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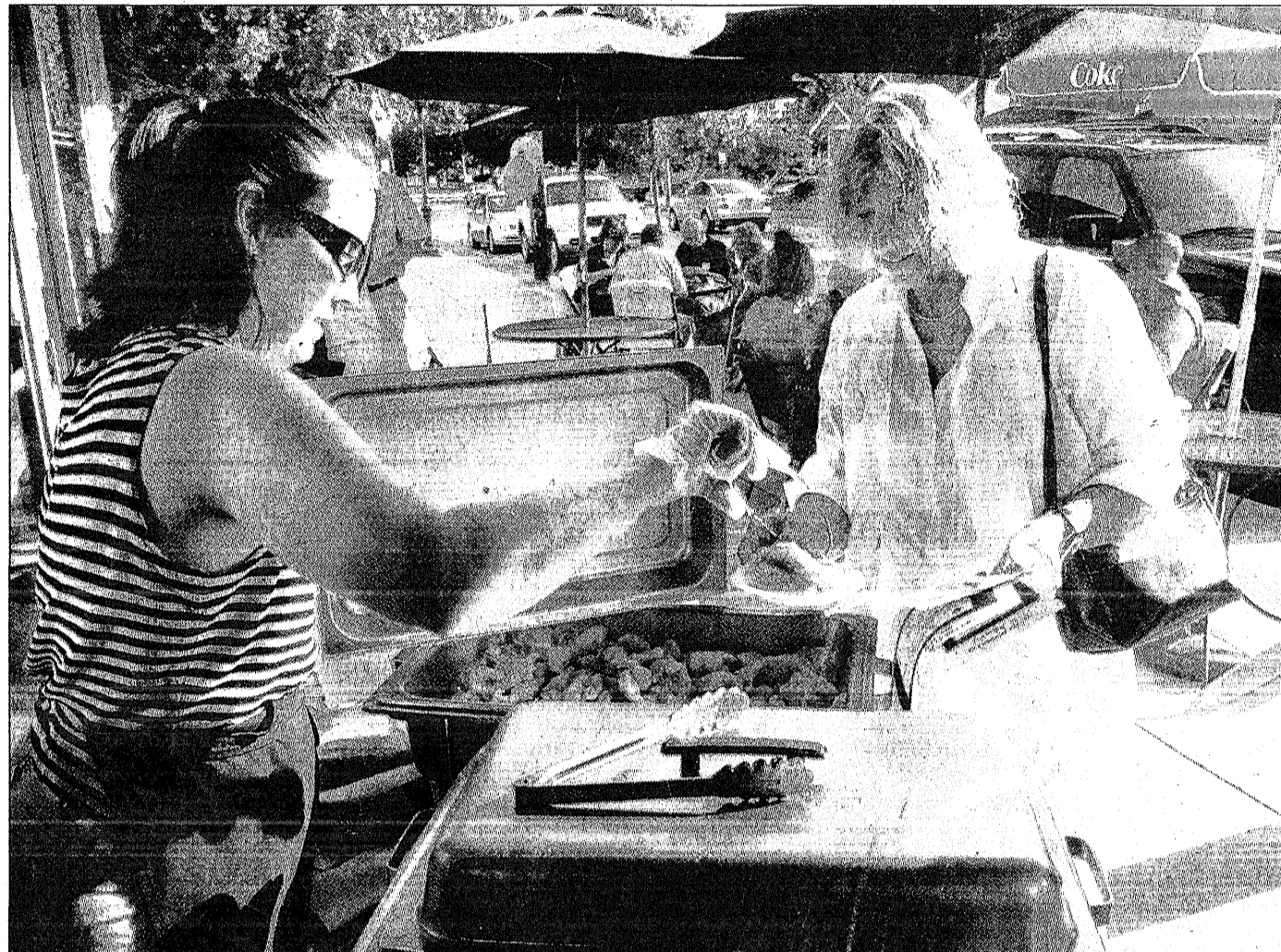
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Lori Toia serves up Plymouth Fish Market's cod and cole slaw to Elaine Murad of Canton.

Restaurant crawlers get their fill during Old Village event

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While riding the horse drawn carriage as part of the Old Village Restaurant Crawl Wednesday evening, Gary Tuggle of Westland didn't think he could eat another bite as he and his wife, Cyndi, were headed to the last of seven restaurants participating in the seven-year event.

"I'm stuffed, where's the Alka Seltzer," moaned Tuggle.

While the restaurant crawl allows for participants to walk around Old Village while sampling foods from the participating restaurants, many stomachs were full by the time the last destination was reached.

"The Caboose was good, I think we might go back there," Tuggle said.

Caboose owner Rick Kelp, who with his wife, Kim, took over the soup-and-sandwich restaurant in July, used the crawl as a showcase for their homemade goods.

"We're featuring three soups, chicken enchi-

lada, homemade chicken noodle and cream of potato," said Rick Kelp. "Our sandwiches are roast beef, corned beef, turkey and pulled pork."

"This event is really great for the community," he said. "A lot of people didn't know we are here, and now they do."

For Josie Sipple of Northville Township, there was no secret which restaurant topped her list.

"My favorite was Station 885," Sipple said. "The prime rib, mashed potatoes and salad were really good, and the chocolate fountain was to die for."

Station 885 senior manager Kim Buerkle said the crawl is a chance to showcase one of Plymouth's best-known restaurants.

"It's a show for us, and the owners want us to serve what we're known for, the prime rib," Buerkle said. "I have a lot of people say they haven't been here for a long time, or that they'll be back."

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Nick Hermann, owner of Hermann's Old Town Grille, is ready to serve Charlie and Dan Lundquist pizza, mini corn dogs, loaded baked potato soup or a chicken salad wrap.

Full-speed ahead - not

Snags continue to plague Sheldon Road underpass project

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in several months, there was noticeable construction activity this week at the Sheldon Road underpass project.

However, the sight of construction equipment and workers doesn't necessarily mean the project is going full-speed ahead.

In fact, the removal of utility lines to allow for the installation of a 36-inch water main below the underpass has yet to be completed. Wayne County officials blame DTE Energy for delaying the project. DTE Energy denies the charge, putting the onus on Wayne County for failure to remove the utility lines in a timely manner.

"AT&T has been out there working very hard," said Wayne County Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp. "If DTE would do as well, I would be pleased."

"As for the actual field work, yesterday (Thursday) was the first day they were out. They agreed to have the lines out by June 1, and it's August

and we're still having to push them with what they agreed to. We've gotten our lawyers involved and have put DTE on notice that any additional costs associated with their delay will be passed on to them."

The main issue is an underground utility line servicing Redico Inc., which DTE said a Wayne County issue.

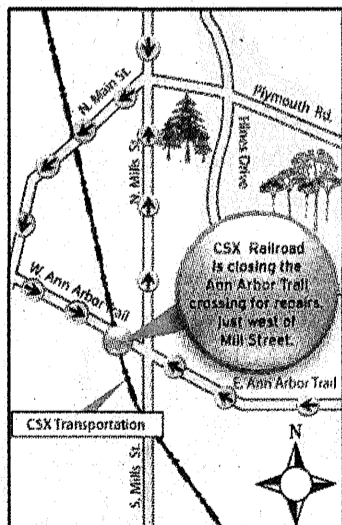
"The cable that's crossing Sheldon Road that's in conflict with the water main doesn't belong to us," said Scott Simons, DTE Energy spokesman. "The cable is privately owned by the customer, and apparently the county has to pay that customer \$80,000 to do the work, which hasn't been done yet."

"There's still our pole there, but that's connected with the underground service," he said. "We're not holding up the project, we're pretty much done."

Helmkamp confirmed Redico is responsible for moving the line, with the county to reimburse the cost within 30 days.

"However, if DTE is claiming

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CSX to close Ann Arbor Trail crossing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

CSX Railroad is scheduled to begin reconstruction of the train crossing on Ann Arbor Trail, just west of Mill Street, in Plymouth Monday morning.

"We'll be putting in new track and replacing cross ties, and making sure the gates are in working order," said Garrick Francis, CSX spokesman. "Generally, we can make the repairs between Monday and Friday. However, it can extend into the weekend."

City Manager Paul Sincock said motorists

headed north on Mill Street can connect with Main Street, head south on Main and re-connect with Ann Arbor Trail. Traffic headed south on Mill should turn west at Ann Arbor Road, north on Main Street to Ann Arbor Trail.

"Obviously, these crossings are in pretty poor condition," said Sincock. "It's one of those things where we have some short-term pain to get through it and a much better product in the end."

It's the first of two crossings CSX plans to repair in the city. The other is just north of downtown at Main and Theodore, which is scheduled to start on Monday, Aug. 20.

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Blue Water Bridge (Peet Huron)				
(original span)	1 Mile	1.5 Years	\$3.25 M	June 1937
(second span)	1 Mile	2 Years	\$41.3 M	July 1997
Sheldon Road Underpass (estimates - under construction)	5 Lanes	2 Years	\$4 M	Dec. 2008

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Chili dogs, hold the onions

This year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth is looking for "hot" dogs. "We're looking for the hottest dogs in the coolest city," said Annette Horn, Chili Fest organizer. "We'll be judging in the hot and spicy and the bike dog categories." This year's Chili Cookoff is scheduled for Sept. 30. "This is a family event, and dogs are just like family, and people love to show them off," said Horn. "We'll have ribbons for all participants and an official Bone Trophy to the hottest dog." Entry forms are available at Specialty Pets, Jill Andra Young Photography and Happy Hounds Day Care. Entry fees are \$5 for pre-registration and \$7 at the event.

New Morning School scholarships

New Morning School is awarding a \$750 partial-tuition scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. The new scholarship is being funded by the Plymouth Women's Charity Potluck, a group of 20 women who meet for a potluck event, with each contributing \$25 toward the scholarship. The scholarship is open to all current and future students. Applications are being accepted through August 17. For more

information or for an application contact Kelly Krawczyk at 734.420.3331 or Kelly@new-morningschool.com.

Hand crafters wanted

The Plymouth Historical Museum is seeking crafters for its second annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables are \$15 each. Crafters are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, as the Museum has limited room. Applications are available on the Museum web site at <http://plymouthhistory.org/craft/craftshow.pdf> or at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Plymouth Arts Council Exhibit

Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting special weekend open hours on Saturdays, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18, from noon to 5 p.m. to view its current exhibition, "Fluid Moments" by local photography artist, Rein Nomm. The exhibition is housed at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Nomm will be available during the exhibition and will be selling select pieces. For more information contact the council at (734) 416-4278.

Visit www.plymoutharts.com to learn more about the exhibition and the artist.

Financial seminars



Taking a bite of the 'Big Apple'

Dance instructors from Central City Dance Center in Canton traveled to New York City to study with choreographers from the hit television show "So You Think You Can Dance" in early July. The classes were part of a dance educational series that help the instructors keep up on the latest trends and mainstream choreography, according to Tamara Smola, Central City owner and artistic director. The entire staff attended classes in all genres of dance, including hip hop, jazz, ballet, tap, and contemporary movement. In addition to dancing at Broadway Dance Center and at the Pulse Convention the staff of Central City Dance also found time to indulge in everything the city had to offer. They saw a Broadway show, ate New York cheesecake, and experienced a terrifying cab ride in the busy streets of the Big Apple. Central City is now accepting open registration for fall classes through Sept. 8. Register before Aug. 17 and be entered to win free dance lessons for a year. For more information about the center's fall curriculum, visit its Web site at www.centralcitydance.com or call (734) 459-0400.

Community Financial will host free financial education seminars Tuesday, Aug. 21 and Wednesday, Aug. 22. Both hour-long seminars, which are open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the credit union's main office located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

The Aug. 21 seminar is titled "Take Control of Your Money!" and focuses on how to create a spending plan, set realistic goals and track spending. It is estimated that most American consumers waste 20 to 30 percent of their money due to poor spending and planning habits. This seminar has been designed as an interactive learning experience and will also help people identify budget busters that can destroy a spending plan.

The second seminar on Aug. 22 is titled "Understanding and Improving Credit Scores." Participants will receive straightforward answers to a variety of questions including what's in a credit report; why you need a good credit score; how to establish and improve your credit score, and much more. "These seminars provide an excellent opportunity for us to give members and others in our community the knowledge needed to better manage their finances and achieve greater peace of mind," said Bill

Lawton, president and CEO of Community Financial. Participants will enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win a \$50 gas card. To register for the free seminars, call 734-582-8702.

Chieftettes fund-raiser

The Canton High School Pom Pon team will be holding a car wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Aug. 18 at the Fastlane Quick Lube Oil Change at 5881 Canton Center Road, on the west side of the road, between Ford and Warren roads. Make a donation to show your support for the Canton Chieftettes and get your car cleaned in the process. For more information, e-mail Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.net.

Drive-In Night

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is hosting a drive-in movie night Monday, Aug. 20, at the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatres in Plymouth. The theatre opens at 7:30 p.m. and inflatable toys and games will entertain children until movies begin at 8:25 p.m. Cost is \$25 per car, and proceeds provide scholarships for kids to attend YMCA camps. Passes must be purchased online. Visit www.ymcadowetroit.org for more information and

to buy passes.

Creative writing

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To set up individual creative writing sessions, which will take place over the telephone and the internet according to the writer's schedule, e-mail Saylor at GrandSchemePress@comcast.net or call (734) 546-3260.

Historical walking tour

Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for an historical walking tour around Kellogg Park 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. Wendy Harless, Chairperson of the Plymouth Preservation Network, takes guests on an historical walk around the park. Have you ever stopped to wonder: Why we have a park? What is the oldest building around the park? Why is the Wilcox house located near the park? These questions and many more will be answered. Arrive early and enjoy free Starbucks coffee!

Cost is \$10 per person with a limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html. Contact the museum for more information at (734) 455-8940. The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Tiny Tot program

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for the Tiny Tots Preschool program. For 3-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday class or a Tuesday/Thursday class from 9-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$95

per month. For 4-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday/Thursday class from 12:15-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per month. There is a one-time registration fee of \$35 for all classes. For more information call (734) 453-5464 or stop by the office at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

YMCA board

The Plymouth Family YMCA is looking to grow its Board of Advisors. This is an opportunity for members of the Plymouth, Canton or Northville communities who are looking to get more involved in their community. There are monthly meetings from September through June. Responsibilities include advocacy, fund-raising and expertise. Anyone interested in getting more information can contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or jlandefeld@ymcamedetroit.org

Rapunzel on stage

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville presents the musical *Rapunzel* Aug. 6 through Sept. 23. Show times are weekdays, Monday through Fridays (Aug. 13-17) at 10:30 a.m., Saturdays (Aug. 18 and 25) at 11:30 a.m., Saturdays (Sept. 8, 15, 22) at 2:30 p.m., and Sundays (Sept. 9, 16, 23) at 2:30 p.m. Please no children under the age of 3. Tickets are \$8, with group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

Good Grief golf

New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its ninth-annual "Good Grief" golf outing Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Proceeds from the outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner-only is \$35 per person. For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, visit New Hope's Web site at www.newhopecenter.net or call Pattie Bingham, (248) 348-0115.

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Book-lovers savor 'Potter,' other titles in busy summer

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Summer's traditionally a time for "beach books," but local readers tackle more serious fare as well.

Gerry Barlage, adult service coordinator at the Plymouth District Library, reports *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, a native of Afghanistan, is popular.

"It's the same guy that wrote *The Kite Runner*. Anybody who read *The Kite Runner* is coming back for that," she said of the fiction title.

Harry Potter has grabbed the headlines lately, attracting readers of all ages.

The newest fiction tome, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling, is "a biggie with our adult patrons, as big as the kids," she said, noting even "senior seniors" are tackling it.

"I got the impression from the people this morning (who reserved the book) that it was because of their grandchildren, that they don't want to appear not to know," Barlage said.

"The 'Diana' book is very popular." That's *The Diana Chronicles* by Tina Brown. "We have a large Anglophile community," with a lot of interest in the British royal family, said Barlage, who agreed "beach books" have boosted adult reading this summer. Circulation hit 90,000 in July, a record for the library.

Book club grows

Brooke Somerville, in the adult services department at the Redford Township District Library, said it's been busy there. "We started a book club just recently and we've gotten a good response." The Redford Recreational Readers will discuss *Florence of Arabia* on Sept. 12, by Christopher Buckley. Redford Recreational Readers meet 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the library on Six Mile east Beech Daly.

"It's a humorous book,"



Peg Foen of Plymouth comes to the Plymouth District Library once or twice a week. Drawn to the work of Asian American author, Brian Leung, she recently enjoyed his new book, 'Lost Men.'

said Somerville of *Florence of Arabia*. The heroine promotes women's rights in the Middle East in that fiction title.

"We have so many holds on that," she said of *Harry Potter*. "It's always been popular. Everybody wants to read it to see how it turns out." "They want something easy," she said of summer readers. *God Is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens is a popular nonfiction title in Redford.

"It's kind of a provocative look at religion. He's a very humorous author," said Somerville, who read his last but not this one. Also popular there are *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *Lean*,

Mean Thirteen.

At the Livonia Public Library, City Librarian Kathleen Monroe said "It's been extremely busy for everybody." Livonia has done an adult summer reading program for several years. "It's been very successful." Organizers have gift baskets with different themes from area businesses, and hold drawings for those at the end of summer.

Adults who read at a certain level are eligible for a drawing at the end of the summer. Kids in Livonia also have programs to encourage reading throughout the summer, with special programs at the end.

Harry Potter is "hot, hot, hot" with related programs tying into the new movie and book. "I haven't had a chance to read it yet," Monroe said. To get kids to read something at that length's amazing, she added.

"I think it's been a wonderful thing. I think it's helped to make them lifelong readers."

As an administrator, she doesn't see directly popular titles among adult readers. "We've kept the citizens of Livonia busy," said Monroe, doing some reading herself.

"I'm revisiting Jane Austen." *Sense and Sensibility*, which she read in the past, is included. "I like all those 19th century authors, and I go back and read them."

At the large Civic Center branch in Livonia, for July this year over 50,000 items circulated. The library has two other full-service branches. "July was the big month of the summer," the city librarian said.

"We're just glad we're here to kind of fill that gap in the summer." People of all ages have more time for leisure reading in the summer. "I think it's a wonderful service," Monroe said.

Records set

Ellen Pare, adult services/reference librarian at the Canton Public Library, also reports a record-setting summer. "We have had record checkouts and participation in our summer reading programs at all levels," Pare said. "It's been a busy summer."

"Even with adults, *Harry Potter* is huge. It's the book of the summer," Pare said. "They're just really good stories. I think that's probably the fundamental attraction of it. They're just fun to read."

The newest *Harry Potter* has over 50 copies at Canton's library, and there's still a wait list for it, she noted.

A Thousand Splendid Suns is popular there as well. *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert, a non-fiction title, is being read in Canton. "That one's very popular, too," Pare said of the book.

Canton adults are also reading *The Diana Chronicles*, and a mystery by Janet Evanovich, *Lean, Mean Thirteen*, part of a series.

She agreed people read lighter stuff in the summer. "When people are traveling, they just want something entertaining," Pare said. The Canton library did weekly drawings for adults on a travel theme. The grand prize drawing for a Northwest Airlines certificate (\$400) is this coming week; the library has also given gas cards, a luggage package, and Cedar Point ticket package.

Jan Smith, interim director for the Garden City Public Library, reports James Patterson and Michael Ledwith's *The Quickie*, about a police officer trying to get revenge on her husband she suspects of cheating is well-read. "Something goes terribly wrong," Smith said of the storyline.

A Thousand Splendid Suns and *Harry Potter* are top picks in Garden City as well.

"I love *Harry Potter*. It has all the elements you're looking for in a book," said Smith, citing mystery, romance and danger. She and other readers are sad that series is ending.

"I think everybody's waiting for something spectacular" from Rowling.

Titles for young adults

Also popular with young adults in Garden City is the follow-up third part of a trilogy, *The Inheritance Trilogy*. *Aragon* was the first, *Eldest* by Christopher Paolini the

second, Smith said. Author Frank Herbert's (*Dune* series) son Brian wrote *Sandworms of Dune*, very popular with science fiction fans. The younger Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson write science fiction titles that are popular.

"Everybody's looking for a good beach book," said Smith, who likes author Clive Cussler's adventure novels.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, department head for adult services Marilyn Kwik reports "We have a fair number" reading *Harry Potter*. "It's always popular."

The Janet Evanovich and James Patterson books do well in Westland; also liked is *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne, a self-help type book. "This year, we also have a lot of people reading *You - The Owner's Manual: An Insider's Guide to the Body That Will Make You Healthier and Younger*. It's by Michael Roizen."

That nonfiction book deals with health issues, Kwik said, adding *A Thousand Splendid Suns* does well there.

At Westland, the adult summer reading program's been popular, with its ".007 James Bond" theme. "Their mission was to complete the passport." Readers were rewarded if they read such things as spy novels. The adults had programs that supported the theme, such as belly dancing and handwriting analysis. The Spy Tech shop in Rochester had a speaker come to Westland on different spy equipment available for purchase.

"It was a very good summer. We had a really high attendance," said Kwik. Also popular are Philippa Gregory's *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Boleyn Inheritance* series titles, especially with women. "It's really obvious that people are still interested in reading. Books are still very, very popular," Kwik said.

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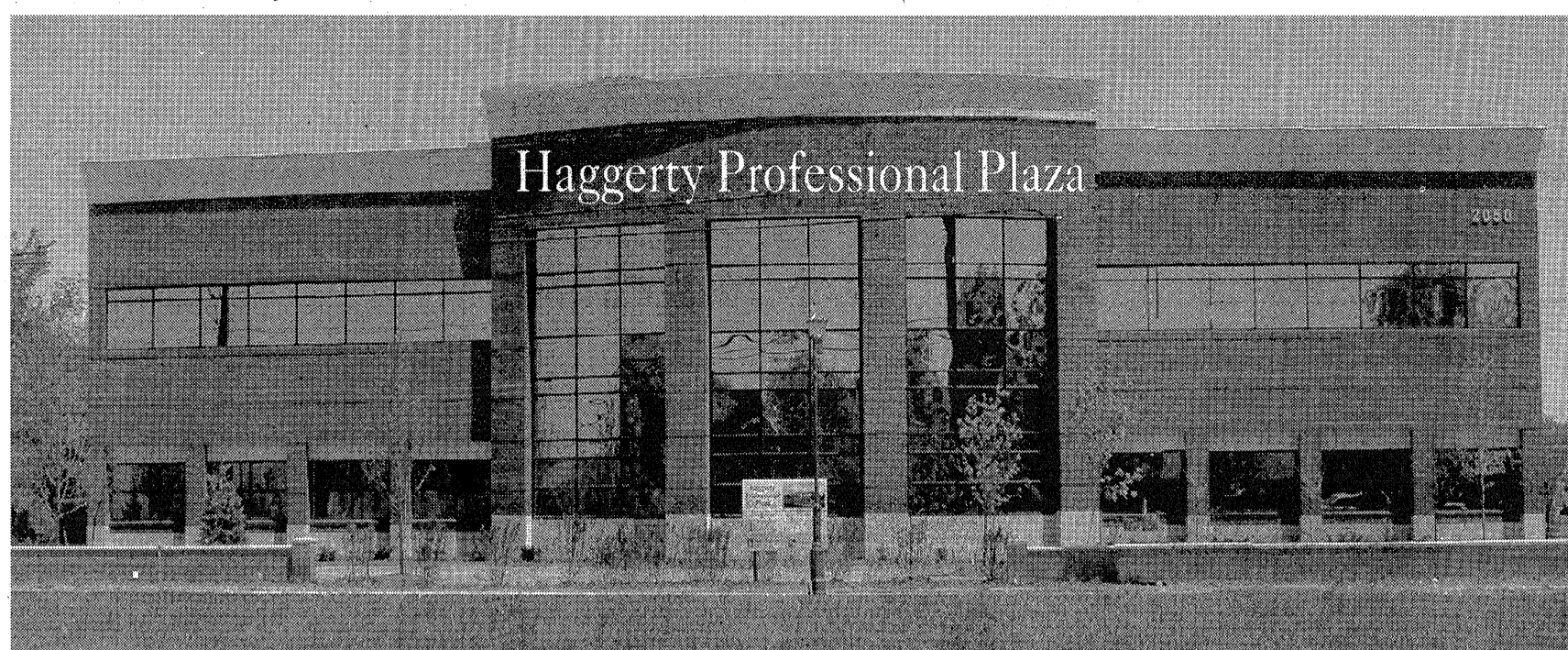
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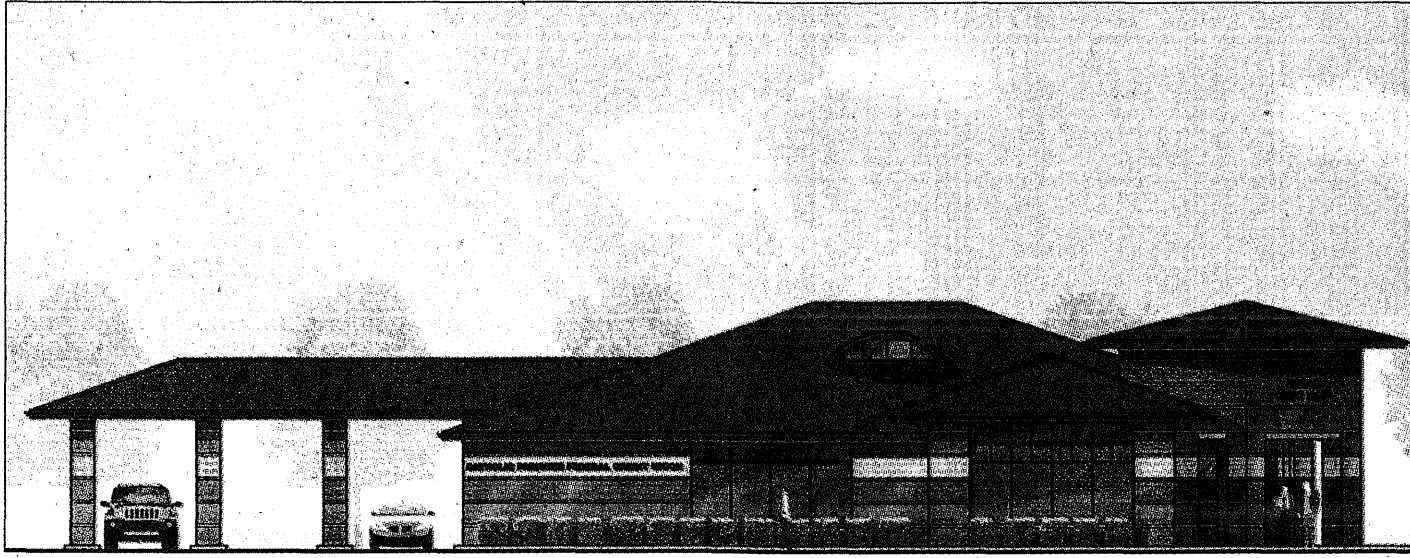
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Artist's rendering of what the new Plymouth Township branch of the Catholic Parishes Credit Union will look like.

Credit union breaks ground on Plymouth Township branch

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union broke ground on a new branch location in Plymouth Township recently.

The project team for the new building includes Plante & Moran CRESA of Southfield; FH Martin Constructors of Warren; Nudell Architects of Farmington Hills; and Nowak and Fraus Engineers of Pontiac.

"We are honored to have been selected to provide Design-Build services for this project," said FH Martin President R. Andrew Martin, Jr. "The new 4,500-square-foot building will serve as the third branch location for Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union, whose main office is located in Livonia, with another branch located in Redford Township."

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union, which was founded in 1953 as St. Michael Livonia Federal Credit Union, strives to give its members the best possible value for their money, and embodies the credit union philosophy of "people helping people."

"We are very excited about this opportunity to expand our services to the Catholic community in Plymouth, Canton, and the surrounding communities, CEO Pete Bagazinski said. "Catholic Parishes Federal



Helping break ground on the Catholic Parishes Credit Union on Sheldon in Plymouth Township were (from left) James Griffith Jr., director; Susan Randall, director; Lea Fisher, St. Valentine branch manager; Geneva Poremsky, Livonia branch manager; CEO Peter Bagazinski; Vicar The Rev. Denis Theroux; John Wezner, Chairman of the Board; Ronald Ingram, director; George LaBerge, director; Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township Supervisor; Andrew Martin, FH Martin; Andrew Cottrell, Nudell Architects; Paul Rivetto and David Grinnell, Plante & Moran CRESA; and Kevin Blind, FH Martin.

Credit Union is dedicated to providing excellent member service and the financial products our members need in their day-to-day lives."

The groundbreaking took place at the site of the new building, to be located at 8817 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. Attendees included Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union Board members, officers and employees; Reverend Denis Theroux, Vicar Northwest Wayne Vicariate; Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume; and representatives from FH Martin Constructors, Nudell

Architects and Plante & Moran CRESA.

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union, with 7,000 member-owners and \$47 million in assets, is a full-service financial institution serving

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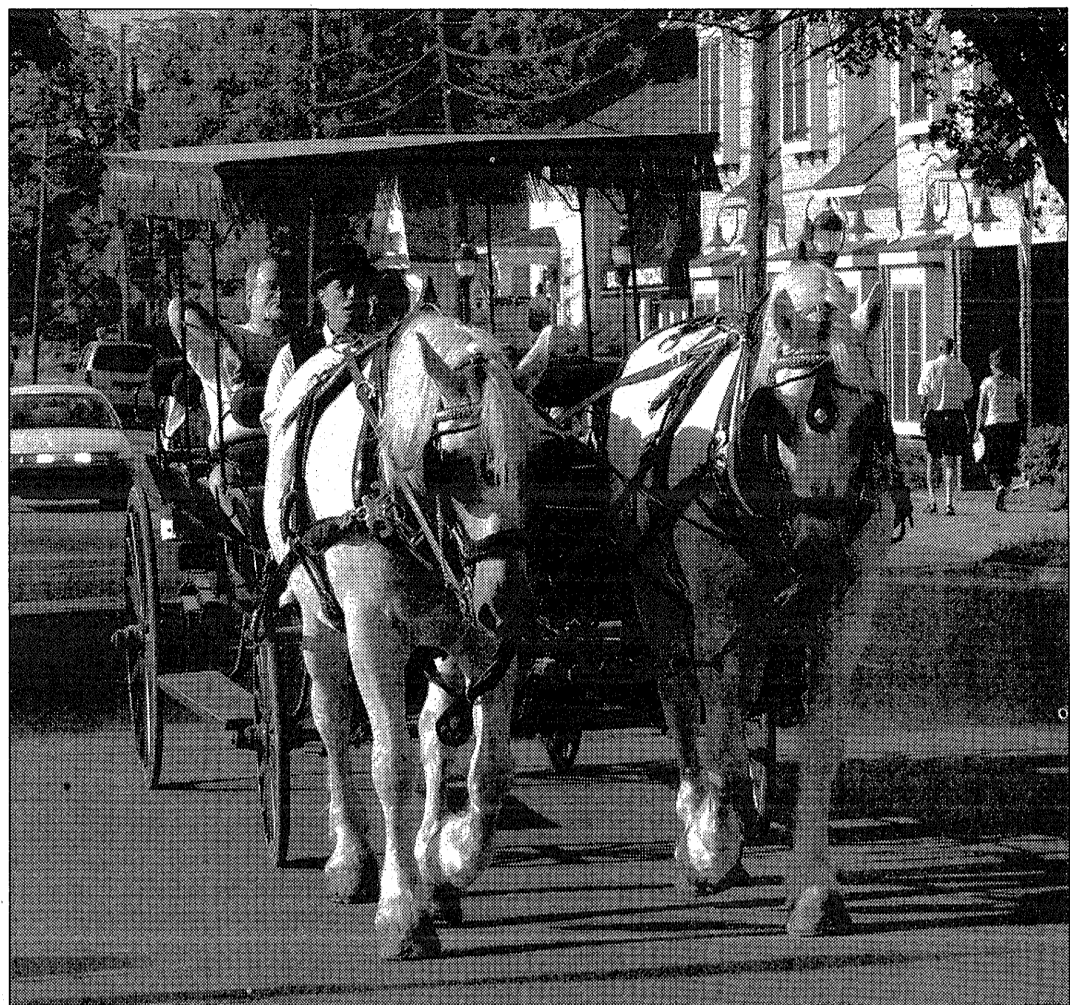
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CRAWL
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Other restaurants along the crawl included Grecian Cafe, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Crawford's Kitchen, Dilly Dally Deli and Plymouth Fish/Seafood Market.

The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce. Executive Director Fran Toney said more than 200 tickets were sold.

"It was raining all week, and we sold half of them today (Wednesday) when people saw the weather was going to be better," Toney said. "This is one of our most popular events."

The second annual downtown restaurant crawl is scheduled for Sept. 19.

Entitled Penn-taste-tic, the event with more than a dozen participating restaurants benefits the Friends of the Penn and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

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UNDERPASS
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they've done most of their work and are waiting for someone else, that claim isn't credible," Helmkamp said.

Simons noted despite Wayne County's June 1 deadline, DTE early-on expressed concerns they couldn't meet the timetable.

"When we met with the county on Nov. 1... we expressed that was unrealistic because it was such a complex

job," Simons said. "We attended numerous meetings with engineering personnel... We never assured them we could be relocated by that date."

A July 3 memorandum by Victoria Holland, Wayne County's director of engineering, indicated DTE's on-site work had been on hold for about a month because the utility company's project designer was on vacation.

"In addition to delaying the utility relocation issue, subsequently scheduled events are also being delayed, including the installation of storm sewer,

water main and railroad bypass tracks," wrote Holland.

Meanwhile, the estimated \$14 million, five-lane underpass — which was initiated in 1999 with a \$5 million federal grant — is still "on target" to be completed in December 2008.

"Call me the eternal optimist, but I'm sticking to that," Helmkamp said. "If this means we have to revise the schedule and add shifts, even in the bad months, we'll do whatever we need to do to get it completed by then."

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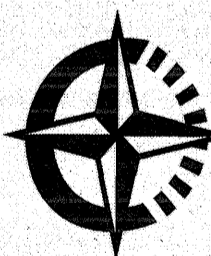
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Switching Roth IRA will not cause tax consequences

Q: I have a Roth IRA with TIA-CREF which is less than five years old. I am thinking of moving it to Vanguard to take advantage of their lower fees. Can I change custodians from my Roth IRA without tax consequences or will the IRS treat this as a distribution since the Roth is less than five years old?

A: There is no problem in switching from TIA-CREF to Vanguard. Since the money is staying within a Roth IRA, it is not considered a distribution and the five-year rule does not apply.

You can have Vanguard transfer the money or you can do a rollover. In a rollover, you have 60 days from the time you receive the check to deposit that money with Vanguard. As long as the transaction is completed within 60 days, it is



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

not treated as a distribution for tax purposes and there are no tax consequences.

Q: I have four rental homes on seven-year ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages) with American Home

Mortgage about two to three years old. My wife is employed, and I am retired. Our credit score is 735, and we are in the zero tax bracket. Unfortunately, the loans are about to exceed appraised value. Jim Cramer, from CNBC, says to walk away from such loans. What are the consequences?

A: Although it would be nice to say that you can walk away from the loans without any

consequences, that's not the case.

When you obtained the mortgage, you entered into a legally binding contract which states the terms of how the loan has to be repaid. Nothing in the loan documentation deals with the value of the home.

Just because the house is now worth less than the outstanding balance does not give you the right to walk away from the property. You are legally liable for the debt. If you walk away from the loan, the mortgage company can come after you.

In Michigan, there is a procedure known as Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure. This allows you to shortcut the foreclosure procedures and voluntarily surrender your

property back to the mortgage company.

In many cases, even though the property may be worth less than the outstanding mortgage, lenders will accept the deed and not pursue any legal recourse. However, this is not always the case. In situations where the property is a rental, as opposed to someone's personal residence, mortgage companies are sometimes more difficult.

The other issue is taxes. When someone is forgiven a debt, this creates a taxable event. The money that is forgiven is considered taxable income. Of course, the house you are turning over to the mortgage company has value which would partially offset the loan being forgiven.

My advice is contact your mortgage company. Every mortgage company has departments set aside to handle problems. By working with the company, you may be in a better position to reach an equitable deal as opposed to walking away from the loan and letting the mortgage company foreclose.

Whether it is the IRS or a creditor, the key is to be proactive. If you wait too long, you will lose all leverage in dealing with your creditors.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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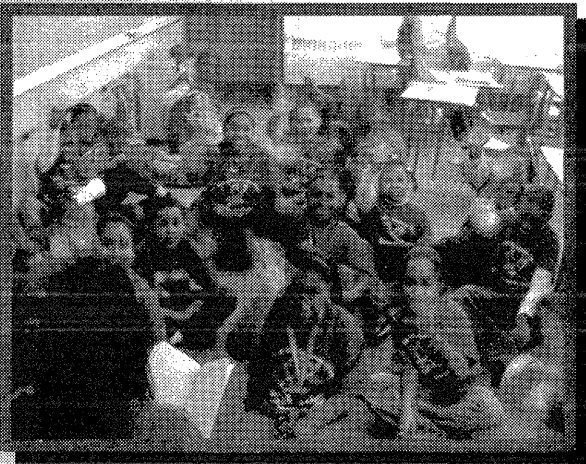
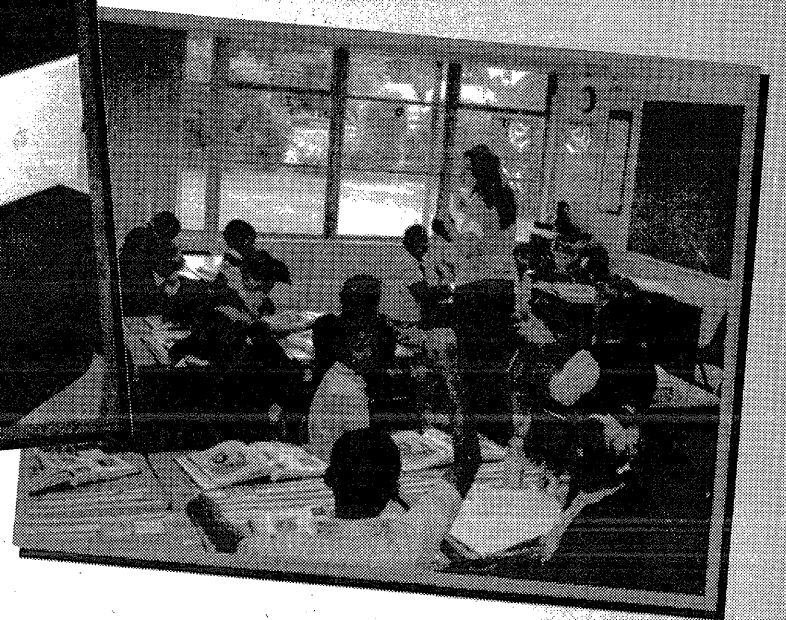
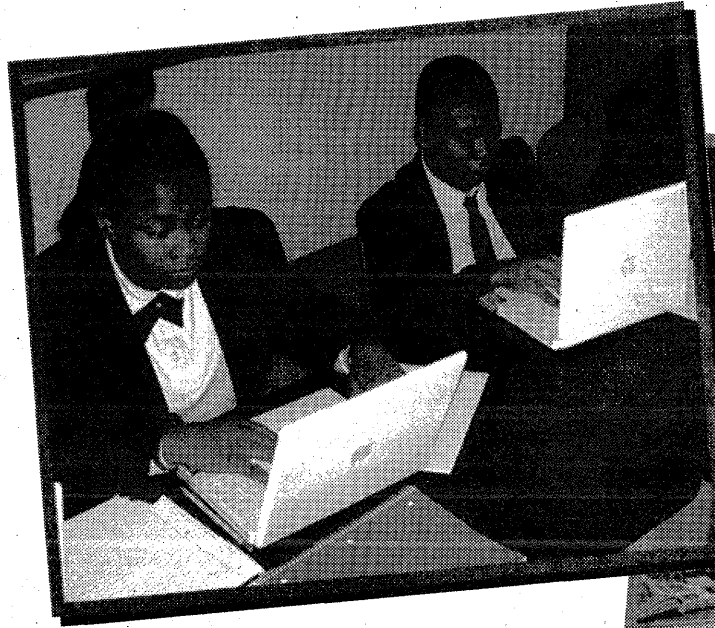
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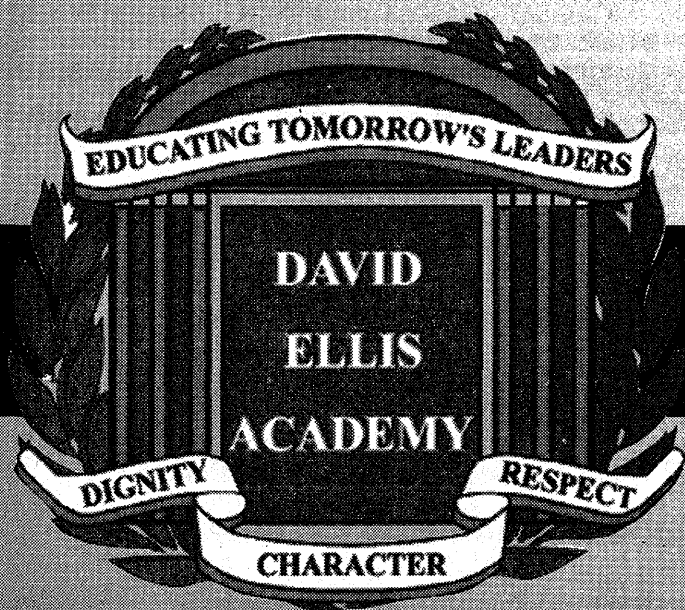
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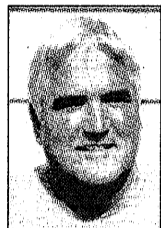
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Boys are more at risk for some birth problems

It has long been acknowledged that boys generally outnumber girls by about three to one in the incidence of childhood mental disorders such as learning disabilities, behavioral problems, autism, attention deficit hyperactive disorders, and so on.



Len McCulloch

Years ago an experiment was done to test the hypothesis that this higher rate of disorders for boys might be related to their being more at risk for brain injuries during the birthing process. It was considered that one way there might be greater risk would be if they had bigger heads that received more

pressure during contractions through the birth canal. A group of one hundred newborns were measured, boys and girls, and the boys' heads were significantly larger than the girls.

To test out whether or not this was causing any type of brain injury, spinal taps were done on the hundred boys and girls and in a significantly higher rate of boys there was found traces of blood in the cerebral spinal fluid, indicative of minor brain bleeding.

Unfortunately, the research wasn't followed up on to examine the same children five to 10 years later to see if the boys outnumbered the girls in terms of rates of various childhood mental behavioral and developmental abnormalities.

Also unfortunately, the size of heads of boys and girls cannot be controlled and neither is it advisable to have all births by C-section to avoid risking new birth minor brain bleeds that might eventually show up as disabilities later in life. And, there are certain conditions that exist in some pregnant mothers that are known to be detrimental to the developing baby which cannot be wished away.

Mothers with epilepsy is an example. Being born to a mother with epilepsy may affect developmental outcome of the offspring in several ways. Prenatal exposure to some anti-epileptic drugs is said to be associated with an increased incidence of major malformations. Genetic factors may also contribute. Exposure to prolong and multiple maternal seizures are additional risk factors.

However, there are many factors that are under every pregnant woman's control to increase or decrease the risk of mental health issues in their offspring. Common sense tells the mother to be healthy, eat right, sleep well, and take care of her unborn as she would herself.

Unfortunately, many teen and young mothers-to-be are not always educated enough to the deleterious effects of alcohol, cigarettes and second hand smoke, drugs, medications, and stress on the mental health of their offspring. All of these can be controlled by prevention.

In my work with the Social Security Administration doing disability determination evaluations on thousands of children over the years I have seen a high correlation of youngsters with common disabilities such as learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism, brain damage, etc. and the use by their mothers, when the child was in utero, of any or all of these various "substances."

Also seen is the pattern of boys outnumbering girls in the incidence of childhood disorders so I still have not thrown out the hypothesis of the boys head bigger than girls' heads birthing risk.

Another major factor is stress. A mother under high amounts of stress throughout pregnancy may be producing excessive cortisol, a hormone known to have harmful effects on healthy brains, let alone premature developing brains and a newborn's brain having been bathed for nine months in high levels of this hormone, and perhaps others that are related, may be prone to develop schizophrenia, say some.

The important thing is early education to our mother's-to-be about the dangerousness of "substances", stress, and related factors that common sense would tell them could be harmful to them and therefore to their new child.

We are seeing so many disabilities in children probably traceable back to damage done to them, in utero. We cannot get too early of a start on preparation of our children's mental health.

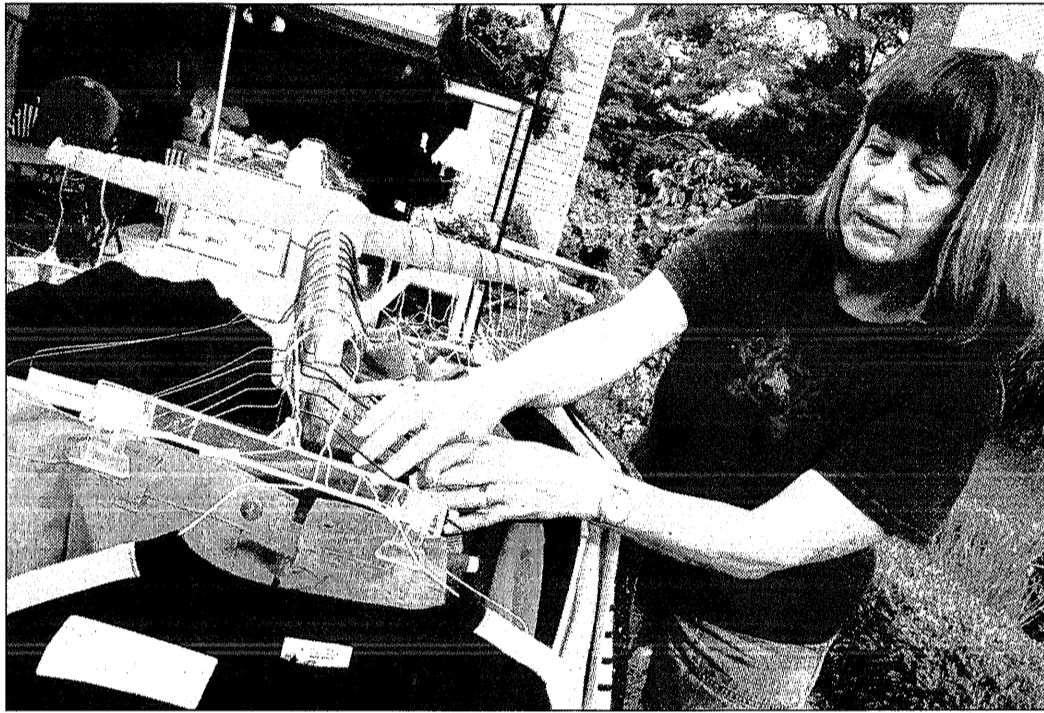
Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, brain injury, addictions and social work. His monthly column "Our Mental Health" has appeared in the Observer and Eccentric newspapers and various other publications for six years. He can be reached at 248 474-2763 ext. 22.



Linda Mulari talks about running a garage sale at sister Cheryl Angel's home in Livonia.

GARAGE SALES

They're a popular pastime for shoppers



Jane Casey arranges items in the garage sale at her Plymouth home.



Allyn Campbell sets out items for the family's garage sale at their Farmington Hills home.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Angel and her sister, Linda Mulari, opened at 8 a.m. to attract early birds to their garage sale in Livonia. Thursday is a popular day with serious bargain-hunters. By 10 a.m., the two had sold \$250 worth of items. One man bought glassware for his cottage; others took home collector dolls. Lisa Hoffman spent \$45 for a Detroit Red Wings jacket.

"My sister is downsizing," said Cheryl Angel, who'd been working on the sale for several days. Angel needed a permit to hold a garage sale in Livonia, but requirements vary by community so she suggests people check beforehand. "It's all accessories for the home. My husband's 85-year-old aunt lives with us and figures it's time to let go (of her dolls). My sister and I go through it, decide what she would pay for it at a garage sale, what I would pay, and then compromise on a price."

"I tell people make me an offer if you're interested," adds Mulari, who moved from a Canton condo into an apartment. "We wheel and deal. Rugs have been going. Antique jewelry went like hot cakes. What hasn't sold is pictures. People look but don't buy."

"You never know what's going to sell," said Angel.

Lisa Hoffmann of Livonia loves going to garage sales.

"We go out every week," said Hoffmann as she modeled the jacket for daughters Elyssa, 10, and Julia, 8. "I'm going to wear it to Red Wing games and any other place I can."

Ken Hawkins of Livonia was looking for hunting and fishing gear, tools and

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Dixboro Fair draws crowd for fun and games

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Donna King of Plymouth Township had her hands full Saturday, Aug. 4, but didn't mind a bit.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley volunteer was out at the Dixboro Fair that day with dogs Sadie and Buster, trying to get them adopted together. "We try to do that if you can have room in your home for two," she said, noting the dogs were found in a trailer without electricity or running water.

"I've got four dogs" at home, added King, who enjoys volunteering with the Humane Society of Huron Valley "right up the road," she said, pointing, in Dixboro, west of Plymouth and Canton in Washtenaw County.

Buster's a Lab mix and Sadie a shepherd mix. King and fellow volunteer Christina Zeisler of Ann Arbor, whose husband works in Canton, were busy seeking homes for dogs at the fair. If you'd like to adopt an animal, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org for information.

"We are trying to get more information out to Canton," Zeisler said, including on lost dogs from Canton often turned in there.

"That'd be wonderful," she said of Buster and Sadie possibly being adopted at the fair. "They've been through a lot." Plenty of other pets at the shelter need loving homes.

The Dixboro Fair was held on a warm, sunny day and drew people to the grounds of the presenting Dixboro United Methodist Church. Kari Dorr of Ypsilanti brought son Gavin, 3, daughter Karli, 1, and a friend, their first time at the annual event.

"We heard there was a petting zoo and some games," Kari Dorr said. "We thought it'd be a fun



Games were part of the fun at the Dixboro Fair. If you'd like to adopt an animal, call (734) 662-5585 or visit www.hshv.org for information.

day for the kids. I think it's wonderful. The kids are enjoying themselves."

At the petting zoo, kids had a chance to get in line and milk the cow, or visit with other animals. There were a number of artists showing their wares, and the Superior Township Fire Department was there with a fire truck.

There was also entertainment and plenty of tasty food. Proceeds supported the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Habitat for Humanity in Washtenaw County and restoration of the Dixboro Schoolhouse project.

The Methodist church, believed to be the longest continuously operating Methodist congregation in Michigan, was open for tours conducted by Emily Vincent of Superior Township.

The building originally began in 1857; church members just finished an extensive renovation and were eager to display all that work and its results.

Nearby the Dixboro Fair, area businesses were appreciative of the crowds visiting the community. "There's a lot of people they bring into town," said Steve Dani of Plymouth Township, who with wife Brenda owns the Dixboro General Store. "I think it's a good thing for the whole area." His wasn't the only business in Dixboro that benefited, he said.

"It's nice to see the cars up and down Plymouth Road," Brenda Dani added. "It brings people to Dixboro. It's nice to bring a lot of people into the area."

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sporting goods to sell in his upcoming garage sale.

"I'm interested in anything that strikes my fancy," said Hawkins. "I have a lot of guy stuff for my sale. I had one (sale) last year in June and didn't do well, but I'm going to give it a try and see what happens."

MOVE QUICKLY

Jane Casey was hoping to make \$600 at her garage sale in Plymouth. Casey remembers years ago when her mom's garage sales lasted 10 days in a row. She advises shoppers "if you see something you want to take it. Otherwise it will be gone." For sellers, she says to price items depending on whether you value it or if you just want to dump it.

"I always had garage sales with my mom for 40 years.

Mom passed away last year and I have her furniture, household goods," said Casey. "You have to be organized. When I clean and find an item I haven't used in several years I put it in a box then place it in the garage sale area in the attic."

Sarah Carter of Westland was searching through Casey's items for kids stuff.

"I go every Thursday usually with three to four of my teacher friends to look for toys and items for the prize box in my third-grade classroom. Students have to earn 10 points for turning in their homework to choose something from the box. Every summer I have to replenish it," said Carter, who started going to garage sales with her mom as a kid growing up in Plymouth. "I get deals. Instead of paying several dollars for an item, at 25 cents I can get more."

Marge Ross of Plymouth Township goes garage saling



Sarah Carter of Westland (right) and her cousin Heidi Stabb (left) browse garage sales frequently during summer. Carter is a school teacher and likes to look for items she can use in the classroom.

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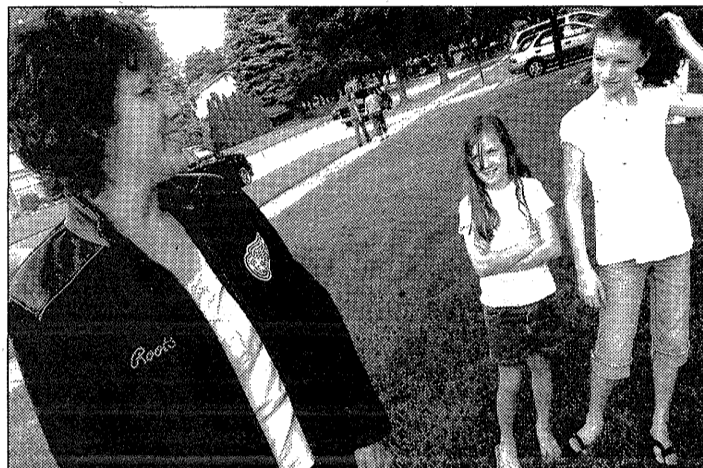
"We go when we can just because you might find something we really love. I make a list of things. I bought lots of toys for grandkids," said Ross, who is choir director for Silver Linings so she's always looking for red shirts and blouses for members to wear while performing.

"We look in the *Observer* and go from there," added her neighbor, Marlene Dennis. "You never know where you find your best treasure. One time I found a bowl to match my daughter's expensive Christmas dishes."

Social worker Hilda Heath regularly visits estate and moving sales looking for items for clients in need. She bought chairs, end tables, blankets, and household goods at a sale hosted by Kathy Tomey and her brother, Stephen Tomey, at their mother's home in Farmington. Their mother moved in with Kathy after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

"I saw the sign on my lunch hour," said Heath. "I like estate and garage sales. They'll be moving out of town and you can bargain."

Stephen Tomey didn't price



Lisa Hofmann of Livonia puts on the Detroit Red Wings jacket she just bought at a Livonia Garage Sale and models it for her daughters 10-year-old Elyssa, and 8-year-old Julia.

items but instead was telling buyers to make him an offer.

"One guy loved to barter," said Stephen Tomey of Livonia. "The idea is to keep everything out and keep it organized. Don't place much in a box. People tire of looking through it if there's too much stuff."

LEARNING THE ROPES

Lynn Tomey doesn't like being called the Queen of Garage Sales but admits there's an art to shopping. Lynn col-

lects old spoons from Europe.

"I used to go an average of once a week," said Lynn Tomey, Stephen's wife. "Thursday is the best day. You have to go early cause things get picked through. But there are advantages and disadvantages. Friday midday and Saturday you can try and talk people down."

Lynn said one of the biggest mistakes shoppers make is buying items they don't need because they couldn't pass up a

bargain.

"You end up with too much clutter," said Lynn. "It can be like gambling. I had no control. I'd be going to the bank and taking out about \$20 to \$40 at a time."

Lynn offers advice as well for anyone trying to hold a successful garage sale.

"The rule of thumb is to price them 10 to 15 percent of the cost of the item. And you have to put up a lot of signs. Put them on every corner and every entrance to the sub. Signs attract people, colorful signs with smiley faces, not plain white signs."

Over the years, Denise Crossland has become an expert on garage sales. As a classified saleswoman for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, she offers advice on placing ads in the garage sale section.

"You can attract people by listing antiques, tools first," said Crossland. "I look for silver. Today a lot of people are going to garage sales and then selling it on eBay (for more money)."

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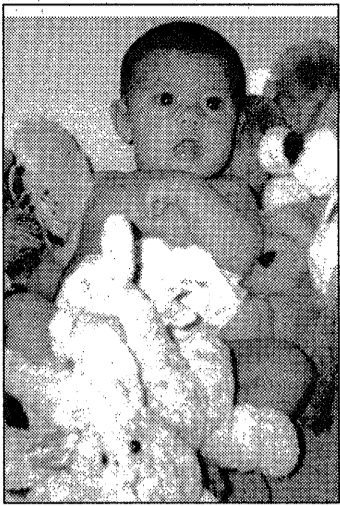
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BIRTHS



Ella Jane Craggs

Ella Jane Craggs was born June 29, 2007, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Parents are Erin and Kirk Craggs of Canton. Sibling is Cooper, age 3. Grandparents are Jane LeSage of Livonia; Kenneth LeSage, Dearborn, and Richard and Donna Craggs of Brooklyn, Mich.



Riley Albert Ballard

Riley Albert Ballard was born on April 7, 2007, weighing 9 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 22 inches long. Parents are Susan Sarafian and Dave Ballard. His siblings are Jordan, 9, and Taylor, 6. Grandparents are Al and Janet Sarafian of Livonia, and Joyce Ballard of Oxford. Great grandparent is Margaret McGinty of Oxford.

ENGAGEMENTS



Balint-DeStrampe

Stephen and Libby Balint of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie, to Jason Robert DeStrampe, the son of Robert and Susan DeStrampe of Westland.

The bride-to-be graduated from Franklin High School in 2001. She is employed by Servicing Solutions in Southfield.

The prospective groom graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne in 2001. He is employed by Rush Trucking in Wayne.

A May 2008 wedding is planned at St. Damian's, followed by a reception at Joy Manor.

The couple plans to live in Westland after returning from a honeymoon cruise.

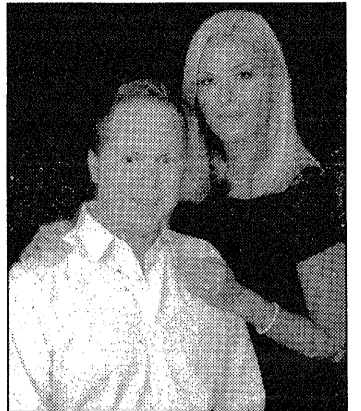
Root-Peters

Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Root, Jr. of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Teresa, to Robert Lawrence Peters III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Peters, Jr. of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a Master of Arts in Curriculum from Michigan State University. She is a teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

The prospective groom is a senior IT consultant at PMA Consultants LLC.

A July 2008 wedding is planned for St. Francis Xavier



in Otisville, Mich., followed by a reception at Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. The couple will make their home in Livonia.

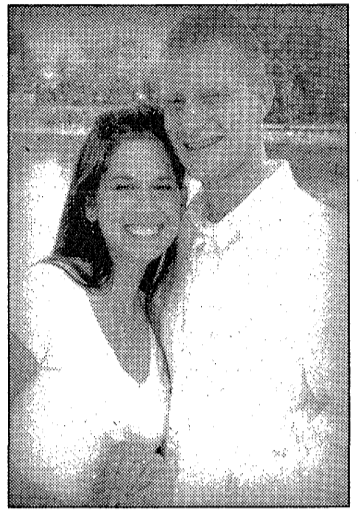
Keda-Smith

Tom Sr. and Barbara Keda of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Jesse Charles Smith of Lansing, son of Kevin and Marie Smith of Lincoln Park.

The bride-to-be graduated from Allen Park High School in 1999, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sign Language Studies from Madonna University in 2004. She is currently employed as a sign language interpreter for Plymouth Canton Schools.

The prospective groom graduated from the Michigan Automotive Academy in 1999, and is employed by Toyota of Lansing.

A wedding is planned for July 2008, at Bloomfield Hills



Baptist Church, followed by a reception at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. The couple will honeymoon in French Polynesia/Tahiti.

Borenski-Terwellen

Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Lynn Borenski, to Richard Keith Terwellen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoffmeyer of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be received her CDA and is a teacher at Tutor Time in the Plymouth Canton School District.

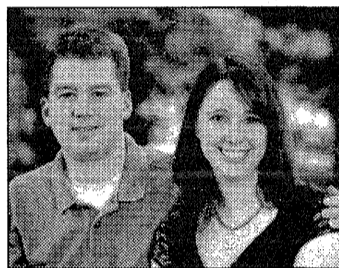
The prospective groom is an electrician at Van Buren Electric in Plymouth.

The marriage will take place in October 2007, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth.

After their honeymoon in



Hawaii, the couple will reside in Westland.



Van Proyen-Brouwer

Bill and Bonnie Van Proyen of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Jeff Brouwer, son of Dr. Lynn and Betty Brouwer of Holland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canton High School and Calvin College, and is employed as a world languages teacher.

The prospective groom is a Holland Christian High and Grand Valley State graduate, and is employed as a CPA.

An October wedding is being planned.



ALICE M. STEPHENSON (nee Roberts)

August 8, 2007, age 91. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Boynton Beach, FL. Exemplary Citizen, Stroke Survivor, Devoted Wife and Mother. Beloved wife of the late J. Albert for 60 years. Dear mother of Robert L. M.D. (Mary Geo), James A. (Ellen) and William H. (Sally). Grandmother of Mary Alice, James, Emily, James, William, Robert & Kelly. Also survived by four great-grandchildren. Sister of the late James Roberts. Aunt of Lynn Plavan and Steve Roberts. Memorial service Thursday 11:30am at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham 48009. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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SUSAN W. ALTZ

August 9, 2007, Age 44 of Rochester Hills. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Amber Faber. Favorite daughter of Bettilyn (Richard Jennett) and the late Gerald Kass. Loving sister of Stephen Kass, Philip (Helen) Kass, James (Lisa) Kass and the late David Kass. Loved by many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service at a later date. Please contact Harry J. Will Funeral Home for details (313) 937-3670.

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JUDY LEE CLARK (Grigg)

Age 60. Loving mother of Jeff and Mike. Memorial visitation Wednesday 1 pm until the time of the service at 7 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, 48239.



LUCILLE ANNA GUTH

Age 92, of Burton and Troy, died Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at Beaumont Hospice, Royal Oak. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, August 13, 2007 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 404 N. Dayton St., Davison, Rev. Fr. Andrew A. Czajkowski celebrant. Burial will follow in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 NOON to 8 PM Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Rd., Davison. A Rosary will be prayed 7 PM Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48083. Lucille was born in Flint on July 18, 1915, daughter of the late William and Anna Kruger. Lucille and Thomas A. Guth Sr. were married on October 30, 1937. Thomas preceded her in death on September 10, 1991. Lucille retired from the Flint Public School system in 1978 after serving 15 years with the Senior Citizens Services Program. Above all else, she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Lucille is survived by her children, Thomas "Tim" A. Jr. (Donna) Guth, Melinda (Larry) Brawner, Mark G. (Bonnie) Guth. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, six & half great-grandchildren and her sister, Betty Kane. She was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

EUGENE M. MITCHELL

Age 76, longtime resident of Farmington Hills, died in Farmington Hills, Michigan, August 8, 2007. Mr. Mitchell is a noted philanthropist, U.S. Government Economist, member of the Scarab Club, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, MENSA and is the nephew of Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind". Eugene is survived by Virginia (nee: May) his beloved wife of 32 years; his brother, Joseph R. Mitchell; and cousins, Marion R. Powell and Russell and Maria Powell. Visitation Sunday, August 12th from 3-7 PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (btwn 9-10 Mile Roads, just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200); and at Patterson Funeral Home at Spring Hill, 1020 Spring St., Atlanta, GA (404-876-1022) on Thursday, August 16th from 3-7 PM with an evening scripture service. Funeral Mass Friday, August 17th, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30305. Those who wish to further honor Eugene's memory may do so by making contributions to the American Cancer Society. heeney-sundquist.com

JOHN H. SCHMIDT

76, of Bradenton, Florida, died unexpectedly Saturday, August 4, 2007. John is survived by his children and their spouses, John Chandler Schmidt and Mary Hannington of Detroit, and Dr. Rebecca Schmidt Abel and Daniel Abel, of Morgantown, West Virginia, his former wife, Joan Bowes, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and his step-children, Tom, Tracey and Carolyn. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and his parents, Myrtle and Harold Schmidt. Born in Detroit, John left many friends in Traverse City, Michigan to move Bradenton, Florida in 2002, where he and Liz enjoyed the year-round sunshine and John became immersed in Bridge Club and Fantasy Football. John's love for fun and the joy he found in his many friendships were surpassed only by the pride he felt in the accomplishments of his children. Memorial services will be held in Detroit and Bradenton at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Virginia Rural Nephrology initiative created by his daughter at Box 9165, West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, WV 26506. Arrangements by Covell Cremation & Funeral Center.



JIGGER SMITH

Marilyn Shores Smith, known to her friends and family by the nickname "Jigger," passed away on August 7, 2007 at home, surrounded by her family. She and her husband, Alvie, have been residents and active members of the Birmingham community since 1955. Born January 27, 1927 in Waterloo, Iowa, Mrs. Smith also lived in Janesville, Wisconsin and Kankakee, Illinois. After graduating from high school in Kankakee in 1944, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Wisconsin in 1948. She married her college sweetheart, Alvie Smith, in July 1948 and moved to East Lansing, Michigan when her husband accepted a position at Michigan State University that year. The family moved to Birmingham in 1955 when Mr. Smith joined the public relations staff at General Motors (an association that continued until his retirement in 1988), and the couple continued to live in Birmingham until the present time. Mrs. Smith was very active in charitable work, particularly in areas involving young people. She was a member and one-time president of the Women's Association of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. She also was an active participant in projects supporting the Cranbrook Educational Community, including regular involvement with the annual Giftorama fund-raiser for Kingswood school. An honorary alumna through the Kingswood Past Parents group, she also served as president of the Kingswood Mothers Council. She was a member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, serving for a time on the program committee of that organization, and also of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. She is survived by her husband Alvie; her children Randall (Sharon) Smith, Diane (James) Adair and Amy Lynn Smith; and her grandchildren Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Buying a home is usually the largest purchase a person makes in a lifetime, and a confusing one.

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Mackenzie Parrent and Sarah Gardener celebrate the Fourth of July by marching in their subdivision's annual parade.

Homeowners hold Independence Day Parade for 42nd year

Haley Briscoe took first place for the Statue of Liberty costume handmade by her mother.



For the 42nd year in a row, Livonia's Schanhites Manor Subdivision near Plymouth and Inkster held their 4th of July parade. Neighbors gathered together and kids decorated their bikes and themselves in red, white, and blue. Before the block party potluck picnic winners were chosen for their patriotic spirit.

Best decorated bike winners were Morgan Parrent (first place), Kasia Griffin (second), and Makayla Bowling (third). Best float (wagons, strollers) went to Nicole Brey (first place), Barry Parrent (second), and Patrick and Justin Lynch

(third). Best costume: Haley Briscoe (first place), Madison Eisenhauer (second), Mac and Morgan Parrent (tie for third).

Briscoe was definitely the most patriotic dressed in a Statue of Liberty costume handmade by her mom.

Parade organizers Patricia, Amy and Billy Holcomb organized more than 75 kids and their families to ride bikes or march in the parade.

There are many parents who were in the parade when they were children and now march with their kids.

Everyone had fun cooling off after the picnic with the annual water balloon fight.

Dance students learn about Polish culture

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Patricia Steven was younger she learned about Polish dancing as did her children when they came along. Now the director of the The P.R.C.U.A. Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (age 3 and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. The Polish dance school is affiliated with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America which was established in 1873 to unite and help Polish immigrants.

From September to April practices are held on Wednesday nights at St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. Throughout the year, students perform at a variety of venues and present a recital in April.

"Kids are going in all different directions now. We want to get them back into their heritage to find out where their ancestors came from," said Patricia Steven whose grandparents immigrated from Poland. "Dance is very important. It teaches fundamentals of different dance styles for different regions of Poland."

"Kids get a deeper appreciation of their heritage so they can readily appreciate the talents of other nationalities and cultures."

Registration for the 2007-2008 dance season begins Sept. 5. For more information, visit www.syrenadance.com or call Patricia Steven at (313) 563-1761.

This year Syrena celebrates 32 years of educating children about their Polish heritage. The cost is \$35 a month for one child, \$50 for two or more children.

"When I danced we only had 4 schools. We now have 10 schools," said Steven who's been director of the ensemble for 10 years. "Kids come from Farmington and Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Dearborn, Riverview. They learn a few songs and about their costumes. Different regions have different styles of costumes."

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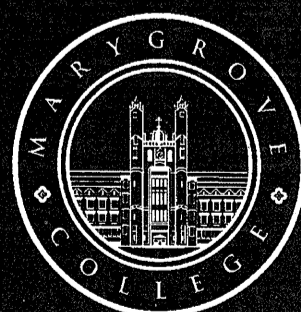
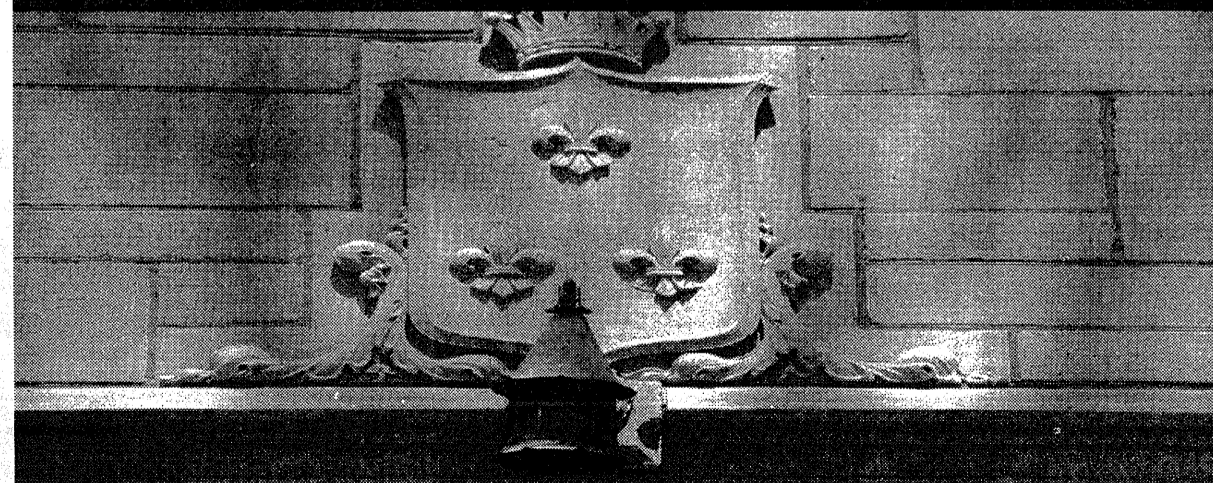
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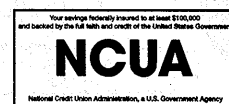
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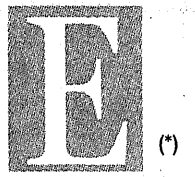
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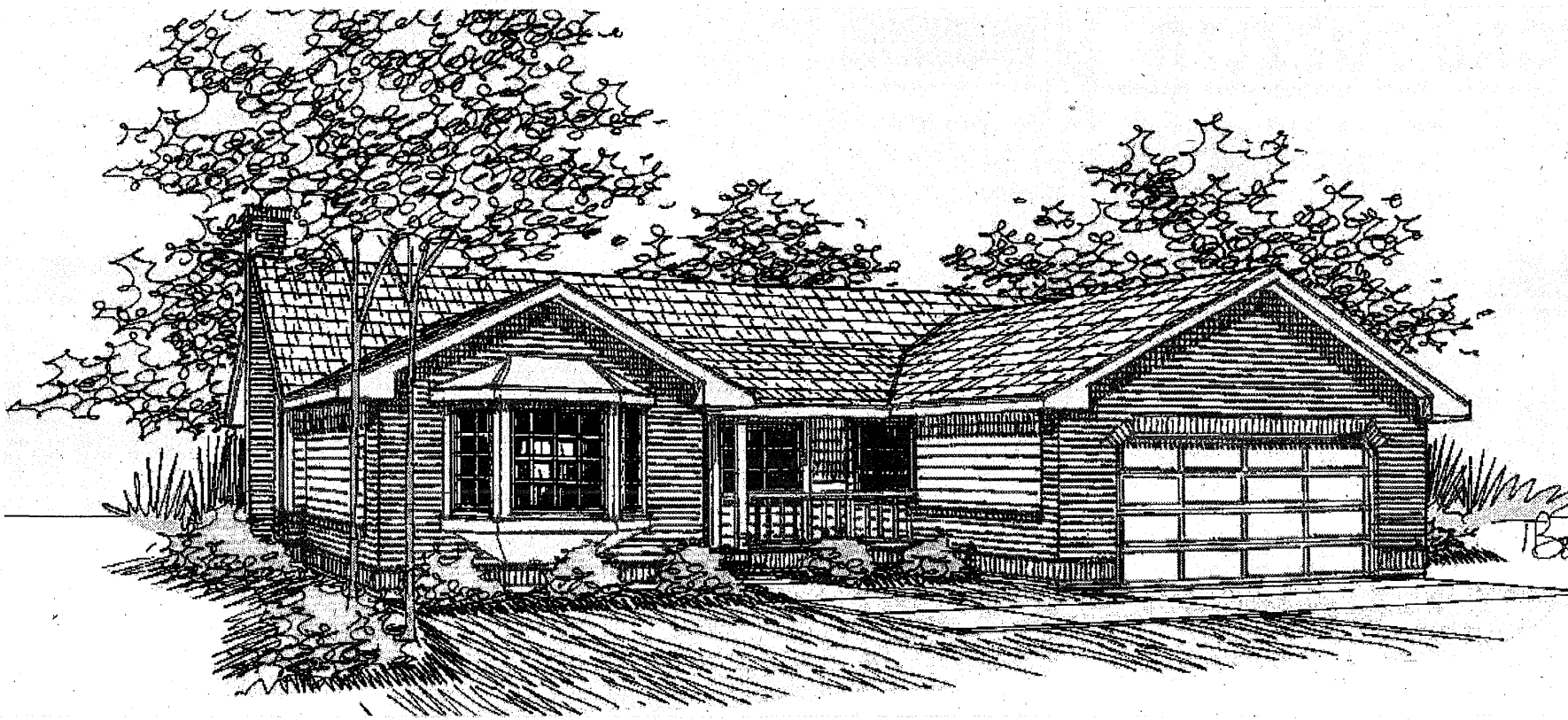


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Off the breakfast nook, there is a cabinet area for appliances, dishes, and the walk-in pantry. This area also contains the washer and dryer. By being located in the center of the home, it is convenient to all the rooms.

There are two bedrooms on the right side of the home. One bedroom has a long wall closet that runs the full width of the room. The second bedroom has a half bath along with a small wall closet. Off both these rooms are linen closets. Also in this area is a full bath with a tub.

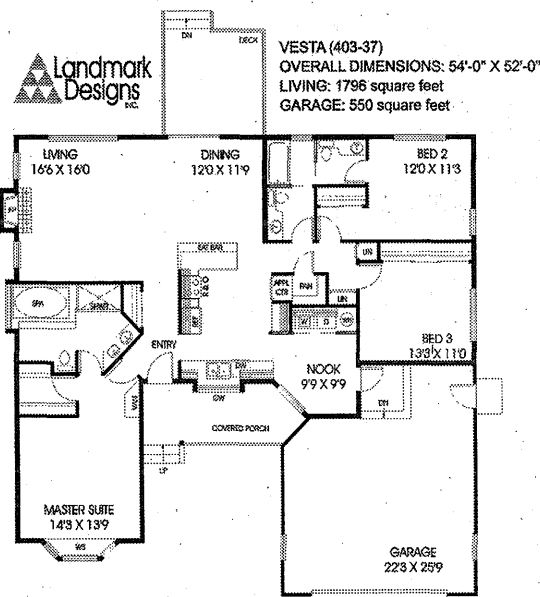
For privacy, the master bedroom has been located on the left front of the home. It has been designed with a beautiful window seat, oval tub spa, and full bath with a shower and "his and her" sinks. There is a large walk-in closet and an area for a stereo or television.

The formal dining room has sliding doors that open onto a small deck. The living room, which is connected to the dining

room, has a fireplace with a tile hearth. It is possible to use these two rooms as a great room by combining them. The roomy kitchen area would enhance the openness.

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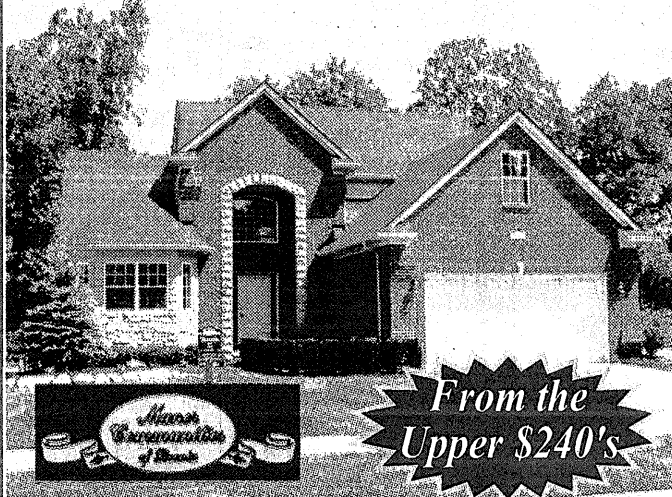
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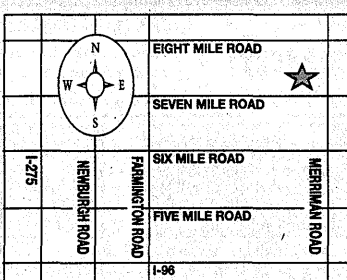


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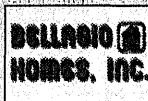


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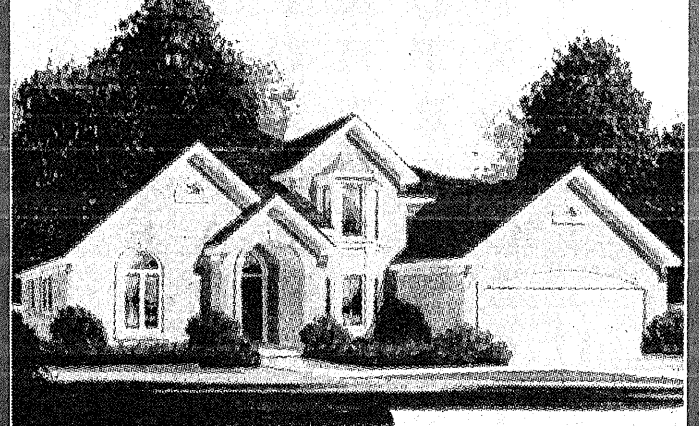


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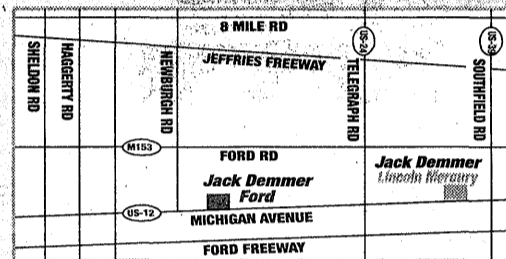
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- Anti-lock Brakes-Side Impact AirBags
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- P205/60R16 All Season Tires
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WAS 20,925 **NOW ONLY \$17,842***

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\$1000 Down **\$233** Per Mo. **ZERO DOWN** **\$275** Per Mo. **SIGN & DRIVE** **\$299** Per Mo. **\$578.72 DUE AT SIGNING**

FEATURES INCLUDE:
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- Trailer Tow
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- 4.0L SOHC V6 Engine-5 Speed Automatic O/D Trans
- XLT Appearance-P245/65R17 A/S OWL Tires
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- Electrochromatic Mirrors
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\$1000 Down **\$247** Per Mo. **ZERO DOWN** **\$289** Per Mo. **SIGN & DRIVE** **\$305** Per Mo. **\$386.17 DUE AT SIGNING**

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WAS \$26,355 **NOW ONLY \$22,295***

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'07 SPORT TRAC XLT

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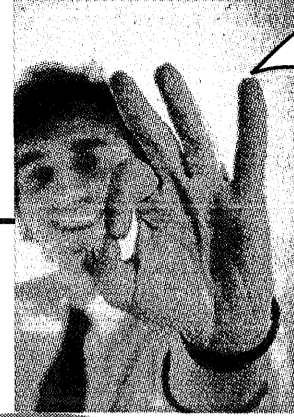
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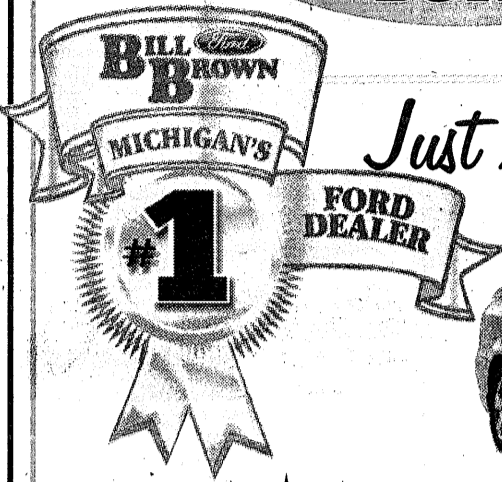
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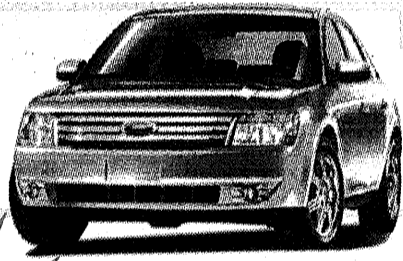
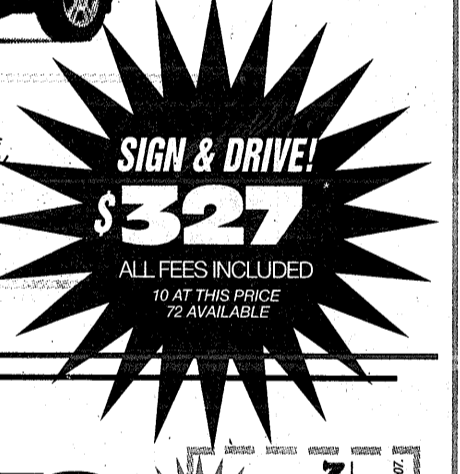


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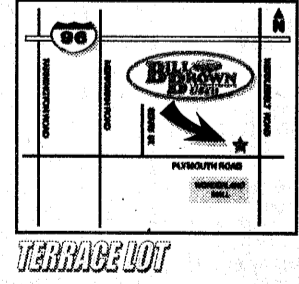
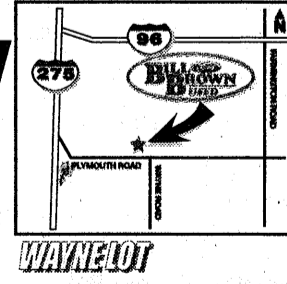
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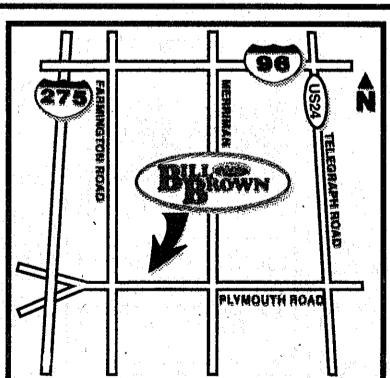
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