

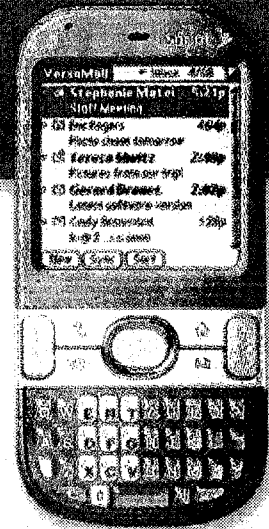


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Butterfly Olivia Smith was one of thousands of youngsters who took part in The Great Pumpkin Caper, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

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Downtown spook-tacular

Annual Halloween event draws thousands of trick-or-treaters

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In her first year taking part in the event, Aleana Meltzer figured the Great Pumpkin Caper, the annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce-sponsored downtown trick-or-treat party for kids, would be a nice little event.

That's why she was so surprised when thousands of costume-clad children streamed past the door of her new store, Eclectic Home, on Main Street near Ann Arbor Trail Tuesday night.

"I think it's a great event for the kids, because it's safe and you don't have to be going house-to-house," said Meltzer, who opened the store in June. "(But) I was not at all prepared for this many kids," she added, laughing. "I had to go back out to the store twice for candy."

The annual event is among



Carole Hartsock, an employee of UBS Financial dressed as Scooby Doo, hands out candy to crowds of kids in downtown Plymouth.

Plymouth's more popular and draws thousands of trick-or-treaters, who go door-to-door along the downtown streets, with businesses passing out treats of all kinds.

The event also features a Halloween costume contest and the annual Kellogg Park scarecrows. It all combines for a festive, family atmo-

sphere.

Martha Snow and her husband, Joe Xuereb, made the trek with their sons, 7-year-old John and 5-year-old Gabriel. The couple lives in Northville, has a law practice in Canton and attends St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. They plan on donating the candy



Three-year-old Zach Jurcisin dressed as Captain Hook, gets a ride on dad Drew Jurcisin's shoulders. They're from Livonia.

their boys collected to Dr. J.D. Robison, the Canton dentist who's offering cash for candy and plans to donate the candy to the troops overseas.

"It's great for the kids, it's safe and it's original," Martha Snow said of the event. "We normally donate our candy to the church, but we thought (giving it to Robison) would be a good lesson for our kids — give to the military."



Brandon Verdi is Mr. Darcy. Kimmy Elliott is Elizabeth Bennett. His pride causes him to think that he loves her, but she isn't good enough for him.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Park Players tackle Austen classic

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

It had been a while since the Park Players, the drama troupe at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, had done a period piece.

So director Kristen Quesada decided it was about time.

That's why the Players will present *Pride and Prejudice*, the play based on author Jane Austen's 1813 novel, during

their annual fall production Thursday-Saturday at Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium.

The play is a romantic adaptation of Austen's novel, which features Mrs. Bennett, who is trying to make sure her daughters have "the perfect match," but who runs into a bit of trouble when daughter Elizabeth runs into Mr. Darcy. "*Pride and Prejudice* is a change for

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Police capture robbery suspect

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The suspect in the robbery of a First Bank of America branch in Plymouth Township, and several other banks in the metro area, was arrested without incident Tuesday morning outside his City of Plymouth apartment complex.

Plymouth resident Joseph Pacheco III, 32, was taken into custody by members of the Western Wayne County Community Response Team, featuring officers from Plymouth, Plymouth Township and other western Wayne County communities, plus the Michigan State Police.

According to Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, Pacheco had a quantity of crack cocaine in his possession at the time of his arrest. A release by the FBI's Detroit Field Office said Pacheco was "arrested ... pursuant to state drug charges." A federal criminal complaint and arrest warrant was filed Wednesday in the Eastern District in Detroit.

While Pacheco is only

charged in the robbery of a Flagstar Bank in Bloomfield Hills, he is also suspected in the Plymouth Township robbery and robberies at a Chase Bank and Charter One Bank in Livonia and a Charter One branch on Farmington Road in Farmington.

Tiderington said he expects charges to be filed in those incidents, as well.

"He's initially being charged in the Bloomfield Hills case," Tiderington said. "Our investigation is continuing into the incidents at the other locations."

Police had had Pacheco's residence, in the 700 block of Mill, under surveillance for "a couple of weeks," according to Tiderington, after someone recognized his photo in the media and called police.

"(Pacheco) was identified as a result of a cooperative effort between the police agencies, including the FBI, and the media," Tiderington said. "The fact the media was a partner resulted in (Pacheco) being identified."

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Choice coming soon on school elections

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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After earlier stating she wasn't sure when the issue would be decided, Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education President Judy Mardigian now says the board is expected to determine before the first of the year if it will move the annual May school board election to November, which could save the district as much as \$100,000 a year.

Mardigian said the subcommittee looking into the possible change should complete its report later this month, and a decision will be made before Dec. 31, which is when the state must be notified on an election date change for 2008.

"We expect to see the results of that work in early November, and I fully expect us to make a decision on that this year," Mardigian said. "We want to look at all facets of it. We've learned a lot about what other districts are doing, and we have a lot of other options."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, a member of the ad hoc committee, said it appears the district's options for election dates are more limited than

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earlier thought.

"There was an MASA (Michigan Association of School Boards) article that encouraged districts to move elections to August," Gonzalez told board members. "But Michigan law shows it's illegal. There's a lot of misinformation out there."

While one faction believes saving the school district money makes it a no-brainer to move the election, others think the move to November will open the door to partisan politics in school elections.

Last week, the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education voted to hold school elections every other year, increasing trustee terms from four to six years, to coincide with municipal elections and save up to \$70,000 annually.

"It was most important

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Coming Sunday in Health



Book uncovers reporter's struggle with skin disorder

City wants builder to replace trees at downtown development



A stump from a recently cut tree is behind the banner announcing "A Green Development."

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The sign outside the three-story complex on the site of the former Plymouth Masonic Temple on Penniman Avenue says "Parkside of Plymouth, a Green Development."

You would have a hard time convincing city officials the developer - Fabian Ciavaglia of Meridien Development in Washington Township - is environmentally friendly after he was ticketed for cutting down two trees on city property during construction.

"They were rather large city trees, one was almost 12 inches in diameter, the other had an eight-inch trunk," said City Manager Paul Sincok. "They probably were installed in 1995, as part of the DDA (Downtown Development Authority)

streetscape project."

The trees were like many planted along the downtown, in the sidewalk area with metal grates at the base.

"The site plans that are on file at the city do not indicate those trees were to be removed," Sincok said. "In fact, they are shown on the site plan. They clearly were not the property of the developer."

Ciavaglia, who was ticketed and will have to answer in Plymouth's 35th District Court, did not return telephone calls by the Observer.

Sincok said he wants more mature trees, like the ones that were chopped down, put back along Penniman.

"These trees were substantial trees and led to the overall beauty of our downtown," Sincok said. "To have a developer come in and whack them is unacceptable."

"We cannot cause damage to public property in the name of development," he said. "Most developers have been somewhat careful with that, and taken the opportunity to remove trees and replant them afterward."

As for planting more mature trees as replacements, Eric Joy, sales manager for Christensen's Plant Center in Salem Township, said it will be a tough and expensive task.

"The size of the root ball required to put that size in there is bigger than the available space," Joy said. "They'd literally have to cut the sidewalk, and more likely the curb into the street, to get something that big in there."

Joy estimated it would cost upward of \$3,000 to replace each tree cut down.

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Lady Catherine (Tricia Wilkewitz) comes to confront Elizabeth Bennett (Kimmy Elliott) about her possible engagement to Mr. Darcy (Brandon Verdi).

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us, and it has strong literary value," Quesada said in explaining the choice. "The movie about Jane Austen's life (*Becoming Jane*, starring Anne Hathaway) came out, so I thought interest might be a little higher."

The 16-member cast — 11 girls, five boys — is smaller than some casts for recent productions, but Quesada said it was a good size for the show. Auditions came the first full week of school, with rehearsals starting right after that.

Veteran Park Player performer Kim Elliott, a junior at Plymouth High School, steps into the key role of Elizabeth, a character whose life Elliott said in some ways mirrors her own. "She's family-oriented, and so am I," said Elliott, who like Elizabeth is the second of five children. "I love that she's strong and never lets anything bring her down."

Playing Elizabeth's mother, Mrs. Bennett, is Canton High School senior Melissa Crosby, whose character has the most lines in the play ("She never



Jake Burnstein is Mr. Collins, the pompous cousin to Elizabeth Bennett, played by Kimmy Elliott.

shuts up," Crosby laughed). "She's so much fun to play," Crosby said. "She's so out there and crazy, she's so much fun. I can't wait to play her."

The play will take place on a set built by students in just a couple of weeks. Due to storage problems at the park, the space at the Logan Auditorium took a while to clear.

When it did, students got right to work.

"The kids built everything," Quesada said. "Considering the students did it in just two weeks, we're very pleased."

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Resident artist offers classes, mentorship

Erin Sparacino has joined the Plymouth Community Arts Council as its new resident artist and instructor at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

Sparacino has a bachelor's degree in Drawing and Painting from Wayne State University and demonstrates her fine skills with a vast variety of media. She also brings experience teaching children and has participated in juried shows. Sparacino will be the lead visual and fine arts instructor teaching various after school classes, camps and scout programs at PCAC.

Sparacino will be exhibiting her painting and photographic art with an exhibition titled "Through Artistic Eye. A Journey through the Arts: Photography, Oil Painting, Chalk Pastel, and Pencil." The exhibition opened today (Thursday) and will be showcased through November. Exhibited art will



Sparacino

also be available for sale with portions of the proceeds going to Arts Council to fund arts enrichment activities. Sparacino will be teaching youth drop-in classes in drawing and painting on Tuesdays and

Saturdays and adult drop-in classes on Monday evenings. These drop-in classes will be in addition to the drop-in classes taught for number of years at the Arts Council by Pamela Grossman, which will continue on Wednesday and Mondays.

Drop-In Studio for Youth with Erin Sparacino will be available 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays for kids 6-14 years, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

for kids 8-14 years. Cost is \$11 for members, \$15 for non-members. Classes start Saturday, Nov. 3.

Children 12- to 16-years-old can also sign up for the PCAC's 'Aspiring Artist' Art Mentorship Program, a small, group-focused learning experience under the tutelage of Sparacino (drawing/painting and photography) and Jeff Burda (pottery) for those serious about pursuing

a certain medium.

Sessions take place once a week for two hours after school. Students will also get career and college preparation guidance in their chosen field on the last session. Mentorship will culminate in a student exhibition and reception for family and friends. Mentorship is offered in pottery on Tuesdays, photography on Wednesdays, drawing and

painting on Thursdays

The eight-week fall session starts this month and costs \$175 plus a \$30 student membership; 12-week winter session starts in mid-January and costs \$265 plus \$30 student membership and a \$25 supply fee for the entire season.

Those interested in enrolling in the classes or for more information can call Tammy Torzewski at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

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to keep the money in the instruction part of the budget as money gets tougher and tougher to come by in the state of Michigan," said Mary Ellen Miller, president of the Bloomfield Hills school board. "Having partisan elections was very much a concern in our discussion, as well. Will people be willing to put themselves out there when the politics are running? How much will it cost candidates to run in the elections? After the 2008 election, we'll have some factual data."

The effect of partisan politics and putting money back into the budget were main concerns of those at the P-CCS school board meeting Oct. 23.

"Moving the elections to November would drive up the cost for candidates that have served on various committees and others volunteering in this district to be able to run for a seat," said John Nichols of Canton Township, himself a former candidate. "What's next, do we need to run as a Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, for the war or against the war? We may have to take positions like this so we can get support from political parties if we want to work for our students of this district."

Former school board president Mark Horvath of Canton, whose online petition calling for the school board to change the election to November drew hundreds of signatures, told trustees saving \$200,000 over the next two years, and \$100,000 every two years after that, makes for an easy decision. And, as far as the political ramifications ...

"It's not the job of the Board of Education to save us from ourselves," Horvath said. "The people of the community are smart enough to select candidates that are best for our community, without the need for your control or oversight."

"Any attempts by elected officials to control elections or their candidates represent the most un-American of actions," he added. "You need to put our money where your mouth is and get this \$100,000 in the classroom where it belongs."

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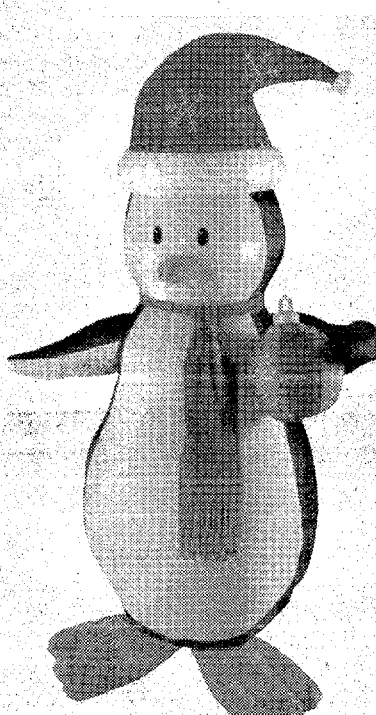
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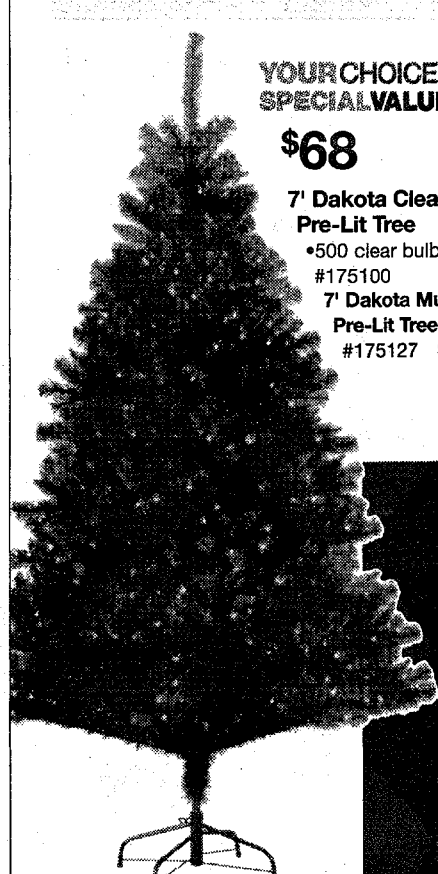


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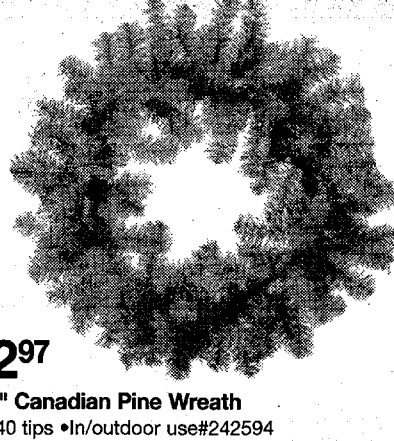
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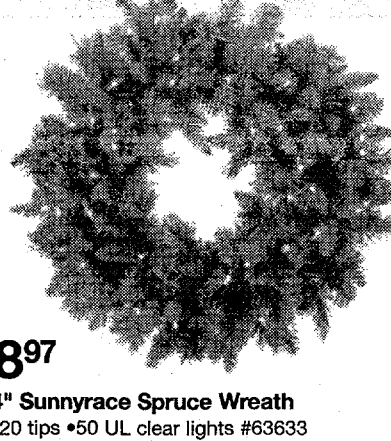
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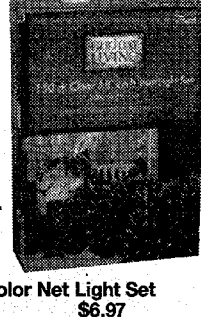
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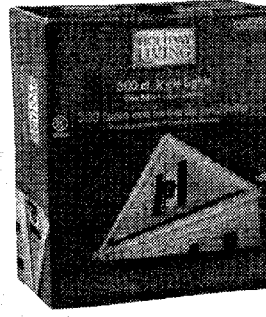
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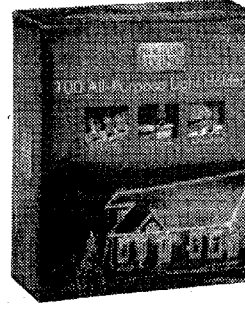
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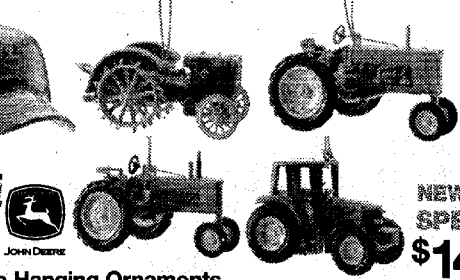
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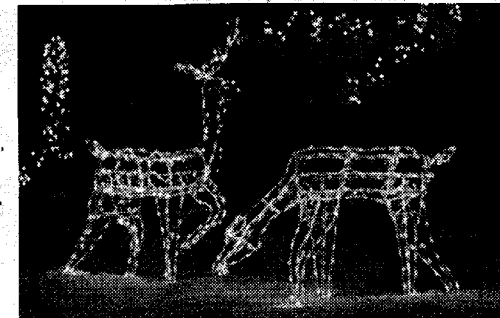
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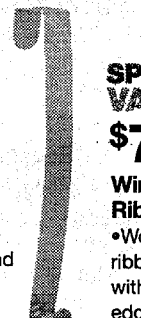
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The workshop takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 in Room A-105 at Ward Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville. The workshop will end with a special time of remembrance.

There is no need to register, but for further information call Barb at (248) 374-5966.

Holiday craft show

New Morning School hosts its second-annual Holiday Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Visitors will find unique holiday gifts for family and friends, including handmade jewelry, one-of-a-kind bags, purses, pillows, throws, aprons, custom holiday stockings, clothing and baked goods. The show will also feature Discovery Toys, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Mary Kay, Jockey Person to Person, Stampin' Up, Send Out Cards and more.

Admission is \$1 and 100 percent of profits will be used to fund the New Morning School Scholarship Fund, providing tuition assistance for deserving students and their families. Additional artists are wanted; call (734) 420-3331 or e-mail Kelly@newmorningschool.com to reserve a space.

Kiwanis turkeys

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth announces its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Sale, which benefits Kids Against Hunger and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Last day to place an order is Nov. 9. Cost is \$25 for 12-14-pound boxed turkey or \$40 for 24-26-pound turkey. Kiwanis Club members will be in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, to distribute turkeys

and serve deep-fried turkey legs to support the Plymouth Salvation Army.

For more information, call Christopher Lynn, (734) 934-7653.

Miller Woods calendar

The Friends of Miller Woods are offering a 2008 calendar showcasing the seasonal beauty and wildlife of Miller Woods, by photographer Marcia Fowler. The proceeds will be used to support the preservation of Miller Woods.

The calendar costs \$20, with orders due by Nov. 15. Mail a check to Fowler's attention at 49113 Fox Drive S., Plymouth, MI 48170. Call (734) 459-6479 for more information.

Blood drive

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, Nov. 12, from 2-8 p.m.

Drop-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by calling Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395.

Tibbits tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network host an historical walking tour around the Tibbits Farm 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Homeowner James Curtiss takes you through one of the original homesteads established in the area now known as Plymouth Township. Tour the actual barn where community founders met Feb. 26, 1827, to determine what they would name their new community. Plymouth was not the first choice!

Celebrate Plymouth's 180th birthday in the place where it all started. No rain date; \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Museum, \$15 per person for non-members. Limit of 20 people on tour.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or they can be purchased through PayPal at www.plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html



Veteran visit

Distinguished World War II Army veteran Joseph Girolamo from Livonia spends some time with Brownie Troop 1132 from Smith Elementary School in Plymouth. Major Girolamo and troop leaders Val Berry, Victoria Barkoff and Dianna Campbell taught the scouts about the American flag and practiced The Pledge of Allegiance. The troop has future plans to be included in Veteran's Day and even march in the July 4th Parade.

Chamber auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner/meeting/auction 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The evening, which will serve as a retirement party for executive director Fran Toney, has been dubbed "Frantastic," and will feature live and silent auctions, raffles, socializing and networking, dinner and dancing.

Tickets cost \$75 per person, and sponsorships are available (a Platinum sponsorship gets the buyer a table of 10 for \$975, while a Gold sponsorship gets two for \$375). Proceeds help fund chamber programs such as the weekly Farmer's Market, Scarecrows in the Park, the Great Pumpkin Caper, Walk of Christmas Trees, Santa's arrival in Plymouth, the Old Village Restaurant Crawl and Showcase Plymouth, among others.

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

McCotter staff hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) conducts in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

McCotter's staff will be available Tuesday, Nov. 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Garden City Maplewood Center; 11 a.m.-noon Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Northville Senior Center; and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center.

McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Chieftettes' clinic

Children ages 5- to 13-years-old can become a Junior Canton Chieftette by attending the Kids' PomPon Clinic sponsored by the Canton Varsity Chieftettes 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at a Canton varsity basketball game.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic.

For more information call Chieftette parent Kathy Schwalm at (734) 416-1685.

Penn jazz concert

The Blue Steel Jazz Band

takes the Penn Theatre stage for a concert 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, mixing old and new ballads and swing tunes.

All seats are \$3. The Penn is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

Shopping extravaganza

Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts a "Shopping Extravaganza" featuring more than 30 vendors 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Shoppers can get an early start on holiday buying while benefitting the church's Music Ministry Outreach Program. Lunch will be available.

The church is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Salvation Army craft show

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is hosting a Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Admission is \$1 for Adults. Shoppers can get a head start on buying holiday gifts while benefitting The Salvation Army's World Services program. A bake sale and lunch will also be available. Spaces are still available for crafters or vendors. The cost is \$25 to rent an eight-foot table.

The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information contact Cassie Hull at (734) 453-5464.

Music of the Heart

Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a musical celebration of well-known hymns written by Charles Wesley, personal, passionate expressions of faith which have been widely sung for three centuries, in honor of the 300th anniversary of the lyricist's birth.

The concert, set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, will feature selections performed by the Plymouth Community Band and Organist Marcia Van Oyen, historical commentary, and audience sing-along.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the church's Noteworthy concert series and AIDS victims in Africa. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, a mile east of Beck Road. For more information 734-453-5280.

Voters' guide

The League of Women

Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared a non-partisan Voter Guide for the Nov. 6 election in the City of Plymouth.

The guide includes information about the candidates and proposals on the November ballot and can be accessed by visiting the league's Web site, www.lwvww.org. Print copies will also be available at the Plymouth Library by Oct. 20.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, public service organization which never supports or opposes any candidate running for office.

For more information, contact league president Paula Bowman at (734) 277-2243.

Breakfast with Santa

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors sponsor "Breakfast with Santa" at Independence Village 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

The event will feature a beautifully decorated dining room, Christmas spirit in the air, a warm breakfast buffet and Santa will make an appearance with a special gift for every child. Kids will make an ornament to decorate the Newcomers' Christmas tree in Kellogg Park.

Cost is \$6.50 for kids 2 and younger; \$8.50 for kids 12 and older. The breakfast buffet will include pancakes, eggs, biscuits, hash browns, sausage, bacon, fresh fruits, asst. jams, honey and a variety of hot & cold beverages.

Independence Village is located at 14707 Northville Road in Plymouth Township.

To sign up for this event or get more information contact Angela Nolan with names and ages of those attending no later than Nov. 22 at famifun@plymouthnewcomers.com or visit the Web site at www.plymouthnewcomers.com

Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Children's Christian Alliance.

The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will be distributed on Nov. 10.

Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted.

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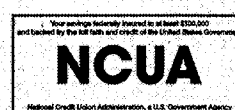
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Statutory Pet Trust easy way to protect your best friend

A few weeks ago, I was asked about the Leona Helmsley bequest of \$12 million to her dog.

The question — is the bequest legal and is it something that people who are pet lovers should consider?

Although Leona Helmsley was a colorful figure and the bequest seems a little eccentric, most people are surprised to find out that money set aside for the care of a pet after death is legal. In fact, 38 states around the country (including Michigan) have recently enacted laws that make it easier to leave money for the care of a pet.

In the past, the very wealthy did set up separate trusts for their pets. Typically, these trusts were expensive to establish and maintain. Because of the expense, the great majority of people could not do any estate planning with regard to their pets.

After all, pets are considered property and unless something is specifically spelled out in a legal document, there is nothing that would protect the pet. However, now in Michigan and most other states, there is a mechanism, a Statutory Pet Trust, which is legally binding, enforceable and easy to establish. Typically, a Statutory Pet Trust can be added to some-



Money Matters
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one's will or trust by a short amendment.

It allows one to set aside money for the care and custody of a pet.

In establishing a Statutory Pet Trust, one of the

keys is who is in charge upon your demise. It is important to select someone that likes your pet and can handle the duties of taking care of them — detailed instructions as to the pet's needs.

One important issue is how much money should fund the trust. This all depends upon the individual pet's needs. In addition, in funding that portion of the trust, you should give consideration to what happens to the pet upon death.

Another element of pet trust is to consider what happens to the unused funds upon your pet's death. Some people are concerned that if the caretaker receives the unused funds, they may have a disincentive to care for the pet and may skimp on certain expenses. One way to avoid this is to have the unused funds go to charity.

I know this may sound strange, however, in estab-

lishing a Statutory Pet Trust there could be income tax issues. If the money set aside for the pet is invested and earns at least \$100, then the trust itself could be liable to pay income taxes. In those situations, the caretaker for the pet would complete IRS Form 1041 and use some of the assets of the trust to pay taxes, if any.

In establishing a Statutory Pet Trust, it is important to make sure you identify what pet the trust is established for and whether it includes future pets that you may own. After all, many people, once they do any estate planning, never revise their documents and certainly in a situation of a pet this can cause issues.

Pets are an important element of American life and more and more people are concerned about what happens to their pet upon their death. For the great majority of people, I believe a simple and inexpensive solution is a Statutory Pet Trust.

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



Dining With The Stars winner Elizabeth Telfer of Troy and her husband George talk with Chuck Gaidica of Channel 4.

Troy woman recalls Gaidica's kindness

Lots of readers wanted to dine with Chuck Gaidica, the affable WDIV-TV (Channel 4) weatherman, but it was Elizabeth J. Telfer of Troy who wrote the winning entry in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza "Dining With the Stars" contest.

"He was kind, friendly and just so comfortable to talk with," Telfer said, adding, "the whole experience deepened my respect for him."

Telfer and her husband,

George, were treated to a limo ride courtesy of All Class Transportation & Limousine Services; makeover from Beauty Salon by J. Lyle Ltd., featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield; dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Bloomfield Hills; and lunch Oct. 11 at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.

In her winning entry, Telfer wrote how she always enjoys watching Gaidica, director of meteorology at Channel 4. He's a familiar face in the metro area; he's on Channel 4 week-days at 5, 6 and 11 p.m.

In fact, years ago, Telfer's daughter sent in a picture and was chosen as a "Channel 4 Weather Kid."

"We were watching Channel 4 while preparing dinner and her name and picture came on the television," Telfer wrote. "We didn't know until then that she was chosen. We were surprised and pleased. Later that week, we received personal note from Chuck apologizing for not letting us know ahead of time that she was chosen."

"My thought was what a

sweet and thoughtful gesture from him — taking the time to write. Chuck is most certainly a kind and gentle man," Telfer wrote of that incident years ago.

The "weather kid" Telfer wrote about is all grown up. Telfer says her daughter, the weather girl, is married now, has her Ph.D. in epidemiology and recently moved with her husband to Seattle and a new job at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center/University of Washington.

The Telfers, the parents of three grown children, enjoyed everything about their special day.

"Marcy (Marcy Brontman of Buddy's) made everything special," said Elizabeth, who was chosen as a "Channel 4 Weather Kid."

Elizabeth has a birthday coming up and plans to use the \$100 gift certificate for a special pair of earrings.

A two-time Emmy Award winner, Gaidica recently helped launch a professional theatre — Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville. Buddy's donated \$500 to the theatre in honor of Gaidica's participation in "Dining With the Stars."

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- October 23, 2007

RECEPTION IN RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREES. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter chair person in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding G-16 Consider Authorizing Emergency Repairs to be Performed on the Public Works Model #621 Case Loader and G-17 Consider Emergency Purchase of Geotextile Fabric for the Rouge Trail System from Price and Company, Incorporated. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of October 2, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of October 9, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREES.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolutions for Deputy Chief Alex Wilson, Battalion Chief Tom Davison, Captain David Champagne, Captain David Bukis, and Patrol Officer Bruce Sutzer in recognition of their years of service to the Canton community and the Canton Department of Public Safety. Motion carried unanimously. **PRESENTATION: 1. PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO DEPUTY CHIEF PATRICK NEMECEK. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. RECEIVE RESIGNATION AND CONSIDER ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION ACTION COMMITTEE (IAC)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Williams and Richard Bantau and to appoint the following individuals to the Intersection Action Committee (IAC) as their replacements: Charlie Mott and James F. Malinowski. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. ESTABLISH 2008 MEETING DATES FOR THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2008. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. ESTABLISH 2008 MEETING DATES FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2008 as follows: Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR. (MSD)** Motion carried by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve special event status and placement of signs at various locations for Tri-City Christian Women's Ministry Annual Holiday Craft Fair which will be held on December 1, 2007 at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2007 AS "NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH". (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the proclamation in Support of National Family Caregivers Month, November 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM METALTEC STEEL ABRASIVE CO. TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 2004-341. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to consider request from Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co. to extend Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate No. 2004-341. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR PRECISION BASEBALL. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use approval for Precision Baseball. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. REVISION TO PURCHASING POLICY. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the revised Finance Purchasing Policy F.10. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. APPROVAL OF SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH HURON VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with Huron Valley Ambulance, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010 for a not to exceed amount of \$403,981.50 per year with an annual inflationary increase beginning in January of the second and third year of the contract period equal to the change in the Detroit Consumer Price Index or five percent, whichever is less and authorized the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. APPROVAL OF SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION BUS AGREEMENT WITH HURON VALLEY AMBULANCE. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Specialized Transportation Bus Agreement with Huron Valley Ambulance for the purchase of a fourteen passenger bus for \$11,817.08 (Social Services/Transportation Account #101-670-860-0000) per year over a five year period (2008-2012) and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SUNSET EXCAVATING TO COMPLETE THE CANTON CENTER/GEDDES INTERSECTION PROJECT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize Sunset Excavating to complete the Canton Center/Geddes

Intersection for an amount not to exceed \$125,475 and further to authorize the transfer of funds from the account established for JCI to a new purchase order made to Sunset Excavating. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the revised Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee per the Code of Ordinances, Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee, Chapter 106, Article 1, Construction and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities, Division 2, Permit for Construction that Alters Drainage, Runoff or Related Matters, Section 106-70 C. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE ON 17.50 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 17.50 miles of local roads and authorize the payment of \$57,114.93 from account No. 101-441-950-0000 (Wayne County Road Maintenance). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. CONSIDER GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - ENGINEERING SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget in the General Fund to increase the Engineering Services Division budget: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Overtime-Engineering Services #101-447-708-0000 \$ 5,000, Contracted Services-Engineering Services 101-447-818-0000 (5,000) Total = \$ 0 This budget amendment does not change the Engineering Services Division budget total or the General Fund budget total. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. CONSIDER INCREASING THE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNTS FOR EAST JORDAN IRON WORKS AND ETNA SUPPLY. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase the blanket purchase orders to Etna Supply and to East Jordan Iron Works by \$8,000.00 each. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. AUTHORIZE BUDGET INCREASE FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the following budget increase in the Summit Community Center Fund for increased birthday party event activities: Increase Revenues: Miscellaneous Revenue #208-000-694-0000 \$3,500 Increase Appropriations: Program Activity Supplies-Administration # 208-757-742-0000 \$3,500 This budget amendment increases the Summit Community Center Fund budget from \$2,472,521 to \$2,476,021. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. PURCHASE LICENSE AND SUPPORT SOFTWARE FOR THE CITYWORKS ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROGRAM. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of the Azteca, Inc., Cityworks software, associated update and support services, and on-site training and technical services for a total cost of \$17,819.89 from the Parks Division Capital - Park/Golf Maintenance Software account #101-270-977-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. AWARD BID FOR POND STABILIZATION - HOLE #27. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for the Pond Stabilization on Hole #27 to Horizon Lawn Maintenance, Inc., 5781 S. Sheldon Rd., Suite 1, Canton, MI 48188 in the amount of \$9,700. Funds to be taken from account #246-750-970-0000, Line Item 4. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF DETROIT PARTICIPATION IN THE WAYNE COUNTY TURBO PROGRAM. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the Canton Township Board of Trustees does hereby acknowledge and supports that 41930 and 42000 Van Born, Canton, Michigan, (Tax ID #s 71-140-99-0009-000, #71-999-99-0209-000 and #71-140-99-0008-000) be held by the County of Wayne Land Bank on December 31, 2007, thereby exempting the properties from the collection of ad valorem property taxes pursuant to Section 3 of the Tax Reverted Clean Title Act, Act 260 of 2003, Public Acts of Michigan. Specific Tax means the eligible tax reverted property specific tax levied under Section 5 of the Tax Reverted Clean Title Act, Act 260 of 2003, Public Acts of Michigan supports the Wayne County Land Bank's disbursement of its specific tax portion to promote economic development. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. PROPERTY SALE EXTENSION. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Township Board of Trustees approve the Second Amendment to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between Canton Township and Mr. Frank Powelson (April 10, 2007) to extend the closing date for the sale of 62.71 acres to on, or before, November 30, 2007. Further, that the Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the amendment. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO BE PERFORMED ON THE PUBLIC WORKS MODEL #621 CASE LOADER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the necessary emergency repairs to be performed on Public Works Case 621 Loader by Wolverine Tractor and Equipment Company at a cost of \$17,411.87 (Account # 592-441-932-0000, maintenance and repair); and, further to waive the requirements of the Finance Policy requiring formal bids for purchases in excess of \$10,000 due to the critical need for this equipment to be repaired as soon as practicable. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. CONSIDER EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF GEOTEXTILE FABRIC FOR THE ROUGE TRAIL SYSTEM FROM PRICE AND COMPANY, INCORPORATED. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the emergency purchase of seventeen (17) rolls of geotextile fabric from Price and Company, Incorporated for a price of \$5,865.00 (acct. no# 246-750-970-0000). Motion carried by all members present. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. 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. Publish: November 1, 2007

Win chance to dine with Florine Mark

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Florine Mark of Weight Watchers. Mark is known

throughout metro Detroit as a successful businesswoman and philanthropist.

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Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of All Class Transportation, makeover by Utopia Salon & Spa on Main Street in Northville (hair by Sebastian and makeup by ILSE), a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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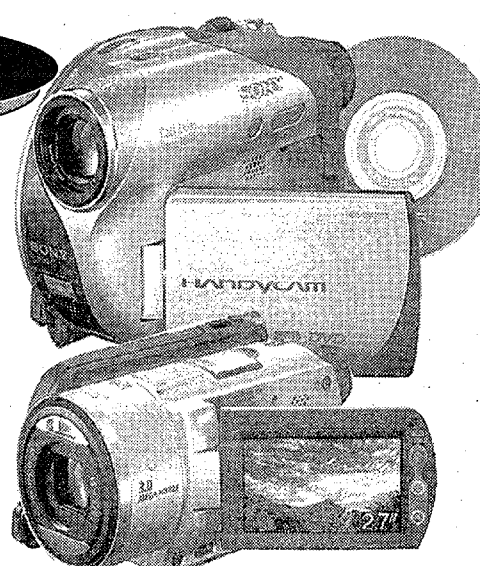
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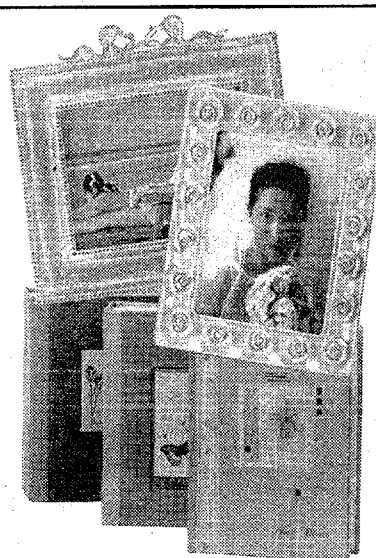
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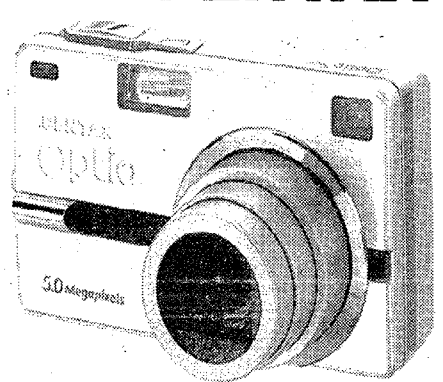
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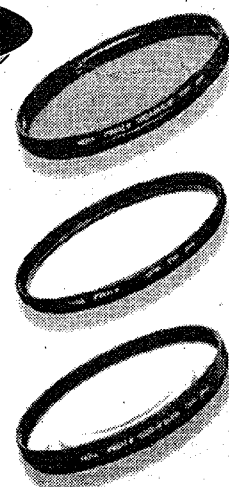
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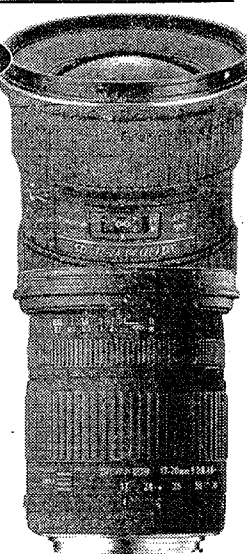
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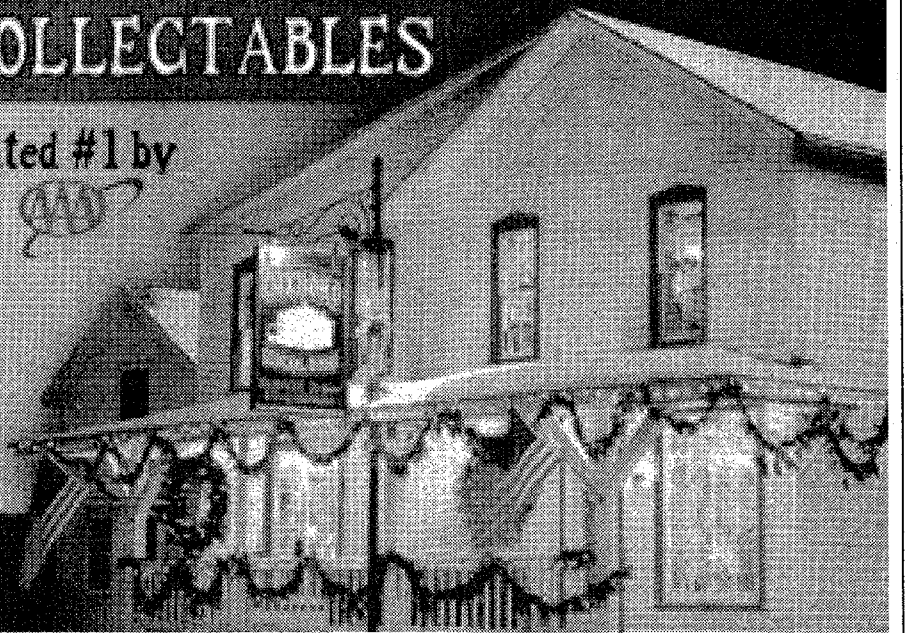
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Livonia native and Olympic gold medalist Sheila Taormina, a swimmer, triathlete and pentathlete-in-training organized the "Sharing the Dream" event to inspire

youngsters and introduce them to female role models.

She will be joined by gymnast Shannon Miller, a seven-time Olympic medalist; hockey player Angela Ruggiero, a three-time medalist with ties to Harper Woods; weightlifter Cheryl Hayworth, the strongest woman in the Western Hemisphere; and champion weightlifter Natalie Woolfolk.

The panelists will talk from 9 a.m. to noon. Afterward, audience members will be

selected for a two-hour personal training session with their Olympic hero.

Tickets are \$3 if purchased in advance at Livonia Community Recreation Center and Eddie Edgar Arena; \$5 at the door.

The event is open to everyone, boys and girls, parents, athletes and others.

Churchill is located at 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. For information, call (734) 466-2411.



Putting on a show

Baritone players Keith Perry (above left) and Paul Shanks are part of the kneeling brass at one point of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's performance of their award-winning show, "Out of the Shadows," while, warmly nestled between her parents, Lucas and Dr. Lora Montgomery of Canton, two-year-old Cecilia (right) enjoys the community performance put on by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Saturday at the P-CEP varsity stadium. Some 1,500 appreciative fans bundled up for the opportunity to see the band's show. The Montgomerys are both Canton High School alumni and Dr. Montgomery is a former member of the marching band. The 197-member band put on a full-dress performance as a gift to the community Saturday night at the P-CEP varsity stadium. The band will compete in the State Championships at Ford Field on Nov. 3.



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U.S. Sen. Carl Levin

His Washington, D.C. mailing address is 269 Russell Office Building, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-2202. Call him at (202) 224-6221. The fax number is (202) 224-1388. He also has offices in Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Room 1860, in Detroit. The local phone number is (313) 226-6020, TTY (800) 851-0030 and fax at (313) 226-6948.

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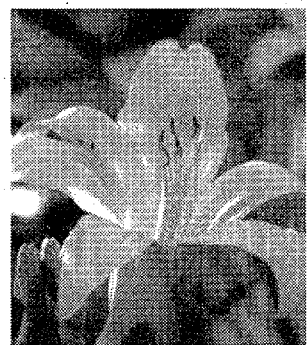
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BRUCE FOUST BUSZARD

Died October 25th, 2007. The youngest of three brothers, he was born in Battle Creek on August 19, 1941 to Henry Milton Buszard and Ruby Grace Foust. After graduating from Redford High School in 1959 he attended Wayne State University, earning a B.A. in Geography in 1966 and an M.A. in Education in 1970. He was a teacher for 34 years, from 1965 until his retirement in 1999. For 3 years he taught in the Detroit Public School system, but spent the majority of his career in the Livonia Public School system, teaching 4th through 6th grade for 15 years at Tyler Elementary, and Science for 16 years at Emerson Middle School. Bruce was a lifelong music lover and amateur pianist; he played at home every day and every holiday season at the Wilson Barn Christmas sing along. While attending Wayne State he worked nights as the pianist at the Dakota Inn. It was at the Dakota Inn in 1962 that he met his future wife, Ann Marie Stampfy, who was introduced to him by their dear friend Kerry Nelder. They date for 3 years and were married on December 18, 1965. They had two children, Bradley Bruce and Laura Ann. Though Bruce had numerous interests outside of this family and work, his overriding passion was cars. He collected, restored and showed antique cars his entire adult life. At his death he had four antique cars that spanned four decades and was a member of the Ford and Mercury Restorers Club. He also loved dogs of all breeds, especially mutts. After retiring he volunteered at the Michigan Humane Society walking dogs. He is survived by his wife, his two children, his daughter-in-law Michelle, his son-in-law James, his grandson Jonathan Nicolas, and his brothers Roderick and Dean. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which was Bruce's favorite charity. Arrangements handled by Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia, MI.

CHARLES G. NELSON Sr.

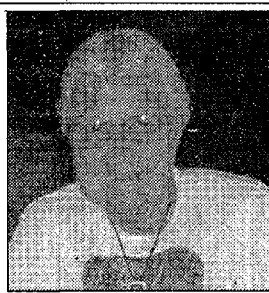
Passed away on October 30, 2007 at the age of 83. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 23, 1924 to the late Floyd and Sylvia (Morovic) Nelson. He was a wonderful, caring, and loving man. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved being with his family. He served in the US Army during WWII and was part of the Battle of the Bulge. He was affectionately known by his grandkids as grandpa and papa. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Ruth B. His beloved children: Shonna Marie (Dean) Dolley, Jody Ann (Steve) Sherman, Charles Gerald (Paula) Nelson, Jr., his adored grandchildren: Ryan, Kristen, Eric, Sarah, Hannah, Marla, Samantha, Charlie, and Jacob. Also survived by two brothers: Arnold and David, one sister Janet. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 2, 2007 from 3-9 PM with a Rosary being prayed at 7:00 PM at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 11:00 AM, with final visitation at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, 48178 with Rev. Fr. Kenneth Chase officiating.

CHARLES G. RICHARD

Passed away October 26, 2007 at the age of 75. He is the beloved husband of Ruth, having been married for 44 years on October 27th. Dear father of Lisa L. Richard and stepfather of Carol (James) Holtzclaw, Kathleen Bassler and the late Sandra Brown. Dear grandfather of Jessica (Steve) Hobart and the late Brianna Paulsen. Dear great-grandfather of Elianna Hobart. Dear brother of George (Phyllis) Richard. Mr. Richard was a quiet, down to earth, man who loved the Lord. He retired in 1969 from Dunn Steel, Plymouth, where he was an inspector. He was a resident of Westland, previously of Plymouth. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at Riverside Park Church of God. Memorials may be made to Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Rd., Livonia 48150. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DEAN O. COREY

Age 76, died Monday, October 22, 2007 at DuBois Regional Medical Center in DuBois, Pennsylvania. He was born January 17, 1931, in New Troy, Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University. A veteran in the U.S. Army, he served in Germany. He retired as a commercial interior designer in 1989. In 1997 Dean and his wife Barbara moved from Farmington to Ann Arbor to be near their children. A memorial service is scheduled at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline at 2:30 p.m. Sat. Nov. 3. A Committal service will be held at the Cope Memorial Garden of the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Funds of the First Presbyterian Church of Saline, 143 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 or the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.



DOROTHY I. ROHDE

Age 87, of Lewiston, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2007 at Aspen Ridge Retirement Center in Gaylord, Michigan. She was born on November 3, 1919 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, the daughter of Paul and Amanda (Jens) Schloff. Dorothy graduated from Mishicot High School in 1937. She then worked at the Mirro Aluminum Goods Mfg. Co. in Manitowoc. During World War II, she worked at the Manitowoc Ship Building Co. in Manitowoc and Burroughs Adding Machine Co. in Plymouth, Michigan. On April 29, 1944, Dorothy was united in Holy Matrimony to Gilbert B. Rohde in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. After her marriage to Gilbert, they moved to Plymouth, Michigan and later to a farm in Livonia, Michigan. She and her family then moved to Base Line Lake in Dexter, Michigan. Gilbert preceded her in death on October 8, 1986. She moved to Lewiston, Michigan in 1999. After moving to Livonia, Dorothy drove school bus for the Livonia Public Schools and later for the Dexter Public Schools where she retired in 1983. Throughout her life, she enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling, reading, arts and crafts, and bird watching. Dorothy was a life member of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Auxiliary of American Legion Post 32 in Livonia, Michigan. She also was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lewiston, Michigan. Dorothy will be remembered by her family and friends for her enduring love and strong devotion to family, her love of wildlife, especially birds, and her exceptionally strong faith in God. Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Sharon Parker (Ron) of Rives Junction; a son Wayne (Karen) of Brandon, South Dakota; and a son Timothy (Carol) of Lewiston; a sister Grace Carstens of Manitowoc, Wisconsin; a sister-in-law, Bernadine (Bernie) Schloff; seven grandchildren; six great grand children; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dorothy is also survived by her beloved cat, Whiskers, her dear companion for nearly fifteen years since she was rescued as an abandoned kitty by her four youngest grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Amanda Schloff; her husband, Gilbert; a brother, Vernon Schloff; a grandson, Lloyd Rohde, and a step-great grandson, Johnathon Fulcher. The funeral service for Mrs. Rohde will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday November 2, 2007 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lewiston, Michigan. A viewing will be held 3:00 to 8:00 Thursday November 1, 2007 at Green Funeral Home, in Lewiston, Michigan. Interment services will be held on November 3, 2007 at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery in Livonia at 11:30 AM. Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hospice of Michigan or Montmorency Council on Aging. Condolence messages can be sent via our website: www.greenfuneralhomes.com



IRENE BERES LAPINSKI

October 30, 2007. Beloved wife of Eugene. Dear mother of David (Pamela), Rosanne (Gregg) Garrison and Carol (Joseph) Erdie. Grandmother of Gavin, Kristina, Brian, Chloe, Joey, Aurora and Summer. Sister of Ronald (Sharon) Beres. Resting at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (at Ann Arbor Trail) Thursday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Friday 12 Noon - 9 p.m. Rosary Friday 7 p.m. Instate Saturday 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 23700 Joy Rd. (2 blocks East of Telegraph) until time of Mass at 10 a.m. Procession to St. Hedwig's Cemetery after Mass. Share a "Memorial Tribute" at griffinfuneralhome.com

NICHOLAS J. FLESHER

Of Plymouth, October 27, 2007, age 27. Loving son of Carol Fleisher, Scott Folk and Matthew (Chelley) Arbour. Dear grandson of Donald James Fleisher, Robert and Mary Folk and the late Mary Fleisher. Beloved nephew of Daniel and Kathleen Fleisher, David and Pamela Fleisher and Mary Hammond. Also survived by many cousins. Nic was employed at Dearborn Moving and Storage and enjoyed Disc Golfing. Funeral Mass will be held Friday, November 2, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford. Celebrant Reverend Lawrence J. Delonay. The family will receive friends Thursday 2-8 p.m. at the RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford and at the church on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Vigil service Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's of Michigan Neurological Care Fund. Online guest book: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



JAMES NELSON FANZINI

Age 73. Attorney & Professional Civil Engineer, a long time resident of Farmington Hills, passed away in Thailand on October 24, 2007. Jim was a graduate of Farmington High School (1952), Wayne State University College of Engineering (1961) & the Wayne State University Law School (1966). He served in the US Army for four years as a Radio Traffic Analyst during the Korean War. Upon completion of his education in 1966, he passed the Michigan Professional Engineering & Michigan Bar examinations during the same summer. During Jim's professional career he worked for the Detroit Water Board & the United States Overseas Mission. He founded & managed Environmental Engineering Inc., of Royal Oak & had been the County Engineer for Livingston Co., Jim most recently served as the head of Right of Way for the Engineering Department of the Oakland Co. Road Commission, from which he retired in 2002. Jim loved to travel & saw much of the world during his lifetime, traveling to South America, Australia, & extensively in Southeast Asia. He was a avid reader, amateur astronomer & a member of the Detroit Astronomical Society. Jim was generous to those in need & counted amount his friends people of many languages, religions & cultures. Jim dedicated much of his energy after his retirement to improving living conditions for the people of rural Thailand. He will be deeply missed by his family & friends. Jim is survived by his three children, Angelyn (David) Lynch of Farmington Hills, J. Scott (Sara) Fanzini, of St. Joseph & Nelson (Kari) Fanzini of White Lake. His cherished grandchildren Jacob, Hannah, Amber, Alyssa & Lillian Fanzini. Jim is also survived by his sister Patricia Cameron, many loving nieces, nephews, other family members & his former spouse and dear friend, Nancy Fanzini of Farmington Hills. Memorial service, Friday, November 2nd, 11:30 AM at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds.; just N of Grand River) Downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. heenev-sundquist.com

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NOVEMBER

Pontifical visit

Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholics of All Armenians continues to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cost is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

Church fair

The 61st annual O Christmas Tree church fair 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2, at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square at Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road. Coffee shop opens at 9 a.m., a la carte luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., dinner served 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 adults, \$3.50 children). Children activities 6-7:30 p.m. Fair features aprons, attic treasures, books, candy booth, boutiques, Christmas gifts, Country Store, decorations booth, pet shop, specialties booth, raffle and more. For more information, call (734) 729-7550.

Angel baby service

A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. There is no cost and no obligation of any kind. For more information, call (734) 425-7280.

Holiday bazaar

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. Raffle drawing at 3 p.m. and persons need not be present to win. Admission is free. A portion of proceeds go to help support the church's Mission Program. For more information, call (313) 274-3820.

Heroes

Series explores the lives of five ordinary heroes 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Dec. 2, at Life Covenant Church which meets at East Middle School, 1042 Lilley (S. Mill), Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 634-2697. At Life Church you can expect awesome music, casual attire, relevant messages, a children's program, and a hot cup of coffee.

Pasties sale

Taking orders during coffee hour Sundays, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, and by phone 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 6-7, pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pasties are \$3.50 each, gravy also available. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

Time change

The starting time for the traditional service is moving from 10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-6722.

Vegetarian extravaganza

20th annual Holiday Tasting event takes place 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Metro Adventist School Gymnasium, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Cost is \$14 adults, \$5 for ages 6-12. For information, call the Hotline at (248) 446-9176.

Upper Room Ministries

Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Nov. 4, in Room 111 in Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

Music of the heart

Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a musical celebration of hymns written by Charles Wesley in honor of the 300th anniversary of the lyricist's birth 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the church, 45201 N. Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. No charge but a free-will offering will be received to benefit the church's Noteworthy concert series and AIDS victims in Africa. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjong 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family. Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

Holiday bazaar

4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, a turkey dinner will be served 4:30-7 p.m. Friday (cost \$7 adults, \$4 ages 3-11, free under age 3), snacks and lunch will be available at a low cost on Friday-Saturday, Bazaar includes cookie walk, bake sale, Christmas shop, Crafty Corners, silent auction, and Grandma's Attic (newly new items), at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford road. Everyone is welcome. Call (734) 421-7620.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). The services are held at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio will preach the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfer.org or call Humby at (937) 252-1156.

Alternative Christmas Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more information.

Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in Miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.com@hotmail.com.

Mama's Coffeehouse

Featuring Dave Boutette and Jen Sygit Saturday, Nov. 10 (7:15 p.m. open mic, 8 p.m. show), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965 for information. To reserve a slot for open mic, call (248) 626-4650.

Veterans Day Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Parish hosts a special Veterans Day Mass for all veterans and active military to thank them for their service to our country Sunday, Nov. 11, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 11:40 a.m. followed by the Mass at noon. An informal reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass and all military members attending will receive a small memento of thanks. For additional details, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Veteran's Day

The congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church honors and thanks all veterans and those on active duty along with their loved ones by honoring them 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the church, 37775 Palmer road, Westland, Ch. (Col.) Herb Heavner, State Chaplain Michigan Guard, will preach. All veterans and those on active duty along with their loved ones are invited. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

Church concert series

Continues with the Schoolcraft College choral Union 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Special presentation

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia and St. Gerald Church of Farmington are co-hosting a special presentation, God's Will for the Family: How to Live it with noted Catholic apologist, Rosalind Moss 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at St. Michael's Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All are invited to hear this dynamic speaker explain the daily, concrete steps one can take to conform their own family to Christ's teachings in today's hectic world. Moss is well known as a staff apologist for Catholic Answers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to explaining the Catholic faith as well as for her regular appearances on the Eternal Word Television Network. She is the editor of the book Home at Last: 11 Who Found Their Way to the Catholic Church which includes her own story and hosts a bi-monthly radio program from The Heart on the syndicated apologetics program, Catholic Answers Live. The event kicks off the new Faith and Family Series to be offered at St. Michael the Archangel Parish over the next two years and is open to all in the area. The series' focus will be on the dynamics of the Christian family, with particular emphasis on practical,

hands-on methods of achieving that goal in the modern world.

Many voices...one song

Welcomes the Biakuye Unity Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. No charge although a free-will offering will be collection. Meet the artists reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124. Biakuye (which means unity) brings together the cool sound of American jazz vibraphone, drumset and electric bass with the meliorhythmic richness of African marimba, kalimba and hand drums. The group includes Ghanaian drummer Kofi Ameyaw, American percussionist Roger Braun, Senegalese bass player Issa Sali, and Mark Stone, a performer of global melodic-percussion. Joining Biakuye on the program will be the Many Voice...One Song Choir. The audience will be invited to join in the joyous music making near the end of the program.

Bazaar & mini cookie walk

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 23310 Joy, a few blocks east of Telegraph, Redford. Use Joy entrance to Basement Hall. Proceeds go to School/Building Fund.

Fashion show

Monday, Nov. 19 (doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.), presented by Women of the Immaculate Conception at Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford road. Cost is \$15. For tickets, call Noreeno Debono (734) 722-8360 or Shirley Rourke at (734) 721-1794.

Luminescence for Advent

A women's afternoon of reflection to prepare for the upcoming Advent season takes place 1:31-4:31 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at St. Hilary's Church, 23901 Elmira, a block east of Telegraph, south of Plymouth road.

Enter off Appleton and turn right on Elmira. Designed for women ages 18 to 99, combines music, presentations, discussions and creative expression. People of all faiths welcome. Presenter is Sister Pat Hergenroether. Cost is \$20, includes materials and refreshments. Reservations with payment are due Nov. 19. For more information, call (313) 533-1560 or send e-mail to shilary@twml.r.com.

Heart quest

A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, started 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme Scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

UPCOMING

Gingerbread open house

The Inn at St. John's Gingerbread Open House takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at 44045 Five Mile at Sheldon, Plymouth. The free family event features live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, visits with Santa, music and refreshments. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. Additional information can be found at www.theinnatstjohns.com or call (734) 414-0600.

ONGOING

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes Sunday worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Singers wanted

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

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Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and

Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming,

by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Worship change

Began Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomens.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese's ENDOW program, the study group focuses on dignity

of women of all ages and faiths. The group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 5, in the Convent Meeting Room behind the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 4 in the same room. Different Times, Abiding Dignity deals with women's inherent dignity at all stages of life. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. Cost is \$60 for materials but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. To register, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.endowonline.com.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching runs Thursdays to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Bible study

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a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Study the Gospel of Luke through November, then move on to Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Ladies Bible study

Women of the Word Ladies Bible Study began focusing on the Book of James Tuesday, Sept. 11, and continues 9:30-11:00 a.m. Tuesdays to Nov. 13, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study material. Child care will be available for children through age 5 in the morning. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

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OUR VIEWS

Voters must hit the polls

Voters are getting ready to go to the polls in the city of Plymouth Nov. 6, prepared to elect four commissioners and give their "yay" or "nay" on a revision to the city charter and the commission's proposed \$10 million bond plan to fix city streets.

We've already told you what we think about the commission race (we're supporting Dave Workman, Gerry Sabatini, Mike Wright and Chris Lynn) and the ballot proposals ("yes" to both).

But what matters more than for whom you cast your ballot is that you cast a ballot at all. In other words, get out and vote.

It's a trite refrain at times like these and, in fact, many city voters have either already cast their ballots (at press time, Clerk Linda Langmesser said some 350 absentee ballots had already been cast) or will cast them using the absentee ballot (again according to Langmesser, 633 of the nearly 1,200 ballots cast in 2005 were AVs).

Lost in the gobbledygook of those numbers is this: only 22 percent (1,192) of the city's registered voters (5,374) bothered to vote in the 2005 election. While that's higher than some other communities, it's still too small a percentage of the electorate being allowed to make all the decisions.

We'll spare you the "It's your civic responsibility" and "It's not only a right, but a privilege" speeches, although both are not only true, but a bedrock principle in our country (OK, so we didn't spare you).

In two years, the city's registered voter total has reached 6,873. As of Tuesday morning, Langmesser said the city had issued more than 800 AV ballots, and some 350 had already been turned in. As usual, the absentee vote is going to have a large say in determining who wins and whether the proposals pass or fail.

But the going-to-the poll contingent needs to have a bigger say in matters so intrinsically important to a vibrant, healthy city. Twenty-two percent of the voters shouldn't be able to dictate to the other 78 percent.

Get out and vote.

Put state budget in play sooner

Talk about the poor getting poorer — that certainly applies to school districts, which don't have the fund balance to tide them over until they receive their first state aid payment. They end up paying more because of it.

The situation is this: School districts pass budgets that begin on the first day of their business year, namely July 1. The state's new budget, however, doesn't begin until Oct. 1. The end result is that school districts start spending money before the state decides how much it will allocate to the locals.

Remember Proposal A? That's what mandated the state to fund education, so districts are by and large dependent on the state for operating funds.

State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi has introduced House Joint Resolution AA, which could change this scenario. Vagnozzi, now in his final term, has proposed that all general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal year be presented to the governor on or before July 1 of each fiscal year.

The proposal is now before the House Appropriations Committee, which ought to give it serious consideration.

There's a lot at stake. Consider Garden City Public Schools, which must borrow \$13 million to cover expenses until it receives its first state aid payment in October. In recent years, it has scaled back the amount it borrows from state — and pays interest on, hence getting poorer — by opening up lines of credit with its lending institutions.

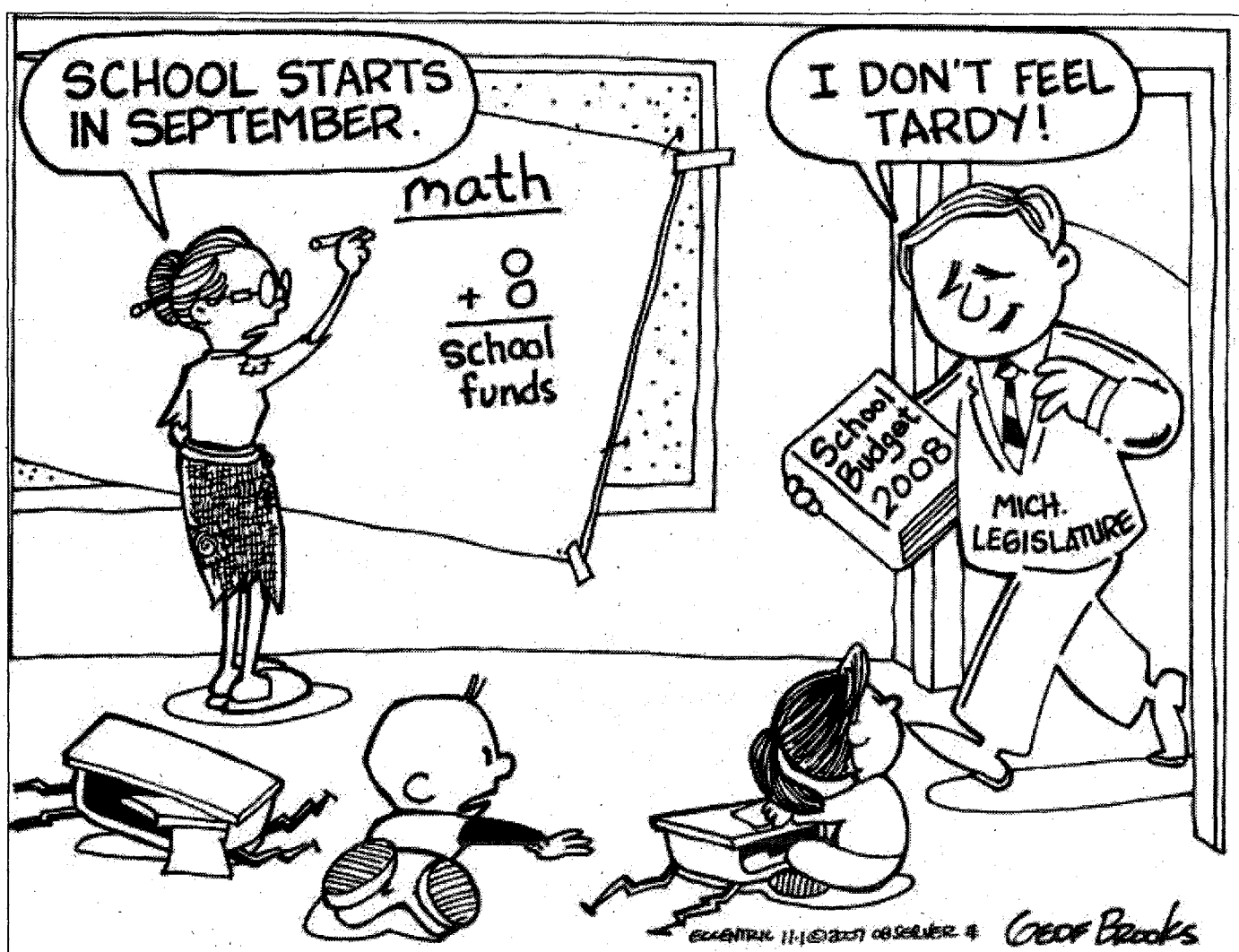
But that's not the end of the story for a district that's in the second year of a three-year deficit reduction plan with a hole that's \$3.2 million deep.

Garden City isn't alone. Wayne-Westland is projecting that it will have to begin borrowing money to cover expenses in the 2008-09 budget year.

Other wealthier districts in Oakland County also complain that they are trying to hit a moving target — the amount of state aid per student that the state must deliver.

State legislators have to realize that school districts are the ball that has been dropped when budget deliberations are fumbled.

Someone has to come up with a new game plan. Put Vagnozzi's plan on the board.



LETTERS

Campaign 'promises'

Campaign season is in full swing and we have all received a lot of campaign information from the candidates for City Commission. As always, it can be difficult to decipher fact from fiction when you receive political mailings.

Most candidates campaign on the truth and describe to voters what they hope to do if elected. Others may campaign by telling the voters what they think the voters want to hear.

Following a bruising and dysfunctional State budget process that led to increased state income and "service" taxes, some candidates may run on a campaign of lowering local property taxes (i.e., tell the voters what they want to hear). People are understandably mad about the state tax increases "so I'll tell them that I'll lower or freeze their local property taxes if elected." That sounds great until you look into the matter further.

Neither the City of Plymouth, nor any other local Michigan community, has the legal ability or authority to freeze property assessments. Property tax assessments are made in compliance with Michigan state law. Increases or decreases in State Equalized Value are made in adherence to strict County and State Equalization procedures.

In addition, neither the City of Plymouth, nor any other local governing body, has the legal ability or authority to halt the resulting increases of taxable value by the rate of inflation, as determined by the State Tax Commission, as required by State statute.

There was NO property tax rate increase in the city of Plymouth in the past two years. In fact, as a result of a reduced debt load, the City of Plymouth property tax rate decreased by approximately 8 percent in 2007 in compliance with applicable laws. Individual's property taxes may have increased as a result of their assessment but the City does not and cannot control that assessment process. As you receive campaign information from any candidate make sure you take the time to investigate what is being said in that literature. Call city hall, the State of Michigan, or any reliable source and confirm information if you have questions. A well educated electorate will make the best decisions on behalf of our great town.

Dan Dwyer
Plymouth mayor

Answer is in energy

Every Michigander has in some way experienced the unfortunate state of our economy in the past few years.

What all Michiganders have not realized, however, is there is a clear solution for diversifying our economy, providing thousands of jobs and also helping curb the most dangerous impacts of global warming: energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Energy-efficiency programs will bring jobs to Michigan and provide energy savings for consumers and businesses at a fraction of the cost of building new coal or nuclear plants. A renewable energy standard (RES) will help

Michigan break its dependence on coal, provide incentives to use home-grown alternatives, such as wind, solar and biomass and create thousands of new high-tech jobs that drive this type of industry.

Twenty-five states have already implemented an RES and are experiencing significant economic, environmental and health benefits. Michigan has neither policy and is losing out.

The good news is several clean energy bills have been introduced in both the state House and Senate this session. Unfortunately, leadership has not yet taken action to pass this important legislation. What Michigan needs is for our legislative leaders to show real "leadership" by passing strong clean energy legislation now.

Michigan cannot afford to be lost in the dust as other states create jobs and grow clean-energy industries while also protecting their natural resources. Our state representative, Marc Corriveau, D-Plymouth, has been a strong outspoken supporter of clean energy this year. We now would like to see our senator, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, also support strong clean energy legislation that would move our state forward.

With Gov. Granholm's latest plans to make promoting alternative energy her top priority, and 25 states already reaping rewards from clean energy, it is time for the Michigan Legislature to act. Michigan has the resources, uniquely skilled workforce and manufacturing and industrial strengths to diversify our economy and create thousands of new jobs. Michigan cannot afford to wait another day to take advantage of this growing industry and must pass clean energy legislation now.

Kerry Griffith
Plymouth

Inaccurate letter

After reading Barbara Dugger's letter, the 35th District Court felt a response was necessary to clarify some misleading information as well as to add some factual information that was not in her letter.

Ms. Dugger did visit the court Sept. 12, to use the restroom. However, when she entered the court, she attempted to bypass all of our security procedures. She came running into the court and did not stop until the security officer advised her that she needed to return and be processed through the metal detector.

After being asked three times to return to the metal detector to be processed, she finally did so. However, as reflected in her letter, she was obviously irritated that she must comply with our security procedures.

Several of the statements Ms. Dugger claims were said to her are inaccurate. In addition, there were no employees or visitors standing around laughing at her. While we expect professional behavior at the 35th District Court, sometimes people confuse rude with firm. We were not rude to Ms. Dugger; however, the security officer did use a firm tone of voice with her due to her

refusal to comply with our security procedures.

Post 9/11, protection of citizens has led to increased security in many buildings that are potential targets for violence, including courts and airports. Coincidentally, on this same day, we received a threatening letter involving anthrax. While we empathize with Ms. Dugger's illness, we will not jeopardize the safety and security of the employees and visitors to our building.

Debra Kubitsky
35th District Court administrator

Change election date

If the PCCS board is so worried about it costing future candidates too much to run an election, why doesn't it change the elections to November and put a cap on the spending a candidate is allowed to have, say \$1,000?

I spent \$109 on my last campaign and \$100 of that was the filing fee. My previous campaign in which I was elected to the board I spent \$342, so there is no need to spend such a high amount, as was proven this past election. And they could even limit campaign contributions so that no organization can contribute to their funds, nor could a candidate take a contribution of more than, say, \$25 per person, including in-kind gifts like free use of phone banks and mailings on behalf of certain candidates.

Candidates can do many free things locally to get themselves recognized and share their platform on local education. They can go to all the PTO meetings and speak for a few minutes and let people ask them real questions. They can hold town halls where people can bring their own food and drink at public venues. They can go door-to-door talking with people. They can perform service for the schools.

Since school board elections are non-partisan, simply moving them to the regular ballot will not automatically make them partisan. So people who vote party line will still have to choose from the candidates.

It is time to stop making excuses and change the election date. It is the fiscally responsible thing to do!

Rich Ham-Kucharski
Canton

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— Plymouth-Canton Schools administrator Ken Jacobs, after a student at Smith Elementary contracted a potentially deadly staph infection that has closed schools in southeast Michigan

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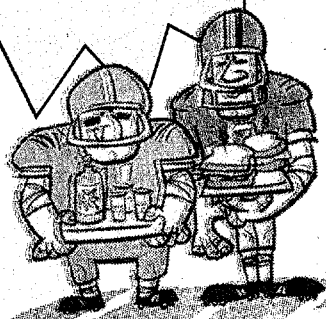
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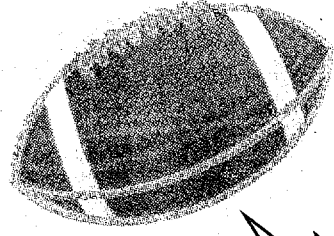
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Ignition set to 'kick' up where it left off

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As its second season of existence draws closer with every falling leaf, the Detroit Ignition is setting its sights on going from overnight sensation to just plain old sensational.

The Ignition took the Major Indoor Soccer League by storm in its inaugural campaign in 2006-07, advancing all the way to the league's title game before falling just short against Philadelphia, 13-8. With reigning MVP Jamar Beasley back in the fold along with a nucleus of



Pulisic

stellar returnees, taking the next step toward greatness is a logical goal for coach Mark Pulisic's kickers.

"We're looking to get back to the championship game, no doubt," said Pulisic. "I think that will always be an expectation — both team-wise and for me, personally, as a coach."

"It's not going to be easy. Milwaukee, Chicago and Philadelphia should all be very strong and I expect the three expan-

sion teams to be very, very competitive like we were in our expansion season last year."

During the five-month off-season, the MISL swelled from six to nine teams. Joining the mix were franchises based in New Jersey, Monterrey (Mexico) and Orlando.

"I think it's great for our league," Pulisic said of the growth. "We need to get to nine, 10 or 11 teams, so this year getting up to nine is a great start. Whenever you are gaining teams and not losing any like

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EXCITING ENCORE

Who: Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League;
What: 2007 season-opening game against the Philadelphia Kixx;
When: Saturday at 7:35 p.m.;
Where: Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township;
How to purchase tickets: Call TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com;
For more information on the Ignition: Visit its Web site at www.detroitignition.com.

Sidelines

Wrestling club

Registration for the 2007-08 Canton Wrestling Club is set for Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Canton High School North building (Phase III).

The cost for each participant is \$75. Checks should be made payable to the "Canton Wrestling Club." The fee includes a T-shirt, shorts and a MYWAY membership.

Practices for the club will be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Canton wrestling room. Beginner (two years of experience or less) practices will be held from 6:15-7:15 p.m. while advanced practices will be held from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

The season will run from Nov. 26 through May 3. A parents meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28.

For more information, visit www.chiefswrestling.com; or contact coach Casey Randolph at (734) 582-6885 or at randolc@pccs.k12.mi.us.

The Canton Wrestling Club is a member of MYWAY (Michigan Youth Wrestling Association), the MMWA (Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association) and Michigan USA Wrestling.

Salem hoop tryouts

Tryouts for Salem High School's varsity girls basketball team will begin Monday, Nov. 5, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

All tryout participants must have a recent physical on file with the athletic department.

Tryouts for the Rocks' junior varsity and freshmen teams will begin Nov. 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Salem gym.

Hole-in-one

Len Wegrzyn of Canton aced the 126-yard 13th hole at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford on Oct. 20. The 72-year-old linkster used a 6 iron for his memorable shot.

Division I Regional Cross Country Meet

Canton girls runners headed to state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Post-race emotions ranged from extreme ecstasy to down-in-the-dumps disappointment for the P-CEP teams that competed in Saturday's Division 1 Regional girls cross-country race at Schoolcraft College.

Canton's young squad, which has just one senior varsity runner, was ecstatic after placing second behind only Livonia Churchill to earn a spot in Saturday's D1 state team championship at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

It's the first time the Chiefs have qualified for the state meet since 2001.

The Chargers netted 34 points, 33 less than Canton. Livonia Stevenson was the third team to qualify with 72 points.

"Going into the meet, I thought we had a shot at qualifying for the state meet, but I knew everybody would have to run extremely well," said Canton coach Eric Paul. "Everybody stepped up and ran a great race."

"The girls were just ecstatic, thrilled." Canton was led by junior Sarah Thomas, who finished third overall in 19:44. It also received top-20 efforts from freshman Rachel Rohrbach (sixth in 20:01) and Bianca Kubicki, who crossed 11th in 20:20. Also contributing were senior Katherine Rymond (23rd in 21:06), Katherine Galm (24th in 21:08), Chelsea Smith (27th in 21:12) and Erica Eimers (36th in 21:35).

Following a super regular season, Plymouth placed fourth with 89 points — one place from a trip to MIS.

"To say we're disappointed is an understatement," said Wildcat coach Mary Kerwin. "Our performance on Saturday was not a reflection of how we ran all season."

"It just goes to show you that you have to bring it on the day of the Regional and we didn't. The two teams that finished just ahead of us

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TAMMI REED

Canton's Duncan Spitz placed first at Saturday's Division 1 Regional cross country meet at Schoolcraft College with a time of 16:27. Paced by Spitz's performance, the Chiefs qualified for this weekend's team state meet for the first time since 2001.

Rocks, Chiefs finish 1 and 2 in boys race

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There was a definite local flavor atop the standings at Saturday's Division 1 boys cross country Regional race at Schoolcraft College.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park runners flexed their leg muscles as both Salem and Canton qualified for this Saturday's D1 state meet by placing first and second, respectively. The top three teams in each Region advance to the state meet.

Led by second-place runner Kevin deBear, the Rocks compiled 60 points, six fewer than the runner-up Chiefs.

Canton's Duncan Spitz was the overall winner with an impressive clocking of 16:27, three seconds quicker than deBear.

Dearborn Fordson was the third team to qualify by placing third with 70 points, 11 fewer than Livonia Churchill.

Helping propel Salem into the top spot along with deBear were Rob Curtis (fifth in 16:55), Craig Cowing (10th in 17:02), Matt Devey (18th in 17:27), Mike Charara (25th in 17:40), Justin Kane (27th in 17:42) and Jason Smith (36th in 17:58).

Following Spitz across the finish line for the Chiefs were teammates Kyle Clinton (12th in 17:04), Derek Hoerman (13th in 17:06), Joshua Osinski (19th in 17:30), Gregory Reed (21st in 17:37), Zack Spreitzer (30th in 17:48) and Aaron McClellan (37th in 17:59).

One year after qualifying for the state meet as a team, Plymouth finished fifth with 116 points. Scoring for the Wildcats were state-qualifier Justin Huey (fourth in 16:53), Derek Lax (16th in 17:22), Warren Buzzard (28th in 17:46), Matthew Lewandowski (29th in 17:48) and Matthew Neumann (29th in 18:08).

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ROCKS

Hard work, good genes give Aumiller edge

Salem swimmer Whitney Aumiller comes from a family of talented swimmers that includes both parents, an older brother and a younger sister.

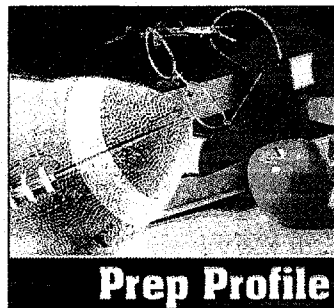


BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's a good chance that if you took the time to trace Whitney Aumiller's roots, you'd find that the talented Salem swimmer's family tree is planted not far from an eight-lane pool.

Aumiller, a two-time state-qualifier, comes from a family whose members have stroked through more than their share of chlorinated water. Her dad, Joe, competed in college at Ferris State University; her mom, Dawn, swam for her high school squad; her older



Prep Profile

brother, Joey, enjoyed a solid career with the Rocks; and her younger sister, Abby, has demonstrated a winning form for the Novi Sturgeons club team and for Central Middle School.

When it comes to the Aumillers, a family that swims together, wins together.

"My dad still swims competitively with the Michigan Masters," Aumiller said. "He comes to all my meets and gives me advice afterwards. The best advice he's given me is probably to focus on one race at a time."

That's good advice, especially Given Aumiller's versatility and ability to compete in several events in a given meet. She's already qualified for three events in the upcoming Division 1 state meet: the 200-yard freestyle, the 500

freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

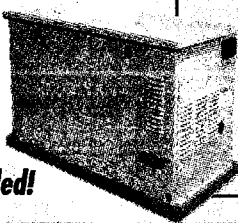
Aumiller will almost assuredly fill a spot or two on one of the Rocks' relay quartets that are bound to earn a berth in the DI finals at Eastern Michigan University later this month.

"Her best event is probably the backstroke, but she's very good in the free and IM, too," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "She's been a very important part of our team the past few years and she's gotten better and better each

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AUMILLER

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year.
 "The best thing about Whitney is that she knows how to get something out of every practice by working hard. She loves to swim fast and it shows. She's a good listener, too."

Aumiller's first competitive swimming action came as a 9-year-old for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers.

"I was good enough to win events in the 'C' Division," she said, smiling.

When she was 13, Aumiller made swimming a year-round activity. The realization that the more she trained, the faster she got and the more she won paid dividends her first year at Salem when she swam on one of the Rocks' relay teams at the 2005 D1 state meet.

"There are times I don't feel like practicing, but it's fun because I'm doing it with my friends," she said.

Last year, as a sophomore, Aumiller opened some eyes when she won the 100 backstroke at the ultra-competitive Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet.

"That's probably the highlight of my time here at Salem, so far," she said.

The best is assuredly yet to come though for someone with Aumiller's work ethic and swimming-rich DNA.

As the sun sets on her junior year, she has set her sights on knocking at least a couple seconds off her 200 freestyle time of 2:01 ("I want to get it under two minutes") and her 100 backstroke time of 1:02 ("I want to get it under one minute").

Ultimately, she'd like to follow in her dad's footsteps and swim in college, preferably at Oakland University.

"I was in a camp there last year and the coach asked me how old I was," she said.

If it all works out, the Oakland U. coach will find out in a couple of years what Olson is discovering on a regular basis right now — that Aumiller knows how to turn hard work into fast times."

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Chiefs second to one at WLAA volleyball tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
 STAFF WRITER

Six and counting. That's how many Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball titles Livonia Churchill has won in a row.

The state-ranked Chargers, defending Class A champions, improved to 43-2-3 overall with a 25-18, 25-21 victory in the championship final Saturday at home against Canton, the Western Division champion.

All-State middle hitter Kyndra Abron, headed to Michigan State, finished the 6-0 day for the Chargers with a total of 76 kills and six aces. Junior Kristen Nalezch chipped in with 42 kills, while Jaclyn Gribeck added nine kills and seven blocks.

Setter Kristy DeClercq also shined with a total of 96 assists with 34 digs.

Churchill, the Lakes Division champion at 10-0, captured all six games in pool play against Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth and Wayne. The Chargers then downed eighth-seed Walled Lake Western (25-18, 25-15) in the quarterfinals and No. 4 seed Walled Lake Northern in the semifinals (18-25, 25-12, 15-9).

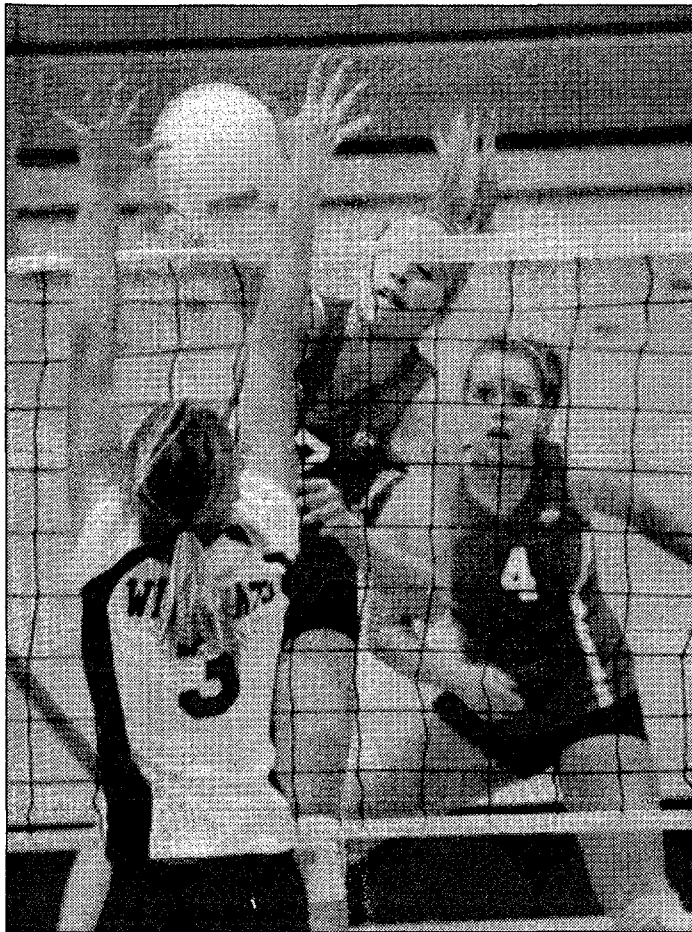
In the final, Canton stayed close in both games, but couldn't get over the hump.

"Jen (Barnes) has done a nice job with them," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said of the Canton coach and the 31-11-2 Chiefs. "They're a scrappy team and they've got some kids who can swing it. There's a reason why they won their division."

The triumph over Lakes Division foe Northern proved to be the most difficult of the tournament.

"When you play someone a couple of times, the gap seems to close a bit," Grenier said. "Walled Lake Northern played well. There was a lot of concern for us. We had to fend them off."

Lindsey Graciak served at 96 percent to go along with 63 digs, while Jordan Kerr had 30 digs and served a 98 percent



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With teammate Shelby Anthony (No. 4) looking on, Canton's Jordan Kielty drives home a kill during a match earlier this season. The Chiefs placed second at Saturday's WLAA conference tournament at Livonia Churchill.

for the victorious Chargers. Jessica Stroud, Shannon Warner and Katie Matz also combined for 65 digs. The trio also teamed up to serve 58-of-62 balls (94 percent) to go along with seven kills and four blocks.

"I thought (Jessica) Stroud, (Jaclyn) Gribeck and (Katie) Matz were able to block balls, make great swings and keep teams honest," Grenier said. "I thought (Kristy) DeClercq set the ball wonderfully all day and we had kids diving all over the place. (Jordan) Kerr, (Lindsey) Graciak and (Shannon) Warner all did their roles picking up balls."

"When you get into certain games and situations, the bench gets short. You go with what you can. Our kids were resilient. It was a nice team win for us."

The Chiefs, who returned 11 players off last year's 9-17-7 team, have shown significant improvement from last spring. It was Canton's first Western Division crown since 1997 (coached by Steve Anderson).

Canton was gunning for its first conference title since 1979.

"It's a huge accomplishment for the girls," Barnes said of the runner-up finish. "Overall we had a great day. We played well and meshed well together."

But the Chiefs couldn't take advantage when the 6-foot-2 Abron rotated off the front row and onto the bench.

"As soon as she came out we wanted to put balls away," Barnes said. "We tried to work around her as much as possible, and tip to her as much as we could. We did it sometimes, and sometimes we didn't. Our defense and passing were fine, but offensively we made too many errors."

The Chiefs went 2-0-1 in pool play, splitting with Salem

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
 Oct. 27 at Livonia Churchill
Championship final: Churchill defeated Canton, 25-18, 25-21.
Semifinals: Churchill def. Walled Lake Northern, 18-25, 25-12, 15-9; Canton def. Northville.
Quarterfinals: Churchill def. Walled Lake Western, 25-18, 25-15; Canton def. Plymouth; Northville def. Livonia Stevenson, 17-25, 25-13, 15-13; W.L. Northern def. Salem.

POOL PLAY RECORDS (based on total games)
(A): 1. Churchill, 6-0; 2. (tie) Stevenson and Plymouth, 3-3 each; 4. Wayne Memorial, 0-6.
(B): 1. (tie) Canton and Salem, 5-1 each; 3. W.L. Western, 2-4; 4. Walled Lake Central, 0-6.
(C): 1. Northville, 6-0; 2. W.L. Northern, 4-2; 3. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin, 1-5 each.

ALL-WLAA TEAMS
All-Conference: Amanda Yerke, Jr., W.L. Northern; Kysta Cicala, Sr., Northville; Brittany Holbrook, Jr., John Glenn; Rachel Heaton, Sr., Plymouth; Marie Martin, Sr., Canton; Jordan Kielty, Soph., Canton; Jansen Falcusan, Jr., Salem; Lindsey Graciak, Jr., Churchill; Kyndra Abron, Sr., Churchill.
All-Lakes Division: Kirstin Kirk, Sr., John Glenn; Kelly MacDonald, Fr., Salem; Jill Stacey, Sr., Salem; Meg Iafate, Jr., Stevenson; Shelby Miller, Jr., W.L. Northern; Kristen Robinette, Sr., W.L. Northern; Sarah Glancy, Jr., W.L. Central; Kristen Nalezch, Jr., Jordan Kerr, Sr., Churchill.

All-Western Division: Ashley Price, Sr., Franklin; Alyssa Marucci, Sr., W.L. Western; Paige Parfenio, Jr., W.L. Western; Beth Foucher, Jr., Northville; Allison Holmes, Sr., Northville; Hannah Mills, Sr., Canton; Kacy Moran, Jr., Canton; Amanda McManus, Jr., Plymouth; Briana Beyer, Jr., Plymouth.
LAKES DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION
 Churchill: Jackie Gribeck, Shannon Warner, Jessica Stroud.
 Salem: Alyssa Matchette, Kerry MacDonald, Nicole Merget.

W.L. Central: Jordan Serra, Lena Scarpace.
John Glenn: Aranda Phare, Stacey Truskowski.
Stevenson: Kaylee McGrath, Natalie Fenech.
W.L. Northern: Malissa Guiles, Carissa McKenna.
WESTERN DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION
 Canton: Lauren McPartlin, Ellie Kenny.
 Northville: Kelly Maise, Megan Horstmeier.
 Plymouth: Kate Spangler, Lindsay Jewett, Ashley Besczko.

W.L. Western: Cortnee Hicks, Rachel Giordano, Carly Zetlin.
Franklin: Brianna Taylor, Brittany Taylor, Liz Hollaway.
Wayne: Katie Wilson, Catie Badrak, Samantha Dye.

(25-21 and 23-25) before defeating both Walled Lake Western (25-13, 25-11) and Walled Lake Central (25-12, 25-14).

They defeated Plymouth in the quarterfinals (25-20, 25-18) before ousting Northville in the semis, 25-19 and 25-13.

Sophomore all-around star Jordan Kielty had an outstanding day, registering 43 kills and eight aces. Senior captain Marie Martin also stepped up, recording 27 kills and 12 blocks. Others making major contributions were Lauren McPartlin (23 kills), Kacy Moran (21 kills, 98 assists, 39 digs), Hannah Mills (50 digs), Gina Waite (42 digs, eight aces) and Laura Daniels (31 digs).

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Baseball academy

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has announced the opening of the Velocity Baseball Academy, which will be located on the second floor of the Arctic Edge Arena on 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The head academy instructors will be former Detroit Tiger Bruce Fields, who is currently a coach in the Cleveland Indians organization, and Kenny Howell, who enjoyed a lengthy Major League pitching career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. They will be joined by other area collegiate and high school coaches.

The academy's open house is set for Sunday, Nov. 4, from 2-5 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 485-2561; or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

Canton Leisure

Services offerings

■ A family bowling bonanza will be held Nov. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Each group will receive two-and-a-half hours of bowling for up to six people. Shoes, pizza and giveaways are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

■ An indoor volleyball league will be offered beginning Nov. 9 through March 21 at the Summit on the Park. League matches will be held on Friday nights beginning at 6 p.m.

The leagues — both recreation and competitive will be offered — will be co-ed and for individuals aged 18 and up. The fee for residents is \$250; non-residents will be asked to pay \$295.

The schedule will be round-robin with awards for league and playoff champions.

The registration fee does not include officials' fees, which are \$10 per match.

■ The Elks Hoop Shoot Contest will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. at the Summit on the Park. The competition is free for all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13.

Boys and girls will compete in the following age divisions: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Registration begins in the Summit gymnasium at 9 a.m. The actual free-throw contest will commence at 9:30 a.m.

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IGNITION

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we've done the past few months, it's a positive step forward."

Beasley gave the Ignition brass their money's worth and a whole lot more last season as his lightning-quick speed and ball-on-a-string skills energized fans and lit up the team's scoreboard.

He finished with 35 two-point goals, five three-pointers and 22 assists to earn the league's scoring title and MVP honors.

"I'm very excited to have Jamar back," said Pulisic. "He's electric, he's fast and he makes things happen out there. To have a player of his quality coming back is exciting for our team."

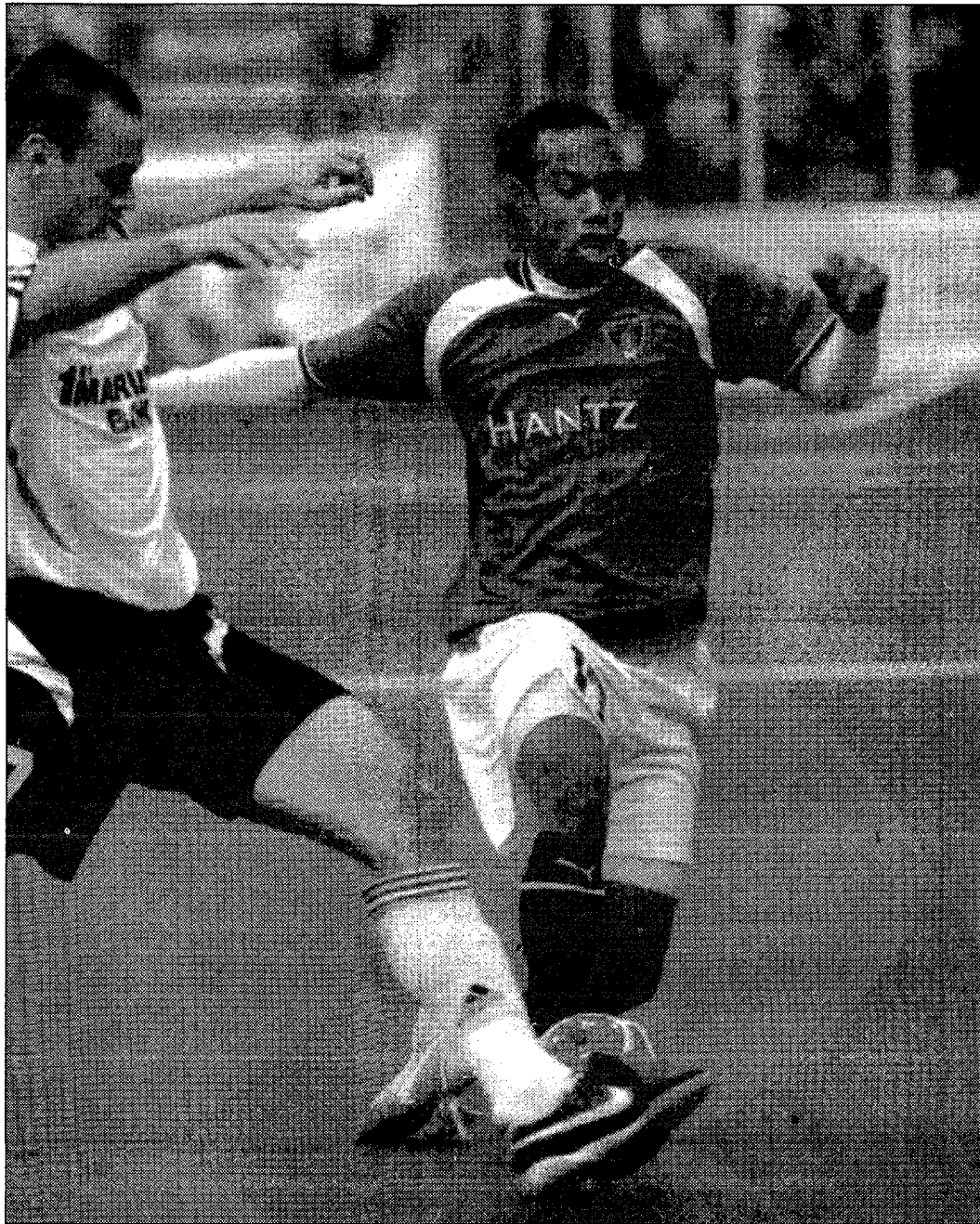
"He's going to be a marked man out there this season, but we have to find ways to make sure he finds the success he had last season."

A big season from Beasley is essential for the Ignition considering it lost a pair of very talented forwards in Chile Farias, who was taken in the expansion draft; and Novi Marojevic, who retired.

"Since we're missing two of our top scorers from last year, we're probably going to be a little more of a blue-collar, hard-working team this season," Pulisic said. "We'll probably spread the offensive responsibilities around to all of our players. The nucleus of the players we have back should be able to make up for those two losses."

Among the Ignition's top newcomers are Vahid Assadpour and Abraham Francois. Assadpour, a midfielder, was acquired in the fourth round of the 2007 MISL Amateur Draft.

The University of Detroit graduate was a three-time All-Horizon League selection and finished his senior season as



Reigning Major Indoor Soccer League MVP Jamar Beasley (right) returns to give the Detroit Ignition a good shot at returning to the MISL championship game in 2008.

the league co-leader in assists per game at 0.44.

"I look for Vahid to contribute right away," Pulisic said. "He's probably our brightest spot as far as newcomers."

Francois scored two points in 18 games for the Toronto Lynx of the United Soccer League's First Division.

Among the key returners for the Ignition are forwards Mike Apple and Hewerton Moreira; midfielders Jonathan Greenfield and Ryan Mack; and defenders Josh Rife, Droc Callahan and Nate Craft.

Danny Waltman, last year's back-up net-minder, will be the No. 1 man between pipes after

last year's starter Sanaldo was snatched by California in the expansion draft.

"Danny has quite a few years of experience in this league and looking for him to step in as the starter and contribute greatly to our success," said Pulisic.

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'D' gets A-plus in Steelers-Lions clash

The Canton Lions and Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football teams battled to a hard-fought 0-0 draw Saturday night in a game played on the P-CEP junior-varsity football field.

As a result of the tie, both teams qualified for this week's Western Suburban Junior Football League playoffs and will, ironically, meet in a first-round game on Sunday.

Both teams had trouble moving the ball against stingy defenses. Standouts for the Lions included Clay Behrman, D.J. McMillian, William Aske and Corey Watkins. The Steelers' "D" was paced by Tyler Goble, Dillon Rahill and John Randle.

The Lions' junior-varsity contingent improved its record to 8-0 with a 27-0 triumph over the Steelers. Malcolm Hollingsworth paced the winners' offensive attack with three touchdowns while Kenneth Arnold found pay dirt once. Lucas Bunting booted a point-after kick and Devin Slominski hooked up with Scott Gring on an extra-point pass play. Jordan Ciciotti, Luke Denzer, Kyle Durham, Benjamin Slater, Danny Stropes, Daniel Tidwell and Travis McCall also played well for the Lions' offense while Nathan Emminger, Collin Hall, Westen Price, Alex Smith, Cody Sirls, Jamari Eiland, Brandon Lee and Daniel Jipping shined for the

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defense.

Kyle Cameron played well on both sides of the ball for the Steelers, who also received strong play from Conner Stella, Lucas Callahan, Mitchell Lewsinton and Michael Saccone, who notched an interception.

The Steelers and Lions freshmen teams battled to 12-all draw. Christian Mayberry spearheaded the Steelers' offense with excellent blocking. Devin Cameron and Gregory Williams accounted for the Steelers' scoring while Phillip Avramowski and Zach Rhodes excelled defensively.

The Lions' TDs came on a 27-yard scoring strike from Antonio Dumas to Luke Edwards and a 2-yard scoring plunge by Chuckie Turfe. Kyle Murray, Jake Stropes, Shane Raymond and Allante Wheeler shined defensively for the Lions, who will take on Ypsilanti in the WSJFL playoffs this weekend.

The Lions and Steelers junior freshmen units both played hard Saturday. The Lions received strong defensive efforts from Guido Constantino, Ray Bunting, Connor Danaher, Jacob Miller and Sean Lee. The offense was paced by the passing of Kyle Burnette, two long TD runs by Jason Arnold and great blocking from Jeffrey Johnson, Kyle Amick, Ethan Balogh, Mason Kopchia and Spencer Brown.

Niagara falls to Whalers

Patrick Lee scored a pair of goals and Brett Valiquette and Kaine Geldart scored one each as the Plymouth Whalers led from start to finish in a workmanlike 4-1 victory over the Niagara IceDogs in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at the Compuware Arena.

Plymouth is now 7-6-1-0. Mississauga is now 9-6-0-0.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 24-of-25 shots and veteran defenseman Brett Bellemore — playing in his second game of the season after missing the first 12 games with an injury — played a steady defensive game with a plus-two rating on the evening.

The 19-year-old Lee scored his first two goals as a Whaler and had a potential hat trick negated when his hard shot that beat Niagara goaltender Andrew Lockerock in the first period appeared to go under the cross bar.

But video replay judges ruled that the puck hit the cross bar.

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead at 6:09 of the first period when Valiquette tipped R.J. Mahalak's shot past Lockerock for his fourth

goal of the year. Lee made it 2-0 on a power play at 8:13 when he ripped a shot from the right faceoff circle past Lockerock.

Lee's second of the night came and second of the season came at 0:45 of the second period when he batted home a rebound off Chris Terry's shot.

Geldart tipped Bellemore's bouncing shot from the right point from in front of the Niagara goal past Lockerock to give the Whalers a 4-0 lead at 1:11 of the third period. Aaron Snow closed the scoring with his second of the season at 8:17.

Plymouth outshot Niagara, 40-25.

The Whalers are on the road this week, playing in Niagara tonight, in Erie on Saturday and Mississauga on Sunday.

Plymouth returns home on Friday, Nov. 9, at 7:05 p.m. against Mississauga and Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7:05 p.m. against Guelph. Tickets can be purchased for all Plymouth games by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS

Oct. 27 at Schoolcraft College

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):
1. Livonia Churchill, 34 points; 2. Canton, 67; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 72; 4. Plymouth, 89; 5. Salem, 157; 6. Dearborn, 172; 7. Livonia Franklin, 184; 8. Westland John Glenn, 215; 9. Garden City, 217; 10. Redford Union, 280.

Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 18 minutes, 56 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 2. Rachel McFarlane, 19:06; 4. Sara Kroll, 19:56; 5. Alyssa Mira, 19:57; 7. Amanda Southwell, 20:04; 16. Hannah Otto, 20:43; 21. Michelle Verellen, 21:00; 28. Sarah Bauman, 21:13.

Canton finishers: 3. Sarah Thomas, 19:44; 6. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:01; 11. Bianca Kubicki, 20:20; 23. Katherine Rymond, 21:06; 24. Katherine Galm, 21:08; 27. Chelsea Smith, 21:12; 36. Erica Eimers, 21:35.

Stevenson finishers: 1. Calka, 18:56; 12. Denee Meier, 20:21; 18. Julia Schroeder, 20:57; 19. Samantha Kay, 20:58; 22. Victoria Saferian, 21:02; 41. Kathryn Capeneka, 21:57; 43. Molly Serge, 22:08.

Plymouth finishers: 9. Molly Slavens, 20:15 (sq); 10. Kelly Hahn, 20:17 (sq); 13. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:21 (sq); 26. Brianna Hessler, 21:11; 31. Paula Green, 21:56; 37. Julie Forster, 21:40; 38. Lauren Ahearn, 21:41.

Salem finishers: 15. Jordyn Moore, 20:22; 25. Kelly Determan, 22:37; 34. Shannon Griffiths, 21:29; 40. Linda Ling, 21:53; 42. Lauren Olson, 22:02; 47. Kara Booms, 22:20; 50. Sabrina Burcroft, 22:29.

Dearborn finishers: 8. Megan Czerwinski, 20:07 (sq); 29. Sikkah Chehab, 21:15; 30. Erin Hall, 21:17; 52. Karoline Solheim, 22:37; 53. Carly Kosko, 22:39; 55. Stephanie Jordet, 22:50.

Franklin finishers: 20. Mallory Church, 20:59; 33. Kelly Walby, 21:28; 34. Megan Wickens, 21:28; 46. Victoria Church, 22:16; 51. Brittany Dilley, 22:31; 54. Shannon Miznik, 22:47; 59. Breanna Minnick, 24:06.

Glenn finishers: 17. Stacey Richardson, 20:52; 29. Ashley Bailey, 21:45; 44. Megan Nikula, 22:10; 51. Danielle Levy, 23:27; 58. Evi Cenolli, 24:00; 61. Michelle Levy, 24:50; 64. Amy Selewski, 25:58.

Garden City finishers: 14. Courtney Plummer, 20:22 (sq); 32. Bobbi Beveridge, 21:27; 49. Christina Milne, 22:27; 60. Rachel Szczembara, 24:13; 62. Olivia Longuski, 25:18; 63. Whitney Spencer, 25:54.

RU finishers: 45. Sara Miller, 22:11; 48. Amanda Miley, 22:23; 56. Virginia Sentman, 22:54; 65. Amanda Fross, 27:01; 68. Ashley Patillo, 31:22.

SQ: Additional individual state qualifier.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state meet):
1. Salem, 60 points; 2. Canton, 66; 3. Dearborn Fordson, 70; 4. Livonia Churchill, 81; 5. Plymouth, 116; 6. Livonia Franklin, 142; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 166; 8. Dearborn, 239; 9. Redford Union, 268; 10. Westland John Glenn, 271; 11. Detroit Henry Ford, 355; 12. Garden City and Detroit Cooley, no team scores.

Individual winner: Duncan Spitz (Canton), 16:27.

Salem finishers: 2. Kevin deBeer, 16:30; 5. Rob Curtis, 16:55; 10. Craig Cowing, 17:02; 18. Matt Devey, 17:27; 25. Mike Charara, 17:40; 27. Justin Kane, 17:42; 36. Jason Smith, 17:58.

Canton finishers: 1. Spitz, 16:27; 12. Kyle Clinton, 17:04; 13. Derek Hoernar, 17:06; 19. Joshua Osinski, 17:30; 21. Gregory Reed, 17:37; 30. Zack Spreitzer, 17:48; 37. Aaron McClellan, 17:59.

Fordson finishers: 3. Saeed Saleh, 16:31; 6. Qais Alkirsh, 16:56; 9. Samer Ilayan, 17:01; 14. Adham Aljhami, 17:09; 38. Anwar Beydoun, 18:04; 47. Julian Domanico, 18:31; 57. Mohamed Murry, 19:13.

Churchill finishers: 8. Mark Waterbury, 17:00 (sq); 11. Joe Varilone, 17:03 (sq); 17. Brandon Grysko, 17:25; 22. Paul Folk, 17:37; 23. Michael Schmidt, 17:38; 24. Mark Freyberg, 17:39; 31. Nathan Wise, 17:50.

Plymouth finishers: 4. Justin Huey, 16:53 (sq); 16. Derek Lax, 17:22; 28. Warren Buzzard, 17:46; 29. Matthew Lewandowski, 17:48; 29. Matthew Neumann, 18:08; 43. Alexander Noble, 18:25; 56. Seibel Lucas, 19:00.

Franklin finishers: 7. Evan Sirena, 16:57 (sq); 26. Mike Krcatovich, 17:41; 34. Peter Walby, 17:56; 35. Doug Cole, 17:57; 40. Niklas Gherardini, 18:14; 50. Dylan Taylor, 18:35; 64. Robert Freed, 19:31.

Stevenson finishers: 15. Shawn Howse, 17:10 (sq); 20. Michael Gibbons, 17:34; 32. Kevin Reschke, 17:51; 51. Jordan Burger, 18:40; 52. Alan Stackpoole, 18:45; 53. Alex Hoelzel, 18:46; 62. Michael Green, 19:25.

Dearborn finishers: 42. Brendon Prost, 18:21; 45. Nasser Suleiman, 18:29; 46. Alec Orner, 18:30; 55. Robert Labrell, 18:58; 58. Alec Reid, 19:15; 67. Nathan Hamet, 19:42.

Glenn finishers: 44. Tim Boes, 18:27; 48. Mike Gardner, 18:33; 59. Dan McCall, 19:20; 60. Jeff Adkins, 19:21; 68. Eric Mlynar, 19:45; 72. Ryan Vichinsky, 21:59; 76. Gary Lawrence, 23:45.

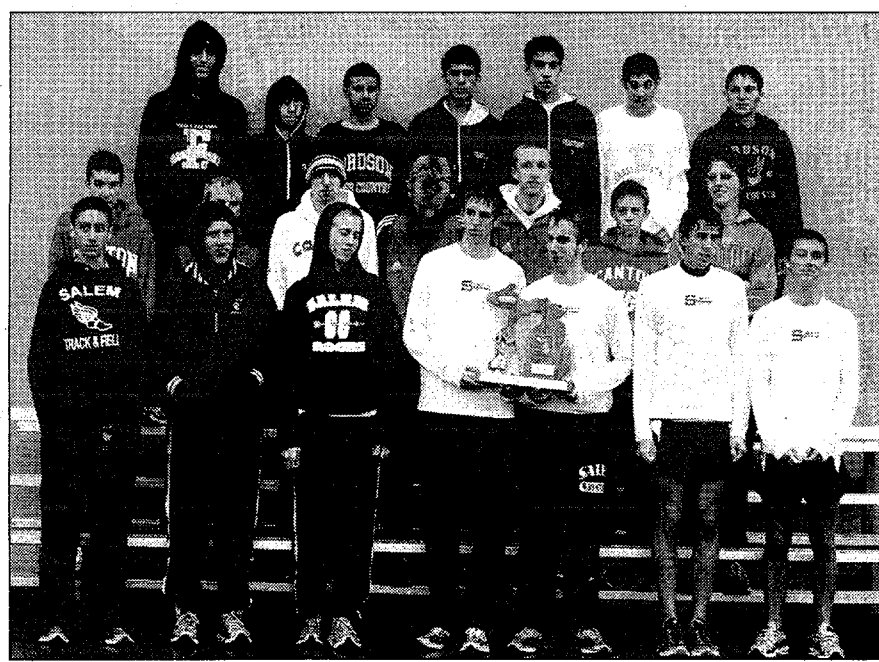
RU finishers: 33. Matt Macek, 17:55; 54. Justin Faur, 18:50; 61. Mike D'Arcangelo, 19:23; 63. Robert Pridemore, 19:26; 65. Chris Goodyear, 19:33; 66. Matt Kibner, 19:34; 69. Zac VandenToorn, 19:46.

Henry Ford finishers: 70. Anthony Bell, 19:59; 71. Demario Prince, 21:57; 74. Devin Reed, 23:13; 77. Lawrence Bridges, 24:31; 78. Laron Jolly, 24:37; 79. Warren Jackson, 24:38; 81. Jayveon Lewis, 30:47.

Garden City finishers: 49. Mike Nordby, 18:34; 73. Mason Mitchell, 22:58; 80. Josh Avery, 24:54.

Cooley finishers: 41. Delonico Wilson, 18:16; 75. Juan Williams, 23:25.

SQ: Additional individual state qualifier.



No 'MIS'-take who's best

Shown above are the three cross country teams (pictured from the bottom are Salem, Canton and Dearborn Fordson) that qualified for the Division 1 state meet this weekend at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The Rocks, Chiefs and Tractors placed 1-2-3, respectively, at last Saturday's D1 Regional meet at Schoolcraft College.

GIRLS

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deserve to go."

While the Wildcats didn't qualify for the state meet as a team, three individuals will be heading to Brooklyn this weekend: junior Molly Slavens

(ninth in 20:15), sophomore Kelly Hahn (10th in 20:17) and (10th in 20:17) and Beth Heldmeyer (13th in 20:21).

Led by state-qualifier Jordyn Moore, Salem placed fifth with 157 points. Moore placed 15th in 20:22, Kelly Determan was 25th in 21:09 and Shannon Griffiths was 34th in 21:29.

Small school, big feat

Plymouth Christian's Francis sets mark

On Saturday at Willow Metro Park, Plymouth Christian Academy cross country runner Armila Francis became the school's first four-time state meet qualifier when she placed 14th in the Division 4 Regional race with a time of 22:13.5.

The top 15 runners at each Regional qualify for the state meet.

Francis, who is an honor student at PCA, overcame some uphill odds this fall as she missed 10 days of training two weeks before the Regional meet due to a pre-scheduled trip.

She also persevered against another obstacle that would have held down lesser runners, her coach, Jennifer Lemieux explained.

"Other cross country teams may have 40 to 70 kids on the team, giving the athletes someone to run with, pace with and train with," Lemieux said. "Our team had just three kids on it, all with varying skills and abilities."

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Francis was in 29th place following the first third of the 3.1-mile race. At the two-mile mark she improved to 21st before moving up to 14th with one-quarter mile to go. "As Armila crossed the line, she gave full credit to God with the grace and dignity she has always displayed," Lemieux said.

In a heart-warming display of teamwork, both of Francis's teammates this season — Elizabeth Aiken and Nathan Howard (neither of whom qualified for the state meet) — offered to train with her during the week leading up to the state meet.

Boxing night set for Compuware Arena

Compuware Arena — in association with legendary boxing trainer Emanuel Steward, Dennis Turner and Second Round, Inc. — will present Kronk Gym's "New Stars" in a boxing event known as "The Ultimate Night of Boxing."

The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Tickets ranging from \$12 to \$125 are on sale now by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

Tickets for the event can also be purchased online by visiting www.ticketmaster.com. Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township, between Five Mile Road and M-14.

The event features NABO Cruiserweight champion Johnathon Banks (17-0, 13 knockouts) as he takes on Derrick Brown (13-3-3), of New York, N.Y.

Also headlining the event

is Ireland's Andy Lee (12-0, nine knockouts) as he opposes Brad Austin (8-3) of Johnson City, Tenn.

Steward was asked about the attraction of holding the event at Compuware Arena in Plymouth — the first boxing card the facility has ever hosted since it opened in 1996.

"We are impressed with the facility and the people who run it," Steward said at a press conference held last week at Compuware World Headquarters in Detroit. "And (Compuware Founder and CEO) Peter Karmanos has always supported our fights, whether they're at Joe Louis Arena or the Palace of Auburn Hills. It's time to move out to the suburbs."

Other fighters scheduled to appear in the undercard include Kronk Gym's Octavio Lara, Jason Cintron, Erik DeLeon, J'Leon Love, Leandro White and eight-year-old Ghieth Mohammad.

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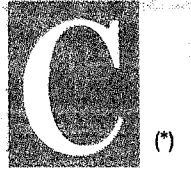
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SEMCOG studies housing needs of baby boomers

BY JULIE BROWN
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If you're a baby boomer, chances are you've thought about what your future housing needs will be.

You're not alone. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has studied the issue as well. SEMCOG released its economic and demographic forecast for Southeast Michigan through 2035 at its General Assembly meeting this past spring in Detroit.

One finding? A major impact of an aging population will be on housing needs, which are already shifting, with more condominiums for empty-nest households and, in coming years, more assisted-living facilities.

"That's certainly one of the impacts of having many more older people," said Jim Rogers, data center manager for SEMCOG, which serves Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, Livingston and St. Clair counties. "The numbers are pretty staggering."

There will be an additional 650,000 people age 65 and up in our region by 2035. "It's fundamentally because there are so many baby boomers," said Rogers of the group born Jan. 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1965.

Rogers speaks from both professional and personal experience. He turned 62 on Oct. 31 and is retiring from SEMCOG. He's considered his own housing needs, noting he's healthy now but that could change.

The trend in housing has been to condos, and more homes with one floor and no stairs to climb. "That's already started and we're just going to see more of that."

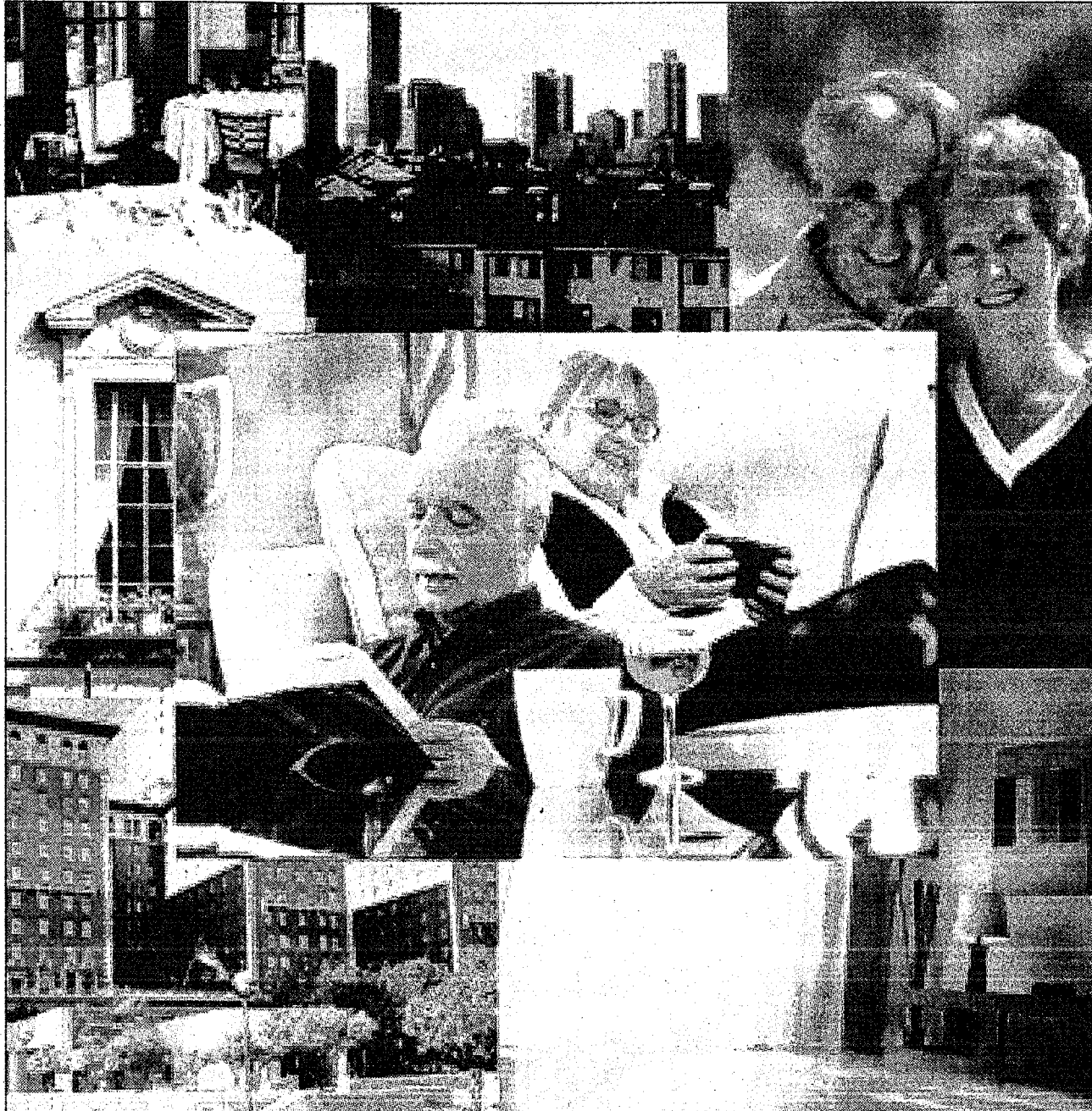
He envisions more demand for downtown living offered by communities like Birmingham, Farmington, Rochester, Plymouth and Royal Oak.

"Most people are going to want to stay in their homes," Rogers said. "If you keep living, you're probably going to have some limitations."

There will be more things like levers for faucets and other home modifications to make living easier for people with physical limitations. Rogers anticipates different mixes of recreation. "There will be more older people who want different choices. People want to be able to be functional and do the things they enjoy."

SEMCOG's involved in such things as helping people cross streets safely and move around the region. "Retired people are going to be a major source of spending," Ann Arbor resident Rogers said, and businesses will accommodate them.

Assisted living facilities will adept to meet demographic changes as well,



although people could enter such facilities at an older age. Medical care is improving, but Rogers noted that increased obesity rates are having a harmful effect on overall health, including such issues as diabetes, heart complications and strokes.

"I'm not sure how those are going to play out," he said of growing obesity and better health care.

He believes every downtown will benefit from the baby boomers' aging. Rogers recently visited Chicago and noted its vibrant downtown. The second half of the baby boom, those born from the mid-1950s on, is larger than the first and will have more of an impact.

SEMCOG hasn't really studied housing affordability in depth. "It's certainly an issue," he said. "This region is becoming more affordable." Southeast

Michiganers have traditionally enjoyed high wage scales and relatively affordable housing.

Two important factors continue to challenge Southeast Michigan's economic and demographic future. The region is 680 percent more concentrated in auto manufacturing than the national economy — a gross disproportion and the main reason why it is struggling. The Big Three domestic automakers have seen their share of U.S. light-vehicle sales decline from 73 percent in 1995 to 53 percent in 2006. As a result, Southeast Michigan has lost 128,000 jobs since 2000; SEMCOG's forecast shows that the region will not begin to gain total jobs until 2010. SEMCOG recommends the region diversify its economy, make a concerted effort to invest in other activities that show promise for future growth and prosper-

ity, and invest in a more highly skilled workforce.

Rogers noted a shakeout from downsizing of manufacturing, with our region gaining population by the middle of the next decade. Jobs will be gained in some sectors, notably health care with health needs of aging boomers.

"There are parts of our economy that will do well. Long-term, we're optimistic," Rogers said. "Short-term, we're realistic."

The report, A Region in Turbulence and Transition: The Economic and Demographic Outlook for Southeast Michigan Through 2035, details the forecast. Please call SEMCOG Information Services, (313) 961-4266, for a copy. SEMCOG is an association of governments — cities, townships and villages, along with higher education and the intermediate school districts.

Chicago market worth exploring

Q. I'm thinking about buying a condo in downtown Chicago and am wondering what the market conditions are at this time.

A. As of the summer of 2007, there are a great number of high rises that are going up that are selling well at reconstruction prices.



Robert Meisner

The market in the high end seems to be firm since builders can not reduce their prices because of bank commitments.

However, they are throwing in additional upgrades and amenities to induce purchasers. There is also substantial growth in the corridor to the United Center, as well as South Chicago in regard to a number of high rises overlooking Lake Michigan. Generally the market has softened as is the case in most other localities in the country. This may be a good opportunity to buy a condominium in downtown Chicago, although there is an influx from the suburbs of people wanting to live in the city.

Q. Our condominium community has an even number of co-owners. If two of those co-owners accept nomination for one open board seat and when the vote is tallied it comes out split evenly 50-50, what's the rule that decides who fills the open seat?

A. It all depends upon the bylaws but in the absence of same, I would have a re-vote to the extent possible to determine who won the election. Not everyone may choose to vote. I would also check with Robert's Rules of Order or what other parliamentary procedure your association has adopted.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Canton		
	2190 Fairway Cir	\$195,000
	7355 Hillsboro Dr	\$192,000
	1461 Longfellow Dr	\$163,000
	2136 Paddock Ln	\$245,000
	42023 Pocatello Dr	\$280,000
	46373 Polo Dr	\$194,000
	393 Roseland Dr	\$206,000
	45752 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$249,000
	47797 Torrington Dr N	\$322,000
	45265 Turnberry Dr	\$301,000
	43592 Yorkville Dr	\$141,000
Farmington		
	33313 Cloverdale St	\$167,000
Farmington Hills		
	23770 Barfield St	\$165,000
	30139 Club House Ln	\$104,000
	23696 Cora Ave	\$227,000
	28858 Creek Bend Dr	\$305,000
	29680 Dorchester Ct	\$307,000
	27270 E Skye Dr	\$201,000
	21753 Flanders St	\$234,000
	29422 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$127,000

28309 Hawberry Rd	\$190,000
38585 Horton Dr	\$390,000
37052 Howard Rd	\$549,000
29384 Regents Pointe	\$156,000
37041 Sandalwood	\$273,000
23700 Springbrook Dr	\$178,000
23900 Springbrook Dr	\$160,000
Garden City	
6450 Cadillac St	\$135,000
31919 Cambridge St	\$167,000
30259 Dawson St	\$145,000
31472 Hennepin St	\$90,000
Livonia	
33859 Eight Mile Rd	\$128,000
29663 Bentley St	\$194,000
9827 Berwick St	\$268,000
19730 Brentwood St	\$115,000
32931 Brookside Cir	\$250,000
8906 Crown St	\$183,000
31615 Fonville St	\$112,000
34297 Haldane Dr	\$340,000
31617 Hees St	\$170,000
9000 Hugh St	\$119,000
38046 Jamison St	\$190,000
37516 Newburgh Park Cir	\$200,000
35470 Oakdale St	\$215,000
37801 Plymouth Rd	\$177,000
29766 Richland St	\$160,000
34623 Sarah Beth Ln	\$120,000
15595 Sussex St	\$190,000

1009 Winding Way Ct	\$360,000
Northville	
21822 Connemara Dr	\$341,000
17911 Cranbrook Dr	\$790,000
44348 Cypress Point Dr	\$1,150,000
20832 W Glen Haven Cir	\$119,000
37845 W Meadowhill Dr	\$275,000
968 New Haven Ct	\$145,000
44563 Oak Forest Dr	\$530,000
49143 Rainbow Ln S	\$418,000
45753 Riviera Dr	\$518,000
45765 Tournament Dr	\$750,000
Novi	
24590 Bethany Way	\$406,000
41429 Chattman St	\$215,000
46772 Cider Mill Dr	\$282,000
44530 Concord Dr	\$247,000
24154 Elizabeth Ln	\$378,000
29728 English Way	\$255,000
27455 Harrington Way	\$333,000
40752 Lenox Park Dr	\$270,000
23153 Mystic Forest Dr	\$365,000
22115 Siegal Ct	\$325,000
Plymouth	
1201 Carol Ave	\$188,000
9689 Fellows Creek Dr	\$600,000
1121 Hartsough St	\$120,000
798 Irvin St	\$224,000
40496 Orangelawn Ave	\$168,000
49474 Pine Ridge Ct	\$615,000
50984 Richard Dr	\$420,000

47045 Stonecrest Dr	\$300,000
11201 Walnut Rdg	\$517,000
9159 Woodberry Rd	\$250,000
Redford	
26051 Dow	\$210,000
18603 Five Points St	\$152,000
18690 Fox	\$125,000
9002 Lucerne	\$140,000
18651 Macarthur	\$127,000
8842 Marion	\$132,000
9940 Marion	\$125,000
18456 Poinciana	\$105,000
9065 Tecumseh	\$124,000
24532 Westgate Dr	\$170,000
South Lyon	
12811 Nine Mile Rd	\$44,000
25919 Carriage Ln	\$70,000
137 N Reese St	\$120,000
137 N Reese St	\$79,000
Westland	
8681 August Ave	\$152,000
8552 Berwick Dr	\$139,000
1321 Denise St	\$133,000
1081 Easley Dr	\$136,000
7524 Gary Ave	\$128,000
30714 Gladys Ave	\$139,000
7801 Randy Dr	\$137,000



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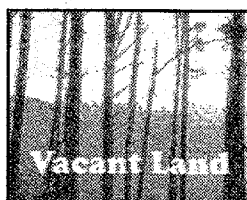
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SPACIOUS RANCH
3 bd, 2 bath never home built in 04. Open floor plan, nice layout, prof finished bsmt, private backyard, appliances stay, very clean & well kept. \$150,000 (P-511AL)



SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT
On priv road w/wooded back-drop. Will require an engineered septic field. This area has golf courses & upscale homes. Survey & geological studies available. Over 1 acre. Privacy is perfect as is the price. \$74,900 (P-000LA)



VACANT LAND



NEW CONSTRUCTION
Breathaking estate backing to protected nature preserve. Gourmet Kitchen w/granite, extra deep 3 car Garage, Master w/jetted tub & his/her W/C. Still time to pick your ceramic, carpet, or hwd! \$799,900 (P-256MA)



DON'T MISS THIS ONE!
Gorgeous condo w/hickory hwd, gourmet Kitchen w/leaving area, Liv Rm w/marble frpl, large Master Suite w/W/C, finished bsmt w/study area, fenced patio, & more. \$125,000 (P-801VI)



STUNNING COLONIAL
Gorgeous 4 bd colonial w/hwd flooring, ceramic bath, Master w/ vaulted ceiling, incredible landscaping, community pool, & so much more. \$229,900 (P-971AV)



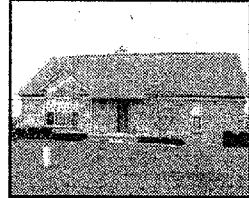
UPDATED RANCH
Sprawling home on a deep wooded lot. Enormous Family Room, lots of updates including furnace, A/C, roof, windows, & more. Move in condition & lots of charm. \$159,900 (P-573WO)



LOVELY RANCH
3 bd ranch w/newer Kitchen, interior doors, vinyl siding, windows, fresh paint, recessed lighting, & all appliances stay. Not a drive by!! \$85,000 (P-702AM)



GREAT DEAL!
Great investment opportunity here. All appliances stay, 3 spacious bedrooms, full basement, Dining Room, & 2 car Garage. \$61,000 (P-546BO)



SENSATIONAL CONDO
2 bd ranch condo w/2 baths, 1278 sq ft end unit, Liv Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, honey maple Kitchen w/appliances, 1st fl laundry, full bsmt, & great location. \$175,000 (P-215CA)



GREAT STARTER
This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights is perfect for 1st timers. Basement, garage, updated windows, flooring, electrical, gutters, & more. \$89,900 (P-908ET)



WOW
If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's dream Garage, newer roof & windows, 3 bedrooms, oversized lot, & convenient location. \$149,900 (C-453FL)



PLYMOUTH CONDO
Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appliances & windows, pets allowed, good location, & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool. Faces a lovely courtyard, & home warranty too! \$104,500 (P-699NE)



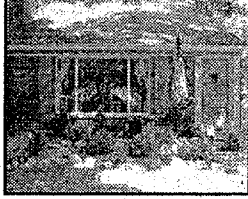
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS
Private wooded lot w/creek running through...open air floor plan, vaulted ceilings, finished bsmt, Sauna, heated Sunroom, large Deck, paver Patio, & prof landscaped. \$2,600/month (P-295RE)



MOVE TO THE LAKE!
Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2700 sq ft, newly built, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, formal DR, maple cab's, Great Room w/frpl, Master w/sitting area & bath, 1.3 acre lot w/privileges to all sports lake. \$324,450 (P-615SA)



PERFECT CONDO
Great for 1st timer! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location. \$99,900 (P-419SA)



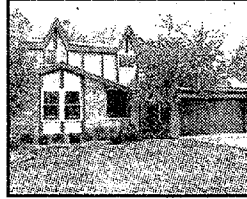
UPDATED THROUGHOUT
Beautiful deep wooded lot! Hwd floors, huge Liv Rm w/frpl, newer Kit w/granite, 2.5 baths, Master w/sitting area, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath, updated roof, sewer line, windows, landscaping, & more. \$398,500 (P-456SH)



WONDERFUL RANCH
Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgewood Sub. Updated t/o including siding, A/C, gutters, roof, furnace, & elec. Full bsmt w/grass block, updated Kit, & nice yard. \$135,000 (P-851TE)



SPACIOUS CONDO
1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well maintained, in unit laundry w/new washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft, & more. \$115,000 (C-312UN)



LOVINGLY CARED FOR
Spacious kitchen w/nook overlooking wooded backyard. Formal Liv & Din Rm, large Master w/private bath & W/C, finished lower level, & updated roof, siding, windows, & flooring. \$219,900 (P-664WE)



EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & views of backyard, sun filled island Kitchen w/nook, Master w/bath, & finished lower level. \$204,900 (P-638WE)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY
Brick ranch home in Westland w/ Livonia Schools. 3 bd, 2 baths, part finished bsmt, hwd floors, newer roof, 1 car Garage, & appliances stay. \$125,000 (P-570AL)



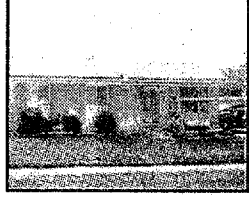
TICKLE YOUR FANCY
Northville condo w/all the extras! 3 season sun room, open Kitchen w/hwd floors, prof finished bsmt w/2nd Kitchen, formal Liv & Din Rms, 2 car Garage, & backs to commons. \$349,900 (P-822AS)



BEST IN THE SUBDIVISION
Totally updated colonial featuring 4 bds, 2.5 baths, & Family Room w/frpl. Updates include oak Kitchen, berber carpet, newer roof, hwd floors, & much more. \$208,900 (P-630AV)



UPDATED RANCH HOME
Completely updated!! This 3 bd/2 bth ranch has a large fenced in yard, finished bsmt, completely updated kitchen, baths, windows, & hwd floors. A must see!! \$154,900 (P-062BE)



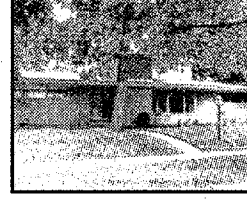
AMAZING VALUE
Lovely 3 bd, 1 bath ranch offers a gorgeous remod Kitch, remod Bath, new carpet, freshly painted, finished bsmt, C/A, new Deck, & so much more. \$116,900 (C-133DA)



VACANT LAND



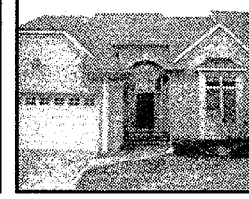
UNBEATABLE LOCATION
You'll love how close this 2 bd, 2 story condo is to fine shops, restaurants, & parks. Quality built, full basement, view of park from the front & privacy in the back. \$144,900 (P-533ET)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN
Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/an inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal Dining, Fam Rm w/doorwall, 4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths, & unbeatable location. \$460,000 (P-670EV)



EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD
Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood schools, very clean & neutral t/o, too many nice updates to list, fenced yard, & close to everything. \$88,500 (P-418FE)



EXECUTIVE CONDO LIVING
Plymouth's prestigious Mallard Pond! Beautiful 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/1st floor master, gourmet island Kitchen, full bath, 2 car Garage, brick paver walkway, & large Patio. Tastefully decorated t/o. \$365,900 (P-411HI)



UNBELIEVABLE LOW PRICE
Great Westland condo w/Livonia Schools. Open floor plan, Liv Rm w/patio door to balcony, new water heater, in-unit laundry, assoc dues inc: water, area pool, & good location. \$74,900 (P-690MA)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE
Spacious colonial w/over 2300 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, new lead glass entry door, updated maple Kitchen w/Corian, updated powder room, formal dining, Fam Rm w/frpl, & 1st fl laun. \$242,000 (P-556OA)



FANTASTIC PRICE
3 bd farmhouse w/updated windows, doors, hwh, coved ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn colors, large fenced yard, & close to parks & library. \$138,900 (C-824PA)



BACKS TO THE PARK
1800 sq ft brick ranch backing to nature park. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Rm w/frpl, doornails leading to large Deck, skylights, 1st fl laun, bsmt, garage, & Livonia Schools. \$259,900 (C-277PA)



MOTIVATED SELLERS
Wonderful maintenance free ranch w/neutral decor, 3 bd, 2 baths, updated windows, elec, & plumbing. 2.5 car Garage, ceramic tile entry, updated oak Kitchen, new roof in 2006, & home warranty. \$144,900 (C-524PE)



LAKEFRONT ON LONG LAKE
Why drive for hours up north when you can relax right here! Nice sandy beach on Long Lake in Commerce. Updates galore: roof, furnace, hwh, well pump, siding, doors, 4 season room, & quiet street. \$334,900 (C-882PO)



PERFECT FOR FIRST TIMERS
Walking distance to EMU with a huge 67x263 lot! New roof, windows, siding, gutters & hwh. Bsmt w/glass block & high ceilings. Endless possibilities. Call for more info. \$119,999 (C-226PR)



GORGEOUS INSIDE & OUT
Come in & be impressed w/this beautiful bungalow featuring a large Master w/W/C, large oak Kitchen, mechanic's dream garage w/heat & electric, & so much more. \$144,900 (C-642RU)



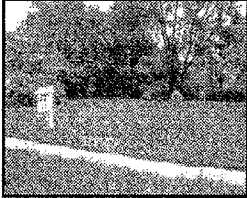
CAPE COD CONDO
Enjoy the comforts of a free standing home w/the convenience of a condo. Many upgrades inc: granite, Jenn-Air stove, frpl in large Great Rm, 1st fl Mast w/W/C & bath, 2 car Garage & more. \$349,900 (C-021SA)



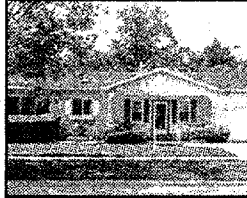
QUALITY RANCH
Birmingham Farms sub in Bloomfield Twp offers this fabulous home featuring 3 bd, Family Room w/2 way fireplace, 1st fl laundry, & priced right! \$350,000 (C-632TI)



BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS
Access to all sports Tioga Lake. 2500 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/wide open floor plan, huge rooms, Master w/bath & doornail to Deck spanning the rear of the home. \$200,000 (C-600UN)



COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY
Wide buildable lot in an area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Treed rear & western boundary, great location just a few steps away from Lawson Field & playground. \$29,900 (C-574VA)



TURN KEY HOME
Beautiful 1500 sq ft ranch featuring open floor plan, granite Kitchen, Master w/frpl, screened Patio, private study, 1st fl laun, updated furnace/CA, & appl's stay. \$149,900 (C-669VE)



LUXURY CONDO
Gorgeous executive ranch w/3 large bd, 2 custom baths w/jetted tub, gourmet Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl, great Deck overlooking wooded area, & 2 car garage. \$255,000 (C-880BE)



BEAUTIFUL END UNIT CONDO
Freshly painted 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/new wood floors, Master w/cath ceiling & bath, Liv Rm w/frpl, neutral decor, maple Kit w/all appl's, clubhouse w/pool & great location. \$174,900 (C-791CA)



IN A CLASS BY ITSELF!
Stately home backing to woods in desirable Green Oak Twp sub. 2 story Foyer, gourmet cherry Kit, crown molding, French doors leading to Deck, & too much more to list. \$330,000 (C-460CL)



IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Living Room, Dining Area, 2 car att Garage w/opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appliances stay! \$118,500 (C-613CO)



MOVE RIGHT IN!
Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 car Garage, nice landscaped yard w/hed, close to schools & shopping, good floor plan, & a privacy fence. \$210,000 (C-816DO)



PRIDE OF NEIGHBORHOOD
This home stands above the rest w/ remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic, remod baths w/spa shower & skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & windows. Backs to beautiful treed commons. \$239,900 (C-695FO)



CAPTIVATING CAPE!
Sited on almost an acre, this fabulous home features french doors, coved ceilings, updated ceramic Kitchen, updated shingles, huge Garage, 3 season porch, & 23 x 17 Barn. \$164,750 (C-550GE)



BETTER THAN NEW
Absolutely gorgeous bungalow in a great sub. Home was remodeled in 2007 w/addition, 2 possible Master Suites, 2 baths, fresh paint, brand new Kit, carpet, furnace, C/A, windows, roof, & the list goes on. \$169,900 (C-304HA)



SPACIOUS HOME
Ready for you to move in! Freshly painted, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet & flooring, 1st fl laun, Library, Fam Rm w/crown & frpl, paver Patio, island Kit w/pantry, & Garage. \$309,000 (C-958HE)



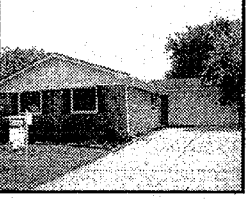
BETTER THAN NEW!
Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, freshly painted, finished walkout bsmt, & more. Don't miss this one! \$199,000 (C-185HU)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Gorgeous home in downtown Plymouth for under 200k! Gleaming hwd floors, updated Kitchen w/leaving area, updated windows, appl's stay, Garage, & home warranty included. \$179,000 (C-725IR)



SUPER CANTON COLONIAL
Popular Brookside Village offers this home w/spacious floor plan, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated Kit w/nook, Master w/W/C, updated furnace, C/A, windows, & some carpet. Ply-Canton schools. \$174,000 (C-228ME)



COME FALL IN LOVE!
Totally updated brick ranch within walking distance to Flodin Park. Ceramic Foyer, updated Kitchen, Liv Rm w/frpl, Master w/bath, updated baths, fresh landscaping, & Deck. \$200,000 (C-388MO)



CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY
Absolutely stunning home backing to the 16th hole on Honor's Course & access to Crooked Lake. Features inc: a Sauna, central vac, elegant Master, finished walkout, & inground pool. \$448,500 (C-369MU)



CURB APPEAL++
You'll love this 3 bd home w/fresh paint, newer flooring, vinyl windows, C/A, partially finished bsmt, appl's included, & large fenced yard lot w/newer Patio & shed. Don't wait on this one! \$134,500 (C-396NE)



TOP SHELF!
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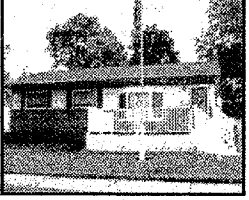
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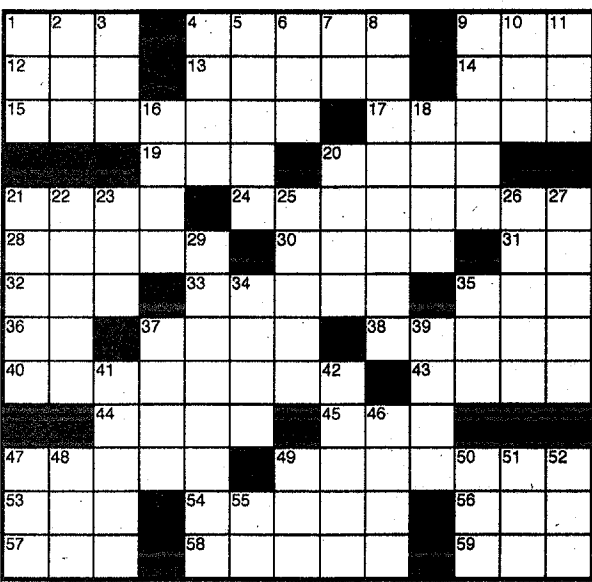
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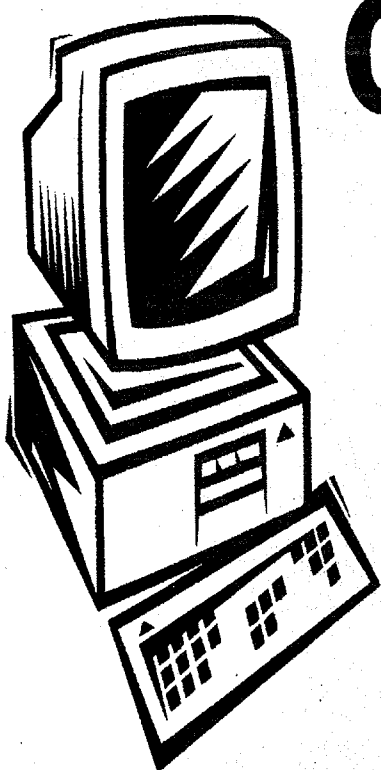
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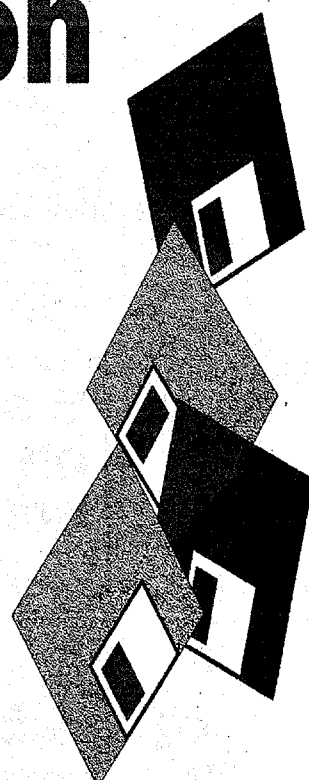
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Arts & Crafts 7040

CRAFTS & MORE; BAKE SALE & LUNCHES, 11AM-1PM
Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, S of Plymouth Rd. Nov. 2 & 3, 10am-3pm.

Auction Sales 7060

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Furnishings & Accessories
Collectibles/Antiques
Glassware/Household
Advertising Items
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AmEx/Discover
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7100 Estate Sales 7100

ANOTHER ESTATE SALE BY DECORATIVE ANTIQUES
Fri. & Sat. Nov. 2 & 3
Fri. 9-4, Sat. 10-4 (SI. #s OK)
5436 CLARIDGE
WEST BLOOMFIELD
Take Dearfield Village Dr. W. off Middlebelt, just S. of Maple, go to Aderly Way, turn left, go to Claridge, turn right.
CONTENTS: Antiques & Collectibles • Lots of antique porcelain, sterling silver, candlesticks • depression glass, oil paintings, glassware, silverware, bric-a-brac, 200+ French side chairs • small marble top commodes • ornate large rug • antique lamps, old toys, wall sconces, German china set of dishes • Victorian doll buggy • 3 couches • leather couch, loveseat, chair • boy's bunk bed bedroom set • baby crib bedroom set • 4 dressers • 3 beds • large hallway bench and tables • kitchen set, computer desk • La-Z-Boy • large screen TV & other TVs.
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GIVE THE BEST DEALS!!!

ANOTHER ESTATE SALE BY IRIS
Fri. - Sat., Nov. 2-3
10am-4pm
34865 Fairway Ridge S.
West Bloomfield
(Located off Lone Pine Rd, btwn Orchard Lake & Middlebelt, take Fairway Ridge all the way to the end to address)
Beautiful Home filled with Decorator-Selected Furniture & Accessories
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By: Everything Goes
Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3, 10-4 Sun, Nov. 4 (if needed)
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Beautiful Home Full!
Black baby grand piano, sectional & sofa groups, Antiques, camelback sofas, 2 dining sets, dinette & games table sets, grandpa's clock, several brdm sets, antiques, several china sets, silver, artwork, crystal, rugs, lg. TVs, electronics, exercise equip, great household & more!
More info: 248-988-1077

BERKLEY BSMT ESTATE SALE
2090 Preston, btwn Woodard and Coolidge, off 11 Mile, turn onto Henley. Furniture (some new, some from 50's), quilts, kitchen items, hair dryers (sauna type), clothes and many more items. Thurs-Sat, 10-7

ROYAL OAK ESTATE SALE
November 2nd & 3rd, 9-4
3060 Helen Ct. (off Essex)
W. off Crooks, S. of 13 Mi.
No Parking in Helen Court
PLEASE PARK ON ESSEX
Complete condo incl. mahogany & maple furniture. Many accessories include table cups, Royal Doulton, antiques, painted & blank art canvases, men's clothing & much misc. Come & see!

SALES BY HERITAGE #s 8am

Garage Sales 7110

BEVERLY HILLS - 18415
Saxon, (14 Mile & Southfield Rd.) 5 family, all size boy/girl clothes, kids, books on tape, bike, dressers, John Deer Lawn Mower, antique table, hunting clothes, Nov 1-2, 9-5.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Accessory Designer Life long Collection of Treasures. Lace, linens, textile, fur, beads, jewelry, china, glass. Too many things to list. 3876 Wedgewood, S/Incoln, W/ Lahser. Thurs.-Sat. 10-5pm.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 1-3, 9am-4pm. 3885 Quanton Rd., btwn Telegraph & Lahser. Tools (power & hand), furniture, stove, records, misc.

CANTON GIANT SALE Lots of collectibles, glass, old tools, Christmas lights & decor, like new boys toys, lots of misc. Nov. 1-3, 9-2. 2070 Lafayette, Central Park condos. 4th right off Beck from Cherry Hill.

DEARBORN HTS. SO.
Nov. 1-3, 9am-5pm 5336 Syracuse. Tools, clothes, furniture, appliances, antiques and misc.

FARMINGTON HILLS BUSINESS SAMPLES BARGAINS
Fri-Sat, 9am-4pm, Nov. 2-3. NEW Men's shirts & outer wear, HUNDREDS of ITEMS: clocks, blankets, bags, key tags, umbrellas. Everything must go! CASH ONLY! 25820 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 3 (2nd bldg., S. of 11 Mile, East side of street). 248-473-8222

FARMINGTON HILLS Nov. 2-3, Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-5. 26142 Pillsbury, btwn Orchard Lk. & Farmington Rd. off 11 Mi. DJ equip. & electronics, designer clothes from whole family, many new items & some furniture. Can't Miss Sale!

FARMINGTON HILLS - Sat., Nov. 3, 9-3. Multi-family Sale. Farmington Village Co-op Club house, 9 Mile at Gill. Please, no parking in lot, park on 9 or Gill.

7100 Estate Sales 7100

CHERYL & CO. ESTATE SALE
Oak Park, 14150 Winchester, N. of I-696, S. of 10 Mile, Sat.-Sun. Nov. 3-4th, 10-4. Liquidation! All 1/2 off!

DEARBORN - 6820 Manor, 2 bks., S. off Warren, 1 blk. E. of Miller. Nov.1-3, 10-4. www.jeaniquisesales.com

ESTATE SALE
Old & New Items! Leather chairs/ottomans, Mikasa dishes, Henredon table & chairs, books, household & yard items. Something for everyone! Fri.-Sun., 10-4pm. 25451 Farmbrooke, Southfield (btwn Franklin & Telegraph). 248-943-1720

LIVONIA - HOUSE FULL OF FURNITURE FOR SALE!
6 months old. Sun. 11am-5pm. 32955 Fargo, Building J, Woodlore Condos, off Farmington Rd., btwn 7 & 8 Mile. 810-299-1167

NOVI
Everything must go! Toys, household, & knick-knacks galore! Sat. Only!
Nov 3rd, 9am-5pm
23584 East Labost
(10 Mile & Meadowbrook)

ROCHESTER HILLS - Final clean out! Furniture, collectibles, clothing, art, misc. 8-5pm, Nov. 1-3. 755 Dunedin Ct., Adams/Walton

WEST BLOOMFIELD Thurs-Sat., Nov.1st-3rd, 10am-4pm. 5791 Dunmore, off Walnut Lake, btwn Orchard Lake & Farmington Rd. Great stuff!

WESTLAND - Nov. 1-3, 8am-8pm. 7474 N. Hix, btwn Warren & Joy. Musical equip, car parts & engines, garage & air tools, garden tools, household items, exercise equip.

MOVING SALES 7130

CANTON MOVING SALE - Furniture, lawn mower, snowblower, linens, dishes and much more! Fri. and Sat., Nov. 2 and 3, 8:30am-5pm. 3425 Riverside Dr., Canton, MI. 505-779-9513.

NOVI Sat., Nov. 3, 9am. 45760
Bristol Ct. N. of 12 Mi. W. of Novi Rd. Solid Oak twin brdm. set, lg. 3 piece computer table, jr. girls clothes, collectables, kitchenware, jewelry & more.

SOUTHFIELD Thurs.-Sun, 10-3pm, 29077 Laurel Woods Drive, apt. 101. Dining rm. set, coffee table, household items, wall hanging & more.

Household Goods 7160

BDRM SET-COMLETE/STUNNING - Queen bed, chest on chest. Also, lovely kitchen table & 4 chairs. 2 couches, taupe, coffee table, book case and 27 TV. (248) 854-3948

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Garage Sales 7110

LIVONIA 9833 Loveland, Plymouth & Farmington. Furniture, clothing, boy stuff & household. Sat. 9am-4pm.

NORTHVILLE - Huge Multi Family Sale, Stonewater Sub - Fri. 11/2, Sat. 11/3, Sun. 11/4, 9-4pm. Brand new gas grills, hand tools, painting & cleaning supplies, brand new licensed sport team apparel. Great cond. twin baby equip., furniture, clothes, household & lawn items. Enter sub off Beck N. of 6 Mile or W. of Beck off 7 Mile.

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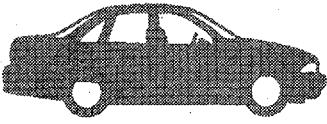
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2008 IS LAST HURRAH FOR PONTIAC'S GRAND PRIX

Advertising Feature

CAReport



**By Kevin Koloian
Avanti News Features**

After a run that dates back to the early 1960s, this is the last year of production for the storied Pontiac Grand Prix.

Not surprisingly, Pontiac made no changes to the Grand Prix for 2008, which will be replaced by the Australian-built Pontiac G8, a car with a more current exterior design and newer technology.

One thing has changed, though. The GT version with a 260-horsepower supercharged V6 engine has been dropped from the lineup.

The 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix is a sedan available in two trim levels: base and GXP.

The \$21,815-priced base model comes with 16-inch alloy wheels, full power accessories, keyless entry, cruise control, OnStar and a CD player.

The \$28,815 GXP features a sport-tuned suspension, 18-inch alloy wheels with performance tires, an upgraded stereo system, heated front seats, leather upholstery and dual-zone automatic climate control.

Most of these features are options on the base model, while both trim levels are available with a Sun and Sound package that adds a sunroof and a nine-speaker Monsoon stereo with in-dash six-disc CD player. Other stand-alone options include a navigation system and satellite radio.

There are three new exterior colors for 2008, including Gold Mist Metallic, Dark Mocha Metallic and Dark Slate Metallic.

Two engines are available on the Grand Prix. The base model features a 3.8-liter V6 that's good for 200 horsepower and the GXP has a 5.3-liter V8 that pumps out 303 horsepower. Both models are front-drive and come with a four-speed automatic, with the GXP featuring a manual-shift mode.

The base model gets 18 miles per gallon in the city and 28 mpg on the highway while the GXP gets an impressive 16 city and 25 highway.

That's because the 5.3-liter V8 uses GM's Active Fuel Management technology developed exclusively for front-drive vehicles and helps cut fuel consumption by up to 12 percent in light-load driving conditions.

The technology reduces the number of cylinders engaged in the combustion process. A sophisticated



The 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix's top model is the GXP. GXP-specific body enhancements that complement the car's bold stance includes front and rear fascias and rocker extensions.

engine controller determines when to deactivate cylinders, allowing the engine to maintain vehicle speed in lighter-load conditions such as highway cruising.

On the road, the Grand Prix feels larger than most of its competitors, especially going around corners. Then again it is almost 10 inches longer than the Toyota Camry.

The base model's steering is fairly composed for a front wheel-drive car, but the GXP loses some of its steering precision due to its heavy V8 that puts a good amount of the car's weight up front.

The Grand Prix's interior is user-friendly. The dashboard is positioned so it slants toward the driver, giving easy access to audio and climate controls, all of which are big and easy to operate.

The Grand Prix's standard 60/40 split-folding rear seats, rear seat pass-through and an extra-wide trunk opening make it easy to carry large objects. Items as long as 9 feet can be accommodated with the trunk closed when the available fold-flat front passenger seat is used.

Getting into and out of the car is easy for passengers and cargo, with the rear door swinging open to a segment-leading 82 degrees. The wide opening also makes it easier to stuff large items like a computer or television into the back without twisting and turning too much.

However, there are some key interior drawbacks. The Grand Prix is supposed to seat five, but cramming a third person in the back seat can be a challenge. And the sloping roofline may result in tall passengers having little head room.

Anti-lock brakes and traction control are optional on the base model and come standard on the GXP. A tire-pressure monitor is standard on both trims. The GXP also has a stability control system. Full-length side curtain airbags are optional on both models.

The head-up display is an often overlooked safety feature. Besides helping the driver focus on the road by displaying dashboard information in the windshield, the system also allows the driver to drive with the instrument lights off for better night vision.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash testing, the Grand Prix earned a perfect five-star rating for its protection of the driver in head-on collisions. For the front passenger test it earned a four-star rating and in side-impact tests, the Grand Prix scored three stars for front and rear occupants without side curtain airbags.

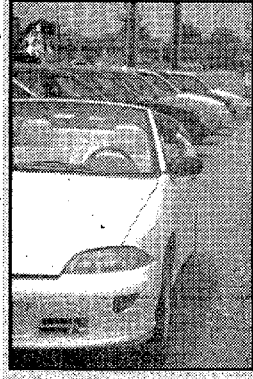
The Grand Prix is a decent choice for someone seeking a daily commuter car that's sporty.

2008 Pontiac Grand Prix
Vehicle class: Sedan.
Power: V6 and V8 engines.
Mileage: 18 city / 28 highway for the V6.
Where built: Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.
Price tested: \$28,815.

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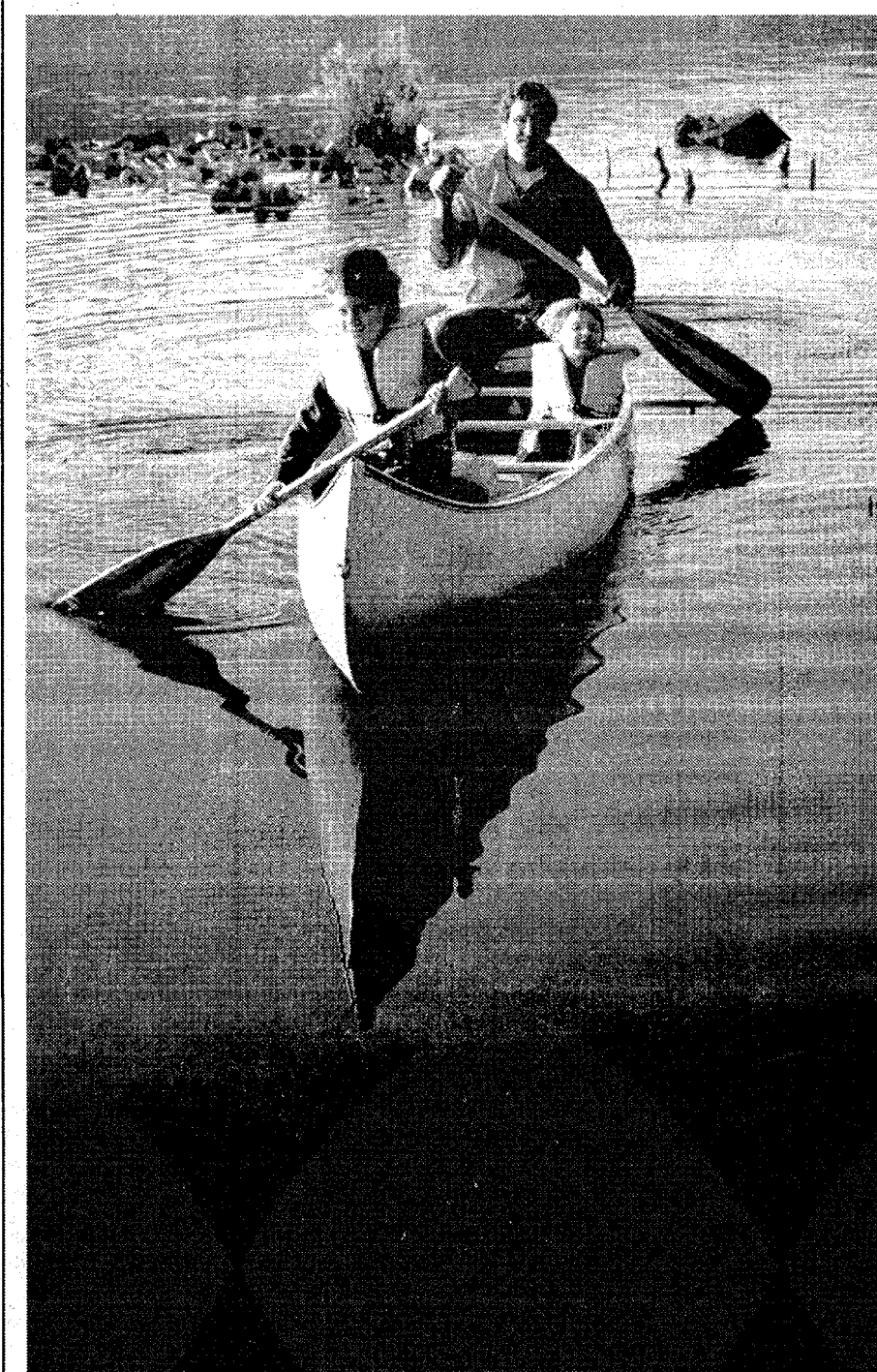
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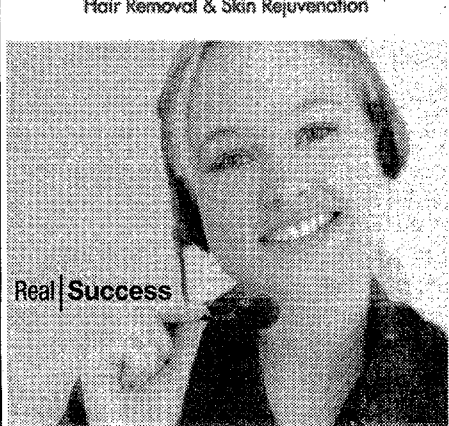
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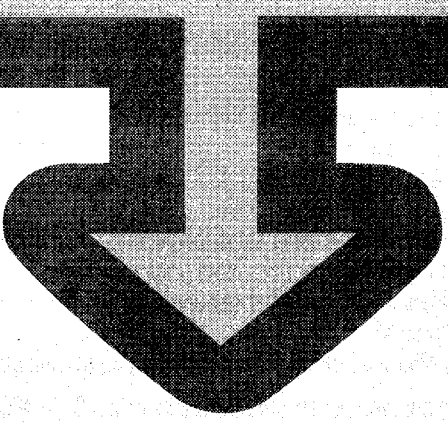
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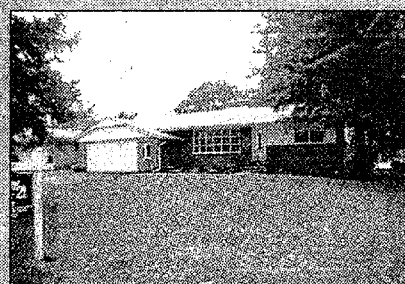
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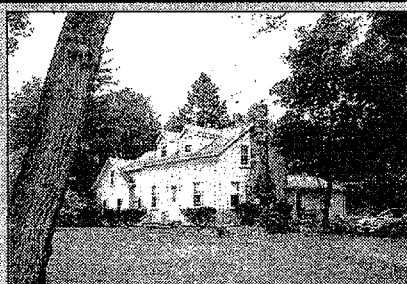
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WEST BLOOMFIELD \$275,000
Contemp Home, Open Flr Plan. FF Mstr, Bright Kit, Vaulted LR w/Frplc. Gr Rm w/Deck Access. FF Lndry, Fin. LL, Heated Gar, Workshop & Loft.
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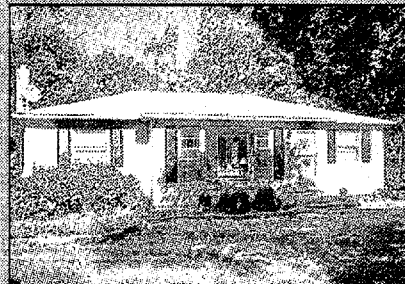
HIGHLAND TWP \$259,900
Old World Charm. 3 acre site, horse barn & corral. Planked flring, Tin ceiling in kitch. Mstr w/sitting rm. Updates: shingles, wndws, septic.
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WATERFORD \$239,900
Waterfront, 50 ft of Docking, Maceday-Lotus Lk. Open Flr Plan, Hrdwd Flrs, Cath Ceilings. Updates. Upper/Lower Decks. Deep Lot, Clarkston Schls.
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WHITE LAKE \$350,000
Spacious, 1 Acre Lot. Open Island Kit w/Drwl to Lg Deck. FF Master w/Jetted Tub & W.I.C. Fin. Walkout w/full Bath & Bdrm. X-lg 3+ Gar & Circle Dr.
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WATERFORD \$275,000
Lakefront Nearly 1 Acre! Hdwd Flrs T/O. Huge Kit, Updated Baths. Fin FR in LL w/Stone Frplc, Daylgt Wndws, WO to Patio. 2-Tier Deck. TWO 2 Car Garges.
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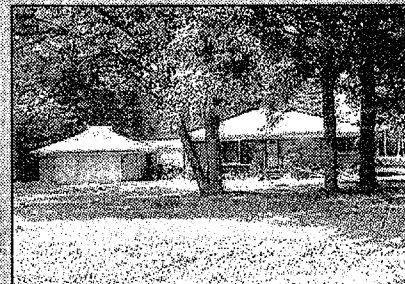
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300 ft of Waterfront, Over 5 Acres. 5 acres on the Water. You feel like you have gone up North. Pine Lined drive. House sits 840 ft off the road.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD \$369,900
Brick Colonial. Lg Kit w/walk in pantry. FR w/corner Frplc, Mstr Ste, private balcony, hdwd flrs under crpt in LR, Bdrms, Staircase. Cul-De-Sac Loc.
MLS #27186766 248-360-9100



COMMERCE \$184,900
Easy Living Condo w/ Spacious FF Mstr. End Unit, 2 Bdrms, 2 Full Baths, Eat-in Kit, DR, Skylgts. Full Bsmt, 2 car Att Gar. Deck backing to Commons Area.
MLS #27174420 248-360-9100



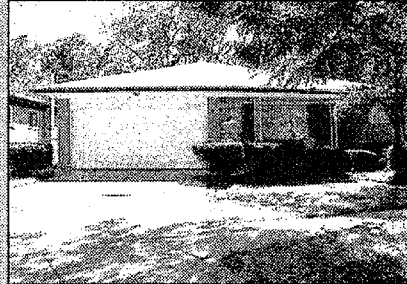
SOUTHFIELD \$229,900
Sharp 3br, 2ba ranch. Wet plaster, cove ceiling, dramatic moldings, & hrdwd flrs t/o. Updates, including kit! Fin bsmt w/wet bar & full bath.
MLS #27178007 248-647-8888



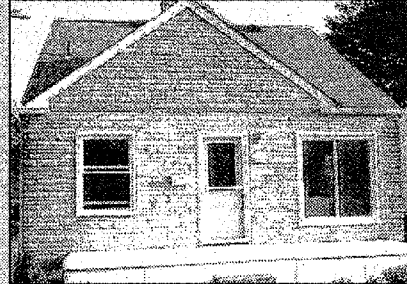
SOUTHFIELD \$149,900
Lovingly cared for 3br, 2ba ranch offers newer furnace & roof, all appls, C/A, new windows, updated electrical, & 2 car garage.
MLS #27085124 248-647-8888



BERKLEY \$189,900
Beautiful 3br, 3ba bungalow, character & charm! Hrdwd flrs, updated kit w/newer appls & ceramic tile, & fin bsmt w/wet bar, bath & office. Gar.
MLS #27099664 248-647-8888



OAK PARK \$179,900
Spacious 3br, 1.5ba brick ranch with 2 car attached garage on a quiet cul-de-sac. FF laund, updated elec & furn. Wonderful neighborhood!
MLS #27151248 248-647-8888



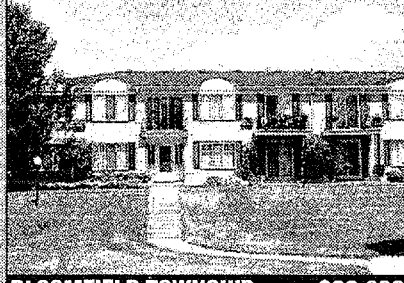
GARDEN CITY \$136,900
Gorgeous interior, updated 3br bungalow! New wndws, Refin hdwd flrs. Master bdrm w/walk-in closet. Fin bsmt. Oversized 2 car gar. Home warr.
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MADISON HEIGHTS \$159,900
This updated 3 BR, 2 BA bungalow is "Pottery Barn" beautiful! New kitchen & baths. Three season porch. Newer siding. Neutral decor.
MLS #27115258 248-647-8888



FARMINGTON HILLS \$120,000
Vibrant 62+ adult community complex! 2br, 2ba ranch-style condo. Private entrance. Cath ceiling in LR. All appls. Florida rm. Low assoc dues.
MLS #27182389 248-647-8888



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$89,900
2br upper ranch condo is totally updated. Hdwd flrs. New kit w/oak cabs. LR/DR. Drwl to nice deck & great views. Bsmt. Great location!
MLS #27122892 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD \$229,000
Luxury ranch in prestigious Bell Rd area! Circular drive, kit w/nook, FR w/frplc, 2300 sq ft, & updates galore!
MLS #27153722 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD \$75,000
Immaculate ranch, move in condition. Spacious updated kit & bath. Newer crpt, elec, plumb, wndws, drs. All appls. Privacy fence & patio.
MLS #27181145 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$119,899
Updated 3 BR brick ranch. Updated kit, appls stay, hrdwd flrs, vinyl wndws. Fin. bsmt. w/drywall & 1/2 bath. C/A. Nicely landscaped.
MLS #27141003 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$134,900
Spacious 3 BR ranch on lg lot. Hrdwd flrs, FR w/frplc, & part fin. bsmt. Updates including roof, elec & plumb. 2 car att. gar. w/wheat & elec. Patio
MLS #27166352 313-538-2000



PLYMOUTH \$275,000
Walk downtown or back in time! 4 bedrooms, basement and garage. Many recent updates. Formal dining room.
MLS #27185197 734-462-9800



DEARBORN \$169,900
3 bedroom brick colonial w/hdwd flrs t/o. Living room, frplc, formal dining room. New furn 2006 & more. Beautiful sun porch & deck. 3 car gar.
MLS #27160567 734-462-9800



NORTHVILLE \$139,900
Northville condo shows like a model! Kit has light wood cabs, snack bar, ceramic tile flrs & c-tops. 3 bdrms, updated 1.5 baths. Fin bsmt, FR.
MLS #27109022 734-462-9800



CANTON \$248,000
Great location. 2002 Built, 2000 sq ft, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo overlooking golf course. FF master, full basement, 2 car attached garage.
MLS #27144060 734-462-9800



CANTON \$215,000
Lovely lg kit overlooks 2 story cath ceilinged GR. Nice master w/access to bath & spacious walk in closet. Nicely fin LL w/ bdrm & full bath.
MLS #27103024 734-462-9800



HIGHLAND TWP \$295,000
Popular Prestwick golf community home. 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, 1 lav. Huge GR w/fric, mstr suite w/ jetted tub. FF laund, 3 car att gar.
MLS #27133884 734-462-9800



FARMINGTON HILLS \$349,900
4 br, 3 ba, 1 lav. 2452 sq. ft. Wonderful court location. Large library. Family room w/ frplc. New furn in '07, new gutters. Finished walkout.
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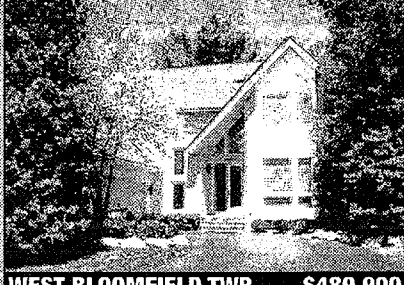
CANTON \$279,900
Meticulous 2,158 sq. ft. home. Family room w/frplc. Maple cabs in island kit. FFL. Hrdwd flrs in foyer & DR. 3 car att. gar. Brick paver patio.
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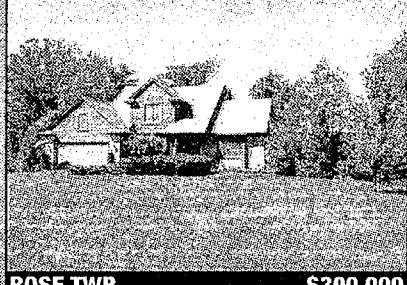
LIVONIA \$214,900
Kimberly Oaks home with all the important updates: roof, windows, heating, cooling & more. Lg. kit, formal DR. Fin. bsmt.
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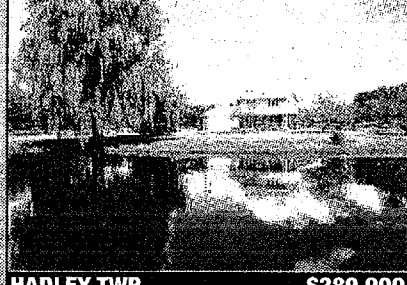
INDEPENDENCE TWP \$219,850
Updated lake front on Middle Lake. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in Clarkston schl dist. Hdwd flrs t/o. 2 story atrium area w/original stained glass.
MLS #27109036 248-673-2211



WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP \$489,900
Spectacular 4 bdrm, 3.5 bth home on waterfront lot. Amazing views from every window. Hdwd flrs, gourmet kit, formal DR, & 2 story GR.
MLS #27136250 248-673-2211



ROSE TWP \$300,000
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on almost 1 acre. Great room w/floor to ceiling stone fireplace. Hardwood flrs t/o; & a walk out bsmt.
MLS #27168636 248-673-2211



HADLEY TWP \$289,900
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial located on 10 acres of rolling and wooded land with 1/2 acre spring fed pond. In Goodrich school district.
MLS #27013296 248-673-2211



WATERFORD TWP \$171,900
3 bedroom brick ranch located in Waterford School district. Just like new in a well established neighborhood. A lg yard & brick patio.
MLS #27147156 248-673-2211



WATERFORD TWP \$258,947
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac. GR w/gas frplc & soaring ceiling. Open kit & breakfast area w/doorwall to deck.
MLS #27178470 248-673-2211



CANTON TWP \$125,000
End until condo, 2 bedrooms and 2.5 baths! Fin LL, great rec room for entertaining. Kit built-ins & all appls stay. Private deck off dining area.
MLS #27189823 248-855-2000



HAZEL PARK \$99,950
Very sharp & clean 3-bedroom ranch w/ private yard. Spacious LR, open kit w/ breakfast bar, spacious bedrooms w/lots of closet space.
MLS #27095601 248-855-2000



REDFORD \$97,900
Well kept 3-bedroom brick bungalow in quiet neighborhood. New furn & central air. Newer windows, roof & glass block windows in bsmt.
MLS #27097712 248-855-2000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$150,000
Well-maintained 3 bdrm brick ranch w/newer roof, wndws & furn. Lg eat-in kit w/ drwl to patio. Open bsmt. All appls inclu. 1035 sq ft.
MLS #27186451 248-855-2000



INDEPENDENCE TWP \$250,000
Vacation all year long in this wooded hilltop w/ views. Deluxe bath w/Jacuzzi, private balcony w/hot tub & new carpet. Fin LL w/o. Appls stay.
MLS #27152029 248-855-2000



WASHINGTON TWP \$269,000
Nearly new & in move in cond. 4-bdrm colonial offers a FF mstr ste, two story foyer, lib & two story GR. Lg kit & dining space w/lots of storage.
MLS #27164494 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS \$299,900
Tudor, gated comm, lrg lot. Lg bdrms, kit w/granite cntns & drwall to deck. FR w/ frplc. Mstr w/walk-in-closet & private bath. Updated wndws & c/a.
MLS #27173122 248-855-2000



SOUTHFIELD \$325,000
4-bdrm colonial w/spacious foyer, FR w/ frplc & drwl to deck. FF laund, huge master bath w/ jetted tub & walk-in-closet. Over 2800 sq ft.
MLS #27142803 248-855-2000



ROYAL OAK \$284,000
Profess designed unit w/hrdwd flrs in main living area, balcony, enclosed mstr bdrm w/walk-in closet & bath. Kit w/gran cntn & high-end appls.
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Brighton 248-437-3800
GORGEOUS CUSTOM CAPE COD! Beautiful carved woodwork located near highways. Large lot size and quiet location makes this the perfect home. 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Large kitchen, much more!
(27082031) \$299,000



Farmington 248-348-6430
HISTORIC 1844 GREEK REVIVAL HOME Must see! One of a kind. Renovated 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath beauty with gourmet kitchen, large living & dining rooms, greenhouse nook, & private .33 acre in town.
(27144801) \$239,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD! 4 BD colonial has updates galore including vinyl siding, roof, furn & AC, windows, carpeting, driveway, gar flr & remodeled kit. Swim club in sub (membership req)
(27152594) \$234,900



Northville 734-591-9200
NORTHVILLE ESTATE ON ACREAGE 6 BR/4BA/2 Lvs over 6000 SF of living space. New gourmet kit, walkout lower level, 5 car gar 2-story foyer and great room. Luxurious materials used everywhere!
(27161160) \$960,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
DESIRABLE! YOU BETCHA! Rear dense woods? Mostly yours! Storybook red barn? Yup! Orchard-grower greenhouse? An huhl! Custom brick ranch w/2nd flr in LL, faces sunsets across 10+ acres.
(27183769) \$438,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
STUNNING! This home has a very functional floor plan, finished basement, enormous room sizes and feels like it was just built. Don't let this one get by.
(27028337) \$239,900



Canton 248-348-6430
METICULOUS END UNIT RANCH CONDO Bright and cherry 2 BR, 2.5 BA w/open flr plan and cathedral ceilings. Mstr has lg wic and luxury BA. 1st flr laundry. Gas flpic in GR. Part fin LL w/lv.
(27036646) \$250,000



Farmington 248-348-6430
GREAT 3 BR BRICK RANCH IN DOWNTOWN Farmington. Many recent updates inc: kitchen counters & floor, light fixtures, master bath, blinds w/ landscape.
(27118564) \$194,800



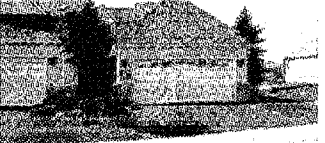
Livonia 734-591-9200
1996 BLT COLONIAL, 3 brs, part fin bsmt. Good family home in nice area of Livonia. Mstr br is huge. Lg lr & kit w/ plenty of table space. Deck & jungle gym in fenced yard. A Shed to hold lawn eqm't.
(27161358) \$129,900



Northville 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL REMODELED 2006 HISTORIC HOME In downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 bedrooms. A spectacular home!
(27159086) \$799,900



Plymouth 248-348-6430
DESIRABLE PLYMOUTH LOCATION Quality ranch home w/ coved ceilings, LR w/natural FP, kit & DR. 3 BR w/big closets. Fin. bsmt w/lv. Fenced yard, det 2 car gar, new carpet, fresh paint.
(27152693) \$190,230



South Lyon 248-437-3800
IMMACULATE END UNIT! This condo has 3 spacious bedrooms and 3 big baths, with a first floor master suite. Also large relaxing jacuzzi in the finished basement.
(27090780) \$214,900



Canton 734-455-7000
UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! The Dalton offers 3BR/2.1BA, 2 car garage, balcony, geo-thermal heating & cooling, no gas bill. Upscale Brownstone in popular Uptown Canton.
(27178394) \$217,500



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
UPGRADED BRICK COLONIAL BACKING TO PARK 45 acre neighborhood park w/playgrounds, paths, tennis & elem. school! 2 story FR w/ balcony, gas FP & sliding door to patio. 2001 kit. Granite MBR bath. Finished bsmt.
(27152122) \$375,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
STEP BACK IN TIME Cozy 3 br, 1 ba home in Livonia. Hrdwd flr and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/door to yard. Updated ba incl soaker tub & pedestal sink.
(27090724) \$127,900



Northville 248-348-6430
BUILDER'S MODEL HOME Curb appeal, stunning layout, upgrades, fabulous 2 season sunroom, large private yard, gourmet kit w/granite counters, Jack n Jill & Prin Ste, full frid LL.
(27180323) \$609,900



Redford 248-437-3800
CUSTOM CAPE COD!! Remodeled in '02. Home has 2 beautiful fireplaces, large spacious rooms, oversized 2 car garage and more!!
(27148702) \$149,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
SHARP RANCH ON NICE SIZED LOT! Close to downtown this home features living room, country kitchen with eating area, 3 bedrooms and first floor laundry. Kitchen and bath have been updated.
(27190262) \$150,000



Canton 734-455-7000
ABSOLUTELY TURN-KEY! Immaculate upper level 2BR/2BA ranch condo in Lilley Pointe. Mstr ste w/priv bath. Lg GR w/doorwall to deck. Beautiful dining rm. Spacious kitchen w/all appli.
(27189939) \$119,900



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
SPACIOUS RANCH ON ALMOST 1 ACRE Breathtaking grounds, all 3 baths redone, finished basement w/ office, 2.5 car heated garage.
(27056266) \$275,000



Livonia 734-591-9200
SPACIOUS RANCH WAITING for a new owner! 3 BR/2.5 BA, 2 full BAs, french doors to patio; huge eat-in kit; GR waiting for your finishing touches. Bank owned, as-is; no disclosures. Agent has info on condition.
(27141564) \$124,900



Northville 734-455-7000
NORTHVILLE DELIGHT! Spacious, 1st flr new 2BR/2BA condo. Better than new! Open contemporary look. Nice complex w/modern clubhouse.
(27186880) \$168,000



Redford 734-326-2000
SPACIOUS RANCH W/ LOTS OF POTENTIAL Nice family rm w natural fireplace, oak kitchen cabinetry, glass blk windows. Hardwood flrs, custom kit w/ s/s appliances, 2 pantries, formal DR w/ french drs.
(27187471) \$136,900



Wayne 734-326-2000
DON'T MISS THIS TURN OF THE CENTURY CHARMER! Great country sized front porch for sitting on summer evenings. 3 units 2 1 bdrm units, 1 2 bdrm unit. All appl. stay. Upstairs has a separate furnace.
(27177018) \$154,900



Canton 248-348-6430
GREAT PRICE IN "THE WINDS" OF CANTON Set in the center of complex this move-in ready condo offers new carrier furnace (07) new carpet (07). All appliances, fin basement including TV & sofa. Hurry!
(2714616) \$85,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
UPDATED BRICK HOME WITH OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Features include light & bright living room and family room with cathedral ceiling & doorwall to large deck & backyard. Updates include kitchen, roof & windows.
(27031729) \$175,000



Milford 248-684-1065
ELEGANT, GEORGIAN-STYLE COLONIAL on private cul-de-sac, overlooking natural wooded area. Builders own custom residence. 4 br, 4.2 ba. 4 car garage.
(27043014) \$899,000



Northville 734-455-7000
CAREFREE CONDO IN NORTHVILLE! This doll house looks nearly new. New kit w/Corian counters & sink, all appl stay, tea/wok w/ fresh paint, closet organizers, C/A+3 clng fans, priv deck.
(27181422) \$149,900



Redford 734-455-7000
DOLL HOUSE FOR SALE! Nicely updated t/o ** kitchen ** bath ** roof ** A/C ** furnace ** fresh paint ** landscape & carpet. Fully fenced, 1-1/2 car gar. Just move in! Priced to sell!
(27183226) \$84,700



Westland 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFUL HOME ON DOUBLE LOT! This house offers 2 bedroom and 2 full bathrooms. Partially finished basement. 2 car garage with left fireplace in living room. Zoned commercial.
(27167324) \$154,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
LG CORNER LOT. Covered entry w/ foyer to lg FR w/ fp & DW to deck. Mstr br w/ sep entry to ba. Lg DR, kit w/ brkft area open to FR. 1st flr laun. Full bsmt.
(27079092) \$219,900



Fenton 248-684-1065
3 BD, 2.1 BA. 1ST FLOOR MASTER. Almost 6 acres of rolling landscape. Wooded all around the property, small pond, 2 stall horse barn w/ water & electricity.
(27147323) \$279,900



Milford 734-591-9200
A STUNNING LOG HOME ON 4 ACRES. 5 bdrms, 4 baths, huge mstr bdrm. Hrdwd flrs, 6th bdrm in fin w/o hot tub. Furn 05, C/A 06. All appls stay. Gigantic 59x40 pole barn, 1200 sq ft of office.
(27106220) \$807,900



Novi 248-348-6430
LARGE OPEN FLOOR PLAN COLONIAL! Awesome 4 br, 2.5 ba colonial, newer a/c, humidifier, ext recently painted, all appliances, great location.
(27110656) \$345,000



Romulus 248-348-6430
3 BED RANCH Great Price Great location! Close to Van Buren Twp. New dimensional roof, win, furnace, Hwh, copper plumb, hwd floors, ceramic bath. Hurry!
(27154871) \$105,000



Westland 734-591-9200
JUST LISTED! LIVONIA SCHOOLS Drop Dead Gorgeous; it's all been updated. 3BR brick ranch w/2.5 car gar. Maple kit, windows, BA, roof, furnace. Faver patio. All appliances. A must see.
(27174975) \$134,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
BEAUTIFUL WALKOUT SITE. Quiet cul-de-sac location. City water/sewer. Walled Lake schools. Birkdale Pointe sub. Build your dream home.
(27100893) \$119,900



Garden City 734-326-2000
ONE OF GARDEN CITY'S BEST! Gorgeous brick with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Wood fireplace in the family room, door wall to a spectacular large wood deck & above ground pool.
(27189172) \$150,000



Milford 248-684-1065
GREAT FLR PLAN! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.
(27087351) \$369,900



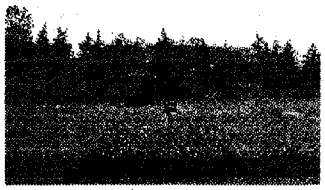
Novi 248-348-6430
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES. Own this NeoClassical Design set on a park-like lot. Close to all amenities. Beautiful LR, DR, FR, den, Mstr w/cathedral ceiling, 2nd flr laun & full frid bsmt.
(27161516) \$311,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
NEWER COLONIAL ON 1+ ACRES! Large living room w/gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite, first floor laundry and full basement.
(27155807) \$299,900



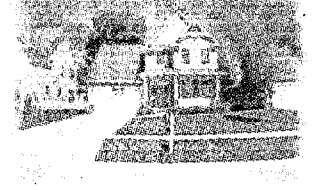
White Lake 248-684-1065
HIGH DRY SITE OVERLOOKING GRASS LAKE. 3 parcels to choose from. Bring your builder or use mine.
(27067302) \$64,754



Commerce 248-684-1065
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(27100909) \$94,900



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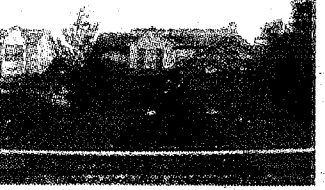
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ACCENTS

Cranbrook's Holiday Tables

Set the scene for the season

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Now in its 32nd year, The Cranbrook House Holiday Tables annual showcase remains one of the largest charity events of its kind in the metro area. Organized by the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, this year's theme will be *Celebrations: Heralding 100 Years of Cranbrook House*.

Roslyn Basherian, an event chairperson and Bloomfield Hills resident, said all 20 displays will interpret this theme in anticipation of the home's 100th anniversary next year.

"We originated the concept," she said of the tablescapes-focused fund-raiser. And though it's been replicated by other organizations, "we like to think we do the biggest and the best. We hold it in the Cranbrook House for the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House."

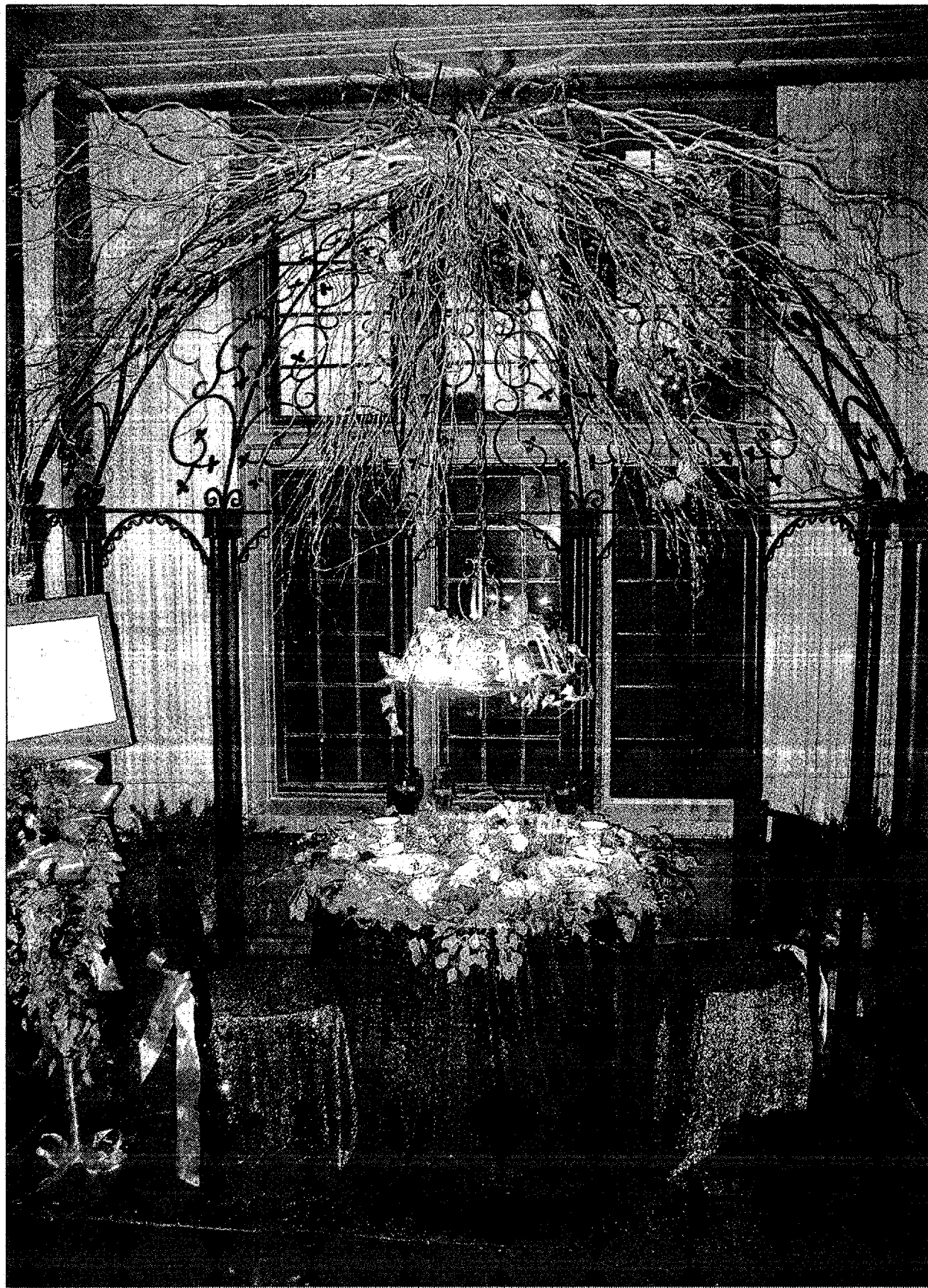
The English Arts and Crafts-style home is the former residence of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth. It is located at 380 Lone Pine Road between Lahser and Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Hills.

The holiday tables fund-raiser often signals the start of the charity event season, and helps set the tone for the festivities to come. Basherian said they've maintained their regular time, opening the doors a week before Thanksgiving. "That's what people have come to expect," she said. "It's a great way to put everyone in the holiday mood."

Festivities begin with a cocktail reception on Nov. 8, followed by a Patron Tea and Preview of the exhibitors tables on Nov. 15 and general viewing Nov. 16-18.

This year's "dazzling displays" will be created by a mix of designers and area residents. Michigan Opera Theater set designer Monika Essen is incorporating archival photographs of the Cranbrook Gardens in a tablescape called *Winter Solstice*. Members of the Vettrano family will pay homage to Michael Vettrano, the Booth family's first gardener. One table will correspond with the art museum's Saarinen exhibit, opening the same weekend. Birmingham's Design Within Reach will present a tablescape for the first time. Longtime sponsors DuMouchelle Art Gallery and Fran Kendall of

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Fran Kendall, owner and operator of Goldner Walsh Flowers and Gifts, is a sponsor at this year's Cranbrook House Holiday Tables event. This is the table she designed for the 2006 fund-raiser.

VEGGIE HOLIDAY TASTING

If you want to try something different for the holidays, check out vegetarian fare at the 20th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Nov. 4 at Metropolitan Adventist School, 15885 Haggerty, in Plymouth.

This year's presentations will feature recipes containing many "Super Foods," and the 20 most requested dishes from this event during the past 20 years. Over 50 non-meat dishes will be available to see and taste. Cookbooks with recipes of the sample dishes will be available for purchase. Organizers call the event "a festive eye opener to how great your holidays can taste without meat." Tickets, \$14 for adults; \$5 per child, sell out every year so reserve early. Ticket orders need to include your choice of first, second or third seating; 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. and the total number of tickets. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School. Send to "Holiday Tasting," 695 N. Ridge Rd., Canton, MI 48187-4635. For tickets and information, visit www.veggieholiday.com; call (248) 446-9176; or (734) 420-4044 the day of the event.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Looking for ideas to create a stunning holiday tree this year? Find inspiration as English Gardens hosts its Annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, Nov. 4. The free event, staged at all six English Gardens locations, includes caroling, complimentary photos with Santa and entertainment (West Bloomfield High School Lakers Express will perform 1-3 p.m. at the West Bloomfield store). Guests will also be able to view showcase holiday trees, with themes ranging from "Merry Michigan" and "Home for Christmas" to "He's Coming to Town!" and "I Hear a Symphony." English Gardens offers the area's largest selection of life-like, pre-lit Christmas trees, lights, and ornaments; fresh-cut Christmas trees, greens and wreaths; poinsettias and other flowering plants; as well as fresh-cut flowers, custom-designed arrangements, and other gifts. A portion of all sales Nov. 4 will benefit Forgotten Harvest. For more information, log onto www.englishgardens.com.

TASTE OF THE VINES

The Community House in Birmingham will host its annual Taste of the Vines, a wine auction and dinner, 5:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Patron tickets, \$250, include a 6 p.m. reception with wines provided by Celani Family Vineyards, a multi-course dinner catered by Community House Executive Chef Chris Jones with wines provided by Heitz Wine Cellars, and the auction, featuring rare and highly allocated wines; several luxurious vacations; a trip for two to the Grammy Awards; Maserati/Lamborghini driving lessons; and a flight on the WWII Yankee Lady B17. The \$500 ticket level adds a private wine reception with Taste of the Vines Honorary Chair Ron Slavik, Chairman of the Board and President of Fourmidable. Proceeds benefit The Community House. For reservations, call (248) 644-5832.



A flight on the Yankee Lady B17 is just one of the unique luxury auction items at Taste of the Vines.

Palm shrinks the smartphone, Verizon chaperones the kids



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

For years I've been carrying a PDA in one pocket and a cell phone in the other. Not an ideal arrangement, but necessary.

My PDA — a Palm TX — holds my contacts and calendar, my e-books, my games, and the like. I also use it to check e-mail when I'm

away from my PC.

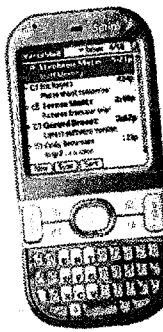
My phone — a banged-up Sony Ericsson T610 from, I think, the 1900s — makes calls.

It's true: Despite my Tech Savvy title, I carry a crummy, outdated embarrassment of a cell phone.

But no more. The near-perfect replacement has finally arrived, one that'll let me retire my PDA at the same time: the Palm Centro.

Though nowhere near as sophisticated or cool as an iPhone, it offers everything I want: simple operation, a compact design, fast Internet access (courtesy of Sprint's 3G network), an e-book reader, support for thousands of third-party programs, and a low price.

How low? The Centro sells for \$99 with a two-year Sprint contract (rumor has it Verizon will offer the Centro within the



Palm's latest smartphone, the Centro, offers all the capabilities of the Treo in a smaller, more affordable package.

next month or two) and after a mail-in rebate.

That's a pretty good deal for any smartphone, especially one as nicely equipped as the Centro.

Critics have dinged the phone's Palm operating system, which, like the Treo's, hasn't been significantly updated for about five years. Admittedly, it's a lightweight at multimedia, and its Web browser feels creaky.

On the flip side, the Palm OS is fast, easy to use, and extremely versatile. The bundled Documents To Go software lets you view, edit, and synchronize Microsoft Office documents. Other bundled apps let you stream YouTube videos, Internet radio, and even TV shows.

The Centro has also drawn fire for its small, cramped keyboard. Hey, guess what: It's a small phone! Though typing with your thumbs is undeniably challenging, typing with your thumbnails works quite well.

What the Centro lacks in iPhone-like sex appeal, it makes up for in functionality and affordability. If you've never had the pleasure of owning a smartphone, now's your

chance to get one on the cheap.

LET YOUR PHONE PLAY CHAPERONE

Over the last few weeks I've been testing a fantastic Verizon service called Chaperone, which enables parents to keep tabs on their kids via their cell phones.

Here's how it works: You download the Chaperone program to your phone and your child's phone. When you want to locate your child, you can use either your phone or the Chaperone Web site (verizon-wireless.com/chaperone).

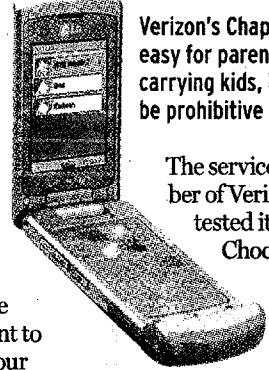
In both instances, Chaperone provides the exact whereabouts of the child's phone and even lets you view its location on a map.

You can also set up Child Zones, which are designated areas or addresses.

When the phone enters or departs a zone, you're immediately notified via text message.

For example, suppose you're a working parent and you want to make sure your child gets home safely from school. Set up a zone that corresponds to your address; when your child arrives, you'll receive notification.

There are safety features built into Chaperone as well, like password protection on the parent phone so others can't track your child if your phone goes missing.



Verizon's Chaperone service makes it easy for parents to locate their phone-carrying kids, but the monthly fee could be prohibitive for some.

The service works with a number of Verizon phone models; I tested it with a pair of new LG Chocolates (terrific little phones, by the way) and came away really impressed. Though it occasionally failed to

locate on the first try, for the most part it worked like a charm — especially the Child Zone features.

My sole complaint with Chaperone is the price: \$9.99 monthly for each child phone. (That's over and above the standard subscription charges for each phone.) It's reasonable, but a bit steep for parents on a budget.

I'd love to see Verizon offer the service free of charge, a move that would engender incredible goodwill toward the company and attract countless new customers. How about it, Verizon?

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Holiday Tables designer Lisa Meers created this look for last year's charity event.

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Goldner-Walsh Flowers & Gifts will return this year.

Because of the overwhelming response, the Cranbrook Auxiliary group will go Al Fresco, Basherian said. They will create a tablescape in the courtyard fountain. "There was no place left in the house," she added. "It's very doable. They're very inspired."

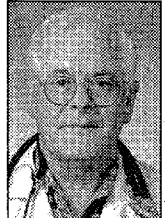
No matter what the table-escape artists come up with, how they use crystal or china, Basherian said the displays will inspire visitors to try something new for their holiday table. "The public does come not only to see what others have, but to pull ideas from it and use them on their table."

As far as she's concerned "We're the Martha Stewart of Bloomfield Hills for the moment."

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The front load washer saga continues

If you were watching WDIV Consumer Reporter Ruth Spencer's two-part series on the Maytag Neptune washer and you're a reader of this column, you just had to be thinking of this white-haired old guy.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

This is the case where the writer doesn't pull back at all and says, "I told you so!" I watched Ruth's story last year when she showed her own front load Neptune washer and described her mold problem and then closed the piece proclaiming that if she didn't get any answers from Whirlpool she was going to dump the washer on the front lawn of Whirlpool's headquarters in Benton Harbor.

Boy, I knew she was mad

when she made that statement and sure enough she got the answers she was looking for. You can see the whole interview with a Whirlpool representative by going to WDIV's website at clickondetroit.com. Just hit the button that says 'consumer.' I think the piece is very revealing as to the true feelings of a manufacturer that wishes to do little for consumers who own their product.

You can argue that it is a Maytag product and the problem was not created by Whirlpool but nonetheless, Whirlpool knew what it was buying and they own the Maytag name today. By all estimates there are over 1 million homeowners who were never notified that a class action suit was settled in September, 2006 pertaining to this Neptune washer. These folks never had a chance to get their products repaired free of charge and most will live with the mold problem or

spend a lot of money getting it fixed.

Now, as most of you know we have a Maytag Neptune washer in our laundry room. It is only just over a year old and it works just fine and hasn't had any problems. The Neptune washer that was featured in Ruth's story was the first production run dating back to 1997 and the demand was so huge that Maytag had to add another shift at the factory to catch up with the back orders.

In all honesty, I think Maytag has destroyed their fine reputation with this debacle. I wouldn't be surprised one bit to see the name Maytag disappear completely within just a few years. It's happened to many other names in years past.

A few weeks back I gave you a web site to go to if you have a mold or stink problem with a washer. It's smelly-washer.com, which sells a formula called Purewasher that

removed fungus and mildew from the inside of washers and hoses. From reports I've received this stuff works. This might be all you need instead of spending \$500 for repairs.

When Ruth asked the lady from Whirlpool if they had ever had samples of the mold checked by a lab, the lady's answer of 'no' was just as stupid as the whole problem created by Maytag in the first place. I don't believe this is the end of the story. I can see more coming around the bend and I'll comment on it later. 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.

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Villa Maria exemplifies wine passion

When traveling in Michigan you probably have noticed several visitor centers that welcome newcomers to our state. If you visit New Zealand, you'll no doubt fly into Auckland. Just outside the airport, you'll find a welcome center built by one of that country's best wineries, Villa Maria.

In an effort to attract tourism and welcome visitors to New Zealand, Villa Maria purchased 100 acres near the Auckland airport. They planted chardonnay, gewurztraminer, merlot and built a visitor-friendly winery. A tasting room was added with a restaurant and banquet facilities. Visitors can see how wine is made and taste the final product, with food, in a beautiful setting.

Villa Maria also sources grapes from the best sites on New Zealand's North Island in regions known as Hawkes Bay and Gimblett Gravels and on the South Island in

Marlborough. Hawkes Bay is located on the east coast of the North Island where the climate and soils ideally suit chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, merlot and cabernet sauvignon.

Within Hawkes Bay, Villa Maria sources the majority of its Bordeaux varieties from the Gimblett Gravels, a warm region especially suited to growing cabernet sauvignon, merlot and syrah. Gimblett Gravels boasts gravelly soils not found in other areas within Hawkes Bay.

Marlborough is located on the northeast shore of the South Island where cool nights together with generally dry autumns, create perfect conditions for chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, riesling, pinot gris and pinot noir. Additionally, Marlborough is composed of two parallel river valleys -- the north valley known as Wairau and the south as Awatere.

WINEMAKING

George Geris is winemaker at Villa Maria's state-of-the-art Marlborough winery where he makes chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, riesling, pinot gris and pinot noir from grapes grown in the

Marlborough region. Three of Geris' vineyard sources are located in the Awatere Valley and are known as the Taylor, Seddon and Clifford Vineyards. He's also experimenting with viognier and gewurztraminer. What's neat is that Geris styles the wines in three price categories or tiers: Private Bin, Cellar Selection, Reserve and Single Vineyard wines.

"Private Bin varietal wines are targeted to everyday drinking," explains Ian Clark, Villa Maria's export manager. "Approachability with easily-identified varietal flavors are their hallmarks. Cellar Selection wines, a step up in quality, are focused on individual wine styles, expressive of the region and also the winemaker's hand. Together with viticultural team efforts, that intent reaches its highest level in the Reserve wines, produced from the finest vineyards in top vintages."

Geris expands on this concept by saying, "We've established the Villa Maria style for sauvignon blanc at the Marlborough winery. We look for classic ripe lime and green gooseberry aroma with flavors that highlight passion fruit and melon. Our pinot noir showcases fragrant cherry

aromas and flavors, a sweet fruit palate and a silky texture. Of course, the growing season has something to say about the style from vintage to vintage."

MARKETING

New Zealand has a population of only 4.2 million people, so Villa Maria is dependent on a good export market. Sales to the United Kingdom, United States, Australia and the Netherlands have increased from 45 percent of Villa Maria's production to 55 percent in just three years. That means that people all over the world love these wines. In a bold move, Villa Maria is totally committed to Stelvin screwcaps. "Our wines age longer and more gracefully when bottled under screwcap," Geris contends. "We are serious about quality and want the consumer to experience that quality when they open the wine."

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WINE PICKS FROM VILLA MARIA

- 2006 Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc \$15, with grapefruit and lime aromas, bright citrus crispness, passion fruit and melon flavors is a bargain at the price.
 - 2006 Villa Maria Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc \$22, is a riper version with greater palate weight but carrying the same wonderful lime, melon and passion fruit flavors that identifies Marlborough sauvignon blanc.
 - 2006 Villa Maria Private Bin Riesling \$15, displays apple aromas with a touch of minerality, characteristic of riesling. This wine is made to enjoy young, but has the capacity to age gracefully. Geris suggests this wine as a complement to Asian cuisine, cheese and seafood.
 - 2006 Villa Maria Private Bin Unoaked Chardonnay \$15 has become popular because of its pure fruit character unencumbered by oak. Richness is achieved by extended lees contact. Try it with grilled wild-caught salmon, chicken or pork.
 - 2005 Villa Maria Private Bin Pinot Noir \$20, introduces bright cherry aromas and flavors in a light, refreshing style that finishes with a note of leather. Geris suggests the wine explodes in your mouth when paired with cheese, especially hard or blue.
 - 2005 Villa Maria Cellar Selection Pinot Noir \$30, is defined by black olive and dark cherry aromas with a hint of Asian spice. The wine features full, rich palate expression, a note of French oak aging and a lengthy, silky finish.
 - 2005 Villa Maria Private Bin Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot \$15, showcases the Hawkes Bay appellation with blackberries, black raspberries and cherries in a fresh fruit version of a Bordeaux blend. Drink at cellar temperature with grilled beef, lamb or venison.
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Electric Six at St. Andrews Hall on Nov. 10

The Gospel of Creed

Heir to legendary fragrance house comes to town

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

At age 26, Erwin Creed is fragrance royalty.

As a 7th generation perfumer, he stands to inherit CREED, the world's only privately owned luxury fragrance dynasty, from his father, master perfumer Olivier Creed. Founded in 1760, CREED has been passed from father to son, serving 11 royal houses, countless celebrities and the discerning public for 247 years. Erwin Creed will travel to metro Detroit for the first time Nov. 8, spending the afternoon at a luncheon hosted by Fashion Group International at the St. Regis Hotel, then the evening at Neiman Marcus in Troy. Creed, an avid adventurer, talented businessman and creative perfumer, will greet guests and share the history of his company, along with samples of CREED's signature scents. In anticipation of his visit, PINK caught up with Creed to find out more.

What do consumers need to know about the hand processes that set your company's perfumes apart?

CREED is the only dynamic company still producing fragrances this way, using techniques such as maceration and filtration that date to 1760. My father, a team of about 30 people and I together produce all of the fragrances in a single workshop in the French woods, in Fontainebleau. There we put flower petals into warm alcohol and start the process. It is a beautiful process. We gather natural ingredients from farmers all over the world, for example roses from Bulgaria because of their fragrant oil, lemons from Sicily and so on.

As a 7th generation per-

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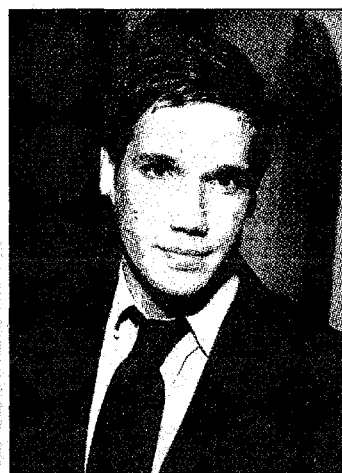
The Fragrance of Kings
When: 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 8
Where: The Hotel St. Regis, 3071 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit
What: Fashion Group International Detroit will host Erwin Creed during a special lunch presentation and meet & greet.
Tickets: \$25 FGI members; \$30 non-members; \$20 students; includes lunch.
R.S.V.P.: (616) 481-3333

Neiman Marcus Fragrance Event
When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8
Where: Neiman Marcus, 2705 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy



Erwin Creed played a role in the creation of limited-edition CREED Royal Ceylan, the lotus flower women's fragrance in Italian leather atomizers available only at Neiman Marcus.

What: Erwin Creed will discuss the history of CREED during this cocktail reception, and sign fragrance bottles purchased that evening.
R.S.V.P.: (248) 816-3411



Erwin Creed, 26, plays an active role in creating fragrance for CREED. He will visit metro Detroit Nov. 8.

of the sea. Vitality and taking advantage of nature are key to being a good perfumer.

What is your favorite scent?
I am crazy about CREED Royal Ceylan, the limited edition fragrance for women we created for Neiman Marcus that has the royal lotus flowers of the south Pacific as a key ingredient.

What is your favorite smell (aside from perfume)?
Actually, where I ski in Klosters, Switzerland, there is a man who roasts chestnuts on the corner, and I love that smell.

What will you talk about during your appearances coming up in Detroit?

This is a very exciting visit, my first to Detroit and Troy. I will be unveiling CREED leather goods, starting with a CREED travel-grooming kit for men and women. CREED's history in leather dates to 1760, when we made leather gloves for King George III and scented them so he could rest his chin on his gloved hand and inhale the fragrance. And over 247 years we have often wrapped CREED bottles in various leathers as an early form of shatterproofing. Now we wrap our atomizers in leather. So this is a visit in which I bring news! I am very happy to be coming to Detroit and Troy.

fumer, how much of your skill is nature vs. nurture? Is it in the genes?

I started going with my father to the fragrance workshop at the age of 8, so part of it is environment. Yet it's in the blood. And it requires work. As a child, when I could smell dinner cooking, I would try to figure out all the dishes in the meal from upstairs, by smell. Then I started more formal lessons with my father. Each generation has its own aptitude in fragrance, but there is a vast amount of study and work that each does to earn the title "master perfumer," the title my father holds.

How can the average person better train their noses to discern different qualities of scent?

For example when buying fragrance? Shop in the afternoon. The human sense of smell improves as the day progresses. Spray the fragrance you like on your skin and then smell it inside the store, then outside

the store. This will help you get the truest sense of the fragrance.

How do you feel about taking over CREED?

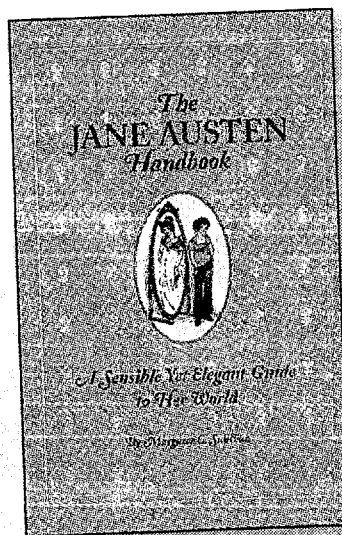
My father is master perfumer and CEO, and I contribute just a bit to the fragrances and success of the house at this time. My father is a master, the creator of some of CREED's most artistic and popular fragrances in all of the 247 years of CREED, such as Millesime Imperial and Green Irish Tweed and so many others. He has a great deal to teach me.

What do you think your youth and energy bring to the company?

My father is also very youthful and energetic — an avid sportsman, sailor, equestrian and a member of France's national championship golf team in 1984. Anyway, we find a love of the outdoors is essential to this craft. Nature provides so many inspirations: the smell of a wild field, the smell

The Jane Austen guide to finding a husband

With *The Jane Austen Book Club* in theatres, and *Becoming Jane* on DVD, the author's vision of 'graceful living' is in the spotlight. Now, a quirky new book gives fans a further glimpse into Austen's world of class and manners. *The Jane Austen Handbook* by Margaret C. Sullivan (Quirk Publishing, 2007) tackles a wide array of topics, such as "How to become an accomplished lady," complete with illustrations and charming step-by-step guidelines. Even though Austen died in 1817 at the age of 41, never having married, PINK takes a page from Sullivan's book on "How to Choose a Prospective Husband":



The Jane Austen Handbook: A Sensible Yet Elegant Guide to her World" answer them honestly!

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Does he have good principles?

Bad boys are all very well for girlhood crushes, but do not marry one with the idea that you might "change" him. He will spend your father's money and leave you at home with the children. Find a good man and treasure him.

Is he handsome?
He should be, if at all possible — or at least very near it.

Is he a sensible man?
One would not wish for a silly or stupid husband. However, if one wishes only for establishment of one's own, at least be sure he is not stubborn as well. If he is easily controlled, you can contrive to almost entirely avoid being in his company.

Does he have a sense of humor?
If not, you will need to teach him to be laughed at. If your

manners are lively and easy, this will complement his gravity as well. In fact, that is probably what made you attractive to him.

Does he love you?
You do not want to marry a man who is marrying you for fortune or position, because he feels and obligation towards you, or because he feels infatuation. When these quick passions wear off, your life together may become intolerable. If you cannot love your husband, at least you should be able to respect your partner in life.

Do you love him?
The most important question of all. Your choice in husband may provide you with more than fine clothes and fine carriages than your sisters and friends, but will he make you happy? If he is a good man, and he has made you love him, then your chance for a happy marriage is very good indeed."

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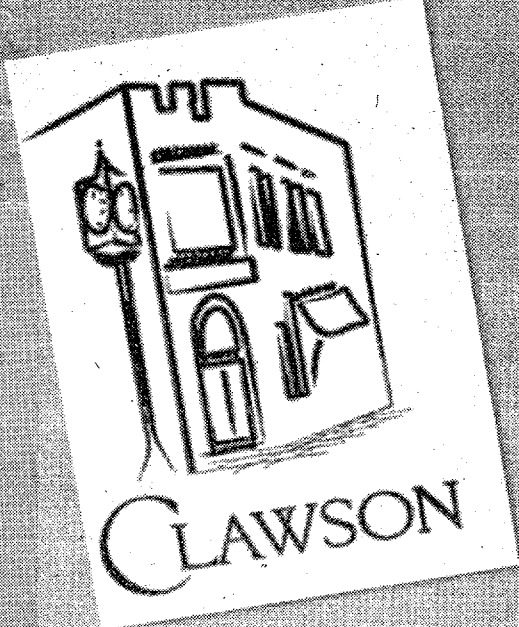
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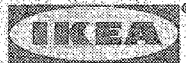
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Rockabillian Rocker

Stray Cat releases CD at Berkley Front

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The doghouse bass, gritty voice and twangy guitars that can slow down and steam up a room and then in a heartbeat, furiously excite and fill the dance floor of swing dancers.

That's bass wildman Lee Rocker and his band.

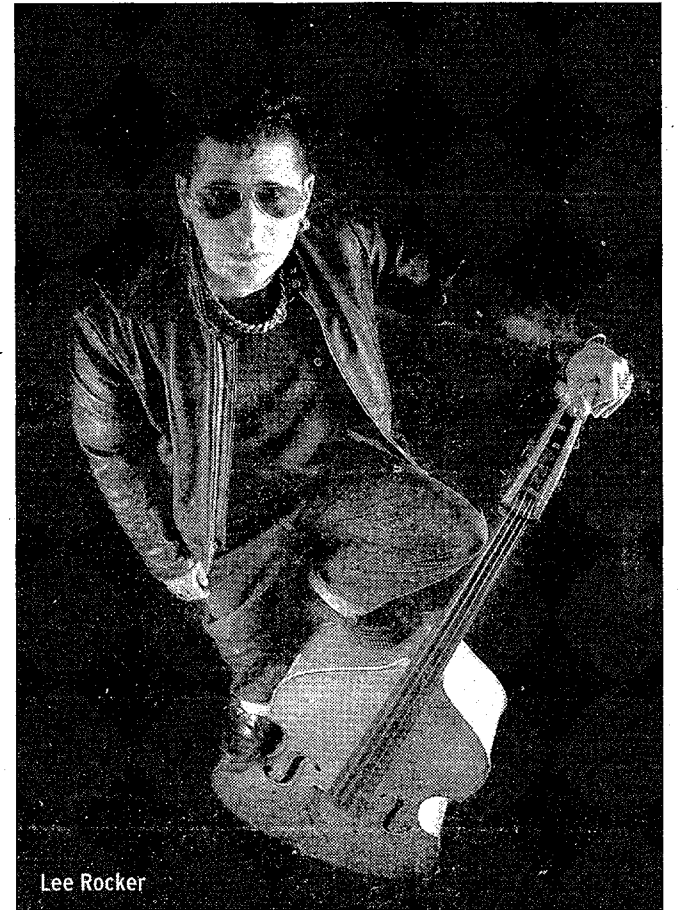
Rocker, best known for his band The Stray Cats, is touring just a handful of club dates to celebrate the release of his new solo CD, *Black Cat Bone*, with a live performance at the Berkley Front Berkley on Sunday, Nov. 4. The Berkley hotspot is a frequent hangout for rockabilly fans - expect to see some good dancing here by local greasers.

Since the release of his first solo CD (Alligator Records), *Racin' The Devil*, Rocker's solo career has been solid and his musical is critically acclaimed everywhere from *USA Today* to *Billboard*.

Rocker played here with the Stray Cats in July at Freedom Hill to an energetic crowd, so fans can expect something similar in Berkley.

Now with musical muscle from his solo band (guitarists Brophy Dale, Buzz Campbell, and drummer Jimmy Sage), Rocker sings and plays standup bass on *Black Cat Bone*. The CD includes reinvented covers such as Bob Dylan's *One More Night*. It's scorching rockabilly, roadhouse romps and straight-ahead, old-school rock.

Born in Long Island in 1961 to world-renowned classical musician parents, Rocker grew up surrounded by song. He studied classical cello lessons at age of eight and hated it. But, ultimately he fell in love with music. His ears widened into rock 'n' roll and he picked up the electric bass.



Lee Rocker

MUSIC

During grade school, his close friends were Jimmy McDonnell (later to become Slim Jim Phantom of the Stray Cats) and Brian Setzer. The three jammed together often, playing rock, before discovering classic blues musicians like Muddy Waters and rockabilly giants like Carl Perkins.

Rocker picked up the acoustic bass to emulate the sounds he heard on those records.

By 1979, this trio, now known as The Stray Cats, began to single-handedly revive rockabilly music in the United States and eventually around the world.

They've attracted big name fans including The Rolling Stones and Rocker has played

with his hero Carl Perkins, plus Dave Edmunds, Ringo Starr, Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Jeff Beck, former Scotty Moore (Elvis Presley's guitarist) and Willie Nelson.

Who: Stray Cat Lee Rocker performing a solo show
Genre: Rockabilly/Americana/punk
When: 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4
Where: The Berkley Front, 3087 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, (248) 547-3331, myspace.com/theberkleyfront Admission: \$10
Details: (248) 547-3331
Hear it: myspace.com/leerocker

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Billy Brandt brings his mix of Americana, folk and rock to Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak on Sunday. He has a new CD out, too.

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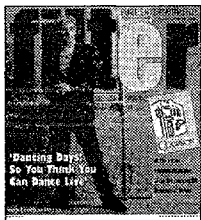
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Blackman Arnold performs at the Black Lotus Brewing Company in Clawson Tuesday nights.

A night on the town in Clawson

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Nightlife is booming in the city of Clawson. Two years ago who would have ever really expected it — especially during the week?

Sure we expect activity in Royal Oak and Ferndale, but Clawson has always been a sleepy daytime kind of town.

Not anymore.

One corner of the city alone — at 14 and Main streets — there's enough for several nights of entertainment, all within walking distance.

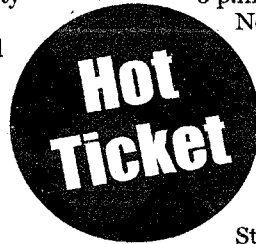
Here's an example of how to get the most of it:

On a Tuesday evening begin early, about 5 p.m., by going into the back of the Noble Fish Japanese grocery store and head to the small sushi bar for some of the area's best California rolls.

It's fresh and the rice is prepared properly so the rolls don't fall apart.

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CLAWSON'S HOT

What: Enough to do for several nights of entertainment

Hot spots: The Black Lotus Brewing Co., 1 E. 14 Mile Rd., (248) 765-3051; Royal Kubo, 45 E. 14 Mile Rd. (248) 585-2314; Noble Fish, 45 E.14 Mile, (248) 585-2314; Romancing the Stones, 38 N. Main; Tirana Cafe, 47 E. 14 Mile, (248) 307-9020.

Chris Carrabba goes acoustic with Dashboard Confessional

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

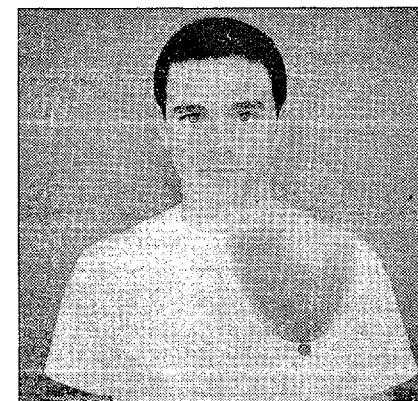
Acclaimed singer-songwriter Chris Carrabba returned to his roots this fall with Dashboard Confessional's fifth Vagrant album, *The Shade of Poison Trees*. He's returned to a signature acoustic sound, the sort fans will remember from 2000's *The Swiss Army Romance* and later *The Places You Have Come To Fear The Most*. The release also sees Carrabba on the

road solo, for the first time in five years. He took a break on the road to respond to a few questions, courtesy of *Filter*. Here's what he had to say:



FILTER: What's your earliest memory of hearing a song you truly connected with? What song was it?

CHRIS CARRABBA: The earliest memory of a song that connected with me on an eye opening level was *God Only Knows* by The Beach Boys. I remember my mom playing it on the turntable in our apartment and feeling awakened. I didn't know what



Chris Carrabba is the mastermind of Dashboard Confessional.

music felt like until that moment. It still feels that way to me now.

FILTER: What was your initial vision

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for Dashboard Confessional and how do you feel your music has evolved over the years?

CC: The idea was to have all the music and lyrical content be potent. I needed to be able to feel it. I think my approach to it will change and come back around over the years, but that goal remains the same.

FILTER: When did you start working on *The Shade of Poison Trees* and was the writing or recording process much different from your previous efforts?

DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL

When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2

Where: Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac

Tickets: \$27.50, call (248) 645-6666

CC: I started working on *Shade* about two weeks

before we recorded it, and more if you count my decompression time from the last touring cycle. The approach was more consistent with my first two records. Write the songs, go record them as they are written with better mics, but don't overdo it.

FILTER: You have a way of creating songs that are at once relatable and still sound quite personal – what inspires you to write?

CC: Inspiration is a funny thing. I feel that as long as I remain a slave to the moment inspiration can come from anywhere and at anytime.

FILTER: Tell me how the tour is going. I believe it kicked off here in Michigan and you'll be returning soon – is there anything about your Detroit-area audiences that allows them to stand out at all?

CC: The tour is easily my favorite I have ever had. The Detroit show that started it was a good indication of how it was going to go. I just walked out there that night and shared as much as I could with the audience and they gave it back and then some. I have taken that approach to every city now.

Detroit is a special place for me. It was among the first places outside of my hometown where I felt that I really came to know the folks listening to my music. I am glad that remains true still.

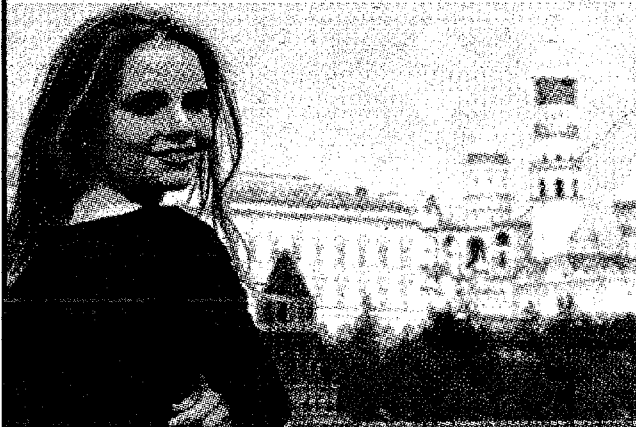
FILTER: Are there any songs on the new record that go over particularly well live? Songs you particularly look forward to performing each night?

CC: There are. But we have only played four songs from the new LP in front of anyone so it's hard to say which of them are the standouts.

I am happy that the album has been out just long enough now that the audience seems to know the tunes and sing along like they do the old ones.

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Madeleine Peyroux

THU, NOV 8 | 8 PM

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Madeleine Peyroux's bittersweet, brokenhearted alto has earned comparisons to the late Billie Holiday and Patsy Cline. With three albums and a veritable torrent of gushing reviews, this eloquent, understated singer makes her only area appearance.

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Caetano Veloso

FRI, NOV 9 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

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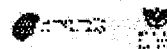
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The band Portugal. The Man has an unusual soulful sound.

See Portugal. The Man at the Magic Stick

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Portugal. The Man is a myspace buzz band since the group released its latest CD *Church Mouth* in July.

Some have compared the band to Led Zeppelin, but we wouldn't

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Music

Indie band Portugal. The Man is a band worth checking out when they perform with the group named Thursday, on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Magic Stick.

Thanksgiving Day Brunch

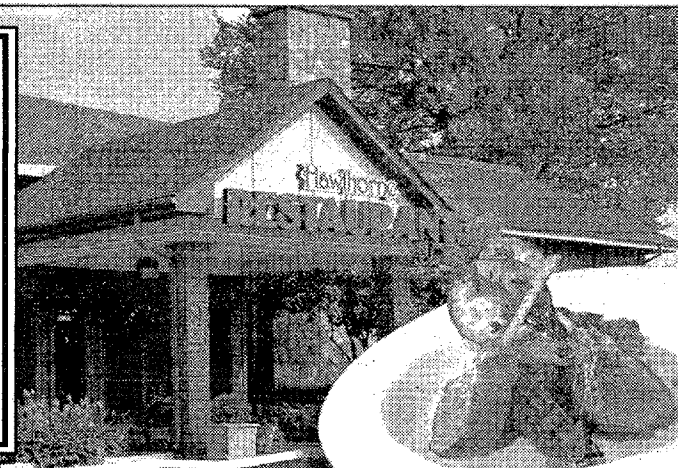
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So you want to see dance?

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

The general public might be swept away with the glamour of *Dancing With the Stars*, but true dancers miss the show's grittier counterpart. *So You Think You Can Dance!*, which aired over the summer on Fox, featured young dancers hungry for a career, without a big-name celebrity in sight. With its cutting edge choreography and inspired performances, the show captured the imagination of millions of viewers who love dance in all its forms.

Detroit fans will get to see their favorite performers in person as *So You Think You Can Dance LIVE!* comes to the Joe Louis Arena Saturday night. The tour includes top dancers from the second season recreating solo, duet and group choreography from the show.

So You Think You Can Dance!, by the producers of *American Idol* and *American Bandstand*, showcased virtually every dance discipline from hip-hop and ballet to jazz and ballroom. Sabra Johnson, a contemporary dancer who wowed the audience with her athletic style, won the competition — a miraculous feat considering she didn't start dancing until she was 16 years old.

Meanwhile, Neil Haskell earned status as an audience favorite, especially among "tween" girls. On the show's official Web site, the tousled blond from Buffalo

has racked up the most comments of anyone on the show.

On Saturday night, fans will get to see Neil and Sabra re-create their popular 1980s-inspired contemporary table dance, choreographed by Mandý Moore to the Eurythmics' *Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)*. Provided Lacey Schwimmer (punk rock sister to season one winner Benji Schwimmer) has recovered from a knee injury, she and Neil will perform the emotional modern piece Mia Michaels choreographed in remembrance of her father. The duet had them swirling around a stage strewn with flowers to *Time* by Billy Porter.

During a recent interview with *Filter*, Haskell said fans often comment on how different it is to see the dances on stage.

"It's a lot better to see dance live in person than on video or on television. It's a completely different experience," he said. "When it happens in front of you it's a live piece of work and anything can happen. It could be one of the most beautiful things you can see."

So You Think You Can Dance! has done wonders to increase awareness of dance. Its choreographers, culled from today's top talent, don't shy away from challenging the audience to interpret themes in modern dance or confront emerging street styles like krumping and popping. It's virtually the only place on prime time television where people can watch dance performances of all kinds from beginning to end.

The fact that the tour's stop in Detroit is almost sold out is testament to the public's appetite for dance.

"It's definitely brought dance into the public eye and made a lot more people aware of the dance world," Haskell said. "The dance community, all the choreography and how difficult it is to be able to do all this stuff — it gave the general public who watches and enjoys the show a taste of it. It's a small taste, but it's a good taste of what the dance world is like."

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SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE LIVE!

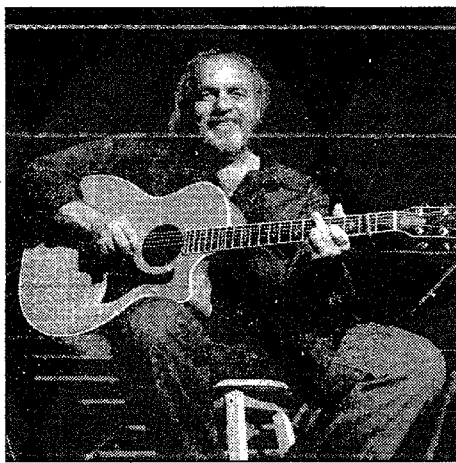
What: Top 10 finalists — Kameron, Jaimie, Lauren, Neil, Sabra, Pasha, Dominic, Lacey, Danny or Sara — recreate performances from the hit TV show

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

Where: Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

Tickets: \$37.50-\$54.50 at
www.ticketmaster.com

Neil Haskell, a favorite from 'So You Think You Can Dance!', is part of the show's national tour stopping in Detroit on Saturday



Billy Brandt

Folk, rock, country blues and beyond is Billy Brandt

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Are you a fan of Americana? How about folk? Have an ear for roots or blues? Do you like rock?

If you're a fan of any of these genres, then you want to be at Billy Brandt's

show at Memphis Smoke.

If the names and the music of Buffalo Springfield, the Yardbirds or Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young satisfy your musical cravings, then you'll love this singer/songwriter.

Brandt, whose name is attached to at least 100 Detroit

What: Billy Brandt CD release party

When: 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4

Where: Memphis Smoke, 110 S. Main, Royal Oak (248) 543-4300

Cover: None.

Extra: Billy Brandt and his Mission band perform - comprised of big names in Detroit such as Jill Jack, Gia Warner, Dale Grisa, David Taylor, Nolan Meridenhall, Drew "Captain Midnight" Howard, and Roscoe.

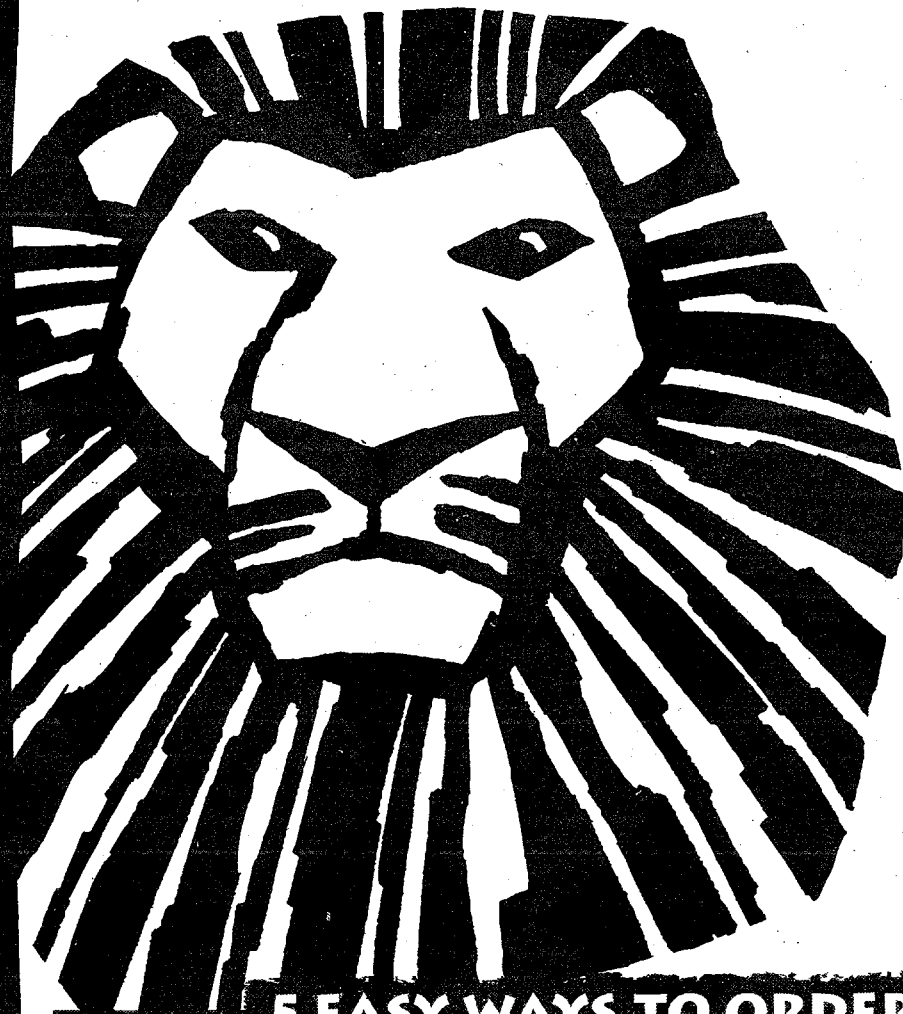
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Volare marks three delicious years in Wixom

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Volare Ristorante opened in Wixom in 2005 to a flurry of great reviews from local food critics.

As the restaurant gears up to celebrate its third anniversary on Nov. 8, its menu and clientele are no less vibrant than the day it opened.

I first discovered Volare when my husband and I received a \$100 gift card as a wedding gift from a foodie friend of ours. Throughout the whirlwind of our marriage, honeymoon, and having our first son, the card sat in my wallet — a persistent reminder that long, lingering dinners had become a thing of the past.

Yet finally, as summer wound to a close, we booked a reservation, splurged on a sitter and went on a much-needed date.

It felt like courtship all over again.

Volare has a corner on romance. The interior is lush and dim, with booths offering cozy nooks and tables neatly appointed in white tablecloths and formal place settings. The bar

area is dotted with bistro tables and decorated with a mural of a street scene in Rome. If you look closely at artist Dave von Behren's painting, you'll spot owner Dino Grassi's father and grandfathers sharing wine at a cafe.

Jeff and I opted to sit outdoors, wearing sunglasses as we dined on the patio. The restaurant does a good job of blocking the sound and view of Pontiac Trail, so we were able to fully immerse ourselves in the fine dining experience.

According to Grassi, the patio is open Mother's Day through late October, weather permitting, yet regardless of where meals are served at Volare, they are exquisite.

Making it clear to our formally-dressed waiter we intended to spend a long time at his table, we started with drinks. Jeff stuck to his usual — a Bombay Sapphire martini up and dry, with anchovy olives. I ordered red wine by the glass. Volare has an extensive wine cellar and specializes in vino from Italy, spanning unique regions of the country, including large vineyards as well as boutique

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Web site: www.ristorantevolare.com

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Menu: Appetizers, \$8-\$15; Pastas, \$17-\$34; Entrees, \$25-\$43. Lunch, paninis to modified entrees, \$7-\$24

Entertainment: Tuesdays and Thursdays, live jazz in the bar.

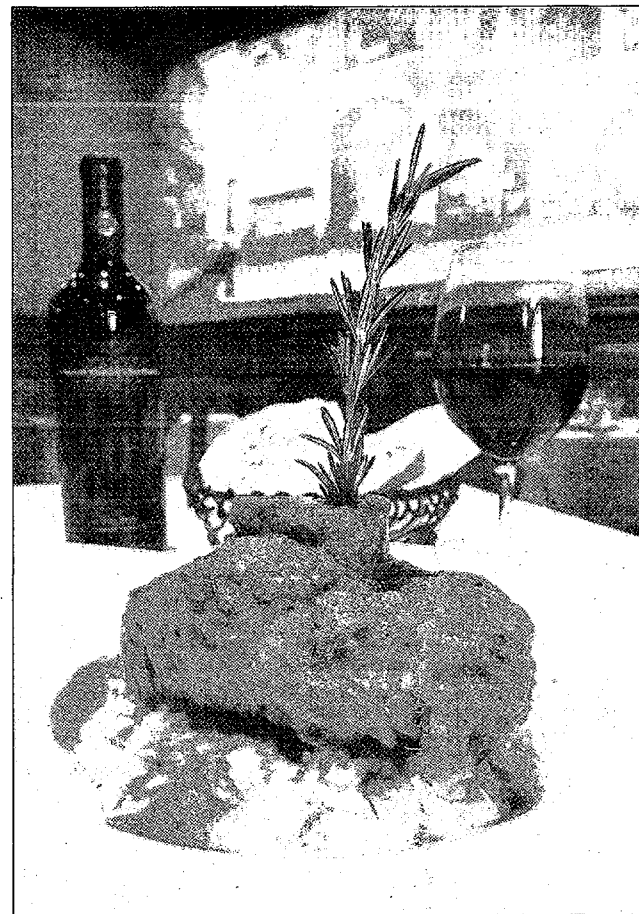
Anniversary Specials: Girl's Night Out, 6-8:30 p.m. Nov. 1, \$30 per person includes wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and discounts on holiday wine purchases.

Wild Game Dinner, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, featuring venison, wild boar, duck and rabbit, served with complementary wines, \$90 per person.

wines.

When it comes to the food, Volare builds a foundation with fresh ingredients. Seafood is flown in overnight. Meats are procured from a small

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A classic Italian dish, Osso Buco, is a braised veal shank served on a saffron risotto. It's paired with a 2005 Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon from the Celani Family Vineyards.



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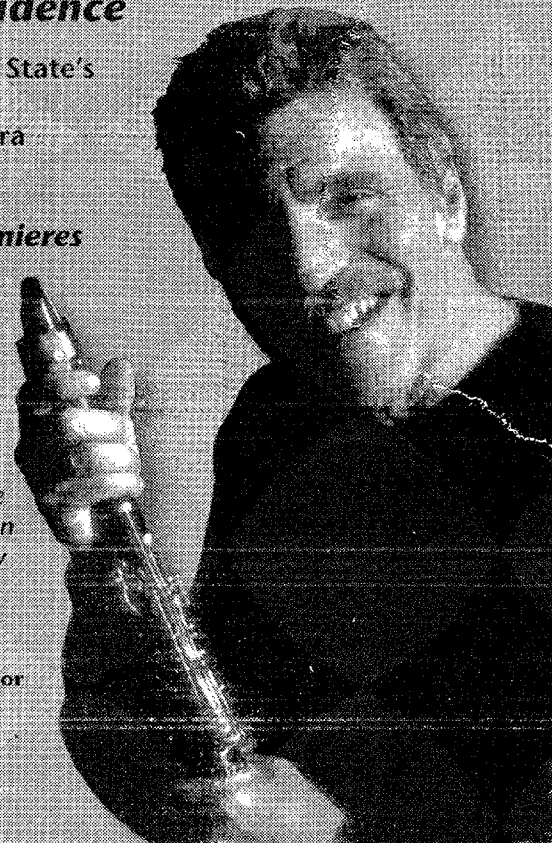
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VOLARE

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farm that adheres to precise handling methods. Cheeses and pastas are imported from Italy.

Executive chef Joe Fiordilino and Grassi, who met at Schoolcraft College's culinary arts school, collaborate on the menu.

"We'll just start brainstorming and do it as a team," Fiordilino said. "We work really well together. We always have."

Grassi, originally from Redford, worked in Italy with the Italian Culinary Team before opening his restaurant.

Volare's menu changes with the seasons, but consistent favorites are Manzo, a 22-ounce bone-in rib-eye served with rosemary potatoes and grilled asparagus; and Guanciaie, braised veal cheeks and grilled veal T-bone served with mashed potatoes and amarone reduction. Vegetarians love the Gnocchi, boiled fresh and tossed with a pomodoro cream sauce.

Jeff and I started off with Calamari in Salsa Rosa and Diver Sea Scallops with Black Truffle Vinaigrette.

After light salads I went straight for the lobster on special that day (we had a gift card, after all). It was simply presented, and perfectly tender, similar to the center cut tenderloin my husband selected.

And how could we resist ending our meal with warm chocolate cake complimented by vanilla gelato (that darned gift card), and a chilled Sambuca for Jeff?

Even with the gift card, we racked up a substantial bill. Still, Volare completely satisfied our hunger for a wonderful meal and great evening escape.

It was well worth it.

In fact, in hopes of another gift card, we're thinking of saying our vows all over again!

Help Gleaners at Tastes of Autumn

Toll Brothers, residential home builders, and Kohler are hosting the month-long Tastes of Autumn event to benefit Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

Several events are scheduled through Nov. 11:

■ **Be Inspired Dream Kitchent Contest:** Win new GE® kitchen appliances. Each week, a prize will be awarded culminating with the grand prize giveaway of a GE® Chef Café Series kitchen appliance package.

■ **Cure Hunger Here Food Drive:** Donations of canned and dry goods or monetary contributions accepted at the Toll Brothers Design Studio, 43155 Main Street, Suite 305, in Novi or at any one of Toll Brothers New Home Sales Centers.

■ **Sample signature dishes** from southeast Michigan's hottest chefs and take in a demonstration of their cooking techniques. Plus, tour Toll Brothers' decorated model homes and condominiums. A donation of dry or canned goods or a monetary contribution of \$5 is suggested. All donations go directly to Gleaners Community Food Bank. Visit TollTastesofAutumn.com for times and schedules.

■ **Meet Padma Lakshmi**, host of Bravo's *Top Chef*, author, actress, and model on Nov. 11, 2:30 - 4 p.m. for a book signing of her new cookbook *Tangy, Tart, Hot & Sweet*. The first 100 registrants will receive a free copy of the book. Copies will also be available for purchase.

Sponsored by Kohler, the book signing will take place at Toll Brothers Design Studio in Novi.

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On Thursday, Nov. 8, Dunkin' Donuts will provide free coffee for military officials—active and veterans—of Michigan in honoring them for their military service and

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"Dunkin' Donuts is proud to celebrate our Michigan military officials for the relentless sacrifices and the job they do to keep the nation safe and running," said Nick Spencer, Dunkin' Donuts marketing manager. "A free cup of Dunkin's signature hot coffee or chocolate is Dunkin's way of appreciating our armed forces, especially around Veterans Day (Nov. 11)." For more information and locations, visit www.DunkinDonuts.com.

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ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum: Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Eastern Michigan University Gallery: Art Department New Faculty Exhibit, through Nov. 14; 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

Ford Gallery: New Faces and Old Favorites, through Nov. 19, 114 Ford Hall (on the EMU campus), Ypsilanti, www.emich.edu/ford-gallery.

Madonna University: Uncommon Sculptures with Sculptors Guild of Michigan, Exhibition Gallery, through Nov. 10, northwest corner of Levan and Schoolcraft roads in Livonia (313) 478-6722.

MOCAD: Words Fail Me, exhibit with messages in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, through Jan. 20, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org.

Oakland University: James Stephens, a mid-career retrospective, through Nov. 11, next to Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester www.oakland.edu/ouag, (248) 370-3005.

ART GALLERIES

Ariana Gallery: Steeped in Tradition, 20th Annual Teapot Exhibition, featuring over 30 artists, opening reception 2-5 p.m. Nov. 10, Nov. 10-Dec. 15, 119 S. Main, Royal Oak (248) 546-8810, www.arianagallery.com.

ARTSearch: The Art of Dick Siegel, two dimensional constructions, through Nov. 29, 350 S. Main, Ann Arbor www.arts-search-corporate.com (734) 769-3223.

Cass Cafe: Notorious with Gwen Joy and Chris Turner, through Dec. 8, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

@POP Gallery: "It's Humble To Be Good," six juried winners from @POPportunity, through Nov. 14, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.

@POP Gallery: Six Artists in the Tradition of Art School of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, opening reception, 7-11 p.m., Nov. 17, exhibit through Dec. 31, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, myspace.com/cpopgallery.

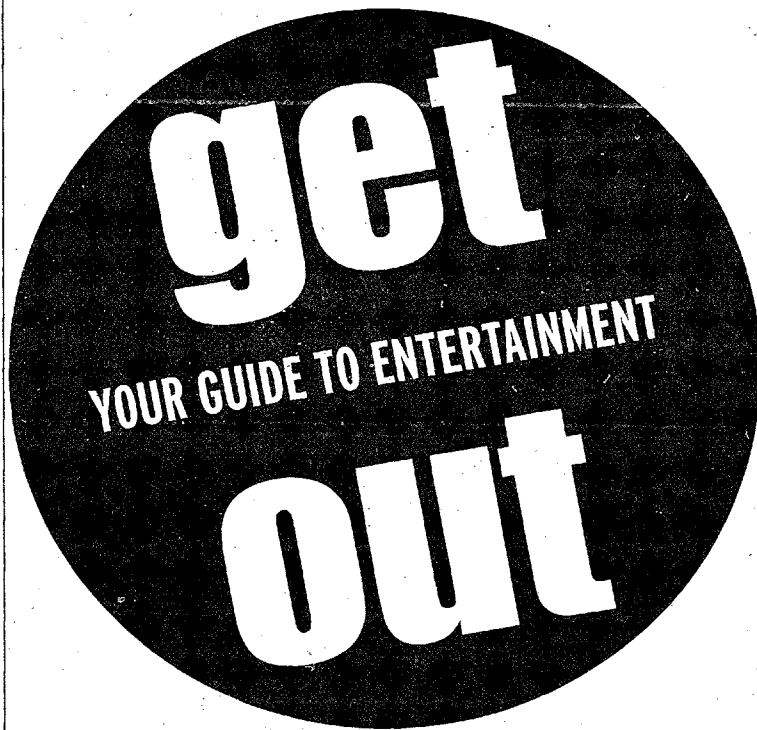
Cranbrook Art Museum: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Community Arts Gallery: Best of the Best, Wayne State University Arts Achievement Award Recipients, 1975-2007, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Nov. 2; through Dec. 7; 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit (313) 993-7813.

Elaine Jacob Gallery: Street Sense: Celebrating 20 years of the Heidelberg Project, through Dec. 14, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813 www.art.wayne.edu.

Flatlanders: Five Tough Broads (Meighen Jackson, Margo McCafferty, Barbara Miner, Norma Penchansky-Glasser, Deborah Orloff), through Nov. 11, 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591, www.flatlandersculpture.com.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Printer X Seven, opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 2, exhibit through Dec. 1, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale



(248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: Posedown, Orly Genger, through Nov. 10; 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Works on Paper, featuring seven Michigan artists, through Nov. 10, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Pittman-puckett gallery: Children of the Rainbow, with Sharlet Vaughn Di Giorgio, Pietro M. Di Giorgio will read original poetry for each piece of art, artist's reception, 7-9 p.m. Nov. 9, exhibit runs Nov. 9-30; first floor of the affirmations building, 290 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, 1-800 398-4297.

The Print Gallery: Paintings by Matteo, through Nov. 17, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery: David Fludd, New Paintings and Drawings, through Dec. 31, www.sherrywashingtongallery.com, (313) 961-4500.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Ellen Berkenblit, through Nov. 3, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, www.hilberrygallery.com (248) 541-4700.

Tangent Gallery: Guns: Replacing Violence with Art, Not for Killers but Collectors, through Nov. 3, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit (313) 873-2955.

The Village Theatre Gallery: Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, 35 water media paintings, through Nov. 25, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, call for times (734) 394-5300, (734) 394-5460, mwcsart.com.

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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Costume designer John Pennoyer from Stratford Shakespeare Festival, workshop on set and costume design, ages 10-16, 10-11:30 a.m.; ages 17 and up, 1-2:30 p.m. Nov. 3 workshop, \$38 plus \$5 materials fee, bring a sketchbook, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, reservations and more information are available at www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Antoni Cimolino, general director of the Stratford Festival of Canada, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 3; open to BBAC members at \$125 level, others can join, reservations required, (248) 644-0866, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham www.BBArtCenter.org.

MOCAD: Pat Oleszko, performance art, 8 p.m. Nov. 3; Words Never Fail Me with Lisa Anne

Auerbach, 7 p.m. Nov. 8; Steven Shaviro, Gallery Talk, 7 p.m. Nov. 14; 4454 Woodward Ave., www.mocadetroit.org/upcoming-events.html, (313) 832-6622.

Oakland University Art Gallery: James Stephens: A Mid-Career Retrospective, through Nov. 11, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild: Beaded art exhibit, through Nov. 16; Home Gallery, Downriver Council of the Arts, 20904 Northline, Taylor.

University of Michigan: Orson Welles and the Art of Adaptation in Radio, Theatre and Film, exhibit examines Welles' approach to making and releasing of his unforgettable radio and film projects, Special Collections Library, seventh floor of Hatcher Graduate Library, (734) 615-0442.

BALLET

Detroit Opera House: Miami City Ballet, Nov. 2-4, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, \$25-\$75, (313) 237-SING.

BOOKS

Jewish Community Center: The 56th Annual Jewish Book Fair, Nov. 7-18, featuring Michael Chabon, Alan Dershowitz, Jill Sklar, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield (248) 432-5577 Ext. 7, www.jccdet.org.

Lee Thomas: Turning White: A Memoir of Change, book on his battle with vitiligo, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 2, JAM Gallery, 33212 Grand River, Farmington; 7-9 p.m. Nov. 9, Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

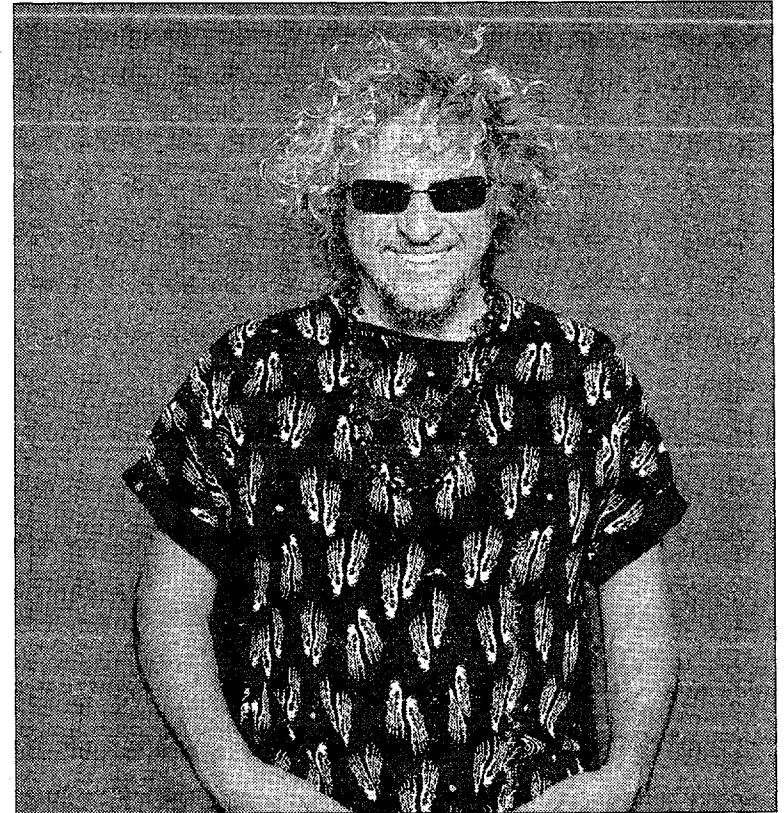
CHORAL

Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac: evening of choral music featuring local church choirs and ensembles, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford, (248) 673-8187 or e-mail at pontiacuesdaymusicale@gmail.com.

University Musical Society: The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

CHRISTMAS

Fox Theatre: Daryl Hall & John Oates, Home



Former Van Halen front man, Sammy Hagar & The Wabos, as well as special guests The Other Half, featuring former Van Halen bandmate bassist Michael Anthony and Hagar himself, Los Tres Gusanos and Mad Anthony Express, perform at the Fox Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. Tickets are \$36.50 and \$75 and may be purchased at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com.

for Christmas Tour, Dec. 1, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

Fox Theatre: The Nutcracker, presented by Michigan Opera Theatre, Dec. 6-9, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515

CLASSICAL

Birmingham Temple: Yizhak Schotten, violist, with pianist Katherine Collier, 8 p.m. Nov. 10, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348 for tickets.

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: Sean Hickey's Clarinet Concerto, talk at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 18, 217 Farnsworth (behind the Detroit Institute of Arts), \$18 advance, \$20 at door, 248 474-8930 or visit www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

Cranbrook Music Guild: Miami String Quartet, 8 p.m. Nov. 13, Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, on the southwest corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads (248) 644-6352, www.cranbrookmusicguild.org.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: DSO Pops, The Magical World of Disney, selections from Disney classics, led by conductor Erich Kunzel, Nov. 1-4; Max M. Fisher Music Center box office, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 576-5111.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: The Three B's, Nov. 23-25; The Norrington Experience, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; The Four Seasons, Dec. 6-8; A Summer's Dream, Jan. 4-6; Ehnes Plays Barber, Jan. 10, 12-13; Fantastique Dutoit, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Civic Experience concerts with the Civic Youth Ensembles, various jazz, wind ensembles, and others perform at different times, 6, 7, 8 p.m. Nov. 4, 11; \$10, (313) 576-5167 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

Hill Auditorium: UMS welcomes St. Petersburg Philharmonic, 7 p.m. Nov. 4; Caetano Veloso, 8 p.m. Nov. 9; Yo-Yo Ma 8 p.m. Nov.

10; at 825 University Ave., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: second concert of their 62nd -- "Love Affair with Music" -- season, "The Passion of the Piano" at Ward Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd in Northville), 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, pianist Armen Guzeliman, guest composer Cindy McCree.

Rackham Auditorium: UMS welcomes Zehetmair String Quartet, 8 p.m. Nov. 8; Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 4 p.m. Nov. 18, at 915 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538.

CLUBS

The Ark: Corinne West, Nov. 12; 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 761-1800.

The Ark: Marc Cohn with Amy Correia, Nov. 5; shows at Michigan Theatre, information hotline (734) 763-TKTS, www.theark.org.

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Crofoot: Trail of the Dead with Dethklok, Nov. 19; Boogie Dynamite, Nov. 23; Witchcraft, Nov. 26; (248) 858-9333.

The Eagle Theatre: Girl Talk, Nov. 10; Psychic TV, Nov. 13, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, www.thecrofoot.com

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

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.
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Mario's of Troy: Expedition, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10, 1477 John R (just south of Maple Road) in Troy, (248) 588-6000.

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Quail, Nov. 15; The High String, Nov. 21; The Redwalls, Nov. 29; 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 858-9333.

Seldom Blues: Kirk Whalum, 5 p.m. (\$80 four-course dinner performance) and 8 p.m. (\$30), Nov. 11, (313) 567-7301 Ext. 112 for dinner performance reservations.

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Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Citizen Jimmy with Jimmy Dore, Nov. 8-10, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

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Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Norm Stulz, Nov. 2-3; Steve Sabo, Nov. 9-10; Frank Roche and Sheila Loveley, Nov. 16-17; Bill Bushart, Nov. 23-24; David Luther Glover, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: Gary George, Nov. 4; Keith Ruff, Nov. 11; Steve Brewer, Nov. 18; Dave Landau, Nov. 25; Bill Bushart, Dec. 2, 2500 Hill Rd. (just west of U.S. 23, Flint, (810) 232-2500.

City Theatre: Comedy series kicks off with Tommy Davidson, Nov. 15-18, followed by Arnez J (Nov.29-Dec. 2) Kevin Hart

(Dec. 13-16) and Earthquake (Dec. 27-30), Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

The Fox Theatre: Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; (248) 433-1515, Ticketmaster.com.

The Palace: Dane Cook's Rough Around the Edges tour, Nov. 24, \$32.50-\$102.50, Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

Second City: Night of the Living Debt, Wednesdays-Sundays, 42705 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-4448 or go to www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS

The Fillmore-Detroit: Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: Sammy Hagar & the Wabos, Nov. 2; Najwa Karam, Wael Kfoury and Fadel Chaker, Nov. 9; Neil Young, Nov. 10; Daryl Hall & John Oates Christmas Tour, Dec. 1; B.B. King, Feb. 16, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

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The Palace: Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds brings his "Playlist Tour" with special guest Ayo, Nov.30, \$20-\$49.50; Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations.

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Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Other Side of Winter, 8 p.m. Dec. 8; NewDanceFest VI, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26; Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see www.ede-dance.org.

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Music Hall of Performing Arts: Mazowsze, Nov. 15-16; Bellydance Superstars, Nov. 17; 350 Madison, Detroit www.musicHall.org, (313) 887-8500.

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The Palace of Auburn Hills: Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com. The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

Jewish Community Center: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, 7 p.m. Nov. 28, 1 and 3 p.m. Dec. 2, Handelman Auditorium, Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield, for information and reservations, call (248) 432-5577, Ext. 7.

The Fox Theatre: Kidz Bop World Tour, 3 and 7 p.m. Nov. 11, kidzbopworldtour.com, for tickets, Ticketmaster.com or call (248) 433-1515.

Walking with Dinosaurs: The Live Experience runs Nov. 14-18, Cobo Arena, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Rochester: Kris Kringle Market, inspired by German Christkindlmarkte, handcrafted gifts, German food and entertainment, noon-8 p.m. Nov. 23 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 24, East University between East and Water streets in downtown Rochester, 248/656-0060 or e-mail rochesterdda@hotmail.com.

Masonic Temple: Modest Mouse, 8 p.m. Dec. 1, OlympiaEntertainment.com, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666.

Macomb Cultural Center: Dennis Hale recounts the disaster of the Morrell, an ore carrier that broke in half and sank in November 1966, 2 p.m. Nov. 3; Cranbrook Institute of Science geologist John Zawiskie presents a fascinating review of underwater and land-based research conducted with the Naval Sea Cadets Corps and the Noble Odyssey Foundation, 1 p.m. Nov. 3; U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary Bob Hanford traces the history of Michigan's oldest lighthouse (Fort Gratiot), 10:30 a.m. Nov. 7; part of Great Lakes, Great Stories: Michigan's Maritime Heritage at the Macomb Cultural Center, Hall and Garfield roads, Clinton Township, admission is free, although pre-registration at (586) 445-7348 is required, www.macombculturalcenter.com.

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PORTUGAL

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are. Still, the performances are worth seeing. Compelling light shows creating mods of abstract esotericism and vivid metal imagery, and guest musicians tend to jump on stage for song or two, Portugal. The Man always keeps things fresh on stage.

At the show expect to hear a selection of new songs from *Church Mouth* as well as songs from the band's 2006 album, *Waiter: You Vultures*.

Band members are John Baldwin Gourley (vocals, guitars, synthesizers, programming), Zachary Scott

brothers (bass, vocals, percussion), and Jason Schrist (drums, congas, percussion, vocals). The band made Billboard this summer at a respectable No. 13 on the Alternative New Artist chart.

The sound on *Church Mouth* is a departure from the drum-machine and sequencer-heavy style on *Waiter: You Vultures*. It centers on political and religious imagery with some funky soul-progressive tones, fused with psychedelic and melody-driven grooves.

Portugal. The Man's unique sound has its roots firmly in front man/songwriter Gourley's unique upbringing. Gourley was raised in a remote log cabin on the outskirts of Wasilla, Alaska that was powered by a generator. His parents were dog sled mushers, and the home didn't even have a telephone. Add in a period of homelessness, a love of science fiction and a desire to make music and Portugal. The Man was formed.

Hear them at myspace.com/portugalthemana.

CLAWSON

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that makes for unique Halloween treats.

Afterward, walk just a few steps west and around the corner to the sexy new store, Romancing the Stones, that sells exotic beads, stones and silver from around the world. Much of the jewelry is then hand-designed at the shop.

Remember this is a Tuesday night. So, after that go back around the corner to the Royal Kubo, the only major Filipino restaurant in the area. Since the sushi probably won't stuff you, try an appetizer like the tiny egg rolls. Then it's karaoke time. Sing a few bars or dance to whoever has the mic at the moment.

BRANDT

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Brandt, of Ferndale, is solid about the style he plays: he doesn't waver on what he likes and isn't looking to reinvent the wheel. Good music is good music, he said, and to him, it's all about harmony — never hard rock other than perhaps Led Zeppelin. His musical lineage influences are strong — which shows in the soulful, relevant songs he creates.

"My style of folk is more like Crosby Stills & Nash folk," Brandt said. "I love The Mamas and the Papas, therefore I love the Byrds...which means I love the Beatles and therefore I love harmony. Put the electric guitar on it, like Neil Young, and it's amazing. Bob Dylan is a major influence, the day I heard Dylan that was it."

Then top the evening with the highlight: a beer and Latin jazz music at the Black Lotus Brewing Company.

The band Blackman Arnold performs there from 8-11 p.m. every Tuesday.

The skilled guitarists take audiences to faraway lands of Spain, West Africa, Armenia, South America and the Middle East — all through sweet sounds. Each week, other world musicians join them on stage from places like Senegal and France.

The Black Lotus is one of guitarist Sean Blackman's favorite places.

"It's a neutral atmosphere. Casual. Smoke free. It's not a pretentious crowd," Blackman said. "Strangers end up sharing the same tables ... they brew delicious beer and have great taste in music and design."

Ask anyone who has made music their world to recall important musical moments of their life, and most have an answer.

"I was 12 years old riding in the family station wagon - with the fake wood-siding - it was the American car then as the minivan is now - about 1966. *California Dreamin'* was on the radio and it went right into *Mr. Tambourine Man*...from there, nothing else mattered. I was a huge sports fan and literally stopped overnight. I got a guitar."

He started to play and tell stories through song. And he was good at it.

Brandt played for years, took a 10 year hiatus to tend his father's scrap metal business and said he may have never returned to music had it not been for popular singer/songwriter Jill Jack who pulled him back on stage.

The band's Brazilian/Latin Jazz sound works well there.

"From the design of the room to the location of the stage and a crowd that comes to have fun and listen to the music ... I think Clawson in general is making leaps and bounds as far as drawing in people from other cities, too," Blackman said.

The Black Lotus is packed on Tuesday nights. If there are no tables, just gather around the friendly bar. Beers include an oatmeal stout, light lager, German Pilsener, American ambers and red ales. This is the place hipster beer-lovers are raving about online.

And if you're a social smoker, head to Tirana Cafe for a cup of coffee.

If there's a crowd the cafe stays open late.

Today he plays about 200 shows a year. Most with Grievous Angel (whose name is a reference to Gram Parsons) and the rest with Jill Jack and as a solo artist. He's also managed bands, like the Red Sea.

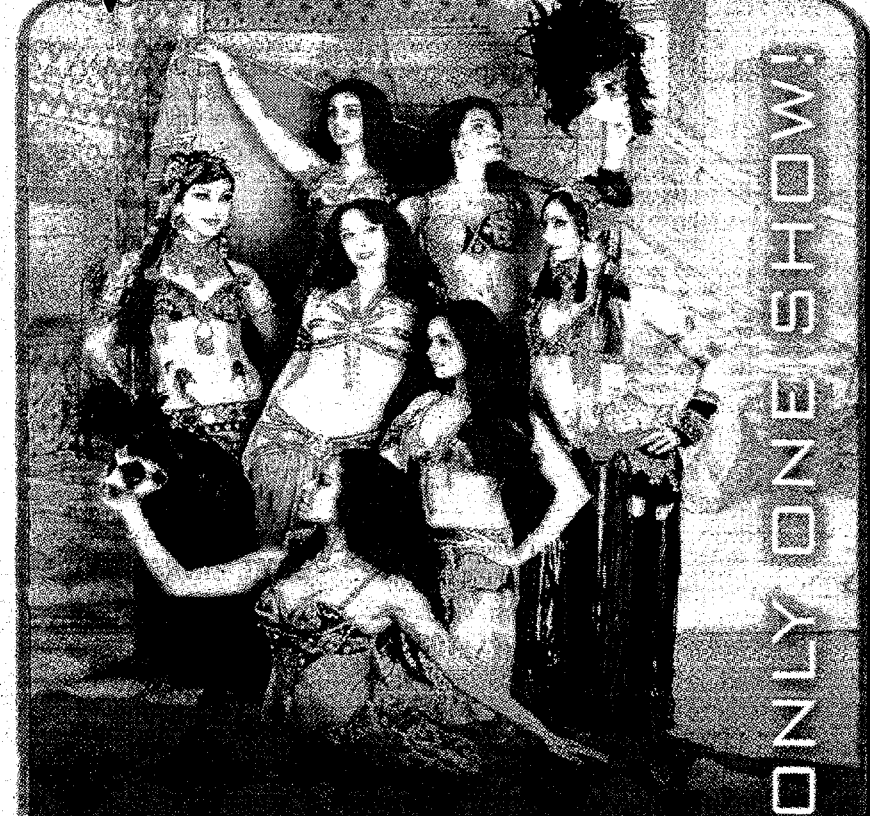
Brandt performs regularly at Memphis Smoke and Trinity House in Ann Arbor. He's also part of a new trend where he plays house parties. Think of a dinner party with wine and live music - a trend that actually was popular in 19th and 20th century France.

His audience is wide - from 18 to 60, or anyone who loves folk or Americana.

"This CD is some of the best music we've ever played," Brandt said. "It doesn't get watered down...it's doesn't look like a bunch of old people playing. Kids see it and say: this crew of people are real."

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Sam Riley plays singer Ian Curtis in the film 'Control.'

'Control' shows side of Ian Curtis, Joy Division that fans never saw

BY LANA MINI
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life.

Control is directed by popular photographer Anton Corbijn, who knew the band. It's written by Curtis' wife Deborah and Matt Greenhalgh and received support from the surviving members of the band.



Be clear on this: *Control* is a film about the life and suicide of singer/writer Ian Curtis. The music he created with his band Joy Division is secondary here.

If you're looking for a Joy Division film, rent *24 Hour Party People*.

Joy Division fans and those who are musically aware, will understand and love *Control*. The English 1970s quartet (biggest hit was *Love Will Tear Us Apart*) was a band that still influences huge names like U2, Radiohead, Jane's Addiction, The Cure, Bauhaus, She Wants Revenge and every goth band that has ever played a lick.

There would be no emo-kids without Joy Division — which later evolved into the band New Order.

That settled, the film is extremely fair in portraying the key players in Curtis'

Control stars Samantha Morton as Deborah Curtis, Sam Riley as Ian and Alexandra Maria Lara as his girlfriend Annik Honoré. It's shot in black-and-white for a few reasons: to show the bleak life of a poor Northern England city, because every Joy Division fan knows there are few photographs of the band in color and because Corbijn shot it in color and didn't like the results.

Joy Division seemingly started and ended as fast as the Sex Pistols, and played the same clubs as the Pistols and Buzzcocks. The band was on its way to becoming as big as The Clash until everything ended: Curtis committed suicide at

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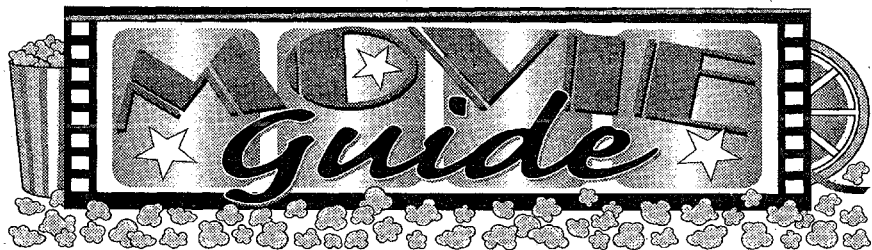
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the age of 23, just two days before they were supposed to begin their first U.S. Tour.

Curtis suffered severe epilepsy, married his wife Debbie when he was in his teens, quickly had a baby girl, found his band quickly rising, suffered medication side effects and seizures while performing on stage, fell in love — deeply in love — with a Dutch woman named Annik and found himself torn between the responsibilities of family life, leading a band, loving two women for different reasons, and suffering an intense medical condition.

It was all too much for the young man who

hung himself in the kitchen of his tiny home.

Perhaps the most moving part of *Control* is that Deborah Curtis was not portrayed as a scorned woman and the girlfriend as the home wrecker. Rather, Honoré is portrayed with respect as a human being whom Curtis dearly loved. No one is innocent and no one guilty — yet they were all young, which gives them purity. And the film leaves the viewer wondering, if Curtis suffered a chemical imbalance that caused his depression; or if he was, rather, a young man whose life's events were just too dramatic for someone so young — maybe time could have healed.

Control is now playing at the Maple Art, 4135 West Maple Rd. (on the southwest corner of Telegraph), in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 263-2111.

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This love-triangle romance that plays out among Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche and Dane Cook during a family reunion is a surprisingly plain, sappy, even insipid comedy considering the filmmaker behind it. Director and co-writer Peter Hedges made a wonderful film debut with another family reunion tale, 2003's indie charmer *Pieces of April*. While the family there was truly messed up yet utterly endearing, the "Dan" clan is boring to the point of aggravation. Carell plays a widower with three daughters who falls for a woman (Binoche) he meets while running an errand during a reunion with his parents and siblings. But she turns out to be the new girlfriend of his brother (Cook). With a heavy dose of sitcom artifice and gooey melodrama, the movie becomes toilsome. Two stars out of four.

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