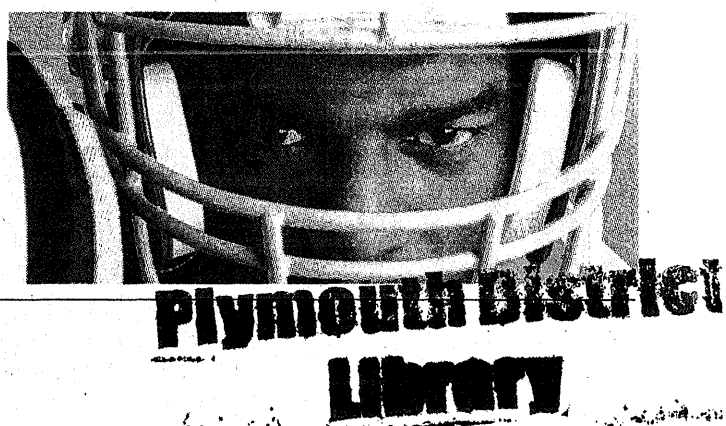


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## Recount set in township clerk's race

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Voters and candidates wondering who officially won the clerk's race in Plymouth Township will have to wait a couple of more weeks to find out. Representatives of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers will be in Plymouth Township Friday, Sept. 5, to conduct a manual recount in the clerk's race between Deputy Clerk Joe Bridgman and political newcomer Mary Ann Prchlik. The recount starts at 8:30 a.m.; the certification meeting is set for 2 p.m. Bridgman was announced as the



Bridgman



Prchlik

winner following the Aug. 5 primary, beating Prchlik by 150 votes (1,920 to 1,770) in balloting tabulated that night. Three days later, Prchlik signed a

letter that was delivered to township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, seeking the recount.

"I welcome (the recount)," Massengill said. "I'm confident our results are correct, but most of all I want to make sure everything is right."

In the letter, Prchlik alleged three instances of "mistakes or fraud" she claims took place during the counting of the ballots:

- Arithmetical, computational and like errors affecting the final tabulation of votes, including, but not limited to, errors in recording votes for candidates in certain precincts and

errors in transferring vote totals from machines to poll books.

- Errors in determining spoiled ballots, which errors may have had the effect of excluding votes for candidates which should have been counted and excluding votes which should not have been counted; and

- Other errors or tampering which did cause the official tally of votes to inaccurately state the actual tally of votes.

Prchlik took great care to point out she's not accusing anyone of malfeasance, but she suspects there were equipment or human errors.

"When I had a chance to look over

the results, I believe errors could have been made, either human handling errors or in the machine processing," Prchlik said. "There were some odd things in the results."

Massengill said some 500 absentee ballots were spoiled, largely by voters who unknowingly split their ticket between Republican and Democrat races, a no-no in Michigan primary voting.

The only other problem, she said, came when the battery on a memory card in one precinct failed, forcing those votes to be recounted.

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## Teenager sentenced in mob attack

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Andy Kauffman's family watched with mixed emotions Tuesday as Deonte Williams, the 17-year-old Mount Clemens teen who pleaded guilty to throwing the rock that started the mob scene that put Kauffman in the hospital with a brain injury, was sentenced to 19-38 months in jail in Macomb County Circuit Court.

While the family was happy to see some justice in the case, they were struck by the irony of Williams having a set sentence while Kauffman, 30, of Plymouth still has a long way to go in his recovery.

"Like (Kauffman's wife) Angela said in court, Deonte Williams has a set date when his sentence will end; Andy doesn't," said Paula Weber, Kauffman's mother-in-law. "That's the hard part. But the positive side is the people were caught, and now they're in the court system."

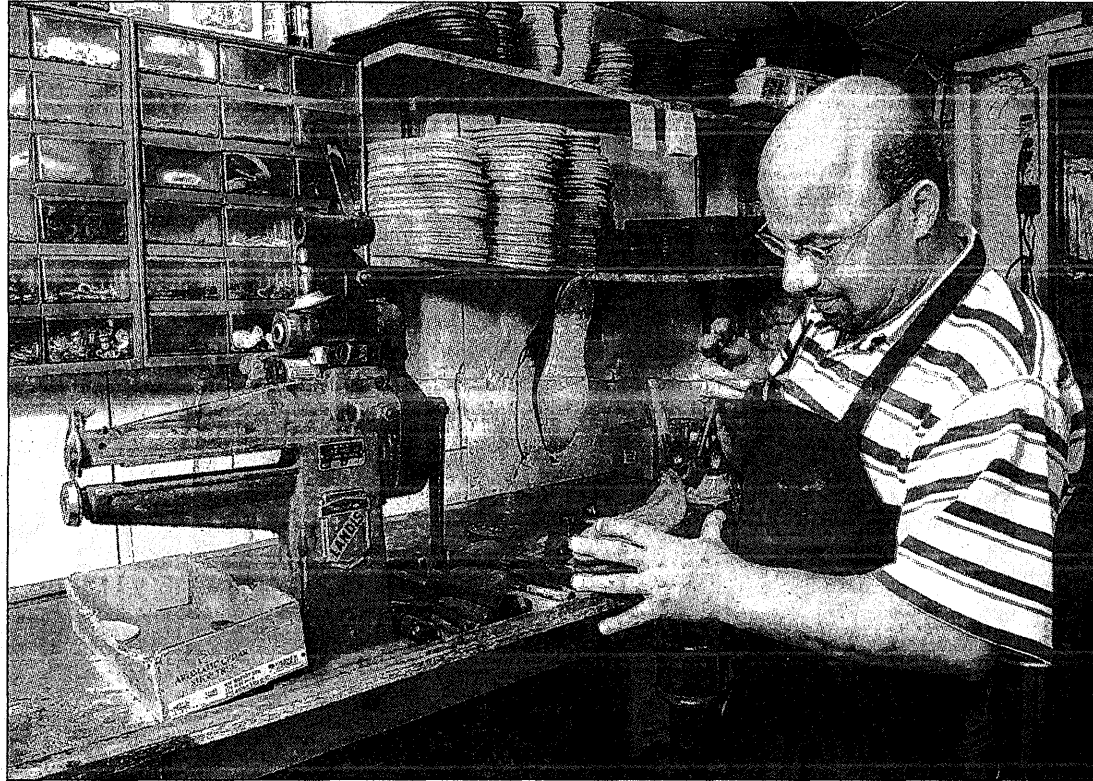
Williams, who pleaded guilty to inciting a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon and had two misdemeanors — malicious destruction of property and assault — dismissed, also must pay \$31,380 in restitution for damage to a vehicle and the victim's injuries and rehabilitation costs.

Three other teens charged in the attack go to trial next week. Steven Lincoln, 18, and Jemall Davidson, 16, both of Clinton Township and charged with being leaders in the attack, stand trial Sept. 3, as does Armon Boyd, 18, who is charged with inciting a riot and assault to do great bodily harm.

Meanwhile, Weber said Kauffman is improving in some areas while still struggling in others.

"He's still in recovery mode, but he has made progress in some areas, and he looks good," Weber said. "His memory, his ability to process information and ability to make decisions are areas where doctors want to see him make more progress."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.



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Rimon Warra, who has owned Pete's Shoe Repair for 18 years, removes worn soles from a customer's shoes.

## Leather and laces

### Nearly 60 years later, shoe store on strong footing

BY NATALIE BURG  
CORRESPONDENT

For anyone interested in affairs of the foot, walking into Pete's Shoe Repair & Leather in downtown Plymouth is like walking into a little cubby of heaven.

#### PETE'S PLACE

- Who: Pete's Shoe Repair & Leather
- Where: 322 S. Main, downtown Plymouth
- What: Shoe repair, accessories such as laces, polish, brushes, etc.
- How long: Pete's is in its 59th year
- Contact: (734) 453-7779

Every inch of the small, narrow shop is bursting with shoes and shoe accessories. A waterfall of boot laces, dress laces, round laces, sport laces, causal laces and more cascades down one wall. Another presents an impressive collection of shoe polish, brushes, shine and shoehorns.

Yet all of that is backdrop compared to the glowing display case of men's dress shoes, each one shined to a glisten. "We repair everything," said owner Rimon Warra, standing behind the counter in his apron, looking very much like a traditional cobbler, "shoes, jackets, purses, belts — anything with leather."

In today's world of disposable footwear, one



Worn out loafers look like prehistoric creatures sitting on the shelf at Pete's.

might wonder how Warra manages to keep such a quaint business buzzing along. But skeptics had to bite their tongues when Pete's Shoe Repair & Leather entered its 59th year in business in May, making it one of the oldest businesses in downtown Plymouth.

And the tiny store facing the alley behind Main Street shows no sign of stopping there.

"We get on average 20 to 30 customers a day," Warra said. "People come from everywhere. I have some clients that have been coming here for 30 years." Though it's hard to believe so many people can find the little shop, let alone visit

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## Arts council, PSO partner for practice

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With state and federal funding becoming harder to obtain, local arts groups are being challenged to become more creative raising money to remain viable.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society have done just that, forming a collaboration that will allow the Plymouth Symphony to rehearse at the home of the PCAC during this year's concert series.

"There's no way we cannot do this," said Deb Madonna of Plymouth Township, the president of the PCAC board. "Granting organizations are saying 'you better spend wisely' and collaboration is the way to go, sharing resources and cutting spending."

"We've got a great facility here and it's dark lot of times," she said. "It's an easy fit for us because both of us are in the same (financial) boat."

Beth Stewart, the executive director of the Plymouth Symphony, said the orchestra will begin practicing at the PCAC in October, after a year of rehearsals at the Christian Science building on Ann Arbor Trail.

"We think it's a really great collaboration and a way to help each other, that's what arts organizations need to be doing now," Stewart said. "And, once you start collaborating, the ideas start to flow and you start thinking about other things you can do together."

"The Youth Orchestra will rehearse there, too, and we'll have enough storage space so we won't have to keep transporting our equipment," she said.

The Plymouth Symphony has scheduled six concerts at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township, two at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth and three Orchestra Canton concerts at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township.

Madonna said the additional money will help replace some of the lost funding.

"It brings a steady flow of income for us to help pay for the building," said Madonna. "It's not reasonable for us to pay for the building with programming, and the quality of what we offer will be untouched."

Symphony conductor Nan Washburn said the musicians are familiar with the PCAC accommodations and like the idea they'll have a home with storage space.

"We rehearsed there once last year and the musicians really liked it," said Washburn. "The doors open wide enough for our instruments, there's ample parking and the space is beautiful. It's very exciting because it's an arts space and we'll come in and do our own form of art — music," she said.

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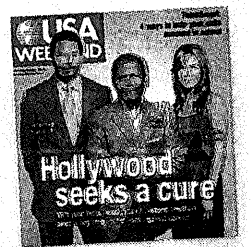
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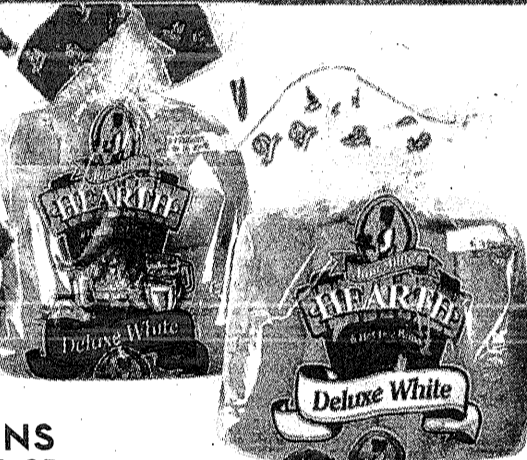
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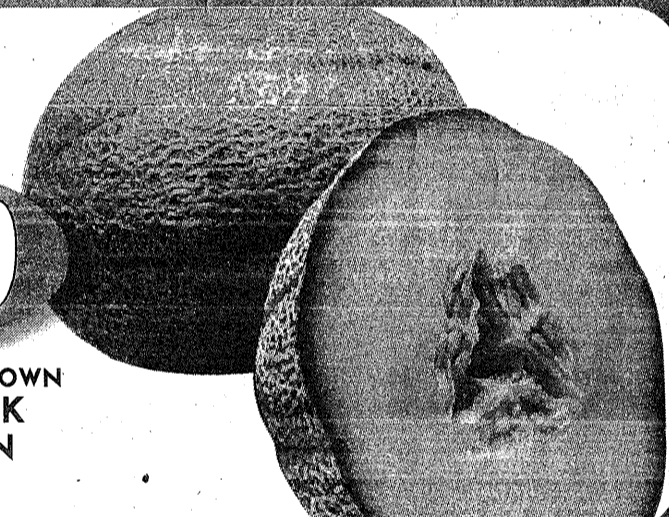
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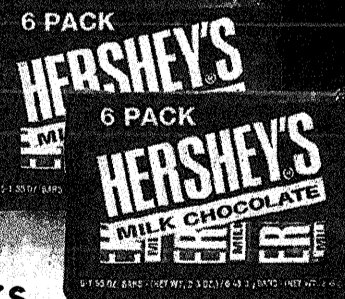
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### Lotsa Helping Hands

Officials have announced Lotsa Helping Hands, a network of volunteers through Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Plymouth First United Methodist Church, located at 45201 North Territorial in Plymouth, is providing a matching service, through LHH, of community needs and volunteers.

Having volunteers available to deliver meals, run errands to pharmacy & grocery stores, drive a person to chemo or doctor's office, or offering a simple act of kindness is worth more than words can say. Other non-medical services include, but are not limited to, helping children with their homework, providing daily check-in for homebound recipients, assisting new moms with childcare for older children, prayer requests and English as a second language (free) starting in October (first 20 applicants).

LLH is serving Plymouth City residents at this time and plan to expand to Plymouth Township and Canton within the next few months. Anyone needing the service or knowing someone who needs it - or businesses wishing to sponsor - can e-mail helping-hands@comcast.net

### Potters Guild openings

The Village Potters Guild has openings in their Wednesday morning and evening classes.

Adult students of all levels are welcome and will be instructed in using the potters wheel, hand-building, glazing and firing their pieces. The 15-week classes begin Sept. 10. Cost is \$300, which includes instruction, 75 pounds of clay, glazes and firing.

For more information e-mail info@villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

### Symphony Society meeting

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society conducts its annual meeting and offers a "sneak peek" at the 2008-09 season at the Plymouth District Library 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3.

The event is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served in honor of the 10th-anniversary season for award-winning musical director and conductor Nan Washburn.

This year's "A Seasoned Celebration" will feature the music of Broadway, the music of the movies, Grieg's Piano Concerto with former Michigan artist David Syme, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and much more! The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra is entering its 63rd season and this year will continue to feature the celebrated classics along with new compositions by American composers including a World Premiere by Michigan's own composer, James Aikman of his new work, "Tempus Fugit (Time Flies)."

For tickets and more information on the Plymouth Canton Symphony's 63rd season visit their Web site www.plymouthsymphony.org

### Car show

The AAMCO Transmission Car Show takes place noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept 6, at 260 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 451-9566.

### McCotter hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will conduct office hours in Plymouth and Canton next week.

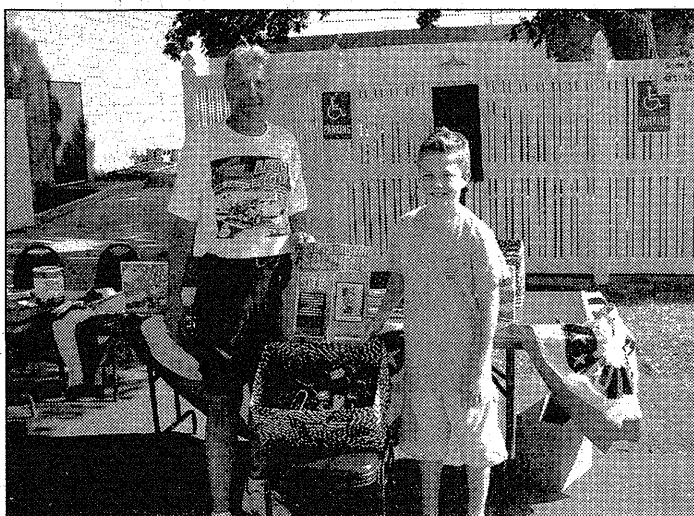
This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one-on-one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Congressman McCotter's staff will be available Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Canton Summit Senior Center 9-10 a.m., and then again at the Plymouth District Library from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Congressman 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.

### Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club, member of Woman's National



## Going door to door for the troops

The local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter is about half way to reaching its goal of collecting 1,000 cell phones for the soldiers. Canton's Jack Foreman, 10, has been the group's best contributor. He went door to door collecting cell phones and the accessories and brought in 70 on his own. Jack, whose uncle (Craig McCarthy) recently returned from Iraq, is shown here with co-chair Bob Paul and all the phones he collected. The group will be accepting old cell phones at the VFW Hall at 1426 S. Mill Street in Plymouth through the last VVA 528 Car Show on Sept. 3. Each cell phone becomes a one hour calling card for deployed troops. For more information or to provide any names of local soldiers that could use the calling cards, call Gary at the post at (734) 459-6700.

Farm & Garden Association, sponsors a community perennial exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

It will be located on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Union, at the east end of Kellogg Park. Please bring your healthy, labeled plants and exchange them for something new. Members will be available to answer questions about our club, we are always looking for new members, as well as general garden questions.

For additional information call (734) 459-7146.

### Scrapbook Classes

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is looking for people who are interested in learning about the popular hobby of scrapbooking.

An "Intro to Scrapbooking" class will be taught 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, or Tuesday, Sept. 30. Anyone ages 15 and up are welcome to register, and those ages 11-14 are welcome to sign up if a parent is also registered. The cost is \$15. There are also two other scrapbook classes being offered, "Mini Albums" and "Cool Tools."

Visit www.usc.salvationarmy.org/plymouth for more

information, or call Cassie at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

### Calling all scrapbookers

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts Croptoberfest, a fund-raiser for its Coats for Kids Program, on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Scrapbookers can come to crop all day, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., for \$35, or a half-day, either 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3-9 p.m., for \$20. The cost includes your own eight-foot table and all your meals for the time you've registered for. There will also be door prizes, contests, and goodie bags available.

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### Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

Organizers are expecting some 1,500 customers for the show, which also features food and drawings.

For more information, call

Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@COMCAST.NET

### Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool is still accepting registrations for two classes this fall. There are openings for 3-year-olds in a Tuesday/Thursday morning class, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. There are also openings for 4-year-olds in a Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Tuition for either class is \$95 a month, plus a one time \$35 registration fee. Classes begin the week of Sept. 8. Visit www.usc.salvationarmy.org/plymouth for more information, or call Sheila at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

### Senior Fest picnic

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts its 23rd annual "Senior Fest Picnic" 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Waterford Bend Park, located at 6 Mile and Northville Road.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 8 at the PCCA office, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Tickets are \$6 for PCCA members, \$7 for non-members and guests, and include box lunch from Lee's Famous Chicken in

prizes.

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### 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 fund-raising 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.

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# Former trustee named Republican chair

Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township briefly considered a run for Plymouth Township Supervisor before withdrawing from the Aug. 5 Republican primary.

Now, Munfakh, a former township trustee, will be helping decide whom Republicans will support in a variety of races after being elected chairman of the 11th District Republican Committee.

The election came at a special meeting of the executive committee held July 29.

The Eleventh District Congressional Committee is elected by the Republicans within the Eleventh District of Michigan, which covers communities in western Wayne and north Oakland Counties. The district is represented in Congress by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

Munfakh will guide the efforts of the committee as they approach the 2008 election. Coordination will be made between the District Committee, the Michigan Republican Party and the campaigns of various members, including the campaign of John McCain in Michigan.

Munfakh also was elected as Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention from Michigan's 11th District. Delegates at the convention, which meets next week in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., is expected to nominate McCain, a senator from Arizona, as the Republican candidate for president.

### First Step's 30th

First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, gathers later this month to celebrate its 30th anniversary by recognizing 30 "outstanding leaders."

The 30th-anniversary tribute and fund-raiser, set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Traditions Clubhouse, 1315 Waterside in Canton, will celebrate 30 years helping women and families overcome violence. The event will include a strolling dinner, silent auction and entertainment.

Keynote speaker is Carolyn Clifford of WXYZ-TV, who will be among those honored as outstanding community leaders in a special awards presentation at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in attending may contact Theresa Bizeo at (734) 416-1111 or tbizeofs@gmail.com for more information or to purchase tickets. Tickets are available for \$100 per person or \$150 per couple.

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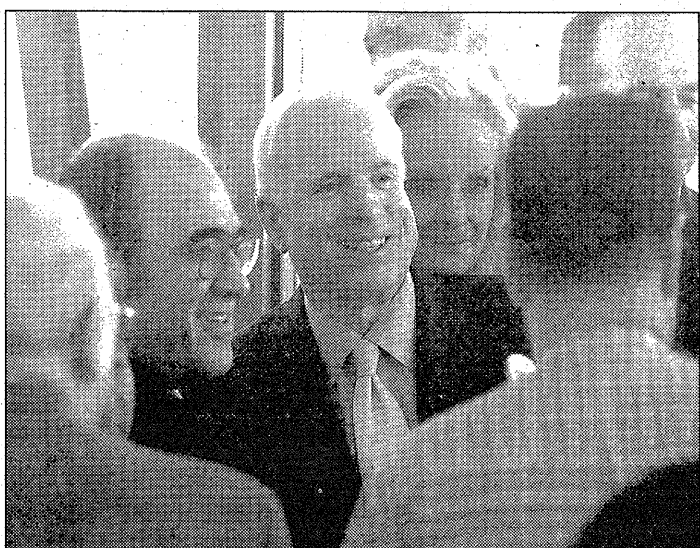
# Toddler drowns in pool accident

A 3-year-old girl drowned over the weekend when she fell into the community pool in the Rolling Oaks Subdivision along N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Community Fire Department Acting Chief Mark Wendel said firefighters responded to a call shortly before 5 p.m. Saturday. When they arrived, CPR had already been started on the little girl by bystanders.

Firefighters took over the CPR and transported the girl to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where her care was turned over to emergency room doctors.

Wendel said the girl - whose name he would not release under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) - was in full cardiac arrest when firefighters got her to St. Mary Mercy.



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Abe Munfakh (left) of Plymouth Township, shown here with presumptive Republican presidential nominee John McCain during a McCain campaign stop in Livonia, has been elected chair of the 11th District Republican Committee.

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First Step is the only agency in Wayne County that provides comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence. First Step offers shelter, counseling,

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# Twisted Scripture?

## Man sues publisher for Bible translations he says discriminate against gays

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bradley Fowler says the biggest misconception about his lawsuit against the world's largest Bible publisher is that he has a problem with the Word of God.

The 39-year-old Canton man says his issue isn't with God's Word but those who have twisted the Scriptures.

"This is the Holy Bible. What we have been taught doesn't coincide with what was written," said Fowler, who has a \$60 million lawsuit against Zondervan, a Grand Rapids-based publisher. The case was filed with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In the suit, Fowler, who is gay, claims he began experiencing mental anguish and medical problems in 2007 when he came across several Zondervan-published Bibles that used the term "homosexual" in certain Scriptures, particularly 1 Corinthians 6:9. "When I realized what they had done, I was so furious that I couldn't sleep for at least two days," he said, noting he feels

the term was added to push an agenda. "This is a sacred book and the Scriptures say that no one is to add or take away (from the Word)."

Various translations have used various terms over the years to describe one particular group who will not inherit the kingdom of God, such as "sodomites," "practicing homosexuals," "abusers of themselves with mankind," and "men who practice homosexuality."

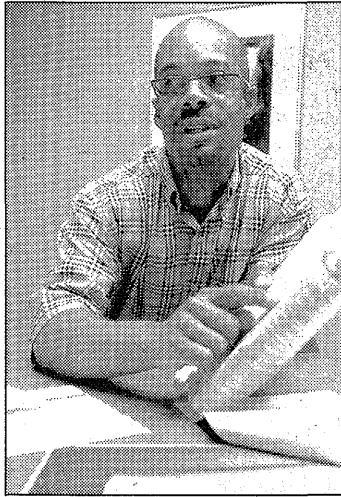
Zondervan officials, who recently filed a motion to dismiss Fowler's suit, say that Fowler is going after the wrong party.

"It has come down to taking issue with the way a word was translated (but) we did not translate these Bibles, we only published them," said Zondervan spokeswoman Tara Powers.

Powers said teams of evangelical scholars are responsible for the translations.

"It is a laborious and intensive process," she said. "They want it to be accurate."

In its motion to dismiss, Zondervan officials called Fowler's claims "patently



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Author Bradley Fowler of Canton goes over his research detailing the information he has compiled in bringing a civil lawsuit a Grand Rapids publisher of the Bible.

ridiculous" and wrote, "For the purpose of this motion to dismiss, Zondervan will accept all of plaintiff's factual allegations as true. Yet, even then, these facts do not support the legal claims (the) plaintiff has made."

Fowler, who is representing himself in the lawsuit, believes the Bible never addresses consensual homosexual relationships and discovered the use of the term while doing research for his Bible study guide.

"From the age of 10, I have been told that I was wrong because it was in the Bible," he said. "But God never said it was wrong, it was people that put that in there. The Bible has been changed so many times it's ridiculous."

Nonetheless, Fowler's claims have been discussed on tens of thousands of Web sites and blogs and many have denounced the author's lawsuit but calling it a stunt to bolster his writing career and solid proof that the world is in its "last days."

Fowler's criminal past, which includes a manslaughter conviction in 1986, has also been raised as a measure of his credibility.

While admitting his past faults, including a destructive childhood that he says was triggered by molestation from a male family member, Fowler says he is emotionally drained and would not have placed himself in a position to be the "laughingstock of the country" if he didn't believe in his cause.

"My faith says that I'm right," he said. "Nothing in my body tells me that I'm wrong. To the public, it seems that I made it this far alone but my God has directed my path."

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## PETE'S

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daily, dozens of brown bags with orange labels confirm his assertion. Each is stuffed with a pair of freshly repaired shoes awaiting their owner to come and claim them.

Though Pete's is in its 59th year, Warra, 47, has owned the shop for 18 years. He's the business' second owner, but Pete Mucci, the original owner, still has close ties to his namesake.

"He is the best man you can meet," Warra said of the former owner. Mucci now lives in Florida for part of the year, but comes back to Plymouth from April through the New Year. And when he's in town, he can still be found at his old stomping ground. He and Warra frequently chat about the business, and compare today's prices to the way they were back in the early days. "He tells me all kinds of old stories," Warra said.

And Warra isn't the only one who appreciates the history behind his little shoe repair shop. Novi resident Jeanne Swanson is a weekly visitor to Pete's. As her family business, E & E Manufacturing, is also in Plymouth, it's important to her to support locally owned merchants.

"Between my father and I, we've been coming to Pete's for almost 10 years," she said. "He does an absolutely fabulous job. He has rescued shoes that I thought were beyond repair." That includes a pair of 12-year-old Chanel boots that Warra has resoled three times. "They look almost brand new," she said.

According to Warra, the secret to keeping a shoe and leather repair shop running after 59 years is to abide by two principles.

First, believe in your product. Warra said that though many people do buy cheap,



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Rimon Warra has owned Pete's Shoe Repair for 18 years.

disposable shoes, they pay the price. "You buy cheap shoes and they are bad for your back and for your feet," he said. Nice shoes may cost you more, he added, but they will last longer and make your entire body feel better when wearing them. Plus, when they get a little run down, a specialist like Warra can fix them right up.

Second, Warra believes in the art of customer service.

"I spend time talking to them," he said of his clients, "sometimes an hour. I get to know them and they know me. We take care of them, and we do whatever extras they need to make them happy."

And Swanson agrees. "He's wonderful with customers," she said. "He bends over backwards for you."

Fifty-nine years of such quality service and goods seems like a long time, but no one need worry about Pete's closing its doors any time soon. Warra just signed another 10-year lease, and plans on doing business even after he retires his cobbler's tools.

"I'm here 'til I'm 60," he said. "But the store won't go, believe me. Even if I go, I will still be running the store. You sit home, you get bored."

For more information, call Warra at (734) 453-7779, or stop in at 322 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Remember - Pete's doesn't face Main Street, so go through the alley between UBS and 336 Main and take a right to find it!

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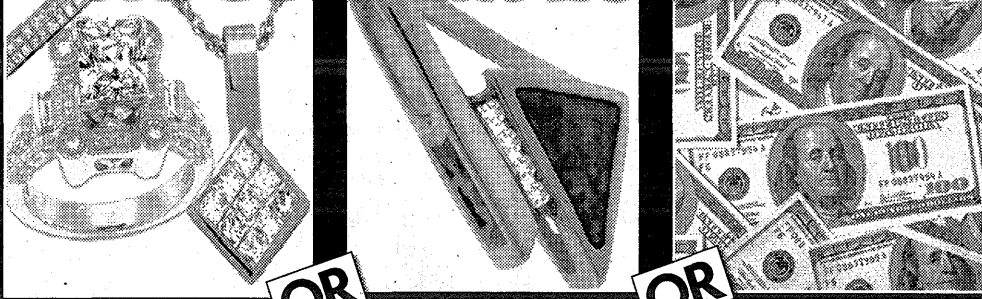
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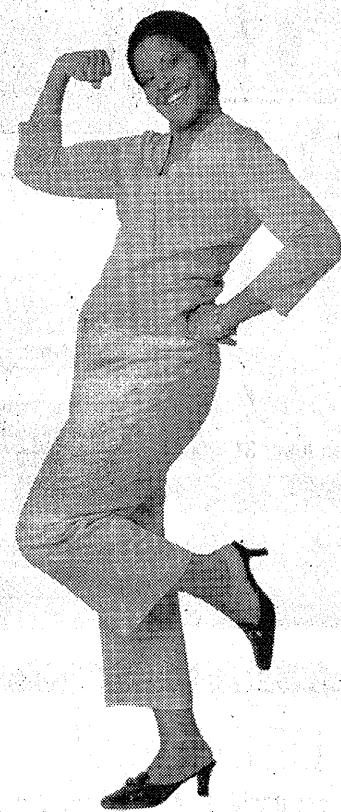
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# Bankruptcy can help give individuals a fresh start

I received a letter from a couple in severe financial condition. They maxed out their charge cards. They worked with a credit counselor, who got their payments lowered. They called the charge card company, which lowered the interest on their debt.

Despite all that, they were still in all sorts of financial difficulty. After careful review, I recommended they file Chapter 7 bankruptcy. It was the only way to relieve them of their financial crisis.

I believed there was no realistic way they could continue to maintain their payments. Recently, I received a letter from a reader who disagreed with my conclusion.

The basic premise of the letter was that people get themselves into financial difficulty and they should get themselves out.

The letter writer believed bankruptcy was immoral and something that, if up to him, would not be available. He asked me to address the issue.

I appreciate different opinions and I learn by listening to others. That being said, I stand by my original recommendation. I do not think bankruptcy is immoral.

We live in a great country, which recognizes that people make mistakes and sometimes need a fresh start. That is what bankruptcy is meant to do. It is not meant to reward, but rather an opportunity to learn and to get a fresh start.

Many people believe there are no consequences to bankruptcy. Not true. There are substantial consequences for anyone who files for bankruptcy. Not only is your credit situation hurt, but filing for bankruptcy can also impact your ability to

obtain a job. In addition, there is the psychological aspect that people go through when they file for bankruptcy.

There is another issue that rarely gets discussed, but I believe should be raised. Many personal bankruptcies are because of charge cards. There is no doubt that many people are irresponsible with charge cards and that leads to problems. However, it is important to recognize that charge card companies — in many situations — are charging exorbitant amounts of interest. One reason they charge high interest rates is to cover losses caused by bankruptcies.

The charge card companies, in effect, are charging individuals an insurance premium to insure themselves from losses due to bankruptcy. You could argue this premium is no different than any other type people pay to cover themselves in the case of a loss.

I do not believe bankruptcy should be a first choice if you run into financial difficulties. One should explore a variety of options to determine which

suits the situation. However, after exploring options, if bankruptcy is the best option, so be it.

An individual who follows the law and selects bankruptcy should not be stigmatized. Northwest Airlines, Kmart and thousands of companies that have filed for bankruptcy don't believe they cheated their creditors or their shareholders. Companies use bankruptcy laws for their best interest.

I have no problem recommending that we as individuals also take advantage of the law where appropriate.

That does not mean bankruptcy is always the best solution, because it is not. However, it is one solution that individuals facing severe financial difficulty should explore and use where appropriate.

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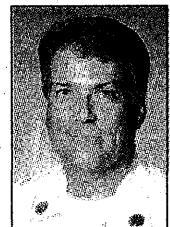


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Rick Bloom

# College students need to prevent fires

Every year, college and university students experience a growing number of fire-related emergencies. There are several causes for these fires, but most are due to a general lack



Tom Kiurski

of knowledge about fire safety and prevention. Fire safety must be a part of their lives. College-age students may feel invincible at this age, but they aren't. Most of our children will

take responsibility for their own safety if we only show them how to do it.

There is a strong link between alcohol and fire deaths. In more than 50 percent of adult fire fatalities, victims were under the influence of alcohol at the time of the fire. Alcohol abuse often impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts. Cooking is the leading cause of fire injuries on college campuses, closely followed by careless smoking and arson. Many factors contribute to the problem of dormitory housing fires.

■ Improper use of 911 notification systems delays emergency response.

■ Student apathy is prevalent. Many are unaware that fire is a risk or threat in the environment.

■ Evacuation efforts are hindered since fire alarms are often ignored.

■ Building evacuations are delayed due to lack of preparation and preplanning.

■ Vandalized and improperly maintained smoke alarms and fire alarm systems inhibit early detection of fires.

■ Misuse of cooking appliances, overloaded electrical circuits and extension cords increase the risk of fires.

If your child is going away to college this year, give them information on how to take responsibility for their own safety. Sit down with them and explain to them the following key points:

■ Provide students with a program for fire safety and prevention.

■ Teach students how to properly notify the fire department using the 911 system.

■ Install smoke alarms in every dormitory room and every

level of housing facilities.

■ Maintain and regularly test smoke alarms and fire alarm batteries every semester.

■ Regularly inspect rooms and buildings for fire hazards.

■ Inspect exit doors and windows and make sure they are working properly.

■ Create and update detailed floor plans of buildings, and make them available to emergency personnel, resident advisors and students.

■ Conduct fire drills and practice escape routes and evacuation plans. Urge students to take each alarm seriously.

■ Do not overload electrical outlets and make sure extension cords are used properly.

■ Learn to properly use and maintain heating and cooking appliances.

The steps that everyone can take to protect themselves and their children are fairly simple ones. Since your student may never have had to take responsibility for their own safety before, prepare them before they head out the door for college.

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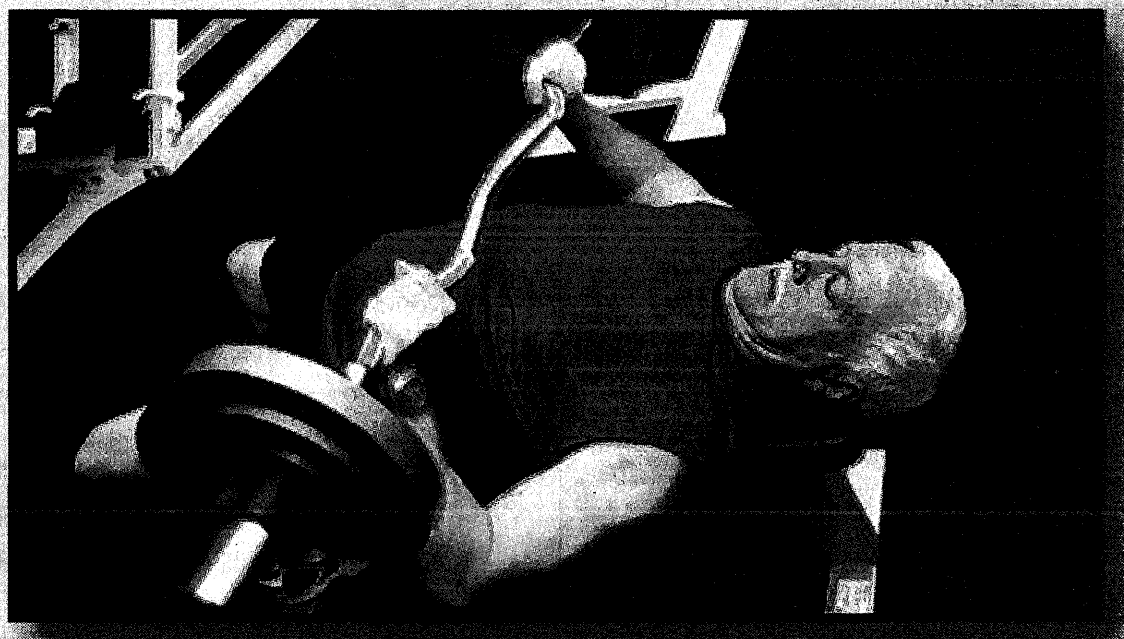
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## Schmitt is our true hometown Olympian

A couple of years ago, during the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, figure skaters Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto helped put Canton on the map with their silver medal-winning performance in ice dancing.

Canton responded with a grand celebration for the two heroes. But Belbin was born in Ontario, Canada, and Agosto was born in Chicago, and neither of them were reared here. They just happened to train at Canton's Arctic Ice arena (something they no longer do).



Allison Schmitt

Allison Schmitt, on the other hand, is a true hometown hero. The 2008 Canton High graduate was raised in the Canton community and began swimming here when she was just 6 years old. A little over a week ago, Schmitt stood near the top of the swimming world in Beijing, China. The 18-year-old was part of the U.S. women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team that won a bronze medal.

The fact that the team didn't earn a gold didn't faze Schmitt one bit. She was just thrilled to be able to compete on such a stage.

"When we were standing on the podium for the medal ceremony, I couldn't stop smiling. It was like a dream come true," Schmitt said. "I still don't really believe it all. It was so cool just to be able to participate in the Olympics. To get a medal, too, was very special."

Schmitt's Olympic experience included meeting the president of the United States and many of America's top athletes, including her teammate Michael Phelps, as well as basketball stars LeBron James and Kobe Bryant. It was truly a dream-like week for Schmitt.

However, she said everything paled in comparison to winning an Olympic medal. It was the culmination of countless hours of training and hard work, which only Schmitt, her parents (Gail and Ralph Schmitt) and her coaches can truly appreciate.

Tonight, Schmitt will be honored at halftime of the Canton-Brighton high school football game at the PCEP junior varsity field. It will be a fitting and well-deserved honor considering the legacy she has left at Canton High. She has set a new standard for all swimmers in the district to look up to.

Fortunately, this is not the end of the story for Schmitt. In addition to swimming for the University of Georgia Bulldogs beginning this fall, she has already said she would like to compete in the 2012 Olympics in London, England. We can't wait.

Congratulations, Allison, and thanks for being such an inspiration.

## It's your job, parents, to teach life's most important lessons

With school starting Sept. 2, parents may think they're off the hook for a while.

Not so fast.

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. Parents may get a break from taking care of them from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school is in session, but their children don't stop learning when the last school bell of the day rings.

Children learn by example. And the lessons their parents teach are among the most important.

Parents who want their children to succeed in school — and in life — will set a good example. This includes accepting responsibility for their own actions, doing the right thing even when "everyone else" is doing the wrong thing, and following through on their commitments.

Parents can't simply tell their children, "Do as I say, not as I do." They have to live what they teach, or their children will see through their hypocrisy.

A good education is necessary. Today, youngsters need a high school diploma and a college degree or some kind of specialized job training to be financially independent.

But character development is even more essential. A degree from a prestigious university may land a grad a job, but being an honest employee who treats co-workers and managers with respect will help him to keep it.

Parents can't depend on teachers to teach morals — they have enough to do teaching them academics.

Besides it's parents' responsibility to teach their children about responsibility, honesty and the other important lessons of life.



### Thanks to Farrand

As the new school year begins and both our children are now in middle school, we can't help looking back on the experiences we had at Farrand Elementary.

Our family would like to extend our deepest heartfelt thanks to the teachers and staff at Farrand. Over and over again we were impressed with their professionalism, their skill, their kindness, and their sincere interest in our children's well-being.

We were lucky enough to participate in the multi-age program, and we would like to extend a special thank you to Ann Hagen and Isabelle Sand — two remarkable teachers. We will miss you, the community of volunteers, and all the staff at Farrand.

Good luck on the new school year, and thank you for all you do for our children. You have made a lasting difference in our lives.

Stephanie and Matthew Duda  
Plymouth

### Restrict dangerous chemicals

Right now the Michigan legislature is considering the restriction of two dangerous chemicals: lindane a treatment for lice on children; and deca-BDE a flame retardant in mattresses, furniture, computers and televisions. As a Christian, I am deeply concerned about the health effects of these chemicals on children's health and all God's creation.

Lindane has been banned by 50 countries and the state of California. It is no longer used by the U.S. military, or on our livestock. Children who have been improperly exposed to lindane have suffered neurological damage afterwards. There are safer alternatives already in use; and lindane is a last resort when used in a doctor's office.

Deca-BDE is a flame retardant found in furniture, electronics, mattresses and textiles. The flame retardant releases into the air and water and can move up the food chain from fish to humans to babies. Scientific studies have found that American women have the highest concentration of flame retardants in their breast milk. Relatively high levels of deca-BDE have been found in fish from the Great Lakes. Animal studies have linked deca-BDE to thyroid and liver diseases and developmental delays. Safer flame retardants exist on the market, and should be used in place of deca-BDE.

In the gospel of Matthew 18:2-4, Jesus says, "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Children are dear to God, and we must ensure that they are able to grow without concern for toxic trespass of their bodily temples. We are also taught that God made the Earth and said it was good (Genesis 1:18). God put us on the Earth to care for Creation (Genesis 2:15).

Louise Ramsay  
Livonia

### Record matters most

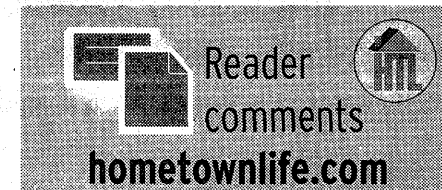
Should John McCain choose Joe Lieberman, a Democrat turned Independent and even possibly our nation's first official Republican, as his running mate, it would have nothing to do with selecting an "unpredictable outsider" or even bipartisanship.

It would only reflect disingenuous politics at America's worst and most unforgiving. John McCain and Joe Lieberman are friends — no question about it. However they share

the same "yes" vote on only one issue and that is the Iraq war. On all economic, health care and education issues, legislation and voting records, they sit on absolute opposite sides of the aisle. Joe Lieberman is a staunch advocate for the middle class, affordable health care, pro-choice and in support of stem cell research, mental health parity (The Wellstone Act), the uninsured children's health care bill and expanding, mandating and funding the No Child Left Behind. Yes, Joe Lieberman and John McCain are the very best of friends and share a passionate while misguided political ideology about the war in Iraq and both international and national security measures — but that is where their shared political beliefs, passions and votes stop. Democrats are not going to vote for John McCain because he disingenuously puts Joe Lieberman on the ticket.

Democrats, Independents and moderate Republicans are going to vote against John McCain based upon his voting record on issues critical to themselves and our nation. If you are against affordable health care, health care for uninsured children, mental health parity, strong and accountable public education, a viable middle class, pro-choice and rational and educated decisions on how and where we secure America's safety in America and around the world then John McCain is going to be your candidate for president. Putting a vice presidential candidate on the ticket that will vote against the president on 98 percent of all legislation while somewhat comical, will not secure more votes for Mr. McCain on Nov. 4. So, put your hand over John McCain, Joe Lieberman and Barack Obama's names and compare their voting records in Congress. And then ask yourself how John McCain could ever select Joe Lieberman as his running mate or how Joe Lieberman could ever accept. In an Obama presidency, Congress and President Obama will know that on 98 percent of all legislation they can count on Sen. Joe Lieberman, Democrat, Independent, Republican and close friend of Sen. John McCain.

Marcie Lipsitt  
Franklin



Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

■ In response to: There must be a better choice than leaving Daisy wall alone: chickenfight wrote:

"People need to find a better use of their resources than trying to save a worn down wall of a company that up and abandoned Plymouth more than half a century ago."

■ In response to: Suspects caught in township home invasion:

wildhorsewoman wrote: "Gee! I am glad your city does the RIGHT THING! In the city of Livonia they just turn them to the parents' custody and have them promise not to do it again or go near the home as well. Go for your city and put them bad guys away!"

■ In response to: Teacher's book based on

life experiences:

wildhorsewoman wrote:

"Well the parents do a much better job in Livonia they teach the sick very bad hate, lies and all get away with it too. The kids have no respect for the parents or the law. They wonder why the school system is losing kids. They do not go to school most of the time and no one cares. But the Mayor is concerned!"

■ In response to: McCotter: Bush reaction to Georgia invasion 'inexcusable':

imjustasayin wrote:

"Dear Uncle Thad, I'm sure GWB was very upset when someone gave him a 5 second cliff note of the E-mail you took 2 days to right and re right. Congratulations on again wasting tax payers money writing it and then calling everyone you know to let them know you took a swing at a president with weeks left in power. What a brass pair you have. Go ahead and listen to your advisers and try to suck up some democratic votes for november while you can."

"I hope the next president knows when to get our troops involved and when to do things diplomatically as well as GWB does. China and Russia are strong world powers, it's not like the sand dunes of backwater Iraq and the caves of Afghanistan. China and Russia can bring the war here, to our Georgia, please do not forget that (even though you would probably be in Canada for it anyway.)"

"It was a bold move to go to China and needed to be done. More then a rebellion Georgia. More then baby-sitting Congress. He Shown PRIDE in America. Try it sometime."

qtush wrote:

"Resurging? Not enough resources? where do you get your info cause it is wrong. I suppose there were no weapons of mass destruction to right. First of all go look at what was actually found. Then listen to all the reports about Taliban in Iraq. Then when you accuse one person of not giving the military enough to do the job right and go cheap. the more you tell yourself something the more you believe it. Palosi stood in the way of funding the whole ride through this war. I must have missed something when G W came out and said he was very disappointed in the action that was taken against Georgia. And yes I too am sick and tired of people saying things for the purpose of getting elected. Call him what you wish it is your right to do so but G W has not made comments just to make people feel good. Which seems to be the political correct thing to say these days. How about saying what is right and wrong?"

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— Turkia Awada Mullin, assistant Wayne County executive and executive director of the Wayne County Land Bank, on the possibility of the county chipping in some tax incentives to entice the YMCA into building in Plymouth

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# Presidential contest is close, and the question is why

The Democrats are doing their thing this week. The Republicans take the stage next week.

You'll hear a lot of the usual jibes, attacks, innuendoes and high-flying rhetorical flourishes. Unfortunately, political conventions are not the best venues for discovering what the candidates and parties are all about.

In a conversation last week with U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, he said congressional candidates who hold too closely to doctrinaire party positions would be the ones in danger of losing their seats this November.

But you can go on YouTube and watch a McCotter presentation on the House floor in which he drags out all the old and dreary labels for the Democrats. He attempts to "humorously" present a primer on speaking Democratic and then proceeds to equate Democrats with socialists, appeasers, big taxers, big spenders, anti-business. You know the drill. (But no, he isn't in danger of losing his seat.)

In our conversation, he said the American public is just as angry at Democratic-controlled Congress as they are at the sitting Republican president. He cites polls showing that this is the most unpopular Congress ever. But the fact is that the Democrats have only had control of Congress for two years, after 12 years of Republican control of the House. Many of the Democratic legislative initiatives have met with presidential vetoes or shortfalls in the Senate. The Senate is really an almost even split, with many conservative Democrats (and the lone wolf Joe Lieberman) giving the Republicans a majority on defense issues. It's hard to believe that the public could possibly equally blame the new Democratic majority in Congress with the president and his policies over the past eight years for the many messes the country is in.

But recent polls on the presidential race suggest a very close election.

Why? Real income is down. Foreclosures have reached historic highs. Thousands of American workers have found themselves out of work or underemployed. Many young college graduates have found it impossible to find a job in their field and difficult to find any job at all. The stock market has been in

a long skid, plunging the value of 401(k)s and making a comfortable retirement a dim prospect, even as many companies are trying to force workers toward retirement. (And we won't even mention disastrous environmental policies, no leadership on escalating health care costs and a war in Iraq that is costing us billions and short-circuited the hunt for bin Laden.)

Sen. John McCain has prided himself as a "maverick" and his personal history, his ability over time to work with Democrats and his folksy demeanor are all appealing qualities. It is interesting that voters in the Republican primaries chose the candidate who was least "doctrinaire" about Republican positions. But to seal the deal, McCain has moved back toward those doctrinaire positions. He could have, and may yet offer an alternative conservative vision, but time to make his case is running out. He has embraced a failed presidency.

Despite that, recent national polls show him and Sen. Barack Obama in a dead heat.

State polls from last week do show Obama pulling ahead in Michigan, the state that was the first to feel the full impact of a fast shifting global economy and an inadequate federal response. For far too long, many Michigan voters have been conned into voting against their own economic best interests.

Obama offers an opportunity to break that bad habit.

Obama is not a doctrinaire Democrat, much to the distress of some in that party. He does have serious economic ideas that borrow from across the political and academic spectrum, from Reagan to Clinton, from Friedman to Galbraith. His ideas are nuanced, pragmatic, based on free market principles.

But already the pundits are upset that the Obama campaign is pulling its punches, in its so-far tepid ads and at the convention. What are they waiting for, when Republicans have been girding themselves for the political lashing eight years of Bush "leadership" deserves.

Are we incapable of actually considering the real ideas of these candidates? Do we make all our decisions on which campaign can be more negative, more snarky, more misleading?

Too bad, here in southeast Michigan, we need ideas not sound bites.

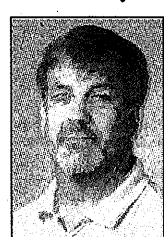
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Hugh Gallagher

# Wonders of wizardry come alive as passion for Potter prospers

In the last couple of weeks, Russia has invaded Georgia, Barack Obama has chosen Joe Biden (yay! by the way) as his running mate, George Bush suddenly thinks it's a good idea to get out of Iraq (how 28 percent of the country thinks this guy is doing a good job is beyond me) and Plymouth-Canton graduate Allison Schmitt won a medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics.



Brad Kadrich

What most of you probably missed was the item that most affected me personally: The release of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* has been delayed from Nov. 21 to some time in July. That's NEXT July. July 2009.

ELEVEN months from now. Now, that may not mean much to you, but to a Muggle-born wizard wannabe, it's disappointing news, indeed.

A few months ago, it would have meant nothing to me. A few months ago, I'd never read a word of J.K. Rowling's multi-gozillion-dollar series, never watched a single second of any of the first five Harry Potter movies. Now, I'm so addicted my 18-year-old, Marc, isn't sure he can live with me any more (a difficult position for him, since this is all his fault).

I've covered the last couple of releases of Harry Potter books, without really having much interest in the actual writings. I have my passions (my knowledge of M\*A\*S\*H is unparalleled, for instance), but I still found the devotion of Potter fans willing to wait hours until the midnight release of both *Goblet of Fire* and *Order of the Phoenix* surprising.

I remember talking to one young girl at the release of *Goblet of Fire*, the fourth book in the series, who had read the first three (I hadn't read any of them). She had waited with her dad in line for several hours at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth. At the same event were several young people in costume — Hermione Granger, Professor Dumbledore and the Boy Who Lived himself, Harry Potter. I was more

amused than impressed. I was such a tremendous git back then.

None of it really meant anything to me until about three months ago, when I ran out of reading material at home. Marcus and my 11-year-old Robert, both urged me to finally give the Potter franchise a try and convinced me to try again to read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. I had tried it once before and found it thoroughly uninteresting.

But that's the interesting thing about our fancies, about our passions: We don't always know they're our passions, at first.

I gave *Sorcerer's Stone* another chance, and I haven't read anything but Harry Potter since. Rather than childish fantasy I found well-written lessons about life, about overcoming differences and adversity, with a few spells thrown in. What the Potter books really are are a seven-part coming-of-age story, sometimes breathtakingly told in a style that allows Rowling to really bring Potter and his cronies to life.

I've now read all seven books and watched three of the first four movies (I opened the DVD of *Chamber of Secrets*, borrowed from my Little Ones, only to find a Fairly Oddparents cartoon disc in it). I know who the Weasleys are, and I know what Quidditch is. I know what Death Eaters did, and I know why you'd drink Polyjuice Potion (I'd explain it all to you, but they only give me about 19 column inches here; Potter-maniacs — Pothead, Marc calls me — know what I'm talking about).

I stopped in the middle of writing this column to take two Harry Potter quizzes online, dragging my son into one of them and prompting him to tell me, "You've got to be stopped."

He thinks it's bad now? Wait 'til he sees the Invisibility Cloak I'm asking for for Christmas.

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## Salem nets '08 Balconi soccer title

For previews on local prep soccer teams, see Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The heat was relentless during Saturday's Gary Balconi Soccer Tournament on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus.

Just not quite as relentless as Salem's soccer team.

The Rocks opened their 2008 campaign in sizzling fashion by outlasting many of the top teams in southeastern Michigan on the way to a 3-0 record and the Balconi title.

"It was a fantastic day for us," noted Salem coach Ed McCarthy, whose squad knocked off U of D Jesuit, 5-1, in the

championship match. "Our team's fitness level was the key reason we were so successful on a very hot day. All the conditioning the kids did over the summer paid off."

Junior John Krutty's goal off an assist from Scott O'Connor was the difference in Salem's tournament-opening 1-0 triumph over Dexter. Junior goalkeeper Sasa Miskovic was flawless between the pipes for the winners.

Junior Lachlan Savage accounted for both goals in Salem's 2-0 Game 2 victory over Novi Catholic Central. Savage was assisted by Alex Tramel and Mohammad Pourmandi.

Josh Pascarella was the brightest star among many in the lopsided title-clinching win over Jesuit. The senior tallied a pair of goals while Sam Savage, Matt

Woster and Tramel each recorded one net-finder.

Plymouth went 1-2 Saturday, defeating Dexter, 1-0, before falling to CC, 1-0, and Ann Arbor Huron, 5-2.

Danny Jasewicz netted the only goal in the victory over the Dreadnaughts after securing a pass from Nick Russ.

Jasewicz and Russ both found the back of the net in the setback to the River Rats. Last Thursday, the Wildcats opened the season with a 1-0 triumph at Walled Lake Northern. Jasewicz scored the lone goal while Kyle Brindza and Josh Hill each played a half in the shutout of the Knights.

**CANTON 2, NOVI 2:** On Monday at Novi, the Chiefs earned a draw against the Wildcats thanks to goals from Yusef Bazy and Joey Krizanek. Mitchell

Reinhart, Jon Allen and Brandon Burt contributed assists while Nick Turnbull played solid in goal.

**PCA 1, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0:** On Tuesday, the Eagles improved to 4-0 as senior keeper Brent Zinn stopped 21 shots and Blair Robinson deposited the game-winner with approximately eight minutes left in regulation. Spencer Wiard assisted Robinson, who headed the ball over the Warriors' keeper's grasp.

"We knew it was going to be a tight game," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "At halftime, my co-coach, Evan Baker, predicted one goal would win it and he was right on."

The shutout was Zinn's third of the season.

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## Sidelines

### Schmitt ceremony

Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt, who earned a bronze medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics earlier this month, will be honored at halftime of tonight's Canton-Brighton high school football game, which will kick off at 7 p.m. at the PCEP junior varsity stadium located just south of Plymouth High School.

Schmitt will be presented with a resolution from the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education at halftime.

She will be available before the game to meet kids and sign autographs.

### Holes in one

Several local golfers registered aces on area courses recently:

■ **Joey Verkerke**, 9, of Plymouth, aced the 78-yard eighth hole on the Strategic Fox layout at Fox Hills on Aug. 6. He used a driver. Verkerke recorded a nine-hole score of 43.

■ **Brendan McCann**, 11, of Plymouth, aced the eighth hole at Strategic Fox on Aug. 12 using a driver. He fired a nine-hole round of 34.

■ **Nate Brocci**, 14, of Plymouth, notched a hole in one on hole No. 12 of the Strategic Fox, using a five iron. He shot a nine-hole round of 26.

■ **Joyce Davis** of Plymouth aced the 127-yard third hole at Timber Trace Golf Course in Pinckney using a nine wood.

### Local bikers

Several Canton residents are primed to ride in the 38th annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) bicycle tour that runs Wednesday through Sunday.

Christopher Gavalier will ride his first DALMAC while Mark Bourcier, Jeff Deneen, Brandon Rogers and Carolyn Rothwell are all tour veterans. This year's event will be Deneen's sixth.

Founded in 1971 by former State Sen. Dick Allen, DALMAC offers riders a choice of five routes that will end in either Mackinaw City or DeTour Village.

This year's routes range in distance from 303 to 414 miles.

More than 2,000 riders are expected to participate in the 2008 tour.

For more information, visit the DALMAC Web site at [www.biketca.org](http://www.biketca.org).

## 2008 prep football preview

## Canton eyes return trip to playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's football team won't push any scales to the brink of collapse this fall, but the Chiefs will certainly light up some stop watches.

As a result of a much-needed infusion of speed, scoreboards may be lighting up as well for coach Tim Baechler's squad, which will be banking on quick-twitch muscles to return to prominence following last year's 5-4 campaign.

"We're not real big, but our overall team quickness is much improved since last year," said Baechler, who led Canton to seven straight post-season berths prior to last year's near-miss effort. "This team proved during the off-season that they're very committed to the program and I like the chemistry."

The Chiefs return just six starters — four on defense and two on offense — but their roster was replenished with several players who led last year's junior varsity and freshmen units to a combined record of 17-1.

Engineering the team's bruising fullhouse, tight-T offense will be quarterback Kevin Delapaz, a 6-foot, 180-pound lefty who has earned the rare distinction of being named a captain in his junior season.

"He's a very calm and cool kid," said Baechler. "So far, he's shown us that he can make the plays and he doesn't get rattled."

The Chiefs will also employ a spread offense on occasion, Baechler revealed.

Canton's starting running back trio enters the 2008 campaign with hardly any varsity experience, but more than enough wheels to compensate.

Halfbacks Kiere Daniels, a 5-10, 175-pound senior, and Rohn Gaudi, a 5-9, 155-pound junior, will flank junior fullback Adam Payter, a 5-7, 160-pound speed-burner.

"They're not big, but they're quick and shifty," said Baechler. "They're all play-makers."

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Junior Kevin Delapaz (carrying ball) will take over the all-important quarterbacking duties for Canton's football team this fall. Delapaz possesses poise, speed and a strong arm.

### ALL ABOUT THE CHIEFS

**HEAD COACH:** Tim Baechler (11th year);

**2007 RECORD:** 5-4;

**RETURNING STARTERS:** 6;

**KEY RETURNERS:** Bryan Gerst, Sr. LB; Nick Sweda, Sr. DB/RB; Justin Sneddon, Sr. OL/LB; Dakota Dark-Bird, Jr. TE/LB; Todd Turfe, Sr. TE; Dave Wilcox, Sr. RB/DB; Dan Stoney, Sr. K.

**COACH'S OUTLOOK:** "We're not real big, but our overall team quickness is much improved since last year. This team proved during the off-season that they're very committed

to the program and I like the chemistry."

### 2008 SCHEDULE

(all games start at 7 p.m.)

**Thursday, Aug. 28 - BRIGHTON**

**Friday, Sept. 5 - LAKELAND**

**Friday, Sept. 12 - PLYMOUTH**

**Friday, Sept. 19 - @ John Glenn**

**Friday, Sept. 26 - WAYNE**

**Friday, Oct. 3 - @ Franklin**

**Friday, Oct. 10 - CHURCHILL\***

**Friday, Oct. 17 - @ Crossover**

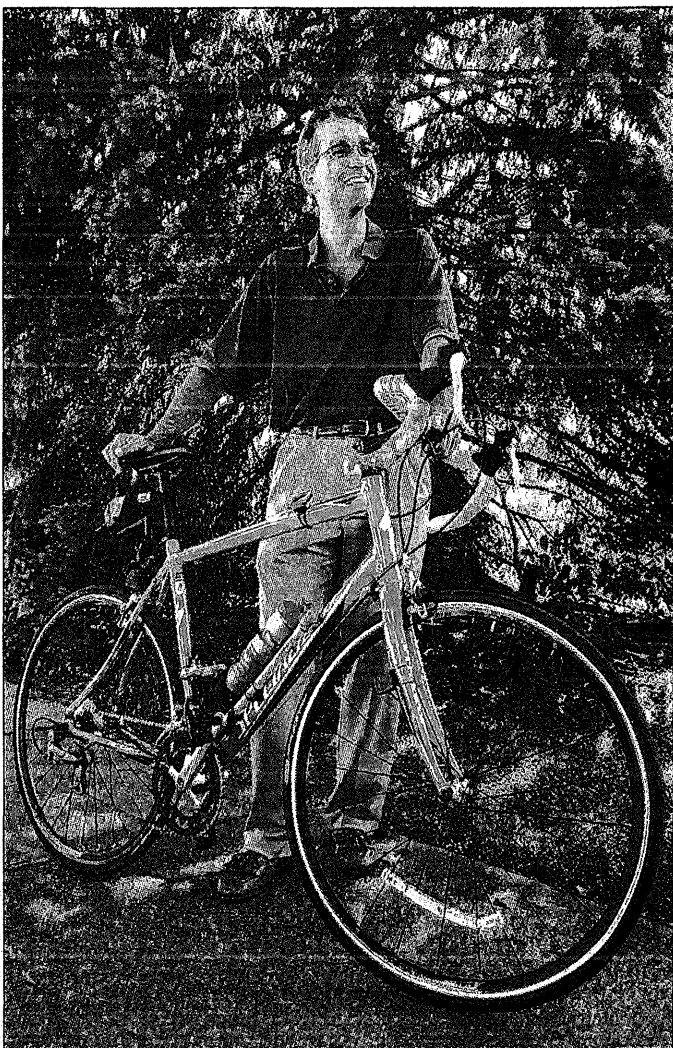
**Friday, Oct. 24 - @ Salem**

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Canton senior receiver Marlan Glenn is expected to play a big role when the Chiefs' offense shifts to its spread formation.

Plymouth Township resident Bill Skubik is prepared to compete in his first full-fledged triathlon Saturday in Plymouth, Mass. The 46-year-old Realtor has completed 10 marathons.



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## ENDURING QUALITIES

### Plymouth Township man primed for first triathlon

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like millions of Americans, Bill Skubik will be going for a swim this Labor Day weekend.

What makes Skubik's water-based activity so unique is that he'll be swimming 2.4 miles in 68-degree salt water that's expected to be a little choppy.

And when his extended dip in the Plymouth Sound is over Sunday morning, he'll barely have time to dry off before jumping on his ultra-light bicycle and pedaling 112 miles through the eastern Massachusetts countryside.

To top his day off, the 46-year-old Plymouth Township Realtor will lace on his running shoes and complete a 26.2-mile marathon.

No, Skubik's not crazy — he's a budding triathlete who is eagerly anticipating his first full-fledged triathlon — a grueling 140-mile-plus athletic test that truly separates the men from the *ironmen*.

"About a year ago I was talking to a guy who works out at the same place I do and he told me he had just finished a full triathlon," Skubik said, explaining why he has chosen labor over leisure this coming holiday weekend. "I thought to myself, 'He's 43 (years old) and he did it, so maybe I can do it, too.' I've

### THE SKUBIK FILE

**NAME:** Bill Skubik

**AGE:** 46

**HOME:** Plymouth Township

**FAMILY:** Wife, Julie; sons, Matt, 17, and Adam, 16

**JOB:** Owns Religious Real Estate

**ATHLETIC FEATS:** Has completed 10 marathons, the latest the Marine Corps Marathon last fall in Washington, D.C.

**UPCOMING CHALLENGE:** Will participate in his first full-fledged triathlon on Sunday. The event includes 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike race and 26.2-mile run.

**TRAINING REGIMEN:** Runs, lifts weights, swims and bikes up to 28 hours a week.

completed 10 marathons, so I knew I could do the running part."

### Fine-tuned focus

Once his mind was made up, the father of two sons — Plymouth High School students Matt, 17, and Adam, 16 — and husband of Julie started a regimen that included two to six hours of training per day.

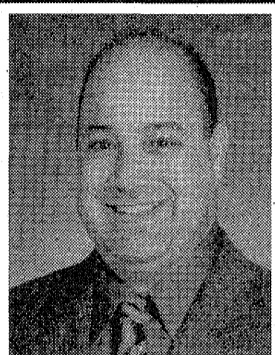
"I'll work out two to three hours in the morning before work, either swimming or

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**Kings of the Kensington**

The 14U Canton Cardinals captured the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association Open division title this summer after compiling a 13-5 record. The Cardinals also placed third in the AA State Championship tournament. Pictured (from row from left) are Chris Bohrer, Zach Sharrer, Kyle Rodes, Vaughn Birchler, Mitch Belisle, (back row from left) coach Glen Sharrer, Matt Grabowski, Matt Constance, Nick Posh, Braden Price, Tyler Goble, Bernabe Salinas and head coach Jim Belisle. Not pictured are Peter Nowak, coach Steve Nowak and coach Joe Rodes.

**Steelers tame Cougars in season opener**

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers got their season off to a rousing start Sunday when they swept the host Garden City Cougars.

The Steelers' varsity squad ousted the Cougars, 27-14, as Joshua Mayberry scored a touchdown behind strong blocking from Jalen Bryant, who also scored. Kyle Topper added three extra-point runs.

Defensively, the victors were paced by Lowell Wade, who forced a fumble, and Justin Broughman, who scored on a fumble recovery.

The Steelers' JV contingent trampled the Cougars, 32-12, thanks in part to Anthony Convertino, who threw a TD pass along with providing strong leadership.

Also shining for the winners were Trenton Shelby, who scored three of the team's five TD's, and Nick Poet, who pounced on a fumble. Kevin Justice, Phillip Avramoski and Hussein Shahine excelled defensively for P-C.

The freshmen routed the Cougars, 34-6, as Aaron Brazelton rushed for a pair of touchdowns. Chris Bryant got

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things going when he ran back the opening kick-off for a TD. Nathan Gozlor excelled on the offensive line. Defensively, Joey Ahearn, Ben Phillips and Matthew Poet played well.

The junior freshmen shined on both sides of the ball. Offensively, Rashawn Allen, Nicholas Polydoros and Ryan Young each scored twice while Lou Baechler (four solo tackles), Aaron Gabarino and Evan Good led the defensive effort.

**Lions split with Bulldogs**

The Canton Lions' varsity squad opened the 2008 campaign with an impressive 45-22 victory over the Brighton Bulldogs Saturday afternoon.

The Lions' offensive output was led by Malcolm Hollingsworth's three touchdowns. Jordan Ciciotti, Scott Gring and Nathan Emminger added a touchdown each. The offensive line play of Danny Stropes and Luke Denzer was great all day.

The defensive line play of

Cody Sirls, Alex Smith, Travis McCall and Evan Lee stuffed the Bulldogs' offense. Brandon Lee and Jamarl Eiland added interceptions while Kyle Durham played a solid all-around game.

The Lions open their home schedule on Sept. 7th at Central Middle School against the Redford Rangers.

The Lions' JV squad fell to the Bulldogs, 20-0. Several Lions sparked on the defensive side of the ball, including Daniel Jipping, Kenny Arnold, Andrew Hunt, Mike San Millian and Daniel Kilgore.

The Lions' freshmen squad dropped a 25-0 decision to a tough Bulldog contingent.

The Lions' defense kept them in the game until the end of the third quarter with strong play from Justin Burgos, Jason Arnold, Jakob Wickens, Jackson Austin and William Bode, who blocked an early punt.

The Lions' offense had a tough time moving the ball against a stingy defense, but were led by quarterback Evan Voyles and the line play of Shaw Lyall and Spence Vantiem.

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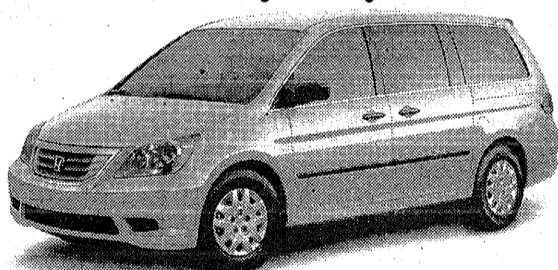
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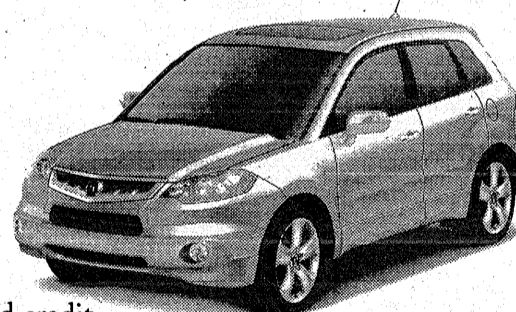
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# Stingy 'D' should lead Salem to plenty of W's

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Opposing forwards may have a hard time "Cope"ing when they take the field against Salem this season.

That's because the Rocks' defense will be as hard to penetrate as a rock wall thanks to the presence of returning senior defenders Kevin Cope, Jace Bearden, Matt Calupina and Garrett Rogers and All-State net-minder Sasa Miskovic, who's only a junior.

"We're going to have a strong back line led by Kevin Cope," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "And Sasa (pronounced Sa-sha) is in my estimation one of the top three or four goalies in the state."

McCarthy had high praise for Cope, who has verbally committed to play collegiately at Michigan State University.

"Kevin possesses a great combination of size and speed," said McCarthy. "He's also a tough and aggressive player."

Junior Zach Basanese will provide defensive depth for the Rocks. Senior Josh Pascarella will pace the Rocks at the other end of the pitch. Pascarella led the team in scoring as a junior despite the fact he doesn't possess blazing speed.

"Josh is a very crafty finisher," said McCarthy. "He's very hard to stop one-v-one and he comes back to the ball very well, which helps us possess the ball longer."

Joining Pascarella up front will be Sal Savage and Alex Tramel.

The Rocks' corps of mid-fielders is deep and talented led by senior Jeremy Stoychoff. Other key mids include senior Alex Covert, junior John Krutty, junior Lachlan Savage, senior Matt Woster, senior captain Dan Radosevich, junior Scott O'Connor and junior Evan Antich.

Will Allen will back up Miskovic between the pipes.

The Rocks return 18 letter winners from their 2007 team that went 7-6-10.

"With all of our experience, I expect us to compete for a league championship this season," McCarthy asserted. "We're in a very tough division, though, with Stevenson, Novi and Northville, so it will be the ultimate test."

## PLYMOUTH

Head coach Jeff Neschich will be looking to replace the school's best player ever — Colin Rolfe — who graduated in June and is now playing for the University of Louisville.

Also gone from last year's 9-7-5 squad are twins Trevor and Tyler Floyd, who contributed in many ways.

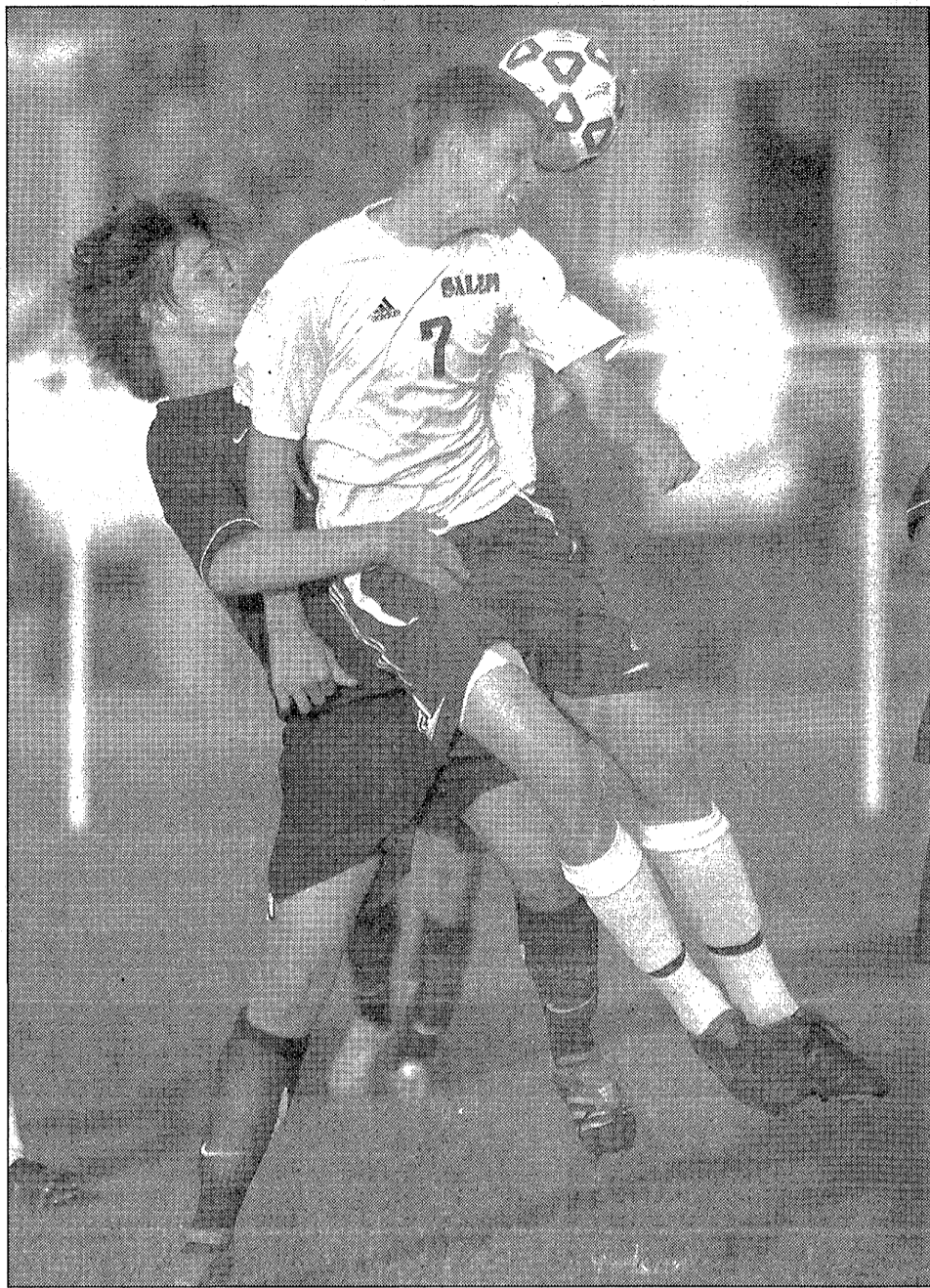
"I think we're going to be OK," said Neschich. "Obviously, we have some holes to fill, but the kids are working hard to make up for the losses we had to graduation."

"Our strength is probably going to be our defense, where we return three of four starters."

The player expected to pick up most of the scoring slack in Rolfe's wake is forward Danny Jasewicz, who was second on the team in goals scored last season. The talented junior has already netted three goals in the Wildcats' first four games.

"Danny's a very strong, physical player," said Neschich. "He has good, all-around skills."

Other key forwards include seniors Kyle Anderson and Bradley Finnegan.



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Salem senior defender Jace Bearden (7), pictured in a game last season, combines with fellow senior Kevin Cope to give the Rocks a formidable one-two punch along the back line.

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Providing strong depth in the mid-field for the Wildcats will be sophomore Ian Griffiths, sophomore Steve Jahn, senior Zach Neville, senior Chris Shackelford, junior Joey Klonowski, junior Dan Conklin and junior Harold Blohm. The Wildcats' goal-keeping duties will be shared — at least early on in the season — by junior Josh Hill and sophomore Kyle Brindza, who is also a place-kicker on the Plymouth football team. Making their jobs easier will be a deep and talented defensive corps that includes seniors Evan Yoder, T.J. Madigan and Austin Kaczowski; and juniors Vin Nuygen, Joey Bockstanz and Sam Maccani.

## PCA

The Eagles closed out 2007 with a bang and came within a shootout goal of capturing a Division 4 District title.

They return five key seniors this year who

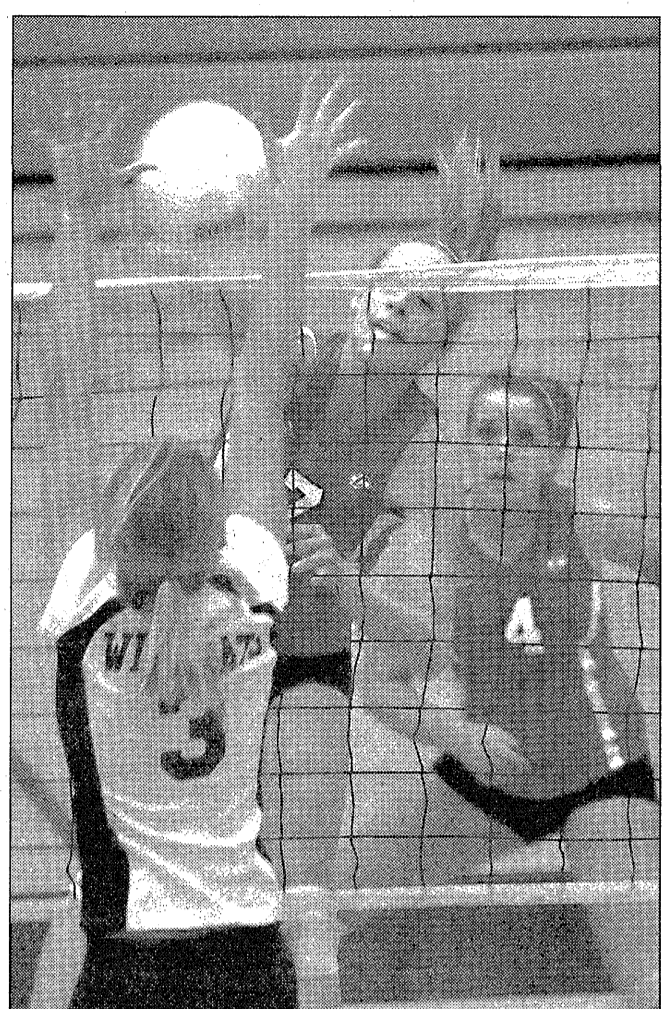
have led them to an early 4-0 start, including a title-clinching effort at last week's Macomb Crusader Cup tournament.

Leading the way is senior goalie Brent Zinn, a four-year starter who is being recruited by several Division 2 colleges.

"Brent's a highly skilled player who, if given the chance, could be a high-scoring forward," said PCA co-coach Larry Machonga. "He's very athletic and has great instincts for the game. If he's not first team All-State this year, I'll be surprised."

PCA's primary defenders will be senior sweeper Paul Kitti, right back Josh Kraus — a transfer student from Indiana — junior stopper A.J. Neil and junior left back Matt Zandee.

The Eagles' mid-field is explosive thanks to the skills of senior Andy Bartes, freshman Alex Chapman, junior Blair Robinson and senior Caleb Middleton. Machonga's son, Jordan, a junior, heads a dangerous forward contingent that also includes sophomore Travis DeKruyter and senior Spencer Wiard.



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Canton's Jordan Kielty (7) and Shelby Anthony (4), pictured in action last year, helped lead the Chiefs to a runner-up finish in Saturday's South Lyon Invitational.

## Kielty's kills propel Chief spikers to runner-up finish

Canton's volleyball team struck gold at Saturday's season-opening South Lyon Invitational.

The Chiefs advanced all the way to the Gold Bracket championship game before falling to 2006 Division 1 state champion North Branch, 25-14, 25-21.

Canton, which went 4-0 in pool play before spiking the host Lions in the semis, was led by senior setter Kacy Moran (97 assists, 36 digs, seven aces) and junior Jordan Kielty, who racked up 61 kills, seven blocks and 38 digs.

"I have five returning players (Moran, Kielty and seniors Gina Waite, Janelle Burdiss and Shelby Anthony) who really held things together on the court for us," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We had a freshman — Kristen Muir — who really stepped up her play and was a huge asset for us going opposite Kielty.

"Janelle, who's usually on our right side, had to play middle for us this weekend and she had great net play and may be seeing more time in the middle this season. I think our defense is what is going to keep us competitive. We still have a lot of offensive work to do. Although Kacy and Jordan look great together, we need more offensive options when we play the bigger teams."

The Chiefs breezed through pool play by sweeping Howell (25-14, 25-23), Dexter (25-17, 25-19), Brighton (25-20, 25-12) and Wayne Memorial (25-13, 25-8). They then outlasted South Lyon in a three-set thriller 25-23, 14-25 and 15-8.

Anthony contributed 45 digs and six aces while Waite chipped in with 45 digs and six aces. Muir notched 25 kills, 30 digs and eight aces, and Burdiss registered six blocks.

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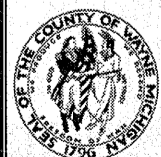
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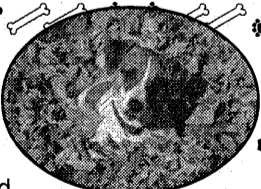
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Salem at WSU Warrior Relays, 5 p.m.

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Madonna vs. Ashford, noon.  
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Saturday, Aug. 30  
Schoolcraft at Owens Classic, TBA.  
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Madonna vs. College of Idaho, 1 p.m.

Madonna vs. Point Loma, 8 p.m.  
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Saturday, Aug. 30  
Madonna vs. MidAmerica Nazarene  
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The Plymouth Christian Academy boys soccer team opened its 2008 campaign in high style Saturday when it claimed first place in the Macomb Crusader Cup tournament. The Eagles were led by senior goalkeeper Brent Zinn, who recorded two shutouts, and junior forward Jordan Machonga, who registered a tournament-leading five goals. Pictured are (front row from left) Josh Witkowski, Alex Chapman, Josh Middleton, Chris Scagnetti, (second row from left) coach Larry Machonga, A.J. Neil, Andy Bartes, Blair Robinson, Jordan Machonga, Paul Kitti, Josh Kraus, Brent Zinn, Caleb Middleton, Matt Zandee and Spencer Wiard. Not pictured is co-coach Evan Baker.

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**TRIATHLON**

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**Realistic expectations**

running on an elliptical, along with some weight lifting," Skubik said. "At night, I might go biking or running. On the mornings I don't swim, I'll bike for two or three hours."

Surprisingly, the toughest of the three legs of the race for Skubik is the one that allows him to sit down.

"I have the most room for improvement with the biking," he said, smiling. "I've heard the course has some rolling hills to it, which I don't mind. For me, the wind is more of a negative."

The other two legs are less worrisome for Skubik due to his extensive long-distance running resume and a well-thought-out aquatic training regimen.

"Back in January, I started swimming 20 minutes a day, three days a week," he said. "I added five minutes every time I worked out every week. By the end of March, I was up to one hour and 30 minutes per workout, which is about the length of time I'll be in the water during the triathlon."

Skubik said he has no idea who will win his age division on Sunday, but he's pretty sure who won't.

"I don't think I'll be anywhere near the (awards) podium when it's over," he said, chuckling. "I'd like to do well for myself, but since this is my first one, just finishing is my ultimate goal."

"When I completed a half-triathlon earlier this summer, I finished in just over seven hours. Well, the guys who placed in my age group did it in about five hours and 20 minutes, so they had time to finish the event, eat a meal and were on their way before I crossed the finish line."

What advice would Skubik pass on to anyone who may want to follow in his ironman footsteps? "Take it slow and build on it," he said. "Like I did for swimming — add five minutes a week. It doesn't seem like much, but it adds up. You can do it for running and biking, too."

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**SC spikers surge to red-hot start**

Schoolcraft College opened the 2008 women's volleyball season with a near-perfect weekend showing at Delta College as the Lady Ocelots romped to 3-0 victories in all four conference matches — defeating Alpena and Delta two matches each.

On Friday, Schoolcraft defeated the Lumberjacks 25-13, 25-15 and 25-5 before hammering the host Pioneers in similar fashion — 25-11, 25-13, 25-8.

"We only committed 12 unforced errors in this match," said Schoolcraft head coach Richard Lamb over Friday's triumph over Delta. "We were able to see what all the players bring to the table."

Lamb saw the Lady Ocelots basically repeat Friday's strong performance on Saturday. Schoolcraft (4-0) romped to a 25-7, 25-13, 25-11 victory over Alpena and wrapped up the weekend with a 25-8, 25-19, 25-13 win over Delta.

"Delta really brought their A-game during the second set," noted Lamb. "At one point, we were down by four."

"Our team maintained their calm and we were able to run the last six points for the win." Canton's Virginia Butler (Westland John Glenn) sparked Schoolcraft's offense with a total of 40 kills over the four matches.

Freshman defensive specialist Jordan Kerr (Livonia Churchill) opened her college career in style. She totaled 42 defensive digs.

Registering 69 assists was freshman setter Brittany Denter while freshman outside hitter Kaitlyn Litteral chipped in with 10 blocks.

"Overall it was a good start," Lamb said. "We still have a lot of work to do, but this team is highly competitive and have a strong desire to improve on areas that need it."

"I am impressed with their composure and maturity at this point in the season."

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# New conference is a gas when it comes to travel

Gas consumption is down across the nation, except when it comes to the opening night of football in the newly formed 23-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association, which was originally designed to cut down on travel expenses.



Brad Emons

So how about these gas-guzzling first-week matchups? Livonia Churchill at Hartland (73 miles round trip); Waterford Mott at Westland John Glenn (60 miles round trip); Wayne Memorial at Waterford Mott (60 miles round trip); and Brighton vs. Canton at Plymouth (64 miles round trip).

And then there's the Redford Thurston at Crosswell-Lexington matchup, which has the KLAA matchups beaten by a Mapquest special of 194 miles round trip.

Call that one the Michigan Mega-Blue Water Area Conference challenge.

Thank goodness for Livonia Franklin at Livonia Stevenson on opening night.

Week No. 2 doesn't get any closer: Waterford Kettering at Churchill; Walled Lake Western at Franklin;

## GRID PICKS

Stevenson at Howell; John Glenn at Pinckney; Mott at Wayne; Brighton at Plymouth; and Lakeland at Canton.

And don't forget to allow yourselves that extra 30 minutes for rush-hour traffic.

But once division play starts in Week No. 3, travel will be reduced considerably.

Here is a look at this week's matchups as Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons tries to retain his grid picks prognostication title against Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith and Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright:

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

(ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED)  
LUTH. WESTLAND (5-4, 4-3) at D.H. ANNAPOLIS (6-4, 4-2), 4:30 p.m.: Annapolis is coming off a playoff season, while the Warriors, with only four seniors on their roster, find themselves in a major rebuilding mode: PICKS: Emons (Annapolis); Wright (Annapolis); Smith (Annapolis).

Det. University Prep (2-6) at Liv. Clarenceville (1-8, 1-6): The Trojans hope to rebound from their worst season in 10 years with the addition of Detroit Cody transfer Dominique Jones and Indiana University recruit Jeremy Gainer. PICKS: Emons (C'ville); Wright (C'ville); Smith (C'ville).

Liv. Churchill (7-3, 4-1) at Hartland (3-6, 2-5): This is where the KVC and the WLAA lock horns for the first time. Churchill's backfield duo

of Jeff Ricketts and Matt Kowalis is potent. Hartland, meanwhile, is expected to be much improved after several close losses last year. PICKS: Emons (Churchill); Wright (Churchill); Smith (Hartland).

Liv. Franklin (7-5, 3-2) at Liv. Stevenson (13-1, 5-0): Didn't these two teams play just a couple of weeks ago? The last meeting, a state playoff quarterfinal, went to the Spartans, 10-7. Should be another good matchup of backfields with Austin White and Wade Stahl of Stevenson against Franklin's David Fortin and newcomer Mike Baumgardner. This could be the best game of the night. PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

Waterford Mott (7-3, 7-1) at Westland Glenn (5-4, 3-2): Mott made the playoffs last year out of the OAA-Blue, while Glenn is under new leadership with Tim Hardin. Where's Keshawn Martin when you need him? PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Mott).

Wayne (4-5, 2-3) at Waterford Kettering (4-5, 4-4): Have these teams ever met? Kettering also comes out of the OAA-Blue, while the Zebras will implement their spread option attack under the guidance of rookie coach Kevin Weber, the KLAA's youngest. PICKS: Emons (Wayne); Wright (Kettering); Smith (Wayne).

Brighton (3-6, 3-4) vs. Canton (5-4, 3-2) at P-CEP Varsity Stadium: The Chiefs didn't make the state playoffs for the first time in eight years and that's motivation enough. Brighton has also had some lean times of late. Cliff Kiefer takes over as the Bulldogs' head coach for Bill Murray, who guided the immortal Drew Henson (now of Detroit Lions fame). PICKS: Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).

Salem (1-8, 1-4) vs. Plymouth (6-4, 2-3) at P-CEP: The Rocks are hungry to turn their program around, but must do it against the neighboring Wildcats, a playoff team which defeated Salem twice last year, 31-14 and 55-6. PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

Garden City (2-7, 1-5) at Taylor Kennedy (4-5, 3-3): The Cougars are dropping down to the Mega-Blue, while Kennedy remains in the Mega-White. Kennedy took last year's season opener, 21-0. PICKS: Emons (Kennedy); Wright (Kennedy); Smith (Kennedy).

Redford Union (5-4, 3-3) at D.H. Crestwood (5-4, 5-1): Both teams fell one win short of making the playoffs a year ago. RU remains in the Mega-White, while Crestwood is a member of the Mega-Gold. PICKS: Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

Red. Thurston (3-6, 2-4) at Crosswell-Lexington (3-6, 3-4): The Eagles, members of the Mega-Gold, make a long road trip on opening night against the Pioneers, members of the Blue Water Conference. PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston).

## FRIDAY'S GAME

Det. Allen Academy (0-0) at Redford Covenant (8-3, 4-1), 4:30 p.m.: The Spartans, led by Indiana recruit Jamonne Chester, went two rounds into the Division 8 playoffs a year ago, while Allen Academy is just getting its feet wet. PICKS: Emons (Covenant); Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant).

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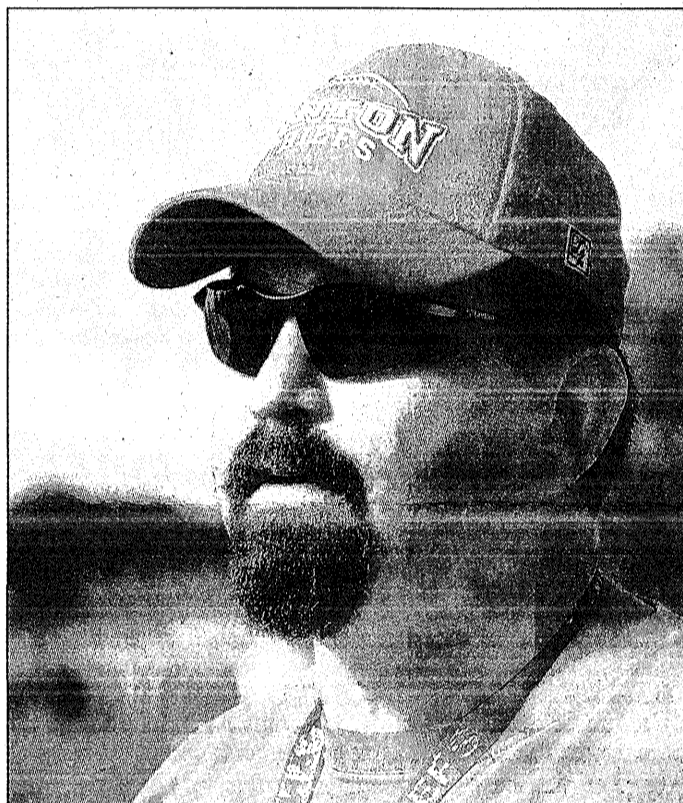
Seniors Dave Wilcox (5-11, 185) and Nick Sweda (5-11, 180) should also get their share of carries along with junior Brett Phillips (5-7, 145), who will back up Payter at fullback.

Senior left tackle Justin Sneddon (5-9, 210) will anchor an offensive line that is jelling more with every snap of every practice, Baechler said. Sneddon, the lone returning starter, will be joined by senior center Kyle Dunleavy (5-10, 210), junior left guard Chris Hilton (5-9, 210) and junior right tackle Carter Staffeld, the largest of the group at 6-2, 265. The starting right guard position was still up for grabs as of last Thursday.

"They're showing a lot of promise," said Baechler. "They're still learning how to block the way we want them to, but they're making progress every day."

Senior Todd Turfe (6-2, 210) and junior Dakota Dark-Bird (6-3, 225) will provide Delapaz with big, reliable targets from the tight end position.

When the offense spreads out, senior Satish Subramanian (5-11, 155), senior Marlan Glenn (5-11, 170) and junior Arron



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Canton football coach Tim Baechler has compiled an 82-29 record in 10 years as the Chiefs' mentor.

Boudreaux (6-0, 170) will check into the huddle as wide-outs.

Senior Jeff Sanctorum (5-11, 150) will serve as the team's reserve quarterback.

Unlike the 2006 Canton team that advanced to the semifinal round of the

Division 1 state playoffs, this year's defensive line is not populated by hulking giants. The largest of the four players who have earned D-line time are seniors Pat Madish and Jason Hu, who tips the scales at 210 pounds a piece. Seniors Rob Moores and

Matt Sauter are 190 and 185, respectively, but they possess a degree of quickness that few offensive linemen will be able to match.

"Our defensive line is small, but fast," Baechler confirmed. "In fact, I think three of our defensive linemen are faster than our line-backers."

Among those slotted for line-backing duties are Dark-Bird, junior Alex Dixon (5-11, 200), senior Mike Clemens (6-3, 190), returning starter Bryan Gerst, a 5-11, 205-pound senior, Sneddon and Jordan Brooks, a 5-9, 200-pound junior.

The Chiefs' secondary will be led by Sweda and senior Dave Wilcox (5-11, 185), both of whom started last season.

Among the players in the mix for starting cornerback slots are senior Donnie Barlow (6-1, 185), and sophomores Josh Nolan (5-8, 150) and Davion Stackhouse (5-10, 175).

Senior Dan Stoney (6-2, 200) will handle the place-kicking duties.

The Chiefs open tonight at home against Brighton. The 7 p.m. game will be played at the PCEP junior varsity stadium, which is located just south of Plymouth High School.

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The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall sports programs, which are filled on a first come-first served basis.

Fall soccer leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Practices begin the week of Sept. 15 and games start Saturday, Sept. 20.

There is one practice a week and one game a week. The cost is \$63 for members and \$95 for community members, and all participants need a YMCA Youth Sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15.

Girls Volleyball leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11. Practices begin the week of Sept. 15 and games start Friday, Sept. 19. There is one

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Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

**Charity basketball game**

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis sponsor a charity basketball game 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia, for the benefit of Children's Hospital of Michigan. Teams are the Amputee Spartans sponsored by Wright & Filippis and the Saints sponsored by the COCC. Halftime activities include a 50/50 drawing and silent auction. Suggested donation is \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children ages 11-18, children 10 and under free. For tickets or information, contact Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net, or Brad Shebib at (248) 829-8327 or bshebib@wright-filippis.com. The Spartans are a team of amputees sponsored by Wright & Filippis and coached by Brad Shebib, a physical therapist at the company and a member of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, Livonia. The Saints are volunteers from COCC member churches coached by Nisreen Fakhouri, a former member of Wayne State University's women's basketball team. COCC church members interested in playing for the team may contact her at (313) 770-3733 or fakhourn@cooley.edu.

**Kirby 5k run**

10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Willow Metro Park, Big Bend. For details go to www.kirbychurch.com.

**Mom to Mom Sale**

Features 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, books/DVD's, baby equipment, etc., that their families have outgrown 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Ave., Canton. Admission \$1. Refreshments available. Strollers welcome. For information, visit mom2momlist.com.

**Bethany Suburban West**

Monthly dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open a 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**Rally day**

For Immanuel Lutheran Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Rd., Dearborn Heights. Sunday School starts Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

**Mom to mom sale**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mel Church, 7506 Inkster Rd., Dearborn Heights. Tables \$25. Call (734) 525-3607 or (313) 274-0684 by Sept. 8.

**Dorje Chang is living in America**

Presentation focusing on reincarnation of the highest leader of Buddhism, HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For information, visit www.zhaxizhuoma.net/. Respected Zhaxi Zhuoma, a close disciple of HH Dorje Chang Buddha III will lead the congregation in Detroit.

**Music at St. John's**

Opens the 2008-2009 concert series with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violinist, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

**Tent sale**

Begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household item, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 a plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. For details, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

**Bethany Suburban West**

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**Celebration**

This year, Israel celebrates a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of this momentous occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben

Opengem, door prizes and auction. Tickets \$90, with proceeds benefiting ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For details, visit www.lifetosave.org.

**Organ recital**

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. Reception follows concert. Free supervised parking adjacent to church.

**Sacred music concert**

Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains, the seminary choir of the Blessed Theodore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering requested to support the seminary. Open to the public. Several audio and video recordings will be available. For information, call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminaryconcerttour.com.

**Mom-to-Mom sale**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

**Safety/health fair**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-2490.

**Marian rally**

Sunday, Sept. 28, join the Felician Sisters of Livonia as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally beginning at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, followed by the praying of the rosary alternating decades in English and Spanish at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, Ind. Refreshments available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants welcome. Parking available at Montessori Center of Our Lady at Newburgh entrance. For information call (734) 591-1730.

**Bethany hay ride**

Saturday, Sept. 27, for Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood. Cost is \$20, includes hay ride, hot dogs with all the fixings plus beverages and a DJ. They have an indoor facility for dining and dancing. Call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479 or Judy at (313) 389-4730 for tickets.

**Spirit of Manresa**

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150, \$250 patron, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933, Ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

**Parenting class**

Parenting Families DVD based classes help address issues in a positive way that will enhance your family life, from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 to Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call (734) 522-6830. Please register at www.christoursavior.org under Adult Fall Classes.

**Crop walk**

Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Crafters wanted**

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

**Fall craft show**

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

**Thursday fellowship dinner**

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners

catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Eucharistic adoration**

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455.

**Worship schedule**

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

**Time change**

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

**Sunday worship**

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is 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 will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

**Reformed Protestant services**

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsivworship/detroit.html.

**Sanskrit chanting**

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Anja Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

**Church schedule**

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. \*Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Single Place Ministry**

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

**Prince of Peace Church**

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

**Tai Chi and strength classes**

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

**Church offerings**

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month.

The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

**Church services**

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

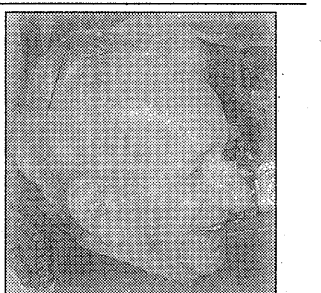
**Tai Chi class**

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and

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**ALICE M.A. McKIM**  
Age 92, of Superior Twp, passed away August 23, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Mearl. Dear mother of Ilene Holl, Sharon Davis and Edwin McKim. Also leaves ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, on Tuesday August 26, 2008. Memorials may be made to the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia or The Cherry Hill United Methodist in Canton. Share memories at: [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com).



**HARRY S. ZAITONIA**

Age 68. August 25, 2008. Beloved husband of Beth. Loving father of Victor (Karyn), Sherri (Matt) Defeve, & Chris. Proud grandfather of four. Dear brother of Richard, Ann Marie (Paul) Mull, JoAnn Zaitonia, Nancy Bartlett, & Julie (Mike) Dubay. Also survived by many nieces & nephews. Visitation Thursday, 1-9pm with a 6pm wake service and a 7pm Rosary service at the St. Clair Shores Chapel of Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, 25800 Harper (3 blks. N. of 10 Mile). Funeral Friday at St. Maron Church, 11466 Kercheval (@ St. Jean), Detroit. Instate 9:30am until Service 10am. Interment private. Share a memory at: [bcfh.com](http://bcfh.com)



**MARGERY P. GILMAN**

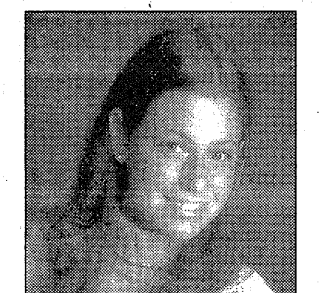
Age 81, of Battle Creek, MI, formerly of Hendersonville, NC, died on Thursday, August 21, 2008, at Bickford Cottage in Battle Creek. Mrs. Gilman was born on March 17, 1927, in Detroit to Burton M. and Mildred L. (Cochran) Pheatt. On February 7, 1948, she married Frederic S. Gilman in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He preceded her in death on March 11, 1986. Mrs. Gilman spent her life as a home maker staying home and taking care of her family. In her later years, she worked as a clerk in departments stores in the Detroit area and she also volunteered at Beaumont Hospital. Mrs. Gilman was a member of the Episcopal Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed playing board games, cards, and especially bridge. Mrs. Gilman enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her two sons: Frederic (Faye) Gilman of Peoria, IL, and Jeff (Carol) Gilman of Marshall. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and a brother William Pheatt. A memorial service took place at 3:30pm on Saturday, August 23, 2008, at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home. Interment will take place at White Chapel Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made Epilepsy Foundation. Assistance with memorials is available at the Kempf Funeral Home. Leave a personal message for the family and sign the online guest book at: [www.kempffuneralhome.com](http://www.kempffuneralhome.com)

**DENNIS S. PRYCIAK**  
Age 60. August 22, 2008, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Nancy, Loving father of Jeannette (Gregory) Capote and Jeffrey (D'Arcy) Pryciak. Grandfather of Mikayla, Adam, Savannah, and Autumn. Son of Stanley and the late Leona Pryciak. Services for Dennis were held Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, MI. Those wishing to make a contribution in Dennis' name are asked to consider Angela Hospice or A.L.S. of Michigan.



**LINDA LOUISE BOSWORTH (O'Rear)**

Age 59, of Canton, MI., passed away August 22, 2008 after a long battle with a rare form of Parkinson's disease. Born October 29, 1948 in Highland Park, MI. to Mary and Emmett O'Rear. She is survived by her loving husband David of 38 years, her five children, Kimberly (Joseph) Dzmura, John (Becki), Laurel (Mark) Anderton, Jason (Sandra), Kevin (Michelle) a stepchild, Kelly Bosworth, her mother, Mary, sisters Laurel (Bob) Gilge and Rachelle (Tom) Schierman, four nieces and 17 grandchildren. Her father Emmett and sister Debra preceded her in death. Linda worked in a family owned business in KS, was an Administrative Assistant at Ford Motor Co., Mercy Health Services, and Visteon Corp. She was the Facility Manager at the American Embassy Assoc., Guest House in Bonn, Germany for several years. Linda loved supporting her children and their friends in their many school and church events. She also enjoyed traveling on the autobans touring bed and breakfasts throughout Europe with family and friends. Memorial services were held on Wed. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 Hix Rd., Westland followed by interment in St. George Cemetery in Brighton, MI. Visitation was at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to The Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Inc., 11350 McCormick Rd., Ste 906, Hunt Valley, MD 21031 or to Angela Hospice Home Care, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share memories or leave a message of condolence, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).



**ELIZABETH "BETSY" HOPKINS**

Passed suddenly August 26, 2008 in Chicago, IL. Age 25, formerly of Birmingham, MI. Beloved and cherished daughter of Mary K. Hopkins (Jim Kelley) and Andrew D. Hopkins (Linda). Dearest sister of David J. Hopkins. Niece of Ina Hopkins. Also survived by Erin Blagburn, Jamie Kelley (Krista), Liz Kelley, Gracie and Lowie. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 3-8pm. Funeral Mass Saturday 9 a.m. at the Chapel of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI. Visitation begins at the chapel 8:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



**HAROLD E. DENISON**

Age 82, a resident of Plymouth since 1958, passed away August 24, 2008. An award winning athlete in high school, Mr. Denison also proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. He loved the outdoors and playing golf, and also enjoyed singing and playing the piano. He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Viola; his children, Susan Denison, John Denison, and Duane (Elizabeth) Denison; his grandchildren, Jamie and Francesca; and his brothers, Raymond (Shirley) Denison, Donald (Ann) Denison, and George (Beverly) Burke. Memorial service at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth, Thursday, August 28, 11am. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, (734)453-3333. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

**MARTHA P. STACE**

Age 91, of Syracuse, formerly of Plymouth, died August 22, 2008 at Loretto. She is survived by a daughter, Beverly Redd, two sons, John L. Stace of Liverpool, NY and Gerald Stace and 17 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren. Services were held Wednesday at the Fairchild & Meech DeWitt Chapel, 3690 Erie Blvd. E. Dewitt, NY. Burial was in White Chapel Memory Gardens.

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**balance.** Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit [www.orchardumc.org](http://www.orchardumc.org) for updates.

**Thrift store**

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Living Water series**

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

**Couple prayer series**

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series ([www.coupleprayer.org](http://www.coupleprayer.org)) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

**New schedule**

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

**Day of service**

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup

Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to [ccrane@thecapuchins.org](mailto:ccrane@thecapuchins.org). To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org).

**Worship Service**

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

**Worship**

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org). Visitors welcome.

**Worship service**

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

**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.

**New worship schedule**

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

**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 Road 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](http://www.orthodoxlivonia.org).

**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 at a new 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](mailto:nikki.tiernan@gmail.com).

**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. Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to [cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Sept. 26. For registration, visit [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://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. They use "The Hope of a Homecoming," by O'Rourke and Sauer (S12). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

**Women of the word**

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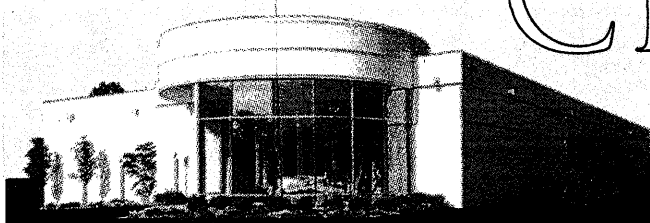
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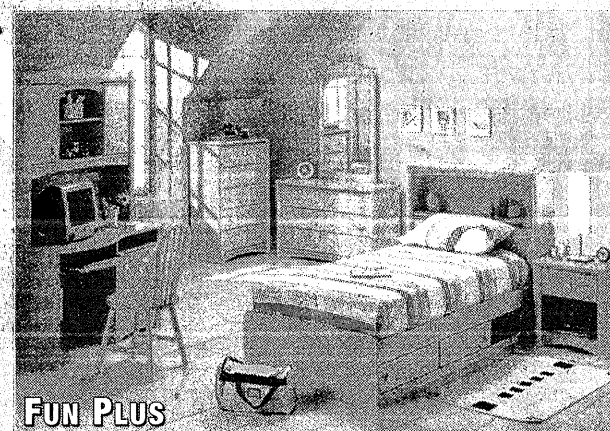
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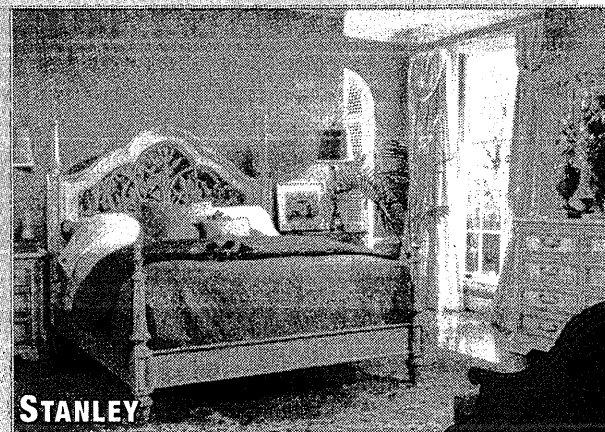
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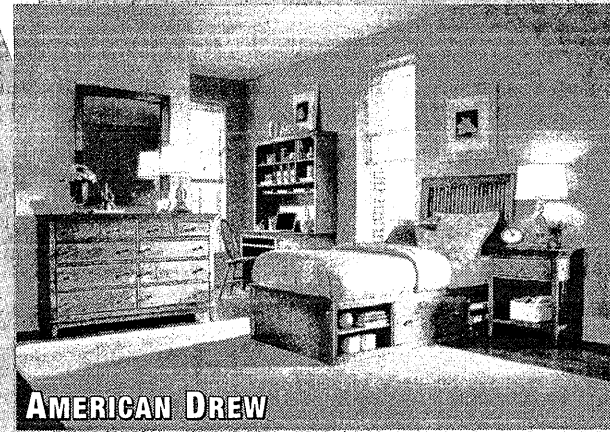
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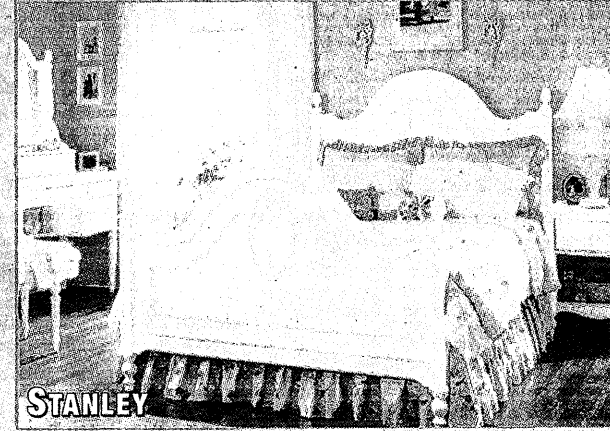
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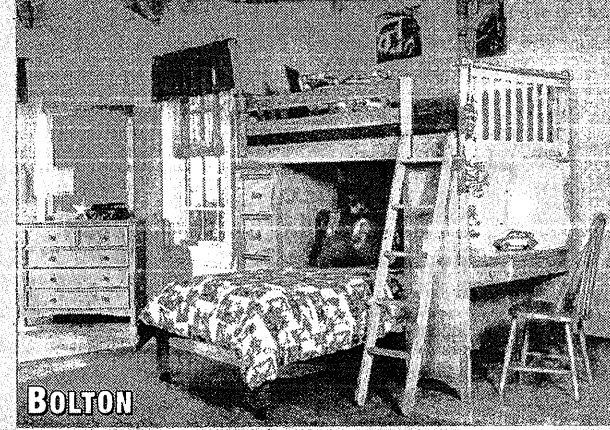
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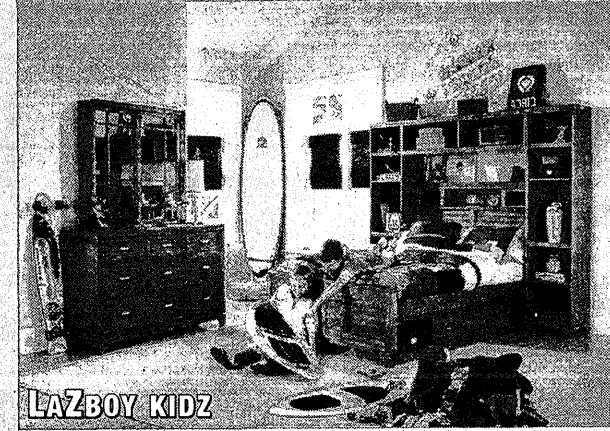
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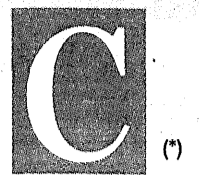
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# Real Estate

## Foreign buyers drawn by some U.S. properties

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

International real estate purchases in the U.S. continue to be a significant share of business for many Realtors, according to the 2008 National Association of Realtors Profile of International Home Buying Activity.

Nanci J. Rands, associate broker with SKBK Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham, noted the impact is less in metro Detroit.

"The effect that it has on the Detroit market is fairly minimal," said Rands, a past president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, covering Oakland and Macomb counties.

"There's a very small effect in metro Detroit."

The new research indicates that international buying activity in the U.S. is widespread. NAR estimates that between 150,000 and 190,000 homes were sold to foreign nationals from May 2007 to May 2008.

Recent foreign buyers purchased properties in every state and the District of Columbia. The most popular states where international buyers purchased homes are Florida, California and Texas. Arizona, New York, Washington and Nevada were also popular.

Rands noted that Sun Belt states like Florida are more popular with foreign buyers, as are New York and Washington, D.C., which are financial/governmental capitals.

"We don't have either of those," she said. Metro Detroit does have people here for business: "Some of them are automotive-related," she said. Others predominate in financial services and health care in southeast Michigan.

Some foreign buyers plan to retire in the U.S., Rands said, so buying makes more sense than renting.

"Other currencies around the world are strong right now against the dollar which makes our real estate market a real value," including for Canadians, Rands said.

"We do have an abundant inventory," she added of home supply. Interest rates here are low, and many believe the local economy will rebound.

Foreign buyers often pay cash, she noted. In Michigan, there's a bit of the foreign buyer "resort effect" in areas like Traverse City and Petoskey, as well as further south in Michigan along the dunes in communities like St. Joseph.

"We've seen this for a long,



time," Rands said of foreign buyers. "The effect is growing now because these currencies are so much stronger."

Is foreign investment good? "It's a much-needed benefit to our housing market," said Michael Whitty, adjunct professor in the College of Business Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy. "It has kept the value of property up."

"Buying in the tri-county area is beneficial to the housing in the region and it is helpful to the state economy," added Whitty, noting our area was settled by foreigners from its origins. To say otherwise, he believes, is "outright racism and stupidity. Let's be charitable and chalk it up to confusion and stupidity," the professor said.

"As the most trusted resource for real estate information, Realtor have long understood what this latest research confirms — the U.S. housing industry truly has no boundaries," said NAR President Richard F. Gaylord, a broker with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, Calif.

The typical international buyer purchased a single-family vacation home costing \$297,400. Four in 10 paid for their U.S. property with cash, compared with 7 percent

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for all domestic buyers. The typical international owner stayed at his or her U.S. property for 2.6 months during the year, according to the NAR findings.

Foreign exchange rates have helped make U.S. homes more affordable for international buyers. The euro, for example, has strengthened 24 percent vs. the U.S. dollar over the past two years. Home prices are also now more affordable in places such as Florida and Arizona, contributing to those states' popularity among foreign buyers.

"Many international buyers recognize that real estate is an excellent investment and are drawn today by abundant inventory, low interest rates and a softer dollar. These conditions allow them to own their own a piece of the American dream," Gaylord said.

International buyers are distinct from domestic buyers. International buyers tend to purchase more expensive properties, which cost an average of 36 percent more than the typical domestic

buyer's home purchase. In fact, more than 14 percent of properties sold to international buyers sold in excess of \$750,000. Foreign buyers also show a greater preference for condos and townhouses compared to domestic buyers.

People from North America, Europe and Asia accounted for more than 85 percent of recent foreign home buying transactions. The top six countries of origin for foreign homebuyers, in rank order, were Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, China, India and Germany. This year, Canada replaced Mexico as the country with the largest share of foreign buyers in the U.S. The percentage of Canadian buyers doubled from last year, from 11 percent to 23.5 percent.

Locally, Rands noted that foreign buyers often feel their investments are safer in the U.S. "There's a real feeling this could be a safe haven," she said, citing Florida and difficulties in South and Central America.

Of the Realtors surveyed, 26 percent served interna-

tional clients in the past year and about half of those clients ended up purchasing a home. The primary reasons some clients did not eventually buy a house were home price concerns, immigration laws, and property taxes.

Realtors who have sold homes to international clients reported that their transactions with these clients accounted for about 16 percent of their entire business. For about 8 percent of Realtors who work with foreign buyers, more than half of their transactions were international sales.

The 2008 presidential race has included debate on the U.S. economy and its housing market; Rands noted that the president of our country has less impact on the economy than voters often think. "The president is not the controller of the economy," she said.

UDM's Whitty's just back from California, where he taught this summer at the University of San Francisco. "That's a very different housing market from Michigan," he said. Losses aren't extensive on the West Coast, said Whitty of the "extremes of the U.S. housing market."

Whitty noted the Bangladeshi community settling in Hamtramck where homes are affordable, as the Polish-Americans who used to live there move to Macomb County or other areas.

New immigrants keep the U.S. labor market healthy, Whitty added, and their kids will "probably be part of our employment pool of the future." Such workers often are disciplined and work hard, said Whitty, who earned a Ph.D. on the history of the United Auto Workers from Syracuse University in New York state.

The 2008 NAR Profile of International Home Buying Activity is based on responses from approximately 4,000 Realtors who serve foreign buyers. It describes international home buying activity in the U.S. over the 12-month period from May 2007 to May 2008 and updates information from the 2007 survey. The full report is available from NAR's Research Division or at [www.realtor.org/research/research/report-sintl](http://www.realtor.org/research/research/report-sintl).

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.

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**Q: I am wondering what the status of the real estate is in San Francisco, and Marin County? Do you have any information?**

**A:** Upon a recent visit, it appears that while the market in San Francisco has slowed down, it is still appreciating in value and there is much development, both commercial and residential, in the Bay area of San Francisco. As to Marin County, it continues to appreciate at a significant pace although not as great as was the case before. The "dot.com" bust has not, apparently, affected Marin County, as has been the case in several other areas of Southern California.

**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](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Robert Meisner

### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 5-9, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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43850 Ascot St	\$190,000
7560 Birchland Dr	\$280,000
46787 Maidstone Rd	\$195,000
8144 Orhan St	\$110,000
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47713 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$185,000
49182 Woodson Way	\$373,000

Farmington	
35565 Heritage Ln	\$125,000
22931 Maple Ave	\$144,000

Farmington Hills	
31250 Country Ridge Cir	\$347,000
27690 E Echo Vly	\$50,000
25557 Hunt Club Blvd	\$242,000
21728 Manchester Ct	\$307,000
28798 Raleigh Rd	\$177,000
38492 Saratoga Cir	\$154,000
29779 Sierra Point Cir	\$110,000
33795 Vista Dr	\$163,000
23795 W Newell Cir	\$154,000
24470 Walden Woods	\$189,000

Garden City	
32349 Bock St	\$112,000

28429 Rosslyn Ave	\$87,000
30300 Rush St	\$115,000

Livonia	
14650 Bainbridge St	\$105,000
15030 Fairfield St	\$45,000
31515 Grove Dr	\$195,000
35957 Summers St	\$165,000

Milford	
192 Hill St	\$154,000
315 Ravinest Dr	\$342,000
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16024 Morningside	\$140,000
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44477 Thornapple Ln	\$360,000
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44717 Ellery Ln	\$103,000
26426 Island Lake Dr	\$244,000
31204 Kingswood Blvd	\$310,000
24423 Knollwood St	\$155,000
42535 Park Ridge Rd	\$214,000
22361 Peachtree	\$127,000
24501 Queens Pointe	\$215,000
44824 Stockton Dr	\$373,000
40469 Village Wood Rd	\$188,000
47645 Wellesley Ct	\$485,000

Plymouth	
47056 Brooks Ln	\$428,000
202 Maple St	\$93,000

834 Penniman Ave	\$139,000
14473 Robinwood Dr	\$191,000

Redford	
11768 Columbia	\$86,000
19352 Norborne	\$107,000
9160 Sarasota	\$80,000
South Lyon	
1131 Equestrian Dr	\$280,000

Westland	
31433 Alcona Ct	\$40,000
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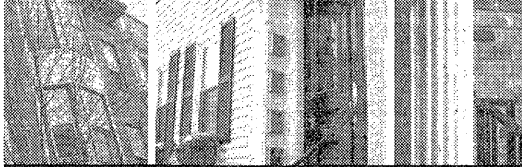
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**Agreement**

Lombardo Homes announced recently that it

has entered into an agreement with Centex Homes, a subsidiary of Centex Corporation (NYSE: CTX), to purchase substantially all of its remaining land assets in the Detroit market. The sale included the purchase of finished lots, undeveloped land and model homes in 14 Southeast Michigan neighborhoods.

The companies have agreed that financial terms of the transaction will not be disclosed. The transaction was funded solely with private equity from a local investor.

According to Lombardo president Anthony Lombardo, "We are pleased to have entered into this agreement with a company as dedicated to its customers as Centex. We are eager to build out homes that maintain the integrity Centex has established and look forward to expanding our footprint in the Detroit market.

In the coming years, the Michigan market will provide rich opportunity for growth and expansion to companies like ours — positioned on the upside of this current downturn. Locally owned and family run builders like us are well-suited to grow during the slowdown. To begin with, our sales pace is continuing to show strength in response to the unmatched affordability and the creative solutions we offer to a wide range of buyer profiles.

"As such, we are looking for even more acquisition opportunities while we continue to recruit the top talent in the industry, leaders who share our passion for growing the business."

With oversight from Centex, Lombardo will complete construction for Centex's customers with homes on order or in progress. Additionally, to preserve consistent architectural integrity, Centex has licensed to Lombardo the right to build the same house plans that Centex offered in these neighborhoods. This transaction substantially completes Centex's previously announced exit from the Detroit area as part of its overall strategy to concentrate resources in core competitive markets. Centex will continue to provide

uninterrupted warranty support for its customers in the Detroit area.

According to *Crain's Detroit Business*' List of Largest Homebuilders, Lombardo Homes was ranked third by 2007 permits issued in Southeast Michigan. The company led all other builders in Macomb County and was the only builder in the top three that is privately owned and operated. *Builder Magazine* reported that Lombardo Homes was the 145th largest builder in the nation with 301 closings last year.

Currently the majority of Lombardo's development activity is concentrated in Macomb County. The acquisition will position the company to expand its horizons to include Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties with a total of 26 communities under active development. Lombardo Homes' COO Sebastian Lombardo emphasized that his family is "dedicated to growing in Michigan" and is "absolutely committed to customer service."

In 2005, Lombardo earned top honors for customer satisfaction among all homebuilders in Southeast Michigan from J.D. Power and Associates. The company was named 2007 Developer of the Year by the Southeast Michigan Building Industry Association (BIA). Last year Lombardo participated in ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* to benefit the Gillian family.

"For Lombardo Homes, and other homebuilders who can excite buyers with creative and affordable solutions, the future does indeed look bright. We are gearing up to offer a new three-bedroom home starting at less than \$90,000. With values like that in 26 quality neighborhoods, we feel that we have created an ideal blueprint for growth," said Sebastian Lombardo.

For additional information, visit lombardohomes.com.

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**Condo operation**

Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards.

All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track."

Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

**Homebuying**

There's a free Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Buying your first home is probably the most exhilarating material experience you can have. It's where you hang your hat, where you rest your head; it's a source of security, an investment in your financial futures. More importantly, a home becomes part of the psyche that houses your most powerful memories. Some of the topics covered will include: criteria for your home search, loan applications, how much home can you afford, advantages of a Buyer's Agreement, and nine great reasons to buy a home. Call Heidi Anderson to reserve your seat at (734) 673-9265.

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Association of Southeastern Michigan and Bank of America will sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running through Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features ready-to-move-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, opened on Aug. 15 and runs through Sept. 14. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Bank of America Mortgage are the sponsors of this public event.

The Parade of Homes offers buyers an opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 37 model homes range in base price from \$95,900 to \$1,999,900.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps is available at select CVS/pharmacy locations and at all model homes. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 10-12, at the Rock Foundation Showplace in Novi.

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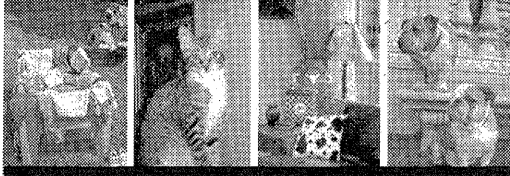
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 <p><b>BAY HARBOR</b> \$490,000 3 BED/3 BATH, CONDO w/views of Lake MI, in the heart of marina dist, kitchen w/granite, fam rm w/stone f/p &amp; balcony, private elevator, 1 car garage. MLS #28098875 248-347-3050</p>	 <p><b>BEVERLY HILLS</b> \$275,000 Quality upgrades, 4BR, 2 Bath Cape Cod. Granite kitchen, new ceramic tile in baths, FP in LR, Pella wood windows. MLS #28129716 (248) 347-3050</p>	 <p><b>CANTON</b> \$300,000 Backs to woods. Kit w/cherry cabs, granite, built in SS appls, Grt Rm w/frpl, Mstr Ste w/jetted tub, Fin LL, deck w/hot tub, awning &amp; gazebo. MLS #28121148 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>CANTON</b> \$234,900 Rare Ranch condo in Canton's premier golf course community. 1925 sqft. Like new! See it at: Kimbelz.com. MLS #28129846 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>CANTON</b> \$190,000 Grmt kit w/ oak cabs &amp; upgraded appls stay, cozy sitting area, vaulted mstr ste w/wic, glam bath w/jetted tub, dble sinks &amp; sep shower, 1st floor laundry. MLS #28121163 734-453-6800</p>
 <p><b>CANTON</b> \$184,900 Great location, great schools, great house, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement, attached 2-car garage. Plymouth Canton schools. MLS #28126802 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>CANTON</b> \$180,000 Completely updated ranch w/in walking distance to park! Grmt Kit w/new cabs, LR w/vaulted ceil, rec'd lights, DR w/drwl to deck, Mstr Ste w/crwn mldg. MLS #28121135 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>DEARBORN</b> \$124,900 Beautiful 3BR brick ranch on desirable Sherwood Ct! HW flooring, updated kitchen, prof finished bsmt, 32x16 in-ground pool. Sub to 3rd party approv. MLS #28127770 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> \$274,900 Foreclosure, but in great shape. A true value! 4BR, 2BA, finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Just a little dated. Sold "as is." MLS #28128691 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>GREEN OAK TWP.</b> \$350,000 4 Bed/2.1 bath, deep in sub, backs to prot woodlands, remod kitchen w/cherry cab's, wet bar, finished w/o w/fam rm &amp; study, newer multi-tier deck. MLS #28128162 248-347-3050</p>
 <p><b>LIVONIA</b> \$154,900 For sale or lease. Sharp 3 bdrm brick ranch. Totally updated. New kitchen. Fenced yard. Move in condition. 1 1/2 car garage. Finished bsmt. MLS #28130206 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>LIVONIA</b> \$125,000 2 Bed/1 Bath, lot w/pos split, coved plaster cells, maint free ext w/att gar, newer hwh, radiant heat in flrs, newer tear-off roof, new boiler, patio. MLS #28126639 248-347-3050</p>	 <p><b>MILFORD</b> \$225,000 Nearly 1 acre w/newer home, moments to Kensington. 3 BR's, 2.5 BA's, walk-out lower level and cedar deck w/gazebo. Backs to woods. Mint condition! MLS #28135529 248-360-1425</p>	 <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> \$435,000 5 Bed/3.2 Bath; kit w/ cherry cabinets, walnut floors &amp; granite island, new carpet, fin daylight LL w/ FP, in-ground pool, patio w/ veranda. MLS #28137887 248-347-3050</p>	 <p><b>NOVI</b> \$135,000 1100+ sq ft 3 Bdrm Brk &amp; Vinyl Broad front Ranch feats: prime location, corner lot, many updates &amp; buy now just in time to pick new carpet colors t/o! MLS #28131924 734-453-6800</p>
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**CANTON Sub Sale at Canton Glade**  
Haggerty at Glade btwn Cherry Hill & Ford. Several homeowners participating. Huge variety - something for everyone! Furniture, baby items, back to school pre-teen clothes, household, collectibles, tools, much more! Aug 29-30, 9-4pm.

**CANTON** Fairway Pines Sub, 685 Highlands, S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Canton Ctr. Aug. 29-30, 8-4pm. Children's, household goods & much more!

**COMMERCE TWP.** Huge Sale! 5275 Carroll Lake Rd. Cooley Lk. & Wise. Thurs.-Sun., 9-6p. Tools, antiques, furniture, collectibles, jewelry, & more!

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**DEARBORN** Garage/Estate Sale! Marbles, etc. Too much to list! Fri.-Sat., 7am, Sun. 9a-1p. 3615 Westpoint, 1 blk. E. of Telegraph, off Carlisle btwn Van Born & Michigan Ave.

**DEARBORN HTS.** Huge Garage Sale! Everything Must Go! Relocating. Aug. 30, 12pm-6pm. Aug. 31, 10am-6pm. Sept. 1, 9am-12pm. 23563 Powers Ave., 4 streets E. of Telegraph, 2 streets N. of Van Born. Many items incl men's clothes.

**FARMINGTON** Garage Sale - Sat., 8/30 & Sun., 8/31, 9am-5pm. Furniture, craft, household, collectibles & more! 22405 Power Rd., at 9 Mile.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 31862 Bristol Ln, btwn 12 & 13 off of Orchard Lk. Aug 28-29, 9-6. Fundraiser for Autism Speaks Van Born & Michigan Ave.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Huge Elementary Teacher Garage Sale! 28350 Bay Tree, 12 & Farmington, Aug 27-30, 8-6pm. All books & supplies.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 8/28-8/29, 9-6pm. Top brand women's clothes sizes 14-22 & misc. 30039 Richmond Hill.

**FARMINGTON** Recovering hoarder repents: big glass clothing, dorm room. 33414 Oakland St., W. of Farmington & Grand River. 8/31-9/1, 10-6.

**LIVONIA** 15575 Mayfield, E. of Farmington, N. of 5 Mile. Children's infant & toddler clothing, crib, highchair, household. Thurs.-Sat., 9a-4p.

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**LIVONIA** 27522 W. Chicago, Plymouth & Inkster. Sat.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 1st, 9am-6pm. Children's toys, new & used items, youth bed & more!

**LIVONIA** 3 Family, Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 28-31, 9am-7. 9133 Harrison, btwn W. Chicago & Joy Rd. & Middlebelt & Inkster.

**LIVONIA** 9001 Denne, 1 blk E. of Merriman & N. of Joy. Aug 27-30, 10am-5pm. Household & miscellaneous.

**LIVONIA** Garage Sale - Aug. 29-30, 9-4pm. 33055 Summers, near Farmington & Schoolcraft. Assorted, craft & sewing supplies, fabric, bicycles, furniture, household items.

**LIVONIA GARAGE SALE**  
8602 Ravine Dr, S of Joy, E of Newburgh, Aug 28, 8am. Lots of great stuff!

**LIVONIA** Garage Sale! 35244 Parkdale, off Plymouth & Wayne. 50 years accumulation! Pool supplies, furniture, etc. Sat.-Mon., 9am-5pm. Everything Must Go!

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**LIVONIA** Sat., Aug. 30, 9am-4pm. Household items, toys, bicycles. 19426 Merriman Ct., off of 7 Mile, east of Merriman.

**MADISON HEIGHTS**  
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**NORTHVILLE** Garage Sale! Aug. 28-30, 8am-4pm. 1044 Elmsmere Dr., NE of 8 Mile & Beck.

**NORTHVILLE STONEMASTER GARAGE SALE** - Thurs., 8/28 & Fri., 8/29, 18212 & 18241 Parkshore Dr., Northville, W of Beck, btwn 6 & 7 Mile.

**NOVI**  
44512 Copland Lane North of 10 Mile, East of Taft. Aug. 29-30, 8am-3pm.

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**REDFORD** 9988 Inkster Rd., at Plymouth. Aug 28-29, 10am-4pm. Proceeds benefit spay/neuter for needy families.

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**SOUTHFIELD Moving Sale**  
Furniture, clothing. Thurs.-Sat., 9-3. 30266 Spring River, S. of 13 Mile, E. of Evergreen.

**WAYNE** - Multi family, 37455 Whitney, Newburgh/Glenwood. Kid's stuff, garden supplies, household. Thurs.-Sat., 28-30, 9-5. 9-5. Kid's clothes, toys & misc.

**West Bloomfield** - 7364 Essex Dr. Walnut Lake Rd btwn Haggerty & Halsted (Walnut Creek Estates). Aug 28-30, 9-5. Kid's clothes, toys & misc.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Aug 28-30; again Sept. 5-6, 10-4. 4540 Fairway Ridge, off Lone Pine, btwn Middlebelt & Orchard. Antiques, knick knacks, etc!

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EXP. MUST HAVE OWN CAR 734-425-0161

**CREDIT UNION POSITION**  
LOC Federal Credit Union is seeking a qualified individual to fill a part-time FSR position at our Farmington Office. Minimum 2 yrs. banking skills/service and cash handling experience required.  
Email current resume with salary requirements to: resume@locfederal.com

**CUSTODIAL - PT**  
Large Church in Northville. Two positions available. Evenings and weekends; 2:30-11pm. \$11.10/hr.  
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**DRIVER OTR**  
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**FABRICATOR/ASSEMBLER**  
Need right people to expand. Construction exp. helpful. Saws, hand tools, initiative a plus. \$9-\$13/hr w/exp. Benefits available. Canton. Fax resume to: 734-207-7995

**FIREFIGHTER**  
City of Westland is accepting applications for firefighter. Applicants must be at least 21 yrs. of age or 19 yrs. of age with U.S. military exp. high school diploma or GED; valid MI driver's license; resident of State of MI for 1 year; valid MI EMT license and Firefighter 1 and 1 certification. Also, applicants must pass the Conference of Western Wayne Firefighter Testing Program which consists of written test with a minimum score of 70% and physical agility test. These tests are available at Schoolcraft College. Proof of above requirements must be submitted with application. Must have State of Michigan Paramedic License at the time of hire.  
**Applications are available at: Westland City Hall City Clerk's Office 36501 Ford Road Westland, MI on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008**  
No applications will be mailed. Deadline for applications must be postmarked or received in the City Clerk's Office no later than Friday, October 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.  
Applications received after deadline will not be considered.

**FOOD SERVICE**  
Dining Services Mgmt. Company has immediate openings for PART-TIME SERVERS at a religious retreat center in the Detroit area. Experience a plus. Friendly, energetic, customer service oriented individuals need only to apply. Must be able to work evenings and weekends. Call: 313-835-9563 x 217 and ask for Gabriella

**FRANKLIN VILLAGE TEA ROOM SERVER**  
PT, upbeat, energetic, friendly person. Call: 248-932-3363

**GLAZIER/GLASS INSTALLER**  
Exp'd. only. New construction. Crystal Glass, Wilcox, Robin or Eric. (248) 685-9220

**Oil Change Technicians**  
10 Minute Oil Change experience or will train. Full &/or part-time. Apply in person: 34680 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. 1/4 mile W. of Farmington Rd. 248-476-1313

**HAIR STYLIST**  
with clientele for busy Farmington Hills salon. See Janet or Pam: 248-533-4480

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**OFFICE FURNITURE CO.**  
Seeks warehouse personnel. Exp. required in all brands of systems. Please fax resume to: 313-563-7230

**POLICE OFFICER**  
Canton is now accepting applications for Police Officer. Job description with complete qualifications and hiring process will be available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org EOE

**RETAIL SALES/CASHIER**  
FT. Livonia Vitamin Store has an opening for a reliable and friendly Team Member. Flexible hrs. & wknds. is a must. Email resume: EvanP@thebetterhealthstore.com or fax: (248) 203 1273

**Siders & Laborers**  
Call Scott: (734) 444-4794

**STUDY PARTICIPANTS WANTED**  
The Department of Urology, University of Michigan, is looking for healthy male volunteers. We are currently conducting research that seeks to develop novel tests for the early detection of prostate cancer. We are looking for healthy male volunteers who are at least 18 years old, do not have any history of prostate cancer or treatment for an enlarged prostate with finasteride/dutasteride/surgery and who have never taken hormonal replacement medications such as testosterone. A physical exam, blood draw and voided urine collection are involved.  
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**TEACHER** for private academy in Beverly Hills. Immediate Openings for a Part-Time Classroom Assistant. Flexible hrs. Exp. preferred. Please call: 248-433-9470

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**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
Growing distributor seeking a detail oriented, organized, mature and dependable individual to join our accounting team. Ideal candidate will have a minimum of 1 yr. computerized AP exp. Opportunity for growth. We offer an excellent benefit package and competitive salary. Please forward resume along with salary history to: Human Resources 373 Victory Ave. Highland Park, MI 48203 Or fax: 313-852-1339

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**BOOKKEEPER**  
Part-Time for new retail store in Beverly Hills. Retail & QuickBooks exp. a must. 20-30 hrs/wk. \$13-\$14/hr. Email: [chrades@lauren-celleproperties.com](mailto:chrades@lauren-celleproperties.com) EOE

**CLERK/RUNNER Full-Time**  
Needed immediately for busy Farmington Hills law firm. Must have reliable transportation; automobile insurance and valid unrestricted Michigan driver's license, will be reimbursed for work related mileage. Duties include filing documents with courts and errand running throughout the Metro area. Also includes general clerical duties. Some heavy lifting involved.  
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**RECEPTIONIST CASHIER**  
Automobile dealer has an immediate opening for a dependable, professional person to work as a Receptionist-Cashier. Other clerical duties incl. 40 hrs. Mon-Fri. Medical & 401K. Please call Sue Thomason: 734-451-7102

**Help Wanted-Dental 5040**  
**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST**  
For friendly Troy family practice. Full time position w/full benefits. Must be cheerful and caring. Exp'd preferred, but will train right person. Call 248-689-9012

**DENTAL ASSISTANT CHAIRSIDE**  
Exp'd. FT for quality Livonia office. Call: (734) 462-6400

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
For a Garden City family practice. Part time. Exp'd only. Fax resume to 734-421-4538

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Full-Time. Friendly Livonia general practice. 2 yrs. exp. needed. (734) 425-1121

**DENTAL ASSISTANT OR FRONT DESK EXPERIENCED.** PT. Mon. & Thur. Plymouth area. Please call: 734-459-7110

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Quality oriented Livonia Specialty office is looking for a full-time assistant. Exp. hrs. & competitive wages. If you are enthusiastic, friendly & dependable with some 4-hand dental assisting experience. Call Ann: 734-427-6181

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**ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT**  
Full-time position in Plymouth orthodontic office for a clinical assistant. Hours are 8am-5pm, Mon-Thur. & 9am-1pm Fri. Orthodontic/dental exp. preferred. Computer skills favorable. Please fax resume to: 734-455-8033, Attn: Michelle

**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**  
**FILE CLERK, PT**  
For medical office in Westland. No evenings or weekends. Fax resume & cover letter: 734-525-3876

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Busy medicine/pediatric office in Farmington Hills seeks medical assistant. Full-Time & benefits. Please fax resume to: 248-477-6850

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Garden City orthopedic office needs experienced MA. Multi-tasking, friendly, patient care oriented. M-F. Competitive salary, good benefits. Fax resume: 734-422-6273

**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**  
**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
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**Medical Receptionist**  
For Westland practice. Seeking mature detail oriented team player who is able to work independently. Medical insurance background a must. Spelling, typing, computer & phone skills required. Full-Time/benefits. Occasional Sat's. Fax resume & cover letter: 734-525-3876

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Full time or Part Time. Flexible hours. St. Mary's Cultural Center. Apply at 18100 Merriman Rd., Livonia MI 48152

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Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. ☎279171

**WARM SMILE**  
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! ☎287167

**HARD WORKER SEeks SAME**  
SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, N/S, homebody, who explores all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. ☎274519

**PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL**  
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎931247

**HOMEBOODY SEEKS SAME**  
SBF, 44, 6'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. ☎284368

**SEARCHING FOR A MAN.**  
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎271086

**TRADITIONAL VALUES**  
Well-educated DWF, 5'9", dark blonde/green, full-figured, interested in finding friendship leading to more with a WM, 30-50, to share life with. ☎283327

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SWF, 42, 5'7", loves Italian food, music. Looking for SWM, 32-50, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. ☎284915

**SPONTANEOUS WOMAN**  
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. ☎288680

**VERY ATTRACTIVE**  
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. ☎282115

**ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP**  
SWF, 65, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. ☎284371

**MATURE MAN WANTED**  
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. ☎287879

**A NEW BEGINNING**  
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. ☎289151

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SWF, 36, long brown/green, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of a handsome, fit, funny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. ☎286634

**HELLO OUT THERE**  
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life's simple pleasures. Enjoys dining out, concerts, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. ☎241298

**ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT**  
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes rollerskating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. ☎287305

**A POLISHED DIAMOND**  
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! ☎287057

**EARTH BABY**  
DWF, 52, 5'10", 300+lbs, N/S, ND/Drugs, many interests, family-oriented, hard-working, easygoing, optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with SWM, 46-60. ☎285168

**GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'5", 53a, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered. ☎233677

**SEEKING SINCERITY**  
SBF, 5'4", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. ☎285657

**NURSE**  
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎287599

**IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND.**  
A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, ND, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call ☎284748

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. ☎235988

**BEAUTIFUL**  
SBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BF, 25-40, who is healthy, fun-loving, polite, personate. You must be confident with who you are. ☎271860

**HEART OF GOLD**  
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school blues, movies, theater. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎266442

**DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST**  
SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. ☎280650

**LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!**  
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. ☎281372

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**  
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentlemen. ☎692549

**ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY**  
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. ☎273603

**ARE YOU SEEKING?**  
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-developed, sincere, joining optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎330808

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230694

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

**TATTOOED AND PIERCED**  
Sexy, full-figured SWF, 40ish, long blonde/hazel, looking for a man into art, music, movies, karaoke, Ypsilanti area. ☎291222

**LOADS OF FUN**  
Active WF, young 50s, good sense of humor, enjoys different music, travel, dining out, dancing, more. Seeking decent, kind, honest man for indoor and outdoor activities. ☎283342

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/AM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. ☎281229

**KEEP COOL**  
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. ☎287598

**HELLO THERE**  
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. ☎113901

**A WOMAN OF CLASS**  
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? ☎271086

**GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR**  
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. ☎282578

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SB/HM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. ☎282444

**FUN & OUTGOING**  
SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257908

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎271234

**VERY LOVING PERSON**  
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. ☎273294

**COUNTRY GIRL**  
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, ND/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. ☎759845

**TAKE A CHANCE!**  
SWF, 30, mid-level school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. ☎283845

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

**CHOCOLATE TREAT**  
Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. ☎281197

**IN SEARCH OF**  
A man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", H/W, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. ☎288886

**GREAT-LOOKING BF..**  
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! ☎283172

**BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST**  
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative projects. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. ☎245846

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays golf, seeks a SM, 48-59, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

**ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS**  
BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 39-60. ☎284318

**SINCERE AND HONEST**  
Happy SBF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SW/HM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. ☎284932

**FORMER RUNWAY MODEL**  
Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. ☎285613

**STILL SEEKING**  
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, food-looking, fun, 49-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

**I NEED A LOVE..**  
To keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, kind and funny, 49, no kids, seeks a SM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

**SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?**  
SPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 45-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. ☎282618

**MEN SEEKING WOMEN**

**HANDSOME MALE**  
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. ☎984967

**CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY**  
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoy, pickup art, fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

**LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT**  
WMM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265540

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
Handsome BM, 39, easygoing, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, having fun, quiet times. Looking for compatible SBF, 27-37, who enjoys life. ☎290798

**QUALITY TIME TOGETHER**  
SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, skiing, shooting pool. ☎291168

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise and kind, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and more. Friendship possible. LTR. ☎269546

**HANDSOME WM**  
DWM would like to meet SBF, 22-46, N/S, who likes to experience new things in life, has varied interests. ☎287230

**LET'S CONNECT**  
SBM, 33, looking for love and possibly marriage with SA/HF, 18-25. Let's talk and see what develops. ☎286326

**LET'S MEET UP**  
SWM, 53, brown/blue, 115lbs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to light up my life. ☎290675

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎290956

**LONELY & READY**  
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎2660305

**GIVE ME A CALL!**  
SWM, 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-30, with great sense of humor. ☎289548

**HOW ABOUT A DATE?**  
WM, 6'6", 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-60. ☎289482

**BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED**  
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎684501

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
SBM, 38, N/S, loves walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, partying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎278442

**FIT & FUN-LOVING**  
Easygoing DWP/M, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives. Open to anything so long as we're laughing. ☎288335

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shyly independent and know what you want in life. ☎692416

**HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING**  
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎968147

**ENJOY THE VIEW**  
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 38, looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113835

**WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL**  
SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SH/HF, late 30s, for possible relationship. ☎289039

**A WALK AND TALK**  
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for wherever I go. ☎200890

**SHARE LIFE TOGETHER**  
SWM, 39, enjoys dining, movies, camping, hunting. Looking for SWF, 28-34, for friendship or more. ☎286045

**EASYSOING**  
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MT SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

**LETS GET GOING!**  
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

**SEARCHING FOR YOU**  
Affectionate DWM, 71, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys golf, movies, parties, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎290969

**IF INTERESTED, CALL ME**  
WM, 48, 6'5", enjoys movies, sports, concerts, dining out, travel, I seek a like-minded woman, 38-50, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎286510

**INTELLIGENT & MATURE**  
Down-to-earth, fun-loving, positive, youthful, upbeat, energetic, exciting SWPM, 51, 5'9", 185lbs, enjoys dining, movies. Seeking similar SF, 39-55. ☎287745

**HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON**  
SWM, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/brown, looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive, easygoing and secure, who knows how to have a good time in life. ☎251229

**COUGAR LOVER**  
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. ☎244280

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SM, 63, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easygoing looks Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camping, travel, and much more. Looking for fit, fun and active lady to share talks, good times, friendship/LTR. ☎250719

**GOOD MAN FOUND**  
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, enjoys easy going, smart, affectionate female. ☎267088

**SEEKING A SLIM GOODIE**  
Attractive SBM, 43, 5'11", 190lbs, medium build, light complexion, N/S, seeks slender BF, 18-43, who wants to be treated like a princess! ☎275753

**COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART**  
Hardworking, well-kept, blonde/blue, enjoys country music, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing A/WF, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. ☎286231

**JUST ME AND MY DOG**  
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes rollerblading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. ☎27374

**LAI-D-BACK GUY**  
BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out sometimes, looking for a BF, 18-45, who enjoys life. ☎272875

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
BM, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, N/S, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. ☎271820

**WARM AND FRIENDLY**  
Sincere BM would like to meet a warm, friendly, sincere female, 21-55, H/W proportionate, who enjoys friendship, possibly leading to more. ☎279036

**BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE**  
SWM, N/S, good-looking, Jewish, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. ☎205048

**WORTH A CALL**  
Attractive SBM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friends, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! ☎283615

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. ☎28385

**LET'S MEET SOON!**  
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. ☎247784

**CALL THIS MAN!**  
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. ☎112288

**LEAVE ME A MESSAGE**  
Spontaneous BM likes working out, riding motorcycles, being outdoors and more. Would like to meet a woman with a similar personality. 35-50. ☎287900

**LONELY, GENUINE HEART**  
SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. ☎287987

**A GREAT GUY**  
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎176478

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!**  
Handsome, mature man, SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiqueing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎176497

**KEEP IT REAL**  
SWM, 55, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeowner, wants to meet slender, average female, 25-45, who likes music, art, just hanging out. ☎287896

**TALL, ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

**CALL ME!**  
SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6'1", physically fit, likes working out, plays movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. ☎289335

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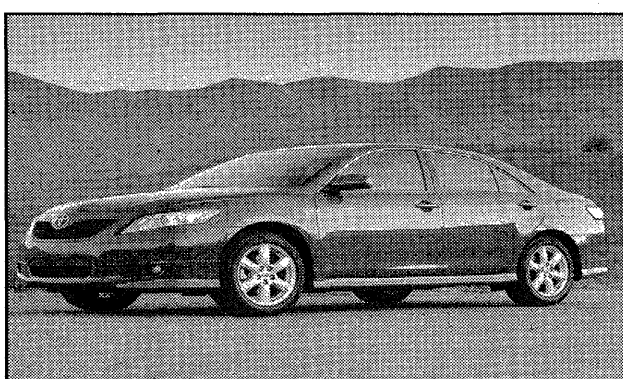
By Dale Buss

For leaders, employees, suppliers and fans of the Detroit Big Three, one of the few silver linings in the market's recent travails has been one that few people would admit seeing: the troubles of Toyota Motor Corp.

For the last generation, both globally and in the U.S. market in particular, Toyota and its products have been seen as the industry's gold standard across a broad range of criteria: product-cycle alacrity, manufacturing quality and innovation, technology leadership - even in areas such as marketing where Toyota, truthfully, hasn't been that outstanding. The fact that Toyota has been chasing General Motors over the last two years for the title of the world's largest automakers - a distinction that it appears Toyota finally will grab this year - has created even a larger rooting interest against Toyota in these parts. So lately, as Toyota has demonstrated its own difficulties in adjusting to the severe shift toward smaller and more fuel-efficient vehicles in the U.S. market since last spring, about the only thing that Big Three executives have been able to say in their favor is: "See - Toyota is having the same problems!"

And indeed, Toyota has been frustrated, like its Big Three rivals, by great consumer migration away from its largest vehicles, including its Tundra pickup truck. But at the same time, Toyota has been temporarily overtaken by huge demand for its Prius hybrid, which has outstripped available supply in the U.S. for several months now.

So Toyota did something that, arguably, does better than any other auto manufacturer in the world: adapted on the fly. The company already has pulled the trigger on a series of



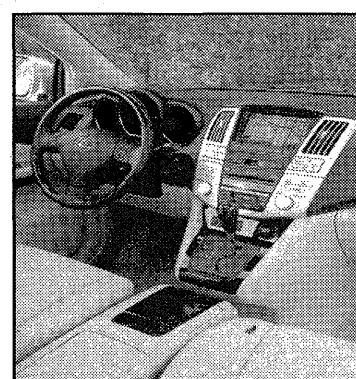
The 2009 Toyota Camry offers more of the same: excellent utility and dependability.

high-risk changes in its U.S. production strategy that will drastically cut output of Tundra, allow Toyota to begin building Prius in the U.S. for the first time by 2010, and jiggering with production of its Highlander crossover and staple Camry sedan.

In the meantime, of course, Toyota just keeps putting out vehicles that remain the pinnacle of most segments that they occupy. Take the Lexus RX 350 crossover, for example. The introduction of the Lexus RX series was perfectly timed to meet affluent consumers' emerging desire for SUVs that were easy to drive in suburbia and furnished to luxury sedan standards. The first of the luxury crossover SUVs, the RX 300 quickly became the brand's best-selling vehicle. It won over shoppers with its easygoing personality, upscale cabin, virtually silent powertrain and outstanding build quality.

Now badged as the RX 350, this midsize crossover is nearing the end of its second generation but remains a strong competitor in its class. Rivals surpass the 2008 Lexus RX 350 in the handling department, but for buyers seeking comfort and serenity in large helpings, it easily satisfies.

And in its latest version, the 2008 model, the Lexus RX 350 still tops all of the Johnny-come-lathies in the crossover segment. It offers not only tremendous driving dynamics but also that patented ride quality, exceptional fit and finish, and ample day-to-day utility. Its high-trade cabin furnishings and user-friendly high-tech features top out the RX 350's appealing profile.



All the right interior touches characterize the 2008 Lexus RX 350.

A new grille design and chrome exterior door handles distinguish the 2008 Lexus RX 350 from last year's model. In addition, there's a new graphite-finish 18-inch wheel design on the options list, and in models with a gray interior, you'll find black bird's eye maple trim.

Similarly, although much earlier, the Toyota Camry established the industry standard for mid-sized, mainstream sedans. It took over the title of America's best-selling car several years ago from Ford Taurus and has hung onto that claim proudly ever since, keeping Honda Accord - and certainly any offering from the Big Three - at bay during that time.

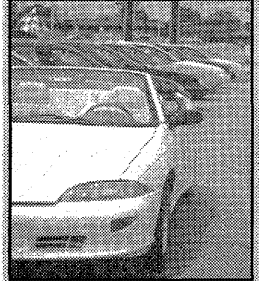
Nowadays, the 2009 Camry is continuing the model's domination. It is Toyota-pleasant to drive and plenty spacious enough for four people on a long road trip. Plus it has a powerful and fuel-efficient V6 engine, top crash-test scores and a high resale value. Its biggest drawback is a few inconsistencies in fit and finish and a few instances of low-grade plastics in the interior.

In an indication of the confidence that both buyers and Toyota have in this car, the company made no major changes in the 2009 model from the 2008.

But like the company as a whole, that is one of the most comforting things about Camry: the consistency of its offering. Like corporate computer buyers of a previous era who knew their boss would never yell at them if they just chose IBM, American car buyers have come to understand that it's hard to screw up if you're buying or leasing a Camry.

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Lovely ntrl decor/nicely fin bsmt w/dry bar & built-in shelving, updt'd fl, wndws, furn, a/c, kit & BAs, kit w/built-in oven, mcvhw & cook top, tp in lrg FR doorway to deck. MLS 28133704 248-855-2000



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$329,900**  
Mint condition cul-de-sac beauty over commons, ponds. 2 st fry, S.S. kit, oak flrs, lovely mstr BR & BA w/huge WIC, club house w/wrkt area, sub pool. Wilkg tris & plygrnd. MLS 28110751 248-855-2000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$340,000**  
Beautifully Indscrpd 4 BR 3.1 BA col. Grand 2 stry foyer. Lib w/french drs. Cath clngs in LR & DR. Kit w/42" cabs & all appls. FFL w/washer & dryer. Guest BR w/bth & wic. MLS 28135140 248-855-2000



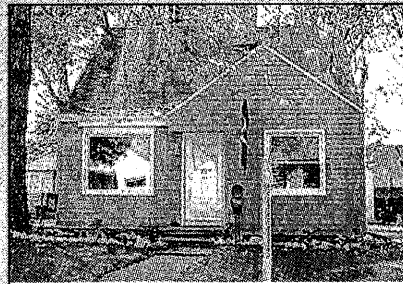
**NOVI \$475,000**  
Btft updt'd 4 BR, 3.5 BA col. Best flr plan (3600 sf), & 3 car gar (not tandem). Ftrs daylight bsmt. Grmt isl kit opens to GR. Entire home freshly pntd. Each BR has adjoining BA. MLS 28134323 248-855-2000



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Spectacular det condo! Kit w/grnt cntrs, wd flr & built in appl. Spacious LR & din area. Lrg foyer/pwdr rm w/mrbl flrs. Lrg mstr BR. FR w/built in ent ctr, wet bar & game area. MLS 28126446 248-855-2000



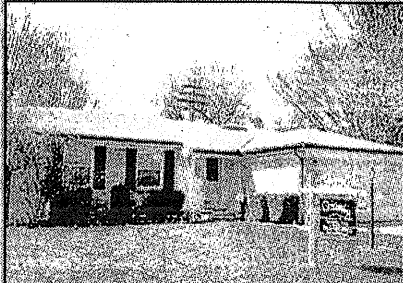
**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$689,900**  
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**OAK PARK \$124,900**  
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**LIVONIA \$189,900**  
Beautifully updated ranch with great daily sunlight exposure, liv rm bay window, fin lower level with wet bar, park like yard setting. MLS 28135849 734-462-9800



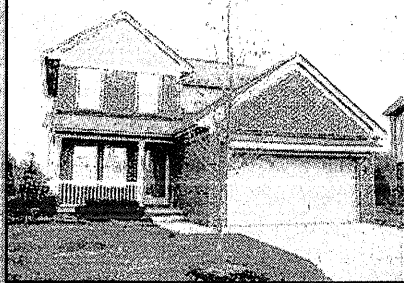
**NORTHVILLE \$600,000**  
Fabulous 1st fl master, large bedrooms with loft, oversized gourmet kitchen/cherry cabs & granite, brick paver patio. MLS 28096011 734-462-9800



**REDFORD \$134,900**  
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Impressive and better than new! Spacious great room w/bay window, baths are fully updated w/ ceramic & marble flooring, private patio & yard. MLS 28129910 734-462-9800



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Lovely detached condo, open floor plan, hardwood floors in foyer, hall, kit & nook. Master ste w/vaulted ceiling & private bath. MLS 28128032 734-462-9800



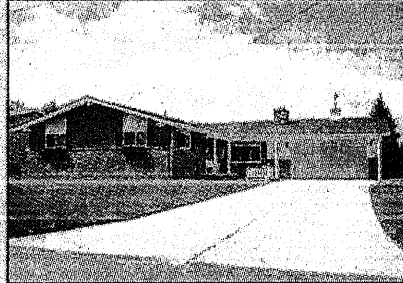
**LIVONIA \$139,900**  
Clean 3 bedroom brick ranch, many updates, kit has beautiful oak cabinets, pantry, plenty of table space, fin basement, hardwood floors. MLS 28098643 734-462-9800



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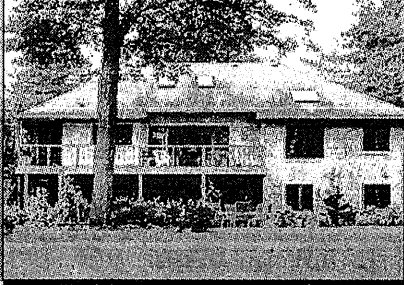
**WHITE LAKE TWP \$289,900**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Home features cath ceilings, hrdwd flrs, catwalk, mstr ste w/ French doors & Jacuzzi tub. Phenomenal views, patio, & doorwall. MLS 28001984 248-673-2211



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**ORION TWP \$389,000**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. Home features formal living room & dining room, custom kit, family room w/ tp overlooking woods, finished walkout lower level. MLS 28136312 248-673-2211



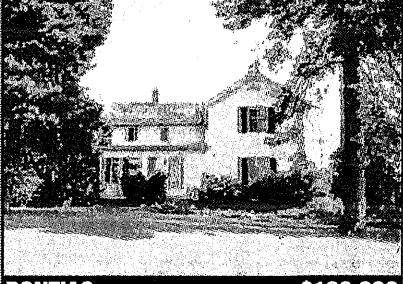
**WATERFORD \$529,900**  
4 bedroom, 3 bath home located on Van Norman Lake. Home features fireplace in GR & family room, hardwood floors, doorwall to deck, finished walkout to patio. MLS 27099377 248-673-2211



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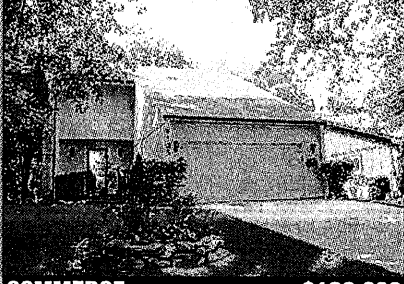
**ROSE \$164,000**  
3 bedroom brick ranch. Newer vinyl kitchen floor, living room with fireplace and hardwood floors, family room with doorwall to deck. Fenced yard, located on 1/2 acre. MLS 28120245 248-673-2211



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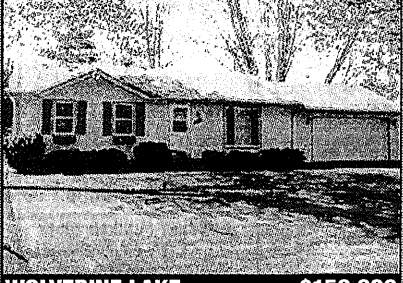
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Updated contemporary-Union Lake steps from front door. Frplc, doorwall to patio & view of pond. Island kit w/appliances. Loft, 1st floor laundry & study. Many Updates. (28102662) 248-360-9100



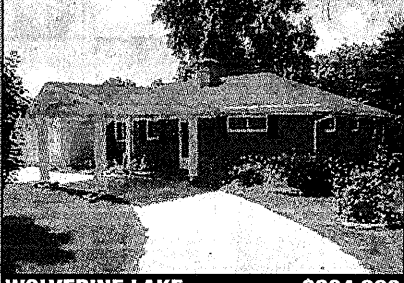
**MILFORD \$185,000**  
3 BR, 2 BA ranch. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings. Master ste w/walk in closet. Professionally fin daylight basement. New deck. 2.5 car gar. Sears Lake privileges. (28118967) 248-360-9100



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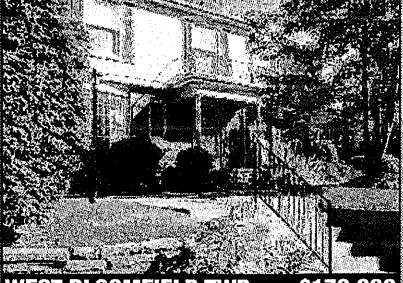
**TROY \$298,700**  
3 BR contemporary w/1st floor master. Great room w/ Frplc, doorwall to patio & view of pond. Island kit w/appliances. Loft, 1st floor laundry & study. Many Updates. (28084926) 248-360-9100



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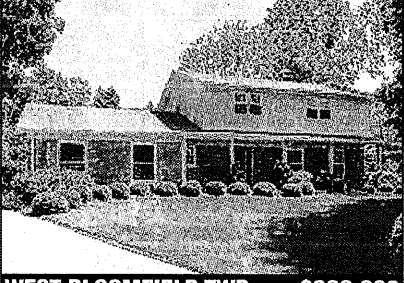
**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$350,000**  
Georgian colonial with open floor plan. Gourmet kit w/ Jenn Aire cook top & granite island. Mstr ste w/whirlpool tub, WIC. Fin lower level. Private yard w/pool & hot tub. (28119162) 248-647-8888



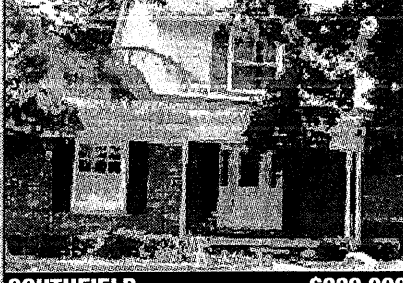
**WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP \$179,900**  
Large 3 br, 2.5 ba condo w/storage galore. Many extras! Contemporary kit with stainless steel appls. Hrdwd flrs. 2 car att gar. Pool & clubhouse. (28130337) 248-647-8888



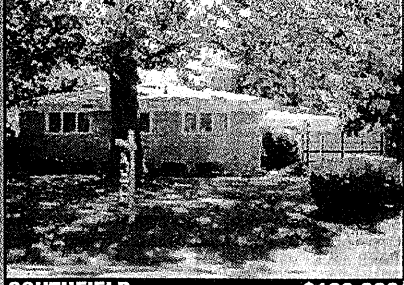
**OAK PARK \$139,000**  
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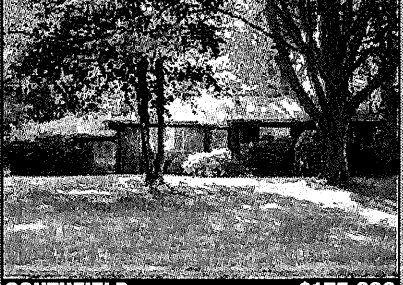
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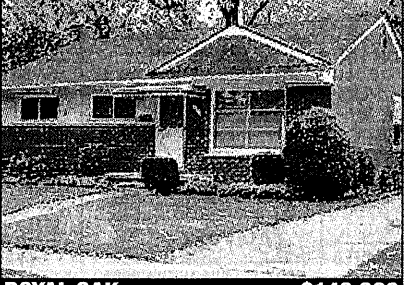
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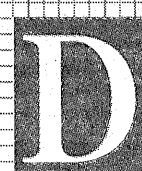
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Crowds will again fill Saginaw Street and beyond in Pontiac for Arts Beats & Eats. The annual Oakland County festival runs Aug. 29 to Sept. 1.

# The D offers up its big 3

Arts Beats & Eats, Detroit International Jazz Festival, Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix are on tap this weekend

Metro Detroiters who aren't heading out of town this Labor Day weekend will feel the area transform once again into a mecca of music, art, car culture and culinary feasts. For the second year, the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau hopes to entice area visitors, residents and stay-cationers alike with its fully-energized 3 Days in the D campaign.

"Labor Day Weekend is the perfect time for metro Detroiters and visitors to truly experience The D," according to Larry Alexander, DMCVB president. "We anticipate this year's 3 Days in The D to be bigger and better than last year."

"With all the new activities at each event, we encourage metro Detroiters to spend some of this Labor Day Weekend in The D. And Detroit is an accessible, affordable alternative as a Midwestern big city vacation destination."

Beginning Friday, Aug. 29 and stretching from the Detroit River to the northern suburbs, the sounds of jazz, the rev of engines and the area's most exciting art festival will converge, making that traditional at-home barbecue sound completely tame by comparison. The three signature events of 3 Days in The D include Pontiac's enormous party, Arts Beats & Eats, Aug. 29-Sept. 1;

The ever-expanding Detroit International Jazz Festival, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, and the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Aug. 29-31.

But family-friendly fare extends beyond those annual favorites to include the ongoing Michigan State Fair, now through Sept. 1, Romeo's 77th annual Michigan Peach Festival, Aug. 28-Sept. 1, and the Michigan Renaissance Festival, now through Sept. 28 in Holly.

FILTER has compiled some of the must-see events related to 3 Days in the D in this Thursday's edition — and for more information, see [www.3daysinthed.com](http://www.3daysinthed.com).

Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola, O&E Staff Writer

## Pure Picks

Filtering your best entertainment best for the weekend of Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, 2008:

**29** Listen for hits like *Tempted* and *Black Coffee in Bed* when Squeeze hits the stage at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Doors open at 7 tonight and Aimee Mann starts the show at 8 p.m. Located at 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. Tickets \$40-\$59.50, visit [www.royaloakmusictheatre.com](http://www.royaloakmusictheatre.com).



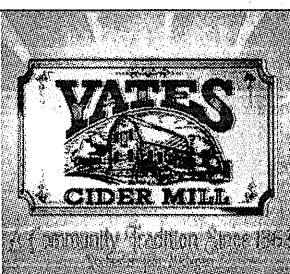
Squeeze



Don Cheadle stars in Overture Films' thriller "Traitor" opening Aug. 27 in area movie theaters.

**30** Don Cheadle stars in Overture Films' latest thriller, *Traitor*, in metro Detroit theaters now. Find out what happens when all clues in an FBI investigation lead to U.S. Special Operations Officer Samir Horn (Cheadle). This jigsaw-puzzle of a story also features Guy Pearce and Michigan's own Jeff Daniels. It's rated PG-13.

**31** Head on over to Yates Cider Mill where, in addition to that traditional fall fare of apple cider and donuts, you can now order up a hand-dipped cone, malt or flurry at the new Ice Cream Shoppe. Indulge in a signature donut sundae, open 1-9 p.m. at 1990 E. Avon Road, Rochester. Call (248) 651-8300.



**1** This Labor Day savor the unofficial end of summer vacation with a half-priced dinner on the Woodward Avenue Brewers patio. Soak in the sun and pay 50 percent less for a Topopo Salad, Chicken Cashew Sandwich or Veggie Wrap. Located at 22646 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 546-3696.

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### IN BRIEF

#### AFTER JAZZ JAM FEST

**DETROIT** — Jazz Cafe at Music Hall will be the hot spot to be — and play — after the lights go down at The Detroit Jazz Fest. Musicians are encouraged to bop on over to 350 Madison Ave., Detroit for The After Jazz Fest Jam Sessions, Aug. 29-31, and join fellow Jazz Fest performers as well as other local musicians for an inspired late night of impromptu creativity. Each night will have a designated ringleader — Friday, R.J. Spangler; Saturday, Carl Cafagna; and Sunday, Patrick Prouty. All genres and non-musicians are welcome. Sets start at 10 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 887-8532 or visit [jazzcafe@musicall.org](http://jazzcafe@musicall.org) and [myspace.com/jazzcafedetroit](http://myspace.com/jazzcafedetroit).

By W. Von Buskirk

#### SENIORS GET IN FREE AT DETROIT ZOO

**ROYAL OAK** — Seniors age 62 and older along with one caregiver will get free admission and parking at the Detroit Zoo during "Senior day at the Zoo" 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, which sponsors the event, will also offer free blood pressure checks and health information. Call (800) 882-5720 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

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#### METRO MUSIC EXPO TAKES OVER ROCK

**NOVI** — Musicians and music lovers of all ages and skill levels will want to mark their calendars for the first annual Metro Music Expo, Sept. 12-14 at Rock Financial showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi. The MME will be a weekend jam packed with music, education, networking and fun. Highlights include a Backstage Rock Art Gallery, two live music stages, music industry panel discussions, sound and lighting clinics, a music store and more. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday, and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 per day; \$25 for three-day passes. For more information, call (248) 348-5600 or visit [www.metromusicexpo.com](http://www.metromusicexpo.com).

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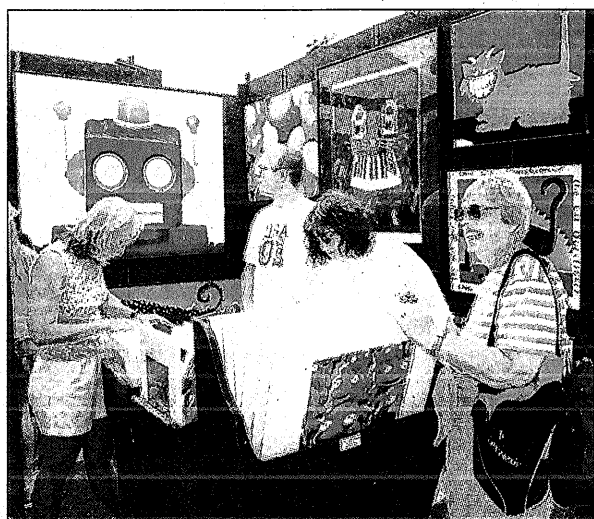
## You can't stop the beat

Arts Beats & Eats going strong 11 years on

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

For one weekend every summer the tastes, sounds and culture of Oakland County converge for a street festival unlike any other in downtown Pontiac. And from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, Arts Beats & Eats festival will move steadfastly into its second decade — with an eye on greening the event, garnering fans based on *Guitar Hero* licks, and even ushering its patrons straight into the blogosphere.

For the first time, AB&E will feature The Blogin Cafe. Organizers are touting it as the largest outdoor multimedia station for bloggers contributing to one blog at the same time



More than \$1 million in artwork is sold each year during Arts Beats & Eats, set for Labor Day weekend in Pontiac.



**ARTS**  
The HealthPlus Art Fair brings together artists in all forms of media — from digital to drawing, jewelry to metal, painting to sculpture — for an art gallery atmosphere in the middle of downtown Pontiac.

**BEATS**  
The sounds of this year's festival include local and national acts on six stages, as follows:  
**FRIDAY, AUG. 29**  
**MILLION DOLLAR MADNESS STAGE:**  
5 p.m. Harmonica Shaw  
6 p.m. Monkey Jacket  
7 p.m. The Hard Lessons  
8:30 p.m. Blues Traveler  
10 p.m. Rusted Root  
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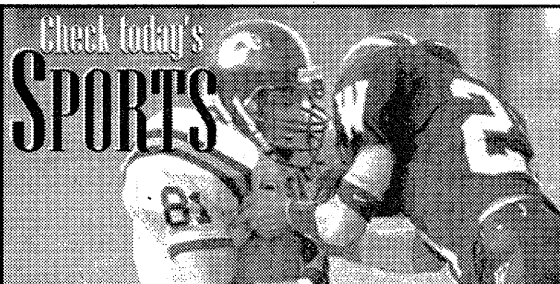
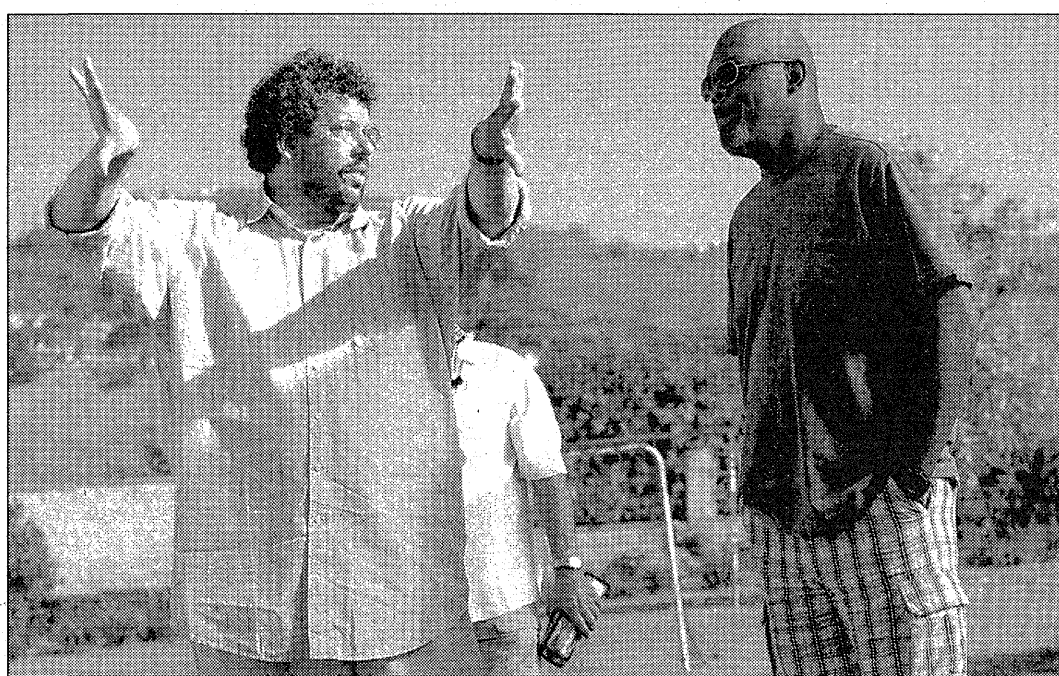
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Check today's **SPORTS**

Neil LaBute directs Samuel L. Jackson on the set of "Lakeview Thriller" opening Sept. 19.

## Former Detroiters Neil LaBute puts his human touch on a thriller film

BY LANA MINI  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Few directors can make a film-goer feel uncomfortable like Neil LaBute can.

In his films, LaBute taps into intimacy in such an honest way that when you watch a couple arguing about their relationship, you begin to feel nervous.

LaBute creates that same discomfort when he deals with the issue of race in his newest film *Lakeview Thriller* starring Samuel L. Jackson, Kerry Washington and Patrick Wilson.

(Look for a review of the film in the next issue). LaBute was born in Wayne, Mich. and lived here several years with his blue-collar parents before moving to Spokane, Wash. in the '70s. His father, he said, had issues with race and that impacted how he dealt with this film.

"In a backward way there's a Detroit connection. My father had certain views ... he was a blue collar man, a truck driver ... union man," LaBute said at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham last week while visiting metro Detroit to promote the film. "He was not a monster but he had issues ... like a lot of people he didn't trust people who were different."

In *Lakeview Terrace*, the racist is Samuel L. Jackson's character Abel; a cop who doesn't like the interracial relationship of his newly married, new neighbors. All hell breaks loose when Abel decides to harass them.

"I don't call it reverse racism (in the film)," LaBute said. "Racism is racism."

*Terrace* is a thriller, a first for LaBute. He

### NEIL LABUTE

**Who:** Neil LaBute - writer director

**Home:** Born in Wayne, Mich., currently living in L.A.

**Past films:** "Wicker Man" with Nicolas Cage and Ellen Burstyn; "Possession" with Gwyneth Paltrow, Aaron Eckhart and Jeremy Northam; "Your Friends & Neighbors" with Aaron Eckhart, Nastassja Kinski, Jason Patric and Ben Stiller

**Current project:** "Lakeview Terrace" starring Samuel L. Jackson, Kerry Washington and Patrick Wilson.

**The plot:** A young couple (Wilson and Washington) moves into their California dream home when Abel, their racist neighbor - (Jackson) begins to terrorize them because he disapproves their interracial relationship. The couple has no where to turn because Abel is a respected cop. These persistent intrusions into their lives turn tragic when the couple fights back. (SCREEN GEMS) Rated PG-13.

**Genre:** Thriller

**Release date:** Friday, Sept. 19

wouldn't have been interested in it if the producers just wanted explosions and car chases. Producer (and actor) Will Smith came to him to add human element.

"It was obvious that the producers wanted a different kind of a thriller otherwise they wouldn't have come to me," LaBute said. "It's not like anyone could say 'hey we love all your past thrillers' because there are none."

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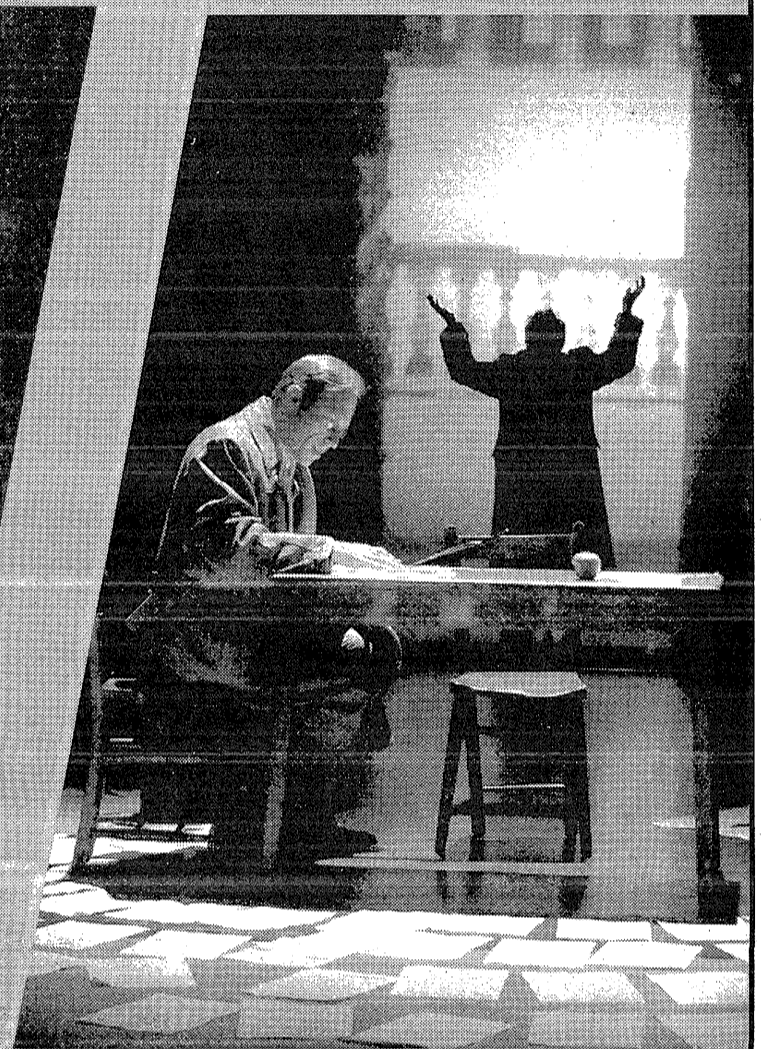
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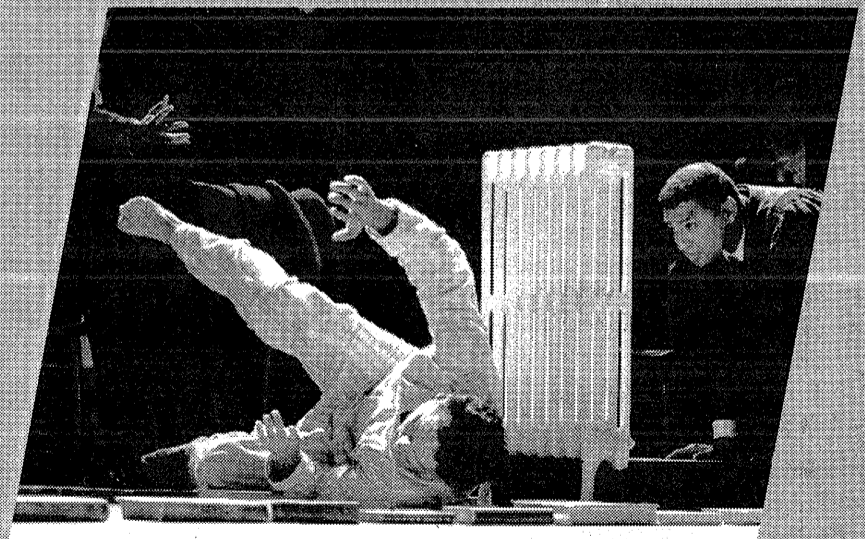
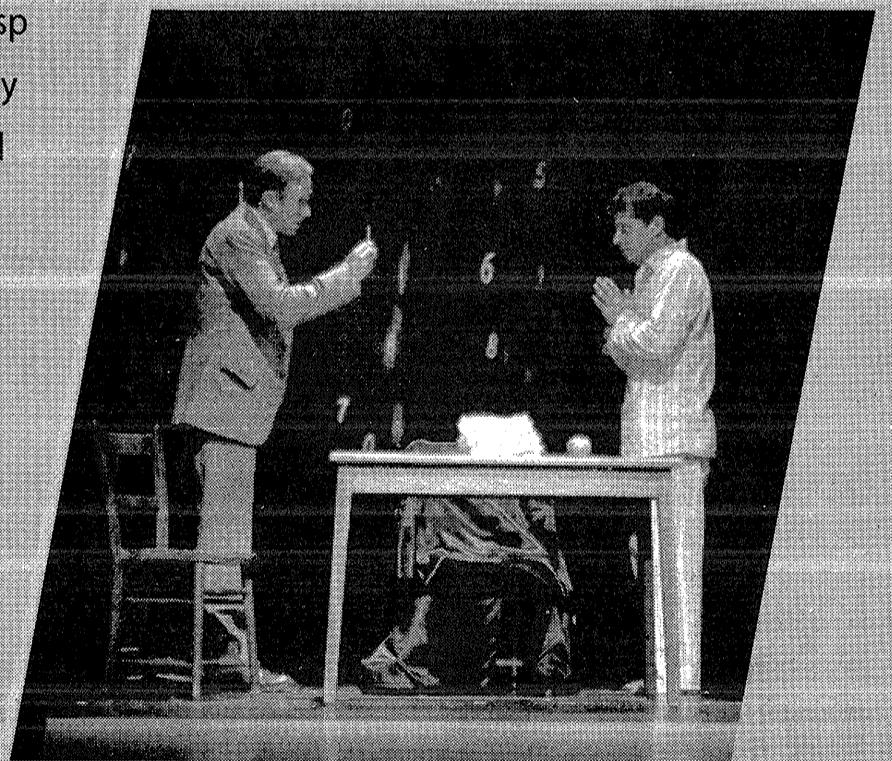
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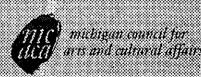
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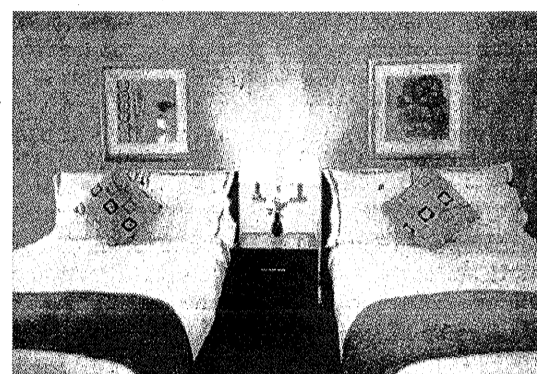
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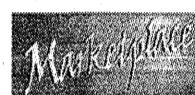
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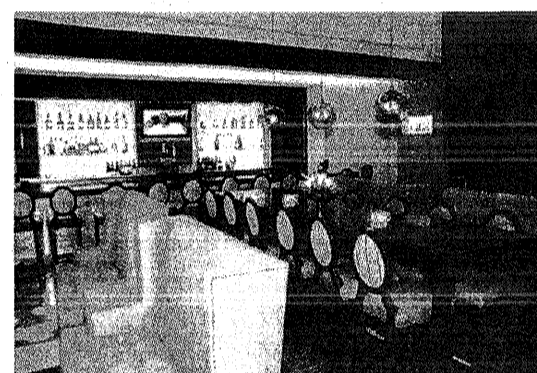
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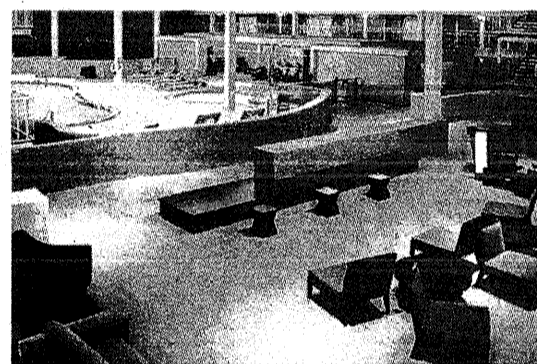
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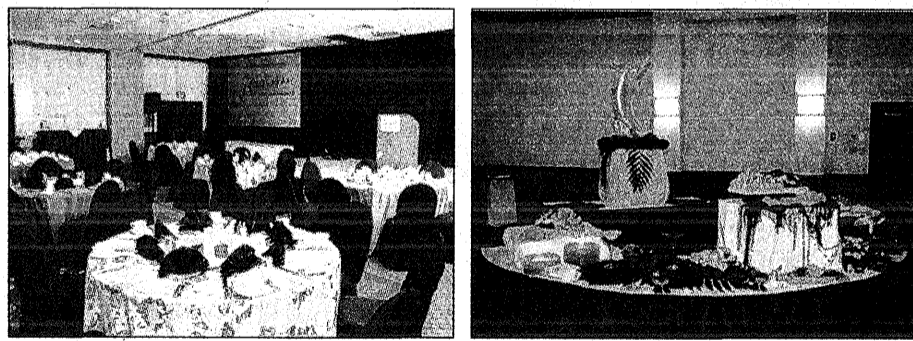
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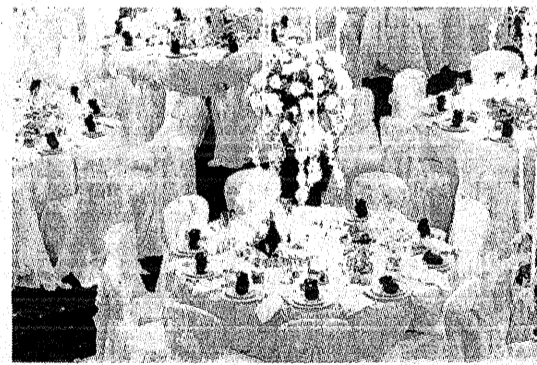
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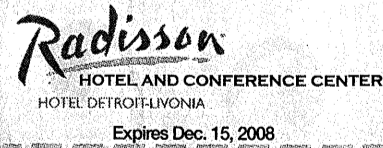


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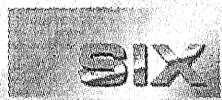
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# Looking for special places for ice cream? Try these...

Summer's quickly coming to an end, giving you the perfect excuse to stop by a local ice cream parlor to beat the heat. Here's a look at some staff favorites to help you indulge in the best the area has to offer:

**Wensdy's picks:**

**BIRMINGHAM STAPLES**

Growing up in Birmingham, it was always a treat to walk with my parents to Dairy Deluxe, on Woodward at 14 Mile, for a chocolate and vanilla swirl cone or hot fudge sundae. Even Puppy, our dog, got a cup. As a teen, I'd 'borrow' money from Gramps and ride my bike up with friends. If we were feeling extra daring, we'd cross Woodward and head up toward Maple for the Dairy Mat's grape slushes. Mmmm.

**CUSTARD TIME**

My husband has a soft spot for custard, and can't pass Ritter's Frozen Custard on Eight Mile Road in Livonia without a stop. In the summer, there are plenty of picnic tables set up to accommodate cravings. Jeff always orders a large vanilla cone so he can enjoy his custard in its pure form.

**DESTINATION NORTHVILLE**

When we're not in the mood for 'squeezed' ice cream, we take our son to Rebecca's in downtown Northville. The restaurant and ice cream parlor caters to kids with a Nemo aquarium, toy bins, a working train, and of course, ice cream. Superman flavor is a favorite for tots, but Rebecca's puts me in the mood for an old-fashioned milkshake. If you're going to make a special trip to Northville for ice cream, you can't forget Guernsey's, which makes its own ice cream. Expect to wait in line for your Moose Tracks here — the place is always packed.

**Stephanie says:**

**MILKSHAKES AT THE MALL**

It takes a pretty great amount of willpower to pass up the Haagen Dazs stand at Somerset Collection North.

Tucked right into the third floor food court there's generally some sort of gathering around those heavenly gallons of iced cream and in my weaker moments I'm among them ready to order up a good old fashioned creamy strawberry milkshake. Made with real cream and milk, this is the best indulgence.

**BATTER UP IN BIRMINGHAM**

Coldstone Creamery has earned something of a cult-like following thanks to its original flavors — like decadent Cake Batter or spicy Cinnamon — and the endless choices of mix-ins, folded right into the good stuff on an icy slab. I'm a sucker for the Birthday Cake remix — with its colorful sprinkles and fudgy brownies. Locations seem to be everywhere from downtowns in Royal Oak and Birmingham to Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, Canton, Rochester Hills, Bloomfield Hills and Troy.

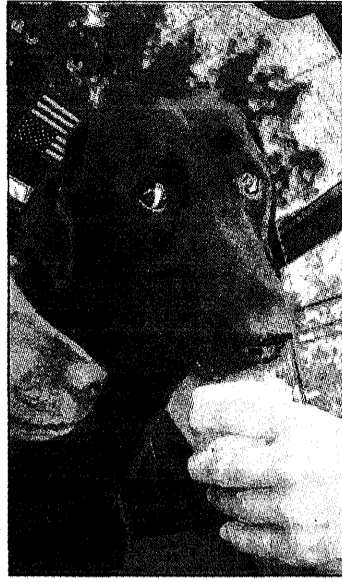
**FIRST NAME IN ICE CREAM**

Whether you're in Royal Oak or passing through, Ray's Ice Cream is a destination for anyone with a sweet tooth. From its old fashioned soda fountain to 50 years of cutting edge flavors — like this month's features from Mackinac Island Fudge to Guinness — it just doesn't feel like a lazy summer day unless you're enjoying a melty ice cream cone and sitting outside the parlor on Coolidge, between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Some area restaurants, like Royal Oak's Town Tavern, uses Ray's ice cream in its dessert offerings.

**Lana suggests:**

**ICE CREAM ALTERNATIVES**

There's something for every member of the family at Baskin Robbins and the possibilities seem endless and ever-changing. My aunt, who is diabetic, loves the sugar-free, non-fat Caramel Turtle. I don't eat dairy and opt for sugar cones with a double-scoop serving of Lime Daiquiri Ice



Labrador Jake Cross licks down ice cream at Dairy Dans in Westland. The roadside stand offers ice cream topped with dog treats.

(with real lime) and the Lemon Ice with real lemon zest. If you need low-fat, find flavors here. And, if you want something gooey, try a waffle bowl with chocolate/butterscotch and hot fudge toppings with ice cream flavors like the seasonal Baseball Nut with vanilla ice cream, cashews and a black raspberry ribbon. Locations seemingly everywhere.

**Quick hits:**

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5:30 p.m. Jimmy Atto
7 p.m. Matt Ratzka
8:30 p.m. The Mickeys
MILLER LITE ROCK STAGE:
4 p.m. Bear Lake
5:30 p.m. The Offramps

7 p.m. The Killer Bs
8:30 p.m. Band B
10 p.m. The Howling Diablos
DIET PEPSI R&B STAGE:
4 p.m. Pete Big Dog Fetters
5:30 p.m. Darnell Kendrick
7 p.m. Joey Spina
8:30 p.m. Priscilla Price
10 p.m. The McKinney Zone
DETROIT NEWS STAGE:
5 p.m. Sworn Rival
6 p.m. Stolen Liberty
7 p.m. Seven Story Fall
8 and 11 p.m. Detroit Techno Militia
SATURDAY, AUG. 30
MILLION DOLLAR MADNESS STAGE:
4 p.m. Hunter Brucks

5 p.m. Marcel
6 p.m. Steve Cochran
7 p.m. Billy Currington
9 p.m. Tim Bowman
10 p.m. Boney James
DODGE AMERICANA STAGE:
11 a.m. The Mea Culpa
12:30 p.m. Phil Treats
2 p.m. Domingo
3:30 p.m. Billy King and the Idylls
5 p.m. Redhill
6:30 p.m. The Basiks
8 p.m. Whitey Morgan & 78s
9:30 p.m. Sunkwa
FLAGSTAR ACOUSTIC STAGE:
11 a.m. Rachanee
12:30 p.m. Rude Dog

2 p.m. Chris Bathgate
3:30 p.m. Frankie D Angelo
5 p.m. DCWS Brass Quintet
6:30 p.m. Brandon Calhoun
8 p.m. Mary Maguire
MILLER LITE ROCK STAGE:
11 a.m. View
12:30 p.m. Shoe
2 p.m. Schaeffer
3:30 p.m. Liquid Motor Commission
5 p.m. Nuroksol
6:30 p.m. Monkey Jacket
8 p.m. Flophouse
9:30 p.m. Universal Temple of Divine Power
DIET PEPSI R&B STAGE:
11 a.m. Jesse Paltter

12:30 p.m. David Gerald & Insurrection
2 p.m. CEL
3:30 p.m. Moment Notice
5 p.m. Thornetta Davis
6:30 p.m. The Fffellaz
8 p.m. JStokes
9:30 p.m. Tumbao Bravo!
DETROIT NEWS STAGE:
Noon Cajun
1:30 p.m. Cowboy Alan
& The Steel Horse Band
3 p.m. Whitey Morgan & The 78
4:30 p.m. Justine Blazer
6 p.m. Austin Scott
7:30 p.m. Anabelle Road
9:30 p.m. Willie Nash
SUNDAY, AUG. 31
MILLION DOLLAR MADNESS STAGE:
4 p.m. Leighton with special guest Steve Kostan
5 p.m. Beatlemania Live
7 p.m. Loverboy
8:30 p.m. Back in the Day Band
10 p.m. Chaka Khan
DODGE AMERICANA STAGE:
11 a.m. Cowboy Alan
& The Steel Horse Band
12:30 p.m. T.J. Kelly
2 p.m. The Robin Horlock Band
3:30 p.m. Superdot
5 p.m. Manna & Quail
6:30 p.m. Back Forty
8 p.m. The Marcy Levy Band
9:30 p.m. Impact 7
FLAGSTAR ACOUSTIC STAGE:
11 a.m. Dave Stoddard
12:30 p.m. Andru Bemis
2 p.m. Jen Cass
3:30 p.m. Golden Rain Percussion
5 p.m. Annie Capps
6:30 p.m. Emily Rose
8 p.m. The Harvestmen
MILLER LITE ROCK STAGE:
11 a.m. Twin Pigs
12:30 p.m. Guitar Army
2 p.m. The Cult Heroes
3:30 p.m. Smokin Moses
5 p.m. Broadzilla
6:30 p.m. Stellar Drive
8 p.m. The Muggs
9:30 p.m. Rev RightTime
DIET PEPSI R&B STAGE:
11 a.m. Charlie Kemp Ensemble
12:30 p.m. Doc Holiday
2 p.m. Nite Flight
3:30 p.m. Rev. Marc Falconberry
5 p.m. Billie Holiday Review featuring Sky Covington
6:30 p.m. Midtown Underground
8 p.m. Sky Covington
9:30 p.m. HotSauce
DETROIT NEWS STAGE:
Noon The Phage
1 p.m. Desolation Angels
2 p.m. The Haddituptoheres
3 p.m. Solitary States
4 p.m. Love Meets Lust
5 p.m. Doop & The Inside Outlaws
6 p.m. The Questions
7 p.m. Brave Rifles
8:30 p.m. Duff Pink
10 p.m. The Orbitsuns
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MILLION DOLLAR MADNESS STAGE:
2 p.m. Arts, Beats and Eats
Best of the Beats
3 p.m. Avienne
3:30 p.m. Critical Bill
4:30 p.m. Rev Theory
6 p.m. Puddle of Mudd
DODGE AMERICANA STAGE:
10 a.m. Quincy Stewart
11 a.m. Cowboy Messiah
12:30 p.m. David Shelby
2 p.m. Alyssa Simmons
3:30 p.m. Persuasion
5 p.m. Longneck Strangler
6:30 p.m. The Orbitsuns
FLAGSTAR ACOUSTIC STAGE:
11 a.m. Julie Nager
12:30 p.m. SCS Strings
2 p.m. Ian Thomas
3:30 p.m. Mo Kauffey & Harmonica Bazz
MILLER LITE ROCK STAGE:
11 a.m. Whack The Mole
12:30 p.m. The Ragbirds
2 p.m. The Tom Butwin Band
3:30 p.m. Hotness
5 p.m. Jill Jack
6:30 p.m. The Reefermen
DIET PEPSI R&B STAGE:
11 a.m. Paul Miles
12:30 p.m. Julie Nager
2 p.m. Pathe Jassi World Experience
3:30 p.m. The Chunky Funk Band
5 p.m. Eric Tessmer
6:30 p.m. Laith Al-Saadi
DETROIT NEWS STAGE:
11:30 a.m. Overloaded
12:20 p.m. Pistol Day Parade
1:10 p.m. 60 Second Crush
2 p.m. Matt Austin
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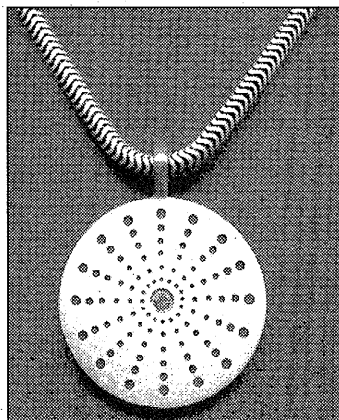
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Chances are you've never seen anything quite like Adam Shirley's jewelry designs. And that will be obvious for visitors to his booth during this week-end's Arts Beats & Eats festival in downtown Pontiac.

Shirley, a West Bloomfield native and Hamtramck resident, has been present at every AB&E festival since it began 11 years ago and has garnered plenty of new fans and clients from it. "It's not just an art fair," said Shirley. "It's Arts Beats & Eats. It's a different environment. There are people from all over."

His substantial, strong rings — found in anything from platinum to rose gold to silver — are shaped in rounded triangles or "finger-fit shape" as he calls it. The shape mimics the natural curvature of a finger rather than forming a perfect circle, and it's part of his trademark. It holds the ring securely in place, keeping the stone from slipping left or right, and is "way more comfortable" to wear, the artist noted.

Another trademark of Shirley's inspired designs involves the way he encases gemstones within the setting rather than placing them atop traditional prongs. The stone



Coming from a background that blends jewelry-making and a more industrial take on metal working, Adam Shirley's pieces show a modern flair.

is visible from the top and bottom, touching the wearer's finger, and he sometimes cuts peek-a-boo circles into the sides of the setting to show off more sparkle.

Regardless of whether he's crafting a pair of earrings, necklace, brooch, bracelet or ring, his clients are assured it's a one-of-a-kind piece.

Shirley traces his interest in crafting jewelry back to childhood. By the age of 14 he served as an apprentice at the former Weinstein's Jewelry in West Bloomfield, where he learned the tradition of molding metals. While a student at Groves High School, under the



Adam Shirley designs earrings that are unmistakable.

guidance of his teacher George Landino, Shirley was encouraged to explore jewelry-making and design, and to pursue it as a career.

He attended the College for Creative Studies in Detroit — the school where he now teaches. Shirley considers the city of Detroit and its environs to be a major influence in his style, which embodies a sort of modern industrial appeal.

While he's worked for traditional jewelers and even designed eyeglasses in the past, Shirley's focus lies squarely on his own artistic style. He works side-by-side with his clients to create a personalized piece they'll keep forever. He's a jewelry artist, not a jeweler, he'll tell you.

A significant amount of his business surrounds wedding and engagement rings. Shirley said he enjoys knowing that his rings are the sort of pieces his

clientele will have and wear for a lifetime.

And his style is recognizable. It's best not to walk into Adam Shirley Designs in Birmingham with a photograph of a traditional ornate ring. Though he has the skills to recreate it, that's just not what Shirley does.

His work is best known for its minimalist design with clean lines, and pieces are crafted to be worn without showing signs of wear. Shirley said his favorite material to work in is platinum, for its rare status, density and the way it lends itself to setting. His pieces are split to about 60 percent women's jewelry and 40 percent men's and among his most treasured are the modular rings which come with three pieces and can be interchanged to alter the overall effect.

Look for them — and his interesting mix of metals like 18 carat white gold and 14 carat rose gold — at Arts Beats & Eats, Aug. 29 to Sept. 1. Though Shirley may sell some pieces on site, most of his business deals in custom-made one-of-a-kind jewelry. For more information, call (248) 901-1710 or visit by appointment his store at 124 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

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— at [www.blogincave.com](http://www.blogincave.com). Visitors are encouraged to contribute on laptops and Web cams to join the cyber-discussion on arts, culture, food, music, the environment and more. Patrons who try their hand at blogging will earn a \$1 food ticket redeemable at the festival. More than a penny for their thoughts, Event Producer and Co-founder Jon Witz said they'll give patrons "a dollar food ticket for their thoughts."

"It's going to be a cool experience," he said.

It's part of an overall effort to improve quality of the festival — an event that already draws more than a million people over four days.

Attendees this year will surely notice the festival's extensive efforts to go green, a concept dubbed ITC Greenways. "We started our environmental efforts by suggesting an alternate way to get to the festival," said Witz. From a partnership with SMART buses to a bicycle corral, there will be prizes for those who choose alternate transportation. All AB&E vendors have been required to use biodegradable cups, plates and silverware. And a significant effort, including help by festival volunteers, will encourage responsible waste removal and recycling throughout the grounds.

"So many people are trying to go green," said Witz. "We are trying to take a look at everything we do and transform our behavior. And hopefully our efforts will subconsciously or consciously help people think about their habits, too."

Fans of the interactive rock n' roll video game *Guitar Hero* won't want to miss the Metro Detroit Guitar Hero Championships at this year's event. Ages 6 and up will be divided into age groups and compete for prizes at The Crofoot, in the heart of the festival.

Other visitors might

want to try the scratch and win lottery game Million Dollar Madness, where concert-goers have a shot at becoming millionaires. The Chrysler Freedom Fest will this year offer free breakfast, parking, carnival rides and more to U.S. service men, women and their families. And visitors can experience The Great Lakes Sensations exhibit — highlighting some of Michigan's most revered traveler attractions.

But the mainstays of the AB&E festival won't be short-changed in light of its new additions.

The HealthPlus Juried Art Festival, Witz said, has "ranked in the top 20 art festivals in the country — as high as number 7 — for the last few years. That's something the region should be proud of." The art fair sells more than \$1 million in original works over the course of the weekend.

The "Beats" portion of the event, Witz added, features "the best free musical lineup of the summer," with headliners like Puddle of Mud, Chaka Khan, Blues Traveler and Boney James. When it comes to the "Eats," Witz said those vendors who actively seek out patrons or share flyers do manage to call attention to their establishments — and these are local restaurants rather than "carnival carts," he said.

For Witz, the most rewarding aspect of the annual event goes beyond its entertainment, culture and menu to the melting pot of people that it draws. "Our motto has always been 'something for everyone,'" he said.

Of the events that fit under the 3 Days in the D umbrella, this one seems to draw the largest local contingent, said Witz. With high gas prices and tightening family budgets, he said: "We are such a great solution to come out and not spend too much money, not travel too far for a full entertainment package with no admission."

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# Detroit Jazzfest lineup is sizzling

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

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'Project Runway' judge Nina Garcia recommends a little black dress and statement coat among her Top 10 fashion must-haves.

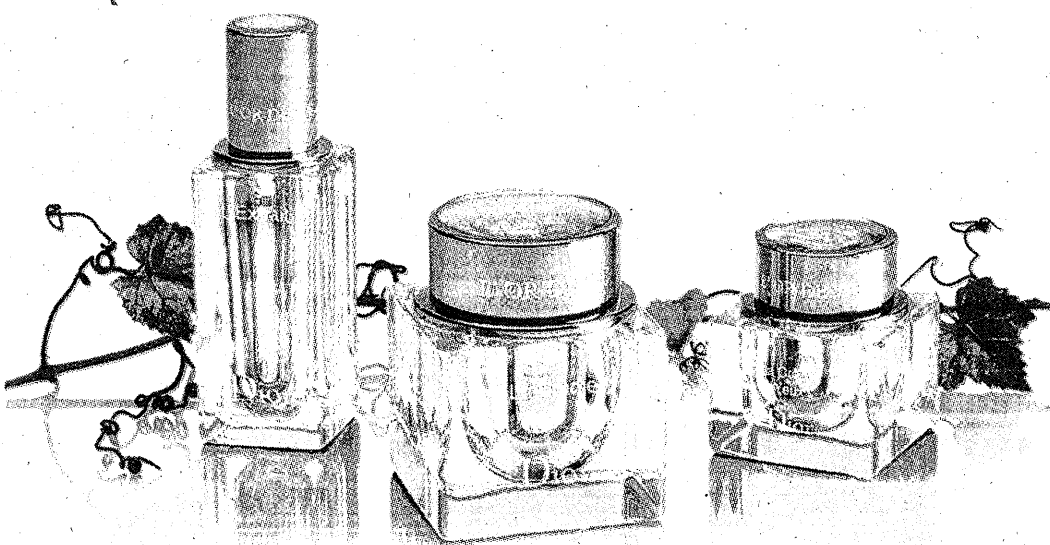
## Dr. Sadick and Saks share a prescription for youthful skin

From dawn till dusk last Thursday, world-renowned dermatologist and researcher Dr. Neil Sadick consulted with clientele at Troy's Saks Fifth Avenue location, inside Somerset Collection South, to promote healthy skin practices and teach women how best to maintain that radiant, healthful glow — no matter their age.



Stephanie Casola

As Global Medical Advisor for Christian Dior, Sadick worked with more than 250 researchers in France to craft innovative, technologically advanced products in skin care. And recently Christian Dior's L'Or De Vie line was recognized by the Journal of Drugs & Dermatology for proven effectiveness and unparalleled results to protect against aging. While he named other antioxidants of value, like coffeeberry and vitamins C and E, Sadick said L'Or De Vie contains the highest concentration of antioxidants on the market today. He should know. Sadick has been lauded for his many contributions to rejuvenation dermatology. He is certified in Dermatology, Cosmetic Surgery, Internal Medicine and Hair Transplantation, has been published in hundreds of articles and scientific journals, authored more than 10 books, serves as Professor of Dermatology at Cornell University and is president of the Cosmetic Surgery Foundation. His stop in Troy was a first



Sadick

for the Saks location and part of a nation-wide tour he takes a few times each year. He took a few moments to share his expertise with PINK. While he's involved in researching up-to-the-moment non-invasive procedures to lessen the appearance of everything from varicose veins to

cellulite, Sadick is constantly confronted with the question "What can I do at home." His advice? Start the day with a broad-spectrum sunscreen — one that blocks out both UVA and UVB rays. Then add a proven antioxidant product, which will combat free radicals that can cause damage and will help promote a youthful appearance. In the evening, Sadick said, the focus is on skin rejuvenation — which makes it the perfect time to apply Retin A or alpha hydroxy products. Sadick said beginning an appropriate skin routine, and keeping free radicals at bay, can slow the aging process by 10 to 15 years. But the women he consults — whether they're 20 years old or 80 — are most concerned with maintaining beautiful skin. "It's not necessarily younger," said Sadick, "It's better and

younger." With the range of available whole-body non-invasive treatments, he said women can achieve their natural best in a safe, cost-effective manner, now with little to no downtime. Surgery isn't the only option. Over the years, that's the change he's witnessed. Products and procedures are not limited to the face, but now address concerns of the whole body in an effort to resurface and smooth skin. "A whole body regimen can lead to better self-esteem," he said. Stephanie Angelyn Casola plans to stop aging right now, in her early 30s, and she knows Dr. Sadick will continue researching innovative new ways for women to stay beautiful, and natural, as time marches on. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Dollface? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com

## 'Project Runway' judge picks top 10 buys for Fall

Nina Garcia helps make the call on "Project Runway" about who's in and who's out. In her new book "The One Hundred: A Guide to the Pieces Every Stylish Woman Must Own" (Collins), she advises on what to buy and what to keep. A well-stocked wardrobe is full of classic items that don't fall out of favor but can be tweaked to work with whatever the current trends might be. In the introduction, she calls classics from the cocktail ring to Converse sneakers "the pieces that have stood the test of time."

So, what will Garcia — with her new day job as fashion director at Marie Claire — be wearing this fall? She e-mailed her top 10 looks to the Associated Press:

Prada look, or with leather, a pairing she spotted on the Givenchy runway.

- Well-tailored jacket. It could be masculine or formfitting, the key is the fit.
- Clutch handbag. "If you still have not invested in a clutch, this is the season to do so. There are so many styles to choose from, from romantic to punk."
- Sexy high heels. High heels don't have to be power pumps. Garcia recommends loafer styles and shoe booties.
- Wide-leg trousers. These pants are for day or evening since the look will drastically change if they're made of pinstripes or satin — or even sequins.
- A blouse. Preferably with ruffles, lace or a bow. "The perfect feminine piece to complement the fall wardrobe, frame the face and add some femininity to your tailored looks."
- A great coat. It's a key investment, she says, because it allows you to make an entrance with style.
- Floral prints. "Don't retire your florals just because summer is over. Winter blooms are still strong and feminine for fall."

Varla Jean Merman models the winning design by Troy's own Joe Faris.

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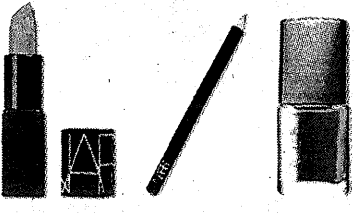
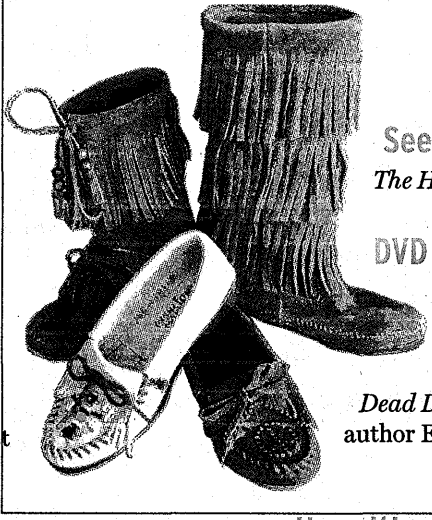
Joe Faris of Troy won his first challenge on "Project Runway" during the "Good Queen Fun" episode. Tune in Wednesdays at 9 p.m. to see how our local contestant fares in the fashion design reality show.

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## pink picks

By Wensdy

- Wear It!**  
Berry colors for Fall
- DON'T Wear It!**  
Low-rise pants that expose too much when you bend over
- Tote It!**  
Designer-inspired purses from Oh! Tres Chic in Northville, open the first weekend of each month
- Kick It!**  
Moccasins at Sundance Shoes in The Boardwalk plaza, West Bloomfield
- Smell It!**  
Victoria Beckham Signature for Her
- Face It!**  
NARS Jungle Red set, available Sept. 12 at Saks to mark release of *The Women*



- See It!**  
*The House Bunny*
- DVD It!**  
*What Happens in Vegas*
- Read It!**  
*Dead Dancing Women* by Michigan author Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli
- Hear It!**  
*The PeaceJam Soundtrack DVD* with local bands The Go and the White Stripes, inserted into *PeaceJam*; *A Billion Simple Acts of Peace*
- TiVo It!**  
*Fashion Rocks*
- Indulge It!**  
24K Gold Facial at Tamara Spa+Wellness in Farmington Hills

## Malls & Mainstreets

- An Evening of Wine & Fashion**  
**PLYMOUTH** — Grape Expectations Wine Bar & Merchant, 555 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth, will host "Dressing for Every Occasion — An evening of Wine and Fashion." 6:30 p.m. tonight, with Bella Mia boutique and Salon Awesome. Tickets, \$28, include dinner, two drinks and dessert. Call (734) 656-0057, or visit www.shopbellamia.com.
- Late Nite Thursdays**  
**ROCHESTER** — Tonight's the last of Downtown Rochester's "Late Nite Thursdays." Merchants will stay open until 9 p.m. or later, and shoppers can enjoy street entertainment and the "Summer in the City" scavenger hunt, with prizes valued at nearly \$2,500. Call (248) 656-0060 or visit www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.
- Summit Sports Summer Freeze**  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** — Summit Sports, located at 28942 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, will host a "Summer Freeze" sale through Sept. 1, with ski and snowboard gear up to 90 percent off. The first 50 customers each day will receive free gloves, no purchase necessary. Visit www.summitsportsinc.com.

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