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BACK TO THE BOOKS

Students adapt to their new surroundings as school bell rings

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Holly Schultz admitted that she had some anxieties her first day of school Tuesday at Workman Elementary.

However, as with most kids, the 9-year-old fourth-grader from Canton Township found a little solace that helped her get through the shortened first day of school.

"We went to the gym and on the playground, and after recess, I felt better," Holly said. "I didn't get lost, but the gym was really cold ... it was freezing."

Holly said there wasn't much work done the first day, but they did get to "take home folders and notes. And, the boys are kind of weird."

For the most part, the first day at Workman Elementary seemed to go fairly well.

"We had the usual questions the first day of school, but the children were here on time and we didn't have any late-comers," said Deborah Thompson, secretary to Principal Jim Burt. "It was just a great start."

SOME JITTERS

Thompson admitted to suffering some anxiety before the first day of school, being just as excited as the children to return to class.

"I couldn't sleep last night, the anxiety and anticipation," said Thompson, who has been a school secretary for 14 years, including seven with Burt at Eriksson Elementary. "Their (the children's) anxiety was probably a lot lower than



At the new Workman Elementary, fourth-grader Carter Schenk plays partner tag in Anne Marie Moss' gym class.

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mine. We just want them to have a good day."

Sharon El, who lives in nearby Central Park subdivision, unloaded two bicycles from her minivan and placed them with several dozen other bikes parked outside the front door of Workman, just before the abbreviated day was over. El said her fifth-grader, Malik, and second-grader, Hakeem, were excited about starting school, but disappointed that mom drove them.



PLEASE SEE WORKMAN, A7 At the end of the first day at Workman Elementary, kids head for their bus ride home.

Students excited as new school year starts



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stephanie Solterman, Bridget Nicole, Katie Lawera and Hayley Hazlett begin the new year as attendance is taken in Amy Henrie's fourth-grade class at Smith Elementary Tuesday.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes parents are just as happy as the kids for school to start.

"Moms are excited," said Sue Chaney of Plymouth, at Smith Elementary Tuesday with her 10-year-old son Jack, who is entering the fifth grade. "You wear so many hats, it's a time to get organized and back into a routine."

Dozens of parents filled the gym at Smith, renewing friendships and signing up for special school committees.

"Last year, I didn't sign up for anything, but they called

me for help," Chaney said. "So, I thought I'd be proactive and sign up ... for the book fair, secret Santa and Santa's breakfast."

"It helps in getting to know the teachers, so they know your name and you're in the loop when things are going on," she said.

This year, Mindy Osann had both a fourth grader and kindergartner to get off to school.

"It was busy, waking up and getting the kids ready," Osann said. "They're young enough where they're still excited

PLEASE SEE SMITH, A6

Metaldyne jobs staying here

CEO: 'We've developed a plan to thrive'

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

With more and more firms shipping jobs overseas, Tim Leuliette understands the skepticism that goes along with the sale of his company, Plymouth-based Metaldyne, to a Japanese auto supplier.

But because no Metaldyne jobs are being lost or shipped to Japan, he just doesn't think it's warranted.

Metaldyne announced last week it had agreed to be purchased for some \$1.2 billion by Asahi Tec, Corp., a Shizuoka, Japan-based chassis and powertrain component supplier in the passenger car/light truck and medium/heavy truck segments.

According to Leuliette, the deal, expected to be completed before the end of the year, allows Metaldyne to compete in the global marketplace.

"There are both American and Asian investors involved in this deal," Leuliette said. "We live in a global economy. This view of 'them' versus 'us' is a nice story out of the '60s and '70s. That may be difficult for some, but it's the reality."

The deal does not affect the job status of the 375 employees Metaldyne houses in its three Plymouth buildings. Metaldyne has annual revenues of approximately \$1.9 billion. The company employs more than 6,500



Leuliette

employees at 38 facilities in 14 countries.

In addition, Metaldyne will continue to operate independently and will keep its name.

Leuliette will continue to oversee day-to-day operations as chairman and CEO of Metaldyne. In fact, Leuliette said, the deal requires him to commit to stay on for a minimum of five years.

"I don't see an issue there," Leuliette said of jobs. "We're more likely to be affected by the local market than by this deal. There is nothing related to this acquisition that will impact (jobs) in a negative way."

The deal gives Asahi Tec a U.S. presence, and allows Metaldyne the chance to grow, with access to Asahi Tec's products and its overseas influence.

"(The deal) gives us stability and an opportunity to grow," Leuliette said. "We're living in a world where suppliers who are dependent on GM and Ford, and they get bad news, it really affects them."

"You have to balance yourself," he added. "You have to put together a plan not just to survive, but to thrive. That's what we've done here."

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Now showing

Penn pals bring movies back to historic theater

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Lights, camera, action. For the first time in nearly three years, the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will be open for business, once again showing popular second-run movies as part of an initial effort to revitalize the 418-seat theater.

Friends of the Penn, the preservationist group organized to raise \$1.5 million to renovate the historic Penn - which opened in 1941 - will begin showing movies on weekends, beginning Friday.

First up, the animated movie *Cars*.

"We will be open for business on weekends only, for now, until further notice," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of Friends of the Penn. "Eventually, our goal is to have programming five days a week, to introduce different types of programming for kids and occasional concerts."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Warren Phillips practices threading one of the projectors at the Penn Theater. Phillips and his wife, Carrie, are among the volunteers who will staff the Penn when movies start showing again this weekend.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Author looks at better methods for childbirth in her book *Easy Labor*

Battle of the bands

The Plymouth Community Advisory Commission, in conjunction with Fall Festival and E.G. Nicks, presents the "Battle of the Bands," 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 in the tent behind E.G. Nicks at 500 Forest.

Among the bands competing are Over the Counter, The Dry Leaf Project, The Rising Tide, Which Way is Home and more.

Admission is \$5 at the door; doors open at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit the PCYAC's effort to rebuild the Kellogg Park fountain.

Top employee

Alisha June is the September 2006 Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bannigan's, officials at LaBelle Management, which owns the restaurant, have announced.

LaBelle spokesperson Becky Dell said crew members are recognized "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."

LaBelle Management owns and operates 33 restaurants and six hotels throughout Michigan and Indiana.

Youth commission members

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is looking for members.

Members must live in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township and be entering grades 7 through 11 to be eligible. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Sept. 22, City Hall or to a current PCYAC member. Letters of recommendation from someone other than a family member can be submitted with an application.

Applications are available at city hall. For more information and applications, contact City Commissioner Michele Potter at mpotter@ci.plymouth.mi.us

Yuroz on display

During the month of September, Canton will display the artwork of the internationally acclaimed artist Yuroz at the Village Theater. Yuroz has been described as an artist of the people. Lovers, musicians, poets, athletes, the homeless, and even refugees fill his canvases.

Born Yuri Gevorgian in 1956, Yuroz dreamed of the

artistic freedom that exceeded his grasp because of the Soviets who controlled his homeland. He distinguished himself as one of the youngest students ever accepted in the esteemed Akop Kodjovian School of Art in the Armenian capital of Yerevan. He graduated from the Yerevan University of Art and Architecture only after his impassioned pleas to his art teacher - the Soviets did not approve of his art or its themes of romance, freedom growth, and unity.

Yuroz art exhibition is free and open to the public. Work will be on display at The Village Theater through Oct. 8., Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, from 7-9 p.m., and Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Yuroz work is being presented in cooperation with the Lotus Arts Gallery in Plymouth www.lotusarts-gallery.com. Walt and Mary Menard have generously brought this exhibition to the gallery at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Historical meetings

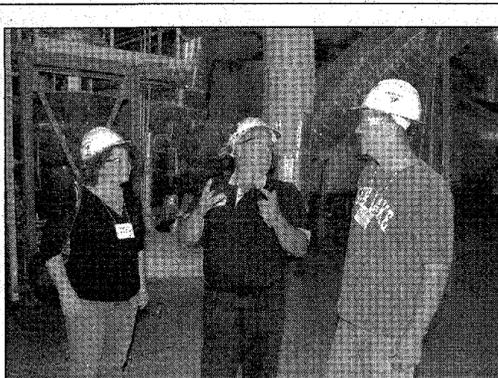
The new season of Plymouth Historical Society meetings starts 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, with guest speaker Dick Daniel speaking on "The Daisy Story."

Daniel is a former Plymouth resident who worked for Daisy Air Rifles when the plant was in Plymouth, and moved with it when it went to Arkansas. In 1972, he was named president of the company. Now retired, Daniel still lives in Arkansas.

For more information, call the Plymouth Historical Museum, (734) 455-8940.

Historical society to meet

The Canton Historical Society will host Ford Motor Company corporate historian and author Robert Kreipke to its meeting in Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13. Kreipke will discuss the role Ford has played in southeast Michigan. The school is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. The presentation is free and open to the public. Seating is limited so arrive a little early. For more information, call the Canton Historical Society Museum at (734) 397-0088.



Exploring energy

Plymouth teachers Lisa Hedrick and Scott Riley recently toured DTE Energy's Monroe Power Plant with plant supervisor Clyde Smith (center). The tour was part of the 14th-annual Educators' Energy Workshop the teachers attended in August. Sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation in partnership with Eastern Michigan University, the workshop was developed to help middle school and high school science teachers develop their own energy education programs and integrate new materials into existing curricula. Experts from DTE Energy and EMU's College of Technology shared with teachers the latest information on energy technology, the wise use of electricity and gas, and the impact of energy on the environment. Hedrick teaches at West Middle School and Riley teaches at East Middle School.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet noon Monday, Sept. 18 at the Plymouth District Library.

Featured speaker Nancy Swanborg of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will talk about "Continuing Education for Women Re-entering the Workforce."

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Historical Society

The Redford Township Historical and Genealogical Society meets at 12:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Historic School No. 9 in front of the post office at Beech Daly and Capitol. The public is welcome. The school is open other Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. for research.

Genealogical Society talk

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets on Monday, Sept. 18, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. At 6:30 p.m. will be a video,

"Finding A Maiden Name," and, at 7:30 p.m., the program called "Understanding Migration and Immigrant Communities," will be led by keynote speaker Ceil Jensen. Visit the group's Web site is http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwvcgs/ or call Margie at (734) 522-4050. Meeting, class, and program are free of charge and open to the public; guests are welcome.

Basketball league

The Community Education Basketball League holds a walk-in registration 4:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 at Pioneer Middle School.

The league is open to boys and girls, grades 3-8. The season includes practice, games and end of the year tournament for grades 5-8. Teams consist of up to 10 players with guaranteed playing time. Each player gets a jersey to keep.

Registration fees are \$100/player grades 5-8 and \$90/player grades 3-4. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. No registrations taken before Sept. 12.

Email cebl@pccs.k12.mi.us for more information.

Goodfellow volunteers

The Plymouth Goodfellows are looking for volunteers for the 2006 Christmas season. A commitment to the Goodfellows is only September through December, a short amount of time for a great cause as the group tries to ensure no child in Plymouth goes without a Christmas.

The group's first meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Plymouth library. Further meetings will be Oct. 24 and Nov. 14, also at the library.

The Goodfellows' biggest fund-raiser day is the newspaper sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

To volunteer, or to advise the group of a family in need, call (734) 262-3199.

Blood drive

Contours Express - Plymouth/Canton, which is located at 8014 Sheldon Center in Canton, will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Sept. 14 from 1-7 p.m.

Club members along with family and friends will be coming together to donate blood for the American Red Cross. Blood supplies continue to be critically low. To schedule an appointment, please call Contours Express at (734) 416-9350. Anyone who attempts to donate at this event will receive a free two week pass.

Craft show

Delta Kappa Gamma's annual Craft and Home Show is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at West Middle School at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon in Plymouth.

The show features 100 quality crafters and home vendors and a quilt raffle. Proceeds from the show fund college scholarships for high school graduates. Admission is \$2 and lunch is available.

Rummage/bake sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having a rummage/bake sale during the Plymouth Fall Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 7-9 at the IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

The sale is a major fundraiser for the group, with all proceeds to be used to benefit veterans. In the past, the money has been used to buy

gifts for the Ann Arbor Veterans' Hospital Christmas Shop, send selected high school students to Boys' and Girls' State, provide the veterans at the VA Hospital with evening entertainment of Bingo, prizes and refreshments and to support other worthwhile causes.

For more information, call (734) 254-9617.

Photography exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a two-person photography exhibit featuring unusual artistic perspectives through Sept. 29.

Richard Hackel works with panoramas that include more than one point in time. By revolving the camera beyond one revolution, he documents in landscape a change of people, events and seasons. The horizontal panoramas show what is around and behind. The vertical panoramas show the less familiar view of looking up overhead and down to the ground.

Gloria Pritschet uses magnifying lenses and a hand-held manual Nikon camera to look for images in the "marginlands" that lie between the familiar and the unknown, the habitually seen and the imagined. Her Encrypted Margin series on exhibit includes botanical, seaside, metal and ice images.

The photography can be viewed at the Arts Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (734) 416-4278 for additional viewing times. A reception for Richard Hackel will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Tiny Tots openings

The Plymouth Family YMCA and Salvation Army Tiny Tots preschool program still has openings for its 3-year-old program, which meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Salvation Army center on Main Street.

The program fee is \$90 a month plus a registration fee of \$35. This program focuses on the academic development of your child through social, physical, emotional and mental activities.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Family YMCA, (734) 453-2904, or the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464 today.

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PREVENTING THE SPREAD
If you are a woman who fears the approach of the dreaded "middle-aged spread," you will likely want to know that hitting the weight room twice a week for an hour can prevent or slow its development. On average, women in the middle of their lives gain one to two pounds a year, most of which is assumed to be fat. The good news is that a regular program of strength training can prevent increases in body fat. This is particularly beneficial with respect to belly fat, which wraps itself around organs and is linked with heart disease and other ailments. According to the new research, women who did weight-training for two years decreased their overall body fat by almost 4 percent.
P.S. Another significant finding of the above-mentioned study was that the weight-lifting group of women experienced one-third the increase in intra-abdominal fat of non-weightlifters.
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Cultural opportunity

New Morning director Japan-bound on Fulbright

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Educator Elaine Kennedy's looking forward to her upcoming visit to Japan, where she'll learn about Japanese schools and culture.

"We are all very excited at school," said Kennedy, founder and executive director of New Morning School, a preschool through eighth-grade parent cooperative in Plymouth Township. She's been on the job 33 years.

She was chosen for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund scholar program, and will leave Sept. 30. "It's sponsored by the government of Japan," Kennedy said of the program for educators who learn about the country and do follow-up activities back home.

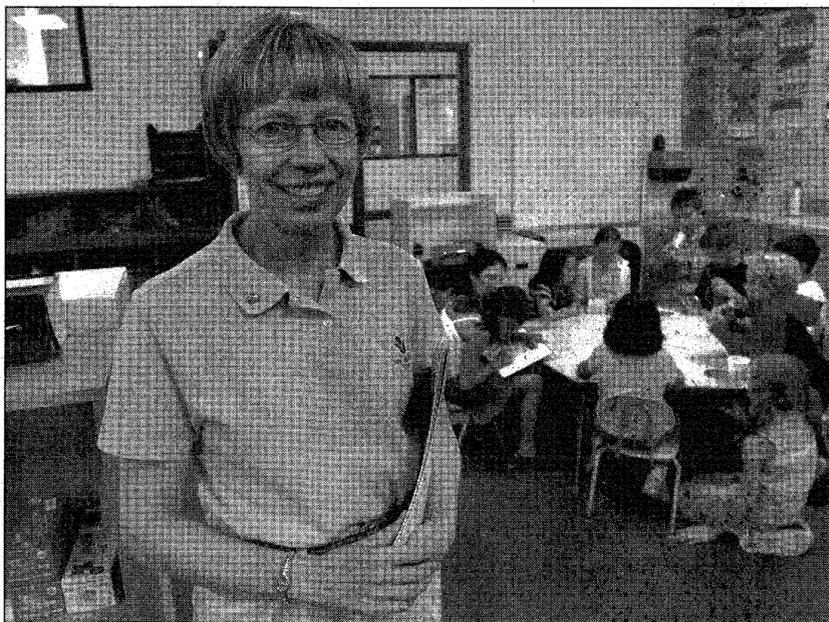
"We fly into Tokyo and are there for four or five days" following the one-day orientation in San Francisco. The 200 educators will then be split into groups of 20 each. Kennedy will go north to Soko to visit primary and secondary schools and a teachers' college.

"It just looks absolutely beautiful," she said. "I am really interested in learning more about the Japanese educational system."

When she gets back from the three-week study program, there will be follow-up activities at New Morning, including an International Day. The school had a Japanese family with limited English in the past, but has no such students now.

"I think it's going to be a challenge," Northville Township resident Kennedy said of the language during her visit. She'll learn some common phrases during the San Francisco orientation. Husband Sam has studied some Japanese.

"I'm thinking it's going to be a very different experience," she said of her Japan visit, which will include an overnight home stay with a



Elaine Kennedy, executive director of New Morning School, is headed for Japan as part of the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund scholar program.

Japanese family. "I'll be communicating back with the kids at school."

She wrote her application last December, not knowing if she'd be accepted for the prestigious program. Kennedy went to Europe as a student and later twice when her children were studying there, but has never been to Asia.

She'd appreciate help these coming weeks from community members who have resources related to Japan. The school, on Haggerty north of Schoolcraft, can be reached at (734) 420-3331.

"When I get back, we just have all kinds of plans," including those for students, their families and the community, Kennedy added.

"I think it's exciting," said Nancy Glodich of Plymouth Township, an upper elementary teacher at New Morning. She's grateful Kennedy will share the school's philosophy



Elaine Kennedy explains her upcoming Japan trip to first- through fifth-grade students at New Morning School. Student Naveen Sandhu listens.

of educational practices. "Also she can bring back some of the culture that we can learn about," Glodich said.

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Fall Fest aims for more success

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As far as Colleen Brown is concerned, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Brown, serving her first year as president of the Plymouth Fall Festival, said improvements made by her predecessor, Mark Baldwin, helped put the festival on solid ground. So, she's aiming to be just as successful.

"Mark really changed things and stepped it up a notch," said Brown, who is in her eighth year as a member of the Fall Festival board. "It's running pretty good right now, and we want to continue what he did and fine tune it a bit, and bring in some new things once in a while."

"We want to make money for the nonprofit groups, and make enough for the Fall Festival to pay its bills," she said. "That's why we're here, so the nonprofits can have their big fundraiser for the year and be able to give money back to the community."

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, after an absence of several years, is bringing back its spaghetti

dinner Saturday night to raise money for the Plymouth-Canton Schools' Tanger Center, which serves autistic children, and the Friends of the Penn.

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will hold its annual pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. Saturday, with the Plymouth noon Rotary Club raising money for its foundation with the 51st chicken barbecue on Sunday.

The Taste Fest will be held Friday night from 6-8:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind E.G. Nicks restaurant, off Harvey Street.

"This year, the Taste Fest will have 23 restaurants and vendors represented," Brown said. "The cost is \$15, and includes some wine tasting."

The Fall Festival hours are from noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Following the Fall Festival on Sunday evening, the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission will hold a battle of the bands on the stage off Harvey Street.

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Stylin' for charity

Local girls do makeovers for good cause

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For some nine months, Rachel Duprey and some of her friends practiced doing hairdos, makeup and nails, getting ready to open their own salon, if only on a temporary basis.

Last week, practice made perfect as the girls — all Plymouth Township residents — performed makeovers on more than 30 willing customers at the "Punk Princess Style Studio," all for a good cause: Raising money for Children's Hospital.

The girls — Rachel, 9; twins Ari and Ali Bologna, 9; and Hannah Sharrer, 9 — planned and executed the fund-raiser, which brought in well over \$300, almost completely on their own.

"We worked on it to decide what hairstyles and who would do makeup and nails," said Hannah Sharrer.

In addition to makeup and nails, the girls developed four hairstyles — Back to School Cool, Rockin' Girl, Skater Girl and Beautiful Ball Princess, which turned out to be the most popular choice among the studio's customers, all girls from their neighborhood who donated \$10 each for the makeovers.

"At first we thought they were just playing around," said Lisa Duprey, Rachel's mother. "Then about a month ago, we realized they were really going to be doing it. We made up flyers for them, and they delivered the flyers and got the ball rolling."

The girls did the fund-raiser in two days, with nine appointments the first day and 24 appointments the second.

That's a lot of hair to fix and makeup to apply.



Hannah Sharrer, 9, adds nail polish to 6-year-old Samantha Klozik's makeover. Hannah was one of four girls running the "Punk Princess Style Studio" for charity.

"Twenty-four appointments is a lot of hairstyling for one day for four 9-year-old girls," said Lisa Bologna, mom to the twins. "That takes a lot of commitment."

The girls decorated their "studio" — a canopy set up in the Duprey's Ridgewood West driveway — themselves, and the moms helped out with cookies, supplies and the like. Some of the beauty supplies were donated.

The girls knew early on they wanted to donate the money to charity. The only question was: Which one?

"We decided we wanted to donate it somewhere, and we were thinking about the Humane Society or Children's Hospital," Rachel Duprey said. "The decision was made to (give it to) Children's Hospital."

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Hannah Sharrer, Rachel Duprey, and Ali Bologna, all 9 years old, do a makeover on 7-year-old Tracy Olah, at their "Punk Princess Style Studio."

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Lisa Duprey
mother of Rachel, one of four girls involved in fund-raiser

Auditions scheduled for American Girl fashion show

If your daughter, granddaughter or niece has dreamed of becoming one of the American Girl Dolls, now is her chance.

Auditions for models and narrators for an American Girl Fashion Show will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, located at 21111 Haggerty Road at Eight Mile in Novi.

Approximately 30 female models who can wear a child's size 10 are being recruited for a total of four shows. Four female narrators, ages 16-18 are also needed. The actual fashion shows will be held Nov. 11 and 12.

Now in its third year, Friends of Suzette hosts the American Girl Fashion Show to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. Friends of Suzette is a group of women who came together to continue the fight against breast cancer when their friend, Suzette Herskovitz, lost her fight with the disease in 2001 at the age of 32.

Initially, the group raised funds for a bone marrow transplant that Suzette needed. Now, the group is committed to raising \$50,000 for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

"Proceeds from this year's shows will allow us to surpass our \$50,000 pledge to Gilda's Club and honor our dear friend Suzette," said Leah McLean, one of the show organizers and a founder of Friends of Suzette. "The fashion show is a fantastic opportunity for girls and their families to peek into

the past and see their favorite historic American Girl doll brought to life."

Gilda's Club is a non-residential clubhouse located in Royal Oak where people affected by cancer can find social and emotional support in a home-like community atmosphere with others who are living with cancer.

In addition to programs for adults and teens, Gilda's Club offers support groups and activities specifically for children under 13. Named to honor the late comedian Gilda Radner, this free cancer support organization held a special place in Suzette Herskovitz's heart.

American Girl offers fun, educational, and high-quality products and experiences that build self-esteem and reinforce positive values. From engaging dolls and books to clothing and tech tools and room accessories, American Girl inspires the imagination and individual style of girls ages 3-12 while fostering pride in traditions shared by generations of American girls.

For more information about the auditions and the show, please contact Leah McLean at (248) 210-5591 or Debbie Bienstock at dbienstock@twmi.rr.com.

Tickets for the fashion show are \$30. Shows will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Nov. 12. Attendees will receive favors, a chance to win a host of door prizes, either a light brunch or a snack, and more.

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PENN

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Elliott said *Cars* was suggested by a booking agent as this week's best-bet to draw movie-going crowds, which will already be downtown for the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The box office opens at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with *Cars* showing at 6:30 and 9 p.m. both days. Show times on Sunday are 2:30, 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets will cost \$3.

"Usually there's either a minimum charge for the film, or you pay a percentage of the box office receipts," Elliott said. "That could be from 35-50 percent, so the more frequently we show the film, the better, to be able to clear the minimum."

"We hope to cover our operating expenses and make a little profit to pay for repairs," she said. "We still have fund raising to be able to do all the renovations, and money from operations won't be able to pay for everything that has to happen."

Elliott said the group has raised about \$130,000, with about \$84,000 going toward expenses.

Jim Courtney, who along with two partners owned the Penn Theatre for a handful of years before closing it down and eventually selling it, said the theater "paid its way" when they owned it, revealing the Penn never made a profit for the group. However, Courtney believes the Friends, by adding Plymouth Symphony concerts and other entertainment, can at least make it a break-even proposition.

"It all comes back to the town supporting it, which hasn't been there before," Courtney said. "That means people getting off their couches and going to a restaurant and movie in Plymouth, instead of driving to the mall."

Steve Marulis, who along with his wife, Sandy, owns Michigan Made on Ann Arbor Trail, has sponsored fund-raisers and contributed to the Friends of the Penn in an effort to revitalize the historic theater.

"We're impressed with the group that has done so much to bring the Penn back, and we're doing everything we can to support them," Steve Marulis said. "It would create more traffic downtown, which would be good for everybody here."

Volunteers will staff the Penn during show times, selling tickets, concessions and running projectors. Warren Phillips, 68, and his wife, Carrie, 69, of Plymouth Township plan to be two of those who will be donating time to keep the theater operational on weekends. Warren Phillips spent several hours this week learning how to run the two projectors, which he said are more than 50 years old.

"We've learned how to thread the projectors, how to splice the tapes and how the sound system operates," said Phillips. "Each reel is about 40 minutes, and we had to learn how to switch to the second projector so no one can tell while watching the movie. There are a couple of reference points in the film we have to watch for."

Warren and Carrie Phillips, who have lived in the area for 20 years, are members of Friends of the Penn.

"We were sorry to see the Penn closed, and we were afraid we'd run the risk of losing it completely," Phillips said. "We've been working hard at cleaning the place up."

Elliott said that's been a top priority in getting ready for opening night.

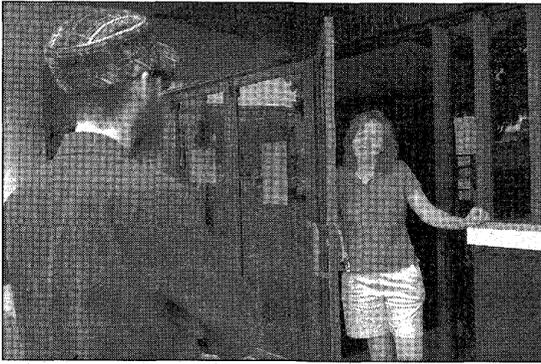
"We've done a lot of cleaning," Elliott said. "Air quality was a big issue for many people before, but it won't be an issue when we open. The drapes have been cleaned, the duct work is being cleaned and the basement has been power washed. The lobby and vestibule have been painted."

Elliott said the concession area still needs approvals and permits from the Wayne County Health Department. However, the Friends will sell packaged foods like chips and candy, as well as bottled beverages.

"Our highest concession price will still be lower than what you'd pay for the lowest-priced item at a big movie house," promised Elliott.

Carl Solak of Plymouth saved his pennies and donated \$13.89 to the Friends of the Penn restoration effort earlier this year.

"I'm looking forward to going to the movies at the Penn," Solak said. "They used to show some great movies, and I hope they keep it going. It's one of the great landmarks of Plymouth."



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Friends of the Penn Executive Director Ellen Elliott answers a few questions about the return of films from Plymouth resident Shaun Denoyer.

B
Mary "Eileen" Beaudoin
Beaudoin, 65, of Livonia, died Sept. 3.

C
Jean D. Chalifour
Chalifour, 70, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 26.

Martha Clemons
Clemons, 80, of Rancho Bernardo, Calif., died Aug. 30.

E
W. William (Bill) Eldridge III
Eldridge, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 6.

F
Phyllis Jean Farr
Farr, 80, of St. Clair, died July 3.

G
Catherine M. Graham

DEATHS

Graham, 83, of Livonia, died Aug. 30.

Louis Joseph Graziano
Graziano, 81, of Clarkston, died Aug. 26.

M
Gerald R. Moyer
Moyer, 77, of Plymouth, died Aug. 26.

L
Edith L. Lockwood
Lockwood, 88, of Pontiac, died Aug. 28.

O
Joyce L. Orr
Orr, 88, of Northville, died Aug. 24.

P
Sheila A. Pearson
Pearson, of Taylor, died Aug. 24.

Josephine Mae Piazzi
Piazzi, 74, of Westland, died Aug. 30.

Evelyn L. Prokop

Prokop, 86, of Westland, died Aug. 26.

R
I. Elizabeth Ridenour
Ridenour, 57, of Farmington, died Aug. 25.

S
Emily (Millie) V. Spakoff
Spakoff, 79, of Harbor Beach, died Aug. 23.

V
Martha S. Vel
Vel, 93, of Rochester, died Aug. 27.

W
Alvina Meta Wentz
Wentz, 84 of Clarkston, died Sept. 2.

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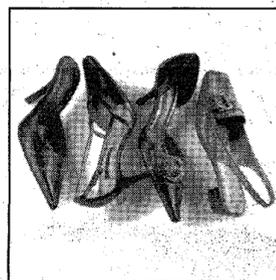
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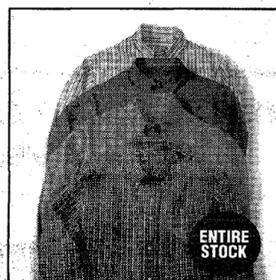
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New Hope sponsors annual golf outing

The New Hope Center for Grief Support, the Northville center devoted to providing support to people who have lost loved ones, sponsors its eighth-annual "Good Grief" golf outing Saturday at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township.

Proceeds benefit programs run by New Hope Center, which is run by Cathy Clough of Plymouth. The event starts with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

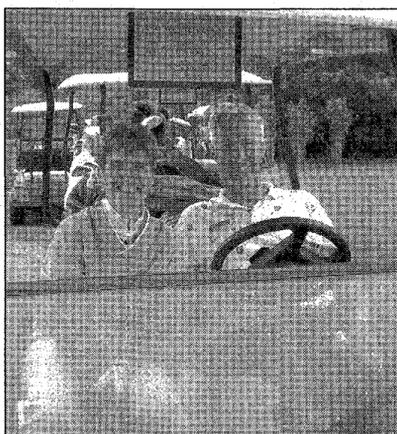
Cost for the event is \$125 per golfer (\$40 of which is tax-deductible), which covers 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and dinner and live and silent auctions.

The event features women's, men's and mixed teams. There is no scheduled rain date; if the weather spoils the event, the dinner starts at 4 p.m., with the auctions and program to follow. In that event, rain checks will be issued, New Hope officials said.

WDIV TV-4 personality Eric Wilson emceed the event, which also features two hole-in-one prizes: \$10,000 toward a cruise and a two-year lease from a Lincoln Mercury dealership.

"This is always a wildly popular event for us," said New Hope spokesperson Pattie Bingham. "We depend on it to help fund our programs, which provide help to so many people who need it."

Registration begins at 9 a.m. for this four-person scramble event. Tickets are available for the dinner/auctions only, and cost \$35 (\$15 of which is tax-deductible). Dinner will be served in the new banquet hall, the Galilee Ballroom,



Tim and Deb Wood, members of the New Hope Center for Grief Support Golf Committee, are ready for this year's outing, which takes place Saturday at St. John's Golf & Conference Center.

inside St. John's, with entertainment provided by disc jockeys Dave and Lisa Mulligan.

Credit-card orders can be faxed to New Hope at (248) 348-6815.

For more information on this event or other New Hope programs, visit the New Hope Web site at www.newhopecenter.net or call the office, (248) 348-0115.

SMITH

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about the start of school. We had everything planned for the day ... had the clothes laid out, breakfast ready and backpacks packed."

For kindergartners, like Charlotte Bruscato of Plymouth, the first day is mostly filled with fun activities, but there was some disappointment.

"I got to draw a picture for mommy, and we played," she said. "But, we didn't get to go out to the playground."

Principal Peggy Brooks said she gets as excited as the kids.

"The first day is just excitement," Brooks said. "You wait for that little person who screams 'I haven't seen you for a year,' when it's only been the summer."

"You live with them for a whole year, and you go through their first tooth with them," she said. "I look at my fifth graders and remember when they were just kindergartners."



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Max Williams arrives at Smith School for his first day of kindergarten with parents Mark and Licia in tow.

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Students, staff make the move from Miller

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Six-year-old Joshua Jozwiak and his parents arrived early for the first day of classes Tuesday to scope out Miller Elementary's new digs.

Miller students are being bused some five miles to Washington Elementary at Hix and Ann Arbor roads in Livonia, which is being leased by Plymouth-Canton Schools for the 2006-07 school year, while Miller — located on Hanford Road in Canton Township — undergoes a \$3.5 million facelift.

As one of the rewards for being early, first-grade teacher Denise Bryan gave Joshua his pick of hallway hooks on which to hang his backpack. It didn't take the first-grader long to make the decision, picking the first in a row of several dozen in the corridor near his new room.

After saying goodbye to his mom and dad — which included a hug and kiss from his mother, Connie — Joshua was excited about touring his new school.

"The rooms are bigger," said Joshua, comparing them to the much smaller quarters at Miller. "I want to know what the playground is like. I might meet some new friends."

When it was decided last year to close Miller, Principal Lynn Haire began preparing students for the change.

"I did a lot last year with slides, giving them a virtual tour of the school and telling the kids about a mother duck

who lays her eggs in the courtyard," Haire said. "We had open house last week, and I sent home a map with the newsletter with all the student entrances on it."

"The biggest challenge for the Miller community is that all the kids are being bused, instead of most of them walking. After orientation and showing them the playground, we expect it to become a normal routine, just a different setting."

And, for most parents, the move has been seamless.

"The school district has made it relatively easy," Gary Jozwiak said. "They've been very informative in telling us the process before school even started, with e-mails and information on the Internet."

Rich Foshee of Canton dropped off his third-grader, Kate, and fifth-grader, Rachel, at Miller. Rachel is in the Talented and Gifted program, which has been moved to the newly opened Workman Elementary in Canton, until Miller is renovated. Foshee said Rachel will be dropped off in Livonia each morning, and then bused to Workman for TAG classes.

"It's out of the way for us, and they'll have to take different buses home, but it's worth it being in TAG," Foshee said. "Ms. Haire has been very helpful, trading e-mails back and forth to figure out which buses they'll be on."

First-grade teacher Deborah Kurnick began the day taping clues around the building for her opening day scavenger

hunt. "We read the clues and go to the different rooms, to show them where art and music are going to be, the office and cafeteria," Kurnick said. "We end up at the library, where they'll get a bag of goodies ... a book, pencil and eraser ... to take home."

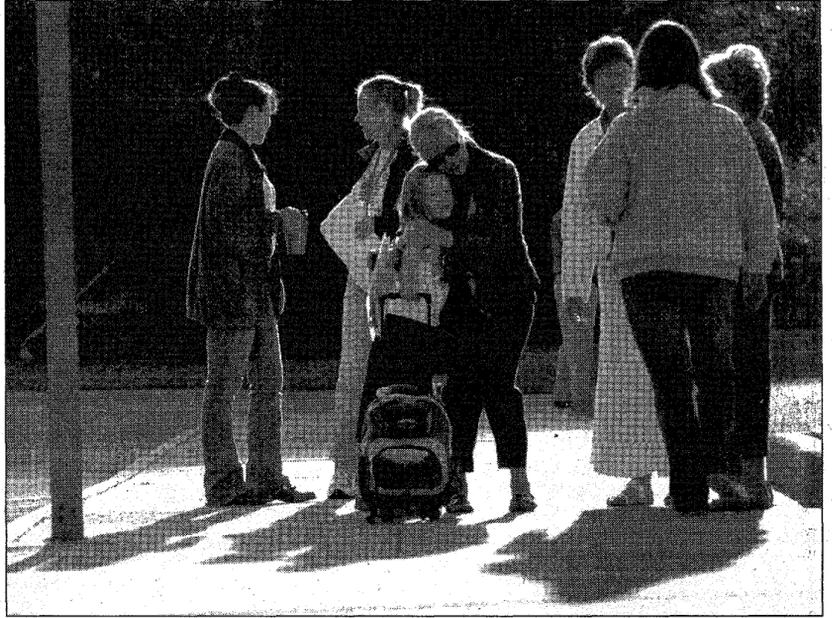
Some teachers may not be too anxious to return to Miller after unpacking in rooms that — unlike Miller's open classrooms — have four walls that reach the ceiling, with doors that can be closed to keep out the noise.

"I'm feeling very good about this," quipped Bryan. "We have square rooms and a door that can close ... high tech."

"Believe me, we noticed," she said. "We were delighted."

Kurnick's first-grade class is in a kindergarten room, which generally are much larger.

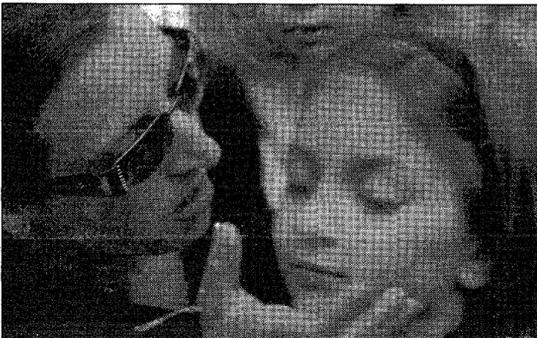
"I'm blessed because I have a much bigger room," Kurnick said. "They'll have to drag me out of here."



Principal Lynn Haire greets returning student Kaitlyn Lloyd at the temporary Miller Elementary School at Hix and Ann Arbor Road in Livonia.

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Kim Vassel says goodbye to her 8-year-old daughter, Shelby, who is entering the third grade.

WORKMAN

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"I drove them this morning, but they complained they really wanted to ride their bikes," El said. "The first day or so, they're very excited. And, they were excited I was able to get off work to take them. But the excitement will die down later this week."

El said the fact Workman is much like Dodson, their former school, made it easier for her kids to adjust to a new setting.

"It helps that it's built on the same floor plan as Dodson," El said. "That makes it nice because they're familiar with it, and know where the cafeteria and everything is located."

The library still doesn't have bookshelves, with thousands of books remaining in boxes until the shelves arrive. But, Dawn Johnson of Canton, who was picking up her daughter, Maddison, 10, wasn't concerned about minor problems.

"It will take a while to get all the kinks out, but for us, it's very convenient," said Johnson, who also lives in Central Park. "It's a lot bigger than Miller Elementary."

Maddison, who is in the talented and gifted program at Workman until Miller is renovated and reopened next year, liked the difference in the schools.

"It's a lot bigger than Miller, but I didn't get lost," said Maddison, an upper-classman in the fifth grade. "We had lockers in the hallways at Miller. Here, we have coat-rooms in the classrooms."

NO BIG ISSUES

Burt said, for the most part, the day went well. Though,

there were some transportation issues at the end of the day that kept teachers and administrators on their toes.

"Things generally went well for kids, and the teachers were well-prepared for them," Burt said. "I thought arrival and dismissal generally went well, but we'll do some tweaking before tomorrow (Wednesday). There's nothing that can't be fixed."

Burt said being the principal of an elementary school with more than 700 students is challenging.

"It was a bit overwhelming for me, this morning," admitted Burt. "I didn't get to speak to every classroom like I usually do. There were too many classrooms and too many things requiring my attention this morning."

Jacki Cummings, who last year taught third grade at Eriksson, said from her perspective the first day went well.

"The kids are very excited about the new building, and it was fun taking them around to all the different rooms, and they loved the playground," said Cummings.

Burt didn't get to perform one ritual, as he has for a number of years, when talking to kids on the first day of school. He'll have to wait another day to tell them about the magic wishing rock.

"Kids come to my office on their birthday and make a wish for anything they want," Burt said. "The rule is they can't wish out loud, they have to keep it to themselves."

"It's a way for me to make a personal connection with children, and engage them in conversation about their birthday and other things," he said.

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SMART, DDOT to coordinate hours

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"This is a good news story for SMART, for DDOT and most importantly people that use public transportation," says Dan Dirks, SMART general manager. "With the hours that we saved, SMART will be able to add more transportation in some of the outlying suburbs."

During the month of September a series of meetings and hearings have been scheduled to receive input from customers and others interested. SMART will reduce service on Plymouth Road, Grand River, Greenfield Rd. and Woodward Avenue. Service will be added on Sunday along Greenfield Road in

Oakland County and Grand River in Farmington and Farmington Hills, additional service will be added on Nine Mile and Ford Road/Eureka Rd. service to Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"We applaud SMART for their continuing work to increase coordination with DDOT and improve service," says Megan Owens, director of Transportation Riders United, a local non-profit transit advocacy group. "We appreciate their efforts to involve riders and incorporate rider ideas and suggestions into route changes and service improvements."

For details of service changes, public hearing meetings and route information, go to www.smartbus.org or call (866) 962-5515.

SMART is the regional transit system for Southeast Michigan with over 600 buses serving people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Kids invited to enter float contest

The Parade Company and Skillman Foundation are giving kids an opportunity to be a part of the 80th celebration of America's Thanksgiving Parade through the 15th Annual Skillman Foundation Float and Balloon Design Contest.

The annual contest, made possible by a grant from the Skillman Foundation, invites students in the fifth grade and lower to submit a colorful and creative drawing of their favorite children's story, legend, song or classic fairy tale to The Parade Company.

Two students, out of the thousands of expected entries, will be selected to have their art magically transformed into a giant float or balloon and march alongside their creation down Woodward Avenue on Thanksgiving Day.

"We invite students to be a

Submissions are due by Sept. 22. To get an application or learn more about the contest, visit www.theparade.org or call (313) 923-7400. Children up to the fifth grade are eligible to participate.

part of this wonderful tradition and help create new and lasting memories for our Parade," said Joan LeMahieu, president of The Parade Company. "We are delighted to once again partner with The Skillman Foundation and assist kids in expressing their imagination and gain a greater interest in the arts while watching their drawings turn into larger than life creations."

Two winners, along with their creation, will be announced at The Parade Company and Skillman Foundation Press Conference

in November 2006.

Twenty additional students will be awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates. Last year's winners were Emma Cox, a home-schooled fourth-grader from Auburn Hills, and Aroma Ahmed Naeem, a third-grader from Crescent Academy International in Canton.

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Religious leaders meet on affirmative action

Religious leaders from various faith traditions in southeastern Michigan will meet in September to discuss their opposition to a Michigan ballot proposal which will ban affirmative action.

Clergy leaders will meet 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Bethany Baptist Church, Detroit. Lay leaders will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at a Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield. The meetings are cosponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice - Michigan and One United Michigan.

Speakers include Rabbi Arnie Sleutberg, Imam Sayed Hassan Qazwini, Monsignor Pat Halfpenny, the Rev. Samuel Bullock and Dr. Carlyle

Stewart III.

Both meetings are designed to inform leaders about the implications of the ballot proposal and discuss how it violates universal beliefs regarding social justice, according to the Rev. Dr. Dan Krichbaum, president of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

"We will empower clergy and lay leaders to educate members of their congregations about the upcoming ballot issue and how it will harm communities throughout the state," Krichbaum said. "Affirmative action is critical to ensure that all Michiganders have fair and equitable opportunities with education and business organizations."

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OUR VIEWS

Governor's race should be about issues, not attacks

The Michigan State Fair has packed up for another year.

Children across the state are back in school. Stressed trees are already starting to show their fall colors.

While our glorious summer slowly comes to an end, a different season of sorts begins in earnest — election season.

The results of this year's general elections will chart the course of this state for many years to come. Starting with the governor's race and continuing through a series of critical state ballot proposals, it is an election that no resident who cares about their home state, and hometown, should miss.

With the November general elections a mere nine weeks away, it is time for the two candidates for governor to educate residents about where they stand on the issues and why they should be elected.

Sadly, it is far more likely that the camps of incumbent Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Republican challenger Dick DeVos will spend the time launching personal attacks and smear campaigns against one another.

According to one recent poll, the governor's race is just about a dead heat. DeVos, who spent millions of dollars of his own money prior to the August primary building name recognition, has lost his early lead.

His campaign already is shifting away from his own platform, to discrediting the credentials of the first-term Democratic governor.

Instead of arguing who is more responsible for Michigan's severe and continuing job losses — Granholm for her failed policies and DeVos for his company's shifting of jobs to Asia — we'd like to hear what the candidates are going to do to stop the bleeding and reverse the trend.

It's easy to play the blame game, but playing the game won't improve the state's economy, protect its natural resources nor provide a quality public education for its children.

Michigan is in serious trouble. Its primary industry is faltering badly, its schools and municipalities are having to make serious and dramatic cuts to programs and services, and its Great Lakes are under siege from pollution and invasive species.

Frankly, there isn't much great about the Great Lakes State right now. And it is going to take much more than a slew of political attack ads to solve the state's problems. Michigan voters should demand that both candidates — and indeed their political parties — articulate what specific programs and initiatives they will support to turn the state around.

Simply providing lip service, or pointing out why we should not vote for the other person, won't get the job done.

Beyond the governor's race, the so-called Michigan Civil Rights Initiative ballot proposal has garnered the most attention, but there are other important proposals that demand voters' attention.

Two ballot proposals would guarantee funding levels for the Department of Natural Resources and K-16 public schools by amending the state Constitution. If approved, the governor and state Legislature would lose their oversight on these critical portions of the state budget, regardless of the overall economic condition of the state. Simply put, the proposals would give the two entities funding priority over the remaining state departments.

And for those who believe in the old adage that a person's home is their castle, another ballot proposal would make it more difficult for private property to be seized under the state's eminent domain law when the property would be used for a private enterprise.

The gubernatorial candidates have their work cut out for them in educating voters why they are the best person to prevent the state from slipping further into decline. But voters also need to educate themselves on the rest of the ballot so they can make well-educated decisions come Nov. 7.



Granholm



DeVos



LETTERS

Sale is sad

It is very sad, another example of America weakening the manufacturing base ("Metaldyne sells to Japanese auto supplier," *Observer*, Sept. 3).

Metaldyne may maintain its name, but still belongs to a foreign country. Very shortly the current CEO will be gone and replaced by a Japanese person.

I know the world is FLAT, but the USA better wake up.

Tony Wiesniewski
Plymouth

Tree irony

Isn't it ironic that Detroit Edison will come in and cut the heck out of live trees that are overhanging power lines and let a dead tree ("Dead tree headed for wood chip pile," *Observer*, Aug. 31) that is clearly a risk to a major power line be someone else's responsibility.

Randy Jost
Plymouth

Metaldyne no surprise

I read the article ("Metaldyne sells to Japanese auto supplier," *Observer*, Sept. 3) and I am not surprised. I work for one of the big car companies in Detroit and all I can say is we are going through an era of change which will continue in the direction it is headed.

It will make a lot of differences in many ways, some good and some not. If the auto industry is to survive, then sacrifices are going to be made. Many jobs will be lost and wages as we know them will be altered.

This is unfortunate. But many people don't realize that those wages are being paid by each one of us that buys a car. That alone is already out of control. We are the only country in the world to pay that kind of money for that kind of work. Hence, foreign business. Many of our "American" cars are now being manufactured out of the country as it is.

The Japanese are a powerful force in this industry. But the Chinese are right behind them and are the next to get their piece of this very valuable pie. We may as well be prepared because the winds of change are blowing in only one direction. It's a new world and a new industry. We have priced ourselves right out of the old one.

Claire Conway
Plymouth

Why bond failed

I'm writing in response to the editorial "Next bond must be well-crafted" that recently appeared in the *Plymouth Observer*.

I appreciate the results found by Epic/MRA — the Lansing polling firm hired to investigate why the Board of Education's recent bond proposal failed — but believe one crucial point was missed. Sure, the bond likely failed for the usual reasons — the public discerned it was asking for "wants" not "needs," people are tired of paying for our schools with debt, the board wanted too much money, and

attempts to raise money for schools in Michigan are typically seen with a jaundiced eye, especially since the Engler years.

However, if the board wants their next bond proposal approved, they'd better understand the major reason this last one failed. To qualify my opinion, let me assure you that my opinion is derived from real-time experience, talking with thousands of voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township this summer while running for state representative.

According to the citizens I spoke with, the bond proposal failed for one major reason — the people of Plymouth are sick of paying for Canton's ever-lasting expansion. This is especially true in Plymouth Township, where I spoke to hundreds of voters this summer who told me these words, verbatim.

In fact, the people of Plymouth Township opposed the bond so strongly, it's sparked informal discussions of "splitting the district" throughout Plymouth.

Now, if you've lived in Plymouth for any time, you know this discussion of "splitting the district" is not new. I remember my parents talking about it when I was in high school, back in the mid-90s. At that time, PCEP had over 4,000 kids, and the big issue was smoking on school grounds. Security was beefed up to deal with the problem.

Today, PCEP's population is approaching 6,000, with most kids coming from Canton. Plymouth residents, for good reason, are simply tired of paying for the growth of their neighbors to the south.

Collectively, we know that if our kids are to receive a world-class education, we cannot keep up this rate of expansion. High school isn't college. Kids aren't little adults. And every time we add security guards to deal with the burgeoning student population, or build a new school on the corner of Joy and Canton Center, the adults in our schools and communities get further away from the kids.

Maybe the Board of Education ought to be thinking of ways of putting the next \$120 million into reaching our kids, not building lavish theatres and auxiliary gyms.

Joe Hawver
Plymouth Township

No to school bond

I know the (school) board has a tough job to do and that they are not trying to make me move west of U.S. 23, but here are my comments.

I voted both bonds down, and will continue to vote them down, for a number of reasons, the first of which was the tax increase for nonsensical things. We did and do not need additional athletic buildings or facilities. The pool should have been built with the "new" high school.

HVAC upgrades are much more conducive to learning. Teacher salaries could certainly use a boost, too. But apparently they are and have not been as important as future athletic superstars. I am not quite sure why I am responsible for pay-

ing for additional extracurriculars.

Too many parents are putting too much emphasis on the "extras" which are now deemed "necessary" for an education. As of this year, I will also fall into the group of residents that no longer have children in the school system. This means the board will have to work *much* harder to convince me to shell out extra dollars in the future.

I am also extremely upset at the language the board uses when trying to convince me that my taxes will only be X amount of dollars for Y number of years. That might be fine if every other tax assessing agency wasn't using the same phrase. Three or four times a year, I hear the same "good news," but my math says they all add up. They don't cancel one another out.

The board was very negligent (with the exception of one very vocal newcomer) to have even tried to pull this bond issue off. They should be held accountable for having to spend another \$18,000 to have someone else tell them what they should have known. Maybe the next bond should include the survey fees.

Kevin Gault
Plymouth Township

Responsible drinking

It would be troubling if the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and state law enforcement are saying literally to citizens celebrating Labor Day: "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." This is simply not the case. It is legal in all 50 states (including Michigan) to drink responsibly prior to driving.

To put the issue in perspective, studies from *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the University of Utah, and elsewhere show that motorists who drive while talking on a hands-free cell phone are more "impaired" than people driving at the legal limit of .08 percent blood-alcohol content. Responsible adults who have had a glass of wine with dinner or a beer at Labor Day cookouts are behaving safely and legally when driving themselves home.

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State government's election year math doesn't add up

Things that make you say, hmmm:

The annual Lansing budget dance is over and there is much to make you shake your head, wonder and say, "hmm" about.

Where is this new revenue coming from to provide increases to universities, community colleges, K-12 schools, additional state police and other politically popular programs? There is enough new money to expand the base budget while Michigan remains in the dumps economically? Hmm.

Don't get me wrong, I want to believe the revenue will be there for these programs. Yet I have not heard one economist say that the next 12-month economic outlook looks any better for Michigan.



Tom Watkins

In fact, in a recent article, Dana Johnson, chief economist for Comerica Bank said, "Michigan's employment situation may get worse before it gets better, because the state still hasn't felt the full force of the auto industry job cuts. We will see a big drop in employment in the next six months, reflecting those buyouts."

To compound matters, Ford Motor Co. is hitting the gas pedal on its North American restructuring effort after posting a \$254 million loss for the second quarter of 2006, meaning more job cuts and plant closings are coming sooner rather than later. The announcement that auto production is being cut by 21 percent does not bode well for white- or blue-collar jobs in Michigan. Further, the Ford cuts will trickle down to its major suppliers, causing a ripple effect of additional layoffs.

Michigan's home foreclosures are up and the housing market that has spurred the national economy is cooling off. Luxury home builder and CEO Robert Taft was recently quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* as saying: "It is the first downturn in the 40 years since we entered the business that was not precipitated by high interest rates, a weak economy, job losses or other macro-economic factors."

Further, the national economy is slowing down and is expected to stay subdued. What is that old saying — "When the nation's economy catches a cold Michigan gets pneumonia." Hmm.

Other troubling trends that do not bode well for the people of Michigan or the state budget include:

- U.S. Census figures reinforce what people in our communities already know. Times are tough in Detroit, where three in every 10 people live in households earning less than \$19,350, the federal poverty threshold.

- Union membership, and the middle-class wages they produce, have declined during 2005 to 20.5 percent of Michigan workers, its lowest level since at least the late 1980s. This is a drop from 21.6 percent in 2004 and from 26 percent in 1989, according to the Chicago regional office of the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Further, the state Senate recently passed, and the governor supports, an income tax credit for low-income workers. This laudable action will further reduce the revenue available to the state by an estimated \$95 million in 2008 and \$250 million in 2009. Without corresponding budget reductions or revenue (tax) increase, this action will cause further budget strain.

The state budget that has not been solvent enough to provide significant increases to education over the past three years and lo and behold, in an election year when nothing has improved economically, suddenly there is money available. There is an old southern saying that seems to fit: "This dog don't hunt!"

This same budget prolongs seven consecutive years of state government either cutting or flatlining its revenue-sharing for local government, forcing local municipalities to either raise taxes or cut local services.

The nonpartisan Citizen Research Council has for more than 90 years provided factual, unbiased, independent information on issues concerning state and local units of government. The CRC concluded in its March 2006 report, *Michigan's Budget Crisis and Prospects For the Future*: "Permanent solutions to Michigan's structural budget crisis will require structural changes. The economy and state revenues in a period of continuing expansion will not grow enough to keep up with the growth of costs associated with maintaining current policies and programs." (See the report at www.crcmich.org)

In late 2004, while serving as state superintendent of Michigan schools, I wrote a report "Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21st Century" that identified the looming state structural budget deficit and pending pension and health care crisis facing our public schools. These problems are coming home to roost. Even if the promised school funding materializes, it will not provide the necessary resources for new text books, technology, adding new science and math teachers or providing necessary quality professional development. These investments are needed to prepare our children for the 21st century knowledge economy. The new money the governor and the Legislature have promised will be absorbed by rising health and pension costs. (See the report at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf)

Like your family, the state only has three ways to balance its budget. These are cut expenses, raise revenues or a combination of both.

Pretending is not a choice.

Hmm!

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and as president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996-2001. Read his internationally recognized report: *The New Education (R)evolution* at www.nacol.org. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

New school year, new school: New way of doing homework

It was a comment I thought I'd never hear from my son, but last Friday he loudly announced that he couldn't wait for school to start.

This comes from a child who we thought might not make it to middle school on his first try, but there he was Tuesday morning, pass in hand, boarding the bus for the roughly 10-minute ride to school.

It was almost enough to bring tears to my eyes. It wasn't all that long ago he was standing in front of the school sign, a smile on his face and his latch key tag on a piece of yarn around his neck, on his first day of kindergarten.



Sue Mason

That day, we stood in line together, walked in together, found his hook to hang up his jacket and his seat together. We spent a few minutes getting the lay of the land and then it was time for me to go. I was dismissed with that look — Aren't you ever going to leave?

That day we started a tradition that he grudgingly shared with his sister — a photograph in front of the school sign on the first day of school. Big smiles, nice, clean clothes and backpacks weighted down with school supplies. But each year, it's become increasingly more difficult.

I've heard more than my fair share of "come on, Mom" groans from my son, more interested in reconnecting with his buddies than saying cheese for a photograph that gets sent to his grandmother by day's end. Last year, we had to do it in the driveway lest his friends see him indulging his mom in such a childish thing. Ditto for this year. But Mom is persistent, doesn't take no for an answer, and gets the photograph. Must be the journalist in me.

As I watched him board the bus, I realized how much his world has changed in the three short months since the last school year ended and how much more change is yet to come. And that thought was driven home Monday afternoon as he rifled through our box of photos, looking for snapshots — of himself, of course — to put up in his room. He and his sister spent more time asking who this was and that was in photos, laughing at the goofy ones and hearing their Uncle Jimmy tell them that those first-day-of-school photos were priceless.

I'm sure some of his excitement is the reconnecting with his buddies, especially a former soccer pal who is in five of his seven classes, but a lot of it is the fact that this is something new. Bobby can get scared about some of the most minuscule things, but throw him in a crowd of strangers and he walks out with a bazillion friends.

Mom is stepping back from the sitting for hours on end, all but doing homework, especially the math homework. I'm not the mechanical engineer my dad hoped I'd be because I decide early on math wasn't for me.

Yes, there were some jitters on registration day, but by the time we took his schedule and walked the halls from classroom to classroom, practiced opening his locker and scoping out the gym on parents night that was gone. He was excited at the prospect of showing his dad his new school and didn't mind that his sister tagged along, although he did stress to her that this was HIS school. Unfortunately, only for one year. She moves over there next fall.

My concern about opening his locker went poof when he opened it on the second try. He introduced himself to all of his teachers and even admitted to one teacher that he didn't like social studies, only to hear that if he didn't like it now, he would by the end of the class. I could tell by the look on his face that the teacher had already tweaked his interest.

I hope his excitement carries over beyond the first day. A friend described her son's first year of middle school as his turn-around year, and I hope it's the same for Bobby. He's the child who bombs out in class, but somehow manages to pull it together and meet state standards on the MEAP.

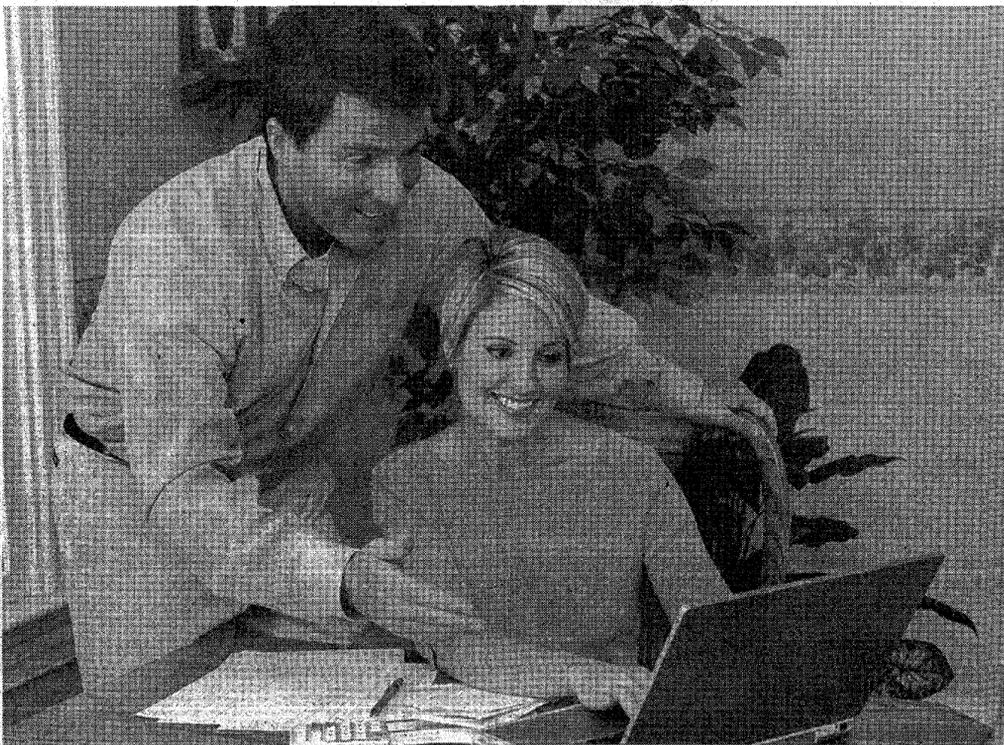
Usually, the first few weeks of school are a struggle as we re-establish his school routine. Last week, I took time to create my homework drawer — paper, pencils, rulers, a good eraser and the all-important math book, all the things he and his sister will need to do their homework, with emphasis on *their*.

Mom is stepping back from the sitting for hours on end, all but doing homework, especially the math homework. I'm not the mechanical engineer my dad hoped I'd be because I decide early on math wasn't for me. I did my time in the trenches, did my homework and managed decent grades. Now it's time for my son — and my daughter — to do the same.

I will offer assistance in helping where I can, but any work that goes out the door will be their work, not mine, not my husband's. It won't be easy, so I'm really hoping my friend is right. That sixth grade will be the turn-around year ... for all of us.

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Jewish groups host 'ballot box' forums

"What You Need to Know At the Ballot Box" will be the focus of two electoral forums to be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, and Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Council and the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section, in partnership with a host of local Jewish organizations, the programs are designed to prepare the Jewish community to make informed decisions prior to casting their votes.

Detroit News columnist Laura Berman will serve as moderator for the Sept. 18 Candidates Forum, where a

group of candidates will present their platforms and participate in a panel discussion. Candidates from the governor's race and the U.S. Senate and U.S. Representative races have been invited, along with candidates for the Michigan 13th District Senate race and Michigan 39th District House race.

Brian Dickerson, columnist at the *Detroit Free Press*, will serve as moderator for the Oct. 3 Ballot Initiatives Forum, where spokespeople for three ballot proposals will present their positions.

The program will explore: The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI), a ballot proposal to amend the state constitution to ban all state-

sponsored affirmative action programs; The Stop Overspending Initiative (SOS), a proposal to cap state spending at the rate of inflation and tied into population growth; and the K-16 Proposal which would require annual funding increases equal to inflation for K-12 public schools, state-funded community colleges, and universities.

For more information about the forums, contact the Jewish Community Council at (248) 642-5393, Ext. 0, or the National Council of Jewish Women at (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0.

Adat Shalom is located at 29901 Middlebelt, south of Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

Mystery writer given Author Award

The Michigan Center for the Book today announced Steve Hamilton as the winner of the 2006 Michigan Author Award. Sponsored jointly by the Michigan Center for the Book (a program of the Library of Michigan) and the Michigan Library Association, this annual award honors a Michigan writer for his or her contributions to literature, based on an outstanding published body of work.

Steve Hamilton's first novel, *A Cold Day In Paradise*, won the Edgar Allan Poe Award, one of the mystery genre's most prestigious awards. That book introduced Alex McKnight, a reluctant private investigator living in the small town of Paradise, Mich. Hamilton has won several other awards since then and his books are now translated into 12 languages. *A Stolen Season*, the seventh book in the McKnight series, is scheduled for release in early September 2006.

"It's always a delight to pay tribute to one of our state's true literary treasures with the Michigan Author Award," said Michigan Center for the

Book coordinator Karren Reish. "Steve Hamilton has stayed true to his Great Lakes roots and manages to affectionately weave pieces of Michigan into his always entertaining storytelling."

Hamilton was born and raised in the Detroit area and graduated from the University of Michigan, where he won the prestigious Hopwood Award for fiction. He currently lives in New York's Hudson Valley with his family. "I'm still a Michigan boy at heart," he said. "I can't even tell you what this award means to me. It feels like the whole state is calling me back home, to let me know I did something worth celebrating. It's overwhelming."

The Michigan Author Award will be presented at the Michigan Library Association conference in Detroit on Friday, Oct. 13, as part of the Author Award luncheon. Tickets are available from the Michigan Library Association at <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/>.

A panel of judges representing Michigan librarians and the Michigan Center for the Book chooses the recipient of the Michigan Author

Award, based on overall literary merit. For more information on the Michigan Author Award, please see <http://michigan.gov/mcfb> or <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/units/committee/maac/index.html>.

Previous winners of the Michigan Author Award include Christopher Paul Curtis (2005), Patricia Polacco (2004), Diane Wakoski (2003), Nicholas Delbanco (2002), Thomas Lynch (2001), Janie Lynn Panagopoulos (2000), Jerry Dennis (1999), Gloria Whelan (1998), Loren Estleman (1997), Elmore Leonard (1996), Janet Kauffman (1995), Nancy Willard (1994), Charles Baxter (1993) and Dan Gerber (1992).

The Michigan Center for the Book, a program of the Library of Michigan and the center's affiliates, aims to promote an awareness of books, reading, literacy, authors and Michigan's rich literary heritage. New affiliates are welcome. For more information about the Michigan Center for the Book and its programs, visit www.michigan.gov/mcfb.

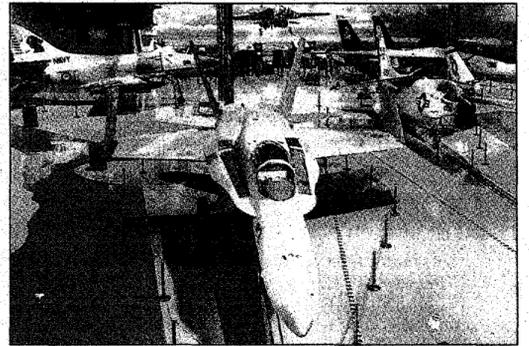
Group planning trip to 'Air Zoo'

The Detroit Historical Society and the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society are sponsoring a train trip to the Kalamazoo Aviation Museum better known as the Air Zoo. The one-day excursion on Saturday, Oct. 21, departs Birmingham and Dearborn aboard Amtrak's morning train *The Wolverine*, and returns on the afternoon aboard *The Wolverine*.

The Air Zoo's new main building has 85 historic aircraft dating from the 1903 Wright Brothers Flyer replica to modern jets, including the enormous Lockheed SR-71B Blackbird spy plane, which flew three times the speed of sound.

Besides many civilian airplanes, there are World War I, World War II and later American, British, German, Japanese and Russian "war birds." The temporary exhibit "Aerial Paintings by Sy Ellen" provides a view of how birds see the landscape below. The Air Zoo's many attractions include flight simulators enabling visitors to "fly" a jet fighter or space travel aboard the Space Shuttle. And you can view the Kalamazoo International/Battle Creek Airport runways from the old hangar at the Air Zoo, which is the 10th largest U.S. aviation museum.

A shuttle bus to the Air



The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and the Detroit Historical Society are sponsoring a train trip to the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum, known as the Air Zoo.

Zoo will be provided. The visit takes at least two hours and for aviation enthusiasts it could take four. Downtown, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts has "Fish to Fowl: Animals in Art," a temporary exhibit from the KIA's collection.

The Air Zoo express departs Birmingham at 6:53 a.m. and Dearborn at 7:45 a.m. aboard Amtrak's morning arriving in Kalamazoo at 10:24 a.m. The return departs Kalamazoo at 4:45 p.m. arriving back in Dearborn at 7:22 p.m. and Birmingham at 8:17 p.m.

Adult tickets include the \$19.50 Air Zoo admission and if ordered before Sept. 8 are \$79 and \$85 thereafter. Children ages 2-15 are \$7

before Sept. 8 and \$63 after. Ticket orders must be placed by Thursday, Oct. 19. Order early, since these Detroit Historical Society-Bluewater Amtrak trips sell out quickly.

For more information and to order tickets using VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards, call the Bluewater Chapter at (248)541-1000 or (800)594-5162 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Or send by mail to Post Office Box 296, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0296 making checks available to the Bluewater Chapter, NRHS. More information available on- at www.bluewaternrhs.com, www.airzoo.com or www.detroithistorical.org.

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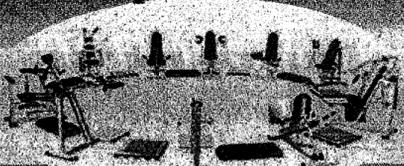
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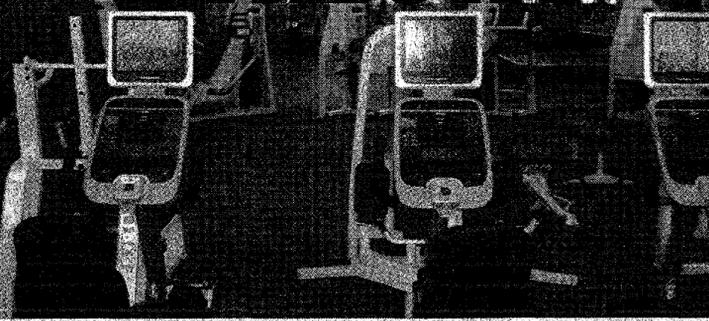
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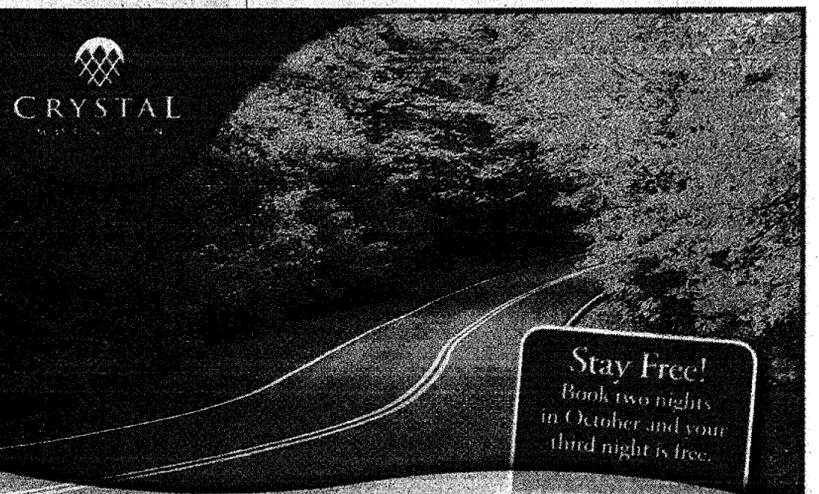
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'Wasted Spaces'

Local family clears clutter for TV show

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Theresa Voyles stood at the entrance of her dining room, in awe of its transformation in just a day and a half.

"All of my life was partitioned in this room," said the Farmington Hills woman, as she pointed to empty spaces where her scrapbooking supplies, her Mary Kay products, business-related papers and more, were once piled up.

She stood in her large Briar Hill Drive backyard, where many of her family's belongings had been transferred from the basement, onto large, blue tarps on the ground and sorted into categories.

And, it wasn't a yard sale. This organizational wonder happened this week to the Voyles family, compliments of the DIY Network and RivrMedia.

A camera crew, construction workers from Ann Arbor's Paul Davis Restoration, Andrew J. Mellen, a Detroit-area native and an organizational expert, and DIY Network host Karl Champley, converged on the Voyles ranch home Aug. 27, with less than 24 hours notice.

The Voyles were informed Aug. 26 they won the DIY Network contest, "America's Biggest Pack Rat," and will be featured in a 1-hour special premier of the DIY Network's *Wasted Spaces*, a new show that

helps everyday people get organized and get rid of clutter. The premier will air in February.

GOING FOR IT

Tom Voyles and his sons, Alexander, 9, and Zachary, 5, saw the commercial for the contest and they knew they had a shot at winning.

"We saw it and I said, 'This is mama — we've got to do this,'" Tom said.

The trio secretly made a video without Theresa's knowledge, documenting the clutter in their basement and other rooms of the house. Tom and Theresa, like many couples, have held onto things they don't use or need anymore. They've inherited boxes and boxes of items from family members and have allowed others to store stuff at their large home.

"I'm bad, too, but she is the queen," said Tom, about being a pack rat. The couple will soon celebrate 13 years of marriage.

TONS OF STUFF

Karl Champley, *Wasted Spaces* host, said the Voyles home is cluttered, but it's not the worst he has seen.

"These guys have a lot of stuff," said Champley, who also hosts *DIY to the Rescue*.

In the end, they'll appreciate all the help, he said.

"They will be very tired and they'll be really excited that they'll be able to see all of the parts of their home when we're

finished," said Champley, who noted the Voyles are participating every step of the way in this Do It Yourself project.

Normally, the crew works with homeowners on one project or one room of the home, Champley said. But, the Voyles are getting the royal treatment. Their 1,800-square-foot basement, their garage, dining room, a section of the kitchen area and the boys' bedroom are being transformed into clutter-free zones for the special 1-hour show.

Theresa said she didn't know where to start with various organizational projects, because something else would always need to be done before an organizational project could start.

LETTING GO

Seeing her stuff fly out of the house and into a Dumpster on Monday took a little getting used to.

"I think it was kind of a shock," she said, with tears in her eyes. "We're just so grateful; everyone here is so amazing. They're not just here to do a show. It's very touching."

Theresa admits she has a hard



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Voyles family, of Farmington Hills, was picked to be featured on the DIY Network's new show, 'Wasted Spaces.' The show's host, Karl Champley, on right, works with Tom Voyles on a project in their driveway while the camera crew films the action.

time throwing things away.

"It's kind of in my family to save things," said Theresa, who is an optometrist for Dubin Optometric in downtown Farmington.

But, with organizational expert Andrew Mellen by her side, she was getting pretty good at tossing stuff out.

"Going through it with someone else really helps," she said. Especially if that someone is a true expert.

"They have a lot of stuff," Mellen said. "I've certainly seen worse, but they have a decent-sized home and a lot of stuff

inside the home."

He suggested putting "like with like" items — organizing the stuff into categories such as tools, office, seasonal decor, etc.

Purging old items is a must.

"You have to know how to decide what to keep and what to let go," he said. "You have to be clear about what you're keeping and why, so you're not stuck in a broken memory loop."

Mellen said disassociating old items from loved ones is a good thing, and the outcome is always a relief.

"It's hard," he said. "First, they're enthusiastic, then pan-

icky, then emotional, then there's a feeling of liberation and exhilaration. Then, the things just start flying out of the house."

Tom Voyles, who is an enthusiastic participant in the project, said he's so glad they won the contest.

"It's going to change our lives forever," he said.

The crew will check in on the Voyles periodically to see if they practice their new-found organizational skills after the crew is gone.

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College Night is Oct. 4

Area high school students and their families can investigate the programs of approximately 65 colleges and universities during Schoolcraft College's annual College Night on Wednesday, Oct. 4. The event is free.

The schools, primarily from Michigan and the Midwest, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost and extracurricular activities. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Physical

Education Building on the Livonia campus and continues until 8:30 p.m.

A sample of in-state schools attending includes Michigan State University, Central, Western, Northern and Eastern Michigan universities, Adrian and Albion colleges, Ferris State, the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses, Lawrence Tech, and Wayne State University.

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The ultimate gift

Death of teen donor has meant a decade of sight for Canton girl

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

About nine years ago, Connie Ayres received the news that to most parents is unimaginable. Her 16-year-old daughter, Amanda Siners, was pronounced dead after the car she was driving hit a tree near her home in Davison, a small Genesee County town.

As devastated as she was, Ayres made the decision to make her daughter a donor. She felt that's what her daughter, who was a senior in high school and an excellent student, would have wanted.

"She always said she wanted to be a doctor so she could help people with medicine. I guess in a way I got to help her do that," Ayres said. "And it helped us in our grief, because something good came out of some-

thing so bad."

Ayres said she sat down and cried after she received a letter a couple weeks later telling her several patients benefited from organs and tissue provided by her daughter. One of those recipients was a little girl named Carmen Muglia, who had been blind since her birth a year before. Two days after Siners died, Carmen Muglia received one of her corneas. Her other cornea was also a gift from a donor.

"Carmen was born blind. Both of her corneas were thick and blurry, almost like her eyes had callouses. It was like her corneas were wax paper," said Cesar Muglia, Carmen's father.

Today, Carmen, who will be 11 next month, is a fifth grader at Tonda Elementary. Although her eyes are sometimes sensitive to bright light, Carmen's vision is pretty good. Her family, which also includes mother Nancy and Carmen's two sisters, has lived in Canton for about seven years. Her father says she is an above-average student and an excellent soccer player. Above all, though, he says Carmen is just a regular kid. And he knows, in large part, it is due to the amazing donation she received from Amanda Siners.

"It was the ultimate gift," Cesar Muglia said.

Over the years, Ayres and the Mughias have stayed in



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Carmen Muglia, 10, of Canton recently met for the first time Michelle Pugmire, sister of Amanda Siners, who died nine years ago and was donor of Muglia's cornea, which has given her the gift of sight. They went to a Tiger game together and promoted the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan.

touch. Ayres has even gone to a couple of Carmen's birthday parties. Carmen is the only one of the group of recipients of her daughter's donated organs that Ayres has met.

"I have a picture of Carmen in my purse. I kind of show it off just like I do pictures of my grandkids," she said.

Recently the families reunited during an Aug. 18 trip to a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park. They were there to promote a group called the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, which is comprised of hospitals, organizations, and individuals in Michigan dedicated to educat-

ing the public about the dire need for more registered, informed organ, tissue and eye donors.

In addition, the outing also allowed Carmen Muglia to meet Siners' only sibling, Michelle Pugmire, who for years had a certain level of apprehension about meeting the people who benefited from her sister's death. Ayres said her daughter was thrilled after meeting Carmen.

"Carmen is such a sweet girl, and she's a good student. My daughter wants to meet with her again in the future. It just makes us feel good that Amanda was able to help such a nice girl," Ayres said.

Cesar Muglia said the idea of organ and tissue donation was something that really never entered his mind, until it "fell into our lap." Ever since Carmen's surgery nine years ago, the Mughias have been big promoters of organ donation. He said one donor can help up to 50 patients.

Unfortunately, he and Ayres believe there are many misconceptions in the general public about organ donation. Not enough people make the choice to become donors, either because they don't understand it or realize how big an impact it can make on another person's life. Just like it did for Carmen Muglia.

"I just wished more people would do it," Ayres said.

To learn more about the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan please call Peggy Burkhardt at (248) 770-5172, or visit the group's Web site at www.donatelifemichigan.org.

Police say arrested pair may be responsible for area home invasions

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Two men suspected of breaking into homes in at least six communities were nabbed by Farmington Hills police Tuesday immediately after a home invasion on Harrow Drive near Orchard Lake and 13 Mile.

Anthony Jamarr Johnson, 20, of West Bloomfield, and James Everette Wilson, 20, of Detroit, were arraigned Wednesday in 47th District Court on home invasion, second degree, a 15-year felony and other charges of receiving and concealing the stolen property and driver's license violations.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said the suspects are likely responsible for home invasions in Livonia, Westland, Canton, Plymouth Township, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Township.

Dwyer said Hills police found a class ring with a specific inscription, which belonged to a Canton home invasion victim, in the suspects' vehicle.

Livonia Police Lt. Greg Winn said Wednesday his detectives were talking to the suspects regarding three home invasions in the Joy Road/Hix area of Livonia last week. The home invasions occurred within a two-hour period Aug. 29.



Wilson Johnson

In Tuesday's incident in Farmington Hills, a female resident returned to her home at about 10:45 a.m. to find a suspicious vehicle occupied by one male, idling at the curb of her home. The driver honked the horn twice, police said, to alert the second suspect, who was inside the home. The second suspect fled out the garage door and the homeowner called police with a description. The vehicle was spotted by Hills police officers Larry Hernandez and Brian Harbaugh westbound on 13 Mile.

"They were able to recover a number of stolen items from the vehicle," said Dwyer, including watches, earrings, bracelets, electronic devices such as an iPod, cameras and a CD player. "These officers certainly did an excellent job. It was excellent work on their part."

Dwyer said his department is working with agencies in the other jurisdictions and he expects further charges in those communities will be forthcoming.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

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

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Sally Ride festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5-8 for an exciting day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival Saturday, Sept. 30 at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. The festival features an action-packed street fair with experiments, food, music, and fun; a chance to meet and listen to former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space; and exciting workshops given by women ranging from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. Parents and teachers are also encouraged to attend. The Ann Arbor Science Festival will take place at the University of Michigan on the North Campus Diag. The day begins at 11 a.m. with check-in and the street fair, and ends at 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch, and all festival activities and materials. Advance registration required. Teachers, parents and students can register and learn more about the festival by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by calling (800) 561-5161.

St. Mary's classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers the following classes and programs:

■ The hospital's Bariatric Center celebrates its first anniversary with a Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the community 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in an outdoor tent on the hospital's north grounds. There will be gently used clothing for sale for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL). The 70 St. Mary Mercy Hospital bariatric patients have lost a total combined weight of over 3,800 pounds. For more information, call (734) 655-2692.

■ St. Mary Mercy offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its Bariatric Center. To learn more about it, the hospital offers a free educational seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

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.

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.

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 AAACC, 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

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.newhopecenter.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.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

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 #12 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.

Congregation moves into its own church after long ordeal

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Surely there is a story or two in the Bible that pastor David Washington Jr. could relate to during his congregation's yearlong and sometimes exhausting efforts to move into its own church in Canton. The Canton Christian Fellowship tale has no floods or famines, but the congregation was homeless for a while after its lease ran out at a temporary church. And Washington has gone back and forth with Canton officials about the church's need to meet building requirements, including fixing a dilapidated parking lot and complying with the township's stringent landscaping ordinance.

But after more than a year of trying to convert the old Michigan unemployment office on Ronda Drive and Joy into a home for its congregation, Washington and his flock got the OK from township officials to move into the church in August. They held their first service on Aug. 20. Washington said there were times that he doubted the day would ever come, especially considering he had hoped the project would be done back in January.

"The project came to be a lot bigger than we thought it would," he said.

Washington's wife, Erica Washington, said the move

into the church is actually the culmination of a five-year journey that started when her husband decided to start his own congregation.

"The journey has been awesome. During our first service I got so nervous. I wanted everything to go right. It was like having people come into your home for the first time," she said.

Despite the tribulations of being homeless for a short while and wondering if their new home would ever be finished, David Washington said the congregation has continued to grow over the last year. It now has more than 200 members.

Although most of the members are African-American, Washington said his hope is that his congregation ultimately resembles the Canton community, including black and white members, and anyone else who wants to join the church family. In fact, the church will hold its grand opening celebration at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, and the public is welcome.

Canton Christian Fellowship, which is located at 8775 Ronda Drive in Canton, will also hold a ceremonial ribbon cutting with members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce tomorrow at 10 a.m. For more information about the church, call (734) 404-2484 or visit www.cantonncc.org on the Web.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 21st, 2006 for the following:

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PUBLIC HEARING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2007 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

JEAN TABOR,
Library Director

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To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Web site: www.plymouthtwp.org

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
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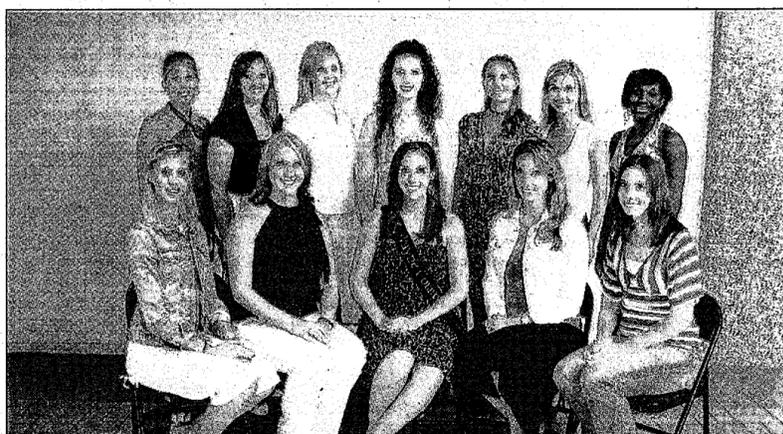
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Families sought for exchange students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives

match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary,

Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the U.S. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. Wayne County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at (866) 546-1402.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER

Laugh out loud

Guest comedian is Nazareth 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets \$5. Free child care. Presented by Single Point (age 30 and older). Call (248) 374-5920.

Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School in Redford. Admission \$1 per adult. Strollers welcome. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, there are still some available. Call (313) 415-1977.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, take I-275 south to Exit 1A (South Huron Road), east on Huron to park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Mom2Mom sale

Table renters wanted for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Cost is \$25 for 6-ft. table, \$30 for 8-ft. table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information (734) 532-7818 or send e-mail to Harrisar@aol.com.

Family festival

Begins with a picnic at noon Saturday, Sept. 9, at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Highlights include a classic car show, live music, games, moonwalk, face painting, soap box derby cars, hay rides, ice cream novelties, and much more for all ages. Come meet the new pastor Phil Dilernia. The festival is free and all are invited. For more information, call (734) 721-7410.

Vendors wanted

For Yard and Craft Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton, Belleville. Space available indoors and outdoors. Call (734) 941-2378 or (734) 495-0811.

GriefShare

A free recovery seminar and support group begins 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. Call (734) 941-1511 or (734) 941-1670. For more information, visit www.griefshare.org.

Remembrance service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leyerne, Redford, will hold a service of prayer, music, and scripture 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, marking the 5th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. Please join us in worshipping our Lord and Savior as we commemorate/remember lives that were lost and place ourselves in God's hands. Any questions, call (313) 937-2415, or e-mail jmanor@hosannatabor.org.

Spirituality of aging

A look at our spirituality and our purpose in life now, at this age and time, with Sister Arlene Kosmatka, O.P. beginning 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Ladies Bible studies

Begin Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

Lay Caregiver program

Register by Sept. 13 for program with Dr. Paul Melrose, executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center, who discusses what is the safe and appropriate sense of space and distance between people 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 474-4701 or send e-mail to info@samaritancounselingmichigan.com.

Yard sale

Various tables of goodies including used household items, miscellaneous items and specialties such as Avon, candles, tools, houseplants and crafts of all kinds 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. There will be a used clothing sale inside the church for \$1 a bag (plastic grocery). For information, call (734) 722-1735.

Monthly breakfast meeting

Bethany Suburban West meets Saturday, Sept. 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic

organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479 for information.

Brunch praise and worship

Fall Into The Arms Of Jesus with speaker Robin Sullivan at Brunch, Praise & Worship, Fellowship 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty, Novi. \$18 per person by Sept. 8, \$22 at the door if available. Order at Robinsullivan.com or by phone at (248) 921-5453. Limited seating.

Community picnic

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at New Beginning United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Join in the fellowship, fun, games, and food. For information, call (313) 255-6330.

Victorian tea

ROC International Church of Northville will again be sponsoring a Breakfast Tea to celebrate Northville's Victorian Festival 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. A delicious breakfast, the finest teas and an atmosphere of genteel friendship will set the tone for this year's inspirational message of faith. Beginning this season, the Tea introduces the series, A Victorian Romance. The Proposal will be the first of a three part journey of romance and love. Subsequent teas will highlight The Wedding (2007) and finally A New Life Together (2008). Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at Northville Candle Shop, Northville Chamber of Commerce, La Corsetiere or by calling (248) 982-7489. Victorian Dress is optional.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 18-19, at St. Mel's Church activity building, 7506 Inkster road, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (734) 425-0732.

Re-marriage retreat

Remarried Ministries present a weekend getaway to Maranatha Retreat and Conference Center in Muskegon Sept. 22-24. Cost is \$299 per couple and includes two nights lodging, five meals, speakers Brent and Bonnie Keen, music by Bonnie Keen. Campfires, fun and fellowship. Remarried couples can call (248) 374-5912.

Religious education

Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions begin Sept. 24, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Attend 9:30 a.m. Mass as a family on Sunday followed by separate education sessions for children and adults that runs until noon.

Mom2Mom sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. \$1 admission. Bake sale. Call (734) 421-8628.

Mom to Mom Sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 30, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburg, Livonia. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale call (734) 422-0149. Infant to pre-teen clothes, maternity clothes, furniture, toys and more. \$2 admission. Strollers welcome.

Catholic programs

You've been coming to Catholic liturgies for years with your spouse, but just haven't taken the plunge to become Catholic yourself. The opportunity has arrived at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Sept. 5th sees the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic. Call David Conrad, Director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

Remarried workshop

Continues 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for 1 session or all 13.

Prosperity program

Stretton Smith's 4 T Prosperity Program continues 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Nov. 22, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Sign-up fee including book is \$35. Call (734) 421-1760.

Bible study

Explore the Gospel of Mark, chapters 8:22 to 16:8 Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Divorce recovery program

Continues 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays to Sept. 28, and Oct. 19 to Dec. 4 (no workshop Thanksgiving Day), presented by Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

UPCOMING

50th celebration

St. John Bosco Church celebrates its 50th anniversary with a 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 1, with Adam Cardinal Maida presiding, reception follows the mass in Sheltreau Hall, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins are welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Parish mission

7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 8-12, at St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Refreshments follow in Social Hall. Rev. Richard Hart OFM Cap. presents Sharing the Good News. Sunday evenings topic is What is the Treasure We Share?, Monday - Too Good a Secret to be Kept, Tuesday - Do You Love Me?, Wednesday - Are we a Forgiving Community? (reconciliation service), and Thursday - A Work that Cannot Fail. For more information, call (313) 937-9690.

Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiwasssee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Worship schedule

New schedule continues to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall, Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)

534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month

at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adat-shalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making

machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Prayer group

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.



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MICHAEL CHEREPKO

Age 88, of White Valley, PA, died Monday, August 29, 2006. Survived by his loving family; 2 daughters Judy (Tom) Ferko of Canton, MI and Jackie (John) Planic of White Valley; four grandchildren Vicki (Kevin) Rennells and children Henry and Dennis of Plymouth, MI, Susan (Wayne) Sourbeck and children Kylie and Lauren of Canton, MI, Melanie (Tim) Stetzer and children Emily and Steven of Plym and John Jr. (Elaine) Planic and daughter Mary of Greensburg, PA. Arrangements by the Wolfe-von Geis Funeral Home, Export, PA.

TIMOTHY FORMIGAN

"Sensei Tim", Age 59, September 2, 2006. Beloved husband of Colleen "Connie". Dear father of Naomi (Jeremy) Palmer and Andreas. A funeral service was held September 6th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Westland. Arrangement handled by Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home, Dearborn, MI.

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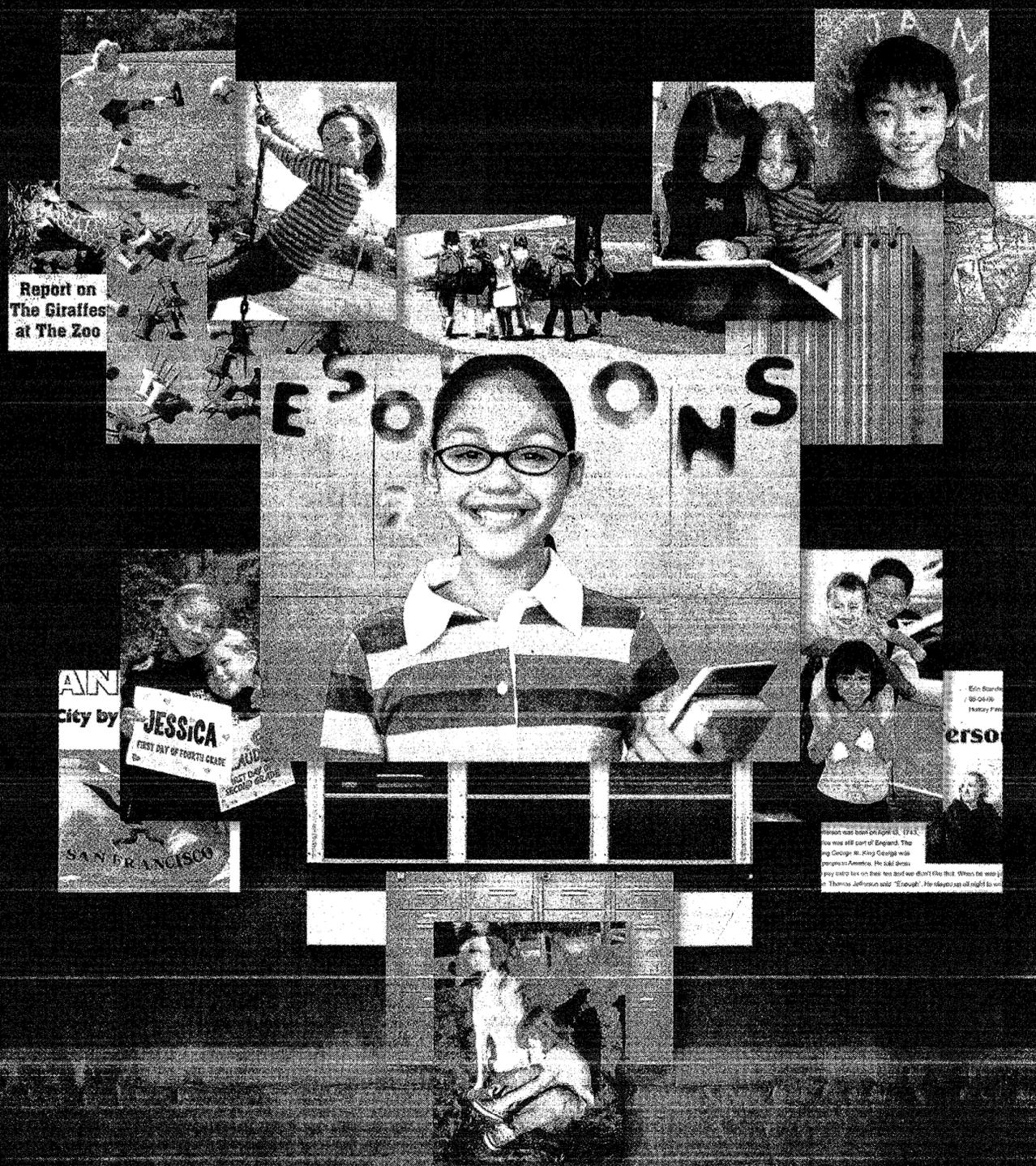
MARY "EILEEN" BEAUDOIN

October 31, 1940 - September 3, 2006. Age 65 of Livonia, MI. Beloved wife of the late Thomas H. Beaudoin. Loving mother of Thomas (Kathy), James (Sherry), Jack, Patrick (Karen), David, and Eileen (Gary) Billings. Dearest grandmother to 11 grandchildren. Sister of the late Margaret King, the late Thomas Brown, Justine (Donald) Mullett, the late Walter Brown, the late Albert (Marcy) Brown, and Patrick (Babe) Brown. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mom was a great person who deeply loved her children, grandchildren and family. She will be in our thoughts daily and will be greatly missed.



RICHARD WILLIAM PARENT

Age 52, September 5, 2006. Beloved husband of Kathleen (McDonald). Father of Gregory, Matthew, Teresa. Son of Richard S. and Terry Parent. Son-in-law of Duncan and Alice McDonald. Brother of Mary (Doug) Bidingger, (Gary) Norden, Steven (Eileen) Parent, Thomas (Cheryl) Parent, and Joseph (Suzanne) Parent. Brother-in-law of Ruth (Terry) Olesky, Sue (Roger) Bessler. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Lifelong friend of many, especially his childhood friend David Levitan. Family will receive visitors Wednesday 5:30-9 and Thursday 1-9 with a Scripture Service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Mass will be Friday, instate 9:30 am until the time of Mass 10:00 am at St. Aidan, Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the family. Inter



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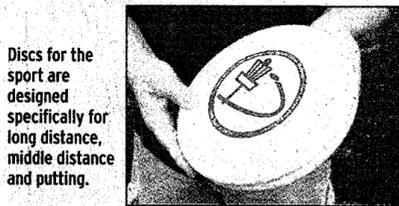
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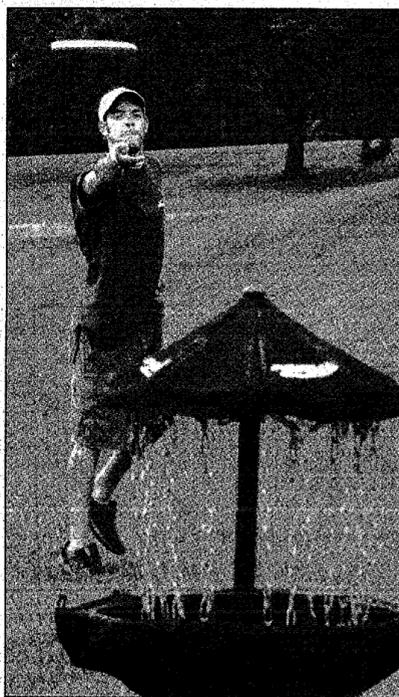
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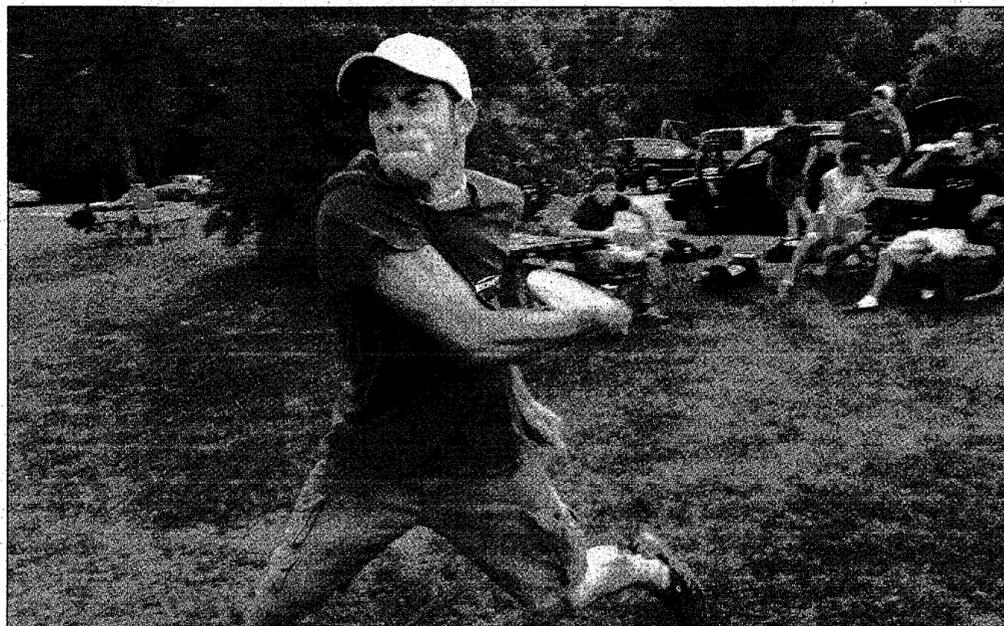
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Discs for the sport are designed specifically for long distance, middle distance and putting.



Plymouth resident Brett Stryker practices his disc golf putting before a recent Tuesday night league tournament.



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Brett Stryker prepares to unleash a "drive" while warming up to play in the 'Cass Crew' Tuesday night disc golf league at Cass Benton Park in Northville. Stryker, of Plymouth, has been playing the sport for the past six years.

A unique spin on golf

Disc players are drawn to the sport's high-fun, low-cost qualities

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

APPEALING DISC-COVERY

Brett Stryker grasps the hard-plastic, orange-colored disc in his right hand, draws it back across his body like Tiger Woods in the middle of his backswing, then — with the slingshot-quick release he's perfected over the past six summers — hurls it toward the wide-open grassy area in front of him.

While the disc spins clockwise through the thick, muggy, late-August air like a knife through hot butter, several members of the Cass Crew Disc Golf League look on approvingly as they chug energy drinks and wait for their fast-approaching tee times.

As the disc settles into the trampled-down Cass-Benton Park grass more than a football field-and-a-half away, Stryker offers a piece of well-nurtured advice in the wake of his seemingly picture-perfect practice shot.

"Disc golf is a lot like ball golf," Stryker says, smiling. "You drive for show, but you putt for dough."

Stryker, a resident of Plymouth, is the president of the "Cass Crew," a group of 25 to 30 Observerland-area residents who are drawn to Northville's Cass-Benton Park every Tuesday night from April until the snow falls.

What attracts the mostly 20-something, mostly male contingent to the wooded acreage at the corner of 6 Mile and Northville roads is their shared passion for disc golf, a sport that has experienced incredible growth over the past decade.

Cass-Benton's tree-lined layout is just one of 12 courses that have been built within a 30-minute drive of the Plymouth-Canton area.

The Professional Disc Golf Association boasts a membership of close to 16,000, and it's growing by leaps and bounds, which is no surprise to aficionados like Stryker.

"It's inexpensive, it's easy to pick up and people of all ages can play it," said Stryker, listing just a few of the sport's appealing qualities. "A lot of us don't

play regular golf as much as disc golf because regular golf is so expensive. Plus, when you do get out on a regular course, it's packed and you're usually playing on burnt-out greens.

"When you play this sport, it's free, unless you have to pay to get into one of the Metro parks. And with the disc innovations they've come up with, you can get good at it real fast. That's what makes it such a great family sport."

CHEAP FUN

The equipment start-up fees for a beginning disc golfer are equivalent to what a regular golfer may pay for one 18-hole round at his or her favorite municipal course. A first-time player can purchase a complete set of three discs — one for long-range shots, one for medium-distance throws and one for putting — for between \$30 and \$50, Stryker said.

Discs can be purchased online at www.discraft.com.

"Once you have the discs, you have to learn the rules, but that's easy because they're so similar to regular golf," he said. "The courses are set up just like regular golf courses. There are short

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ALL ABOUT DISC GOLF

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Source: www.PDGA.com.

Whalers harpoon preseason foes

Joe Gaynor's goal at 4:57 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers went on to defeat the Windsor Spitfires, 4-2, in an Ontario Hockey League preseason game played before 2,043 at Windsor Arena on Monday afternoon.

Gaynor's goal was set up by the speed of Plymouth first-round pick Vern Cooper, who accepted a pass from Gaynor in neutral territory and skated hard on the left wing in the Windsor zone. As Cooper skated by a Windsor defender, his shot beat Windsor goaltender Jake Fischer, but rang off the goal post. Gaynor, following the play, tapped home



Jeremy Smith

Blue Jackets draft choices — and Andrew Fournier (empty net) also scored for the Whalers.

Keaton Turkiewicz and Kevin Hudes scored for Windsor.

Windsor took a 1-0 lead at 4:18 of the first period on Turkiewicz's goal from the left wing in tight on a partial

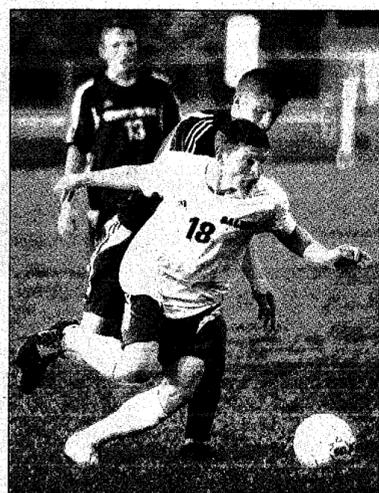
rebound. Plymouth is now 2-0 in the preseason; Windsor is 0-2.

Jared Boll and Tom Sestito — both Columbus

breakaway on a delayed Plymouth penalty. Boll tied the game for Plymouth at 1-1 at 7:44 of the first period when he followed up Sestito's shot in front of the Windsor goal to bang home the rebound.

Sestito gave Plymouth its' first lead at 7:15 of the second period on a similar goal to Boll's. Boll took a hard shot in tight from the right wing and Sestito put back the rebound. Hudes finished a Windsor power play to tie the game at 2-2 at 10:19 of the second period when he scored through traffic from the left

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Viking conqueror

Salem's Brooks Belhart maneuvers around Walled Lake Central's Ian Friedman during Tuesday night's 4-0 Salem victory. Belhart gave the Vikings fits all night, scoring three goals. Please turn to page B3 for the complete story.

Coaches: Please call in results

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There's no doubting Canton's Thomas on X-country courses

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Considering the youth and inexperience that dominates the Canton girls cross country team's roster, the Chiefs may be a year or two from reaching their full potential.

The same can't be said for the team's top runner, sophomore Sarah Thomas, who was a Division 1 state qualifier as a freshman in 2005.

"With six freshman on our team, we're very young," said second-year coach Tracy Haratsaris. "Our sophomore class is very strong, so this may be a building year for us."

"I expect Sarah to have a good year. She trained to run longer distances over the summer and she's looked good so far. Sarah is a very strong finisher and she's very consistent."

Pushing Thomas will be fellow sophomore Katy Galm, a runner Haratsaris has high hopes for.

"I expect Katy to be right up there with Sarah," said Haratsaris. "She ran very well last year. Katy was sick during the regional meet, otherwise, I think she would have had a good chance of qualifying for the state meet."

Providing much-needed depth to the Chiefs' cause will be sophomore Katelin David, who is healthy after suffering through a series of injuries during the latter stages of last season, and Paula Schubatis, who has exceeded her coach's early-season expectations so far.

Other key contributors will be freshman Melanie Kulczycki, junior Katie Rymond and seniors Annie Murphy, Leah Brunk and Breanna Miller.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats lost last year's No. 1 runner — Amy Ostrowski

GIRLS X-COUNTRY PREVIEW

— and their 5-6-7 performers to graduation, but coach Mary Kerwin's squad returns a solid nucleus, led by junior Pam Bhullar.

Plymouth will be looking to feed off last year's solid fifth-place showing at the Division 1 Regional meet.

"Pam is a brilliant girl," Kerwin said. "She's president of the student council and she wants to go to Harvard, so that tells you something right there. She realizes that because she's our No. 1 runner this year, she has to step up this year, and she's done that so far, especially when it comes to being more vocal."

A trio of sophomores should fill out the Wildcats' top four spots: Molly Slavens, Beth Heldmeyer and Sarah Balgooyen.

"Molly worked very hard all summer and Beth was our No. 2 runner last year, so we're expecting big things from her again."

Freshman Julie Forster should be the Wildcats' most-productive new-comer, Kerwin noted.

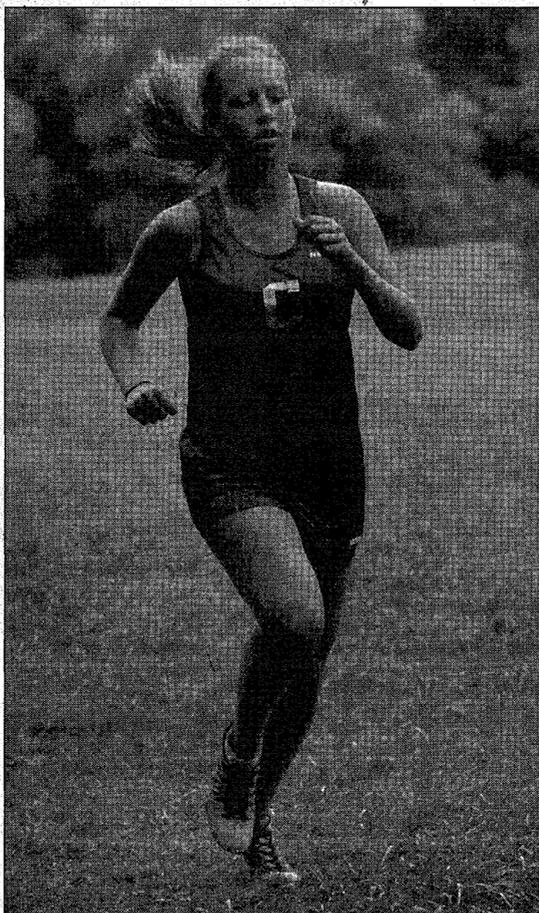
Among those providing senior leadership for the Wildcats will be Kaylie McLeay, Marcella Mester and first-year runner Kristin Callahan, who skates for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team in the winter.

SALEM

The Rocks will be looking to add to their impressive streak of state-qualifying performances this season.

Coach Dave Gerlach's 2005 squad placed 16th at the Division 1 state meet last season following a 10th-place showing in 2004.

"We've lost three of our top four runners from last year's team and four of our top seven



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Sarah Thomas was a 2005 state qualifier as a freshman.



Cavicchio

"Hopefully, we can remain competitive and keep our strong tradition alive."

"Our goal is to finish in the top four in the league and if we maximize our potential, hopefully, we can qualify for the state meet again."

Setting the pace for the Rocks will be senior captain Hannah Cavicchio, a first team All-WLAA performer in 2005. "Hannah has several lofty

goals this season," said Gerlach. "She averaged 45 miles a week this summer. She's capable of finishing in the top 30 at the state meet and earning All-State honors. Hannah wants to run an 18:30 or faster this season."

Sharing the captains' responsibilities with Cavicchio will be fellow seniors Caitlyn Elliott and Amanda Barnett, Gerlach said.

Senior Sarah Kosteva and junior Kristen Dondzila are expected to be running in the front of the packs along with Cavicchio after providing valuable depth to last year's squad.

Other key contributors will be junior Freyal Shah; and sophomores Kelley Determan, Emily Rossman and Kortney Marsh.

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Talented Wildcat harriers carry 'team-to-beat' label

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it takes to the trails this season, Plymouth's boys cross country team will be carrying the additional weight of the lofty expectations that it earned following last season's school-first WLAA Western Division title.

Coach Lee Shaw returns several key runners from the 2005 squad, which missed qualifying for the Division 1 state meet by one frustrating point.

Leading the charge will be seniors Anthony Scaparo and Patrick Slavens, who form one of the top one-two combinations in the area. Slavens finished last season as the Wildcats' No. 1 runner, however, Scaparo will enter the season as the team's fastest competitor following a mileage-filled summer.

"We have four very good runners, but we need a fifth runner to step up in order to have the kind of season we're capable of having," said Shaw.

Pushing Scaparo and Slavens will be sophomore Derek Lax, who shined as a freshman in 2005. Other key returners include junior Alex Noble, Justin Huey, Christian Chagas, David Maycock and Matt Lewandowski.

Top newcomers who could earn points before the season is over include Warren Buzzard, Matt Neumann and Henry Xu.

CANTON

The future is bright for the Chiefs, who will be led by a strong group of sophomores as well as a solid No. 1 runner in junior Derek Hoerman.

The present shouldn't be too shabby either, considering coach Bill Boyd's contingent returns six of its top seven runners from 2005 when it placed ninth in the 12-team WLAA meet.

"Derek will be our No. 1 runner going into the season," said Boyd. "He was injured during the track season last spring, but he put in a lot of miles this summer and he's running great. He's a hard worker and a great role model for the younger guys."



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth senior Patrick Slavens, pictured above during last year's Division Regional meet, will team up with Anthony Scaparo to give the Wildcats one of the strongest one-two punches around.

BOYS X-COUNTRY PREVIEW

Hoerman finished 32nd at last year's Division 1 Regional meet, just ahead of returning sophomore teammates Kyle Clinton (33rd) and Duncan Spitz (34th), who join Greg Reed to give the Chiefs a formidable sophomore trio.

"They all put in a lot of miles this summer," Boyd said, referring to his talented sophomores. "Their goal is to pick up where they left off last year."

Other key contributors are expected to be juniors Aaron McClellan, who led the team in miles this summer, and Dave Catalan. Among the most promising newcomers are Zack Sprietzer, Josh Osinski, John Peck and brothers Steve and Alex Watts.

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Salem kickers bolt past Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Central's boys soccer team saw way too much lightning Tuesday night during its game with Salem.

The Mother Nature-produced kind overhead caused officials to call the match with 19 minutes remaining with the Rocks ahead, 4-0.

But it was the lightning-quick play of Salem's Brooks Belhart that proved to be the biggest shock to the Vikings' systems.

Belhart scored three goals to help the Rocks improve to 5-2-1 and 2-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Senior Tom Bennett also turned in a game-changing performance for the Rocks, finding the net once while assisting on two of Belhart's net-finders. Dan Radosevich assisted on Belhart's second goal.

The win put Salem back on the right track following last week's 1-0 setback to Plymouth.

"Brooks and Tom were the story for us," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "They got our offense going after we struggled to score against Plymouth last week."

Bennett opened the scoring approximately 15 minutes into the game with an unassisted goal. The score remained 1-0 until Belhart lit up the scoreboard three straight times in the second half.

Salem goal-keeper Brian Field recorded five saves. Field has now minded the net in all but one half of the Rocks' five shutouts this season.

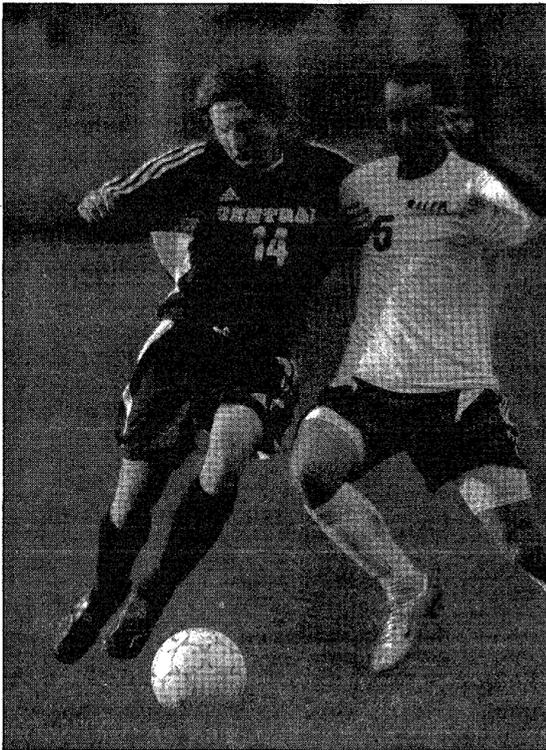
"Kevin Cope played well defensively for us tonight," McCarthy added.

Salem returns to action Saturday when it is scheduled to participate in three games at the East Lansing Invitational.

PLYMOUTH 3, W.L. WESTERN 2: Brendan Bradley's header broke a tie score midway in the second half Tuesday to give the Wildcats a victory in the WLAA Western Division game.

Western had tied the score earlier in the half when Stephen Carroll scored on a header off a corner kick by Josh Magee.

The Warriors led 1-0 following a penalty kick by Winston Henderson, but the Wildcats came back to take a 2-1 half-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Tom Bennett (right) battles for possession of the ball with Walled Lake Central's Steve Rettig during Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division contest. Bennett netted one goal and two assists in the Rocks' 4-0 triumph.

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time lead on goals by Trevor Floyd and Colin Rolfe.

Rolfe's header deflected off a Western player and changed direction, making it virtually impossible for goalie Michael Klink to stop, according to Western coach Lee Fruman.

Both teams are 1-1 in the division. The Wildcats are 4-3-1 overall and the Warriors 3-2-1.

"It was a tough game, but we have to bounce back," Fruman said. "We never quit; we played hard to the end. In my opinion, we were unlucky. They got a goal on the deflection, but that's the breaks."

"It was a tough, physical game, and we stayed with them til the end. We had chances to even up at the end and missed our chances."

PCA 5, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 2: David Koscielny netted three goals and an assist to lead the Eagles to their sixth win in nine games. Alejandro Diaz also shined for PCA, registering one goal and two helpers.

The Eagles built a 4-2 half-time advantage and never looked back.

"Our mid-fielders did a great job controlling the ball," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "We probably should have scored more than we did, but we didn't get enough through balls."

"I give a lot of credit to Macomb. They never quit, nor did our guys."

Ian Roberts also tallied a goal for the winners. Bryson Machonga recorded a pair of assists for the Eagles. Sophomore goalie Brent Zinn notched the win, stopping three shots.

"Spencer Wiard also played well for us," Machonga said. "He set things up nicely for us."

Josh Swiatek and Pat Mostek scored for Macomb.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: In a WLAA-Western Division game Tuesday, host Wayne Memorial (1-3-1, 0-2) lost to the visiting Chiefs (5-1-1, 2-0) as the game was called because of the eight-goal mercy rule.

WHALERS

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wing. That set the stage for Gaynor's winner.

Windsor outshot Plymouth, 29-23. Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown Township) started and stopped 14-of-16 shots in 30 minutes of work; Justin Garay stopped all 13 Windsor shots he faced in relief.

Andrew Engelage started in goal for Windsor and allowed two Plymouth goals in 30 minutes of work, while Fischer allowed Gaynor's goal in 30 minutes in relief of Engelage.

Plymouth 7, Windsor 4: The Whalers scored five goals in the first period to build a 5-1 lead after 20 minutes and never looked back in a victory over the Spitfires Saturday afternoon in the first Ontario Hockey League pre-season games for both teams at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Calgary-draft John Armstrong led the Plymouth attack with three goals and an assist. Andrew Fournier, Columbus-draft Tom Sestito, Leo Jenner and Evan Brophey all scored single goals for the Whalers. Defenseman Brett Bellemore added two assists and Los Angeles-draft Ryan McGinnis was +3 on the Plymouth blue-line.

Windsor received goals from Mickey Renaud, Chris Purves, Kevin Hudes and rookie Ryan Baldwin.

Plymouth outshot Windsor, 51-25, in the game and 19-6 in the decisive first period. Armstrong scored twice in a span of 21 seconds at 6:04 and 6:25 of the first period to give Plymouth a 2-0 lead. On both goals, Armstrong worked deep in the Windsor zone

with linemates Joe McCann and Brett Valliquette with good forechecking to give the Whalers the lead. Andrew Fournier scored on a power play at 8:20 to give Plymouth a 3-0 lead.

Tom Sestito converted severe Plymouth pressure in the Windsor zone to give the

Whalers a 4-0 lead. After Baldwin scored for Windsor at 16:50 of the period, Armstrong scored his hat trick at 19:02 on a two-man advantage to give Plymouth a 5-1 lead after one period of play.

Plymouth's home opener is Saturday, Sept. 23, at 7:05 p.m. against Erie.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 8
Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 1 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 7
Salem at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Canton at Howell, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at PCA, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
Canton at West Bloomfield, 5 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 7
B'ham Roper at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
Salem at East Lansing Invite, 11:15 a.m.
Farmington at Plymouth, 1 p.m.
Canton at Saline, 7 p.m.
PCA at Shrine, 11 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 9
Salem Brother Rice Invite at Nankin Mills, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 9
Salem at Brother Rice Invite at Nankin Mills, 10 a.m.
Canton at Tortoise & Hare Invite at Hudson Mills, 9:40 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 8
W.L. Central at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
Salem Invitational, 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Friday, Sept. 8
Salem at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Oakland Christian at PCA at Hickory Creek G.C., 4 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Sept. 9
Salem, Canton and Plymouth at WLAA Conference Relays at Livonia Rec Center, noon

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 5
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 7
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8
Schoolcraft at Alpena, 2 & 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
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MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 8
Schoolcraft Alumni Match, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 10
Cuyahoga (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9
Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 9
Madonna at Cornerstone, noon.
Sunday, Sept. 10
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, noon.
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Palczynski golden for Wildcats

A golden performance from Ellen Palczynski led the Plymouth girls swimming team to a season-opening 120-60 victory over Woodhaven on Thursday, Aug. 31.

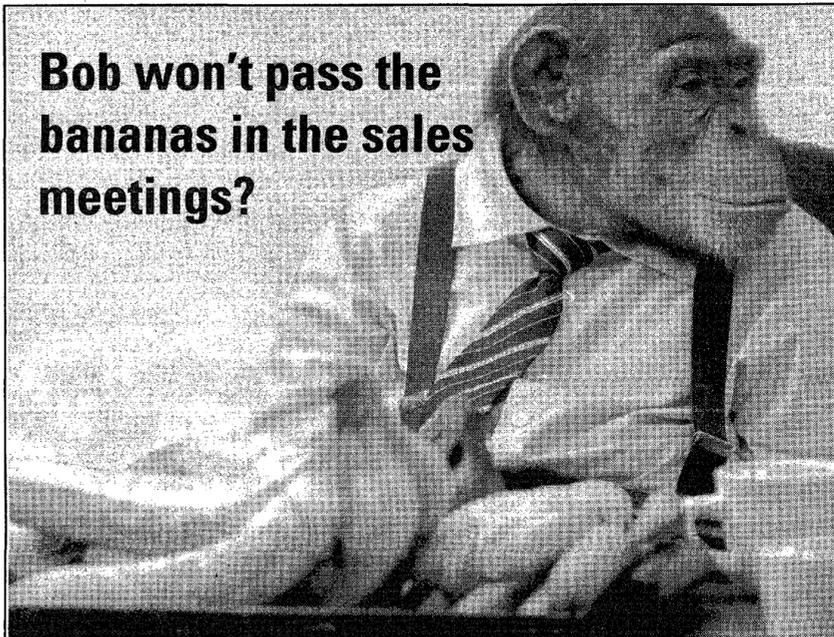
Palczynski earned four firsts for the Wildcats. In individuals events, she touched first in the 50-yard freestyle (28.61 seconds) and the 100 breaststroke (1:19.97). She also played major roles for the Wildcats' first-place 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay quartets. Other first-place performers for the winners were Sijia

Hao (2:10.99 in the 200 freestyle), Alyssa Liakos (2:35.48 in the 200 IM), Tori Beeler (140.35 points in diving) and Nicole Ambrose (1:11.45 in the 100 backstroke).

PLYMOUTH 120 WOODHAVEN 60
Thursday, Aug. 31, at Woodhaven (following are Plymouth placers)
200-yard medley relay: 1. Lauren Maslyk, Ellen Palczynski, Chelsea Frid, Emily Clanton, 2:10.24; 2. (Nicole Ambrose, Sarah Palczynski, Stephanie Goulet, Melissa McKinstry), 2:11.18.
200 freestyle: 1. Sijia Hao, 2:10.99; 2. Maricat Eggenberger, 2:19.07; 3. Beth McReynolds, 2:20.04.
200 IM: 1. Alyssa Liakos, 2:35.48; 2. Melissa

McKinstry, 2:44.49.
50 freestyle: 1. Ellen Palczynski, 28.61; 2. Michelle Chang, 28.75.
1-meter diving: 1. Tori Beeler, 140.35 points; 3. Barbra Wolohon, 102.33.
200 freestyle relay: 1. (Alyssa Liakos, Ellen Palczynski, Emily Clanton, Sijia Hao), 1:53.83; 2. (Stephanie Goulet, Maricat Eggenberger, Michelle Chang, Jessica Feldscher), 1:56.88.
100 backstroke: 1. Nicole Ambrose, 1:11.45; 2. Lauren Maslyk, 1:11.51.
100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski, 1:19.97; 3. Chelsea Frid, 1:26.15.
400 freestyle relay: 1. (Alyssa Liakos, Lauren Maslyk, Maricat Eggenberger, Sijia Hao), 4:13.18; 2. (Sarah Palczynski, Nicole Ambrose, Stephanie Goulet, Melissa McKinstry), 4:15.63.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-0; Woodhaven, 0-1.

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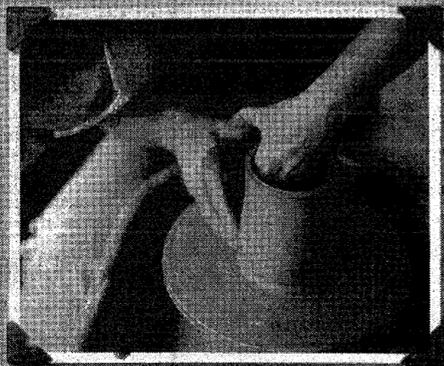
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DISC GOLF

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holes — some as short as 160 feet — and there are long ones. Hudson Mills has one hole that's 1,024 feet long.

"One thing with disc golf courses is that a lot of them aren't marked, so you may have to team up with somebody who's played the course before the first time you play it."

Instead of holes in the ground, the ultimate target at the end of each disc golf hole is a chained basket attached to a 5-foot-high pole.

"Every hole is considered a par three, no matter how long it is," Stryker said. "The really good players are 2'ing and 3'ing a lot. A good round is anything under par."

THROWING FOR DOUGH

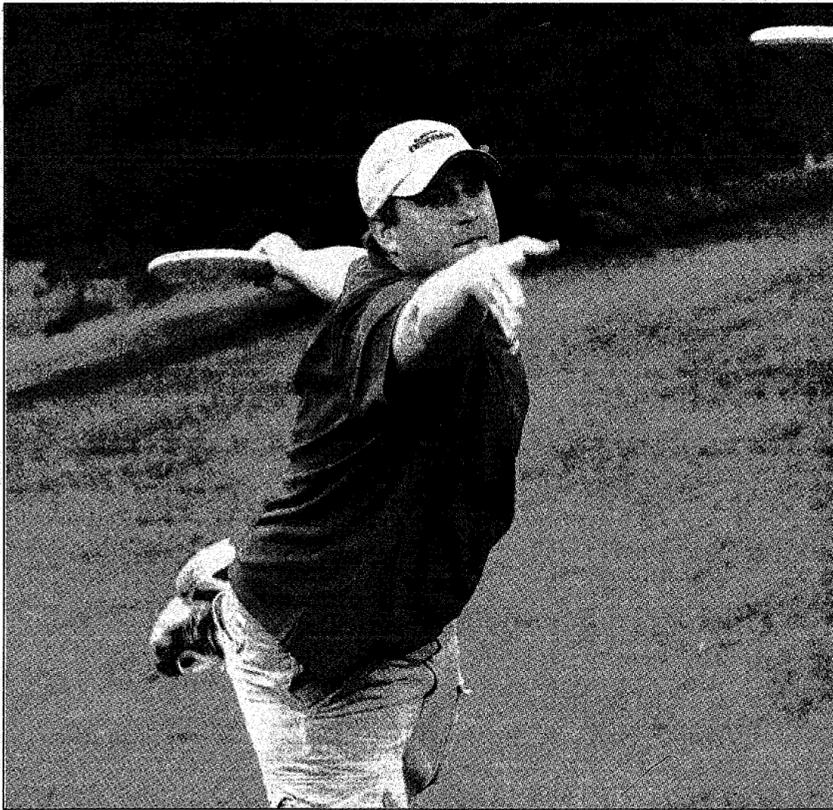
When it comes to shooting under par, Canton resident Geoff Bennett has been there and done that. The 25-year-old Salem grad is a professional disc golfer who has earned just over \$3,500 in 24 tournaments since January.

Bennett, who is sponsored by Discraft, has placed first in four tournaments in 2006. His biggest payday came March 26 when he won \$350 at the 193-player "No Foolin' #17" tournament in Ann Arbor.

"Some friends brought me to Cass-Benton a few years ago, introduced me to the sport, and I've been addicted to it ever since," said Bennett. "I usually play at least a couple of rounds a day."

Unlike beginning players, Bennett carries a duffel bag filled with close to 30 discs when he plays in a competitive tournament.

"Some of the players even have caddies carrying their bags at the big tournaments," Bennett said.



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Canton resident Geoff Bennett releases a short practice putt before his disc golf league begins at Cass-Benton Park. A disc golf professional, Bennett has earned over \$3,500 since January.

Bennett's ultimate goal would be to match the professional disc-golfing career of Ken Climo, who is considered the Tiger Woods of his sport. Climo, a resident of Clearwater, Fla., won 10 world championships between 1990 and 2000, Stryker said.

"He finished first at the 'Worlds' from 1990 to 1998, then a young guy won in 1999," Stryker said, referring to Climo. "Everyone was asking, 'Is it finally time for the young guys

to take over?'" Then, the next year, Climo came back and put a beating on everybody again."

PRICELESS FRIENDSHIPS

If Climo showed up unannounced one Tuesday night at Cass-Benton, he'd be welcomed enthusiastically by the members of the Cass Crew. He'd also be invited to participate in the club's weekly small-stakes two-man scrambles tournament that pays out around \$40 to the winning team.

"It's cool because 40 percent of the players who enter get their money back," said Stryker. "Each guy puts in \$5, the winning team usually splits \$40. The club doesn't keep a cent. We give it all back."

"If you win, it's not a lot of money, but, then again, it's not about the money. We're out here to have a good time, play a sport we all love and sit around and talk about it afterwards."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

GCYBSA NEWS

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association is seeking candidates for its board of directors. Two, three-year positions on the board are available.

Volunteers are also being sought for other positions in the organization, which serves 2,400 young players in Canton and Plymouth.

Nomination forms are due Sept. 12. Elections will be held Sept. 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Canton Softball Center. For more information, contact csc.canton-mi.org (GCYBSA) or call (734) 394-5489.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding a second tryout for the 2007 season on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6-8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located at the intersection of Haggerty and Plymouth roads.

Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old on April 30, 2007.

For more information, call Larry at (734) 812-3280.

FREE SOCCER SHOOT

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a free "Soccer Shoot" Saturday, Sept. 9, at Heritage Park (behind the township hall and library) in Canton Township. Registration is set for 9 a.m. with the shoot slated to kick off at 9:30 a.m.

The competition, which is sponsored by the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, will be divided into four divisions each for boys and girls: 7-and-under, 8- & 9-year-olds, 10- & 11-year-olds, and 12- & 13-year-olds. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The first-place winner in each division will be eligible to compete in the Elks' District competition on Saturday, Sept. 23.

'Y' FALL SOCCER

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall soccer program, which is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The leagues are forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices will start the week of Sept. 18, and games will begin Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be eight practices and seven games for each squad.

The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will also need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, the cost of which is \$15.

All parents of interested players or potential coaches should call (734) 453-2904 for more details. The leagues are also in need of referees and volunteers.

KVBSA SEEKS TEAMS

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2007 season.

There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball (U9-U18) and softball (U10-U18).

Meetings for the upcoming season will be held in November.

For more information, contact Jeff David at (586) 206-

7646; e-mail jeff.david@kvbsa.com; or visit www.kvbsa.com.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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. For more information and to pre-register, send an e-mail to sudzy190@aol.com; or call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

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.

Children will learn to skate, handle pucks and acquire the basic skills necessary to play the game of hockey. The PCHA instructional program is taught by experience USA Hockey certified coaches.

For more information, e-mail pchammm@comcast.net; or visit www.pchockey.or/pchaminimit.es.html.

RYDER CUP AUCTION

Hospice of Michigan is auctioning off a trip-for-two to Ireland for the Ryder Cup, Sept. 17-25, at The K Club in Dublin.

All proceeds will benefit Hospice of Michigan, which cares for more than 800 chronically-ill people and their families in 45 counties throughout the state.

Tickets were donated anonymously valued at \$10,000.

The package includes airfare and tickets to Ryder Cup festivities. (It does not include hotel accommodations.)

The minimum bid starts at \$2,000.

The online auction is underway at www.hom.org and ends at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4. The winner will be notified immediately.

For more information regarding the auction, contact Peggy O'Hare Vance at (313) 578-6268; or e-mail mohare@hom.org.

Carbo Baseball School

The Bernie Carbo Pro Premier Baseball Academy will be staging a showcase, marketing and skill sessions with former Phillies minor league all-star and Eastern Michigan University standout Mark Rutherford as the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Total Baseball Camp

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18. Lessons are by appointment only.

The cost is \$40 per half-hour or \$180 for five private lessons. Call 248-668-0166 or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com for more information.

GOLF RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 166 A.A. RUDOLF STEINER 221 Tuesday at Huron Hills G.C.

Plymouth Christian: (top 4 scored) Derek Elenbaas, 39; Ross Gerulis, 41; Aaron Lorincz, 42; Mitch Geracz, 44; Kevin Bottorff, 46; Bob Qualls, 49. Rudolf Steiner: Andrew Knoll, 39; Spencer Suboski, 57; Leda Schramm, 62; Zak Boheim, 63. RECORDS: PCA, 6-1; Steiner, 1-1.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 162 BELLEVILLE 172 Thursday, Aug. 31 at Harbor Club G.C.

Plymouth Christian: (top 4 scored) Ross Gerulis, 35; Derek Elenbaas, 39; Mitch Geracz, 43; Adam Lorincz, 45; Scott

Hampson, 48; Bob Qualls, 50. Belleville: Zach McCurley, 39; Danny Balenger, 43; Greg Pfeiffer, 44; Nick Watson, 46. PCA'S RECORD: 5-1

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 160 UNIVERSITY-LIGGETT 166 Tuesday, Aug. 29 at Hickory Creek G.C.

Plymouth Christian: (top 4 scored) Ross Gerulis and Mitch Geracz, 39; Aaron Lorincz, 40; Derek Elenbaas, 42; Matt Saagman, 46; Scott Hampson, 47. University-Liggett: Andrew LaLonde and Samantha Troyanivich, 41; Yates Campbell and Marc Hanes, 42. RECORDS: PCA, 4-1; University-Liggett, 2-4.

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Mistakes behind them, prognosticators trudge on

August and the heat of training camp is long gone, and so are the opening two weeks of the high school football season — complete with the initial wave of fumbles, interceptions, missed catches and penalties that give coaches absolute fits.

First impressions in the pre-season don't always hold true, with the heat of actual regular-season competition cranking up, and providing some sampling of what can be expected for the remaining weeks.

Grid Picks

The first two weeks were about checking out the terrain of the gridiron from Livonia

Stevenson to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to Redford Township, where Thurston's Eagles now are officially part of the Turf Field circuit.

But like a scampering tailback turning the corner, here comes Week 3, when everybody (including the Observer sports staff) hopefully begins to get a better grip. And not slip.

For the players, that means fewer turnovers, better execution and putting the clamps on those dreaded missed opportunities. For their coaches, that means a reprieve from talking about such miscues.

For everybody else, in the bleachers and press boxes, the third week should provide greater insight into what Observerland prep teams are capable of in 2006.

Apparently, it's time to clean those field glasses. That's

because, so far at least, the early going is proving to be a learning experience for the prognosticators, too. After a solid first week of 8-5, yours truly slumped to a 5-5 record last weekend to fall to 13-10 overall.

Meanwhile, Livonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons and Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright each registered 6-4 ledgers. That unspectacular showing gave Emons first place after two weeks with a total of 14-9, while Wright is tied for second with a 13-10 mark.

Those results shouldn't be too surprising because, just as coaches and players are trying to figure out that football terrain, so are the pundits. Now, let's take that next step.

Here's a look at this week-end's games.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Romulus Summit (1-1) at Luth. Westland (0-2), 5 p.m.: The Warriors could easily be 2-0 after losing their season opener to Harper Woods in overtime, 28-26, and getting stopped inside the 5-yard line with less than a minute left in a 12-8 loss last week to Livonia Clarenceville. A healthy Mike Schatz (sprained knee) at running back could cure what ails the Warriors. Summit Academy lost its opener to Petersburg-Summerfield, 39-2, before rebounding last week for a 14-12 win over Redford Covenant. **PICKS:** Emons (Lutheran Westland); Smith (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Lutheran Westland).

Highland Park (2-0, 1-0) at Garden City (0-2, 0-1): The Cougars have a tough task for their home opener, namely handling the red-hot Polar Bears. If Garden City is to turn it around in the Mega Blue, taking care of first-place Highland Park would be a good place to start. But quarterback Justin Sweatt must get the offense untracked for that to happen. **PICKS:** Smith (Highland Park); Emons

(Highland Park); Wright (Highland Park).

Woodhaven (0-2, 0-1) at Redford Union (2-0, 1-0): Even though the Panthers have won both games this year, there is room for improvement, especially in areas such as not coughing up the football or drawing inopportune penalties. But with a powerful running game, staunch defense and struggling Woodhaven as the opponent, the Panthers should have no trouble racking up another Mega White victory in the team's home opener (at Kraft Field). **PICKS:** Smith (Redford Union); Emons (Redford Union); Wright (Redford Union).

River Rouge (1-1, 1-0) at Red. Thurston (0-2, 0-1): After two losses where the Eagles were outscored by a total of 54-13, it's back to the drawing board for Thurston head coach Bob Snell. Although he saw some bright spots in both games, the team is making too many mistakes in all facets. The Eagles will need to tighten up considerably to have a chance against this Mega Blue rival. **PICKS:** Smith (River Rouge); Emons (River Rouge); Wright (River Rouge).

B.H. Cranbrook (0-2, 0-1) at Liv. Clarenceville (2-0, 2-0): Cranbrook was a playoff team a year ago, while Clarenceville missed the playoffs for the first time in seven years. But so far in 2006, Clarenceville is riding high and the Cranes, defending Metro Conference co-champions, are struggling after losing their opener to Clawson, 38-7, followed by a 42-22 non-conference setback last week to Old Redford Academy of Detroit. The Trojans hope to atone for last year's 21-20 setback. **PICKS:** Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville).

Wayne (1-1, 0-0) at Liv. Franklin (1-1, 0-0): It's the WAAA-Western Division opener for both teams. The Patriots, the defending Western Division and WAAA champions, felt they let one slip away last week in a fourth-quarter collapse against rival Livonia Stevenson, 28-24. Wayne, meanwhile, opened its season with a surprise win at University of Detroit-Jesuit before losing last week to Walled Lake Central, 42-0. **PICKS:** Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin);

Wright (Franklin).

Westland Glenn (1-1, 0-0) at Liv. Stevenson (2-0, 0-0): It's a key game in the Lakes Division race as Glenn tries to regroup after falling to state power Canton, 42-3. The Rockets stayed close for a half before the Chiefs pounced on turnovers to make it a rout. Stevenson, meanwhile, hopes to build on its momentum from last week's stirring rally to beat city nemesis Franklin. In last year's meeting, Stevenson pulled away in the second half for a 31-13 victory over the Rockets. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (John Glenn).

Canton (2-0, 0-0) at Plymouth (1-1, 0-0): The most misleading part of this game is the word "at" that separates the two teams above. While it's technically a home game for the Wildcats, the Chiefs will be playing on their home field for the first time this season. Plymouth hung tough with Canton for a half last year before succumbing to the Chiefs' Wing-T offense in the final two quarters. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Canton).

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Liv. Churchill (0-2, 0-0) at Salem (0-2, 0-0), 1 p.m.: Both teams will be looking to break into the win column for the first time this season in a rare, Saturday afternoon WLAA contest. The young Rocks, who are still learning new head coach Parker Salowich's offensive and defensive systems, have struggled on both sides of the ball so far, getting outscored 84-20. The Chargers, on the other hand, have lost a pair of close games. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

N. Branch Wesleyan (0-1) at Redford Covenant (1-1, 0-1), 1 p.m.: After faltering in the second half of Saturday's 14-12 loss to Romulus Summit Academy, the host Spartans should have no trouble rebounding against a non-conference team that forfeited its only game so far. **PICKS:** Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

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Labor Day champs

Waza Blue, an under-10 boys soccer team, captured the Mead Cup, a premier level tournament, in the six-on-six Five Star Division last weekend with a 4-0 record including a 4-3 victory Monday over the Indianapolis (Ind.) FC Pride in the finals after a 1-0 triumph over Lexington (Ky.) in the semifinals. Other wins came against teams from Kettering (Ohio) and Louisville (Ky.). Members of Waza Blue, include (front row, from left) Kent Maidens, Novi; Alex Antonian, Trenton; Jake Rosen, Livonia; Michael Pimlott, Farmington Hills; David Hotz, West Bloomfield; (back row, from left) Bryan Prudil, Plymouth Andres Ulla, Novi; coach Chris King; Mitchell Hotz, West Bloomfield; Nick Knepper, Dearborn; Andrew Dalou, West Bloomfield.

Crusaders boot Davenport

It was all Crusaders Tuesday afternoon at Greenmead Field in Livonia, as Madonna University's women soccer team rolled over Davenport, 7-0.

The Crusaders outshot the Panthers 33-4 in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference opener for both squads.

Kelly Japowicz and Kati Germane paced the MU offense with two goals each while Dina Alley, Alana Lavery and Kaila Moore also found the mark behind Davenport goalkeeper Lisa Brown. Japowicz started the rout at 15:43 of the first half, finishing off a play begun by Diane Foley and Lia Malasi.

About four minutes later, Allie converted a feed from Lauren Hess and an unassisted tally by Germane made it 3-0 at the break.

Madonna (3-2-1 overall, 1-0-0 in the WHAC) really broke the match open with three goals over a seven-minute span late in the second half.

Earning a relatively easy shutout for the Crusaders was Traci Anderson (two saves).

Davenport dropped to 0-3-0 and 0-1-0 with the defeat.

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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

STILL A BAD DECISION

Last week I wrote about how CBS television was to blame for their failure to show the final round of the World Golf Championships live. CBS instead opted to show it on tape delay.

The reason this was done was due to impending rain, which made the tournament start a couple hours earlier. The TV timeslot began at about 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Therefore, CBS could either show about half of the holes live or the entire tournament on tape delay. Opting for the latter was a terrible choice.

Only in golf does this occasionally happen. Can you imagine this happening in football, baseball, basketball or any of the other majors? An event loses so much drama when you know you are not watching live action.

What would you rather watch in a NFL game? The second half live as it happens, or the entire game on tape delay of a few hours after you know the results? (No Lions jokes please.) Or even watching the final two minutes of an NBA game live or the entire game on tape? Are these choices not easy? Could CBS not see that?

We should have been able to watch the thrilling finish of the World Golf Championship live even if it would have included only the final few holes. People can always watch the highlights later. Never sacrifice live action for the sake of a replay - especially when it's Tiger Woods in a playoff.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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Lions vs. Seahawks Sunday: Seattle

It's the season opener this Sunday at Ford Field. The Detroit Lions begin the Rod Marinelli Era against Mike Holmgren and his NFC champion Seattle Seahawks. It looks like any other opener in any other season with a new Lions coach. Too bad it had to happen against Seattle.

The last time we saw a football game downtown that counted, the Pittsburgh Steelers were holding the Lombardi Trophy for their win in Super Bowl XL. Unless we have lost all sense of reality, that game was played at Ford Field. Seattle was the team that lost to the Steelers that day. Holmgren wasn't very happy about walking off Ford Field as a loser. Just the Lions' luck. Seattle comes back to Detroit angry about what happened at Ford Field. It ended the 2005 season in that building and it begins 2006 in the same building.



Mark Wilson

Oops! It's not even the Lions' fault that Seattle wants revenge in that stadium.

"We knew it was going to be tough going against the Steelers. I didn't know we were going to have to play against the striped shirts as well," was Holmgren's quote about the officiating in that loss last February.

Four key calls went against Seattle in the 21-10 Steelers win. They didn't help themselves by dropping passes and having awful clock management at the end of both halves. Still, it happened at Ford Field and the Seahawks are angry.

It's not bad enough the Lions have to battle their own demons; they have to battle ones they had nothing to do with in their own ballpark.

Thus is the way things work out sometimes in pro sports.

A clean slate greets Marinelli as he gets ready for his first game as an NFL head coach. Since he got here eight months ago, he has dumped the top two quarterbacks, cut the high-priced local hero receiver and lost three of four exhibition games. Joey Harrington is gone to Miami, Jeff Garcia is in Philadelphia and Charles Rogers was blown out on the final cut last Saturday.

The preseason will be rendered meaningless if Marinelli can beat Seattle on Sunday. It would be a huge statement that what he and his coordinators have produced is an upgrade from the previous regimes. No one can erase Matt Millen's 21-59 record in his first five years as Lions president. A victory over the Seahawks can begin to dull the senses to the worst half

decade in Lions history. "We picked the men that are right for this football team," Marinelli said on the final cut down day. "This is a team that we've kept together and I feel good about it."

Jon Kitna starts at quarterback. He began his career in Seattle. Holmgren had Kitna as his starter his first two years with the Seahawks. Kitna led Seattle to the playoffs in that first season with Holmgren at the helm. After 2000, Kitna was on his way to Cincinnati. Holmgren benched Kitna and decided to go in "another direction" at quarterback in 2001.

Maybe it's a good thing there is history between the two. Kitna can use that as a little motivation for his first Lions regular season start. Kevin Jones will have to find his own motivation. The Lions running back is coming off a disappointing 2005 in which he was held

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Cory Schlesinger is back at fullback for his 21st NFL campaign. Marinelli will be his seventh head coach in that time period.

"They have all had different styles. From Coach Fontes to coach Jauron and now to Marinelli, it's been a pretty interesting ride for me," Schlesinger said.

He gained just 1 yard rushing and caught just one pass in his rookie season back in 1995.

That's the year the Lions won their final seven games to make the playoffs. He has seen two other playoff seasons. Both of those came under Bobby Ross. The last was in 1999. The Lions haven't been back to the postseason since.

"Coach Marinelli's camp has been tough. We needed that around here and it should make us

a better football team," Schlesinger said.

The Charles Rogers cut put an end to the nonsense. There was no way Marinelli was going to have that be a problem all season. With Harrington and Rogers gone, two high draft picks from 2002 and 2003, the Lions can now move along.

Somehow the Lions need to find a way to stop Matt Hasselbeck and Shaun Alexander of the Seahawks. Ford Field is fresh in their minds. Holmgren knows that Lions offensive coordinator Mike Martz will have some tricks up his sleeve this Sunday. There is nothing more that Lions fans would love to see than a repeat of Super Bowl XL. All the Lions have to do is their best impression of the Steelers.

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Speaking of the Steelers, they open the entire

NFL campaign tonight against the Miami Dolphins. You can't toss a rock around those two teams without hitting some Michigan connection. It all starts with Pittsburgh's quarterback tonight, Charlie Batch.

Batch will replace the ailing Ben Roethlisberger, who had an emergency appendectomy over the weekend. Batch is a former Lion and Eastern Michigan University star. His center will be none other than former Lion Jeff Hartings. Three other former Lions are on defense and special teams: Clint Kriewaldt, Travis Kirschke and Chidi Iwuoma. Inside linebacker Larry Foote went to Michigan and his dad was a long time employee at Fox 2 television. We can't forget tight end Jerame Tuman. He's another Wolverine.

Miami's coach is none other than former

Michigan State coach Nick Saban. Joey Harrington is now with the Dolphins, as are other former Lions Dan Wilkinson and Andre Goodman. Saban just signed ex-Wolverine Tim Massaquoi to go along with his former Spartans players Renaldo Hill and Kevin Vickerson. David Bowens, L.J. Shelton and Joe Berger are also from the state of Michigan. Two of Saban's assistants have big-time Spartan ties. Charlie Baggett is a former MSU quarterback and Bobby Williams replaced Saban as head coach in East Lansing.

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Mark Wilson is host of the Lions pre- and postgame shows on WKRK-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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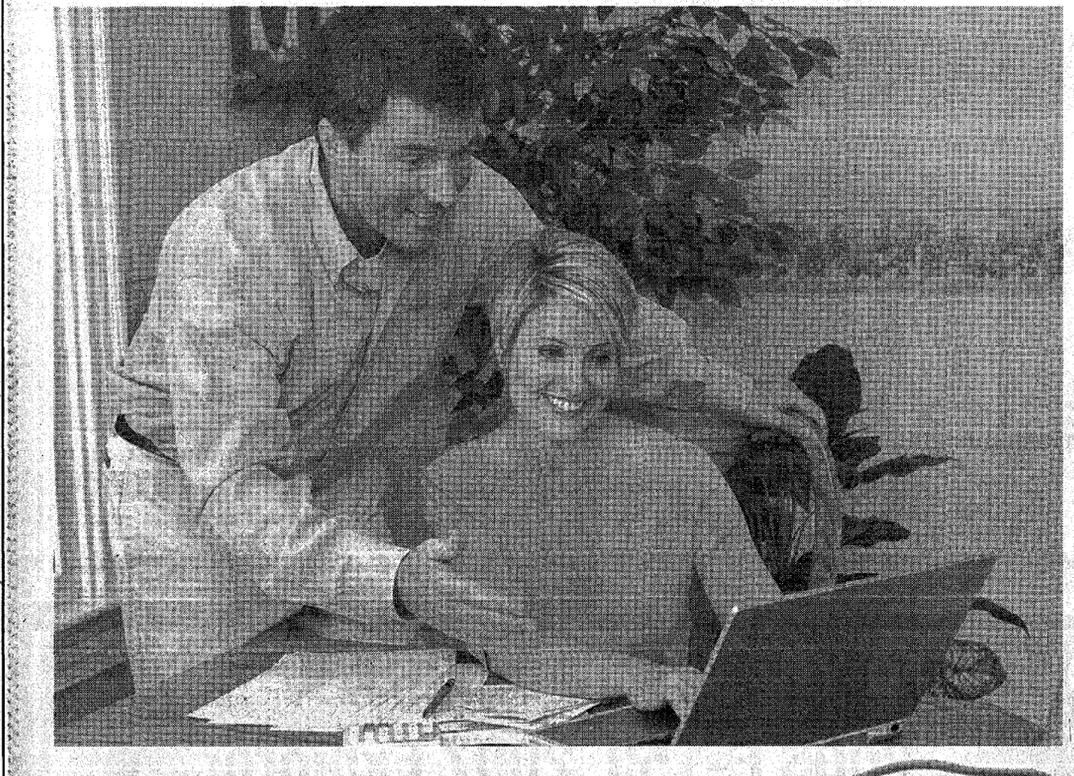
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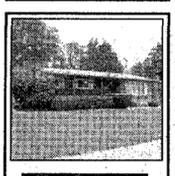
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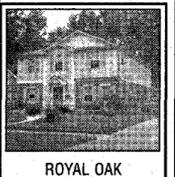
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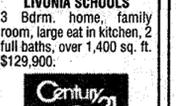
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13 Metamorphic rock
14 Amnatol ingredient
15 Comfortable routine
17 Many October people
19 Not square
20 Pond scum
21 Fragrance
23 Deja —
24 "Laughing" animal
27 Bravo or Grande
28 Gyro shell
30 Timetable guesses
31 Indy winner — Foyt
32 Self-confident
34 Mass. neighbor
35 Sprawl out
37 You said it!

DOWN
38 Ernesto Guevera
39 Grab a cookie
41 Sodium, in formulas
42 Heather locale
43 Enjoys a hot tub
45 Stashed away
46 Very tired
48 Contributed (2 wds.)
51 Make public
52 Matrix
54 Shellac resin
55 Hwy's
56 Heads' opposite
57 Composer Brian —

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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

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promises two-day turnaround.) Sales reps have learned that she gets her job done more quickly than her nine peers around the country.

Do these people know other hard workers? Cortes has a few friends and coworkers who work as hard as he does. Cunha has three brothers and three sisters who are equally hardworking. Their mother, a single parent, taught them. If you want something, you have to work for it, she recalls. Arbezniak, the daughter of a Marine and an HR senior executive, knows some hard workers at the Denver Xerox.

HOW THEY DO IT

What keeps spirited employees motivated? Cunha thinks about the money: Wherever I've worked, I've always treated their money as if it were my money. You get better work out of people and people will make decisions differently if it's their money. I tell employees that if we can't sell homes because our product isn't good, you won't have a job. As a worker, she follows through, keeping customers updated all of the time. If they know what's going on, she adds, it makes them feel more comfortable. They're spending a lot of money.

Arbezniak is equally compelled: I just don't like saying no to anyone. If I don't know the answer, I enjoy being a resource. She thrives on a simple thank you. Cunha's customers become friends. They've been known to wave when she drives by and hand her a plate of food from their barbecue. Cortes is on a first-name basis with everyone.

Cortes and Cunha say that it's imperative to find something you enjoy

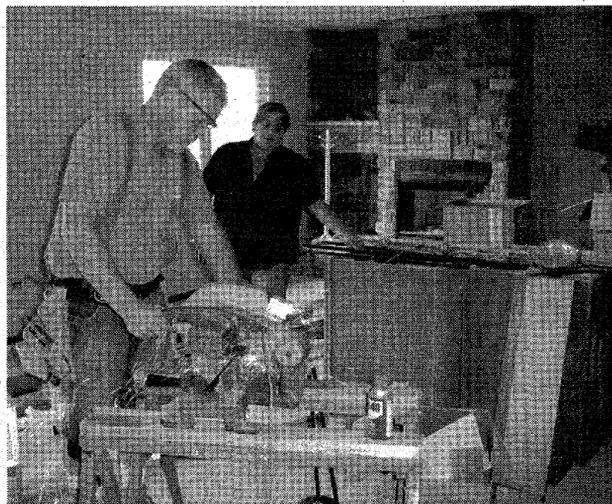
doing. Arbezniak recommends stepping back.

Think about how many people you're touching every day, she remarks. You're helping the company and the customers. Your hand is touching everything. One or two people can make a real difference with one customer.

Not one of these remarkable employees has a glamorous job. Two of them work behind-the-scenes (Cortes and Arbezniak). Cunha works alternately visibly and invisibly: I serve as liaison with villages, run the subdivision, sell, and schedule the day we dig the hole until people move in. She manages four salespeople, two trim carpenters and two clean-up guys, who make certain that properties inside and out are kept up at all times.

If you don't enjoy doing it, she observes, you'll never do a good job. It would be a headache every time you do it.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2006 Passage Media.)



Then there's Hector Cortes, foreperson at headquarters of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), in New York, which has 170 employees and 350 animals. People contact him when they're short on time, resources or skills at any of the city's three facilities. He modestly refers to himself as a handyman who transports vehicles, repairs doors and windows, and plasters walls. He'll tackle anything, including air conditioning.

Gayle Arbezniak, major account contract analyst at the Denver branch of the \$15.7 billion Xerox Corp., generates and maintains negotiated contracts for customers scattered from Denver to Hawaii. She also updates hundreds in her system, most done manually, as customers buy new products. Accuracy is huge, she reports. So is timeliness.

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BERKLEY Just Married! Garage Sale - Friday, 9am-3pm; Saturday, 9am-3pm. 2967 Oakshire Ave.

BEVERLY HILLS - HUGE SALE!
3195 Pickwick Ln, Huntley Sub, 13 Mile/Southfield, Sept. 7-9, 9-4. Baby things, books, collectibles/coins, furniture.

BIRMINGHAM Rain or Shine! 2320 Dorchester, 2 block West of Coolidge, & bks. N. of Maple, corner house in back. Sept 8-10, 9-4pm.

BIRMINGHAM Funky to functional! Art, collectibles, housewares, and more! 928 Chestersfield, Maple & Cranbrook Rd., Sept. 8, 9-4.

BIRMINGHAM MOVING. 912 S. Glenhurst, N. of Lincoln, E. of Cranbrook, Sept. 7-8, 9-4. Baby equip., home goods, clothes, jewelry, art.

BIRMINGHAM Big Blowout sale. Vintage toys in original boxes, prints & garden furniture. Black leather sofa bed, tons of accessories. Thurs. Fri. 9-4, & Sat. 9-2. 420 Harmon, W. off Old Woodward, N. of Maple.

BIRMINGHAM 1617 Sheffield, near 14 Mile & Woodward, Sept. 8 & 9, 9-5. Household, collectibles, childrens, teaching materials, misc.

BIRMINGHAM 600 Abbey, E/Woodward, N/Maple, Sept. 8 & 9, 10am-4pm. Household & baby items, bicycles, toys, clothes, misc.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Estate Sale - Saturday, September 9th, 9am-4pm. 225 E. Square Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, Mulberry Square Condos, east of Woodward, north on Square Lake Rd. Household items, Crystal, Furniture, collectibles, some '60's and '70's, drafting table, new fold-out couch, book case, art, costume jewelry and more!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Multi-Designers' Garage Sale Furniture & accessories, antiques, fabric & trim, florals, clothing, misc household, Fri., Sept. 8, 8-2pm. On Darlington Road South, N. of Maple, W. off Lahser

BRIGHTON Thurs-Fri, 9am-4pm. 12600 Lowe Dr, near GM Proving Grounds. Snowmobiles/trailer, bikes, furniture, tools, cabinets, clothing.

CANTON S/Lilley, N. of Palmer, 4219 Manissa Ct. Sept. 8-10, 9-5. Household, garden & more, tons of music sheets/books 20's-80's Some records

CANTON 44088 Yorkshire, Ford & Sheldon Rd., Sept. 9th, 8-4pm. Collectibles, housewares, trailer towing accessories, & more!

CANTON Garage Sale 44131 Grant, Canton, MI Sept. 9th, 10am-4pm. Misc. items

CANTON, BROOKSIDE ANNUAL SUB SALE
Cherry Hill & Lotz, Thurs-Sun, Sept. 7-10. Baby, household, yard items, bikes, clothing, much to choose from!

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CANTON MULTIPLE HOMES! Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. Central Park Villas II, W. of Beck, S. of Cherry Hill. Furniture, toys, household, clothing.

CANTON 3-family sale! Huge! Furniture, men items, household goods, & more! Sept. 7-9, 9-6pm. 43649 Arlington, N. of Joy, E. Sheldon.

CANTON YARD SALE! Sept. 9 & 10, 9-5. 43679 Laurelwood Dr., S/Ford, W/ Morton Taylor, holiday items, clothes, household, misc.

CANTON Our 1st Garage Sale! Household items & more! Fri-Sun, 9-5pm. 42646 Somersel, N. of Ford, off Lilley.

CANTON-Home accessories, sales rep samples. All items are new, below cost. Thurs-Fri, 10-5pm. 47669 River Woods Dr., S. of Cherry Hill, off Beck.

DAVISBURG Community Wide Sale! 9-8 & 9-3. 3030P. Mill Pond Park (In Downtown Davisburg)

DEARBORN HEIGHTS Sports memorabilia & cards, yard equip., bikes, furniture, antiques, hubcaps, lots of misc. Sept. 7-8, 9am-5pm. 5692 Highview, N. of Ford, E. of Beech.

DETROIT 4077 BUENA VISTA off Davison & Livernois, Sept. 9 & 10, 8am-7 BBQ grills, lots of electric appliances, dishes, linens, bedspreads, TV, silver, odds & ends.

FARMINGTON HILLS 35254 Muir Cove, 13 Mile & Drake Rd., Sept 8-9th, 9-5pm. Three Family Super Fall Sale!

Farmington Hills 21600 Whittington, Shiawassee & Middlebelt Rd. Sept 9th, 8-5pm. Christmas craft & garage sale. Silk flower arrangements for everyday & for Christmas.

FARMINGTON HILLS Sub Wide Sale Meadowbrook Hills Fri., 9-8 & Sat., 9-9, N. of 8 Mile, W. of Halsted

FARMINGTON HILLS 34041 Ramble Hills Dr., 11 Mile & Farmington, Sept. 8-9, 9-4. Appliances, furniture, kitchen cabinets, clothes, kids' stuff.

FARMINGTON HILLS Sept. 7-9, 28801 Orchard Lake Rd. btwn 12 & 13 Mile. Wells Cargo truck load glassware sale. 100's of items, all new, 1st quality. Stemware, tumblers, mugs, etc. Many gift boxed. Great prices.

FARMINGTON MOVING OVERSEAS Nice Furniture & Garage Sale. Sat. Sept. 9, Opens at 9am. Nice furniture, Christmas tree & house lights, garden tools, wheelbarrow, spreader, stereo amps, speakers... Quality items, bargain prices! 32009 Leelane, 1 blk S. of 10 Mile, off Orchard Lake.

LIVONIA Laurel Woods Condo. Garage Sale. Located on University Park Dr., Multiple families participating. Sept 9-10, 8am-6pm. Located btwn 6 & 7 Mile off Newburgh.

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Garden City Multi-Family. Baby clothes, household items, furniture, toys. Thurs-Sat, Sept. 7-8th, 8-4pm, Sept. 9th, 8-12pm. 31625 Warren 10k. W. of Merriman.

LIVONIA 15221 Knowlson, S. of 5 Mile & W. of Newburgh Sept. 7-8, 9-4pm. Multi-family. Clothing, household, skis, rollerblades, baby equipment.

LIVONIA Estate Sale. 16821 Hubbard, 6 Mile & Farmington Rd. Sept. 7-9th, 10-5pm. Vintage 1920's oven, sideboard, Christmas items.

LIVONIA - Huge Garage Sale! Antiques, advertising items, Christmas Shopper, original Winston Cup Banner, Thurs. 8am-5pm. 31620 Five Mile.

LIVONIA 7 Mile/Farmington Windridge Village. Friday only 9/8/06, 9am-4pm, 19880 Norwich. Excellent condition housewares & crafts, pictures, large contemporary rugs, lamps, black metal twin size bed, monitor/scanner/printer, clean teen and adult clothing & Pistons paraphernalia.

LIVONIA - 14415 Houghton, Newburgh & Lyndon, S. of 5 Mile, Thurs-Fri., Sept. 7-8, 9am-4pm. Microwave, computer monitor, misc items.

LIVONIA One day only! Sat. (9/9), 9am-7pm. 37632 Northfield, Joy & Newburgh area. Visit: geocities.com/largegaragesale

LIVONIA - Antiques, collectibles, NASCAR, toys, & more! Don't miss! 14046 Brentwood, N. of 96, E. of Middlebelt. Sept. 8-9, 8-5pm.

LIVONIA 18544 Williams St., S. of 7 Mile, W. of Levan Rd. Sept. 7-8th, 9-4pm. Antiques, collectibles, petite & plus size clothes & much more!

LIVONIA - Multi-Family. Sept. 7-9, 9-5pm. 37851 Grantland, off Newburgh, S. of 96. Furniture, collectibles, tools, bikes, baby items, maps, misc.

LIVONIA - LARGE SALE! Furniture, clothing, books, & misc items. Thurs-Sun., 9-5pm. 18550 Golfview, W. of Wayne Rd., S. of 7 Mile.

LIVONIA - Teacher Sale. 100's of books, theme units, much more! Parents, Daycare & Home Schoolers welcome! Fri., 4pm-7pm. Sat., 9am-4pm. 28604 Sunnydale, N. of 5 Mile, E. off Middlebelt.

LIVONIA 1516 Brentwood Fri-Sun, 9/8-9/10, 10am-6pm. Air conditioner, women's clothes & shoes, toys, household goods, lap top computer, bar stools, riding lawn mower Great Bargains! Located off north side of 7 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

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LIVONIA 540 Orchard Dr., 7 Mile Rd. & Sheldon Rd., Sept. 8-10, 8-5pm. Tools, hand tools, power tools, computers, electronics, household.

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LIVONIA Wildwood Forest Sub Sale. Riverside Street, S. of 5 Mile, btwn Farmington & Levan. Sat., Sept., 9th, 9-5pm.

LIVONIA- Multi-family. Sept. 8-9, Fri & Sat, 10-4. 38560 Morningstar, S/off 8 Mile, just E/-275. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, housewares, toys.

LIVONIA- Yard sale! Thurs, Sept. 7th thru Tues., Sept 12th, 9-6pm. 4 family. Craft supplies, furniture, jewelry, Christmas, costumes, etc. 1 block W/off Middlebelt, 1 block N. of W. Chicago at 29525 MacIntyre.

LIVONIA- Stylish girls clothing (sizes: 8-12), scrappbook supplies. Multi-family sale! Sept. 8&9, 9-4pm. 9840 Auburndale, Old Rosedale Gardens, corner of Auburndale & Orange Lawn.

LIVONIA: Tools, Tools, Tools! 3 FAMILIES. Freezer, household goods, videos, old dishes, lots of stuff! Sept. 7-9, 8am-4pm, 16043 Westmore.

MILFORD - Antiques, Vintage, Collectibles, Glass, Jewelry, Name Brand Clothing, Dishes, Estate Items. Thursday Sept. 7th (9-5). 2801 W. Buno Tel: 248-770-9502

MOVING SALE - Baby Clothes & Toys, Furniture, Sports Equipment. 436 Randolph, Northville 48167. (S. of 8 Mile, W. of Center) Friday 8th-Sunday 10th 9-4.

NORTHVILLE Estate Sale 855 Scott, W. of Sheldon, N. of 7 Mile Rd., Sept. 7-9th, 10-5pm. Chiropractic & fishing equip. bass boat & much more!

NORTHVILLE MOVING! New 5 piece dining set, dresser & chest (4 & 6 drawers), bike off pool, Sony stereo, kitchen items. 248-735-2993

NORTHVILLE 540 Orchard Dr., 7 Mile Rd. & Sheldon Rd., Sept. 8-10, 8-5pm. Tools, hand tools, power tools, computers, electronics, household.

NOVI BIG GARAGE SALE - Fri-Sat., 9/8-9, 8am-4 pm. Clothes, household items, collectibles. 41490 Chatham (9 1/2 Mile), off Meadowbrook

OAK PARK- Don't miss this HUGE SALE! Stereo & Exercise equip., Corningware, furniture. Too much to mention. No Junk. Sept. 9 & 10, 9am-7pm. 14041 Vernon, N/10, W/off Coolidge.

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PLYMOUTH Sept. 9 only, 9am-3pm. 11944 Hunters Creek Dr. Beck & Powell area. Nickie slot machine, antique phonograph, glassware, collectibles.

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PLYMOUTH Sub wide garage sale, Greystone Estates, Hagerst btwn Ann Arbor Rd. & Ann Arbor Tr., Fri. & Sat. 9-4

PLYMOUTH 12125 Hines Ct., Riverside Dr. & Ann Arbor Trail, Sept. 7-9th, 9-4pm. Children's books/games. Make an offer. Everything goes!

PLYMOUTH Weight machine, sport equip., fall/winter clothes. Thurs, Fri, 9-4, Sat. 9-1. 12221 Howland Park Dr. W. of Ridge, N. of Powell.

PLYMOUTH Westbriar I Subdivision Garage Sale Sat., Sept. 9th, 9am-3pm. Joy & McClumpha

PLYMOUTH - Antiques, collectibles, 0-3T boys & girls' clothes, wood lake, household, much misc. Fri-Sun, 9am-7. 41141 Ann Arbor Road, btwn Lilley & Hagerst, park on Marilyn.

Plymouth Historical Museum 155 S. Main St., During Fall Festival weekend. Collectible & Vintage Lawn Sale Sept. 9-10 9:30-4:30pm. Wedding gowns, vintage clothing, dolls, books, furniture, glassware, Sept. 56, furs.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP 48121 North Territorial, btwn. Beck and Ridge Rd. Sept. 10th, 10-5pm.

PLYMOUTH Sept. 8-10, 8am-5pm. 11135 Buttner, Ann Arbor Rd/1/275. Household, clothes, books, misc.

PLYMOUTH Sept. 7-10, 9-6. 40228 Ivywood, 5 Mile/Haggerty. Bone China, Depression glass, pottery, tools, burn set, sofa & more.

PLYMOUTH - Huge Sale! Antique chandeliers, various antiques, new leathers, better clothes, plus much more. Sept. 8-10, 10-5. 104 S. Holbrook, Plymouth Rd/Mill.

PLYMOUTH MOVING SALE! Sept. 7-9, 10-4. 11932 Leighwood Dr., W/Sheldon, S/ Ann Arbor Tr./HShewares, tools & gardening.

PLYMOUTH Antiques, vintage love seats, walnut conference /dining table chairs, oak dining set, pie safe, art work, books. Fri-Sun, 9-7. 41215 W. Ann Arbor Rd., park on Southworth

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Already brawny Ford truck adds 600 pounds in towing capacity for '07

Advertising Feature

CA Report



By Tenisha Mercer
Avanti NewsFeatures



There's a reason Ford's F-150 has been the nation's leading full-size pickup truck for three decades running. Setting the standard for hauling, comfort and style in a pickup truck, the 2007 F-150 bulks up with more horsepower, new accessories and a sleeker design.

What makes the Ford F-150 a popular option for pickup truck lovers is here—three cab choices, three box lengths, two box styles and five series: the entry level F-150 XL, F-150 STX, all-purpose F-150 XLT and the luxury F-150 Lariat.

It's hard to make a great thing better, but in this case, that's what Ford accomplishes. There are two new body styles this year, the F-150 X2 Sport and a Harley Davidson Super Crew model.

The flagship truck is already known for its brawn, but this year comes with 600 more pounds of towing capacity. Kudos to Ford for one of the best warranty and roadside packages for full-size pickup trucks in the industry.

All this for a lower, \$1,400 retail price. The lower price doesn't mean Ford scrimped on accessories. There are tons of new options—a tire pressure monitoring system, comfier seats, auxiliary audio input jack and a DVD-based navigation system, just to name a few.

Revamped XLT and Lariat chrome packages have chrome grilles, 18-inch chrome grilles, five-inch tubular running boards, chrome exhaust tips and chrome mirror caps in the Lariat.

The XL adds 17-inch steel wheels, a split front seat and black grille and front fascia. The STX features body color front and rear step bumpers and grille. The XLT adds even more remote keyless entry, power exterior mirrors and automatic headlamps.

There are two-tone front and rear bumpers and manual driver and passenger lumbar support. The premium Lariat adds the most options of them all, with power heated side mirrors, rear window



2007 Ford F-150 Vehicle class: Full-size, six-passenger pickup truck. Power: V6 and V8 engines. Where built: Dearborn, Mich.; Norfolk, Va.; and Kansas City, Mo. Price range: \$29,470-\$39,565 MSRP.

defroster, a message center with a trip computer and leather-trimmed seats.

Three different instrument cluster designs, combined with two-tone instrument panels, give each series a unique look. A choice of two captain's chairs with a floor shifter on FX4 and Lariat Models is available, while models with split front bench seats have more room for middle passengers.

Six colors are new this year—Pueblo Gold, Redfire, Dark Blue Pearl, Forest Green and White Sand Tri-Coat.

A new FX2 Sport package is available on the 4X2 SuperCab or Super Crew with a styleside box. A grille insert with body grille surround, 18-inch or 20-inch wheels and chrome exhaust tips, fog lamps round out the sportier F-150.

The Hotchkiss design rear suspension with rear shock absorbers placed outside the frame rails allow for a smoother ride and improved control. For crash safety, hydroformed front frame rails collapse like an accordion in the event of an accident, shielding crash energy before it reaches passengers.

Other safety features include a Ford Personal Safety System that senses if occupants are in the front row and turns an airbag on and off. Using sensors mounted to the seat track, front air bags deploy at different levels depending upon the severity of a crash.

Anti-lock brakes are standard. Traction assist, which adds acceleration and stability, are options on the F-150 4X2 V8 models.

The F-150 has three choices of engines: a 4.2 liter

V6, a 4.6 liter V8 and a 5.4 liter, three-valve Triton V8. A 5.4-liter V-8 engine packs 300 horsepower. A flex-fuel version that can use up to 85 percent ethanol also is available. A 4.6-liter V8 horsepower increases from 231 to 248.

For a big pickup truck, it's amazingly quiet. That's because the V-8 engine has three valves per cylinder and liquid-filled engine mounts reduce engine noise and vibration. Hydroformed front rails quiet jostling on rough terrain.

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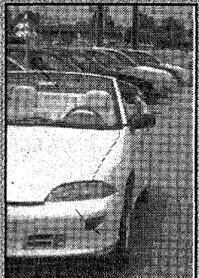
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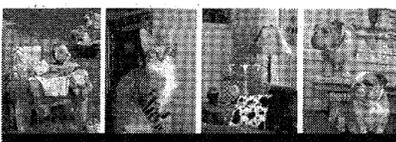
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sets, iron & glass,
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& much more!

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Silver, crystal, Lenox, China,
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upright Piano, early oak
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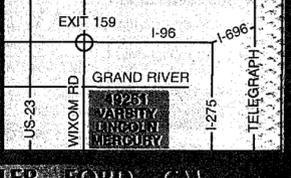
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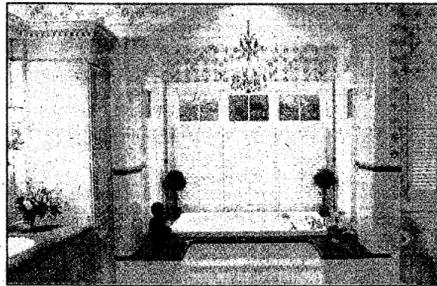
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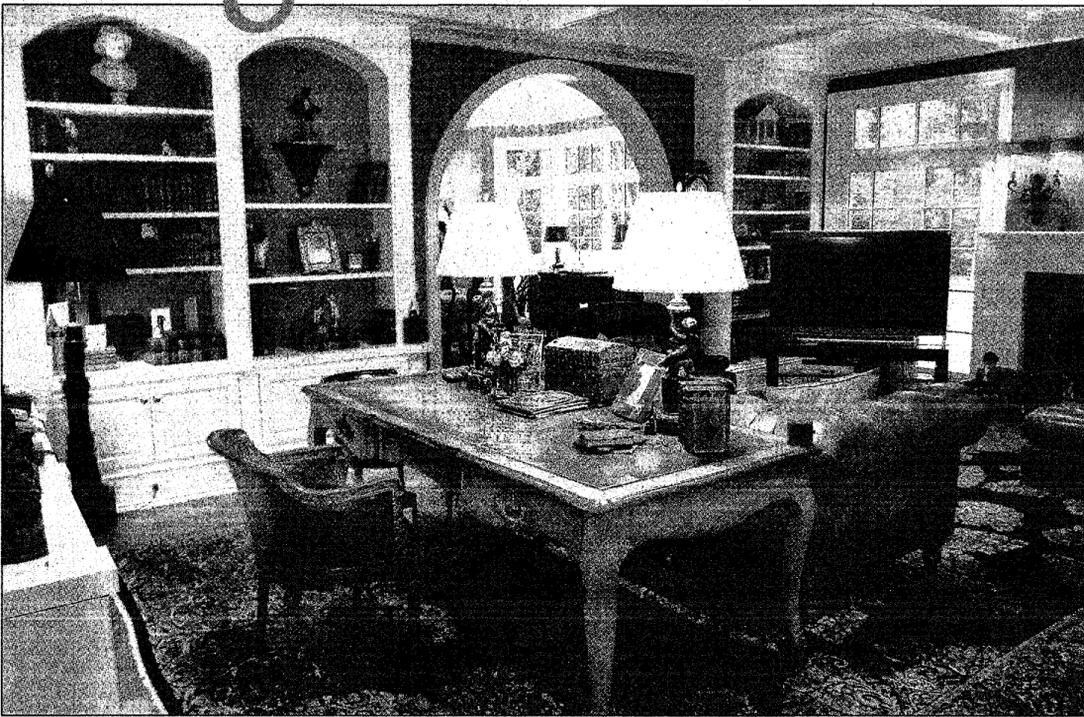
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It's magic



The home contains his-and-her bathrooms, one in red and one in green.



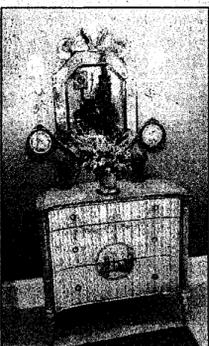
The library is one of the Carlsons' favorite rooms. Julia Knevels, who designed the bookshelves, describes the color of the walls as jalapeno pepper red.

Colors, collections coordinate to create comfortable home

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

There is magic throughout the Bloomfield Hills home of Glen and Mariel Carlson.

It's among the elegant, charming and whimsical antiques arranged everywhere you look in the residence, each of which has the potential to transport you to another time.



This French turn-of-the-century chest in turquoise and cream, with a faux marble top, stands in the foyer. The sconces are Baccarat.

And it's in the warmth and coziness conveyed through the decor by Julia Knevels, even though the house is almost 8,000 square feet. "We are very comfortable here," Mariel Carlson said. The home is one of six on the 18th annual Birmingham House Tour, presented by The Community House on Tuesday, Sept. 19 (see related items).

The Carlsons built the house 3½ years ago.

"It's so big that the challenge was to make it warm and inviting," said Knevels, whose firm is Julia V. Knevels Interiors of Birmingham.

"She put everything together," Carlson

PLEASE SEE TOUR, D4



Julia Knevels stands in the kitchen of Glen and Mariel Carlson. Knevels decorated the home, which will be featured on this year's Birmingham House Tour. The house is filled with elegant and whimsical antiques collected by Mariel over the years.

BIRMINGHAM HOUSE TOUR

■ **What:** The Community House presents its 18th annual house tour, featuring six unusual homes ranging in style from traditional to contemporary in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Proceeds go to The Community House's community outreach programs.

■ **When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19.

■ **Cost:** \$25.

■ **Brunch:** A brunch and lecture with New York-based designer Vicente Wolf will take place at 8:30 a.m. on tour day at The Community

House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Wolf's latest book, *Crossing Boundaries: A Global Vision of Design*, will be available to buy for personalizing.

Cost of \$60 includes admission to the tour.

■ **Preview Party:** A preview party with special guest Vicente Wolf will take place Monday, Sept. 18, at a private residence in Bloomfield Hills.

Reservations are \$100 (includes tour) and \$150 (includes tour and *Crossing Boundaries: A Global Vision of Design*).

■ **Ticket information:** (248) 594-6403.

1st impressions of a bright, shiny new Macintosh

It finally happened: There's a Mac in the house. Specifically, an iMac with a 20-inch flat-panel screen and that fancy new Intel Core Duo processor.

I won't bore you with the story of how excruciatingly difficult it was to convince Apple to send this system. Let's just say that it's a good thing the company and its wares aren't judged solely on the effectiveness of the PR department.

What, me bitter? Anyway, this is the first of at least a couple of columns in which I'll chronicle my Mac experiences.

My goals are twofold: To see if Macs are all they're cracked up to be, and to determine whether my next PC (and perhaps yours) should come from the Apple Store.

As I write this, I've spent about three days with the machine.

It's easy to see why it inspires such adulation: The iMac is a beautiful piece of hardware, the computer equivalent of a sexy European two-seater. When you see the thing, you can't help wanting to "drive" it. Never felt that way about a Dell.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D6

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Unknown Greeter causes familiar panic

It's a familiar dance. You're wandering through the grocery store, sitting on the sideline at your kid's soccer game or standing in line at The Joe when someone appears out of the blue, full of enthusiasm and vigor, and says: "Hi Dick, how are you?" (Your name will vary.)

Instant panic. A Klaxon alarm sounds in your brain as the neurons and receptors scramble frantically to try to find a place where this face, this voice, this complete stranger raises some familiarity.

This search fails miserably, of course, so you summon your most confused smile and say: "Uh, hi, how are you?" (Note the omission of a return name.)

Fortunately, Ms. X fails to notice your deer-in-the-headlights gaze and proceeds with the conversation.

"Great. How's Gail? And Jackie? How about your little dog, Katie?"

Now your brain is screaming, "Mayday, mayday — we're going down!"

Somewhere in your subconscious your internal FEMA is assessing the situation and trying to formulate a response. The little search-and-rescue team in your mind is looking everywhere for a clue.

Did I work with this person? Were they a neighbor?

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Think about those extended warranties

It has been a full eight months of homeowners buying major appliances in this country that no longer carry the warranties to which we have become accustomed.

It's a fact that has been in hardly any media.

The appliances today carry only a one-year full warranty without any additional coverage on many components.

Clothes washers used to have a five-year warranty on the transmission; no more.

Refrigerators used to have a five-year warranty on the compressors; no more.

A microwave with a five-year warranty on the magnetron tube is a thing of the past, as are several other parts that used to be covered on different major appliances.

What this means for anyone

who bought a product this year, and for buyers in the years ahead: You are going to pay an arm and a leg to get something fixed.

This has to be cause for thinking of the extended warranty programs that are offered by manufacturers, retailers and third party warranty companies. Believe me, you will know all about these programs by simply opening the flood of mail you will receive.

What the appliance manufacturers have done is surely going to raise a new level of customer dissatisfaction in this country.

The way I interpret all of this is the corporate structure is admitting that it doesn't make appliances like it used to, and because of the high cost of covering repairs under warranty coverage, it simply dumps the normal extended parts coverage and eliminates the cost factor of doing so.

To prove this point, let me tell you that some companies are offering the normal package of warranties on only their high-end products. It's almost

as if they are going to make as much money as possible off you and me.

As you can tell, this isn't the first time I feel disgust over what appliance manufacturers have done to the American consumer. There is no love lost between this writer and any of them.

I spent 10 years working for an appliance company in this country and I feel pretty confident I know how they think.

I've said and written some pretty nasty things about their quality and repeated recalls of products that should never have hit the retail floors.

The sad thing is that no one else is writing about all this. I feel like the Lone Ranger in my efforts to inform consumers of how small a factor customer satisfaction plays a part in marketing.

The subject of buying an extended warranty on a major home appliance was at one time a big point of controversy. It used to cost way too much money, and people were getting very rich ripping off the typical homeowner.

I will say that the cost factor has decreased to the point where I think it is smart to shop around for the best buy.

Weigh in the facts that you've read in this column so many times, stories from readers about exorbitant repair costs, the short period of use before repairs were needed, and you have to consider what might happen to your new refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave, garbage disposer, clothes washer and dryer, room air conditioner or dehumidifier.

These are classified as major home appliances, and they cost too much to buy not to think about what I've just written. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

HOME CALENDAR

Sewing 101

Want to tackle home decorating projects but consider yourself sewing machine challenged? Learn the basic operation of a sewing machine in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development. The two-week class, Sewing 101: For Home Decorating, will begin 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18. Cost is \$49 (senior cost, \$39.20); bring your own sewing machine.

Stitch settings, threading the machine, winding bobbins, notions, interfacing and machine accessories will be featured. No projects will be assigned. You'll leave class with a review packet of instructions. For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Ruffles and shams

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Dust Ruffles and Pillow Shams, 5:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 7-28 (cost is \$80). Spruce up a bedroom by creating a pleated or gathered dust ruffle and new pillow shams to match your decor. The first session will be a discussion of style, fabric choices and supplies. You'll make a custom dust

ruffle and pillow shams in the next three sessions.

Feng shui

Learn about feng shui, the ancient Chinese practice of placement, in a class offered by Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with The Design Spirit. The class, Finding Your Way Through Feng Shui, will take place 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln in Birmingham. Cost is \$40, including materials. Class size is limited. Register by Tuesday, Sept. 19. Call Birmingham Community Education at (248) 203-3800 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Rochester Community Education in cooperation with The Design Spirit is offering the class 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at Adams High School, 3200 W. Tiengen in Rochester. Cost is \$40, including materials. Class size is limited. Register by Thursday, Sept. 21. Call Rochester Community Education at (248) 726-3165 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

(Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with The Design Spirit is offering the class 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the HFCC Dearborn Heights campus. Cost is \$35, including materials. Class size is limited. Register by Friday, Sept. 15. Call HFCC at (313) 317-1500 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.)

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

Plantings for pots

Two hands-on workshops offered by Deborah Silver at Detroit Garden Works, 1794 Pontiac Drive in Sylvan Lake, will cover plantings for pots, arrangements and topiaries for the home and garden, and holiday decor. Tuition for each two-part workshop is \$95 and includes boxed lunches at each session. Each workshop is limited to 20 participants, so register now to reserve your space. Registrants will be sent a packet of information regarding homework that will be due at the first session. For more information and to register, call Sue at (248) 335-8089.

The first workshop, Autumn Pots, Decoration and Topiary Design, will meet 10 a.m. to noon Sundays, Sept. 17-24. It will focus on pots and decoration and topiary design and construction using dried and synthetic materials.

The second workshop, Winter Pots and Holiday Decorating, will meet 10 a.m. to noon Sundays, Oct. 15-22.

Fall seminars

Design expert Ray Boley will host free seminars on updating a home for fall at Art Van Furniture stores in Shelby Township and Ann Arbor this month. Boley will be at the Shelby Township

store 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, and at the Ann Arbor store 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19. Guests will be treated to refreshments and a gift. Reservations are requested; call (888) 619-2199.

Boley owns and operates Sharod Designs in White Lake. During the seminar, he will share information on different decorating styles, and demonstrate easy ways to update a home through accessories and other simple changes. The evening will end with a question-and-answer period.

Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center) 10 a.m. Saturdays through September. It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week.

Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment. Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Dahlia show

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 54th annual Dahlia Show noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. For information, call (248) 373-6275.

Daylily plant sale

The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society will have its Fall Blowout Daylily Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the First Congregational Church of Birmingham parking lot, 1000 Cranbrook Road, west of Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Hundreds of different modern daylily flowers, plus perennial treasures, including hosta, peony and iris, will be featured.

Local hybridizers will be available to answer questions. Pay by cash, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. For more information, visit www.daylilyclub.com or call (248) 739-9006.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will have its monthly meeting at noon Monday, Sept. 11, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the Practical Gardening Institute, will speak on garden and landscape renovation. Guests are welcome.

Plant sale

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have its annual plant sale noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Dr. Pesaud's Family Medical Center, 314 N. Main in Clawson, north of 14 Mile directly across from city hall. Free plant care advice will be available.

For information, call Kerry at (248) 524-0227 or Lou at (248) 681-4791.

Pests

The Community House Garden Club will present Ridding Your Home and Garden Environment of Unwanted Pests 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. Donation of \$5 requested at the door. Or, join The Community House Garden Club, \$20 for six meetings. For more information, contact Pat Jerzy at (248) 594-6410, patj@communityhouse.com.

Nick and Angela Burgess of C.J.B. Pest and Mosquito Control in Farmington Hills will make a presentation regarding integrated pest management using attractants and illusionary measures with chemical and non-chemical devices.

The methods used comply with many gardeners and organic gardeners who would rather not use chemicals for pest control.

For more information, contact Mar Sclawy at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Sclawy at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

The City Plant Exchange will take place 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Farmington Hills City Hall, on 11 Mile at Orchard Lake Road. For more information, contact Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374 or calamintha@yahoo.com.

The Edible Landscape, the second lecture in its Our Neck of the Woods series, noon Saturday, Sept. 16. Cost is \$15. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. Goldner Walsh Nursery is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. The presentation by Ken Asmus of Oikos Tree Crops in Kalamazoo will include a slide show, live plants and some great-tasting landscape ornaments.

The talk will focus on edible and native edible landscape plants that are hardy to our zone with ornamental qualities sought in landscape plants for yards. Asmus has searched many ecotypes and hybrids to produce the finest edibles found in our area with traits such as disease resistance, increased hardiness, growth rate and increased fruit production.

Whether you are trying to increase the wildlife in your back yard or find out which landscape plants make the best jellies, or if you just like the thought of food for man or beast in your yard, this talk is for you. Register for a chance to win a Pawpaw tree (Michigan banana) valued at \$100.

Trees, shrubs
Learn about the many uses of woody trees and shrubs and how to select and arrange them in your landscape, and learn about various plant materials available to landscape your yard, in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development. The three-week class, Woody Trees and Shrubs, will begin 7-9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20. It will take place at the Schoolcraft campus on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$73 (senior cost, \$58.40), book and supplies included. For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Fall fair
The Tollgate Gardeners at the Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center will have their annual Fall Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 28115 Meadowbrook in Novi. Admission is free. Free refreshments will be available. Features will include hayrides, line dancing, a live bug display, and presentations on birds of prey, reptiles and amphibians, bat conservation and cider making. Among children's activities will be kite making, face painting, pumpkin painting, crafts and catch and release fishing. Also featured will be displays and activities provided by MSU Extension, the Oakland Conservation District, Oakland County Forester, 4-H and the Novi Police and Fire Departments. For more information, call (248) 347-3860, Ext. 212.

Rose programs
Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. Each presentation lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Insect and Disease Control for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11), and Cooking with Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18). The insect and disease control program is a slide lecture and garden tour, with emphasis on natural and cultural control. In the cooking program, learn how to grow edible roses and prepare tempting rose recipes, and sample rose treats.

Hill & Dale Garden Club
The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The topic will be Black Gold: Indoor/outdoor Composting by Janet and Alan Geisler. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Sclawy at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

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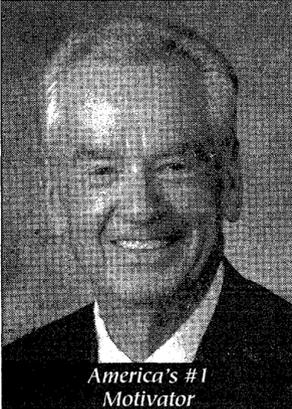
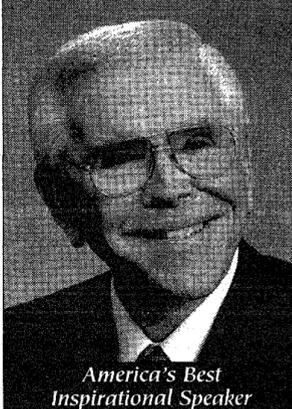
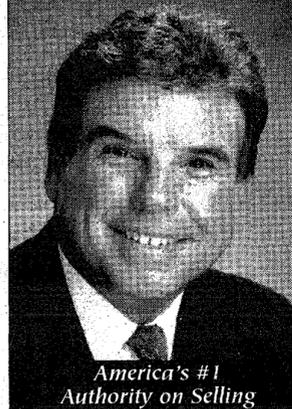
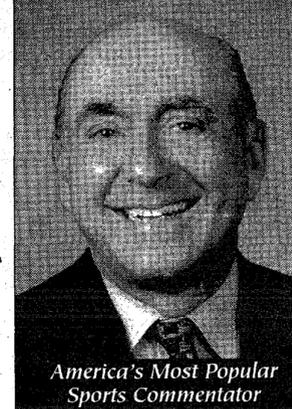
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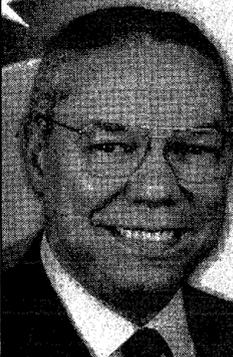
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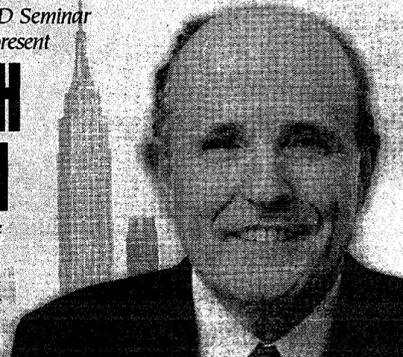
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TOUR

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said. "She made it all work for me."
"We're very pleased. She did a wonderful job with the colors."
Knevels chose warm colors, such as the "jalapeno pepper" on the walls of the library, and the deep blue and white checkered window treatment in the kitchen.
Inviting colors were selected for the floors as well, such as the Brazilian cherry wood in the dining room, the candied apple red tiles in a bathroom, and soft shades in stone floors in the kitchen and sunroom.

ARRANGEMENTS

Mariel Carlson has collected antiques for some 40 years. They come from a variety of sources.
"I like ... different things, not necessarily (just) French or Italian," Carlson said.
"I like a lot of different things together."
The artful arrangement of the antiques is instantly seen in the foyer, which contains a little 19th century French desk featuring Sevres plaques on the front. On top stands a small bronze piece that was owned by George Gershwin.
Across from the desk is an 18th century Aubusson bench from Merwins Antiques of Birmingham. Mariel Carlson restored it with her needlework.
Other pieces here include a 17th century Italian angel chest (called that because of

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the angels on the front); a crystal and bronze newel post; and a turn-of-the-century French chest, turquoise and cream with a faux marble top.
Above the latter is a pair of Baccarat sconces once owned by a former neighbor of the Carlsons when they lived in California; the neighbor was president of Hughes Tool.
The Carlsons' favorite rooms are the library and kitchen.
A large desk from Merwins and a plush leather sofa are among the furnishings in the library.
Knevels designed the bookshelves here. The antiques they hold include a reverse glass painting of Greek gods in a frame trimmed in tortoiseshell chips.
KITCHEN
The kitchen and pantry are spacious and pleasant.
"I love my pantry because I love to bake," Mariel said.
Over the island in the kitchen hangs a Murano glass chandelier resembling a lush, colorful cluster of grapes.
A line of stools with trompe l'oeil paintings on the top is along the island; under the

chandelier is an antique com-pote that holds a collection of alabaster fruit.
Glen Carlson placed a large antique tray from Saline against the wall by the stove. The fruit design on the tray continues the fruit and floral decor of the kitchen.
This is an example of how the couple collaborate on the antiques, Mariel said.
"Many times if I don't think of it he does, or he'll think of it before I do," she said.
White tiles in the backsplash and other areas feature tiny designs in each corner.
The blue-and-white window treatment is trimmed in red, tying in to the red walls. A seating area here features French chairs with a floral design around a round, dark wood table. The chairs belonged to the Carlsons' former California neighbor.
Nearby is a big Pinocchio figure from Parsons Children's Store in Bloomfield Hills. It stands on a base that is from a carousel.
The adjacent pantry area holds family pieces — a shaker set that belonged to Mariel's father, and a cherry beverage container from Glen's family. The pantry and kitchen have similar walls and tiles.
OTHER ELEMENTS
The Carlsons have his-and-her bathrooms — one decorated in red, one in green. In both, architectural elements of pediments and columns frame the mirrors.
Two powder rooms in the first floor have different styles

of decor.
One powder room is flowery, with floral wallpaper and a chandelier with rose-shaped lights. The sink is ensconced in a dark vanity.
The other powder room has a white pedestal sink and is dressed in red, with large gold stars on the ceiling and smaller stars on the walls.
Antiques in the living room include a delicate desk from the Goodwill Antiques Show, and a small table that was owned by actress Loretta Young. This table serves as a stand for a tall statue.
In the sunroom hangs a wrought-iron antique chandelier from Saline, converted from gas to electric.
In designing the courtyard and grounds, Eva Von Voss of Birmingham incorporated boxwood, crabapple trees and pear trees to create a European look.

Northville Historical Home Tour set Sept. 16

The Northville/Novi American Association of University Women will sponsor its annual tour of four beautiful homes in downtown Northville 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.
Tickets for the event, the Northville Historical Home Tour, are \$15.
Tickets are available in Northville at Petite Maison, Pear-Aphanaila, Gardenviews and the Chamber of Commerce; and in Plymouth at Cozy Cafe.
To order tickets by phone, call (734) 207-1942.
Proceeds from the tour go to

fund local college scholarships for needy women.
This year, the tour will feature a newly renovated Arts and Crafts residence built in the mid-1900s, an 1870 single-family dwelling that once was a flower shop; a restored Victorian home built in 1900; and a modern residence built in 2004 in the Victorian farmhouse style.
The tour is a favorite element of the Northville Victorian Festival, where families stroll downtown area shops and enjoy food, fun, games, entertainment and carnival rides.

PURTAN

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"She did a wonderful job," Carlson said.
Holly Geyer of Birmingham and Anne Tremain of Bloomfield Hills are co-chairs of this year's event.
"We are so excited about the 2006 Birmingham House Tour," Geyer said. "These are not your everyday homes. Each home is more stunning and stylish than the next."
"Two homes have gone through major renovations and all homes have been professionally decorated," Tremain said. "You won't want to miss it!"

Or, God forbid, are they a relative from some long-forgotten branch of my family tree?
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"They're great, thank you. How's the family?"
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In reality, you're barely paying attention to what they're saying.
You have escalated to tossing every room in your mental house, opening and emptying drawers in a whirlwind attempt to perform a virtual Heimlich maneuver on your psyche.
And still — you get nothing.
As the beads of perspiration begin to form on your forehead, you make the executive decision to come clean. Honesty is the best policy, you reason. Better to confront this dilemma head on than to carry this charade any further.
They finish their brief history of time. You are about ready to say "I'm so sorry, but who are

you?" when your wingman (or wingwoman) comes to the rescue.
Swooping in from the perimeter, your mate/partner/friend sees the look of sheer panic in your eyes, steps across your path and engages the mystery woman with:
"Debbie (or Susan or Linda — at this point it really doesn't matter), it's so good to see you! It's been years! Are you still living in Metamora?"
You start humming *Here Comes the Sun* in your head. The heavens part and a new day dawns.
You have been saved from a potentially embarrassing social faux pas and the fact that you still can't remember who you're talking to no longer matters. The responsibility is off your shoulders.
You can now actually use their name in conversation. They will go away thinking good thoughts about you because you remembered them! Life is good.
Until you see them again, when you find yourself, by yourself, in the above situation — you're hosed.
See you next Thursday — whatever your name is.
You can meet Dick Purtan & Purtan's People 5-10 weekday mornings on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

Designer Vicente Wolf to speak at brunch

Global design will be the topic when famed designer Vicente Wolf speaks at The Community House in Birmingham this month.
Wolf, who is based in New York, will speak at a brunch the morning of the Birmingham House Tour. His latest book, *Crossing Boundaries: A Global Vision of Design*, will be available for purchase.
Wolf will also be the special guest at the House Tour



Preview Party (see related items).
He has more than 20 years of experience in the industry.
Principal of Vicente Wolf Associates Inc. in Manhattan, Wolf has designed residential and commercial interiors around the country.
He also designs furniture, lighting, rugs, flatware, table

and bed linens, crystal, china and stemware.
House Beautiful named Wolf one of the 10 most influential designers in the United States. *Interior Design* magazine inducted him into its Designer Hall of Fame.
Wolf's signature style features a white palette, furniture with classical lines, and fine art photography.
He developed it "through traveling, seeing things around the world," he said in a phone

interview recently.
"I live in a loft that's all white, with different shades of taupe."
He also displays his photography in his home. Wolf has had individual gallery shows of his photography.
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At nearly 2,000 feet elevation, Moon Mountain Vineyard is located high on the remote Sonoma Valley side of Mount Veeder in the Mayacamas Mountain range. There, frugal soils, called "Sonoma Volcanics," derived from rock, volcanic ash and lava, are the ground level start for some engaging wines.

Growing vines on a mountainside pushes them to work harder, resulting in small, intensely flavored fruit. To balance the rugged conditions, Moon Mountain organically farms the site to produce grapes with pure flavors and a pronounced sense of place, which the French refer to as terroir.

LONG HISTORY

Commercial grape growing on the Sonoma County side of the Mayacamas Mountains began in 1857 when Agoston Haraszthy, father of the California wine industry, bought 560 acres stretching from the Sonoma Valley floor high up the mountain range. In 1886, Samuel Goldstein built a winery and grew grapes on the mountain at what is now the famous Monte Rosso Vineyard, situated just below Moon Mountain Vineyard.

Winegrowing in this region died out in the early 20th century, largely due to an outbreak of phylloxera, but in 1938 the Louis Martini family of Napa Valley revived the area when they purchased the Goldstein property and renamed it Monte Rosso Vineyard, after its red volcanic soils.

Over the years, there have been various owners and different names for the vineyard and winery now known as Moon Mountain. Probably the best known was Carmenet, after an archaic French term used to describe Bordeaux grape varieties. It was, however, under Carmenet that the Moon Mountain



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

label emerged with some of the best cabernets to come out of Sonoma County.

In February 2005, Moon Mountain Vineyard was acquired by Diageo, the world's leading premium drinks corporation. Diageo recognized Moon Mountain Vineyard's terroir with all of its environmental conditions from sun exposure, soils and slope to wind and rainfall, which are nearly perfect for growing cabernet sauvignon and the other Bordeaux varieties that have been grown there since the late 1800s.

ORGANIC EMPHASIS

Since 2002, the vineyards are California certified organically farmed (CCOF). "Today, we believe that our organic farming practices have resulted in better balanced soils, vines and more flavorful grapes," said winemaker Randall Watkins.

"As organic farmers we do not use chemical herbicides or pesticides in our vineyards. All applications to the vineyards are done with natural materials. For example, because vines need nitrogen, nitrogen-rich legumes have been planted as a cover crop.

"Healthy soils are the key to healthy vines. Our soils are rich in organic material and living microflora that slowly release nutrients to vine roots, leading to better flavor development. Organic farming creates a soil that is alive and enhances terroir."

WINE PICKS

If you read "Focus on Wine" regularly, you know that we are fans of Paul Hobbs' wines. They're highly allocated, among the very finest from California and cellar worthy. Since you can now receive wines directly shipped to your residence, visit www.paulhobbs.com and place yourself on the mailing list. The following Paul Hobbs wines were released Sept. 1.

■ 2004 Walker Station Russian River Valley Chardonnay (\$70), citrus and crisp minerality mingle with apple fruit in a seamless wine of elegance.

■ 2004 Ulises Valdez Vineyard, Russian River Valley Chardonnay (\$70), white peach and orange blossom kiss this sumptuous wine.

■ 2004 Cuvee Agustina, Richard Dinner Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain Chardonnay (\$100). Three-digit price, but you've never tasted a top producer white Burgundy that even comes close to this.

■ 2004 Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley Pinot Noir (\$70), wonderful harmony and complexity mark a dark fruit profile.

■ 2003 Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$150); 2003 Stagecoach Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$175) and 2003 Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$235). Yes, three figures for each that are singular but stunning and engaging wines. If you can afford wines at this price point, don't pass these up.

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WHAT TO BUY FROM MOON MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

The under \$20 wines are not made from Moon Mountain Vineyard estate fruit but are sourced with care and crafted with the same attention. The label bears a Sonoma County appellation.

■ 2005 Sauvignon Blanc (\$12) hits the mark as a mélange of tropical and citrus tones both in aromas and flavors. Its broad palate was created by partial barrel fermentation in neutral oak then retained on the lees for four months.

■ 2004 Chardonnay (\$14) with pear, green apple and nutmeg-like spice from barrel influence, holds lots of value for the money.

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The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Cooking classes

The Community House offers the following culinary classes to the public this summer and fall: Make Your Own Take-Out, Asian inspired food, sample food and take home recipes, \$5 material fee payable to instructor, class taught by Katie Renton, owner of Chef Girl Productions in Birmingham, 7:30-9 p.m. Sept. 14, \$30; Parents and Teens Cook Together, learn about yogurt berry parfait, glazed salmon, chicken nuggets and smoothie pops, sample and take home recipes, also taught by Renton, 7:30-9 p.m., three Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 20, and Oct. 11,

\$75 and \$15 tasting fee payable to instructor at class. To register for these classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

Cooking demonstrations

Chris Hessler, Kruse & Muer executive chef, prepares dishes using produce from Rochester Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 9, Rochester Farmers Market, Third and Water streets, one block east of Main, market open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 28, (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Wine exploration series

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a series of wine classes. Taste six wines representing six regions throughout the world, learn to read wine labels and order from restaurant menus at An Introduction

to Wine, Wednesday, Sept. 20, \$28. Other classes include California and the Pacific Northwest, Wednesday, Sept. 27, \$28; French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 4, \$26; More About French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 11, \$26; Italian Wines, Oct. 25, \$26; The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Wednesday, Nov. 8, \$26; Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Wednesday, Nov. 15. All classes begin at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Indian cooking

Suvir Saran, master chef and author of "Indian Home Cooking," presents four cooking classes highlighting the world of Indian cooking, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 22-25, at the culinary arts instructional kitchens at the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Each

session is \$109, the series is \$399. Two hands-on sessions and two demonstration sessions are available. For more information, call Michele Bialo at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5223 or email mbialo@schoolcraft.edu.

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Register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

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Learn about healthy Italian soups from Giovanna Cappi, including pasta e fagioli (bean and pasta soup), minestrone d'orzo (barley soup) and ribollita (Tuscan twice-cooked bean and bread soup), 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday Sept. 25, \$24 plus \$6 fee payable to instructor at class. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Chocolate factory opens

The Northville Schokolad Chocolate Factory, located at 20450 Haggerty Road, will host a grand opening celebration from Friday, Sept. 8 through Sunday, Sept. 10, during normal business hours.

During the weekend event, visitors can receive a tour of the chocolate factory and learn more about how Schokolad Chocolate Factory makes truffles, wedding favors, and corporate gift items. Demonstrations will be held throughout the weekend, and visitors will be invited to sample chocolate treats handmade at the store.

A portion of the proceeds from sales over the weekend will be donated to the National

Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter.

Store hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday noon-5:00 p.m. The Northville Schokolad Chocolate Factory features fresh, handmade, European-style chocolates, over 70 varieties of truffles, exotic fruits, and nut clusters, hand-dipped chocolate strawberries and pretzels, corporate logos, custom gifts, and gift baskets, homemade Italian Gelato in assorted flavors and a variety of sorbets, and cappuccino, lattes, and espresso.

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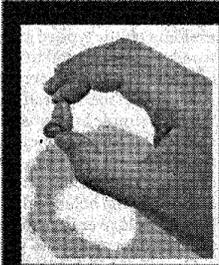
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BOOT CAMP

Eager as I was to delve into the acclaimed Mac operating system (the latest version of which is known as Tiger), my first step was to install Boot Camp — the free Apple utility that enables Core Duo-equipped Macs to run Windows XP.

It's true! It's like getting two, two, two computers in one! Boot Camp allocates a portion of the Mac's hard drive to Windows, then lets you boot the machine using either operating system.

It's up to you to supply a licensed Windows XP CD, one that includes the Service Pack 2 (SP2) update. If your CD lacks SP2, you can create one that has it by following this excellent tutorial: <http://tinyurl.com/4n7y5>.

After downloading the Boot Camp software, I found a Boot Camp Assistant icon on the desktop.

However, it required me to install a system update and reboot the system, after

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which Boot Camp Assistant was gone — and I had no idea to where.

Fortunately, using the excellent Mac OS search feature, I quickly located it.

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Windows XP runs splendidly on Mac hardware. I had no trouble getting everyday software to work, and even the high-end game I installed,

Call of Duty 2, played without a hitch.

What's more, the system didn't seem the least bit sluggish, which was always the problem with software-based Windows emulators of the past.

The Mac's Core Duo processor is the same one found in higher-end Windows PCs, and XP takes full advantage of it.

In other words, there's no noticeable performance hit, which is pretty huge. It really is like having two computers in one box.

I've yet to try external hardware like my Palm handheld, digital camcorder, and laser printer. If those work, it would really seal the deal.

Watch for more Boot Camp reports in a future column.

There's also a third-party utility, Parallels Desktop (parallels.com), that promises an even better Windows-on-Mac experience. I'll get the skinny on that as well.

PARTING THOUGHTS

In the meantime, a few parting thoughts.

First, the Mac OS is more

confection than perfection.

It's lovely and inviting, but far from intuitive. I had a surprising amount of trouble with the seemingly simple task of installing new software (more on that later).

Second, I'm delighted by how affordable Mac hardware has become.

Even this high-end iMac sells for just \$1,699, a reasonable price considering its glorious 20-inch widescreen monitor. The 17-inch model starts at \$1,299, and you can get a Dual Core MacBook notebook for just \$1,099.

Finally, I can already make this recommendation: The next time you're in the market for a new PC, consider a Mac.

Given its unparalleled multiple-personality design, it's the only logical thing to do.

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ASID honors design school program head



Barbara Marini

"It is one of my great joys as a teacher to nurture my students' passion for interior design and to help provide them with the skills they need for a successful career in the profession."

The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) announced at its meeting in July that Barbara Marini, ASID/IDEC, Program Chair of Interior Design at the International Academy of Design and Technology (IADT)-Detroit in Troy, has been elected to the National Board as a Director at Large for a two-year term.

ASID is the largest and oldest professional interior design organization in North America, serving more than 39,000 members.

Also at the ASID meeting, Marini was recognized as the National Faculty Advisor of the Year for her work with the Student Chapter of ASID.

More than 250 chapters (with more than 13,000 student members) nationwide had the opportunity to nominate a faculty advisor for the award.

"I'm honored to bring this award back to the Academy and into the classroom," said Marini. "It is a great honor to have been nominated by my students and recognized by the Society."

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Worldwide Staging Service Day Sept. 16

The International Association of Home Staging Professionals (IAHSP) Foundation will launch the second annual Worldwide Staging Service Day Saturday, Sept. 16.

The Great Lakes IAHSP Regional Chapter will join to stage the playroom and the weekend suite in the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit.

Stagers from across the state will use their creative energy to turn the rooms into special places of relaxation and enjoyment for families of ill children.

The chapter wanted to give them a place with some of the

comforts of home while they go through the difficult task before them.

Many local businesses have volunteered their time and products to help make the day a success, including Pro Source and Timberland floors, Little Caesars, Mr. Handyman, Instant furniture and Cort furniture.

Members of IAHSP around the United States and Canada will come together on this day to help local organizations and individuals in their communities who need staging services.

Places such as nursing homes, schools and women's shelters, and individuals need-

ing to sell their homes, are potential candidates for staging. The IAHSP Foundation, in connection with local IAHSP chapters, is accepting donations, all of which are tax-deductible.

For more information about the event, call Heather Durren at (248) 217-9751 or visit <http://www.greatlakes@iahsp.com>.

IAHSP is comprised of 100 local chapters and more than 1,200 Accredited Staging Professionals (ASPs).

"It is with great enthusiasm and joy that we give back to the communities that we live and work in," said Barb

Schwarz, president and founder of StagedHomes.com, and founder and president of IAHSP, the IAHSP Foundation and the Worldwide Staging Service Day.

Schwarz has coined the phrase "Think globally, act locally through the world of home staging" to be the theme for the Worldwide Staging Service Day.

Schwarz pioneered the concept of home staging in 1972, to help people prepare their homes for sale.

Since 1985, she has taught more than 1 million real estate agents and professional home stagers her staging principles.

Leaky toilet problems often have easy fixes

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

An average leaking toilet will waste up to 78,000 gallons of water per year.

Think about it — that's enough water to fill two average-sized backyard swimming pools.

What follows are some common toilet problems and their solutions.

■ **Faulty flapper** — The majority of toilet leaks are caused by a faulty or worn flapper — the same thing that causes you to jiggle the tank handle.

Over time, the rubber stopper at the base of the tank can become brittle, worn, dirty or misaligned with the flush valve seat, or the seat itself is so corroded that the stopper won't seal properly.

This creates a leak that lowers the tank's water level, causing the fill valve to turn on and refill the tank.

This can be fixed by cleaning the flapper or tank ball and drain seat thoroughly using a brush or scouring pad.

If the leak persists, remove the existing flapper and replace it with a new one.

■ **Overflow pipe/flush valve** — Sometimes the overflow pipe or flush valve assembly can become so corroded it creates leaks that lower a tank's water level, causing the valve to turn on and refill the tank.

The best fix is to replace the flush valve assembly with a new one that will work for your particular toilet.

Another overflow-related problem occurs when the water level is set too high and reaches the top of the overflow pipe when the fill valve shuts off.

This results in small amounts of water pouring into the overflow pipe, causing the valve to turn on to refill the tank.

This can usually be solved by setting the tank water to a lower level.

There are various ways to do this depending upon the type of toilet and style of flush valve. Some valves have an adjustment screw while others have an adjustment clip on the link of the valve.

An old trick is to bend the rod that travels between the flush valve and the float ball. However, this can backfire if the rod rotates a half turn where the water line raises and water goes pouring down the drain.

■ **Fill valve** — Another common problem that causes a toilet to leak is a fill valve that won't shut off, leaving water continually pouring down the overflow pipe.

This is usually caused by debris that becomes lodged under the valve's seal. Debris can consist of hard water (calcium) deposits, tiny pieces of corroded pipe, pebbles or solder, which are transported to the seal via the water pipe.

The simplest means of dealing with this problem is to shut off the water supply to the toilet and remove the valve top.

Cover the opening with an inverted cup and turn the water on and off a few times to flush the valve and remove water line debris.

If the problem persists after flushing the fill valve, the valve seal is probably cracked or split. Replacing the seal will usually solve the problem.

OTHER TIPS

■ **Plastic bags for painting** — Planning a painting project? Start rounding up plastic grocery bags to save money and time and to avoid mopping up spills with rags.

When it's time to paint, first put your roller tray inside a plastic bag. When you're through, throw the bag away; the tray will stay like new, time after time.

Such bags keep paint-filled brushes from drying out, too. If you can't get things finished in one day, put your roller and brushes away, paint and all, in a plastic bag in the refrigerator overnight.

And, when you're all through painting, put a bag over your hand before you pull off the roller cover and another bag over the paint can before you hammer the lid back on. This practice prevents the floor and walls from being splattered.

■ **Wainscoting elegance** — Want to add a touch of elegance to your home? Try wainscoting. It's a decorating touch that has been used for centuries to make rooms and hallways look more luxurious.

It involves adding wood paneling halfway up the wall, usually up to about 40 inches from the floor.

There's a hidden bonus too. It's just the right height to prevent wall damage from wayward chair backs.

Wainscoting often combines two different types of wall materials: rich wood paneling down below and paint or a tasteful fabric or wallpaper above.

Regardless of which you choose to combine, you can turn any humble abode into an elegant and lavish English manor and any foyer, vestibule and/or hall into a grand entrance for your castle with wainscoting.

■ **Hammering and nailing wood trim** — When you're ready to hammer and nail in trim, you'll want to protect where those nails go in.

When nailing decorative molding or any type of milled woodwork or painted trim, don't let a misguided hammer blow ruin the surface. Instead protect it with a simple homemade shield: Cut a piece of pegboard a few inches square. Then start the nail in with a few light taps. Slip one of the holes in the pegboard shield over the nail head, and hammer away with gusto.

Once you've driven a nail as far in as possible, lift off the shield and finish the job with a nail set.

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H&M opens at Twelve Oaks

By Wendy Von Buskirk

NOVI — Fashionistas no longer have to travel to Chicago or New York to shop their beloved Hennes & Mauritz. The trendy Swedish-based retailer is establishing itself in Michigan with not just one store, but five. H&M opened at Lakeside and Briarwood malls this spring, and unveiled its third store at Twelve Oaks last Thursday. Stores at Fairlane Town Center and Great Lakes Crossing will open next year.

At Twelve Oaks, excited customers gathered for the grand opening of the new, 6,000-square-foot store, located on the second floor of the mall outside JC Penney. The first 100 shoppers got free H&M T-shirts and 20 percent off all purchases that day.

According to Oanh Lapaich, H&M's regional manager for seven states in the Midwest, about 200 people lined up before doors opened at noon. "We had a very nice crowd to



Denee Meier, 16, Paulina Schmidtke, 13, and Christina Joss, 15, all from Livonia, shop opening day at H&M.

welcome us," Lapaich said. "We've had a line at the register since we opened and a line at the fitting room."

Denee Meier, 16, Paulina Schmidtke, 13, and Christina Joss, 15, friends from the same

Livonia neighborhood, were among the first to arrive for some back to school shopping. They each bought a "Retail Industry" hooded sweatshirt for \$24.90. "I really like their style," Meier said.

"The prices are really good," Joss and Schmidtke chimed in.

H&M's Divided line caters to teenagers, but the Twelve Oaks store is for women of all ages who like chic, affordable clothing in step with the latest trends. The store also marks the Michigan debut of H&M's signature lingerie "shop in shop."

Lisa Notarianni, who formerly traveled to Chicago for her H&M fix, said she's glad the store has opened in the mall where she works. On break from Rogers & Holland Jewelers, she picked up several staple pieces, all in black, to wear to work.

H&M's fall collection is based on a sophisticated style with a focus on couture-inspired pieces in black, beige and gray with accents of red.

Must-have pieces include wool-mix jackets (\$79.90) paired with narrow or wide-legged trousers (\$39.90), and classically tailored dress shirts (\$19.90). A fitted trench coat (\$59.90), completes the look.

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By Cathy Bumgarner

Cathy Bumgarner, 29, of Canton, was third runner-up in our 2nd Annual Reader PINK Picks contest. She won a \$50 gift certificate to Studio 427, a hip art gallery in downtown Northville with a smoothee bar, the Taurus Café, inside. Here are Cathy's picks, and stay tuned for more reader picks in upcoming PINKS!



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Greenwood sings at benefit for wounded soldiers

Country music singer Lee Greenwood will perform during a benefit organized by a Westland committee that wants to help wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Greenwood will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. He is known for hits such as *God Bless the U.S.A.*

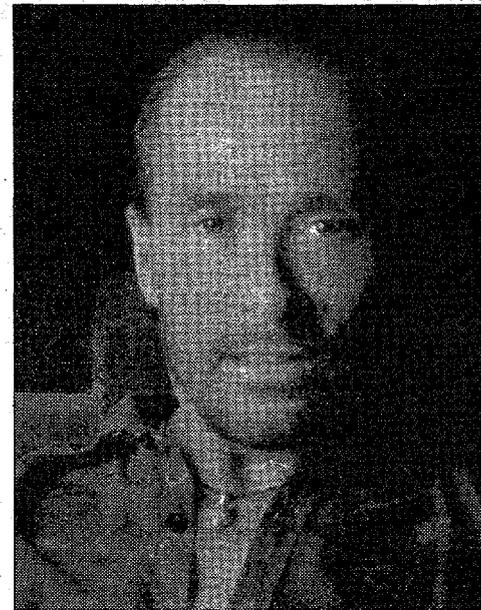


Called the "Wounded Heroes" benefit, it is being organized by Westland City Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer, who said the fund-raiser is not meant as pro-war or anti-war.

"This is simply to help the troops who are coming home wounded," he said.

The benefit will help two nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping offset the financial and emotional burdens of wounded troops and their families. Those groups are the national Wounded Warriors Project and the Wayne-based Veterans Haven Inc., which serves all of western Wayne County.

Along with Greenwood, the U.S. Army Band will perform, according to Stottlemeyer.



Lee Greenwood

Tickets range from \$33 to \$50 and can be ordered by calling the Ford Center at (313) 943-2354 or by going online at www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Those who can't attend the concert but who want to help may send checks, made payable to Veterans Haven Inc., to Veterans Haven Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, Wayne MI, according to organizers.

Anyone who has questions may call Stottlemeyer at (734) 721-4594.

Jazz on the Lake set for September 10

Alexander Zonjic and special guests Ken Navarro and Thornetta Davis will close out the summer outdoor jazz festival season with a concert at "Jazz on the Lake" 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.

Opening the show will be Musica Mundi.

In addition to the music, a wine tasting featuring vintages from California, New Zealand, Australia, France and Chile, and a strolling supper offering cuisine from fine area restaurants are included in the ticket price.

A cigar tent for cigar aficionados and a silent auction are also part of the event.

The 10th annual concert is a fund-raiser for St. Mary's Preparatory School located on the banks of Orchard Lake, 3535

Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. (A map and information are available on www.jazzonorchardlake.org.)

Participating restaurants include: Nectars, Zaytoon, Chef's Cuisine, Jeremy, Original Romano's, The Commerce Grill, Gravity Bar and Grill, Brio Tuscan Grill, La Casa Rio Grande, La Shish, Sparky's American Grill, The Outback Steakhouse, Great Harvest Bread Company, Ristorante Volare and Carvelle Ice Cream.

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The Plymouth Centennial Polish dancers are a perennial Fall Festival favorite.

Plymouth Fall Festival

Pet show, Battle of the Bands highlight this year's event

When it comes to pet shows, the Plymouth Optimist Club's pet show — held every year during that community's Fall

Festival — can get pretty crazy.

Organizers are expecting another zany event Sept. 9, when pet owners will gather their pets, everything from dogs and cats to frogs, snakes and goats, during the 2006

Fall Festival, scheduled Sept. 8-10 in downtown Plymouth.

"We see some unusual pets," said Felix Rotter, organizer of the pet show, held at the band shell in Kellogg Park. "One year two girls brought caterpillars to compete in the smallest pet contest. They won."

Ribbons will be awarded in three different divisions, with a total of 13 categories. Dogs will be judged, starting at 9 a.m., for the smallest, largest, longest tail, longest ears, best dressed and best trick.

"Unusual" pets will be judged starting around 10:20 a.m., in



Mike O'Grady, Jonathon Rahn, and John Staeasz man the grills and kettles to cook up Polish cuisine. The booth raises funds for the Polish Centennial Dancers.

There's lots to eat, too. See page E13 for a rundown of the choices at Plymouth's Fall Festival.

biggest, most colorful and most unusual. Cats enter the limelight around 10:45 a.m. and will be judged for smallest, biggest, longest hair and best-dressed.

"Everyone receives a participation ribbon; we want the children to walk away happy," said Rotter, who calls the pet show

one of the festival's most popular events. "People seem to really enjoy what we do out there."

Other events during fall festival include:

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Visit a mansion with your dog

Perhaps one of the most beautiful pieces of land on the east side is the Edsel and Eleanor Grosse Pointe Shores.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, on that lush green property that sits on Lake St. Clair will be open to the members of the public and their dogs for the 22nd annual Pooch Prance, a benefit

for the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society. It's the organization's biggest event of the year.

MACS is one of just a few animal shelters in Michigan that focuses on the cities where animals need most help — cities like Pontiac and Detroit, for example. The shelter is based in Hamtramck and the organization will remain in that location so that it can be in the heart of where the most animals need them. It investigates at least 1,500 animal neglect and abuse cases each year.

MACS needs money and also needs foster families to adopt animals that can be considered by MACS as "Michigan's least fortunate."

Enjoy a day of fun walking the wooded, shaded trails, or the plush green grass of the Ford House with your pooch. You can get pledges or give a donation of your choice.

This is a shelter where 8.96 percent of its funds go to animals, and just 4.7 percent to administration.

At the prance, there's bagels, fruit and juice; refreshments at checkpoints along the walk; an "animal friendly" lunch; free bandannas for every dog who's signed up for the



walk; a pet photographer to record the special day; a raffle hosted by Detroit Pistons broadcaster George Blaha; drawings for Pistons tickets and more.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. From I-94 East, exit at the Vernier/Eight Mile exit and turn right. Follow Vernier until it ends at Lake Shore Road. Turn left and continue approximately one mile. Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is on the right.

From I-94 West, exit at the Nine Mile exit and turn left. Follow Nine Mile until it ends at Jefferson. Turn right on Jefferson Avenue (which becomes Lake Shore Road) and continue approximately one mile. Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is on the left.

Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society can be reached at (313) 891-1088. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:30 a.m. but walkers can arrive at anytime until the walk ends at approximately 2 p.m. For details, call the shelter at (313) 891-1088.

Lana Mini

Tickets on sale for bellydance show

The dance troupe that helped push bellydance into a realized art form is coming to the Royal Oak Music Theatre for the second time in a year.

The Los Angeles-based Bellydancer Superstars have performed 375 concerts in 16 countries in just three years.

Tickets are general admission and go on sale Thursday. The show is 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

The dance troupe is comprised of America's best-known bellydancers — Jillina, Sonia, Sharon Kihara, Adore, Bozenka, Petite Jamilla, Colleen Georgianne, Mardi Love, Kami Liddle and Rachel Brice. The dancers have different backgrounds ranging from Egyptian, Mexican, Latin, classical ballet and jazz.

However, on stage, the focus is on Arabic dance.

The show is a vision of music mogul Miles Copeland, former manager for The Police and Sting. He also led other artists to stardom including R.E.M., The GoGos and The Bangles.

"Great art grows, it does not stagnate," Copeland said. "What we are doing is elevating the art form of bellydance."

Copeland, raised in the dance and music can help build bridges between the Arab world and the West. The troupe has been chronicled in the documentary, *American Bellydancer: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Dance*.

"Bellydancing is not only the fastest-growing women's leisurely activity, it's also finally come of age as a respected dance art," Copeland said. "At the forefront of that movement are the Bellydance Superstars, who have almost single-handedly accomplished this in less than three years. They have helped contribute to bellydancing becoming a curious phenomenon ... a lifestyle and a passion."

Tickets are \$28. Visit www.tickets.com or charge by phone at (800) 919-6272.

Lana Mini



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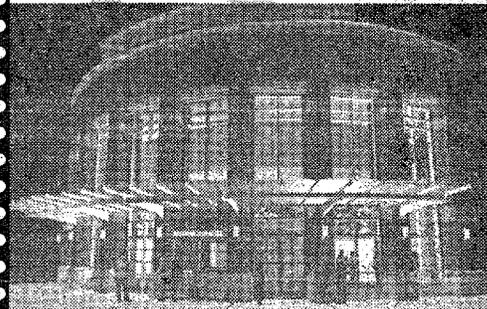
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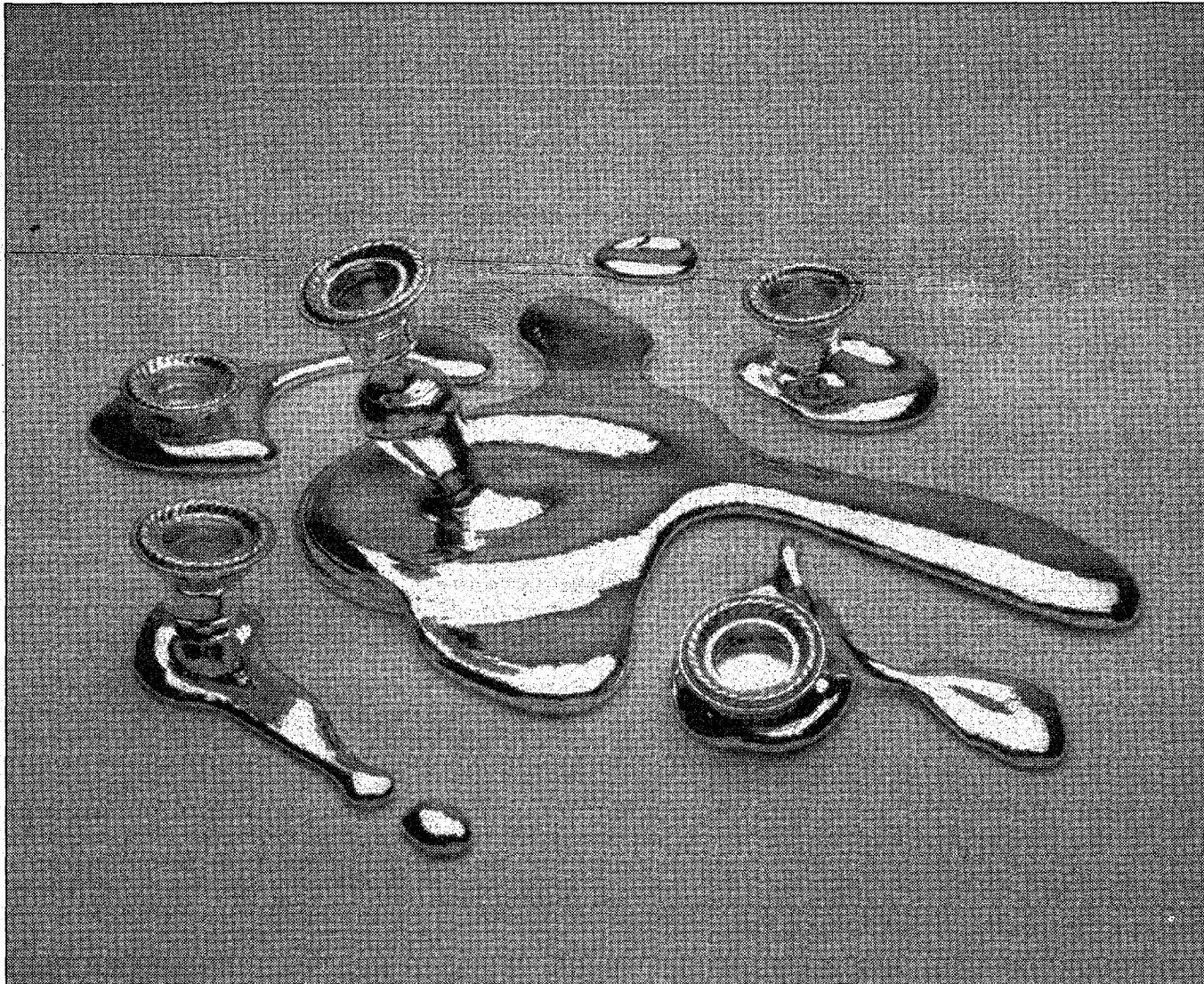
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Time intake

Cranbrook exhibit evaluates how artists are rethinking the past

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Notions of time and of the past often pop up as motifs in art.

Artists frequently present work that aims to modernize but capture the essence of objects, forms or designs that originate in another time period. The same is true of fashion, architecture and all design.

But how contemporary artists give us their take on the past differs from yesterday's artists.

"Things have gotten more intellectual," said Rebecca Elliot, curator of *Think Again! The Presence of the Past in Contemporary Art*, an exhibit that explores past and present artists' approach to the past and its artistic ideas.

The exhibit continues through Oct. 15 at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. Most of the pieces are from Cranbrook's collection, but several come from private collectors.

PAST AND PRESENT

What: *Think Again! The Presence of the Past in Contemporary Art*.

When: Through Oct. 15. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every fourth Friday of the month.

Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: Members, free, general admission, \$6, seniors, teens, and full-time students, \$4, children 12 and under, free with adult admission, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

"We're commenting on time, and there's a greater awareness," Elliot said of today's artists.

"We're also questioning how can something new be original."

To demonstrate the differences

visually, Elliot, the museum's Jeanne and Ralph Graham Collections Fellow, contrasted works by artists of today and yesterday that share similar subject matter or design motifs.

In *Candelabrum*, artist Georg Jensen draws upon the metal-smithing tradition of making a candelabra but modernizes his work with an Art Nouveau decorative motif of his time. In contrast, Myra Mimplitsch-Gray's contemporary free-form *Candelabrum, Seven Fragments* takes the everyday object of a candelabra, turns into a sculpture — an ironic comment.

The exhibit of approximately 60 pieces is organized into seven sections, most of which are based on the culture from which a particular artistic idea or design originated, for example, the paisley motif of East Indian art. The human figure is viewed in the context of Greco-Roman art, which

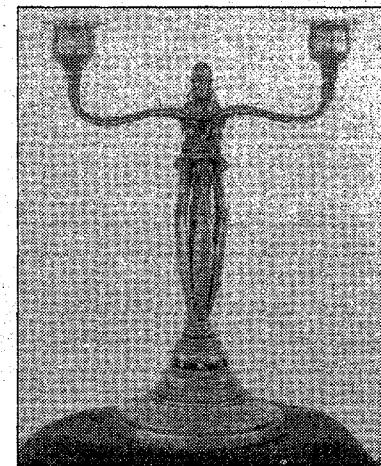


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Georg Jensen, *Candelabrum*, Collection of Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

celebrated the human form, with Duane Hanson's famous *Bodybuilder* sculpture serving as a contemporary counterpoint.

"I am interested in how art can tell us about culture and how artists think and how art evolves," Elliot said. "The continuum of art is such that somebody is always going to be looking to the past or the present."

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ing night of Fall Festival. Doors open at 6, and the event ends around 9:30 p.m.

Before games begin, players may purchase a game packet for \$20, which includes cards for each game to be played all night plus jackpots. Players may also purchase gamecards throughout the night at a cost of \$1 per card, which enables night-long players to add games or jackpots as they go, and also allows guests who would just prefer to drop in for a game or two during the evening to do so.

Cash prizes include jackpots of as much as \$250 and \$500.

Proceeds from this event help Plymouth BPW provide scholarships to single, head-of-household women returning to the workforce or improving their skills and education to better their ability to support their family. Scholarships are typically \$500, go to Plymouth residents, and can be one-time or renewable.

Plymouth BPW has been running this Bingo fund-raiser at the Fall Festival since 1982.

The club's costs have increased, but money raised, which must by state law be given as prize money, have remained the same. The BPW, therefore, is looking for corporate sponsors to help defray costs.

The Plymouth BPW meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Plymouth Crossing restaurant. In addition

PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL

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Where: Downtown Plymouth

Web site: www.plymouthfallfestival.net

to the scholarships the BPW provides. BPW also supports First Step, the Salvation Army, and many other charities. On a national level, BPW is very involved with promoting legislation that supports women's issues in the workplace, such as equal pay, family/parenting time, etc. For more information on BPW, go to their Web site, www.bpwusa.org.

In October, Plymouth BPW hosts a membership mixer. Anyone interested in the Bingo fund-raiser, interested in scholarships or who want to join the group either can call Sandra Kline, (734) 459-9866, or e-mail sandrajcline@yahoo.com

Battle of the bands

The Plymouth Community Advisory Commission, in conjunction with Fall Festival and E.G. Nicks, presents the "Battle of the Bands," 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 in the tent behind E.G. Nicks at 500 Forest.

Among the bands competing are Over the Counter, The Dry Leaf Project, The Rising Tide, Which Way is Home and more.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

These festival visitors enjoy the carnival rides.

Admission is \$6 at the door; doors open at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit the PCYAC's effort to rebuild the Kellogg Park fountain.

Church bazaar

First Presbyterian Church hosts its third-annual Bazaar noon-5 p.m. Sept. 9-10.

The emphasis will be on handmade, garden arrangements, antiques, high-quality as well as gently used household items.

Money generated during the bazaar goes to a wide variety of local charitable

organizations, including AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center, Fort Street Open Door Mission, Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, Crossroads, Starfish Family Services, Habitat for Humanity, Hope Medical Clinic, Angela Hospice, Barnabas Youth Opportunities Center, and Penrickton Center for Blind Children and others.

Goods will be on sale outside on Church Street, facing the new Memorial Park. Parking will be available at the back of the church. For details, call (734) 453-5698.

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ROCK AT THE DIA

Detroit Institute of Arts is open again

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Institute of Arts opens its doors again this week.

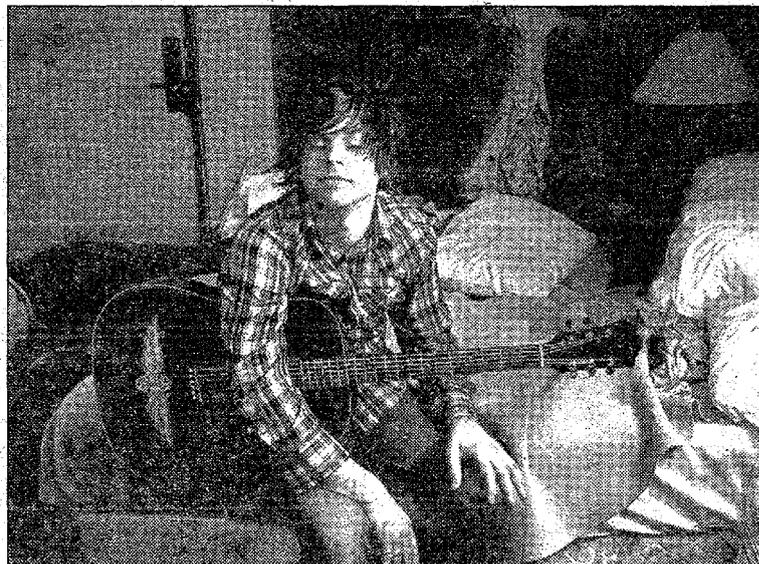
Detroit was van Gogh-less and Warhol-less for 36 days this summer as construction workers needed a month to complete this year's renovations.

But now, it's back and to renew our enthusiasm for Detroit's jewel, there's two interesting exhibits that should appeal to a wide audience — perhaps even to those who aren't "regular" DIA visitors.

One exhibit celebrates Picasso, Rembrandt and Dürer and the other is all about music.

Opening Wednesday, Sept. 13, is *The Big Three in Printmaking: Dürer, Rembrandt and Picasso*; three masters of innovation and technique in the art of printmaking.

Cover
story



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The artists' works will be featured in an exhibition drawn from the museum's collection. The 90 prints on view include etchings, woodcuts, engravings

and lithographs.

Opening on Sunday, Sept. 24, is *Annie Leibovitz: American Music*.

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

RE-OPENING

When: At press time, the DIA was scheduled to reopen at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

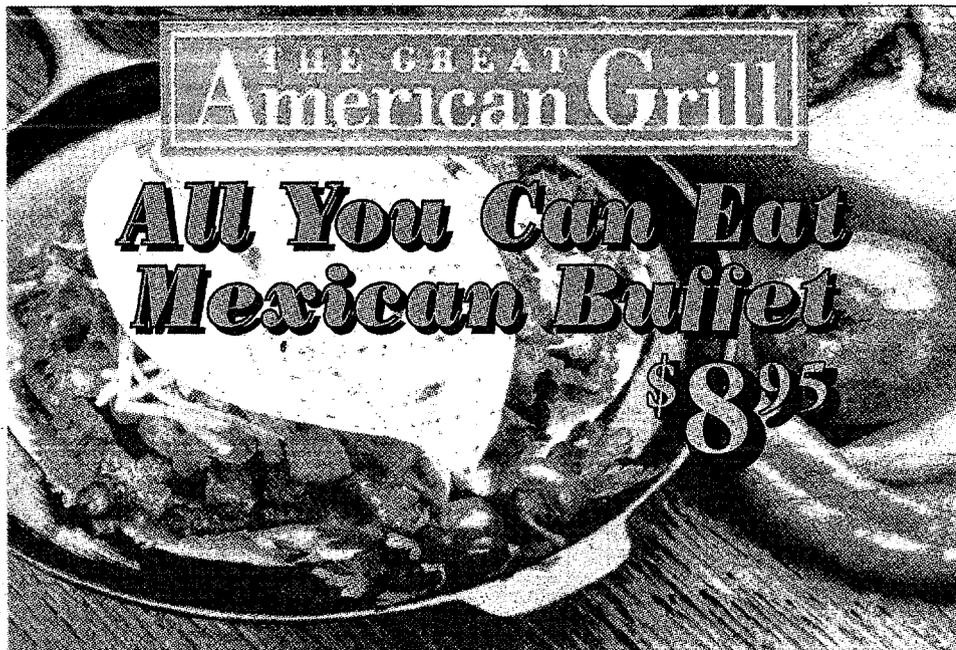
Where: The DIA is located at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Details: www.dia.org.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission is a donation. Recommended donation is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. DIA members are admitted free. For membership information, call (313) 833-7971.

The exhibits: Opening Wednesday, Sept. 13, is *The Big Three in Printmaking: Dürer, Rembrandt and Picasso*; and opening Sunday, Sept. 24, is *Annie Leibovitz: American Music*.



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ART & APPLES RETURNS FOR 41ST YEAR

More than 250 artists from around the country will visit the 41st annual Art & Apples Festival from Sept. 8-10 in Rochester Park.

The juried fine art festival is a benefit for Paint Creek Center for the Arts and presented by National City. It will feature a greatly expanded children's area with many new activities, free live entertainment throughout the three-day event, and two food courts.

Art & Apples has become

one of the country's top fine art fairs and the second largest in Michigan, with more than 200,000 people attending it annually. While the event is a fund-raiser for festival producer Paint Creek Center for the Arts, a non-profit community art center in downtown Rochester, it also supports numerous other local charities — selling everything from the festival's famous apple pies to fresh-squeezed lemonade.

The talent and range of artists' mediums at the 41st annual Art & Apples Festival will include textiles, watercolor, woodworking, glassblowing, pottery, jewelry and more. Paint Creek Center for the Arts' juried selection

process ensures the caliber and integrity of the festival's national assembly of artists and their work.

After a couple laps around the park, visitors can enjoy a lunch or snack at Art & Apples' two food courts. Whether you are hungry for apple and chicken sausage, cheeseburgers, gyros, hot dogs, apple strudel, cider and doughnuts, fudge, kettle corn, smoothies, lemonade or chips and salsa, the food courts are expected to satisfy any craving.

New fare this year includes grasshopper cheesecake and "cheesecake on a stick" from Turtle Run Cheesecake Co.;

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ART & APPLES FESTIVAL

When: 4 - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8; 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Where: Rochester Municipal Park is located in downtown Rochester, west of Rochester Road and north of University

Shuttle: Service is \$3/roundtrip at Rochester High School, located at the southwest corner of Livernois and University

What: A benefit for Paint Creek Center for the Arts and other local charities. With 300 artists, music, children's entertainment, food and more

Details: (248) 651-4110. For the musical lineup visit

www.artandapplesfestival.com

Admission: Adult attendees are asked to contribute \$5 at the gate

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APPLES

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flavor-infused hot and iced teas; and delicious summer picnic delights from Busch's, including sun-dried tomato pasta salad plus grilled feta and spinach sausage. And, don't forget to take home at least one of Art & Apples' famous apple pies baked fresh and served a la mode, if you prefer, by the Older Persons Commission and Boy Scout Troop No. 125.

Enhancing the joyful spirit and atmosphere of this award-winning community art festival, a diverse assortment of free, live music will fill the air. Entertainment will feature favorite tunes performed by Rochester-area high school bands, choreographed dancing from Deborah's Stage Door, and returning headliners Hubbell Street Jazz and Sheila Landis Trio.

If you are wondering how to keep the kids entertained, wonder no more. The 41st annual Art & Apples Festival features a truly new and improved "Kids Art" area, where children age 3-11 can enjoy a variety of free activities, including the life-size Children's Art Maze, a special Family Art Project that will be on exhibit in the park for a week following the festival, and many other hands-on art activities.

Also, children ages 4-12 are invited to visit a special tent created just for them. The tent, which is making its Art & Apples Festival debut, is called "My First Art Purchase" and will be filled with original works of art priced under \$5 and provided by the festival's participating artists. Parents can find the Kids Art area on the southern level of the park.

Other special events and activities

include the fourth annual "No Hands Apple Pie Eating Contest" sponsored by 96.3 WDVD at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9; old-fashioned games such as graces and stilt walking presented by The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm; and, Goofy Faces caricature artists.

In addition, the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock will bring their "Year Round Hoops Truck Tour." This interactive exhibit has basketball hoops, video game stations and memorabilia, including the teams' championship trophies.

Funds to support the Paint Creek Center for the Arts and Art & Apples Festival will be raised through donations collected at the entrance gates, although the suggested \$5 contribution is voluntary. The festival supports the operational budget for the art center allowing it to offer year-round exhibitions as well as classes and workshops for children and adults. Additionally, the festival is a fundraiser for local and national nonprofit organizations such as the Rochester Junior Woman's Club, Jaycees and Michigan Retired Greyhounds as Pets.

In addition to presenting sponsor, National City, sponsors of the festival include Comcast, Chase Bank, Community Central Bank, Crittenton Hospital, Detroit Institute of the Arts, Detroit Pistons/Detroit Shock, Designhaus, Flagstar, Fox Automotive, Green's Art Supply, Huntington Bank, Key Bank, King Pharmaceuticals Inc., M-CARE, MESP, Michigan Catholic Credit Union, Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Pewabic Pottery, The PrivateBank, Rochester Bike Shop, Rochester Mills Beer Co., SBC, Starbucks Coffee Co., Starbucks Coffee Patrol, Target, T & C Federal Credit Union, Toll Brothers Inc., Whole Foods Market, and



The Art & Apples Festival include a variety of food, live entertainment, and free children's art activities..

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During the festival, be sure to stop in at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St. (corner of Fourth Street and Pine) to visit the Gift Gallery and to view works in the Main Gallery by Pi Benio and John Leyland. Benio creates biomorphic sculptures from various fibers, wire and steel. Leyland makes ceramic sculptures influenced by Neolithic tools and artifacts. The First Floor Gallery will feature *Rudd & McCafferty Prints*. Husband and wife Tom Rudd and Margot McCafferty have collaborated for many years on exquisite color reduction woodcuts and wood engravings. This show will feature a suite

of their collaborative prints.

Art & Apples Festival hours are from 4-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8; 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9; and, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. Rochester Park is located in downtown Rochester, west of Main Street and north of University Drive.

Parking shuttle service is available for \$3/roundtrip at Rochester High School, located at the southwest corner of Livernois and University. Proceeds will benefit Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

For more information about the festival, call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.artandapplesfestival.com.

'Invincible' repeats as No. 1 movie at weekend box office

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mark Wahlberg remained invincible at the box office over the long Labor Day weekend.

Disney's *Invincible*, with Wahlberg as a pro football rookie who makes the team in open tryouts, was the No. 1 movie for the second straight weekend, taking in \$15.2 million from Friday through Monday, according to studio estimates. The movie lifted its 11-day total to \$37.8 million.

Lionsgate's action tale *Crank*, with Jason Statham as a hitman out for revenge while racing to find an antidote after he's poisoned, opened at No. 2 with \$13 million.

Nicolas Cage's *The Wicker Man*, a Warner Bros. remake of a 1973 thriller about a cop tracking a missing child on an eerie island, took in \$11.7 million to debut in third place.

The weekend's other new wide release,

Sony's basketball tale *Crossover*, opened outside the top 10 with \$4.5 million.

Two acclaimed films continued to expand to more theaters and scored again with audiences. Fox Searchlight's road-trip comedy *Little Miss*

Sunshine, starring Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette and Steve Carell, was No. 4 with \$9.7 million.

Yari Film Group's *The Illusionist*, starring Edward Norton and Paul Giamatti in a drama about a mysterious magician in early 1900s Vienna, expanded into wide release and broke into the top 10 with \$8 million.

After gradually rolling out following debuts in a handful of theaters, the two films maintained the best per-theater averages among the top 10 movies. Playing in 1,602 locations, *Little Miss Sunshine* averaged \$6,071 per cinema, while *The Illusionist* averaged \$8,261 in 971 theaters.

In limited release, IFC Films' documentary *This Film Is Not Yet Rated*

opened strongly with \$41,664 in two theaters for a \$20,832 average.

The film, a harsh critique of Hollywood's movie ratings system, expands to more theaters through September.

Hollywood closed the summer with a solid Labor Day weekend, typically a slow time at movie theaters as students prepare to head back to school and families squeeze in last-minute barbecues and other outdoor activities. The top 12 movies took in \$98.7 million, up slightly from the same weekend last year.

After domestic revenues went into a tailspin in 2005, Hollywood has rebounded with a sturdy year, with movie attendance rising about 3 percent compared to last summer.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Monday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. "Invincible," \$15.2 million.
2. "Crank," \$13 million.

3. "The Wicker Man," \$11.7 million.
4. "Little Miss Sunshine," \$9.7 million.
5. "The Illusionist," \$8 million.
6. "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," \$7.7 million.
7. "Barnyard: The Original Party Animals," \$6.4 million.
8. "Accepted," \$5.9 million.
9. "World Trade Center," \$5.8 million.
10. "Step Up," \$6.2 million.

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The Deli

'Road' sandwiches highlight menu

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

It's just a little place, seating no more than 20. And it's really easy to pass it, too, as it sits in a strip mall on Middlebelt Road across from Clarenceville Middle School in Livonia and directly north of Clarenceville High School.

It's called The Deli, where new owner Thomas Gallant stacks up sandwiches seven days a week.

Sandwiches are named after nearby roads — Middlebelt, Merriman, Farmington and the local Mile Roads, Six through 15. "Take Your Favorite Road Home," reads the menu. You might want to "take the Freeway," meaning a choice in meats, cheeses, breads, and "load it up" with mayo, mustard, spicy brown mustard.

"The menu will stay the same, but I am adding to it," Gallant said.

"I like good quality stuff with the sandwiches, but I am making soups and salads, too."

Gallant took over The Deli on July 1. Gallant previously worked as a butcher for Alexander & Poulen in Dearborn and at Cantoro's bakery in Livonia.

The bakery is a supplier of breads for Gallant's sandwiches.

At that bakery Gallant knew The Deli's previous owners. "I'm familiar with the Italian bakery and the German side of it (the deli business)," he said.

Among those sandwiches named after roads:

The Middlebelt — a Boston reuben with corned beef, swiss cheese, cole slaw and thousand island on rye. The sandwich has plenty of corned beef and coleslaw, and is a little sloppy, but it's a wonderfully valued sandwich, for \$5.99 with a can of soda and chips.

A second visit consists of an order for The Six Mile, featuring ham, salami, garlic bologna, provolone cheese, lettuce, onion, pepper rings and Italian dressing on a 9-inch sub bun. It's a good-sized sandwich, again a good buy for \$5.99.

Gallant added a pastrami sandwich and expects to add a roast beef with hot pepper cheese and chipotle mayo to the menu. (It appears the locals like Gallant and his food, too. On the day I visited surreptitiously, a customer yelled to Gallant "great sandwich.")

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THE DELI

Where: 20235 Middlebelt, Livonia (248) 442-SUBS.
Food: Sandwiches, subs, soups and salads. Sells party subs. Seating for about 20, has takeout.
Open: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

Gallant said the most popular sandwich is the Boston reuben, and the turkey is second. Of course, you can build your own custom sandwich, too.

If you're not in the mood for a sandwich, Gallant makes chicken noodle, cabbage soup and mushroom soup along with chef, Greek and garden salads, along

with others.

For Gallant, The Deli was something he's thought about for a long time. "I've been dreaming and dreaming about it for years," Gallant said. "I kind of like making my own decisions, and giving the public quality and service.

"It's a lot of work, and the customers are beautiful. They keep coming in and they're telling their family and friends about The Deli."

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Food order of day at Fall Festival

The Plymouth Fall Festival and food go together, with the pancake breakfast and the Sunday chicken dinner.

This year, that tradition gets an addition with the debut of a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Saturday, Sept. 9.

"Our primary motivation for doing it is we have two beneficiaries," said Kate Rosevear, community service chair for the club. A "Field of Dreams" playscape for disabled people at Tanger Center, a Plymouth-Canton school facility, is among those.

The annual festival comes back to town Sept. 8-10 in downtown Plymouth. And food will be among the most prominent parts of the festivities.

Chicken barbecue

The signature event of Fall Festival is, of course, the Rotary Chicken Barbecue, which helps close out the festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. It takes place in Kellogg Park, with a convenient take-out location at West Middle School.

Pre-sale tickets cost \$9 and are available at Fitness Things, 1160 Ann Arbor Road; Horton Plumbing, 1382 Main; and Eisenbahn Model Trains, 479 Main. Tickets are \$10 the day of the event.

Last year's event sold some 12,000 chicken dinners.

Pancake breakfast

Sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, the annual pancake breakfast takes place 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday under The Gathering across from Kellogg Park.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Children 12 and younger eat for \$3.

Spaghetti dinner

The newest event is the spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Plymouth Rotary A.M., to be served 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the east end of Kellogg Park. Price for dinner is \$8 at the door, \$7 presale. That includes pasta with a meat or marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage.

"We've had a lot of good advice," said Rosevear of help offered by the other service clubs. The Plymouth Rotary, which meets at noon Friday weekly at the Plymouth Cultural Center, has offered advice based on its successful chicken barbecue.

Kiwanians have been helpful with advice based on their pancake breakfast, as have others, said Rosevear, also a future club president.

At the Plymouth A.M. Rotary event, there'll be an opportunity to win a Toshiba CD/DVD player or 21-inch flat screen TV, or a two-night trip for two to Chicago or Toronto.



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Metalsmithing

Critical Mass: Metalsmithing at Cranbrook under Gary Griffin, through Oct. 15, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) 60-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

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ART GALLERIES

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Gifts of Art Exhibition, collection includes lithographs, silkscreen prints and etchings from artists like Jamie Wyeth, Barbara Wood and Carol Jablonsky, Sept. 11 to Oct. 13, opening reception from 4-6 p.m. Sept. 11, second floor of Ford Hall at Cross and Normal streets on campus of Eastern Michigan University, (734) 487-0465.

Lawrence Street Gallery

Plein Air, paintings by Sarah Schriff, through Sept. 20, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

Orchard Lake Art Gallery

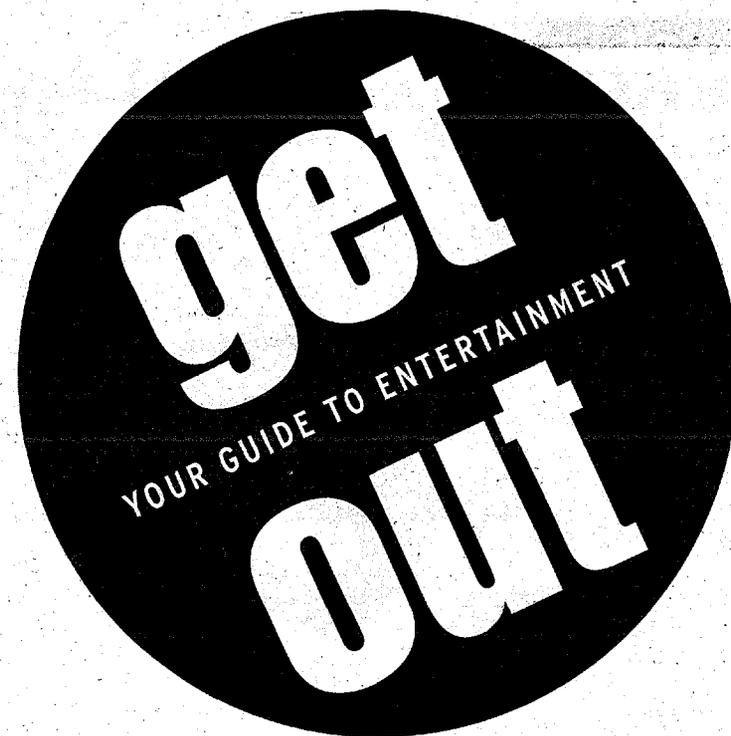
4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021.

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show at the Highland Lakes Campus, Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Oakland University Art Gallery

???Sculpture, Matt Blake, Kevin Ewing, Evan Larson, Brian Nelson, opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 9, exhibit Sept. 9 to Oct. 8, open from noon to 5 p.m. except on Mondays, located next to Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, (248) 370-3005.



Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Pi Benio, fiber, and John Leyland, ceramic sculptures, through Sept. 23; gallery talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 16; closing reception, 6-9 p.m. Sept. 22, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Photography exhibit featuring "Encrypted Margins," unaltered photography by Gloria Pritschet, and "Horizontal and Vertical Panoramas" by Richard Hackel through Sept. 29. Reception for Richard Hackel 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, plymoutharts.com, (734) 416-4278.

ART, ETC.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

John Glick, part of Michigan Masters Series, Sept. 8-29, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8, Robinson Gallery, special slideshow by Glick, 7 p.m. Sept. 21, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Community House

380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832.

Kindred Spirits, Birmingham Society of Women Painters

62nd annual juried exhibition, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, DeSalle Gallery, Sept. 8-29, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8; 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

32nd Art in the Park

Event with more than 190 artists, music, food, activities and auction to benefit Common-Ground Sanctuary, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 16 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17, Shain Park, Birmingham.

Livonia Civic Center Library

Ninth Exhibition of Fine Arts with 50 area artists, 32777 Five Mile (east of Farmington Road), (734) 466-2490.

Livonia City Hall

Juried art show of Visual Arts of Livonia, through Sept. 28, 33000 Civic Center Drive (east of Farmington Road, south of Five Mile), (734) 466-2540.

Michigan Watercolor Society

59th annual Exhibition Travel Show, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, mwcsart.com, (313) 831-1250.

Kresge Art Museum

First floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, www.art-museum.msu.edu, (517) 353-9834.

BLUEGRASS

Bluegrass Festival

Noon to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9, Civic Center Park, featuring Cherryholmes, Steep Canyon Rangers, Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike, The Cats & The Fiddler, and host band Special Consensus, free, Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, (248) 370-9353

BOOKS

Book signing

Linda Godfrey, author of *Weird Michigan*, 3 p.m. Sept. 9, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville, and 3 p.m. Oct. 8, 2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.

Congregational Church of Birmingham-United Church of Christ

Asya Raines and Charles Fleetham, authors of *Asya's Laws - Lessons in Love Lost and Found*, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, European dinner at 6:30 p.m., \$10, proceeds from dinner and portion of book sales donated to church, 1000 Cranbrook Road, on the southwest corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

CLUBS

220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

313.Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover \$5, www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm.

The Ark

316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451, www.theark.org.

Bachelor's One

1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

Belmont Bar

Mademoiselle Mondays, \$10, for martini and manicure, therapeutic massage \$1 minute, punk nights Tuesdays, live rock Wednesdays, DJs and local bands on weekends, 10215 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck,

(313) 871-1966.

Blind Pig

Longtime hip music spot, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555. www.blindpig-music.com.

Blue Martini

Live music 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005.

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Buddha Lounge

Thursday, DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament. Saturdays DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese; Sundays, Karaoke; Tuesdays, Deep House; Wednesdays Jamtramck jazz band. www.gobuddha.net. (313) 535-4664.

The Buzz Bar

Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under A Buzz P-Funk Jam Session and John Arnold's Brokefunk, Sept. 7, 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food, dancing, music, 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 322-5550.

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid-back, small, friendly, 22824 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 546-8331.

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends, hip, laid back, friendly, 22740 Woodward, just south of Nine Mile in Ferndale, (248) 591-DINO.

Edison's

Bazooka Charlie, Sept. 7; Close Call, Sept. 8-9; Aaron Vaughan, Sept. 14, Mystery Train featuring guitarist Jim McCarty, Sept. 15-16, The Snakes, Sept. 21, Code Blue, Sept. 22-23, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Elysium

Lounge, dance and happy hour 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysium-lounge.com.

Emerald Theatre

Concert house, dancing, 32 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, (586) 913-1920.

Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

bugs Beddow, Sept. 16, 400 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 965-4600.

Gator Jake's

DJ Tony T, Wednesday-Friday, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700, www.gator-jakes.com

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

33338 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, call (248) 474-5941 for more information.

Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the

Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

2555 W. 12 Mile (at Coolidge) in Berkley, (248) 399-6750. For information on Blackthorn, visit www.blackthorn.com.

The Locker Room Saloon

Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.locker-roomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.com

The Magic Bag

Chris Duarte, Sept. 7; The Surrogate Band (The Pink Floyd Tribute), Sept. 8; Melissa Ferrick, Sept. 12; Jamie Kennedy, Sept. 15; PM Dawn, Sept. 21; Joseph Arthur, Oct. 2, and Ekoostik Hookah; Oct. 13, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Rainbow Room

Laid-back atmosphere, dancing, 6640 E. Eight Mile, Detroit, (313) 891-1020.

X/S

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites. The restaurant also features live jazz every night of the week, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Token Lounge

28949 Joy, Westland, (734) 513-5030.

Wild Woody's

DJ Doug E Fresh, Thursday-Saturday, 32500 Gratiot, Roseville, (586) 294-5331, www.wild-woodys.com.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Comedy Jamm, open mic night Thursday nights, starting 8 p.m. through October, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, \$10-\$15, 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Improv Inferno

Citizen Improv, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Super Fun Karaoke, 10 p.m. Wednesdays; The Catfight, 8 p.m. Thursdays; High Octane, 10 p.m. Thursdays; Biff! Bang! Pow!, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The Damnation Game, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The X Show, midnight, Fridays and Saturdays; The Corner, 7 p.m. Sundays, Get Up! Stand Up!, 8:30 p.m. Sundays; The Weekend Wild Card, 10 p.m. Sundays, The Sweet Spot with Eye Candy, 11 p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, www.improvinferno.com.

Joey's Comedy Club

36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also has comedy at second location, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joeyscomey.com.

Second City

Bobble Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Wise Guys Comedy Club
40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Stand-up, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

FAMILY

Robot exhibit
"Robot City," new interactive exhibit, continues through Sept. 17, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Detroit Science Center
Exhibits include *As Time Goes By*, new exhibit about the aging process, and *A Journey to Our Future*, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Detroit Zoo
"The Peregrine Falcon: Return of an Endangered Species" exhibit with photos, interactive displays and videos, runs through Sept. 8, open daily during regular zoo hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at no additional charge, zoo admission \$7-\$11, (248) 398-0900, www.detroitzoo.org.

FUND-RAISERS

Evening at La Cage II
Mock beauty pageant to crown "Miss Kitty" (with men dressed as women), song-and-dance numbers, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 8:30 p.m. Sept. 9 (doors open at 7 p.m.), to raise funds for improvements to indoor pavilion and outdoor Greek Theatre at Cranbrook, where the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild performs, \$35-\$100, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com

Jazz on the Lake
Alexander Zonjic, Ken Navarro and Thornetta Davis, 2-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10, at St. Mary's Preparatory School, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, \$75, (248) 432-2673, www.jazzonorchardlake.org.

Guts & Glory Walk
Benefit Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Saturday, Sept. 9, at Maybury State Park in Northville, michigan.cca.org, (248) 737-0900.

Gem Theater
"The Rat Pack Is Back!" tribute to Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Joey Bishop, charity preview at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, benefits Detroit's Coalition on Temporary Shelter, \$100, includes pre-show dinner reception at Gem's Century Grille, (313) 963-9800, www.gemtheater.com.

Meadow Brook Theatre
Donna McKechnie, Tony award winner and star of the original A Chorus Line, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, \$75 for the performance only and \$125 for the show and a post-show reception with McKechnie, performance helps raise money for Meadow Brook's development campaign, Meadow Brook Theatre is on campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, (248) 377-3300, www.mbttheatre.com.

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center
Third annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive to benefit The Lighthouse of Pontiac through Friday, Sept. 15, jars of peanut butter and jelly can be dropped off at BASCC, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Lighthouse of Pontiac distributes the jars to families in need, call (248) 203-5270 for information.

Steppin Out
16th annual AIDS Walk Detroit, 3.2-mile (5K) walk and run, 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, walk



MUSIC

Donna McKechnie, Tony award winner and star of the original A Chorus Line, performs her cabaret show, Gypsy In My Soul, at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 as a fundraiser for Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets are \$75 for the performance only and \$125 for both the performance and a post-show reception with McKechnie. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (248) 377-3300 or through Ticketmaster. For more information visit www.mbttheatre.com.

begins at 11 Mile and Troy street in downtown Royal Oak, (248) 399-WALK, www.aidswalkdetroit.org.

Culinary Extravaganza
Dishes from 50 of southeastern Michigan's eateries and beverage suppliers, benefit for student scholarships, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, \$50, VistaTech Center, Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia, (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008.

Kadima benefit
Comedian Judy Gold, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, benefits Kadima of Southfield to help provide treatment to people suffering from mental illness, afterglow follows event, \$100, (248) 559-8235 Ext. 128.

Macomb Cultural Center
Opens Sept. 28 on campus of Macomb Community College with science and space exploration programs through Dec. 1, with a ticketed presentation by John Glenn, former astronaut and U.S. senator on Sept. 28 and the Sally Ride Science Festival for Girls with Kathryn D. Sullivan, former astronaut on Oct. 1, www.macombculturalcenter.com, (586) 445-7348.

Detroit Uncorked
Wine event features 800 wines from around the world Sept. 29 at Ford Field, presented by Ford Motor Co. and created and organized by Detroit Wine Organization, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction and more, benefits The Children's Center, \$75 for DWO members and \$80 for nonmembers. DWO membership is free, visit www.detroituncorked.com or call (313) 262-1112.

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club
Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Jazz and dinner
"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

MORE MUSIC

KerryTown
415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations recommended, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com.

Station 885
Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House
Reservations recommended for 87-seat concert house, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, shows 8 p.m., no alcohol, no smoking, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

MOVIES

Movies at the Grant
Poseidon, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 14, coffee and doughnuts, box lunch, \$4, Grant Community Center, 29260 Grand River (just east of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills.

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum
20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmvgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum
Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission is \$5-\$7; planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248)

645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center
Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show, *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*, \$6, shows run indefinitely, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history, General admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park
Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Birthplace of the Model T
Historic Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays through October, \$10, 461 Piquette (at Beubien), Detroit, tours by appointment available for groups of 10 or more, for reservations, call (586) 416-4191, or visit www.tplex.org

Detroit Historical Society
Amtrak excursion departs from Birmingham (6:53 a.m.) and Dearborn (7:46 a.m.) to 43rd historical Marshall Home Tour, Sept. 9, \$75, call Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society at (248) 541-1000 to order tickets.

Concorso d'Italia
100 Italian classic cars, including Ferrari, Maserati, Alfa Romeo, DeTomaso, Lancia and Fiat, grand tour the Grosse Pointes by vehicles, starting at 4 p.m. to Festival on the Hill, event is 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, \$15.

Michigan's Family Album
Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collection, runs through Jan. 14, 2007, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

Ballroom dancing
8-11 p.m., third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1830.

Preservation Wayne
Walking tours offered of five historic areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), Saturdays at 10 a.m. or Tuesdays after work, through September, \$10 per person, visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Southfield Public Library
Books & Beyond Festival, Sept. 16-17, 26300 Evergreen Road, (248) 796-4224, www.sfldlib.org.

Rochester Historic Homes Tour
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, \$8-\$10, \$12 the day of the event (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at the Chapman House, 311 Walnut Blvd., (248) 656-4663

UniverSoul Circus
Sept. 7-17, Chene Park, Detroit, \$10-\$35, www.ticketmaster.com

Movies at the Redford Theatre
Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit

www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

Oakland Theatre Guild
Starlight Theater inside Summit Place Mall between Kohl's and Claire's stores, 315 N. Telegraph, in Waterford, (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net/Box_Office.

Village Players of Birmingham
Quilters, musical celebration of the pioneering spirit, Sept. 8-24, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), \$15, (248) 644-2075.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Numerous musicals, movies, concerts, magic, dinner theater, bands, kids' shows, orchestra and comedy. Open for free tours, art exhibition and tickets: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday. Charge tickets by phone: (734) 394-5460. Visit www.canton-mi.org/village-theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Ridge), Canton.

THEATER — COLLEGE

Meadow Brook Theatre
Frankenstein, Oct. 11 to Nov. 5, Same Time Next Year, Jan. 10 to Feb. 4, single tickets are \$22-\$38, on the campus of Oakland University, (248) 377-3300 or (248) 370-3316 (group sales), www.mbttheatre.com

Oakland University
"The Lesson," featuring troupe of performers from the Ukraine performing story of graduate student who finds more than he bargained for in the pedagogical style of a maniacally progressive professor, Sept. 14-16, Varner Studio Theatre at Oakland University, \$6-\$16, (248) 370-3013 or e-mail mtd@oakland.edu.

THEATER — PROFESSIONAL

Purple Rose Theater
137 Park, Chelsea, call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Fisher Theatre
3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Breathe Art Theatre
Call (519) 980-0607 in Windsor or (313) 965-1515 in Detroit.

Menopause the Musical
Celebrate the longest-running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, \$39.50, (313) 963-9800, or Ticketmaster charge by phone, (248) 645-6666, or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

TICKETS ON SALE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Styx/Foreigner, Sept. 7; Hootie & the Blowfish, Sept. 8; Godsmack with Rob Zombie, Sept. 15; Chris Brown/Ne-Yo Sept. 16; Peter Frampton, Sept. 22; Alan Jackson, Sept. 23; GIGANTOUR featuring Megadeth, Sept. 24, Clay Walker, Sept. 30, and Aerosmith with Motley Crue, Oct. 11.
Meadow Brook Music Festival: The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Sept. 8-10; Wine & Food Festival, Sept. 15-17 and Laugh-A-Palooza, Sept. 17.
For DTE, Meadow Brook Music Festival and Palace shows, visit www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit any Ticketmaster location.

Fisher Theatre
Tickets for 2006-07 subscription series; five shows, \$199-\$346, call the Fisher Theatre at (313) 872-1000, Ext. 0, or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

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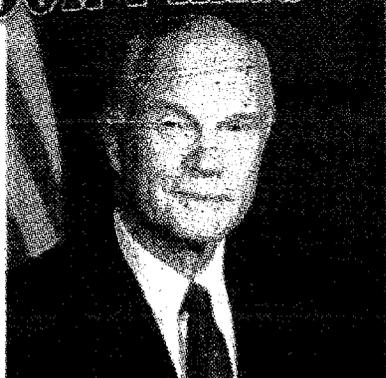
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Artists donate works for AIDS prevention

More than 300 of Detroit's most prominent artists will donate original pieces of art to be auctioned at the 11th annual "Art Works for Life."

The event begins at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn to benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP).

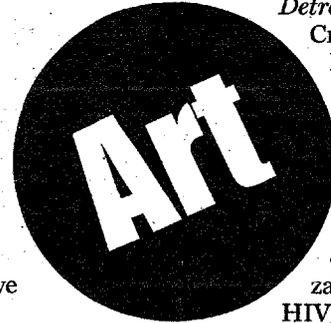
"Art Works for Life" will feature a live and silent auction with new auctioneer Jim Miller, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, valet or self parking and live musical entertainment.

The honorary chairpersons for this year's benefit are Gov. Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow.

The honorary host is Fanchon Stinger of FOX2 News/WJBK Detroit.

Participating artists include Carl Demeulenaere, Jeanne Bieri, Mel Rosas, Sergio De Giusti, Claudia Shepard, Stephen Magsig, Anne Fracassa, Eric Mesko and many others. Sponsors

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The Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides HIV/AIDS education programs for community groups throughout the Great Lakes Region. Since 1988, MAPP has provided thousands of HIV/AIDS prevention programs for more than a half of a million people in the Midwest.

Reservations are \$85. For a complete list of participating artists, reservations or for more information, call (248) 545-1435 or visit www.art-worksforlife.org.

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"The Rat Pack Is Back," fresh from Las Vegas, is a tribute to Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Joey Bishop, recreating some of the great ad-lib and improvisation that the infamous "Rat Pack" was known for with song, dance and comedy.

Fans who remember some of these performances will be transported back in time as this show unfolds.

Detroit's Gem Theater will offer a charity preview of "The Rat Pack Is Back!" benefiting Detroit's Coalition On Temporary Shelter, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. Tickets are \$100 per person and include a pre-show dinner reception in the Gem's Century Grille.

For reservations and information, call (313) 963-9800. The Gem Theater Web site at www.gemtheater.com lets you view actual video of the show.

Founded in 1982, the Coalition On Temporary Shelter is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support services for Detroit's homeless population. COTS' mission is to alleviate homelessness by offering an array of services which enable people to achieve economic self sufficiency and decent, affordable housing. For more information, visit the Web site at www.cotsdetroit.org.

DIA

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American Music.

Leibovitz is one of America's most well-known photographers, and the exhibit focuses on the legends of roots music and the newer musicians who are influenced by them. Her subjects include B.B. King, Johnny Cash and June Carter, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Beck, Bruce Springsteen, Mary J. Blige and artists with Detroit connections including Eminem, Aretha Franklin, Iggy Pop and The White Stripes.

The Leibovitz exhibit showcases 70 portraits of recent work and classic images from the late 1970s and 1980s.

At press time, the DIA was scheduled to reopen at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. (All of the DIA's renovations actually won't be completed until 2007.)

With more than 60,000 pieces in its collection, many of them still won't be available for viewing. Still, the most popular pieces currently known as "The DIA's Greatest Hits" will be on display such as the Vincent van Gogh, 1887 *Self Portrait* — the first of his paintings to ever enter a U.S. museum. And, also for our viewing pleasure: the Diego Rivera court featuring his Detroit industry themed museum from 1932-33.



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Dally in the Alley isn't the typical Michigan festival, as punk rockers, families, intellectuals and artists pack the event.

Dally in the Alley

Hipsters, music lovers gather in Cass Corridor

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Behind a table set up in an alley in Detroit's Cass Corridor, The Raging Grannies sing songs protesting the invasion of Iraq.

With ironic humor, the group's lyrics slam the White House.

A few hundred yards away, an energetic rockabilly band also performs in the alley while 20-something, 1950s-style greasers in the audience flip each other around in the swing-dance style.

Turn the corner onto another alley and find families using recycled materials at an Arts & Scraps booth while nearby a group of aging hippies munch on Falafel sandwiches as electronic DJs spin their latest experiment in Detroit techno. Providing even more contrast is an outdoor art gallery, vendors selling commerce from around the world, fire breathers, jazz musicians, punk bands, poets, painters, sculptors, and animal rights activists.

The political and social vendors, the

bands, the artists, the families, the hipsters, punk rockers, techno fans, poets, hippies and your normal everyday suburbanite all gather at the Dally in the Alley Festival in a friendly, free-spirited day that mixes ideas and social class.

It all goes on for free and without major corporate sponsorship, for the past 28 years. And it's run by volunteers — just people who love the city of Detroit. No one is paid, not even the bands.

Did we mention it all takes place among the winding alleys of Detroit's Cass Corridor at Second and Third between Forest and Hancock?

Tens of thousands of people stroll the interesting bricked alleys and will do so again this year on Saturday, Sept. 9, with a rain date schedule of Sunday, Sept. 10.

Here's what's happening this year:
Fire Fabulon: These wild Detroiters breath, juggle and play with fire. The team is highly trained in its field, and is partially led by a Detroiter known as TimTV — an electric blue dreadlocked



PLEASE SEE DALLY, E19

DALLY IN THE ALLEY

What: Street festival set in the winding alleys of Detroit. Music, art, and alternative and mainstream social activists; shopping; ethnic foods and more

Where: The Third Street and Forest Avenue area of Detroit's Cass Corridor

When: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9. (Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 10)

Admission: Free

Details: www.dallyinthealley.net

GETTING THERE:

From I-75: Take I-75 north or south to Warren Ave. Exit going west to Third Ave. Go left on Third Ave.

From The Lodge: Take the John C. Lodge Freeway (M-10) north or south to Forest Ave. Exit going east on Forest Ave.

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Source: www.mapquest.com and www.dalleyinthealley.net

PERFORMERS AT DALLY

Forest Stage

Friends of the Family, 11:30 a.m.; Ralph Tope Jazz Band, 12:30 p.m.; Lola Morales, 1:30 p.m.; Funkilinium, 2:30 p.m.; The Odessa Harris Group, 3:30 p.m.; Jessie Palter Quartet, 4:30 p.m.; Philharmonic Quartet, 5:30 p.m.; Diviniti, 6:30 p.m.; DJ Blackman, 7:30 p.m.; Jazzhead, 8:30 p.m.; Layabouts, 9:30 p.m.; Brothers Groove, 10:30 p.m.

Garden Stage

Tom Galasso, 11:30 a.m.; The Space Band, noon; Ralph Koziarski and Howard Glazer, 1 p.m.; Corndaddy, 2 p.m. Big Lake Trawler, 3 p.m.; The Syreens, 4 p.m.; Ethan Daniel Davidson, 5 p.m.; The Brakemen, 6 p.m.; The Pickups, 7 p.m.; Handsome Dan, 8 p.m.; The Saltminers, 9 p.m.; Blair, 10 p.m.

Alley Stage

Coup Detroit, 11:30 a.m.; The Variations, 12:20 p.m.; Anadonia, 1:15 p.m.; Space Heaters, 2:10 p.m.; I Crime, 3 p.m.; Brave Rifles, 4 p.m.; Velveten Rabbit, 5 p.m.; The Frustrations, 5:50 p.m.; The Decks, 6:50 p.m.; Aphonic, 7:40 p.m.; The Beggars, 8:30 p.m.; Human Eye, 9:25 p.m.; SSM, 10:15 p.m.

Urban Electronica

Stacey Pullen, 4 p.m.; E Spleece, 6 p.m.; MILIEU, 6:45 p.m.; darkcube, 7:30 p.m.; Punisher, 8:15 p.m.; Rich Korach vs. John Johr, 9:30 p.m.

Unearth brings its metal core sound to Royal Oak

A band's rite of passage in the current world of metal is to gain respect of the picky, die-hard patrons of Ozzfest who spend most of their time at the infamous second stage waiting to discover the next worthy, emerging band.

Unearth paid its dues, gained affection from the second stage followers and is now on its headlining tour in support of *Ill In the Eyes of Fire*, the band's latest CD.

Unearth is playing the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Friday, Sept. 8. The tour titled Sounds of Underground include heavy hitters Terror and Through the Eyes of the Dead. Opening the show is the newest metalcore band on the rise, Animosity.

Unearth formed in 1998 in Winthrop, Mass. The band's sound is highlighted by angry high-pitched, loud vocals; a seven-string guitar and five-stringed bass. "The upcoming tour is like a seven-layer burrito, it's got all the right ingredients and when you put them together it makes for a very delectable treat," drummer



Unearth performs at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Mike Justian said.

Unearth is anything but passive with often angry political lyrics (a young generation demanding its elders protect the planet by using alternative fuels).

The Royal Oak Music Theatre is located at 318 W. Fourth. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$17 and \$20. Call (248) 399-2980.

Lana Mini

DALLY

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martial arts expert who crushes glass with his bare hands, walks on glass, lays on beds of nails and might even let you jump on his back while doing it. Fire Fab performs when night falls. Don't miss them.

Music: Four stages showcase the Detroit music scene. The Forest Stage features blues, funk, world music, jazz, soul and rockabilly. The Alley Stage flaunts rock from Detroit's indie, punk, and garage rock bands. The Garden Stage hosts acoustic music, roots rock, soul, Irish, and bluegrass. The Urban Electronica stage features local electronica, urban and hip-hop.

The Kid's Fair: Hosted by "Arts and Scraps" in recognition of the festival's recycling theme this year. The local organization uses "scraps" for art projects that kids can make and take. Still, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dally Gallery will be located on Second Avenue. Local artists include Slaw, Chris Turner, Jack Johnson, Carl Oxley, Mark Sengbusch and David Brainard.

Food: Ethnic food, American

food, exotic juices, and more.

Vendors: Selling interesting goods such as shea butter carved on site from the nut, and wearable art. There's also vendors offering information about social causes regarding the environment, child protection and free speech issues.

Where does the money go? The festival is free but proceeds from certain sales, like the art auction in the Dally Gallery support North Cass projects aimed to improve the quality of life for people who live and work there. Past festivals have funded environmental litigation against the Detroit trash incinerator; provided music scholarships for neighborhood children; supported neighborhood soup kitchens; covered some medical expenses for locked-out employees who lost insurance benefits; maintained the garden park at 4753 Second Ave.; paid to have snow plowed from alleys in the winter and trash picked up from streets in the summer.

This year, funds will complete the purchase of the land at 4753 Second Ave. on which will be rebuilt and restored the historic "Horace Dodge Garage" where the Dodge brothers built their first motor car.

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Renaissance Festival is swinging in full form

It's real, but it's not. And it's here. The annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, which re-creates an environment and all things 16th century, continues through Oct. 1 in Holly. The festival, its entertainment and activities are put on by a cast of nearly 200 professional actors, actresses, musicians. Everything is time-period bona fide, from costumes to dialect.



Highlights include a royal court headed by Queen Elizabeth and a jousting field with armored knights racing and clashing in full-contact joust competition.

For many visitors, the festival's highlight is an enormous, smoked turkey leg — lightly seasoned and cooked over an open flame.

Set on a 15-acre village, the Renaissance environment comes with 195 merchants selling authentic period merchandise, hand-crafted jewelry, and other unique goods.

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Children's activities are plenty, too, and include games, free crafts, human-powered rides, and a Children's Realm with a castle playscape.

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What: Michigan Renaissance Festival.

When: Through Oct. 1. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open rain or shine.

Where: 12500 Dixie Highway, Holly, off I-75, exit 106.

Admission: Adults, \$17.95, children ages 5-12, \$8.95, and kids ages 4 and under, free. For information, call (800) 601-4848 visit www.michrenfest.com



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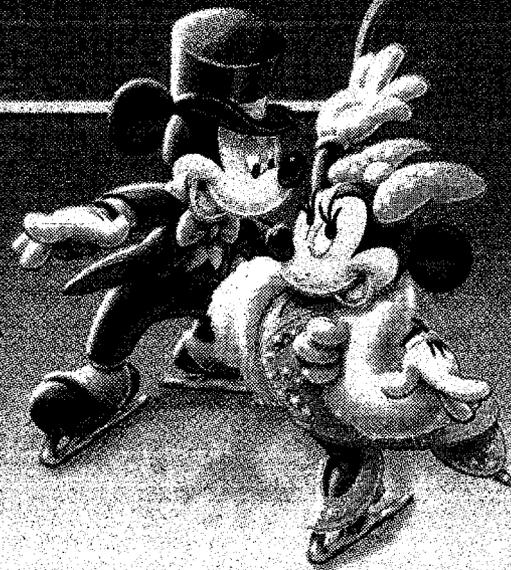
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'Machined' doesn't quite get into gear

Not since *Return to Boggy Creek* has an actor shown such a stage presence as David Hayes in *Machined*.

Hayes is large. Very large. And despite being bald of head, he is extraordinarily hairy. We know this because he spends most of his screen appearance in *Machined* shirtless.

Amazingly, that isn't the grossest element of this film. Actually, everything else in the movie is the grossest element of the movie.

Machined waivers between an attempt to create a truly weird film and the settling for the usual assortment of gross-out bloodletting scenes.

Hayes is Motor Man Dan, the owner of a garage out in the Arizona desert. He has a fascination for serial killers to the point that he buys memorabilia, such as a blood-stained knife that was stolen from a police department evidence room.

Motor Man Dan decides to take his fascination a step further when fate offers him an opportunity in the form a



Beyond Bad

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guy walking down the road. Dan clobbers the guy with his car. He takes him to his rambling garage where he somehow converts him physically and mentally into his own personal serial killer.

How this exactly is accomplished is not made clear. In fact, most of the action, as well as the cinematography in this film, are murky.

That actually is an advantage. The garage is really creepy and the remote desert setting comes across well.

But the story follows the usual line of bloodletting. Ryan, the handmade serial killer, looks really goofy covered by a kind of welder's helmet and football

padding. He slaughters everyone who stops by. His sister, Angela, who is on the hunt for him since he disappeared in the desert, stumbles across Motor Man Dan and Ryan.

There is a knife-wielding chase with the predictable results. Suffice it to say all get their just rewards.

Machined almost works. It has a really creepy feel to it and the acting is pretty

decent. It's just too predictable. It would have been nice to see a spark of creativity instead of settling for the typical gore. In any case, it is not for the faint of heart.

Greg Kowalski still likes *Return to Boggy Creek* better, especially the version massacred by the Mystery Science 3000 crew. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@hometownlife.com.

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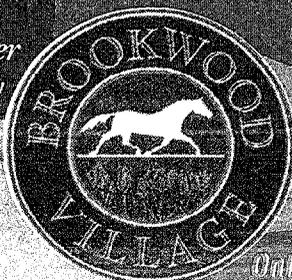
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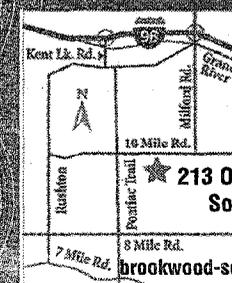
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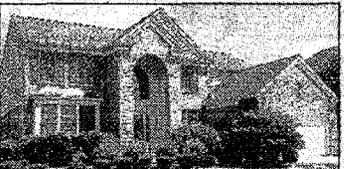
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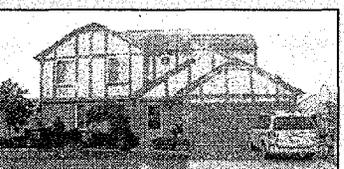
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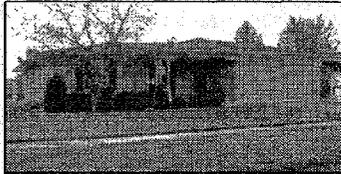
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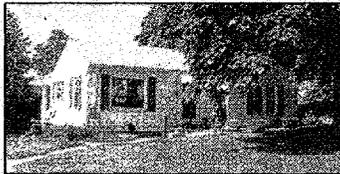
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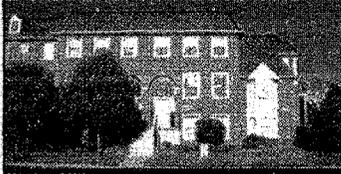
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NOVI \$150,000
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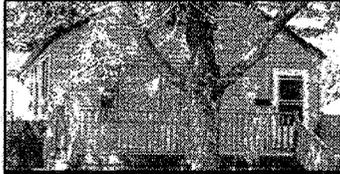
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HGTV's 'House Hunters' comes to community

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Realtor Gary DeGrandchamp, who lives in Livonia, helped parents Sharon and Keith move from Dearborn Heights last year. That journey is the focus of a HGTV *House Hunters* show slated for tonight, Sept. 7, at 10 p.m.

"They show three houses and they kind of leave it up to the viewer," said DeGrandchamp, 21, who's with Real Estate One in Livonia and has been in the field since age 18. His parents looked at two homes in Livonia and one in Canton, and their selection will be revealed tonight on TV.

His mom was the impetus for getting the family on HGTV, a cable channel. "She loves the show, watches it all the time," DeGrandchamp said. Sharon DeGrandchamp e-mailed the show and they later sent a video and were chosen to be featured.

The filming was done in May 2005 with a followup six-eight months later to see how things were going. DeGrandchamp is hoping the exposure will help his business.

"It's a little early to say," he said of the

She's pleased they moved to the western Wayne County community, citing parks and recreation facilities, and the library. Sharon DeGrandchamp is impressed with how friendly her neighbors have been.

impact. "You'd be surprised how many people know about *House Hunters*. I think it was a good experience."

He found it helped to let his parents know he's a good Realtor. The family and DeGrandchamp's colleagues are eager to hold a party to coincide with the airing.

"There's a lot of people from our office who want to do something for me," he said. His parents are excited but also a little nervous about the exposure.

Many hours of taping were done for the half-hour show. "We don't know how they're going to portray us," DeGrandchamp said. He was interviewed in his office, his parents at the home and in a park. Brother Curt was also filmed.



"It was a pretty interesting experience," the Realtor said. "Hopefully it'll help the business."

The sale price was \$258,000, and DeGrandchamp got a commission. "I got paid, that's for sure," he said.

Sharon DeGrandchamp is a bit nervous about Sept. 7 but eager to help her son. "I just thought maybe this'll be a jumpstart for his career," she said. "If this helps him, it'll be worth it."

"I just hope it all comes out OK," added Sharon, who cleans homes. Her

husband works in the body shop for Dagleish Cadillac.

She's pleased they moved to the western Wayne County community, citing parks and recreation facilities, and the library. Sharon DeGrandchamp is impressed with how friendly her neighbors have been.

Airtimes for the *House Hunters* episode are 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7; 2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.

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Reveal assessment to avoid problems down road

Q. We are a management company and I am wondering what we should do about disclosing additional assessments which have been levied but are not immediately payable when asked to provide that information to prospective purchasers from our condo association clients. What do you think?

A. If the association has levied the additional assessment under the Michigan Condominium Act, even though it is not immediately payable, it is arguably an unpaid assessment and should be disclosed to the prospective purchaser so that there is no question as to the purchaser's obligation with respect to that assessment. Many management companies fail to do that which causes problems for the condo association.

Q. I am a developer who has been hit with the sudden change in the economy in Michigan



Robert
Meisner

and am wondering what I can do in terms of liquidating my properties since I am having a difficult time selling my condos.

A. Unfortunately, a number of developers are finding themselves in your position. That is, they have been blind sided by the change in the economy and the bank is threatening to foreclose. There are developers out there who are willing to get into a workout program in connection with the bank to buy your property and to relieve you of your obligations. This is typically the case in difficult times and

you may be able to salvage your condominium project working with someone who has experience in a workout program. You are best advised to consult with an attorney knowledgeable about this type of a situation who can steer you in the direction of finding the right person.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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PLYMOUTH BETTER HURRY! This sprawling ranch situated on 1.7 acres. GR w/vaulted ceilings, island kitchen, finished bsmt, garage & lots more.
\$434,500 (P-351BE)

CANTON BEST PRICE! 3 bd, 1.5 bath condo, great location, large basement, neutral carpeting, & much more.
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PLYMOUTH BUILDABLE LOTS 2 lots still available in Superior Twp w/ Plymouth mailing. Mature trees, set off a private road. Lot sizes are 2.25 & 2.49 acres.
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PLYMOUTH CUTE CONDO Brick paver Patio, updated appl, pets allowed, good location, & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool.
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS UPDATED RANCH Beautifully updated ranch w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, hardwood, updated oak Kitchen, new roof, windows, furnace, & A/C.
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PLYMOUTH CUSTOM BUILT CAPE Comfort & elegance abounds. Hwd, large closets, 1st floor laundry, oversized Garage, Patio, finished basement, & updated galore.
\$388,000 (C-951NO)

DETROIT MOVE IN READY 3 bd brick bungalow w/newer windows, updated Kitchen, bsmt, & seller can help w/ closing costs.
\$110,000 (P-452AR)

PLYMOUTH GORGEOUS LOT Walk to town in this updated ranch on 1.17 acres. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated Kitchen, newer windows, paver patio, & 2 car garage.
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FARMINGTON HILLS CHARMING COLONIAL 4 bedroom colonial backing to commons area. Large Master w/bath, finished basement, & great location.
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PLYMOUTH PRIME LOCATION Beautiful private yard, updated t/o, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, 3 car Garage, 1700 sq ft, & great floor plan.
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\$144,900 (C-216RU)

PLYMOUTH CUTE CONDO End unit condo w/new furnace, hwh, neutral décor, 6 panel doors, private Deck, pool, clubhouse, full basement, & Garage.
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LIVONIA POPULAR SUB 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial, completely renovated, new roof, C/A, windows, doorwall, driveway, Patio, garage doors, & oak floors.
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PLYMOUTH WALK TO TOWN 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, GR w/ gorgeous view, 2nd floor laundry, 2 balconies, & plenty of storage space.
\$162,900 (C-806YO)

MELVINDALE HIDDEN JEWEL Well maintained bungalow w/new bath, spacious Master, eat-in Kitchen, newer windows, driveway, hwh, roof, fenced yard & garage.
\$114,900 (P-657PR)

REDFORD GREAT HOUSE Great brick bungalow w/south Redford schools. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car Garage, fenced yard, & lots of updates.
\$149,000 (P-402LU)

NOVI AFFORDABLE Charming 2 bedroom, recently updated condo w/new carpet, finished basement, private brick Patio, area pool & tennis.
\$148,000 (P-052CR)

REDFORD GREAT CONDO! Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st flr condo w/some new carpet, remodeled bath, fresh paint, newer windows, & open flr plan.
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PINCKNEY CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, on 7 acres. 3 car Garage, 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, & finished walkout.
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JEWEL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD Ready to move in! Totally new kitchen w/granite, new cab's, dishwasher, & microwave. Stunning ceramic tile flooring from foyer thru Kitchen, updated bath, new carpet, paint & crown molding.
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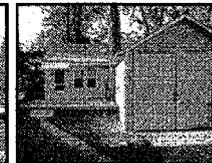
PERFECT BEGINNING Updated 3 bd ranch featuring new carpet, spacious updated oak Kitchen, updated baths, Master Bedroom w/1/2 bath, newer roof, 2 car Garage, full from foyer thru Kitchen, bsmt, & deck in fenced yard.
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EXCEPTIONAL VALUE 3 bd, 2 bath ranch is priced to sell! Updated t/o, private yard, 1 yr home warranty for Buyer, & too much more to list. Call today!
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LARGE LOT! 3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial located on a corner lot in a quiet sub. Beautiful flooring, fresh paint, Family Room w/frpl, Kitchen w/eating area, Master w/WIC, & basement.
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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY 2 bd, 1 bath home in popular Royal Oak area. 1 car Garage, Deck, huge front yard, & close to downtown. Could make great rental or starter home.
\$99,900 (C-719HA)



COZY & CLEAN All brick ranch w/bsmt & 1 car garage. Well maintained w/many quality upgrades. 2/possible 3 bds, 1 bath, great quiet neighborhood. 21 ft pool w/ deck & patio. Priced low to sell fast.
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CORNER LOT Nice 3 bd brick ranch w/full bsmt, 2 car Garage, Dining Room off Kitchen, covered Patio, & more.
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\$169,900 (C-768YO)



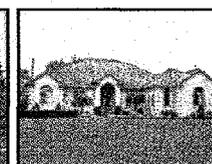
WHY PAY RENT? Great starter home featuring newer roof, windows, Kitchen, 2 full baths, w/frpl & doorwall to 1 of 2 finished bsmt, great fenced decks, cathedral ceilings, & all appl inc. Great opportunity, don't wait. Fantastic location w/wmmed occup!
\$110,000 (C-649FE)



\$40K IN UPGRADES 4 bd, 2 bath colonial w/new Pella windows, doorwall, & front door, updated baths, kitchen, carpet, paint, garage door, hwd floors in most rooms, sprinklers, freshly painted exterior, & nicely landscaped.
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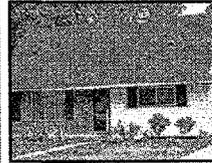
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SERENE SURROUNDINGS Nestled on 1.25 wooded acres. 3 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod offers you a secluded location, fantastic front porch, Deck, island Kitchen, hot tub, open floor plan, & Master w/bath, & 1st floor laundry.
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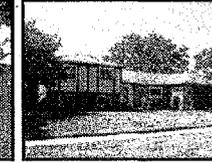
GORGEOUS SETTING Custom 3 bd, 3 bath ranch on a fabulous treed lot. Hwd floors, bay window, double doorwalls, finished bsmt, clean, & ready to move into.
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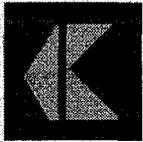
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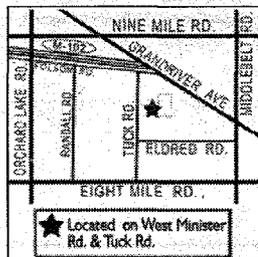
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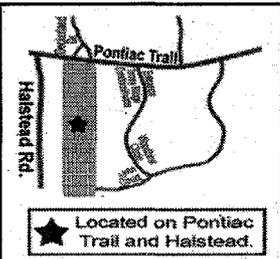
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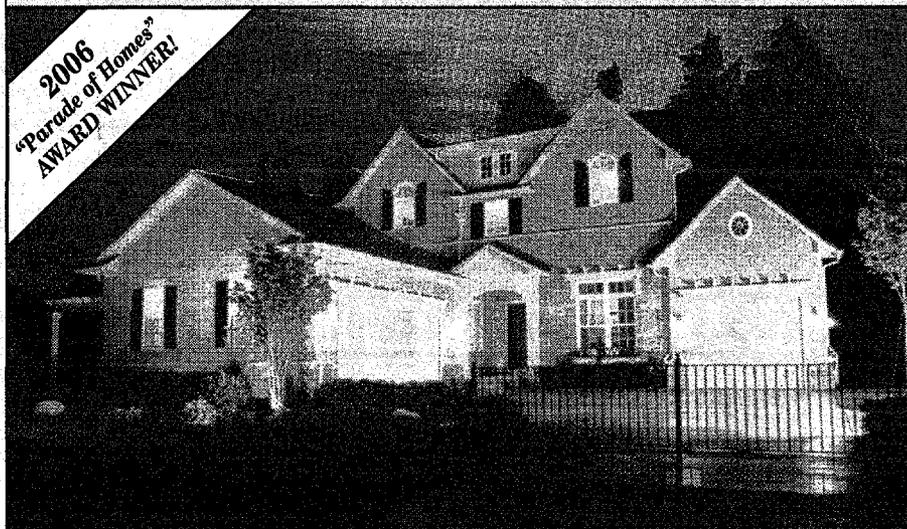
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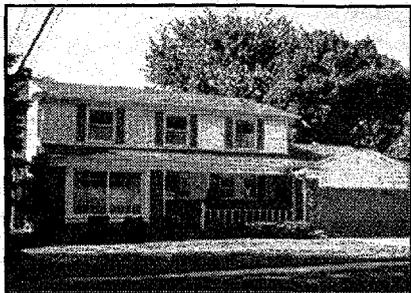
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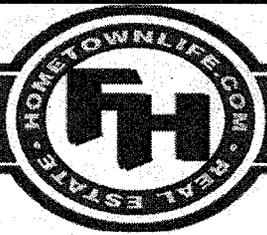
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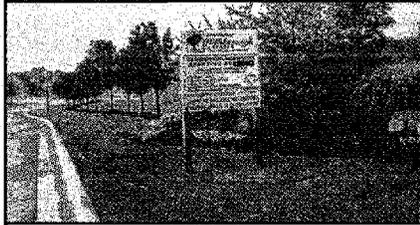


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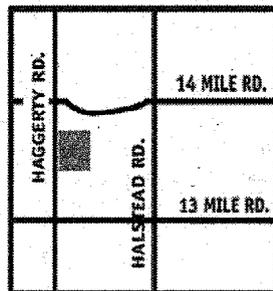
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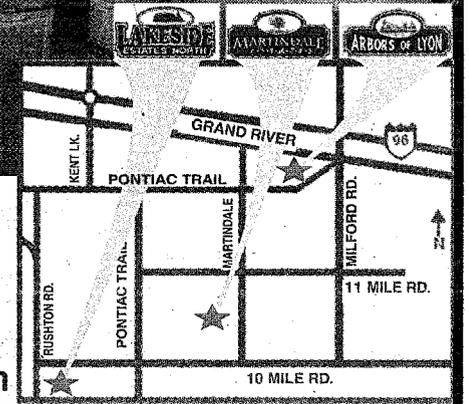
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for textbook and sample questions, \$208 plus \$20 for textbook/sample questions for nonresidents. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 8 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

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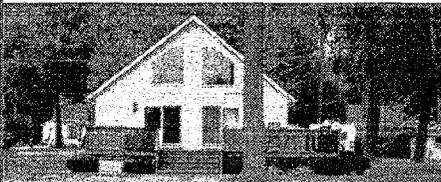
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Address	Price	Address	Price
45144 Brunswick Dr	\$230,000	26725 Holly Hill Dr	\$330,000
7716 Charrington Dr	\$250,000	25574 Kilreigh Dr	\$370,000
132 Cherry Stone Dr	\$268,000	25645 Kilreigh Dr	\$280,000
41460 Glade Rd	\$226,000	29490 Lochmoor St	\$215,000
41520 Glade Rd	\$220,000	30274 Nantucket Dr	\$118,000
46672 Hemmingway Dr	\$283,000	21522 Roosevelt Ave	\$218,000
45673 Henley Dr	\$422,000	27933 Trailwood Ct	\$529,000
45623 N Stonewood Rd	\$190,000	37504 Windwood Dr	\$310,000
45178 Rudgate Rd	\$188,000	32586 Woodvale	\$570,000
45235 Saltz Rd	\$260,000		
1590 Tradition Dr	\$436,000		
		Garden City	
		29049 James St	\$135,000
		30615 Krauter St	\$235,000
		28858 Marquette St	\$175,000
		Livonia	
		30791 Six Mile Rd	\$230,000
		33825 Eight Mile Rd	\$115,000
		32915 Brookside Cir	\$303,000
		33238 Curtis Rd	\$203,000
		11029 Flamingo St	\$169,000
		19533 Hardy St	\$180,000
		14434 Houghton St	\$216,000
		15057 Inkster Rd	\$148,000
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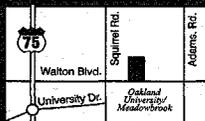
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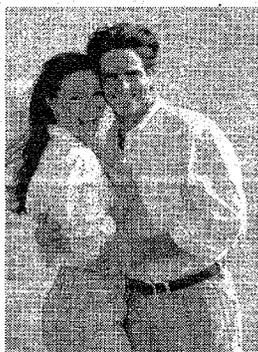
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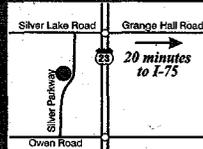


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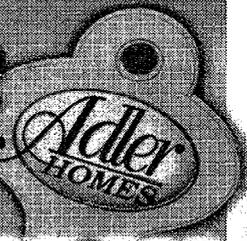


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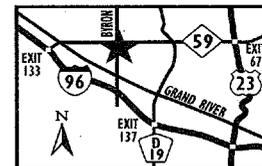
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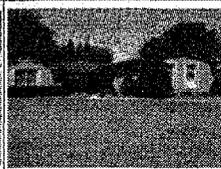
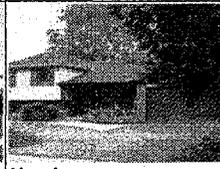
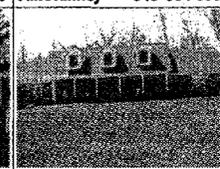
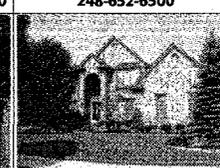
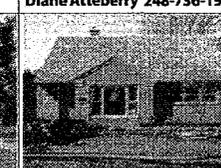


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 <p>Northville BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN STEEPLECHASE 1 yr old w/many upgrades 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 car gar. Unfinished w/o bsmt backing to pond. Hrdwd flr. Kit w/granite counters & cherry cabinets. (26049980) \$800,000 Denise Busser 248-444-7232</p>	 <p>Brighton GOLFERS DREAM HOME IN OAK POINTE! Fabulous cape cod overlooking 6th green of championship course. Gorgeous views. Lovely 1st flr mstr suite. Fin walk-out LL & more. Price reduced! (26033989) \$434,900 Carolyn Bailey 313-910-8162</p>	 <p>Novi STUNNING NOVI END UNIT CAPE COD CONDO Upgraded 1700 sqft, 3 bdrm, 2.2 bath w/finshd bsmt, 2 car garage & huge deck w/treed view. Hwd flr in island kit, soaring ceiling & much more. Novi schls. (26004855) \$274,900 Carol Copping 248-444-8105</p>	 <p>Farmington JUST MINUTES TO DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON Neat 3 br brick ranch with updates: roof, HVAC, windows, hwd flrs & kitchen. (26140866) \$209,900 Mary Bush 248-477-9600</p>	 <p>Novi MINT, MOVE RIGHT IN! Beautiful 2 br, 2 ba ranch w/all new windows, kitchen updated, all appliances, private fenced patio, pool & clubhouse. (26133531) \$149,900 Mary Bush 248-477-9600</p>	 <p>Grosse Pointe Park ON LAKE ST. CLAIR A Masterpiece! The unobstructed, truly breathtaking views from every room contribute to the desirability of this prestigious private property. (30372000) \$1,995,000 Patty Riley 313-884-0600</p>	 <p>Grosse Pointe Farms 225 KENWOOD CT. - A must see 4 BR, 3.1 BA Col w/newer windows, kit, roof, GFA/CAC & appl plus some special Art-Deco accents from the 1930's. (30392972) \$509,000 Nick Dara 313-884-0600</p>	 <p>Sterling Heights 1st floor MBR w/Bath, open floor plan, large GR w/plc, DR, view of large pond, fin'd lower level, workout room, extra FR, Beautiful landscape, deck. (26105658) \$374,777 248-813-4900</p>
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 <p>Northville WONDERFUL & WELCOMING Delightful amenities await you in this spacious 3700 sqft, 4BR, 3.5 BA col in beautiful Stonewater sub. Sunlight beams from the many lg windows. Formal LR w/fp. (26145071) \$625,000 Gail Turner 248-408-1464</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills CHARMING SPACIOUS 4 BR COLONIAL Private treed yard, newer roof, windows, sprinklers, partial finished basement. (26092812) \$359,900 Mary Bush 248-477-9600</p>	 <p>Plymouth JUST MOVE IN AND ENJOY Meticulous & updated w/great curb appeal, best describes this 4 br, 2.5 ba home. New updates incl: wndws, furnace, C/A, elec & most carpeting. (26110925) \$255,000 Virginia Donohue 248-974-5012</p>	 <p>Farmington SPACIOUS UPPER END RANCH CONDO Neutral decor throughout, living room & master bedroom with vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors in most rooms. (26080529) \$199,500 Mary Bush 248-477-9600</p>	 <p>Walled Lake BRIGHT & SPACIOUS UPPER RANCH CONDO LR w/deck, master w/WIC, attached garage, all appliances stay, low assn fee, includes water. (26082718) \$129,900 Mary Bush 248-477-9600</p>	 <p>Addison Twp 4 BR/3.5 BA. Gorgeous Cape Cod on 10 acres. Spectacular views. 1st Flr MBR. Professionally landscaped with pavers/pond. 3.5 Car gar. (26071173) \$699,900 248-652-6500</p>	 <p>Rochester Hills Pristine condition-'03 Built! Upgraded gourmet kit with granite. Hwd flrs throughout main level. FR, FP, formal LR, DR & den. Loaded with upgrades. Paver patio. (26083244) \$449,900 248-652-6500</p>	 <p>Orion Twp 4 BR/3.1 BA/2 car att gar. Lg deck, lg kit. All appls included; fin bsmt with wet bar; 2nd FR; game area; full BA; MBR has jetted tub; also for lease. (26142120) \$314,000 Diane Atteberry 248-736-1992</p>
 <p>Northville BEAUTIFUL GOLF COURSE CONDO Lovely 3 br 2.5 ba w/1st flr mbr, 1st flr Indry, gourmet kit w/hwd flrs. Upgraded cabinets, appl & lighting. Daylight bsmt. Move in ready. (26145314) \$449,999 Gail Turner 248-408-1464</p>	 <p>Commerce Twp CUSTOM BUILT HOME IN TWIN SUN LAKE 1st and 2nd flr mstr suites. Sun bathed GR w/soaring ceiling opens to lg DR. Backs to commons, pond & play area. Community offers lake access. (26049684) \$299,900 Marcia Thorpe 248-921-1796</p>	 <p>Livonia VERY NICE 4 BR LIVONIA COLONIAL Close to parks, shopping & golf. Lovely family room w/frplc, updated kitchen w/oak cabinetry. Formal dining room & more. 248-348-6430 (26094322) \$239,900 Carolyn Bailey 313-910-8162</p>	 <p>Farmington SERENE SETTING Updated kitchen counters, cabinets & floor, furnace, lower level w/family room, office, laundry & patio hot tub. (26080975) \$199,000 Mary Bush 248-477-9600</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills REDUCED. FOR SALE AND/OR LEASE 3 BR ranch w/potential for private office. Large lot, garage. Updates: newer roof, kitchen, furnace & windows. Versatile floor plan. FHA financing. Lease \$950 (26095138) \$129,000 Susan Weinstock 248-613-9689</p>	 <p>Rochester Hills Stunning 4 BR, 3.2 BA col. Prem lot w/pond view, 2 sofly fam. rm., granite kit, paneled den, deluxe mstr suite, dual strcs, 3 car gar, fin W/O bsmt w/full kit. (26057091) \$600,000 248-813-4900</p>	 <p>Oxford Oxford Twp.-Lake Orion Schools. 1st Flr mstr, GR/FP, 2 BRs up/bonus rm/3.1 BAs/fin w/o bsmt. Patio & deck. Large 2 car gar on 2.92 acre & pond. Beautiful sub. (26106121) \$399,900 Diane Atteberry 248-436-1992</p>	 <p>Huntington Woods OVERLOOKS GOLF COURSE! 3 BR Bungalow offers open floor plan, updated bath, hwd flrs, new furn. & A/C in '04, glass block '99, prof. landscpd. (26146262) \$274,900 Pamela Caputo 248/318-2417</p>

