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Transcending technology

Embracing new formats keeps library relevant

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When 8-year-old Mara Sinicola visits the Plymouth District Library, she heads for the Junie B. Jones and Saddle Club books. Her brother, 5-year-old Joey, also knows exactly what he's after.

"My favorite in the whole library is dinosaurs," said Joey. "I like them because they fight other dinos. The ones I like most are plant eaters."

Their mother, Sheri Fisher-Sinicola, 37, of Plymouth, said she uses the library for all kinds of activities for her kids.

"We've done the computer games on occasion and sometimes the crafts," said Fisher-Sinicola. "We used to participate in the storytime when they were little."

"When it's time to renew the books we come back and take more books out," she said. "I like to read a lot, so I use the computer for renewals."

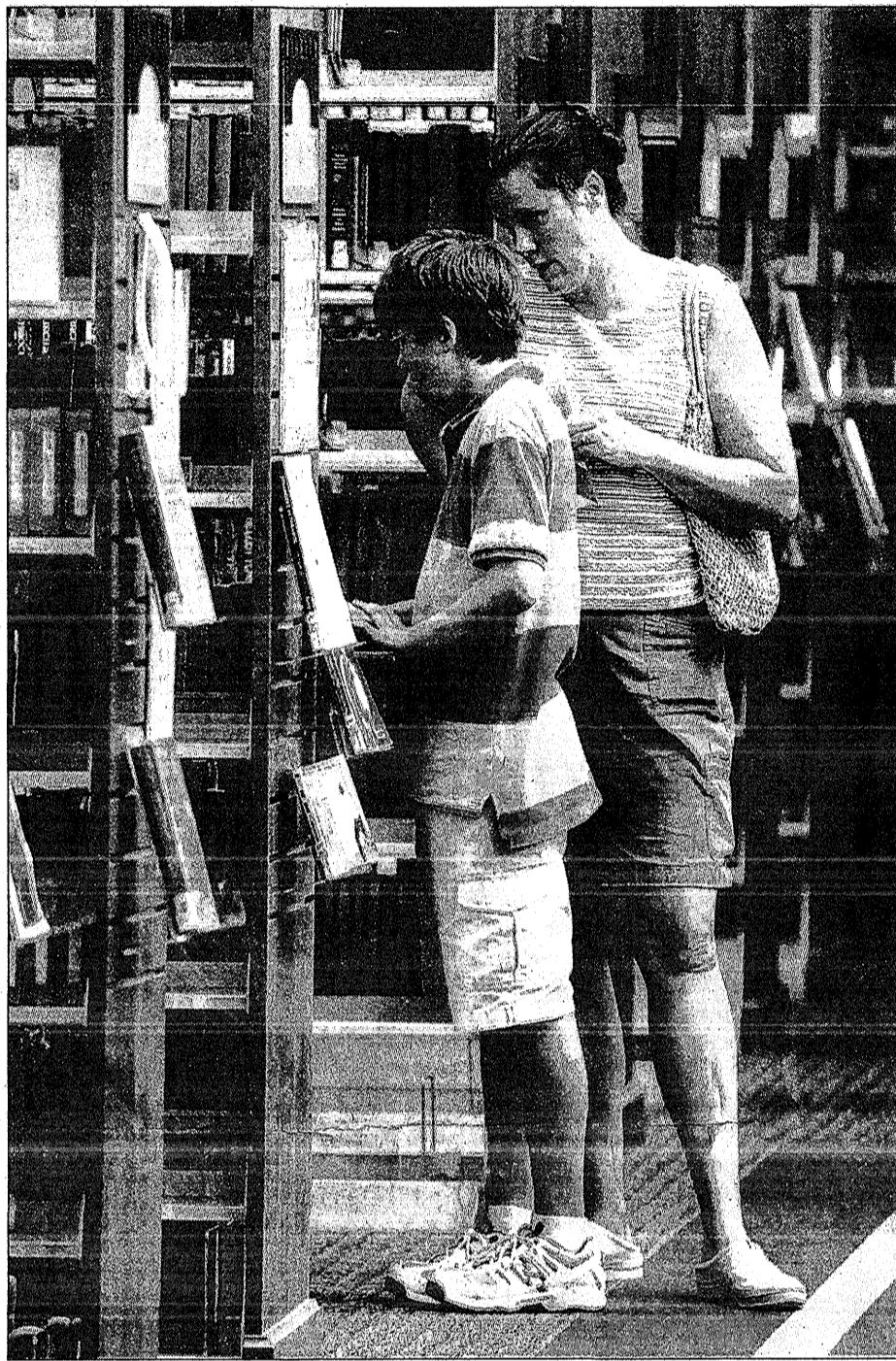
Requesting books online is just one of the many patron-friendly services of the Plymouth District Library, which has had to transform itself — like most libraries — to remain relevant.

OLD AND NEW

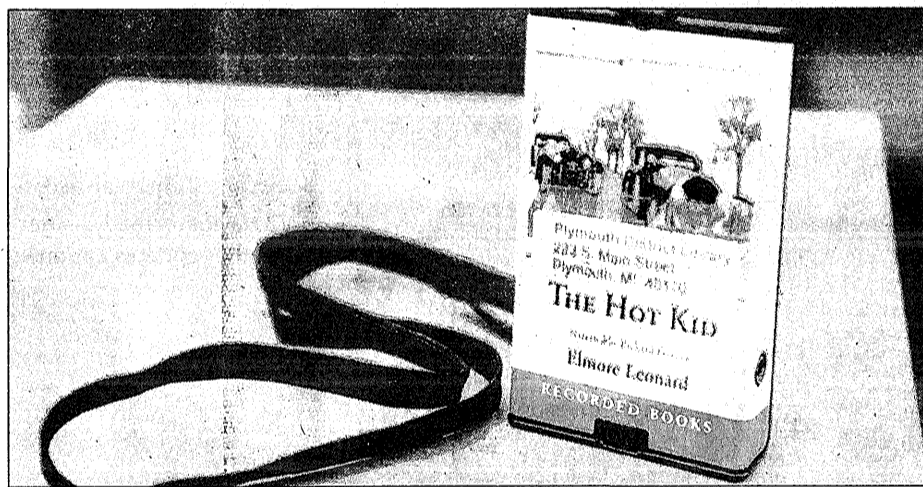
"More and more we're combining new technologies with the traditional aspect of a book, such as requesting them online," said Susan Stoney, public relations director for the library. "We've had parents of young children request 10-15 books online and they are ready for them when they come in the next day to pick them up. If we don't have the book, we can get it through a new Michigan electronic library system from all over the state."

The fear years ago — when the Internet became accessible for most people — was libraries would themselves become dinosaurs. However, quite the opposite has occurred as

Please see LIBRARY, A4



Truth Otto, 11, and his mother Colleen Otto, search the database at the Plymouth District Library.



New at the library are dedicated MP3 players that contain one book and have simple controls.

Plymouth-Canton juniors top state merit exam scores

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton 11th-graders continue to perform much better on the Michigan Merit Exam than their counterparts statewide, with improvements coming at a faster rate than students across Michigan.

Results released Thursday indicate students at all four high schools — Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Starkweather who took the test last year and are now seniors — recorded improvements in reading, writing, English-language arts, math and science. Statewide, scores increased slightly in most areas of the MME. In social studies, students statewide showed a 3-percent decrease in social studies proficiency, while Plymouth-Canton students were down 1 percent.

"We attribute the improved scores to the effort of students and the skills they demonstrate, a great job in the classroom by our teachers and support from the community," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

This is the second year of the Michigan Merit Exam, which was designed to determine how well-prepared students are for college. The exam consists of the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and math; Michigan tests in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing; and the ACT college entrance exam.

The scores indicate the percentage of students who scored in the top two performance levels, Advanced and Proficient. Those who place in the Partially Proficient or Not Proficient levels are considered "not proficient."

The Class of 2009 took the MME as juniors in March. Completing the MME qualifies students for a \$4,000 Michigan Promise

HOW STUDENTS FARED

	2008	
	State	PCCS
Reading	62	77
Writing	41	62
ELA	52	71
Math	46	71
Science	57	76
Social studies	80	91
	2007	
	State	PCCS
Reading	60	73
Writing	40	57
ELA	51	67
Math	46	69
Science	56	73
Social studies	83	92

Scholarship from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The test also gives college-bound students a free ACT score, while the WorkKeys score including reading and applied mathematics can be used for employability skills.

Plymouth-Canton juniors received a composite ACT score of 21.7, compared to 21.4 last year. The composite ACT score statewide remained at 18.8.

"The MME, with the inclusion of the ACT, is a rigorous test and all students have to be prepared with the knowledge to excel," said Mike Flanagan, state superintendent of public instruction. "As the requirements of the new high school curriculum continue to be implemented, we expect to see students' scores improve."

While Plymouth-Canton scores continue to be higher than the state average, they still need to get better to comply with federal regulations.

"Our goal is to reach 100 percent by 2014, which is the national expectation by the (federal) No Child Left Behind Act," said Bender. "We take our responsibility very seriously to serve all learners, and we'll continue to try our best."

New sirens signal high-tech warning system

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township officials are taking the first step toward what could be a Wayne County-wide emergency warning system by replacing its old civil defense system with a newer, high-tech version designed to warn residents of impending emergencies ranging from approaching storms to terrorist attacks.

Using money obtained through a federal Homeland Security grant, the township is in the process of replacing seven aging and worn sirens and upgrading the control panel for an eighth.

When the system is replaced — officials hope in some two weeks — the entire

community will benefit from a system with wider range.

"It's a much better coverage of the community," said Mark Wendel, acting chief of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. "The old system is 25 years old and was constantly breaking down. It just didn't work."

The \$175,000 cost is being paid out of Homeland Security money Wendel said has been available for a couple of years, but "it took this long to get everything in place to get the project started."

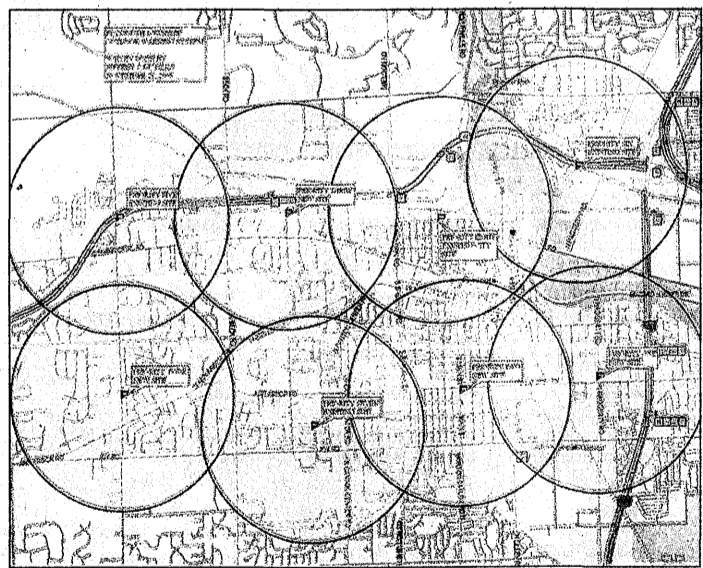
Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the planning team charged with spending 2005-06 Homeland Security dollars, after cutting through some initial red tape, decided it made more sense to include as many communi-

ties as possible, including some that didn't even have such a system.

The committee determined there would be enough money for everyone if they combined two years' worth of grant money.

"If you're going to use Homeland Security money, the more communities you can get involved, the easier it is to justify," Reaume said. "We shepherded it through the Wayne County Emergency Management Team, then through the Wayne County Commission."

Wendel said as of this week some new sirens had been installed, and hoped the rest of the system would come on line in about two weeks. Once it's up and running, the system itself will let dispatchers know whether it's working.



Fire officials say the new emergency warning system will provide better coverage to the entire Plymouth community.

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Dream Cruisers gear up for new events

CORRECTION

The chart accompanying the *Observer's* election coverage in the Aug. 7 *Plymouth Observer* should have reflected 1,770 votes for Plymouth Township Clerk candidate Mary Ann Prchlik.

KNOW THE SCORE
check out the numbers in today's **SPORTS** section

Hearing delayed as lawyers try to reach deal

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Koet

Elizabeth Ann Koet's preliminary exam was postponed Friday to give her attorney a chance to meet with officials from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office regarding the negligent homicide charge against the 17-year-old Plymouth girl.

Koet, who is represented by Mount Clemens attorney

Michael Cherry, has been charged with the two-year misdemeanor for her involvement in the April 22 crash that killed motorcyclist Diane Arlene Eickmeyer, 48.

At Friday's hearing in 35th District Court, Assistant

Prosecutor Carol Murray requested that Judge John E. MacDonald reschedule Koet's exam to Aug. 29 because Cherry wanted to meet with her superiors to "see if an agreement can be reached."

"I'm not sure what we are going to do yet," Cherry said after the hearing, noting that Murray had no authority to discuss a deal. "I want to explore reducing the charge."

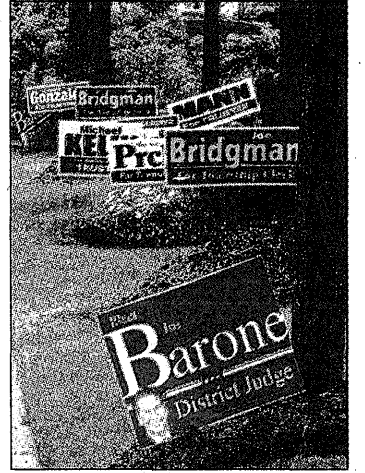
Eickmeyer of Gregory,

Mich., came in contact with Koet's minivan as the teen, who was traveling south on Ridge Road, attempted to cross Ford Road. Police have said neither speeding, drugs nor alcohol were factors in the collision.

Eickmeyer died of her injuries April 25.

Koet remains released on a \$5,000 personal bond.

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Political signs like these along Ann Arbor Road will be subjected to new size requirements in the City of Plymouth following the Nov. 4 general election.

City slashes sign sizes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners voted to reduce the size of political signs by half beginning Nov. 5, the day after the general election.

"Most recently we have seen signs for judicial candidates popping up in the city at a size significantly larger than what is currently allowed and we would anticipate that this trend from these candidates will continue," said City Manager Paul Sincok. "Administratively, we do not endorse the concept of negatively impacting our local civic organizations in order to prevent Plymouth from becoming more like a neighboring community (Livonia) where huge political signs are placed all over that city."

The old ordinance allowed political signs of 8 square feet. The new ordinance will reduce that in half to 4 square feet. Commissioners put off the effective date of the new ordinance until after the November election to avoid changes during the current election cycle, thereby avoiding any possible lawsuits.

The new sign ordinance not only affects political signs, but also the temporary signs used by civic groups to announce such events as the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, the Plymouth Rotary chicken dinner and Plymouth Historical Museum events.

"I'm more concerned about the hurtful effect it will have on civic clubs because they do contribute so much to the life of the community," said Commissioner Mike Wright of the new ordinance. "I don't understand why we would want to impose a burden on them."

City officials were forced to tighten the sign ordinance language following an October 2006 complaint from the ACLU when the city attempted to force a homeowner to take down a billboard-size political sign on Sheldon supporting Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Commissioner Stella Greene called political signs in Plymouth "a sacrilege."

"If there was any way I could eliminate political signs altogether I would do it in a heartbeat," said Greene. "However much money you have to buy bigger, better, slicker signs shouldn't be the determination whether or not you are elected in this community."

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City manager gets 3 percent pay hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission has given City Manager Paul Sincok a 3-percent raise, retroactive to July 1.

Sincok's pay will increase by \$2,923 to an annual salary of \$100,371. His contract also includes five weeks' vacation.

"We gave Paul the raise based on his outstanding work for the city of Plymouth," said Mayor Phil Pursell. "I don't think we'd have the quality of life we do if it wasn't for guys like Paul Sincok."

"He's done a lot of consolidating at City Hall, working with as few people as he can possibly work with," he said. "We've gone from 105 full-time positions to 42 full-time. And, a lot of them do double duty and have a lot of responsibilities."

Sincok's salary increase is consistent with those given both union and non-union personnel effective July 1.

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Wine/dinner events

Station 885 presents its 2008 Event & Wine Dinner Schedule beginning with the season-opening event, "Caribbean Wine Dinner," 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

The evening will feature food specialties from the Caribbean and will be pairing each course with hand-selected wines. The cost is \$30, and a limited number of tickets are available.

Other events on the schedule: Aug. 24, Pig Roast; Sept. 5, Fall Taste Fest; Sept. 16, Western Style BBQ Dinner; Oct. 3, October Fest with Sam Adams; Oct. 14, Michigan Harvest Dinner; and Nov. 11, Titanic Menu Dinner.

Tickets can be purchased over the phone or on a first-come, first-served basis. Station 885 is located on Starkweather in Old Village. For more information, call (734) 459-0885.

Studio tour

Room Revisions announces its grand opening studio tour, a fun-filled evening of "Wine & Interior Design," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

Room Revisions is located at 15095 Northville Road in Plymouth. To RSVP or for more information, call Michele Gonzalez, (734) 516-0746.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society host its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show, which runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features food and drawings, is expected to draw some 1,500 customers.

Crafters interested in the show should call Sandy Downs, (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET

Riverside tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network offer a walking tour of Riverside Cemetery 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 16.



Cell phones for the troops

Vietnam Veterans Post 528 member Bob Lamoureux (from left), Sharon and Brian Metzger of Canton and Lynn Dery from REMAX Classic of Canton display some of the more than 100 cell phones the post and REMAX have collected as part of an effort to provide our troops overseas with free calling cards. For every cell phone that is turned in they are able to provide the calling cards to the troops. They will be collecting cell phones at the Vietnam Veterans car shows Wednesdays at 1426 S. Mill Street in Plymouth. In addition, Dery will be at the Aug. 23 car show at the UAW HALL on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Also the post is accepting old American flags that need to be retired, and will replace them with new flags (while supplies last). For more information, contact Gary at (734) 459-6700.

Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society President Emeritus, guides participants through the public cemetery in Plymouth. Burr will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Society, \$15 per person for non-members, with a limit of 25 people on tour.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal or Google Checkout at: www.plymouth-history.org/Events.html

Charity golf

North Brothers Ford hosts its 19th-annual charity golf event at Fox Hills Golf Center in Plymouth Tuesday, Aug. 12.

In the past 18 years, this golf outing has provided more than \$300,000 for local charities and organizations. This year, all proceeds are going to Wayne County Family Center, Westland Youth Assistance, YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, and the Royal Oak Salvation Army.

For more information, call (734) 524-1243.

Citizen police academy

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts its seventh Citizens Police Academy beginning Sept. 10. The 11-week program offers residents and businesses a first-hand look into the law enforcement operations of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Participants meet 7-10 p.m. each Wednesday at Plymouth Township hall. There is no charge for the program; however, application and acceptance to the program are required. Students must be 18 years old to participate.

Deadline for applications is Aug. 17, and class size is limited.

Applications can be obtained at the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 Haggerty, or by calling (734) 354-3232. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Plymouth Township Web site at www.plymouth-twp.org under the heading "Forms." For more information on the program, contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

Exhibitors wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters is hosting

its Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by Sept. 1. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 6,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be

food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Bilingual childrens' event

Join Bilingual Fun for a morning of stories, music, dancing, and fun activities 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Borders Books and Music in Canton.

Children of all ages will be exposed to the Spanish language at this upbeat and interactive story time. Admission is free, no registration required. Contact info@bilingualfun.com or visit www.bilingualfun.com for more information.

Internet workshop

Learn strategies and techniques to raise your Google rankings and increase traffic to your Web site during an interactive workshop 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 19, (networking begins at 5:30 p.m.) at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Internet marketing expert

Corey Perlman will discuss low-cost strategies such as using eNewsletters, press releases and blogs to create more buzz about your business and bring more visitors through your door. This workshop will be conducted in a simple, easy-to-understand presentation that Perlman promises to be fun, entertaining and extremely beneficial to your business.

Before creating the Small Business eBoot Camp, Perlman spent three years with the e-Commerce division of General Motors where he visited 37 cities throughout the country providing one-day seminars to GM dealership personnel. He left GM in 2002 to help build an internet start-up, InfoAlly.com, which was recently acquired in 2005.

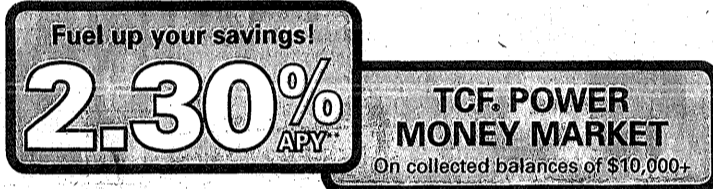
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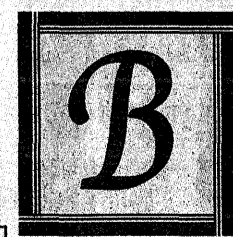
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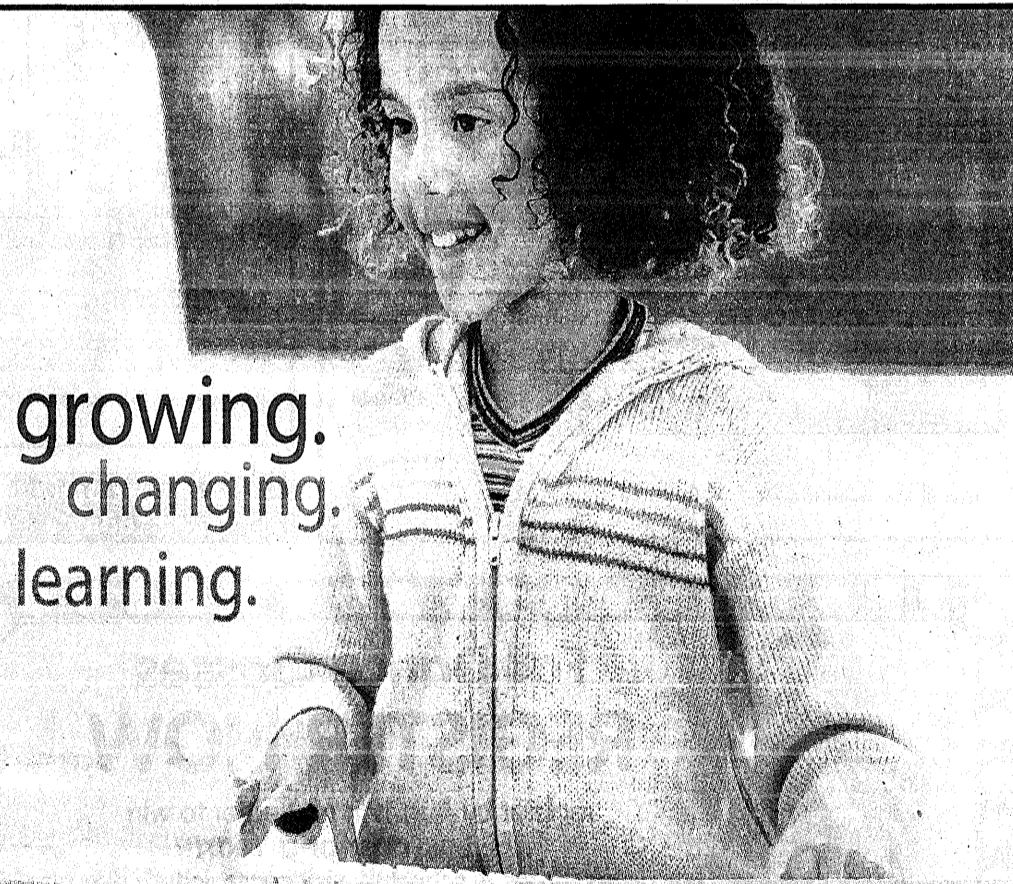
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LIBRARY

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librarians have embraced the electronic age. Computers have become commonplace as part of a library's offerings, with the PDL providing 68 computers for patrons, including eight game computers in the youth area.

Audio books, Mp3 players, music CDs and movie DVDs have also become staples.

"We have a palm-size Mp3 player that can hang around your neck," said Stony. "It's not complicated. You can stop it anytime, and when you pick it up the next time it starts where you left off. All you need to provide are the headphones."

around the world eight times since this library was built 10 years ago," said Stony.

DIRECTOR'S VIEW

Pat Thomas, who has been the director since 1979, said she's not surprised about the changes. In fact, she remembers fighting to get paperbacks into circulation.

"Old-time librarians said they didn't have a place in the library," remembered Thomas. "Then the quality books, like Hemingway and the classics, started coming in paperbacks and I said 'Why not?'"

While the so-called "new media" have gained in popularity, books are still king.

"The majority of library activity still centers around books," said Stony. "In June, we checked out 56,000 books compared to 35,650 electronic

offerings. "We currently have 1,600 young people registered for our summer reading programs, which is consistent with participation from previous years, and our adult summer reading is up," she said. "The idea that print is dead ... no way."

June checkouts at the Plymouth library were up almost 14 percent from June 2007.

"That puts us at 505,119 for the first six months of the year," said Stony. "This may be our first one million check-out year." Stony added Book Club Kits have become quite popular.

"It used to be that book club members scrambled to find a copy at the library or had to go buy it," Stony said. "Now, we have a kit with 10 copies of a book. It can be checked

out, everyone in the club can have a copy and it doesn't have to be returned for a couple of months. There's also a folder with information on the author and discussion questions."

There are also the used books for sale at the Plymouth District Library — \$1 for hardcover, 50 cents for a paperback.

Arthur Remy of Plymouth Township patronizes the Plymouth District Library, and finds himself mainly visiting the movie section.

"Sometimes I'll get a book, but most times I come just for the free movies," said Remy, 77. "You have to pay \$4.69 at the movie store. I come to look at the one-day section and see what they've got."

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Mara Sinacola, 8, and brother Joey, 5, selected a pile of books and games. The table tops in this area of the library are covered with paper and crayons are supplied, to encourage kids' creative instincts.

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 25, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LAND USE IN SECTION 11.02B.3 AND 6.02U. FOR PARCEL NOS. 062 99 0025 701 AND 062 99 0027 000 (PART OF). Property is located north of Saltz and west of Beck Rados.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 22, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chariman

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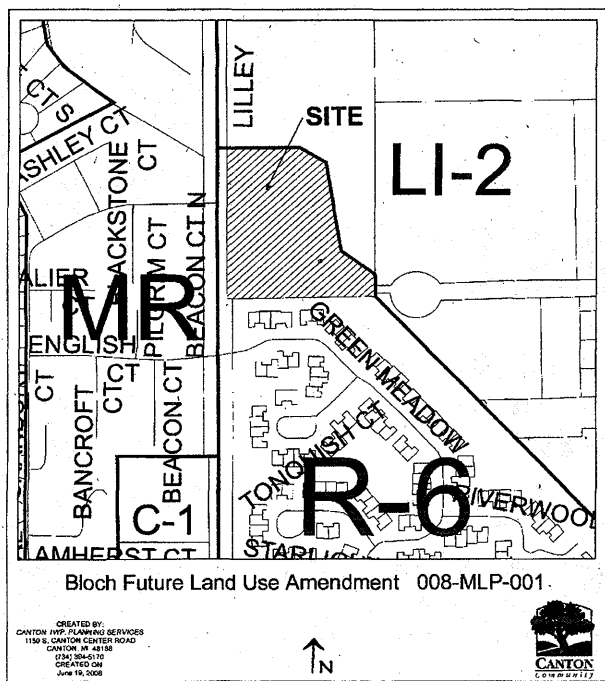
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 8, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

BLOCH FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO OFFICERESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO.008 99 0001 707. Property is located north of Warren Road and east of Lilley Road.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman



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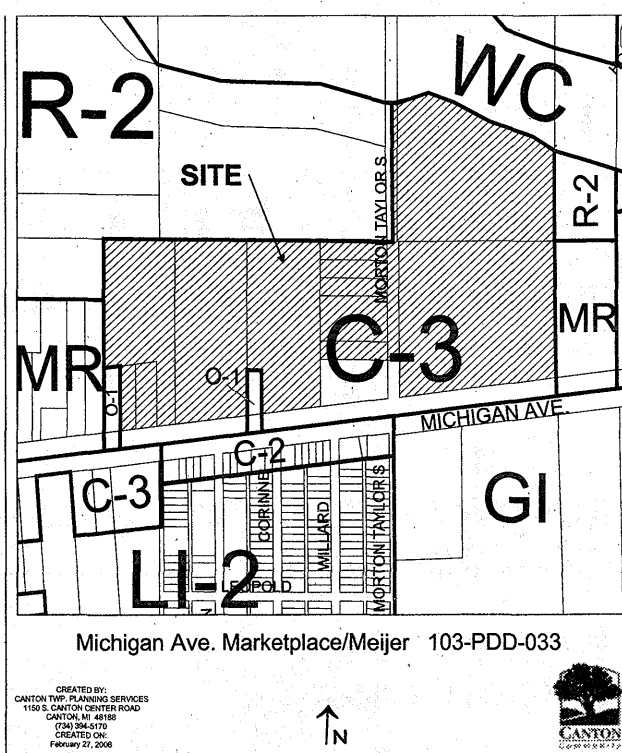
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MICHIGAN AVENUE MARKETPLACE/MEIJER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 103 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 001, 133 99 0001 002, 133 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 004 (3650 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0002 000 (3700 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0004 000 (43600 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0006 000, 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0008 000 (43780 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0009 000 (43800 MICHIGAN AVE.) AND 138 99 0004 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Lilley Roads.

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Health care firm aims to keep patients in own house

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Brett Melnick was working in information technology for Ford Motor Company, he helped a friend returning from out-of-state find an IT job.

From that humble beginning grew Melnick's first company, Cybertech.

Two years later, when his office manager had a friend who did medical staffing who was losing her job, Melnick met with the friend and hired her to do medical staffing out of Cybertech.

From that humble beginning grew another Melnick creation, WellsBrooke Premium Home Health Care.

And, while the beginnings may have been humble - Melnick started in his dining room - the results have been anything but. WellsBrooke, started almost as an afterthought to Cybertech, is now Melnick's biggest company, employing more than 300 people with regional offices in East Lansing and Perrysburg, Ohio.

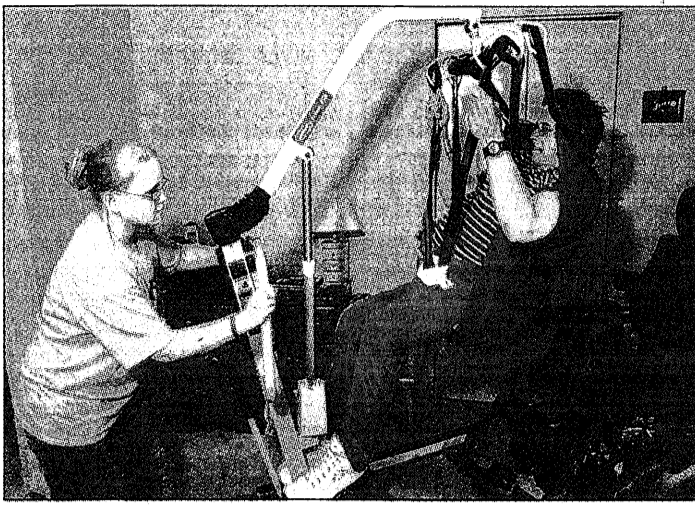
WellsBrooke provides in-home health care services ranging from a two-hour bath visit to 24/7 care.

"The population is aging, and it's a need that's there," said Melnick, who founded Cybertech in 1995 and WellsBrooke in 1997. "People want to stay in their homes. We've got a lot of quality programs that allow them to do that."

Among the services WellsBrooke arranges are in-home companions, nursing, physical and occupational therapy and basic wound care.

That's in addition to CyberTech, which provides IT and engineering staffing for larger corporations, generally on six-month or one-year contracts. When he started, Melnick brought in a nurse to help with the home health-care portion, which he said has grown some 30 percent over the last couple of years.

"We do a lot of auto and workman's-comp catastrophic



Jennifer Patterson helps client Larry K. Moyer into his wheelchair. Patterson works with Moyer three days per week.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Owner Brett Melnick and executive director Cheryl Nagle have been running WellsBrooke since 1997.

injuries," said Melnick, who owns a bachelor's degree in IT and a master's in finance, both from the University of Michigan. "My expertise is in growing a business."

Like other businesses, Cybertech, the IT job-finding arm of Melnick's empire, has been the victim of a tough economy the last few years. While it has maintained, it hasn't seen much growth. On the other hand, his newest company, IndeQuest - a nurse care management firm - has seen as much as 50-percent growth in the last 12 months.

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In the meantime, Melnick has focused on WellsBrooke. "It's been a struggle," Melnick said. "If you have three companies, you tend to focus on the growth industries more."

That's fine with Cheryl Nagle, WellsBrooke's executive director and the woman who got Melnick into home health care staffing 11 years ago in the first place. A licensed practical nurse with 25 years' experience in hospitals, nursing homes and the health care industry, Nagle joined the company in January 1998.

"The heart of what we like to do is the home health care," Nagle said. "People do better at home, they feel better when they can stay in their homes. I knew with the philosophies we could take care of people. We take care of people the way you'd want your family members taken care of."

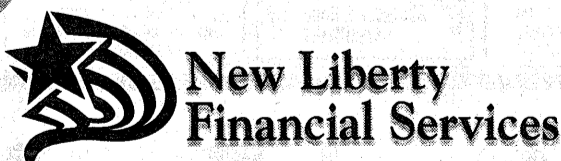
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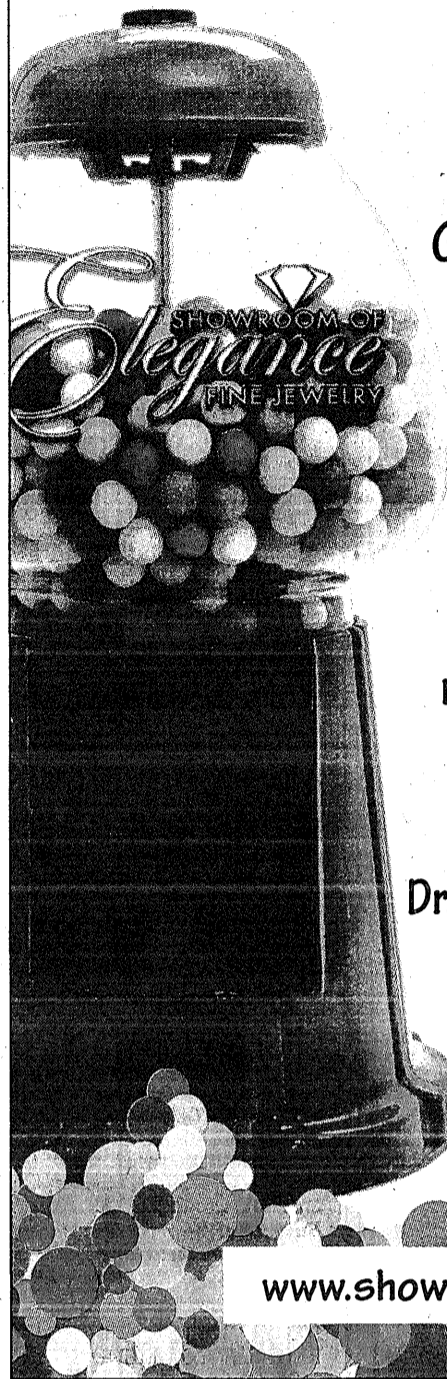
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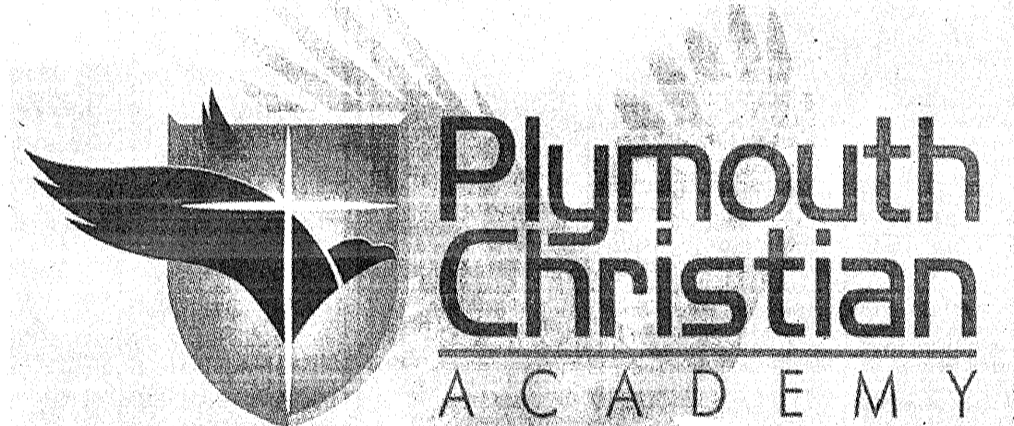
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'8th Wonder' of the theater world

New production company to debut with upbeat 'Joseph'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a giant 'King' sign glowing behind him, Phil Simmons said it's only fitting that *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* serve as the first production of the newly-formed 8th Wonder Theatre company.

"Joseph really has something for everyone," said Simmons of Ypsilanti, who runs the Ann Arbor-based company with Ryan Lewis and Brian Carbin.

Joseph is one of the few musicals that appeals to audience members of all ages."

Simmons and Lewis, both professors at Eastern Michigan University, joked about the wide range of personalities depicted in the popular play, which relays the Biblical saga of Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers and eventually reunited with his family.

"There's a little Elizabeth Taylor, a little country music,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Phil Simmons (left) and Ryan Lewis will present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Elvis and Barack Obama. If you don't like a number, just wait a minute," Simmons said, while Lewis added, "It's like the weather in Michigan, it keeps changing."

The play opens Friday with an 8 p.m. show at The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

The production has a cast of 23 actors and a 16-member

children's choir from an Ypsilanti elementary school and 15 crew members.

With this being his eighth production of Joseph, Simmons, who has toured internationally, said he never tires of the production.

"Even if you are in a really bad mood or have had a tough day, you can't help but smile," he said.

Lewis applauded the talents and dedication of those participating in the production, which includes students from EMU, the University of Michigan, Penn State University, Michigan State University, Grand Blanc High School and Oakland University, and said he hopes 8th Wonder will be able to expand next summer.

"We want to be a professional company for summer stock work," he said. "We've gotten pretty good feedback on people that are happy and pumped up about us bringing this to the area. A lot of things focus on younger and older (actors) but the in-between has been lacking."

For more information on 8th Wonder, visit www.8thwondertheatre.com. To purchase tickets for the show, log on to www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5300.

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ON STAGE



Guy Louis takes to the stage for his second and final appearance as part of the Music in the Park "kiddie concert" series in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Wednesday at noon.

Music in the Park

The Music in the Park "kiddie" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by major sponsor McCully's Educational Resource Center, Main Street Bank, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, takes to the Kellogg Park stage Wednesdays at noon.

The schedule:
■ Aug. 13 - Guy Louis,

Chautauqua Express

■ Aug. 20 - Matt Watroba & Friends

Music in the Air

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

■ Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band
■ Aug. 22: Fifty Amp Fuse
■ Aug. 29: Lady Sunshine and the X Band

Plymouth Fall Festival seeks crafters and cars for show

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 5-7.

Once again, the craft show will be on Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

CAR SHOW

Registrations are also being taken for the annual Antique Car show (1978 and older) that takes place during the Fall Festival (Sept. 6-7). This year, festival officials are bringing back the pre-registration cruise night Friday, Sept. 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

Registration before Sept. 5 will be \$10 for one day or \$15 for two days. Door prizes

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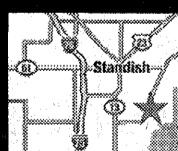
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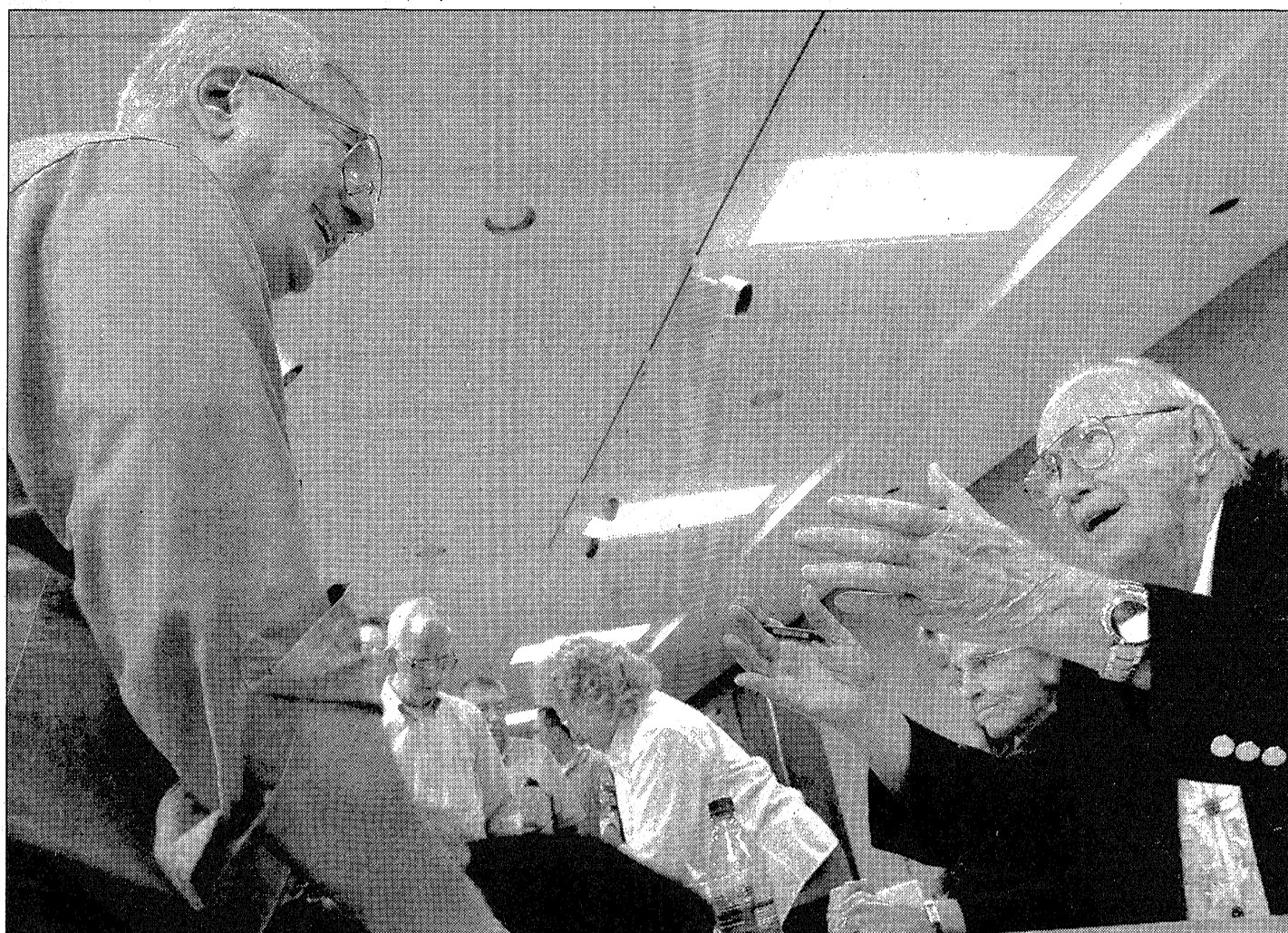
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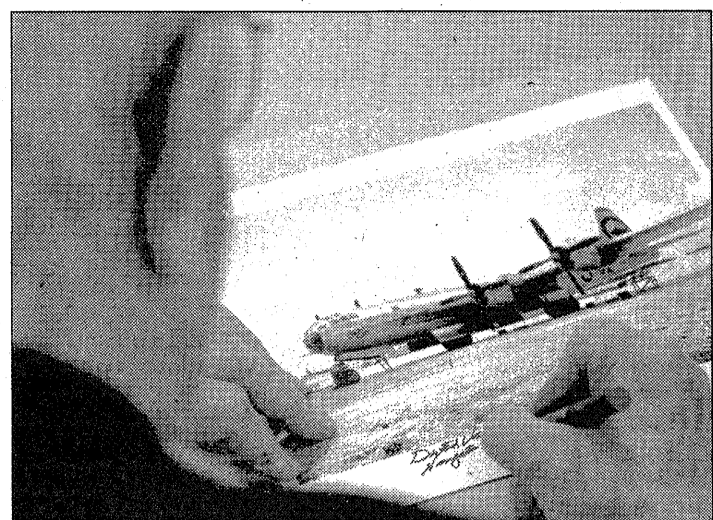
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Michael Robins of Livonia talks with Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, after Van Kirk signed a book for him during a signing and presentation Wednesday, the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

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Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, signs a photograph of the airplane he and his crewmates flew to drop the first atomic bomb.

Enola Gay

Last survivor of A-bomb mission shares memories

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"It was the easiest mission that I ever flew in my life."

That's how 87-year-old Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk remembers the historic flight of the Enola Gay to drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945.

Van Kirk, the last surviving member of the Enola Gay crew, shared his memories Wednesday with an audience of 300 at the Costick Activities Center. His visit on the 63rd anniversary of the event was sponsored by Southeast Michigan Mensa.

"This was a rare opportunity to hear firsthand from a man who personally participated in

changing the course of history," said Harley Berger, Mensa vice president, who organized the visit.

Van Kirk, the aircraft's navigator, became the last survivor of the historic mission following the death last fall of Paul Tibbets, the Enola Gay's commander.

While Van Kirk remembers the mission as easy, he also remembers how anxious crew members were the night before they dropped the 9,400-pound bomb. They worried about how quickly they could fly away from the site without being destroyed in the process.

"The scientists told us, 'We think the airplane will be OK if you are nine miles away when the bomb exploded.' Some people said five miles, 10 miles, 15 miles away. Some people said that you couldn't get far enough away," Van Kirk said.

But everything went according to plan.

"The weather that day was perfect. I could see the coast of Japan from 100 miles away," he said.

The bomb destroyed 69 percent of the city.

"The city was covered with thick, black smoke," Van Kirk said.

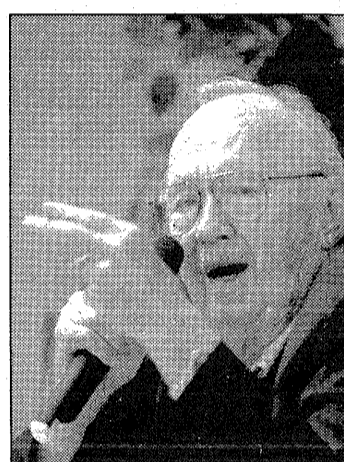
Three days later, the United States dropped another atom bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. In Hiroshima, 140,000 people were killed, in Nagasaki, 80,000. The missions are credited with bringing a quick end to the war in the Pacific and World War II.

Starting in 1942, Van Kirk flew 58 B-17 missions from England and in North Africa with the 97th Bomber Group, before returning to the United States in 1944 for additional training.

He was then assigned as group navigator of the 509th Composite Group and began training for atom bomb delivery.

In June 1945, the group moved overseas to the Pacific Island of Tinian in the Marianas chain.

Following the war, Van Kirk participated in the first Bikini Atoll atomic bomb tests and, in August 1946, having



Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, navigator on the Enola Gay, talks about being a part of the mission to drop the first atomic bomb.

reached the rank of major, Van Kirk returned to civilian life.

Among his decorations are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 14 oak leaf clusters, plus many theater awards.

He went back to his long-delayed college career, earning both a bachelor of science and master of science degrees in chemical engineering at Bucknell University. After 35 years with a major chemical company, he retired in 1985.

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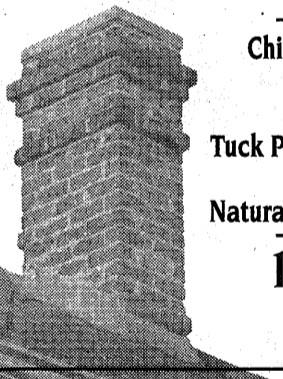


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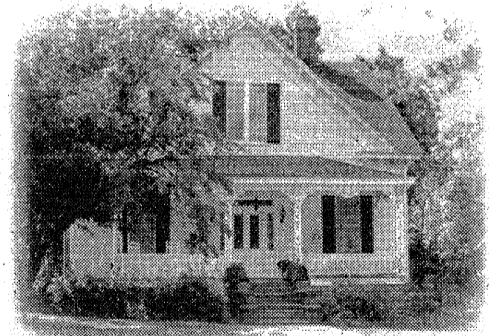
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Seniors going for gold at Olympics

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Beijing isn't the only place to earn an Olympic medal this summer.

In all, 566 senior citizens are preparing to compete in the 2008 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, with opening ceremonies set for the morning of Monday, Aug. 18, in the Nankin Mills Recreation Area of Hines Park in Westland.

The five-day event will feature a 10-mile bicycle race, a football toss, a soccer-ball kick, tennis matches, a swimming competition, volleyball, golf, horseshoes and less physical contests in baking, photography and Pinochle, among other events.

Westland will serve as this year's official host, but competitions will be scattered among other communities,

too.

"We've really been trying to market this not only to get the involvement up, but also to show that any activity is better than no activity," Westland senior Director Barbara Schimmel-Marcum said.

Seniors from Westland, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township plan to compete in four age categories: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and over.

Seniors will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals.

"I think it's a wonderful program for seniors," Garden City senior Director Cheryl Stepanian said. "It stresses fitness and staying active and healthy."

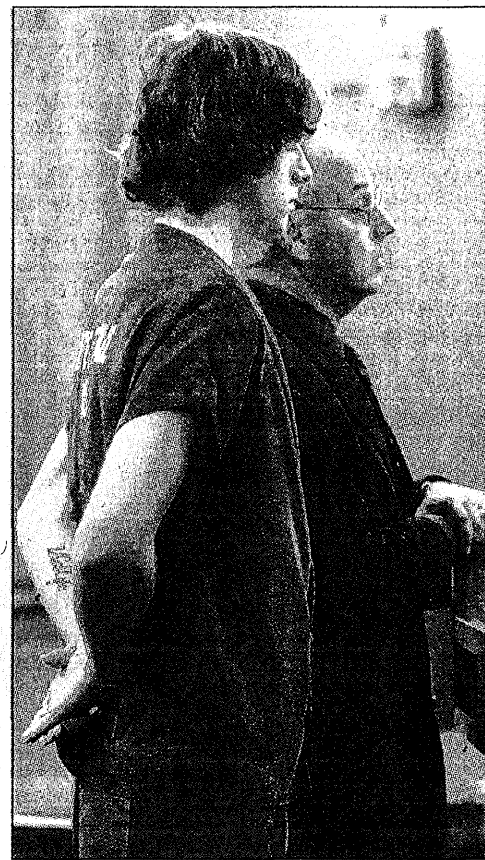
In its fourth year, the Senior Olympics event has steadily grown, and 566 participants enter a July 31 deadline to enter this year's contests. Westland again has the most seniors involved, with 130 this year.

On Aug. 18, seniors will gather in Hines Park for a morning run, breakfast with Wayne County Executive Robert Picano and opening day ceremonies, including a veterans honor guard, the singing of the national anthem and a parade of cities in which representatives of participating communities will display their local flags. Westland Mayor William Wild will welcome the crowd, and an Olympics torch will be lit.

The games will end with a celebration and awards banquet on Aug. 22 at Westland's senior Friendship Center.

Canton man facing terrorism charges headed to circuit court

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Ian Michael Douglas, shown here with his attorney, waived his preliminary examination Friday. The tattoo on his left arm asks the question, "What's Left."

A Canton man facing five felony charges stemming from his alleged attempt to blow up a railroad overpass was in court briefly Friday morning to waive his preliminary examination.

Ian Michael Douglas, 18, dressed in Wayne County inmate clothing, decided to bypass his exam and will be arraigned Aug. 22 in Third Circuit Court on five charges: false report or threat of terrorism, a 20-year felony; placing explosives near property, a 15-year felony; two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, each a four-year felony; and felony firearm, a two-year felony.

Douglas, who is being held on a \$500,000 cash bond, is accused of pointing a 12-gauge shotgun at two people at a railroad overpass near Haggerty Road and I-275 during the early morning hours of July 27. The two later reported that Douglas spoke of derailing a train and ignited a pipe bomb on the ground under the overpass.

The explosive caused no damage. Upon arresting him at his Kaiser Street residence, police say they found bomb-making materials, such as pipes and powders.

As the Starkweather Educational Center student exited the courtroom Friday, Douglas supporters gave him a few words of encouragement.

A female said "I love you," and a man offered, "Stay strong, bro."

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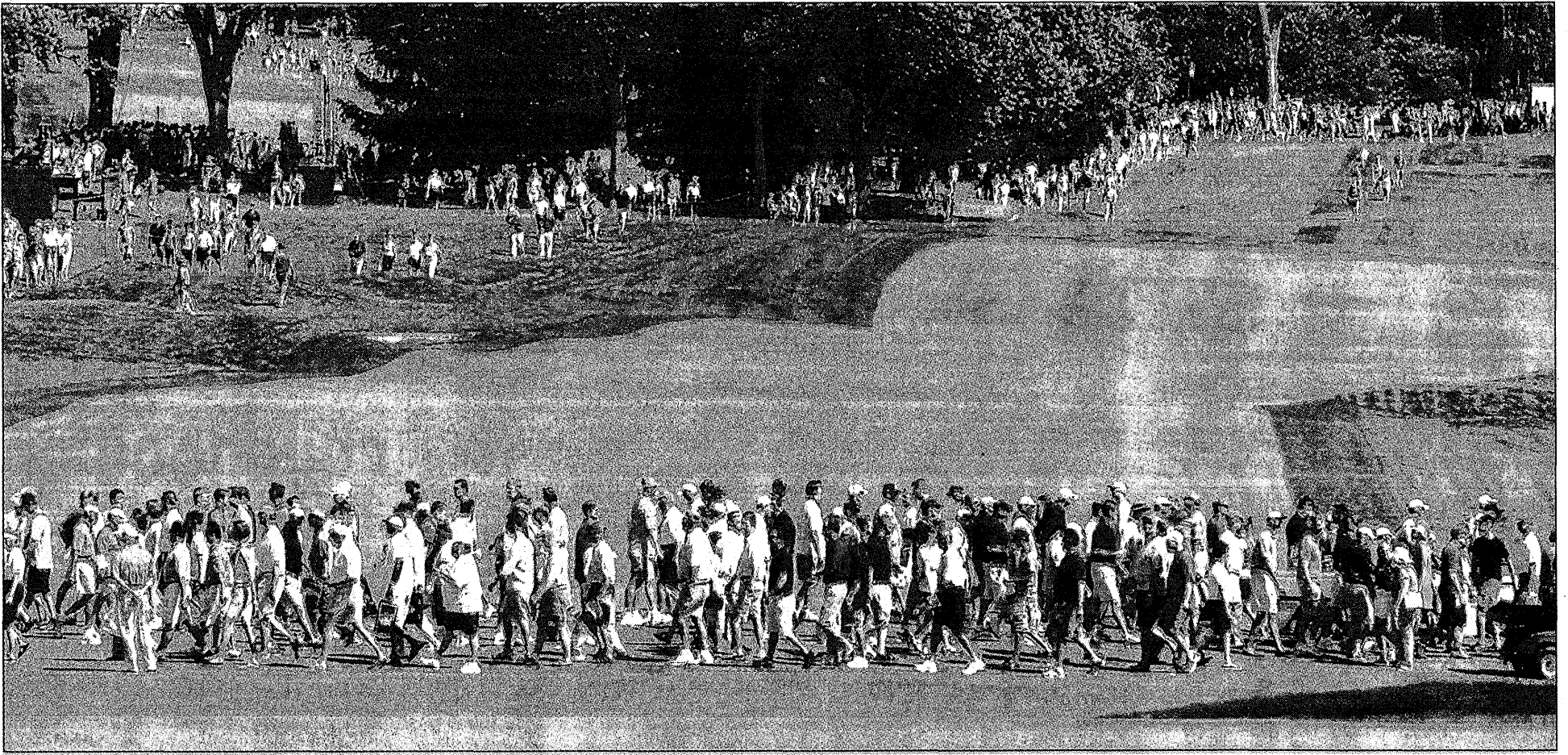
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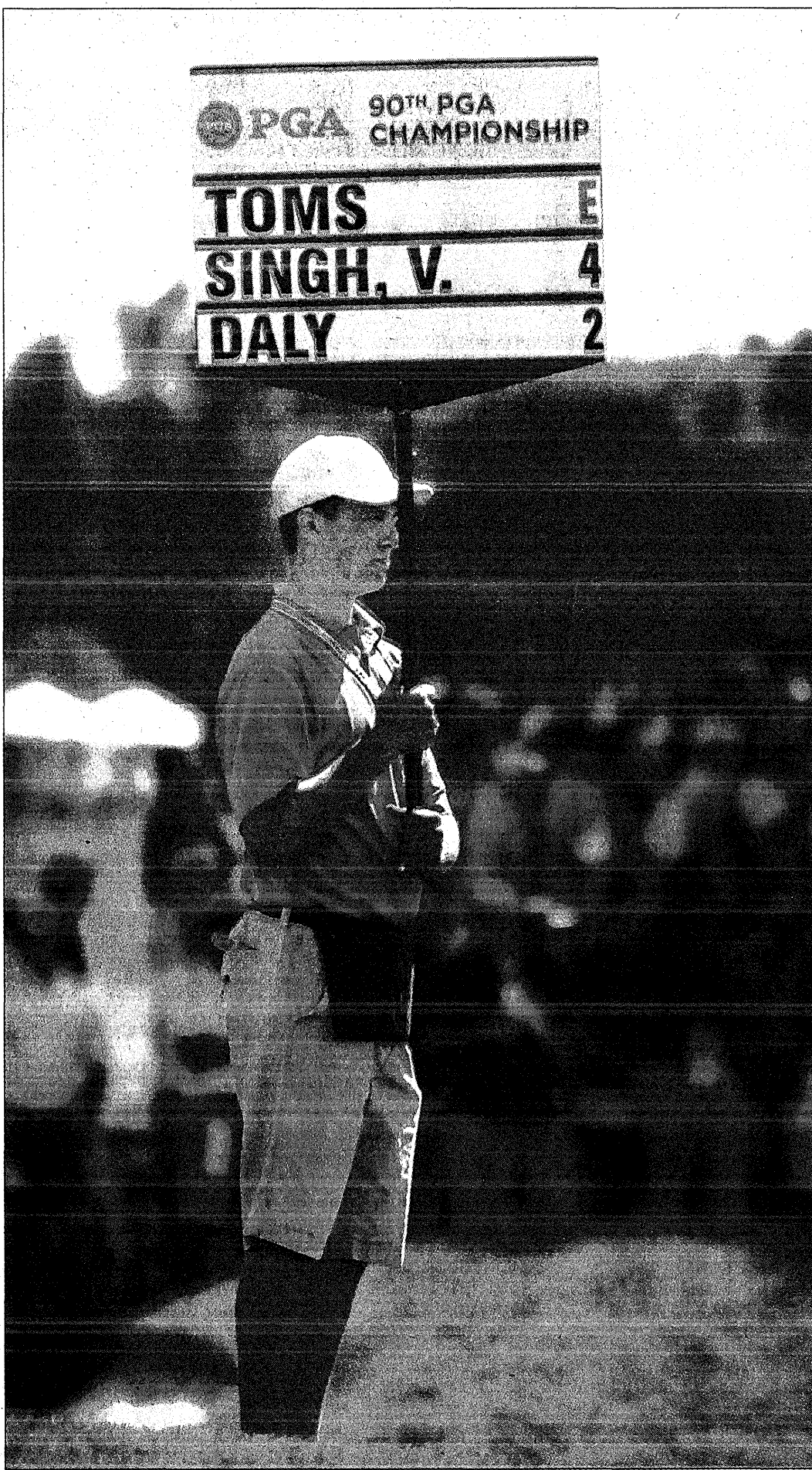
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Crowds were in abundance as Oakland Hills Country Club played host to its fourth championship with major implications in the past 12 years.

'Monster' crowds cheer on PGA pros



Eric Harbour, of Birmingham, displays the scores of one of Thursday's more intriguing threesomes - David Toms, Vijay Singh and John Daly. All three playing partners are former PGA champions.



The 90th PGA Championship attracted golf fans from around the world, including Baptiste Dury, 4, of France, who enjoys the tournament from the vantage point of the front row.

And the winner is, once again, Oakland Hills. The course widely known as "The Monster" reared its beastly temper and beat down the world's best golfers like a frantic drummer through the first two rounds of the 90th PGA Championship Thursday and Friday on the internationally-renowned South Course.

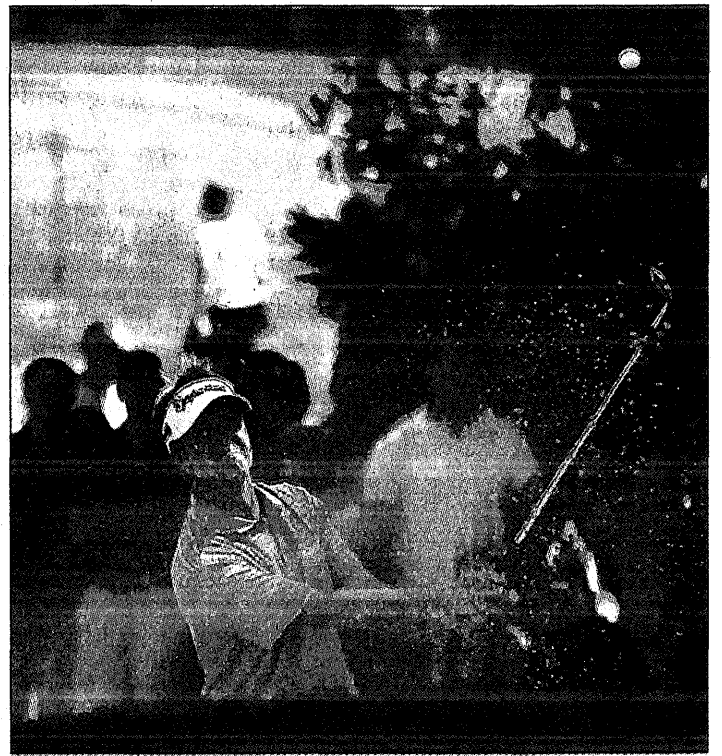
The season's final Major began with a field of 156 golfers and by Friday evening was reduced to 73 exhausted pros who managed to break the cut mark of 148, or eight over par.

J.B. Holmes, a 26-year-old fourth-year pro from Orlando, Fla., was the lone marksman to break par with a one-under total of 139 through the first 36 holes. His two-day totals included eight birdies, seven bogeys and 21 pars.

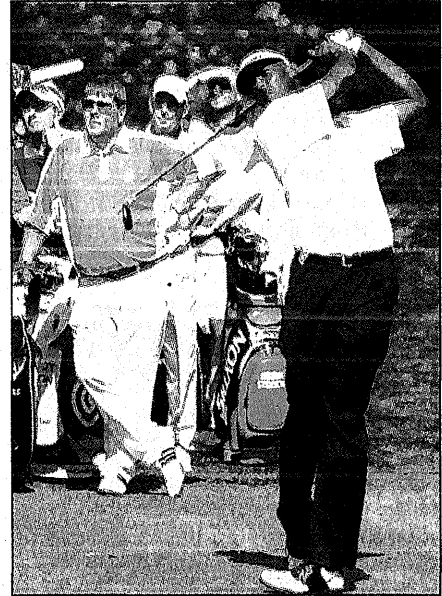
Three players - Charlie Wi, Justin Rose and Ben Curtis - were the only golfers to play even par. Former PGA champ Phil Mickelson survived to play the weekend while Ryder Cup captain Paul Azinger and Pennsylvania native Jim Furyk barely made the cut at plus-8.

Former PGA champs John Daly (plus-9) and Vijay Singh (plus-12) were among many familiar tour names who did not make the cut and were forced to watch the remaining two days from outside the ropes.

While the fans flocked to Oakland Hills, their cheers remained polite and light as birdies and eagles were few and far between. There were a total of just 10 eagles over the first two days, including seven on Thursday and three on Friday.



David Toms watches the flight of his shot out of the sand during early-round play of the 90th PGA Championship held at Oakland Hills Country Club.



With playing partner John Daly looking on, two-time PGA Champion Vijay Singh tees off on the par 3, 257-yard ninth hole during Thursday's opening round of the PGA Championship held at Oakland Hills Country Club. Singh did not fair as well in this Championship as he failed to make the cut.



The world's top golfers gave fans plenty to cheer about during the competition.



The media center was abuzz as the national press corps came to Oakland Hills Country Club for the 90th PGA Championship tournament. Above, members of the media keep a close eye on the leaderboard during Thursday's opening-round play.

For reading on the run, iPhone trumps Kindle

Dear Steve Jobs: Earlier this year, you were quoted as saying "people don't read anymore." This was in response to Amazon's Kindle, the electronic-book (e-book) device you dubbed a "flawed" concept.

As someone who loves to read (and has plenty of friends and family members who feel the same way), I am seriously disappointed in you.

Obviously there's nothing flawed about the concept of the Kindle, which has been a sell-out success since its debut last December. In fact, the hardware itself has some notable flaws, not the least of which are its high price and rather ugly design.

And, yet, people love the thing. They relish a lightweight, paper-back-sized device that holds hundreds of books and can download new ones on the run, no PC required.

Now let me clue you in on a little secret: The iPhone is a better e-book reader than the Kindle. (Same goes for its similar sibling, the iPod Touch.)

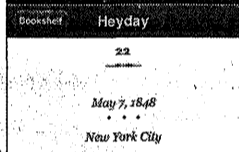
Consider: The Kindle is a single-purpose device.

Sure, it can display newspapers and blogs in addition to books, and even access Wikipedia, but ultimately it's a text viewer.

The iPhone is — well, duh. But it's also a music player, movie theater, photo viewer, game system, Web browser, e-mail client, GPS navigator, and a lot more. (The Touch isn't a phone, but does most of these other things.)

It's smaller, thinner, lighter, and way, way sexier than the Kindle. And it taps the same high-speed data network for on-the-go downloads.

Granted, the iPhone's battery life isn't great, but most people recharge daily anyway. It also has a smaller screen — 3.5 inches versus 6 inches on the Kindle — but I find it perfectly comfortable for reading.



Plus, it's much brighter, and it's a touchscreen: You can turn pages by swiping your finger, just like in a real book.

And let's not forget the most important consideration: price. The iPhone starts at \$199; the iPod Touch, at \$299. As noted, both models perform significantly more functions than the Kindle — which costs \$359.

Consequently, I think the iPhone and iPod Touch could blow the Kindle out of the water.

There's just one problem: The iTunes Store doesn't sell e-books.

Why not? It sells audiobooks. (Apparently people don't read books, but they do listen to them.) By not offering e-books, you're missing an incredible opportunity. Two of them, actually.

First, there's money to be made. The Kindle is proof of that. You've already got a store in place; you just need to make the content available. I'll bet book publishers would line up down the street for a chance to hawk their tomes on iTunes.

Second, you'll encourage more people to read. Anyone packing an iPhone could also be packing a novel — perfect for those

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Tina Gerlach cuts off Swiss chard along with Helene Flesher and her son, Jack, 8, of Canton from the garden at Resurrection Catholic Parish in Canton which helps to feed needy families.

How does your garden grow?

Church garden efforts feed needy, build communities

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER



Onions were almost ready.

Tina Gerlach of Canton thought a few moments about why she works the garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton.

"It's helping other people and doing something you like," she said of the garden she coordinates with fellow church member Elaine Jeris. "It's enjoyable."

About 10 church volunteers have worked on the 70-by-40-foot or so plot at Resurrection, on Warren near Beck. The project got under way a few years back, with the harvested produce going to St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit to feed the needy.

"Father Dick (Perfetto) lets everybody do (ministries), within reason," said

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Ken Graham of Superior Township and his grandson, Phillip Doran, 10, of Canton pick yellow wax beans from the garden.

Budding pianists perform with professional musicians

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kelvia Jaupi is only 8 years old but she's already played a concerto with a professional string quintet. It's rare that young piano students have the opportunity to work with an ensemble, so her mother Entela can't say enough about the summer

program at Schoolcraft College. Entela, a violinist with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, says the piano camp allowed her daughter to interact with the musicians.

Students chose from Concertos and Chamber Music or Solo Piano and Piano Duets for the intense two week sessions on the Livonia campus

in July. At the end, 22 budding pianists performed in recital with the Ambassador Chamber Players who worked with students throughout the concertos camp.

"It's a unique kind of opportunity to work together as an ensemble," said Donald Morelock, the program's

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Kelvia Jaupi played Mozart's Concerto in C Major in a recital with the Ambassador Chamber Players at Schoolcraft College.

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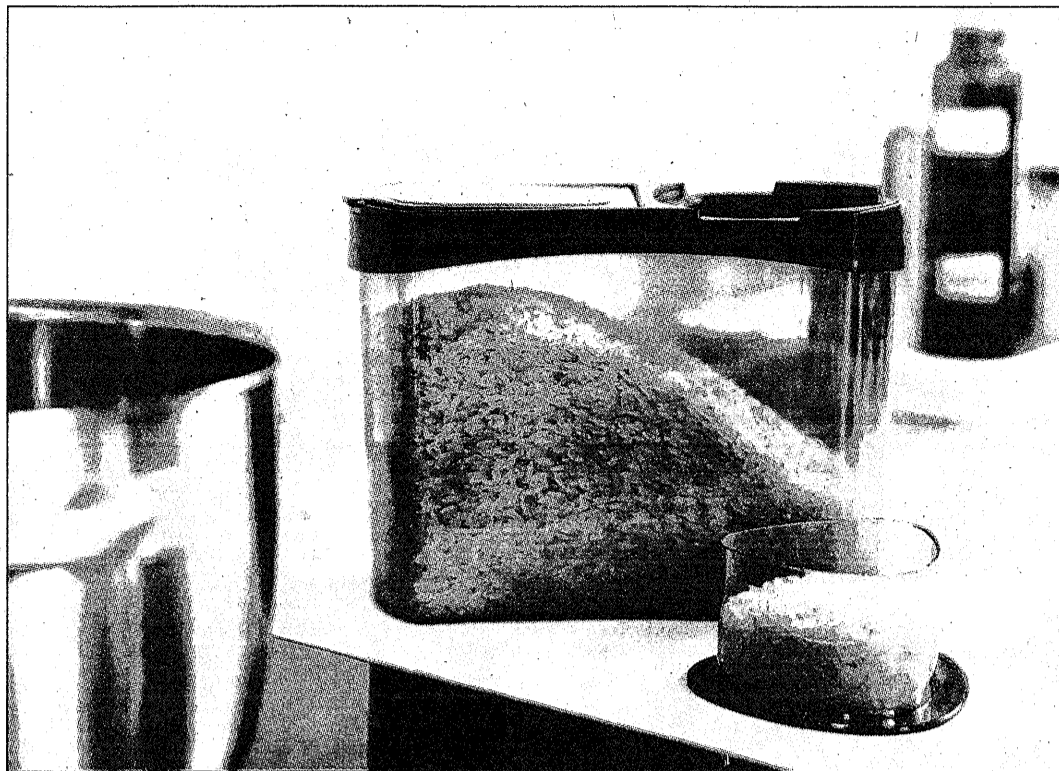
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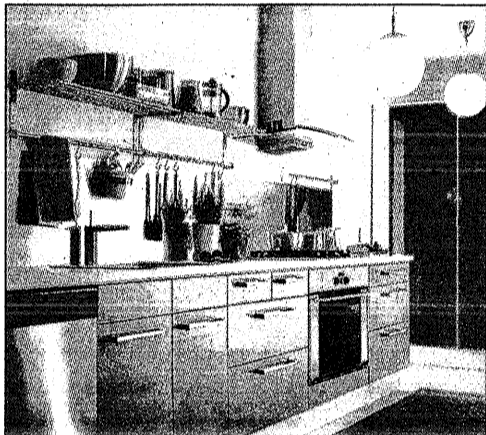
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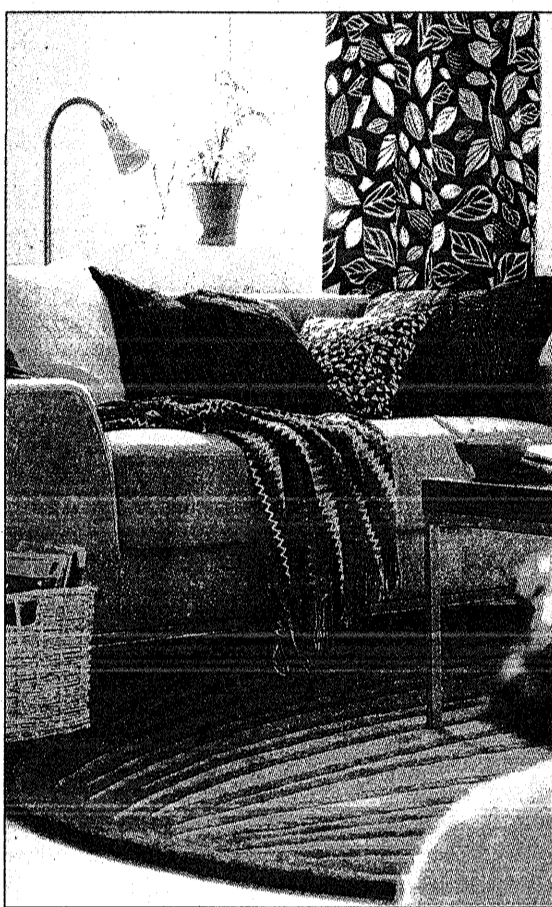
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Find inspiration for your own kitchen from showrooms like this.



Ikea is showing lots of mixed patterns — florals mixed with stripes and abstracts — this year in white, black, brown, green, and other earthy colors.

Ikea offers solutions to beautify, organize every room in the house

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's 374 pages long and as eagerly awaited as a best-selling novel.

And if you don't have a copy in your hands by now, you soon will.

Lisa Allen, public relations spokeswoman for the Ikea store in Canton, says the 2009 Ikea catalog will be mailed to those who haven't already received a copy last weekend with a daily newspaper distribution.

But the book, essential reading for any Ikea fan, doesn't tell the whole story about the retailer's new furnishings and accessories. Or about new trends in color and pattern.

If you want to see it all, you've got to check out the showrooms, the marketplace shelves, peek into cabinets and test out the chairs in person as media and business community members did this week during a catalog kick-off breakfast and tour.

Allen and her colleagues led the group through the store's 54 showrooms and three model homes.

"The goal at Ikea is to make everyone their own interior designer," explained Heidi Tippery, design manager. "That's what we hope to do, so you get inspired, go home and say, 'oh, I want to do that.'"

"Hopefully as people walk through the store, they'll identify with something. Something will draw them in."

That lure might be the furniture style, such as traditional, modern or country. Or it might be the lifestyle reflected in a showroom. Ikea designs its display areas with specific people in mind.

"For example, this is a basement solution. Everyone has a basement in this area," said Tippery, referring to a showroom that included seating, a bar and entertainment areas. "This is about a divorced father with a couple of kids. He likes to entertain."

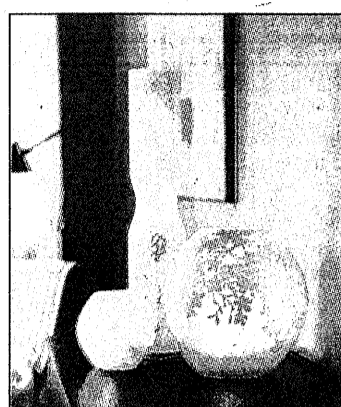
Another setting's contents might appeal to an "empty nest" couple. Or to an environmentally-conscious young person.

Tippery said the store also keeps the local market in mind as it displays its merchandise.

"You have to meet the range of who's coming here," she



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These Knubbig table lamps, made of blown glass, with a cherry blossom pattern, are \$8.99 and \$16.99.

explained. "It's a very traditional market here."

At that same time, it stays true to its focus on functionality, organization, and maximizing the use of space, whether the customer owns a McMansion-style home or a one-room loft.

"The idea of what Ikea stands for is that you can do-it-yourself. The knowledge is here to support you if you need it. But we don't have designers that go to your house," Tippery noted. "You tailor (products) to your own taste and space. That's why Ikea products work."

So, how does this year's catalog differ from its predecessor? What's new on the showroom floor?

"I think last year was all about Scandinavia designs — bright, bold. This year it's very earthy tone...a lot of browns, grays, whites, beiges. Deep greens, light greens, yellows."

Tippery pointed out that the store is showing a mix of patterns — florals, stripes, abstracts — within some of its showrooms. A floral chair might sit near a striped rug, across from a table with an abstract-patterned lamp shade.

"If you look at some of the furniture coming back in, it's black, brown, some oak, she added. "Our leather range is expanding, so that brings in more blacks and browns. And I think that's what the market is looking for."

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■ Media storage on pages 72-73

- You need to stash all those DVDs, video games, and equipment somewhere. Why not put it all together in a wall unit?

"Media is huge for us," says Heidi Tippery, design manager. She said Ikea's media storage furnishings have expanded over the past few years. Find low-rise TV benches on pages 74-75.

■ Duvets on page 194-95 - "The greatest part about a duvet, which is very European, is that you can change the style by changing the cover," says Tippery. "So, if you get bored quickly, get a new cover rather than buying a new comforter."

Find covers in the textile section, starting on page 274.

■ For kids, pages 206-225

- Amid the new blankets, toys and organizers are old favorites, including the PS Lomsk swivel chair with a pull-down hood and the indoor/outdoor Ekorre swing.

■ Wall-mounted laptop work station, page 244 - When there's no room for a desk, this new computer station with four cubby holes can turn even a hallway or empty corner into a mini-office.

■ Flooring on page 300 - Yes, you can buy laminate flooring from 65 cents per square foot for a beech effect to \$1.15 per square foot for antique, maple, oak, white and brown looks. Or head to the store and check out the bamboo floor in some of the showrooms.

■ Celeber series food storage on page 314 - Don't hide these white porcelain jars in a kitchen cabinet. "This is something that is meant to be seen," Tippery notes. The solid acacia wood lids include a plastic see-through center.

■ Slatthult stickers on page 342 - Plant a folk tree design on the wall with decorative, self-adhesive paper stickers. "A lot of people use these in schools because they can't put nails in the wall," Tippery says.

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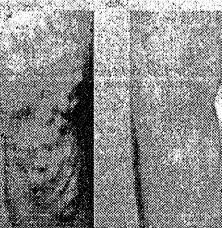
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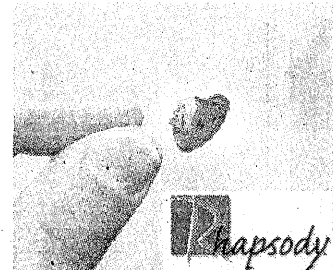


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GARDEN

FROM PAGE C1

Gerlach, owner of Ideal Cakes in Canton, of the many parish ministries. She's a gardener, and other church members garden as well, so a vegetable plot to feed the needy was a natural.

"I think that everyone who does it likes to garden," she said. "Food is such a basic need. There's so much space at Resurrection that it's conducive to having a garden."

This year's bounty includes onions, beans, carrots, beets, Swiss chard, tomatoes and peppers. Gerlach noted food pantries often get a lot of canned foods and items like pasta and cereal, but not as much fresh produce. Also, there are few grocery stores in Detroit.

"They're doing a lot of community gardens in Detroit," she said of the growing trend to "grow your own."

Elaine Jeris' husband works at the Detroit Public Library, and regularly takes food to St. Aloysius. A Resurrection deacon's been making deliveries, too.

"We just coordinate when we pick the produce," Gerlach said of the organic garden.

She doesn't think such a ministry is common, but noted Our Lady of Good Counsel Church of Plymouth has planted greens. Gerlach finds summer's a bit slower, so there's more time to volunteer.



Resurrection Parish garden produce goes to St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit.

Michael Carsten, director of the outreach center at St. Aloysius, called their Cantic Cafe a "Franciscan Starbucks," complete with Internet access on four or five computers, coffee, tea, breakfast and other "light fare."

"We also serve the senior citizen population in the area," the Fenton resident said of grocery bags distributed monthly. The parish only has about 160 families.

"We are really going to be able to use it this year," he said of Resurrection's produce.

"I would also like to reach out and involve some of the people in the mosques in the

area and our Jewish brothers and sisters," Carsten said. Donated items support the Detroit ministry, such as from Knights of Columbus groups: "A huge amount of that already is coming from the suburbs. What we're given, we give away. Today, we had hamburgers."

City businesses like Compuware have donated box lunches, he added.

Another Canton church decided to start a veggie garden last year, and is continuing this summer. "Very good, very good," said Gary Call of garden progress at Geneva Presbyterian Church. "Better

than last year." Last year's Geneva garden was overwatered, said Call, a Canton resident and retired GM tool-maker.

Geneva's growing beans, zucchini, acorn squash, onions, tomatoes and summer squash this year. Church members Don Glass and Buddy Stover also do much of the work.

"If someone comes in and needs some food, we'll give it to them," said Call of the church food pantry. Church members have also enjoyed the harvest bounty, added Call, who got involved "to have something to do since I've retired."

GARDEN CALENDAR

Top 10 Lawn Tips

MSU Educator Ron Calhoun will teach everything from weed identification and control to fertilization and irrigation during "Evening in the Gardens - Ten Things People Need to Know About Their Lawn," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 11, \$20, at the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Call (248) 858-0887, e-mail smithlin@aokgov.com or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland.

Attracting butterflies

Brenda Dziedzic, President of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will talk about monarchs and other butterflies, their habitats and plants that attract the insects, at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Come away with the knowledge to plant your own butterfly paradise that will be pleasing to the eye and will promote the diversity of the local butterfly population. Cost is \$10. Seating is limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations.

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Fall gardening tips

Nancy Szerlag, author of "Perennials for Michigan" and "Annuals for Michigan" will present the free gardening seminar "Fall Gardening Tips Make Spring Magic," 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Art Van, 29905 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Refreshments will be served. Call (888) 619-2199.

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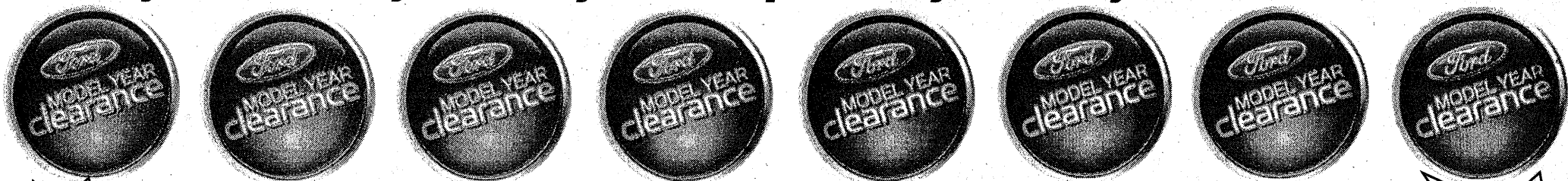
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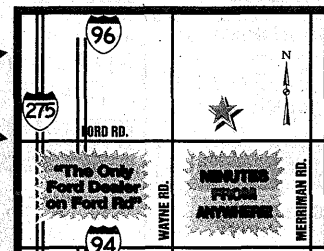
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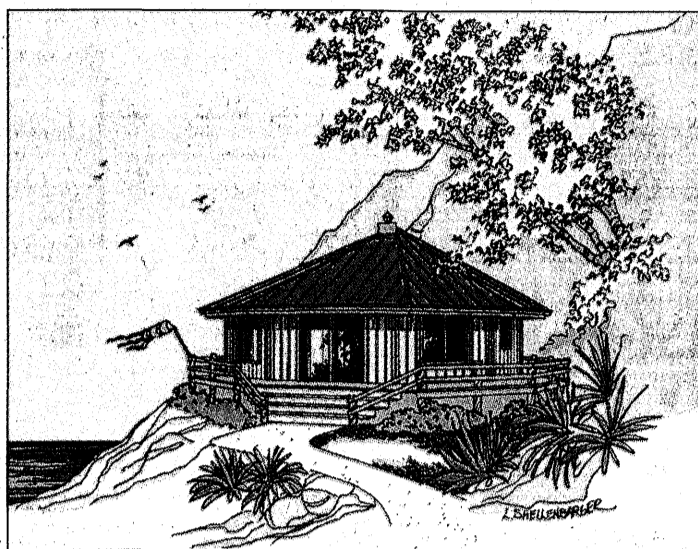
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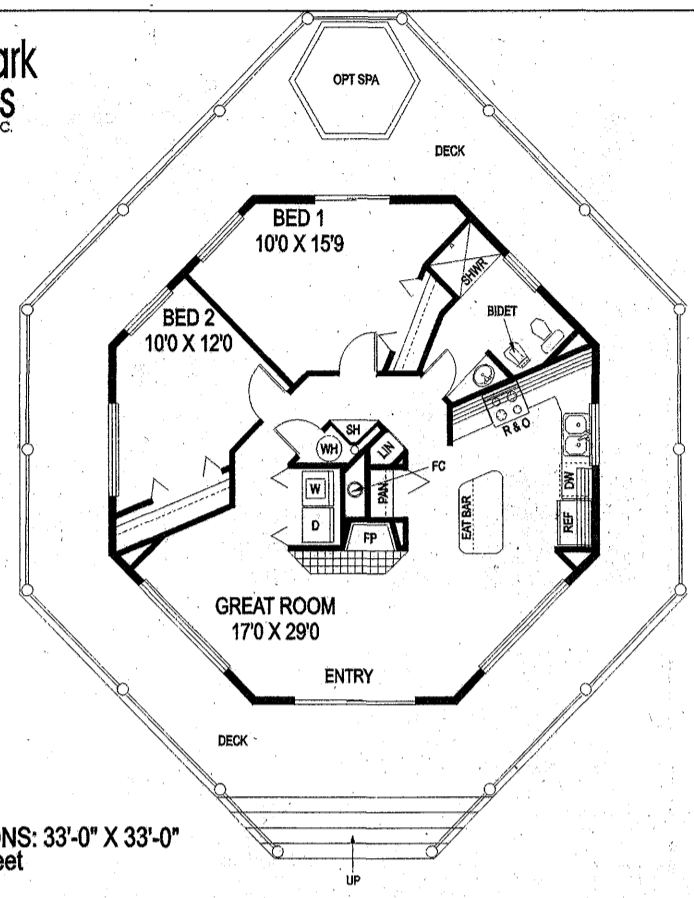
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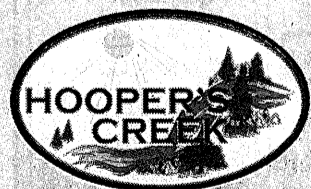
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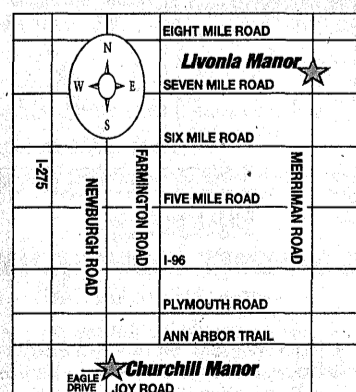
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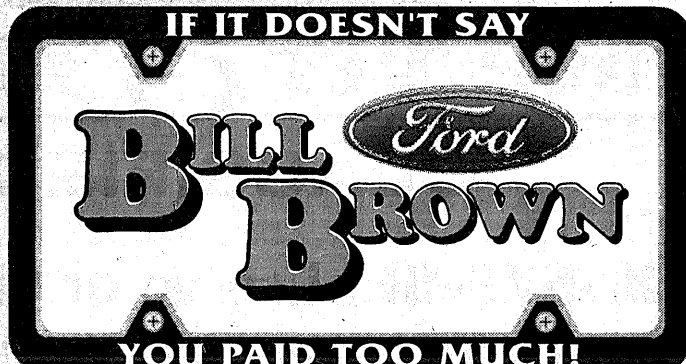
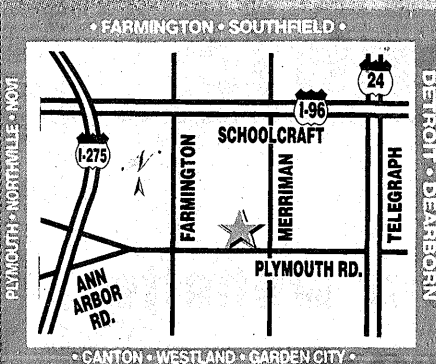
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