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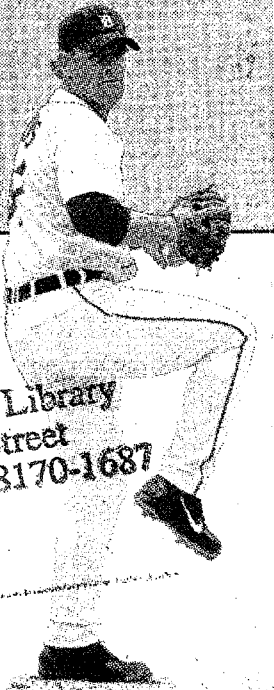


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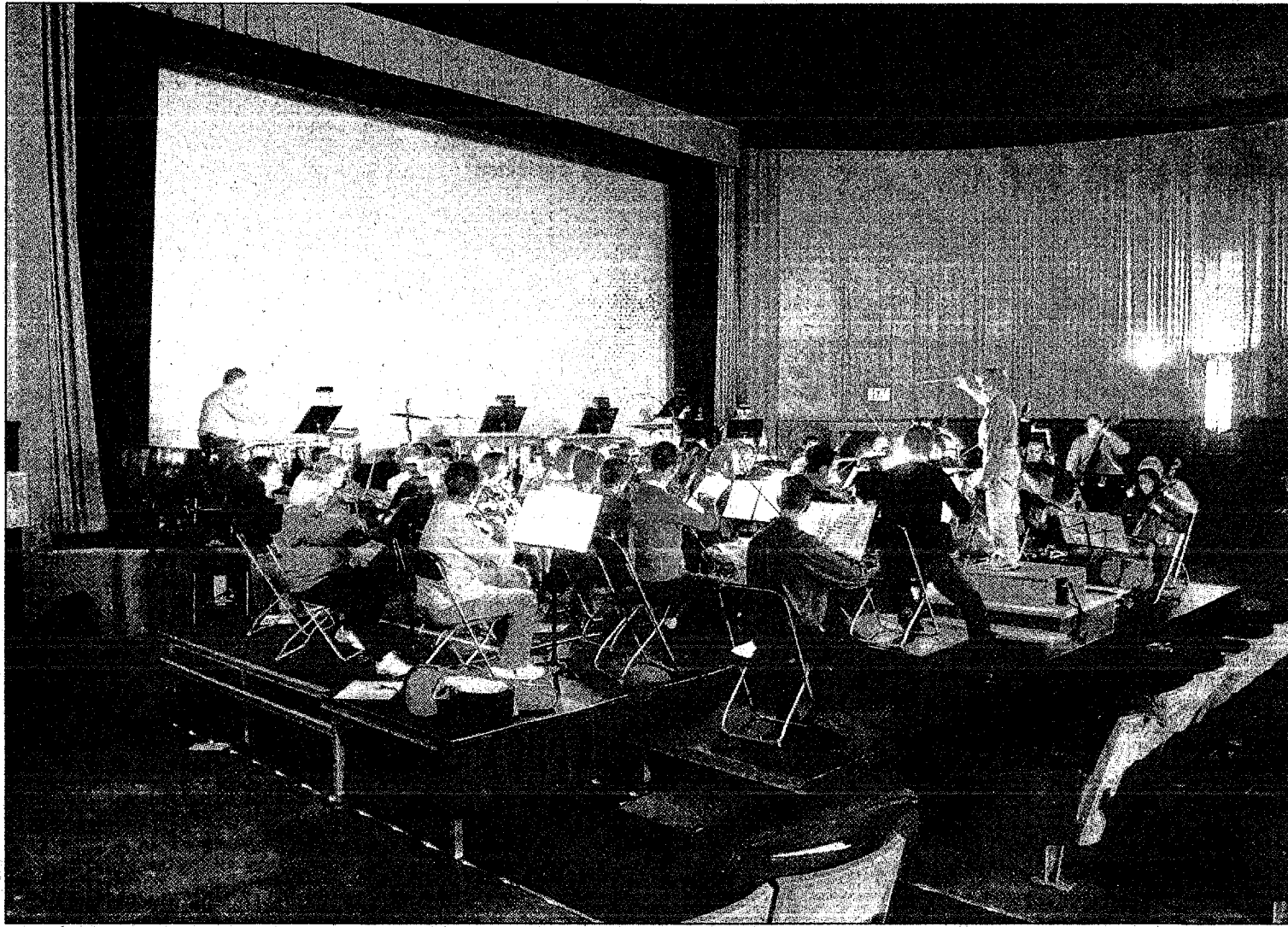


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The symphony rehearsed Monday evening for the first time in their new home, the Penn Theater.

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Board throws support to funding bill

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education on Tuesday night unanimously gave its support to Proposal A on the Nov. 7 general election ballot, which would guarantee an annual increase in per-pupil funding for public school districts.

The K-16 Coalition — mainly composed of educators, school board members and parents — forced the issue on the ballot by collecting more than 254,000 petition signatures. If passed, the initiative would also give the Legislature five years to increase the minimum state grant to schools from \$6,700 per student to \$7,000. It also would force the state to pay more for a school employee retirement system.

Plymouth-Canton school board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, who testified earlier this year on proposed changes to Proposal A before the House Education Committee, said the K-16 Coalition proposal would benefit Plymouth-Canton, which receives less funding than neighboring school districts.

"Part of me recognizes this is such a fundamental difference in the way we allow and guarantee funding, but our district would really benefit," Mardigian said. "I just hope the state has a way of paying for it. I fully support this."

Vice President Mark Slavens, who founded Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding in the late 1990s, said the state Legislature has no one to blame for the ballot proposal but itself.

"It is very unfortunate this has to happen," Slavens said. "The only reason this is happening is because the Legislature has failed to adequately fund school districts. Their lack of leadership has left nothing else to do," he added. "We're at a crucial point where we've got to invest in education."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced earlier this year school districts will receive a \$210 per pupil foundation allowance increase, which will give Plymouth-Canton \$7,410 per student. Supt. Jim Ryan said there's always a concern about funding from the state, and the K-16 Coalition proposal would be one way to alleviate uncertainties in the foundation grant.

"We've had three years of freezes and two of those had mid-year cutbacks," Ryan said. "It's hard to budget when you don't know when the Legislature is going to make a decision (on the funding)."

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Music instead of movies Symphony opens season on Penn Theatre stage

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The hottest entertainment ticket around might not be for the playoff-bound Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has sold out Saturday's opening-night concert, the first ever at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. The 400 tickets didn't last long, with PSO officials predicting they could have easily doubled sales if there were enough seats.

This year's PSO concert series begins at the Penn, and will end with the last performance March 10, also in the Penn. In between, the PSO will play at Northville High School, Salem High School and the

Village Theater in Canton.

"It's great to be here," said Faith Demorest of Canton, a violinist who practiced with dozens of other PSO musicians for the first time at the Penn on Monday night.

Demorest, who also doubles as the symphony's personnel manager, said the Penn Theatre is the perfect venue for the PSO.

"The symphony really hasn't had a home, and this feels like home," Demorest said. "It's in downtown Plymouth, and many of us — when we were young — came to the movies at the Penn. The musicians were thrilled to come and play here."

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Violinists Mark Schuppener and Hektor Oyteti rehearse for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's opening-night concert.

Road work starts for retail development

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In a tribute to first responders, Lt. Charles Mann of the Plymouth Community Fire Department plays "Amazing Grace" during the dedication festivities at the new Plymouth Township Hall Tuesday.

While Plymouth Township officials were showing off the municipal part of the development at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, preparations are being made for the commercial portion.

The township officially cut the ribbon on its \$13.1 million municipal complex Thursday, conducting tours of the township hall, the police department and the new fire station.

The township moved into its new home earlier this summer, but waited until Tuesday to officially open the doors. Hundreds of people took advantage of two ceremonies, one in the afternoon and

another in the evening, and took part in tours, food and entertainment.

Meanwhile, farther west, road crews were working on paving Gold Arbor and Southworth, part of the deal with Bacall Development for the 16-acre retail portion of the development.

Entrance to those roads will be cut off from Ann Arbor Road as they're converted to entrances to the retail development. Residents along those roads will have to exit their neighborhoods from Ann Arbor Trail. In return, Bacall agreed to pave them.

While that work has begun, Bacall Development spokesman

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HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Hot time in town

Chris Agostine from E.G. Nicks handed Julie and Jon Conn a bowl of their Heart Smart Turkey Chili during the Plymouth Chili Festival last year. E.G. Nicks is one of the restaurants competing in this year's festival, set for Sunday afternoon in Kellogg Park. For more on the festival, please turn to our Hometownlife.com section, page D1.

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Experts talk about the latest treatments for breast cancer.



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Shopping spree

Smith Elementary School hosts its fourth-annual Smith School Shopping Spree fundraiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. The event will feature more than 25 vendors participating with irresistible products for you or gift giving. There will also be a raffle table available. The \$1 admission and raffle proceeds go directly to Smith PFO. Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, call (734) 416-0418.

Tailgate party

The Salem Student Congress sponsors the first Salem Homecoming Pre-Game Tailgate party 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29 at the Canton baseball field.

The event will feature hot dogs, refreshments, ice cream, caramel apples, face painting, a dunk tank, student bands and the chance to make your own noise-makers.

Representatives from The Rock Shop, all four class councils, Model UN, the student radio station, the Salem girls' swim team, the Rockettes and the Salem cheerleaders will be on hand.

Merit scholars

Five students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists.

The students — Canton High School seniors Steve Elliott and Zhe Xiang, Plymouth High School senior Corey Brewer and Salem High School seniors Neil Bakshi and Chelsea Leblanc — rank in the top 1 percent of their peers across the nation.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named approximately 16,000 academically talented high school seniors as semifinalists. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8,000 Merit

Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered in the spring of 2007.

Spaghetti dinner

The Community Democratic Club hosts its eighth-annual Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Party candidates will attend. Adults pay \$20; seniors over 55 pay \$10; children 4-10 pay \$5; and those under 3 free.

Contact Charles Lewis, (734) 968-5091, or Becky Tavarozzi, (734) 398-5845.

MOMS Club

MOMS Club of Livonia S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland hosts an open house at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main Street, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 8, in the Waldorf Room (across from the circulation desk).

Snacks and refreshments will be served. Come and meet stay-at-home moms and their children.

Costume ball

The Livonia Elks host a Halloween costume ball 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the VFW Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post 6695 in Plymouth.

Costumes are optional, although there will be a prize for best costume. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.; advance tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by Oct. 15. To order tickets, mail a self-addressed stamped envelope and a money order or check to Linda DiVeto, P.O. Box 6273, Plymouth, MI 48170. If no envelope is included, tickets will be held at the door.

The VFW Hall is located at 1426 Lilley in Plymouth. For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173 or Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115.

Academy fund-raiser

Cross Bridge Academy hosts its third-annual charity dinner,



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Taking a look

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education recently toured Central Middle School, including this vocal music room, as part of their deliberations on a potential bond request in February. The board is trying to decide, among other things, whether to repurpose Central Middle School to be used to house its alternative education program, now housed at Starkweather.

"Fire Up the Grill and Light Up a Child's Life," Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Novi.

The event features seatings at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The \$50 ticket includes an all-you-can-eat dinner. Bd's Mongolian Barbeque is located at 43155 Main in Novi. Proceeds benefit Cross Bridge Academy, a 501(c)3 school for children with autism.

For tickets, reservations and

more information, call John Kim, (734) 812-9150.

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a new exhibit, "Landscapes on Location," featuring watercolors by Carol LaChiusa, through Oct. 30.

An artist's reception is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. The PCAC's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

and by appointment.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Wedding workshop

The Meeting House grand ballroom in Plymouth is the site for a wedding workshop, "How to Plan Your Wedding in 90 Minutes," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24.

A panel of experts will answer questions ranging from tips on making a wedding run smoothly, avoiding the most common wedding mishaps, educating yourself to create a stress-free wedding and saving gas and time.

Reservations in advance are complimentary; tickets at the door cost \$10. All couples attending will get a free engagement portrait. Light refreshments and desserts will be served.

The Meeting House is located at 499 S. Main in Plymouth. For reservations and more information, call (734) 416-5100.

DAR meeting

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR Northville/Plymouth chapter meet for an evening meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Mill Race Village, Cady Inn in Northville.

Speaker Pam Yockey, a teacher and costume collector, will present a program on "Conservation of Textiles."

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

Diabetic Health Day

The Plymouth Council on Aging will sponsor a "Diabetic Health Day" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Plymouth District Library. The event is free, and participants will be in-and-out in less than an hour.

The public is invited to come see how painless blood glucose testing can be with the Prodigy; those covered by Medicare can receive a Prodigy meter which will be covered by Medicare.

For more information or to sign up, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Fine arts exhibit

Award winning poet/photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton has juried into the 14th-annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibit. Her artwork, titled, "Westland's Camel" will be in the show Oct. 13-Nov. 5.

In addition, Martin's poetry and photography juried into the Innerscapes Exhibit in Lowell, Mich. Her work will be on display there until Oct. 21.

Martin will also be a part of the Resurrected Voices: The Eloise Cemetery Project, where she will display her poetry and artwork. For further information, contact her at (734) 397-1626, peroinc5@comcast.net or http://outskirtspress.com/wo manreclining

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Optimist Club is also selling the books, at their new fund-raising price of \$20. They can be picked up at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

The book offers up to 50-percent savings on casual dining, fast food, fine dining, travel and hotels, entertainment and sports, and retail and services on everything from apparel to flowers.

Proceeds benefit children's causes. For information, call (734) 453-8253.

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

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

The books will be delivered, and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6829.

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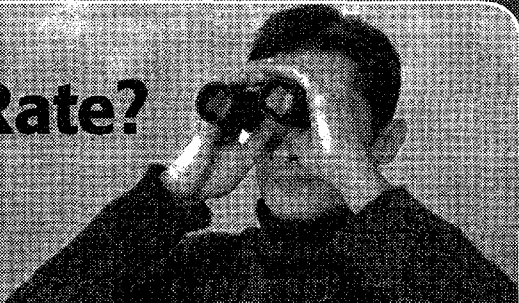
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A Consumer Product Safety Commission analysis of data that were compiled for all of 2005 found that basketball headed the list of sports that caused the most injuries. In fact, there were 512,000 visits to U.S. emergency rooms for basketball-related injuries in 2005. One of the most common injuries suffered by basketball players was damage to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) of the knee. The fact that this oft-debilitating injury is suffered more by female athletes than

males may be attributed to female athletes' proclivity to land from jumps with their knees locked. As a result, undue pressure is exerted on the knee, which increases the likelihood of an ACL sprain or tear. For additional information about today's column, call the **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY** at 455-8370. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

P.S. Any sport in which athletes twist, jump, land, pivot, or suddenly stop (such as basketball, soccer, football, volleyball, running, and skiing) can result in a torn or strained ACL.



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'Proud ... humble feeling'

District dedicates newest elementary school to long-time educator

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Tom Workman said ever since he was notified last year Plymouth-Canton Schools' 16th elementary school would be named for him, he's had "a proud feeling, a strange feeling and a humble feeling."

Workman told nearly 400 people at dedication ceremonies for the school in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village those are feelings he's never experienced before.

"It is just a great honor to have a school in this community that's built, and staffed and filled with children have my name associated with that," he said. "I've never had a feeling like this before in my life."

The 68-year-old Plymouth resident retired in 1995 with 35 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district as a teacher and principal. And, when he's called upon, still fills in at schools throughout the district.

One of Workman's longest stints included 19 years as Allen Elementary principal. It was 20 years ago this fall that Workman Principal Jim Burt succeeded Workman as principal at Allen. After 8 years as

an administrator, Burt's first opportunity to run his own building was at a school where the expectations were already high.

"It was a great honor for me to have been selected as Tom's successor, but also one I quickly found was full of challenges, following someone who was much loved and respected," Burt said. "Children, parents and staff had strong ties to that building, mostly because they had strong ties to Tom."

"I was secretly hoping during my first months there someone would say 'Thank goodness you're here,'" added Burt. "But, instead I heard so many times I stopped counting, 'You've got big shoes to fill.'"

Burt said he thought about taking down the sign in the principal's left by Workman, which read "kids are first, and don't forget it." However, he Burt decided to leave it, and live by the same philosophy as Workman.

"I got the impression he knew where every kid lived, knew their siblings and moms and dads, who they played with, and — this is only a slight exaggeration — the names of their cats and dogs," Burt said. "Following that wasn't easy."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kirsten Workman and 3-year-old daughter Ella applaud for everyone involved in the creation of the new Thomas Workman Elementary School. They are the daughter and granddaughter of Tom Workman, for whom the school was named.

State Rep. Phil Lajoy, R-Canton Township, presented an American flag flown above the state Capitol to Workman. And, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack gave praise to the building name-sake, noting his belief that schools should be named after those who served education.

"His service was punctuated with passion for elementary education, and he often served as an individual that others would look for guidance and counsel," said Yack. "He was strong, compassionate and caring, and dedicated as an educator. He was well-respected by other administrators, staff, parents and students."

Among those at the celebration was Joanne Hulce of Plymouth Township, whose four children attended schools where Workman left his mark.

"He's a good example for all our children because he's such a fine person," Hulce said. "He's very human, has a sincerity and very down-to-earth philosophy of life that is wonderful for our children to experience."

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Chamber looking for sponsors for scarecrow event, other programs

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for its annual program to add some spookiness to Kellogg Park around Halloween.

The chamber's annual "Scarecrows in the Park" promotion is coming up, and unless sponsors can be found, it's going to be more expensive to decorate your own scarecrow.

For years, businesses, families, civic groups and scouting organizations have put up scarecrows. The chamber provides the poles and the hay, and the groups decorate their scariest scarecrows.

But in a time when the chamber just purchased a new building and the economy is still struggling, it could be more expensive this year.

The chamber is hoping to charge \$20 per scarecrow, but that fee could go as high as \$100 if sponsorship isn't found. Cost of the program usually includes some \$1,400 in set-up fees charged by the City of Plymouth, which is generally absorbed by the chamber. This year, chamber officials say they can't afford it.

"Historically, we've had some sponsorships to do that kind of thing, and we're still looking for sponsors this year," chamber president Bill Pratt said. "With the new building, the chamber's finances are such it's like all the other organizations, it's an expensive

thing to do." Anyone interested in sponsoring the event, or other chamber programs, can call executive director Fran Toney at (734) 453-1540.

Other upcoming chamber events include:
■ The Great Pumpkin Caper, Monday, Oct. 30 — This is the chamber's annual Halloween costume contest for children, and the trick-or-treat night through various downtown businesses.

Contest entrants can pick up their entry ticket at the stage in Kellogg Park between 5:30-6:30 p.m.; winners are announced around 7 p.m. First- and second-place awards, as well as an award for the scariest costume, will be handed out in two age groups: 6-and under and 7-13 years old.

Trick-or-treating takes place 5:30-7 p.m.

■ "The Magic of Plymouth," the chamber's annual meeting/auction/dinner, takes place Friday, Nov. 3 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Proceeds from the auction, which draws some 600 people each year, benefit chamber programs.

Tickets are \$75 each and must be purchased by Oct. 27. Tickets can be purchased by mail, fax or in person at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth.

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

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DEATHS

A
Rose Mary Ashlee
 Ashlee, 80, of Plymouth, died Sept. 17.

B
Robert F. Berry
 Berry, 68, formerly of Redford, died Sept. 22.

Katherine Marie Buechler
 Buechler, 78, of West Bloomfield, Sept. 24.

S
Ernst Manfred Schneider
 Schneider, 82, of Rochester, died Sept. 21.

Judy M. Schwartz
 Schwartz, 65, of Birmingham, died Sept. 21.

V
Virginia H. Vernon
 Vernon, of Livonia, died.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A15.

SYMPHONY

FROM PAGE A1

Saturday's concert, "Classical Brass," begins with brass choirs trumpeting the sounds of Giovanni Gabrieli, in his two works, *Lieto Godea* and *Sonata Pian'E Forte*. PSO Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn said while it wasn't planned, the selections fit perfectly for the first concert at the Penn Theatre.

"Most of the program was planned before we knew we'd be playing at the Penn," Washburn said. "But the idea of starting with brass fanfares is something they do all the time to celebrate a new hall. At the time, I didn't know we'd have a new hall."

Washburn said patrons will notice a distinct difference

between the sounds at the Penn and those at Our Lady of Good Counsel, where the symphony played the past several years.

"It's a different acoustic on what we've been playing," said Washburn, who is in her eighth season with the PSO. "We can hear everything, and people will find it clearer and more distinct."

"The church was great, but it was so spread out," she added. "Because we'll be so close, it will be very intimate, and we'll be able to feed off that collective energy."

PSO Executive Director Jennifer Philpot-Munson said she was a bit nervous about Saturday's opening. However, after hearing practice Monday night, Philpot-Munson said she can't wait.

"It was a little scary going in, but after hearing them tonight (Monday), I think opening night is just going to be a real celebration," Philpot-Munson



Nan Washburn conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra as it opens its 61st season.

said. "I'm not nervous about the acoustics anymore. They're different, but in a good way. The sound (in the Penn) is much crisper than OLG, where we had a lot of reverbera-

tion," she added. "You get to hear the talent of the orchestra." Philpot-Munson said in coming years, as money becomes available, there will be enhancements made to the

Penn to make the sound even better.

"We're going to put in some retractable curtains, and some paneling up on the top to reverberate sound back down," she said. "And maybe something that comes down out of the ceiling that will give us some reverberation behind to project the sound out a little more."

Philpot-Munson said the first concert at the Penn has been a long time coming, but worth the wait.

"It's been a long year-and-a-half, with this being the culmination of the efforts of the community to make this a community arts center," she said. "It's absolutely thrilling."

Tickets for future concerts can be obtained by contacting the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society at (734) 451-2112, by e-mail at info@plymouth-symphony.org or in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18 in Plymouth.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Takao America Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their new facility located at 7075 Commerce Blvd, within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Terry G. Bennett
 Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

Bids Due: October 19, 2006
 Project Title: Ford Road Street Lighting Extension Project
 Project Locations: Ford Road from Canton Center Road to Lotz Road
 Owner: Canton Downtown Development Authority, 1150 South Canton Center Road, First Floor, Canton, Michigan 48188
 Engineer: The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., 2365 Haggerty Road South, Canton, Michigan 48188

1. The Canton Downtown Development Authority will receive sealed bids for Ford Road Street Lighting Extension Project at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, First Floor, Canton, Michigan 48188, until 3:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, October 19, 2006. The work consists of:

Base Bid Items

- 27,500 feet of conduit, directional bore, 2 inch
- 2,000 feet conduit, directional bore, 4 inch
- 95 each, light standard, single luminaire, modified
- 12 each, light standard, double luminaire, modified
- 95 each, light standard, foundation

Alternate Bid Items

- 13,000 feet of conduit, directional bore, 2 inch
- 133 each, light standard, single luminaire, modified
- 133 each, light standard foundation

2. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Road, First Floor, Canton, Michigan 48188 immediately upon closing of the receipt of bids.

3. Bids will be based on Unit prices.

4. Bidding Documents will be available after 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2006.

5. Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., 2365 Haggerty Road South, Canton, Michigan 48188.

6. Bidders may obtain documents at the office of The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for a non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 per set, payable to The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. Cost for shipping is additional. Bidders may call the office of The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. to determine shipping costs.

7. Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond in an amount equal to 5% of the contract sum and payable to the Charter Township of Canton will be required of all Bidders.

8. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, equal to the amount of the Contract, will be required of the bidder awarded the Contract. A two-year Maintenance Bond will be required from a period beginning upon completion of the Contract work.

9. Bidders must comply with the regulatory and licensing requirements of the State of Michigan.

10. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids.

11. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid.

12. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at the office of The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. located at 2365 Haggerty Road South, Canton, Michigan 48188.

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FUNDING

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"We receive 95 percent of our funding from the state," he added, "so we've got to find some mechanism that will keep it consistent."

Some, like Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, have criticized the K-16 initiative as being the Michigan

Education Association's way of guaranteeing funding, and future pay increases, for its members.

"This has nothing to do with the quality of education, it's not going to do anything to raise MEAP scores," Patterson said. "They want to take a minimum of \$500 million out of the general fund and that's going to reduce the state's ability to fund other programs. This is an unseemly money grab."

MEA representative Jim Angell of Plymouth has heard the criticisms, but puts the blame on the state for mandating programs such as No Child Left Behind and special education programs, without providing additional funding to implement them.

"The state talks about mandates, but they're not willing to fund them," Angell said. "When you cut funding, you increase class size, and that's not a good

environment for our workers and students."

Angell also noted the coalition is K-16, to include colleges, universities and community colleges.

"If you look at the state of Michigan, the cost of our universities and community colleges have gone up dramatically because of funding cuts by the state Legislature," he said.

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HALL

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Jacob Bacall said other details about the development are still being worked out.

"There isn't much I can tell you about it," Bacall said, "other than we are proceeding forward with our plans."

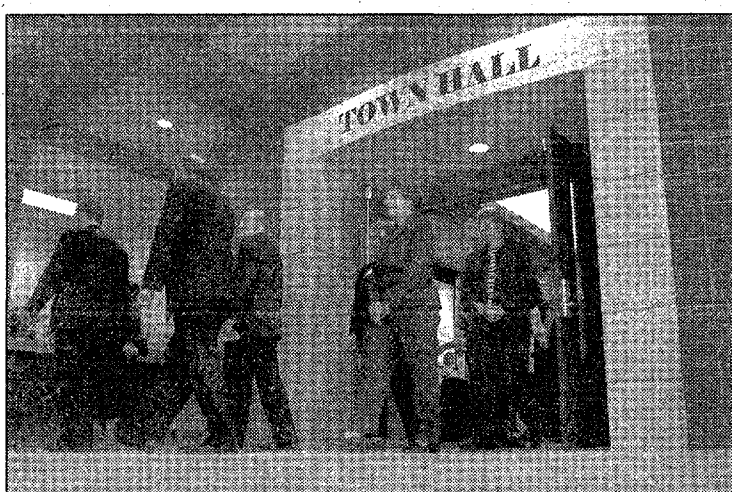
The development is expected to house a grocery chain, although none has yet been named. Farmer Jack originally

signed on to anchor the project, but subsequently pulled out. Other rumors have linked Busch's and Kroger with the development.

Bacall said he wouldn't divulge potential tenants, nor would he commit to a time-frame.

"When we break ground depends on the process in the township," he said. "We said we hoped to be there by the end of the year, and we still hope so."

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Band sweeps awards at Woodhaven competition

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

In spite of a drenching downpour that washed out a Plymouth-Canton Marching Band practice session Saturday, the 187 marchers captured trophies for Flight I first place, captions for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect as well as achieving the highest score, 78.3, of all 11 competing bands at the Woodhaven Invitational in Brownstown Township.

P-CEP director of bands, Marc Whitlock, was pleased. "I thought they took a strong step forward because a lot of the information we worked on during the week showed up in application during the performance," he said. "Even though our show preparations were under adverse conditions, they were focused and did a much better job than last week."

That's something Whitlock's students were keenly aware of, along with the complexity of this year's competition piece, "The Passion Within."

"This show is very different from last year; it's a lot harder," said Salem senior and drumline section leader Sarah Jung. "I think we did really well today. We've improved from our last competition."

Noted Plymouth junior trumpeter Steven Hensel, "Our last competition wasn't exactly



Saxophonists Ricky Beckett (left), Charles Vink, Elle Arnz and Paul Krutty play music from their show, "The Passion Within," during Plymouth-Canton's award-winning competition performance at Woodhaven High School on Saturday.

'This show is very different from last year; it's a lot harder.'

Sarah Jung
Salem senior drummer

what we wanted it to be. Mr. Whitlock and all the staff have been pushing us and we've been pushing it as far as we

possibly can. We got what we wanted tonight, but we still have a lot to do. This show is about 10 times as difficult as last year's."

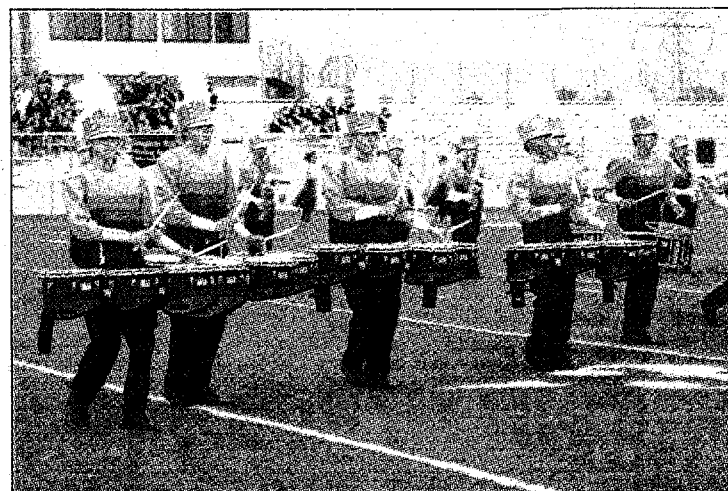
But it's not even a completed show yet. P-C's philosophy for achieving excellence requires perfecting each section before adding another to the show.

"We have about 65 percent of the show on the field," said Whitlock. "The completed show will be about 10 minutes

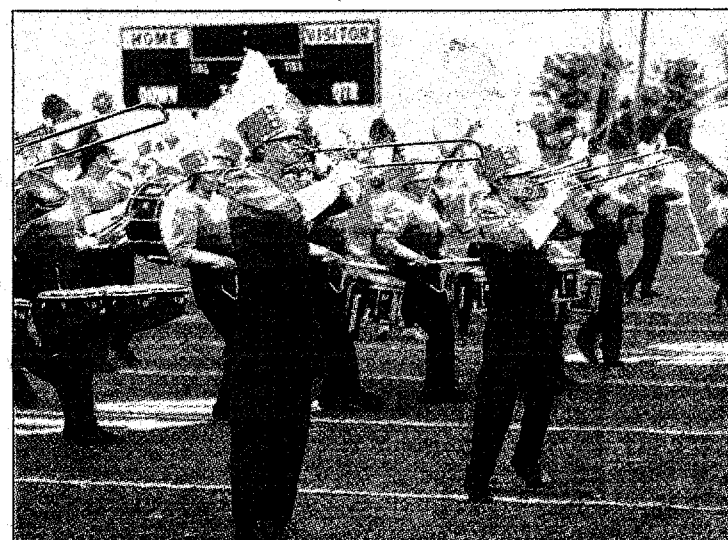
long."

Other area bands at the competition included Livonia Stevenson, second in Flight I; and Livonia Franklin, second, and Farmington, third, in Flight II.

The next competition for the hometown marchers is the Bands of America Regional Championships at EMU's Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti on Oct. 7. Twenty-five bands from eight states will be vying for top honors.



Drummers Todd Peterson (left), Ross Blackley, Max Ellison, Eric Washington and Dominick Good keep the beat as the P-CEP Marching Band competes at the Woodhaven Invitational in Brownstown Township Sept. 23.



Trombone players Jake Walter (left) and Ben Walter stay on their toes during Plymouth-Canton's competition performance at Woodhaven High School on Saturday. The 187-member band swept the Flight I trophies with the highest score of the evening.

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3rd Course: (Choose 1 of the following)
Eggs Benedict - Canadian Bacon • 6 oz. Tenderloin Tips with Whipped Potatoes and Seasoned Vegetables
Linguini Pomodoro • Pork Medallions with an Apple Brandy Blue Cheese Sauce • Char-grilled Salmon Laced with Asparagus, Lump Crab Meat and Béarnaise sauce

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OUR VIEWS

Judge should have stayed out of court race

In his long career on the bench at the 35th District Court, Chief Judge John MacDonald has shown himself to be a man of great integrity, intelligence and character.

We therefore realize he must feel very strongly the court needs a change when he publicly endorsed Northville lawyer James Plakas in his race against incumbent Ron Lowe, with whom MacDonald has worked for 12 years.

But we believe MacDonald, as well-respected as he is, erred when he broke his silence and publicly lambasted Lowe, airing considerable dirty laundry in the process.

MacDonald pointed out there have been "a number of issues at the court, among lawyers and employees" — not news to courthouse insiders — with incidents of employees screaming and hollering at (Lowe), "and there's always a negative attitude on his part, questioning what we're doing without any real solutions. I feel an obligation to the communities to set the tone for the future."

No judge in the court's history has publicly entered the fray, and we don't believe this was the time for it. Had MacDonald wanted to, he could certainly have worked behind the scenes for Plakas. His word carries considerable weight in all five communities served by the court; a quiet word to leaders in those communities would have effectively helped Plakas.

Instead, MacDonald's public complaints about Lowe, founded or not, serve only to lower the district court race to the same level as other sordid political campaigns, most recently the Republican primary for the 20th state House seat.

Their disdain for each other has been a matter of private knowledge around the courthouse for years. Now that it's out in the open, it puts undue pressure on the folks on the periphery, lawyers who have to argue cases before either judge and employees who might favor one or the other.

MacDonald's opinion must carry weight and, if Lowe is re-elected, the two should continue to work to resolve their differences. At worst, they'll need to peacefully co-exist until MacDonald retires in two years.

We think that would have been easier, and more seemly, before MacDonald broke his silence.

Tigers roar lifts ball happy city

Go get 'em, Detroit Tigers!

In the grand scheme of things, 19 years isn't that long a time period. The 1987 season was the last one the Detroit Tigers made it into the Major League Baseball playoffs. It's only been 22 years since the roar of the 1984 Tigers sent a chill through every baseball fan as the team marched triumphantly to a World Series championship, in first place from beginning to end.

That's a short time compared to the long stretches endured by last year's champion Chicago White Sox, who had last won a World Series in 1917, or the 2004 champion Boston Red Sox, who last won in 1918. And the north side of Chicago has waited since 1908 to see their beloved and bedeviled Cubs ascend to the pinnacle of baseball.

But what a long and sorry 19 years it has been since the homer hankies of the wildcard Minnesota Twins waved good-bye to the Bengals in a first-round playoff exit.

Year after year, the Tigers have struggled to even be in the game. Manager after manager failed to bring glory back to the Motor City. Hope always springs eternal. When Alan Trammell, the quiet, effective, level-headed shortstop of that magical 1984 team, took over as manager, it seemed like a perfect match. But in 2003, the Tigers plunged to a new low with 119 losses and prospects for the future looking dim.

A new manager, a new mix of players and a better pitching staff have made the Tigers the surprise team of 2006 and their success has been a boon to the city and all of Michigan. Wherever you go, people are talking about the Tigers, watching the Tigers or listening to the Tigers on the radio.

We've had professional championships recently in basketball and hockey. Those sports have intense followings. But the Tigers have always drawn a wider audience and their success seems to reach beyond the realm of sports into a shared communal experience.

As they prepare to enter the playoffs against either Oakland or New York, we wish Jim Leyland, Pudge Rodriguez and all the Detroit Tigers a long October of baseball toward another World Series championship.



"Does this seem like a good idea to you?"

LETTERS

Light is needed

I can't believe that MDOT doesn't feel the need for a light at Ridge and Ann Arbor roads.

I avoided that intersection as much as I could, due to the fact I saw numerous mishaps or almost mishaps, including my own. I felt I took a risk every time I went that way!

Since the light has been there, it has been so great and life is so much easier and safer. I fear the day it is gone for many reasons; the most important is safety. I hope it becomes apparent to MDOT that it is much needed.

Ruthann Morrell
Plymouth

Leave the light

I just read the article "MDOT will study Ridge light." (*Plymouth Observer*, Sept. 21). Please let me add a few more details to fully address the depth of the issue.

Retaining the full traffic light at Ann Arbor and Ridge roads is not about aesthetics. It's not about a personal crusade. It's about safety.

I live in the Ridgewood West subdivision, one house east of Ridge. Over the years, I've witnessed a very large number of accidents at the intersection. I believe there has been at least one recent death, and there have been frequent near-misses. One car (this would be classified as one of the many near misses) ended up in my side yard after the driver lost control.

I've appealed to the police, the fire department, MDOT and the newspaper to help obtain better traffic control. In speaking with police officers and EMS personnel after some of the incidents, I've been told that this intersection has more accidents than any other location in Plymouth. They recognize that it's hazardous. And here's a key item: To date, there hasn't been a single accident at this intersection since the full traffic signal was installed!

Information concerning traffic signal criteria attributed to Mr. Budai indicates that:

■ There must be at least five accidents susceptible to correction by a signal before one may be installed. I'm certain that police reports will confirm that this criterion has been met.

■ There are traffic volume minimal criteria. I feel certain that volume on Ann Arbor and Ridge roads approaches or exceeds that which existed when the light was installed at Ridge and North Territorial roads.

■ There are other requirements such as pedestrian volume, school crossings, etc., that must be considered before a light becomes permanent. Please recognize that there are a number of stores just west of the intersection. Consequently, I believe that pedestrian traffic is higher at this intersection than at Ridge and North Territorial.

Recently, a driver lost control of his truck at the Ann Arbor Road intersection, left the road, tore out a fire hydrant, and smashed into a telephone pole next to the sidewalk. Moments before, school-age children had been on the sidewalk adjacent to the telephone pole.

■ And there are still other considerations. I suggest that among the other considerations, one must note that there is a very limited sight distance onto either east or west Ann Arbor Road from Ridge Road. Yet there is neither a speed reduction requirement nor a sign to indicate this condition on Ann Arbor Road. The traffic light has been a godsend in addressing this serious safety issue. It prevents people from taking their life into their hands when crossing or turning onto Ann Arbor Road. Believe me, that's important.

And please, don't ignore a number of additional safety items that the traffic light addresses. Not too many years ago, the area around Ann Arbor and Ridge roads was mostly rural. That's no longer the case. Today, it's mostly residential. It's every bit as residential as areas on Beck or Haggerty roads where the speed limit is 40 or 45 mph. In fact, the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph in limited-sight areas on both Beck and Haggerty.

Therefore, I submit that the speed limit of 55 mph is simply too high for this residential area — particularly with the limited sight situation at Ridge and Ann Arbor roads. Since the full traffic light has been installed, it has had the effect of slowing traffic to a more reasonable speed.

As has been suggested by Ms. Delcol, "Taking down the light opens this area up to potential dangers."

In the interim, I believe the most sensible alternative for MDOT would be to leave the light where it is. I hope that will be accomplished — both during the time period while the study is being performed and afterward. Economically, I would think that would be the most prudent approach. Monies have already been expended to install it. Why spend additional funds to take it down and, hopefully, put it back up again?

For safety's sake, many area residents are hopeful that the full signal will become permanent. If they were queried, I believe the police, the EMS, and automobile insurers would support this position.

Joseph E. Shevlin Jr.
Plymouth

Ahwal redundant

Terry Ahwal has apparently received the latest talking points from the Democrat National Committee or its handlers in MoveOn.org. ("People in Middle East conflict deserve a peaceful solution," *Observer*, Sept. 17).

Her latest piece is redundant with attacks from the far left. The war on terror is fueled by the president's name-calling and rhetoric, we must give peace a chance, we can solve the world's problems by throwing our money at them, we should be nice to terrorist killers.

Ahwal is in a dither because the president continues to pursue the war on terror against the "Muslim fascists" and terror-supporting nations. She just can't seem to remember the U.S. was attacked by Muslim terrorists on 9/11 (as well as the Marine barracks bombing, first World Trade Center bombing, the U.S.S. Cole bombing, and the list goes on) while we were engaged in peacefully minding our own business.

Almost 3,000 of our peaceful people were murdered on that day by people from countries that strap bombs on their children, stone rape victims to death, mutilate civilian and military prisoners prior to decapitation, persecute people who don't think exactly as prescribed by the leaders, and continue to plot mass murder, none of which are peaceful endeavors.

The president referred to Islamic fascism in a recent speech. Fascism is a form of socialism with similarities to Communism and Nazism. All three major totalitarian regimes of the 20th century engaged in forms of terrorism. Volumes have been written on the terrorism perpetuated by Nazi Germany against innocent civilians as well as the terrorism of the Communist Soviet Union. The fascist Japanese Imperialists of that era engaged in the rape and murder of innocent civilians in China and elsewhere, and mutilated and decapitated captured civilian and military prisoners much like the 21st century Islamic terrorists.

Ahwal says that we should have "avoided the pain and agony" of defeating those 20th century evils, and apparently agrees with the Democrat Party that we should cut and run from the 21st century evils.

Ahwal thinks the U.S. should redistribute our wealth (tax dollars) to buy peace in the world when we have already done so to the tune of billions of dollars. Saddam Hussein robbed billions of dollars from his nation that could have been used to better civilian lives and create a modern money-producing economy. He chose terror, rape, torture, and murder instead.

The House of Saud and the terrorist regime of Adolf Ahmadinejad in Iran have billions of dollars and huge numbers of people living substandard lives economically. Why does it have to be our money? Those regimes and others in the Middle East have lots of money to buy firearms and bombs to distribute to their populations while keeping them angry and in poverty, why not try something more peaceful and humanitarian? According to the proud Palestinian-American, Terry Ahwal, it's all on the U.S.

Mark F. Tooze
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QUOTABLE

"The light is serving a purpose right now and not hurting anyone or anything, it is actually helping, (so) why take it down to do the study? You can still monitor the traffic numbers with the light up. This just makes no sense and I think the 'human' aspect is taken out of the equation."

Kim Del Col, Plymouth Township resident, on the need for a full traffic signal at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Affordable higher education is key to Michigan's future

There now can be absolutely no serious doubt that the key to Michigan's economic survival is preparing more young people for the new global economy as fast as this state possibly can.

But so far, it's not happening. A report released this month by the Center for Public Policy and Higher Education reveals that the chances of any Michigan ninth-grader enrolling in college by age 19 is only 38 percent. That's down from 41 percent in 1991, back before the computer revolution.

Why is this? One big factor: The affordability of college in our state, according to the center, a nonprofit research outfit concerned with improving access to higher education.

Michigan, in fact, received a big fat "F" on the center's recent report card. And no wonder: Over the past five years, state support for colleges and universities has declined by more than 20 percent.

Reduced state support leads inevitably to increased college costs. Even after financial aid is factored in, the share of an average Michigan family's income needed to cover costs at a state university has gone from 28 percent to 36 percent over the past few years.

This isn't a one-dimensional problem, to be sure. Over the past five years, inflation-adjusted tuition has gone up by nearly 40 percent at our state universities. Over that same time, family median incomes have declined by double digits.

Michigan's report card didn't carry all bad news. We ranked A-minus in the benefits citizens derived from a college degree — one more proof how essential higher education is today.

We showed improvement in the number of adults 18-24 who were enrolled in some kind of post-high school education. That was up to 42 percent compared with 35 percent in 1992.

But ominously, enrollment of adults 25-49 in college or retraining programs dropped slightly, to 4.4 percent. In coming years, this figure is going to need to go way, way up.

Certainly, there are lots of reasons other than money that young people don't go to college. Some want to go into a trade without getting a degree. Others come from an unstable or impoverished family background, which makes doing anything serious very tough.

And some family cultures simply don't value higher education — something that now has to change, if their children are to survive.

But preliminary findings from the Kalamazoo Promise, a program that provides graduates from Kalamazoo public schools with free college tuition, suggest the high cost of college truly is a big barrier. Some (including yours truly) want to look carefully at the components of the Promise to see if it could be retooled into a "Michigan Promise," a kind of GI Bill for Michigan residents.

Sure, that would cost a lot. But what kind of return

do we get from the billions we spend warehousing tens of thousands of felons at \$40,000 a year each? Do you think our money is better spent subsidizing countless special-interest claims from the past?

If Michigan is going to succeed in an increasingly competitive global economy, we're going to have to hugely increase the percentage of high school graduates who get a college degree — and then decide to stay in Michigan. What about the popular perception that there's a "brain drain," with highly educated Michiganders leaving the state in droves? That's somewhat overblown, Jim Rogers, manager of data for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, told the *Detroit Free Press*. In fact, Michigan's population is increasing, although at a relatively slow rate. Most of the increase is due to new births and an influx of foreign immigrants. And Michigan's population of college graduates is, in fact, increasing, not declining. Between 2001 and 2004, Michigan had a net increase of 35,700 people with a bachelor's degree or more, according to the U.S. Census.

But most of that came from overseas immigrants with college degrees. During those same three years, 61,800 college-educated foreigners arrived here from places like Canada, India and China.

Unfortunately, simple math shows that means something like a net 26,000 degree-winners left the state during the same period.

There's some truth in the popular perception of young college grads migrating to places like Chicago. Most likely to leave — young graduates who come to Michigan universities from out of state. Barely one in 10 of them end up settling here, while more than 70 percent of in-state college graduates remain in Michigan.

Conclusions? First, we need drastically to increase the percentage of Michiganders who go to college and get degrees.

If affordability is a problem, we'd better figure out how to support state universities so they don't have to charge such high tuition.

Second, we should be active in recruiting college graduates from around the world. Before you snarl at this, consider what happened in Vancouver, Canada, in the 1960s, when word that China was going to take over Hong Kong caused panic there.

Vancouver offered any family with \$1 million in liquid assets automatic citizenship and a permission to work in Canada. Today, Vancouver is one of the most thriving and prosperous cities in North America.

Maybe we might learn something by talking with our thousands of college-educated, energetic and ambitious immigrants.

"Why did you come? How's it going?" we should ask, and then pop the big question: "What can we do to get more people like you?"

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Phil Power

LETTERS

Change strategy in Iraq

Opposition by loyal Americans to any war, policy or injustice, provides a constructive forum for citizens to express their views. It is no coincidence that the framers of our constitution chose freedom of speech to be our first amendment. Our founders fully understood how repression of dissent led to monarchies, dictatorships and theocracies throughout the rest of the world.

We have a rich history of dissent in the United States and that includes anti-war dissent. Our soldiers fight to preserve that right for us.

It is our patriotic duty as American citizens to become the checks and balances for our government when it chooses to justify a war policy in opposition to the true facts on the ground. Yes, we should always stand united as Americans but when major facts are ignored, buried in classified documents or misrepresented to the American people, all knowing American citizens should trumpet the truth so that the policies of our great country remain as a shining examples for the rest of the world.

All too often we hear that dissent undermines policy. Policy can only be undermined when it cannot pass the test of criticism and scrutiny.

If the Iraqi war was so laudable, why were \$9 billion squandered by L. Paul Bremer's authority? Why does the present Shia government align itself closely with the president of Iran? Why is there so much sectarian violence there today? Is this what President Bush, Vice President Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld intended when they planned out this war?

Finally, it is not conservative or liberal to support justice and intelligent policy decisions. We must change both the strategy and the tactics of the United States military in Iraq, so we can make our soldiers proud of their accomplishments. We owe these brave and loyal men and women a winning strategy that quickly and efficiently rewards their efforts and provides the Iraqi people with a blueprint for peace.

Ken Spitz
Canton

Judge did right thing

Judge Garber believes the flap over Judge John MacDonald and Judge Ron Lowe is not good for the court. I firmly disagree. It is the best thing that can happen. Judge MacDonald's openness (re: all the rumors of the last several years) were not rumors. For an elected official to finally come out and share with the electorate what is going on behind the scenes is refreshing.

In Judge MacDonald voicing his concerns at this time allows for the electorate to bring in a breath of fresh air to the 35th District

Court. This allows Judge MacDonald to retire with a good conscience. He did his best for all of us in his jurisdiction.

There is nothing unethical in Judge MacDonald coming forward. Should Judge Lowe be re-elected, Judge MacDonald is a professional, who can and will "work" with Judge Ron Lowe.

Thank you for your openness.

Fil Ponzi
Canton

Hold athletes accountable

I have never written an e-mail or comment on any opinion piece appearing in the *Observer* before. However, I must say I agree wholeheartedly with Kurt Kuban's views on the matter of fairness and consistent treatment of all athletes at the Park ("District needs a fair policy when dealing with troubled athletes," Sept. 14). In fact, most all the parents in the stands at the Plymouth vs. Canton football game were talking a great deal about this situation. Most asked the same questions Mr. Kuban has asked.

It is hard to bring up kids in today's society and instill in them the character and values they will need to become productive citizens. My wife and I have been raising three boys, ages 18, 15 and 12, and they all play football. Our oldest son graduated from Plymouth after four years as a Wildcat player under coach Jay Blaylock. He now attends the U.S. Air Force Academy, and has always appreciated the fine mentors and leadership lessons learned as a Plymouth football player. Coach Blaylock and his staff have always held the boys accountable for their actions — on and off the team. Principal Mike Bee and Athletics Director Terry Sawchuk have instilled a team concept where "character counts."

Sometimes, it really does "take a village." I am proud of the principles the Plymouth teachers, coaches and administrators have instilled in our children. Sometimes, a star football player does not need a free pass. He should take his lumps like the rest of us, so he can learn the appropriate lessons in life. My 15-year-old plays J.V. Wildcat football and my 12-year-old plays for the Steelers organization and will be a future Wildcat. I trust the Plymouth Wildcat organization will continue to teach our sons not only about the game of football, but about the game of "life" and doing things the right way.

Thank you for your contribution to our community with your editorial efforts. You hit the nail on the head with this one.

Blaine P. McKinney
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Church's 60th anniversary kickoff a runaway hit

When Bonnie Danic suggested her Redford Township church hold a fun run to mark its 60th anniversary, then volunteered fellow parishioner Jim Soter to help organize it, the longtime runner, well, took it in stride.

"She put an elbow into my side and said, 'Jim could help me,'" said Soter, of Plymouth, remembering a meeting of St. Valentine Catholic Church's anniversary committee.

Excited about doing something different, the committee adopted the idea, and co-directors Danic and Soter, their spouses and other volunteers spent weeks planning the event. A spaghetti dinner for about 300 people, cooked by John Cubba, a parish member and Redford's finance director, followed the run/walk.

Sunday's 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) fun run and walk brought about 170 people to the tree-lined streets around the church and attracted veteran racers, fitness walkers and runners and those out for fellowship and an afternoon stroll.

"That was the idea, just to keep it in the neighborhood," said Danic, a Plymouth resident and secretary in the parish's faith formation department. "It just made the nice community feel for



Gathering at the starting line before Sunday's St. Valentine 5-kilometer Fun Run and Walk are (from left) Abby Pawl, Hallea Garcia, Devon Ruczko and Angela Nicola. The event drew about 170 participants and was followed by a spaghetti dinner for about 300 people.

St. Valentine."

Participants included students from the parish school, their parents, school graduates and longtime church members. "We ran the whole gamut of age groups, so that was wonderful," Danic said.

Soter, who is planning to run his 28th Detroit Free Press Marathon next month, said the event allowed him

to see a race from an organizer's perspective.

"It also gave me a better respect for race directors and all the stuff they have to go through," he said. The event's sponsors included Runner's World magazine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, plus FamilyMeds Pharmacy and other local businesses.

The run/walk was the first in a series of events planned

to mark the parish's 60th anniversary, which is next year.

The winners in the men's category were Neal Martinuzzi, 20 minutes, 20 seconds; the Rev. Tim Laboe, St. Valentine's pastor, 21 minutes, 15 seconds; and 13-year-old Mike Ryan, 22 minutes 8 seconds. All are from Redford.

In the women's category,

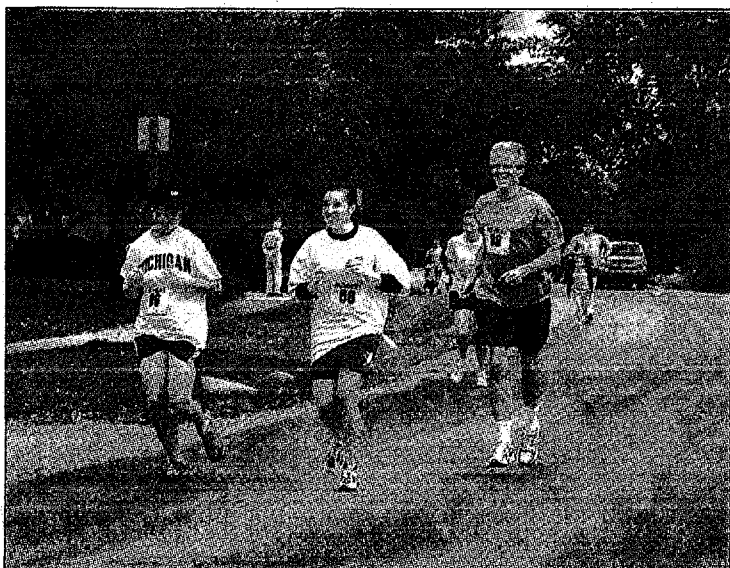


St. Valentine parishioners Stephanie and Larry Toth dressed up to work the fun run's pirate-themed aid station at about the 1.5-mile mark.

the winners were Lindsay Parsell of Troy, 21 minutes, 34 seconds; Marybeth Dillon of Livonia, 22 minutes, 33 seconds; and 15-year-old Clare Meernick of Redford, 25 minutes, 19 seconds.

Soter said it was gratifying to see so many people enjoying the event. "That was more pleasing to me than anything else," he said.

- By Matt Jachman



Runners, including (from left) Marie Graham, Ashlei Garcia and Bob Neaton, head onto Fox Drive, near Western Golf & Country Club, during the first mile of Sunday's St. Valentine 5-kilometer Fun Run and Walk in Redford.



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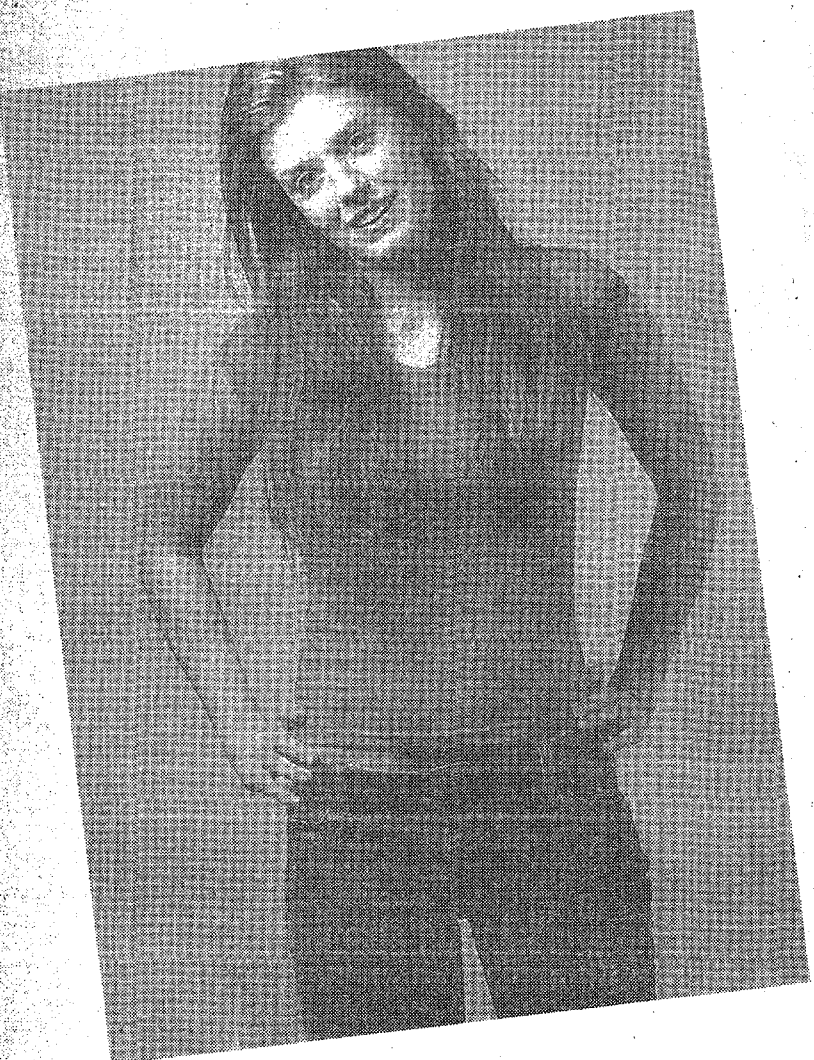
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Melanoma walk

Join the 1st Annual KDB Melanoma Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m., \$30 for adults, \$20 for 10-17 year olds and seniors. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.melanomawalk.org

Ann Arbor Art Center

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition Oct. 13-Nov. 11, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 13. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery 2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

Lupus walk

The Lupus Alliance of America Michigan-Indiana Affiliate sponsors the 12th-annual Metro Beach Walk for Lupus 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Metro Beach Metro Park, 31330 Metro Parkway in Harrison Township. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Walkers who raise \$75 will receive a free T-shirt. Lunch provided. Raffle tickets available. Contact the Lupus Alliance, (800) 705-6677, e-mail info@milupus.org or visit the Alliance Web site at www.milupus.org

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.

Genealogical meeting

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan will talk about "Genealogy and Adoption Research." There's a help session at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Call (810) 227-7745 for details.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for car-

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

Sally Ride festival

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

Art/craft festival

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Plymouth Newcomers

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

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

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

MOPS meet

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

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@jun.com

Moms Club

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

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from ZSI, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their new facility located at 42550 Executive Drive, within the Singh Executive Park District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - September 19, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 16, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (On Military leave) Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Paas, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Santomauro, John Spencer, Anna Stump **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Budget Hearings** Annual Budgets for Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, Finance, Administrative Services, Municipal Services, Leisure Services and Public Safety for 2007 were discussed. There is copies of the entire budget available in the Clerk's office for review. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 10:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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Affirmative action ballot proposal debate on tap

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Activists on both sides of the debate over civil rights in Michigan will gather in Bloomfield Hills next week to lay out their cases for and against Proposal 2.

The Women Officials' Network, a group founded to help women develop leadership skills, will host a debate on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Radisson-Bloomfield Hills, 39475 Woodward.

Proposal 2 is the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative which would amend the Michigan Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.

MCRI Media Relations Director Max McPhail said the issue before Michigan voters is simple: to reaffirm residents' commitment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

"There should be no discrimination based on race or gender," he said. "The Grand Rapids schools give their contracts out 90 percent based on price and merit and 10 percent on race. I don't think the voters of Michigan are going to move toward a colorblind society when they base their decisions on race."

McPhail, however, won't be the one to defend the MCRI at the Radisson. That duty will fall to MCRI Executive Director Jennifer Gratz, who sued the University of Michigan after being denied enrollment. The Supreme Court struck down the school's admissions policy in 2003.

Former state Rep. Maxine Berman, the governor's director of special projects, said she's been working with One

United Michigan to defeat the MCRI. The people with the most to lose if Proposal 2 passes, she said, are women.

"I remember what it was like before affirmative action, I don't want to roll back the clock," Berman said. "When I went to the University of Michigan in the '60s I had two choices — teacher or nurse."

She said the jobs of the future are going to be science-based and women are already underrepresented in those fields by a margin of four to one. In the corporate world, the numbers are even more stark.

"There is a minute level of women and minorities in corporate America. They represent 50 percent of middle management and 3 percent of upper management," Berman said. "By not providing a level playing field, we'll deny the country brain power and opportunity."

WON Administrator Barbara Moorhouse said the organization has always had guest speakers, but lately has tried to add contemporary politics to the discussion.

"We wanted to do something on a ballot proposal," she said. "We're not taking a position on the MCRI, but we'd like to hear how the MCRI would affect women."

In the past few years, the organization has dipped its feet into the political waters by hosting a candidates night in the Secretary of State race two years ago. It's always looking for a speaker or topic that will draw a crowd, but it's also interested in discussing topics it considers underreported in regular channels.

Reservations for the event are being taken through Oct. 3. Tickets are \$25 and checks can be sent to the WON, P.O. Box 404, Birmingham, MI 48012.

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Plymouth man is Wayne State vice president of development

David W. Ripple has been named associate vice president of development and alumni affairs for Wayne State University.

A Certified Fund Raising Executive, Ripple has more than a decade of broad fund-raising experience. Most recently, he served as executive director for Community Counselling Service, directing nonprofit clients on multi-million dollar campaigns, including Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Earlier in his career, Ripple served on the fund-raising staffs of Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, the American Red Cross Southeastern Chapter and Angela Hospice in Livonia. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Detroit Chapter and has served on numerous AFP committees. Ripple is also

an adjunct assistant professor in the English and Communications Arts departments at Madonna University in Livonia.

"David Ripple's extensive fund-raising experience will be of significant assistance to the university as we work to complete the Wayne State Capital Campaign on schedule," said Susan Burns, vice president for Development and Alumni Affairs. "The Campaign is of critical importance to the urban mission of the university and we are fortunate to have someone of David Ripple's caliber in this key position."

Ripple earned a bachelor's degree from Madonna University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He resides in Plymouth with his wife and two daughters.

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Teen journalists: The Observer is looking for you

The Observer Newspapers is looking for students (ages 13-18) who are interested in producing local newspaper pages and online material for teens by teens.

Teens will report, write, edit and take photographs for the hometownLIFE.com print and online sections which will appear periodically in Sunday editions of the Observer.

The first pages and online stories are scheduled to appear in November.

To participate, email a brief resume and at least two short writing samples to hgal-

lagher@hometownlife.com. Make sure you include a phone number and email address.

"We want teens to take ownership of the section both in print and online," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"Teens will decide what to cover, what to write about - what's important to them. They'll be mentored by reporters, editors and photographers at the O&E," added Rosiek.

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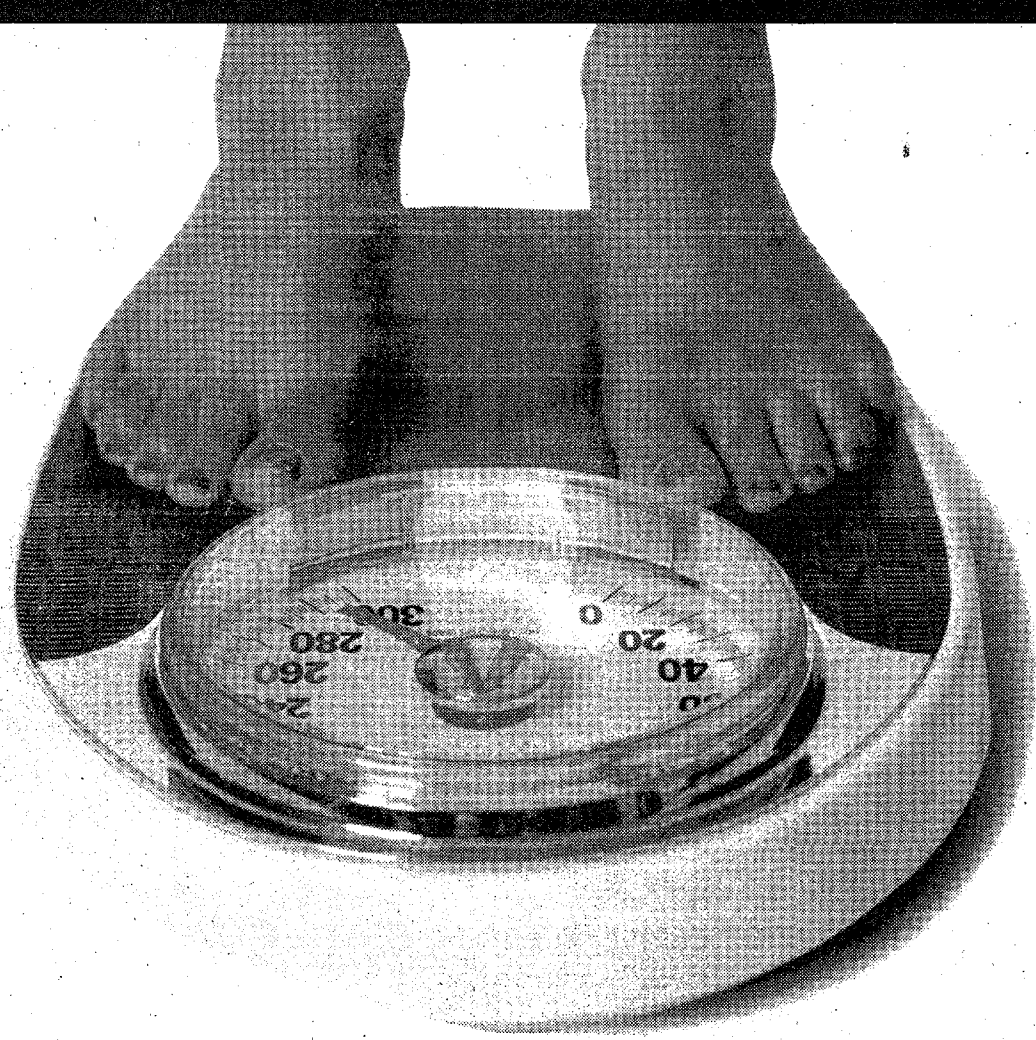
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Garden City Hospital opens one-of-a-kind center

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

If you make a dive 200 feet below sea level, you'd expect to see marine plants and fish of all shapes and sizes. Not so with Debra Vroman, who looks out the acrylic tube she's in during her dives to watch TV and talk to people like Mike Brown.

Her dives have nothing to do with water and everything to do with healing wounds. She's a patient at Garden City Hospital's Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center in Westland.

"I had my reservations about going in the chamber, it took a week and half to convince me to go in there," said the Canton resident. "But literally before my eyes, I'm seeing improvement and it allows me to have a positive attitude. I make a conscious effort to remain positive."

The center is housed in the hospital's Sports Rehab Center on Central City Parkway next to Dick's Sporting Goods in Westland. It's a one-of-a-kind facility in Wayne County, offering one-stop wound healing and hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

It took 15 months to bring the project to fruition. Dr. David Connett, the hospital's chief medical officer, was the key administrator that initiated it. Referred to as the Thomas Edison of the center, he saw the need for a hyperbaric facility while a U.S. Air Force flight surgeon based in



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patient Debra Vroman of Canton talks about the positive effects hyperbaric oxygen therapy has had on two wounds she has had difficulty healing during the grand opening of Garden City Hospital's Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center in Westland.

Denver. That wound care center had a four-state catchment area.

"We talked about doing it for four-five years, we had ongoing discussion, but couldn't seem to get it over the hump," said hospital President and CEO Gary Lay. "Dave was the energy and the push at the hospital to do it, and we appreciate that."

DEVELOPING THE CENTER

Connett worked with Kenneth Locklear, president of the American Baromedical Corp., on developing the center which cost an estimated \$500,000. Locklear recommended what would be needed to open the center.

"It's one of the fastest-growing fields in health care today," said Locklear, whose company is sharing the risk with the hospital.

Locklear provided the "must-have rules and covered the Medicare guidelines." He determined the design and how much square footage was needed and left the set up to be determined by center director Scott Figlio.

"One of the things I like about being off-site is the parking-to-treatment ratio, the distance from the parking lot to the center," Figlio said. "It's a short distance, one reason we picked being here."

Any physician can refer a patient to the center for treatment in one of the center's two hyperbaric chambers.

Figlio anticipated having 11 patients make use of the chambers when the center opened in September, but it was more like 83, he said.

"That's how great the need is in the area," he said. "We knew

it was needed, but we didn't expect it to be that much."

A treatment generally lasts about 90 minutes. According to hyperbaric technologist Mark Brown, 100 percent oxygen is circulated in the chamber at a certain rate and as it is compressed, the temperature increase, about 4 degrees.

"When you come in to use the chamber, you come in clean — no makeup, no hair products — you come in the way God made you," he said. "The hydrocarbons could cause a spark."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Vroman said she "makes the best out of what God dishes out." She is a second-time breast cancer survivor. She was originally diagnosed at age 35, only to have the disease return seven years later. She also is a diabetic and vascular patient.

"If you can use lucky and cancer in the same sentence, that's me," she said. "Both times the cancer was found very early. It was very small and no lymph nodes were involved."

She has a standing 8 a.m. appointment at the center five days a week. It's helping clear up two wounds, one the size of a quarter on her back and one on her breast, a complication from surgery.

The Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center of Michigan is at 35550 Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 762-9935.

Police still seeking answers in death of girl in foster care

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office has determined that 2-year-old Allison Newman died as the result of severe trauma to the head. What is still unknown is how it happened.

"The manner of death is considered open," Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said. "That means that the investigation continues."

Canton Police received the preliminary results of an autopsy Monday afternoon for Newman, who died Friday after emergency workers transported her from her Canton foster care home in the 2600 block of Emily Court. Her foster mother, who had been caring for Newman since January, called 9-1-1 when she found the little girl unconscious at about 2 a.m.

She was rushed to Annapolis Hospital, then airlifted to the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Friday afternoon, police were able to find the girl's birth father and bring him to Canton from the state prison in Jackson. The hospital was able to find the girl's birth mother, and both

biological parents were at the hospital to give consent to disconnect life support. She died that afternoon, Pomorski said.

According to Pomorski, the girl sustained trauma on the back of her head.

"The (foster) mother's explanation is that her daughter is an active child, and often arches her back and throws her head back. She said she'll stand on her bed and fall down," Pomorski said. "Even though the mother said she didn't see her do it on that day, she'd seen her do it before. She said she thinks the girl hit her head on a bedpost."

The 40-year-old foster mother who had been caring for Newman has been cooperative in the investigation, and police are working to corroborate her statements.

"We're in direct contact with the medical examiner's office, pediatric neurologists, as well as other investigators," Pomorski said. "We're checking all leads, all information and all possibilities."

And that takes time.

"I can't allow for us to rush and make an uneducated decision," Pomorski said.

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, October 12, 2006 for the following:

HOUSING REHABILITATIONS - MOBILE HOMES FALL 2006

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at 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 NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that OCTOBER 10, 2006, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerks Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by

October 10, 2006.

Terry G. Bennett,
Clerk

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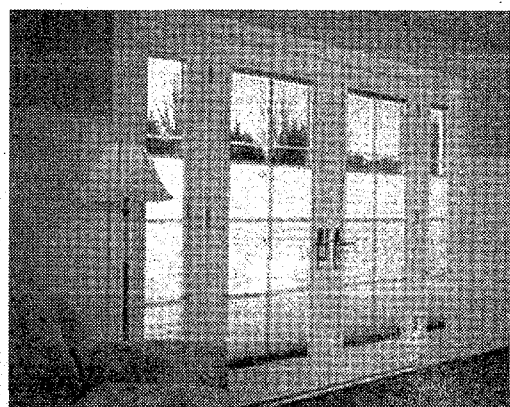
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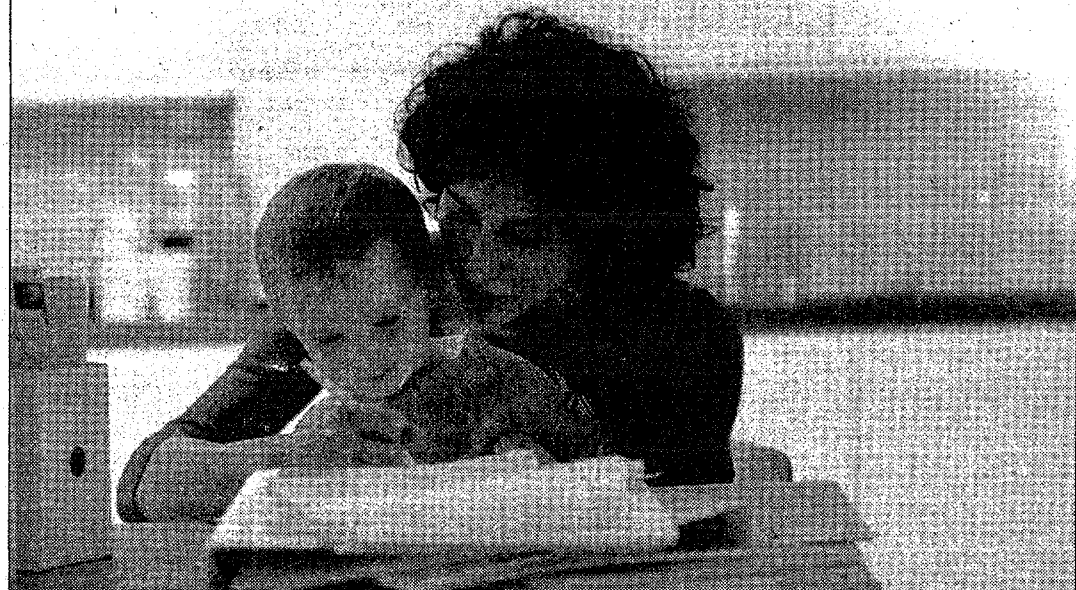
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Focus:HOPE walk stresses diversity, unity

Focus:HOPE's annual WALK for Diversity, which for 32 years has been bringing together people of all races and religions from the city and suburbs, will head in a new direction on Sunday, Oct. 8, with a shorter walk route and extensive on-campus festivities designed to encourage camaraderie.

Thousands of people who are committed to Focus:HOPE's civil rights mission are expected to walk together for three miles starting at 1 p.m. The route will pass a senior housing site under construction and travel through an established, historic neighborhood. Leading the WALK will be the Calico Troop of the Buffalo Soldiers, a group that raises awareness of the contribution of black soldiers to peacekeeping in the United States.

"Our WALK reminds our supporters of what we can accomplish when we work together in a spirit of respect and harmony," said Eleanor Josaitis, who co-founded Focus:HOPE with the late Rev. William Cunningham in 1968. "Father Cunningham loved to look around the crowd to see thousands of people of all ages, races and backgrounds coming together in support of civil rights. Each year we do this, we are reminded of the importance of our mission and the work that still needs to be done."

The WALK theme of "Unite, Educate, Elevate" emphasizes the importance of education in opening career opportunities, in particular for minorities and the economically-disadvantaged. Proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships for students who have serious financial challenges.

"Focus:HOPE's education and training programs were created to help people overcome poverty," said Keith Cooley, Focus:HOPE CEO. "We have thousands of graduates who came to

Focus:HOPE seeking a better life. They are now successful professionals providing a comfortable living for themselves and their families. Our WALK celebrates those successes and the impact Focus:HOPE has had on our community."

Before and after the WALK, there will be entertainment, tours of Focus:HOPE's education and training programs, and extensive children's activities, including a moonwalk, magician, pony rides and a petting farm. The Arts & Scraps mobile will work with children on a special art project.

WALK emcee Foolish, a WLJB-FM morning radio personality and award-winning comedian, will begin introducing special guests at 12:30 p.m. The WALK starts at 1 p.m. and then walkers will return to the Focus:HOPE campus on Oakman Boulevard to enjoy freshly grilled foods and music provided by the Jerry Ross Band.

Another new aspect of this year's event is an emphasis on teams. More than 40 teams have registered to date. Awards will be presented to the team that raises the most money, and those that demonstrate the most team spirit. A Samaritan Award will be presented to the individual who raises the most money.

Miscellaneous activities include the Henry Ford Health Screening Mobile Unit which will offer blood pressure checks and information on health issues. Microsoft will provide a futuristic technology demonstration and Ford Motor, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler will have automobiles on display.

Major sponsors for WALK 2006 are LaSalle Bank, Dow Automotive, DENSO International America, Inc., DTE Energy, and DaimlerChrysler Corp., and Microsoft.

To register, go to www.focushope.edu or call (313) 494-5500.

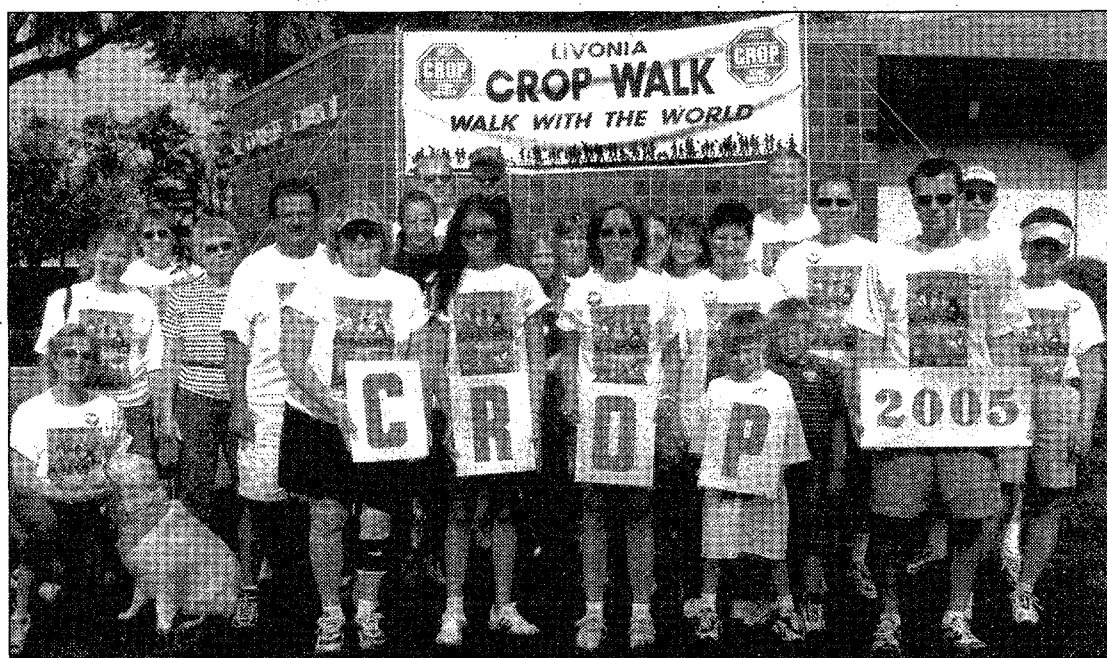
Interfaith Crop Walk takes place in Livonia

With football season and beautiful fall weather beckoning many area residents are gearing up to join in the Livonia Area Crop Walk which will begin 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh.

Crop Walk co-chairperson John Hirtzel states that a goal of \$25,000 has been set to help stop hunger here in our community and around the world. Funds are also used for self-help initiative and disaster relief. A portion of funds raised will go locally to Metropolitan Christian Council (meals for shut-ins in the Cass Corridor), Redford Interfaith Relief (food bank), St. Christine Parish (food bank in old Redford, and St. Edith Parish (food bank for Livonia area).

Last year more than 250 walkers from 20 Livonia and Garden City churches raised \$19,308. Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia, led all churches with more than 75 walkers.

This year Livonia and some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together in interfaith community Crop Walks to combat hunger. This year Livonia Area Crop Walkers will be wearing bold maroon T-



Last year's Livonia area Crop Walk raised more than \$19,000. This year's walk begins and ends at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia on Oct. 1.

shirts that state, We Walk Because We Care, proclaiming our solidarity with millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live.

As well as food relief, Church World Service assists many communities especially in

Africa to develop clean water and sanitation. Crop Walks are also making a big difference along the U.S. Gulf Coast as communities continue their recovery from Hurricane Katrina, in northern Pakistan where recovery efforts continue

in quake-affected areas, and in our response to the developing humanitarian crisis in Lebanon.

Churches of all faiths and organizations are invited to join in the event. For more information, call John Hirtzel at (734) 422-0841.

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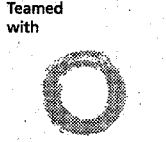
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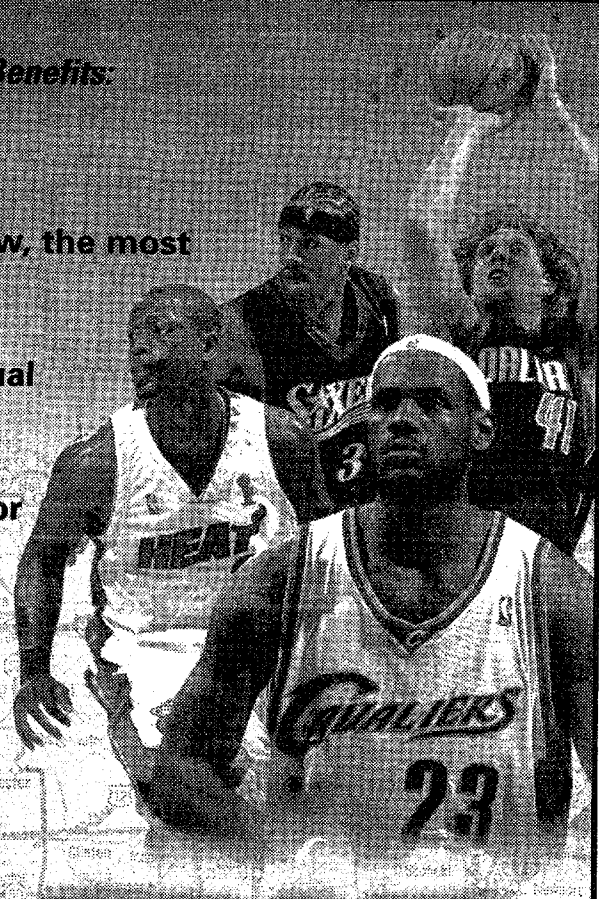
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Market-goers gather their fresh produce at the Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market, which is open every Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the end of October at the pavilion in downtown Farmington.

It's harvest time in Farmington

Farmers & Artisan Market beams with season's glory

Autumn harvest has arrived at the Walter E. Sundquist pavilion in downtown Farmington.

A special two-day Harvest Moon Weekend Celebration is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

The market will continue every Saturday through October.

Special activities for all ages include a scarecrow contest in Riley Park, a Harvest Breakfast Café by Penny White from the Breakfast Club restaurant, chef demonstrations, games, face painting and a minstrel storyteller.

The farmers and artisans are regular attractions at the market.

A Harvest Moon Dance will be held 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the pavilion located on Grand River, east of Farmington, for adults 21 and over. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance at Farmington City Hall, John Cowley & Sons, the Downtown Development Authority office at 33314 Grand River or the Farmers Market Information booth from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

The Farmington Downtown Development Authority and Farmington Farmers & Artisans market committee once again will host a scarecrow building competition with cash prizes as a way to welcome the harvest season and decorate the town in a unique and fun way.

Entry forms can be found at the Saturday Farmers Market information booth, the DDA office and online at www.DowntownFarmington.org. Judging will take place at noon Oct. 7. Winners will be announced at noon Sunday, Oct. 8.

Official categories include 9 years and younger; ages 10-17 and 18 years and above.

Winners in each category will receive \$150 for first place, \$50 for second place; and a Civic Theatre Movie Basket for third place. Additional non-cash awards will go to "Mayor's Choice," "Best Merchant Entry," "Best Group Entry" and "Harvest Mooner's Choice," as voted on during the Harvest Moon Dance event.

The scarecrows will be mounted in Riley Park and throughout the downtown for public viewing for the remainder of October. The winning scarecrows will be displayed Oct. 10 during "Hay Days" at Heritage Park. For more information, call the DDA at (248) 473-7276 or contact Mary Burck, scarecrow chairwoman, at (248) 471-0144.

A horse-drawn Harvest History Tour to the historic Governor Warner Mansion includes carriage rides, a mansion tour and cider and doughnuts. The \$3 round trip will be narrated by Brian Golden of Pastways Inc. Boarding begins at the pavilion.

The tours will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during festivities Sunday, Oct. 8.

Strolling minstrel and storyteller Genot Picor will again bring his talents to the market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. Last year, Picor delighted children and parents alike with his stories and songs about nature and Native Americans, American exploration and the great frontier.

The Farmers Market is sponsored by the Williams Family Sports & Medical Center of Farmington.



Five-year-old Delaney Taylor of Farmington searches for just the right yellow peppers at the Farmington Farmers Market on a recent Saturday.

HARVEST MONTH EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 7

- Harvest Cafe by the Breakfast Club, 8-11 a.m.
- Musician Joy Sparks, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Chef Demo by Five Restaurant, 10 a.m.
- Face Painting by Jannie Annie, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Harvest games, Sack Races, Egg-in-Spoon Relay, Gourd Toss, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Musician Billy Brandt, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Hay Bale Races, Noon, 1 and 2 p.m.
- Harvest Moon Dance: Music by The Hummingbirds, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Dragonmead microbrew beer, wine and Oktoberfest fare served by John Cowley & Sons, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 8

- Harvest Cafe by the Breakfast Club, 8-11 a.m.
- Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Genot Picor, minstrel storyteller, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Chef demonstration, 10 a.m.
- Face painting by Jannie Annie, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Harvest games, Sack Races, Egg-in-Spoon Relay, Gourd Toss, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Musician Mark Reitenga, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Horsedrawn Harvest History tour, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Board at the pavilion for narrated tour to Governor Warner Mansion; \$3 includes roundtrip, mansion tour, cider and donuts
- Scarecrow winners announced at noon
- Hay bale races, Noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Chef demonstration by Tribute, 10 a.m.
- Arts 'n Scraps hatmaking for kids, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Music by John D. Lamb Acoustic/vocals 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Scarecrow Dress-up
- Polaroid booth, Noon-2 p.m.
- Hay bale races, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Chef demonstration, 10 a.m. by John Cowley & Sons
- Musician Bob Monteleone, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Straw scramble, 11 a.m.
- Pumpkin painting, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Pavilion birthday celebration, noon
- Straw scramble, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Iron Chef Pumpkin Carve off, 10 a.m.-noon
- Musician John D. Lamb, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Trick or Treating throughout the downtown business district, 3-5 p.m.
- Costume contest, 5 p.m.
- The Spoonman, an entertainer, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.DowntownFarmington.org or call (248) 473-7276.

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

Seniors group

All senior citizens are invited to First Baptist Church of Detroit to join with the Leisur-Aires group and hear Denise Holmes, a registered dietitian and exercise therapist at Botsford Hospital, talk about how to stay healthy as seniors 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the church, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield. For more information, call (248) 569-2972.

Revel

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 29, to Oct. 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Workshops Friday-Saturday. Call (734) 464-0990.

Western barn dance

6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Lazy J Ranch in Milford. Pizza, square dancing and lots of laughs presented by Single Point ministry at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Car pooling available. Cost is \$23. Meet in Ward church parking lot F at 5:30 p.m. For tickets or information, call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Nankin Mills administration office parking lot, Westland, presented by Single Point ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. All riders welcome but must wear a helmet.

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-foot table, \$30 for 8-foot table. Call Rhonda Harris for rental reservations or more information, (734) 532-7818, or send e-mail to Harrisar@aol.com.

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 Newburgh, Livonia. If you are interested in renting a table at the sale, call (734) 422-0149. Infant to preteen clothes, maternity clothes, furniture, toys and more. \$2 admission. Strollers welcome.

Unity coffee house

Presents Bill Staines 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Suggested donation is \$15. Call (734) 421-7760. Staines has traveled all over the world, averaging 200 concerts a year. As a songwriter and performer he uses a magical blend of humor and wit.

Religious education

Registration now being accepted for children's religious education on Sundays, sessions began 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 run until noon.

Bible study

St. Michael Catholic Church at Plymouth and Hubbard began its new series of fall Bible Study programs. Groups meet from 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month; the other from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays. All are invited. Register at (734) 261-1445.

MOPS

All mothers of infants through kindergartners are invited to join MOPS. Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford, MI 48239. The group provides support, presentations, discussion, creative projects and refreshments. Child care provided. For more information or to register, call (313) 937-2424.

Fall/winter worship services

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. adult Christian education, and 10:15 a.m. youth Christian education, Sundays at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia.

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. 5 saw the start of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who would like to become Catholic. Call David Conrad, director of Faith Formation, at (734) 425-5950 to discuss your conversion journey and begin formal entrance into the Catholic Church.

Remarried workshop

Continues 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. It can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for one 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. Signup fee including book is \$35. Call (734) 421-1760.

Bible study

Explore the Gospel of Mark, 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.

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 2 years old, 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. All are welcome.

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.

Healing service

Service of Healing and Wholeness 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, in the Sanctuary at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. A celebration of Communion will be observed. This service affirms God's healing presence in our lives. Childcare provided up to age 4. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Organ concert

Music by American composers 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Freewill offering will be taken. Call (313) 865-6300, Ext. 227, or send e-mail to CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com.

Jewish New Year

Secular/cultural observances, with music, singing and readings, will take place at the Jewish Community Center's Prentiss Social Hall, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. The Yom Kippur observance will be 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, with music by renowned violinist Jannina Barefield who will perform Kol Nidre and more. Reservations and contributions appreciated. For more information, contact Workmen's Circle at (248) 545-0985 or micircle@aol.com. The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring is dedicated to Jewish community, Jewish and Yiddish culture, and social justice.

Living rosary

As part of its continuing 75th anniversary celebration, St. Michael the Archangel Parish will pray a Living Rosary 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 in the church at 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. In this traditional experience a person or small group of people represent each bead of the rosary and lead the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony is open to all area Catholics. For more information, call (734) 261-1455. October is dedicated to the devotion of the rosary.

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.

Blessing of the animals

5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are welcome. Hot dogs will be provided. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit www.holyspirit-livonia.org.

Parish mission

7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 8-12, at St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford. Refreshments follow in Social Hall. The Rev. Richard Hart 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.

Women's conference

The fourth annual Women's Conference, (for women of all ages, and young adults age 14 and above) sponsored by The Archdiocese of Detroit, Department of Parish Life & Services, Office of Evangelization 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. This year's conference, A Woman's Journey to the Heart of Christ, will conclude

with Mass celebrated by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 full-time college or high school students, includes conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge, but must register. More information on the conference (including a downloadable registration form) can be found at www.aodonline.org. If you would like to receive a registration form or for more information, send e-mail to dignityof-woman@aol.com, or call (734) 459-9558.

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.

Divorce recovery workshop

7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$35, \$15 for previous participants who wish to repeat the workshop. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

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 accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

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).

Personal ministry

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

Farmington Women Aglow

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

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shawassee (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.

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Learner's Bible study

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Church service

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

Bible study

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

Senior activities

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

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

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

ice. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

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

Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services

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

Bet Chaverim

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

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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

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A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

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

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering chil-

dren, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

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

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Bible talks

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

Worship services

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ERNST MANFRED SCHNEIDER

Age 82 of Rochester and Freital, Germany, September 21, 2006. Loving husband of Ella Schneider. Dear father of Claudia (Stefan) Wieditz. Grandfather of Carolin, Roman and Verena Wieditz. Funeral service Saturday, September 30, 2006 11 a.m. at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. The family will receive friends Friday 5-9 p.m. Interment at Guardian Angel Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

GREGORY STOCK

Age 47, September 22, 2006. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear brother of Pam (Gregg) Miller. Brother-in-law of Teri (Conrad) Madaleno, Sue (Bill) Nebe, and Jill (Roger) Ivey. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Services have taken place. Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

KATHERINE MARIE BUECHLER

Of West Bloomfield. September 24, 2006 at 78 years of age. Beloved wife of William Buechler. Dear mother of Stephen and Robert Buechler, Linda Daly, Janis Waltermire and Christine Neal. Sister of Thomas Kennedy. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 29, 2006 at the Church of St. Colman (32500 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills). Memorial Donations may be made to Our Lady of Providence League. To send a private condolence select guestbook at www.coatsfuneralhome.com

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RICHARD B. "Dick" SCHLOSSER

Age 82, Of Gladstone, September 26, 2006. Husband of Betty for 58 years. Father of Richard A. "Rick" (Bonnie) Schlosser, James H. (Becky) Schlosser, and Lois Taylor. Brother of Gretchen Bennett and Unafern Williams. Also survived by 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, Jay E. and Alena Schlosser, brothers Maynard and Bernard Schlosser, and sisters Geraldine Adams and Zeldia Titus. Dick was a local building inspector for Commerce Township, Birmingham, and Berkeley before moving up north. He also was a state building inspector for the UP from 1976 to 1994. Funeral service will be held Saturday, September 30, 5pm, at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. The family will receive friends Saturday, 2-5pm. To send a private message of condolence for the family, please select "Guestbook" at www.coatsfuneralhome.com

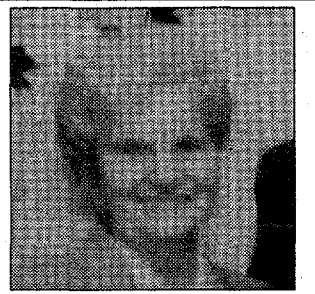
ROBERT F. BERRY

Age 68, of Belleville, MI (formerly of Redford), September 22, 2006. Mr. Berry is survived by his wife Roberta (Schmidt), daughter Denise Heppner, also son Kurt (Julie). The funeral was held on September 27, 2006, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.



JUDY M. SCHWARTZ

(July 4, 1941 - September 21, 2006). Judy (Young) Schwartz was the eldest child of Emmet and Catherine Young. She passed away on September 21, 2006 after an eight year battle with breast cancer. On the Fourth of July, 1941, John McHale, future general manager of the Detroit Tigers and an active player on the 1943 World Series team, was told during a game that he had just become an uncle for the first time. Upon hearing the news, he stepped up to the plate and hit a homerun on his next at bat. So with fireworks and a homerun, Judy (Young) Schwartz was born a true Yankee Doodle Dandy. Judy, along with her siblings Jack, Joe and Jane, grew up in Detroit in a duplex her family shared with her beloved Grandma and Grandpa McHale. Her family later moved to Birmingham where she attended Holy Name for grade school (the same school that several of her grandchildren would later attend) and Shrine High School. She loved to cruise Woodward with her friends and visit her favorite hangouts like Ted's and the Totem Pole. She next attended Marygrove for college and received a degree in Spanish. She earned all A's but always joked that she never knew a word of the language. Greg and Judy Schwartz were married in 1963. In 1964, their first child Gregory J. Schwartz, Jr. was born. He was followed by brothers Walter, Joseph, Edward and Peter. Each son would marry and return to work with their father in the investment firm he had founded in 1976 with Judy's support and guidance. With a loving, caring and humorous personality, she became like a second mother to "her girls." However, she was quick to point out to each (Chris, Molly, Nancy and Stephanie) that "you only have one mom." In 1991, she and Greg became grandparents for the first time. Alexandra, the first grandbaby, was then followed by ten more: Mimi, Greg III, William (J), Tatum, Joe Jr., T.J., Tommy, Sam, Patrick and Mia. Perhaps her greatest accomplishment, though, was the ability to counsel, humor and teach all who came in contact with her. In 1976, she found the strength to quit drinking and entered an Alcoholics Anonymous program in order to save herself and her family. After conquering her addiction, she went on to counsel hundreds of people that she would meet from every walk of life. Her ability to meet someone once and have that person think she was Judy's best friend was uncanny. She treated the waitress at her favorite restaurant the same as she treated the presidents of GM, Ford or Chrysler. It seemed that she truly knew everyone. In 1998, she was diagnosed with breast cancer that had spread to twenty four lymph nodes. With a huge outpouring of support, she rallied against the disease like one of Knute Rockne's underdog football teams. Despite the odds, she lasted eight more years. In those years, she continued to give strength and love to her family and friends who seemed to always need it more than her. Funeral Mass was Monday, Sept. 25, at St. Regis Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills, with Reverend Joseph Grimaldi officiating. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons (248-362-2500). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to: Loyola High School in Detroit (one of only two Catholic High Schools that remain open in the city), 15325 Pinehurst, Detroit, MI 48238 -- 313-861-2407. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



VIRGINIA H. VERNON

Beloved wife of Arthur Vernon of 58 years. Dearest mother of Gloria (Ken) Trierweiler and David Vernon. Dear grandmother of Sarah Trierweiler. Visitation Saturday, 10am at the Ziomek Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd. at Joy, Livonia until 1pm Funeral Service. Mrs. Vernon was an Employee Benefit Claims Clerk with Burroughs (Unisys) Company of Plymouth. Resident of the city of Livonia for 45 years.

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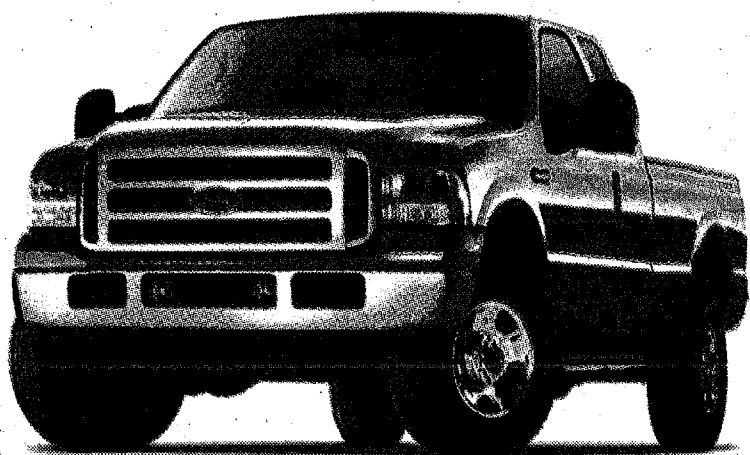
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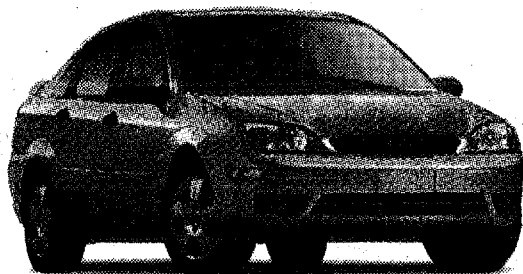
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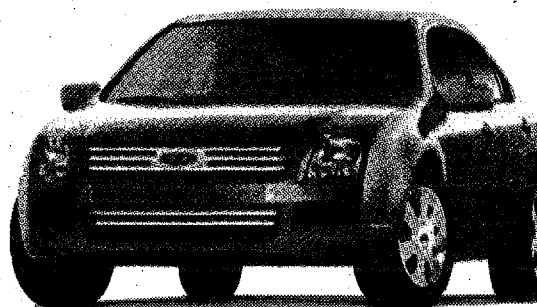
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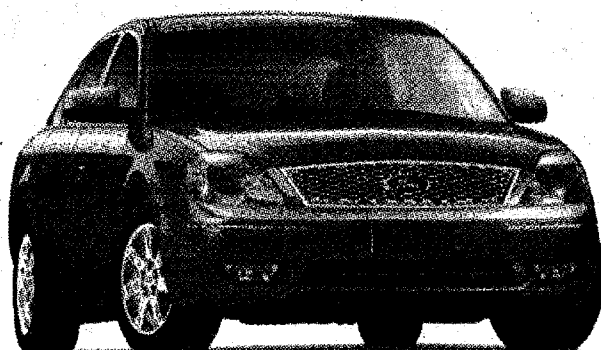
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The best medicine

Watching football-playing sons energizes Phillips as he battles esophageal cancer

A few minutes before last Friday night's Livonia Franklin-Canton football game kicked off — a little more than 24 hours after his body was infused with its latest dose of energy-sapping, nausea-producing, make-you-feel-like-crap



Ed Wright

chemotherapy drugs — Jeff Phillips slowly ascended the stairs on the home side of the P-CEP football stadium.

As a light mist fell from the darkening sky and a steady wind blew out of the south, Phillips, with his wife Sheryl at his side, climbed about two-thirds of the way up the stands until he reached his usual seat not far from the 50-yard line.

The purpose of the powerful infusion of chemo Phillips had endured the day before was to hold off the relentless esophageal cancer that doctors at St. Joseph's Hospital diagnosed last October.

But the game that was about to unfold on the field below was by far the most potent and soothing medicine Phillips would soak in last week.

TWO HOURS OF JOY

Phillips' oldest son — 17-year-old Jeff — is the Chiefs' starting center and, for the 44-year-old Phillips, watching his sons play football is more therapeutic than any drug known to man.

"Whenever I go through the chemo, I'm a wreck for a while," admitted Phillips, who also watched his middle son, Brett, play for the Chiefs' junior varsity squad the previous night. "I wasn't feeling real good before the game. Let's just say I wasn't 100 percent. But there was no way I was going to miss that game just because I wasn't feeling good."

"By going to the game, I knew I would probably get sick (from the effects of the treatment) when I got home that night, but for me it's a worthwhile trade-off. All through this thing, I've tried to do everything I can. I want my kids to remember that whenever dad could be there, he was there."

EVER-PRESENT PARENT

For the four Phillips kids — daughter

Heidi; and sons Jeff, Brett and Ben — dad has always been there. He turned down travel-heavy job promotions that would have brought with them significantly higher salaries, but far less time with his wife and kids.

And Phillips didn't just sign up his children to participate in sports — he signed up to coach them, too, in everything from roller hockey to recreation basketball.

And now, as he faces the most demanding challenge of his life, Phillips cherishes every layup drill, every windsprint, every win, every loss — every moment of elation and adversity that he was able to coach his kids through.

"I love watching my kids compete," he said. "You learn so much from sports that you can't learn anywhere else: how to accept defeat graciously, how to win graciously. You learn about leadership and competitiveness. I've loved watching my kids compete in sports for those reasons."

"I coached everything I could because I wanted to be there with them when they experienced these things. Every minute I've coached has been a hoot."

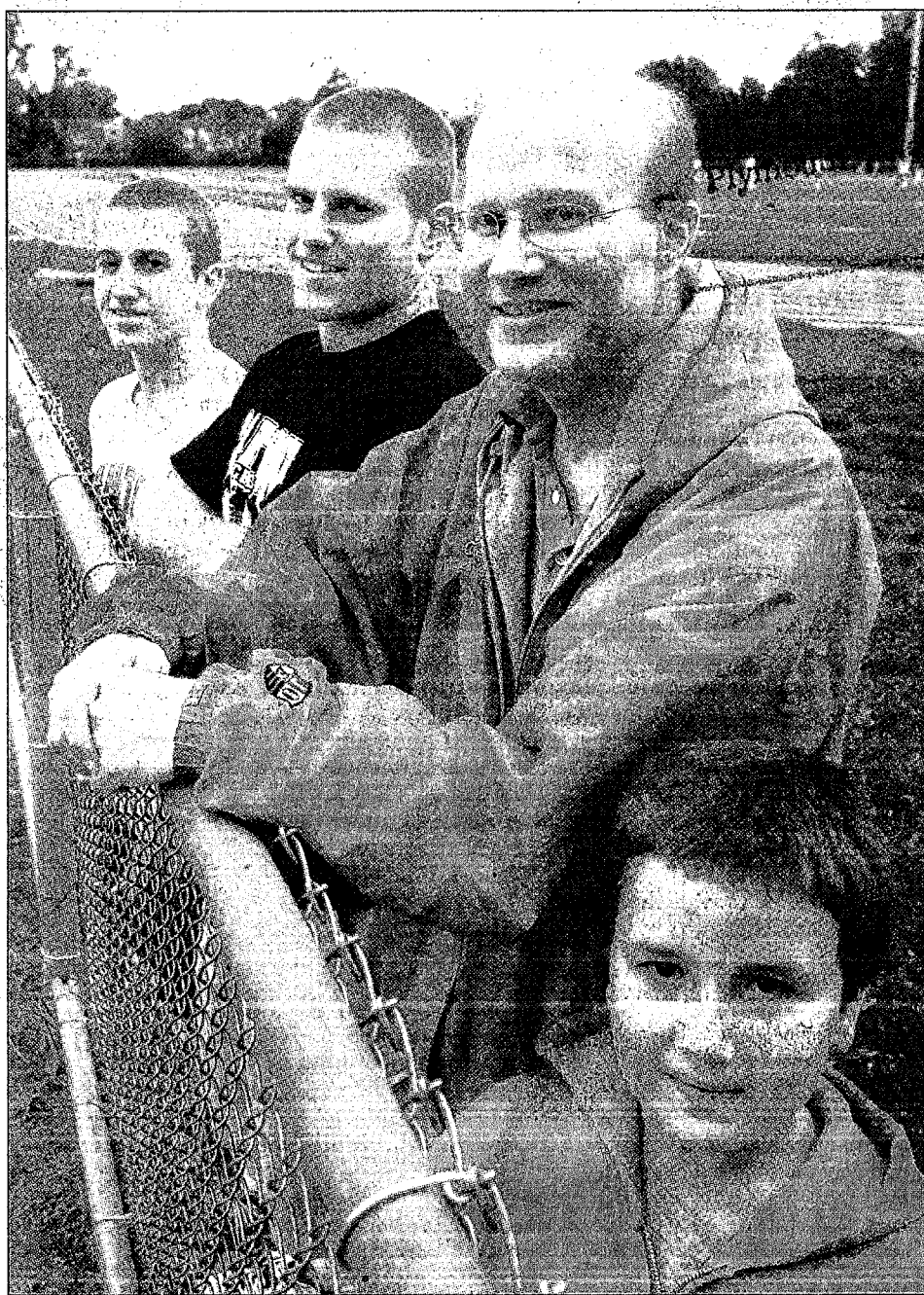
"All the coaching I did means more to me now because I don't know what my future holds," said Phillips. "It's really cool looking back now at all the time I spent coaching them. It's like that extra time is going to be more meaningful to them if I don't make it through this because it will be like, 'Yeah, I remember when dad did this or that.'"

LIFE-ALTERING VISIT

A few days before Halloween last year, Phillips visited his doctor after experiencing persistent pain in his throat and chest. Following an endoscopy the following day, doctors delivered the sobering news.

"They came into the room after they scoped me out and said, 'You have a cancer in there,'" Phillips reflected. "In so many words, they told me that esophageal cancer is not good. The doctor said that on a 1-to-10 scale of badness, this one is a 9-and-a-half. It doesn't do well with treatment and it doesn't respond well to chemotherapy."

The news didn't get any better when he visited the Mayo Clinic a few weeks later.



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Jeff Phillips, who is battling cancer, spends as much time as he can with sons Brett, Jeff and Ben.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

The three Phillips boys — (from top to bottom) Jeff, Brett and Ben — are pictured during Jeff and Brett's Plymouth-Canton Steelers career.

ABOUT ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

■ Esophageal cancer is cancer of the esophagus, the hollow muscular tube that carries food and liquid from the throat to the stomach in order to be digested.

■ About 13,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with esophageal cancer each year.

■ The incidence of esophageal cancer is rising in the United States, particularly in the form of the disease called adenocarcinoma.

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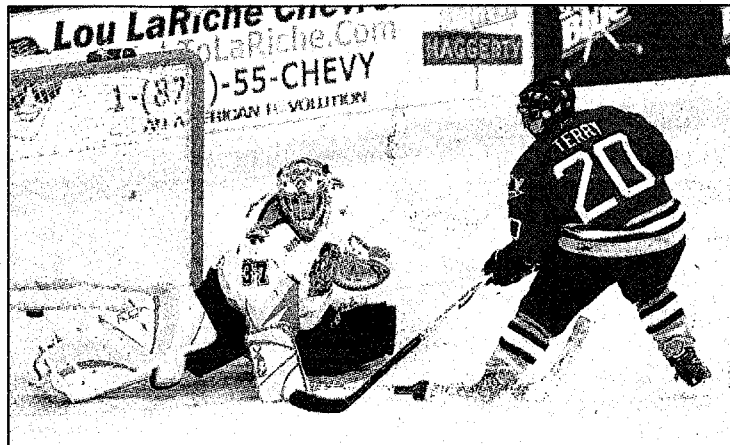
Whalers nip Otters in shootout

The 2,963 fans who attended the Plymouth Whalers' home opener Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena got their money's worth in excitement. The Whalers rallied from deficits of 4-2 and 6-4 to tie the game in regulation before winning, 7-6, over the Erie Otters in a shootout for their first victory of the season.

Plymouth is now 1-1-0-0 on the season; Erie is 1-0-0-1.

Plymouth center Chris Terry — who won three games for the Whalers last season in shootouts — did it again Saturday as he beat Erie goaltender Ryan Ludzik with a shot that went five-hole.

"I came down with a pre-set move wanting to fake backhand and then go to my forehand," Terry said. "He (Ludzik) fell for the backhand fake, but took away blocker and poke checked, so the five-hole



WALT DEMOCHE

Plymouth Whaler Chris Terry flips the game-winning goal into the back of the net during a shootout in Saturday's 7-6 victory over Erie. The game was the 2006-07 home opener for the Whalers.

opened up. So I slid the puck between his legs."

There were plenty of offensive fireworks before Terry's game-winner. James Neal scored twice for Plymouth and

now has three goals in two games. Whalers rookie Kaine Geldart scored his first OHL goal, while Jared Boll, Dan

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2

Fast-starting Chiefs sprint past Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It took Canton's girls basketball team approximately 15 seconds to set the tone for Tuesday night's 50-21 victory over Plymouth.

That's how many ticks of the clock expired between the time the Chiefs won the opening jump, sent an outlet pass downcourt to Ja'nee Morton and for Morton to lay the ball into the basket for a quick 2-0 lead.

Canton went on to make 14 of their first 18 shots — many of which came off the transition game — and defeat their cross-campus foes handily in a game played in the Wildcats'



Delapaz

gymnasium.

The victory improved the Chiefs to 6-2 overall and 1-0 in the WLAAs' Western Division. The Wildcats slipped to 2-5 and 0-1 respectively.

"I thought the team came out and played hard from the get-go," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We talked about getting good shots versus getting great shots and we got great shots early on."

"Plymouth made a couple of runs in the second half, but our

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2

OLGC awarded

The Our Lady of Good Counsel youth football program earned a \$500 award recently for being one of two national top sellers for the Little Caesars Fund-raising Program during the month of August.

In addition to raising money for the overall program, OLGC football raised money to pay for personalized football jackets for all of its players. The program also donated 36 pizza kits — with a value of \$630 — to the St. Al's Community Center in Detroit.

MU runner 12th

Madonna University sophomore Joe Horka (Livonia Churchill) took 12th overall in Friday's Bulldog Invitational cross country meet hosted by Ferris State.

Horka ran the 8-kilometer race in 26 minutes, 33 seconds. Charles Wolfe (Canton) was 29th in 27:47.

MU's Kirstian Tyler (Livonia Franklin) finished 37th in the women's 5K in 20:49. Kaitlyn Carbery was 42nd (21:12), while Amanda Weaver (Livonia) was 74th (26:01).

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PHILLIPS

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"Going to the Mayo Clinic actually paid off because they found out that my cancer was further along than St. Joe's thought it was," he said. "They said I needed to start chemo right away, but that was pretty much all they could do."

"They also told me I had about 10 months to live, so I'd better check into hospice care. Well, it's been over 10 months and I'm still in pretty good shape. The drugs I'm on now don't shrink the cancer, but they keep it at bay."

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SONS

Inspiration is a two-way street in the Phillips household. While the family's boys inject an incredible feeling of wellness into their dad while he's watching them compete in sports, at the same time he's inspiring them with the way he is fighting his cancer with a combination of positivity and humor.

With a philosophy that normalcy is a good thing, Phillips still works 40-hour weeks as a controls engineer at Bosch in Farmington Hills.

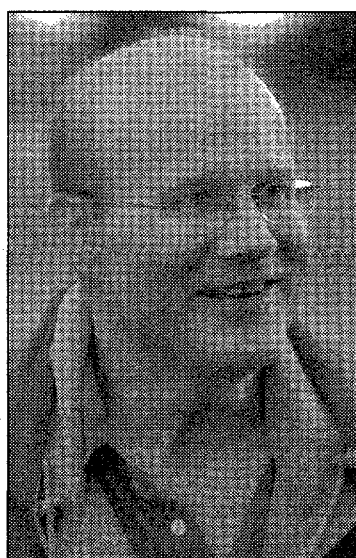
And he never, ever misses his sons' games.

"It's amazing how he's been to every one of my games and every one of my brothers' games," Jeff Phillips said about his dad. "His attitude is incredible. He's taught me a lot by the way he never sits around pouting about it. He's always up and doing stuff, even though he doesn't always feel very good."

"Basically, when I'm out there on the football field, I want to play well for the team, but I want to play well for him, too."

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

After I interviewed Phillips for about 45 minutes Monday night, I walked away amazed at



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Jeff Phillips

the incredible way he's handled the unfair blow life has dealt him. I would only hope that if I were dealt a similar fate, I'd deal with it half as well as Jeff has.

Instead of feeling sorry for himself, Phillips is holding off his aggressive, oversized opponent much like his 200-pound son neutralizes 280-pound-plus noseguards on Friday nights — with true grit and an unwavering, unyielding attitude that we all can learn from.

While Phillips' long-term future is uncertain, you can rest assured that he will never quit in his battle with esophageal cancer.

After all, there are way too many games left to watch, way too many teams left to coach, and way too much life left to live.

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Prognosticator starting to lose his head

Strange things happen after midnight, especially on football Fridays.

Things get a little hectic in the newsroom and sometimes your mind gets a little foggy taking score after score on deadline.

It used to be just football, but now the mind gets even more cloudy with the advent of Friday soccer and a few selected girls basketball games, along with the usual tennis, golf and college sports happenings.

And before you know it, it's 3 in the morning and you're wondering: "Will I ever go home?"

If it gets past 4 a.m., and you're still in the office, you start thinking "Denny's."

One e-mailer pointed out to me that my mind apparently became warped after reading his Sunday Livonia-Westland Observer sports section.

The headline read: "Warriors roll to homecoming win."

Well, the Warriors rolled, but it wasn't homecoming. In fact, Lutheran Westland's 34-6 Metro Conference win was last Friday afternoon at Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium, not under the portable lights on the Warriors' home field.

Apparently I got my homecomings mixed up.

Lutheran Westland's homecoming game is 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 against Macomb Lutheran North. And for the record, Livonia Clarenceville's homecoming is this Friday, 7 p.m. against that same Hamtramck squad.

The e-mailer also pointed out he'd like "to see the articles handled correctly, not guesswork like this."



Brad Emons

He went on to say: "I expect a higher expectation from you and your staff."

I can't agree more with the e-mailer because I am the staff. I can't blame anybody else but me.

Hopefully this error

won't find the pages the Columbia Journalism Review like a headline my old boss once wrote on the front page of the West Bloomfield Eccentric: "Suicide victim in serious condition."

Now try and explain that one.

I can't explain either my continued futility of my prep pigskin prognostications.

Despite going a mediocre 9-3 last week, I still hold my overall lead by a game at 41-17 over Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who finished 10-2. Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith lost ground, going 8-4 and now sits 37-21 overall.

Here is a look at this week-end's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted) W.L. Western (3-2, 2-1) at Plymouth (2-3, 1-2), 4:30 p.m. at CEP: Western got Montel Nix-Fleming back in the lineup at quarterback, while Matt Wozny ran circles around Wayne last week in a 34-7 win. Plymouth, which sat out three starters for disciplinary reasons, racked up 452 yards rushing in a 43-32 shootout against Northville with a healthy Nate Gholston getting 228. PICKS: Emons (Western); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

Canton (5-0, 3-0) at Wayne (2-3, 1-2): The Chiefs stayed unbeaten despite limping off the field as both quarterback Steve Paye and running back Deshon McClendon got hurt in last week's 23-19 win over Livonia Franklin. The perplexing question about Wayne is which Zebras' team will show up? PICKS: Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton).

Northville (1-4, 0-3) at Liv. Franklin (3-2, 2-1): The Patriots had their chances against WLAA favorite Canton last week, but two missed extra points, two more missed field goals, a couple key drops and a safety resulted in a 23-19 loss. Northville, meanwhile, has given up a total of 170 points. PICKS: Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Wright (Franklin).

Liv. Stevenson (4-1, 2-1) at W.L. Central (4-1, 3-0): The Spartans could redeem themselves after last week's surprising 14-13 loss to rival Livonia Churchill and throw a huge monkey wrench into the WLAA's Lakes Division race with a win over Stevenson and stay in the Lakes Division race. Northern, fresh from a 31-13 win over Salem, has been outscored 100-44 this season. The team with the best offense will win. PICKS: Emons (Churchill); Smith (Northern); Wright (Churchill).

Westland Glenn (2-3, 1-2) at Salem (0-5, 0-3): The Rockets can keep their faint playoff hopes afloat by beating Salem, a team that has yielded the most points of any in the WLAA (191). PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Smith (Salem); Wright (Glenn).

Hamtramck (0-5, 0-4) at Liv. Clarenceville (3-2, 3-2): The Trojans are trying to snap a two-game losing streak. It's homecoming at Clarenceville, which celebrates the anniversary of its undefeated 1955 squad. Hamtramck has been outscored 235-20 this season.

PICKS: Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville).

Luth. Westland (2-3, 1-2) at Clawson (3-2, 2-1): The Warriors appear to be getting healthy again and that's good news, especially for lead running back Mike Schatz. Clawson is coming off a 26-6 win over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. PICKS: Emons (Clawson); Smith (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Clawson).

Redford Union (4-1, 3-1) at Wyandotte (3-2, 3-1): The Panthers are tied for first in the Mega Conference's White Division after a 28-26 win over Trenton thanks to Desmond Latham's 222 yards rushing. Wyandotte is coming off a 34-21 win over Dearborn Edsel Ford and has aspirations of winning the Mega-White. PICKS: Emons (Wyandotte); Smith (RU); Wright (RU).

Garden City (0-5, 0-4) at Melvindale (3-1, 3-2): Melvindale, a member of the Mega-Gold, is coming off a 24-7 setback to highly-regarded Inkster. The Cougars, members of the Mega-Blue, are still searching for their first victory after falling last week to Romulus, 30-14. PICKS: Emons (Melvindale); Smith (Melvindale); Wright (Melvindale).

D.H. Crestwood (2-3, 1-2) at Red. Thurston (0-5, 0-3): The winless Eagles made a respectable showing last week, losing to Mega-Blue leader Gibraltar Carlson, 28-7. Crestwood has put 173 points on the board this season, but has given up 187 after beating River Rouge in a shootout, 43-36. PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Wright (Crestwood).

Red. Covenant (2-3, 1-1) at S.H. Parkway Christian (5-0, 2-0): Parkway has become a force in the Southern Michigan Football Conference after Warren Zoe Christian and Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian merged into one. Parkway stayed unbeaten last week with a 19-6 win over Warren Connor Creek Academy West, while Covenant fell to previously winless Riverview Gabriel Richard, 34-6. PICKS: Emons (Parkway); Smith (Parkway); Wright (Parkway).

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kids hung in there and kept playing hard. It was a great team effort."

Canton senior guard Becci Houdek shined from the outset, hitting three of her first four shots before finishing with 17 points, seven steals and three rebounds. Other stand-outs for the winners included Ja'nee Morton (10 points, three rebounds and three steals), Marie Martin (eight points and three rebounds) and Baylee Hollowell, who netted five points and a game-high eight rebounds.

Sophomore center Shaakira

Haywood paced the host Wildcats with seven points and four boards. Freshman forward Stacey Klonowski was the next-highest scoring Plymouth player with six points.

Canton led 20-7 after one quarter, 31-13 at the intermission and 48-21 with eight minutes to play.

The lone basket by either team in the defense-dominated fourth quarter came when freshman Kaylie Martin buried a 17-foot jumper mid-way through the period.

The Chiefs shot a torrid 61.5 percent from the field (24-of-39) while the Wildcats connected on just 7-of-47 attempts (14.8 percent).

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Cavicchio leads pack for 2nd straight week

The prep cross country season is still young, but Salem senior runner Hannah Cavicchio has already worn out a path to the medal stand.

On Saturday, Cavicchio earned a gold medal — her second in as many weeks — at the Jackson Invitational, which was held at Sharp Park in Jackson. She also won the Holly Invitational held Sept. 16.

Cavicchio's 18:42.8 effort helped the Rocks finish in 10th place at the 20-team field. Their 243 points were 202 more than first-place Livonia Churchill, Saline (84), Clarkston (101), Grand Blanc (141) and East Kentwood (190) rounded out the top five spots.

Other Salem runners who earned points for coach Dave Gerlach's team were Kelley Determan (48th in 21:29), Kristen Dondzila (56th in 21:29), Sarah Kosteva (64th in 21:37), Kortney Marsh (78th in 21:49) and Sabrina Burcroff (98th in 22:42).

The Rocks' varsity "B" team competed in the Monroe Jefferson Invitational at Sterling State Park. Earning points for Salem were Megan Grady (36th in 23:44), Freyal Shah (43rd in 24:10), Emily Rossman (44th in 24:10), Alli York (45th in 24:14), Caitlyn Elliott (46th in 24:20), Amanda Barnett (57th in 24:50) and Rachel Morrison (63rd in 25:06).

CANTON BOYS 10TH

Led by junior Derek Hoerman's 40th-place finish, the Canton boys cross country team placed 10th at Saturday's Jackson Invitational, which was held at Sharp Park.

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Hoerman's time of 17:21 was seven seconds faster than the Chiefs' next finisher, Duncan Spitz, who was 47th in 17:28. Canton's other competitors were Kyle Clinton (54th in 17:36), Zack Spreitzer (59th in 17:41) and Aaron McClellan (18:04).

"We showed a lot of improvement over our previous best times," said Canton coach Bill Boyd.

Canton returns to action this afternoon when it competes in the WLAA Western Division meet, which will be hosted by Walled Lake Western.

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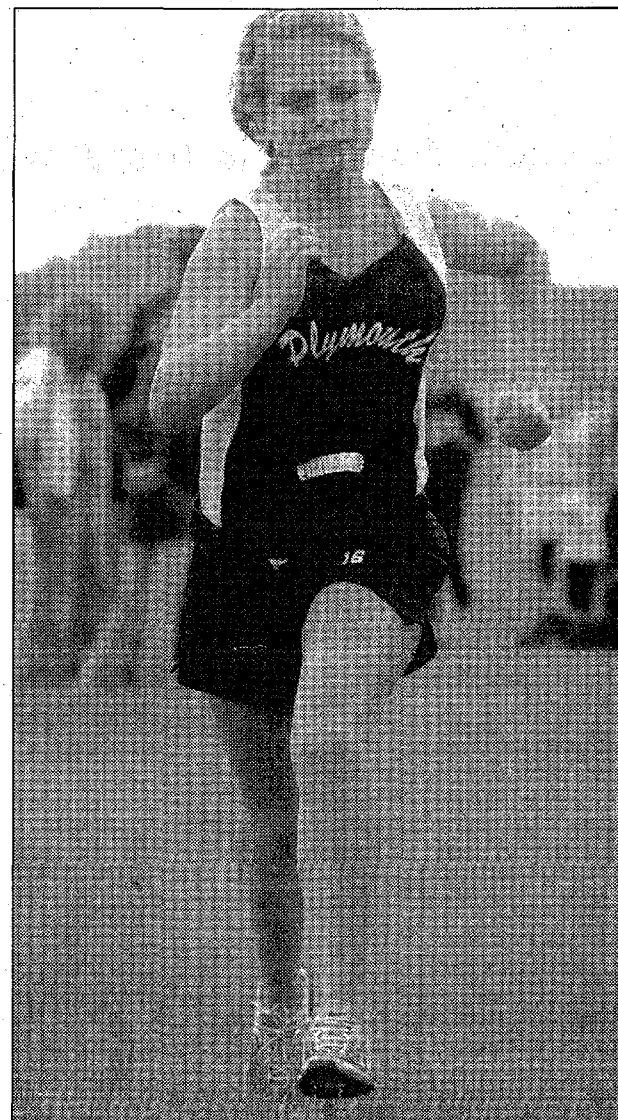
OLD SKOOL CLASSIC

The Plymouth girls cross country team competed in the Old Skool Classic Saturday in Romeo. The unique course offered obstacles that high school runners aren't used to seeing, said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin.

"It was a fun, true cross country course with hay bales to jump and a two-foot stream to cross in two places," said Kerwin, describing the course. "Our times were about 90 seconds slower than normal, but it was a lot of fun."

"I told the girls after the race, 'Now we get down to business.'"

Competing for the Wildcats were Molly Slavens (22:00), Beth Heldmeyer (22:22), Pam Bhullar (22:27), Sarah Balgooyen (23:15), Paula Green (23:48), Elise Chagas (24:52) and Julie Forster (25:09).



Plymouth's Beth Heldmeyer, pictured above at a race earlier this year, was the second Wildcat to cross the finish line at Saturday's Old Skool Classic in Romeo.

WHALERS

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Collins (second of the year) and Terry all scored single goals in regulation.

First star Evan Brophrey added five assists for the Whalers. Andrew Hotham scored twice for Erie, while Sean O'Connor, Mitch Gaulton, Josh Vatri and Derrick Bagshaw scored singles.

The Whalers fought from behind in another way as they were shorthanded 17 times and went 14-for-17 on the penalty kill. Referee Shaun Davis sent a constant parade of skaters to both penalty boxes all night long. Plymouth went 2-for-11 of the power play.

With the game tied at 2-2 after one period, Erie opened up a 4-2 lead in the second frame on goals by Hotham (9:43) and Bagshaw (11:37). But Neal scored his second goal of the game at 12:06 of the second period and Boll batted home a rebound at 15:51 and Plymouth tied the game at 4-4. Hotham scored again at 19:04 of the second period and Erie

led 5-4 after 40 minutes.

Gaulton scored his first OHL goal at 11:35 of the third period to give Erie a 6-4 lead, but Plymouth came back in the period to tie the game on Collins' goal at 14:26 and Terry's one-timer from the right dot at 16:32.

After a scoreless overtime, Hodgman appeared to score for Erie in the shootout, but the video replay showed the puck went over the goal line after the net was off its moorings. That set the stage for Terry's shootout winner, which was preserved when Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) stopped Hotham on the final shot of the shootout.

Plymouth outshot Erie, 34-28, through 65 minutes.

The Whalers are off until next Wednesday night when they play in Saginaw against the Spirit (7 p.m., www.plymouthwhalers.com) and Friday night when they play in Guelph (7:20 p.m., www.plymouthwhalers.com).

Plymouth's next home game is next Saturday night at 7:05 p.m. against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 173* W.L. WESTERN 173 Monday at St. John's G.C. *Won tie-breaker Salem scorers: Tyler Jeleniewski, 40; Quinton Higasson, 44; Joel Cheesman, 45; Eddie Mazonowicz, Adam Powers and Sam Ott, 46. Salem's WLAA dual-meet record: 4-2. LIVONIA STEVENSON 164 SALEM 167 Sept. 22 at Fox Creek Stevenson scorers: Shayne Giordano, 38 (medalist); Richard Wyman, Mike Niesyto and Drew Mossolan, 42 each; Drew Herron, 43; Andy Jones, 47. Salem scorers: Joel Cheesman, 40; Eddie Mazonowicz, 41; Tyler Jeleniewski, 42; Adam

Powers, 44; Quinton Higasson, 45; Matt Snidebush, 49. Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-4 WLAA; Salem, 3-2 WLAA.

CANTON 170 WAYNE MEMORIAL 206 Sept. 22 at Hilltop Canton scorers: Zach Conrad, 41 (medalist); Jeremy Lindbauer, 42; Clark Abers, 43; Derek Trooper and Brendan Muir, 44 each; Andrew Rickerman, 45. Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 47; Kevin Sample, 50; Kevin Froman, 54; Brent Patterson, 55; Andrew Morton, 58; Jack Zimmerman, 59. Dual meet records: Canton, 2-3 WLAA; Wayne, 0-6 WLAA.

Rock cagers win WLAA Lakes Division opener

The Salem girls basketball team got its WLAA Lakes Division schedule off to a rousing start Tuesday night when it dismantled visiting Livonia Stevenson, 45-33 in the division opener for both squads.

The victory improved the Rocks' overall record to 5-2 while the Spartans slipped to 1-7.

"We started kind of slow, but we had a nice second quarter and a very, very good third quarter," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Taylor Langham played a great game for us tonight."

Langham finished with a game-high 12 points and seven steals to spark the winners. Also making major contributions to the victory were junior guard Alaya Mitchell (10

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points and eight assists), sophomore forward Chelsea Davis (eight points and seven rebounds) and senior forward Lauren Kurtz, who pulled down seven boards.

Allison Smith twined 12 points and Janice Hollandsworth contributed 10 for the Spartans.

Stevenson led 7-6 after one quarter, but it was short-lived after the Rocks stormed back to take a 20-13 halftime advantage and 37-24 lead after three quarters.

Salem made 14-of-25 free throws while the Spartans were 4-of-8 from charity stripe.

The Rocks host Walled Lake

Central tonight before traveling to Ann Arbor Huron on Saturday for a 12:30 p.m. non-conference showdown with the River Rats.

BAPTIST PARK 39, AGAPE 37: The visiting Wildcats scored on a putback with one second left to hand the Wolverines a heart-breaking setback Tuesday night. The lost dropped Agape to 4-4 overall and 1-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Baptist Park, on the other hand, improved to 3-4 and 1-1, respectively.

"We were up nine in the fourth quarter until both of our senior leaders (Brianna Chrenko and Katie Lambert) fouled out," said Agape coach Rob Stockman. "I was very

proud of the five girls we had out there on the floor at the end, but we couldn't quite hold them off."

Despite her foul troubles, Chrenko finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Kaitlin Foreman also had a strong game, scoring 11.

Katie Arndt paced the winners with 14. Agape's Caroline Jungquist hit 1-of-2 free throws with 10 seconds remaining to knot the score at 37 before the Wildcats' last-second heroics.

The Wolverines led 13-10 after one quarter before Baptist Park rebounded to grab a 20-19 halftime advantage. Agape secured a 28-23 lead with eight minutes to play.

Agape connected on just 10-of-24 free throws.

Rolfe and Jeong lead Plymouth to victory

Juniors Colin Rolfe and Dan Jeong both scored two goals a piece to lead the Wildcats to a convincing 6-0 triumph over the Walled Lake Western in a WLAA Western Division showdown played Monday on the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

The Wildcats led 4-0 at the half and never looked back. The victory improved Plymouth's record to 8-4-3 overall and 4-2-2 in the Western Division.

"It wasn't one of those high-pressure games that we've been playing in the past couple of weeks," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "The kids took care of business and it was nice to get a shutout."

Senior net-minder Mike Baretta whitewashed Western by stopping all five shots that came his way.

Robert Matar and Steve Schaeffler scored single goals for Plymouth.

On Friday, the Wildcats upended Livonia Franklin, 7-2, in a make-up game that was highlighted by the play of Rolfe, who recorded two goals and three assists.

CANTON 9, WAYNE 1: On Monday, Junior forward Eric Piwowar scored five goals to lead the Chiefs to a lopsided victory over the visiting Zebras in a WLAA Western Division match-up played at the P-CEP varsity stadium. The game was halted with 10:30 left in the second half due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's eight-goal mercy rule.

The victory improved Canton's record to 10-2-3 overall, 8-0-2 in the WLAA and 6-

0-2 in the division.

The Chiefs secured command of the contest early as they led 5-0 at the intermission.

Also scoring goals for the winners were senior Austin Poirier and junior Tim Belcher, who netted two a piece. One of Poirier's net-finders was off a penalty kick.

Kyle Gring (three), Keith Campbell (two) and Andy Huang (two) all registered assists for the Chiefs.

Junior Kevin Krause earned the victory in goal for the Chiefs.

The Zebras' lone goal came approximately 15 minutes into the second half.

AGAPE 2, FRANKLIN RD. 1: On Tuesday, the Wolverines won thanks to goals from Donald Mullett and Tyler Majeski and strong goal-keeping from junior Jared Miller, who stopped five shots.

Brandon Pierson and Mark Mullett notched assists for the winners, who improved to 4-6-1 overall and 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Franklin Road slipped to 2-7-1 and 1-4-1, respectively.

WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 5, AGAPE 3: On Monday at Canton's Independence Park, Mason Duling recorded a hat-trick for the winners, who never trailed after earning a 3-1 halftime advantage.

Tyler Majeski, Donald Mullett and Timi Olojo scored single goals for Agape. Junior goal-keeper Jared Miller smothered seven shots for the Wolverines.

Jesse Pipe and Micah Goss both had net-finders for Washtenaw.

SALEM 1, WARREN DeLASSALLE 1:

In a battle of two of the top-ranked teams in the state, the Rocks earned a draw when Bobby Towne found the back of the net with less than three minutes to play.

Salem entered the game against the top-ranked Pilots with a No. 4 ranking in Division 1.

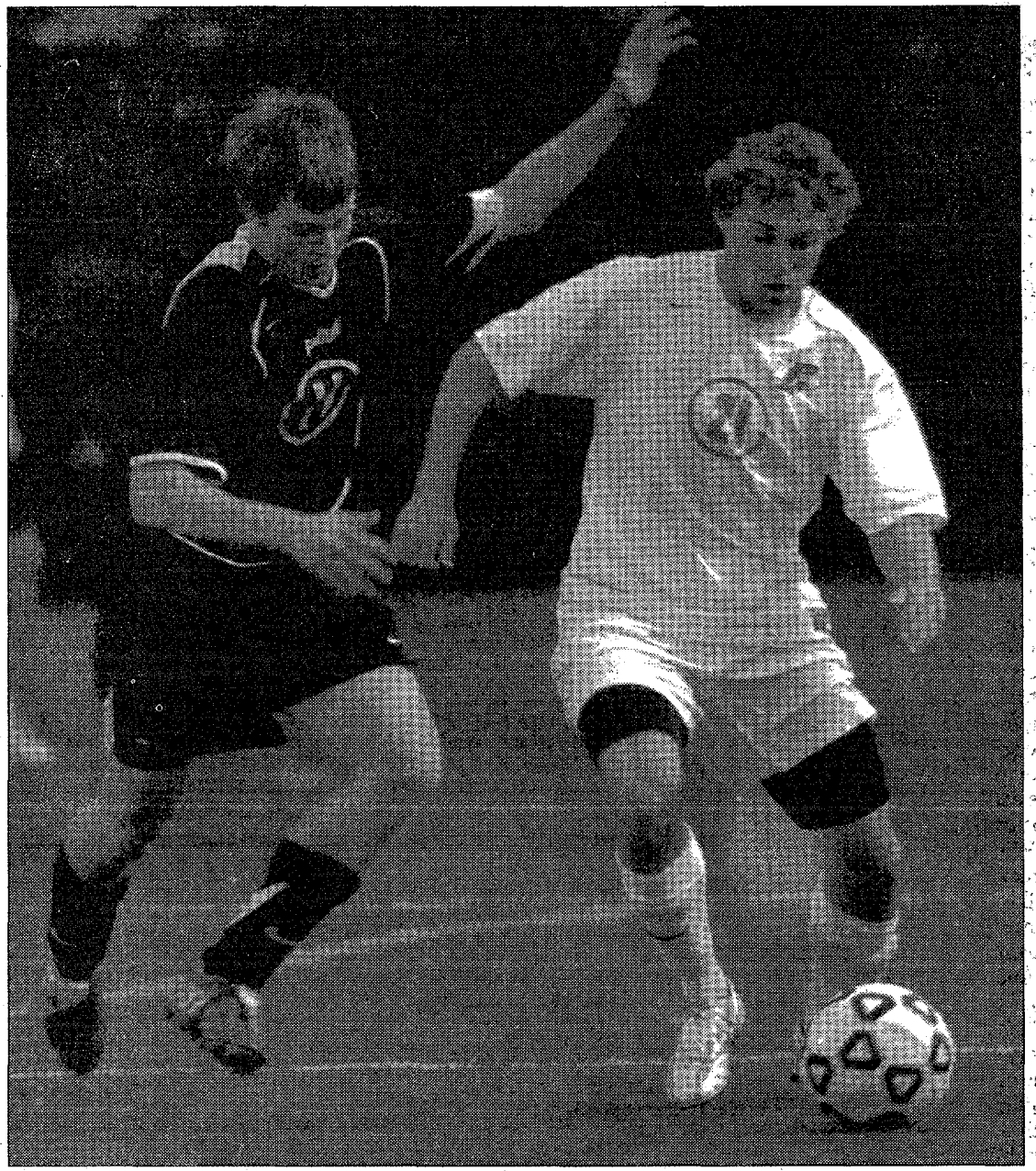
The hard-fought, physical game — which was played in soggy conditions — was scoreless at the half. DeLaSalle's Spencer Thompson finally broke the scoring ice with a goal early in the second half. Towne's game-tying goal was unassisted.

CANTON 4, W.L. WESTERN 0: The Chiefs stayed alive in the race for the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title on Sept. 20 with a convincing shutout victory over the host Warriors.

The win improved the Chiefs' record to 9-1-3 overall, 7-0-2 in the WLAA and 5-0-2 in the Western Division. Northville and Canton are tied for the top spot after the Mustangs' narrow 4-3 victory over Plymouth on Sept. 20.

The two teams will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in a game that may decide the division champion.

The Chiefs received a pair of second-half goals from Willie Noetzel and single net-finders from Kyle Gring and Scott Zech. Eric Zech, Keith Campbell and Kyle Biega all notched assists for the winners.



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Canton's Eric Piwowar (right), pictured in a game earlier this season, tallied five goals in the Chiefs' 9-1 victory over Wayne Memorial Monday night.

Parker Laabs recorded the shutout for the Chiefs, knocking away four shots.

A.A. PIONEER 2, CANTON 1: On Friday night, the Pioneers scored on a Canton own goal late in the second half to notch the non-conference victory. The setback dropped Canton to 9-2-3 while Pioneer

improved to 8-1-2.

"Pioneer has a very good team — I don't know why they're not in the top 10," said Canton coach George Tomasso.

The Chiefs' lone goal came on senior mid-fielder Keith Campbell's penalty kick midway through the second half.

BAPTIST PARK 3, CANTON AGAPE 1:

In a Michigan Independent Athletic conference match played Friday, Brandon Pierson scored for the Wolverines, who received an assist from Mark Mullett. Jared Miller stopped eight shots between the pipes for Agape.

SWIM RESULTS

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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Stevenson 1:56.89

Ladywood 2:06.13

200 FREESTYLE

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:01.41

Kelley Hodges (Ladywood) 2:09.90

Emily Cauzillo (Stevenson) 2:13.49

Laura Hurn (Stevenson) 2:14.47

Addy Turlo (Stevenson) 2:14.94

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:14.38

Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 2:18.96

Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 2:23.92

Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 2:28.47

Megan Hodges (Ladywood) 2:30.49

50 FREESTYLE

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 25.51

Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 26.26

Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 26.56

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 26.69

Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 26.76

DIVING

Samantha Santeiu (Ladywood) 174.70

Amanda Keedle (Stevenson) 172.57

Carla McNamara (Stevenson) 161.10

Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood) 145.60

Juliann Kwasiuk (Stevenson), 145.12

100 BUTTERFLY

Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:04.40

Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:04.61

Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:07.01

Kelley Hodges (Ladywood) 1:07.96

Sarah Opdyke (Stevenson) 1:10.33

100 FREESTYLE

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 55.33

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 56.37

Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 58.27

Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 58.82

Brittany Eilers (Stevenson) 1:00.52

500 FREESTYLE

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 5:17.14

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 5:24.53

Megan Hodges (Ladywood) 5:54.06

Emily Cauzillo (Stevenson) 5:54.30

Addy Turlo (Stevenson) 6:02.78

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Stevenson 1:48.03

Ladywood 1:50.19

100 BACKSTROKE

Ashley Gordon (Stevenson) 1:04.30

Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:07.01

Megan Holycross (Stevenson) 1:08.88

Katie Kress (Stevenson) 1:09.86

Kieran Dolin (Stevenson) 1:12.00

100 BREASTSTROKE

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:09.31

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:11.88

Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 1:15.05

Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 1:16.10

Laura Hurn (Stevenson) 1:19.64

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Stevenson 3:47.57

Ladywood 4:04.58

Area coaches are urged to report their swim bests via e-mail by 3 p.m. each Sunday to Livonia Stevenson coach Greg Phill at gregphill@sbcglobal.net.

TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 8 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0

Tuesday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Katlyn Foster, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Ashley McDermott, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Nikki Fata, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Dana Anderson (S) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Claire Madill-Linda Ling (S) def. Jenna Zuccarini-Kelly Felner, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S) def. Ruchi Shah-Lauren Vella, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4; No. 3: Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Danielle Vasko-Brianna Devlin, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; No. 4: Taz Mohammed-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Stephanie Mozurkewich-Kendall Gilbert, 6-1, 6-3.

Dual meet records: Salem, 5-1 Western Lakes Activities Association; Churchill, 3-8-1 overall, 2-7 WLAA.

SALEM 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

Monday at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Kelsey Judd, 7-5, 6-2; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Pam Richardson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Emily Wisniewski (F) def. Allie Carpenter, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Dana Anderson (S) def. Angela Vicini, 6-2, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Claire Madill-Linda Ling (S) def. Mariel Meyers-Michele Thompson, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S) def. Emily Schwartz-Jessica Stchur, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Jennifer Neamtu-Lauren Osiwala, 7-6(5), 6-1; No. 4: Taz Mohammed-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Linda Comini-Angela Tomassini, 6-0, 6-2.

Salem's WLAA record: 4-1.

PLYMOUTH 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

Sept. 22 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Sarah Hillegonds (P) defeated Kelsey Judd, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6; No. 2: Natalie Maurer (P) def. Pam Richardson, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Kelly Armbruster (P) def. Emily Wisniewski, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Emily Sinito (P) def. Angela Vicini, 6-0, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Mariel Meyers-Michelle Thompson (LF) def. Amanda Hastings-Kylie MacKenzie, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Ellen Mitchell-Lauren Strahm (P) def. Emily Schwartz-Jessica Stchur, 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Whitney Askew-Chelsea Craig (P) def. Lauren Osiwala-Jennifer Neamtu, 7-5, 6-2; No. 4: Linda Comini-Angela Tomassini (P) def. Elise Humphries-Lauren Thiele, 6-2, 7-5.

Franklin's dual meet record: 1-8 overall, 1-6 WLAA.

SALEM 7 W.L. WESTERN 1

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) def. Erin Goldman, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Tracy Lytle (S) def. Rhianon Todoroff, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Dilla Muthukuda, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Dana Anderson (S) def. Radhey Raval, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Claire Madill-Linda Ling (S) def. Kelly Doherty-Danielle Weeratunga, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2: Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley (S), def. Jessica Gilbert-Lindsay Hayes, 6-2, 1-1; No. 3: Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Michele Cha-Amanda Robertson, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 4: Kendra Colbert-Sarah Keen (WLW) def. Ariel Rojo-Tazneem Mohanmad, 7-6(3), 5-7, 2-6.

Salem's record: 3-1 in WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 SALEM 0

Sept. 20 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Ashley Moccia (LS) def. Alex Ware, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Tracy Lytle, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Lindsey Hostetter (LS) def. Allie Carpenter, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Dana Anderson, 6-7(1), 7-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Julie Francisco-Larua Sims (LS) def. Claire Madill-Linda Ling, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Amelia Lepping-Courtney Bunna (LS) def. Kait McKinley-Liz McKinley, 6-4, 6-7(3), 6-3; No. 3: Laura Dilude-Rachel Simari (LS) def. Stephanie Simowski-Raluca Bugescu, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; No. 4: Kate Roberts-Katherine Morse (LS) def. Jaclyn Hoover-Alex Lamb, 6-4, 7-6(4).

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Sept. 19 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Emily Hoernschmeyer (Canton) defeated Lucy Klinko, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Ashley Madau (Canton) def. Katlyn Foster, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Ashley McDermott (LC) def. Janell Karimene, 6-2, 7-5; No. 4: Emily Misko (Canton) def. Nikki Fata, 6-2, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Johanna Alexander-Gungun Malhotra (Canton) def. Ruchi Shah-Kelly Felner, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Katie Schwenn-Janelle Burdiss (Canton) def. Jenna Zuccarini-Lauren Vella, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Kathleen Marcinkowski-Amy Provost (Canton) def. Brianna Devlin-Kelly Houghan, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Sara Raheem-Megan Staub (Canton) def. Courtney Bennett-Kendall Gilbert, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3. Churchill's dual meet record: 2-5-1 overall, 1-4 WLAA.

Ignition to open at home against Blast

The Detroit Ignition will open its inaugural Major Indoor Soccer League season against the defending MISL champion Baltimore Blast on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Compuware Sports Arena, the team announced on Monday.

Game-time is scheduled to begin at 7:35 p.m. with the gates opening to the public an hour earlier. Immediately following the game, fans attending the home opener will have the opportunity to participate in an Inaugural Game Jersey

Auction, which will feature special-edition, game-worn Ignition jerseys with inaugural game insignia.

The 2006-07 regular season will feature 30 contests consisting of 15-home and 15-road dates beginning with the Nov. 4 match and ending at home on Sunday, April 1, versus the Chicago Storm. All Ignition home games will take place on weekend dates with six games on Friday, three on Saturday, and six on Sunday. A month-by-month break-

down of the club's schedule has the Ignition beginning the season with four contests in November and seven in the month of December.

Once 2007 rolls around, the first-year squad faces eight matchups in January, three in February, seven in March before the season home finale on April 1.

The Ignition competes in seven back-to-back matches, three of which include an away contest in the first game of the set with a home game

to follow. The remaining four series consist of a home outing followed by a road game.

Detroit Ignition season tickets, birthday packages, five-game mini-plans and family four packs are available by calling the Ignition box office at (888) 436-4625.

Single-game tickets will be available through the Ignition box office and at all TicketMaster outlets beginning Oct. 2. Tickets will also be available at www.ticketmaster.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

LIONS VICTORIOUS

The Canton Lions varsity football team improved its record to 2-1 this past week-end with a 38-13 landslide over the Lincoln Railsplitters. Devin Burke booted four two-point conversion kicks for the winners, who received strong offensive line play from Austin Jatzcak, Corey Felts and Anthony Abro. Defensively, the Lions were led by Maximilian Chiang, Brock Wickens, Matt Schultz and Brandon Ciciotti.

The Lions JV squad improved to 3-0 with a 51-0 triumph over Lincoln. Scoring touchdowns for the winners were Josh Peterson, Kevin Buford, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Josh Nolan, Matt Harris, Kyle Durham and Nathan Emminger. Lucas Bunting and Jordan Smith added extra points to round out the scoring.

The Lions' defense yielded just 40 total yards thanks to

the fine efforts of Brandon Congdon, Kyle Dexter, Zach Salvaggio, Alex Smith and Daniel Zugaj.

The Lions freshmen squad upped its record to 2-1 with a convincing 20-0 win. The Railsplitters were shutout on the scoreboard and in the first-down department thanks in part to the stellar play of safety Robert Guajardo, who defended two passes and intercepted a third. Offensively, Westen Price scored on a punt return and a short run while Kenny Arnold closed the scoring with a goal-line plunge in the fourth quarter.

STEELERS TAKE 2-OF-3

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team defeated the Ypsilanti Braves, 30-6, on Sunday. Ben Poirier and Tyler Goble made significant contributions to the winners' defense while Denis Dinella starred for the team's offensive line. Steeler kicker

Anthony LeMerise was good on all four of his extra-point attempts. The Steelers junior-varsity contingent dropped a 39-18 decision despite strong offensive efforts from Kyle Cameron, Joshua Mayberry and Dillon Rahill, all of whom scored TD's. The defense was paced by Lucas McKinney.

The Steelers' freshmen improved to 3-0 with a 25-12 victory. Jalen Hemphill and Trenton Shelby sparked the offense while Thomas Jones anchored the defensive unit. Dakota Lynn recovered a fumble for the winners.

PC PRIDE ELECTIONS

The PC Pride girls fastpitch softball organization will be holding Board of Director elections Nov. 15, 2006. Anyone who is a member in good standing with the organization is eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Directors.

The offices of president, secretary and four at-large positions will be up for election.

Those interested in serving on the board should send a letter to Scott Ampe, the current Pride vice president, indicating which office they are interested in and a paragraph about their qualifications for the position. Letters must be received by Oct. 15.

Send the letters to: PC Pride, c/o Scott Ampe, 46409 Aarons Way, Canton, MI 48188.

T-BIRDS NEED PLAYERS

The Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball association is looking for players for the 2007 season for its 10u, 12u and 14u teams. Tryouts will be held Oct. 7 at Griffin Park in Canton. The 10u tryouts will begin at 10:30 a.m.; the 12u will start at 11:30 a.m. and the 14u will commence at 12:30 p.m. For more information or to schedule an individual tryout during practice, send an email to playfastpitch@hotmail.com; or call Ray at (734) 417-1421.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 29

W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 28

Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Inter-City at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30

Salem at A.A. Huron, 12:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 29

A.A. Huron at Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.

Lutheran Westland at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30

Troy at Canton, 12:30 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept. 28

Canton and Plymouth at

Wayne Memorial at Salem

at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.

Offensive coordinator Martz returns to

This week, it's not about Rod Marinelli. The new Lions coach takes a back seat to his offensive coordinator. Mike Martz created "The Greatest Show on Turf" when he led the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl in 2001. He already had a Super Bowl ring from coordinating Dick Vermeil's offense in St. Louis in 1999.

The Lions are in the Edward Jones Dome this Sunday and all eyes will be on Martz. Last season was a nightmare for the man who was the toast of the town along the Mississippi just a few years ago. He missed the last 11 games in 2005 with a heart ailment. When all was said and done, Martz was out of a gig and his future was murkier than the river mentioned two sentences ago.

"I think the most compelling reason (for Martz's firing in St. Louis) was the direction of the team," Rams President John Shaw said the



Mark Wilson

day Martz was canned in January. "It's a direction we think we need to change right now."

Martz was 56-36, including the postseason, in his five-plus seasons with the Rams. In most places, he would get a contract extension and a parade. In Missouri, his name was mud. There was even a Web site dedicated to his firing. They wanted him gone, even though only five head coaches in NFL history recorded 50 wins faster than the native of South Dakota.

His innovative offense that produced all sorts of records is exactly why Marinelli wanted him as offensive coordinator in Detroit. Despite initially turning down the Lions' offer,

Martz relented and took the gig.

"That man has won and he knows how to move the football," Marinelli said when Martz was hired here Feb. 8.

"I look forward to the challenge of helping Rod turn this thing around," Martz said his first day in Allen Park.

So far, it has been a slow go through three games. Martz's offense started to bust out a little in the loss to the Packers. Jon Kitna threw for 342 yards and two touchdowns. The 342 represented the second highest total in his 10-year NFL career.

"We got it going in spurts and you saw glimpses of what's coming. Still, we left a lot of points on the field," Kitna said to reporters following the Lions' third loss of 2006.

There is still reason to believe that Martz can get this done despite some major talent

issues. Roy Williams looked terrific last Sunday and Kevin Jones finally started to run the football like we know he can. Getting the offensive line healthy and on the same page will be the key deal for Martz as the season goes by.

This will be a big week for the ex-Rams coach. He knows he will be a subplot to Week 4 in the NFL. When the game was first announced on the schedule, Martz really didn't want to address it. There are still plenty of open wounds left from his exit.

"I've got nothing but love for coach Martz," Rams All-Pro running back Marshall Faulk said to reporters on the day Martz was dumped in St. Louis.

His players stood by him. They know his offense won them a lot of games and in turn made them a lot of money during his tenure.

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St. Louis with his latest show on turf

When you have an offense with its own name, know it's something special. That got the fans' goat was how the end of the season. Joe Vitt replaced Martz on an interim basis. Martz's offensive coordinator, Mike Fairchild, was calling the plays. While recovering from his ailment, Martz was watching a game at home on television. He tried to get some information to Fairchild by phone, but he was blocked by Shaw. It heated up the conflict between Martz and the front office. Martz doesn't even know where to begin, so I'll say we need to get rid of the worst coach I've ever seen!" one disgruntled Rams blogger wrote on the Internet site FireMartz.com. How quickly they forgot. Gone were all the games and the yards and the records and the two Super Bowl appearances. Don't even talk about the five playoff spots in seven

years or the four 10-win seasons. St. Louis freaks saw 2005 and that was good enough for them. Their biggest complaint about Martz? He wouldn't run the football, even though Kurt Warner was setting new marks by throwing like crazy. It was true that under Martz, the Rams had no thousand-yard rusher in his final three seasons. Last year, Steven Jackson did go over 1,000 yards, but that was with Martz away from the sidelines. Marinelli needs to keep the Lions focused this week. This is no time to get caught up in childish hype from St. Louis people who didn't appreciate what Martz did for them. The Rams were a franchise that hadn't won a league championship since 1951. Then again, who's counting? At least there were no guarantees last week.

Lions players kept their mouths shut. The only one to guarantee anything happened to be me. I was prompted by a certain Lions captain. Thanks Dré. "Why don't you go and guarantee a win over Green Bay. Are you willing to do that?" asked cornerback Dré Bly on his radio show, which I host every Thursday. "C'mon Mark; guarantee a victory!" After getting his wish, Bly was happy but it mattered not in the outcome against Brett Favre and the Packers. Favre was amazing as he eclipsed the 400 mark in career touchdown passes. He joins only Dan Marino with that many career TD tosses. "I go right back to work and make sure we see where we need to improve and go from there," Marinelli said. St. Louis won ugly at Arizona last Sunday.

QB Marc Bulger threw for over 300 yards, while Warner, the former Rams signal caller, was picked off three times by an improved Rams defense. Scott Linehan is in his first head coaching assignment, just like Marinelli. Linehan has two wins already. Rams receiver Tory Holt had 120 yards against the Cardinals. His brother Terrence will play against him this weekend. It's just another subplot to a game that needs no more subplots. This will be the Lions' first trip to the Edward Jones Dome. In fact, it's their first trip to St. Louis since the Rams moved from Los Angeles in 1995. Welcome home, Mike Martz. Mark Wilson is host of the Lions pre- and postgame shows on WKRC-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscenter of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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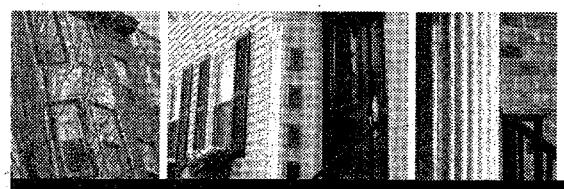
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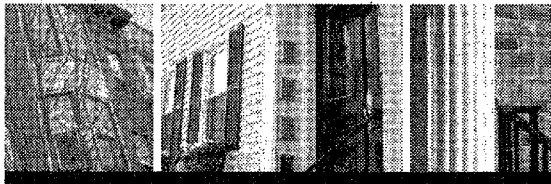
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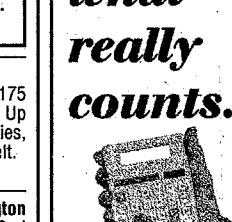
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VIRTUAL SELLING - A MIXED BAG



WORKWISE
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Virtual selling is dominated by technology — telephone, e-mail, fax and Web sites. In some businesses, customer and salesperson never meet.

Internet advertising, including search engine advertising and banners, will reach seven billion dollars.

Some companies combine virtual with face-to-face (traditional) selling. For example, Herb Davis, CEO of Virtual Management Inc. (VM), in St. George, Utah, prospects virtually to sell his electronic virtual assistant, EVA. It's a support system for individual salespeople that tracks, converts and manages data, he says. We capture it all by voice. This isn't voice recognition, but live transcribers. The system, which begins at \$49.95 per month, enables users to report on meetings and other events while they're driving. Reports subsequently appear in their in-boxes. The company schedules go-to meetings with decision-makers on computer and by telephone. After the virtual demonstration, which introduces the concept of residual income, VM schedules an in-person meeting.

THE GOOD, THE BAD
Overhead for virtual selling is much lower than that of traditional selling because of scaled-down need. Gone is the impressive, opulent office with all of the accoutrements. At the same time, Betterly notes, location isn't critical: You can have a small location in a small town (and still have a big image). But you can't have a virtual restaurant and the store is open 24 hours per day.

You may not be effective if you aren't an extremely good communicator, according to David Fields, managing director of Ascendant Consulting L.L.C., in Ridgefield, Conn. Without that skill, remote sales techniques, such as

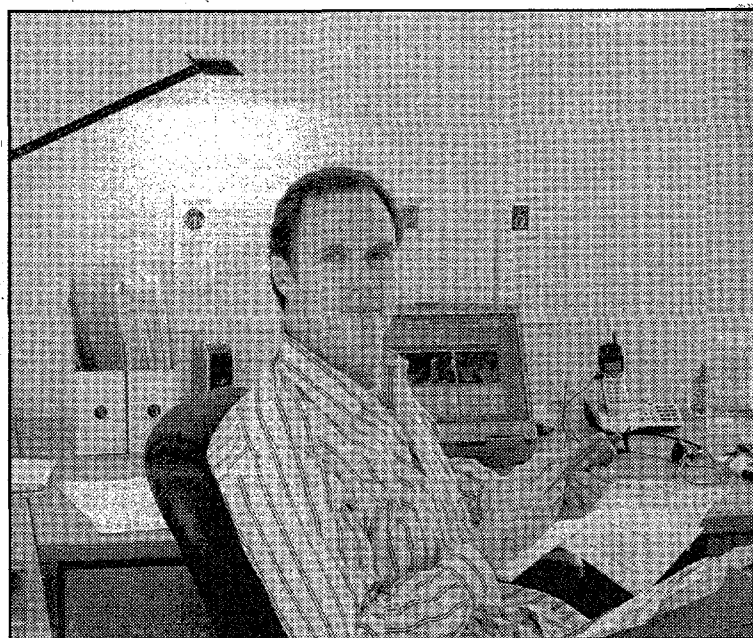
telemarketing and virtual selling, can have low success rate, according to his white paper called *In Sales, Nothing You Say Matters*. He also writes that a buyer with little imagination may present a roadblock.

Parks mentions how frustrating it can be when a person skips a telephone appointment. He also mentions the challenge to your credibility when you're on a conference call, where one person is missing. You're working virtually; so, there's only you. So, do you kick the desk? he asks.

Some (no-shows) never apologize. Managing that frustration and keeping the optimism can be tough, he points out. But, he concedes, virtual salespeople lose a lot less time and money than if they fly to another city and are stood up. To minimize the problem, he reminds via e-mail.

The other frustration, he adds, is that you don't get to build the relationship. It's a download of facts and the telephone line.

Although Betterly extols the fact that search engines and word-of-mouth marketing replace cold calls, she states that the existence of six million Web



David Parks, Bluepoint Leadership Development's vice president of Sales and Marketing, in his "war room" just before a sale.

sites makes finding you the biggest barrier for entry. You have to adjust your site until it starts to sell for you.

You also have to pay much greater attention to customer feedback than in traditional selling and your Web site must reflect friendliness. If you don't answer someone's question, she remarks, the person will walk out of your store and (rhetorically speaking) you can't say, Oh, wait a minute. Can I help you?

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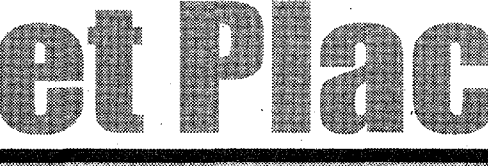
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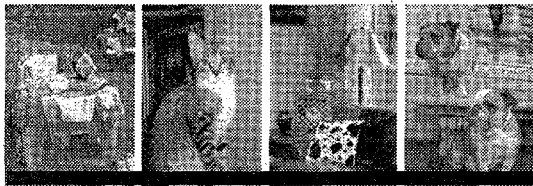
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1882 Princeton 1 block N. of 11 Mile Rd., 4 blocks W. of Woodward, 9/28-9/30, 9-4pm. Multi household extravaganza!

BIRMINGHAM

477 Fairfax, N. of Maple W. of Southfield Rd., Sept 29-30th, 9-4pm. Huge sale! Furniture, fridge, appliances, many smalls.

BIRMINGHAM

Annual Abbey Terraces Condo Sale - Sat, Sept. 30, 10am-4pm. N. Adams, between Maple/Big Beaver. Antiques, collectibles, household, much misc.

BIRMINGHAM

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 10am-2pm. 1922 Derby Rd., off Adams Rd., between 15/16 Mile. King size Beauty Rest Mattress Set, furniture, household items, clothing & misc.

BIRMINGHAM

Multi-Family Sale. Sat., Sept. 30, 9am. 1090 Puritan, N. off Maple, W. of Woodward. Furniture, household items.

BIRMINGHAM

460 Bonnie Briar, Old Woodward & Maple Rd. By Booth Park. Sept 30-Oct 1st, 9-4pm. Furniture, toys (Rokenbok, K'Nex), kids' clothes (Garnet Hill), etc.

BIRMINGHAM

1530 Pilgrim, 9/28-29, 9am-5pm. 3 streets W. of Woodward, S. of Quarten Furniture, clothes (adults & girls), collectibles, toys, etc.

BIRMINGHAM

883 Ridgedale Ave., N. of Maple, W. of Adams Rd. Sept 29th, 8-4pm. Furniture, yard & household items, holiday, & much more!

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1490 Fairfax, S. of 16 Mile, W. of Woodward. Sept. 28 & 29, 8:30-5:30pm. Household goods, antiques, rugs

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS TWP Stillmeadow Garage Sale. Fri-Sat. Sept. 29-30, 9-4pm. N. off Long Lake, W. of Lahser, follow signs.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Sept. 28-30, Oct. 1, 9-3. 4807 Tully Rd., E/Franklin, N/Lone Pine Rd. Furniture, household, clothes, misc.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS: 5 family yard sale!

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9am to 5pm. 7710 Claymore Ct. E. off Brunswick or Charrington, between Warren & Joy. Furniture, household goods, clothing, games, bikes & more

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CLARKSTON ESTATE SALE:

2929 Glenwood Creek, Waldon Creek Sub, Waldon Rd & Sashabaw Thurs-Sat., Sept. 28-30 9am-4pm

CLARKSTON

3 Family Garage Sale - 6153 Lake Waldon Dr., off Waldon Rd. Fri. & Sat., 9am-4pm. Baby stuff, furniture & more!

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FARMINGTON HILLS MULTI FAMILY

32928 THORNDYKE CT., Canterbury Commons, 13 Mile & Farmington Rd. Sept. 29, 9-3. Furniture, housewares, accessories, bikes, sporting goods, antiques, collectibles, exercise equip., books.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Huge Sale

Sept. 30-October 1, 9-4. 25404 Rutledge Crossing, 11 Mile/Drake. Baby equip., toys, furniture, housewares & more.

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Sept. 28 & 29, 9-4. 30551 Essex, 13/Halstead. Furniture, appliances, household, antiques, electronics, etc.

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FARMINGTON HILLS: 2 FAMILY

Thurs-Sat., Sept. 28-30, 8:30-4, 31202 Westwood, S of 14 Mile, E. off Drake. Washer/dryer, clothing, misc

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When Hyundai rolled out its first vehicles to Americans in the 1980s, the automaker was dogged by perceptions of poor quality. Nearly two decades later, throw in some J.D. Power awards and a 10-year/100,000-mile warranty that is one of the best in the industry, and the Korean automaker no longer has to worry about image problems.

Which brings us to the 2006 Hyundai Azera. Hyundai has a proven track record, thanks to the success of its small vehicles, sedans, sport utility vehicles and minivans.

But it lacked a premium luxury flagship sedan until now. With the 2006 Hyundai Azera, this automaker has a solid flagship and much more. With agile handling, a well-crafted interior and impressive exterior design, the Azera successfully brings together an affordable sedan with premium features.

The Azera replaces the Hyundai XG350, but is much more polished and luxurious.

It's a Hyundai like you've never seen before.

It is an impressive value that's chock full of standard items: Electronic Stability Control, 16-inch alloy wheels, side curtain airbags and a 3.8-liter, V-6 are standard. The only thing optional on the Azera SE model we tested were the \$85 floor mats.

Can you really merge affordability and impressive details? Hyundai proves it can with the Azera. Available in two trims, the SE and Limited, Hyundai bills it as its most luxurious car ever, and we can see why. Taking its cue from competitors like Honda and Toyota, Hyundai produces a well-crafted, stylish vehicle for a lot less. In fact, the Azera beats some luxury vehicles that cost thousands more.

Dual front automatic climate controls are standard. So are leather seats in the Limited model, as well as a power rear sunshade and electroluminescent instrument panel.

Our model was \$24,420 and we were amazed at the features. Hyundai didn't skimp on quality. The Azera had plenty of interior room there was no need for our three elementary school-aged children to squirm and wiggle for more room—with 38 inches of legroom in the rear.

Trunk space was ample.



2006 Hyundai Azera SE. Vehicle class: luxury sedan. Power: 3.8-liter V-6 engine. Mileage: 19 city / 28 highway. Where built: Korea. Price as tested: \$24,420.

The Azera has a sophisticated and refined design. Its aerodynamic cabin is designed to cut wind noise and maximize stability. The center stack is trimmed in wood and aluminum. Wood-like accents surround the dashboard and door panels. The contrast-stitches seats were plush and comfortable.

Our only beef? The woodlike accents, bordered by a gray trim, on the dashboard and front passenger doors, looked cheap.

With so many standard features, some things are optional. A power sunroof, 10-speaker Infinity audio system with an in-dash CD changer, and heated front seats are additional.

There are numerous safety features. There are eight airbags, including rear-seat mounted-side impact bags and roof-mounted side curtain airbags, electronic stability control with traction control that uses a microprocessor to analyze speed, steering and throttle to help maintain control.

There's also project headlights and fog lamps, bright LED taillamps and anti-lock brakes.

But all those standard features wouldn't mean much if the Azera wasn't a pleasure to drive. On the road, the Azera was a strong performer. Powered by a new, 3.8-liter V6 engine with 263 horsepower and 255-lb-ft of torque, the Azera is no slouch when it comes to performance.

Hyundai calls the Azera one of the quickest cars it has

ever built. You definitely notice how fast it goes, reaching speeds of 0 to 60 mph in 6.5 seconds, faster than the Toyota Avalon.

It expertly handled country roads and expressways. For even more power, the engine uses continuously variable valve timing and a variable intake system that helps both cylinders breathe at high and low RPM.

The Azera blows out the competition. The Azera's 3.8-liter engine has more standard horsepower than the Ford Five Hundred and the Buick Lacrosse. And gives more torque than the Ford Five Hundred and the Toyota Avalon.

Mated with a five-speed automatic transmission with Shifttronic control, it smoothly shifts the transmission over a wider range to allow for quiet driving.

A double wishbone suspension system, combined with reinforced steel in critical areas, a multi-link rear suspension and twin-tube gas-charged dampers, give the Azera precise steering and handling.

Seventeen-inch wheels, leather-trimmed, heated seats and bumper molding with chrome inserts are standard on the Limited. Power foot pedals and rain sensing wipers are extra.

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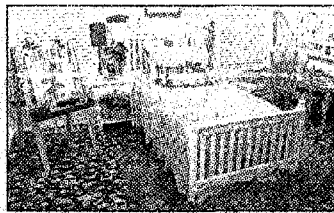
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Fire up those chili pots!

Cookoff returns to Plymouth

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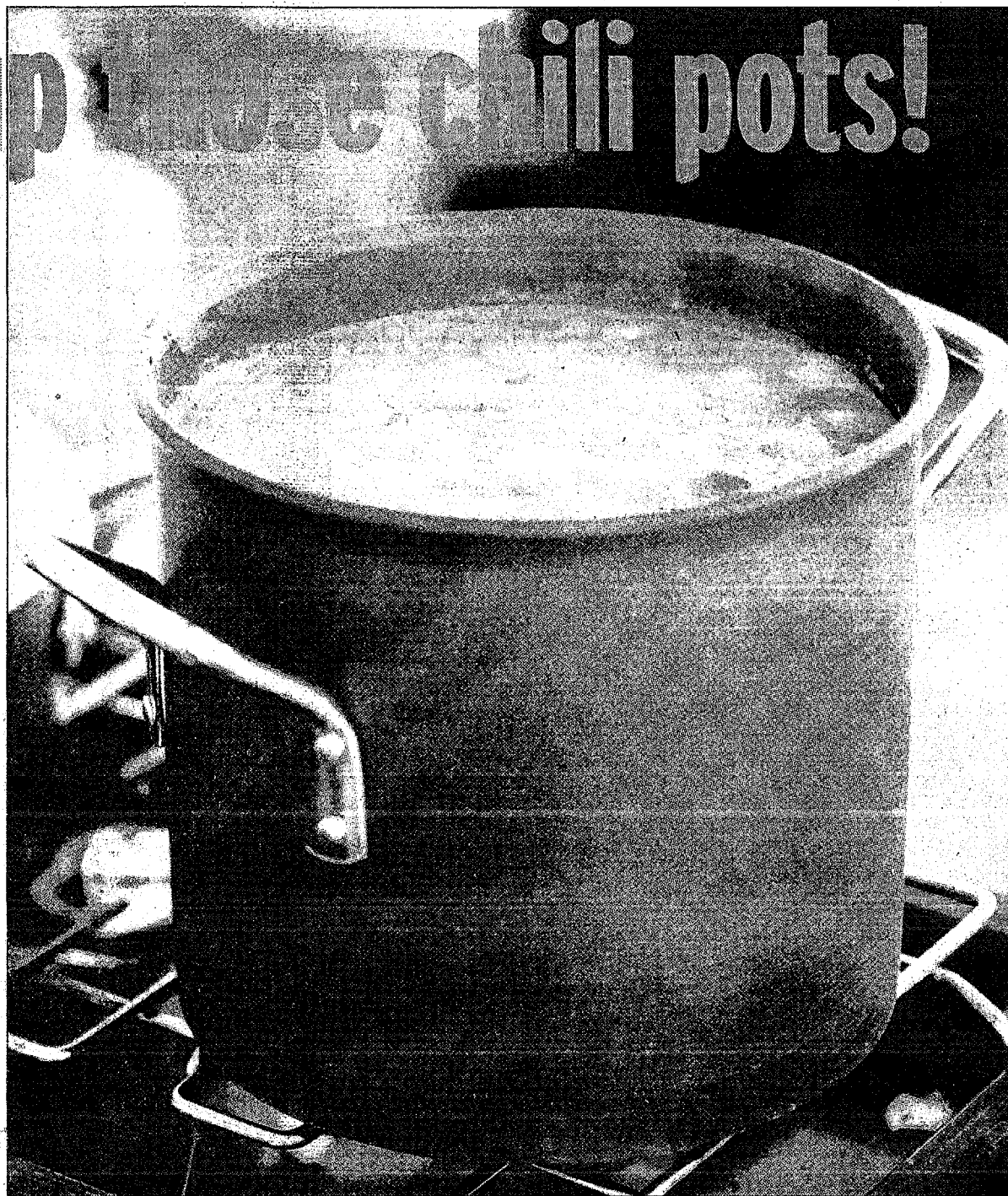
Chili lovers will soon find all their old friends back in Plymouth.

A reunion of chili peppers, of sorts, as cooks of ancho, New Mexico and jalapeno varieties, who serve up bowls of the meaty, simmering, hearty stew, return Sunday, Oct. 1, to downtown Plymouth.

It's enough to make Wilbur Scoville bolt from the table for a glass of milk.

Well, OK. The scientist who first developed the measurements of heat in chili peppers is long gone (bless him and all of his research), and the bowls of chili aren't quite that hot, but the 11th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff — along with the Great Lakes Regional Chili Bike Show — is making a triumphant return after a one-year absence.

About 60 chili cooks will compete for the chance to advance to the 2007 World Championship Chili Cookoff as the Midwest champion. Other competitions that day



PLEASE SEE CHILI, D4 This pot of chili simmers, awaiting the moment when judges will taste its contents.

11TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CHILI COOKOFF

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.
Where: Downtown Plymouth (Main Street).
What: Cookoff in red chili, green chili and salsa categories. Winner advances to the World Championship Chili Cookoff in 2007. Restaurant chili will be available for \$4 a bowl, while competition chili from home cooks can be bought for \$1 a sample after 3 p.m. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.
Information: Call (734) 455-8838.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CHILI BIKE SHOW

When: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.
Where: Downtown Plymouth.
Note: Motor City Chili Ride begins at 11:30 a.m. at MotorCity Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For \$10, motorcyclists will ride from there to Plymouth, and receive five 50/50 raffle tickets and parking at event.
Call (248) 473-7433 for information.



Britney Spears leads a 'fairy tale' life

As the name of the column suggests, this weekly missive is a joint production of myself and the rest of the gang on the show — affectionately dubbed Purtan's People.

This week I turn the reins of the column over to one of my "people," Big Al.

He has put together another edition of his by-now-famous One Man's Opinion. A topic so compelling, so riveting, so lip-smacking good that it demands to be heard — and read.

Besides, it means I can take the week off.

What follows is a transcript from our morning radio show. "Thank you, Mr. Purtan. Well, I'll admit it. I'm as giddy as a schoolgirl and have been ever since I heard that Britney Spears-Federline gave birth to her second child.

"While we haven't gotten a glimpse of the bun-

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dle of joy yet, we do know that it is human — unlike the alleged offspring of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes."

Uh, Al, I don't think we need to go there.

"Aww, come on, Dick. You've seen the pictures. That so-called infant has more hair on her head than I have on my back — and that is a known scientific impossibility!

"Anyway — so Britney is a mother again. We should rejoice in this. After all, every birth is a miracle. And, let's face it, Britney's relationships read like a fairy tale.

"First, girl meets boy, then marries him in a drunken stupor in a Las Vegas wedding chapel only to turn around and have the whole thing annulled a mere 56 hours later. I've had longer relationships with a bag of spinach!

"Then the girl falls in love with a guy with no visible means of support who already has one child with another woman who is expecting his second child.

"So, boy leaves pregnant girl and marries other girl. They have a beautiful boy named Sean Preston who they accidentally drop from a high chair (it's a good thing babies bounce).

"The boy goes on to launch a hideous rap career, which is followed by reports that the marriage is in serious trouble. So, the girl drinks, smokes and, naturally, gets pregnant again, which leads to another addition to the classic American family: Little Sutton Pierce Federline.

"And they all live happily ever after — until the paparazzi hunt them down for incriminating photos of Britney smoking a cigarette with her baby on her lap in the front seat while pulling into a bar.

"I'm Big Al Muskovito and that's my opinion." Hear Dick Purtan & Purtan's People 5-10 every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

Movie downloads are not ready for prime time

The problem with DVDs, as I discovered during a recent outdoor screening of *Chicken Little* attended by more than a dozen neighborhood kids, is scratches.

A scratched disc can make a movie skip, freeze, or just fail to play altogether — symptoms I've experienced in roughly half the DVDs I've rented lately.

And let me tell you, that can really ruin a party.

For that reason and others, I've been closely following the development of online movie services, which bypass fragile DVD media in favor of direct downloads to your PC.

Or your iPod. Apple made headlines a couple of weeks ago by finally adding movies to its iTunes Store, having enjoyed huge success selling TV shows in that same venue.

For once, Apple wasn't the pioneer: Amazon beat it to the movie-store punch by a few weeks, and lesser-known services like CinemaNow and Movielink have been around for years.

So what's the verdict on movie downloads? Should you box up your DVD player for eBay? How do the various services stack up? Are you locked into viewing these flicks on your PC or iPod?

Online movie stores work much the same way as online music stores: You browse the catalog, you pay your money, you download your media.

Needless to say, the key component in this equation is a PC, which is precisely why movie downloads don't make sense for everyone. Most of us like to stretch out on our sofas in front of our big TVs, not sit upright at our desks for two hours.

That's the major motivation behind Apple's upcoming iTV gizmo, a small box that plugs into your TV and wirelessly links to your PC.

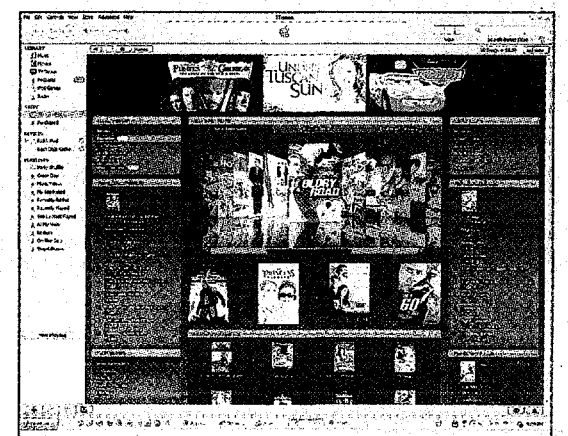
In other words, you'll be able to watch movie downloads (from iTunes, natch) in your living room even though they're stored on your computer.

This isn't a first, either, but Apple's awesome interface and impossibly simple remote promise to make the experience much more accessible than


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Vongo lets you download and watch all the movies you want for \$10 per month, but the selections are limited.



You can now buy movies from the iTunes Store, but for the moment you're limited to watching them on your PC or iPod.



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Spinach isn't only food safety scare

Popeye would say, "Eat hearty, me boys, and make sure you eat all your spinach, after you make sure it's safe like me Olive Oyl."

What a shakeup the spinach scare has caused in the confidence of farm-grown products.

As I feel just like everyone else, I thought it might be a good time to write about the food poisoning caused by the lack of proper food preparation in the American kitchen.

Add to that a refrigerator that doesn't maintain temperatures cold enough to preserve food properly, and we have a serious problem.

The following comes to you from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

When it comes to food safety,

consumers have higher expectations of other food handlers than they do of themselves.

According to a survey conducted across the country in late 1997, when people prepared meals in their own kitchens, they failed to follow food safety and sanitation practices more than 99 percent of the time.

These practices included hand washing, preparing and storing ingredients at proper temperatures, and avoiding cross-contamination.

Of the 106 households surveyed in 81 cities, cross-contamination occurred in 76 percent of kitchens, neglected hand washing occurred in 57 percent, and improper cooling of leftovers occurred in 29 percent — all critical violations.

At least one critical violation was found in 96 percent of households, with an average of almost three per home.

Major violations such as storing foods without covers, improper thawing, and smoking, eating, drinking or chewing gum while preparing food also

were observed.

In the end, only one house received an acceptable rating. None rated excellent.

Richard Daniels, Ph.D., who is an expert in food safety, said the survey results are significant when compared with institutions with professional food safety systems in place.

He said that restaurants with far more complicated kitchens than those in most homes consistently receive acceptable, even excellent ratings.

The estimated number of cases of food-borne illness in the United States ranges upward from 6 million annually, including more than 9,000 deaths.

In a column way back I wrote about a meeting I attended where the head of the U.S. Department of Health said, "More people suffer food poisoning from their own homes than they do from restaurants."

I have stood in front of many groups and asked, "How long can you store leftovers in your refrigerator before you should either eat them or throw them

in the trash?"

The typical answer is "one week," and that is totally INCORRECT. The correct answer is three to four days.

It used to be a safe practice to keep leftovers for a week, but that was in the days when the temperature inside a refrigerator was anywhere from 33 to 38 degrees.

Not any more. Allowable temperatures in refrigerators are now in the range of 38 to 44 degrees. Whatever happened to the refrigerator that it can't maintain temperatures as cold as they should be?

What is the temperature in your refrigerator? Please let me know. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.



Name that bulb

English Gardens is conducting a contest this fall to name a new variety of tulip. The tulip bulbs will be available for retail in fall 2007. They bloom early to mid spring with a double pink flower, and grow 12 to 16 inches tall. The contest is free and open to the public. The top five name suggestions will be submitted to the hybridizer for consideration. These five winners will each receive 100 bulbs of this variety. The person who provides the selected winning name will also receive a \$100 English Gardens gift card. Entry forms are available at all six English Gardens retail stores, or can be e-mailed. More details are available at www.englishgardens.com, or contact one of the English Gardens locations (including West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900). Find the nearest English Gardens by calling (800) 335-GROW.

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current video-streaming products.

In the meantime, if you're a notebook-toting traveler or the owner of a media-center PC, you may want to look into movie downloads.

Then again, you may not. Nearly every experience I've had with these services has been awkward, complicated, unsatisfying, or all of the above.

UNWILD ABOUT UNBOX

Let's start with Amazon's new Unbox service, which deserves a beating based solely on its ridiculous name.

Unbox does offer an impressive selection of movies and TV shows — better than you'll find anywhere else, in fact.

As with iTunes, most TV shows are priced at \$1.99, while movies range from \$10 to \$20. That's if you buy them outright.

You can also rent movies for anywhere from \$2 to \$4.

Those prices seem competitive until you start discovering the staggering number of restrictions imposed on when, where and how often you can watch.

For instance, when you rent a movie, you usually have 30 days in which to start watching it. After that, the rental "expires," meaning it will no longer play.

Once you do start watching, you have 24 hours to finish. If you get interrupted in the middle and can't return to the movie within that period, it expires and you're outta luck.

You have a bit more flexibility with movies you buy — but only a bit. Although there are no time restrictions or expiration dates, you're limited to viewing the downloads on two PCs.

Each of those can transfer movies to one portable device, but lots of luck figuring out which ones are compatible (iPods definitely aren't). I searched the Amazon Unbox site

high and low and couldn't find a list of supported players.

What if you want to burn your own DVD? Go right ahead — but the resulting disc won't play in any set-top players. It requires a PC and Amazon's Unbox software.

The terms are pretty similar at CinemaNow and Movielink (where you'll find movies only — no TV shows), though both services recently started offering a "burn to DVD" option for selected (e.g., low-grade) titles in their libraries.

For a mere \$9.99, for instance, you can buy the Eddie Murphy/Owen Wilson disaster *Spy* and burn your own DVD — complete with menus and extras, just like the store-bought version. Plus, it'll work on most set-top players.

That's encouraging, but why go to all the trouble when I can pick up the DVD from Wal-Mart for \$10.88?

iTunes, meanwhile, charges \$9.99 for "library" (e.g., older

titles, \$12.99 for new releases preordered or bought in their first week of release, and \$14.99 for new releases after the first week. Got all that?

DVD burning isn't an option, and the movies are provided at a slightly lower resolution than you get from the competition.

Another movie service, Vongo, takes a different approach, charging you a flat monthly rate (\$9.99) for unlimited downloads.

As an added bonus, you can watch movies on up to three different PCs (or one of a select few portable media players).

An offshoot of the Starz cable channel, Vongo stocks roughly 300 movies in its library, with many of the selections changing from month to month.

Unfortunately, those selections consist mostly of C-grade movies, with only a smattering of quality titles.

What's more, I had trouble getting Vongo downloads to play on my Windows Media Center Edition PC; I don't know if the

company has corrected that problem yet.

In the meantime, Vongo could be a good choice for frequent travelers who want to stock their notebooks with lots of movie choices.

BACK TO BLOCKBUSTER

Needless to say, movie downloads have a long way to go.

They offer no price advantage to speak of, and the convenience of "instant" access (in my experience, movies take anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes to download) is thwarted by countless confusing and unfair restrictions.

Suddenly, DVDs aren't looking so bad. They're easy to use, compatible with all players and PCs, relatively unrestricted and competitively priced.

So what about those movie night-ruining scratches? First, I'm going to start complaining more often to the store manager.

Next, I'm going to spend 10 bucks on one of those scratch-repair kits. It's a hassle, sure, but

as I'm learning more and more these days, technology always is.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please join me at the West Bloomfield Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17.

I'll be speaking on new technologies like blogs, podcasts, flash drives and digital audio-books. Fun stuff!

One month later, on Tuesday, Nov. 14, I'll return to the library for a presentation on Internet safety and security.

This one is not to be missed, as you'll learn how to avoid spyware, viruses, phishing scams and other online dangers.

Hope to see you there!

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Businesses go 'Extreme' for project

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

In and behind the scenes, local businesses contributed in a variety of ways to the ABC-TV program *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* for Sunday, Oct. 1.

That episode of *Extreme Makeover* will feature the Gilliam family in Armada Township.

A local program will air at 7 p.m. Sunday on WXYZ-TV featuring all the area people who helped with the new home for the Gilliams. *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* will follow at 8 p.m.

A small sampling of local businesses participating in the project indicates the different ways they helped.

"It was very exciting and gratifying to do something and to be in something like this," said Bob Kupfer, partner with Tim Robinson of Tiffany Florist of Birmingham.

"It's a good feeling," Tiffany Florist donated the floral arrangements throughout the house, delivering about 50 arrangements and plants.

Kupfer said the program's designers wanted a contemporary look for the arrangements. They gave the florists a floor plan, and information about the fabrics and colors that would be used in the house.

For the contemporary look, Tiffany Florist used glass cubes instead of vases.

Ficus trees and summer flowers including zinnias, dahlias and iris are among the plants and flowers Tiffany Florist featured in the arrangements.

FURNISHINGS

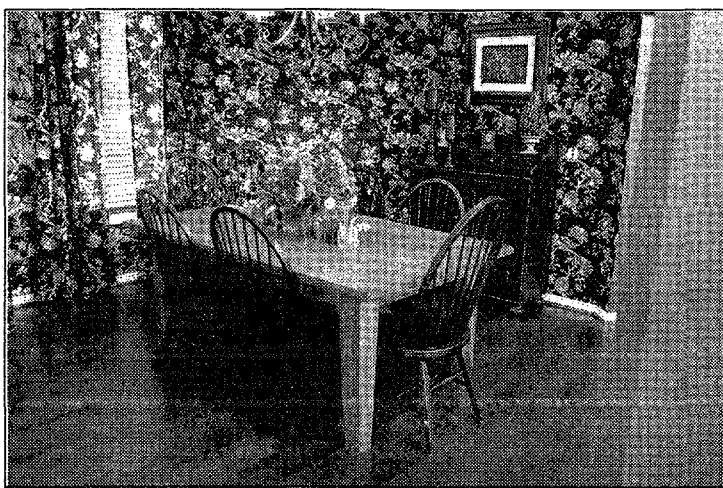
Art Van Furniture provided furniture for the new home. Examples are the American Country style dining room pieces, furnishings for a girl's bedroom, and home entertainment system.

"We were thrilled," said Chris Morrisroe, Art Van communications director.

The designers visited Art Van stores in Warren and Lakeside and selected the furnishings that would fit their plans.

West Bloomfield-based Crypton Super Fabrics supplied upholstered furniture and jewel-tone fabrics for the home.

The Gilliams will be the first family in the country to have a new line of Crypton Super



COURTESY ART VAN FURNITURE

In the dining room, the designers mixed a Broyhill table and chest with Lifen chairs to create this American Country look. The chairs are \$59.99 each; the chest is \$799.99 and the table, \$999.99.

Furniture, manufactured by Hiatt Furniture.

"It was very exciting," said Julia Gillespie, Crypton Super Fabrics.

The fabrics are resistant to stain, moisture, bacteria and odors, yet soft. The company's patented moisture barrier is integrated into the fabric, so viruses and bacteria can't grow on the surface or penetrate into the cushion.

Crypton Super Fabrics is also involved in an *Extreme Makeover* project in Iowa that will air in November, Gillespie said.

ON THE WEB

Awecomm Web Strategies (AWS), based in Troy, provided Web design, marketing, blogging and hosting services for the project.

The Web site by AWS, <http://www.ExtremeHomeDetroit.com>, allows visitors to make donations and get information about the show.

AWS also facilitated the donation of seven college scholarships by the University of Phoenix.

"To anyone who's ever seen the show, no explanation is necessary about how exciting it is to be involved," said Chris Spiek, AWS vice president.

"I never would have imagined that our team would be presented with the opportunity to use our Web marketing expertise for such a great cause."

The businesses came to be contacted through various routes. Art Van had helped with the program for a Royal Oak home in 2004.

"They (the producers) also said that when they asked around where to go for furni-

ture, everyone said (Art Van)," Morrisroe said.

"Someone recommended us, we don't know who, and they (the producers) really liked our Web site," Kupfer said.

The producers heard about Crypton Super Fabrics, and the company sent them samples, Gillespie said.

Lombardo Homes of Washington, Mich., one of the builders in the project, had a "successful, long-standing relationship with Awecomm," said Bob Moesta, vice president of sales and marketing at Lombardo.

The company also has a "proven ability to quickly turn around quality... projects under pressure," he said.

THE FAMILY

American Heartland Homebuilder of Macomb and Lombardo Homes built the new home for the Gilliam family in just over 53 hours (setting a new record for the TV show).

The family consists of Maryann Gilliam, 32, and six children ranging in age from 8 months to 12 years.

The new house replaces the Gilliams' 120-year-old farmhouse, which had fallen into disrepair. David Gilliam, Maryann's husband, was renovating the farmhouse when he died last Christmas Eve at the age of 41.

Since his death, Maryann learned that the basement of the old house was contaminated with dangerous levels of toxic spores.

The family's doctor theorized that these toxins may have caused David's death, and advised Maryann to move out.

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Design center hosts 'Color Courage' talk

Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy will present Color Courage, an open house and illustrated lecture with Krissa Rossbund, interior design and tabletop editor for *Traditional Home* magazine, Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The public may attend. Tickets are \$10 per person and include the lecture, the open house and a copy of *Traditional Home* magazine.

MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, which is north off Maple, between Crooks and Coolidge.

Advance reservations are required by sending a check, made payable to Michigan Design Center, to Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Suite 25, Troy 48084.

Include a listing of all attendees along with their addresses,

phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Receipt confirmations will be sent via e-mail.

For more information, call (248) 649-4772.

At the event, MDC showrooms will host an open house 5-6:30 p.m. This will give the public an opportunity to browse the finest names in home furnishings and to meet with some of this area's top design professionals, who will be on hand to provide complimentary, 20-minute design consultations.

Rossbund will take center stage at 6:45 p.m., as she presents a visual tour highlighting residences that have abandoned "safe shades" and leapt into a world of palettes that pop with vibrant sophistication.

Rossbund will share examples of homeowners who have taken

the color plunge by splashing the brightest and boldest across their rooms.

Attendees will also be treated to a sneak preview of projects that will be appearing in the magazine, including the New York penthouse of Laura Day of *Trading Spaces* and the Nantucket cottage of designer Nancy Searfina.

Rossbund will also present the country's most colorful showhouse rooms and a couple of delights sure to inspire the holiday decorating season.

Rossbund has been with *Traditional Home* since 1996. She has received national recognition for her conceptual product features and recently won the 2006 HOME award, given by the International Home Furnishings Alliance.

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include green chili and salsa.

The cookoff returns following a one-year hiatus in which it moved to Saline, after concerns were raised about the cost of policing the event because of the large crowds of people in attendance.

Annette Horn, chili cookoff organizer, said she met with Plymouth officials to discuss logistics, the organizational infrastructure of the event and setting up a command center with block captains, all of which were resolved.

The event also has more than 100 volunteers involved this year, including Habitat for Humanity, MotorCity Harley Davidson and a Christian motorcycle club, along with the usual local volunteers who assist with the event.

Horn said she received numerous complaints after the event moved from Plymouth.

"People were upset it left," she said. "We lost the park, town square, all the cool things around the city."

'GREAT EVENT'

Carl Berry, a volunteer for the event, said it "is good for the community, it's good for business and it's good for downtown. It's a great event."

Money raised from the chili cookoff and the bike event will go to the western Wayne County branch of Habitat for Humanity, to help that organization build affordable housing for people in need.

"This event gives us a lot of exposure and helps recruit vol-



In the spirit of heated competition, chili and salsa cooks often display several of their favorite condiments.

unteers," said Michael Sage, president of the Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity. "Not everyone who wants to get involved with us is a builder and this event is an opportunity for them to get involved."

Mike Shelton, director of operations for MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills, was pleased to hear the bike and chili shows were returning to Plymouth.

"We share the same attitude — it's a great place to have it," Shelton said. "It's a great place for the motorcycles to ride, too. It's a community that is surrounded by so many other communities, and everyone is familiar with Plymouth with the ice sculptures."

Riding into Plymouth is the "highlight of the bike ride. The

city opens its arms to us," said Shelton, a Livonia resident.

The show is exciting, too. "It's a Harley event, it's a Honda event, it's just basically a motorcycle event," Shelton said. "It's fun to see all the different styles, varieties and riding. Street after street, it's just black and chrome. It brings everybody together."

And chili has a universal appeal, judging from the thousands who attend the event.

"Everybody likes chili," Horn said. "I think I have the best chili, he thinks he has the best chili (pointing to a cook from a local restaurant), everybody thinks they have the best chili and they want to show the world how great it is. They'll compete, and maybe they can win and advance to the World Championship."

"It's one of the great

American foods."

OTHER FEATURES

Entertainment includes Men in Black, and four dance teams — from the Center Stage Dance Co. in Northville, Piazza Dance Co. in Northville, the Children's Dance Theater in Plymouth and the Toll Gate Cloggers from Clarkston.

Raffle tickets also can be bought for \$20 to win a Harley Davidson Sportster.

Other events include the MotorCity Chili Ride, which begins at MotorCity Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

The Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring a Hottest Dog in the Coolest City competition. Awards will be given to the best dressed dog, shortest tail and longest tail.

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JIM WELLER'S MACKTOWN CHILI

3 pounds tri-tip beef, cubed
1 1/4-ounce can beef broth
1 1/4-ounce can chicken broth
1 8-ounce can Hunt's tomato sauce
1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

Spice Mix

8 tablespoons mild California chili powder
2 tablespoons hot New Mexico chili powder
3 tablespoons cumin
1 tablespoon garlic granules
1 tablespoon onion granules
1/2 teaspoon arrowroot

Brown meat, drain and add to chili pot with broths and tomato sauce. Add 75 percent of spice mix, bring to a boil, then simmer for two hours. Add Tabasco and remaining spices. Thin gravy with water, if necessary. Cook an additional half hour or until meat is tender. Add salt to taste. Makes approximately 3 quarts.

Recipe from Jim Weller of West Bloomfield, who won the International Chili Society's World Championship in 2000.

HAPPY TRAILS (SALSA RECIPE)

1/2 habanero pepper
2 large garlic cloves
1/4 cup cilantro leaves and stems
1 teaspoon cumin
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground white pepper

Puree above ingredients in a blender.

1 small red bell pepper
1 yellow bell pepper
1 small orange bell pepper

1 Anaheim pepper
1 Pasilla pepper (or 1 dried ancho chili pepper)
1 medium white onion
3 jalapeno peppers
4 small tomatoes

Mix the puree with the diced items and add one 8-ounce can of Hunt's tomato sauce and let marinate overnight. Check for "heat" (spice), salt and sweetness.

Recipe courtesy of Tom Hoover, Columbus, Ohio, the 2005 winner for best salsa at the ICS's World Championship.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Perennial gardening

Learn how to design a perennial garden for year-round enjoyment and color, and about pest control and what to look for when buying plants, in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

The three-week class, Basic Perennial Gardening, will begin 9-11:40 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. It will take place at the Schoolcraft campus on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$71 (senior cost, \$56.80), book included. Plan to bring some of your perennials for the plant exchange during the last session.

For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Regional Lily Society

The Michigan Regional Lily Society will have its fall meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Dick Bayerl, first place photography contest winner at the 2006 national lily show, will present his slides about lilies and "lily people," including well-known hybridizer Robert Griesbach, and a tour of his gardens.

Visit www.mrls.org for pictures and information, and for information about the lily bulb sale scheduled in October at the church.

African violet sale

The Michigan State African Violet Society will have its annual Fall Display and Plant Sale Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

A great variety of African violets will be featured. Many gesneriads and supplies will be available. Best selections are on the first day. An added attraction this year is a huge art festival, with many booths and tables filled with art objects. Admission to the art festival is also free.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will have its monthly meeting at noon Monday, Oct. 2, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

The topic will be Arranging: What's Old, What's New. Sally Ouellette, a member of the Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild, will present a demonstration and lead a workshop.

Membership is open to all interested parties. For more information, call Dianne at (248) 626-6322.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Livonia

Senior Center at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

Advanced master gardener Mary Pulick will present an artistic design program. Visitors are welcome.

Naturescaping

A free symposium, Naturescaping: Restoring the Ecology of Our Home Landscapes, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at Franklin Community Church, on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile.

Advance registration is required. Call Franklin Village at (248) 626-9666 or e-mail Hansenpj@comcast.net. Speakers will be Nichols Arboretum director Bob Grese and Mary Wilson, Oakland County Michigan State University Extension.

Topics will be home landscape design; biodiversity and native plants; tree and shrub selection to minimize pests and diseases; invasive plant removal; and local gardener experiences.

The program is sponsored by the Franklin Historical Society, Franklin Village, and the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority.

Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph between Sibley and West Road.

Harlan Schumaker, a top national rose exhibitor, will speak on Favorite Roses and How to Grow Them. He will show colorful slides of his favorite roses, and share tips on how to grow and groom award-winning blooms.

Admission is free. The public may attend.

For more information, call Mike at (734) 246-3635 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230. Schumaker has won many national, regional and local awards. He and his wife, Patricia Kay, grow several hundred rose bushes at their home in Kentwood, near Grand Rapids.

They are especially well known for their miniature roses, but have won awards in other rose categories, too.

Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Past club president Sally Ouellette will present Flower Arranging. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Slaway at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Chrysanthemum show

The Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society will have its 45th annual show Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 14-15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Oct. 14, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 15.

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HOME CALENDAR

Simple curtains
Learn how to sew a custom curtain reflecting your distinct home decorating personality in a class offered by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

The three-week class, Simple Curtains: Dynamic Possibilities, will begin 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2. Cost is \$94 (senior cost, \$75.20). Bring your own sewing machine to each session. Prerequisite is Sewing 101: For Home Decorating or previous sewing experience. Students will make a simple rod-pocket curtain that can be used in many ways - as a versatile window treatment, shower curtain, or valance accent piece to enhance decor. For more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Appraisal fair
Are you curious about how much your family heirlooms or treasured antiques are worth?

Three professionals from the International Society of Appraisers will give a verbal appraisal of approximate value at the Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold (at the corner of 10 Mile and Griswold) in South Lyon.

Carry-in items for evaluation may include furniture, jewelry, glass, porcelain, pottery, silver, dolls, toys and other memorabilia. Entry fee is \$2 at the door. Appraisal fee is \$6 per item, or two items for \$10. Appointments are available. Walk-ins are welcome.

For an appointment or more information, call Chris at (248) 437-8810.

Estates Sale

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and Hall & Hunter Realtors have joined together for the second annual Estates Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

The event will take place in the north parking lot at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham. Proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Donations of gently used antiques, furniture, collectibles and other items (no clothing or bed linens) can be dropped off in the Hall & Hunter Realtors lobby through Friday. Hours for drop-off are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tax deduction forms provided upon request.

For more information, call Dennis Wolf or Christine John at (248) 644-3500.

Eames film festival

Design Within Reach, 168 W. Maple in Birmingham (phone (248) 593-9640), will present a screening of seven short films by Ray and Charles Eames 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Admission is free. The event will also include a presentation from Eames Demetrios, grandson of Charles Eames, director of the Eames Office and author of *An Eames Primer*. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. RSVP to Birmingham@dw.com soon.

Get organized

Learn how to become focused, organized and productive in your business or personally, at a seminar 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 5-12, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. To register and for more information, visit www.communityhouse.com.

The workshop will be presented by Karen Cynowa of Productivity Pros of Auburn Hills.

Ceramic exhibit
The Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine in Rochester, will present an exhibit by a group of ceramic artists who have been working together at the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland Community College under instructor Henry Tanaka.

The exhibit, *Collective: Ceramic Works from a Collaborative Studio*, will run Oct. 6 to Nov. 11. An opening reception will take place 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and a gallery talk 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

Featured artists will include James Adair, a creative design sculptor for General Motors; Larry Elliott, who has worked in automotive design and historic home reconstruction; and Dee Woods, who has a background in interior design.

Visit www.pccart.org. Call (248) 651-4110.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home-decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com.

The schedule includes Simple Curtain, Mondays, Oct. 2-16 (cost is \$60); and Bolster and Triangle Pillows, Tuesdays, Oct. 3-17 (\$60).

In Simple Curtain, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Students will make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades.

In Bolster and Triangle Pillows, students will make the pillows while learning the techniques of shirred wetting and tufted buttons. These pillows add the punch needed to make a room spectacular.

Colossal Indoor Garage Sale is set at OU

The second annual Colossal Indoor Garage Sale will take place Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 18-21, in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the campus of Oakland University.

To donate sale items, bring them to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 16-17.

No clothing will be accepted. Tax-deduction forms for donations will be provided upon request. For more information,

call (248) 608-0485.

Sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, all proceeds from the sale will benefit the 16 gardens at Meadow Brook Hall, a 110-room mansion on the OU campus.

Garden club volunteers plant and maintain the gardens. This is their major fund-raiser of the year.

Bargains will include furniture, china, antiques, sporting goods, garden items and toys.

A bake sale will also be featured.

Preview sale hours are 7-9 p.m. Oct. 18. Admission is \$10.

Garage sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19-20 and 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 21. Admission is \$1.

The preview sale will feature a silent auction.

Auction items will include a basket of garden tools with four hours of gardening service by two experienced garden profes-

sionals; two old rose arbor columns from Meadow Brook Gardens; an original oil painting; two separate golf outings for a foursome, one at OU Katke-Cousins Golf Course and one at Great Oaks County Club; a hand-knit fashion ensemble of hat, handbag and shawl; and tickets for a performance at Meadow Brook Theatre, a Meadow Brook Hall tour, and the Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk.

During the garage sale, Oct. 19-20, a commercial mobile shredding unit will be set up adjacent to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

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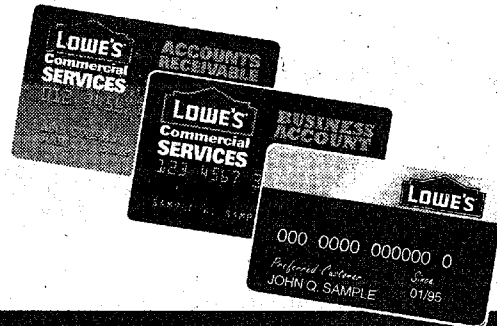
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Perfect pairings made by mother-son team

"The best wine is the wine you like best," is true — sometimes. It is, when you drink wine without food. But truth is, that a wine you like without food may not pair well with it. The recently published book *Perfect Pairings* (University of California Press, 2006, \$29.95) by master sommelier Evan Goldstein with recipes by his mother, internationally renowned chef and cookbook author Joyce Goldstein, offers the most practical advice to date on partnering wine with food.



Focus on Wine

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cooking methods, sauces and condiments, rounded out by "devilish" side dishes. Strategically placed breakout boxes outline this information for future, easy reference.

PAIRINGS AND PITFALLS

Drawing on his many years as a wine educator, Evan Goldstein devotes 14 chapters to 12 core grape varieties and the major wine categories sparkling and dessert, offering pairing pointers and major pitfalls for each.

Then "mom" Joyce Goldstein supports this with recipes, most of which are easy to accomplish. Evan returns to close out the recipe with suggested wines from recommended producers, priced in categories of everyday, premium and splurge.

Evan's knowledge of producer style in making his wine recommendations is far more useful than suggesting a specific wine, which by the time a book gets published after it's written, is no longer available and only adds

WINE PICKS

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to the frustration of getting matches right.

EXCITING ELEMENTS

Since all wines of a given variety are not created equal, Evan discusses style and food pairing. Thus, he categorizes earthy, mineral chardonnays (Burgundy style) as different from opulent, fruit-forward chardonnays (New World style) or rich, oaky, buttery chardonnays as different from developed, mature chardonnays. He makes similar distinctions for potentially tricky sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon and other varietal wines.

In "The Hall of Fame" chapter, Evan identifies wineries excelling at producing specific varietals. He writes: "I provide a list for those of you who want to have a few names of other reli-

able producers at hand when you are unable to find a specific producer that I have recommended." Excellent idea!

Last but not least, abundant helpful hints scattered among the pages aid home cooks who like to develop their own recipes.

Perfect Pairings is a book that anyone interested in wine and food will find extremely useful. Its friendly, conversational tone is not the least bit intimidating.

If you're planning an autumn dinner party, don't plan without this book.

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.

Rustic chefs compete Saturday

Enjoy a cooking competition noon-2 p.m. Sept. 30, when four teams of cooks go head to head to be the winner of the Golden Skillet award at the Maybury Farm in Northville.

The cookoff consists of four teams, both amateurs and professionals. They are Chris McCormick and Dave Anger, Team 1; Chef Wil Armstead, of Bonfire Bistro & Brewery in Northville, Team 2; Robert Costanza from Station 885 (Plymouth), Team 3, and Bill Schlander and Ray Quatrochi, Team 4.

Each 'chef' has a unique history. Team 1 is Chris McCormick, who spent his career as an art director, and partner Dave Anger who worked for Ford Motor Co. in the prototype area. Team 2's Robert Costanza is owner and chef at Station 885 in Plymouth and, thanks to his dad Jerry Costanza, has been in the restaurant business his entire life.

Team 4's Bill Schlander began cooking when he was just 13, his partner Ray

Quatrochi is an engineer and has always loved cooking.

Chef Frank Agostini of E.G. Nicks in Plymouth will once again compile the mystery ingredients for the chefs. At 11 a.m. contestants will learn what these ingredients are and what they will be shopping for. The ingredients dictate the menu they will create.

Contestants will shop at Meijer (the event sponsor) for one hour; return to Maybury Farm and prep from noon to 1 p.m. and cook from 1 to 2 p.m. They must have their food plated by 2 p.m. for the judges. When the bell sounds, the competition is over and the panel of judges will taste the finished dishes and decide the winner. The award is sponsored by Lasalle Bank.

Admission is \$4 per person. Complimentary parking for this event is provided in the Maybury Farm parking lot (the entrance is off of 8 Mile about 1 mile west of Beck Road and past the park entrance).

For information, call (248) 374-0200.

Papa Joe's in Birmingham hosts organic festival

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham will be adding a larger line of organic products, marking the move with an Organic Taste Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 through Sunday, Oct. 15.

Many different foods and beverages will be offered to sample and purchase. Local and regional growers will talk with customers on how their produce is grown and why they believe organic products are a better choice for consumers.

Papa Joe's chefs will prepare great new fall dishes. Organic foods are plants grown and animals raised in a natural state without the use of pesticides, antibiotics, artificial fertilizers or genetically modified organisms. Owners of the organic farms where these fruits, vegetables, grains and animals are grown and raised say their products are more sustainable and environmentally sound. They say organically grown products are better for the consumer, the producers, and the environment by eliminating risks associated with exposure to artificial

chemicals and unsustainable growing and rearing practices.

William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's, grew up "in farm country," he says, "with a very natural way of raising food that eliminated unnecessary chemicals."

"Not everything looks 'perfect,' but the taste is honest and flavorful," Hall said.

Hall will be featuring dishes for sampling, including roasted organic chicken breast with honey chili; organic double baked potatoes, organic pasta chicken salad and an assortment of seasonal organic vegetables.

All departments will be featuring their most popular and brand new organic items including their extensive line of organic fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, grocery, processed items, cheeses, beers and wines.

Freshly made organic fruit and vegetable juices are also available at Papa Joe's.

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham is located at 34244 Woodward Ave. The phone number is (248) 723-9400.

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Wine exploration series

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a series of wine classes. The classes include French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 4, \$26; More About French Wines, Wednesday, Oct. 11, \$26;

Italian Wines, Oct. 25, \$26; The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Wednesday, Nov. 8, \$26; Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Wednesday, Nov. 15. All classes begin at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Harvest Moon

Celebrate autumn harvest with a kickoff celebration Oct. 7 and 8 at Walter Sundquist Pavilion, on Grand River

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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

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The Novi Show is "Sew" Cool!

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

Got a notion to sew? The sewing arts are 'serging' in popularity, and seamstresses across the country are threading their way to Novi for the American Sewing Expo this weekend. Staged for 13 years by Janet Pray of Highland, the event is the largest independently-owned sewing expo in the country.

According to spokesperson Barbara Gash, the event encompasses all the sewing arts, including quilting, interior decorating, fiber arts, doll-making and more. But fashion will be the draw for many attendees.

Gash, an expert seamstress who wrote a weekly sewing column in the Detroit Free Press for 22 years, said fashion sewing is cinching up a whole new generation of fans.

"The sewing industry is appealing to younger people, as well as older, experienced ones, by means of not only trendy fashions but computerized equipment," she said. "They can

The American Sewing Expo

When: Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Where: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi
What: "The Novi Show" features hands-on classes, vendors, exhibits and fashion shows encompassing all the sewing arts. More than 150 vendors will sell patterns, sewing machines, fabric, notions & books.
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use their sewing machines creatively by taking advantage of all the technological advances. Where sewing used to be a utilitarian thing, almost a necessity to save money, that is not where it is now. It is now a creative outlet. People are doing it to be unique, to have something that nobody else has."

Embellished designer garments remain out of most people's price range, so sewing is a way to recreate expensive looks

for less. "Any couture, anything well-made is still expensive," Gash said. "The discount stores offer more trendy, more disposable kinds of things, but that is not necessarily what we want to be sewing. We can buy that stuff. When you sew, you can invest in high-quality fabric, put your own imprint on it and have a really high-quality garment." People also sew because they can 'make to measure.'

"Fit is one of the main reasons why women of any age turn to sewing, because they're not finding things in the stores that fit well," she said.

Gash acknowledges that sewing is getting a big boost from the hit show "Project Runway."

"I'm a big fan of Project Runway. I'm hooked on it," she said. "I think that program has certainly been inspirational for those who want to get into the field of design, or just appreciate the idea of draping and sewing and going down the runway."

The American Sewing Expo will include some "Project Runway"-style fashion challenges. "Inspired by Threads" will feature clothing designed for a contest in Threads magazine. "Innovation Generation," emceed by Gash, will showcase designs by young people ages 8-18.

Other fashion shows will feature clothing made by vendors selling their patterns at the show.

By Wensdy

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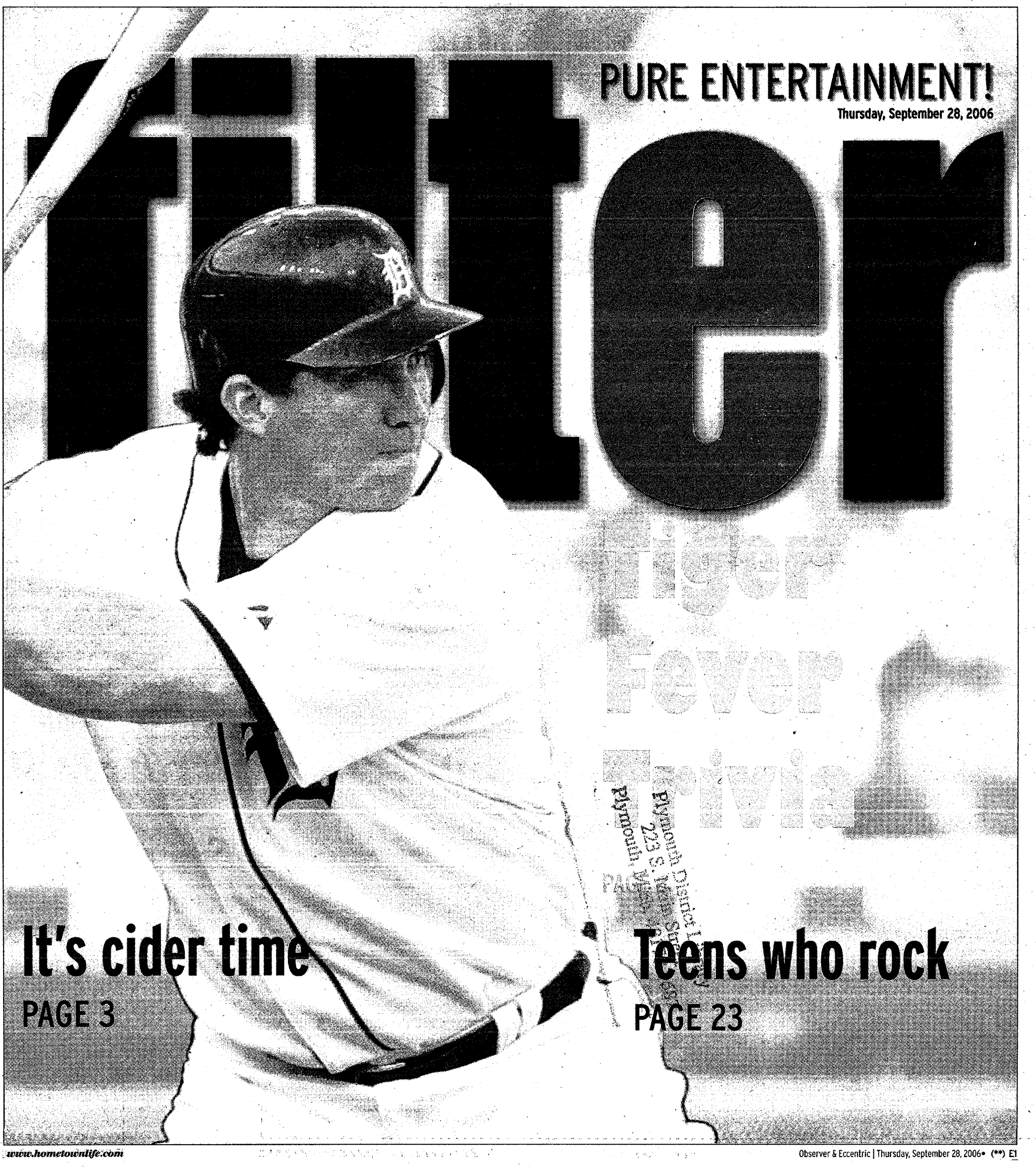
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Music you should hear and exhibit to see

INFINITE VARIETY BY LANA MINI

Six years ago, I began writing a column for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* called "One World, Many Beings." The focus was on everything that's living. (It would be nice if you are familiar with that title.)

There was animal rescuer Jim McNellis, who helped the owners of Fifth Avenue Billiards in Novi free a shark that had overgrown its tank there. The shark was released in Florida.

There was Lenka Perron, who works every day to rescue racing greyhounds and feverishly tell the public to avoid dog race tracks.

We talked about subjects such as the benefits of dandelions, the terrible idea to kill mourning doves, and why Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* is good for the soul.

This column is about everything that impacts our lives, the good and the bad.

It's my opportunity too, to share with you, things that enhance my life and hopefully yours.

Let's start with music.

Have you purchased tickets yet for **Electric 6**, coming to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Saturday, Nov. 4? Hurry. That show will sell out.

Electric 6, the six-piece Detroit band that blends garage, disco, funk and punk, is making a strong mark on its current nationwide tour to support the band's new CD *Switzerland*.

Don't wait until they're as big as the White Stripes to see them live. After all, you're a metro Detroiter with an opportunity to hear incredible music before the rest of the world latches on.

Switzerland was released Sept. 12. Get it from their site at www.electric6.com

Check out an upcoming Filter for my interview with front man Dick Valentine.

SHE WANTS REVENGE

If you missed the show by indie band **She Wants Revenge** earlier this month at St. Andrew's Hall, fret. And then get over your sorrow, as I've checked out the band's incredible self-titled CD on Perfect Kiss Records. Electronic sounds with romantic gothic flair and a rock edge.

At first listen, She Wants Revenge is

This column is about everything that impacts our lives, the good and the bad. It's my opportunity too, to share with you, things that enhance my life and hopefully yours.

reminiscent of thought of alternative/punk/new wave bands like Sisters of Mercy, Joy Division, Bauhaus and Depeche Mode. But She Wants Revenge isn't a copy of those bands. The band members are not just revisiting an '80s sound — they're taking it to a modern level with higher energy.

The duo from California is Justin Warfield and Adam Bravin (Adam 12). The sound, they say, is like "first and last love."

Go to myspace.com/shewantsrevenge to hear the music. I love the song *Tear You Apart*. The video for the song was directed by my favorite vegan actor Joaquin Phoenix.

Then go the band Web site, www.shewantsrevenge.com, to buy the CD. But first, look at the homepage. See all the girls' names listed? Those are women who Warfield and Bravin have had crushes on, were influenced by, or loved — an interesting tribute.

The band got its break in 2005 on L.A.'s famous KROQ radio station with the single *Out of Control*. Some compare Warfield to the late Ian Curtis from the alternative legends Joy Division.

'THINK SMALL'

There's an interesting art exhibit opening Oct. 3 at Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, in Ferndale.

The exhibit is called "think small." It's an all-media exhibit of small works.

Nothing is over 12 inches, including the frame.

For more information, visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com or call (248) 544-0394.

There are three good reasons to be entertained right now.

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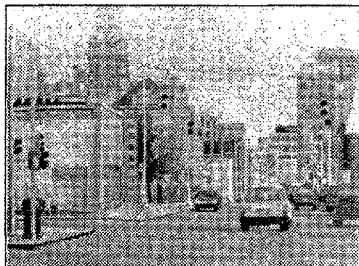
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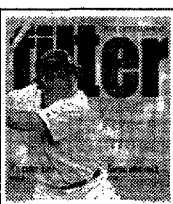
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Miranda Wilber enjoys the cider and doughnuts.

It's cider season

Apples, doughnuts, sweaters, pie and crisp autumn air.

It's cider mill season — time to dunk doughnuts in apple cider, pick apples, buy fresh apple pie and do those apple-related things that make Michigan, well, Michigan.

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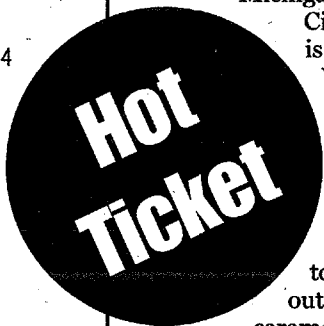
Before you go to your favorite cider mill, or venture out of your comfort zone and try a different mill, we have a little tip for you:

Cider mills and bees go hand-in-hand. But — attach a fabric softener sheet to your clothing, belt-loop or purse and they won't come around as much.

Sure, it looks a little strange, but you'll be smiling happily and comfortably while walking the nature trails as others are shooing bees away.

Or be a pal, and bring some to your fellow Michigander.

Either way, happy cider season.



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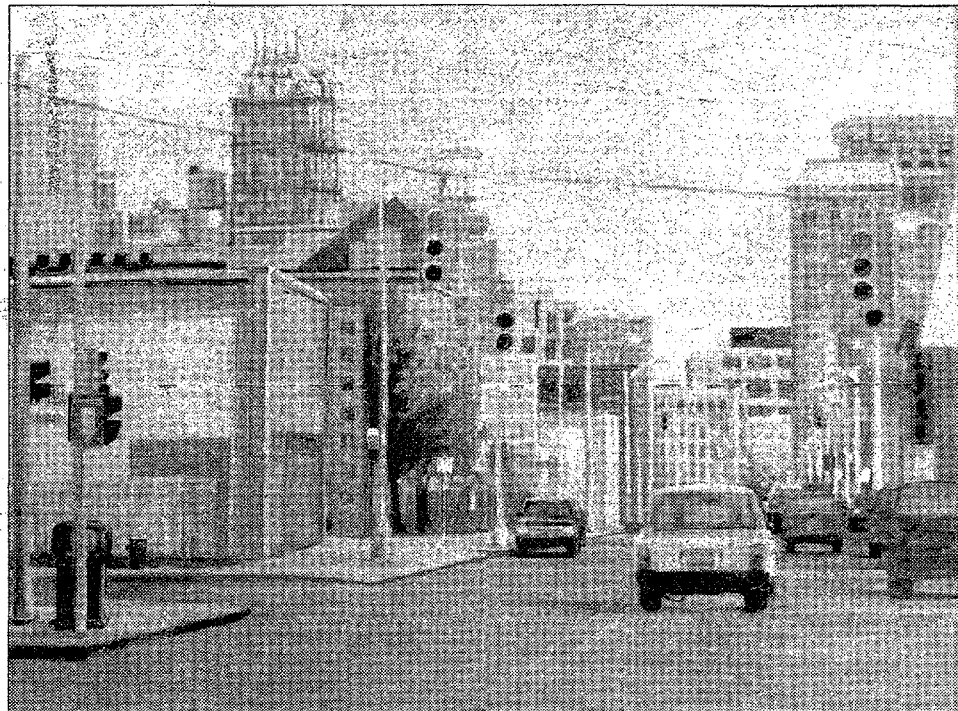
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Deneau, a graduate of Detroit's College for Creative Studies and commissioner for the Northville Arts Commission, is a featured artist at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

Her exhibit, *Darcel*

Deneau: Urban Landscapes opens Friday, Oct. 6, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 11. Her featured paintings focus mainly on urban Detroit landscapes, places that she visited with her father when she was a child.

Deneau, of Novi, currently has exhibits at the TRA Art Gallery Design Center in Troy, at the Art Detroit Gallery in the lobby of Compuware in Detroit, at Studio 427 in Northville and Ambient Gallery in Grosse Pointe.

Her work has been featured in juried exhibitions at the Scarab Club in Detroit where she earned a silver medalist award, and was featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine.

Her art is owned by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and has been purchased for CCS' traveling exhibits.

Patrons can visit at the opening reception, where they also can meet Deneau, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, in Rochester. Regular gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For details, call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org or www.darcel-deneau.com

Lana Mini

Top movies at the box office

Here are the top movies at the box office as of last weekend:

1. *Jackass: Number Two*, \$29 million
2. *Huo Yuan Jia*, \$10.6 million
3. *Gridiron Gang*, \$9.46 million
4. *Flyboys*, \$6 million
5. *Everyone's Hero*, \$4.7 million
6. *The Black Dahlia*, \$4.5 million
7. *All the King's Men*, \$3.7 million
8. *The Illusionist*, \$3.3 million
9. *The Covenant*, \$3.2 million
10. *Little Miss Sunshine*, \$2.9 million

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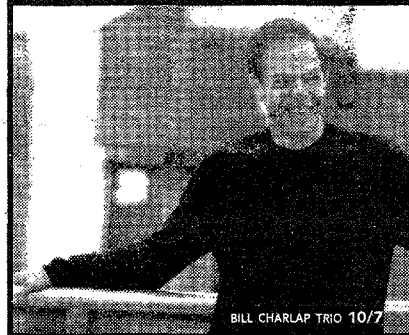
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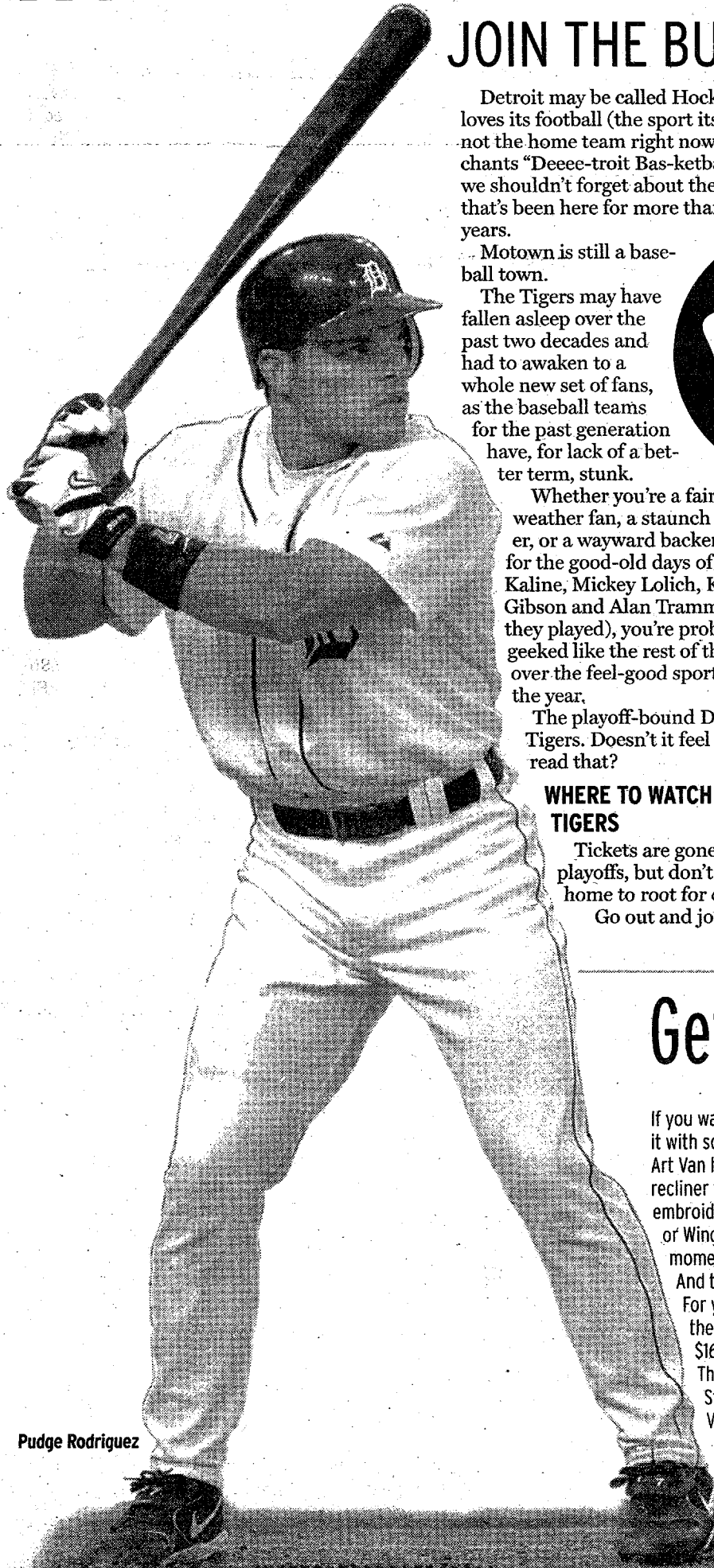
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The Tigers may have fallen asleep over the past two decades and had to awaken to a whole new set of fans, as the baseball teams for the past generation have, for lack of a better term, stunk.

Whether you're a fair-weather fan, a staunch supporter, or a wayward backer longing for the good-old days of Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich, Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell (when they played), you're probably geeked like the rest of the town is over the feel-good sports story of the year.

The playoff-bound Detroit Tigers. Doesn't it feel good to read that?

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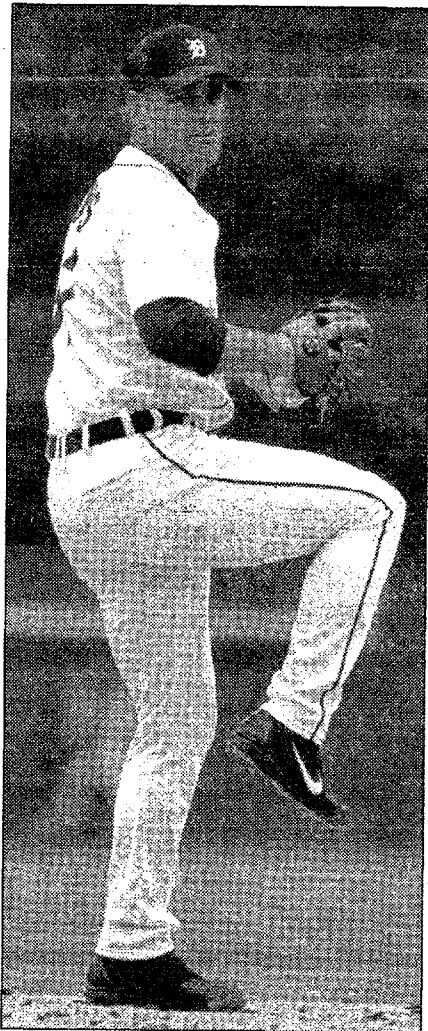
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Kenny Rogers winds up to deliver his next pitch.

Enjoy this Tiger trivia quiz

Sorry, but we don't have any playoff tickets to give away. But we know you love the Tigers as much as we do, and we put together a little Tiger trivia just for fun. Enjoy.

1. When was the last time the Tigers made the playoffs?
2. Name the managers of the two most recent World Series Championship teams for the Tigers.
3. Which '68 Tiger never played in the minor leagues?
4. Name the World Series MVP of 1984.
5. Who hit 40 home runs at the age of 40?
6. When was the last season the Tigers had two 20-game winners? Who were they?

7. Who holds the American League record for most pinch hit home runs?
8. Who holds the club record for striking out the most batters in one season?
9. Who was the last Cy Young winner for the Tigers?
10. Who was the most recent Tiger to win the American League home run championship?
11. Which Tiger (including current ones) won the most Golden Gloves?
12. Which two teammates have played together in more games than any other duo in major league history?
13. Who led the American League in runs scored in 1968?
14. Who holds the team record

- for most saves in a season?
15. Many remember the catcher on the 1984 team (Lance Parrish), but who was the catcher from the 1987 squad who made the All-Star team that year?
16. All Tiger fans remember the Kirk Gibson home run in Game 5 of the '84 World Series, but who hit a critical home run in Game 1 that gave the Tigers a 3-2 lead and eventual victory?
17. In 1987, after the Tigers lost Lance Parrish to the Phillies through free agency, Sparky Anderson moved a player to the cleanup spot who was probably known more for his batting average than his power, but he proceeded to hit 28 homers and 105 RBIs. Who was

- he?
18. He won two games in the 1945 World Series, and as a scout for the Houston Astros, was also credited with discovering Kalamazoo native Derek Jeter. (The Astros passed on Jeter in the draft and the rest is history.)
19. Who almost broke Babe Ruth's single season home run record in 1938?
20. Which Tiger is considered one of the greatest second basemen of all time?

Information compiled by Filter editor Ken Abramczyk from *The Baseball Encyclopedia: The Complete and Official Record of Major League Baseball*, detroit.tigers.mlb.com and other various Web sites.

14. Todd Jones
15. Matt Nokes
16. Larry Herndon
17. Alan Trammell
18. Hal Newhouser
19. Hank Greenberg
20. Charlie Gehringer

11. Pudge Rodriguez won 11 Golden Gloves. (He won one of these as a Tiger in 2004. Al Kaline won 10 Golden Gloves in a Tigers uniform.)
12. Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker
13. Dick McAuliffe

- pitched his way to a 25-14 record, while Joe Coleman went 20-9.
7. Gates Brown
8. Mickey Lolich (301 in 1971).
9. Willie Hernandez, 1984
10. Cecil Fielder with 51 home runs in 1991.

- ANSWERS:
1. 1987
2. Mayo Smith and Sparky Anderson
3. Al Kaline
4. Alan Trammell
5. Darrell Evans
6. In 1971, Mickey Lolich

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Streisand show canceled

Unlike the rest of the country, metro Detroiters aren't as excited about Barbra Streisand's tour this year.

Her upcoming show scheduled for Oct. 18 at The Palace of Auburn Hills has been canceled due to lagging response, tour promoter Michael Cohl said.

If you had already bought a ticket for Babs' Palace Show, you can still see her in Columbus on Friday, Oct. 6, or in Toronto on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Promoters will credit ticket holders \$85 for transportation costs.

Detroit is the only show that was canceled at press time.

The Oct. 18 Palace show was deleted and a second Toronto date was added in its place. Her first show in Toronto is already sold out.

If you purchased a ticket for the Detroit show, Ticketmaster will automatically refund credit card transactions. Those who paid cash may get refunds at the point of purchase. In the meantime, Ticketmaster sent an Internet link via e-mail to help ticket holders exchange tickets for the Toronto or Columbus dates.

Streisand's people made it clear that sales for this tour are still ahead of her 1994 tour.



Barbra Streisand

"We apologize to the dedicated Barbra Streisand fans in Detroit who had purchased tickets, but it was impossible not to accommodate the extraordinary demand in Toronto," Cohl said. "Detroit fans who wish to purchase tickets for either of the alternative performances will receive an \$85 credit to cover their transportation to Columbus or Toronto. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience."

Lana Mini



Members of the Michigan Opera Theatre will perform Broadway classics.

MOT and Broadway visit Farmington Hills

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Michigan Opera Theatre's *Broadway Revue II* returns this year to Farmington Hills for two nights at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13-14.

There, Michigan Opera Theatre soloists will perform Broadway hits as part of the city of Farmington Hills Professional Concert Series.

MOT artists Maria Cimarelli, Betsy Bronson, Karl Schmidt and Mark Vondrak will perform music from some of Broadway's greatest composers at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332

W. 12 Mile Road.

The concert features selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein;

Lerner and Loewe, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and many others.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, from

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Marian McPartland performs Oct. 7 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

NPR's McPartland joins Charlap at UMS

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

She's been a gift to the jazz world for decades as a prolific pianist and the popular host of National Public Radio's *Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz* — a program that educates novices about the beauty of jazz.

Grammy-winning jazz pianist McPartland will perform in a special double-bill performance with fellow pianist and Grammy-nominated Bill Charlap at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.



Bill Charlap

The concert is part of the University Musical Society's 2006/2007 jazz concert series.

The show will open with Charlap and his trio and close

with piano duets between him and McPartland. McPartland's radio show, which

PLEASE SEE JAZZ, E17

MARIAN MCPARTLAND AND BILL CHARLAP

What: Double bill with renowned jazz pianists

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7

Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor

Tickets: \$10-\$80

Pre-concert lecture: The Legacy and Brilliance of Marian McPartland featuring Ellen Rowe, University of Michigan associate professor of music in jazz studies, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium's mezzanine lobby

Details: Visit www.ums.org or call (734) 764-2538.

The show: McPartland's radio show airs on WEMU-FM (89.1) 6-7 p.m. Saturdays. For the full schedule, visit www.npr.org.

Music

Learn about vegetarianism

Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon, Nellie McKay, Steven Jobs and Paul McCartney are all vegans or vegetarians working to promote their lifestyle for a healthier world.

It's Vegetarian Awareness Month in October, and local groups are hosting events so the public can sample foods, learn about the benefits of meatless diets and gather recipes.

First, a quick lesson:

A vegetarian is someone who eats no meat, fish or poultry.

A vegan (pronounced vee-gun), also avoids all animal products and byproducts, including eggs, dairy, gelatin and pectin.

Someone who eats fish or chicken, but not beef, is not a vegetarian. They just simply don't eat beef. Vegetarians eat plant-based diets.

The Troy-based group Veggies in Motion hosts social events at local vegetarian restaurants. The group will also host lectures to discuss documented health benefits such as lower risk for heart disease, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, many types of cancer, stroke, osteoporosis and food-borne illnesses in relation to vegetarianism and veganism.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (www.pcrm.org) is a group of doctors who promote better health through prevention — saying many diseases are diet-related.

Local events include:

■ **Raw Vegan Potluck** — Experience benefits of raw, living foods (meaning foods that are never cooked beyond 120 degrees), at dinner at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, or at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road

in Livonia. Suggested donation: \$7.50. Call (313) 541-0162 for information.

■ **Lecture: Achieving Optimal Health** by Jim Corcoran, president of Veggies in Motion. He will discuss how to lose weight, prevent and reverse disease and bring vitality into your life. Free, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1822.

■ **Vegan Dinner Club** — Monthly social outings to explore local vegan cuisine. Locations vary. Call (248) 544-4030 or e-mail thorndike@yahoo.com.

■ **Lecture: Saving the Planet** **One Bite at a Time** — Corcoran will discuss how the foods we choose can affect our planet.

Learn which foods conserve natural resources and reduce pollution while bringing health and vitality into our lives, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Wayne State University, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit. To register, visit www.sustainableetroit.org/bioneers.

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Healthier burgers

Restaurants look to cut the fat

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Healthier versions of classic American food is one of today's hottest restaurant trends.

Mark Avila Matters was ahead of the curve when, in June 1998, he opened his first TOPZ, serving high-quality, lower-fat burgers.

TOPZ says it serves "the leanest and highest quality ingredients in America" and puts its nutritional data up front on its Web site, www.topz.com.

Served on a freshly baked white or wheat bun, the TOPZ 1/4 Pound Black Angus Burger (\$4.59) has less than 6 percent fat. Served with shredded lettuce, grilled onions, tomato and a proprietary sauce, this burger weighs in at 420 calories. Add cheese at 40 cents and calories pop to 490.

MORE OPTIONS

TOPZ lowers calories further with its non-beef burgers. Grilled and served like a burger, the one-inch thick Ahi Fillet Sandwich (\$5.89) with low-fat garlic mayo has 360 calories. Served with low-fat ranch dressing, the

Chicken Breast

Sandwich (\$5.29) lowers the count to 320 calories but the Spicy Chicken Breast Sandwich (\$5.29) pops up to 350 calories because it's marinated in a mildly spicy Chinese sauce.

A TOPZ Turkey Burger (\$4.79) escalates to 390 calories and the Gardenburger (\$4.99) is slightly more at 420.

What's a burger without fries? A lot fewer calories, but if you must, TOPZ air-baked Aero Fries (\$1.80) are 380 calories per serving.

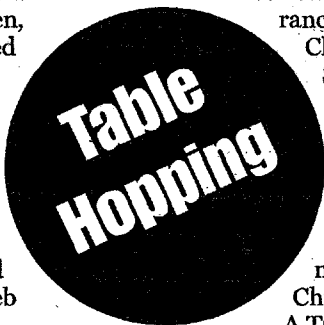
FAST CASUAL JOINS IN

Applebee's, one of America's most

popular fast-casual eateries, looked to Weight Watchers to cut calories. Its Tango Chicken Sandwich (\$7), a seasoned and grilled chicken breast topped with reduced-fat cheese and a barbecue ranch sauce is served on a toasted wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and red onion. It looks like a burger. A fresh fruit garnish makes a tasty, edible plate, all for 370 calories.

T.G.I. Friday's decided not to enter the low-cal burger fray. Instead, it created a number of very tasty low-fat dishes (\$9.69-\$13), all with 10 grams of fat and about 500 calories. Among these, and satisfying an Oriental taste trend, are fire-grilled Zen Chicken Pot Stickers, stuffed with minced chicken and vegetables and served with a Szechwan dipping sauce.

To get a "burger taste," many calorie-conscious diners order a standard burger without the bun. Friday's makes it easier with its Classic Sirloin with Broccoli. A 10-



TOPZ pits its nutritional data up front on its Web site (www.topz.com).

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BURGERS

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ounce, 28-day aged chargrilled top sirloin is served with a side of broccoli. Calories increase, though, if you top the beef with gobs of ketchup!

Bennigan's offers a Spicy Black Bean Burger (\$7) that combines black beans with jalapeño, chile and chipotle peppers. It's topped with melted American cheese, which you can omit, to reduce calories. It's also a tasty vegetarian option.

PIEDMONTESE BEEF

There is another way to put real beef back in your life without many calories. Piedmontese beef has all the delicious taste expected from U.S. corn-fed beef, but with less fat and less cholesterol than skinless chicken.

Yet, it is a little more expensive.

As a point of price comparison, at Zinc Brasserie & Wine Bar in West Bloomfield, a regular 1/2-pound beef burger is \$7 and the Piedmontese is \$9. Manager Juan Garcia indicated that two out of three burgers sold at Zinc are Piedmontese beef.

Emmet Baratta of Fairway Packing in Detroit, the exclusive distributor of Piedmontese beef for the metropolitan Detroit area, said that a 3.5-ounce serving has 104 calories. Knowing that, you can calculate the approximate calorie count in a Piedmontese burger you may order.

According to Baratta, Redcoat Tavern in Royal Oak, Zinc Brasserie and Wine Bar in West Bloomfield, Beau Jack's in Bloomfield Hills and La Bistecca in Plymouth are the only area restaurants serving Piedmontese beef.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WHERE TO GET HEALTHIER BURGERS

Applebee's, several area locations including: 2105 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, (248) 373-4659; 35450 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, (248) 426-6647; 17101 Haggerty, Northville, (248) 374-9032; 47900 Grand River, Novi, (248) 449-1592; and 43500 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 455-7510.

Beau Jack's, 4108 W. Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-2630.

Bennigan's, several area locations including: 575 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-0996; 42874 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 334-9810; and 40441 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 459-8907.

La Bistecca, 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 254-0400.

Redcoat Tavern, 3808 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 549-0300.

T.G.I. Friday's, several area locations including: 3015 Lohr Road, Ann Arbor (734) 997-7050; 2443 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, (248) 340-9771; 44250 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 254-0442; 32555 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-0590; 43200 Crescent Blvd., Novi, (248) 347-0844; 26299 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248) 353-5530; and 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 524-9489.

TOPZ Healthier Burger Grill, 1937 W. Maple Road (across from Troy Motor Mall in Cambridge Shopping Center), Troy (248) 655-5200 and in Birmingham, 327 Hamilton Row (248) 220-1108.

Zinc Brasserie & Wine Bar, 6745 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield (248) 865-0500.

Greenfield Village hosts slow food event

Greenfield Village invites visitors to take time to enjoy the fall season during its second annual Fall Harvest

"Slow Food" Evening Dining event

Sept. 29, and its Fall Farmers Market on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.

Greenfield Village's **Eagle Tavern** will host the Fall Harvest "Slow Food" Evening Dining beginning at 6:30

p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. The regionally sourced menu will offer such slow-cooked dishes as hard squash

soup, port-braised apple tarts and

heritage turkeys raised especially for

the dinner by James Harnois, owner of Dead End Farms in Webster Township.

Harnois will discuss the history of the Narragansett turkey used for the night's featured entrée, and patrons can stay after dinner for a special screening of the film *Asparagus (A Stalk-umentary)*, which will also be shown

from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 30 in Greenfield Village's Town Hall. The Fall Harvest "Slow Food" Evening Dining event is \$65 per person with a cash bar.

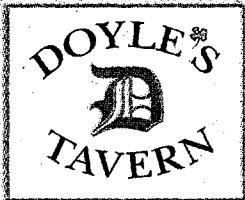
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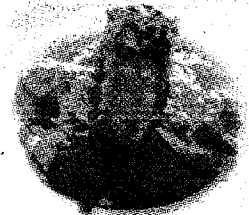
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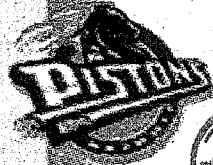
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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Annie Leibovitz: American Music, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, through Jan. 7, visit 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.

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

ART GALLERIES

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Mershimer, 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/ArtsCommunity/ArtHouse.htm.

Cary Gallery

Return to Roots, Susan Demchak, through Oct. 14, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (240) 651-3656.

David Klein Gallery

Milton Resnick Back on 10th Street, Paintings from 1957-1959, Sept. 30-Nov. 25, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Sept. 30, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700, dkgallery.com

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

Lemberg Gallery

Brad Brown and Tom Phardel, through Oct. 14, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lembergallery.com

Lotus Gallery

Exhibition of The Colored Pencil Society of America, Michigan Chapter 104, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, Oct. 3-27, reception 7-9 p.m. Oct. 6, (734) 453-7400.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

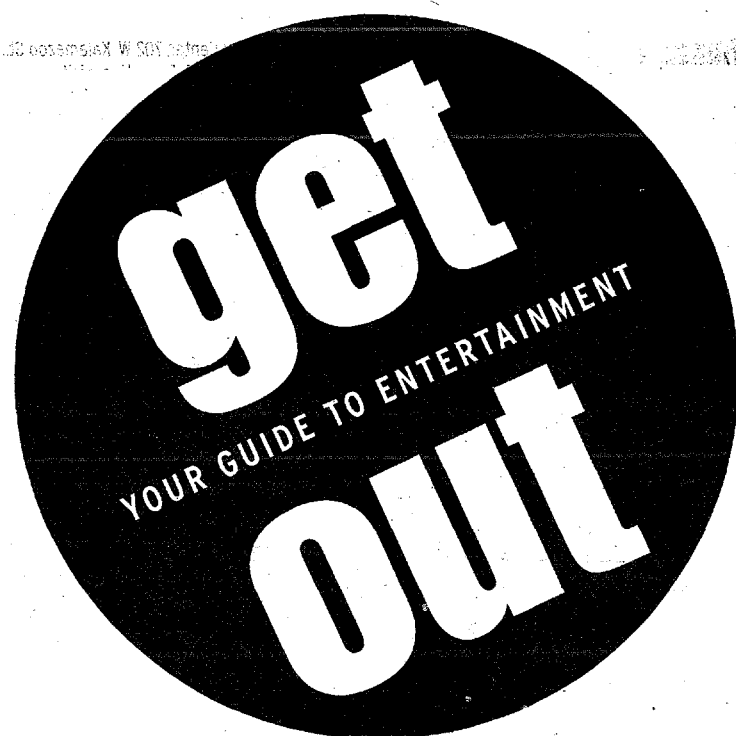
Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

Orchard Lake Art Gallery

4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021.

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show at the Highland Lakes Campus, Woodland Hall Library, 7300 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Oakland University Art Gallery

Sculpture???, Matt Blake, Kevin Ewing, Evan Larson, Brian Nelson, 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

Collective: Ceramic Works from a Collaborative Studio, Oct. 6-Nov. 11, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 6, gallery talk 2 p.m. Oct. 7, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

paukotalaprojects

(The coffee was very slow in coming.), an exhibition on cups, through Oct. 14, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paukotala.com.

Posner Gallery

Objects and Atmospheres: The Art of Nancy Thayer (painter) and Russell Thayer (sculptor), through Oct. 28, 2253 Cole, Birmingham, info@posnergallery.net, (248) 258-9977.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Photography exhibit featuring "Encrypted Margins," unaltered photography by Gloria Pritschet, and "Horizontal and Vertical Panoramas" by Richard Hackel through Sept. 29. Reception for Richard Hackel 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, plymoutharts.com, (734) 416-4278.

Washington Street Gallery

Lynda Cole, *Stillness Obscured*, through Oct. 15, closing reception, 7-10 p.m. Oct. 13, 120 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2287, www.wsg-art.com

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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

John Glick, part of Michigan Masters Series, through Sept. 29, Robinson Gallery, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Society of Women Painters

Kindred Spirits, 62nd annual juried exhibition, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, DeSalle Gallery, through Sept. 29; 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.bbartcenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Kresge Art Museum

Tools in Motion: Works from the Hechinger Collection, through Nov. 5, first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, www.artmuseum.msu.edu, (517) 355-7631.

Livonia Civic Center Library

Ninth Exhibition of Fine Arts with 50 area artists, 32777 Five Mile (east of Farmington Road), (734) 466-2490.

Michigan Water Color Society

59th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, water media paintings, Oct. 4-27, Artcenter Traverse City, 720 Elmwood, Traverse City, mwcarts.com, (886) 242-0120.

Sisson Gallery

Mignonette Yin Cheng, Oct. 3-31, reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 3, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Wayne State University

Rex Lamoureux Collects, limited number of pieces by artists donated to WSU, Oct. 20-Nov. 22, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Oct. 20, Community Arts Gallery, 450 Reuther Hall (at Cass between West Kirby and Palmer), (313) 577-2203.

CLASSICAL

Birmingham Temple

Matt Haimovitz, cellist, and Micah Yui, pianist, part of Vivace Music Series, 8:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 28611 W. 12 Mile Rd. (between Inkster and Middlebelt roads), Farmington Hills, \$18-\$21, for tickets call (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348.

Birmingham Concert Band

29th season opens 3:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at Birmingham Seaholm High School Auditorium, corner of Lincoln and Cranbrook, admission free, contributions to scholarship fund accepted.

Detroit Chamber Music Society

Jon Kimura Parker, pianist, part of Opus 3 Music Series, 8 p.m. Oct. 13, \$87-\$210, Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

The Firebird: Unmasked, Oct. 6-7; Hamelin Plays Brahms, Oct. 19-21; The Philosopher, Oct. 26-28, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111.

First Presbyterian Church

Mozart Anniversary Concert with conductor Tom Trenney and soprano Adele Crawford, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 540-9124 or hsbay@sbc-global.net

Hammell Music

Whisperings: Solo Piano Radio with Marcus Loeber, Bradley Sowash, Jim Bajor, Brenda

Warren, David Nevue, 3 p.m. Oct. 8, 2700 E.

Maple Road, Commerce, \$20, 1-866-222-5457.

Marygrove College

Chamber music concert with the Woodward Corridor Musicians, 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 1, Denk Chapman Hall of Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols (southeast corner of West McNichols and Wyoming), Detroit, \$10, (248) 546-5818, or e-mail LFDean@aol.com

Oakland University

Leszek Bartkiewicz, pianist, performing Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Varner Hall, Oakland University, 2000 N. Squirrel, Rochester Hills, \$12-\$15.

COUNTRY

WYCD's Birthday Bash

Clint Black and Dwight Yoakam with Bomshel and Gary Nichols, The Red Ryder Band, Redhill and The Forbes Brothers, 3 p.m. Oct. 7, DTE Energy Music Theatre, \$9.95-\$42.50, tickets available at Palacenet.com, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster locations or call (248) 645-6666.

CLUBS

220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

313.Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover \$5, www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm.

The Ark

Tannahill Weavers, Sept. 28; Chris Hillman and Herb Petersen, Sept. 29; Jeff Lang, Sept. 30; The Hummingbirds and Jo Serrapere, Oct. 1; HEM, Oct. 2; Abigail Washburn, Oct. 3, Swap, Oct. 5; 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, tickets (734) 763-8587.

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.

Blue Martini

Live music 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005.

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Buddha Lounge

Thursday, DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament, Saturdays DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese; Sundays Karaoke; Tuesdays, Deep House; Wednesdays Jamtramck jazz band. www.gobuddha.net, (313) 535-4664.

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.

Edison's

Aaron Vaughn, Sept. 28; The Blue Kings, Sept. 29-30; 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.

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.

GALA

Meri Slaven, vocalist; Vince Shandor, piano, and Dennis Horvath, bass, 7-11 p.m. Sept. 30, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355.

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.

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.

The Magic Bag

Joseph Arthur, Oct. 2, and Ekoostik Hookah, Oct. 13, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

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.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Jack Mayberry, Sept. 29-30; in October, Comedy Jamm, Wednesdays, Spike Tobin, Oct. 5-7; Lord Carrett, Oct. 12-14; Jimmy Pardo, Oct. 19-21; Jimmy Dore, Oct. 26-27; 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; Aries Spears and Simply Shanell, Sept. 28-30; Kenny Howell and China Doll, Oct. 5-7; Mark Simmons and Black Coffee, Oct. 12-14; Ricky Harris and Snowcone, Oct. 19-21; Rasheed and Mary Ann, Oct. 26-28; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Improv Inferno

Citizen Improv, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Super Fun Karaoke, 10 p.m. Wednesdays; The Catfight, 8 p.m. Thursdays; High Octane, 10 p.m. Thursdays; Biff! Bang! Pow!, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The Damnation Game, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The X Show, midnight, Fridays and Saturdays; The Corner, 7 p.m. Sundays; Get Up! Stand Up!, 8:30 p.m. Sundays; The Weekend Wild Card, 10 p.m. Sundays; The Sweet Spot with Eye Candy, 11 p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, www.improvinferno.com.

Joey's Comedy Club

36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also has comedy at second location, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joeyscomey.com.

Second City

Bobble Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, held over through Oct. 29, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Wise Guys Comedy Club

40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand-up, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

DANCE

Oakland Community College

El Ballet de Maria Luz (Latino folkloric dance group), 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, \$15, Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, \$20, (248) 341-2270.

FAMILY

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.

FESTIVAL

St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield

Church's 75th year, celebrated with carnival and rides, food court, arts and crafts, music, dancing, raffles, auctions and fine arts, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, carnival tickets \$12 pre-event, and \$15 at the carnival, 22001 Northwestern Hwy.

Fall Foliage Festival

Wagon rides, corn maze, craft activities for kids, live animals and scarecrows, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, Hidden Lake Gardens, 6280 Munger (M-50), Tipton (eight miles west of Tecumseh), \$3, (517) 431-2060.

FUND-RAISERS

Macomb Cultural Center

Opens Sept. 28 on campus of Macomb Community College with science and space exploration programs through Dec. 1, with a ticketed presentation by John Glenn, former astronaut and U.S. senator on Sept. 28 and the Sally Ride Science Festival for Girls with Kathryn D. Sullivan, former astronaut on Oct. 1, www.macombculturalcenter.com, (586) 445-7348.

Detroit Uncorked

Wine event features 800 wines from around the world Sept. 29 at Ford Field, presented by Ford Motor Co. and created and organized by Detroit Wine Organization, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction and more, benefits The Children's Center, \$75 for DWO members and \$80 for nonmembers. DWO membership is free, visit www.detroituncorked.com or call (313) 262-1112.

Treasures from the Cellar VII

In honor of John Bloom, wine auction and four-course dinner by Seldom Blues to benefit the Fanclub Arts Foundation, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, black tie optional, \$250, (248) 584-4150.

SOUPBOWL

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.

Lights, Camera Auction 2006

Food and fund-raiser for Variety's Bikes for Kids, 6 p.m. Oct. 17, Imagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi, \$50-\$100, (248) 258-5511

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.sasha-farm.org



JAZZ

B'Jazz Vespers Concert Series

Tracy Kash Thomas, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 15, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham, (248) 644-0550

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

Cathedral Cultural Series

Concerts of organ music, 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, Cathedral of Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue (at Trowbridge) in Detroit, (313) 865-6300 Ext. 227, or email CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com.

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

Oakland University

Bernard Woma, master of the African gyl xylophone, 8 p.m. Oct. 7, in Varner Recital Hall and class at 1 p.m. Oct. 7, tickets \$8-\$16. For information, call (248) 370-3013, e-mail mtd@oakland.edu or visit www.oakland.edu/mtd

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

Tracy Kash Thomas, 8 p.m. Nov. 10, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, \$10, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Unity of Livonia

Bill Staines presented by Unity's Acoustic Coffee House, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, \$15, 28660 Five Mile Rd. (between Middlebelt and Inkster), Livonia, (734) 421-1760.

Wayne State University

Walter White, classical and jazz trumpeter, fall artist-in-residence, 3 p.m. Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28, Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, Oct. 8 concert is free, \$5-\$8 for Nov. 28 performance, www.music.wayne.edu, (313) 577-1795.

Who's At First

Maura O'Connell, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30, Royal Oak United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak, \$20, www.whosatfirst.org (248) 541-4100.

FAMILY FUN

The bell rings at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, for Ring of Honor Wrestling at the Michigan State Fairgrounds & Expo Center's Michigan Mart, 1120 W. State Fair Ave. Wrestler Mark Briscoe has issued a challenge to former ROH World Champion Samoa Joe. Then, in an all-out war of a Grudge Match, Jay Briscoe goes one-on-one against Brooklyn's notorious Homicide. Also signed are ROH World Champion Bryan "The American Dragon" Danielson; ROH World Champion Tag Team Austin Aries and Roderick Strong; Christopher "The Fallen Angel" Daniels; BJ Whitmer; Jimmy Jacobs w/Lacey; Matt Sydal; The Embassy (Jimmy Rave and Sal Rinauro); Delirious; Irish Airborne and others. Tickets are \$20 to \$45. Visit www.rohwrestling.com or call (215) 781-2500.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Chili cookoff

Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 1, downtown Plymouth, winner gets \$1,000, trophy and advances to International Chili Society's World Championship, for information, call (734) 455-8838 or visit www.chili-cookoff.com

Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show

Oct. 4-8, Rock Financial Showplace, on Grand River (one mile west of Novi Road), Novi, (517) 349-8881, marvac.org

Psychic Fair

Hosted by Rich Milostan, psychic readings, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, Clawson-Troy Elks, 1451 Big Beaver (between Rochester and John R in Troy; \$5 admission, \$20 for readings, (248) 528-2610

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Birthplace of the Model T

Historic Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays through October, \$10, 461 Piquette (at Beubien), Detroit, tours by appointment available for groups of 10 or more, for reservations, call (586) 416-4191, or visit www.tplex.org

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, www.ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666

Gretchen Wilson

Videotaped concert of Redneck Revolution tour, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake, \$10, www.BigScreenConcerts.com

Michigan's Family Album

Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collection, runs through Jan. 14, 2007, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library

and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

Ballroom dancing

8-11 p.m., third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1830.

Amtrak excursion

Trip to Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum from Birmingham and Dearborn, Oct. 21, sponsored by Detroit Historical Society and National Railway Historical Railway Society's Bluewater Michigan Chapter, \$85, (248) 541-1000, www.bluewaternrhs.com, www.detroithistorical.org

Movies at the Redford Theatre

Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

Isha Yoga

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Nov. 1-6, Pi Ballroom, 28847 Franklin, Southfield, (586) 484-3081 or e-mail detroit@ishafoundation.org

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, (734) 451-2112.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

Avon Players

They're Playing Our Song, Sept. 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.

Heart of the Hills Players

A senior community theatre group, presents *Cruisin' Broadway*, Nov. 9-11, Warren Community Center Theater, 5460 Arden, Warren, \$12, for information, call (248) 650-3871 or visit www.hohplayers.org, for tickets, call (248) 608-9008.

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.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

The Full Monty, Oct. 13-28, \$16-\$18, (play contains adult language, situations and brief nudity), 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com

Village Players of Birmingham

34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

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THEATER — COLLEGE

Meadow Brook Theatre

Frankenstein, Oct. 11 to Nov. 5, Same Time Next Year, Jan. 10 to Feb. 4, single tickets are \$22-\$38, on the campus of Oakland University, (248) 377-3300 or (248) 370-3316 (group sales), www.mbttheatre.com

Oakland University's Music, Theatre and Dance department

The Cripple of Inishmann, an irreverent Irish comedy, Oct. 20; *Pan Jumbies Steel Drum/Akwaaba African Drum & Xylophone Ensemble*, Nov. 10; *By Jupiter*, Nov. 17; *Dances Across Time*, Dec. 1, call Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or email mtd@oakland.edu

THEATER — PROFESSIONAL

Purple Rose Theater

137 Park, Chelsea, call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purpleosetheatre.org.

Fisher Theatre

3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Breathe Art Theatre

Call (519) 980-0607 in Windsor or (313) 965-1515 in Detroit.

Menopause the Musical

Celebrate the longest-running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, \$39.50, (313) 963-9800, or Ticketmaster charge by phone, (248) 645-6666, or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

TICKETS ON SALE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Clay Walker, Sept. 30, and Aerosmith with Motley Crue, Oct. 11.

For DTE and Palace shows, visit www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit any Ticketmaster location.

The Emerald Theatre

Lindsey Buckingham, Oct. 22; Jonny Lang, Nov. 2; 31 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens, (586) 913-1920, www.emeraldtheatre.com, tickets, Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666.

Fisher Theatre

Tickets for 2006-07 subscription series, five shows, \$199-\$346, call the Fisher Theatre at (313) 872-1000, Ext. 0, or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

Michigan Theatre

Shawn Colvin with special guest Brandi Carlile, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8, \$21-\$50, tickets at (734) 763-TKTS, Michigan Union Ticket Office or Ticketmaster outlets, www.ticketmaster.com

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

Michael Bolton, Oct. 29, tickets available at Music Hall Box Office, Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666.

Orchestra Hall

Clay Aiken, holiday concert with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Dec. 18, at Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, www.detroitssymphony.com, (313) 576-5111.

Royal Oak Music Theatre

Howard Jones, Saturday, Sept. 30; Robin Trower, Oct. 4; Grande Ballroom 40th Anniversary Party, Oct. 7; John Corbett Band, Oct. 12; Motor City Blues & Boogie Woogie Festival, Oct. 21-22; tickets may be purchased at The Royal Oak Music Theatre box, or call (800) 919-6272 or at www.tickets.com.

Wharton Center for Performing Arts

Lily Tomlin, Oct. 11; CeCe Winans, Oct. 13; Michigan Chamber Music Society, Oct. 15; *Pippin*, Oct. 17-22; *Tiempo Libre*, Oct. 18; Ellis Marsalis, Oct. 21; David McCullough, Oct. 23; *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, Oct. 29; Richard Monette, Oct. 30; *Mamma Mia!*, Oct. 31 to Nov. 5; Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center for Performing Arts, Michigan State University, (800) WHARTON, www.whartoncenter.com.

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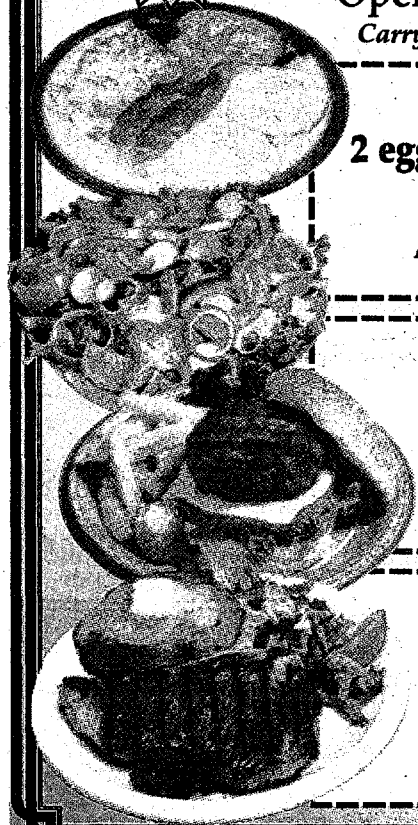
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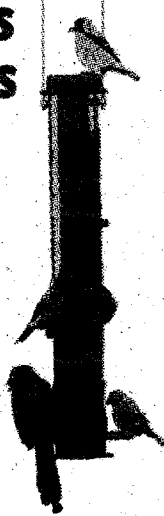
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JAZZ

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has aired since 1978, earned her a Peabody Award and helped spearhead efforts in jazz education. McPartland has released more than 60 albums.

Born and raised in New York City, Charlap has also spent a lifetime in the world of music. He said he can't recall a time in his life when he didn't play piano. Music was a focal point in his home as his parents are also musicians.

"My relationship with music occurred naturally," Charlap said.

His father is Broadway composer Moose Charlap and his mother is Sandy Stewart, a cabaret singer. Charlap and his mom often perform together and received a Bistro Award — a high jazz honor — for their performance at the Algonquin in New York. Last year they released a CD *Love is Here to Stay* (Blue Note). Charlap also released a hit that pays tribute to America's great songwriters, *Bill Charlap Plays George Gershwin: The American Soul*.

"My parents were both listeners to all the classic jazz singers and Broadway show music," Charlap said. "My father was always on some deadline for composing songs and my mother often did the demo work for him. All sorts of musicians and songwriters and lyricists visited my house. There was always something going on."

McPartland, 88, has been performing around the world for 65 years.

Born in England, McPartland is considered a musical prodigy who mastered the violin early in life and then fell in love with the music of Duke Ellington and Teddy Wilson.

She enrolled at the Guildhall School of Music in London in 1938 and soon after hit the vaudeville circuit with pianist Billy

Mayerl. In 1944, while entertaining British and American troops in Belgium, she met her husband, Jimmy McPartland, a Chicago Dixieland-style cornetist. The two were quite a musical force. Her husband is now deceased.

McPartland performed with Louis Armstrong, and in the 1950s she led a trio at Manhattan's famous nightclub Hickory House. She wrote songs such as *With You in Mind*, *In the Days of Our Love* and many others.

Her work with fellow pianist Roma Clark is said to have helped spearhead her duets on NPR.

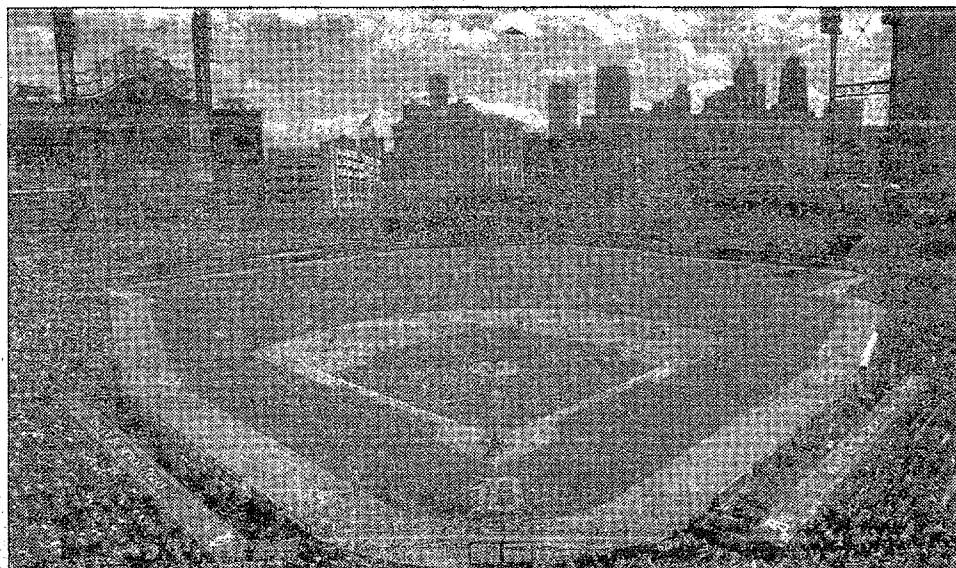
She created her own record label, Halcyon, hosted radio shows in New York, developed jazz education programs for children in Washington, D.C., and her current show is NPR's longest-running cultural program, airing in 24 countries. She earned a 2004 Grammy Award.

Charlap studied privately with jazz pianist Jack Reilly, Eleanor Hancock and Dick Hyman. He also studied classical music.

"I found studying chamber music and vocal accompaniment valuable, but I didn't have enough time to study people like Bud Powell," Charlap said. "So I dropped out to study harder."

In 1995, he was invited to join the Phil Woods Quintet. Charlap was nominated for a Grammy in 2004. Recently, he was named successor to Dick Hyman as artistic director of the Jazz In July series at the 92nd Street Y's Tisch Center for the Arts in New York. And an upcoming tribute CD to Billy Strayhorn features Charlap with Elvis Costello and Joe Lovano on the song *Bloodcount*.

The October concert will feature McPartland's Trio, which includes bass player Jim Cox and drummer Charles Brautham, and Charlap's Trio, featuring bass player Sean Smith and drummer Kenny Washington.



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The **Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich Shop**, 40846 Van Dyke, in Sterling Heights is holding a customer appreciation day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The store is located on the southeast corner of 18 Mile Road and Van Dyke Avenue, in the Van Dyke 18 Commons, which is next to the Video Vision and Big Boy.

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Five Restaurant is located at The Inn at St. John's, at 44045 Sheldon Road, at the corner of Five Mile Road (one mile north of M-14), in Plymouth. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 357-5313.

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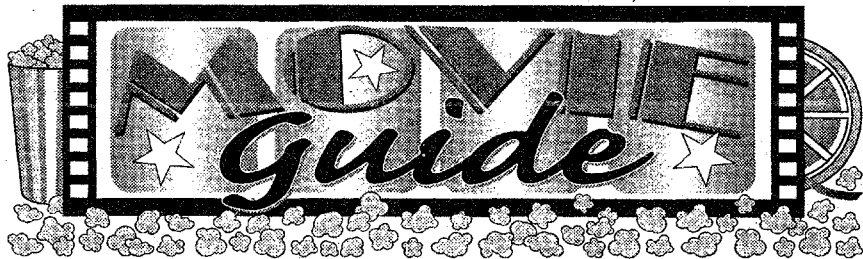
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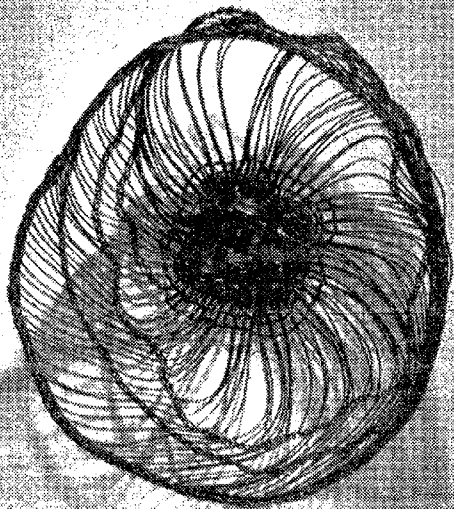
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 10. *Buttons*, The Pussycat Dolls (feat. Snoop Dogg). A&M/Interscope.
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Fourteen artists' works are featured in the Fibers exhibit including "Saay" by Judy Boesky.

It's all about fibers in Farmington

Fibers, fibers and more fibers, alone or in mixed media, is the exhibit by members of the Michigan Weavers Guild at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Fibers 2006 runs through Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Costick's City Gallery lobby at 28600 11 Mile Road.

The exhibit includes hand-woven baskets, scarves, shawls, vests, jackets, jewelry and whimsical work by 14 artists including: Ken Allen, Andrea Anderson, Judy Boesky, Jean Brudzinski, Renee Kash, Susan Lolli, Mary Lou Manor, Joan Pasman, Ruth Quah, Jackie Scieszka, Jeanne Seitz, Jack

Taylor, Sue Walton, and Pat Wiley.

The Weavers Guild is comprised of artists who create pieces by weaving fibers in silk, cotton, linen, thread paper, beads, bark, wire, linen and other materials. One goal of the guild is to preserve fiber traditions such as hand-spinners, basket makers and hand-weavers. The group has been active since 1947.

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'Of Mice and Men' opens U of D season



What better way to open a theater season than with a classic.

The Theater Company at the University of Detroit Mercy launches its 36th season with John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* on

Sept. 29. The play will be held at the Marygrove College Theater.

Of Mice and Men is directed by Detroit theatre community veteran Arthur J. Beer.

The story is about two drifters working at a ranch who hope to earn money so they can purchase their own land and live on their own. Lennie is the man-child — a young mind in a powerful body. George is his loyal friend who is worried about Lennie's obsession with soft and cuddly

creatures.

The ranch owner's wife is found dead and obviously by Lennie's hands. So George must decide if he should give up his friend, or help him hide. All Lennie really wanted to do was have a place some day where he could raise and take care of rabbits.

Of Mice and Men runs for three weeks ends through Oct. 15. Evening and matinee performances are scheduled.

Other performances this year by the U of D theater company include the comedy *Polish Joke* in November; the civil rights drama *Malice Afterthought: The Sweet Trials* in February 2007 and the comedy of corruption, love and greed in *Urinetown* in March and April 2007.

Marygrove College Theatre is located at 8425 W. McNichols Road. Tickets are \$15. The box office is located in Reno Hall on the University of Detroit Mercy campus. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

For tickets or more information, call (313) 933-3270 or visit theatre.udmercy.edu.



Curtis Green and Matt Klug star in "Of Mice and Men."

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Vivace Music Series begins

Cellist Matt Haimovitz will be accompanied by Canadian pianist Micah Yui to open the Vivace Music Series at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Haimovitz has performed with many of the great symphony orchestras in the United States and abroad. Reviewers lauded his recent CDs *Goulash* and *Mozart the Mason*. In addition to performing and recording activities, Haimovitz is Professor of Cello at McGill University in Montreal.

Micah Yui's recording of Ernest Bloch's *Concerto Symphonique and Scherzo Fantastique* with the London Symphony Orchestra was described as "music to die

for" and awarded "Record of the Year" by *Stereophile Magazine*. Yui currently lives in Chicago where she teaches at the Music Institute of Chicago.

The concert will be followed by an afterglow and the opportunity to meet Haimovitz and Yui. The Birmingham Temple is located at 28611 W. Twelve Mile Rd. between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$21 for general admission and \$18 for students or seniors.

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MUSEUM MAKEOVER

Detroit Historical Museum reopens Friday

For the last 10 weeks, the Detroit Historical Society has taken a short break from showing and telling history to make some history of its own.

The Society's flagship attraction, the Detroit Historical Museum, has been closed since July 24 so contractors can upgrade exhibits and facilities. This massive effort, dubbed the "museum makeover," officially culminates with a "grand reopening" weekend celebration starting Friday, Sept. 29, with special hours.

This celebration features free admission all weekend long, complimentary refreshments in the museum's signature Streets of Old Detroit, and free gifts to the first 100 people through the doors each day.

The hours for the grand reopening this weekend are: noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.

When guests visit the museum, they will notice close to \$800,000 in upgrades. Specifically, visitors will notice external signs to guide guests along Kirby Street to the parking lot, an illuminated pedestrian walkway from the parking lot to the museum entrance, improved signage inside the museum to help guests navigate between exhibits and a new full-color visitor's guide.

There's also a new museum welcome center at the Kirby Street entrance, fresh paint, new carpet installed in most exhibition halls and galleries, new ceilings in some spaces

GRAND RE-OPENING

Where: Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, celebrates a grand reopening weekend.

When: Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. Free admission, gifts for first-100 visitors and refreshments this weekend.

Regular museum hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors (60-and-older), students and youth ages 5-18, and free for children ages 4 and under.

For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

and improved lighting in some exhibition halls.

There's an array of new exhibits:

■ *New to the collection*, a changing display of cool artifacts recently obtained by the Society, including hats from the late Detroit City Councilwoman Kay Everett and items from the 2005 Major League Baseball All-Star Game and Super Bowl XL;

■ *Treasures of the Collection*, an "A to Z" display of more than 100 of the most distinctive items from the museum's expansive collection of historic artifacts, including an 18th-century wampum belt, a baseball signed by Ty Cobb, items from the downtown Hudson's store, Vernors memorabilia, a microphone signed by legendary Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell, and a dress uniform from Detroit Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings;

■ *Fabulous Five: Detroit's Music Legends*, a tribute to five noteworthy musicians from metro Detroit, featur-

ing hip hop luminary Eminem, Aretha Franklin, techno founder Derrick May, Bob Seger and Stevie Wonder;

■ *Digital Dress:*

Women About Town, an interactive exhibit that displays how women's clothes evolved during the 20th century, featuring pieces from the costume collections of Meadow Brook Hall, The Henry Ford, Wayne State University, and the Detroit Historical Museum;

■ *Detroit Then & Now*, an outstanding collection of prints from 19th-century Detroit and photographs of the city in the 21st century;

■ *Automotive Showplace*, a rotating display of historic cars from the museum's collection, starting with a 1910 Packard Touring Car.

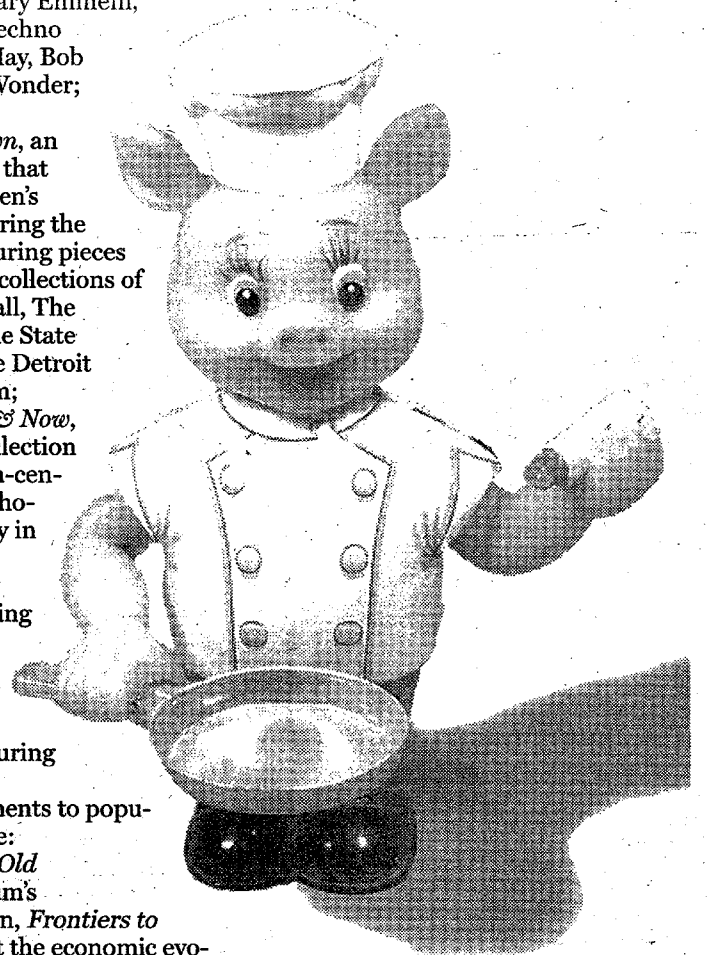
Other improvements to popular exhibits include:

■ *The Streets of Old Detroit*, the museum's signature attraction, *Frontiers to Factories*, a look at the economic evolution of metro Detroit's first 200 years, and *The Glancy Trains*, will be repaired and enhanced.

■ The Motor City exhibit, which tells the story of the region's automotive heritage, will undergo several renovations, including new lighting and the creation of an interactive design area.

■ *Doorway to Freedom*, a look at the area's role in the Underground Railroad, will be enhanced to include more in-depth information.

■ A new video presentation that



DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

This metal and plastic pig wind-up toy from 1957 is featured in the Treasures of the Collection exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum.

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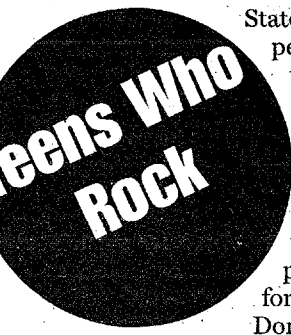
Additional elements of the Society's plan call for increasing lectures, special events, and tours, as well as a similar makeover at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum in 2007.

Family
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Duffy band strives for a different sound

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The trio from the Duffy band is busy this fall. They're hosting radio shows on WCKS-AM from Grand Valley State University and performing throughout the state.



Duffy is an acoustic rock band from Westland that's been playing together for four years. Don't ask them to compare themselves to other bands, Duffy is working to create its own sound.

"We feel that most up-and-coming bands seem to be hardcore and metal, and we are offer something different," lead vocalist and guitarist Eric Kehoe said. They want to make music that enlightens souls and keeps toes tapping. Its members are keyboardist Bill Kahler, 19, Kehoe, 19, and percussionist Joe Girolamo, 17, all of Westland. They've already played some of the larger clubs, like Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac,

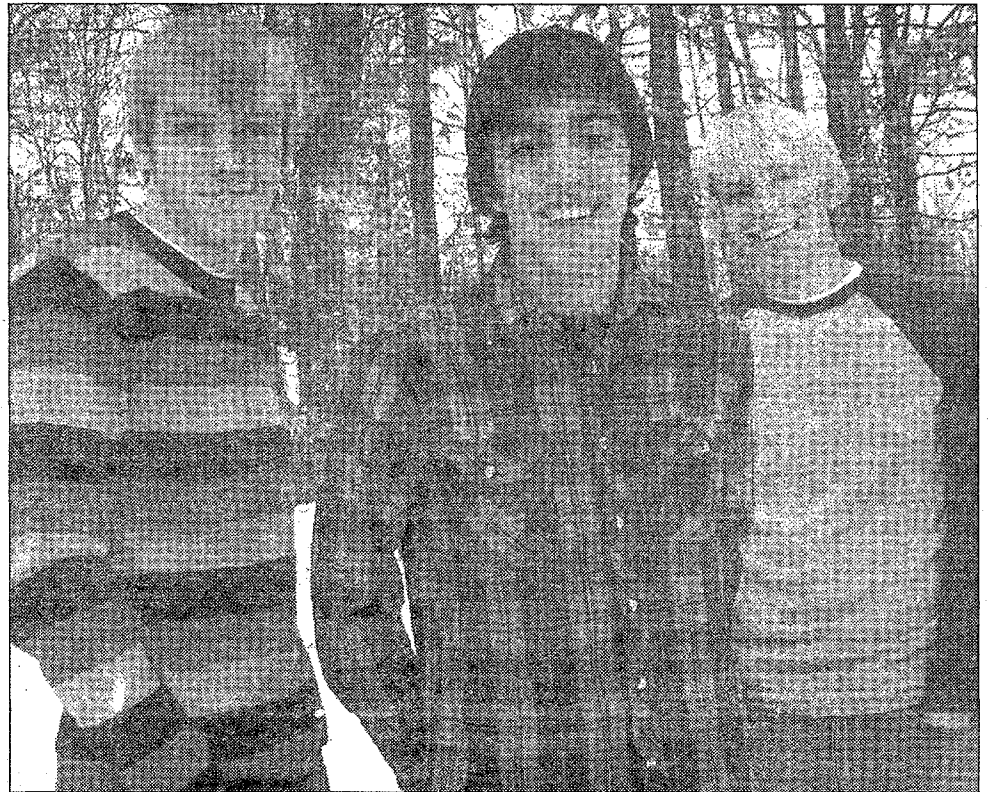
and popular spots, like Ten Bells in Grand Rapids.

Band members said The Beatles are their favorite influence. Kehoe is also inspired by Wilco. Kahler is influenced by Coldplay and Death Cab for Cutie. Girolamo also listens to Aqualung and Get Up Kids. Last year, they produced and released their first EP, *Just Take It In*, which can be purchased on the band's Web site (www.duffyband.com), and a second CD is in the works.

Kahler's radio show, called *Branches*, is on at 10 p.m. Sunday nights where he plays "Top 30" music. Kehoe's show, *The Quiet Storm*, is at 11 p.m. Wednesdays. His show features "mild laughs, alright (sic) music and 'neat-o' guests." Hear the shows on www.thewhale.org.

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The Duffy Band plays acoustic rock. Pictured from left are Bill Kahler, Eric Kehoe and Joe Girolamo.

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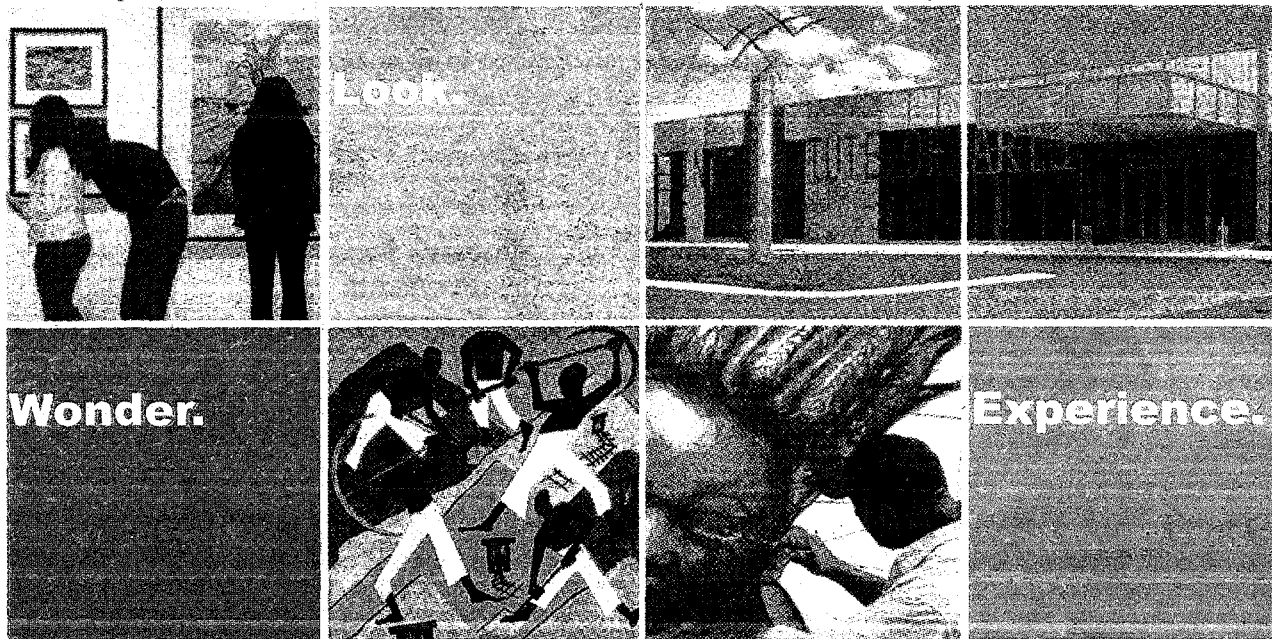
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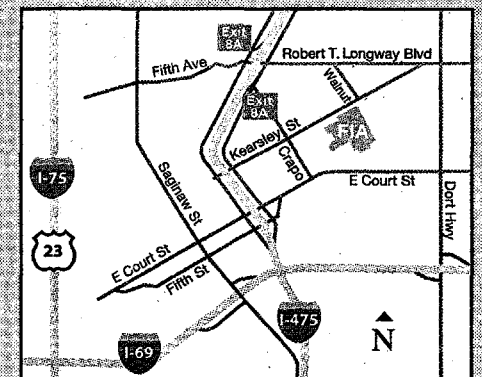
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Saturday
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Public Opening Schedule of Events

- 10:00a - 10:30a**
Ribbon cutting with guest remarks
- 10:30a - 5:00p**
Opening of *Excavating Egypt* Exhibition, *Rembrandt* Exhibition, and reinstatement of the permanent collection
- 10:30a - 10:45a**
Unveiling of Hubert Massey's Fresco Mural *Earth, Wind, Fire and Water*
- 10:45a - 11:45a**
Lecture: Egyptologist Dr. Peter Lacovara, *Excavating Egypt: Flinders Petrie and the Birth of Egyptology*
- 11:00a - 4:00p**
Art Studio Activities
- 11:45a - 1:00p**
Buffet Lunch, featuring the cuisine of the Middle East (\$10 per person)
- 1:00p - 2:00p**
Lecture: Roy Slade, Director Emeritus, Cranbrook Academy of Art, *Why Art Museums Matter*
- 2:30p - 3:30p**
Lecture: Milton Esterow, ARTNews Editor/Publisher, *How to Look at Art Without Feeling Inferior*
- 4:30p**
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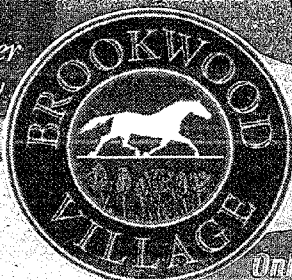
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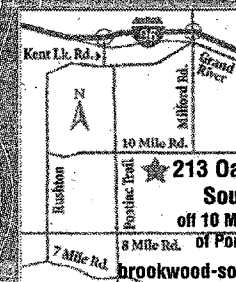
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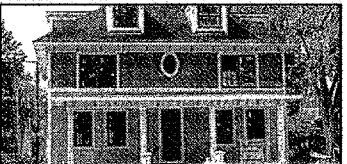
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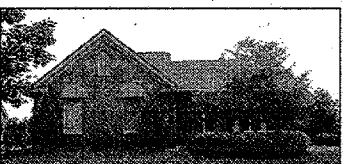
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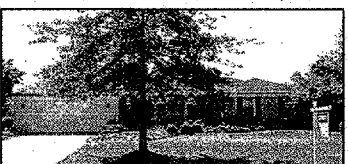
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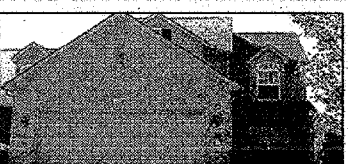
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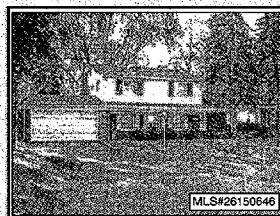
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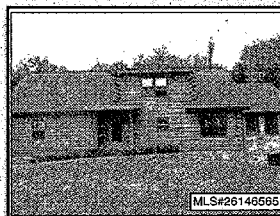
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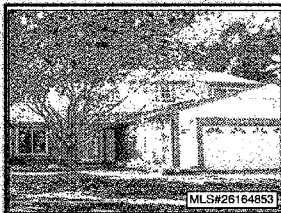
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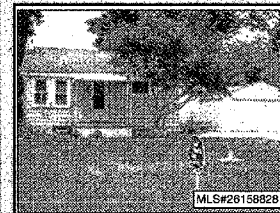
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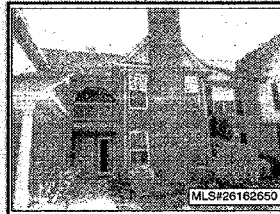
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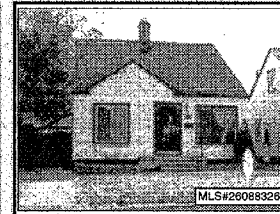
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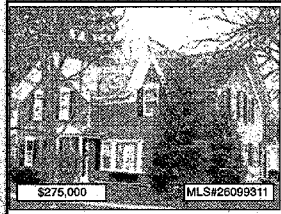
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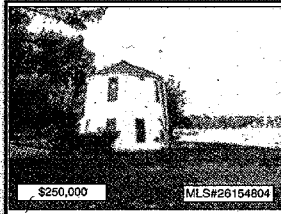
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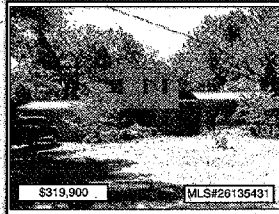
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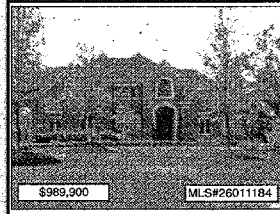
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248-348-6430/349-6200 26139390

\$289,900 - Novi
This home has it all!
248-348-6430/349-6200 26120251

\$214,500 - Novi
Lovely 3 BR Colonial
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\$169,900 - Waterford
Charming vintage Tudor!
248-349-6200/348-6430 26074781

\$269,900 - Commerce
3 BR, 4 BA Condo
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\$269,000
1.6 acre lot. Pool w/ diving board.
248-684-1065 26132059

\$84,750
White Lake Twp. Use your builder or ours.
248-684-1065 26083592

\$219,900
1.5 wooded acres. DR w/ DW to covered porch.
248-684-1065 26159700

\$249,900
Incredible opportunity. Horses & outbuildings.
248-684-1065 26078925

\$279,900
Over 1/2 acre lot. Finished lower level.
248-684-1065 26143840

\$319,900
600 feet of decking! Wide lot w/ hot tub.
248-684-1065 26117446

\$259,000
3 BR, 2.5 BA w/ 1.33 acres. Lg. deck off FR.
248-684-1065 26030651

\$574,900
50' of frontage on White Lk. Unfinished basement.
248-684-1065 26122283

\$269,000
Secluded, serene setting. Large deck and patio.
248-684-1065 26159470

\$179,900
Mstr ste w/ dressing area. Private BA w/ jet tub.
248-684-1065 26161521

\$419,900
2 way gas fp. 1st flr mstr w/ whirlpool tub.
248-684-1065 26138057

\$359,000
Incredible Milford Village 4 BR, 2.1 BA home. Full daylight bsmt on corner lot.
248-684-1065 26158457

\$1,500
2 bedroom, 2 bathroom end unit. Finished basement + additional 300 square feet.
248-684-1065 26160308

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