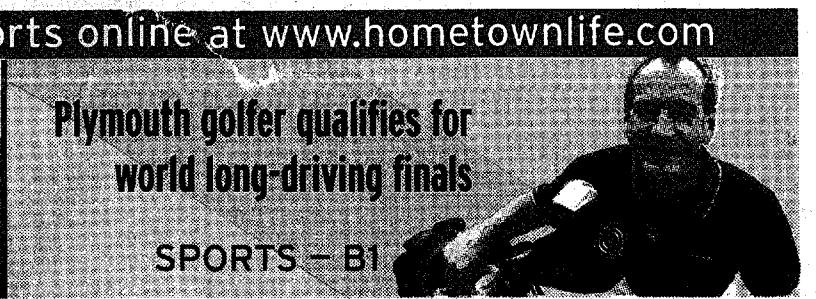




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## 'Peace begins right here'



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Kindergartner Meghan Rotole at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth holds up an American flag with the other kindergartners and first-graders at the Prayer Service in Remembrance of the Fifth Anniversary of 9/11.

## Students remember 9/11, pay tribute to victims of attacks

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Grade-school students at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth spent the early part of their day Monday remembering the victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Eighth-grader Jillian Sommerville, 13, of Plymouth said she recalls being in school when the World Trade Center towers were hit.

"I remember everyone was watching TV, but the teachers wouldn't tell us what happened," Sommerville said. "When I got home, I found out what happened."

"I just feel bad for the families of those who died, it's really sad," she said. "We need to remember them."

Students, teachers and parents gathered in front of the school, where the American flag was flown at half staff.

"On Sept. 11, 2001, our country was scarred by hatred and revenge," read Samantha Gioia, an eighth-grader from Plymouth Township, during the introduc-



Seventh-graders Jesse Zelazany, Matt Greene and Jeffrey Conflitti and eighth-grader Stephanie Petrusha play God Bless America at the Prayer Service in Remembrance of the Fifth Anniversary of 9/11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth.

tion. "Hearts were broken, lives were lost, and fear and anger prevailed."

"We come together today remembering God is our refuge

and strength, and we pray for a just and lasting peace," she read.

With many of the children in attendance too young to remember the events that changed the

world, pastor the Rev. John Sullivan reached out to them in simple terms in remembering the victims of 9/11.

"When we have something very special that we're remembering, especially people who gave their lives for us, the flag is always at half mast," Sullivan said. "So, when you see the flag like this, you always know we're praying in a very special way for people who gave their lives for the nation."

Sullivan told students it was their job to make the world a peaceful place to live.

"Peace doesn't start because somebody in Washington, or somebody in one of the countries of the world, says let there be peace," Sullivan said. "Peace begins with every person that lives, like right here on our playground."

"When we're out playing and somebody gets upset, it's not the time to start thinking it's the time for fighting, it's the time for people to find the time to make peace," he said. "We have to try to be the bridge-builders of peace."

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## Township gets \$2 million for corner lot

Offer comes after \$4.2 million deal for whole site falls through

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

A few months ago, Plymouth Township officials thought they'd sold the four-acre parcel that houses the old township hall at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley for some \$4.2 million, but the deal fell through.

Tuesday night, board members got nearly half that money back when they agreed to sell the corner portion for \$2 million to Fifth Third Bank.

Board members voted unanimously to sign the purchase agreement that would transfer ownership of the 1.25-acre portion of the property which houses the former Friendly's restaurant building to Fifth Third Bank.

"It's not for the entire property, but it's a good offer," township supervisor Richard Reaume said. "The corner is the most sought-after piece."

Fifth Third Bank was one of two banks — Flagstar was the other — interested in being part of the \$4.2 million deal originally offered by Capital Acquisitions. When that deal fell through, Reaume said, both banks approached township officials individually about purchasing the corner

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## Starkweather, Central among key bond issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The key components of a \$59.4 million bond proposal submitted by Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan include construction of a new middle school in Canton to replace an aging Central Middle School, with Central then being remodeled to — in part — house students who attend Starkweather Education Center, an alternative high school located in Plymouth.

The need for both were the main topics of discussion among

Board of Education members Tuesday. Former board member, and former Starkweather principal, Carol Saunders, said there's a need for both issues to be addressed in an upcoming bond issue.

"One of those items has to be a new middle school, so the youngsters currently attending Central have a facility that is updated and can be equivalent to the other middle schools," said Saunders, once an interim principal at Central. "On hot days,

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chris McGinnis and Zac Haar load a rack of chicken over the coals for the Rotary Chicken Barbecue, the Fall Festival's signature event.

## Mother Nature can't dampen Fall Festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

In her first year as president of the Plymouth Fall Festival committee, Colleen Brown knew there's only one factor she couldn't control — Mother Nature.

And, despite all the planning and organization for last weekend's event, rain and cool temperatures played a part in keeping the crowds down during the three-day festival.

"Absolutely, the crowds

were down when the rain came through (Saturday) and the cold front," Brown said. "I think everybody stayed in and kept warm."

"But, aside from the weather, everything was great," she said. "We won't know the full scope of how much money we raised until we meet in October. Hopefully, we can pay our bills and have some left to start next year."

Brown said Friday night's

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Great progress has been made in treating AIDS and there is promise of an eventual cure.



**League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters hosts a meeting 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library featuring Rich Robinson, the executive director of Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

The Michigan Campaign Finance Network is a coalition of non-profit, nonpartisan organizations and individuals concerned about the influence of money in politics and the need for campaign finance reform in Michigan.

Robinson will discuss some of the research conducted on campaign contributions and their relationship to election outcomes. Campaign money being spent on the current gubernatorial campaign will also be discussed.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

**Child seat clinic**

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free child safety seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the new Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. Anyone who would like to have their child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician can make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3243.

**Newcomers mixer**

Plymouth Newcomers &

Neighbors hosts its free annual membership mixer 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at Boulder's Restaurant, 1020 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The public is invited to come meet new friends and enjoy complimentary appetizers while learning about this non-profit organization's interest groups, including children's playgroups and outings, men's poker, ladies' night out, bowling, euchre, holiday parties and much more.

Contact Janet Keller for more information at (734) 451-1840.

**Grief workshop**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Oct. 9, 2006.

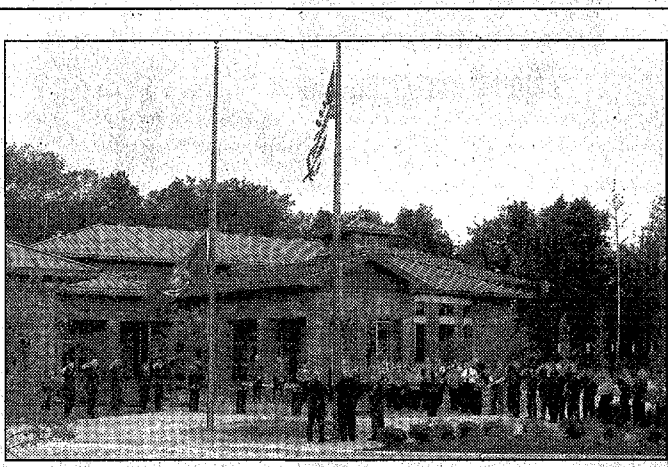
This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

For registration information call the parish office at (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

**Tax day**

Plymouth Township officials are reminding residents Thursday, Sept. 14, is the final day to pay 2006 summer taxes



ANN DEGHETTO

**Remembering 9/11**

Plymouth Township officials participate in a short ceremony lowering the American flag outside township hall to half-staff to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the 9/11 attacks. The ceremony was attended by township officials, employees and other citizens at the flagpoles in front of Plymouth Township Hall. The flag was attended by James Anulewicz, Director of Public Services, Sgt. Jim Jarvis of the Plymouth Township Police Department and Firefighter/Paramedic Martin King of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. Lt. Charles Mann of the PCFD played 'Amazing Grace' on the bagpipes.

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The Plymouth Township treasurer's office is located in the new township hall complex at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

For more information, call (734) 354-3214.

**DFCU scholarships**

DFCU Financial is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2007 Founders' Scholarship Program, through which DFCU Financial will award one \$2,000 renewable scholarship each year and two \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships to eligible high school seniors. Since introducing the

Founders' Scholarship Program in 1998, DFCU Financial has committed more than \$100,000 in funds to high school seniors who are members of the credit union.

To be eligible, applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate involvement in community service. A written essay is required for consideration. The winner of the renewable scholarship is determined following an interview with members of the senior management team at DFCU Financial.

Applications for the 2005 DFCU Financial Founders' Scholarship are available at the credit union's Web site at

www.dfcufinancial.com or by calling (313) 336-2700. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 3. Candidates must be members of DFCU Financial, high school seniors graduating in 2007 and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

For more information about DFCU Financial's community involvement and free educational seminars, please visit www.dfcufinancial.com.

**Ladies night**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual "Ladies' Night Out" promotion 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

The evening is a night "for women to do some shopping and get pampered while enjoying an evening on the town," chamber executive director Fran Toney said.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

**School of music**

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has plenty of openings for its School of Music, designed to give group music lessons in keyboard, percussion and brass for kids ages 6 and older.

The 12-week fall semester starts Sept. 19 and runs 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$75 per semester. You can register 4:30-6:30 p.m., and for more information call (734) 453-5464.

**Entertainment Book**

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling the 2007 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. Pick up your 2007 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734)

451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The Entertainment Book offer is \$20 with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

**Junior Miss Scholarships**

The Michigan Junior Miss Scholarship Program has announced their 2007 At-Large program, open to all senior girls graduating in 2007 who have no local qualifying program available to them.

Those participating in the At-Large program can qualify to enter the Michigan Junior Miss State Program, held in Alpena in March. Michigan's Junior Miss will go on to compete in America's Junior Miss Program, held in Mobile, Ala.

The categories in which each contestant is evaluated are scholastics, interview, talent, fitness and self-expression. The program's goal is to honor young women who excel in these areas and to encourage them to continue on the path of excellence by completing their college educations and assuming roles of leadership in their communities and professions, thereby setting examples for other young women to follow.

An informational meeting will be held 1 p.m. Sept. 23 at Jan's Dance Connection, located at 26032 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 562-1203 for details.

Anyone interested in attending the orientation meeting can contact Michigan Junior Miss At-Large Program Director Jan Sickle-Witte at (517) 467-2589 or email JMSICKLE@comcast.net or Lydia Soroosh at (734) 426-4744 or e-mail at cellfit@yahoo.com.

**Physical Therapy UPDATE**  
Hands On Center  
Presented by Hands On Center For Physical Therapy

**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.

For further information or to schedule an appointment for physical therapy care, call the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

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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# Livonia man turns American dream into restaurant chain

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia resident Steve Nedanovski has come a long way since he immigrated here from his native Macedonia in the early-1970s.

He was 18 years old when he came to the Detroit area, looked for work and started as a dishwasher for a restaurant. His years of hard work paid off so that this year as he celebrates the 10-year anniversary of his own family restaurant in Plymouth and the opening of a second, larger restaurant in Livonia.

"People like what we have to offer and with the second restaurant, I can help my sons get started on something they can work on," Nedanovski said. "We're really happy with the initial response to our Livonia restaurant so far."

Steve's Family Dining opened on Middlebelt north of Five Mile in May. The Nedanovski family bought the former Emmet's Restaurant, gutted it and rebuilt the structure's interior and exterior into a 5,000-square-foot building that seats 145 people — nearly twice the size of his Plymouth restaurant.

The process took 10 months and cost more than originally budgeted, but Nedanovski said he was happy with the new smoke-free restaurant.

"We wanted something that was brighter with more windows," Nedanovski said. "We also wanted a free-standing building, and that's why we liked this site."

The menu includes a variety of homemade Polish and Italian dishes, including stuffed cabbage, city chicken, pierogi, ravioli and potato pancakes. His kitchen also pro-



Steve Nedanovski (right), his wife, Julie, and his two sons, Dave and Danny, have opened a second location for Steve's Family Dining. There are now restaurants in Plymouth and Livonia.

duces various chicken and seafood dishes.

"Since just about everything is made from scratch, we are constantly making preparations for dishes," he said.

Nedanovski, 54, spent the first 25 years of his life in this country learning all aspects of running a restaurant and the art of making homemade dishes.

"There really wasn't anything else for me to learn to do, so I started a restaurant of my own," he said. "I wanted to offer something a little different compared to other restaurants in the area, so I started with the Polish dishes."

He opened Steve's Family Dining in July 1996, an 80-seat

eatery located in a strip center on Five Mile west of Haggerty. He started by making stuffed cabbage and city chicken once or twice a week, but customers wanted those meals more often and they eventually became everyday offerings. As the restaurant became more popular, he added catering service which helped the business grow.

About a year after the family restaurant opened in Plymouth, Nedanovski, his wife, Julie, and his two sons, Dave and Danny, moved from Dearborn Heights to Livonia. At the time, his sons were recent Crestwood High School graduates and later earned college degrees for

high-tech careers, but they grew to learn to enjoy life at the family restaurant. The brothers are the primary managers of the Livonia restaurant.

"It's really become second-nature to us," said Danny Nedanovski, 27. "I've been cooking for 10 years and I enjoy it."

"It's nice helping run the family business and helping my father and keep his dream and hard work going."

The family planning to add beer and wine service to the Livonia location. Party catering service is available at both locations.

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# Family honors matriarch with Make A Wish benefit golf outing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Nine years ago, 12 members of the Brown family got together to raise money in memory of beloved matriarch Stella "Ma" Alexander, whose life and memory were stolen by Alzheimer's Disease.

Nine years later, with the support of family, friends and the community, when the Browns gather Saturday for the ninth-annual Brown Family & Friends Golf Outing for Charity, they're hoping for a record-setting event, with a goal of \$12,000, all to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan.

"We are preparing for the largest and what I hope is the best-ever event to date," organizer Joel Brown said. "Our golf outing is different in that we make everyone who attends feel like 'family' and we do all of the work."

All the work, according to Brown, includes things like preparing the food themselves instead of catering. That allows the family to "maximize our contribution to Make A Wish."

What started out back then with 12 people is now expected to draw some 140 golfers, with some 160 people at the Browns' home in Plymouth afterward. The golf takes place starting at 8 a.m. at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township, and should finish around 1:30 p.m.

Representatives from Make A Wish will be on hand with this year's "Wish" child, 2½-year-old Nathan, a Westland boy battling a life-threatening brain disorder. Nathan and his family will also be there, and Brown hopes the event will help grant Nathan's wish: A trip to Disneyland with his family in February.

That goal would be a fitting tribute to Stella Alexander.

"Ma always had special spot in her heart for children, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren," Brown said. "Ma's legacy continues as we reach out and touch the lives of the special children helped by the Make A Wish Foundation."

According to Brown, the family has raised more \$30,000 to date for Make A Wish. The golf outing has helped Make A Wish send a 9-year-old girl and her family on a Disney Cruise and a 19-year-old boy and his family to Hawaii.

Brown said the success of the event is directly attributable to the people who attend and those who make contributions.

"A lot of what we donate is made possible through the generous contributions of our guests and local businesses," Brown said.

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# Silver lining

## Plymouth Orchards marks its 25th anniversary with pride

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Fall and cider mills just seem to go together, and for 25 years now Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill has been the place to visit for local people.

"I think it's the owners and the pride they take in this place," manager Mary Krause said of owners David and Mary Emmett, who live on the site between Napier and Godfredson on Warren, just over the county line into Washtenaw County. Great customers are key as well, and successive generations have come to the cider mill over the years.

"It feels like home to a lot of people," said Canton resident Krause. "I think they feel good when they come out here."

One recent customer was Charles Allen of Westland, who was buying cider and doughnuts. "This is my first

time," he said. "I stumbled on it looking for a shortcut to work."

The M-14 road construction brought Allen in, and he likes what he found. "It's great," said Allen who with his wife has two children, ages 2½ and 4½. "It's close ... bring the kids back. I think they would enjoy it any day. Friendly people."

### ANNIVERSARY MARKED

Plymouth Orchards is marking its 25th anniversary this fall, and this Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17, there'll be a number of activities, including music with Johnny Z. 1-4 p.m. both days. Krause points to the antique wagon and suggests visitors bring a camera for fall photos. It's too early for pumpkins, but Sunday there will be wagon rides all day at \$3 per person and free for children age 3 and under.

David Emmett and his wife are glad they own the cider mill and don't plan to sell, even

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY

■ Who: Plymouth Orchards

■ Where: Warren, between Napier and Godfredson

■ What: Anniversary event, featuring wagon rides and music

■ When: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17

■ Features: Open September through November; main store on Warren is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week in September-October; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in November. Farm market on Ann Arbor Road open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Nov. 22. Plymouth Orchards is also home to goats, sheep, pigs, a cow and some ducks who leave for the winter.

■ Contact: Plymouth Orchards can be reached at (734) 455-2290.

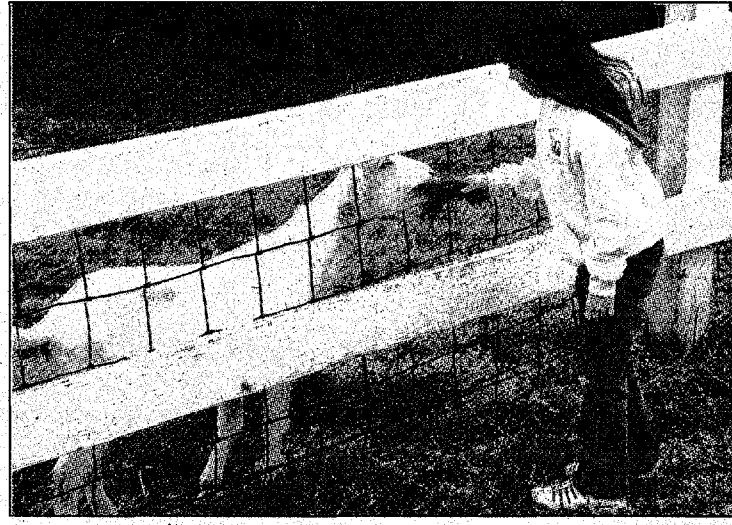
as the surrounding area gets built up.

"It was a dairy farm before that," David Emmett said of their buying the property. "We decided we needed a cider mill in order to sell the products locally. We learned farming the hard way. We made lots of mistakes."

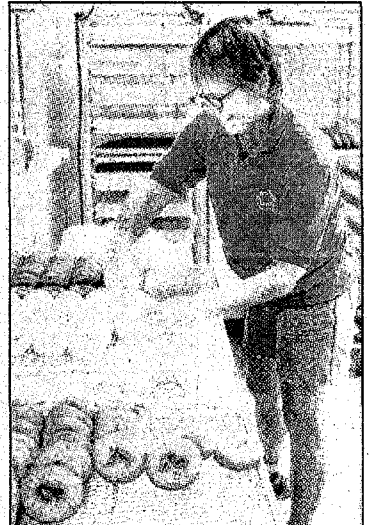
These days, businessman Emmett does a lot of charitable work and owns R.J. Helicopters. His wife had worked in the past as a dental hygienist and neither had a strong agriculture background.

"We've pretty much decided we like the lifestyle," he said. "We're not anxious to move. It's been a great way to raise kids."

None of the couple's three



A goat nibbles a little grass offered by 6-year-old Olivia Gordon, visiting the orchards with her dad, Adam Gordon.



Manager Mary Krause powders doughnuts at Plymouth Orchards.

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children are in the business. Their son is a builder, one daughter runs a nonprofit in Oregon and the other daughter is a professional mountain biker. The kids range in age from 28 to 34 and there's one grandchild on the way.

The 25th anniversary kind of snuck up on the Plymouth Orchards folks this year.

"We started adding it up and realized we had a 25th anniversary coming," David Emmett said. "The community's been very good, supportive." They find Plymouth Orchards offers an educational experience with its farm animals and picnic tables.

"It's become an afternoon experience as opposed to a quick in and out," he said, adding there are fewer cider mills in southeastern Michigan than in the past.

Each year, some 22,000 schoolkids visit Plymouth Orchards. Krause, who's going on her sixth season at Plymouth Orchards, started out teaching school groups.

"My husband had retired and Mary (Emmett) was looking for someone to prune trees," said Krause, who spent 15 years as a vehicle scheduling analyst at Ford Motor. She loves her job, and gets to work

with her husband. The couple has four kids ages 18, 15, 13 and 12.

"It's been kind of a family affair," she said, explaining the Krause kids have worked at Plymouth Orchards and her mom made the curtains. She didn't have a strong farming background either, although she spent summers growing up at a grandparents' farm around Kansas City, Mo.

"I want to be outside and I want to do physical stuff all the time," Krause said.

### A BUSY PLACE

Plymouth Orchards is open September through November to customers, but staff works much of the year. After the season, three people prune trees to the end of January, and return in mid-March to make fields ready.

"A lot of mowing goes on, the painting goes on," Krause said. Plymouth Orchards gets some high school student workers. "We have a lot of moms," she said. "It helps pay for their Christmas presents."

The main store on Warren is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week in September and October. November hours there are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The main store closes for the season only Nov. 5, but the farm market on Ann Arbor Road stays open through the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Farm market hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily September through November.

Plymouth Orchards isn't a U-pick place for apples, although kids do go into the fields for pumpkins. There's a belt press for making cider, which isn't pasteurized and must be consumed fairly quickly. It freezes well, Krause noted.

The early cider was made of Macintosh and Ginger Golds, but more varieties are coming in now. There will be four-five varieties for eating and baking this weekend, Krause said.

Plymouth Orchards is home to goats, sheep, pigs, a cow and some ducks who leave for the winter, with some animals going to Plymouth Nursery for its nativity. Krause likes all aspects of her job.

"Working with all the great people here and all the customers with smiles on their faces," she said with a smile of her own.

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Alex Fox and Christopher Forster pick a few apples at Plymouth Orchards, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary. It isn't a U-pick facility for apples.

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Our Lady of Good Counsel eighth-grade cantors Sarah Lipinski and Haley Willman led the song 'Ave Maria' during the school's ceremony remembering 9/11.

**PEACE**

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Kindergarten and first-grade students, waved American flags during the mostly religious ceremony. First-grade teacher Mary Anne Napolitano said her students are too young to understand the significance of 9/11; however, she did explain to them what the day meant.

"I told them-it was a very,

very sad thing that happened five years ago, when they were babies," Napolitano said. "A lot of people died and are in heaven now, with Jesus. Their families are sad, and we're praying for them because they miss them."

Barbara DiPiazza of Livonia, whose granddaughter, Stephanie Petruska of Plymouth Township, took part in the remembrance ceremony, said she still can't watch video of the airplanes crashing into the World Trade Center towers.

"I couldn't watch the video (Sunday) night, it was too traumatic," said DiPiazza. "As they played it over and over again, it just pried on your mind."

"I remember driving to work, and couldn't believe my ears when I heard it on the radio," she said. "That night, I couldn't even fix dinner. I just sat there in front of the TV."

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**BOND**

FROM PAGE A1

the third floor is horrendous, and it's not a good learning environment."

Saunders also implored the board to then move forward with proposed plans to move Starkweather students to a repurposed Central, which would also house the curriculum center and community education.

"We have non-traditional students housed in a situation where there is no media center, there's no cafeteria and there's not a facility for physical education," Saunders said. "Your are essentially disenfranchising a portion of your Plymouth-Canton pupils, and you're collecting state tax dollars on them, just the same as you are for any other pupil in the district."

The board — which has scheduled a 6:15 p.m. tour of Central next Tuesday, followed by a 7 p.m. bond workshop meeting at the middle school — is working through enrollment projections to help decide if the district should spend an estimated \$30.6 million to construct a new middle school on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center; remodel Central at a cost of \$13.2 million; and spend \$12 million to remodel and add a total of 15 rooms at East, West and Pioneer middle schools.

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, who visited Central before Tuesday's board meeting, said she's not convinced Central can't continue its role as a middle school.

"It seems hard to justify not using it as a middle school," Gonzalez said. "(Plans call for) tearing down part of a building, when we're dealing with overcrowding. It seems like a sin, personally."

Other board members don't believe Central can remain a viable middle school.

"It would be very difficult to make that building meet our educational specifications," board President Barry Simescu said. "It would be very costly, and we wouldn't have the same number of students in that building, if we did. The other problem is ... we bus 70 percent of students from Canton to Central. We're busing them a long way."

Trustee Steven Sneiderman reminded the board that Central was once repurposed after decades as Plymouth High School.

"In order to move move on and forward, and grow as a community, we honor the past," Sneiderman said. "But if it's not working for what it's being used for, we should move on."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski said if Central remains a middle school, the question of what to do with Starkweather would still remain.

"There's going to be a fair amount of expense to do some-

thing with that facility, or do something with that program," Ham-Kucharski said, "or eliminate that program completely, which I don't think we want to do."

While Ryan's "straw design" bond also calls for \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property in Canton, and \$1.3 million for 13 new buses, the bulk of the money is for middle school and Starkweather improvements, which has Gonzalez concerned.

"If we look at the straw design for the middle school ... we're pretty much done, and I don't know if we have any other needs in the district," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez, who was not in favor of last May's \$120 million bond proposal that went down to defeat, said she's looking at all options before making her decision on what the next bond issue — most likely to be presented to voters in February — will look like.

"I'm looking at gathering money for this bond the way I would look at doing a project for my home," Gonzalez said. "If I couldn't justify giving the money myself, then I don't want to justify everyone else giving the money. I want to go through all the options."

"I kind of feel like they're (school administration) giving us one option, and it seems to be garnering a lot of support," she added. "I think they've (trustees) already made up their mind."

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**CC Rummage Sale**  
The Mom's Club of Catholic Central High School is hosting its annual Rummage & Bake Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, south of Grand River and west of Wixom Road in Novi. A \$1 bag sale will begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school.

**Charity golf**  
The Mulligan Masters Charity Golf Outing, hosted by Oliver/Hatcher Charities, sponsored by Oliver/Hatcher Construction, takes place 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, located at 40941 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville. Registration to golf, which includes golf, BBQ lunch and sit-down dinner, is \$300 while dinner only is \$100. Guest speaker Frank Beckmann will conclude the event with a speech at 7:30 p.m. A silent auction will also take place. Proceeds from the event and auction will benefit Child and Family Life at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. For more information or to register, please contact, Event Coordinator, Joanne Sweetman at 248.669.4500 or [jsweetman@oliverhatcher.com](mailto:jsweetman@oliverhatcher.com).

**Hospice series**  
Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many. Heartland Hospice is offering a six-week series, "Loss of a Spouse," 4:53 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 21 through Oct. 26. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor, 3840 Packard, and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 973-1145 or toll-free (888) 975-1145.

**Genealogical meeting**  
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, Sept. 18 at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. At 6:30 p.m., there will be the video "Finding a Maiden Name" and, at 7:30 p.m., the program will be "Understanding



**Bike tour**

Although this picture was obviously taken much earlier in his trek, Plymouth resident Gary Gothard is making great time on his quest to bicycle some 12,000 miles from Alaska to Argentina in 12 months. Earlier this week, he was in Guerrero Negro, Mexico, resting from biking in temperatures reaching 100 degrees and higher. The group was planning to head into La Pas, depending on how a large storm system in the area affected travel. The group has been getting up around 5 a.m. to beat the heat, and riding 60-70 miles a day.

Migration and Immigrant Communities," with Ceil Jensen as the keynote speaker. Further information can be found on the society's Web site at [www.rootsweb.com/~miwwegs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwwegs/) or by calling Margie at (734) 522-4050. Meeting, class and program are free of charge and open to the public. Guests are welcome.

**Radio control airshow**  
The Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club sponsors a Radio Control Airshow 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16-17 at the group's airfield at Geddes and Ridge in Ypsilanti. The show is AMA-sanctioned and will follow IMMA guidelines. Planes to be flown and shown are "giant scale," meaning the model must be at least a quarter-size the real aircraft. Admission being requested is \$5 per vehicle. For more information, call Jim Repp, (248) 941-8731.

**Baby Walk**  
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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 festivals by visiting [www.SallyRideFestivals.com](http://www.SallyRideFestivals.com) or by calling (800) 561-5161.

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

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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](mailto: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 Birthie at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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

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

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

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

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

**Mothers & More**  
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■ **BROWN BAG PRESCRIPTION REVIEW**, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. — Gather all your prescription and over-the-counter medications in a brown paper bag and come to the library for a private medication consultation with a CVS pharmacist. The consultation will include such information topics as dosage, reason for medication, side effects, safe medicine storage, refill schedules and more. Registration is not required. This program will be repeated on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m.

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 4-5:15 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ **PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. — Our discussion subjects for this month will be fall planting, spring bulbs dividing and propagating native plants. This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and plans for the upcoming season. All gardeners are invited — no registration is required.

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. — This month's contemporary discussion group invites members to read *Three Junes* by Julie Glass. Copies of this book are available for group members at the checkout desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **BANNED BOOKS WEEK**, Sept. 23-30 — Book lovers can visit the Plymouth District Library and check out any number of books that have been banned over the years. For a list of banned books, stop at the Reader's Advisory desk or go to <http://ala.org/bbooks>

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Sept. 27, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Copies of these books are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, 734-453-0750, Ext. 206 or e-mail [lpride@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:lpride@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **PLYMOUTH, MI: BB CAPITAL OF THE WORLD**, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. — The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will present Jack Grant of the Plymouth Historical Society who will share his knowledge of Daisy Air Rifle history. He will introduce you to the people and places associated with the Air Rifle's invention and manufacture in Plymouth. Register for this program by calling 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP** — No September meeting scheduled. Mark calendars now for the next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or [donhewlett@aol.com](mailto:donhewlett@aol.com)

## Youth Programs

■ **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**, Session one Tuesdays through Sept. 26, 7 p.m.; Session two Wednesdays, through Sept. 27, 7 p.m. — This evening story time can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES**, Wednesdays through Sept. 27, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — Parents must remain in the library during these story time sessions for children ages 3 1/2-5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES**, Tuesdays through Sept. 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session is for families with siblings and other family members welcome. Register for either program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **HOMESCHOOLERS @ THE PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY**, Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. — Learn about the stars and constellations inside the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum portable planetarium. We'll share a few of the hundreds of constellation myths told by various civilizations. Registration is required and will start on September 13 — call or stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. Homeschoolers only, please.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to the Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the 4th Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

## Teen Program

■ **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, Sept. 16, 3 p.m. — Do you like to volunteer in your community? If so, you should join the Teen Advisory Board. Bring your ideas and opinions about the Teen Zone collection. TAB members help decide what kind of books, music and movies are purchased, help plan and carry out programs and share ideas on library services. Enjoy snacks while sharing their ideas for improving the Library's teen programs and services. Get community service hours while making new friends and helping to make the Plymouth District Library a better place for teens.

■ **TEEN KNITTING/CROCHETING CLUB**, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. — All levels of needlework experience are welcome! Adult volunteers will help you learn to knit or crochet. Supplies provided. Join us every other Wednesday in the Teen Zone.

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Plymouth residency (city or township) is required for all attendees of the Library's free computer training classes. All classes require registration. Please register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **E-BAY**, Friday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m. — This new, exciting class will teach Plymouth residents how to participate in this exciting site. Learn how to buy and sell effectively, with valuable information on listing, shipping and payment options. Register early as these classes will fill quickly — call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

■ **DROP-IN COMPUTER TUTORING**, Saturdays, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Sorry, the library does not offer training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **ADVANCED MS WORD**, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. — Build on your MS Word knowledge base by learning how to insert bullets, number pages, alphabetize, use tables, insert symbols and more. Basic keyboard skills and MS Word knowledge are prerequisites for this class.

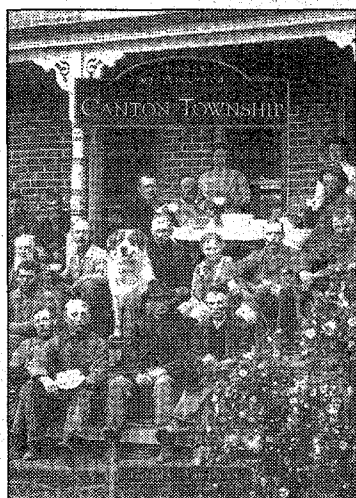
# New book provides a glimpse into Canton's agricultural past

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

A good place to start for anyone wanting to get a glimpse at Canton's rural farming past is local author Gerald Van Dusen's new book, *Canton Township*.

The 127-page book, which will be available for purchase beginning Sept. 11, is part of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series, a photo-driven series of books about historic places in the United States. Van Dusen, a Plymouth Township resident who lived in Canton in the 1980s, said his book contains more than 200 black and white photos of some of Canton's most historic farms, businesses and families. He also provided about 16,000 words of text.

The Canton Township Historic District Commission and the Canton Historical Society provided most of the



images in the book. However, the author also had several longtime Canton families bring him old photographs, which he used to piece the township's history together. Even members of the Dennis family, who now live in Minnesota, heard about the project and sent Van Dusen

photos detailing the four generations that the family operated the Dennis Market on Canton Center Road.

The book is broken up into six chapters, including "Pioneers and Early Settlements," "Country Schools and Early Education," "Life on the Farm," and "Historic Homesteads." Many of the families pictured in the book have names that should be familiar to Canton residents, including the Palmers, Lilles, and Mettels.

Van Dusen, a member of the Canton Historical Society and a professor of English at Wayne County Community College's Western Campus in Van Buren Township, said he learned much more about Canton's history than he anticipated when he began the project. He said it was a real "odyssey" for him to learn about the hearty pioneers who first traveled to Canton in the

early 1800s, and settled in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories. He said by 1850, all of the land in Canton Township had been gobbled up.

"Honestly I had no idea that Canton's history from 1825 to 1875 was really the story of American settlement after the opening of the Erie Canal," he said. "These settlers were headed to the American West, but once they got here and saw the fertile soil in Canton, they decided to stay."

The book, which costs \$19.99, can be bought through Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com, or at the Arcadia Web site at [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com). For more information about the book, visit [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com).

Van Dusen will be signing copies of his book with the Canton Historical Society from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Cherry Hill School.

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**SALE**

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building, which most recently housed the township clerk's office.

Flagstar also made an offer on the property, but Reaume said a confidentiality agreement prohibits him from saying how much that offer was for. Obviously, Fifth Third's was better.

"(Flagstar) was unwilling to bid as high as Fifth Third," Reaume said. "They are continuing to look at property for a branch somewhere along the Ann Arbor Road corridor."

Fifth Third officials couldn't be reached for comment.

Reaume said Capital Acquisitions has another, lower offer on the table for the property, but board members decided it wasn't enough. That leaves the township with another 2.78 acres of the complex to sell.

"We felt we might be able to do better," Reaume said. "There's a risk, but there's also a reward."

**FESTIVAL**

FROM PAGE A1

Taste Fest continued to be a favorite.

"Everybody just raved about the Taste Fest, from the customers to the restaurants who were there," Brown said. "Every year it gets more popular."

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission held its first Battle of the Bands Sunday evening, raising \$435 for the youth organization.

"It was one of the events that got a lot of teens interested, and it went well for our organization," said Erika Baker, a PCYAC member from Plymouth. "It brought teens to Plymouth, raised money for a good cause and went well with the Fall Festival spirit."

The money raised will help pay for the new fountain installed in Kellogg Park.

"It was nice that the fountain was up and running during the

festival," Baker said. "It's motivating for people to raise money and then actually see it do something."

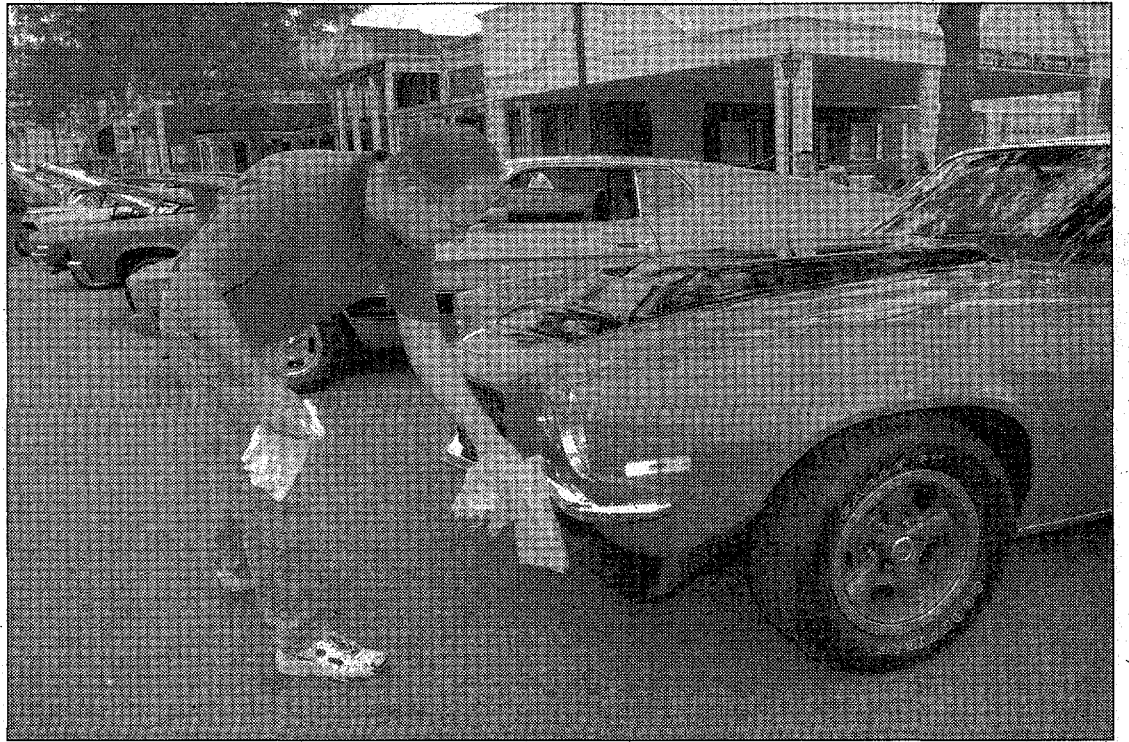
The Penn Theatre opened for the first time in almost two years during Fall Festival, showing the animated movie *Cars*.

"We did very well," said Brian West of the preservation group Friends of the Penn. "In fact, our distributor said out of 80 theaters showing *Cars*, the Penn was the top grossing theater."

West said the Penn showed the movie six times over three days to 1,005 patrons.

"The studio has asked us to show two movies this coming weekend," West said. "We will show *Cars* at the early shows, and *Lake House* at the later times."

"Considering (because of the Fall Festival) we had no parking, it was great to see the turnout we had," West said. "We were just hoping to sell some tickets and concessions to make sure everything worked. It was fun to have people come see the movies and have a good time."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth Fall Festival's classic car show drew many entrants, in spite of the threatening weather. Plymouth resident Dave Haradon dusts his 1972 Camaro. He's the original owner of the car, which has only 45,000 miles on the odometer.

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Salem swimmers Dina Salhani and Crystal Kassees volunteered to shuck corn for the Rotary Chicken Barbeque.



Brendan Schoonover and Brian Pierson, both 12, try their luck at carnival games during Plymouth Fall Festival. Marvin Foucher runs the game.

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# Land touts good customer service in re-election bid

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Depending on how the race between Jennifer Granholm and Dick DeVos ends in November, Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is definitely looking to the governor's seat four, or eight, years from now.

"Like I told the Grumpies, at the time of the end of my second term I'll be 50 and that's very young, I've decided, so I have a few more races in me," she said. "We'll find what we can do next. I really like public service. I've lived in Michigan all my life and don't intend to move. It's something I'm looking at."

Land left a meeting Tuesday with the Grumpies to meet with *Observer & Eccentric* editors. The Grumpies are an informal group of frequent writers of strongly opinionated letters to newspaper editors. It was her first experience with the group and she said she enjoyed their company.

The Republican incumbent was out promoting her bid for re-election and talking about changes she's initiated in voting, campaign finance and management of the department. She faces Democrat Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh in the Nov. 7 election.

"Customer service was my campaign promise and what we ran on," she said. "Not just on the branch office side of getting your licenses and getting your plates, but on the election side, to make it easier to vote. ... I believe in public service, I enjoy it and I've done it all my life."

Land points to implementation of the federal Help



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Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land met with *Observer & Eccentric* editors.

America Vote Act as a major accomplishment of her first term in office. Under Land, Michigan moved this year to a uniform optical scan voting system, replacing numerous systems adapted by counties or local communities. Also, new voting equipment was used in the August primary to allow the disabled to vote in private for the first time.

Land said her local experience as Kent County clerk was helpful in working with clerks across the state and reassuring them that the changes could be implemented.

"I couldn't have been as successful as I've been if I didn't have that relationship with local clerks. I've been there," she said.

The Michigan Legislature also consolidated elections and placed responsibility for school elections with local and county clerks for the first time.

## 'HUGE THING'

"That was a huge thing for

clerks. I told the Grumpies when you see a local clerk, give them a hug. They've had a heck of a couple of years," she said. "The federal government had never been involved in elections and all of a sudden the federal government has said, you have to have one sys-

tem throughout the state, it has to be connected, you have to have a disability component."

The Automark system used for disabled voters had never been used in an election before, Land said. She said her options were limited in choosing a system from among only three election equipment vendors.

"We went with Automark and worked with the disability community. We 'practiced' with an election in August and some of them did not work, there's no doubt about it, they did not work and the ones that didn't were pulled and new ones put in," she said.

But, she added, overall the system was successful and disabled voters were grateful.

## CONSOLIDATED OFFICES

Land also consolidated the Secretary of State offices during her first term, reducing the number of branch offices from 173 to 154 and creating Super and Plus centers. Many

transactions can also be done online.

"We did this without laying anyone off," she said.

She said staff reductions were all through attrition.

"Some people had to move. We worked with the UAW, our union, and they understood that," she said.

Operations in Lansing were also consolidated to one building from five separate sites.

Land said she supports voter IDs, but would like to have the driver's license used as the ID.

"Driver's licenses now have a swipe on the back and I proposed and am proposing and working with the Legislature, but not all can see the vision, that you use your driver's license as your voter card," she said.

She said voters could swipe their card and their registration information would come up automatically on a computer rather than having them go through the slow process of

having a poll worker check their books. She suggests that the program be voluntary because others would switch to the card once they see how efficiently it works. She said free voter cards would be given to non-drivers.

Land also supports early voting as it's been done in other states.

"What they've found in most states that have done this is that with a two-week window, they've found 50 percent of voters have already voted, reducing the cost on election day. You don't need as many people," she said.

Land has advocated a common ID card to enter Canada rather than a passport as suggested by the Homeland Security Department.

On campaign finance reform, Land supports "real time" disclosure. Under the system, donations would be posted as soon as the donation was deposited rather than having candidates file periodic campaign reports.

## Storytellers at library

The Detroit Story League presents its 24th annual Storytelling Festival Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15-16, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The festival features nationally known tellers Donald Davis and Linda Gorham, and includes adult and family performances plus workshops.

For more information, call Yvonne Healy at (810) 225-2204 or Barbara Schutzgruber at (734) 761-5118.

The tellers give a concert for adults and teens at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15. A family performance for children and adults takes place 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16. Davis and Gorham, along with local Detroit Story League members, will be teaching educational workshops on Saturday.

Davis, a North Carolina teller, is a former minister. His tall tales are known for stretching the truth until it groans.

Gorham, a Chicago resident, bases her material on contemporary life and African-American heritage.

Detroit Story League members have been spinning their tales since 1912. They are available to tell stories at schools and organizations. For more information, visit [www.DetroitStorytelling.com](http://www.DetroitStorytelling.com).

## Metroparks break ground for aquatic center

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks have begun construction of Turtle Cove Aquatic Center at Lower Huron Metropark in Van Buren Township.

Once completed, the \$9.4 million facility will feature two water slides, an activity pool, a lazy river and waterspray area. The shallow section of the pool will have a zero-depth entry and water play features, such as ground sprays for children; the deeper end will have a lap

swimming area. Slides, sprays and dumping bucket of water will be the focal point of the waterspray area. Turtle Cove will be able to accommodate up to 1,400 people.

The largest redevelopment project undertaken by the Metroparks, Turtle Cove will replace the swimming pool at Lower Huron, which opened in 1958. The existing pool will stay open for the 2007 summer season until the new facility is completed, projected for 2008.

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## OUR VIEWS

## State should leave Ridge light

Apparently, the Michigan Department of Transportation has never heard the old adage, "Possession is nine-tenths of the law."

How would one otherwise explain the decision to pull the full traffic signal out of the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge when the M-14 construction project is finished?

MDOT officials announced recently the signal, upgraded from a blinking light a few months ago when traffic along Ann Arbor Road increased exponentially with the clogging of M-14 during its reconstruction, would go back to the blinking light once said construction was finished.

That decision touched off a rash of phone calls between residents, township officials, one state senator and MDOT staffers. State Sen. Bruce Patterson has vowed hearings on the subject in the hallowed halls of the Capitol.

MDOT says the intersection doesn't meet traffic requirements, nor is it wide enough, to sustain permanently the full-fledged, red-yellow-green signal for which residents have been clamoring for years. They've been clamoring because they're tired of seeing all the accidents at that intersection brought on by the poor visibility in both directions and the lack of traffic control along a pretty long stretch of Ann Arbor Road.

That lack of control apparently provides drivers — in haste to make it to work or school or wherever — with a sense of freedom that has them pressing their gas pedals. In addition to actual accidents, the resultant speeding brings on a rash of near-misses the residents witness on a near-daily basis.

Here's the problem: Near-misses don't show up on statistics; therefore, MDOT won't count them when they do their traffic studies.

And apparently, MDOT is — at least so far — unswayed by the protestations of residents, township officials and legislators. Local police officials have pleaded their case, as well. So far, it's all fallen on deaf ears.

That's too bad because, as surely as red tape controls government, someone is going to die at that intersection. The way visibility is hampered by topography along that stretch of road, the intersection is a tragic accident waiting to happen.

We see no valid reason for taking out the traffic signal, even if the blinking light is put back up. How much more expensive can it be to operate? And is saving that money worth the potential of a deadly accident?

Residents in the area have asked for years: Does someone have to die before someone does something? We think it's a valid question.

## 9/11 anniversary a reminder to be ready

Our nation is observing the five-year anniversary this week of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent Americans in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

The memorial services and other events — as well as the recently thwarted terrorist plan to blow up planes flying to the United States from London — are reminders we need to be prepared.

Not coincidentally, September is National Preparedness Month. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is asking families, businesses and organizations this month to take the necessary steps to be ready in the event of another terrorist attack or other emergency.

Other emergencies include severe weather like tornadoes, power and water interruptions like those that occurred during the blackout of August 2003, and pandemic flu outbreaks.

The basic action plan includes four steps:

■ **Get a kit** — Get a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlight and first-aid kit. Don't forget prescription medications.

■ **Make a plan** — Plan in advance what you and your family will do in an emergency. Your plan should include an out-of-state friend who everyone in your family can call to say where they're at. During a disaster, it's often easier to make a long-distance phone call. The plan should also include meeting places in case of evacuation. Make sure to practice the plan.

■ **Be informed** — Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them, as well as emergency plans that have been established in your area.

For more information, such as a complete list of recommended supplies and suggestions for making a plan, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



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## LETTERS

## Bond needed?

Do the Plymouth-Canton Schools really need additional tax dollars? I see that they have rushed ahead with the new tennis courts at the park.

Also, how much did the board spend to survey the community? The superintendent said \$10,000, the *Detroit News* said \$18,000, and I read some place \$28,000.

How much did it cost to find out that "It is the economy, stupid?"

Don Chumbley  
Plymouth

## Still questions

I thought the article ("Ryan offers ideas for next bond," *Plymouth Observer*, Sept. 10) was quite informative. The reporter did a good job of presenting Ryan's ideas and comments.

I do think the reporter should be a little more inquisitive, however. If you research past school bond requests, I think you will find that Central Middle School received money for remodeling a couple years ago on a \$120 million or \$200 million bond request. Why then does it need more money, since it was supposed to get \$22 million for remodeling? That would be a good question to ask Mr. Ryan.

Secondly, your reporter should be asking how come the school board keeps needing money for building upkeep and repairs. Why isn't any money budgeted for this on an annual basis from existing school revenues? How much of the yearly budget is set aside for building expansion, remodeling and repairs?

Answers to those questions will give your readers a better understanding of the entire school funding issue.

Clyde Parrott  
Plymouth Township

## The wrong stats

I wish reporter Carol Marshall wouldn't make my job harder. Among other things, I teach statistics to students (grad and undergrad) in the political science department at Eastern Michigan University. Your pickup of the use of "household median income" ("Income has been stagnant in Canton, while poverty rising," Aug. 31) is a classic example of using an incorrect descriptive statistic to make a point (or an argument).

Please see [http://www.onlyrepublican.com/orinsf/2006/08/a\\_simple\\_way\\_to.html](http://www.onlyrepublican.com/orinsf/2006/08/a_simple_way_to.html) for a brief explanation of why median income is pretty much meaningless when used the way it is in your story.

I'm not blaming you, personally, since this mistake is pretty much media-wide. It is still a mistake. Generally, using descriptive stats when discussing (possible) policy matters is a mistake. The information contained in descriptive stats is inadequate to the task.

In addition, you might want to check out [http://cafehaye.typepad.com/hayek/2006/08/were\\_much\\_wealt.html](http://cafehaye.typepad.com/hayek/2006/08/were_much_wealt.html), which is a libertarian economics Web site for a discussion of why, despite flat or even lower median income, we're better off now.

Next, there are two reasons median incomes are flat or declining other than the current economic situation (which is quite good, by the way, by any rational standards, almost exactly on the average of the Clinton years): 1. A very large entry of new, young and/or immigrant employees;

and 2. Workers foregoing wage/salary increases in order to keep/gain health benefits in which costs have been rising in nearly double digits now for almost 20 years. If you take total compensation (wages/salaries, benefits, and other) you'll find the median has been rising steadily for the past 60 years, including the past five years.

Also, the revised figures show that "household median income" actually increased from 2000-2005, with both 2005 and first-half 2006 showing increases above inflation.

Finally, of course, median income is just that — earned income — and it doesn't include any government programs that don't disperse cash.

Anyway, I'm going into the classroom next week to explain to a new group of students, that, while mean, median, and mode are useful stats, they're only useful when used properly. Discussing policy is practically never one of those proper uses.

Dave Ivers  
Canton

## The time has come

I can't believe that we as Americans are so spineless we allow foreign companies to invade our soil. They are not using guns and bombs. This time they are using industrial terrorism. Our ancestors, our loved ones, heroes who died to keep us safe and prosperous would be so ashamed of us right now. We buy into so much propaganda, we believe everything we read about what car is better than the other on gas and price, etc. I could care less about your reason for buying a foreign car, it's just one more reason why we are losing our jobs, our pensions and our health care and I am not only talking about the auto companies.

Hello, do you not read the paper or watch the news? Do you not see jobs leaving our cities everyday? Can we say trickle-down effect? We are fighting for our very lives, people. Ford, GM, and Chrysler make front page news when they have recalls. Toyota's recalls are buried in the business section in very small print. Toyota has been caught lying and has been very deceitful about the way its cars are made.

I just know if we can't stand up to foreign powers and take care of our own, God help us if there is ever a full-scale war on our shores. I just hope we can fix our wounded economy before we have to answer to our kids and grandkids why we, as Americans, sold their futures to Mexico, Japan, China and any other foreign interest that shovels the most manure. I think it's time to take back our American heritage, to stand up for our fellow Americans, to help each other, to support our American companies, to save our children's futures. We need to stop giving away our rights one at a time because we might offend someone. If American heritage offends, you don't belong here. This is our country — at least it used to be. I don't want to speak Japanese, Chinese, French, Spanish, Hebrew or pig Latin. So what do you say, Americans — ready to take our country and our lives back?

Beverly Garr  
Canton

## DeVos is just like Bush

The election campaign for Michigan governor is well under way, and the Republican candidate is emerging quite

like a Bush clone. The silver spoon boy wonder claims he is an outsider to politics, just as George Bush. Closer examination reveals he and his family have been and continue to be the behind-the-scene movers and shakers of the Republican Party, just as George Bush.

Mr. DeVos is well-immersed in the Republican Party and is very much an insider. In fact, it could be said that there is no one within Mr. DeVos' social circle who is not a Republican Party member. He claims he wants to move Michigan in another direction, but tells little of the direction he would move the state, just as George Bush. One can only infer his direction would be to increase the burden on working Americans and increase his wealth and his patron Republicans.

Shortly after Gov. Granholm introduced the state budget, candidate DeVos attacked the plan put forward, stating that it was not good for Michigan. Yet, when asked what would be his plan, he replied, "I don't have anything specific." He has continued to attack the governor on education proposals, funding and spending, yet provides little information his plan. DeVos has yet to propose any governing issue of substance, very much Bush like on the campaign trail. He has stated that he will eliminate the Single Business Tax in Michigan and, along with his Republican peers in Michigan government, has not responsibly proposed a solution to the shortfall.

Mr. DeVos has also avoided any questions that would challenge his ability to lead. Much like the Bush campaign, every group he has stood before has been Republican hack supporters having no mind to question a Republican candidate, very un-American-like and very Bush-like. DeVos also appeals to his involvement of the Grand Rapids city turnaround to his credit. The only motive DeVos had to turnaround Grand Rapids is money and profit. Why did it take so many years to act and why did Grand Rapids plunge so deep to begin with? Was he not part of the fall as well? This great state of Michigan does not need a Bush to govern its highest office. This state needs a governor meeting the challenges to move the state forward and unburden its middle class, not enrich the few wealthy Republicans. And most of all this state needs a governor working together with all of its citizens, not hiding from them, not celebrating failure as all Republicans are doing today.

Frances Meese  
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"Plymouth is a good spot for stand-up comedy because there aren't any other venues around it ... People aren't willing to drive far to see comedy, given its availability on television and DVD ..."

- Connie Ettinger, comedian, on the idea for bringing comedy to downtown Plymouth's 336 Main



# K-16 ballot proposal another ploy to gut state's treasury

As you flip through the channels these days, you're likely to see ads featuring cherubic and hopeful faces in classrooms, with an announcer solemnly intoning phrases like, "We cannot compete in a global economy unless we dramatically improve education."

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? It's an attempt to sell you on the so-called "K-16" initiative that will appear on the November ballot. If passed, K-16 would require the state of Michigan to provide annual funding increases to match inflation to local public elementary, middle and high schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges and universities.

Early polls show solid support: 65 percent in favor, 25 percent opposed, 10 percent not sure.

But unfortunately, the amendment isn't really about teaching at all. Instead, it's mostly about requiring taxpayers to pick up the rapidly increasing costs of school employee pensions.

Called by its proper name, stripped of all the cynically misleading verbiage, K-16 really should be renamed "No school retiree left behind." And should this turkey pass, K-16 would have two extremely bad consequences for Michigan.

First, it would take the pressure off local school officials, school boards and local voters by shifting responsibility for tough financial decisions to the state government.

Second, most of the new dollars K-16 is supposed to produce for kids' education will be gobbled up by school employee pensions.

What we are really looking at is a shell game. Yet it is one with a powerful come-on. The spin revolves around the superficially attractive idea that schools, community colleges and universities should be guaranteed annual increases equivalent to at least the inflation rate. (Now about 3 percent.) The suggestion is that the money will go to more teachers, smaller classes and so forth. But that's not where most of it would go. The biggest allocation comes from clever language that caps local districts' contributions to pensions for retired teachers and school employees. Mind you, it doesn't cap the pensions — just what the local folks will have to pay.

Who pays for the uncapped increases in pension costs?

The state, meaning you, the taxpayer. Back in July, the Senate Fiscal Agency, the bean-counting arm of the state Senate, estimated a first-year total price tag of \$566 million if the K-16 measure were approved. Of this, \$372 million (nearly two-thirds of the total!) would go directly to school

retirement funds. Nobody I've talked to, including supporters of the K-16 proposal, disputes this analysis, by the way.

The reason school boards, superintendents and teacher unions are so hell-bent on shifting so much of their local liabilities to the state is because costs of retiree health care and pension benefits are eating them alive. In 1991, the cost of school retiree pensions and health care equaled about 11 percent of school payroll statewide. Today, the retiree cost is 17 percent and growing rapidly. According to projections by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Citizens Research Council of Michigan, for every dollar paid to working school employees in 2020, the taxpayers will have to fork over 32 cents for retiree health care and pensions.

It's not as though this problem should have surprised anyone paying attention. Back in 2004, then-state school Supt. Tom Watkins warned the state Board of Education that "Combining increased pension contributions and health benefit costs for working employees leaves little room for increased spending directed to teaching and learning, even if the economy improves."

Citizens Research Council also suggested — fruitlessly, it turns out — a bunch of reforms at the local level that would help blunt the problem. These included lowering pension benefits for all new employees, greatly tightening costly early retirement benefits, increasing employee contributions for pension and health care and greatly tightening rules for retiree health care.

But nothing happened and the way it now stands, a Michigan school employee can work as few as five years to qualify for full health benefits upon retirement! In fact, even some of the proponents of K-16 admit in private that they never expected the measure to wind up on the ballot. They figured they could put enough public pressure on the Legislature and governor to get them to cave in without resorting to an initiative. Remember, they turned out nearly 12,000 demonstrators on the Capitol grounds for the purpose last June. But neither Gov. Jennifer Granholm or the Legislature buckled.

So where does leave us? Only with the familiar, sickening feeling that once again, entrenched special interests are sneakily trying to snag public financing for a juicy perk, one that no private sector company can afford. And this time, they have the gall to pretend it's all for the kids. For shame!

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# District needs a fair policy when dealing with troubled athletes

Local football fans were treated to a dandy of a game Friday night between the cross-campus rivals Canton Chiefs and Plymouth Wildcats. With a fall chill in the air that provided the perfect conditions for a classic game, the upstart Wildcats of Plymouth defied the odds and led throughout the first half. But Canton showed the toughness and resiliency that got it to the state championship game last year, converting some big plays into points and ultimately winning, 35-24.

It was the kind of game that fans love to watch, coaches love to coach in and kids love to play in. It was the kind of night that makes high school football so special.

One of the kids that was supposed to play in the game was sitting at home, or maybe even in the stands, watching his former Wildcats teammates try to bring down the state powerhouse. Unfortunately for this young man, he was kicked off the team last month after he admitted to Canton Police that he and another young man had been involved in a bit of a crime spree in late July. It must have been a hard pill to swallow not being able to be part of such a game. Even more so considering

the other person he was with on that July night was suited up and playing a pivotal role for the Chiefs. It's not because Canton coaches or school administrators didn't know about the night the two went around a Canton subdivision and stole about \$60 in change from approximately 25 unlocked cars and a power inverter from an open garage. They were well aware that the two young men provided police with written statements admitting as much, after the police were tipped off by a witness — a fellow Canton High student who recognized the Canton football star's car.

The reason this was more serious than just a petty misdemeanor is the fact that the garage they took the power inverter from was attached, which is technically home invasion — a felony. And that's exactly what Canton Police wanted to charge these two with. They sent the warrant down to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, which decided not to go after the young men because the only known victim in the case (the woman who owned the garage) declined to press charges after meeting with school officials.

Principal Cassandra Smith, athletic director Suzanne Heinzman and coach Tim Baechler convinced the woman that the best way to handle the situation would be outside the legal system. Not only would the woman be reimbursed for her loss, the officials convinced her that the young football star would have to complete an alcohol abuse program and other character training.

If that's good enough for her, then I don't have a problem with this sort of leniency. I realize kids screw up. Let's face it, what these kids did was fairly petty in the big picture, and they probably shouldn't have to face jail time or have their futures ruined.

What makes this case so puzzling to me, however, is the way the two schools handled it. How could one player from Plymouth, who was only expected to play on special teams, get the boot, while Canton's star player received a mere slap on the wrist?

Plymouth-Canton Supt. Jim Ryan said the district's policy is to let each school handle its own disciplinary actions. The one thing that is quite clear is the two athletic directors (Heinzman at Canton and Terry Sawchuk

at Plymouth) have interpreted the student handbook quite differently. Heinzman said the crimes were committed during the summer, and therefore the school couldn't discipline the kid like they would if the incident occurred during the season. However, Sawchuk said that players are held accountable for their actions 365 days a year.

I tend to agree more with Sawchuk, because anyone connected to the football team knows it is a yearlong commitment. The season extends beyond the regular season, and that includes the summer, when the team comes together to lift weights and do conditioning.

I would venture to say that just about every football player on both teams (not to mention every player on the Salem team) knows about this incident and the way it was handled by the powers that be. And you can bet they can see the absolute hypocrisy in the situation. Looking in from the outside, it sure looks like the talented kid caught a break that wasn't afforded to a player that was easily replaced in the lineup.

Sawchuk said he and Plymouth Principal Michael Beemet and decided to kick the player off the team. If he wants to participate in other sports this year, he must complete a substance abuse program, maintain good grades and improve his conduct.

"The message was sent. I think it was the right decision," Sawchuk said. "There had to be consequences for these actions."

I'll admit, losing a whole season is a pretty harsh punishment. Perhaps even too harsh, considering no charges were actually leveled against the two young men. But not losing even a single game — or a quarter, for that matter — as was the case for the Canton player, is also difficult to understand. What lesson did he learn here? Is letting him skate on this really going to help him in the future?

When I played high school football, our team's star player, probably the best to ever play at my alma mater, was caught smoking pot in the school parking lot. It was swept under the rug, and the entire team knew about it. Each of us wondered, though, if it had been us, would we have received the same treatment. He went on to play for the University of Michigan. During his senior season, he blew his knee out. Without football, which had always been his meal ticket, he turned to crime and has been in and out of jail ever since. And there were no football coaches or enabling administrators to bail him out.

And then there is Maurice Claret, the former Ohio State star running back, whose life has spiraled out of control since football was taken away from him. It just seems all too often that star athletes are treated like kings — and their indiscretions swept under the rug — until they are no longer productive athletes.

The bottom line in this situation is the district needs to have a uniform and consistent policy with the way it handles such matters.

Heinzman told me that Canton High is in the business of educating kids, and would rather see the young man grow and become a mature adult than just boot him off the team. That is commendable.

But you just have to wonder what lesson the kids, including him, really learned in this situation.

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## Rotary International seeks team participants

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Through the program, teams of young professionals from two different countries exchange visits. For four weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs, and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information about their homeland.

The purpose of the program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their

professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

Young adults between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profession. Applicants must live or be employed in Macomb, Oakland, Livingston or Washtenaw Counties in Michigan or Kent County in Ontario. For an application, please contact Rotarian Judy Garver at (248) 977-9588 or e-mail: judygarver2000@yahoo.com.

Applications are due by Sept. 22.

## Area traffic crashes down significantly

Southeast Michigan experienced over 7,600 fewer traffic crashes in 2005 than in 2004, and nearly 14,000 fewer than in 2003, according to 2005 Southeast Michigan Traffic Crash Facts, a report released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The report contains important statistical information about all traffic crashes reported in Southeast Michigan in 2005, and also focuses on injury traffic crashes, fatal traffic crashes, alcohol-involved traffic crashes, vehicle-deer crashes, young driver traffic crashes, elderly driver traffic crashes, and truck/bus traffic crashes.

Sections at the end of the report contain data about safety-belt use and holiday traffic crashes. The main objective of this report is to provide useful data to aid local communities in their efforts to improve traffic safety.

In 2005, there were a total of 157,284 crashes (resulting in 43,680 injuries and 391 fatalities) in Southeast Michigan, down from 164,900 crashes in 2004 and 171,105 in 2003. The seven-county regional totals represent 45 percent of the total crashes in the State of Michigan. The state total was 350,838 for 2005, down from 2004's total of 373,028.

The crash rate - the number of traffic crashes per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) - decreased in the region. The overall crash rate in Southeast Michigan was 323 crashes per 100 million VMT in 2005, down from 346 crashes per 100 million VMT in 2004, despite the fact that vehicle miles traveled increased from 47.7 billion miles in 2004 to 48.7 billion miles in 2005.

The report analyzes all traffic crashes by county; severity; crash type; age and gender of driver; rate of crash involvement by age group; and by month, day, and hour. Highlights include:

The number of reported fatal crashes per 100 million VMT continued to dip below one in Southeast Michigan to 0.74 crashes per 100 million VMT, and decreased in the State of Michigan to 1.04 crashes per 100 million VMT for the 10th consecutive year.

Nearly 88 percent of belted drivers escaped injury altogether when involved in a crash; only 60 percent of non-belted drivers suffered no injuries at all. Drivers in the 16-24 and 25-34 age groups were least likely to use restraints; more than twice as many males as females were not wearing their safety belts at the time of a crash.

Crashes involving alcohol totaled 5,442 in 2005. In Southeast Michigan, 3.5 percent of all traffic crashes involved alcohol, but nearly 35 percent of fatal traffic crashes involved alcohol consumption.

There were 360 fatal traffic crashes in Southeast Michigan in 2005, killing 391 people. Continuing the trend from 2003, Southeast Michigan saw a decrease in the number of fatal traffic crashes in 2005. Fatal traffic crashes and traffic-crash fatalities also decreased in the state as a whole.

Crashes involving elderly drivers (those age 65 and older) in Southeast Michigan have decreased every year since 1996. In 2005, there were 17,957 crashes involving elderly drivers - 11.4 percent of all crashes involved an elderly driver. The hour with more elderly crashes than any other hour was between 3-4 p.m.; unlike all traffic crashes, those involving elderly drivers did not have a morning peak (see Figure 12 in report).

The complete report, 2005 Southeast Michigan Traffic Crash Facts, is available from SEMCOG Information Services, (313) 961-4266, or can be downloaded in PDF from SEMCOG's Web site - www.semco.org.

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**TAKE A CHANCE**  
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**TAKE ME GOLFING**  
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SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

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**A GOOD FRIEND**  
SWF, 50, N/S, looking for SWM, 50-55, who loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. ☎969547

**LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN**  
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

**POSSIBLE LTR**  
SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

**GREAT CATCH**  
Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎111193

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SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, race open, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

**I LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
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Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123905

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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SBM, 27, 6', 162lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

**DATING FOR A BIT**  
SBM, 44, 5'6", 162lbs, clean-cut, brown/brown, Taurus, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, likes bowling, concerts, movies, fishing, seeks WF, 39-59, feminine, well-dressed, happy, similar interests, companionship. ☎117697

**FRIENDLY BLACK MAN**  
SBM, 46, brown-skinned, Leo, N/S, N/D, respectful, honest, sociable, likes cooking, plays, movies, seeks woman, 20-60, friendship, hopefully more. ☎114530

**THE REAL DEAL**  
SWM, 41, 6'2", 165lbs, brown/blue, likes movies, long walks, romantic dinners, seeks WF, 18-41, for possible LTR. ☎119789

**SEARCHING...**  
SBM, 41, 5'10", 195lbs, medium build, marriage-minded, likes church, family time, seeks SWF, 28-45, for possible LTR. ☎120475

**HOPE YOU'RE MY LADY**  
SBM, 40s, N/S, loves plays, movies, travel, jazz, comedy clubs. Seeking sincere, loving, genuine woman, with open heart and mind, who enjoys a finer lifestyle. Age/race open. ☎124024

**HELLO OUT THERE**  
Loving, sincere man, 58, 5'4", 146lbs, likes camping, movies, dining, bowling, more. Looking for a sweet, easygoing, fun-loving woman, 22-39, with like interests to share friendship, maybe more. ☎116656

**WHAT'S UP LADIES.**  
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**JOIN ME?**  
Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. ☎982461

**WORTH A CALL**  
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

**THAT'S ALL**  
SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

**OLDER WOMAN DESIRED**  
SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

**SERIOUS**  
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5'8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

**CALL ME AND SEE**  
DWM, 45, 5'9", 140lbs, father, N/S, N/D, employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowling, family/friends, more. Looking for SWF with similar interests and qualities. ☎950678

**HELLO LADIES**  
SWM, 23, 5'10", 150lbs, brown/brown, looking for a fun, easygoing, sweet lady under 150lbs, to share talks, dates, friendship and then who knows? ☎117399

**SECURE**  
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

**HOLLA AT ME**  
SBM, 26, 5'9", average build, Virgo, smoker, outgoing, adventurous, seeks BF, 35-45, smoker, laid back, open-minded, for LTR. ☎114532

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SBM, 24, 6', chocolate skin, hazel eyes, 160lbs, HWP, likes good conversation, seeks cool, laid-back, down to earth, honest female, 24-30, for friendship, and more. ☎120224

**GET AT ME**  
SBM, 20, 5'8", 150lbs, dark complexion, athletic build, well-groomed, seeks woman; 18-26, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎120392

**SHARE GOOD TIMES**  
SBM, 32, 5'7", 165lbs, average build, brown/brown, seeks mature, respectful, independent BF 18+, for friendship, and more. ☎120737

**THE BASICS**  
SWM, 66, 5'9", slim build, youthful, 160lbs, seeks WF, 40-61, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎116789

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
SWM, 46, 160lbs, 5'11", brown/hazel, adventurous, down to earth, smoker, likes Harley's, movies, seeks WF, 40-47, for friendship, and more. ☎114545

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

**ECONOMICALLY VIABLE**  
SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WPF, 44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially secure, intelligent, possible LTR. ☎984220

**TURNER SEEKS FONDA**  
Brash, outspoken, attractive, educated, trim, salt and pepper businessman, 54, NW suburbs, seeks liberal lady, whose interests include art, architecture, classical, jazz, good conversation, 46-56. ☎970990

**LONELY & READY**  
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

**NICE GUY**  
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S, Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

**LET'S TALK**  
SBM, 58, 5'10", medium brown complexion, brown eyes, mustache, medium build, 190lbs, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, dining, cooking, travel. Seeking A loving lady for friendship and more. ☎952241

**POSITIVE PERSONALITY**  
Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks WH/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

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# Families walk to help find cure for life-threatening PKD

BY ARLENE FUNKE  
CORRESPONDENT

Many people know Molly Williams as the general manager of George Matick Chevrolet and leader in the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce.

Others have met her through her volunteer work with children's and school issues. She's friendly and enthusiastic.

But few know that in the body of this 33-year-old woman lurks a life-threatening disorder called polycystic kidney disease (PKD). Williams' mother and brother also have the disease, which causes kidney failure and other health problems.

Williams is the Detroit chapter coordinator for the PKD Foundation, which is sponsoring a fund-raising walk Saturday, Sept. 16, at Rotary Park in Livonia.

"I like to be involved and pro-active," said Williams, a 1991 graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham. "I'm doing this for my mom."

Williams lives in Northville



FILE PHOTO

Molly Williams, shown at George Matick Chevrolet in Redford where she works, is living with polycystic kidney disease. A fund-raising walk to help find a cure will be Saturday, Sept. 16, at Rotary Park in Livonia.

with her husband, Bob, and their daughters, Elizabeth, 3, and Alexandra, 1.

"People are going to be surprised," Williams said. "I don't talk about (the disease)."

Rotary Park is located on Six Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington roads. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the 2.5-mile walk begins at 10. The fee is \$15 for adults

and \$10 for children 12 and under.

PKD is characterized by fluid-filled cysts which grow in the kidneys, eventually overpowering healthy tissue and causing organ failure. PKD can

also cause cysts in the liver and other complications. Often, PKD affects several members in a family.

According to the PKD Foundation, 600,000 Americans suffer from PKD. There is no cure. Many people have no symptoms until the kidneys fail, at which time patients must undergo dialysis or go on a waiting list for a transplanted organ.

"There is a 50-50 chance my kids could be affected," said Williams, who was pregnant with her first child when diagnosed. "I believe they are going to find a cure. If I didn't, I wouldn't have had two children."

Molly's mother, Nancy Meyer, underwent a successful kidney transplant in her 50s. Later, her liver became affected. While exploring a possible liver transplant, Molly and her brother, Bill Meyer, were tested as donor candidates. That's

when the siblings were diagnosed with PKD. Another sister has not yet been tested to see if she, too, has the disease.

Currently, Nancy Meyer is doing well with her transplanted kidney and living in Northville. She did not have the liver transplant. Bill, who is in his 20s, lives in New York. Molly manages high blood pressure (a complication of PKD) with medication, and watches her diet.

"I try to live a healthy lifestyle," she said. "I feel very blessed."

Since being diagnosed, Williams has continued in her career and served as president of the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce. She is the current chamber treasurer.

She has taken part in South Redford School District fund-raising projects and served as a board member for Redford's Commission on Children's

Issues. As chapter coordinator of the PKD Foundation, she keeps meetings "upbeat and educational."

Coordinating the Sept. 16 Walk are Marie Newton of Livonia, and her daughter-in-law, Roxane Newton of Royal Oak. Organizers hope to raise \$30,000. For information, contact Roxane Newton at rnewton92@yahoo.com or call (248) 632-1328.

"We are trying to raise money to find a cure for this disease," Marie Newton said. "There are so many complications. Because it is a hereditary disease it keeps being passed down."

Marie Newton's husband, Richard, their son, Michael, and daughter, Christine, all have PKD. Richard is 68, Michael and Christine are in their 30s. Two other grown children do not have the disease. Roxane is married to Michael.

## Legal Notice Charter Township of Plymouth 2006 Summer Taxes

Summer Taxes are due July 1, 2006 and payable through September 14, 2006 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at the Township Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office. After hours payments can be placed in the 24 hr **WHITE DROP BOX** located along the circular drive. LaSalle Bank Offices, will also accept payment for your convenience through September 14, 2006.

RON EDWARDS  
Treasurer  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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## CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction September 19, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1991	FORD	EXPLORER	S/W	1FMDU34X8MUA29125
1995	MERCURY	VILLAGER	S/W	4M2DV11W3SDJ47592
1986	HONDA	ACCORD	4-DR	JHMDA7427GC011062
1992	FORD	AEROSTAR	S/W	1FMDA11U1NZN23472
1994	CHEVY	S-10	P/U	1GCDT19WXRK126440
1993	FORD	RANGER	P/U	1FTCR10AXPPB04921
1996	MERCURY	G. MARQUIS	4 DR	2MELM74W7TX648111

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 394-5260

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 28, 2006 for the following:

### FCGC PUBLIC RESTROOM REMODELING DESIGN PROJECT

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR A 10 YEAR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR KARMANN MANUFACTURING, LLC TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Karmann Manufacturing, LLC, for a 10 year Industrial Facilities Exemption for cost of building improvements and new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 15111 Keel Street, Metro West Industrial Park, Subdivision No. 2 Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR A 12 YEAR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR AUTOMOTIVE COMPONENTS HOLDINGS, LLC TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption for cost of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be purchased and installed within the existing facility located at 14425 Sheldon Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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 28, 2006 for the following:

### DEMOLITION OF 965 AND 903 LOTZ ROAD

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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### TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT

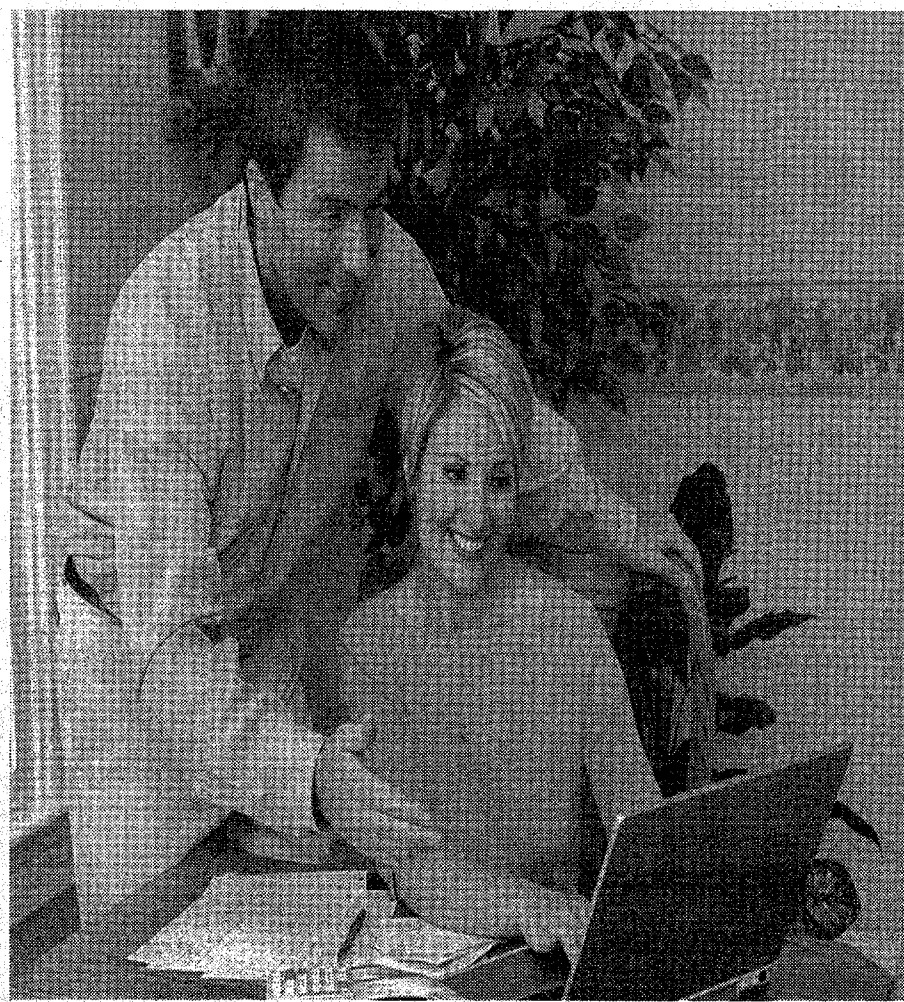
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# I-696 crash ties up traffic, no major injuries result

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

A torrential rainstorm may have caused a chain reaction accident on westbound I-696 Wednesday involving 30 to 40 vehicles but resulting in no serious injuries.

The accident started around 3 p.m. between Drake and Halsted in Farmington Hills as rain began to pour in the area. Cars began to skid into each other.

Kristina Baumgarten of Walled Lake walked off the freeway as her car was one of

several being towed away.

"I stopped to avoid the accident, I saw a car swerve out and then crash, crash, crash. My car was turned around and crashed into a ditch," she said. "When I got out I had to climb through the passenger seat."

Tom Ufer said that he was in the shoulder as a Ford F150 struck him and a woman told him that he went airborne in his Audi.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said it was fortunate that there were no serious injuries.

"One lady who is six months pregnant was taken to Botsford Hospital with very minor injuries," he said.

Dwyer said the Farmington Hills Police Department worked closely with the Michigan State Police to move vehicles off to the shoulder and open up two lanes of the three-lane freeway.

"The scene looked like a war zone, we were fortunate we



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A woman truck driver took evasive action and turned her truck onto the shoulder of I-696 to avoid plowing into other cars.

didn't have fatalities," he said.

The quick thinking of a woman truck driver prevented a more serious situation. The driver crashed her semi on to the shoulder.

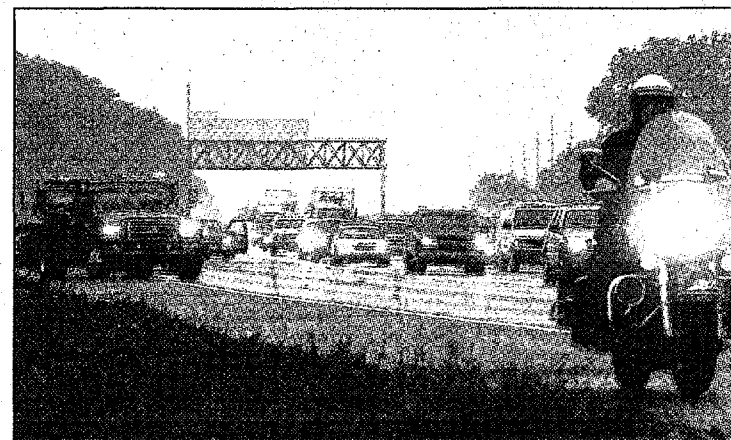
"A lot of credit has to be given to that semi driver for taking evasive driving action to avoid plowing into other vehicles," Dwyer said.

Dwyer said the accident backed up traffic for seven miles. Traffic was moving again within an hour and a half.

The accident attracted the attention of people along the route.



Tom Ufer of Ann Arbor looks over his Audi after he was hooked up to a tow on I-696 Wednesday afternoon.



Traffic began to move on I-696 around 4:15 p.m. after quick work by Farmington Hills and Michigan State Police

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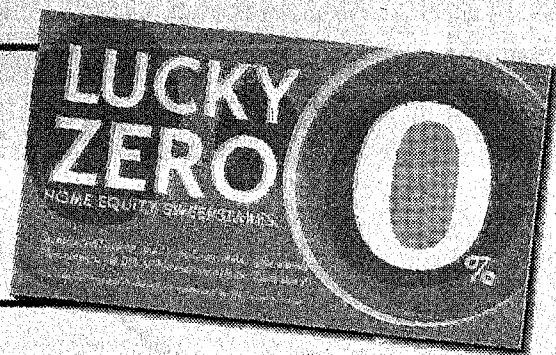
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## College Night is Oct. 4

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 and open to the community.

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.

City Year Detroit and four branches of the military also will be on hand.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

## Company offers free business seminar

Every other month, hundreds of business and sales professionals from across metro Detroit gather at a local theater to exchange ideas, network, and learn new methods for outselling the competition, increasing productivity, and staying motivated.

Although these individuals come from a variety of business sectors - real estate, mortgage, construction, automotive and others - they all have one thing in common: Each is a member of The Yes! Network.

Entrepreneur Michael Jeffreys developed a vision for The Yes! Network in 1988 with the idea of providing a place for positive-minded people to learn, grow and change with the times. The objective, he explained, was to help members maintain a sharp, competitive edge in the business world.

"A person who is committed to success in business knows that continuous learning is essential," said Jeffreys. "Whether you're getting new ideas, reminding yourself of something you've forgotten, hearing a different perspective on an old idea, or just coming for a healthy dose of motivation now and then, it's absolutely essential to keep your mind sharp."

Jeffreys seems to take his own advice, and recently celebrated the organization's 18th anniversary. In recognition of the event, The Yes! Network is offering complimentary tickets to its Sept. 19 evening event, a seminar designed especially for individuals in management or leadership positions.

Renowned speaker Don Hutson, who consults with companies such as 3M,

Motorola, Sony, and Target, will deliver two-and-a-half hours of information on effective leadership skills and techniques that can be applied to managing a large company, a small business or a busy family.

"Over the years, it's really been the managers who have fueled our business by inviting us in to discuss the benefits of a Yes! membership," said Jeffreys, who still maintains an active role as the company's president. "This is our opportunity to give something back to the Detroit business community."

Here's how the Yes! Network works: Every other month, Jeffreys brings a nationally recognized business trainer in to share his or her best ideas with Yes! members. Attendees are provided with a note guide to help remember all the information they hear, and, since most successful speakers inject a good deal of storytelling and humor into their presentation, most participants find themselves laughing and having a good time while they learn, he said.

Members are also invited to take part in a one-hour networking session before each event, professionally facilitated by Local Business Network, in which they have the opportunity to form valuable new contacts and alliances, both personal and professional.

All seminars are held at the United Artist/ Regal Commerce Stadium 14 in Walled Lake. Call all (248) 383-2000, Ext. 204, to reserve your complimentary seats.

For more information on The Yes! Network, visit [www.yesmidwest.com](http://www.yesmidwest.com).



If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## SEPTEMBER

**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.

**Ladies Bible studies**  
Began 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.

**5K Run**  
Sponsored by Kirby Church 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Willow Metro Park, Big Bend area (H) of Willow Road or I-275. It's a great course for a personal record. After the race will be food, awards, live music, games, and a raffle. For more information, call Tommy at (734) 231-0397 or (313) 292-5922.

**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. Saturday, Sept. 16, at New Beginnings 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 Cosetiere or by calling (248) 982-7489. Victorian Dress is optional.

**Pancake breakfast**  
9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 17, the community is invited to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Donation is \$3.50 adults, \$2 children, \$10 per family. Call (734) 421-1760. "Our goal is to have a space where the entire community can come and break bread together," says Unity pastor Dennis Skiles.

**Sunday worship**  
10:30 a.m. Sundays, lessons from I Peter, teen/adult Bible study at 9 a.m. focuses on the complete text of Matthew, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. For information, call (313) 255-6330.

**Sunday schedule**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages pre-school to adult, family friendly worship at 10:30 a.m., nursery care available for both session for infant to two-year-olds, children's choir, Jammin for Jesus follows the children's story in service (for third to sixth grade students), Celebration Station is for age 3 to second grade, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Bring the family. All are welcome.

**Rummage sale**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 18-19, at St. Mel's Church activity build-

ing, 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 7:15 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**  
Join us as we study the Word of God. 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 Shiawassee (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-year olds, 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. Weight-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.

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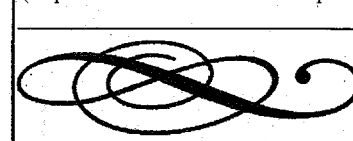
a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

**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.



## AMY KATHLEEN HUBERTY HAWES

Amy Kathleen Huberty Hawes, age 33, July 7, 2006. Amy was returning home from her work as a substance abuse counselor for "Kids helping Kids" families in Cincinnati, Ohio, and died instantly in car crash. Amy was the beloved wife of Wade Hawes, and cherished only daughter of Kay and Al Huberty of Bloomfield Hills. She also leaves behind loving aunts, uncles, cousins, father in law Bob Hawes of Gobles, Michigan, siblings-in-law, and countless friends and others who loved her dearly, and whose lives were changed by her forever. Her grandmother, Nina "Granny" Price, preceded Amy in death by only days. Amy was a graduate of Lahser High School, and Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor of science and dual masters degrees in sociology/psychology. She held national certification in substance abuse recovery counseling, and was passionate in her efforts to help kids at risk, and her love for them. Amy adopted many homeless pets, and was a tireless volunteer for the needs of both kids and animals. She was a registered organ donor, and continues to help people through those donations. Amy will be profoundly missed by all whom she touched, and her joyous and contagious laugh and spirit will live in their hearts and memories forever. In the short time she was given, she made a profound difference for the good in this world, and truly celebrated life. A celebration of her life and that of her beloved "Granny", Nina Price, will be held Saturday, September 16, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Michigan, 1669 West Maple Road. Donations may be made to Skyline Camp and Conference Center, 5650 Sandhill Road, Almont, Michigan, 48003. As Amy did, Skyline changes the lives of children for the good, and was a special part of her life and her career path.



## CHARLES E. ERVIN, JR.

Sept. 5, 1916 - Sept. 8, 2006  
"Chuck" Ervin lived in Birmingham with his wife, Harriet, while they raised their family and he worked for the Detroit Diesel Division of GM. After 37 years with GM, they retired to Arizona, where they enjoyed 26 years of fun and friendships. Chuck was preceded in death by his loving wife, Harriet, 1/5/06. He is survived by their son, Chad (Sally) Ervin; daughter, Heidi (Rob) Stevenson, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Chuck will be remembered by his family as a good, gentle, dependable and loving man. Memorial Service will be Saturday, 9/16/06, at 10AM at BRADSHAW CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTER, 2800 Curve Crest Boulevard, Stillwater, Minnesota. Private interment at a later date. Memorials preferred to Ironton Congregational Church, 03582 Washington Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

## JAMES R. BYRD

Age 70, September 9, 2006. Beloved husband of Charlotte. Dear father of Jim (Paula) and Karen (Tony) Carver. Also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dearest brother of Bruce, Roy, Earl, Carl, Ron, Edna Billings and Grace Pennell. Also survived by five step-children, 11 step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren. Visitation was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City on Wednesday. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 12:00 Noon at the Miller Funeral Home in North Wilkesboro, NC.



## LENORE M. HUDSON

Age 94 of Plymouth, passed away in her sleep on September 5, 2006. She and her late husband Joseph (who passed away in 1994) were long-time Plymouth residents. Lenore continued to live actively in her home until her death. Dear mother of Richard (Pamela); Joyce (Ron) Finney; and John (Sally). Also leaves nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Visitation and services were held Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To leave a message of condolence, www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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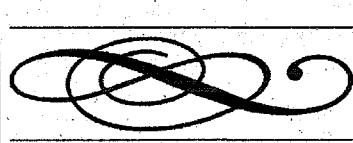


## JOSIAH EZRA MITCHELL

In loving memory of Josiah Ezra Mitchell. Born too early on October 20, 1999. God sent you to us, a special gift, to love and care for in his all gracious timing. You have given us so much love and joy and have taught us so many things; love, patience, acceptance, courage, strength, and pure joy. You have changed our lives for the very best and have touched the hearts and lives of everyone you met. Your smile was like the sun, bright, beautiful, and magnificent. You will be with us for all eternity. We love you and we thank God for the almost 7 years that he graciously gave you to us. We miss you dearly and are sad that you are no longer here with us in body, but when the sun shines bright we will know you are smiling down from heaven above. May you rest peacefully in God's loving arms until we see you again in eternity. Josiah is survived by his parents Donald and Kathy Mitchell of Canton, MI. His brothers and sisters: Joshua Mitchell of Leavenworth, Ks, Jaimi Mitchell, LoRena J. Mitchell, and Jordan Mitchell all of Canton, MI. His paternal grandmother Sharon Mitchell of Leavenworth, Ks and her late husband Donald A. Mitchell. His maternal grandparents: Robert and Virginia Puvell of Barre, Vt. His aunts and uncles: David and TNita Faataola of Ca, Maria Jackson of San Diego, Ca, Robert and Kerri Lamb of Barre, Vt. Amanda Mitchell of San Diego, Ca, Rebecca Mitchell of Lawrence, Ks, Y'Sondra Mitchell of Topeka, Ks, George and Laura Puvell of Thurmont, Md, Robbin Puvell of Calgary, Canada. Also survived by several great aunts, uncles, and cousins, close family, friends and devoted caretakers. Funeral service Friday 11:00am at First Baptist Church 45000 North Territorial Rd, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. And at church Friday 10:30am until time of service. Memorials to the Ronald McDonald House or to Make a Wish Foundation.

## LUCILLE PATRICK

Age 97, of Hume Township, died Saturday, September 9, 2006 at Sunny Acres Nursing Center in Bad Axe. She was born August 16, 1909 in Fowlerville, daughter of the late Fred and Luella (Isham) Disbrow. Lucille married Clarence Henry Patrick on October 4, 1930. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1978. Lucille was a charter member of the Alpha Baptist Church in Livonia, where she lived for 60 years until moving to Port Austin in 1993. She is survived by her daughter, Beverly (Glenn) Rice of Hume Township; 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren; and her sister, Gertrude Soules of Williamston. She was preceded in death by two daughters, one son, two grandchildren, four sisters, and one brother. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 7pm at the Knoblock Funeral Home, 5720 N. Van Dyke, Kinde, MI 48445. 989-874-4022. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 12pm until the time of service at 7PM at the funeral home. Burial will follow in North Stockbridge Cemetery in Stockbridge, MI.



## MICHAEL KOSKO

Age 77, September 7, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Patricia. Loving father of Jeffrey M. Kosko, Kathleen E. Gemuend-Kosko, and the late Bradley L. Kosko. Cherished grandfather of Jessica and Ashley. Michael was employed by Ford Motor Company for 38 years as a systems methods analyst, retiring in 1992. Donations to the family will be put towards the DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Liver Cancer Research Fund. Private funeral services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

## NINA RUTH HUDSON PRICE

Nina Ruth Price, of Bingham Farms, Michigan, formerly of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Harrison, Arkansas, passed into rest June 26, 2006, in the arms of her loving family, after a courageous three-month battle with cancer. She was 88 years old. Nina was born May 2, 1918, in Harrison, Arkansas, to James Arthur and Cassie Hudson. She was named Miss Arkansas in 1932, and when the Miss America pageant was cancelled due to the Great Depression, she went on to be second runner-up in the Miss Rural America pageant. She married Galen B Price, Jr. in 1941. During World War II she worked in Washington D.C. as personal stenographer to the head of the Department of Scientific Research. She was an accomplished pianist, organist, flutist and soprano, and served as organist and accompanist for churches in Arkansas and Michigan. She also was a talented and sensitive artist, whose exquisite china painting remains for loved ones to enjoy and cherish. Her love for animals, music, art and nature is a gift carried on by her children. Her husband Galen, sister Faye Hawkins, sister-in-law Helen Price, and brother-in-law Jim Hawkins predeceased her. She is survived by her three children: Beth Price, of West Hartford, CT; Kay Price Huberty, of Bloomfield Hills, MI; and Richard Price, of New Fairfield, CT; by her son-in-law, Alan Huberty, and her daughter-in-law Meg Bowles Price, and grandson-in-law Wade Hawes; by her nephew, Dan Hawkins, and by her granddaughter, Hannah Price. Her granddaughter Amy Huberty Hawes, who passed away July 7, 2006, briefly survived her. Nina enjoyed being known as "Granny", and all who had the privilege of being touched by her life will remember her loving wisdom forever. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery, Harrison, Arkansas, on June 29. There will be a celebration of Nina's life, and of the life of Amy Huberty Hawes, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, MI, 1669 West Maple Road, on Saturday, September 16, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Skyline Camp and Conference Center, 1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham, MI, 48009; Protectors of Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 24, South Glastonbury, CT, 06073; or the Danbury Music Centre, Nina Price Tribute Fund, 256 Main St., Danbury, CT, 06810.

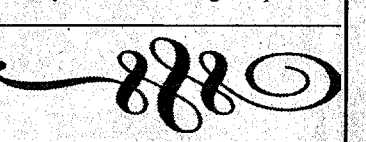
## SUSAN MARY MOHRHARDT

(Simmons) of Lowell, formerly of Grand Ledge and Plymouth, Michigan, aged 70, died September 9, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mary Simmons. She is survived by her husband, David; children, Susan (Tim) Erhardt, Chris (Julie) Mohrhardt, Shanna (Richard) Calderon-Barrera; grandchildren, Rhiannon and Corinna Erhardt, Jacob, Cade and Caleb Mohrhardt, Hailey and Melody Calderon; brother, Tom (Susan) Simmons; many nieces and nephews. A private graveside memorial service will be held at Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall, Michigan. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kent County Animal Shelter, 3077 Wilson Dr NW, Walker, MI 49544.



## VIRGINIA O. CHRISTENSEN (SIMON)

Of Lansing, formerly of Garden City, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2006, surrounded by her family. She was born on December 7, 1916, in Detroit, the daughter of Walter and Zora Martens. In 1918, when Virginia was 21 months old, she won first prize in the Michigan State Fair Better Babies Contest. The judges must have known what they were doing as our beloved mom would have turned 90 years old this December. She attended the Detroit Public Schools, and after graduation, worked as a secretary for the Cadillac Motor Car Division. She later worked in the family greenhouse business - Simon's Rose Nursery - which she and her husband, William Simon, operated on Ford Road in Garden City from 1947 to 1961. After the business was sold, she worked as a secretary for the Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1973. Virginia was known for her sweet disposition and her kind and generous nature. She loved animals, particularly cats, had a keen appreciation for the beauty of nature, and loved music, especially of the 30's and 40's - and, she could do the Charleston with the best of them! Virginia was preceded in death by her dear husband, Julius "Chris" Christensen in 2002 and by her sisters, Dorothy Martens and Donna Hilton. She leaves to mourn her loss: a son, Gary Simon (Eileen) of Canton; a daughter, Lynne Breen (Earl) of Lansing; three grandchildren, Kirk, David, and Kristen; and two great grandchildren, Amanda and Gavin. Graveside services were held at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to any organization that helps animals. Arrangements by the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel.



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# Perfect fit

## Teen models grandmother's wedding dress at 50th anniversary party

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Maxine and Bruce Smiley could not have been more delighted when at their 50th anniversary party, their granddaughter modeled Maxine's wedding dress.

"It fit her like it was made for her," Maxine Smiley said of Michelle Smiley, 15, of Canton. "It was a highlight of the party."

"It was amazing," said Bruce Smiley. "I think everybody was just joyous."

It brought back fond memories, too.

"I had six bridal showers. They did those things then," reminisced Maxine Smiley.

She still has a newspaper clipping of one of the showers. It details how she received an unusual bridal gift - a life-sized mannequin bride wearing a wedding dress made of white crepe paper and lace doilies. It came with a bucket of useful cleaning items such as a floor mop and scrub brush and a poem.

"A bride would be insulted today," she said. But then, it was much appreciated. "The scrub bucket was and is the only one I have ever used."



Bruce and Maxine Smiley of Beverly Hills are pictured at their 50th wedding anniversary party.

The party was held at The Community House in Birmingham on July 23. It was hosted by their children Robert (Laurie) Smiley of Canton, Mary Kay (Dan) Mohan of Madison Heights and Thomas (Elizabeth) Smiley of Valrico, Fla. Some 100 guests included their eight grandchildren, seven of their nine wedding party participants, and relatives and friends from "near and far."

Michelle found out earlier this year that her grandmother still had her wedding dress, which was in pristine condition. She said she was not really surprised her grandmother had kept it because "she keeps a lot of things."

"I liked all the lace on it, and there are buttons on the back, all the way up."

When she tried it on, "we

were both really excited that it fit." Michelle decided to model it at the party, along with her grandmother's bridal going-away outfit, a two-piece black-and-copper plaid suit with "bracelet" sleeves, which end above the wrist. Both were bought at Arthur's in Pontiac, a leading fashion retailer at the time, said Smiley.

They all helped prepare the clothes for the occasion.

At the party, many guests asked Michelle if she might wear the dress at her own wedding some day. But she said "I'm not really planning my wedding right now."

The Smileys were married on Sept. 8, 1956 at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. It was Bruce Smiley's family church; she joined that year. They are still active members.

On their actual anniversary on Friday, they celebrated in their traditional way, by dining alone together. This year they went to Mitchell's Fish Market - Birmingham.

Maxine Miller of Pontiac

and Bruce Smiley of Birmingham, a graduate of General Motors Institute, now Kettering University, started dating while both worked at GMC Truck and Coach in Pontiac.

"I married at 24. I was the last one of my group from high school to get married," she said.

Maxine Smiley worked until she had her first child, Robert, in 1959. Bruce Smiley went into advertising at Campbell-Ewald, from where he retired.

Their first house, a \$13,000 brick ranch, was in Drayton Plains, now Waterford. They moved back to the Birmingham area for the school system, and are 41-year residents of Beverly Hills.

Both enjoyed raising their family and relish being a grandparent.

Maxine Smiley's traditions include hosting her grandchildren at her house every year to make Christmas cookies to take home. And, whenever they stay overnight, she serves them a Sanders hot fudge sundae before bed.

Bruce Smiley says his nickname "Geezer," given to him by Michelle, is "an accepted term



Michelle Smiley, 15, models her delighted grandmother Maxine Smiley's wedding dress.

of endearment." "Just my granddaughters use it," he said.

Bruce Smiley added of his grandchildren, "We have a lot of fun together."

"We are very blessed," said Maxine Smiley. The couple enjoy time at



Bruce and Maxine Smiley are pictured on their wedding day, Sept. 8, 1956, at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

their cottage up north. They also are both very involved with The Community House. Bruce Smiley is a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham there; she is a board member and former president of The Community House Senior Women's Club.

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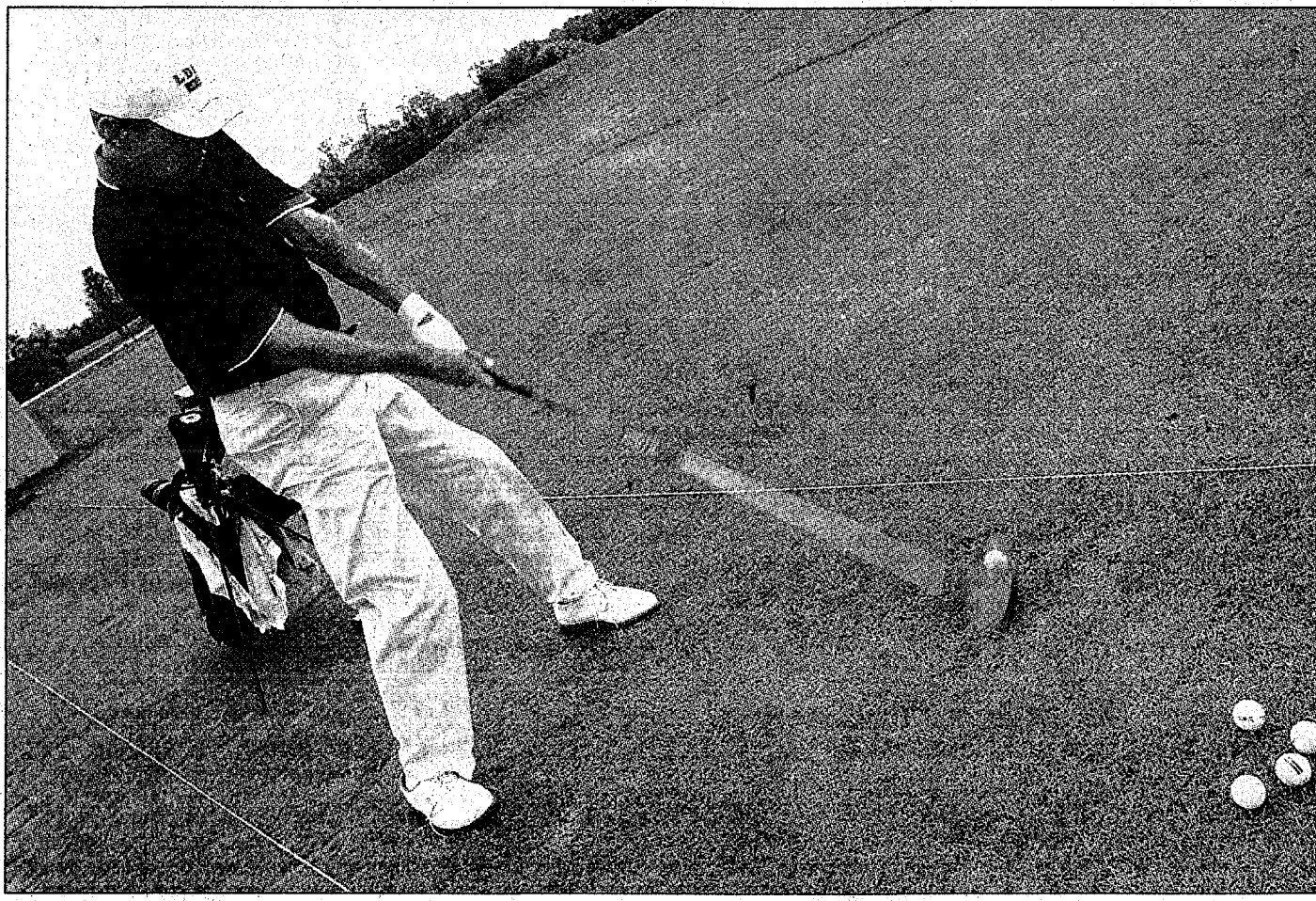
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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth resident Larry Nagy displays his long-driving technique Monday afternoon during a practice session at Fox Hills Golf Course. Nagy will be competing in the 2006 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship finals next month in Mesquite, Nev.

## PLEN-TEE OF DISTANCE

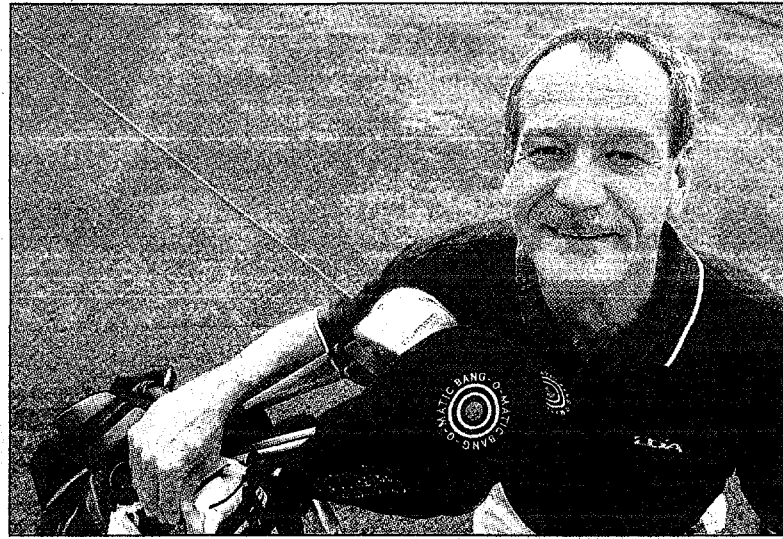
Plymouth golfer  
qualifies for world  
long-driving finals

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

From the second he stepped onto the Fox Hills Golf Course driving range Monday afternoon and pulled the 50-inch Bang-O-Matic driver from his golf bag, Larry Nagy defied all the stereotypes that usually follow long-driving competitors like a shadow.

For one, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound Nagy is not John

PLEASE SEE **LONG DRIVER, B2**



Plymouth's Larry Nagy will be shooting for the \$14,000 first-place prize at the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship Oct. 24-28.

## New rules could pack stadiums

Churchill blanks Salem gridders, Page B3.

What's up with all the empty seats? I've asked myself that question more than once while attending high school football games over the past two years.



**Grid  
Picks**

Ed  
Wright

In an effort to get more people to the games, I've come up with the following ideas that may amp up interest:

**Rule Change No. 1:** The pre-game coin toss will be eliminated and replaced by the following procedure: Fans will be given different numbered, colored tickets — blue for home, red for visitors — when they enter the stadium. Five minutes before kickoff, a football will be placed at mid-field.

The public address announcer will then call off a red number and blue number. The fan on each side of the field whose number is called will leap out of their seat and race to the middle of the field in an attempt to secure the football before the other team's fan. The fan who gets the ball earns his or her team the right to receive the first-half kickoff.

**No. 2:** We'll call this one the George Plimpton Rule. Instead of a 50-50 drawing, fans can purchase tickets that will enable them to be their team's quarterback for one series of downs. Early in the fourth quarter, the winning numbers are announced — one for each team. The winners are taken

PLEASE SEE **GRID, B3**

## Sidelines

### Steelers win 1-of-3

On Sunday, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshmen football team opened the 2006 campaign with a 27-13 victory over the Rochester Redskins, who are the defending league champions.

The winners' offense was paced by A.J. Convertino and Mathew McKay, who combined to score four touchdowns. The offensive line was led by Justin Sydlowski.

Phillip Avarmoski played a key role in the Steelers' strong defensive effort.

The Steelers' junior varsity contingent dropped a 19-0 decision to the Redskins. Running back Evan Pardo played well for the offense while Angelo Lanava and Wade Lowell shined for the defense. The highlight was an 82-yard interception return by Josh Dennard.

The varsity suffered a 24-7 setback to the 'Skins. Ben Merbler and Tony Rhodes both played well offensively while Brennan Beyer and Enrique Pardo (60-yard interception return) turned in stellar defensive efforts.

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### Preschool sports

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The programs run the week of Sept. 18 through Oct. 27.

The cost is \$57 for program members and \$74 for community members. For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

## Local flavor

Three P-CEP swim teams finish  
in top five at WLAA Relays meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Greg Phill downplayed it, but the Livonia Stevenson girls swim coach wasn't about to give back the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays title.

After a one-year hiatus, Stevenson reclaimed the season-opening all-relay event championship Saturday by scoring a team-high 251 points.

With renovations going on at the Salem High pool, the WLAA Relays were moved to the Livonia Community Recreation Center for the first time in the meet's history.

Northville, the defending champion, was runner-up with

204. Salem (182), Plymouth (177) and Canton (164) were the next three teams in the 12-school field.

"You do the best you can putting the relay teams together, do the best you can, and have fun," said Phill, whose team has now won 16 of the last 17 Relays crowns. "It's kind of a novelty event, but our girls always compete well in a WLAA meet."

"We did not load up any relays. I thought what I thought I'd see. Obviously you're not trying to lose, but you always want to win if you can."

In 2005, Stevenson relinquished its Relays title for the first time in 15 years to Northville, led by Ava Ohlgren, a

Division I state champion in the 200-yard individual medley and 500 freestyle.

The third-place Rocks were led by their second-place 400-yard freestyle relay contingent of Whitney Aumiller, Kathryn Gorman, Allison Burke and Alie Stencel, which was clocked in 3:53.02.

The Wildcats turned in their highest finish ever in a WLAA Relays meet thanks in large part to second-place showing from their 200 breaststroke unit (Ellen Palczynski, Sarah Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos and Sijia Hao) and their 200 freestyle relay team of Liakos, Emily Clanton, Michelle Chang and Sarah Palczynski.

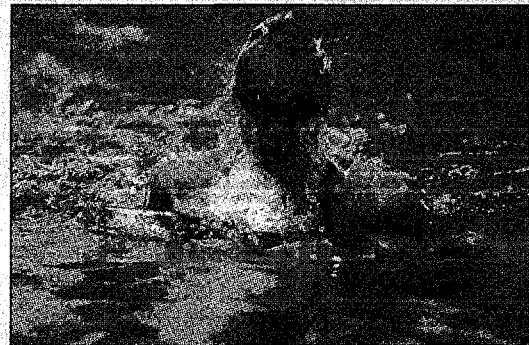
"Many girls swam near or set their best times to accomplish what we did Saturday," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade.

PLEASE SEE **SWIM, B5**



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Caitlin Heaney swims the first leg of the 200 yard breaststroke relay during Saturday's WLAA Conference Relays at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. The Rocks finished seventh in the event and third overall.



Canton's Maggie Carlson swims the second leg of the 400-yard medley relay during Saturday's WLAA conference relays at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. The Chiefs finished fourth in the event and fifth overall.

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# Canton kickers shut out Patriots

## LONG DRIVER

FROM PAGE B1

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The only thing dropping faster than gas prices these days is the Canton boys soccer team's goals-against average.

The Chiefs' GAA stands at 0.3 following Monday night's dominant 4-0 victory over Livonia Franklin in a match played at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park soccer field. Coach George Tomasso's squad has yielded just three goals in nine games heading into Wednesday's key Western Activities Association showdown at unbeaten Northville. Results of Wednesday's game will be in Sunday's Observer.

Canton, which was ranked No. 7 in the latest Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association poll, improved to 7-1-1 overall and 4-0 in the WLAAs Western Division. The Patriots slipped to 3-5 and 1-3, respectively. What's been the key to coach George Tomasso's team's defensive success?

"We're playing overall team defense — everybody's playing together back there," said Tomasso. "They're all giving that extra effort to make sure they're in the right position and they're doing whatever they can to keep the ball out of the goal."

Junior goal-keeper Matt

Revers notched the shutout on Monday, recording five saves.

Offensively, the winners were paced by forwards Kyle Gring, a senior, and Eric Piwowar, a junior, who both netted two goals and an assist. Matt Epelman was also credited with an assist.

**CANTON 1, SALINE 0:** On Saturday, the Chiefs won thanks to a strong defensive effort led by goal-keeper Parker Laabs, who stopped six shots, and a penalty-kick goal off the foot of Eric Piwowar late in the first half.

"Canton and Saline have developed quite a rivalry over the last 10 years," Tomasso said. "Saline always plays at a high level when it plays Canton. But our boys stepped up and met the challenge. I think they still had a sour feeling after Saline knocked us out of the Districts last year."

Tomasso credited the victory to an "overall great team defensive effort."

### SALEM 2-1 AT EAST LANSING

On Saturday at the East Lansing Invitational Soccer Tournament, the Rocks won 2-of-3 matches thanks to air-tight defense and timely scoring by Brooks Belhart. Salem is now 8-3-1 overall and ranked 10th in the latest Michigan High School Coaches Association poll.

The Rocks' next big test will come Monday when they travel to Livonia Stevenson to battle the Spartans for supremacy in the WLAAs Lakes Division. The opening kick is set for 7 p.m.

In the opener of the three-game tourney played at the East Lansing Soccer Complex, Salem ousted Midland Dow, 2-0. Belhart and Scott Dreaver scored the goals. Tom Bennett assisted on Belhart's goal while Belhart recorded the helper on Dreaver's net-finder.

Belhart, a senior, now has 14 goals this season. The single-season record is 38, according to Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

Matt Smokovitz was flawless between the pipes for Salem, knocking away five Dow shots.

The host Trojans, who are the top-rated team in Division 2, nipped the Rocks, 1-0, in the second game of the tournament. Salem keeper Brian Field stopped 6-of-7 shots in the loss to the Trojans.

Salem humbled Ann Arbor Huron in its final game on Saturday, 3-0. Belhart tallied two goals and Kyle Freeman added one. Sophomore Josh Pascarella, who was called up from the junior varsity for the day, and Bobby Towne each had an assist.

East Lansing won the invite with a 3-0 record.

"I thought we defended well all day, in particular in the East Lansing game," said McCarthy. "We didn't do as well on the attack end as we were unable to generate many goal-scoring opportunities that would have helped us capitalize on the defensive effort."

McCarthy praised the play of defender Jon Gibson.

**SALEM 7, JOHN GLENN 1:** Senior Brooks Belhart recorded a hat-trick for the Rocks, who improved to 8-3-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the WLAAs Lakes Division. John Glenn slipped to 1-5 and 0-4, respectively.

Also scoring goals for the winners were Tom Bennett (two), Aaron Florn and Jon Gibson.

Notching assists for Salem were goalie Matt Smokovitz, Kyle Freeman, Belhart, Adam Brown and Nick Schreiber.

Khalid Suleiman scored the lone goal for the Rockets, who trailed 4-0 at the half.

### CANTON AGAPE 6, HURON VALLEY 1:

The Wolverines improved to 2-3 thanks to two-goal efforts from Tyler Majeski and Mark Mullett. Brandon Pierson and Daniel Walker scored one goal apiece. Donald Mullett also played well, recording three assists. Jared Miller earned the win in goal, stopping seven Huron Valley shots.

# 'Cat runners 18th at talent-packed meet

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

In possibly the most talent-rich event it's ever competed in, the Plymouth boys cross country team placed 18th at Saturday's Tiffin Carnival Cross Country Invitational held at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin, Ohio.

Among the 40 teams in attendance was Toledo St. John Jesuit, which is ranked among the top 10 squads in the entire Midwest, according to Plymouth coach Lee Shaw.

"Toledo St. John Jesuit had three kids that would have placed first in the Michigan

Division I race last year," said Shaw. "It was a big eye-opener for the guys. They had great expectations going into the race, but they learned how much harder they really have to work."

The Wildcats placed 18th with 510 points, 362 more than first-place Toledo St. John Jesuit's 148.

The overall winner was Maumee (Ohio) High School's Bo Waggoner, who crossed the line first in a blistering 15:18.

Anthony Scaparo, the Wildcats' first finisher, placed 23rd in a time of 16:24. The effort earned him one of the trophies that were distributed

to the top 30 runners.

Also competing for Plymouth were: Derek Lax (79th in 17:07); Matt Lewandowski (114th in 17:24); Cristian Chagas (139th in 17:37); Justin Huey (155th in 17:46); Alex Noble (164th in 17:56); and Patrick Slavens (241st in 19:08).

### TOMMY TITAN INVITE

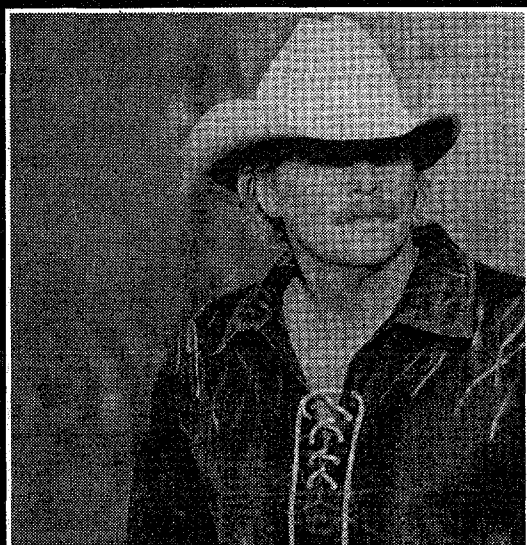
A split-squad of Plymouth runners competed in Saturday's Tommy Titan U of D Invitational, which was held at Cass-Benton Park in Northville. The 5,000-meter race consisted of a mix of collegiate, high school and former

collegiate athletes.

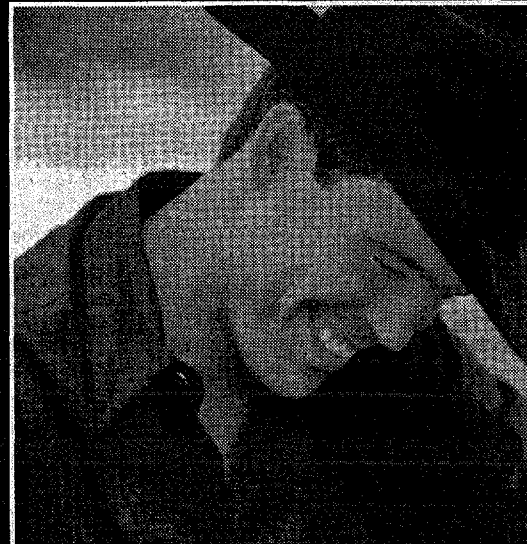
No team scores were kept. Finishing for the Wildcats were: Henry Xiu (42nd in 18:54); Ty Schroeder (43rd in 18:54); Justin Scaparo (75th in 19:48); Stephen Ostrowski (87th in 20:00); Warren Buzzard (89th in 20:01); David Maycock (101st in 20:24); and Stephen Liu (123rd in 21:00).

The Wildcats return to action this afternoon at the P-CEP City Meet, which will start behind Plymouth and Salem high schools.

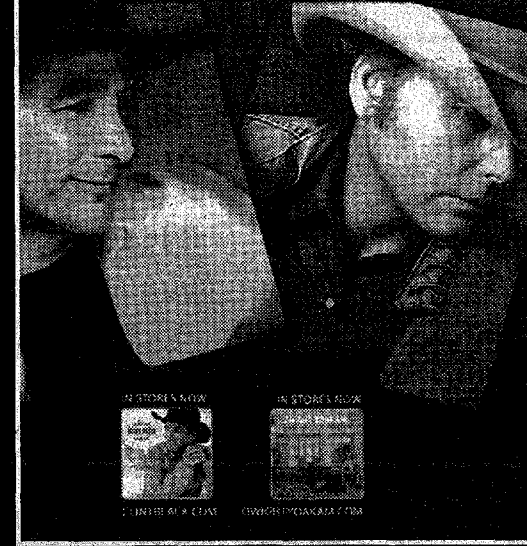
The boys event is set for 4 p.m. while the girls race is set to begin at approximately 4:45 p.m.



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**GRID**

FROM PAGE B1

to the locker room and suited up with complete uniforms and given a play-book to learn.

They then get to play QB for their respective team's first drive of the fourth quarter. I can see the headlines now: **CONSTRUCTION WORKER LEADS FRANKLIN TO WINNING TD!**

**No. 3:** You've no doubt seen the flock of 100 or so high school students that show up on Friday nights, but spend the entire game socializing off to the side of the grandstand. I'm almost positive that 99 percent of them could tell you the capital of New Hampshire before they could tell you the score of the game.

Well, that's about to change. They will now be required to sit in a designated student cheering section and cheer for their school's team. The only time they will be allowed to get up will be to:

1. Observe the National Anthem;
2. Cheer for their team; and
3. Do the wave.

The penalty for an infraction is the loss of text-messaging and MySpace access for a week.

Speaking of changes, Redford/Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith and myself need some quick ones if we're going to catch Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons in the Grid Picks standings. Heading into this week's games, Emons is 23-10 (he went 9-1 last week), giving the veteran prognosticator a two-game advantage over Smith and I.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**

(all 7 p.m. starts unless noted)

**Walled Lake Western (2-1, 1-0) at Canton (3-0, 1-0), 4:30 p.m.:** This is the Chiefs' first home game since they rolled over Detroit Martin Luther King in last year's Division 1 quarterfinal game. The three-game road trek didn't seem to bother Canton, which outscored its early opponents, 112-27. The Warriors handed the Chiefs one of their two regular-season losses last year. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton).

**Livonia Franklin (2-1, 1-0) at Plymouth (1-2, 0-1), 7:30 p.m.:** A Patriots' victory would set up a huge WLA Western Division showdown next week with Canton. They'll need a better showing than the one they got last week when they came within a last-second missed field goal in losing to Wayne Memorial. The Wildcats hung tough with Canton last week before falling 35-24. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Emons (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

**Salem (0-3, 0-1) at W.L. Central (2-1, 1-0):** The Rocks have played hard from the opening kick-off to the closing whistle in all three of their games under first-year coach Parker Salowich, but they haven't been able to find the winning chemistry yet. The Vikings have looked strong since losing to unbeaten Milford in Week 1. **PICKS:** Wright (Central); Emons (Central);

Smith (Central).

**Westland John Glenn (1-2, 0-1) at Livonia Churchill (1-2, 1-0):** The Rockets are within a break here or a break there from being 3-0 and the talk of the WLA Lakes Division. This is a do-or-die game for the Rockets, who let a huge lead slip away last week against Livonia Stevenson. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Emons (Churchill); Smith (Glenn).

**Liv. Stevenson (3-0, 1-0) at W.L. Northern (1-2, 0-1):** The Spartans will take a lot of momentum into this one following a rousing comeback victory last week. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

**Northville (1-2, 0-1) at Wayne Memorial (1-2, 0-1):** Anything can happen when the Mustangs and Zebras get together. Judging by the early-season play of both teams, Northville and Wayne are much-improved over last year. This game will prove which team has improved the most. **PICKS:** Wright (Wayne); Emons (Wayne); Smith (Northville).

**Livonia Clarenceville (3-0, 3-0) at Harper Woods (3-0, 2-0):** This may be the best game in the area this week. The Trojans have outscored their foes 75-28 while Harper Woods has out-pointed their opponents 109-44. **PICKS:** Wright (Harper Woods); Emons (Harper Woods); Smith (Clarenceville).

**Lutheran Westland (1-2, 0-2) at Southfield Christian (1-2, 1-2) at Birmingham Groves H.S.:** It's easy to take the first-year Southfield Christian program lightly, but the Eagles proved they know what it takes to win last week. The Warriors have played in three tight games and have outscored their opponents 48-47 so far. **PICKS:** Wright (Lutheran Westland); Emons (Lutheran Westland); Smith (Lutheran Westland).

**Clawson (1-1, 1-2) at Redford Covenant (2-1, 1-1):** The Spartans are rolling along with a winning record in just their second season with a grid-iron program. They come into this contest with a large helping of momentum after waxing Dearborn Heights Star International in Week 3. **PICKS:** Wright (Clawson); Emons (Clawson); Smith (Covenant).

**Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-2, 0-1) at Redford Union (2-1, 1-1):** As long as the Panthers can hang onto the football they should be able to grind out some touchdowns against the Thunderbirds defense, which gave up 48 points last week to Dearborn. **PICKS:** Wright (Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford); Smith (Redford Union).

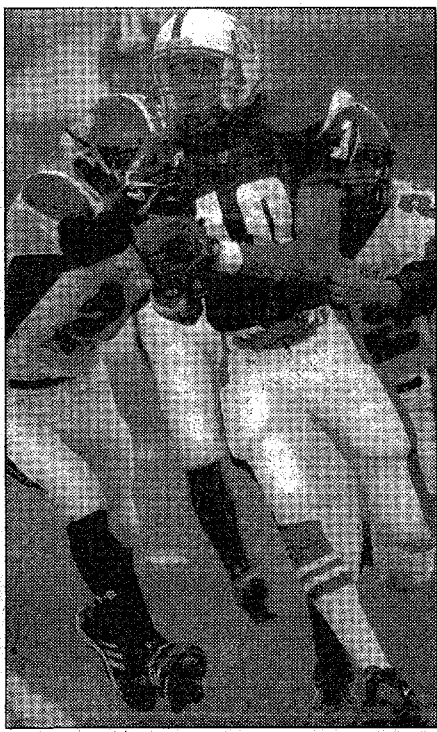
**Allen Park (3-0, 1-0) at Belleville (1-2, 1-1):** The Jaguars will provide the Tigers with their stiffest test of the season. While it's a test few teams have been unable to pass the past decade, Belleville will at least have the opportunity to pull the upset in front of its home crowd. **PICKS:** Wright (Allen Park); Smith (Allen Park);

**Garden City (0-3, 0-2) at Gibraltar Carlson (3-0, 1-0):** Based on the way these teams have performed the first three weeks, the Cougars are in for another long night. **PICKS:** Wright (Carlson); Emons (Carlson); Smith (Carlson).

**Redford Thurston (0-2, 0-3) at Ypsilanti (3-0, 2-0):** The Eagles are in dire need of a fresh start to a so-far disappointing season. But high-powered Ypsilanti, tallying more than 35 points in each game so far, is not the opponent to wipe the slate clean with. **PICKS:** Wright (Ypsi); Emons (Ypsi); Smith (Ypsi).

# 5 turnovers prove costly to Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER



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Salem's Tez Hodge, pictured returning a punt in an earlier game this season, recorded an interception in the Rocks' 26-0 loss to Livonia Churchill Saturday afternoon.

Five times three equaled zero for the Livonia Churchill defense Saturday afternoon in its Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division game against host Salem. Churchill junior defensive back Ryan Whittum, who wears No. 5, picked off three Rock passes that were pivotal in the Chargers' 26-0 victory.

Two of Whittum's picks slammed the door on potential Salem scoring drives as one came in the red zone and another in the end zone. Altogether, the Chargers (1-2 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes) picked off five passes.

"We played a little shaky the first two games, so we knew we needed to step up today," said Whittum, moments after his most memorable game as a Charger. "On all three, I just dropped back when the ball was snapped, took my read steps, watched the quarterback, then broke on the ball when he threw it. I just happened to be at the right place at the right time all three times."

Churchill coach John Filiatraut said he hopes his team's stellar defensive effort sets the tone for the remainder of the season.

"We played well defensively, especially when they moved inside the 20," Filiatraut said. "We concentrated when we had to. Overall, we made some mental mistakes defensively, but not many in the red zone."

"We've been close the first couple of games and we've continued to tell the kids that they're talented and we're close (to winning). We just didn't make the plays against Lansing Eastern and Northville that we made today."

Filiatraut predicted Saturday's performance wouldn't be the last standout effort from Whittum.

"Ryan is just scratching the surface of his talent," said Filiatraut. "He's a very talented guy. If he'll take a few more chances, his athletic ability will help him out. He plays the ball really well. I thought he could have had a couple more (interceptions) today, believe it or not."

Salem's offense showed signs of life behind the leadership of sophomore quarterback Heath Parling,

who threw for 186 yards. But the Rocks' turnovers nullified several long drives into Charger territory.

"It's all part of the learning process we're going through right now," said Salem coach Parker Salowich, whose team dropped to 0-3 and 0-1. "We're trying to find a way to win. We have to change the attitudes and culture of losing around here. Once we do that, we'll start making plays."

"I was happy with the way we moved the ball today. We got some run game going against a very good, well-coached team. We had one seven-minute drive in the third quarter and didn't get a point, which is frustrating for both the coaching staff and the kids. We're going to put an emphasis on finishing drives this week in practice."

Salowich praised the play of Parling, who was called up from the junior varsity earlier in the week.

"Heath's going to be a good player for us in the future," he said. "He made some sophomore mistakes today, but you have to remember he was just brought up this week and thrown into the fire."

Churchill opened the scoring with 4:12 left in the first quarter when quarterback Tommy Myers snuck in from a yard out. The extra point was missed, leaving the score at 6-0.

The Chargers doubled their lead less than three minutes later when junior running back Michael Bargerstock bulldozed his way into the end zone from eight yards out to make it 12-0. The conversion attempt failed again.

Salem threatened to put a serious dent in the Chargers' lead midway through the second quarter, but Whittum picked off a Parling pass in the end zone and returned it to the 10. Five plays later, Bargerstock rumbled in from the 2 to make it 19-0 with 4:51 remaining in the first half.

The Rocks used 16 plays to march from their own 21 to the Churchill 10 on their opening possession of the second half. However, Charger junior defensive back Tom Tilley intercepted a pass that deflected off the hands of a Rock receiver to halt the scoring threat.

Churchill closed the scoring on a bizarre play with 2:25 left in the third quarter. The play started when Michael Berger took a Myers handoff and dashed to the Salem 7. He fumbled while being taken down and the ball was recovered by teammate Nick Seger, who sprinted the final seven yards for the TD.

Berger had a huge afternoon, racking up 151 yards on 14 carries. Bargerstock plowed through the Salem defense for 137 yards on 10 attempts. Joe Spiess picked up 29 yards on seven carries and caught two Myers aeriels for 31.

Junior linebacker Michael Thayer picked off the fifth pass for the Chargers.

Parling connected on 14-of-36 attempts for 186 yards. His two favorite receivers were juniors Jeremy Epley (five catches for 68 yards) and Jesse Pointer, who also snagged five for 82.

Salem's leading ground gainer was Jon Wilson, who picked up 37 yards on 15 runs.

Tez Hodge and Shodipo Akintunde both notched interceptions for the Rocks.

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# Tie-breaker gives Salem narrow win over Chiefs

Junior Tyler Jeleniewski's one-over-par 36 led the Salem boys golf team to a thrilling, down-to-the-wire victory over Canton Monday afternoon at St. John's Golf Course.

The match was knotted at 164-all after each team's first four scores were recorded, necessitating the use of each team's fifth finisher. Salem was victorious thanks to Aaron Thompson's 44, which was one stroke better than the Chiefs' Jeremy Lindbauer's 45.

"Obviously, it was a very close match," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "I thought the scores might be kind of high because it started to get cold as the match went on and it got very windy. Other than Tyler's 36 and a 38 from Canton, the scores were higher than normal.

"Tyler's score definitely made the difference for us. It was an outstanding round, especially considering the conditions."

Also scoring for the Rocks were Brian Fifield (42), Quentin Higgason (43) and Eddie Mazorwicz (43). Joel Cheesman's 47 did not count. The victory evened Salem's record at 1-1. Canton slipped to 0-1.

**PLYMOUTH 160, W.L. CENTRAL 174:** The red-hot Wildcats improved to 4-0 with the convincing victory over the visiting Vikings in a meet held at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton Township.

Mike Gerisch paced the winners with a sizzling, two-over 38. Also contributing to the win were Jeff Selasky (39), Matt Talbot (41) and Kyle Sanders (42).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Sept. 15  
W.L. Western at Canton, 4:30 p.m.  
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 14  
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 9**  
Canton at West Bloomfield, 5 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
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**  
Thursday, Sept. 14  
Plymouth, Salem and Canton at City Championships at Plymouth H.S., 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
Salem at Holly Invitational

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**  
Thursday, Sept. 14  
Plymouth, Salem and Canton at City Championships at Plymouth H.S., 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
Salem at New Boston Huron Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Canton at Ludington Invite, 9 a.m.

**GIRLS TENNIS**  
Friday, Sept. 15

Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
Salem at Saline Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

**BOYS GOLF**  
Friday, Sept. 15  
Livonia Churchill at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.  
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Central, 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 14  
Davenport at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

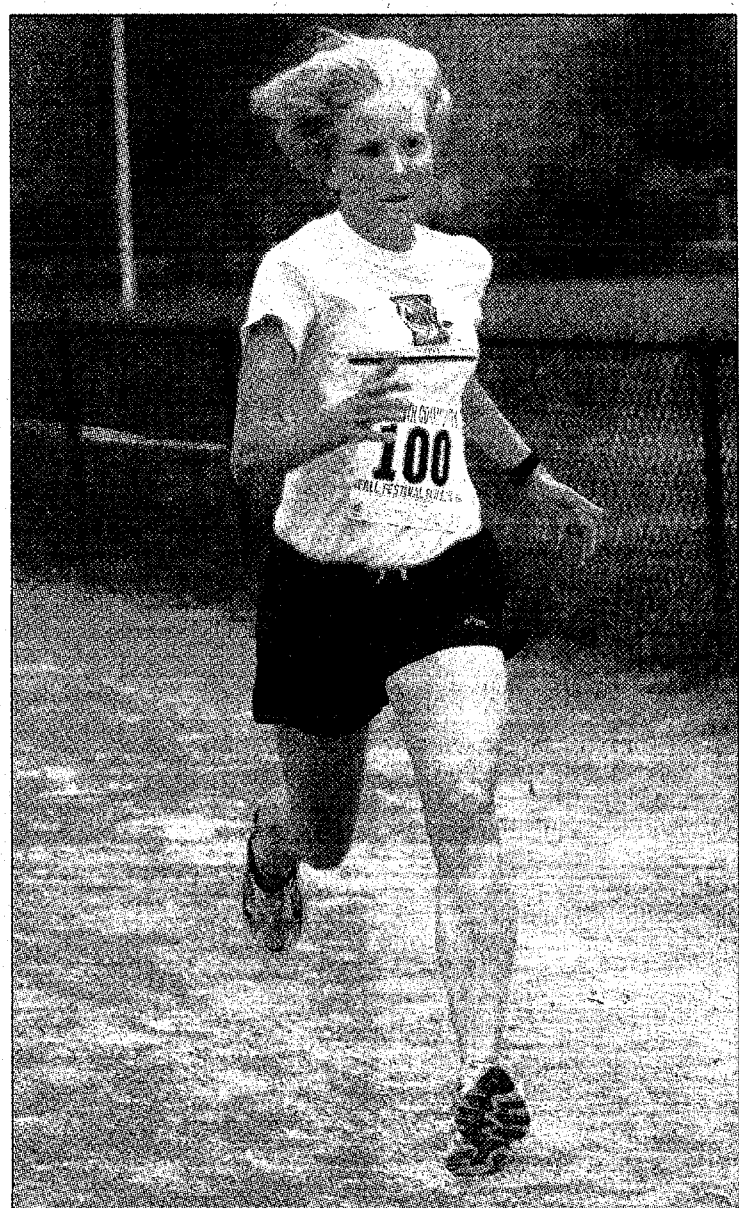
**Friday, Sept. 15**  
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Friday, Sept. 15  
Schoolcraft at Bryant & Stratton (N.Y.), 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Herkimer (N.Y.), 7 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday, Sept. 16  
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.  
Schoolcraft at Olivet JV, 1 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF**  
Saturday, Sept. 16  
Madonna in WHAC Jamboree (No. 3) at Lenawee C.C. (Adrian), 1 p.m.



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Kathy Murphy was the first woman finisher in Sunday's Plymouth Fall Festival 5K run. She was clocked in 21:53.

## PLYMOUTH FALL FEST RUN RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL 5-K RUN**  
Sunday in downtown Plymouth

**OVERALL TOP 10:** 1. Adam Lorenz, 17:16; 2. John Rarkowski, 18:39; 3. Stanley Wojciechowski, 19:06; 4. Andrew McDonald, 19:06; 5. Jason Kallis, 19:19; 6. Patrick Patterson, 19:21; 7. David Murphy, 19:27; 8. Marcus Sylvester, 19:34; 9. Brian Soash, 19:38; 10. Kirk Carlson, 19:48.

**WOMEN'S RESULTS**  
14 & under: 1. Emma Fricke, 30:22.  
15-18: 1. Kelsey Soronen, 23:46; 2. Rachel Kain, 28:32; 3. Kristin Boyer, 30:06.  
19-24: 1. Heath Whittington, 22:10; 2. Sarah Stobbe, 26:02; 3. Kristi Soash, 27:04; 4. Jackie Gauthier, 27:05.  
25-29: 1. Kristen Stempien, 22:26; 2. Debi Sherman, 26:45; 3. Sarah Stobbe, 26:52; 4. Elizabeth Spuck, 30:20; 5. Aimee Kearney, 30:25.  
30-34: 1. Jennifer Chlinitz, 25:12; 2. Rachel Kallis, 26:37; 3. Stefanie Baier, 27:15; 4. Jenny Lendrum, 27:40; 5. Julie Johnston, 29:58.  
35-39: 1. Alicia Gresser, 23:31; 2. Melissa Wiersma, 26:13; 3. Teri Les, 26:19; 4. Beth Hodgson, 27:23; 5. Julia Radke, 27:38.  
40-44: 1. Julia Buzzard, 21:26; 2. Maureen Campbell, 23:03; 3. Kathy Anderson, 27:24; 4. Sheri Rogers, 28:09; 5. Jamie Senkbell, 28:22.  
45-49: 1. Mary Genrich, 23:55; 2. Nancy Soronen, 27:14; 3. Carolyn Walborn, 29:09; 4. Phyll Tiderington, 30:42; 5. Rose Fricke, 30:49.  
50-54: 1. Janet Ferstle, 24:46; 2. Cindi Holman, 26:35; 3. Nan Jourdan, 30:31; 4. Barb Ziel, 30:38.  
60-64: 1. Nancy Savage, 32:45.



Adam Lorenz crossed the finish line first in Sunday's Plymouth Fall Festival 5K Run. Lorenz covered the course in 17:16, over a minute faster than runner-up John Rarkowski. The event attracted 118 runners.

**MEN'S RESULTS**  
14 & under: 1. Thomas Patterson, 20:40; 2. Papul Rakovitis, 21:12; 3. Garrett Rogers, 21:12; 4. Jake Genrich, 21:20; 5. Mitchell Boehn, 22:44.  
15-18: 1. Marcus Sylvester, 19:34; 2. Sherif Hassanien, 19:55; 3. Brian Rakovitis, 21:05.  
19-24: 1. Brian Soash, 19:38; 2. Erik Feldt, 20:28; 3. Brad Litwin, 20:32; 4. Paul Jewell, 21:25; 5. David Ford, 22:58.  
25-29: 1. Adam Lorenz, 17:16; 2. Andrew McDonald, 19:06; 3. Robert Barnes, 28:57.  
30-34: 1. Doug Johnston, 28:30.  
35-39: 1. Stan Wojciechowski, 19:06; 2. Jason Kallis, 19:19; 3. Brian Knight, 20:18; 4. Richard Zdon, 23:42; 5. John Foley, 24:04.  
40-44: 1. Patrick Patterson, 19:21; 2. Kirk Carlson, 19:48; 3. Michael Marlow, 20:44; 4. Brian Anderson, 21:09; 5. Kevin Taylor, 22:48.

45-49: 1. David Murphy, 19:27; 2. Todd Doenitz, 20:24; 3. Paul Benson, 20:34; 4. Joseph Fischer, 22:18; 5. Tom Cassidy, 27:10.  
50-54: 1. John Rarkowski, 18:39; 2. Ken Arbie, 20:10; 3. Jeff Ziel, 20:27; 4. Richard Schubatis, 23:58; 5. Don Keski-Hynnala, 24:49.  
60-64: 1. Norman Hart, 22:27; 2. Freddy Standaert, 22:35; 3. Tim Klunkhamer, 26:08.  
65-69: 1. Larry Mishler, 26:21; 2. Merion Knight, 27:37; 3. Ronald Gill, 27:59; 4. John Lockwood, 38:07.  
70-99: 1. Jerry White, 23:29.

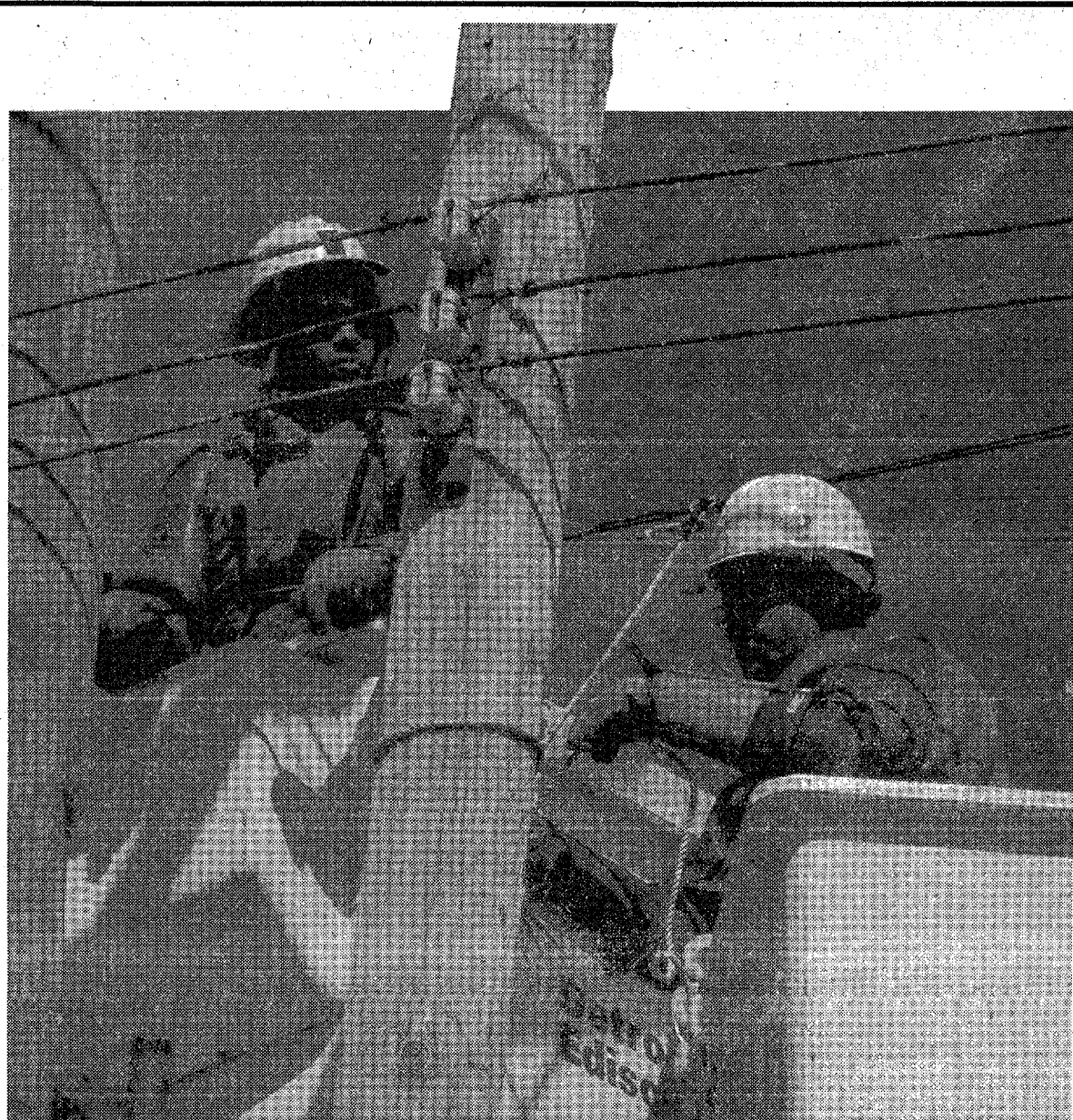
## TENNIS RESULTS

**SALEM 5 W.L. CENTRAL 3**  
Monday at W.L. Central

**No. 1 singles:** Erica Rouleau (WLC) defeated Alex Ware, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Sara Johnson, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Liz Slusher, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Renee Cronin (WLC) def. Dana Anderson, 6-4, 6-2.

**No. 1 doubles:** Claire Madill-Linda Ling (S) def. Stephanie Indianer, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Liz McKinley-Kait McKinley (S) def. Danielle Martinek-Madison Bartlett, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(2); No. 3: Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Angela Stawasz-Nicole Mehta, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Aleisha Segnetz-Mackenzie Conn (WLC) def. Ariel Rojo-Tasneem Mohammad, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

**RECORDS:** Salem, 1-0; W.L. Central, 1-1.



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**SWIM**

FROM PAGE B1

Canton was the lone local team to post a first-place finish. The Chiefs touched first in the 500 freestyle relay behind the efforts of Chelsea Selden, Laura Landis, Monica Blaesser and Allison Schmitt.

"Overall, we had some good swims on Saturday," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "We didn't have enough divers, which affected our score a little. Chelsea Selden was prepared to dive, but our coaching staff didn't feel our second diver was ready, and you can't place unless you have two. "Even though she didn't dive, Chelsea went on to swim extremely well for us."

Weber also praised the efforts of Alyssa Johnson and freshman Maggie Carlson.

Stevenson, featuring a league-high of 75 swimmers on its roster, captured three of 11 races including the 200 backstroke, 200 breaststroke and 200 medley relays. The Spartans also added three runner-up finishes and a third.

"It was a good performance, but not great," Phill said. "The outcome, however, was to our liking. We're happy with it. And our young kids did not surprise because we figured they'd swim well."

Although John Glenn finished ninth in the team standings, the Rockets brought home titles in the 400 individual medley and 400 medley relays led by the quartet of Jill and Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells and Jordan Burgess.

Northville, meanwhile, earned wins in the 400 freestyle and 200 butterfly relays.

Other titles went to Walled Lake Northville (diving and 200 freestyle) and Canton (500 freestyle).

See complete meet results.

**WLA SWIM RESULTS**

**WLA GIRLS CONFERENCE RELAYS**

Saturday at Livonia Rec Center

**OVERALL STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 251; 2. Northville, 204; 3. Salem, 182; 4. Plymouth, 177; 5. Canton, 164; 6. Livonia Churchill, 161; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 130; 8. Walled Lake Central, 128; 9. Westland John Glenn, 125; 10. Walled Lake Western, 112; 11. Wayne Memorial, 62; 12. Livonia Franklin, 51.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

**400-yard medley relay:** 1. Westland John Glenn (Jill Peterson, Jordan Burgess, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson), 4:15.05; 2. Livonia Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Megan Holycross, Brittany Eilers), 4:19.35; 3. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Megan Trotter, Emily Hopcian, Chelsea Miller), 4:20.16; 4. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson, Allison Schmitt, Katie Kubacki), 4:20.61.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Jessica Weber, Rachel Englert, Erin Shea, Kanya Meghan), 3:46.61; 2. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Kathryn Gorman, Allison, Alie Stencil), 3:53.02; 3. Livonia Stevenson (Laura Timson, Blake Holtz, Kristin Turbiak, Anna Polkowski), 3:57.01; 4. W.L. Central (Rachael Dalian, Michelle Gaunt, Jordan Daykin, Abby Pavelko), 4:02.34.

**200 breaststroke relay:** 1. Livonia Stevenson (Stephanie Buckley, Laura Holtz, J. Calahan, Brynn Marecki), 2:19.10; 2. Plymouth (Ellen Palczynski, Sarah Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Sijia Hao), 2:21.72; 3. W.L. Central (Shawna Stevens, Brittany Buchanan, Rebecca Lee, Madi Sewell), 2:24.01; 4. W.L. Western (Stephanie Standriff, Holly Ferrari, Sarah Krueger, Chelsea Rauss), 2:24.38.

**200 backstroke relay:** 1. Livonia Stevenson (Megan Holycross, Kieran Dolin, Catherine Moeler, Jillian Beurer), 2:06.84; 2. Northville (Ashley Filipowicz, Michaela Keady, Katherine Underwood, Julie Gotberg), 2:10.68; 3. Plymouth (Chantel Cote, Nicole Ambrose, Lauren Maslyk, Danielle McLeay), 2:13.29; 4. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Louise Kane, Christine O'Keefe, Madd McDuff), 2:16.84.

**200 butterfly relay:** 1. Northville (Meghan Kanya,

Elisabeth Morris, Abby Raymond, Emily Hopcian), 1:59.25; 2. Livonia Stevenson (Katie Kress, Sarah Opdyke, Nadia El-Sabeh, Anna Polkowski), 2:00.05; 3. Livonia Churchill (Nieri Avanesian, Emily Hiser, Ashley Cabadas, Amanda Timson), 2:05.58; 4. Salem (Elizabeth Staff, Kirsten Clemens, Sandra Nahra, Danielle Roy), 2:09.96.

**1-meter diving:** 1. W.L. Northern, 290.30 points; 2. Franklin, 286.00; 3. Salem, 265.95; 4. Stevenson, 262.70.

**400 medley relay:** 1. Westland John Glenn (Jill Peterson, Jordan Burgess, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson), 4:25.38; 2. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Sarah Opdyke, Adriane Turlo, Stephanie Buckley), 4:35.07; 3. Churchill (Samantha Reid, Nieri Avanesian, Lorie Avanesian, Amanda Foulds), 4:41.06; 4. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson, Meghan Sears, Ashley McClellan), 4:42.34.

**500 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Chelsea Selden, Laura Landis, Monica Blaesser, Allison Schmitt), 4:51.59; 2. Northville (Megan Nichols, Rebecca Myers, Rachel Englert, Jessica Weber), 5:05.41; 3. Churchill (Rachel Elery, Lauren Krupsky, Samantha Reid, Amanda Timson), 5:09.31; 4. Salem (Andrea Spohn, Alie Stencil, MEGAN McManimon, Allison Burke), 5:17.74.

**200 medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Kieran Dolin, Laura Timson, Katie Kress, Brittany Eilers), 2:02.28; 2. W.L. Central (Abby Pavelko, Rebecca Lee, Madi Sewell, Jordan Daykin), 2:03.67; 3. Plymouth (Lauren Maslyk, Ellen Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Melissa McKinstry), 2:04.87; 4. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Camelia Das, Kara Folas, Chelsea Miller), 2:06.97.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. W.L. Northern (Andrea Wozniak, Lauren Bell, Lauren Cockels, Dana Halse), 1:47.37; 2. Plymouth (Alyssa Liakos, Emily Clanton, Michelle Chang, Sarah Palczynski), 1:50.60; 3. Wayne Memorial (Kelsey Drennen, Sadie Earnest, Madelynn Bevil, Olivia LaFortune), 1:53.33; 4. Livonia Stevenson (Adriane Turlo, Laura Hurn, J. Calahan, Emily Cauzillo), 1:54.59.

**CANTON SWIM RESULTS**

**SOUTH LYON 120 CANTON 66**

Tuesday at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. South Lyon (Emily Martin, Shannon Mocerri, Julie Kapler, Jenna Faletti), 1:59.65; 2. South Lyon, 2:04.41; 3. Canton (Maddy McDuff, Maggie Carlson, Monica Blaesser, Laura Landis), 2:06.61.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:52.45; 2. Kelsey Trabue (SL), 2:02.71; 3. Katie Kubacki (C), 2:15.51.

**200 IM:** 1. Olivia Briolat (SL), 2:21.88; 2. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:21.95; 3. Jacquie Trabue (SL), 2:27.44.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Jenna Faletti (SL), 25.90; Melissa DiRado (SL), 27.16; 3. Melissa Permen (SL), 27.61.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Courtney Smith (SL), 179.80 points; 2. Chelsea Selden (C), 173.05; 3. Monica Gironza (SL), 160.35.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Monica Blaesser (C), 1:05.52; 2. Chelsea Kempainen (SL), 1:07.51; 3. Shannon Mocerri (SL), 1:09.17.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Jacquie Trabue (SL), 59.89; 2. Laura Landis (C), 1:00.21; 3. Melissa DiRado (SL), 1:00.67.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 5:02.66; 2. Kelsey Trabue (SL), 5:21.22; 3. Julie Kapler (SL), 5:47.23.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. South Lyon (Jenna Faletti, Chelsea Kempainen, Melissa DiRado, Kelsey Trabue), 1:46.45; 2. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Chelsea Selden, Alyssa Johnson, Allison Schmitt), 1:50.14; 3. South Lyon, 1:51.75.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Olivia Briolat (SL), 1:07.73; 2. Emily Martin (SL), 1:08.09; 3. Monica Blaesser (C), 1:08.23.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Shannon Mocerri (SL), 1:10.88; 2. Jenna Faletti (SL), 1:11.58; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:15.78.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Allison Schmitt, Laura Landis, Katie Kubacki, Monica Blaesser), 3:52.82; 2. South Lyon, 3:53.40.

**CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD:** 1-1.

**Chiefs take sting out of Hornets**

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When Canton's girls basketball team runs, the Chiefs' opponents can't hide.

Case in point: Tuesday night's 64-35 victory over visiting Saline, which couldn't stay with the Chiefs' push-the-ball-up-the-court offensive attack.

Canton surged to a 24-8 first-quarter lead and never looked back on the way to improving its record to 2-1. Saline slipped to 0-5.

"I thought we came out and ran the floor well and got a lot of easy shots around the rim," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "For the most part, our focus was pretty good, but it's hard to keep it going the entire way in a game like tonight's."

Ja'nee Morton paced the Chiefs with a 19-point, 11-rebound performance. Becci Houdek also shined, scoring 14 points to go along with five steals. Lauren Delapaz tallied nine points, five rebounds and three steals while Hilary Payne chalked up eight points and eight boards for the winners.

Junior forward Baylee Hollowell nearly notched a double-double as she finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Madeline Winroms led the Hornets with 7 points. Saline was pressured into 23 turnovers by the tenacious Canton defense.

**SALEM 48, F.H. MERCY 42 (2 OT):** The Rocks put on a free-throw shooting clinic in the two extra sessions, converting all 11 attempts, six of which were from senior forward Taylor Langham. The victory improved Salem to 2-1 heading into tonight's 7 p.m. home game against Canton.

"We only made 6-of-14 free throws in our loss to Brighton and we didn't shoot that well against Belleville either, but tonight we were knocking them down," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was a hard-fought, physical game."

Salem was 14-of-19 overall at the line while Mercy was 11-of-27.

"I told the girls it never should have gone to overtime," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "We should have won the game in regulation."

The Marlins (3-2) missed two free throws at the end of the fourth quarter with the game tied, 35-35. Mercy got the final shot but missed at the end of the first overtime with the teams deadlocked at 37. The

Marlins fell behind in the second overtime and were forced to foul.

Langham and Teresa Coppellie posted 11 points apiece and Lauren Kurtz 10 for the Rocks. Kurtz also pulled down a career-high 23 rebounds.

**CANTON 61, WEST BLOOMFIELD 46:** The Chiefs made a loud and clear statement on the road Saturday when they upended West Bloomfield in a highly touted non-conference game.

Ja'nee Morton had perhaps her best game at Canton, scoring 21 points to go along with eight rebounds. Becci Houdek also shined, netting 18 points and nine assists. Junior Baylee Hollowell had a strong inside game, scoring 10 points while hauling down a team-high 13 rebounds.

While Canton senior guard Lauren Delapaz wasn't among the scoring leaders, she was instrumental in the victory, Canton coach Brian Samulski said.

"Del did a great job of defending their best player, Chanise Miller, and holding her to just 10 points," Samulski said. "Miller would flash to the high post, but Lauren denied her the ball. Because of her effort, West Bloomfield wasn't able to get into the flow of their offense."

Samulski also pointed to the defensive play of Marie Martin and offensive contributions proved by key reserves Kaylie Martin (four points, four rebounds) and Hilary Payne (five points).

The Chiefs travel to Salem to take on the Rocks Thursday. The opening tip in the cross-campus showdown is set for 7 p.m.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 45, PLY. CHRISTIAN 35:** Becca Refenes, a 6-foot-1 sophomore center, scored a game-high 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (2-2) handed host Plymouth Christian Academy (3-1) its first setback.

Senior forward Kayla Gieschen chipped in with nine points and nine rebounds, while sophomore guard Allyson Yankee also scored nine points for the Warriors, who led 22-13 at intermission.

Lutheran racked up a total of 17 assists with Lauren Schwecke dishing out six and Andrea Guse adding five.

Sara Ross led the Eagles with 11 points and Meghan Polera chipped in with seven.

"We didn't do a very good job defensively on Refenes," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis.

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**LESSON ON GOLF**  
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**THE RYDER CUP**  
I know this is painful Americans. It is almost that time every other year when we Americans get spanked by seemingly inferior golfers from Europe. That's right, the Ryder Cup is almost here. This year in Ireland at a course decidedly American-like. It is a far cry from the typical Irish seaside links. Maybe this will help the cause? Or maybe it just won't matter. Captain Tom Lehman, a few weeks ago, lamented his very young team, worrying about their lack of Ryder Cup experience. Maybe the lack of experience is a good thing in this case. After all, is getting clobbered every year by a bunch of underdogs a positive experience? Maybe new guys like J.J. Henry will be able to handle the Ryder Cup pressure a bit better than some of the past American participants. Let's face it. He cannot do much worse. Even Tiger Woods has struggled in the Ryder Cup. His record is decidedly below 500 in this event despite playing in every event since 1997. Were it not for Tiger's record in singles, his overall Ryder Cup record would be much worse. So it is time to let go of the past. It is time to embrace the new, the young and hopefully unflappable American Ryder Cup team. It is also time for an American victory. Because this thing has become downright embarrassing. 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 will need to 'Bear' down and score

There are three certainties growing up in Chicago. Elections are always suspect, the Cubs will never win a World Series and you must know the Bears' fight song. Since I grew up in that city, I am always leery of the first Tuesday in November, I know the Cubs will never win the World Series and the fight song goes like this:

*"Bear down, Chicago Bears. Make every play pave the way to victory... Bear down, Chicago Bears. Put up a fight with a might so fearlessly. We'll never forget how you thrilled the nation, with your T-formation."*

*"Bear down, Chicago Bears and let 'em know why you're wearing the crown. You're the pride and joy of Illinois... Chicago Bears! Bear down!"*

Man, I hate that song. Any self-respecting Lions fan would hate that song, too. The Lions-

Bears rivalry dates back 76 years. There have been some classic contests, with Chicago holding a 23-game advantage in the overall series.

From 1968 to October 1975, there were 15 games, with the Lions winning 13 of them. In the mid-'80s the Bears dominated under Mike Ditka. They won 10 in a row at one point, including the year Chicago won its lone Super Bowl with Walter Payton and Co. Since that time, neither team has won more than three straight.

In essence, it's been a tighter series over the past 17 seasons. The Bears are back and they've won the past two games. Lovie Smith has Chicago back in a place of prominence in the

NFL. "Papa Bear" George Halas would be very proud.

What's the reason for all the history? This Sunday could be very ugly again if the Lions aren't careful. What the Bears did in Green Bay last weekend was awesome. Sure, the Packers are horrible, but to go into Lambeau Field and rip the Pack like they did is almost unprecedented.

"Yeah, give them credit. Maybe we just ain't very good," startled Packers quarterback Brett Favre said to reporters afterward.

On his way to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, a funny thing happened to the two-time MVP. He suffered the first shutout of his 16-year NFL career. Favre had never been on the losing end of a shutout. When the Bears had finished off the 26-0 blowout, they realized they made a little history.

The last time the Pack had been held to nothing was 1991, the year before Favre got there. The Bears did it that time, too. Some 233 games went by before Green Bay again put a big fat zero on the scoreboard.

"You go back to the basics and you drill. We have to learn from our mistakes because Chicago is a very good football team. We have to pound the rock and move on," Lions coach Rod Marinelli said on our Lions review show.

The Lions' defense had its own reason to boast after holding the Seahawks to just three field goals last Sunday. Problem is, the Lions had only two field goals and, last time I checked, three beats two any day. Marinelli didn't want to hear about any kind of moral victories.

"It's not good enough," Marinelli said after the game. "I'm not interested in just playing hard and well."



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# touchdowns this Sunday in Chicago

To his credit, Marinelli is not going to be content with good, tough performances. He expects that on a weekly basis. We all know coaches in this league don't last long just playing hard. The wins have to be there or else those efforts just get wasted.

"We need to get a better, more consistent effort out of our offense. They are responding and we need to just keep on working," Marinelli added.

Mike Martz's new-look offense had some old-book results. It was only game one, so certainly it's going to take some time, but a win over the defending NFC champs when you have them in the ropes would have been a huge boost to an organization looking for a boost.

It was almost five years to the day that the Bears last won a game by scoring only nine points. Just two days before the tragic events of

9/11, in the 2001 season opener, the Seahawks beat Cleveland 9-6. It was the same score against the Lions five years later.

The Bears have now won 11 of their last 13 regular-season games. The Lions have now lost nine of their last 11 games. The game is at the revamped Soldier Field. The outside looks like a spaceship. Maybe that's where they are hiding Pluto. In any case, it's going to be quite a task to go in there and beat the NFL's No. 1 defense.

Rex Grossman was efficient in the game against Green Bay. The Bears quarterback made only one mistake, but converted only four of 14 third downs. Former Michigan State WR Muhsin Muhammed had a 102-yard receiving day and Robbie Gould kicked four field goals. If Jason Hanson would have kicked four, the Lions would have beaten Seattle.

It's too hard to get into a field goal game with Chicago. Those winds along the lake have been a bugaboo for Hanson. The Lions need to score touchdowns. It was the complaint about Steve Mariucci's offense last year. Too many times Detroit had to settle for one or no TDs per game. Kevin Jones has to have a bigger day so the run sets up Jon Kitna in the passing game.

"Our job is to be better than we were today," said Lions wideout Mike Furrey, who debuted with five catches against the Seahawks.

Furrey is the guy the Lions kept in order to dump Charles Rogers. Mike Williams didn't even dress for the opener. Roy Williams didn't make his first catch until the third quarter. Corey Bradford is a good compliment, but Roy needs to be the go-too guy we all know he can be. Martz is working feverishly this week to

tweak the offense before the game Sunday. "We will win this game. You can take that as a guarantee or whatnot, but we will win this game," Roy Williams said sternly to reporters Monday.

No one likes to talk about the past, but last year the Bears tore through the Lions' defense in Chicago — 38-6 was the final. It also came in Week 2. This is Week 2 once again. Same city ... different coach. Maybe Marinelli can figure this one out. Lovie Smith has seen the tape. He knows it's a better Lions defense. It would be fun to not hear that Bears fight song Sunday.

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Garden City OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 30553 Barton S/ Ford, W/ Henry Ruff 4 bdrm brick ranch, 2 car garage. Possible 5th bdrm and finished bsmt. Laura Hale: 734-674-4961 6900 N. Wayne Rd.

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### LIVONIA OPEN SUN. 1-4 30614 Greenland Fabulous Cape Cod on 1.5 acres. S. of 6 mile off Merriman, E. on Puritan. Quiet setting & lovely home backs to Bell Creek. 5 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Many updates. Asking \$440,000. Carolyn Bailey 313-910-8162 Real Estate One 248-348-6430

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**NORTHVILLE Open Sun. Sept 17, 1-4** Kings Mill Cooperative offers affordable 1, 2 and 3 bdrm townhouses with full basements. 18120 Jamestown Circle, off Northville Rd., btwn 6 and 7 Mile Rds.

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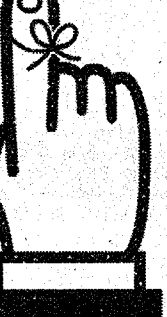
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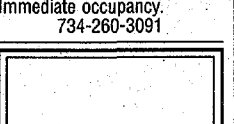
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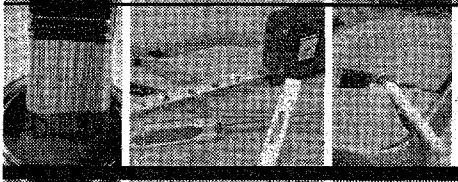
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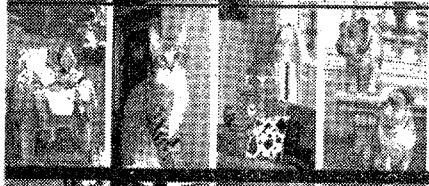
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# THREE EMPLOYEES WHO SHINE AT WORK



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

You know them when you meet them. They're always on top of things, upbeat, can-do.

Consider Melissa Cunha, project manager at homebuilder Endor Inc., in Manteno, Ill., selling homes and townhomes in the \$179,900 to \$250,900 range. She is remarkable, pulling rabbits out of hats so that customers get what they want and pay for -- the best construction, door widths, interiors, lists of contacts, you name it. Endor gets properties moved.

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 co-workers 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.

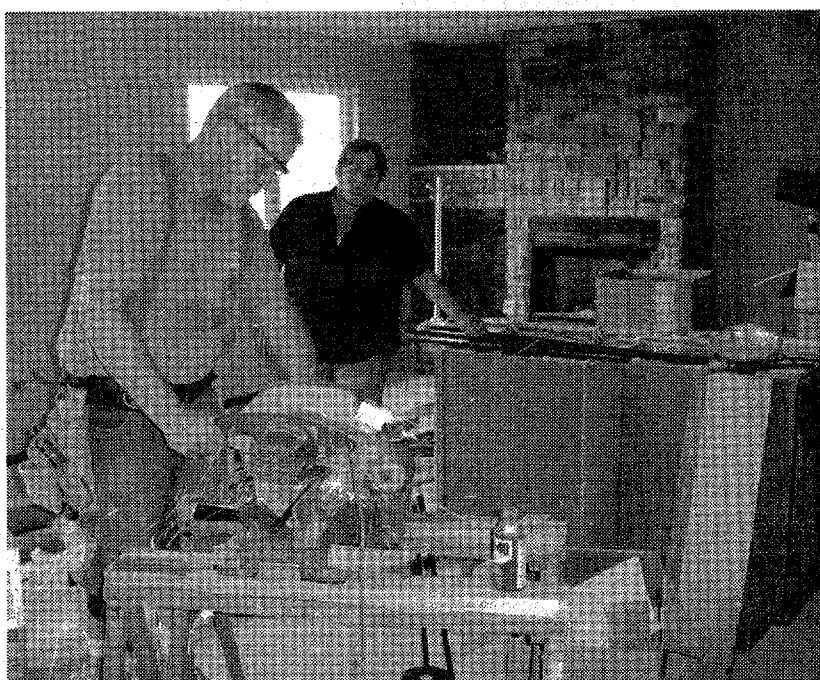
Cortes and Cunha say that it's imperative to find something you enjoy

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 a house from 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.

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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.

People are always surprised that I get everything done via telephone and e-mail the same day, she says. (Her department

**Help Wanted-General 5000**

**Janitorial/Maintenance Project Person**  
Part-time position available for an experienced Project Person, preferably with hard floor care and carpet cleaning experience, ability to work indoors and out, motivated self-starter preferred. Could become full-time for right person. Flexible hours. Apply in person at Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154

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**JANITORS/CLEANERS**  
\$8.00/Hour, P.T, M-W-F, 5:30pm-8:30pm, M-F, 5:45pm-9:15 pm. PLYMOUTH/CANTON AREA. (734) 283-6934

**LABORER**  
Local power washing company expanding. Looking for laborer with potential to become crew manager. \$10 p/hr to start. Fax resume/references to 248-474-4255

**LANDSCAPING & LAWN MAINTENANCE - MATURE**  
Local firm looking to fill. (248) 374-9404

**Lawn Fertilizing**  
Looking to hire lawn technicians. Minimum starting pay \$10/hr + up, based on exp. Benefits incl. health care, retirement, vacation & commission. Must have valid/good driving record. Southfield. 248-352-0884 Mich. Property Maintenance

**Lease Administrator**  
Grand Sakwa Management has an excellent opportunity for a lease administrator. Candidates should have at least 3 years experience in commercial real estate lease administration or property management. Must be detail oriented, highly organized, and have a strong accounting background. Working knowledge of leases, operating expenses and reconciliations is preferred. Candidates must be proficient in MS Office programs. Salary dependent on exp. Excellent benefit plan. Fax resume to 248-855-0915. Attn: Lease Administrator

**Help Wanted-General 5000**

**MAINTENANCE TECH**  
Maintenance position at apartment community in the Canton area. Basic plumbing, electrical, HVAC & customer service skills required. Previous experience a must. Excellent wage & benefit package. Fax resume to: 734-455-1159

**MANAGER**  
Ladies retail Plymouth. Call: (248) 645-0500 or Fax: (248) 645-1763

**NEED EXERCISE? LIKE TO WALK?**  
Retirees welcome! People wanted to pass out flyers to businesses. NO SELLING. Basic hrs 9am-5pm, 1-3 days per week. We drive \$6.50/hr. Call & Leave msg. (248) 474-4740

**PAINTERS**  
Residential exp. reg. Transportation a must! Full time, some benefits. Fax resume or job exp. to 248-684-8592

**PART-TIME All Students/Others**  
Local firm looking to fill. (248) 426-4405

Openings by Sept. 10th \$15 base/appl. to start Flexible schedules, customer sales/service. (248) 426-4405

**PET GROOMER:**  
For premier Birmingham location needed. Must have exp. & references. Will consider grooming space for rent. Reply: pul6@aol.com 248-770-6220

**POLICE OFFICER**  
Village of Franklin. Full-time. Download Application at: www.franklin.mi.us.

**RECOVERY AGENT**  
Finding & repossessing assets and transporting them to our holding lot. We provide repo truck & fuel. Commission based. Can earn between \$65-\$75 per repo. Average earnings 30k-50k p/year. Fax resume to 248-478-2638

**RETAIL SALES**  
Full time. Retail exp. preferred. Apply in person at: The Teachers Store, 16911 Middlebelt/6 Mile, Livonia.

**SALES / LIGHT OFFICE WORK**  
Part time 20-25 hrs./week for medical equipment company in Livonia. Knowledge of insurance coverage a plus. Please Call between 9-11:30am 734-261-0443

**SALON ASSISTANT**  
Must be licensed. Will train. Opportunity for advancement. Call 248-324-3000 www.thestudioforhair.com

**SERVICE PERSON**  
For repair on manufactured housing units; plumbing, carpentry, roofing, etc. Mon.-Fri. 734-722-9340

**Help Wanted-General 5000**

**Route Service Representative**  
**Reinhart FoodService**  
An industry leader in wholesale food distribution is accepting applications for full time Route Service Representatives. Responsibilities include unloading and delivering product using a handcart, Customer service paperwork; basic inspections of equipment.

In addition to a valid CDL - A Driver's license with 12 months & 50,000 miles Tractor/Trailer experience. Prospective candidates should also have strong customer service skills, a positive attitude, be self motivated, and the ability to work in a fast paced independent environment.

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If you are interested in working for a well established, growth-oriented company, stop by and fill out an application, or visit our web-site at: http://www.reinhartfoodservice.com

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Attn: Office Manager  
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Warren Mich. 48091  
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(586) 757-9998  
Fax: (586) 757-2239  
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**STOCK HELP**  
Experienced. Full and Part time positions available. Call Nick or Ron 734-844-2200 Holiday Market-Canton

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Looking for a career? Weedman Lawn Care & Christmas Decor is looking for a full time year round employee. We offer vacation, medical benefits and a 401k plan. Experience would be helpful but not mandatory. We are looking for an energetic outgoing person with a great attitude to join our winning team. If you are interested in joining a company with high morals, standards and values, we want to talk to you. Please call for an interview. 248-477-4880

**TECHNICIAN**  
To work on overhead cranes. Electrical experience preferred. Benefits & 401(K). Send resume to jobs@volvoaircrane.com or fax 734-487-7105

**TILE TECHNICIAN**  
Virginia Tile Co. in Farmington Hills has a full-time 30-40 hour position. We are looking for an energetic detail oriented individual to work in a creative atmosphere. This position entails construction of ceramic and stone displays and general warehouse work. Benefits, profit sharing & 401K. Call: HR Manager at 734-762-2410 or fax: 734-421-0993

**TOWING DISPATCHER**  
Basic computer knowledge, customer service oriented, able to multi-task. Dependable for afternoons / weekends. Northville. Call 248-349-2550

**Transportation Growing company**  
Is in need of the following position:  
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**TRUCK DRIVERS**  
CDL A with experience for Plymouth Co. Mon-Fri. Days. Benefits. Local deliveries. 517-223-7339

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**WAREHOUSE HELP & DRIVER**  
Rentacar, the nation's leader in the rental of moving equipment has 2 open positions. One in our warehouse & one for a driver. We offer competitive salary and benefits along with a great work environment. Please call 734-432-6994 or apply in person to 13119 Waco Court Livonia, MI

**WAREHOUSE**  
Livonia based distribution co. has full-time warehouse positions available. Need to be able to lift up to 30 lbs. repetitively. Starting wage of \$9/hr. Position offers full medical, dental, optical after 90 days. Please send resume to ekuhowski@krclogistics.com or apply in person 31750 Enterprise Dr., Livonia, MI (off Plymouth, between Farmington and Merriman).

**WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR**  
Requires individual experienced in shipping/receiving for hazardous materials. Responsibilities: warehouse operations, safety training & training records management. This important team member must have exp. communication skills, hazardous materials awareness training & knowledge of working in an ISO 9000 environment. Exc. benefits including a 401k w/co. match. Email: employment@diposamerica.com Fax: (734) 261-0655

**WELDER / FITTER**  
Experienced only. Accepting applications. Call 313-541-8304

**Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Medical supply company seeking an enthusiastic person to compliment our stellar office staff. Experience in medical field a plus. Candidate should be self directed, flexible team player, with ability to learn computer programs quickly. Ideal candidate will possess a Associates or Bachelor's Degree, or be in active pursuit of a degree. Please forward resume with salary requirement to: jflewelling@amms.net

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Public Sector Lab or Union looking to hire Administrative Assistant. Microsoft Office, QuickBooks Pro and some basic understanding of book-keeping needed. Full time. Paid health care, dental and vision. Salary commensurate with ability. Send resume and references to: Box 1417, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
For real estate investment company. Real estate/marketing/mortgage background preferred. Fax resume including salary history to: 313-566-7411 Attn. Mr. O

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (PART-TIME)**  
For Farmington Hills tech society's Publishing Services Dept. Must be highly organized, have exp. oral /written communication skills and be proficient in MS Office. Editorial or journalism exp. a plus. Mon.-Fri., 20-30 hrs./week. Send resume: barb.cheyne@concrete.org or FAX 248.848.3771.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
To work at Garden City funeral home. This will be a fulltime position with no benefits. Call 734-425-9200 for further info

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST**  
Local real estate company looking for receptionist/ executive assistant. Duties include executive assistant role, receptionist duties, strong word processing skills req. Generous salary & benefits. Must be dedicated and career oriented. Please respond in confidence to: Human Resource Manager, P.O. Box 1709 Royal Oak MI 48068

**FRONT DESK** Duties include cashier, hostess, receptionist as well as assisting manager, maintaining scheduling, traffic flow of clients & record keeping. Part time even & Sat. Canton Salon 734-718-7663.

**GENERAL OFFICE**  
Dental Supply co. is looking for an individual who is personable, adept at office functions, organized & have computer skills. Approximately 3 days/wk. Ask for Linda or Mel: 734-293-7500

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With litigation exp. for Troy law firm. Collection, domestic and bankruptcy exp. helpful. Competitive salary and benefits package. Submit resume to: Office Administrator, P.O. Box 7037, Troy, MI 48007-7037

**LEGAL SECRETARY**  
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Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL (7355)

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**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR**  
Exp. needed for a mid sized apt community in Westland. Knowledge in all aspects of maintenance. Must be HVAC certified. Competitive salary and benefits. Call 734-261-7394 Fax Resume 734-261-4811

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**Part-Time Customer Service Representative - Circulation**

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers seeks a professional and reliable individual to work part-time providing customer service for our Livonia circulation department. High school diploma or equivalent required, along with general office experience. Must have superb customer service, computer and interpersonal skills, with an ability to lift up to 35 pounds.

We offer a great work environment and benefits for part-time employees.

Interested applicants may submit their resume (referencing Job Code CSR0620) by:

E-mail (preferred): employment@hometownlife.com

Mail: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Human Resources Department 36251 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, Michigan 48150 Fax: 734.953.2057

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**Press Operator**

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers seeks an experienced press operator. High school diploma or equivalent, and minimum five years full-time experience operating a web offset newspaper press required. Strong maintenance background desirable. Nights, evenings and days as needed. Must be well versed in pressroom work: setting ink, registering printing plates, setting folder, loading reels, press maintenance and other duties as required. Strong work ethic, with an eagerness to work within a team and learn new processes required.

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**DESIGN ENGINEER**  
Master degree & exp. using CATIA, PRO/E, AutoCad, Hypermesh & Nastran. Resume & salary req. to: Judy Christie, AAR Cargo Systems, 12633 Inkster Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

**Help Wanted-Dental 6040**  
**ASSISTANT**  
For Farmington Hills dental office. Part time. 1pm-closing, Mon-Thurs, no evenings. **Must Have Dental Exp.** Call 248-553-4740

**CERAMIST**  
Ramsey Dental now hiring Ceramist with 5 yrs.-plus experience in all phases of porcelain. Full Time / Full Benefits, Call Phil Ramsey: 248-442-4848

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Upscale Dearborn office looking for a special person to join our team. Must be self-motivated, outgoing and dependable. Call Sue 313-485-0733

**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST**  
For Farmington Hills Area. **Must Have Dental Experience.** Full or Part time, Monday-Thursday, no evenings. Call Lori 248-553-4743

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Bloomfield Hills Endodontic office seeking full time energetic highly motivated pleasant person to assist chair side, exp. preferred but willing to train, benefits avail. fax to 248-647-0576

**DENTAL / BUSINESS OFFICE**  
Need someone with Dentech computer experience, insurance knowledge and financial arrangements. Full time. Southfield area. Please send resumes to: Box 1418, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
High end dental office in Ann Arbor. Experience necessary. Call Jan 734-930-4022

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Exp. needed. Fulltime. New office in Livonia. Off site training. Email: drilless@aol.com

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Immediate opening for Part time experienced Dental Assistant in Livonia speciality office. Tues & Thurs. 8:30am-5:30pm. Call 734-522-7313

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Part-Time. Recent exp. required. Northville office. FAX resume: (248) 348-0119

**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST**  
Bloomfield Hills endodontic office seeking an energetic highly motivated person. Full time, great hours and benefits, Dental experience preferred. Fax resume (248) 647-0576

**Help Wanted-Dental 6040**  
**Dental Patient Coordinator**  
Full-time position. Excellent compensation. Dental & computer experience required. Resume: (734) 464-4778

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Full-Time. Minimum 1 yr. exp for relaxed Livonia dental office, pleasant surrounding, great staff. Fax: 248-646-2480 or Call: 248-417-6211

**FRONT DESK**  
Progressive, modern dental team looking for someone to manage doctors schedule & make appointments. Dental exp preferred. 248-557-5756 Fax: 248-557-0721

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**BILLER**  
Experience with PC/Direct electronic claims. Follow up. Ophthalmology. Fax resume to 248-433-0812

**CAREGIVER**  
Assisted living building looking for experienced part/full time Health Caregivers in the Westland & Northville area. Fax 248-735-1010

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED**  
Growing medical supply company located in Wixom needs several customer service representatives. Medical background a must; it can be medical terminology, insurance background or medical assisting. Any insurance coding knowledge is a plus! Computer experience must be advanced enough to work with several software programs. This is a multi-task position. Please email your resume to ksivar@jandmedical.com or fax to K. Sivar at 248-960-8059 to set up a personal interview.

**Help Wanted-Medical 6060**  
**DIRECTOR OF NURSING**  
Beautiful Autumnwood of Livonia, recently renovated to expand its sub acute and rehab component, seeks a seasoned DON to lead its nursing team.

State of the art rehabilitation services will place Autumnwood at the forefront of service and its stable staff and quality programming will set it ahead of the competition. Please apply in confidence to: livonia\_admin@cienefacilities.com EOE

**LPN/RN's**  
Newly renovated Autumnwood of Livonia with its expanded sub acute and rehab dept., is seeking full and part-time nurses with LTC experience.

Wages RN - \$25/hr. LPN - \$23/hr.  
Please fax resume or apply in person to: Autumnwood of Livonia 14900 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154  
Phone 734-425-4200 Fax 734-425-4327, Email: middlebelt\_payroll@cienefacilities.com

**MEDICAL BILLER NEEDED**  
Medical supply company in Wixom requires a DME biller as soon as possible. Must have DME medical billing experience of at least two years. Growing company has high volume claims. Requires vast awareness of different medical software or the ability to learn new customized software quickly. Only EXPERIENCED DME biller's apply. Kindly send your resume to: vmarshall@jandmedical.com or fax to (248) 960-8059 for personal interview

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Wanted for Livonia office. Exp. required. Part-time. Fax resume 734-522-7886

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Part time for Farmington Hills area medical office. Pediatric experience. 3 days/week. Fax resume to 248-788-4297

**Medical Assistant**  
Part-Time for Novi Office. 1 yr. of clinical exp. a must. Benefits. Email resume to GreatLakesDerm@yahoo.com

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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT or RN**  
Part-Time to work for suburban pediatric practice. Experience, reliability & team attitude needed. Fax resume: (248) 788-2346

**MEDICAL BILLER**  
Farmington Hills Internist. 4 days. Experience necessary. Fax resume: 248-855-0190

**MEDICAL BILLERS**  
Exp with E-Thomas software. For busy Internal Medicine office in Livonia. Fax resume Attn Christina: 734-779-2121

**MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST/ ASSISTANT**  
Part-Time, West Bloomfield area. X-Ray exp. necessary. Please fax: (248) 855-1323

**OPTOMETRIC ASSISTANT**  
Needed part time for private office. Exp. preferred. Please fax resume to: 248-427-9610.

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• COOKS • PREP COOKS • DISHWASHERS AM & PM positions avail at 2 restaurant locations. Apply within or fax resume to 734-459-2345. 8216 Penniman Ave, Plymouth or 449 Main St, Milford

**MANAGEMENT**  
• Unit Managers  
• Shift Managers  
Expanding Livonia Franchise  
19311 Farmington Road (North of 7 Mile Road)  
Fax: 248-478-3037 or Email Resume to: livoniacd@aol.com  
Teresa or Wanda 248-478-4691

**WAIT PERSON**  
Must have delicatessen exp. Apply in person  
**RON'S BAGEL DELI**  
40270 14 Mile at M5

**Help Wanted-Medical 6060**  
**Private Home Care Needed**  
3 Developmentally Disabled young women living in their Garden City home need friend & assistant. Great opportunity for students in the health care field. Full & Part-Time available. Responsibilities: companionship, community outings, lifting/transferring, personal hygiene, domestic work & cooking. Exp. Preferred but not necessary. Must have good driving record. Paid training. Starting at \$8-\$8.50/hr. (734) 522-4880

**RN**  
Seeking FT staff Nurse RN for small LTC facility. Friendly environment. Hire on bonus. Please call DON at: 734-347-8783

**RN / LPN**  
Livonia Assisted Care 8a-12p. 6-7 days/wk for Resident Health Care & Alzheimer's Unit Setup. Excel exp'd. 248-802-8989 email: lpwad@aol.com

**RN or LPN**  
Busy Bingham Farms pediatric office seeking full & part time Nurse. Competitive pay. Call Becky or Lynn at: (248) 642-7701

**Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 6080**  
**BARTENDERS & WAITRESS'S**  
No Exp necessary. Excellent pay & tips. FT or PT. Call (734) 812-4822

**CAFE HELP**  
Part time in Novi. 10am-2pm Mon-Fri. Call after 1pm 248-596-6086

**CASHIER PART TIME**  
Avail. at Sodexho of N. America. Person needed Mon., Tues., Thurs., approximately 10:30am to 2:45 pm. Corp. cafeteria in Plymouth. No exp. or weekends. Call and leave info 734-254-6315 At Sodexho we value workforce diversity EOE.

**CONCESSION WORKERS**  
In Novi, flexible hours, mostly weekends. Call for appt. 248-662-0114

**COOKS**  
Apply in person Mon-Fri. Nikola's 25225 Telegraph (at 10 Mile)

**DEDICATED PERSONNEL**  
The Park at Trowbridge, a senior retirement community, is seeking dedicated, customer-oriented staff to fill cook and wait staff positions. Full and part-time positions available. Benefits include: health insurance, vision and dental, 401k, long and short-term disability. Please submit resume to Joe Nounhan, Food Service Director by Wed. August 30th at The Park at Trowbridge 24111 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48033. M/F/H/V/E/OE.

**DELIVERY / COUNTER HELP**  
\$9 p/hr + tips. Part Time. Pic-A-Deli, Farmington Hills. 248-473-8484

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By Marty Majchrzak  
Avanti NewsFeatures

Winnebago's 2007 Voyage 35A is Class A motor home with a head-turning exterior and a 7-foot-2 ceiling height that provides an incredible amount of head room. I love the new look Winnebago has given these monsters of motor homes in the past two years. The color combinations on the outside always turn heads as you enter the campground.

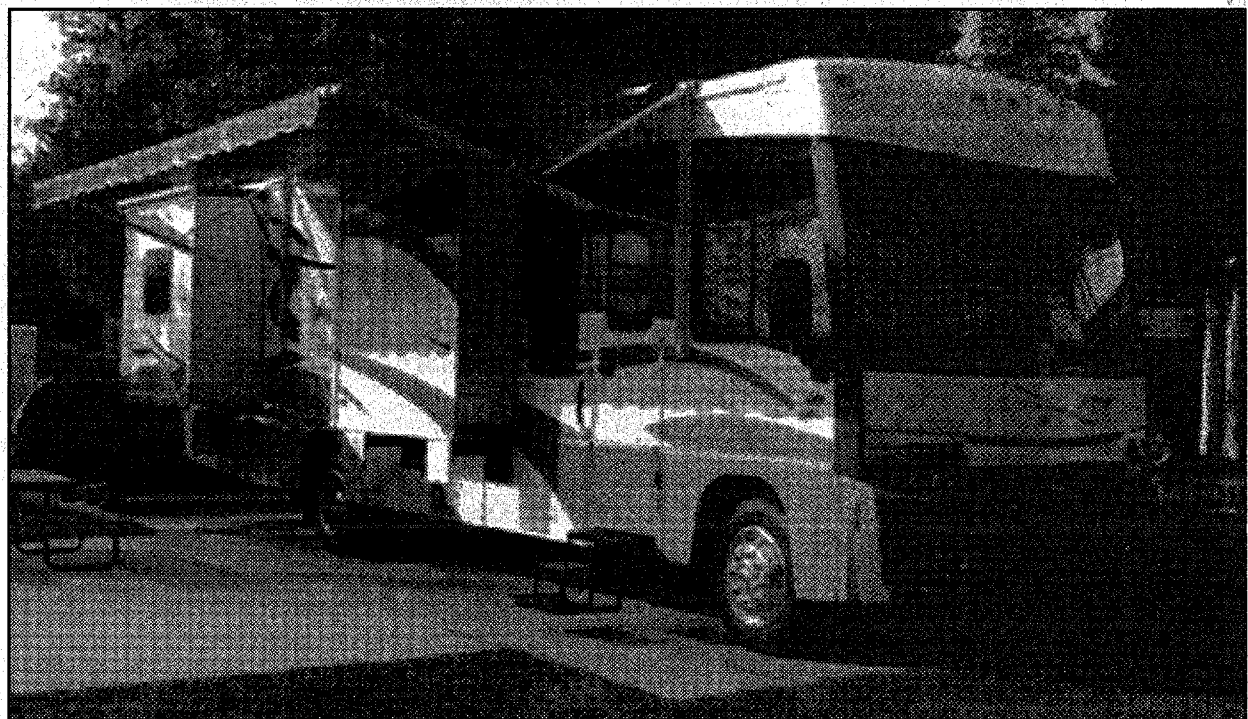
The outside on our tester was painted a combination of four different colors: a white base, accented by burgundy, pewter and gold, making one sweet-looking ride. My wife Donna and I just love motor homes, but living in this kind of luxury makes you feel like you took your home with you.

The Voyage is 35 feet of pure luxury and a couple of new additions that make life a lot easier. A rear camera was great so I could keep an eye on my Sea Ray boat and with the additional side cameras, driving these coaches gets easier and easier. Side cameras are mounted under the mirrors and are activated when you put on the turn signal. It shoots a view down the side of the coach and into the next lane that makes lane changing a piece of cake.

You know the old saying: you can't have your cake and eat it, too. Well, with this Voyage, know that you can have your cake and eat it, too. You can also change the view from camera 1, 2 or 3 by hitting the button on the view screen. This was great!

The Voyage has lots of basement storage. It will store anything from barbecues to as many folding chairs you can pack. One of the first things I like to do is check out the basement storage because I like to bring everything we can think of.

As we pulled into our camp site at Lake Leelanau RV Park in northern Michigan, the director took our name and directed us to follow him to our camp site. They were so busy he let us check in the next day. Now keep in mind that with a total of 53 feet of motor home and boat, those cameras made it a piece of cake to maneuver in a tight camp ground. Boy, that cake is good!



2007 Winnebago Voyage 35A. Vehicle class: Class A motor home. Power: 8.1-liter fuel injected V8 engine. Mileage: 7.0 mpg in mixed driving. Where built: Forest City, Iowa. Base price: \$123,764. As tested: \$133,823.

As we pulled into our cement slab camp site we unhooked the boat and the park took it to the launch with my son, Matthew. Next was a quick meeting with the people next to us. Then I opened the coach driver's door, hit the leveling jacks power on and hit auto button. All four jacks came down, hit the ground and started leveling the coach; I just stood back and watched. I closed the door and turned and the people next to us said, 'How cool was that! I need more cake.'

Now we're inside coach. We went to the back and slid out the bedroom, moved to the living room and slid it out, then turned and slid out the kitchen. This new kitchen slideout makes the living area huge. More room to cook, eat and pass other people by and in a pinch more room to sleep.

We took six adults with us to northern Michigan. The Voyage will sleep six but to be more comfortable, four is better, I think. That's where the kitchen slideout came into play. We were able to sleep two on an air mattress comfortably in the kitchen area, only because of that slideout.

My wife Donna liked the fact that our Voyage came with the washer/dryer combo from Italy that worked very well. The machine not only washes the clothes but also dries them in the same machine. It took a little longer, and

in the spin cycle, it shook the motor home a little bit, but not long enough to be annoying.

The Voyage I tested had a little over \$10,000 in options. My last Winnebago motor home tester was an Adventurer 37B, and that had \$23,000 worth of options and was a gorgeous RV. With two slideouts in the bedroom and one in the living area, my choice for that third slideout is the kitchen area, to give you that extra room in the living area. Now if money is no problem than I move to the motor home with four slideouts.

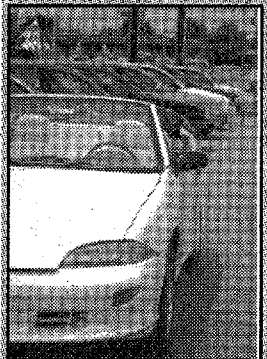
My favorite option was the home theater sound system that had unbelievable sound and power. My kids and I one night at about 10 o'clock decided to watch the movie V for Vendetta. Well, let me tell you with the big bass sound and the high pitch of fire and gunfire it was enough to have the camp director come calling at our door. I answered the door and the first thing he said was, 'WOW! What great sound! But we can hear it pretty good out here, so could you please turn it down a little bit?'

Because of the quality and the options, this is a pretty nice coach and one that I would recommend for purchase.

Write Marty Majchrzak at [marty.majchrzak@gmail.com](mailto:marty.majchrzak@gmail.com)

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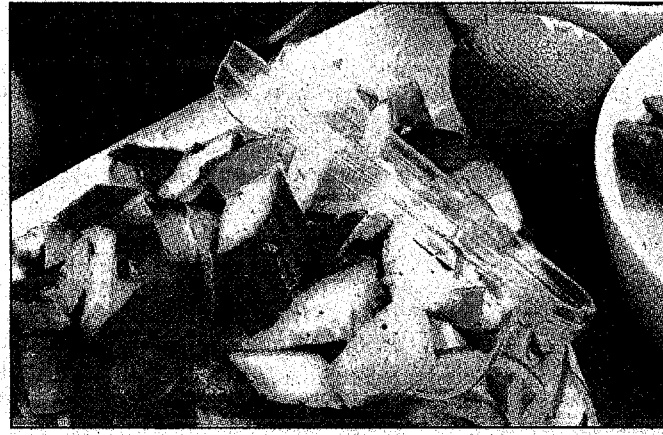
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# Time to tailgate

Menu: Tomato basil hummus, marinated shrimp and Italian sausage on a stick and basil lemon garlic chicken, served with side dishes like cucumber tomato salad and chicken tabbouleh.



Cucumber and tomato salad fields a colorful array of fresh vegetables.

## Chef adds a little Mediterranean flair to her menu

(See related recipes inside and tailgating tips below.)

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

In the culinary world of Kelli Lewton, tailgating isn't about hot dogs and hamburgers. The owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills believes tailgating can be fresh, Mediterranean-style with a versatility and balance that will please any palate. From chicken kebabs and shrimp and sausage sticks to tomato basil hummus and cucumber and tomato salad, Lewton sets up a menu with enough variety and layers of flavors to set the table for any football fan. Her menu for today's Hometimelife.com section features tomato basil hummus, marinated shrimp and Italian sausage on a



Kelli Lewton prepares a tailgating meal consisting of pita breads and bread varieties (from left, clockwise), bruschetta, pita chips, chicken kebabs, olive salad, tomato basil hummus and tomato cucumber salad.

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## Chef Kelli Lewton's tailgating tips

Here are tailgating pointers from Kelli Lewton:  
**Menu planning:** Don't overthink your menu. Pick an idea or theme that lends easily to being prepping a day or two ahead.  
**Form, function & flair:** Team colors are a must. There are many newer styles of plastic ware available in interesting shapes and colors with lids that snap on airtight. They look much more like serving pieces than traditional food storage plastic ware. A reusable tablecloth made out of artificial turf can be used, perhaps even styled by using white electrical tape or paint with a model version of the actual field lines. Inexpensive pompons can add a

little perk to any serving table.  
Don't forget the two-sided tape or linen clips to keep your tablecloth from blowing away on a windy day. Check on the Internet or at your favorite specialty store. You can find mock helmets with your team's name that double as dip holders, grills that you tow with your car or even wall-to-wall sports carpeting for under your tent.  
**Safety zone:** Prepare as much food as you can at home, it is imperative to keep cold foods cold (under 40° F) and hot foods hot (above 160° F).

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Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills, believes keeping cold foods cold is easier than maintaining the heat on hot foods at a tailgating party.

## Turn your back yard or basement into a big-screen movie theater

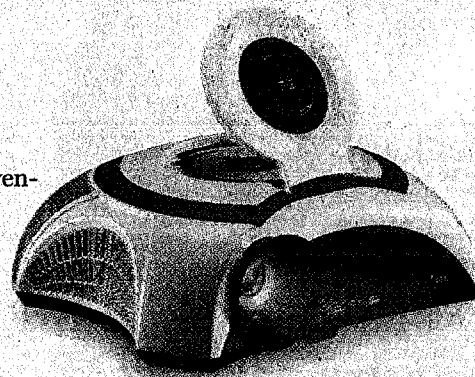


Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Good things come to those who wait. Lower prices on hot hardware, for instance. I'm speaking of the Optoma MovieTime (www.optomausa.com), a digital projector outfitted with a built-in DVD player and stereo speakers. Just point it at a light-colored wall or hung bedsheet, drop in a movie, and fire up the popcorn popper. Presto: big-screen cinema. When the MovieTime debuted last year, I loved the idea but balked at the \$1,500 list price. Thankfully, my patience has paid off: The projector now sells for \$999 at stores like Circuit City. That's not much more than you'd pay for a typi-

cal projector, and you get the awesome convenience of the built-in DVD player. Plus, the unit looks like modern art, with its domed shape and black-and-white plastic modeling. I'm having tons of fun with this thing. Its name notwithstanding, the MovieTime can be used for more than just movies. As with any projector, you can connect your cable box for watching TV, your PC for viewing presentations, and even your game console for big-screen gaming.



The Optoma MovieTime projector features a built-in DVD player and speakers, so you can enjoy big-screen movies just about anywhere.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

## But wait, there's more to say about this TV pioneer

Quietly, and without much fanfare, an American era came to an end last week. Amid all the brouhaha of Katie Couric's debut we lost someone whose influence on popular culture will persist for generations to come. I'm speaking, of course, of Arthur Schiff. Don't feel bad if you don't recognize him. While Mr. Schiff was anything but a household name, his creations dot kitchens, garages and storage spaces from coast to coast. You see, Mr. Schiff took that staple of late night TV - the infomercial - from temporary annoyance to a high art form. He is the man who created these now legendary advertising slogans: "Isn't that amazing?" "Now how much would you pay?" "Act now and you'll also receive ..." and the granddaddy of them all, "But wait,



Dick Purtan

there's more." (He isn't credited for other phrases like "Operators are standing by" or "Order before midnight tomorrow," but he was likely the inspiration for the growth of this genre.) These advertising clichés enabled Mr. Schiff to build a multimillion dollar empire by selling such useful and must-have products as the "miraculous" Ambervision sunglasses, the Miracle Painter (and its cousins the Miracle Slicer and the Miracle Duster) and Armourcote Cookware. But, his greatest accomplishment is the one that should land him in the advertising Hall of Fame: Quikcut Knives. You say you don't recognize that name? Well, maybe the name Mr. Schiff created for that product will ring a bell. Ginsu. Yes, the knife that slices everything. (Even a penny. Why you would need to do that was never established, but I guess if you could cut old Abe in half, a simple tomato would be no match for that tempered-steel, never-dull blade.) The story goes something like this. Quikcut wasn't cutting it. So, Mr. Schiff decided to create a name that would conjure up an image of precision. And that is exactly what he did. He made it up. Ginsu isn't some fancy Japanese word for "cuts like a Samurai sword." Ginsu is a completely made-up word. Like Kleenex. Or Strategy. The rest, as they say, is history. Mr. Schiff's company became so wildly successful he eventually sold it to a company affiliated with Warren Buffett. But, Arthur Schiff's passing was noted with barely a whisper. No high-energy pitches. No "amazing" or "incredible" eulogies. You would think that, at the very least, QVC would do a retrospective of the man's work. After all, it owes its industry to the demand Mr. Schiff created. Instead, he slipped quietly into the late night. In a fitting end to this pioneer's life, his family has asked that in lieu of flowers, you should send in three easy payments of \$19.95.

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# Reclaim freshman's room by degrees

David of Canton writes: "My son is going off to college next week. His room is atrocious and needs serious attention."

"I don't know where to start. The walls need painting; new window treatments; new ceiling fan; closet doors; etc."

"More importantly, what is the best use of this room? Like everyone else, I need to fix things up on a budget. Where do I begin?"

## Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

You are in a position that many parents are finding themselves in at this time of year. Junior is heading off to college and it's time to find out what is really in that room. What damage is left on the walls behind the posters and under the bed?

It can be a little scary, but fear not, you will reclaim this room.

Before reclaiming, you need to decide the purpose of the room. This is very personal and varies quite a bit from family to family.

Generally speaking, Junior will be back to visit and will need a place to stay. I would caution you from turning his room into your spa retreat, at least not yet.

After deciding the purpose, take stock of the situation. The best way is to remove everything from the room. Take down the window treatments, empty the closet and remove all of the wall art.

If you aren't comfortable with tossing your son's old possessions, just get a few storage boxes and fill them up with your son's items. Label everything and store the boxes in the attic. He'll be picking these boxes up when he graduates.

Now you can get a clear view of the room and can assess the situation.

I would suggest selecting a nice paint color that is fairly neutral and sophisticated.

Avoid any paint colors that are gender-specific.

If the carpet is in a beige tone, select a nice tan or coordinating beige color. You can use black accents or navy blue for a very clean, hip look.

You could even look for a comforter set on sale and select your color palette from the bedding.

Many of these "Bed-in-a-Bag" sets come with coordinating curtain panels or valances, too. This is a very inexpensive way to pull the room together.

Once you've chosen your color palette, make sure you repair holes in the walls, sand and prime before painting. This is also a good time for deep carpet cleaning.

If new furniture is required, establish your budget and then stick to it. With the new IKEA store in Canton, there are many ways to furnish a room inexpensively and not sacrifice style in the process.

Install the new light fixture or ceiling fan.

If you decide to keep the room available for your son to use when he visits, keep several of his items in the room. He will still need to store his out-

of-season clothes and will want some of his favorite things displayed.

While transforming this room, always try to keep your selections simple. This may not be the last time you will need to redecorate this room, so it is foolish to go overboard at this stage of the game.

Remember to first decide the purpose of the room, objectively assess the redecorating situation, select your color palette, do necessary repairs and cleaning, paint, and then decorate sparingly.

Your son will balk at all of the changes at first, but he may actually come to recognize the value of a clean, fresh room when he visits.

Dorm living can make a young adult appreciate his comfortable bedroom when he comes home.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at [www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com](http://www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com).

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### 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](mailto:stemar@comcast.net).

### Plant exchange

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](mailto:calamintha@yahoo.com).

### Edible landscape

Goldner Walsh Nursery will present 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.

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](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).

### MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the Coach House, adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m.

Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. Guest speaker Deborah Lee, president of Shades of Green garden center, will talk about how to select, plant and maintain a new tree.

For more information, call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793, or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.com](http://www.meadowbrookhall.com).

### 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.

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

### Fall containers

Learn about the beautiful flowers and foliage plants that will look spectacular in containers until mid-November

in Fall Container Gardening, a class offered at 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Cost is \$25. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

Instructor Heidi Cook is the owner of Liberty Street Gardens, which performs a variety of maintenance and design services for residential and commercial properties in and around Farmington. She is a master gardener and an instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening.

### Indoor plants

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. Visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com). Caring for Indoor Plants will be the topic Sept. 20. Tropical plants brighten a home and clean the air as well.

Learn how to select and care for plants that will thrive indoors. Tips on bringing plants back indoors will also be featured.

Feeding Our Feathered Friends will be the topic Sept. 27.

### 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](http://www.GreatLakesRoses.com) or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Cooking with Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18), and Winter Preparation for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25).

In the cooking program, learn how to grow edible roses and prepare tempting rose recipes, and sample rose treats.

The winter preparation program is a garden demonstration of techniques to ensure winter survival of all garden roses.

### Small spaces

If you're a gardener with limited space who still wants a variety of trees and shrubs, attend Tips on Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces, a class offered 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Cost is \$25. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

Instructor Steven Nikkila is co-owner of Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscape design firm. He is a senior instructor at Michigan School of Gardening and a Practical Gardening Institute trainer.

### Tree-mendous

Take a leisurely walk with your preschooler through the gardens and woods at Michigan State University Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton in Tree-mendous Trees for Preschoolers, 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Along the way, samples of leaves for an indoor project will be collected. Cost is \$8. Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 431-2060.

## BROIDA

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But I mostly love its movie-theater-in-a-box versatility.

Recently we had an outdoor screening of *Annie* for a group of neighborhood kids. We hung a queen-size bedsheet from the deck rail, set the projector on a table about 8 feet away, and arranged blankets on the grass.

It was awesome, like being at a drive-in movie without having to drive anywhere.

The only problem was sound: The MovieTime's 5-watt speakers are sufficient for a family room, but not for the

open space of a back yard.

Thankfully, we'd planned ahead: A neighbor brought over a pair of bookshelf speakers and his stereo amplifier, which plugged into the projector's audio-out jack. This was well worth the extra effort, as great video is nothing without great audio.

To my thinking, this is the perfect time of year for backyard movies, as the sun sets at a reasonable hour and the evenings are cool enough to keep the bugs away (and perfect for snuggling under blankets).

Of course, the MovieTime works just as well in a basement, living room or wherever.

Alas, it has no ceiling-mount option (understandable given its design), so you may have trouble making it a permanent fixture.

My other complaint is with something called lens shift: The MovieTime projects images so high that you practically need to put it on the floor to achieve normal-height viewing.

Sure, you can prop up the rear (which I often had to do), but that's not an ideal solution.

You should also consider the steep price of replacement bulbs: \$350.

Optoma promises 2,000 hours of life per bulb, or 3,000 if you switch off "Brite" mode

(which to my eyes didn't negatively impact brightness).

The MovieTime comes with a carrying case, remote and all the other usual stuff.

Now that the price has dipped below \$1,000, I have no problem giving the Optoma MovieTime my wholehearted recommendation.

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## Not stuck with stippled ceilings

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

From Doug Winchester, Va.: "I live in a house that has stippled ceilings throughout. This was put on several years ago to hide imperfections. Is there a way to get rid of this texture so I can have smooth ceilings?"

Yes, you can have smooth ceilings again. The stippling effect is simply paint applied with a special stipple roller. If the paint used was latex, you can wet the paint and then scrape away.

If the paint used was oil-based, it will be slightly more difficult.

First, do a wash of the ceiling with synthetic TSP. Once dry, do a light sanding with 80-grit paper on a sanding pole. Finally, you can "float out" the surface with drywall joint compound.

Use a wide joint compound knife to spread thin layers of the compound into the voids on the ceiling to make a smooth surface. You may need to apply more than one layer.

Keep in mind that you will need to wait for the first coat to completely dry before adding other coats. Sanding each coat is also recommended.

Once your ceiling is smooth, you can paint normally, or apply a textured finish of your choice and then paint.

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# Think before you call for appliance service

I've written about the quality of major home appliances, the expensive repairs, which may be needed, and the assurance and piece of mind that comes from buying an extended service contract provided it didn't cost you an unreasonable dollar figure.

Most important is to remember that if you do have an extended warranty contract, put it someplace where you can see it. My friend Linda didn't, and as a result she had this story to tell me:

"Ever since my husband passed away suddenly last year I have had so much confusion in my life. He took care of everything and fixed all sorts of problems around the house. He paid the bills and always organized our calendar and I sure miss him.

"The central air conditioner stopped working the other day, no more cool air coming out of the register, so I called my son, who came over to look at it.

"He checked out the fuses outside in the fuse box and they appeared to be fine, so he called a friend who works in the heating and cooling business.

"This friend of his told me that I had a defective compressor and that he could replace it at a pretty expensive cost. I asked him to give me a few days to think about it, as the unit is 12 years old and I needed advice as to which way to go, replace or repair.

"The next day I called Consumers Energy on a matter not related to air conditioning, and they informed me that our home was covered by an extended warranty plan which my husband had signed up for several years ago.

"I explained my existing problem to them, and the next day they sent out a service technician to check out my central air.

"Lo and behold, he didn't find a bad compressor, he found a broken wire which connects to a relay. He fixed it and now the system works great.

"I am so pleased that my husband purchased this appliance plan. It didn't cost me for repairs and I saved a whole bunch of money in not having to replace the compressor. I had a strong conversation with my son concerning his so-called friend who was ready to take my money."

## EYE OPENING

So you see, folks, sometimes we forget things, and I can attest to the normalcy of such happenings.

Sometimes we don't think about the unethical behavior of some service businesses and it's very eye opening when we encounter those types.

Take Stephanie, who called for repair on her refrigerator. The icemaker water valve was leaking and Ron Hoffman from A & R Appliance Service changed the valve at a charge of \$125.

One and a half years later, the valve leaked again, and her husband called another company who offered a free service call in their advertising.

He thought he was going to get a real break on fixing the broken water valve, only to be quoted an estimate of \$250 for repairs.

He escorted the repairman to the outside of his home, only to be told that he had to pay \$70 for the service call. He came to find out the service call wasn't free unless you had the repairs done by this company.

Stephanie is just disgusted with this whole event and wonders how these people can stay in business. She said, "They should be in jail."

It has been a while since I've written of examples of the wrongs that still exist in my appliance repair industry.

I must say that there has been great improvement here in Michigan, but it's still not perfect and it will never be. All the more reason for you to heed the words of an old man who has been in this game for many years.

Personally, I've had an extended service plan on my heating, air conditioning unit, hot water tank and major home appliances for the past 10 years.

I'm the guy who can fix any of them with his eyes closed and yet, I think it's worthwhile having. 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](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

my husband passed away suddenly last year I have had so much confusion in my life. He took care of everything and fixed all sorts of problems around the house. He paid the bills and always organized our calendar and I sure miss him.

"The central air conditioner stopped working the other day, no more cool air coming out of the register, so I called my son, who came over to look at it.

"He checked out the fuses outside in the fuse box and they appeared to be fine, so he called a friend who works in the heating and cooling business.

"This friend of his told me that I had a defective compressor and that he could replace it at a pretty expensive cost. I asked him to give me a few days to think about it, as the unit is 12 years old and I needed advice as to which way to go, replace or repair.

## 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](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).

**Northville home tour**  
The Northville Historical Home Tour, sponsored by the Northville/Novi American Association of University Women, will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. The tour will feature four homes in downtown Northville. Tickets are \$15. They are available in Northville at Petite Maison, Pear-Aphanaila, Gardenviews and the Chamber of Commerce; in Plymouth at Cozy Cafe; and by calling (734) 207-1942.

**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. Call Birmingham Community Education at (248) 203-3800 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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. Tienken 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. Call HFCC at (313) 317-1500 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.)

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.

### Fall seminar

Design expert Ray Boley will host a free seminar on updating a home for fall 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Art Van Furniture in Ann Arbor. 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](http://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](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.



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# You'll run up the score with these recipes

## CHICKEN TABBOULEH

- 1 cup medium-grade bulgur (6 ounces)
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water or chicken stock
- 1/2 cup and 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 large chicken breast halves on the bone
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 cup finely chopped flat leaf parsley (approximately two bunches)
- 1/2 cup finely chopped mint
- 1/2 seedless cucumber, diced small
- 1 pint grape or cherry tomatoes, halved lengthwise

Season chicken breast with salt and fresh cracked pepper, then brush with olive oil. Roast in 350° F oven for 30-40 minutes until cooked through. Let cool and pull chicken meat off the bone in medium pieces (about the size you would expect to see in chicken salad).

In a large heatproof bowl, combine the bulgur with the boiling water or chicken stock, lemon juice and 1 teaspoon kosher salt. Let bulgur mixture stand until the water has been absorbed and the grains are tender, about 20-30 minutes.

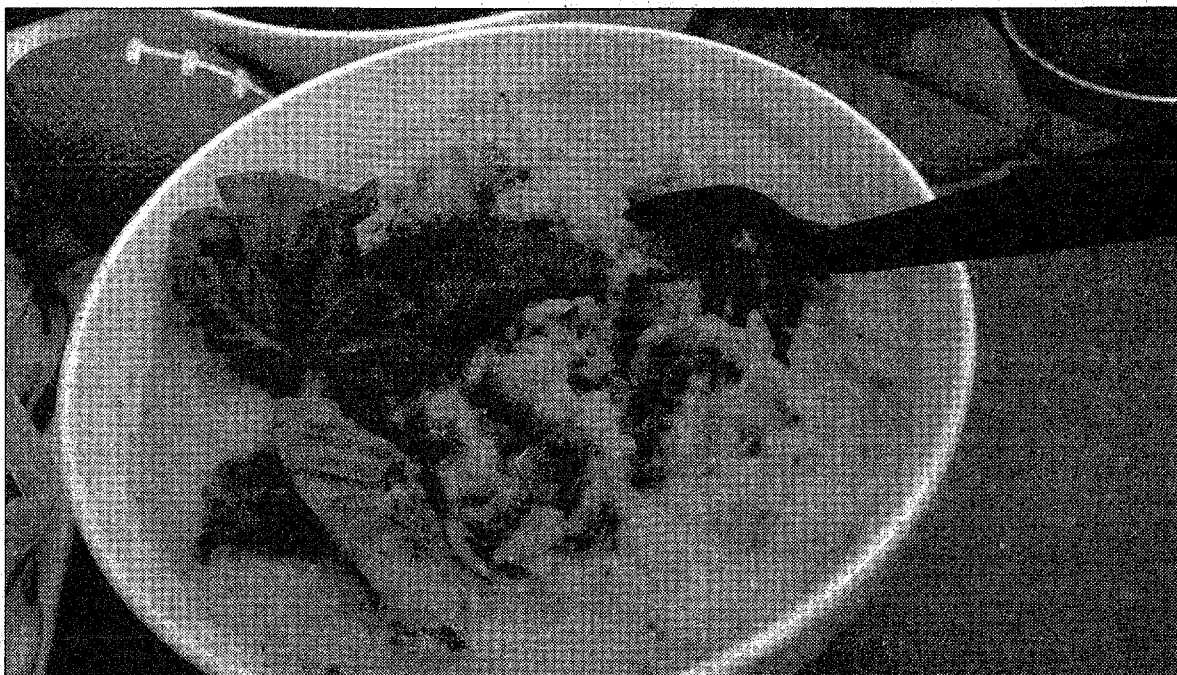
Mix pulled chicken and bulgur wheat with remaining ingredients. Season with kosher salt and fresh cracked pepper.

Serve with romaine hearts, crackers, pita bread and/or pita chips.

(Feel free to make this dish ahead and refrigerate for one day. You can also prepare it as far as two days ahead, but dress the salad with lemon juice and olive oil the night before or morning of the day the dish is to be served.)

## TOMATO BASIL HUMMUS

- 1 (14 ounces) can of chickpeas or garbanzo beans, reserve liquid
- 2 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup liquid reserve from garbanzo bean can (if can does not total 1/2 cup, make up the difference with water)
- 3 tablespoons of reconstituted sun-dried tomatoes
- 1/2 cup Tahini (sesame seed paste sold in most grocery stores in gourmet or imported food section)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt



Tomato basil hummus combines sun-dried tomatoes with the rich heartiness of garbanzo beans.

- 3 tablespoons basil, cut in thin strips
- Place garbanzo beans in small pot and bring to medium simmer for 3-4 minutes. Drain and reserve liquid.
- Place garbanzo beans in food processor. Add garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, lemon juice, Tahini and reserved liquid from garbanzo bean can. Puree in food processor until smooth.
- Season with salt and stir basil in by hand with a spoon.
- Serve as a sandwich spread or dip with pita chips, breads and crackers. Yield 8-10 servings.

## MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN STRIPS

- 2 1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast
- 1/2 Spanish onion cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons chopped black olives (optional)
- 2 tablespoons chopped reconstituted sun-dried tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped basil
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped oregano (or 1/2 tsp dried)
- 1/2 cup good quality olive oil
- 2 ounces of fresh squeezed lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh cracked pepper
- Kosher salt
- Prep chicken 24 hours prior to cooking.

Cut chicken breast into 1-by-1 1/2 inch cubes and toss with fresh lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, chopped olives, sun-dried tomatoes, herbs and pepper and marinate overnight.

Skewer chicken on heavy bamboo or wooden stick, alternating chicken meat with a piece of onion. Season each stick with a sprinkle of salt.

Grill on barbecue approximately 12-15 minutes, turning often until cooked through.

Great served on an olive oil brushed and grilled hoagie roll, pita bread or just right off the stick. It's also great with a smear of tomato basil hummus and cucumber salad. (See other recipes.) Yields eight sticks.

## SHRIMP AND SAUSAGE STICKS

- 16 large (16-20 sized) raw shrimp, peeled and cleaned
- 3 links of spicy Italian sausage or chorizo (4 ounce links)
- 2 tablespoons pesto
- Hearty sprinkle of red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Salt and pepper
- Precook sausage on grill or in oven until cooked through and cool. Slice sausage into 1/2-3/4-inch circles
- Mix pesto, red pepper flakes,

Dijon mustard, olive oil and lemon juice and toss with shrimp.

Skewer sausage, alternating with shrimp, on wooden kebob style sticks. You should have three slices of sausage and two shrimp per skewer.

Grill on barbecue 5-8 minutes until shrimp is cooked through and sausage has been reheated. Yields eight sticks.

## CUCUMBER AND TOMATO SALAD

- 2 cups English cucumbers, peeled
- 2 cups of vine fresh heirloom style or plum tomatoes chunky medium dice
- 1/2 red onion, cut in thin strips
- 4 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup good quality olive oil
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- Salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste
- Peel English cucumbers, cut lengthwise and then cut in 1/2 inch moon shape.
- Mix vinegar, oil, sugar and parsley.
- Toss chunky cut tomatoes, onion and cucumbers in vinegar mixture and season to taste with kosher salt and fresh cracked pepper.
- Cucumbers are a great addition to tailgate sandwiches or as a fresh crisp salad. Yields eight servings.
- Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering in Bloomfield Hills.

## TAILGATING

FROM PAGE D1  
stick and basil lemon garlic chicken, served with side dishes like cucumber tomato salad and chicken tabbouleh.

"What I'm seeing is people taking it to the next level," Lewton said. Years ago, the more adventurous tailgaters went as far as grilling chicken sausage, but now, you see more of the Mediterranean flavors and emphasis on freshness, she said.

Meats and vegetables marinated and skewered (like her accompanying recipes) on wooden sticks can please the crowds, she said.

"Try to choose something that isn't too labor intensive," Lewton said. "You can slap these on the grill, cook for about 10 or 15 minutes, and eat them right there." That allows enough time to socialize with family and friends without rushing to the game to make the opening kickoff.

Do not select foods that you have to hold hot for hours. It is better to have a larger variety of cold foods as it is easier to control the temperature and choose one or two raw foods you can keep cold and then grill fresh and hot on site.

"It is easier to keep cold food cold than to keep hot food hot," Lewton said.

Serve an array of out of the ordinary dips, spreads and marinated items paired with "fun dippers" including veggie and pita chips, toasted bread rounds and artisan style potato chips. Lewton also recommends keeping a game box in tow with items needed for each game - basic utensils, including extra serving spoons and openers, food wrap, potholders or barbecue mitts, tongs, plates, cups, napkins, plastic ware, paper towels and trash bags. These items can be bought in bulk and replenished as needed.

## TIPS

FROM PAGE D1  
Prep cold foods such as potato, pasta or meat salads at least one day prior to ensure your food has adequate time to be chilled completely.

Pack raw foods in a separate cooler from cooked foods. (Ignoring this step could most certainly be an invitation for food-borne illness.)

Keep iced beverages in a separate cooler.

Coolers should be located out of the direct sunlight. If you are preparing food for large groups and are bringing multiple or large coolers, consider bringing an extra cooler with additional bags of ice to re-ice food coolers.

Food should not be allowed to sit out for more than two hours.

Hand washing cannot be overlooked especially if you are handling raw meats. There are a variety of alcohol-based hand sanitizers and towelettes available in most grocery stores or pack a damp washcloth and soap from home, transported in a re-sealable food storage bag.

For ease of cleanup as well as good food handling, bring foods in disposable containers or heavy food storage bags. Meat, poultry and seafood should be doubled bagged or stored in containers and then bagged to prevent cross contamination of raw foods.

Pack foods in reverse order so that the last ones in are used first.

Be careful with leftovers. When in doubt, throw it out.

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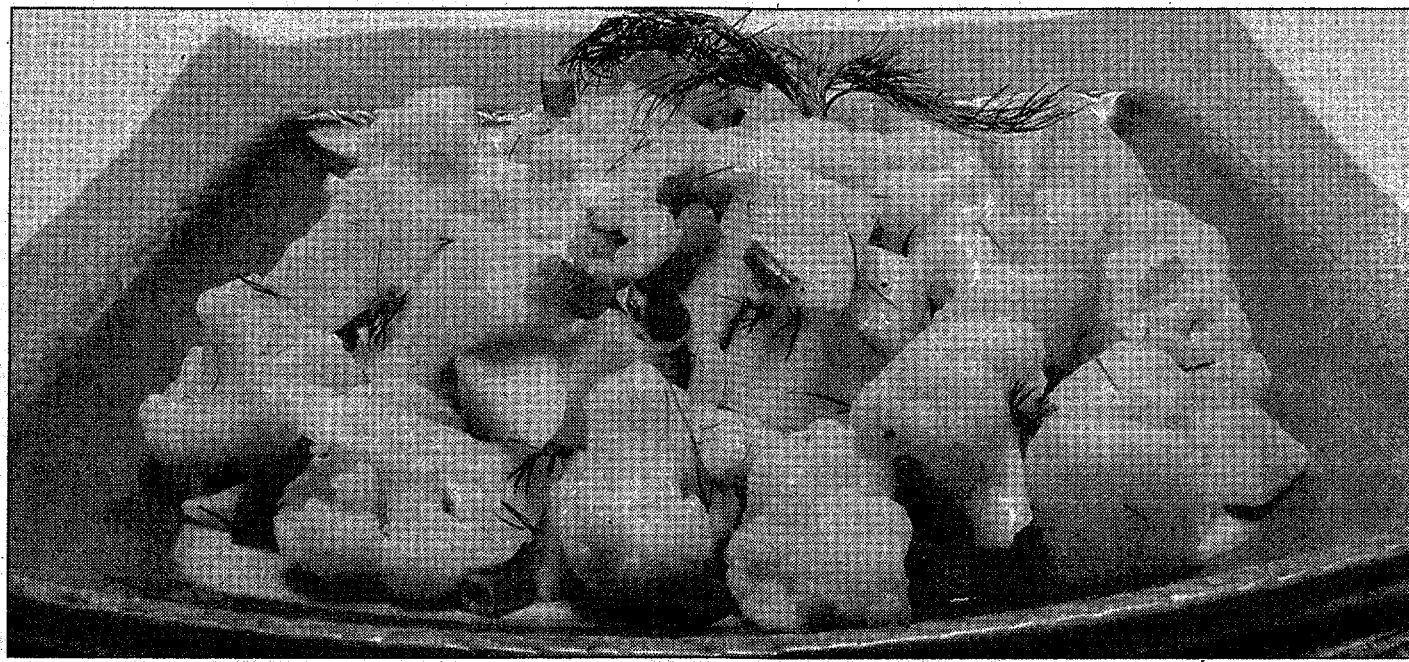
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Try cauliflower instead of potatoes in your next salad.

## Is cauliflower the new potato?

BY DANA JACOBI  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

These days, many cookbooks recommend eating a variety of fruits and vegetables in a rainbow of colors. Some actually present their recipes grouped by color, based on a main ingredient, such as yellow for corn chowder.

Looking at these books, I think of what my grandmother would have said and I smile. Strongly opinionated, she followed some health-food gurus who held extreme views. Trying to reason with her led to years of heated but friendly arguments about what is good for you.

White foods were strictly taboo. Grandma knew that for artists, color theory defined white as the absence of color. She insisted that in food, white also meant a lack of nutritional value. Overlooking the goodness of chicken breast, halibut and

other white fish, she fastened on the nutrition deficiencies in white bread and white rice, which do, admittedly, provide many fewer health benefits than whole-grain bread and rice.

She also scorned mashed potatoes. Before pasta became popular, some Americans ate mashed potatoes every day, preferably prepared with a lavish amount of butter and sometimes cream as well.

To Grandma, this meant eating three foods she considered killers. I wish she was still around so I could serve her healthy, "smashed" potatoes made with the skin on and using low-fat milk or heart-healthy olive oil.

To heat up our debate, I loved to bring up cauliflower in our talks.

I even made mashed cauliflower for her, seasoning it with garlic and olive oil, two foods she ate all the time. (I used roasted garlic.) Of course, she refused to eat it even though I pointed out that it provides many of the

same nutrients as cabbage, which she loved, and was much better for us than mashed potatoes.

I often use cauliflower to replace potatoes in other dishes as well. For a chunky no-potato salad with Scandinavian flavor, I combine blanched florets of cauliflower, cooled to room temperature, with diced apple, dill and a zesty mustard dressing.

### CAULIFLOWER SALAD

- 1 medium cauliflower (about 2 pounds), cut in 1-inch florets
- 2 Gala or Fuji apples, peeled, cored and cut in 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup finely-chopped scallions, green and white parts
- 1/4 cup finely-chopped red onion
- 4 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh dill

Cook the cauliflower in a large pot of boiling water until tender-crisp, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, set a bowl of ice water in the sink. Drain the cauliflower in a colander, then immediately plunge it into the ice water. Chill it completely, drain well, then blot with paper towels to remove excess water. There will be about 6 cups cooked cauliflower.

Place the florets in a large bowl. Add the apple, scallions and onion. In a small bowl, whisk together the mustard, lemon juice and salt. Whisk in the oil. Pour the dressing over the cauliflower and toss well to evenly distribute it. Season to taste with pepper. Mix in the dill. Cover and refrigerate the salad 1 to 2 hours before serving. This salad keeps well in the refrigerator up to 2 days. Check and adjust the seasoning before serving.

Makes 10 servings. Per serving: 55 calories, 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 172 mg. sodium.  
Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy* and writes for AICR.

## Last-minute 'lasagna' (OK, it's really ravioli)

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — This is a slap-your-forehead sort of recipe.

Much as I love lasagna — it's so hard not to love something that celebrates the culinary trinity of pasta, cheese and tomatoes — it's been at least four years since I've made one.

That's because even with no-boil noodles, assembly of a lasagna is an undertaking. And while I could block off some weekend time to make two or three to freeze and eat later, how likely is that to happen?

Plus, the freezer trick requires that I be organized enough to remember to move a lasagna from the freezer to the refrigerator the night before I want it. Or I could bake it frozen and plan to have it for breakfast the next day.

Which is why I was so completely wooed and wowed by the shortcut recipe for lasagna in *Real Simple* magazine's recent cookbook, *Real Simple: Meals Made Easy* (Real Simple Books, 2006, \$24.95).

This lasagna does away with lasagna noodles, boiled or otherwise, replacing them with frozen cheese ravioli. Brilliant! Add jarred sauce, bags of shredded cheese and frozen chopped spinach, and total prep clocks in at 10 minutes.

Now that's a lasagna I could make more than once every four years.

I also like this recipe's opportunity for easy variation. If you prefer meat in your lasagna, make half of the ravioli meat-filled. Or use a meat sauce. Or go in the other direction and use soy "cheese" ravioli and skip the shredded cheese.

You also could use ravioli with flavored pasta, such as green spinach ravioli or red tomato.

One caution: Be certain to squeeze the excess water from the spinach. Frozen spinach

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retains a tremendous amount of water which will drown your lasagna if not removed.

The easiest way to drain thawed spinach is to place it in the center of a kitchen towel, wrap it tightly, then twist and squeeze for several seconds over a sink. This should remove nearly all the water.

### LAST-MINUTE "LASAGNA"

24- to 26-ounce jar pasta sauce

Two 16- to 18-ounce bags frozen large cheese ravioli

10-ounce box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed to remove excess water

8-ounce bag shredded mozzarella

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Spoon a third of the pasta sauce into a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Place half of the ravioli over the sauce in a single layer. Top with another third of a jar of tomato sauce. Sprinkle with the spinach and half the mozzarella.

Add the remaining ravioli in a single layer (you may not need all of them). Top with remaining sauce and cheeses. Cover with foil and bake 25 minutes. Uncover and bake until bubbling, about 5 to 10 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

(Recipe from *Real Simple: Meals Made Easy*, Real Simple Books, 2006, \$24.95)

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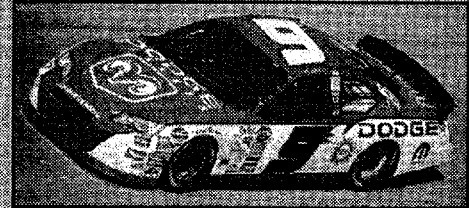
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# Burgundy marries California

Larry Hyde grows 150 acres of wine grapes on the eastern edge of Napa Valley's Los Carneros appellation. He is so good at what he does that many winemakers want to be counted as his customers.

Wineries that bottle and label wine grown by Hyde include such luminaries as Kistler, Patz and Hall, Paul Hobbs, Ramey Wine Cellars, Robert Mondavi and Mia Klein's Selene Wines.

In 1969, Hyde's cousin, Pamela, met Aubert de Villaine, one of Burgundy's most renowned winemakers. He was co-director of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, the storied Burgundy producer. Aubert and Pamela were married in 1971 and have lived in Burgundy since 1973.

Together they make and market red and white Burgundies under the name A. & P. de Villaine.

## CALIFORNIA KNOCKS

In 1998, Aubert tasted a Hyde Vineyard-designated chardonnay, was duly impressed, and that same year, initiated discussions with Hyde about starting a family partnership to make Hyde Vineyard wines from California fruit but by a Burgundy winemaker under the HdV (Hyde de Villaine) label.

Thus HdV joined the long list of French-American joint ventures making wine on the United States "left" coast.

In 2002, the first vintage of a 2000 HdV Chardonnay and 2000 Red Blend was released and quickly sold out. From the get-go, only the best barrels found their way into the HdV wines.

Hyde has farmed his Carneros vineyards since 1977.

"I use mechanical tillage in place of herbicides, and compost instead of chemical fertilizers," Hyde said. "We seed



Focus on Wines

Ray and Eleanor Heald

insectary flowers in the cover crop to reduce the need for pesticides. Insectary flowers provide habitat for natural predators.

"Part of our sustainable farming program also keeps the riparian forest (located along a creek bed that borders Hyde's vineyard) intact. This care for environment pays back with various beneficials, such as owls, hawks, and wasps, whose habitat is the riparian forest."

De Villaine added: "Our decision to create HdV was based on our common belief that the highest quality, the level that is looked for by connoisseurs, is not reached through technological interactions, but from the reflection in the wine of the affinities that subtly marry a terroir and a varietal. It is from a 'place' where the grapes have been produced that a wine will gain this supplement of charm and purity, which will give it a chance to be named a great wine."

Stéphane Vivier, HdV's French-born winemaker, said, "The secret at Hyde Vineyards is its terroir — the vineyard produces ripe grapes with vibrant acidity, soft tannins and a distinctive minerality. In Carneros (with its cool climate), we make wines with good acidity."

## WHAT TO BUY FROM HDV

■ 2005 de la Guerra Carneros Chardonnay (\$37) showcases bright apple and tropical fruit. The wine's balanced fruit and oak create an attractive finish designed to

## WINE PICKS

If our Focus on Wine column raised enthusiasm to try a White Burgundy (chardonnay), here are a few that are really tasty with notes of vanilla, apple and citrus, ending with balanced fruit and oak.

- 2004 Joseph Drouhin Meursault \$36
- 2004 Joseph Drouhin Clos des Mouches Beauce \$70, a powerful, yet elegant, expression.
- 2005 Olivier Leflaive Bourgogne Blanc "Les Setilles" \$17
- 2005 JJ Vincent Bourgogne Blanc (Chardonnay) \$14

The following are **change-of-pace white wines** to usher in the last week of summer. They'll match well with sushi, shellfish, fish, and Asian cuisine.

- 2004 Hugel et Fils Pinot Blanc "Cuvee Les Amours" from Alsace \$15
- 2005 Michel Torino Don David Torrontes \$15
- 2005 Genesis Riesling, Columbia Valley Washington \$16
- 2005 Trefethen Dry Riesling Oak Knoll Napa Valley \$20
- 2005 Bridlewood Reserve Viognier \$24
- 2004 Beringer Knights Valley Alluvium Blanc \$16 (blend of sauvignon blanc, semillon, chardonnay and viognier)
- 2004 Arrowood Cote de Lune Blanc, Saralee's Vineyard \$20 (blend of roussanne, marsanne and viognier)

And for readers grumbling, "where are the reds?"

- 2004 Castillo de Monserran Garnacha (Spain) \$7 is a real deal.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

complement food.

■ 2003 HdV Carneros Chardonnay (\$58) is produced from dry-farmed vineyards, yielding a mere two to three tons per acre. To retain the minerality, characteristic of the vineyard, fermentation was started in stainless steel. The wine was then aged in 25 percent French oak barrels and retained on its lees for 11 months, which adds depth and a broad palate while retaining the balanced acidity found in great chardonnays.

■ 2004 HdV Carneros Syrah (\$62), grown in the cool Carneros region with foggy mornings and warm afternoons, results in a cool climate syrah with the finesse of one from France's northern Rhone Valley. It boasts black fruit aro-

mas and flavors, an attractive core of brown spices and a long, smooth finish.

■ 2003 HdV Carneros Proprietary Red (\$62) could be labeled merlot since the wine's composition is 90 percent merlot with 10 percent cabernet sauvignon. Following a long, cool growing season that allowed fruit flavors to develop, extended maceration on the skins encouraged formation of fine, velvety tannins. The wine shows great length, richness and ageability.

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](mailto:focusonwine@aol.com).

## FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Food 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](mailto: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; to register for this class, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Tasty tapas

Explore the "little bites" trend of small plates packed with big flavor, \$10 materials fee payable to instructor at class, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21, Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Room 108, \$39. Register at [www.communityed.net](http://www.communityed.net) or call (248) 203-3800.

### 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 infor-

mation, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://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 VistaTech 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](mailto:mbialo@schoolcraft.edu).

### Grapevine School of Wine

Learn about wine at one or more of the following classes: Chocolate and Wine: Fable or Fabulous? 7 p.m. Sept. 18, Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, \$45; Introduction to Wine, 7 p.m. Sept. 19, Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester, \$35; Italy: A Deep Dive into the Northeast Region, Royal Park Hotel, 7 p.m. Sept. 26, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester, \$60; Going Way South to Argentina and Chile, 7 p.m. Sept. 27, Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, \$45; France: The Mother of Modern Wine, 7 p.m. Sept. 28, Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, \$45. Register online at [www.grapevineschoolofwine.com](http://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 (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](http://www.communityhouse.com).

## FARMERS MARKET

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### Ann Arbor Farmers Market

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, 315 Detroit St., Ann Arbor, (734) 994-3276.

### Birmingham

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, until Oct. 22, Parking Lot 6, on east side of North Old Woodward (248) 433-3550.

### Clarkston Farmers Market

8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through October, across from Depot Park in downtown Clarkston, just west of Main Street on Depot Road, [clarkstonfarmersmarket.org](http://clarkstonfarmersmarket.org).

### Detroit Eastern Market

7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2934 Russell St., Detroit, (586) 393-8800, [www.easternmarket.org](http://www.easternmarket.org).

### Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, Farmington Road and Grand River, [www.downtownfarmington.org](http://www.downtownfarmington.org).

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8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 23 at the Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia, (734) 525-8718.

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Saturdays, May-October: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 316 E. 11 Mile Road, two blocks east of Main, (248) 548-8822.

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8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Sheldon and Seven Mile roads, Northville, (248) 349-7640, [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

### Plymouth Farmers Market

7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, through October, 386 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 453-1540.

### Rochester Farmers Market

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October. Located at the corner of Third and Water Streets just one block east of Main Street. [www.downtownrochestermi.com](http://www.downtownrochestermi.com)

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7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through October, 1499 E. West Maple, (next to Walled Lake Fire Station), Walled Lake, (248) 926-9004, [www.walledlake.com](http://www.walledlake.com).

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"The first year, ladies of the St. Hugo parish were models and it was held in a school gym," said Mia Materka, treasurer for the Guild. "They raised \$2,000 at that time, and now at one fashion show we raise upwards of \$42,000."

This year, with Saks Fifth Avenue as fashion sponsor, professional models will show designer Dana Buchman's Fall 2006 collection at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Even better, Dana Buchman herself will make an appearance and sign copies of her new book "A Special Education: One Family's Journey Through the Maze of Learning Disabilities."

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### Fall Into Fashion 2006

**When:** 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27  
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is great, and it's also good to introduce her with our organization because it brings attention to what we do," Materka said. "The most important thing is to help the poor."

All proceeds from the show will be donated to 30 charities throughout Michigan and beyond. Money will be raised through admission and raffle tickets.

Top raffle prizes include a \$3,000 shopping spree at Saks; \$2,000 cash; a \$1,000 Old Masters portrait sitting; and a day of luxurious pampering at Luigi Bruni Capelli Moderni.

Buchman will donate proceeds from the sale of her book to the National Center for

Learning Disabilities. Buchman began designing clothing for women during the corporate '80s, but has since relaxed her sensibility so her collections can go from work to weekend flawlessly.

"Jackets worn with jeans and a great shoe can go anywhere," is Buchman's mantra, and her Fall 2006 collection includes jackets in rich rosewood suede, spotted animal print, houndstooth knit and antique leather. Fur trims, relaxed pants and pencil skirts complete the season's looks.

Fall Into Fashion Guests will receive a \$25 gift card toward Dana Buchman and Bobbi Brown Beauty purchases at Saks through Oct. 1.



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Dana Buchman wears her signature fur shawl tied with a bow at a recent event at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset.



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### PINK PICKS

By Tanya Chisholm

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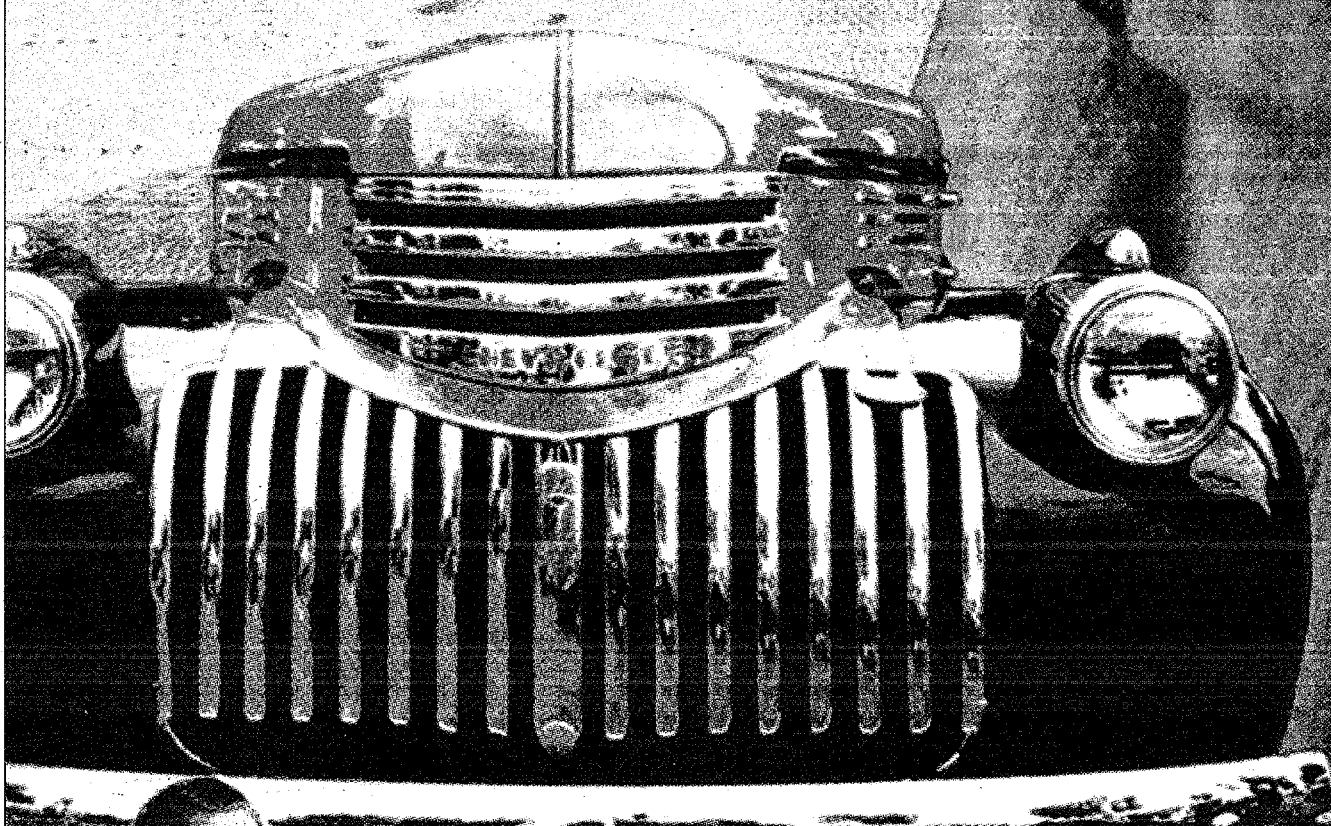
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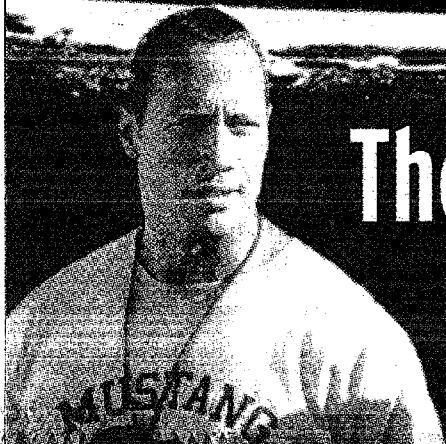
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## Amalia Hernández' Ballet Folklórico de México

THU, SEPT 21, 8 PM

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"Passionate...impeccable...an unequaled point of entry to the riches of a fabulous culture!" (Los Angeles Times) Known for the kaleidoscopic pageantry of its lavish costumes and breathtaking sets, the Ballet Folklórico de México returns to Ann Arbor for the first time since 1999 for a special performance that launches UMS's 06/07 Global Series, focused on Mexico and the Americas.

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A Celebration of John Coltrane's 80th Birthday

Alice Coltrane Wurlitzer organ and piano

Ravi Coltrane saxophones

Charlie Haden bass

SAT, SEPT 23, 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

Roy Haynes drums Jazz pianist and harpist Alice McLeod married the saxman John Coltrane in 1965, two years before his untimely death at age 40. Joined by son Ravi and an outstanding rhythm section, Alice Coltrane makes her UMS debut in a rare public performance of her original music as well as selections from John Coltrane's vast catalogue, celebrating his legacy on what would have been his 80th birthday.

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## Members of the Emerson String Quartet

Wu Han piano

FRI, SEPT 29, 8 PM

Rackham Auditorium

After a one-year hiatus, members of the Emerson String Quartet return to Ann Arbor with pianist Wu Han for a program of smaller chamber music. Han, who, with husband and Emerson cellist David Finckel, serves as artistic director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, has garnered an enviable reputation as a performer whose impassioned music making has taken her to the world's most prestigious venues.

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Tally Hall

# Tally Hall brings melodies to Ann Arbor

The *Los Angeles Times*' featured buzz band, Tally Hall, comes to The Blind Pig with keen, toe-tapping power-pop in support of the band's new CD *Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum*.

Tally Hall sings melodic Turtles-esque rock to hip-hop hooks and pop ballads in an attempt to channel sounds reminiscent of Queen and The Beach Boys.

The band is trying to change what they call "emo-notone conformity" in four-part harmony — meaning they're trying to make music that's upbeat and

harmonious rather than the melancholy, monotone sounds of some popular emo bands.

This Ann Arbor-based band is everywhere — from MTV to *Spin* magazine.

There's two shows (8:30 p.m. and midnight) on Saturday, Sept. 23, at

The Blind Pig, located at 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are

\$12 in advance or \$14 at the door. All ages welcome.

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# DETROIT UNCORKED

## Premier wine event slated for Ford Field

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

On Sept. 29, Metro Detroit's largest wine enthusiast organization will conduct Detroit Uncorked, a wine tasting fund-raiser to benefit The Children's Center at Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

More than \$175,000 has been raised by the Detroit Wine Organization to date through the first two years of the event.

As one of the largest, most diverse and comprehensive front-line agencies in Michigan, The Children's Center addresses the needs and problems of some of the most troubled children in the United States. Since its founding in 1929, The Children's Center has served thousands of children and families through 20 inter-related programs.

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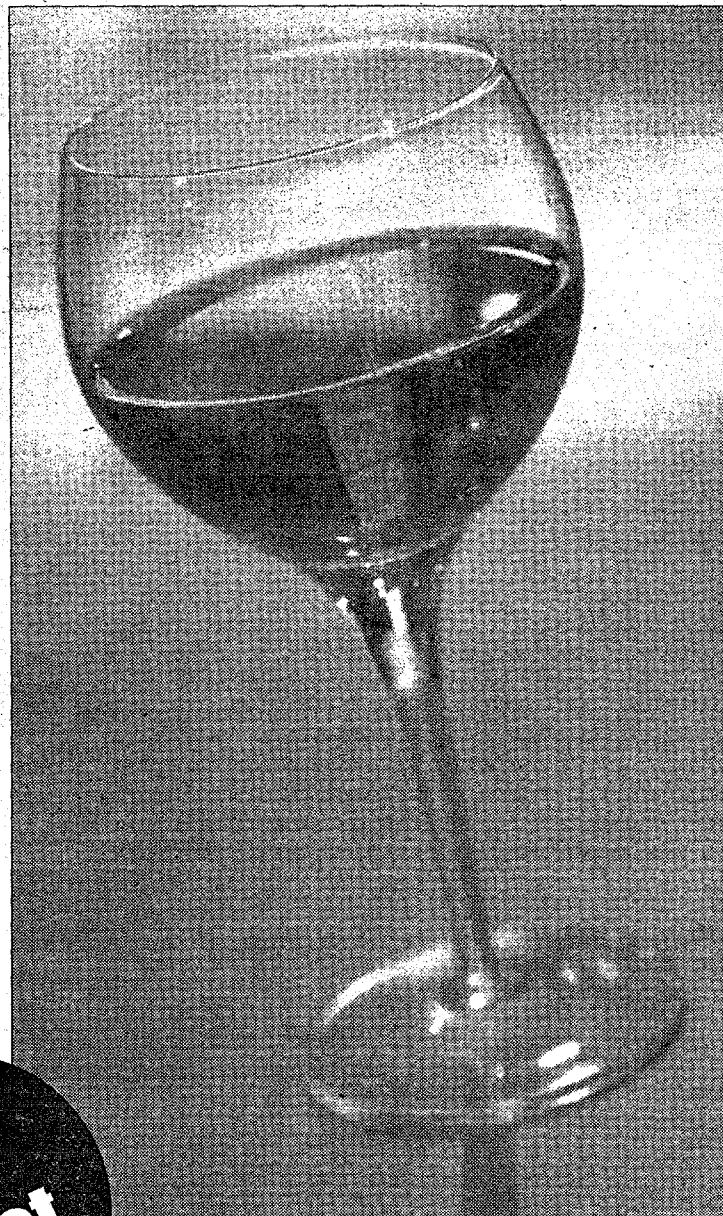
Last year's event was a sold-out success, drawing 1,800 guests and raising more than \$91,000 for The Children's Center.

### WINES NOT TO MISS

Each participant at Detroit Uncorked will have the opportunity to taste 25 of a featured 800 wines from around the world.

Vineyard Brands is the largest contributor of premium wines spanning the globe. The following are in the "don't miss" category: from South Africa's Western Cape, Neil Ellis 2005 Sincerely Sauvignon Blanc and MAN Vintners 2006 Chenin Blanc; Villa Maria 2005 Private Bin Chardonnay (Marlborough, New Zealand); Perrin et Fils 2005 Cotes du Rhone Rosé (Rhône Valley, France); Borgo Scopeto 2003 Chianti Classico; Marques de Caceres 2000 Rioja Reserva; Nine Stones 2004 Shiraz (Barossa Valley); and Warre's Warrior Porto.

PLEASE SEE UNCORKED, E8



Hot Ticket

### WINE TASTING FUND-RAISER

**What:** Detroit Uncorked will bring together nearly 2,000 wine lovers to enjoy 800 wines from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction and more.

**Where:** Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

**When:** 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29.

**Why:** All proceeds directly benefit The Children's Center, located in Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$75 for Detroit Wine Organization members and \$80 for non-members. Membership in DWO is free. To purchase tickets and/or join DWO, visit [www.detroituncorked.com](http://www.detroituncorked.com) or phone (313) 262-1112. Guests must be at least 21 years old to attend.

**Attire:** Dress for a night of upscale, yet casual entertainment.

**Parking:** Ford Field parking garage located on St. Antoine near Madison, directly across from the Ford Field G Gate stadium entrance. There's a Tigers game at Comerica Park the same evening, so allow ample time to find available parking.



# With a new tour and CD, The Melvins are back

The Melvins have never sought to be a mainstream band, which is why they have never received mainstream fanfare.

Some call them the godfathers of grunge, playing it before it was trendy. In its early days, Kurt Cobain auditioned for the band, but didn't make it. (Still he maintained a friendship and produced some of their earlier music.)

The Melvins have enjoyed a strong cult following for years and have a strong but turbulent history.

The band is playing *The Magic Stick* on Friday, Sept. 29, performing songs from the group's new CD *Senile Animal*.

The Melvins formed in the punk days of the 1980s and are influenced by the sounds of Black Sabbath and Black Flag. Drummer Dale Crover was in Cobain's first band, Fecal Matter. Vocalist/guitarist Buzz Osborne has played with Tool. Punk innovator Jello Biafra has performed with them.

The Melvins have been

respected by the alternative rock world for decades.

*Senile Animal* was made in typical Melvins fashion, meaning that with each new album, the band seems to start over as the group's lineup changes often.

The two newest bandmates are Coady Willis and Jared Warren from Big Business. And Big Business, Ghost Digital and a "surprise guest" will also play that night at the Magic Stick.

*Senile Animal* is a 10-track CD with "double drums." Also, earlier this year the band released the CD *Houdini Live: A Live History of Gluttony and Lust* with infamous bass player Trevor Dunn (Mr. Bungle).

As always, the Melvins' sound is hard, fast and fun.

"It would be criminally and morally irresponsible not to get behind, promote and endorse The Melvins with every tool (legal and illegal) possible," Osborne said. "Get busy, don't fight it, just do it!"

The Magic Stick is located



The Melvins play the Magic Stick on Friday, Sept. 29.

above the Majestic Theatre, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$15. Doors open at

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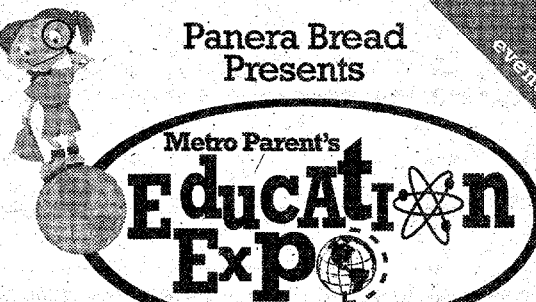
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# Mexican ballet celebrated at UMS

The University Musical Society kicks off its 2006-07 season with a performance of folkloric dance by Ballet Folklórico de México at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium.

The ballet company, founded by the late dancer and choreographer Amalia Hernández, celebrates Mexican culture and looks to preserve it for future generations.

The company's repertory ranges from meditative dances derived from ancient Indian traditions to colorful fiestas, representing the many different civilizations and cultures of Mexico.

The performance launches UMS' Global Series, which celebrates the performing arts tradition in Mexico and the Americas.

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## AMALIA HERNÁNDEZ' BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21

**Where:** Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

**Tickets:** \$10-\$44. Call the University Musical Society at (734) 764-2538 or visit [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org). Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office at 911 N. University Ave. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sunday.

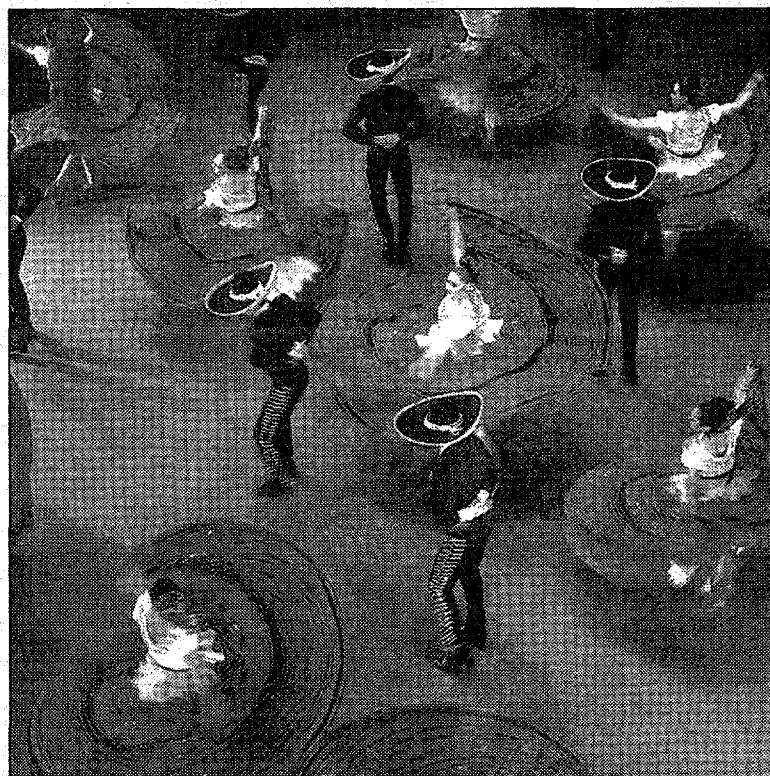
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ditions of Mexico, dancer and choreographer Hernández founded Ballet Folklórico de México in 1952. Hernández's work started with the pre-

Colombian civilizations and grew with the Hispanic influences of the Vice Royal era to the popular strength of the Revolutionary years. In 1954, a series of presentations kicked off that credited her as the cultural representative of Mexico.

The company has earned more than 200 awards for artistic merit. The music, technical strength, traditional and elaborate wardrobes, and original choreography create the singular character of the ensemble.

Ballet Folklórico de México began by performing a weekly program on television, sponsored by the Mexican government. Since 1959, the company has been housed at the Palace of Fine Arts, the foremost stage for Art Mexico City. Since the 1960s, Amalia Hernández and the Ballet Folklórico de México have developed choreography for 40 ballets. Ballet Folklórico de México has performed more than 15,000 times in its 54-year history.



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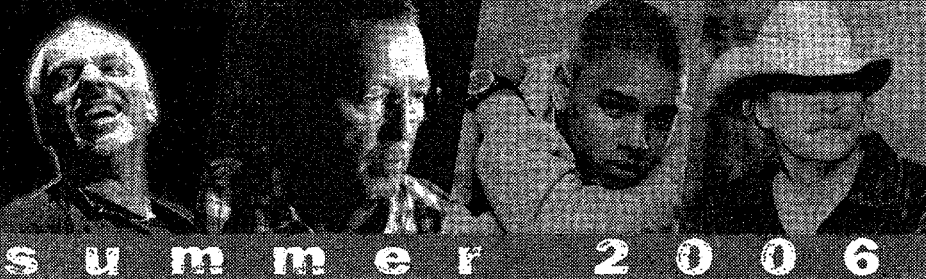
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The new album, *PM Dawn Loves You*, again blends hip hop, trip hop, pop and emo with a name that suits the sound.

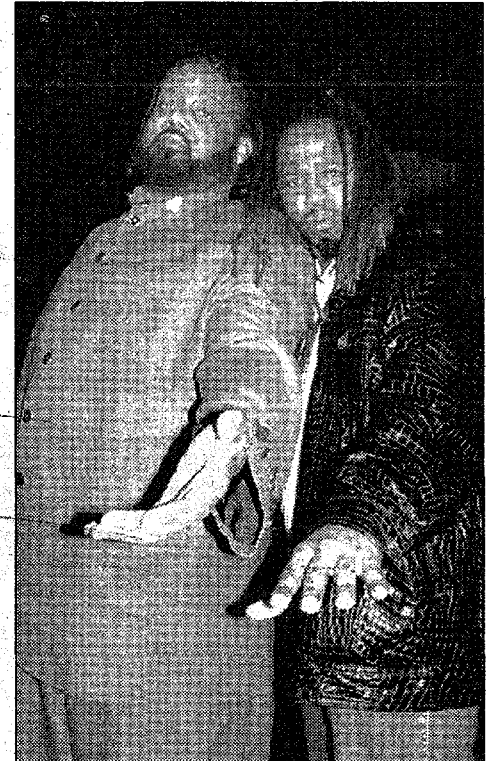
"PM Dawn is an abbreviation of the idea that in the darkest hour comes the light," said vocalist Prince Be in explanation of the band's name.

The new album is as emotionally charged as the band's earlier days when they influenced everyone from Puff Daddy, Mase, Notorious B.I.G. and more. The duo, Dr. Giggles and Prince Be, laid out the blueprint for other trip-hop musicians.

Being children of the decade that made big shoulder pads and greed the latest accessories, PM Dawn vibed off of hip hop, R&B, pop music and rock while always finding solace and joy in music.

Because they loved everything, they combined it in a big, "alternative" cocktail. The band has never made excuses for its pleasant sounds.

"Bottom line, I genuinely like pseudo-watered-down, candy, poppy s---, I genuinely like alternative rock s---, I'm just



Trip hop legends PM Dawn drop by the Magic Bag for a mystical night of music on Thursday, Sept. 21.

a fan of music and I wanted to bring it to the table different," Be said.

PM Dawn has worked with everyone from Elton John to the Backstreet Boys, George Michael and White Zombie. Earlier in its booming career, the band made several albums caught between being embraced by rock, pop or hip hop audiences.

"That's when the fun stopped," Be said.

The albums didn't perform well and the group seemed to vanish into obscurity. That's when they made a crucial decision, to get back to the basics.

But there's nothing basic about its sound, and it's just as enjoyable to hear.

PM Dawn performs with guest Lola Morales at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991. Tickets are \$15.

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4. *Buttons*, The Pussycat Dolls (feat. Snoop Dogg). A&M/Interscope.

5. *(When You Gonna) Give It Up to Me*, Sean Paul (feat. Keyshia Cole). VP/Atlantic.

6. *Promiscuous*, Nelly Furtado (feat. Timbaland). Mosley/Geffen.

7. *Chasing Cars*, Snow Patrol. Polydor.

8. *Sexy Love*, Ne-Yo. Def Jam/IDJMG.

9. *Far Away*, Nickelback. Roadrunner.

10. *Me & U*, Cassie. Next Selection/Bad Boy/Atlantic.

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# Meadow Brook hosts wine and food festival

Take a moment to enjoy the outdoors, sample a variety of wines and indulge in great food at the sixth annual Wine and Food Festival at Meadow Brook Music Festival from Sept. 15-17.

Presented by Palace Sports and Entertainment and the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, the festival is set to take place on the grounds of Meadow Brook, located on the campus of Oakland University.

Wineries from throughout Michigan and across the globe will be on hand showcasing more than 100 varieties of wine. There will also be a number of on-site restaurant and food establishments with a variety of offerings. The festival will feature live music, art and craft exhibits, seminars and much more. During the seminars, patrons will have the opportunity to learn about the different varieties of wine, regions of origin and wine culture.

There will be a number of wine tents at the festival including one dedicated exclusively for Michigan wineries to showcase their local flavors. Also, there

will be an on-site retail store allowing patrons to purchase wines sampled throughout the event.

Tickets can be purchased at Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone by calling (248) 645-6666.

Tickets will also be available at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office the day of the event. Each ticket is valid for one-day admission to the festival grounds for any of the following days: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15; 2-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16; or 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

Tickets for adults are \$17.50 in advance and \$20 the day of the event, and include a complimentary wine glass in addition to admission and samples. Designated Driver tickets may be purchased for \$10, and include two soft drinks. Tickets for children ages 12 to 17 years are \$5 and children under 12 are free.

The Wine and Food Festival at Meadow Brook is to benefit the March of Dimes.



## Enjoy a day of beauty in Birmingham

Downtown Birmingham is all about pampering on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 19-20.

Salon & Spa Days celebrates the city's reputation as a beauty industry leader for metropolitan Detroit. There's more than 30 salons and spas in the downtown area alone.

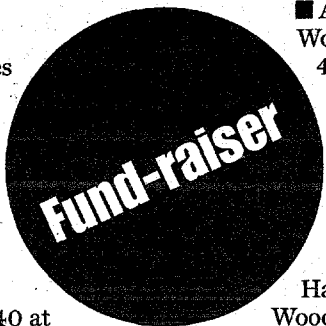
At the new event, patrons can get a trendy haircut and blow-dry or mini-facial for \$40 at participating salons.

"Birmingham is a great place to pick up on the latest trends in hair and skin care," said Maureen Evans, publicist for the Principal Shopping District.

"This special pricing is a terrific way to sample our fabulous salons and spas."

Due to the event's popularity, patrons are encouraged to make an appointment before the event. Participating locations are:

- 90th Floor Salon, 191 N. Old Woodward Ave., (248) 540-0090
- Antonino's, 191 Townsend St., (248)



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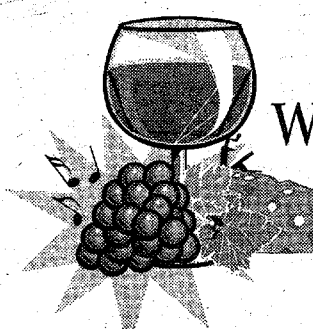
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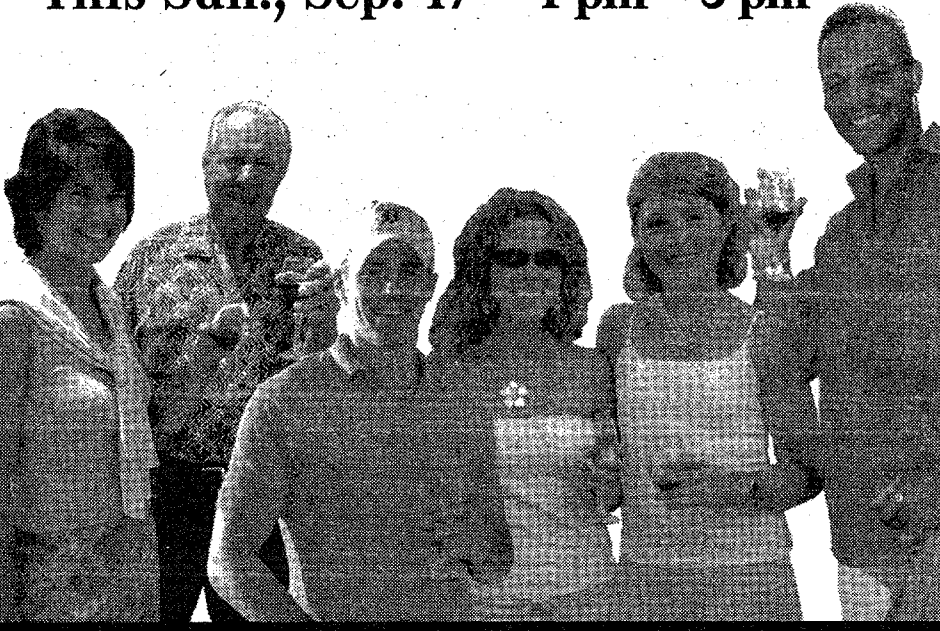
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Also seek out South African wines from 58 Main Street importers; Banfi 2003 Rosso di Montalcino; any 2005 Arcturos wines from Michigan's Black Star Farms and its Sirius Pear dessert wine; Chateau Grand Traverse 2005 Dry Riesling; Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc; all The Furst wines from Alsace; Black Box Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon; Domaine Laurier Sparkling (a great palate cleanser between tastes of other wines).

Hogue 2005 Riesling, 2005 Gewurztraminer and 2003 Genesis Viognier are delicious whites.

Night Harvest 2004 Shiraz makes a style mark in this hot red wine category.

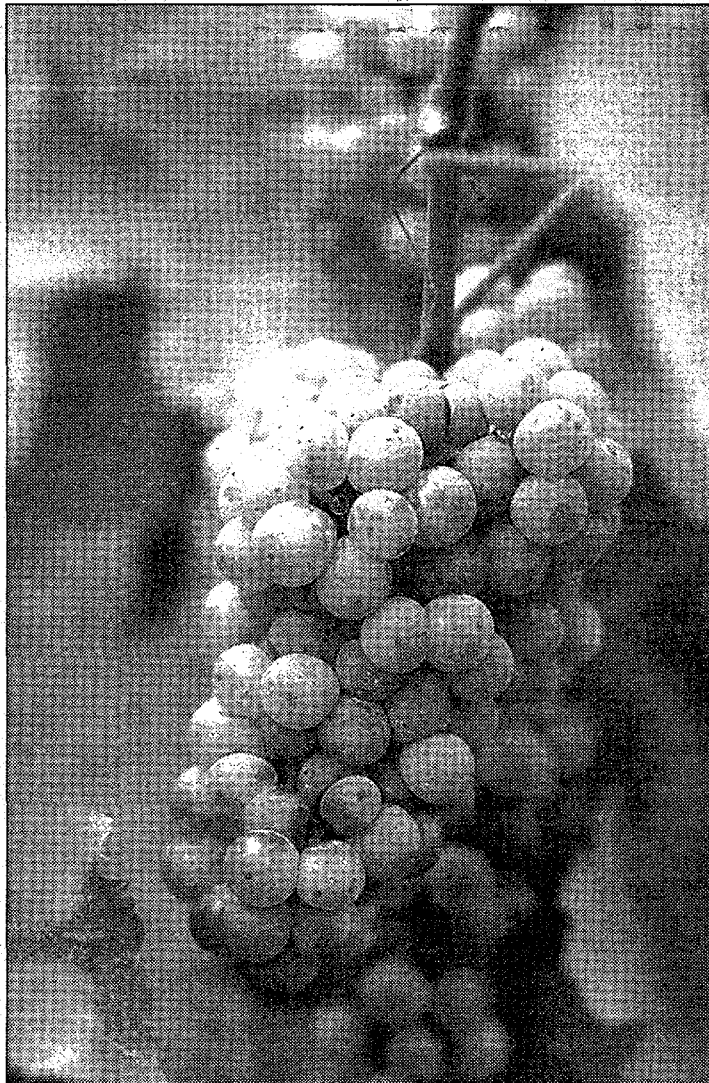
From California, look for wines from Geysler Peak, particularly the Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, single vineyard wines from J. Lohr and Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon.

### FOOD STATIONS

Additionally, food stations will include hors d'oeuvres such as Bruschetta d'Italia and farmhouse and artisan cheeses accompanied by fresh, seasonal fruit and lawash. Small bites with big flavor include a Tini Panini Trio featuring Humboldt Fog & Fig, Brie and Black Forest Ham and Gorgonzola and Wild Mushrooms.

Vegetarian Mango Spring Rolls with apricot vinaigrette, skewered Thai Chicken and Sweet Chili Beef skewers can be sampled in advance of tempting gourmet dessert bars and seasonal berries and fresh fruits to tickle your sweet tooth before heading out.

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## Bestselling author, humorist visits Detroit Oct. 5

Two-time 2005 Grammy nominee and bestselling author, David Sedaris, will be presenting his work at the Detroit Opera House on Oct. 5.

The author, satirist, and public radio commentator, that *Time Out New York* says "just may be the funniest man alive" will do a reading of his most recent and former works. He will then engage the audience in a 30-minute question-and-answer session and will sign copies of his published and recorded materials.

Tweaking the familiar until it warps, David Sedaris mines poignant comedy from his peculiar childhood in North Carolina, his bizarre career path and his move with his lover to France. Sedaris' wickedly witty observations of the ordinary yet bizarre deliver insights and laughs.

Sedaris made his comic debut recounting his strange-but-true experiences of being a Macy's elf, reading his *SantaLand Diaries* on National Public Radio's Morning Edition in 1992. His sardonic humor and incisive social critique have made him one of NPR's most popular and humorous commentators. Sedaris is a master of satire; he slices through euphemisms and political correctness of everyday life. Sedaris delights his audience with his irreverent style and great humor.

In addition to his commentaries on NPR's *Morning Edition* and *This American Life*, Sedaris is the author of three best-selling essay collections: *Barrel Fever*, *Naked*, and his latest, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*. In 2001, he was named by Time magazine as Humorist of the Year and received the Thurber Prize for American Humor.

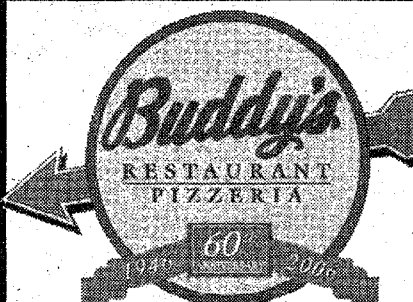
Sedaris' specialties are autobiographical stories that manage to be caustic and touching at the same time.

One of six children in a second-generation Greek family, he grew up in Raleigh, N.C.


In 1977, he dropped out of Kent State University to hitchhike around the country. Aside from working as an elf, Sedaris has worked as a house painter, an apple picker, an aide in a mental hospital, a creative writing teacher at the Art Institute of Chicago, and an apartment cleaner.

He moved to New York in 1990 and published his offbeat pieces in small literary journals until *SantaLand* gained him critical acclaim and a book contract. David Sedaris currently lives in France.

For tickets, call (248) 645-6666, or visit the Opera House Box Office at [www.motopera.org](http://www.motopera.org), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), and all other Ticketmaster outlets.



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# 'The Covenant' features warlocks, violence

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films open currently:

## The Covenant

Amazing that a movie about hot teenage warlocks trying to destroy each other at an elite New England boarding school would be withheld from critics before opening day. That's been the annoying trend with nearly all the horror movies that have come out this year — though all that's scary about *The Covenant* are the words that appear before the title: "A Renny Harlin Film." This latest offering from the man behind *Cutthroat Island* and *The Adventures of Ford Fairlane* feels more like the pilot for a geek-friendly prime-time drama on the old WB. It's trying very hard to establish its own unique supernatural world, albeit one that functions squarely within a recognizable, contemporary setting. (A reference to the latest Brad Pitt movie, for example, just feels weak and wedged in, though.) The film follows the pampered descendants of four families (Steven Strait, Taylor Kitsch, Toby Hemingway and Chace Crawford) that have had

extraordinary powers since they arrived in Massachusetts in the late 1600s. A member of a fifth family (Sebastian Stan), which was cut out of the covenant, shows up seeking revenge. PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, some disturbing images, sexual content, partial nudity and language. 97 minutes. One star out of four.

-Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

## Hollywoodland

It should have been more decadent, this L.A. story of love, fame and jealousy. It should have been more lurid, with its competing conspiracy theories about murder vs. suicide and the high-powered players under suspicion. Instead, *Hollywoodland* sidles up to you, glamorously looking the part but delivering far less than the goods. This retracing of the death of TV's Superman, George Reeves (Ben Affleck), oozes period authenticity and features several strong performances, notably from Diane Lane who's vibrant and vicious as Reeves' older, married mistress. Even the supporting actors are powerful in the briefest of roles, including Joe Spano as MGM's publicist and Lois Smith as Reeves' grieving mother. But there's something sadly inert about the feature

debut from longtime TV director Allen Coulter (*Sex and the City*, *The Sopranos*), a lethargy to the pacing that makes it feel as if it will never end after only an hour. Adrien Brody stars as the detective investigating Reeves' death, with Bob Hoskins playing the crass MGM president. R for language, some violence and sexual content. 126 minutes. Two stars out of four.

-Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

## The Protector

This is probably the only movie you'll see this year in which a character runs around yelling, "Where are my elephants?" in subtitled English before annihilating anyone in his path who provides the wrong answer. Yes, *The Protector* gleefully revels in its own ridiculousness, which is probably why Quentin Tarantino was drawn to it and wanted to share it with American audiences. Tony Jaa, star of the 2003 cult favorite *Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior*, once again dazzles with his mastery of the Muay Thai martial art, kicking and spinning and snapping the arms and legs of a seemingly endless stream of attackers. His character's mission: Retrieve his family's regal elephant and its baby, who have been stolen by gangsters and smuggled to Sydney for sale


on the black market. Go see Prachya Pinkaew's movie for the complicated choreography — especially an impressive four-minute, continuous take — not for the acting, dialogue or production value. R for pervasive strong violence and some sexual content. In Thai with English subtitles. 84 minutes. Two stars out of four.

-Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

## Sherrybaby


A bleak drama of a heroin addict stumbling and fumbling to put her life in order after prison, this is not so much a film as a performance, and it's a great one from Maggie Gyllenhaal. With her debut dramatic feature, writer-director Laurie Collyer was inspired by the life of an old school friend who went to prison, but it's the inspired casting of Gyllenhaal that lifts the film out of the too-depressing-to-watch category. Good as they are, supporting players that include Giancarlo Esposito and Danny Trejo mainly are baubles ornamenting Gyllenhaal, who is on screen and intensely churning for the entire movie, elevating it all far above the slim story. Not rated but contains language, drug use and some explicit sex scenes. 95 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.



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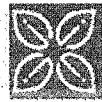
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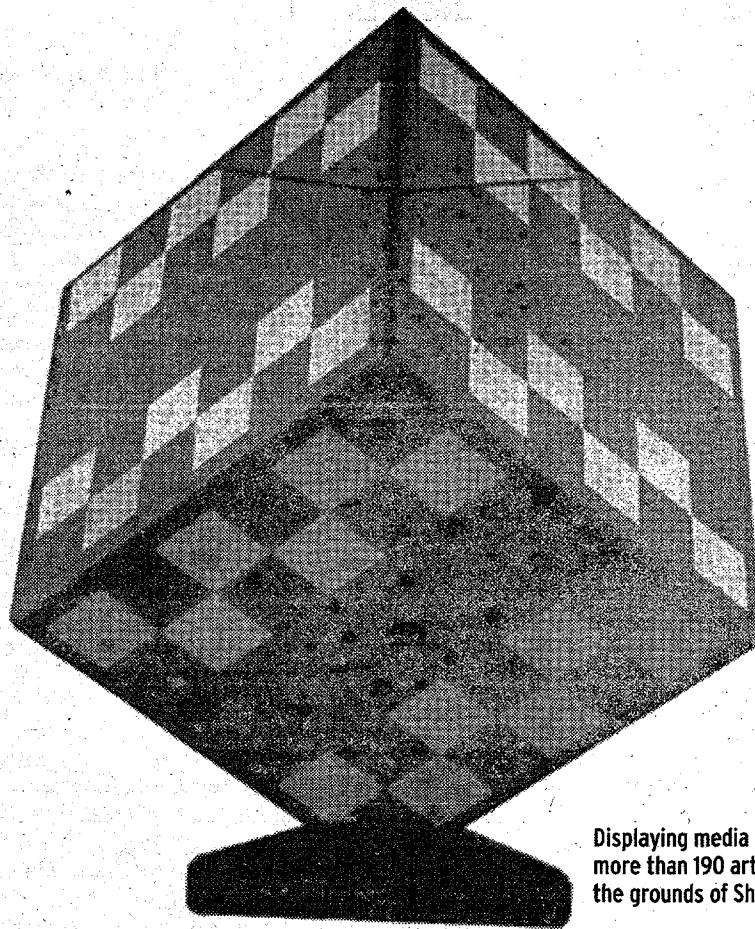
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Displaying media ranging from sculptures to blown glass, more than 190 artists will participate in the juried art fair on the grounds of Shain Park in Birmingham.

# Art in the Park

## Birmingham art fair raises funds for Common Ground

There are only a few art fairs left in the waning days of summer.

Art in the Park in Birmingham, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17 in Shain Park, benefits Common Ground Sanctuary, a nonprofit group that helps families in crisis.

There, the fine art juried fair with more than 190 artists from North America will host 18 different media including basketry, ceramics, drawing, general fibers, wearable fibers, furniture, blown glass, flat glass, jewelry, metal, painting, paper arts, photography, printmaking, sculpture and wood.

What makes Art in the Park different from other festivals?

Each festival takes on its own form. This one is smaller, with smooth music. It has a silent auction. There will be events for kids such as face painting, button making and crown and princess hat decorating.

Musicians include:

Barbara Barrett who sings earthy, reedy

### 32ND ART IN THE PARK

**What:** Fine art fair to benefit Common Ground Sanctuary, an Oakland County nonprofit group that helps families in crisis.

**Where:** Downtown Birmingham's Shain Park, one block south of Maple and west of Woodward Avenue.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

**Admission:** Free.

**Details:** Visit [www.artinthepark.info](http://www.artinthepark.info) or call (248) 456-8158 Ext. 202.

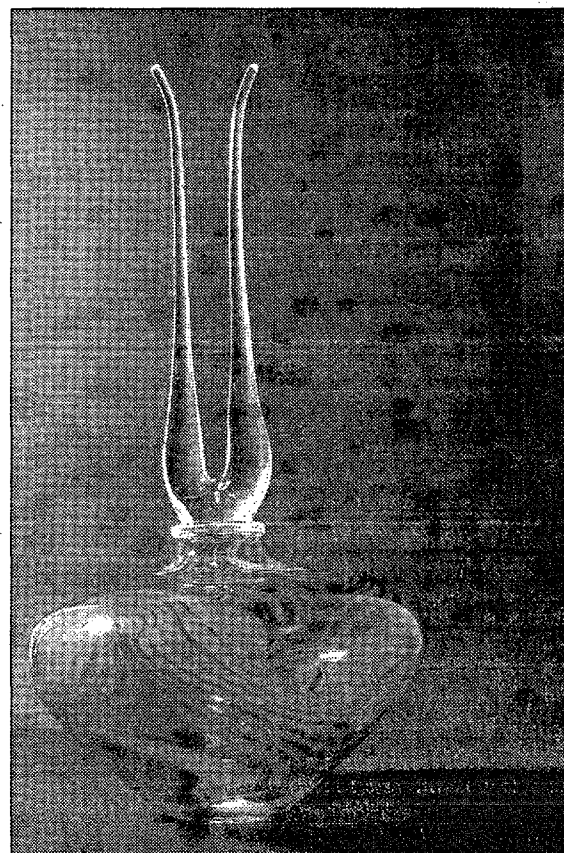
songs, plus lighter melodies. Reggie Harrison performs songs from the last decade including music by Joni Mitchell, Nora Jones, Patsy Cline and Pearl Jam. Violinist Velda Kelly and cellist Nadine Deleury are the artistic directors of the Chamber Music at the Scarab Club and will perform a variety of pieces including works by 19th- and 20th-century composers.

Dan Hazlett blends a folky/jazzy style in his career that's held strong worldwide for 30 years. Mill Makela is a Royal Oak songwriter and

multi-instrumentalist who draws from all genres. Fair attendees can view art from the Kennedy Center in Pontiac, which hosts programs for special-needs students ranging from ages 3 to 26.

And, of course, there's food, free parking for two hours in each city deck in Birmingham, and free parking all day Sunday on the intimate grounds of Shain Park.

Lana Mini







The Chamber Music Society of Detroit 2006-07 season features the Tokyo String Quartet Oct. 14 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

# Chamber Music Society of Detroit begins 63rd season

A little bit of Mozart and a little bit of Chicago marks the opening of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's 63rd season.

The Chicago Chamber Musicians (CCM), an internationally acclaimed ensemble, performs Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center. (See related information.)

The ensemble will perform the following program: Mozart: Flute Quartet in D Major, K.285; Harbison: Six American Painters, and Schubert: Octet.

Celebrating the opening of the 2006-2007 season, the Chicago Chamber Musicians will also perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, during a private performance and dinner at the home of Rita and

PLEASE SEE CHAMBER, E16

## A 63RD SEASON

**When:** Chamber Music Society of Detroit's season opens at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, with Chicago Chamber Musicians.

**Where:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on campus of Detroit Country Day School.

**Private pre-opening night event:** 7 p.m. Sept. 15, featuring renowned clarinetist Larry Combs at the home of Rita and Dr. Stanley Levy.

**Tickets:** Season subscriptions to the nine-concert series as well as single tickets are available. Opus 9 Series subscription prices range from \$261 to \$630. Single concert tickets are priced from \$41 to \$75, students \$25. Subscriptions and single tickets are available for the Opus 3 Piano series. Subscription prices range from \$87-\$210, depending upon seat location.

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# Sumo Sushi

## Dynamic flavors match an izakaya

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Sumo is traditional Japanese wrestling. In a sumo match, each male contestant attempts to force the other outside a circle or to touch the ground other than with the soles of his feet.

Based on this definition, Byung Yim, owner of Sumo Sushi in downtown Rochester, created an icon for his spin on Japanese cuisine – calling it a dynamic flavor match between that cul-

ture and tastes Americans love.

Yim tied this to another food dynamic, the look of an izakaya, which are popping up in cosmopolitan cities throughout the world. Since opening in December 2004 without a liquor license, Sumo Sushi couldn't tie the two concepts together.

### IZAKAYA

Now, a newly acquired liquor license



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sushi dishes served at Sumo Sushi include the Nigiri Sample (front), the Green River and the Caterpillar.

completes the Sumo Sushi concept. With its bright sunflower yellow and leaf green walls, splashy wall art, sushi bar and tables with benches, Sumo Sushi takes on the look of a Japanese izakaya.

Izakayas in Japan and around the globe are small, relaxed, friendly restaurants that serve Japanese specialties, sake, wine and beer. An izakaya works equally well as

a place to grab a quick lunch or as a setting for a convivial dinner.

In a traditional izakaya (compound word with "i" and "sakaya" or sake shop), there are no "courses." A server advises diners to pick and choose dishes at random. Although Sumo's menu is not designed for arbitrary selection as such, you can make it work that way, especially

### SUMO SUSHI

**Where:** 418 Main Street, Rochester (248) 601-0104.

**Open:** Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday; dinner 5-10 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 5 p.m. - midnight Friday and Saturday, and 3-9:30 p.m. Sunday.

**Food style:** Imaginative Americanization of Japanese specialties.

**Cost:** Average \$6.50-\$13.

**Reservations:** Recommended, particularly on weekends.

if you think out of the box and away from the appetizers, salads, soups and combo organization.

Settle in with some Edamame, a Veggie Tempura or a Tuna Tataki while you peruse the wine list of reasonably priced selections between \$6 and \$8 by the glass or order a Sapporo or Kirin by the bottle or one of the lighter sakes. Then cast your eyes on the list of sushi specialty rolls – this is where Sumo scores!

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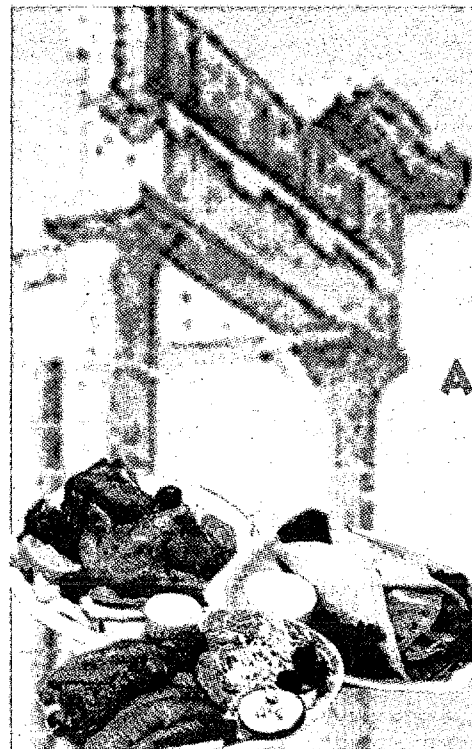
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ingredients offer maximum flavors. Three of Yim's best are Sakura, a spicy crab roll topped with sliced raw tuna, avocado and Sumo spicy sauce. Don't kill the delicious tastes with soy sauce. Green River is a spicy tuna roll, topped with salmon, tuna and white tuna in Sumo's sweet green river sauce, garnished with spicy crab. Waterfall is a crab and cucumber roll topped with sliced raw sushi, scallops, green river sauce and spicy mayo. This is a sushi aficionado's flavor delight, offering clean and fresh ocean tastes.

If you've not graduated into raw ingredients, Sumo Sushi has several specialty rolls with cooked ingredients. Devil is spicy crab topped with salmon, then broiled and finished with Sumo spicy sauce and sweet soy. Heaven is an eel and avocado tempura roll, served with ginger sauce, sweet soy and Sumo spicy sauce. Rising Sun is a spicy crab roll covered in thinly sliced scallops, cooked with spicy mayo and topped with diced crab and tomatoes. It has "Iron Chef" creativity!

Sushi Pizza is simply fun. It's a flat roll (seaweed base) or open-face sushi roll with salmon, red snapper and crab, baked in a toaster oven and covered in Sumo spicy sauce. Departing a traditional izakaya, sushi chefs generally call out "Arigatougozaimashita," translated as thank you. At Sumo Sushi, you may leave saying "arigatougozaimashita" (thank you) to Byung Yim for his deliciously creative menu.

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## Enjoy dinner and the Tigers

Detroit Tigers fans can ride the "Forté Tigers Express" to and from Comerica Park, to see the Tigers play the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, Sept. 17.

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The Forté Tigers Express will depart Forté Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. for the 1 p.m. game. The Forté Express will depart Comerica Park immediately after the game and drop off guests at Forté Restaurant, where they will dine on their choice of appetizers consisting of lobster tots or calamari. The dinner entree will offer a choice of a Forté burger, Salmon Caesar salad or the handmade brick oven pizza. Guests will receive a refillable soft drink or iced tea with their meal.

Guests riding the Forté Tiger Express will be seated in a luxury motor coach. Fans can purchase beverages while they are driven to and from the game.

Seats are limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. To purchase tickets, visit Forté at 201 S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham or call (248) 594-7300.

**Tondelli's Pizza**, the latest carryout option for on-the-go eaters in the Royal

Oak area, opened its doors in August at 2520 W. 14 Mile. The restaurant is owned and operated by Ernest Patrick.

Tondelli's offers a family friendly carryout restaurant experience with a complete menu headed by pizzas, which include round, deep dish and thin crust.

The sandwich menu is comprised of grinders, submarines and an 8-ounce ground round burger with all the toppings. And of course, no pizzeria menu would be complete without the addition of items such as cheesy bread, chicken wings, chicken tenders, and cheese sticks. The pizzeria's signature creation is the "Tondelli," the restaurant's version of stromboli. Pizza by the slice has proven to be a popular item for people wanting a quick lunch.

In celebration of its grand opening, Tondelli's is offering customers a chance to sample selections from the menu at a discounted price during its month-long grand opening. A large cheese pizza with two toppings is \$6 until Sept. 30. Also offered throughout September is buy-one, get-one-free deals on pizza slices.

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## ART EXHIBITS

### Detroit Institute of Arts

*The Art of Screenprint*, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, \$3-\$6, (313) 833-7900 or visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

### Metalsmithing

*Critical Mass: Metalsmithing at Cranbrook* under Gary Griffin, through Oct. 15, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu).

### Moving Sculpture

*Time and Transformation*, through Sept. 17, University of Michigan Museum of Art's temporary space, 1301 S. University, U-M campus, Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA or visit [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu).

### More Dia

*Annie Leibovitz: American Music*, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, Sept. 24 through Jan. 7, visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

### Flint Institute of Arts

Public reopening with exhibit of *Excavating Egypt: Great Discoveries* from the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, University College, London, 10 a.m. Sept. 30, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org)

## ART GALLERIES

### Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Merzhimer, Murphy and others, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

### Art House Gallery

Exhibition of drawings, paintings, photographs, sculpture created within 10 blocks of the gallery, through Oct. 22, 215 W. Cady, Northville, visit [www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/ArtsCommission/ArtHouse.htm](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/ArtsCommission/ArtHouse.htm).

### Cary Gallery

Return to Roots, Susan Demchak, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 16, Sept. 16-Oct. 14, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (240) 651-3656.

### Ford Gallery

Gifts of Art Exhibition, collection includes lithographs, silkscreen prints and etchings from artists like Jamie Wyeth, Barbara Wood and Carol Jablonsky, through Oct. 13, second floor of Ford Hall at Cross and Normal streets on campus of Eastern Michigan University, (734) 487-0465.

### Ford Gallery

Park West Gallery Exhibition, through Oct. 13, 114 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465

### Gallery 194

Figure & Form, Marnie Fender and Ginger Scobie, through Sept. 30, 194 W. Nepessing, Lapeer, (810) 667-1495

### Lawrence Street Gallery

*Plein Air*, paintings by Sarah Schrift, through Sept. 20, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com)

### Lemberg Gallery

Brad Brown and Tom Phardel, through Oct. 14, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com)

### Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 370-3005 or visit [www.oakland.edu/mbag](http://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, through 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](http://www.pccart.org).

### paukotulaprojects

(The coffee was very slow in coming.), an exhibition on cups, through Oct. 14, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, [www.paukotula.com](http://www.paukotula.com).

### 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](http://plymoutharts.com), (734) 416-4278.

## ART, ETC.

### Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

John Glick, part of Michigan Masters Series, through Sept. 29, Robinson Gallery, special slideshow by Glick, 7 p.m. Sept. 21, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

### Kindred Spirits, Birmingham Society of Women Painters

62nd annual juried exhibition, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, DeSalle Gallery, through Sept. 29; 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

### 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, Alberta House Arts Center, 217 Ferris, Sault Ste. Marie, to Sept. 30, call for times, (313) 906-1312, [mwc-sart.com](http://mwc-sart.com).

### Kresge Art Museum

Tools in Motion: Works from the Hechinger Collection, opening reception, 3-5 p.m. Sept. 24, exhibit open Sept. 14-Nov. 5, first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, [www.artmuseum.msu.edu](http://www.artmuseum.msu.edu), (517) 355-7631.

## BOOKS

### 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.

## CLASSICAL

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Mozart vs. Salieri, Sir Neville Marriner, conductor, Andrew Marriner, clarinet, Sept. 15-17; Scheherazade, Van Pascal Tortelier, conductor, Jennifer Larmore, mezzo-soprano, Sept. 21-23; Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111.

### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

3 p.m. Sept. 24, concert followed by annual fund-raiser, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$60-\$100, [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org), (248) 559-2095.

## CLUBS

### 220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouvelle 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](http://www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm).

### The Ark

Vienna Teng, Sept. 14; RFD Boys, Sept. 15; Brian Vander Ark, Sept. 17; Cibelle, Sept. 18; Ronny Cox, Sept. 19; Del McCoury Band, Sept. 21; Carrie Newcomer, Sept. 22; John Gorka, Sept.

23; Dave Alvin & The Guilty Men, Sept. 24, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, tickets (734) 763-8587.

### 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 week-ends, 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gobuddha.net), (313) 535-4664.

### The Buzz Bar

Innerphonic and NateDecks, Sept. 15; The Pickups, Sept. 16; Groove Lounge, Sept. 16; Jeremy Ellis Presents Freestyle, Sept. 18; Tuesday Night Jazz with the RJ Spangler Trio, Sept. 19; Thornetta Davis, Sept. 20; One Nation Under a Buzz P-Funk Jam Session, Sept. 21; John Arnold's Brokefunk, Sept. 21, 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, [www.buzzdetroit.com](http://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

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](http://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 Beddo, 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](http://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](http://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.blackthorn1.com](http://www.blackthorn1.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](http://www.locker-roomsaloon.com), [www.ckpep.com](http://www.ckpep.com)

### The Magic Bag

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.detroitssciencecenter.org).

## FUND-RAISERS

### 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](http://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.

### Twilight in the Garden

Fund-raiser dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment to benefit the Kresge Art Museum, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, James B. Henry Center for Economic Development, tickets start at \$100, [www.art-museum.msu.edu](http://www.art-museum.msu.edu), (517) 353-9834.

### Steppin Out

16th annual AIDS Walk Detroit, 3.2-mile (5K) walk and run, 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, walk begins at 11 Mile and Troy street in downtown Royal Oak, (248) 399-WALK, [www.aidswalkdetroit.org](http://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, VisiTech Center, Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia, (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008.

### Kadima benefit

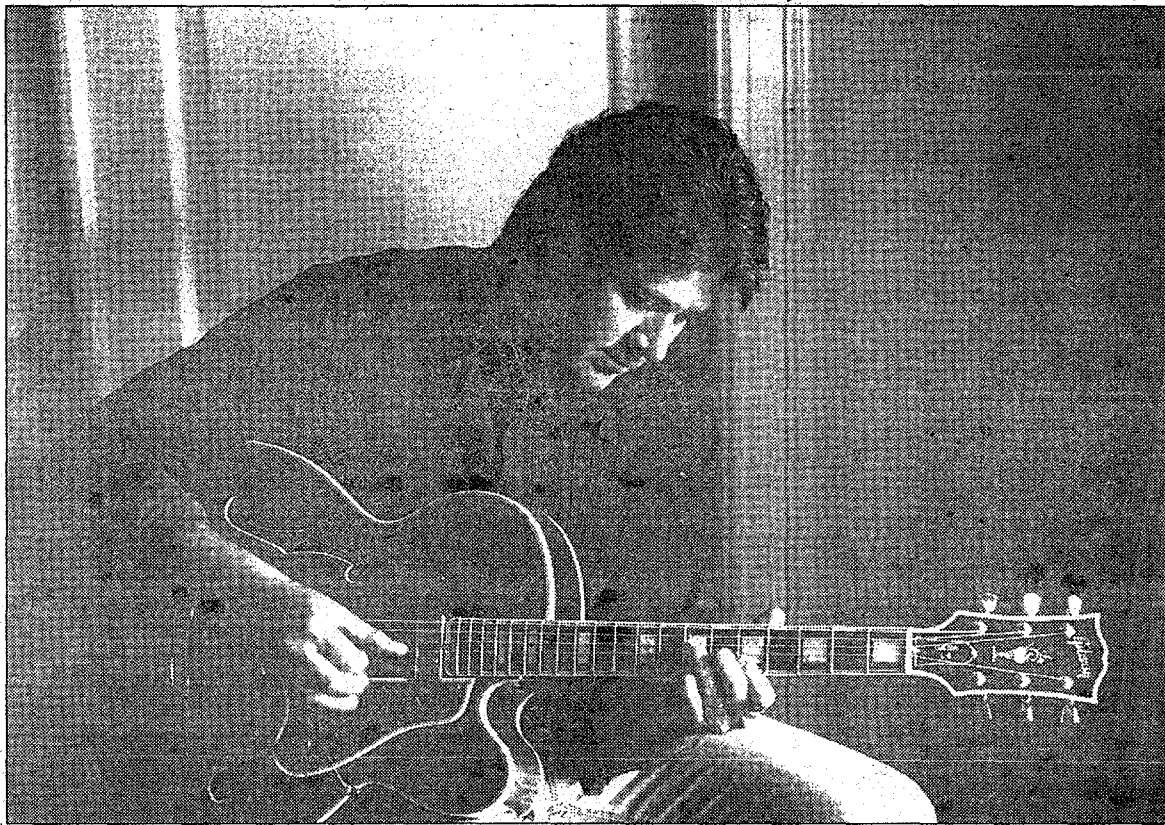
Comedian Judy Gold, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, benefits Kadima of Southfield to help provide treatment to people suffering from mental illness, afterglow follows event, \$100, (248) 559-8235 Ext. 128.

### 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](http://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 mem-



## MUSIC

Tickets are on sale for country musician Vince Gill's concert at the Fox Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 21. The tour supports Gill's newest project, "These Days," a four-CD album that will be released next month. Tickets are \$26-\$58 and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy, and at all Ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 433-1515 or visit [OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://OlympiaEntertainment.com).

bers and \$80 for nonmembers. DWO membership is free, visit [www.detroituncorked.com](http://www.detroituncorked.com) or call (313) 262-1112.

### SOUPberowl

Restaurants serve huge selection of soups and breads, Celtic music, dancing, entertainment at benefit for Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Noon-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, \$15 donation, (586) 979-2914.

### Dave Coulier

Comedian/actor at benefit for St. Aloysius Community Outreach Center, 7 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 8 p.m. show, Oct. 6, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill (and Ridge roads, Canton, tickets \$50 at Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460.

### Visit the animals

Sasha Farm, Michigan's sanctuary that rescues farm animals, hosts its fall festival from 3 p.m. until late evening Saturday, Sept. 30, \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids under 10. Loaded baked potatoes, mingling with the horses, cows, burros, pigs, Hurricane Katrina dogs and cats; hayrides, mushroom hunting, bonfires, etc. 17901 Mahrie Road, Manchester, 48158, (734) 428-9617 or visit [www.sashafarm.org](http://www.sashafarm.org)

## 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

### bugs Beddow

5 p.m. Sept. 15, Old Town Bluesfest, south stage, northwest corner of Turner and Grand River (northwest of I-496 and U.S. 127, Lansing, (517) 371-4600; 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 400 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 965-4600; Sept. 22-23, Bachelor's One, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

### Detroit Concert Choir

Celebration "Welcome Home" concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, \$10, (313) 882-0118.

### Mama's Coffeehouse

Matt Watroba and the Jukebox Folk, Saturday, Sept. 23, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$15, (248) 569-0965.

### Hammill Music Showroom

A Tribute to Oscar Peterson concert with Bassist Paul Keller, pianist Steve Richko and drummer Pete Siers, 7 p.m. Oct. 18, in Steinway Jazz Cafe, 2700 W. Maple (at M-5), Commerce Township, \$5, RSVP to (248) 560-0366, for information, visit [www.hammill.com](http://www.hammill.com)

### KerryTown

415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations recommended, (734) 769-2999, [www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com](http://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](http://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.hfmgv.org](http://www.hfmgv.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.rochesterhills.org).

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### Flyfishing store open house

Hank's Fly Fishing Unlimited, noon-5 p.m. Sept. 16, 43535 E. Grand River, Novi, (248) 349-3677; Sept. 23, 1015 S. Baldwin, Lake Orion, (248) 393-1500, [www.flyfishing.com](http://www.flyfishing.com)

### 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

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### David Sedaris

Readings by two-time Grammy nominee, author, satirist and public radio commentator, a question-and-answer session and book signing, 8 p.m. Oct. 5, Detroit Opera House, [www.motopera.org](http://www.motopera.org), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), (248) 645-6666

### Michigan's Family Album

Special historical photography exhibit of 1200 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](http://www.michigan.gov/museum) or call (517) 373-3559.

### Ballroom dancing

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### 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](http://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](http://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

Through Sept. 17, Chene Park, Detroit, \$10-\$35, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Movies at the Redford Theatre

Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.com) or call (313) 537-2560.

## SYMPHONY - COMMUNITY

### Plymouth

Opening night concert Classical Brass for Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Sept. 30, newly reopened Penn Theatre, special on-stage talk with conductor Nan Washburn and composer Jennifer Higdon, \$18-\$20, [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org), (734) 451-2112.

## THEATER - COMMUNITY

### Avon Players

*They're Playing Our Song*, Sept. 15-17, 22-24 and 28-30, 8 p.m. shows except on Sunday (2 p.m.), \$16, 1185 Washington (one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads in Rochester Hills), (248) 608-9077.

### 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](http://www.starlighttheater.net/Box_Office).

### Village Players of Birmingham

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# Oktoberfest features carnival, band, beer

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church is celebrating its 2nd annual Oktoberfest weekend on Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23 at 2225 E. 14 Mile near Woodward in Birmingham.

The two-day event features carnival and arcade games, moon-walks and obstacle course, artisans and crafters, German food, beer and wine, DJ/karaoke and classic car show on Friday, and live music and a talent show on Saturday.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**6-10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22:** Munich Night with live DJ and Karaoke — \$5 cover 16 and older; classic car show, artisans and crafters; German beers, wine and foods; carnival,

arcade games, moon walk, obstacle course and ceramics for kids.

**Noon-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23:** Artisans and crafters all day; carnival, arcade games, moon walk, obstacle course and ceramics for kids, German beer, wine and foods, and a talent show at 3 p.m. followed by a German band 6 p.m.-10 p.m. (\$5 cover for 16 and older).

"Our Oktoberfest is a wonderful celebration of German heritage, good food, fun and fellowship," says Carl Gnewuch, senior pastor at Our Shepherd.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the church office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 646-6100.

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## CHAMBER

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Dr. Stanley Levy. The program includes the Brahms Clarinet Quintet featuring renowned clarinetist Larry Combs, first clarinetist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

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The Chamber Music Society of Detroit is a nonprofit organization committed to presenting the highest-quality chamber music performed by musicians of international stature. The Chamber Music Society of Detroit is recognized locally and nationally for its performances.

Beginning the celebration of its 20th anniversary season in 2006-2007 at the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, the Chicago Chamber Musicians enjoys a reputation for artistic excellence and a commitment to community service.

CCM's diverse ensemble of 13 world-class artists, including resident groups CCM BRASS and the Chicago String Quartet, has toured



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit's Opus 3 Piano Series includes Emanuel Ax on March 17.

throughout the United States, and to cities like Tokyo, Salzburg, Berlin and Giverny, France, developing an international reputation for fresh, intimate and nuanced performances by musicians who consistently work as an ensemble.

CCM's diverse musical programs are anchored by a six-concert subscription series, the award-winning contemporary chamber music series *Composer Perspectives* and annual *Family Concerts* at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. CCM produces a wide range of community initiatives, including music residencies in four Chicago public schools; the Chamber Music Professional Development Program to mentor up-and-coming chamber ensembles; performances in senior homes, community

centers and hospitals; and the free First Monday concerts presented at the Chicago Cultural Center. Regularly heard on WFMT and NPR's *Performance Today*, CCM will launch a nationally syndicated radio series through WFMT Radio Network in spring 2007.

The ensemble has commissioned 13 works and includes the upcoming disc of works by John Harbison. CCM will premiere John Harbison's *Umbrian Landscape with Saint* in February 2007.

Upcoming concerts on the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's Opus 3 and Opus 9 Series are: Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Friday, Oct. 13; the Tokyo String Quartet with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Saturday, Oct. 14; and the Prazak Quartet with Roger Tapping, viola, Saturday, Nov. 11.

The 2006-2007 Opus 3 Piano Series, which opens Friday, Oct. 13, features a series of piano recitals by Jon Kimura Parker, Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman.

Single tickets for all 2006-2007 concerts and subscriptions as well as the Levy event reservations may be purchased by calling the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070.

For more information, visit the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Web site at [www.ComeHearCMSD.org](http://www.ComeHearCMSD.org).

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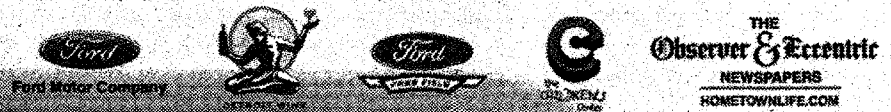
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# Performance art returns

There is performance art in Detroit.

It doesn't happen often, but thanks to artist and educator Russell A. Taylor, you won't have to look too hard these days.

After a four-year "walkabout," Taylor, Detroit's longtime performance artist, returns with his edgy Satori Circus to 1515 Broadway Theatre in Detroit.

Haven't heard of it?

Satori Circus reflects on the circus called life. With each new installment of Satori, Taylor tells a different story.

Taylor is punk rock-influenced, and the influences of his work are everyday struggles. Satori Circus was inspired by Bowie and Bauhaus, plus life in Paris described in the writings of Jack Kerouac.

Taylor performed as Satori for 18 years, but went on a break for

four years to relocate to Indiana. But art has brought him back to Detroit, and through artistic grants he's ready for a breathtaking performance that deals with hard issues but also lends a comic hand.

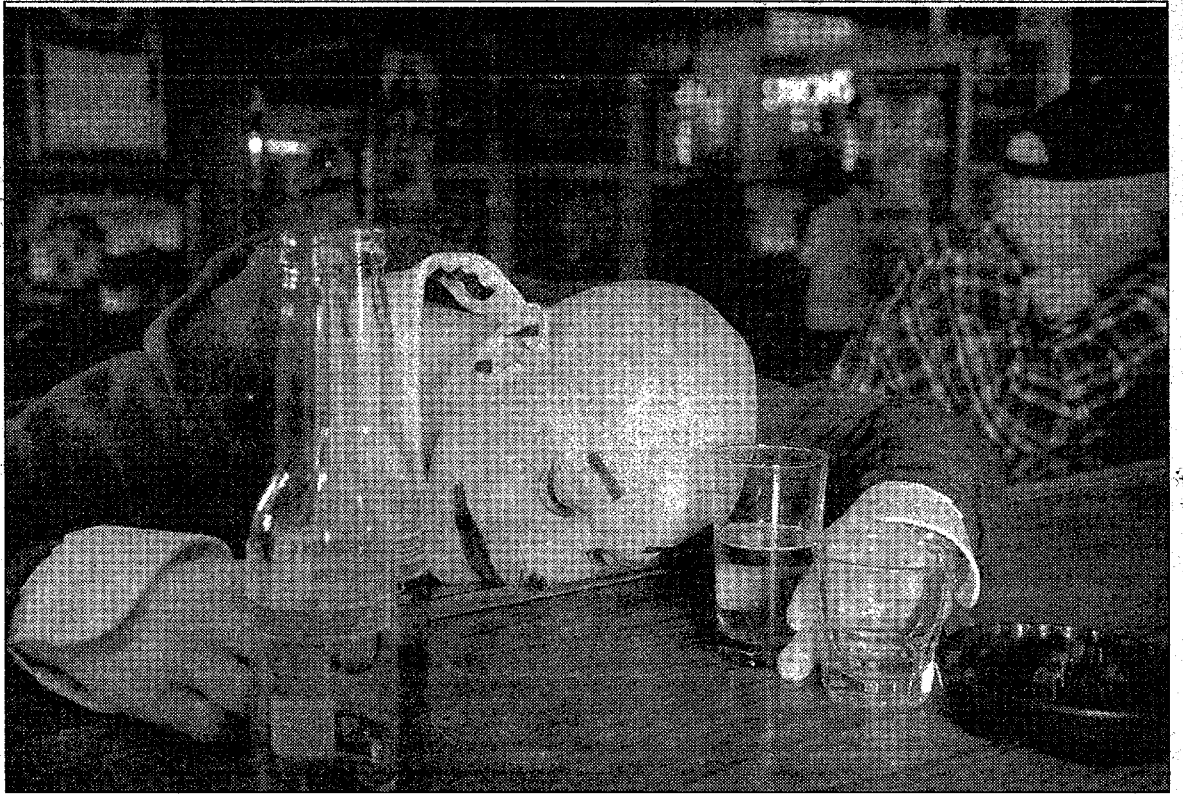
The new piece is called *Moses: 39* and combines theatre, movement, music, poetry, film and fine arts.

The intent of *Moses: 39* is to take the audience on a journey through one child's path to adulthood. It examines the obstacles of the character that his parents worsen through their own expectations, lack of interest, pressures of life, and his own personal demons that eventually take control.

But it has a comic side.

Music is by Tim Suliman and Taylor, and Taylor is the sole writer. Photography is by Rick Bielaczyc.

**Are you game?**



Russell A. Taylor focuses on hard issues but uses some comic relief. He is one of Detroit's few performance artists and returns after a four-year break of Satori Circus.

Show dates are Sept. 14-17 and Sept. 21-23. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and showtime is at 8 p.m.

Thursday and Sunday tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 in advance; Friday and Saturday

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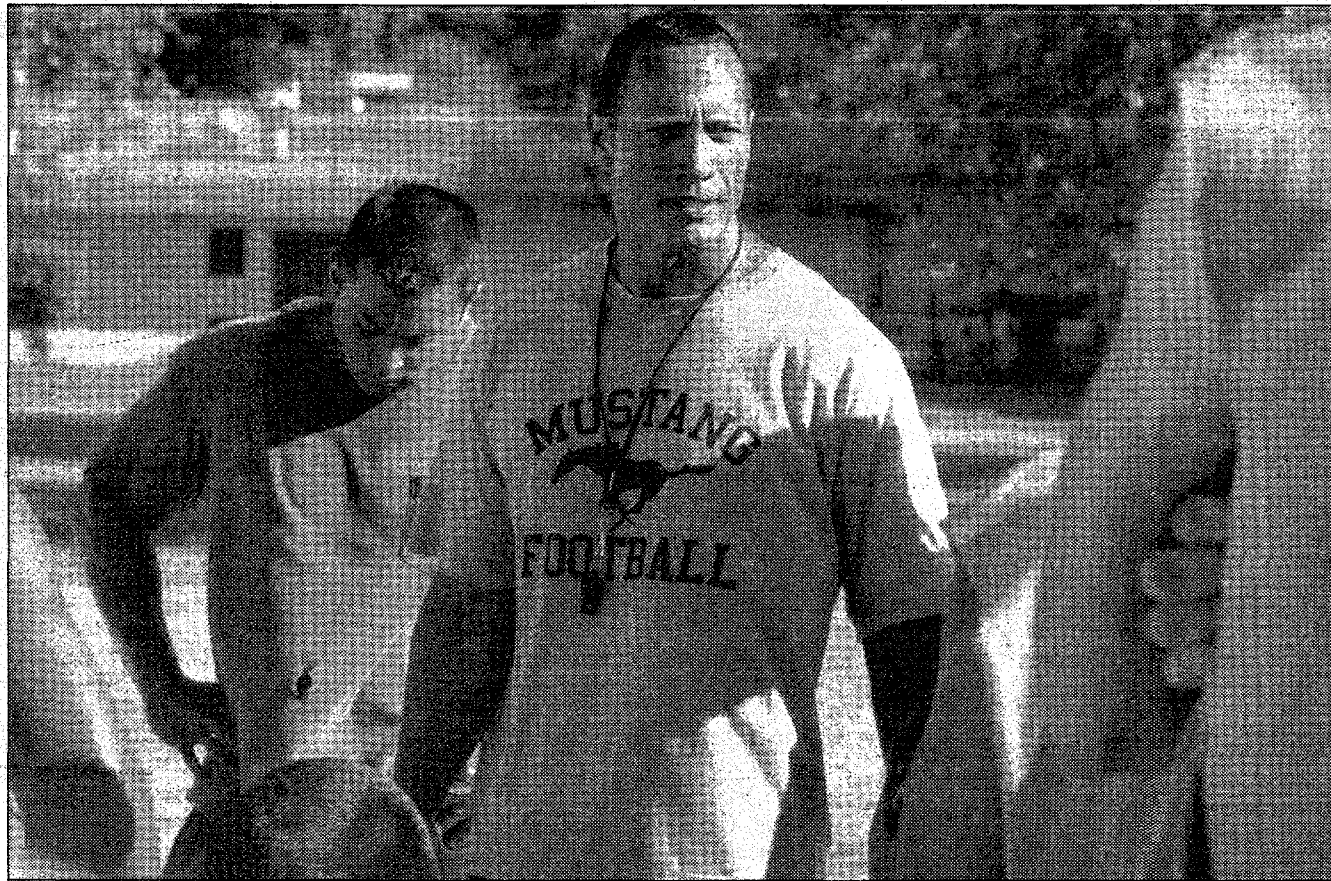
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Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson portrays the real life Sean Porter in 'Gridiron Gang,' a film about teens, gangs and redemption found on the football field.

# 'Gridiron Gang' is personal for The Rock

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Dwayne Johnson walks into a banquet room at the posh Ritz Carlton in Dearborn and turns heads.

Tall and dark with polished white teeth and tousled slicked back hair that's growing out from his current crew cut, Johnson, known more popularly as The Rock, appears slimmer these days. He seems more refined, and fashionable in dark denim and an equally dark pullover, than his bulkier days as a macho wrestler.

Johnson looks younger than 34 years old and he looks like a star.

Looks like a star. "So what?" one might say. What's the significance of that? He's a successful Hollywood actor, sure. And he has the rags-to-riches story like so many celebrities, so why is that new?

It's relevant because Johnson's real-life story is the epitome of hope, believing that anything is possible and that even the most seemingly degenerate, insignificant kid we see on the streets or in our neighborhood is in fact

**At the movies**

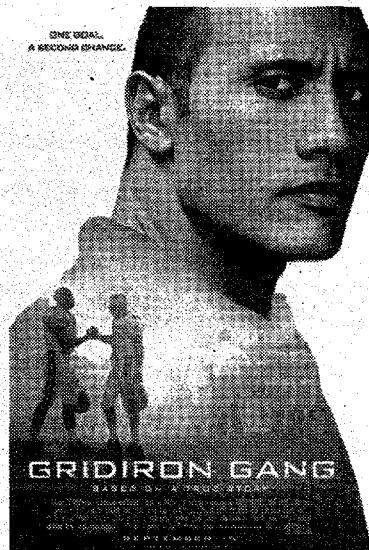
## GRIDIRON GANG

**When:** Opens Friday, everywhere

**Featuring:** Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as the real-life Sean Porter. Based on the documentary also titled *Gridiron Gang*.

**The story:** Detention camp probation officer Porter forms a high-school-level football team from a group of dangerous teenage inmates to teach them self-respect and social responsibility. He's joined in this experiment by co-worker Malcolm Moore (Xzibit). But Porter must first overcome almost universal resistance from the powers that be — his skeptical bosses and coaches at rival high schools — who don't want their players mixing it up with convicted criminals on the football field. Also starring Vanessa Ferlito, Leon Rippey and Kevin Dunn; Directed by Phil Joanou (U2: *Rattle and Hum* documentary) and written by Jeff Maguire (*In the Line of Fire*). Rated: PG-13.

significant and might, with some support, actually become *someone*.



It's relevant because Johnson is on the road promoting the film *Gridiron Gang*, a true story that, in many aspects, isn't too far off from his own life.

It's a story about believing in those bad kids.

Based on the documentary of the same name, *Gridiron Gang* is about a group of seriously troubled teenage felons living in a juvenile detention camp where 75 percent are fated to return to prison or are killed. Johnson plays probation officer Sean

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## 'Gridiron Gang' required rules

The film *Gridiron Gang* starring Dwayne Johnson is based on a documentary with the same name about football coach/probation officer Sean Porter who works at a juvenile facility called Camp Kilpatrick.

Porter works intimately with violent teenagers and tries to set them straight through football.

The documentary was created by filmmaker Lee Stanley who, like Porter and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, tries to help troubled teens. In the film, Johnson's portrayal of Porter is dead on when compared to the documentary.

"In real life though, Porter was more physical with the kids than the filmmakers wanted to show," Johnson said. "We didn't want to enter that point of controversy."

Columbia Pictures' *Gridiron Gang*, also reveals the trouble that adults face when they want to help troubled teens. Sometimes the public isn't so supportive.

In the film, and in the real beginning days of Camp Kilpatrick's juvenile football

team, the public didn't want their high school kids to play football against convicted criminals. But, through relentless pursuit and a jolt of inspiration, Porter and his team fight their way to redemption and a second chance.

The film was shot at the "real" Camp Kilpatrick.

"Authenticity is a large part of this story," Johnson said. "It was so important to go there and shoot on the field they practiced on every day. It wasn't even football field — it was only about 60 yards. The grass was all beaten up..."

There were a lot of rules that were instituted on the set because while the movie was being made, the real Camp Kilpatrick still went on.

Film crew members had to be careful not to accidentally wear gang colors. A truce had to be made between filmmakers and inmates.

"By doing so we showed the kids at the camp that we understood their world and we weren't trying to provoke them by being disrespectful," Stanley said.



# Classical Brass opens Plymouth Symphony season

Say goodbye to outdoor festivals and hello to theater season.

Fall is here.

And that means symphonies!

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra hosts its opening night concert, "Classical Brass," at 8 p.m. Sept. 30 in the newly reopened Penn Theatre in Plymouth.

The concert features guest composer Jennifer Higdon, and guest artist, Ava Ordman.

To commemorate the PSO's move to downtown Plymouth, the concert begins with triumphant brass choirs trumpeting the sounds of Giovanni Gabrieli in his two works *Lieto Godea* and *Sonata Pian' E Forte*.



Higdon



Ordman

Ordman, a music professor at Michigan State University and trombone virtuoso, is the soloist for the Concerto for Trombone that was written this year by Higdon.

Higdon maintains a full schedule of commissions, writing on average 6-12 works a year, and is now considered a major figure in contemporary American music. Her commissioners include the Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, National Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Brooklyn Philharmonic, Pittsburgh Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Dallas Symphony, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, St. Lukes Chamber Ensemble, pianist Gary Graffman, the Tokyo String Quartet, the Gilmore Piano Festival, and the Philadelphia Singers.

The PSO's own brass section will be featured in Beethoven's dramatic *Leonore Overture No. 3*, and Igor Stravinsky's enchanting and exotic, *Suite from the Firebird*. Alexander Borodin's romantic *In the Steppes of Central Asia* rounds out the program.

## PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY 61ST SEASON

(For more information, visit [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org))

### MUSIC OF REMEMBRANCE - NOV. 18

Northville High School Auditorium, Northville  
In collaboration with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Plymouth Historical Society, Plymouth District Library, Plymouth Community School District, Friends of the Penn, and Eastern Michigan University, the PSO joins in commemorating the tragedy of the Holocaust while celebrating the triumph of the human spirit through the magnificent art it inspired. Opening the concert will be "Calm Seas" and "Prosperous Voyage Overture" by Nazi-banned Jewish composer, Felix Mendelssohn. The monumental "Symphony No. 13" by Shostakovich, subtitled "Babi Yar," will feature a male chorus, and solo bass-baritone singer Donald Hartmann, voice professor at Eastern Michigan University. The program will also showcase PSO/OC concertmaster, Mark Schuppener, who will solo on the evocative and hauntingly beautiful "Three Pieces from Schindler's List for Violin and Orchestra" by

illustrative film composer John Williams.

### TCHAIKOVSKY & FRIENDS - JAN. 20

Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton  
A treat for fans of the acclaimed Russian composer, "Tchaikovsky & Friends" features the lyrical sounds of his Andante Cantabile along with his only large-scaled work for string orchestra, the Serenade in C Major.

A new work performed by a quartet of OC musicians: Libby Larsen's Four on the Floor, inspired by both "boogie-woogie" and the composer's love of driving fast, is a parody of contemporary American life.

In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, prominent African-American composer William Grant Still will be featured in his lively "Danzas de Panama." An arrangement of Bartok's Romanian folk dances rounds out the program.

### BRAHMS AND BOLCOM - FEB. 10

Northville High School Auditorium, Northville  
Former youth artist competition winner, Zachary Shemon, heads up the Twelve-Ten Saxophone Quartet, as the soloists for the jazzy and virtuosic Concerto Grosso for saxophone

quartet and orchestra by Grammy Award-winning composer William Bolcom. Brahms is also prominently represented on the program with his majestic No. 1. The PCEP Middle School Orchestra and CYO "Strings" ensemble will join the PSO again in the annual "Side-by-Side" performance playing the St. Anthony Chorale and the finale to the Symphony No. 104 by Haydn.

### SPRING FLING - MARCH 10

Penn Theatre, Plymouth  
Celebrating spring, romance and just plain fun are the themes of the action-packed season finale, "Spring Fling." Center stage will be a performance of the beloved 20th century masterpiece, "Appalachian Spring" by Aaron Copland. On the lighter side, the utterly unique work by Elinor Armer, is The Great Instrument of the Gegerrets. In addition to the more conventional musical instruments are two harmonicas and a bicycle wheel along with an array of "theatrics" from the orchestra players. On the romantic side there's also Bacchanale from "Samson & Delila" by Saint Saëns, and Tchaikovsky's tender "Romeo and Juliet Overture."

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear On-Stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Nan Washburn, PSO music director and conductor, and Higdon.

This is a special series introduction and chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program.

Tickets for all PSO season subscription concerts are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and free for students through 12th grade. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10 percent discount.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org) or charge by phone (734) 451-2112.

Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman, Plymouth. The phone number is (734) 453-0870.

## TOP DVD RENTALS

Here are the top 10 DVD rentals in the United States, for the week ending Sept. 3:

1. *The Sentinel*, \$8.2 million
2. *Take the Lead*, \$7.9 million
3. *Poseidon*, \$6.7 million
4. *Friends with Money*, \$6.5 million
5. *RV*, \$5.7 million

6. *Inside Man*, \$5.6 million
7. *Akeelah and the Bee*, \$5.5 million
8. *Scary Movie 4*, \$5.43 million
9. *Silent Hill*, \$5.4 million
10. *Just My Luck*, \$4.9 million

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# 'The Ape' goes on a rampage - for only a buck

Oh, the joys of the dollar store. These marvels of products piled from floor to ceiling offer virtually everything you could wish to buy, provided it doesn't have an expiration date of yesterday.

Now it's even possible to find fabulous film fare tucked amid the plastic pots and ramen noodles. On Saturday, I picked up eight movies for a grand total of \$4.24. That's about

what I pay to rent one movie, and considering the usual crap I get, this was a bargain indeed.

These days, virtually everything is being thrown onto DVD. We're not talking about restored classics here. These come with crackles, snaps and pops of fragile film transferred to a plastic disc with barely the slightest attempt to be presentable.

Among the jewels I acquired was

*The Ape*, a 1940 Boris Karloff forgotten film. He plays a small-town mad scientist intent on finding a cure for paralysis, particularly the paralysis of a cute young lady who lives nearby. Boris, being the gentleman that he always is despite being a mad scientist, has only pure intentions.

When the circus comes to town, Boris is given the opportunity to acquire the precious spinal fluid he

needs for his serum. A huge ape escapes from the circus and goes on a rampage, killing the locals.

Boris manages to acquire their spinal fluid from the ape's victims. How?

In the shocking ending we learn that the ape actually had been killed by some local kids and Boris donned

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Porter who, along with officer Malcolm Moore played by rapper/actor/former Detroit Xzbit (*8 Mile*), turns the teens into a football team — in just four weeks. Confronted with serious gang rivalry that is always on the edge of explosion, Porter learns that with his support those kids might have a chance at survival. The kids learn that self-respect is the first key to a substantial life.

*Gridiron Gang* opens Friday. Johnson was recently in Detroit for a screening of the film not in upscale Birmingham or Bloomfield, but instead at a theater on Eight Mile Road in Detroit. He was there because he wants inner-city children and families to see the movie, and hopefully become uplifted.

"I was arrested eight times before I

turned 14 years old," Johnson said. "I was a bad kid. I was angry. Angry that my family was evicted yet again. Angry that my mom had to work so hard ... I acted out, even though I knew I was disappointing her."

Over and over again, while growing up in Hawaii (born in San Francisco), Johnson started fights and caused neighborhood trouble. And over and over again, his mother picked him up from the police station, and often cried.

And then he was saved — by football and his arresting officer.

"I was lucky in that my arresting officer told me that he was either going to continue to kick my ass and arrest me every week, or take me off the streets and put me into the freshman high school football program.

"I was fortunate enough to have someone care enough about what happened to me at that point in my life. He took me out of a bad environment and filled the void in my life with football. It taught me so many

things beyond the actual game, like teamwork, sacrifice and choosing to do the right things in life."

Football became Johnson's life. He was good enough to earn a scholarship to the powerful University of Miami football program where he shined as a defensive end and was part of the team's 1989 national championship. A year later, injuries killed his football career, but instead of falling back into petty crime ways, he still sought success and eventually became the "People's Champion" wrestler known as The Rock and later as an actor in successful films like *The Scorpion King* and *The Mummy Returns*.

He also has a lead in the 2006 film

*Johnny Bravo*, but right now, the topic is football. Johnson, who lives in Florida with his wife, Dany, and daughter, Simone, said he accepted the role in *Gridiron Gang* because he himself is an example of how a teen can shine — if someone shows them the way.

"I had people in my life who weren't going to let me dig ditches for the rest of my life," Johnson said. "Because of people like Sean Porter. It was interesting for me to have once been the troubled kid and then later have the opportunity to play the role of Sean."

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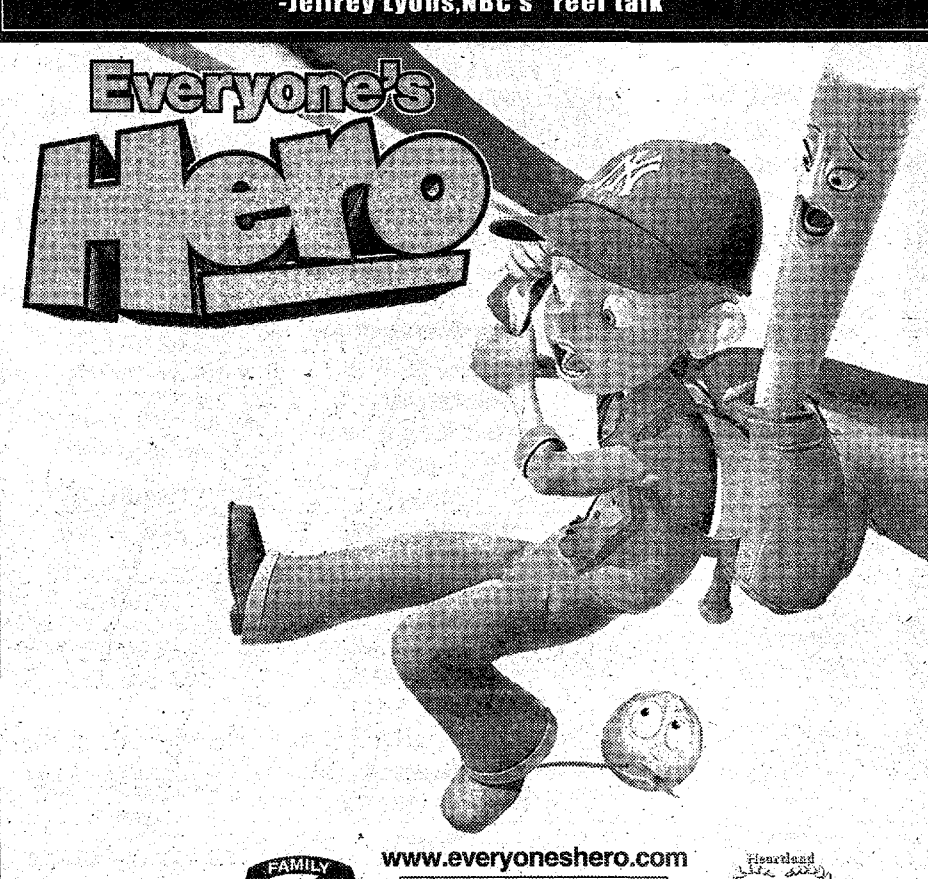
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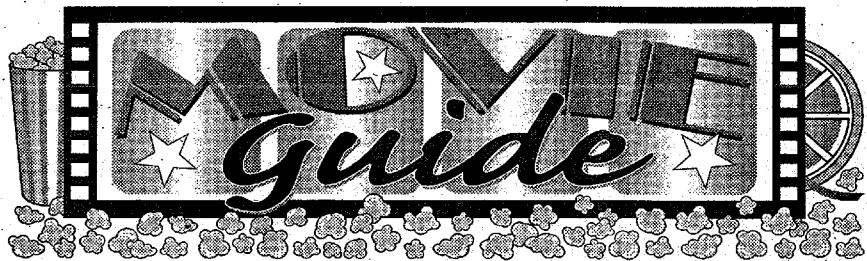
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# APE

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an ape suit to continue the killing spree for his own purposes.

One should not ask where Boris acquired an ape suit in small town rural America.

Ordinarily a movie like *The Ape* would be completely forgotten. But no movie starring Boris Karloff is completely bad. Indeed, he does give it his all, turning in a

typically strong performance. In fact, the acting is quite strong from all involved. At least these folks tried, which is more than I can say for a lot of the horror movies being produced today.

Packaged with *The Ape* is another Karloff classic, *Doomed to Die*, one of his "Mr. Wong" detective stories.

I can't wait to see it.

Greg Kowalski also got *A Bucket of Blood* and even that modern classic *Bubba Ho-Tep* for a buck. He (Greg, not Bubba) can be reached at (248) 901-2570, e-mail gkowskii@hometownlife.com.

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2. *Hollywoodland*, \$6 million
3. *Invincible*, \$5.8 million
4. *Tom yum goong*, \$5 million
5. *Crank*, \$4.8 million
6. *The Illusionist*, \$4.6 million

7. *Little Miss Sunshine*, \$4.4 million
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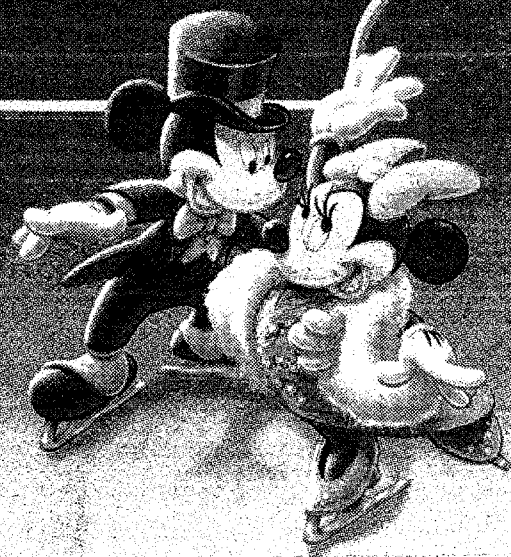


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### THIS WEEK'S HITS

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

##### Jazz Friday

Enjoy performances by Don Walden's Free Radicals, draw in the galleries, take a guided tour and make your own tambourine.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Saturday offers more drawing and you can make your own instrument to take home.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

On Sunday take a guided tour or make a Chinese slat book to take home.

COMPILATIONS OF ART, MUSIC, FOOD, SHOPPING AND FUN EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 6 TO 9 PM. "HIT" PROGRAMS ARE FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. VALET PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT THE WOODWARD ENTRANCE.

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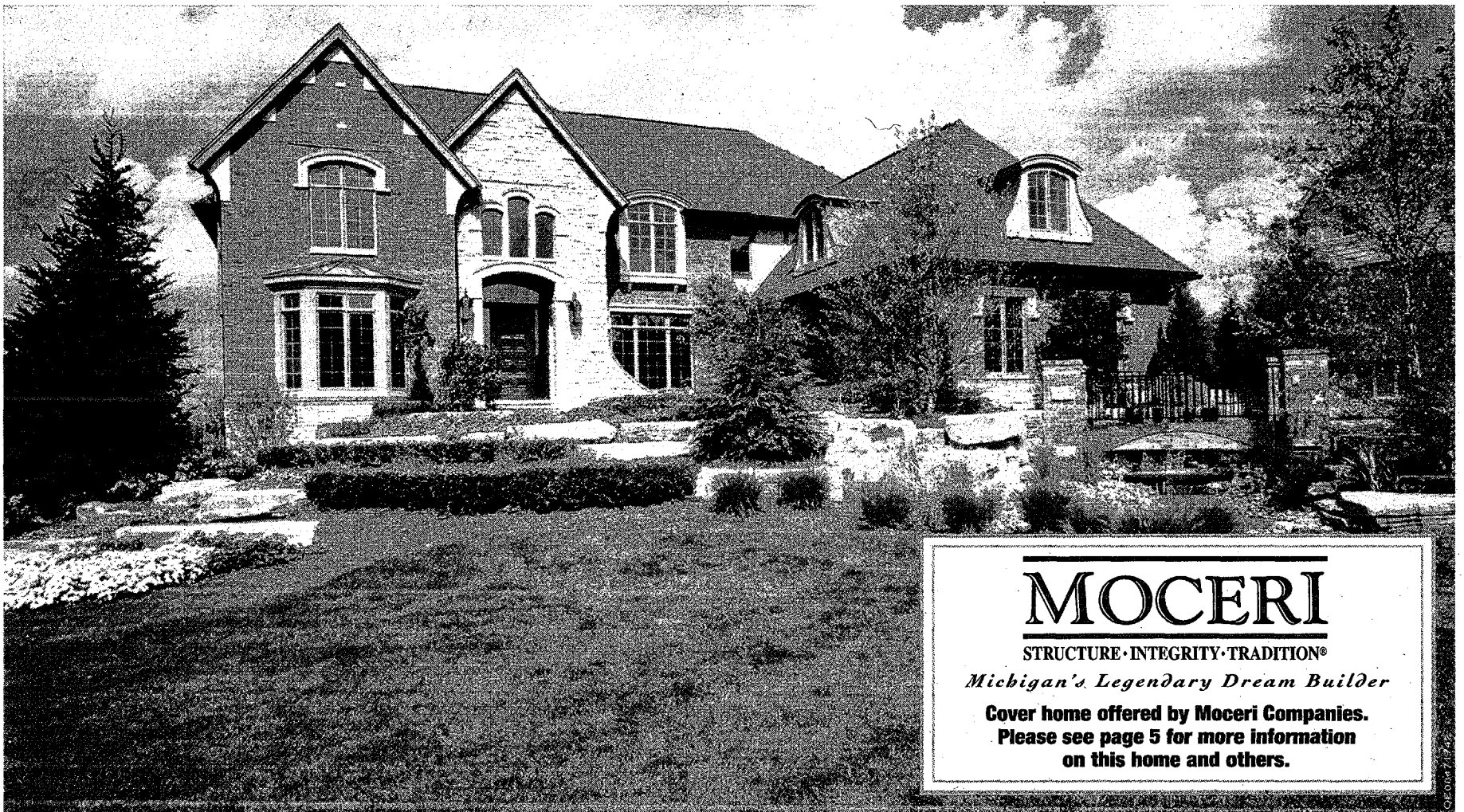
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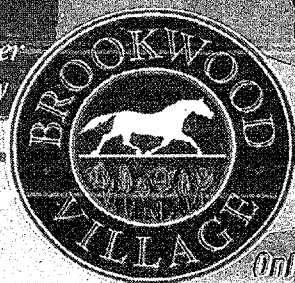
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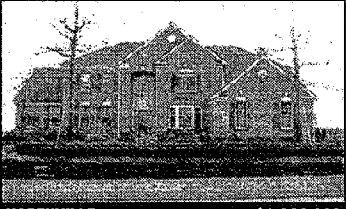
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NORTHVILLE \$1,275,000 Lakefront Living!! 2 Story foyer, kit w/granite, DR w/butters pantry, solid Doors T/O, 2 Story FR W/trey ceiling, mstr Ste W/sitting area, fp. Fin W/O W/full Granite kit, in-law Ste, & Views Of Teal Lake From Every Window! MLS# 26085412 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$1,200,000 Grand 2 Story Foyer W/marble Flr, Custom Leaded Front Door, Gourmet Kit W/granite Counters, Custom Cabs, DR W/trey ceiling, 2 Story FR W/2-way FP, rear Staircase, Sun room, Media room, 5th Bdrm, HW floors, Fin Bsmnt. MLS# 26125222 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$1,200,000 Island Kit W/built-ins, Hw floors, Lib w/cust b/ins, Conserve w/slate fir/+b/ins, cust litng T/O, All Ba upgr, fin W/O LI w/2nd gran Kit, F/P Theatre room, Ba W/dual Steam Shwr, Sauna. Prof Indsp Brick Terrace W/stone Flr MLS# 26030928 248-347-3050



BRIGHTON \$990,000 2 Story Foyer W/marble floor, gourmet Granite kit w/sub O Fridge/freezer, DR, 1st floor bdrm/library, mstr Ste W/trey Ceiling, private Balcony Off Mstr, glamour BA, 2 Story Great room W/fieldstone FP, Fin W/O W/full Kit. MLS# 26151282 248-347-3050



MILFORD \$679,900 Solarium room Extends Executive Kitchen To 3 Season Florida Rm. Conservatory Expands The Pillared Elegance Of Lr & Dr Dual Staircases W/bridge. Enormous Windows In FR. W/O Boasts: 2 way Fp, theater, grand Bar W/ Kit MLS# 26152560 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$650,000 2-story foyer w/ceramic tile; 1st floor mstr w/tray ceiling; 2-stry GR w/2-way FP to nook; gourmet kit w/maple cabs, granite counters & SS appls; upstrs media room or FR or seller will convert back to 4th br; paver patio. MLS# 26148473 248-347-3050



COMMERCE \$575,000 Custom beauty tucked away w/total seclusion, formal fr w/trey ceiling, hwd fir, gran kit, dr w/crown molding, 4 season srmm w/french drs, mstr ste w/dual wic's, glamour ba w/wr/ipl tub, guest ste w/ba, fin LL & patio. MLS# 26131867 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$560,000 Cape Cod On 1 Acre Wooded w/1st Flr Mstr ste, hwd in foyer, 1/2 Ba, & kit, 2 Story Foyer W/2 skylights, Gr w/tp, 1st Flr Indry, unfn Bsmnt, Anderson win, 3.5 Car gar. 2 Furnaces & C/a, paver patio's, & Hearth rm/sunrm Off Kit. MLS# 26139276 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$539,000 1st Floor Mbr Suite. Highly Remod Kit W/granite. Prof Fin w/o W/kit, Full Ba, BR 4 Or Office, 40x29 Fr. Mstr Ste W/ jet Tub, sep Shower, Walk-in, Deck. Everything Is Highly Maintained & Cared For: Total sq. Ft 3820! MLS# 26134143 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$439,900 \$50k in Upgrades In Kit/baths W/granite T/O: includes Stainless Appl, Maple Cabinetry, Kohler Sinks And Faucets. Cul-de-sac Location w/priv Front Entrance. Lrg Mstr Has 2 Wic's. Vaulted Ceilings. MLS# 26144040 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$422,900 Colonial W/neutral Decor. 2 Story Foyer W/curved strcase, Lrg Island Kit Overlooking Family room w/FP. Mstr Suite W/oversized Wic, Mstr Ba W/Jet Tub. Prof Landscaped Yard W/deck & paved walkway. 3 Car Garage. MLS# 26110346 248-347-3050



NOVI \$422,900 \$80,000 in upgrades t/o. Gourmet kit w/ ss appls, oversized island, granite cnttps & limestone backsplash. Fin Daylight Bsmnt w/bar/kitchenette, rec/ent room, full Ba, & Connecting Kit, bfst. Deck, Porch, Paver Patio. MLS# 26144453 248-347-3050



CANTON \$369,000 Central Park Estates 4 BR 2.1 bath Colonial on prem lot w/mature trees, water/fountain view & walking trail. Kit w/oversized island, hwdv floors & appls incl. FR w/gas FP. Master w/lux bath & WIC. LL w/carpet & RIP. MLS# 26144449 734-453-6800



CANTON \$364,900 4 bdrm w/island kit upgrade adds 4 ft. neutral throughout w/lots of upgrades. Mstr w/Glamour ba & his/her closets. funds to complete sidewalk, grading & install trees in spring. \$10k landscaping allowance included. MLS# 26087979 248-347-3050



NOVI \$360,000 Hardwood floors in foyer, hallway, kit & FR. Paver patio, p. fin. bsmnt. w/rec room, cathedral ceiling in FR w/FP - open to kit, jacuzzi & shower in mstr suite, Corian counters in kit. Also for lease \$2,500 All M/D approx. MLS# 26145524 248-347-3050



CANTON \$329,750 Fabulous 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA Brick Colonial in Glengarry Village backing to mature trees w/plenty of privacy. Large kit-BN w/lots of cbnts-cntrtp space. Master w/cath clg & fash bath. Kit open to FR w/gas FP. Great lot! MLS# 26151868 734-453-6800



CANTON \$300,000 Transfer forces sale on this Pulte "Princeton" on a low traffic interior setting in one of Cantons newer subs. Dramatic 2-story foyer. Gourmet kitchen. FR w/gas FP. Master w/vaulted clg & fash bath. 2nd floor laundry. MLS# 26136415 734-453-6800



NOVI \$300,000 4 doorwals Across Back Of Home, Glass Block Accents, Acrylic Spindles, Focal Point Staircase, Tile Entry, Kit, Br, sep Lib, Jack & Jill Bath W/jetted Tub, Master Bath w/g Shower. Floating Vanity In Powder Room. MLS# 26150526 248-347-3050



CANTON \$280,000 Interior Lot In Sub Backing To Privacy, Foyer W/ hardwood Flr, Formal LR/DR, Kit W/eat-in Nook & Doorwall To Deck W/screened Gazebo, hardwood Flr, All appls inc, Vaulted FR, Gas FP, Master Ste W/dual W.i.c.'s, Glamour Ba, MLS# 26150623 248-347-3050



LYONS \$270,000 Located on half an acre of land, hardwood floors t/o. Gourmet kit w/stainless steel appls. 1st flr laundry, Mstr suite w/WIC. 2 tiered deck w/hot tub, fin full bsmnt w/lrg rec room, office nook & 4th BR w/egress window. MLS# 26152323 734-453-6800



GENOA \$269,000 Beautiful home with open floor plan. Fireplace in family room. Great backyard. Close to schools, shopping and expressway. MLS# 26091247 248-437-4500



FARMINGTON \$265,000 3 BR bungalow on a private wooded lot 2 blocks from downtown. 1st flr features Brazilian cherry hwdv in foyer, DR, LR, & kit. Fin LL w/huge FR. All BR's are good sized. New furnace. Newer carpet t/o. Paver wlkwys & patio. MLS# 26137730 248-347-3050



GREEN OAK \$249,900 Home backs to woods, beautiful hardwood floors thru-out custom kit w/corlan, pantry, all appl. Family room has oak FP, fin basement, 4 BR, 2.2 BA, 5 acres 2.5 garage, lib/study, updates: furnace, AC, roof. MLS# 26144176 248-437-4500



PLYMOUTH \$239,900 Ponds & mature trees surround unique duplex style homes exude quality & style. Open GR w/tp. huge mstr suite w/wic. 2nd br has own ba. Loft/office area. Daylight bsmnt. Pick your own colors. int. Pics From Model. MLS# 26130903 248-347-3050

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**CANTON** **\$228,000**  
 Stately Brownstone end unit backing to commons! Spacious kit-nk, HDWD floors, maple cabs. Spacious GR w/soaring 9, cigs & gas FP. 3 BR's on up level w/2 full baths. LL can be used as BR or a nice FR. Loads of upgrades!  
 MLS# 26154409 734-453-6800



**LIVONIA** **\$225,000**  
 Eat-in kit, huge fam room w/gas FP & drvl to Florida rm. Mstr suite w/access to full BA. HDWD floors under carpet. Updates incl: electrical, win, furnace, HWH, C/A. Prof landscaped fenced yd. Great fam community w/pool.  
 MLS# 26152780 734-453-6800



**WESTLAND** **\$219,900**  
 Condo w/3 br, 2.5 bas incl: 1st fl mbr w/upgrades galore! Premium ss appl package, ceramic tiled mstr jack-n-jill ba, marble surround fp, library area, backs to the east, premium lot, cathedral ceilings 1/2, 2-car garage.  
 MLS# 26108924 248-347-3050



**LIVONIA** **\$205,000**  
 New hardwood floors T/O. Freshly Painted, New Windows T/O. 400 sq Ft FR. Updated Ba W/New vanity, ceramic Floors & Walls. Priced As If A Foreclosure or bank owned even though it's not. Buyer Agent To Verify All Info  
 MLS# 26144873 248-347-3050



**SUPERIOR** **\$205,000**  
 Come enjoy the quietness of Superior Twp! 4 BR, 3-1/2 bath Col w/fin bsmt offering a family area, office & full bath. Open FR w/gas FP. Oak kitchen. Master w/WIC & bath. 4th BR currently a loft. Wooded backyard!  
 MLS# 26153491 734-453-6800



**PLYMOUTH** **\$204,900**  
 Unique Duplex Style Homes Exude Quality & Style. Open Great room W/FP. Huge Master Suite w/WIC. 2nd Br Has Own Bath. Spacious Loft/Office Area. Daylight Bsmnt. Pick Your Own Colors & More. Plymouth schools.  
 MLS# 26130845 248-347-3050



**LIVONIA** **\$200,000**  
 Updated Brick Ranch. Updates incl: remod Kitchen & Baths. Part Fin Basement. HDWD Foyer To Kit. HDWDS T/O Under Carpet. Cedar Deck & Extensive Landscaping. Newer Apps Stay, C/A, Nat Fp. Mstr Br Ba. 4th Br In bsmt!  
 MLS# 26146587 734-591-0333



**HOLLY** **\$199,500**  
 Beautiful brick ranch in Holly with open floor plan . 3 Bedroom/2 bath. Newer windows and doors, new hardwood floors in kitchen and dining room. Fabulous deck and covered patio. On double lot. Must see!  
 MLS# 26132154 248-360-1425



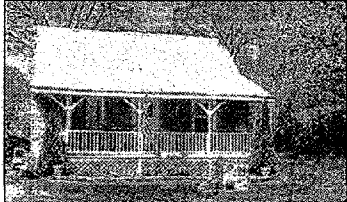
**WESTLAND** **\$180,000**  
 Gorgeous contemporary 3 BR colonial. Open flr plan, FR w/FP & cath clg. Kit w/ceramic tile, spacious master ste w/vaulted clg & WIC. Fin LL w/lg rec rm. Prof Indspd yd w/sprinkler sys. This home is extremely clean!  
 MLS# 26143533 734-453-6800



**SALEM** **\$179,900**  
 On of 11 lots for sale. Paved roads. Established sub. Lots from 2.5 to 8.39 acres. Priced \$169,900 to \$225,000. South Lyon Schools, Salem Twp taxes.  
 MLS# 26117086 248-437-4500



**TAYLOR** **\$175,000**  
 Spotless 3 Bdrm 2 Bath! Family room w/Fireplace. Master Has Sitting room and 2 Closets. Other Bdrms Have Hardwood Floors. Oak Cabinets. Glass Block Windows In Bsmnt. Patio, Huge Yard. 1 Yr Home Warranty Included.  
 MLS# 26142277 734-591-0333



**REDFORD** **\$174,900**  
 Cute bungalow sitting on almost 1 acre can be your home or keep the tenant that's there now & have a great investment property. Offers: newer win, copper plumbing, newer roof & hwh. seller will consider land contract.  
 MLS# 26094942 248-347-3050



**WAYNE** **\$169,900**  
 Spac 3 BR 2 BA Ranch prem location backs to woods. Newer t/o roof, wndws, gutters, furn, kit. Some apps stay. HDWD floors under carpet. Fin bsmt w/lge glass blk wndws for light & lots of storage. Fenced yd, 2.5 car gar.  
 MLS# 26153023 734-453-6800



**LIVONIA** **\$165,000**  
 Country Living In The City! On Over 1/2 Acre In Livonia. 2 Car Garage & A Part Finished Bsmnt w/poss 4th Bdrm. Updates Roof, Windows, Kit & Bath. Driveway On Pinetree For Easy Access. C/A. Lot May Be Splittable.  
 MLS# 26153547 734-591-0333



**NORVELL** **\$165,000**  
 Great Opportunity To Own A Home Off Vineyard Lake. 2 Story Colonial. Updates include Kitchen, Doors, Baths, Flooring, Furnace, Privacy Fence, Well Pump, Paint, Deck, Some Windows. Enclosed Porch, Deck, 2 Sheds & More  
 MLS# 26135077 734-591-0333



**WESTLAND** **\$165,000**  
 Sharp Condo In Brownstones Of Westland. Has Master Bath, Open floor Plan, H/wood floors, Vaulted Ceiling In Bdrms. Finished Lower Level With 1/2 Bath, Possible 3rd Bdrm. Att gar Completes This Beautiful Condition Condo.  
 MLS# 26144373 734-591-0333



**REDFORD** **\$160,000**  
 New gourmet kit w/ceramic & maple cabinets. New HDWD flr t/o. Huge master suite w/ceiling fan, WIC, sitting area & private bath. Newer windows, newer furnace, C/A & 6 panel doors. Fenced yard w/patio.  
 MLS# 26154481 734-453-6800



**NOVI** **\$145,000**  
 New Jacuzzi Tub. New flooring, New Lighting T/O, New courtyard, Newer Apps (except Dryer), New flooring in kit & Entry, Balcony Off master bedroom.  
 MLS# 26137039 248-347-3050



**YPSILANTI** **\$140,000**  
 Unbelievable value! Check the comps, 1872 square feet! Enormous FR w/celling fans. Formal DR, gourmet kitchen w/all appliances to stay. Master suite w/celling fan. Updates incl furnace, H2O, windows and roof.  
 MLS# 26153105 734-453-6800



**GARDEN CITY** **\$139,900**  
 The wndws, roof, siding, gutters, C/A & H2O tank have been updated. You'll love the neutral decor, the bsmt is part-fin. All appliances stay including a portable dishwasher, stove, fridge, washer & dryer.  
 MLS# 26159843 734-591-0333



**REDFORD** **\$137,900**  
 3 BR, 2 Ba, Brick Ranch. Deep Fenced Yard, 2.5 car Garage W/workbench. Many Updates Include Kit, Paint, Carpet, Tile, Driveway, & more! 3rd Brm Can Be Used As Formal DR. Knotty Pine Fin Bsmnt W/built ins. all apps.  
 MLS# 26149231 248-347-3050



**REDFORD** **\$124,900**  
 Over 1300 sq. ft. In This 3 Bdrm Ranch Home. Home Sits On An Extra Large Lot & Has A Great 3 Car gar With An Att summer/Florida Room. Home Offers Large Bdrm Sizes, Custom Lighting in Kit, apps & Separate Din Area.  
 MLS# 26144008 734-591-0333



**CANTON** **\$123,900**  
 Attention 1st time buyers! Why rent when you can own this gorgeous Condo! 2 BR, 1.5 baths, fireplace, full basement, private deck & 2 carports! Seller will pay 1 years Home Owners Association w/act offer!  
 MLS# 26154946 734-453-6800



**REDFORD** **\$95,000**  
 This One Is A Steal! Great For First Time Buyers!!! Move-In Condition, Virtually No Work To Be Done. Neutral T/O W Updated Bath W Ceramic Flooring. Part Finished Basement. Close To Schools. Appliances Included.  
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**CUSTOM HOME ON WOODED LOT** Popular Huron Hills sub boasting custom features like circular round top windows, 2 decks, oversized garage, paver walkways, and more. Premium location. Great Cape Cod floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. **\$299,900 (P-630HU)**

**NICE HOME** Nice starter w/ plenty of possibilities. Updated roof, furnace, & hwh. Insulated garage w/220, 50x202 lot, & more. **\$104,900 (C-151AL)**

**GREAT STARTER HOME** Bright & clean on an extra deep lot. Brick ranch w/ updated Kitchen, bath, windows, roof, deck, garage, & a beautiful yard. All appliances stay! **\$121,990 (P-936GA)**

**CENTRAL PARK STEAL** Terrific colonial w/2 story brick elevation, volume ceilings, hardwood floors, large island Kitchen, Great Room, 1st floor laundry, oversized master w/ bath, & professionally landscaped. **\$354,900 (P-396SP)**

**BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL** Nested on a quiet, large wood lot. Neutral décor thruout, updated vinyl windows, Family Room with fireplace & cath ceiling, 6 panel doors thruout, newer carpet, updated bath, 1st floor laundry, & updated oak Kitchen. **\$319,900 (P-412ST)**

**CANTON COLONIAL** Wonderfully updated 3 bd colonial in popular Winsor Sub. Hardwood floors in Living, Dining, & Family Room, finished basement, private backyard, beautifully landscaped, & all appliances stay. **\$229,900 (P-860AR)**

**CANTON** CANTON CONDO 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/possible 3rd bd on lower level. Open floor plan, island Kitchen, Balcony, finished walkout, Master w/WIC, & good location. **\$235,900 (P-796CH)**

**GARDEN CITY** MOVE RIGHT IN! Updated thruout! New furnace, hwh, 6 panel maple doors, decorator paint thruout, updated bath, new windows, Patio, fresh landscaping, Garage, siding & trim, & much more! **\$125,000 (P-645SH)**



**PRESTIGE & PERFECTION** WOODED LOT Popular Huron of extras. 2 bd, 3 baths, grand Master Suite, finished basement with 2nd Kitchen, expansive view from 3 season room, & more. **\$434,900 (P-785AS)**

**LIVONIA** Beautiful 4 bd, 2 bath ranch w/updated Kitchen & bath, newer roof, furnace, entry doors, cement, windows, plumbing, refinished hardwood, & much more. A lot of house for the price! **\$192,895 (C-182FO)**

**SUB A RARE JEWEL** Close to downtown Plymouth & shopping. 3 bd condo w/ finished basement, updated Kitchen, some new carpeting, formal dining room, gas fireplace, & enclosed courtyard. **\$184,900 (P-854LY)**

**SHARP BUNGALOW** 3 bd, oversized Master, country Kitchen with appliances, rec room in basement, updated baths, flooring, windows, hwh, furnace, vinyl siding, privacy fence, landscaping, & huge lot w/2 sheds. **\$96,900 (C-327GL)**

**ELEGANT CAPE COD** Nested in a private wooded setting. Architectural details abound, marble & granite kit, palladium windows, heated floors, finished walkout, recessed lights, enchanting garden room and all the modern conveniences. **\$894,900 (P-319HI)**

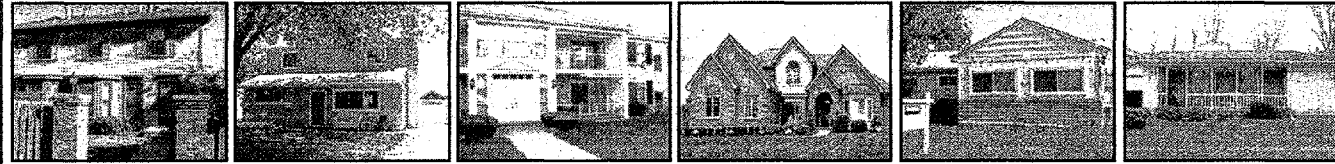
**WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY** This full brick ranch is larger than most & ready to move in now! Maintenance free exterior, open floor plan w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Wallside windows, entry doors, & 2.5 car Garage w/ opener. **\$159,900 (P-747OS)**

**CANTON CARE FREE CONDO** End unit condo with first floor Master, 2 full baths, cathedral ceilings, 1st floor laundry, basement, 2 car Garage, freshly painted, & appliances stay. **\$149,900 (P-870HU)**

**CANTON SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE** No need to wait for builder on this almost new 2 bd, 2 bath town home in the Links at Fellows Creek. Great Room with fireplace, Kitchen with all appliances, & balcony. **\$159,900 (P-071KN)**

**INKSTER CURB APPEAL PLUS!** Maintained brick ranch w/2 bd, 2 baths, & could be converted back to a 3 bd. Nicely decorated, finished basement, new furnace, a/c, windows, fenced yard & appliances. **\$99,900 (C-994GL)**

**INKSTER WELL MAINTAINED** 3 bd ranch w/ newer windows, furnace, roof, hwh, neutral carpet & décor, & updated bath. 1 year home warranty. **\$109,900 (P-642ST)**



**MOVE RIGHT IN!** Beautifully updated Canton condo w/2 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen, cathedral ceilings, walk-in closet & full bath. Large deck, finished basement, & appliances stay! **\$259,900 (C-866CR)**

**GREAT VALUE** Cute home on quiet dead end street. 1230 sq ft home, Many improvements Kitchen, driveway, patio, 2 full baths w/tile, & oversized 2.5 car garage. Home Warranty. **\$134,900 (P-057WI)**

**EASY LIVING** 2 bd, 2 bath condo w/large Master Suite, newer windows, large balcony, updated Kitchen & baths, appliances stay, ample storage space, & carport. Assoc. dues include heat & water! **\$127,500 (P-240AN)**

**OLD WORLD CHARM** You'll fall for this 1st floor Master Cape Cod w/warm Great Room, expansive windows, large Kitchen, recessed lights, Den, formal Dining, 1st floor laundry, & 3 car Garage. **\$469,900 (P-972TA)**

**WESTLAND RANCH** Beautifully remodeled ranch w/newer windows & custom window treatments, flooring, carpet, & more. Newer patio in backyard, move-in condition. Ready to move right in. **\$99,900 (C-132CA)**

**COUNTRY LIVING** 1600 sq ft ranch sitting on 10 rolling acres. 3 bd, 1 bath, living room with fireplace, Den, Formal Dining, & 2 car Garage. **\$259,900 (P-718CO)**

**CANTON OUTSTANDING SETTING** Stunning Burlington model situated on a village lot backing to walking/bike path. Upgrades thruout, gourmet kitchen, Corian, hardwood, 2nd floor laundry, & more. **\$449,900 (P-578MC)**

**LIMA TOWNSHIP** WOW! Well maintained ranch on almost an acre. Oversized Garage, Kitchen w/Patio door to Florida Room, huge yard, hardwood, & wide open finished basement. **\$165,000 (C-3800L)**

**CANTON STUNNING CAPE COD** Beautiful Cape Cod w/2 story Foyer, GR with fireplace, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, Master w/WIC's, & professionally landscaped w/ sprinklers. **\$274,900 (P-775PA)**

**DEXTER COUNTRY ESTATE** 10 acre estate w/stunning 3500 sq ft home. Formal LR & DR, Master w/WIC's, gourmet Kitchen, walkout basement with fireplace, oversized Deck w/gazebo, & 3 car Garage. **\$999,000 (P-998STO)**



**IT'S ALL HERE!** Completely remodeled condo! New Kitchen cab's, new bath w/ pedestal sink, vinyl windows, hardwood floors, & awesome location close to everything. **\$75,000 (C-525TH)**

**MOVE IN READY** 3 bd brick bungalow featuring newer windows, updated Kitchen, formal Dining, LR w/bay window, part finished basement, & seller can help w/ closing costs. City Certs Done! **\$110,000 (C-452AR)**

**AMAZING HOME** Lovely South Lyon location. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, gourmet island Kitchen, vaulted Master w/bath & WIC, daylight basement, 3 car Garage, professionally landscaped, & much more. **\$344,900 (C-373DR)**

**TURN KEY CONDO** Lavishly updated condo complete with all the upgrades. All appliances included, pond views from the Deck. Move right in. **\$159,999 (C-882HA)**

**ENTERTAINING** Enjoy the summer in your new home with a pool & hot tub! Loaded w/updates, Hickory Kitchen w/granite, berber carpet thruout, windows, oversized bedrooms, & super clean. **\$149,500 (C-232SH)**

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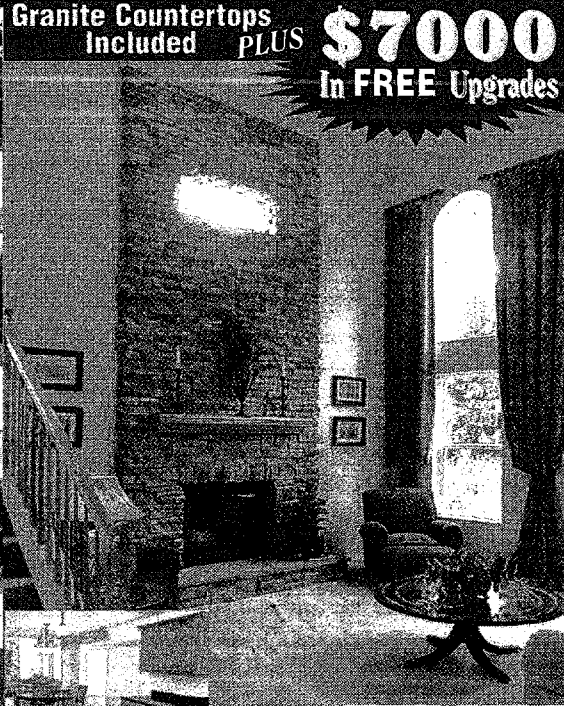
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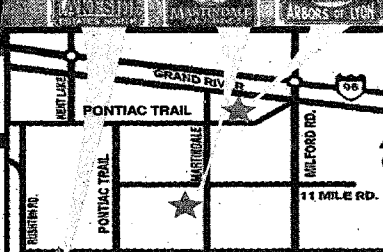


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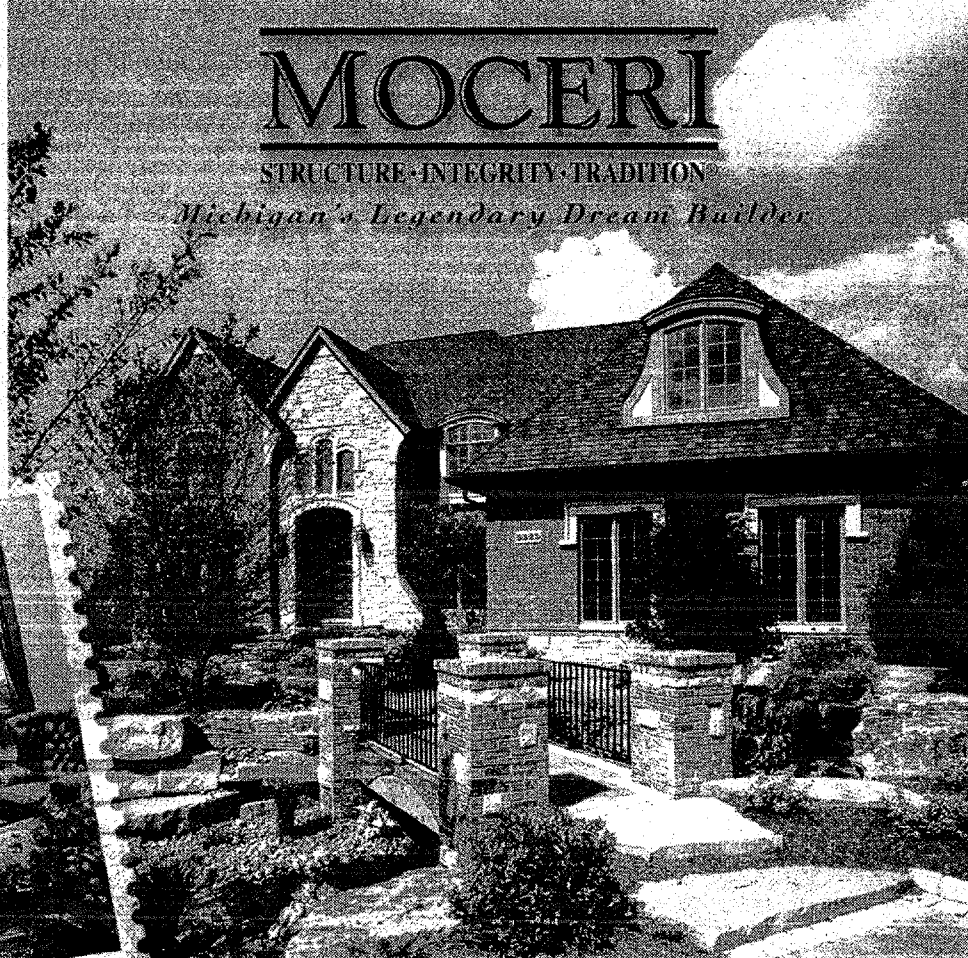
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A Free Homebuyer Class will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. A home inspector will be present. Attendees are both first-time home buyers and experienced buyers. It covers why it is important to be pre-approved and what that entails; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's agent working only for you - not the seller; how to get seller's concessions to help cover your costs; how to decide on a good offer price. Call for reservations (24 hours) at (734) 420-9600 or e-mail at: info@rfirestone-team.com.

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### Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ A 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination by Lake Orion Community Education and the institute, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3 and 5, in the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps in Lake Orion. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 22 to Lake Orion Community Education, (248) 693-5436.

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### Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

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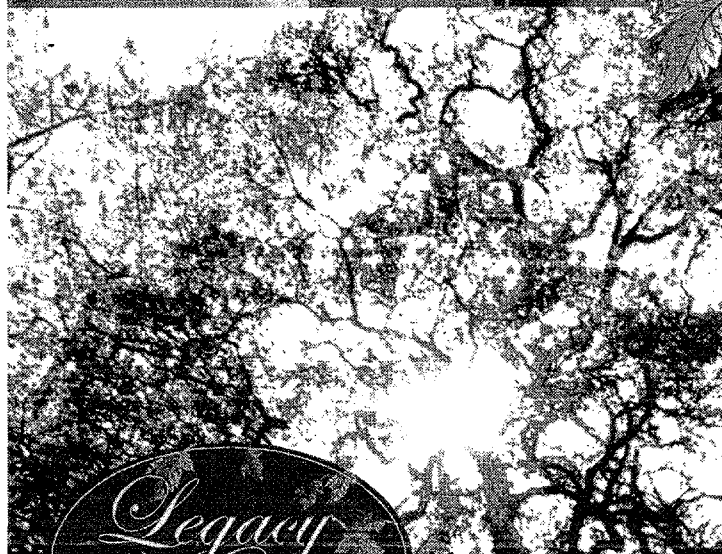
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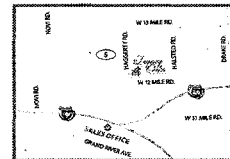
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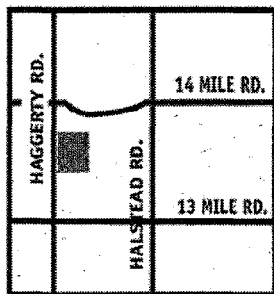
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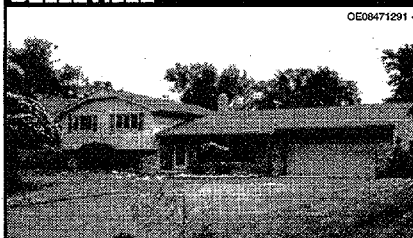


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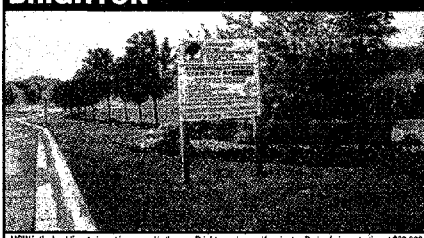
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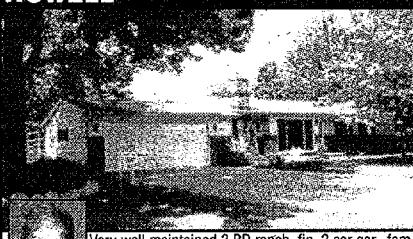
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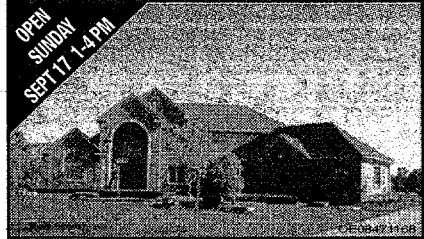
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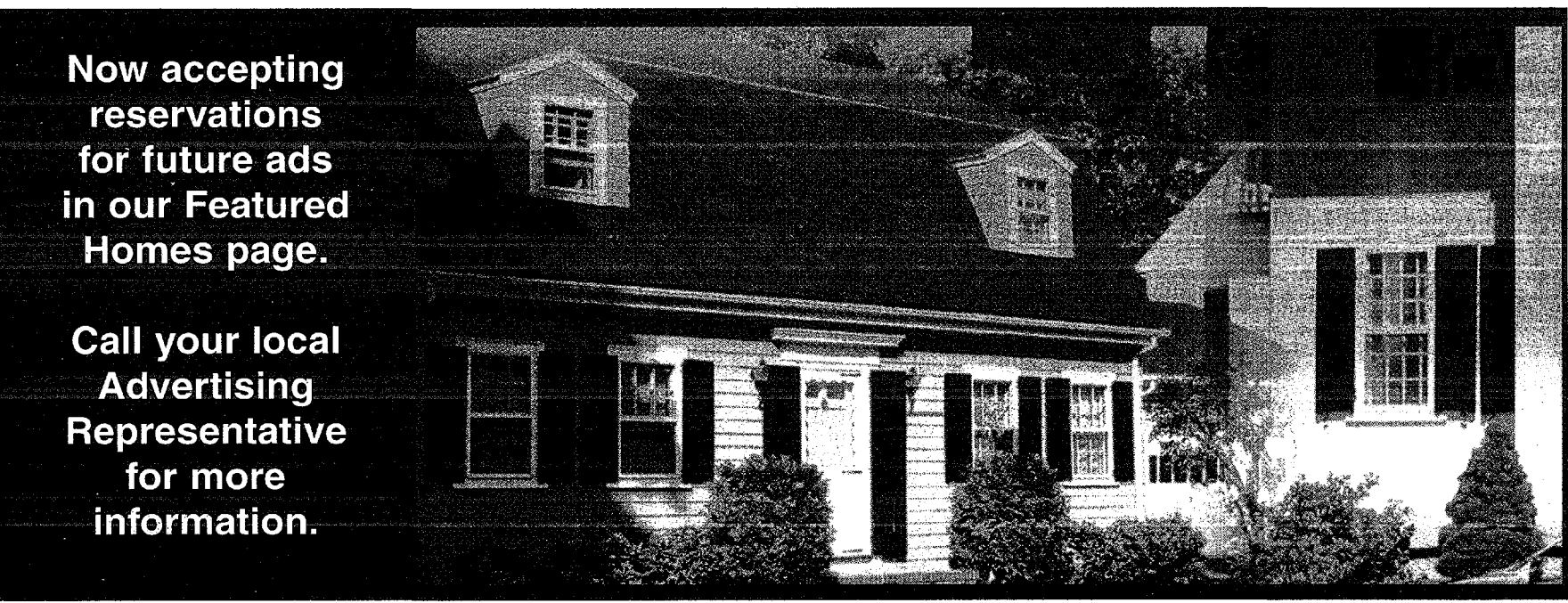


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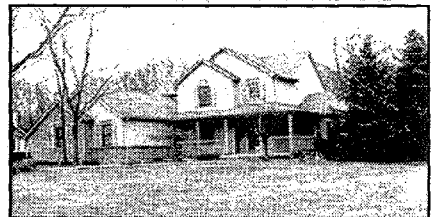


**CANTON** - Beautiful home on premium site w/ protected woodland view & paver patio. Offers 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, spacious ktchn w/ island & ceramic flr overlooking fmly rm & lrg yard, dual staircase, gracious master w/ walk-in-closet + more. \$412,500 (D70Mer)

**LIVONIA** - Spectacular 2004 built 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo offering 2019 sq ft of luxurious living. 1st floor mstr & bath, upgraded gourmet ktchn w/ cherry cabs, oak hardwood flrs, full bsmt, att'd garage, 1st flr laundry, decorated to perfection! \$279,900 (L69Bro)

**LIVONIA** - Fantastic 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath quad offering newer ktchn w/ bleach oak cabs & Corian counters, new thermal wndws, newer x-tra wide drive & patio overlooking large yard, newer baths w/ ceramic floors, fmly rm w/ frpic + tons more. \$229,900 (L16Fit)

**DEARBORN** - Wow & Wow! This house has it all! Offers 4 bdrms, 1st flr master, newer ktchn w/ hickory cabs, ceramic counters & limestone floor, new baths, library w/ lg wndws, cedar lined closets, fin'd bsmt w/ lav + tons more! \$229,900 (L25Cam)



**BRIGHTON** - Beautiful custom built 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial offering huge gourmet ktchn w/ Jennair island, endless cabs & wood flrs, large sunken great rm w/ stunning frpic & custom built-ins, wooded lot, 3 car garage + more. \$327,000 (D35Lau)

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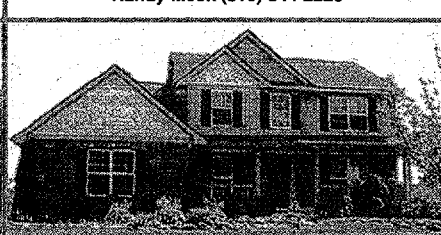
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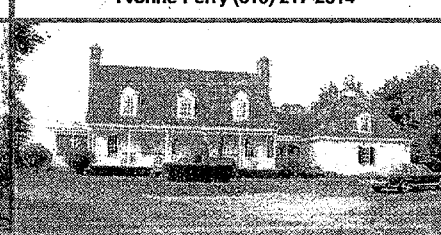
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**HARTLAND SCHOOLS**  
Seller relocated - reduced for quick sale! Gorgeous Colonial on 1/4 acre lot feat. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 story foyer, hardwood floors that extend into the kitchen, nook & half bath. Gourmet kitchen w/maple cabinets & center island, part. finished daylight basement - much more! Easy access to US-23.  
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**YOU MUST SEE TO BELIEVE!** This 3 story unique commercial building is located in the downtown business district of Fowlerville. Loaded with lots of character and charm with over 6000 sq. ft. of total space. The entry floor is currently used as a residence which contains over 3000 sq. ft. alone! Instant income from the 3 apartments, 2 of which are currently rented for \$475 each. The possibilities are endless for the uses of this unique building! **\$388,200**



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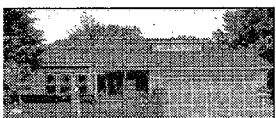
**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY NORTHVILLE HILLS COLONIAL BACKING TO WOODS!**  
Beautiful 2 Story foyer with wainscoting and crown molding, cherry stained hardwood floors inoyer, half bath, kitchen, nook and conservatory, 2" cherry cabinets with premium wood package in kitchen with granite counters, 2 story family room with a wall window, dual staircases, study, formal living and dining rooms, master suite with sitting room, 2 walk in closets and glamour bath, 1.5 car garage and more. **\$740,000**



**CONTEMPORARY NOVI CAPE COD BACKING TO WET WOODLANDS**  
This home features first floor master with tiered ceiling and private deck, 2-story foyer and great room with wall of windows and bridge, spacious kitchen with butler's pantry, finished walkout lower level with family room, living room, bath and second fireplace, new roof, 3.5 car garage, deck w/paver patio and sidewalks in the subdivision. **\$550,000**



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**CUSTOM UPGRADES GALORE IN THIS NOVI COLONIAL!**  
You won't believe your eyes when you see the features of this home like hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, remodeled baths, remodeled kitchen, extensive crown moldings, new stone elevation, finished basement w/second kitchen, new light fixtures and carpet throughout, fenced backyard and more a must see! **\$255,000**



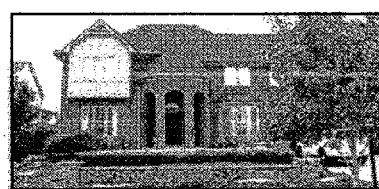
**IMPECCABLE COLONIAL IN SOUTH LYON'S TANGLEWOOD**  
Backing to the 1st fairway of West Golf Course, this home features two-story foyer, 10 ft. ceilings in living and family rooms, natural fireplace in family room; cherry cabinets in kitchen with nook; master bedroom suite with tray ceiling, two walk-in closets and separate shower and tub; hardwood floors; finished lower level with rec room and office w/closet; deck and paver walks and patio. **\$485,000**



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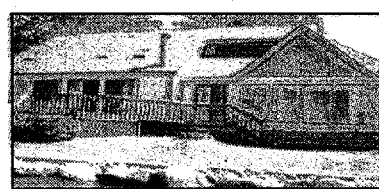
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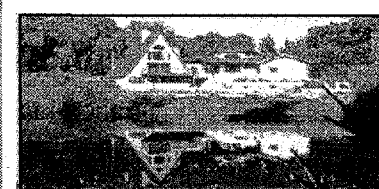
**NOVI**  
Fabulous custom home. Crown moldings, Brazilian walnut flrs, luxurious baths. Gourmand's kitchen w/ Dacor & Miele appl's, granite island. Tiered paver patio & walls plus extensive gardens.  
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**NOVI**  
Northville schools. Large open kitchen w/butler's pantry. Dual staircases, 2 story foyer. Master ste w/ jetted tub & shower. Jack & Jill suite. Formal living & dining rms. Finished bsmt w/wet bar & full bath.  
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**LIVONIA**  
Super cute 3 bdrm, 1.1 bath ranch in Rosedale Gardens. Nicely appointed w/updated tile in kitchen & bath. Attractive finished bsmt w/wet bar & lower level family rm. Flooring has been refinished.  
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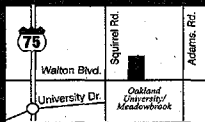
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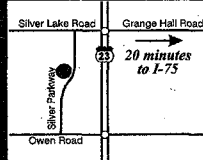
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■ Remodelors Council Shoot Out 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Detroit Gun Club, 2775 Oakley Park Road in Walled Lake. Fees include lunch, 50 rounds of skeet or trap, 100 rounds of sporting clays and six boxes of shells, \$115 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers. Station sponsorships are available for \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Sales & Marketing Council will present a "High Heels, Starbucks and Carpool: Selling & Marketing to Multi-Tasking Women" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy. Meredith Oliver of Meredith Communications and Melinda Brody of Melinda Brody and Company will discuss the importance of women as a target market, what women want from a new home consultant and how to sell to women online. Fee is \$59 for SMC members and \$79 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor an "Extreme Makeover Marketing" seminar 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 27, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Attendees will learn about technology, curb appeal, competition, traffic analysis, closing and retention. Fee is \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or BIA members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

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Northville - Gorgeous 4 bedroom 3.5 bath Colonial offers a 2-tiered deck overlooking the private woods. Large island kitchen w/ nook and jenn-air appliances, cathedral ceilings in Great room & Master suite. finished lower level. 3 car side entrance garage. Asking \$ 465,000 (RC 56 Woo)

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# Free speech case has far-reaching meaning

**Q. I've heard of a recent New Jersey case that upheld certain free speech protections applied to a community association. Do you have any information?**

**A.** Yes. A recent case that is on appeal to the State Supreme Court, a New Jersey Appeal Court ruled that the state's constitutional provision protecting free speech applied to community associations even though they are private organizations. The court reasoned that members don't

waive their rights when they agree to abide by the association's governing documents and much of the court's reasoning was based on the idea that although associations are not governments, they act enough like governments to warrant having to respect the same free speech rights as governments do. For example, the court reasoned that if a community association board expresses an opinion in the community newsletter, it must give opponents to that opinion

equal access to the newsletter to express their opinion. This is a far-reaching decision which may have a tremendous impact on community associations.

**Q. What is your opinion regarding buying a residential condo in a mixed use development with retail?**

**A.** It all depends upon the construction of the condominium and the quality of the condominium documents prepared by the developer's attorney. It can be a very rewarding experience or it can be



**Robert Meisner**

a nightmare depending upon the efforts that are being undertaken by the developer to insure that the retail does not interfere with the useful enjoyment of the condominium premises in the residential structures. There should be appropriate allocation of expenses and clear definitions of who will have control of the

condo project between the retail and the residential. I have seen situations where developers have been sloppy in regard to the documents which they have created and the tenants to which they have rented space thereby causing problems for the residents of the residential area. Look into these various issues with a knowledgeable condo lawyer and perhaps an engineering consultant. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition.



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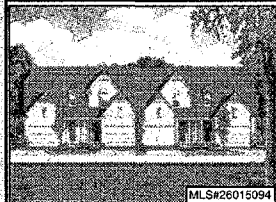
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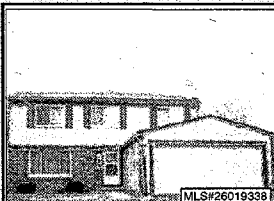
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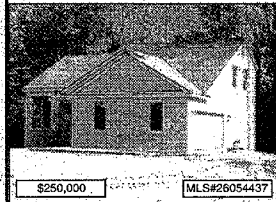
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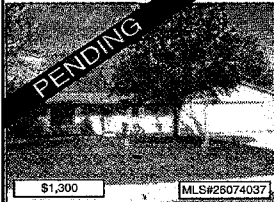
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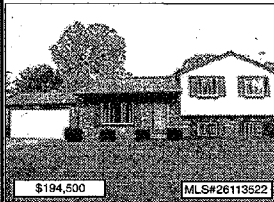
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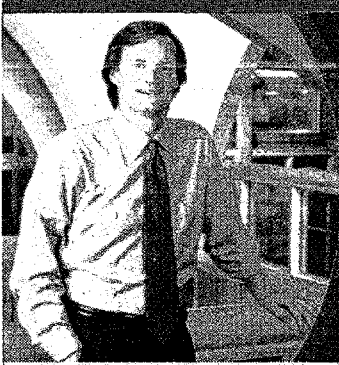
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2025 N. Franklin	4BR/2.1BA/1car/patio	\$194,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26015646
24638 Calvin	3BR/1BA/1car/bnglw	\$129,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26129429
<b>DEARBORN HEIGHTS</b> 8328 Lenore	2BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$109,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26072484
<b>DETROIT</b> 17300 Salem St.	3BR/1.1BA/2car/ranch	\$99,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26126752
20521 Annchester	3BR/1.1BA/1car/	\$94,975	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26107431
7525 Dolphin	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$85,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26122716
14739 Novara	4BR/1.5BA/1car/porch	\$33,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26144828
12661 Riverview	2BR/1BA/1car/ranch	\$29,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26136334
8340 Dexter	BR/3BA/car/multi	\$19,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26143408
<b>FARMINGTON</b> 23811 Longacre St.	4BR/3.1BA/1car/ranch	\$449,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26101020
7998 Lawrence	3BR/2BA/2car/condo	\$199,500	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26080529
32718 Grand River	2BR/1BA/1car/condo	\$76,500	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26092652
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> 28615 Venice Ct.	2BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	\$279,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26140422
23845 Gill Rd.	3BR/2.1BA/2car/updtd	\$269,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26109214
35233 Knollwood	2BR/2BA/2car/condo	\$231,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26076139
21106 Collingham	3BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	\$200,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26068081
31170 Country Bluff	2BR/2.5BA/1car/condo	\$153,000	248-363-8300	realestateone.com/26113977
31240 Country Way	2BR/2BA/1car/condo	\$144,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26075136

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31176 Country Way	2BR/1.1BA/1car/condo	\$135,000	248-363-8300	realestateone.com/26076075
21803 Albion	2BR/1BA/2car/bnglw	\$109,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26150818
<b>GARDEN CITY</b> 30225 Rush	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$135,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26149757
421 Brandt St.	2BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$110,000	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26114513
<b>GROSSE POINTE WOODS</b> 1528 Bays	3BR/2BA/1car/bnglw	\$169,500	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26000446
<b>HARPER WOODS</b> 20841 Anita	3BR/1.1BA/1car/frfp	\$169,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26138245
<b>INKSTER</b> 25953 S. River Park Drive	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$115,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26129428
28623 Cherry Hill	4BR/1BA/2car/bnglw	\$114,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26144048
605 Fairwood	3BR/1BA/1car/bnglw	\$112,000	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26144051
<b>LIVONIA</b> 27862 Western Golf	4BR/3.1BA/2car/frfp	\$324,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26109723
27653 Western Golf	4BR/2.1BA/2car/	\$320,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26109648
10218 Laurel	3BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$299,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26131578
19081 Brentwood	4BR/2.1BA/2car/2-stry	\$274,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26054731
16810 Mayfield	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$255,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26040689
33956 Sleepy Hollow	3BR/1.1BA/2car/pool	\$249,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26111561
38671 Roycroft	3BR/2.1BA/2car/tri-lvl	\$249,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26116604
28641 Bayberry Park	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$239,000	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26120728
38583 Grennada	4BR/3BA/2car/col	\$238,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26154751
35709 Grennada	4BR/2.5BA/1car/ranch	\$209,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26108359
28647 Bayberry Park 26	2BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	\$200,000	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26045928
14627 Fairway	3BR/2.1BA/2car/ranch	\$193,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26119185
33910 Orangelawn	4BR/1.1BA/3car/ranch	\$179,330	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26053862
11842 Farmington Road 60	2BR/2BA/1car/condo	\$174,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26102038
31802 Delaware	3BR/1BA/1car/ranch	\$162,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26038226
<b>MELVINDALE</b> 17558 Wall	3BR/1BA/2car/updtd	\$89,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26153865
<b>MILFORD</b> 1345 Forest Ridge	5BR/3.1BA/3car/W/C	\$994,000	248-363-8300	realestateone.com/26144127
450 W. Maple	5BR/4.1BA/3car/bsmt	\$675,000	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26016182
6800 Milford Glen	3BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	\$272,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26126691
3256 Granda Vista	2BR/1BA/1car/krft	\$239,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26067449
<b>NORTHFIELD</b> 409 East Shore	4BR/3BA/1car/krft	\$468,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26116617
296 Delaware Rd.	3BR/1.1BA/2car/ranch	\$164,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26080467
9189 Lake Pine Unit #4	2BR/1BA/2car/condo	\$154,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26136288
<b>NORTVILLE</b> 18415 Clairmont Circle	4BR/2.1BA/3car/deck	\$674,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26103957
17664 Lake View Circle	2BR/2BA/2car/condo	\$399,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26085702
42322 Norwood Court	3BR/2.1BA/1car/condo	\$189,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26066943
<b>NOVI</b> 45856 Bristol Circle	4BR/2.1BA/3car/2-stry	\$524,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26128049
24057 Brookmoor Park	4BR/BA/car/vacant	\$500,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/25032383
45776 Irvine Dr.	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$439,999	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26009115
45788 Irvine Dr.	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$419,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26032156
26461 Fieldstone	3BR/3.1BA/2car/condo	\$399,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26134218
22372 Heatherbrae Way	3BR/2.5BA/2car/loft	\$349,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26008588
45168 Roundview	4BR/2.1BA/1car/col	\$345,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26100814
28930 Hearthstone	3BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$319,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26054972
41447 Glyme	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$305,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26117177
45069 Huntingcross	3BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$300,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26108297
24703 Jamestowne	4BR/2.5BA/1car/frfp	\$299,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26108746
23876 Heartwood Dr.	4BR/2.1BA/2car/frfp	\$294,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26020361
24659 Edgewood Ct. N	3BR/2.1BA/2car/frfp	\$279,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26055474
115 N. Haven St.	3BR/1.5BA/2car/2-stry	\$275,000	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26098771
24382 Jamestowne	4BR/2.5BA/2car/bsmt	\$264,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26112050
31008 Eagle Dr.	2BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$235,000	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26112053
40187 Ladene Lane	2BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$214,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/25072285
31092 Arlington Circle	2BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	\$200,000	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26068614
23672 E. LeBost	3BR/2BA/1car/frfp	\$185,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26102511
39482 Country Ln.	2BR/2.1BA/1car/condo	\$179,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26062656
24360 Willow Lane	3BR/1.1BA/2car/patio	\$179,777	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26150462
23898 W. Le Bost	3BR/1BA/1car/frfp	\$175,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/23898
21106 W. Glen Haven Ct.	3BR/2.1BA/1car/condo	\$159,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26077163
1127 S. Lake Dr.	2BR/2BA/1car/condo	\$124,500	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26002082