$205,000
29622 Barkley St	\$167,000
32550 Barkley St	\$248,000
11300 Blackburn St	\$209,000
28528 Cleveland St	\$159,000
15660 Doris St	\$169,000
36307 Fairway Dr	\$115,000
34447 Fargo St	\$100,000
18321 Glengarry Dr	\$355,000
30732 Grandon St	\$176,000
15455 Green Lane Ave	\$145,000
19485 Hardy St	\$166,000
9056 Hartel St	\$120,000
29108 Lyndon St	\$182,000
35695 Lyndon St	\$290,000
19019 Melvin St	\$142,000
31076 Munger St	\$175,000
33186 Myrna Ct	\$265,000
37828 N Laurel Park Dr	\$192,000

29536 Nottingham Ct	\$174,000
35847 Orangelawn St	\$183,000
35981 Perth St	\$194,000
36732 Pinetree St	\$172,000
35227 Richland St	\$185,000
20163 Riverside Dr	\$358,000
9912 Roseland St	\$114,000
38388 Ross St	\$208,000
16456 Surrey St	\$183,000
14642 Susanna St	\$186,000
31818 W Chicago St	\$220,000
15353 Williams St	\$218,000
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23121 Argyle St	\$581,000
24331 Fairway Hills Dr	\$215,000
40767 Lenox Park Dr	\$283,000
40781 Lenox Park Dr	\$315,000
40791 Lenox Park Dr	\$297,000
40550 Rock Hill St	\$210,000
43168 Sandstone Dr	\$300,000
44854 Stockton Dr	\$143,000
28800 Summit Dr	\$268,000
24287 Thatcher Ct	\$455,000
Plymouth	
1093 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$160,000
11696 Brownell Ave	\$257,000
600 Byron St	\$230,000
40785 Crabtree Ln	\$263,000
40579 Firwood Dr	\$197,000
750 Pacific St	\$210,000
11766 Parkview Cir	\$211,000
151 Pinewood Cir	\$124,000
50948 Richard Dr	\$421,000
14968 Robinwood Dr	\$220,000
101 S Union St	\$312,000

774 Starkweather St	\$275,000
11043 Terry St	\$200,000
11106 Tremont Ln	\$331,000
801 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$697,000
9344 Westbury Ave	\$215,000
Redford	
8945 Arnold	\$123,000
9201 Berwyn	\$149,000
11421 Brady	\$126,000
18675 Brady	\$119,000
18258 Centralia	\$125,000
18492 Dalby	\$98,000
19310 Delaware Ave	\$172,000
9328 Dixie	\$120,000
13571 Farley	\$139,000
17405 Five Points St	\$111,000
14874 Fox	\$310,000
9630 Garfield	\$140,000
26250 Hope	\$156,000
19909 Indian	\$113,000
20491 Indian	\$133,000
15876 Kinloch	\$137,000
18411 Lennane	\$110,000
15898 Lexington	\$113,000
16688 Lola Dr	\$141,000
9598 Mercedes	\$126,000
12840 Royal Grand	\$116,000
8856 Salem	\$97,000
9120 Salem	\$114,000
9168 Salem	\$121,000
8953 Seminole	\$211,000
9119 Seminole	\$170,000
19786 Seminole	\$421,000
19781 Sumner	\$220,000
27176 W Six Mile Rd	\$134,000

14810 Woodworth	\$212,000
15153 Woodworth	\$240,000
Westland	
35743 Avondale St	\$131,000
7515 Bison St	\$145,000
35740 Booth St	\$103,000
35731 Castlewood Ct	\$124,000
30775 Cherry Hill Rd	\$125,000
6912 Chirrewa St	\$162,000
37743 Colonial Dr	\$122,000
2316 Deerfield Ct	\$51,000
38496 Emerald Ln N	\$215,000
8629 Hugh St	\$95,000
8680 Hugh St	\$157,000
35719 Hunter Ave	\$122,000
4911 Julius Blvd	\$124,000
33057 Mackenzie Dr	\$175,000
34285 Marquette St	\$115,000
29775 Marshall Dr	\$246,000
6190 N Newburgh Rd	\$182,000
400 Pattingill St	\$175,000
8529 Perrin Ave	\$162,000
238 S Christine	\$128,000
1553 S Hambleton St	\$183,000
1512 S Karle St	\$120,000
1684 Shoemaker Dr	\$109,000
30921 Somerset St	\$129,000
30510 Steinhauer St	\$146,000
2260 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$188,000
37155 Vista Dr	\$337,000
6026 Wilmer St	\$137,000
1834 Wilshire St	\$181,000
33285 Winchester St	\$175,000

BRIEFS

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Livonia office, 36642 Five Mile. Find out about costs, compensation, training, and prelicense requirements. RSVP: (734) 266-9000.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:
 ■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and building tradespeople. Cost is \$205, including manual, sample questions and test application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Aug. 24 to Oakland Builders Institute, 12777 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register during business hours, or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com.
 ■ In cooperation with Henry Ford Community College an eight-hour seminar, Basement Remodeling, 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Aug. 28 and 30, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of basement space. The instructor will explain space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials and the basics of construction. He will also discuss structural aspects of adding a home theater as well as working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. Cost is \$95 for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for non-residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment by Aug. 24 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.
 ■ A 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 9 and 16, at the Hilton Suites Hotel, 2300 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as rights and responsibilities. It covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. Cost is \$220 including textbook and a book covering home building information pertinent to southeast Michigan. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 7 to Oakland Builders Institute, (800) 940-2014.
 ■ A 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's examination offered in cooperation with Henry Ford Community College, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 12, 14, 19 and 21, at Henry Ford

Community College, Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, \$208 plus \$20 for textbook/sample questions for nonresidents. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 8 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:
 ■ Women's Council's "The Secrets of Succeeding in Business as a Female" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Mary Ellen Sheets, CEO and founder of Two Men and a Truck, will be the speaker at the seminar, open to all BIA members and guests, including men. Fee, including lunch, is \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests, with a portion to benefit the American Cancer Society. To register, call (248) 862-1017.
 ■ Two-day "Green Building" seminar 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7-8, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will discuss strategies for incorporating environmentally friendly principles into homes. Fee is \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$400 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.
 ■ A series of builder's license preparation courses 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. A daylong session will also be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at BIA headquarters. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fee is \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.
 ■ Remodelers Council will sponsor a "Sales & Marketing for Remodelers" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Participants will learn how to analyze a market for promoting building products, primary sources of marketing information and how to interpret data. Fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.



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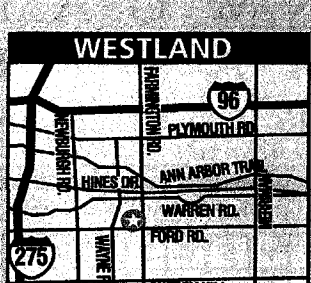


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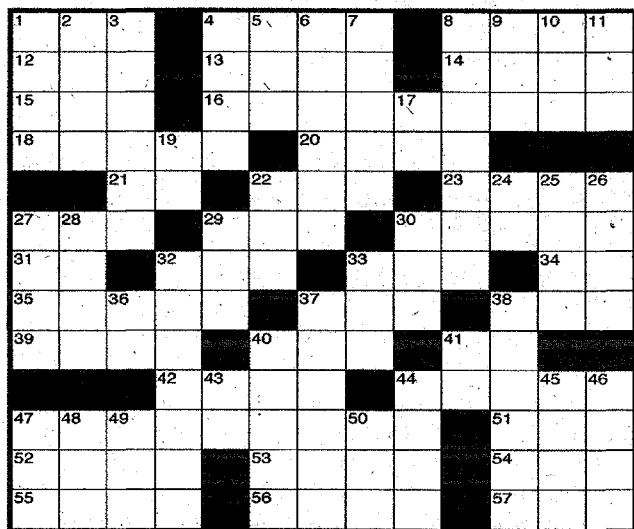
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Crumple up
 - Beth Daniel's org.
 - Smile broadly
 - Lisbon's loc.
 - Goddess's statue
 - Minute amount
 - Apply a jimmy
 - Windshield cleaners
 - Fortune-telling card
 - Degree holder
 - Where Eng. is
 - Permit
 - Cartoon shrieks
 - Geol. formation
 - Whale school
 - Newswoman
 - Shriver
 - Argon, in the lab
 - Blvds.
 - Diamond —
 - Border st.
 - Ivory source
 - Amazon milieu
 - Lemon cooler
 - Garr or Hatcher
- DOWN**
- Shed tears
 - Mystique
 - Rehearsal (2 wds.)
 - Memory jogger
 - A Bach
 - Used a chisel
 - On the lookout
 - So what? (2 wds.)
 - Help-wanted abbr.
 - Tucked away
 - Kettle and Bell
 - Price wd.
 - All right
 - Part of LAX
 - Speaker's pause.
 - Warm-hearted (2 wds.)
 - No different
 - Marshal Dillon
 - For real
 - Qt. parts
 - Playing marble
 - Vail gear (2 wds.)
 - Trouser part
 - Jr.'s dad
 - Finale (hyph.)
 - Naval force
 - Makes one's way
 - Gym class
 - Big Ben numeral
 - bien, monsieur!
 - Like the Piper
 - Byron's works
 - 47 Hwys.
 - Water, on the Seine
 - A thousand G's
 - Ecol. bureau

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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RAIN TEAL ESS
TANS STS SEA

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SUDOKU

		1	2	7	4		6	9
	5	9		8	1	4		
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SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| AMBER | EMERALD | SAPPHIRE |
| AQUAMARINE | GARNET | TANZANITE |
| DIAMOND | OPAL | TOPAZ |
| | RUBY | TOURMALINE |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

G R O T E R W O M A
E U A X S A O L N Q
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N G F O P A L D A M
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T O U R M A L I N E

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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SUDOKU

5	2	9	1	8	3	7	4	6
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6	3	8	9	4	7	2	1	5
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SEEK AND FIND

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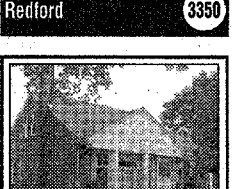
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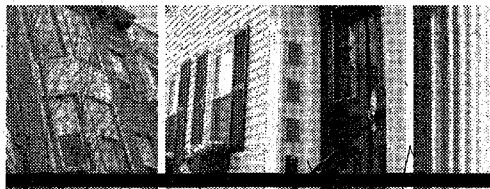
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2006 Hyundai Azera Limited is all about the luxury

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A luxury Hyundai? Seems like an oxymoron, doesn't it? Until now, Hyundai has been known not so much for the models it's built as for the warranty program it offers—five year bumper-to-bumper and 10 year powertrain coverage. That could change with the all-new Azera. With this model, Hyundai is attempting to break into the premium sedan market, taking on competitors that include the Toyota Avalon and entry level models from Lexus and Infiniti. And, surprisingly, at least to me, Hyundai seems to be on the right track with Azera.

We'll start with the way it's styled. The first thing I think of when I look at the Azera straight on is that it reminds me of a Saab, only a bit wider up front. The Azera has the same type of narrow wrap-around headlamps, but the resemblance stops there. The lines are smooth and well-designed (not that the Saab's aren't, by the way). The rear of the car is very nice; the taillamps form a bridge over the license plate frame with the Azera name spelled out. The Limited is the top-of-the-line (the base model is the SE) and comes with chrome insert trim bumpers, fog lights, heated outside mirrors, 17-inch, 10-spoke aluminum wheels and a full-size spare tire. A sunroof is available as an option.

Hyundai has done a nice job with the interior. The car has plenty of room, front and back, and the trim is nice to look at, with wood and chrome accents. The instrument panel is well laid out, although the driver information center's orange display is hard to read while wearing sunglasses (or maybe it's just my sunglasses). The steering wheel is wrapped in leather and features woodgrain trim. It also houses both audio controls and cruise control.

The standard leather seats (not available on the SE) are comfortable and provide good support. They are, as you would expect, power adjustable—eight ways for the driver and four ways for the front seat passenger and can be heated. The rear seating area has separate climate ducts but no separate control; everything is controlled up front, unlike most other premium sedans that have their own rear climate controls. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down seats, and the rear seating area features map pockets on the back of the front seats. The



2006 Hyundai Azera Limited Vehicle class: Large car. Power: 6-cylinder engine. Mileage: 19 city / 28 highway. Where built: Asan, Korea. Base price: \$26,835. Price as tested: \$29,335

center console opens for storage and contains two cupholders and a 12-volt power plug inside. There is a flip-down storage area under the audio system for things like cell phones.

The Azera Limited comes with automatic climate control, the above-mentioned cruise control, rear window defogger, integrated garage door opener, remote keyless entry, electric rear sunshade, compass, power windows, and tilt steering column. Power foot pedals, rain-sensing wipers and an integrated memory system are available as part of an option package.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system. You can upgrade to a system by Infinity that gives you 10 speakers, a sub-woofer and a six-disc CD changer, but RDS is not included. RDS is the system that allows FM stations to send text to your radio—song and artist information—and allows you to search for a station based on its format. The system sounds pretty good, but, unfortunately, has no direct way for you to connect an iPod or similar mp3 player and no satellite radio option, either.

Overall, the Azera Limited gives you a nice driving experience. The powertrain is very good. The standard engine is a DOHC 3.8-liter V6, rated at 263 horsepower and 255 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with a very smooth five-speed automatic transmission, which you can shift yourself, if you like. You get off the line fairly quickly and have enough power for passing and merging, and it's a fairly quiet powerplant. It's EPA rated at 19/28 mpg and it does use regular fuel.

The ride is a little disappointing, though. While not uncomfortable by any means, it's not as smooth as one might like in a premium sedan. The suspension is a

double-wishbone system with gas shocks and stabilizer bar, independent both front and rear. The bumps aren't smoothed out enough for me, but it handles freeway speeds very well.

Handling, on the other hand, is very good. The Azera comes with power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering and it's very precise. It handles tough cornering easily and is a breeze to park. The Azera comes with Electronic Stability Control and Traction Control.

The Azera Limited comes with power-assisted, four-wheel ABS brakes and they perform very well. You also get eight airbags, including dual front airbags, front and rear seat-mounted side-impact airbags, and roof-mounted side-curtain airbags, both front and rear. Active front head restraints are standard, as are individual head restraints for rear passengers.

And yes, the famous Hyundai warranty is still available. Five year/60,000 miles bumper-to-bumper coverage and 10-year/100,000 mile limited powertrain coverage come standard. Azera owners also get 24-hour roadside assistance for five years.

The 2006 Hyundai Azera Limited starts at almost \$27,000. Add the sunroof, upgraded audio, power foot pedals, rain-sensing wipers, integrated memory system and power folding side mirrors and you're at a little over \$29,000. That's more than you're used to paying for a Hyundai. But the Azera Limited is more than you've ever gotten in a Hyundai.

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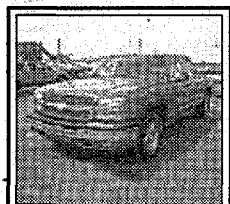
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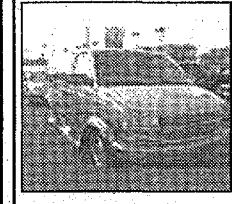
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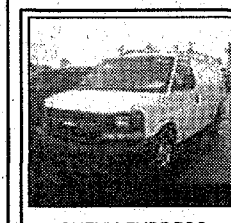
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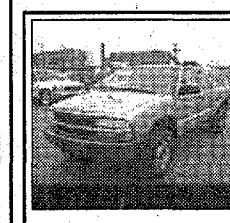
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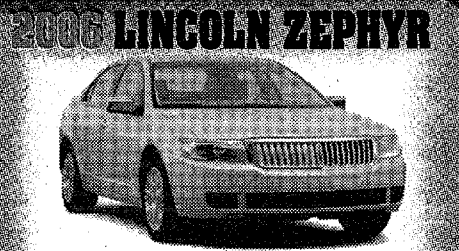
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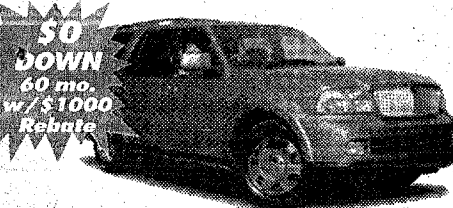


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Results are in for PINK Picks Contest!

Dear Readers —

You sure know how to pick 'em. PINK's 2nd Annual Reader PINK Picks Contest was a huge success. Readers across the Metro area, ages 13 to 71, shared their top picks for what to wear, hear, see and do, in hopes of winning a \$500 shopping spree at Laurel Park Place.

A panel of PINK Ladies here at the O&E grabbed out pink highlighters and gathered to judge the contest, but it was much harder than we thought.

Many of your entries were so well thought out, so delightful and so seriously fabulous that we simply couldn't decide.

So we picked more than one winner!

● Our top prize, the \$500 gift certificate, went to 22-year-old Farmington gal **Kimberly Otsuji**. Read her picks on Page 12.

We also awarded three runner-up prizes:

● **Michelle Landry**, 20, of Bloomfield Hills, won a \$50 gift certificate to Rococo Boutique in Northville. Landry's picks will appear on the Aug. 24 PINK Page.

● **Tricia Taormina**, 15, of Livonia, won a \$50 gift certificate to Urban Blues in Northville. Her picks will appear Aug. 31.

● **Cathy Bumgarner**, 29, of Westland, won a \$50 gift certificate to Studio 427 Art Gallery and Taurus Cafe in Northville. Her picks will run on the Sept. 7 PINK Page.

But the great entries didn't stop there. We will publish a couple more surprise reader entries throughout the fall, as well as dozens of Honorable Mention picks ... so stay tuned to PINK to find out what Metro Detroit women are buying, reading and talking about.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to enter our PINK Picks contest, and thanks for reading!

Watch for more fun contests in upcoming editions of PINK.

Wensdy (White) Von Buskirk
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Go back to school in style

Temperatures are still high, but there's no reason to sweat Fall fashion. Layering is the hottest trend right now for the school-age set, which makes it easy for teens and tweens to find pieces they can wear right now and add to later.

For Her:

In early Fall, girls may start with a tank or lacy camisole, topped with a long tunic. Leggings and skinny jeans are must-haves, and work great with oversized tops, including long cardigans, shirtdresses and sweaters. Skinny leg jeans are hippest in dark washes.

Other slim bottom choices include city shorts and pencil skirts. Hooded fleece jackets, cropped hoodies, cowl necks and deep V-necks also are perfect for layering.

For Him:

He'll love jeans or cargo pants with plenty of pockets, topped with hooded sweat-shirts, zip-up jackets and logo tees screened with images — especially skulls!

BTS Shopping List:

Children

- Rugby stripes on shirts, scarfs & tees.
- Tiered skirts.
- Brightly colored kilts.
- Gauchos.
- Cargo pants and cargo shorts.
- Hoodie sweatshirts.

Teens

- Leggings under miniskirts, shorts or oversized tops.
- 1980s' accessories, such as wide belts, slouchy bags and even legwarmers.
- Dark, skinny-leg jeans.

● Layered tank tops under open-weave sweaters.

● Military-style jackets.

● Hoodies.

● Cargo pants for him.

● Screened tees.

For Tweens:

As always, pre-teens enjoy age appropriate versions of teen fashions. Girls will layer cropped applique hoodies over bright tees, paired with leggings under a short jean skirt. Boys will love jeans, soft cotton hoodies and logo tees. Surf and skate influenced looks continue. Prepsters will be stylin' in bright polos and plaid dress shirts.

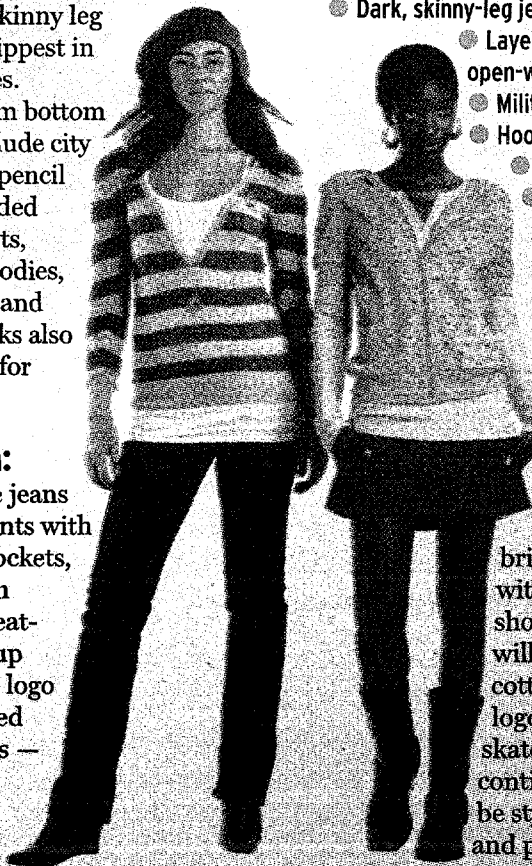


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On the Cover

Yuliya models an Elie Tahari ensemble from Saks Fifth Avenue, including a rivermoss military jacket (\$568), brown velvet embellished skirt (\$498) and wine silk gauze blouse (\$228). Elie Tahari is the featured designer at this year's **Fash Bash**, Aug. 26. For more, turn to page 13.

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Top 10 Fall Must-Haves

- 1) Chains and pendants: Lay on the charm with lockets, crosses and other jewels of choice. Metals matter, especially in burnished finishes. Look for interesting chain manipulations for an eye-catching edge.
- 2) Short jackets: Go boxy or fitted — shape is the key to Fall jackets. Look for cropped cuts with military touches to layer on style.
- 3) Cropped pants: Wonderful, winterized fabrics take pants to new lengths. Patterns please the palette with ultra-delicious stripes, tweeds and plaids.
- 4) Knit dressing: Head-to-toe knits address an '80s sensibility with a modern twist. Comfort meets style in leggings, dresses and soft skirts.
- 5) New shape sweaters: Pump up the volume with tunics, exaggerated V-necks and kimono sleeves. Pair with leggings or narrow denim silhouettes for a flattering, fashion-forward look.
- 6) Slim bottoms: Slim jeans, leggings and straight leg pants prove to be the perfect Fall shape. Walk the line by

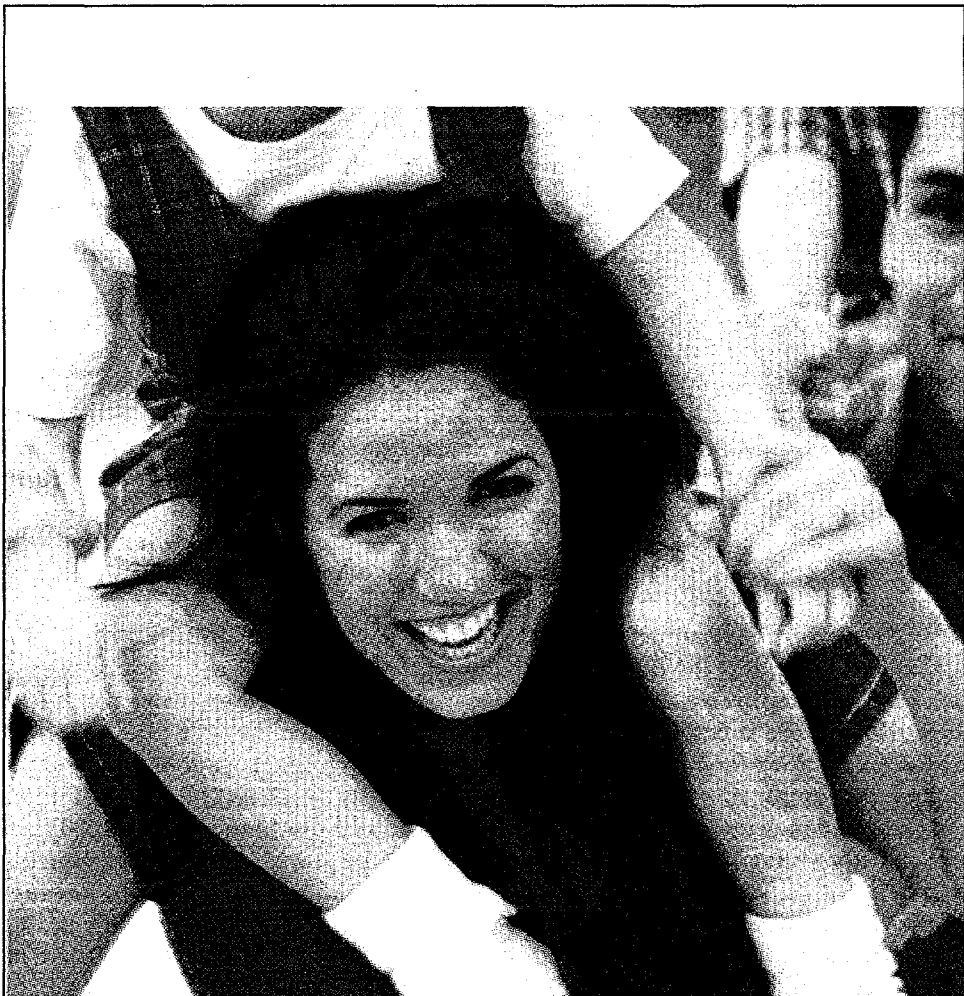
making them neat and narrow — but not skin tight!

7) Fancy skirts: Gathered, pleated or pencil thin, skirts are shaping up to be a Fall favorite, taking gals from their desks to dinner. Look for details like embroidery, lace and beautiful borders.

8) Romantic blouses: From poetic to peasant, often with an empire waist, romantic blouses add a feminine feel to Fall.

9) Best boots: From knee-high to mid-calf and PINK's favorite ankle styles, boots add the finishing touch to any wardrobe.

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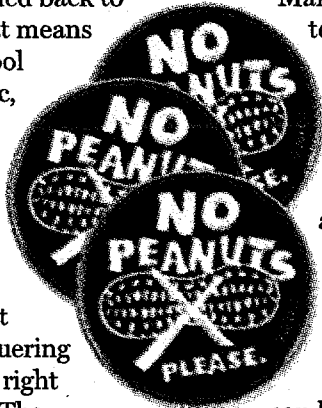
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School supplies: safe and sound

● By Wendie DeLano

Labor Day is just around the corner and soon your kids will be headed back to school. You know what that means — it's time for back to school shopping! Before you panic, check out some of the cool items we found to keep your kids organized and stylish their first day back.



Cool packs

Whether your child is just starting pre-school or conquering the third grade, finding the right book bag is the key to cool. The Fairfax line of bags at Pottery Barn Kids (\$35-\$49) has something for every little personality. They all have ample room for storage with lots of pockets and include reflective straps for safety. The pre-school backpacks in the line are cute as can be, and fit perfectly in a cubby. Choose the elephant or the alligator design (\$19). The bags come in pink, light blue, navy, green or red and if you order online (www.potterybarnkids.com) you can personalize the bag for just \$6.

Cute labels

Is your child always losing his stuff? Make sure his back to school gear is protected with labels from Mabel's Labels (www.mabel.ca/). The labels are made of super strong adhesive or iron-on so you can label everything from clothing and shoes to toys and supplies. Date labels are also available for lunch bags to let caregivers know exactly when food was prepared. Labels start at \$16 per pack.

Allergy alerts

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Stay Cool

● By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

Nothing means summer more than a festival filled with arts and crafts, parades of kids throwing candy and tons of vendors selling fried food and lemonade. While checking out everything under the sun at the Farmington Founders Festival last month and catching a few hot rays, PINK asked some local festival-goers:

How do you beat the heat?

"I wear tank tops and drink lots of cold water."

Kelly Narowitz,
Farmington
Hills



"Actually, I have one of those (handheld) electric fans."

Denise Kobos,
Livonia



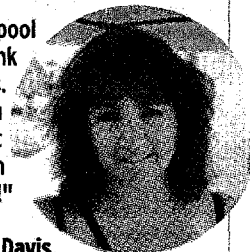
"I run through the sprinklers with my kids or go get ice cream."

Laurie Nelson,
Colorado (formerly
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"I go to the pool and drink Screwdrivers. You get a little fruit juice in there!"

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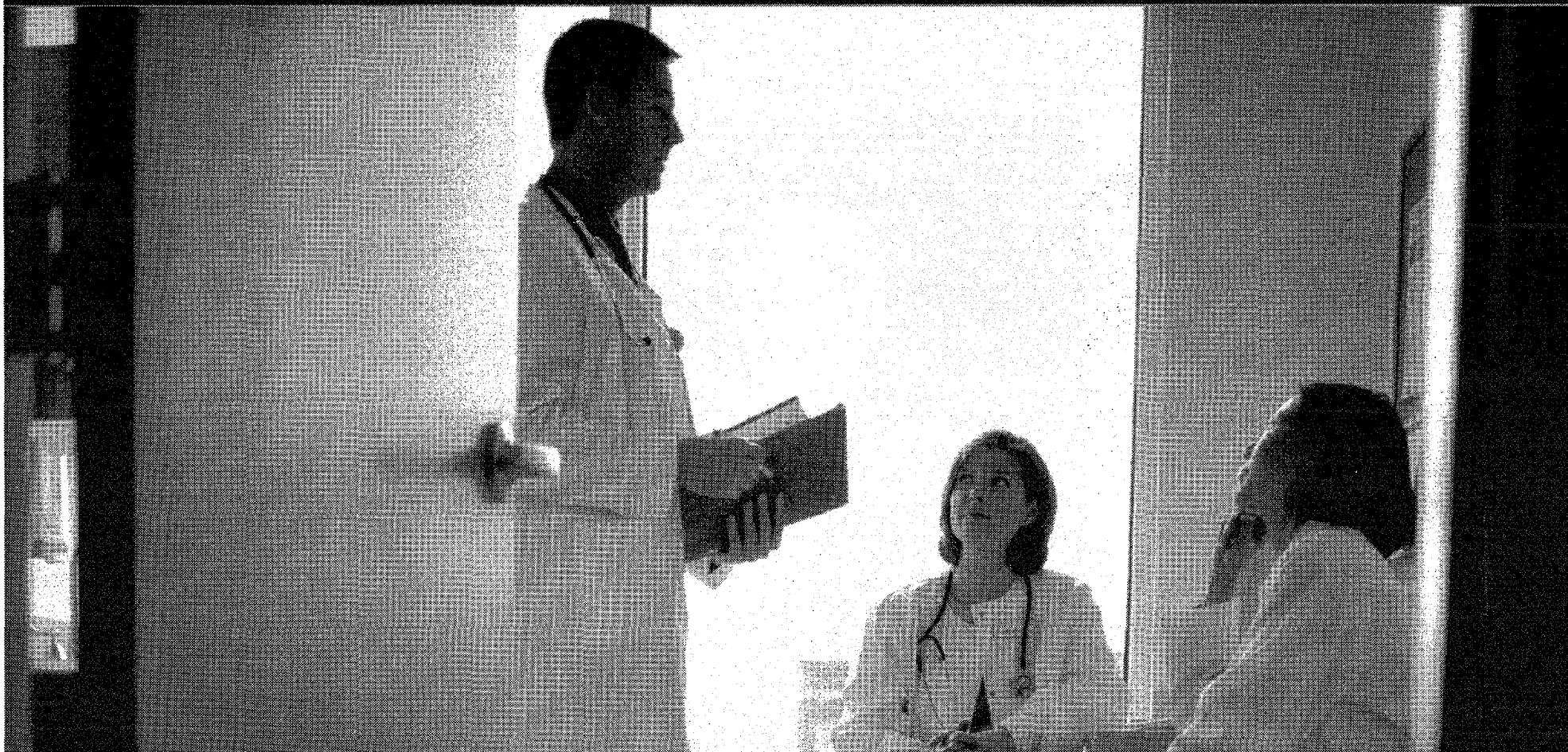
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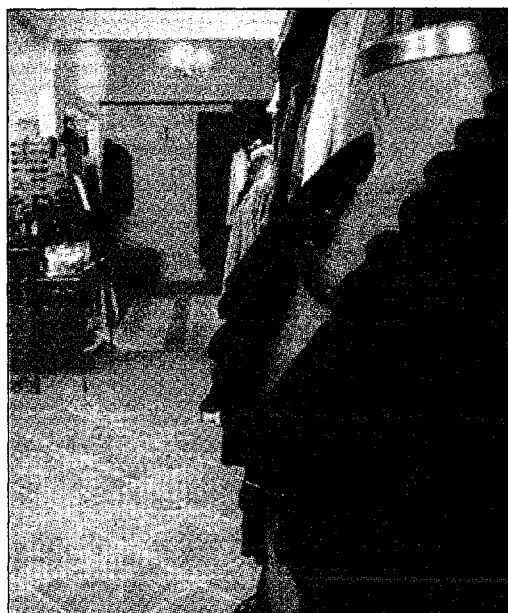
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Apple Tree Room
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New location is ripe for visit

● By Christy Breithaupt

Move over trendy—there's a new game in town and it's for the grown-ups. The Apple Tree Room is new to Royal Oak, but was in Franklin Village for the last decade. Its spacious abode is a calming concoction of pinks and browns and "adult" clothes line the walls. The boutique also carries many gift and accessory items like an adorable line of baby products, jewelry, belts and even designer Plush Puffs marshmallows that are a favorite of star Jessica Alba. Most popular for the store are the charming Margaret Nicole hand knit purses and the colorful South Cotton sweaters.



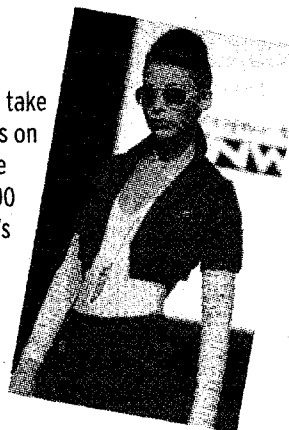
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Ladies Who Launch Live

Connect with other gals to grow your dreams, businesses and creative projects at Ladies Who Launch Live, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 at The Reserve, 325 South Eton, Birmingham. The national networking organization comes to Metro Detroit live for the first time, bringing a day of workshops, consultations, shopping, gift bags, lunch and lots of inspiration. Speakers include: Lisa Knoppe-Reed of Art for a Cause; Ann Margulis of girls golf; Kate Richard, Ladies Who Launch Detroit Leader; Beth Ann Catalano and Tina Hedges of JONATHAN|product; and Victoria Colligan and Beth Schoenfeldt, founders of Ladies Who Launch. Tickets, \$100-\$120, benefit The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. Visit www.ladieswholaunch.com for more details.

Macy's Arrives

Macy's Department Stores will officially take over Marshall Field's on Saturday, Sept. 9. Be among the first 1,000 guests at any Macy's store that day and receive a free "mystery amount" gift card! During grand opening celebrations at all locations, shoppers will be treated to the latest Fall looks, and their first peek at Macy's private labels, including the trendy I.N.C. brand. Pictured here is the winning Project Runway outfit designed for I.N.C., available in limited supply at Macy's Somerset and Ann Arbor. Visit www.macys.com for more information.



Remarkable Women

Florine Mark of Weight Watchers will present the 7th Annual Remarkable Women Luncheon noon-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. The event includes a keynote address from ABC News.



20/20 correspondent Lynn Sherr, and honors "Remarkable Women" from across Metro Detroit. More than 600 women attended last year. Tickets, \$55-\$60, benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, U-M Cardiovascular Center and the Beaumont Women's Heart Center. For information, call (248) 479-1377, or visit www.florineonline.com.

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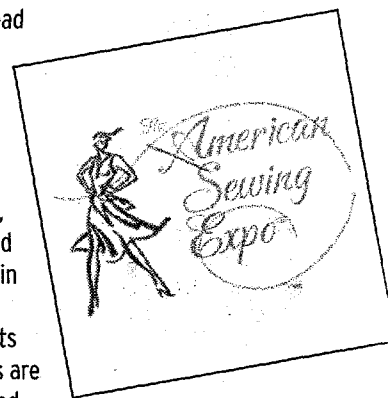
Haven't been to Northville lately? It's worth the trip. A free fashion show at the downtown gazebo 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 will highlight all the great clothing stores in "the new Birmingham." Stop by to see fashions for women of all ages, like this Butterfly Dropout Western button-down from Urban Blues, along with great Fall looks for men, children, brides and expecting moms. Proceeds from sales at the event benefit Mott Children's Hospital.



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American Sewing Expo

Whether you're a novice or pro, you'll find inspiration at the American Sewing Expo, coming to the Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The Novi Show includes shopping, seminars, fashion shows, hands-on classes, contests and national fiber arts exhibits. Esteemed teachers will lead workshops in quilting, garment making, doll art, embellishment, home decor and more. \$30,000 in prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$12, classes are \$12 per hour, and all-day workshops are \$95. For more, call (248) 889-3111 or visit www.AmericanSewingExpo.com.



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Make It Work

Designer Sarah Lapinski was named winner of the Haberman Fabrics "Make It Work" fashion design contest with this dress, modeled by Kelly Preston. From a field of 65 designers who entered sketches, 10 finalists were given two weeks and \$100 to create a garment for a TV reporter to wear to Detroit's "Fash Bash." Lapinski's dress featured a floor-length pleated skirt pinned up with a dip-dyed flower.

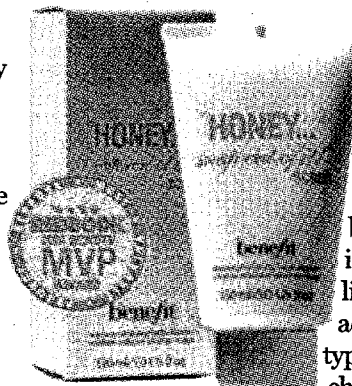
"I'm enamored with this dress," said Kara Janx of *Project Runway*, who served as a judge. "It's consistent with what's going on in fashion, and it has a subtle beauty with a striking color palette."

Pore Perfection

I'll admit it: summer's not my favorite season. While balmy nights, weekend festivals and cute sundresses get gold-star ratings, the skin woes brought on by Michigan's infamous heat and humidity can make me long for cooler, less clog-tastic days. Determined not to let a few blackheads spoil my summer fun, I asked Dr. Matthew Galumbeck, founder of beauty line Skin Amnesty, to spill his hottest pore-perfecting secrets.

Step 1: Cleanse Skin

"The best way to minimize pore size is to thoroughly cleanse the skin," says Dr. Galumbeck. "You need to remove all impurities and sebum." If your complexion is



oily or acne-prone, pick a cleanser containing blemish-fighting ingredients like salicylic acid. Sensitive types should choose a milder

formulation. And never go to sleep with your makeup on — it's a recipe for blackheads and other complexion busters.

Step 2: Exfoliate

Nixing dead skin cell build-up is key for maintaining clear pores. "Most people should exfoliate three times a week using a product with a gentle exfoliator such as jojoba beads," Dr. Galumbeck advises. "The jojoba beads dissolve as you use them so you can't overdo it and irritate your skin." You can also



blush

By Christina Kallery

try an over-the-counter chemical exfoliator.

Step 3: Mask Up

Pick a product specifically formulated to draw out impurities and clean pores. Apply once a week after exfoliation and leave on for roughly 10 minutes, depending on instructions.

Extra Credit:

If you must, GENTLY extract clogs. "Any licensed aesthetician would tell you never to extract at home because of the risk of scarring the skin," cautions Dr. Galumbeck. "However, if you must, take a warm shower and then apply gentle pressure to the blemish with two cotton swabs."



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In the words of my dear late "Nanna" from Yorkshire, England, "A little of what you fancy does you good!"

I have way too many "fancies," and one is a Slurpee from 7-Eleven.

I was born on 7/11 (never mind the year), and my husband appreciates all those little stores around town that remind him not to forget my special day.

But the 7-Eleven stores are even older than me! On July 11, 2007, this iconic name in convenience shops will celebrate its 80th birthday.

The famous Slurpee, however, is 41 years old, and Detroit ranks among the five top "slurping" cities in the world.

What is it about this slushy sensation? One thing's for sure — it's not just for kids. I've been nosing around a few area 7-Elevens, and I see all sorts of people taking a welcome Slurpee break.

"Regulars" know there's a real knack to grabbing a preferred size cup, snapping on the corresponding lid and turning on the tap to pour just the right amount of this frozen gold.

Mike Kodaly owns the 7-Eleven franchise on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, and David Ortega is the affable store manager. Ortega says, "Slurpee lovers range from kids to professionals to retirees. There's a big 'after school' crowd, and I sometimes help our senior customers prepare their drinks. People also carry them out in numbers."

Flavors include choices for the diet-conscious — uh, that would be me! Aside from Diet Pepsi and Crystal Light, there are the basics — orange, cherry and Coke — as well as such frosty surprises as Kryptonite Ice Green Mountain Dew (in honor of the movie, *Superman Returns*), Arctic Blast Blue "Dew" or "Purple s'creme," a lilac-hued vanilla favorite.

Blend the choices for a flavor burst and kaleidoscope of color. I just discovered a hint of cherry adds some zing to my usual Diet Pepsi.

Farmington Hills resident Kim McColl and her sons, Max, 8, and Benny, 5, enjoy Slurpees about three times a week. She says, "The boys love them for a special treat, and the more they mix up the colors the better."

Straws even come in a spectrum of colors to heighten the moment. Or, buy an edible candy straw made especially for "slurping." (Now that's sweet!) Sizes run the gamut, and theme cups and sport mugs are available for purchase.

Slurpee's no stranger to media attention. On its birthday, 7-Eleven celebrated by offering 7.11-ounce freebies, and David Letterman hyped the fun on his late show. Ortega says, "Slurpee has also appeared on Fox2 TV. We made up a big rainbow one, and put in a candle for its birthday."

Visit www.slurpee.com for fun facts, Slurpee tees and other gear.

Forever avoiding "brain-freeze," Elaine "Lainey" Perlin Crossley can be reached at (586) 612-7177.

reader!

pink picks

By Kimberly Otsuji

Kimberly Otsuji's mother was right ... Mary Ann Otsuji taped our 2nd Annual Reader Pink Picks entry form on the fridge and urged her five daughters to fill it out and send it in. "She said 'You all have such good taste. Somebody will win if one of you girls does it,'" Kimberly explains. "So, finally I gave in to the pressure."

Mom knows best. A panel of PINK judges picked the 22-year-old Farmington resident out a field of more than 200 entries to win a \$500 shopping spree at Laurel Park Place. Otsuji graduated from Detroit Country Day High School and recently finished up her bachelor's degree from Gordon College in Massachusetts. In the fall, she'll move to London to work as a Lacrosse coach and teacher. With her taste, and that \$500 gift card in the pocket of her designer jeans, we're sure Otsuji will find some great clothes at Laurel Park Place for her new job. The only problem is figuring out how to pack a lifetime of style into two 50-pound suitcases! Here are Otsuji's picks, and stay tuned to PINK as we print more standout entries in weeks to come!

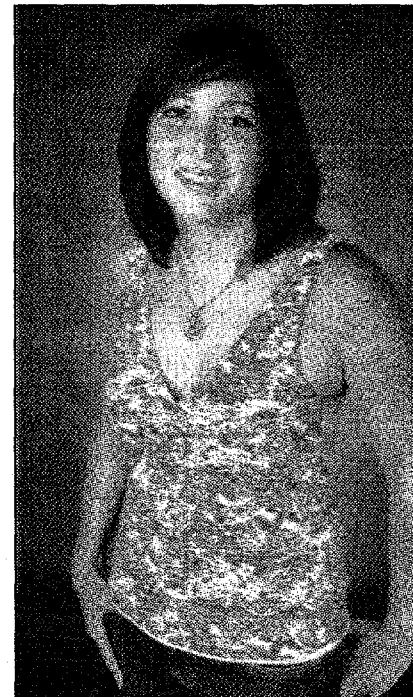
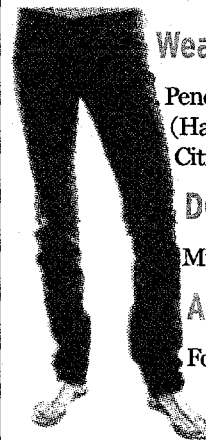


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Wear It!

Pencil jeans in a dark wash (Habitual, Seven, Citizens of Humanity)

DON'T Wear It!

Midriff-baring crop tops

Accessorize It!

Fossil wide band leather watch

Tote It!

Roo Tote (w/hidden side pocket)

Tivo It!

Grey's Anatomy Season 3

DVD It!

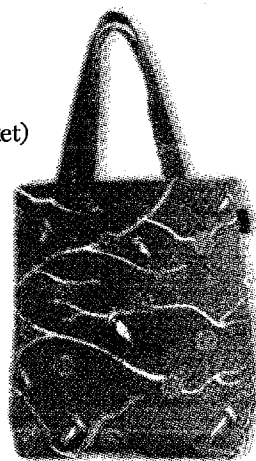
Ellen DeGeneres *Modern Life and Other Inconveniences*

Read It!

Why do I Love These People by Po Bronson

Hear It!

The Fray, coming to Detroit this fall!



Face It!

Shelter by Philosophy (SPF 15 that can be added to moisturizer)



Eat It!

Piedmontese burger (low fat, low cholesterol) at Red Coat Tavern, Royal Oak

Drink It!

Yin-Yang Martinis at the Melting Pot, Novi

Use It!

Be Delicious perfume by Donna Karan

Do It!

Throw a bowling party at Lucky's, Novi

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Yuliya models an Elie Tahari look on Beaubien Place Rooftop Deck at the General Motors World Headquarters, where Fash Bash will be staged Aug. 26 overlooking the Detroit/Windsor International Skyline. The wine velvet jacket, (\$478), brown challis skirt (\$398), and brown brocade bustier (\$298) are available at Saks Fifth Avenue. See Elie Tahari's complete Fall 2006 collections at Fash Bash.

Style Profile: Designer Elie Tahari

● By Wensdy Von Buskirk

Elie Tahari is the featured designer at this year's Fash Bash, sponsored by the Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Elie Tahari's womenswear is known for its feminine lines and embellishments. Guests at Fash Bash will see the Fall 2006 womenswear collection, along with the Detroit debut of Elie Tahari's menswear in Detroit. PINK caught up with the designer to find out more:

What is the driving inspiration behind your line?

My wife Rory is the main inspiration behind my womenswear and accessories collections — she embodies the style and grace of the woman I create everything for. With menswear, the clothing is for the man who ranks comfort and style on equal footing. It is New York chic, with the laid-back element of California fashion.

What is the specific inspiration behind Fall 2006?

The Elie Tahari Men's collection is inspired by both the chic style of Manhattan and the casual element of



Designer Elie Tahari

Los Angeles.

What elements of your background do you feel make you a successful designer?

I started over 30 years ago when I immigrated to the U.S. I was lucky enough to meet with a wonderful man who gave me an opportunity to work in his store. I learned how retail worked and gained insight into the fashion industry. It's not that I thought something was lacking in women's clothing, but rather I had my own thoughts of what makes women look beautiful and sexy.

What is your personal definition of style?

Style is about dressing with complete freedom and individuality. One should be polished, but casual and comfortable at the same time.

Where do you see your line headed in the future?

For the past few years my company has enjoyed explosive growth and we have a number of things in development which is very exciting for everyone at the company.

Fash Bash will mark the debut of your men's line in Detroit. What made you add menswear to your label?

I feel as if there is a category of menswear that is missing from the fashion world. Not all men have to get dressed up in suits each day for work, but yet they still want to look professional and stylish, and this collection fills that void.

Your company is considered a pioneer in retail business technology and communication. How do you keep Elie Tahari on the cutting edge?

I've always been fascinated with technology. We have a great team of experts that are continually looking to improve our business — focusing on how to make it more effective and efficient to serve our customers in the best way possible.

Spa Trends

The latest in pampering

● By Wendy Von Buskirk

With the pace of modern life spinning out of control, more and more people are penciling relaxation into their busy schedules. PINK checked in with some local spas to find out the latest pampering trends infusing their way into Metro Detroit:

Hot Hydrotherapy

Spas trace their origins to the ancient world of public baths — in fact the word 'spa' is an acronym for the Latin phrase for "health through water." Modern spas are returning to their roots by offering creative water treatments to relax and rejuvenate.

Om Spa in Dearborn developed the "Hammam Detoxifying Body Treatment" as a nod to Mediterranean Hammam Houses, where visitors sat on a stone floor in a hot room, and were drenched by buckets of water from above. At Om, dim lighting, steam and rich scent help recreate the ritual of the Hammam House.

Guests are massaged with detoxifying oils of coffee and orange, then rinsed by the vichy shower, which has seven water jets trained on the chakras of the body (\$225 for 110 minutes).

Spa Manager Claire O'Reilly said the vichy shower is growing in popularity because it leaves the skin revitalized and hydrated.

According to SpaFinder, other growing water-based spa trends include color hydrotherapy baths, vapor caves, liquid-sound, watsu, deluge showers and spa water parks.

More and More Men

Forget metrosexuals and ubersexuals — average Joes are seeking out spa treatments like never before. According to Spa Finder, men make up 30 percent of all U.S. spa-goers, and local spas are seeing a rise in male clientele.

Carol Lewis of **Carol Lewis Day Spa** in Birmingham reports men are booking appointments for ear cleaning, facials to heal acne, and waxing (the back is the most popular area).

In reaction to the trend, men-only spas are cropping up across the nation that carry men's grooming products, and offer old-school amenities like traditional barber services, boxing robes, bars, sports viewing, cigar rooms, pool tables and gyms. In Southfield, partners Gina Coleman and Gia Marable opened a bi-level split spa in June with separate areas for both sexes — The Green Room for women, and **Manhood: A Grooming Gallery for Men**. Services at Manhood include manicures, pedicures, haircuts and styling, facials, ear candling and aromatherapy, along with hot rock, full body and upper body massage. Manhood also includes a café, lounges with flat-screen televisions, and Wi-Fi Internet.

Spa Parties

Groups of gals are now booking spa time together to celebrate weddings, baby showers or simply an indulgent girls night out. **Style the Salon** in West Bloomfield hosts private "Pampered Glamour Nites" for parties of 15 or more, that feature boutique shopping, hors d'oeuvres, hairstyling and spa services like manis & pedis, make-up and facials.

Across town, **The Franklin Spa** stages "Tuesday Night Beauty Bars" each week, offering a martini and manicure for \$19. The spa also caters to divas-in-training with four new glam-gal party concepts, including "All Dressed Up and Runway To Go," which treats 5- to 10-year-olds to a complete dress-up makeover, then lets them strut their stuff in a runway show.

At **Ashka Salon** in Canton, co-owner Steve Curry says bridal parties, bachelorettes and moms clubs are booking sample service days, where they pay one price and get a taste of several indulgences.

Spa Trends:

- Booking time instead of treatments so you can decide once you get there.
- Online spa certificates (try www.carollewisdayspa.com) to print out for last-minute gifts.
- Couples massages followed by fresh fruit and champagne toasts.
- Off-menu spa treatments tailored to individual spa-savvy clients.
- Social spa-ing with group-friendly activities like Tango-Zen lessons, Texas Hold'em, group mud experiences and singles' nights.
- Spa tourism featuring mind/body/spirit activities like labyrinth walks, energy work, chakra balancing, acutonics, meditation, yoga and good, old-fashioned sleep aided by plush bedding and blackout shades.

Source: SpaFinder.com

Recently, a booster club for the Plymouth High School Wildcats held a pamper day fund raiser. Ashka spent the afternoon pampering 30 ladies, then split the ticket price with the Wildcats. "It was really nice, and gave them exposure to salon and spa services while contributing money to their cause," Curry says.

Medical Spas

Many plastic surgeons are opening spas in their facilities to treat patients to a more complete experience, offering spa services that promote healing as well as relax patients who may be apprehensive. At **Visage Spa** in Bloomfield Hills, Dr. Michael Freedland embraces holistic health along with modern medicine. Patients get facials to cleanse and prep their skin for surgery. After procedures like liposuction, they recover in a hypobaric oxygen healing chamber to promote healing.

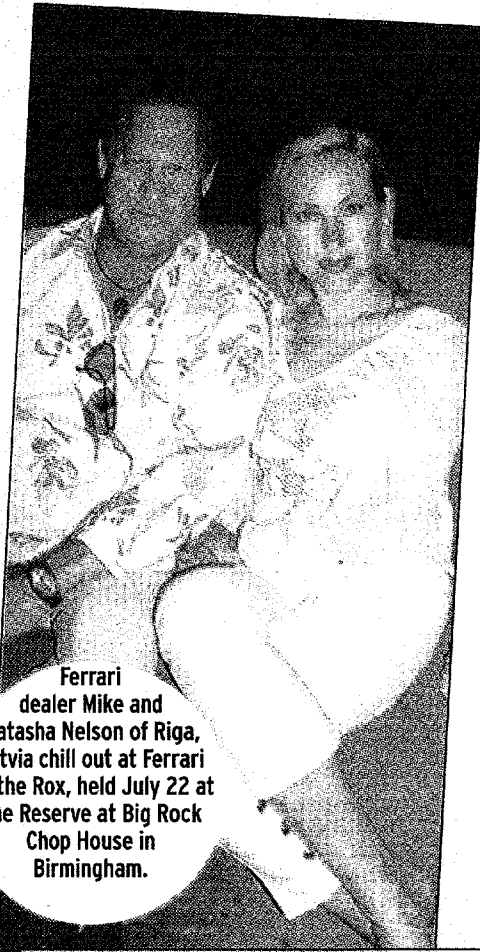
Doctors at the Birmingham Institute of Plastic Surgery send patients to the **Orchid Day Spa** downstairs, where aestheticians work under the supervision of plastic surgeons to provide laser hair removal, glycolic peels and permanent makeup.

If a patient doesn't make a good candidate for plastic surgery, doctors often recommend microdermabrasion or other non-surgical treatments to improve their appearance.

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● By Sally Gerak

Summer is the time for easy style, and PINK attended several soirées this season to track down local PINK Carpet looks:

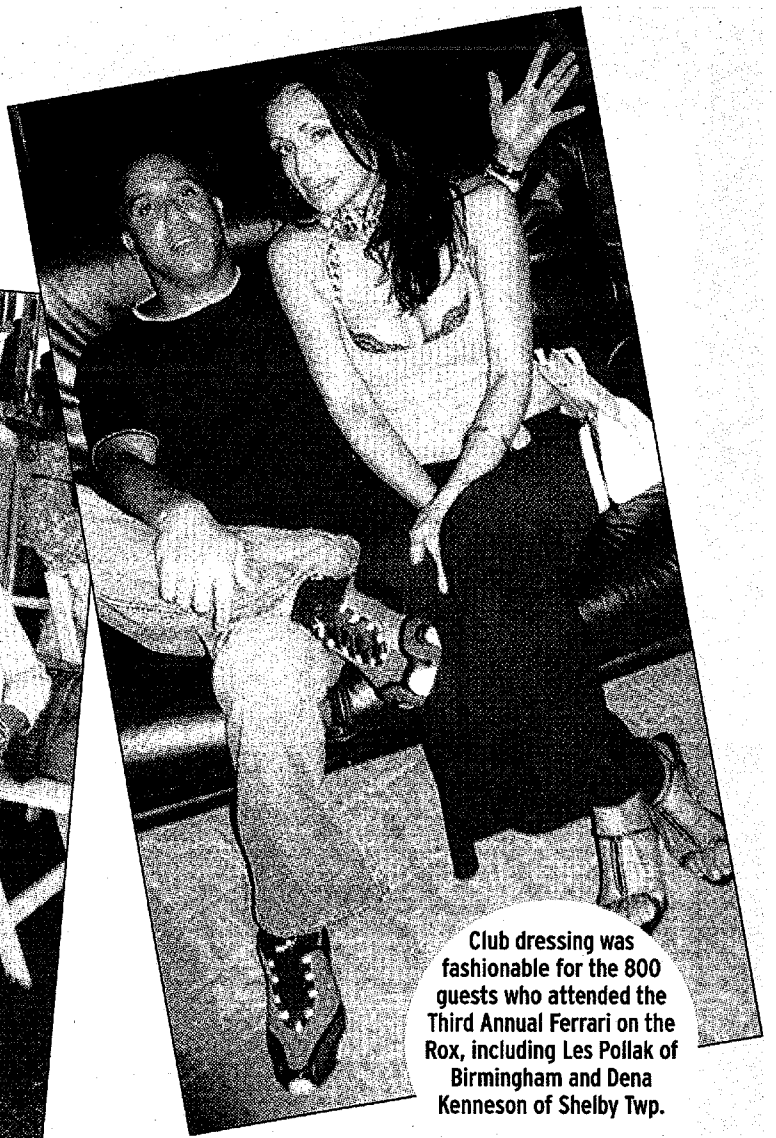


Ferrari dealer Mike and Natasha Nelson of Riga, Latvia chill out at Ferrari on the Rox, held July 22 at The Reserve at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham.

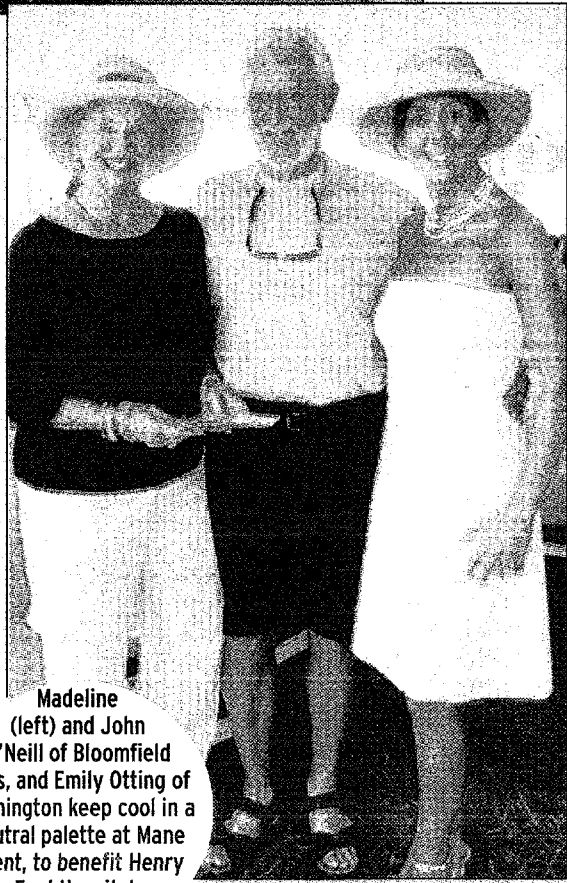


Florine Ministrelli, of West Bloomfield, wears a crochet tunic over an ensemble of white as she dances with hubby Peter Ministrelli at her Sunday Night Fever birthday party, held at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

At the Detroit Polo Club's Mane Event at Ford Headquarters, hats were the fashion statement. Here, Shauna Ryder Diggs of Grosse Pointe tops off her colorful outfit with a straw chapeau.



Club dressing was fashionable for the 800 guests who attended the Third Annual Ferrari on the Rox, including Les Pollak of Birmingham and Dena Kenneson of Shelby Twp.



Madeline (left) and John O'Neill of Bloomfield Hills, and Emily Otting of Farmington keep cool in a neutral palette at Mane Event, to benefit Henry Ford Hospital.



Robin Zohourian (left) of Rochester, Tianda McDonald of Bloomfield Hills, and Debbie Cousens of Clarkston embody summer elegance at the Concours d'Elegance Gala Dinner, held Aug. 5 on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall.

Bonnie Jobe of Bloomfield Hills looks chic in a sparkly St. John knit, as she poses beside a 1928 custom Mercedes Benz SS at the Concours d'Elegance.



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