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Some readers have asked about the Canton Observer's police beat/crime watch news. It appears regularly under the page heading For The Record, appearing today on Page A5. Today's report covers damaged cars and items stolen from residences.

CHV Theater

Don't forget this weekend you can tour the new Cherry Hill Village Theater free from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., every hour on the hour (Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19).

Weekend events

Saturday and Sunday marks the first ever Cherry Hill Village art fair and antique show at the old schoolhouse.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. is the Tails and Trails dog walk and rescue dog demonstration at Heritage Park behind the library.

Caccamo event

Todd Caccamo, a Republican running for Canton Township trustee, will hold a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the Roman Forum Restaurant, 41601 Ford Road. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids. Call (734) 981-6303 or (248) 703-7054.

Waltonwood Fest

Waltonwood Senior Community at Cherry Hill, 42600 Cherry Hill Road, will hold a home-made crafts and car show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Grilled lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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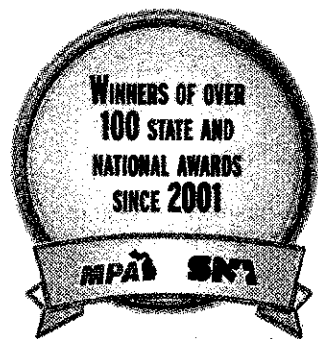
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Black-tie gala launches CHV theater

'Great Things Begin with a Dream' is opening weekend theme

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Sunday morning over Labor Day weekend, three cars were parked in front of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, their occupants peeking in through the building's vestibule windows.

Canton has waited 15 months since construction began on the theater and all curiosity was answered this past weekend as hundreds of people toured the new facility.

Top event was the Saturday night black-tie gala attended by government officials, vendors and important contributors. Friday night, several hundred employees of Canton Township toured the building. Sunday, a few hundred more people showed up for tours and shows at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Gala night visitors were treated to a red carpet, valet parking, several gourmet food stations and celebrity look-alikes (Jack Nicholson, Diana Ross, Charlie Chaplin). Giant spotlights beamed into the sky. Guests were interviewed as they entered the theater.

Canton didn't look like the "Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan" anymore.

"Saturday night was a great night, a great celebration, a terrific event for the community," said Ann Conklin, leisure services director.

Sunday visitor John Nalevanko and his wife Becky walked in from their home in Cherry Hill Village, a typical stroll the original planners had in mind when they first proposed CHV.

"One of the reasons we built here was the promise of all the features (like this theater)," John Nalevanko said. "I am amazed and excited. It has been fun



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tamara Jaros (right) and her husband Bryan of Canton take pictures of the vestibule at the new The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

watching it being built and seeing it done."

"It really looks great. We're glad to see it all finished," Becky Nalevanko said.

The opening weekend events included a stage show, "Great Things Begin With a Dream," and featured many performers from Plymouth and Canton. The newly formed Canton Community Band, the Spotlight Players, Orchestra Canton, the Sounds of Canton and dancers from Central City Dance Studio and the 94 East Improv Troupe all made contributions to the show.

Canton board Trustee Melissa McLaughlin praised the township staff. "The township staff did a spectacular

job inside and out," she said. "It was wonderful to see all these people. The building is exceptional."

Perhaps happiest of all was arts coordinator Jennifer Tobin.

"Incredible. Spectacular. A miracle," she said. "There is nothing we could have done better. Someone said, 'It feels like we were in New York City.' The weekend has been beyond every expectation."

The first thing you see as you enter the theater is an expansive mural celebrating the arts located over the lobby doors.

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Michael Dudley of Canton Leisure Services provides much entertainment as he welcomes everyone as they walked down the red carpet after arriving outside the theater. Impersonator Craig Janos as Jack Nicholson got into the act.

Seniors pack Summit for summit

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Len and Pat Bloch of Canton were a little bit late Monday for the second annual Senior Summit at Summit on the Park.

"We did some water aerobics at Schoolcraft College before we came over here," said Len, 72.

Retired since 1989, the former Dearborn teacher and his wife stay active in as many programs as they can.

"We perform in senior plays here at the Summit," he said. "We do a lot of comedies. It's fun."

Len said he enjoyed the exercise presentation put on by Julie Burt of Canton Leisure Services.

So, apparently, did most of the audience that packed the banquet room while Burt led them through a series of exercises designed specifically to help arthritis patients.



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Margaret Lukasik of Canton (left) and Canton's State Representative Phil LaJoy (right) participate in exercise program.

Like many of the seniors present, Len has concerns about pending Medicare legislation and a plan that would allow companies and states to eliminate health care coverage for people on Medicare.

Pat said she particularly enjoyed the presentation on nutrition.

"I'm impressed," she said of the summit. "There's a wonderful array of organizations that are displaying what's available to us. And everyone is so people-friendly."

Tom Smyczynski, 63, of

Canton was also impressed with the activities.

"I thought it was very informative," he said. "There was lots of information for visitors."

There was nothing specific that struck him about the session.

"Just the overall presentation," he said.

JoAnn Doederlein of Grosse Pointe Park was there just checking out the exhibits and the program. She works in the

PLEASE SEE SUMMIT, A8

Planners OK retention pond

The Canton Planning Commission approved a site plan for regional retention ponds for The Hamlet, a big new development approved two summers ago for an area south of Cherry Hill Village along Denton Road.

The pond will not destroy any existing wetlands, but will create new ones in an open field.

Phase 1 of The Hamlet, a 975-unit development of condos and big houses, is under way and the ponds and surrounding wetlands have to be ready to go.

"There is nothing but an open field there now," developer Richard Lewiston said at the commission's regular meeting Monday night.

Retention ponds are one way to deal with heavy rain runoff and prevent flooded basements as land is paved and landscaped.

"I applaud this concept," Commissioner Ron Lieberman said. Commissioner Greg Greene called it an "innovative effort." The vote was 6-0 to approve the site plan; commis-

sion Chairman Vic Gustafson was absent.

The ponds and wetlands will actually help meet Michigan's environmental requirements for several subs in the area — The Hamlet itself, as well as Vintage Valley and the two Antique Forest subs on Ford Road, plus the new West Town Line sub near Napier and Geddes.

The township's planning staff expressed concern about the extent of the grading.

"Large amounts of soil will be excavated from the area. Our staff is concerned about the extent of the proposed fill and its planned proximity to other properties with lower elevations," staff planner Judy Bocklage said.

Lewiston and his attorney Bryan Amman said that "swales" would be graded so no low-lying homes would be flooded.

The site plan covers about 40 acres of land which will have ponds, wetlands and appropriate plantings to help feed native birds and animals.

Board OKs abatement for noise testing project

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton trustees Tuesday approved a request for a 12-year, 50-percent tax abatement for Material Sciences Corporation for a new facility to be located in Koppernick Corporate Park.

The proposed \$16.7 million project will be a state of the art Noise, Vibration and Harness (VH) Technical Center designed to perform noise testing on vehicles and systems.

The 54,000-square-foot center will house about 55 jobs for engineers, scientists and technicians.

Material Sciences Corporation is a provider of material-based solutions for electronic, acoustic/thermal and coated metal applications.

The board also held a public hearing on proposed millage rates for the fiscal year 2005 budgets. Under the proposal, some funds would be shifted from the police and fire special assessment millages to the charter millage. The overall assessed millage would remain the same as last year at 8.85 mills.

The actual rates will be set at the board's Sept. 28 meeting. In other action the board:

■ Approved a request to rezone a 13.5-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Geddes and Denton roads from rural residential to single-family residential.

■ Approved a township-initiated request to change the designations on the future land use map for certain areas in the Ford Road corridor from Ridge to Napier. The area north of Ford, south of Hanford and west of Ridge would be changed from rural residential to very low density, except for the property fronting directly on Hanford and Napier.

The area south of Ford and west of Ridge would be redesign-

nated from agricultural and very low density to low density residential, except for the parcels fronting directly on Napier, which would go from agricultural to rural residential.

The area from Canton Center/Rouge River to Geddes would be designated medium high density on the front seven acres of the northernmost property on the east side of Canton Center, leaving the easterly three acres at very low density.

The east and west side of Canton Center would change from very low density residential to medium low density.

Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer



Cancer help
Clinical tests are helping find new ways to diagnose and treat ovarian cancer. See Sunday's Health Section.

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Plymouth Canton Interact Club has been awarded a grant by Prevention Network, a statewide program which for 20 years has offered services such

Plymouth-Canton Interact was awarded a \$2,500 grant to target underage tobacco use in the Plymouth-Canton community. The Interact Club is in its second year in its charter granted by Rotary International. The club is sponsored by Plymouth AM and Canton Rotary. Plymouth-Canton Interact Club's primary mission is community service.

Young Life is an interdenominational Christian outreach to teenagers in our community. For more information about Young Life for high school students or Wyldlife for middle school students in our area contact Area Director, Mark VanAndel at (734) 323-5691.

The clinic will be held at the Cherry Hill School, corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge in

Canton's Olivia Wofford, a Divine Child High School junior, won several ribbons at the Michigan State Fair: a first/best of show in cookie decorating, a first/best of show in cupcakes, a second in package decorating, and two honorable mentions in coffee cakes and in muffins. Olivia's mom, Christine, won a second in package decorating in the adult division. Olivia is eligible for a \$500 scholarship. Her and her daughter enter "because it's fun," Christine Wofford said.

Cherry Hill Village. There is a \$10 fee for verbal appraisals and a \$15 fee for written appraisals. All proceeds benefit the Historical Society. You can call (734) 453-5297 for a scheduled time; walk-ins will also be accommodated. Limit is three hand-carried items per person.

The public is invited to attend this free event scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

Oil, water and acrylic paintings will be displayed and judged at the Cherry Hill Village schoolhouse. Besides paintings, graphic arts, glass, ceramics, photography, jewelry and sculptures will be displayed at the fine arts show. A number of antique pieces will also be on display.

Best of show awards will be given to artists producing 2-D and 3-D pieces. A best of show will also be given to the top antique. All pieces displayed in the Cherry Hill Fine Arts and Antiques Show will be available for purchase.

For more information, please contact Jen Eubanks, or call (734) 394-5460.

A Bible prophecy lecture series continues this week at Summit on the Park in the PDC room. Presenters include the Rev. Mike Doucemes; a Detroit-area singer/evangelist, Greg Hardy; and Raymond Waller of the Detroit Rescue Mission. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are set for Saturday, Sept. 18, Sunday, Sept. 19 and Monday, Sept. 20. Saturday's lecture is "The Great Escape," Sunday's is "By Chance or Design," and Monday's is "Secrets of the Ancient Scrolls."

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Diamond mine dig ignites appraiser's gem interest

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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If diamonds are a girl's best friend, talk to Tammy Croop. She can give you the lowdown on just what makes the gems so intriguing.

"I get to play in a girl's toy store everyday," said Croop, an appraiser who has opened an office in the Showroom of Elegance jewelry store, 6018 Canton Center Road.

Croop, an independent appraiser under the name of Elite Appraisals LLC, has long been associated with Showroom of Elegance, but she and Linda Robin, who runs the jewelry store, decided it was time to have the appraisal services directly in the store.

"We can bring our customers in where they can feel comfortable. We are using a trusted appraiser," Robin said.

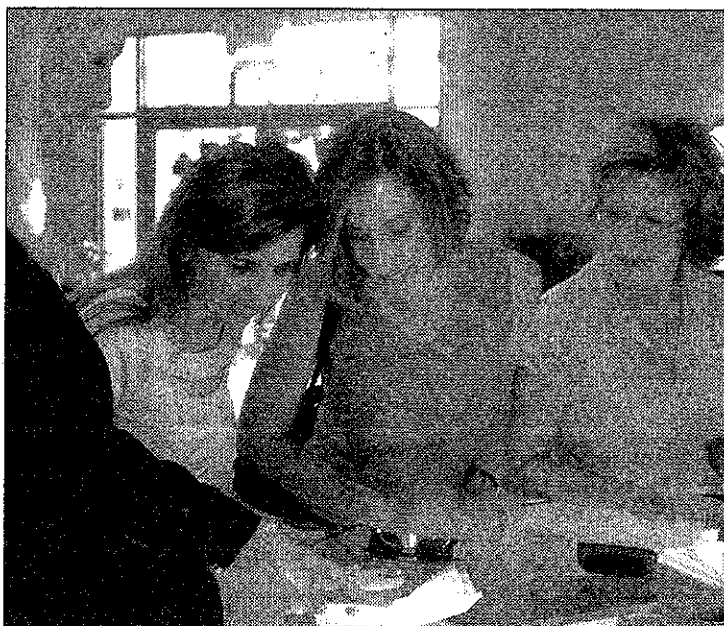
Gems have long been a part of Croop's life. When she was 10, she accompanied her grandparents to an Arkansas diamond mine. "You could dig all day for \$10," she said.

That experience, plus family interest, got Croop hooked. "My mom was a rock hound," she said. "I thought it was pretty. As I learned more about it, I found it interesting."

At 18, she worked part time in a jewelry store and decided to embrace the business in sales, managing stores and marketing. In 1995, she switched to appraising and is a graduate gemologist through the Gemological Institute of America.

And that was the beginning of a new career, one she has been in since 1995.

"Ninety-five percent of all the insurance companies require that you have an appraisal to



MONICA FOULTS STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tammy Croop shows Anne Peters (left), Nicki Goran, and Marge Kozok a newly arrived diamond pendant at the Showroom of Elegance jewelry store in Canton.



Jewelry appraiser Tammy Croop inspects a diamond pendant at the Showroom of Elegance jewelry store in Canton.

put new jewelry on your homeowners insurance," she said. "You really need this information."

But her work is more than setting a price. Croop has to know what gems she is dealing with and the quality. Science plays a big role. She measures wavelengths, conducts chemical and gravity tests. "I really like the science part," she said.

To determine the karat value of gold, she conducts acid tests: "For a diamond, I give 15 points of interest. That's protection for you."

The science end is one of the reasons Croop wanted to set up an office at Showroom of Elegance, whose staff she has worked with for about two years. "They have the space and they have the chemicals," she said.

Entering today's jewelry market are gems created from either natural or synthetic components.

"Some can be very desirable because they can look nice and are affordable," Croop said.

But diamonds are still giving scientists a run for their money.

"They are having the most difficult time (creating) diamonds," she said.

Croop recommends having jewelry appraised every five years. Not only is it protection if it's lost or stolen, but it gives you an idea of what you are leaving to your heirs.

Though at the Showroom of Elegance, Croop remains an independent appraiser. She has spent much of her appraising career traveling to about 52 stores every 12 weeks.

She will be at the Showroom of Elegance on Thursdays during business hours. You may just walk in and she will do the appraisals.

"People get nervous about leaving their jewelry, so this works great," she said.

The Canton resident, who is originally from Buffalo, N.Y., moved her with her husband, David. They have two sons, Jacob, 8, and Matthew, 6.

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CHV Theater is dream come true for 58-year-old theater troupe

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton community's theater organization, the Spotlight Players, has staged their productions in diverse places: the multi-purpose room at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth, at the Summit in Canton in a banquet room, and even at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

Like the Plymouth Symphony now entering its 59th year, the Spotlight Players - formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild - has a venerable history dating back to the post-World War II years.

Now, the Players enter their 58th season with a brand new home, the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

Their first production, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, is in full rehearsals. Celebrants at the gala opening of the theater last night got a taste of the musical when the players performed one of the numbers from the show.

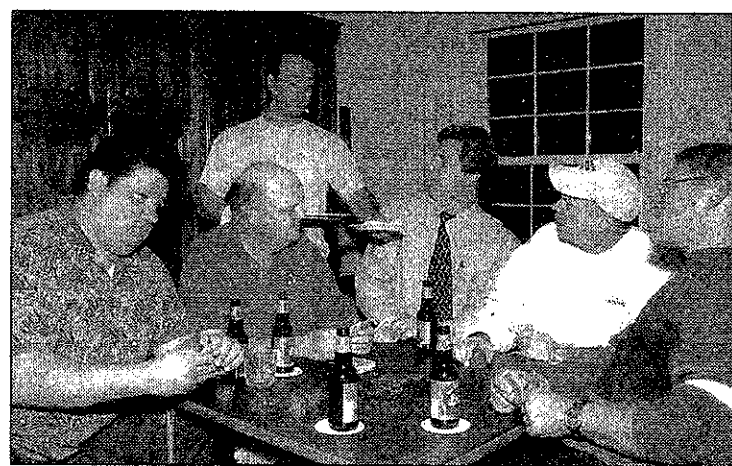
"This is our new home. We will be the resident troupe, and we want to pay them (Canton Township) back with nice productions," said Ken Kuna, the Players' current president.

"This is an amazing facility for a community to have. It's first class. Building community theaters - it's hardly done anymore," Kuna said.

Kuna said both cast members and his tech people are "chomping at the bit" for a chance to get into the theater.

Kuna said the atmosphere for a theater "feel" is great. "We picture people being dropped off in front at night. A big banner out front. Cherry Hill Village in the background. Very classy looking."

Kuna praised the township for paying attention to the details.



Jeff Trudeau, Jerry Carney, Sean Paraventi, Rob Bovitz, Tim Bruch and Larry Rajda of The Spotlight Players rehearse a scene from Neil Simon's endearing *The Odd Couple* last year.

"They got a lot of bang for their buck," he said.

The stage itself is outstanding, Kuna said, and includes two trap doors, "fly" space for scenery to be pulled up, and an easy "no stairs" transition from street level to scene shop to the stage floor. He is impressed by the backstage areas and the fact that there are more than 200 lights to use for stage lighting. "At Northville we had about 40," he said.

"There is very little to dislike about this facility. It sure is not your typical community theater," Kuna said. "I think touring companies will be impressed. Acoustics are so good we may not have to mic our performers."

Karen Southworth of Plymouth Township is a co-director for *Joseph* and one of the newer members of the Players.

"This is a fantastic venue for a show. We are really excited to start using the theater. Frankly, the cast can't wait to be on stage," she said.

Southworth said the theater had all the "bells and whistles, like lighting and trap doors."

"The seating is great, very intimate. It should make for a big draw."

Linda Pohl of Canton is a Spotlight board member, and is impressed with the facility. "This can't do anything but good for Canton Township."

She said the theater was "small, but beautiful, with everything you'd want: orchestra pit, rehearsal space, green room, upper level walk-out for actors. The Summit was cramped: I'm excited for the chance to work on a big stage."

The Players season includes *Joseph* in October, the classic bad visitor comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, in January, and the favorite rock and roll idol story, *Bye Bye Birdie* in April.

Joseph performance dates are Oct. 8, 9, and 10, Oct. 15, 16 and 17 and Oct. 22 and 23. Friday and Saturday curtain is usually 8 p.m. with the doors opening at 7 p.m.; Sunday matinees are 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1 p.m.

Canton's Summit on the Parkway will handle all ticket sales.

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Marchers start new season with 1st at South Lyon

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a spectacular day and a spectacular start to the 2004 marching band season for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band on Sept. 11. The 187-member band captured the Flight I first-place trophy and the highest score of all 12 bands, 68.4, for the first-of-the-season Blue & Gold Review marching band competition at South Lyon High School.

"We've been waiting for this moment," said tuba player John Magnusson, a Canton senior. "We've been practicing since April and I thought the band did well tonight. There were a few trouble spots, but there were also times when I thought the performance was absolutely amazing."

Salem senior Elizabeth Schellhase, one of three drum majors this year, was also pleased.

"I think the band did very

well," she said. "They worked very, very hard and have been wonderful at practice all week to be able to put this on the field and get it clean."

Band Director Marc Whitlock said there was some nervousness and anxiety among band members, but just like with any sport, theater performance or ballet, it was good to get through the first competition. "They are progressing well," he said, "but the show is not yet complete. We have about two-thirds of the show done and our goal is to have most of the work completed by regionals (Bands of America Regional Championships at the Pontiac Silverdome on Sept. 25)."

This year's approximately nine-minute program, "The Train Man Cometh," is designed to show the force, power and strength of a locomotive through music, marching, color and choreography.

SHOW STOPPERS

The Plymouth Canton Marching Band's 2004 show schedule:

- Sept. 25 - Bands of America Pontiac Regional at the Silverdome
- Oct. 9 - The Great Lakes Invitational at the P-CEP stadium
- Oct. 16 - Jenison
- Oct. 30 - MCBA State Championships at the Silverdome
- Nov. 4 - BOA Grand Nationals at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis

"There is a lot of variety in the choreography in terms of what we are using this year to get the message across," said Jennifer Leseth, colorguard instructor for the 34-member auxiliary. "We are using the guard for the entire show and it is a lot more demanding than last year."

Whitlock pointed out that the students are investing a great deal of time, energy and resources into this show, but the payoff is big, both under the lights at the competitions and in the long term.

"The philosophy for us as a staff is that marching band is a vehicle for life lessons," said Whitlock. "We want a great performing ensemble and something the kids can be proud of and we also want these kids to be great leaders in life. They may not realize it now, but later they will see it applies more than they realized."

Other Observer & Eccentric-area bands competing at South Lyon on Saturday were Livonia Franklin, third in Flight II; West Bloomfield, fourth and Livonia Stevenson, second, both in Flight I.

In remembrance of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, more than 1,000 performers from all 13 bands gathered on the field before the awards ceremony while the South Lyon Marching Band played *America the Beautiful* and *The Star Spangled Banner*.



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Percussionists (from left) Mike McDermott, Max Ellison and Andrew Kaump concentrate on their music during the P-CEP Marching Band's top competition performance at South Lyon High School on Saturday.



Baritone player Mike Wells, along with tuba players Will Gripman, Jeff Thieleman, Ryan Murray, Bryant Powers, John Noss and trumpeter Dan Beckett move en masse across the South Lyon field during P-CEP's first-place competition performance on Saturday.

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STRENGTH TRAINING FOR DIABETICS

While there is research to demonstrate that aerobic endurance training increases insulin action, thereby helping those with Type II diabetes, most patients with the disease are overweight and unlikely to take up endurance training. More recent research, however, shows that strength training improves the effects of insulin in the muscles of patients with Type II diabetes as well. When research investigated the impact of strength training three times weekly, for six weeks, on insulin action in Type II diabetics, they found that strength training both increased muscle mass and seemed to enhance the effects of insulin. Thus, strength training is an effective alternative to endurance training for the Type II diabetic.

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
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CDs help parents keep track of children online

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department today announced that the Internet Crime Unit will distribute 9,100 Computer Cop CDs that help parents to monitor their child's computer and online activity - without tipping the children off.

In addition to distributing its Computer Cop CDs at various community events, disks also will be available in western Wayne County beginning today from noon to 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office 3100 Henry Ruff at Michigan Ave., Westland.

In the 18 months since Sheriff Warren Evans re-established the Internet Unit, undercover deputies have arrested more than 50 adult men who thought they were arranging a meeting with a 13- or 14-year-old girl for sex. Despite the units' success, far too many child predators are still trolling cyberspace looking for vulnerable children, Evans said.

"Our officers receive hundreds of sexually explicit overtures each month from adult men. A small unit like ours can only catch so many of them, so we are trying to enlist parents to become their kids' first line of defense against predators," Evans said.

Evans said his office is able to distribute the disks, which have a retail value of \$40, for free thanks to a \$25,000 grant provided by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the support of the Wayne County Commission, which recently approved the purchase. The Computer Cop Corp., out of Bohemia, NY, manufactures the software and disks and customizes them for local law enforcement agencies.

Each time a parent places the disk into the CD drive of a computer, the program automatically launches without having to install anything on the computer that might tip kids off that they are being monitored. The program has a library of words that it looks for which might raise a red flag for parents and highlights them on the screen. Those would include anything violence, sex or drug related, including slang terms and their definition.

Although a version of this product distributed by many police agencies is limited to those basic functions, Evans felt it was important to him that his officers distribute the more powerful version that allows parents to capture the full text of any outgoing email and chat room messages.

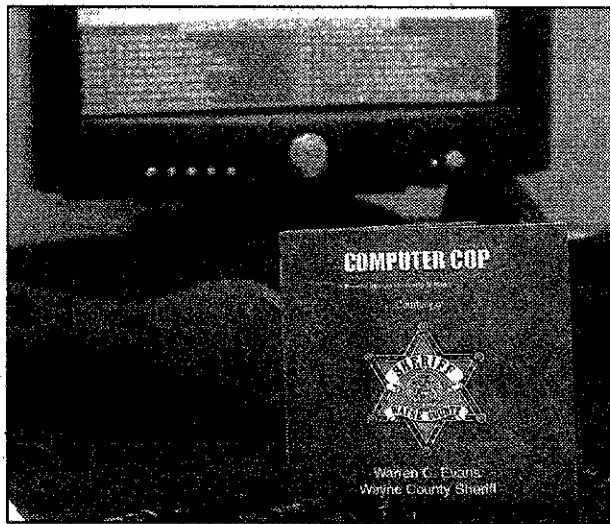
"That's where kids get into the most trouble," Evans said. "Looking at something on a

computer screen is one thing, but it's when a predator establishes communication with a child that he or she is at a very real risk of being victimized."

The disk also includes a video introduction from Evans and a computer safety video to help parents understand the basics of how to monitor and talk to their children about their activities. But Evans said he hopes the disk might help

his officers catch a predator that they might not have otherwise known about.

"Our hope is that parents take this disk and put it to good use. If they find anything that suggests their child may be communicating with a predator, they should call our Internet Crime Unit right away at (313)875-9676 so we can take appropriate action," Evans said.



This CD helps parents monitor their children's online activity.

Emergency workshop aimed at senior citizens

As Hurricane Frances leaves billions of dollars in damage in its wake in Florida, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office has kicked off the first in a series of Emergency Preparedness workshops designed to let senior citizens know how to prepare for an emergency, such as a black-out, tornado or flooding.

The three-hour classes also show senior citizens how to protect themselves from unscrupulous businesspersons in the event an emergency does occur. According to statistics, 90 percent of scam victims are senior citizens. The classes are being held in conjunction with the American Red Cross and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Catholic Social Services of Wayne County. "The recent hurricanes in Florida should serve as a reminder to those of us locally about the importance of emergency preparedness," Sheriff Warren Evans said. "What we are trying to do is to help senior citizens, who are the most vulnerable segment of our society, to remain safe during and after an emergency."

During the sessions, which will be held at Senior centers throughout Wayne County, presenters will show seniors what steps they need to take in order to prepare for an emergency. Some of the tips include:

To register, call 313-883-2389.

Programs in western Wayne County are scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 27, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia; 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 30, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township Building One and 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville.

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Future of Rouge Assembly may depend on state Legislature

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The survival of the fledgling Assembly of Rouge Communities (ARC) may be dependent on the state legislature passing a new law, which would allow the creation of watershed alliances that possess some governmental authority.

The assembly, which formed in August, 2003, is an organization of 38 communities and

three counties (Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw) that have voluntarily come together to help restore the long-neglected Rouge River. Nearly every community in the watershed, which covers 466 square miles and is home to 1.4 million people, has joined ARC.

According to Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, who called ARC "the finest example of regional cooperation

in Southeast Michigan," the ultimate goal of the group is to make sure all the member communities are in compliance with federal and state water quality standards. However, he said current law doesn't allow the group to do such things as fund-raising or hire staff, which he believes are essential for the group to meet its goals.

Heise and members of ARC's organization committee have drafted a proposed bill, which

they are hoping will soon be introduced into the state legislature by a local state senator and state representative. State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) has expressed some interest in sponsoring the bill.

Heise stresses that the proposed bill, which has been endorsed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), will not give the assembly any taxing authority.

"In essence, we are an organization without much authority right now," Heise said. "This bill would allow us to become a proper governmental entity. We would be able to hire staff, and compete for grants. It would also allow the inclusion into the group of other entities that must have stormwater permits, including school districts, colleges and universities, and airport authorities. But we will not be able to raise taxes."

FUND-RAISING ESSENTIAL

Having the ability to apply for grants and do other types of fund-raising is essential, Heise said, because federal money, which has largely funded the major projects that have eliminated pollution sources such as combined sewer overflows, will soon dry up. Since 1992, nearly \$350 million of federal money has been spent cleaning up the Rouge and its watershed. The money has been filtered through the Rouge Program Office (RPO), which has provided grants to communities all over the watershed for construction projects and public education.

"Our member communities realize that there will come a day that the RPO will not exist. The federal money is just not there anymore. As a result, our communities are going to have to pay for these projects on their own, or they are going to be creative and enter into groups like the assembly," Heise said.

Chuck Hersey, SEMCOG's environmental programs manager, said more and more communities are realizing the advantages of regional cooperation. He said projects to clean up stormwater to meet water quality standards will be very expensive for some communities, which is why a group like the assembly is important, because members can share ideas and costs.

"This legislation will provide communities, not only in Southeast Michigan but around the entire state, with the tools that will allow them to tackle the issues they need to tackle, and the issue here is water quality," he said. "The first thing these communities need to determine is just how much has to be spent to comply with water quality standards. Right now, we just don't know the cost of fixing the stormwater problems."

Currently, assembly members pay dues and have voting shares commensurate with the land area and population they have in the watershed. Livonia, Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Westland and Southfield are the largest members. The total annual budget of the group is roughly \$600,000.

According to Kelly Cave of the RPO, most of the money is spent on monitoring water quality at numerous sites throughout the watershed. Some money is also spent on public education.

Forum looks at Catholics and political issues

Church of the Holy Family in Novi will host an educational forum featuring two Catholic elected officials - Republican Thaddeus McCotter U.S. representative of the 11th District and William J. O'Neil, Michigan State House representative for District 14.

The forum is 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

Michael Hovey, associate director of the Office of Catholic Social Teaching for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will also be present.

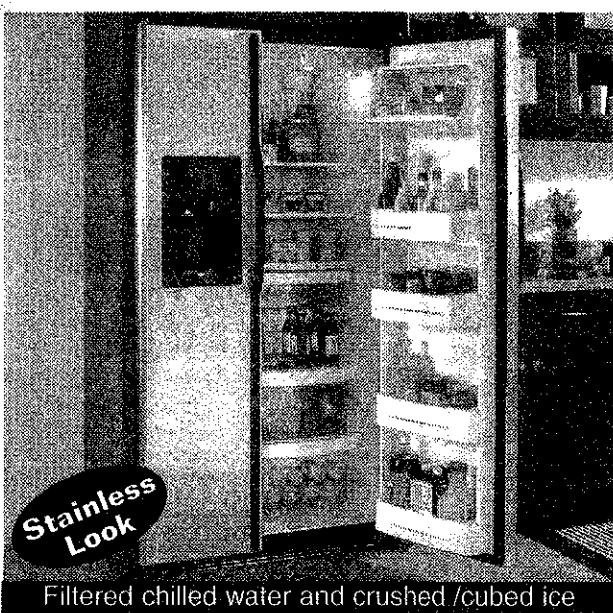
The purpose of the forum, sponsored by the Holy Family Peace and Justice Committee, is to provide all voters with an opportunity to better understand how Catholic values and social teaching can guide them in forming their consciences as they prepare to vote in this year's election.

Each of the lawmakers will make a brief presentation regarding how they as office holders address the common good and how their Catholic moral framework had helped to guide their decisions in the legislative process. They will answer questions.

The Michigan Catholic Conference, in the July 2004 edition of their publication FOCUS, states that "Catholics in Michigan, as well as those across the country, have a moral obligation to take an active part in the election by working to advance the moral fiber and common good of the country."

The forum is open to the public.

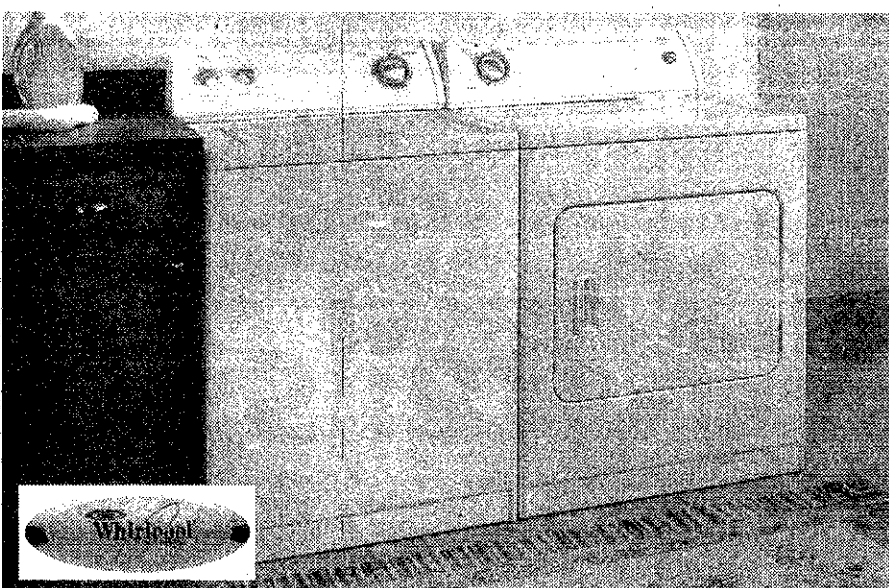
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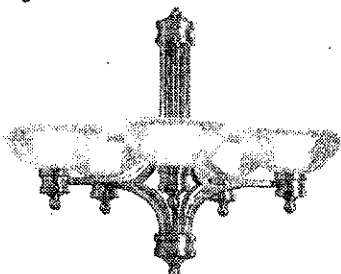
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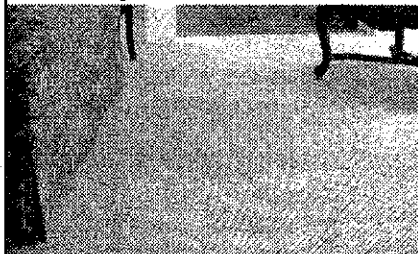
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SUMMIT

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Health and Safety Department of the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"I'm just here checking things out to see if maybe we should be involved next year," she said. "It's a very nice event."

This year's event was the second one for the Summit. It's sponsored by state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), who said he was pleased with the turnout and the participants. "It's fantastic," he said.

About 300 people turned out for the occasion, which began with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and concluded with bingo starting at 12:45 p.m., lasting until all the door prizes were gone.

It included free health screens provided by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, presentations on consumer awareness,



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Dee O'Flynn of Canton participates in the exercise presentation by Julie Burt of Canton Leisure Services.

federal programs, exercise and nutrition. During a box lunch break, entertainment was provided by the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Saxophone Ensemble.

Many area business helped sponsor the summit. Honorary sponsors were Richardson's Super Drugs and Willow Creek Assisted Living.

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THEATER

FROM PAGE A1

Painted by Edward Kulczycki of Canton, a Michigan muralist who trained at Macomb Community College and the Center for Creative Studies, the mural was done on canvas and the panels then adhered to the wall.

"It took 10 or 12 weeks of work," Kulczycki said. "That doesn't count countless meetings and sketches the last 12 months."

Tobin estimated the building was full Friday and Saturday night. The township had sold all but 20 or so of the 400 gala tickets at \$100 each. About 200 people showed up for each tour Sunday afternoon. The cast of the show numbered about 100.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack praised Bryan Amann, chairperson of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, for the group's fund-raising efforts.

The township raised \$7 million in private donations for the theater.

"Community and regional arts organizations will provide the foundation for the Village Theater's cultural offerings," Yack said in his opening welcome this weekend. "Canton has long been identified for its outstanding recreation and athletic facilities and programs. Assisted by Canton's new Cultural Arts Commission, the community will continue to build on its reputation by providing opportunities for individuals who are gifted in the performing arts."

As the last show ended Sunday, Tobin told the performers and the gathered community residents: "We will always remember that the most important part of this is you, the audience."

The theater will feature a local favorite, Rennie Kauffmann at 8 p.m. Friday; tickets are \$10. Saturday night, the new Orchestra Canton debuts with *Beethoven and Bluejeans* at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students.

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The opening night gala performance at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill comes to a close.

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CHV Theater's fall calendar is full

Rennie Kaufmann's Broadway review opens the fall season of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill with an 8 p.m. show Saturday, Sept. 17. Tickets are \$10. He has been a popular performer at Canton's Liberty Fest.

There's a full schedule of theater events between now and next May. The theater opened this weekend with a red carpet, black-tie gala Saturday night, tours for employees Friday night, and more tours Sunday afternoon for the general public.

Sunday Sept. 18 is the new Orchestra Canton's opening show, *Bluejeans and Beethoven*.

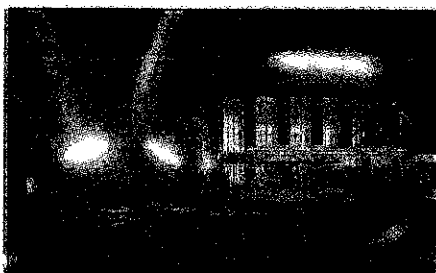
This program invites the audience to enjoy an evening of three well-known "classics" and one new work. The concert will feature David Adams, bassoon, performing Michael Daugherty's *Dead Elvis* for bassoon and orchestra.

On the bluejeans theme the offering is Aaron Copland's *Hoe-Down* from his ballet *Rodeo*, and Gioacchino Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, known to many as the theme from the Lone Ranger radio and TV show.

Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* rounds out the program.

A famed group from the '60s, The Association, is set for Saturday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

The local improv group, 94 East, will be on stage on Sept. 30; tickets are \$10 and audiences are reminded the troupe's



The Village Theater at Cherry Hill gala started out with a bang with all of the glitter of a opening night.

subject matter is often rated "for mature audiences."

The Village Folk Festival will feature a kids show in the afternoon at 2 p.m. and a 7 p.m. round robin of performers including Jeremy Kittel, Joel Mabus, The Raisin Pickers and Matt Watroba, former P-CEP teacher and host of radio's "Folks Like Us."

The community theater group The Spotlight Players opens *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Friday, Oct. 8, at 8 p.m.

Tickets for all events are being handled by the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460, or you can but them prior to the performance at the Village Theater box office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The first season goes until May 2005. The entire program is on the Township's web site.



Boogie-Woogie Singer Ashleigh Rotondo performs at the gala.



A large crowd was on hand for the opening night gala at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.



Pam Kirbach (left) and Debbie Honsowetz of Canton Leisure Services take a break at intermission of the show.



Gloria Hammonds of Canton (left) and Kathleen Salla of Canton's DDA enjoy the gala.



Nancy Cragg, daughter Aubrie, 9, both of Canton and Shahnaz Broucek enjoyed the first half of the show at the opening night gala.

OUR VIEWS

New theater is stuff dreams are made of

With apologies to Shakespeare, Humphrey Bogart and Dashiell Hammett, it was the stuff dreams are made of.

The new theater at Cherry Hill Village is now open. The first curtain went up at 8 p.m. Saturday as a variety of performers from the Plymouth and Canton communities used the theater for a public performance for the very first time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill gala opening weekend brings to a close almost a decade of hard work by the Canton Board of Trustees, by the Canton Cultural Commission, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc., by hundreds of contributors including builders like Biltmore and by developers like Richard Lewiston, and by many regular folks like Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator, and Ann Conklin, leisure services director, and, finally, by dozens and dozens of volunteers.

Also contributing to making the dream a reality during the last 24 months was a construction team that included architects TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills; Peter Basso and Associates, engineers; Jerit Boys Inc., a theatrical consultant firm; and Auch Co., general contractors.

The theme of the opening weekend show, a little taste of entertainment from many of the groups who will use the new facility, was "Great Things Begin With A Dream."

Canton Township has every reason to be happy and proud as the new theater is a stunning realization of its dream. Its utilitarian "back of the house" facilities, its richly decorated lobby, its vestibule with the mural celebrating the arts, and the theater itself maintain and enhance Canton's reputation of doing things in a first-class way.

It is not lost on us that the theater will help form ties that will bind Canton and Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth closer than before. Already groups like Plymouth United Way, Growth Works, the Salvation Army, the Plymouth Symphony (with its outreach, Orchestra Canton) serve all three communities, as does the Plymouth Canton Community School District.

The Plymouth Theater Guild, with a 58-year history with "Plymouth" in its name, will use the theater and, selflessly, will call itself the Spotlight Players.

Three years ago on Sept. 11 a terrible thing happened to an entire country. In a smaller but not less important way, last Saturday, Sept. 11, a wonderful thing happened to Plymouth and Canton — a new community theater was brought to life. May the theater's "run" be long and prosperous.

Ryder Cup a chance for region to shine

Five years in the making, the world descended on southeast Michigan this week in the form of the Ryder Cup golf match.

Hosted by the prestigious Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, the Ryder Cup is one of the sports world's marquee events, right up there with the Super Bowl and World Cup.

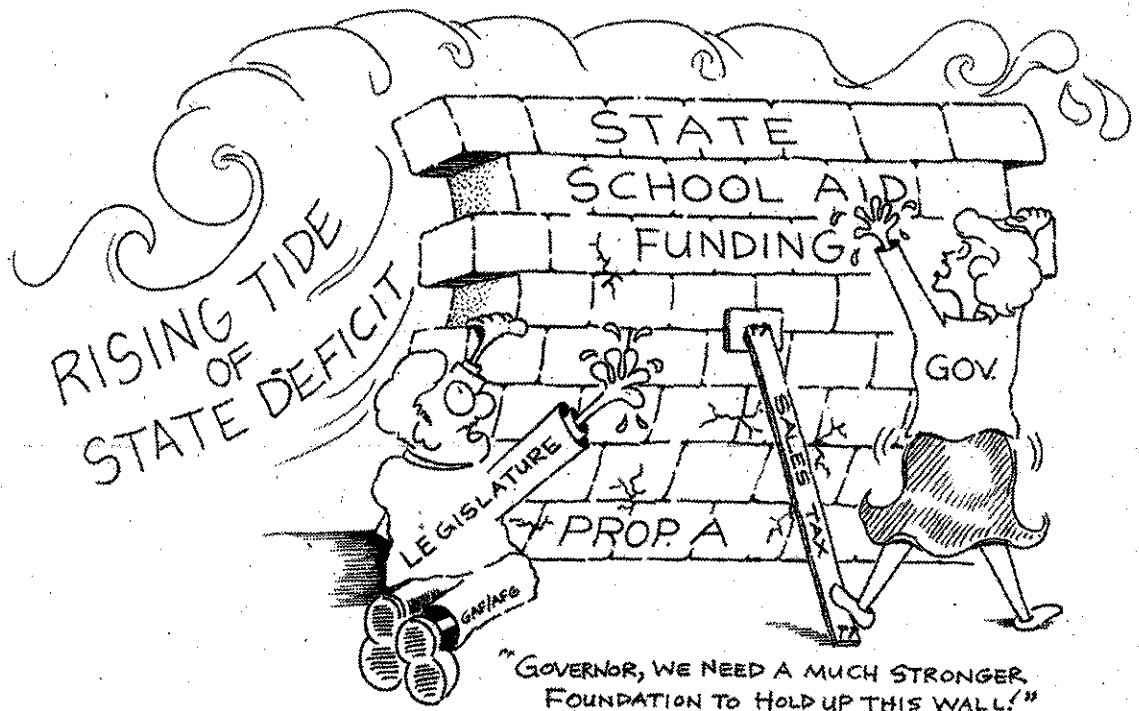
Having the world focused on our region is a real benefit to our communities, which should more than make up for the short-term inconveniences the tournament is causing. Yes, traffic continues to be a nightmare this week and, yes, our airports have been tied up by V.I.P. visitors, but it is a small price to pay for the potential economic bonanza.

In addition to the millions of dollars being pumped into the local community during the event, state officials and the Detroit Regional Chamber are working hard to lure overseas investment to the area. With so many corporate bigwigs from Europe, Asia and South America in town to watch the Ryder Cup, the official schmoozing is in full gear.

Hosting the Ryder Cup would not be possible without the hard work of hundreds of individuals, who deserve a collective pat on the back. Oakland Hills began preparing for this event a full five years ago, ensuring it is a total success.

Kudos also go out to Bloomfield Township officials, who have worked hand in hand with myriad local, state, federal and international agencies to coordinate safety and security measures. Since 9/11 and the continuing terrorist threat, an already difficult job increased ten-fold.

The impact of the Ryder Cup on our state will be felt long after the matches have been completed. And as the hosts, we should all feel good about that.



LETTERS

Candidate correction

I would like to thank Scott Redding for his letter that brought to light the fact that Godfrey Aguwa and I advanced from the primary with the result that I was the third highest vote-getter overall of the 10 candidates running for Canton trustee. The editorial that Mr. Redding referred to also spoke about how much candidates spent per vote. I did not file a waiver since I do not have a problem with people knowing how much I am spending. Until the primary on Aug. 3, 2004, I had spent \$106.00, which translates to \$0.65 per vote. This is far less than the Republican candidates spent.

You did not report the total number of votes for all candidates who were moving on the November election. It would be nice if in future you included information on all candidates so that voters have a fair accounting of elections.

Bill Rice
Canton

Need autism legislation

My son Alex, age 6, has autism, cerebral palsy, large vestibular aqueduct syndrome, bi-lateral sensorineural hearing loss, asthma and other conditions that creep up because of his premature birth at 32 weeks in June 1998, such as a possible up and coming urological surgery this fall, and an MRI for a deep sacral dimple and possible tethered cord in his spine.

Alex is an innocent, sweet child who did nothing to deserve any of these conditions, all of which can be helped by early intervention services, therapy and medical treatments. So I ask you, why, in this state of Michigan, can my son get mandated insurance coverage for all of his conditions but autism?

As many parents of children with autism spectrum disorder know, a disorder which now strikes as many as one in 250 children (and double and quadruple that number when you consider their voting age parents and grandparents), why is a neurological and genetic disorder ignored by insurers, and considered not necessary to cover services for these children?

Families in this state are struggling to pay the very expensive therapies and services for their children, while other states like Pennsylvania mandate insurance coverage of services for individuals with autism. Ohio is currently in the process of governmental hearings to mandate service coverage for individuals with autism in their state, too.

Autism is not caused by "refrigerator moms," as was initially thought decades ago. It is a neurological disorder affecting speech, behavior and fine and gross motor functions, resulting in multiple sensory dysfunctions and also seizure disorders.

Thus, many children with autism are prone to "escaping" because of the pain these neurological issues and sensory dysfunctions cause, as was the possible case of Christopher McAvoy of Livonia, the child with severe autism who died this past weekend in a pool in Livonia after he left his home while being watched by his grandmother.

I do not know the specific autistic history of this child, as the disease is a "spectrum disorder," but if the Michigan Legislature demanded insurance coverage of services for autistic individuals, hopefully, there will be less children with autism who wander off, non-verbal and scared, and more children and families with a sense of hope, of dreams and successes, something this poor child from Livonia will never have the chance to experience: a life.

Which brings me to my final point, how disappointed I was to find out that when an

Amber Alert was issued for this child from Livonia, that very few local, if any national news agencies, brought his and his family's plight to the public's awareness. Perhaps if he had been the missing Chihuahua of a hotel heiress, i.e. Paris Hilton and Tinkerbell, perhaps his being missing would have gone noticed by our news agencies.

One in 250 children are now diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, and surrounding those children with autism are many registered voters: educators, doctors, therapists, family members and friends. We refuse to remain quiet anymore and allow the Michigan Legislature to ignore the plight of autistic individuals, and we demand that a bill is introduced to mandate insurance coverage of services for individuals with autism.

We demand on a local and national, let alone international, level that people be educated and made aware of children with autism, especially when an innocent non-verbal boy, such as Christopher McAvoy of Livonia, goes missing, and his missing from home and subsequent death in a murky pool goes unnoticed by the media and public at large.

Dawn Ham-Kucharski
Canton

Teachers waiting to retire

Regarding Hugh Gallagher's column "Tension in teachers' lounge isn't hard to understand" (Sept. 12) the stress on teachers is no greater than on any other professionals. In Michigan they find themselves extremely well-paid and easily tenured after only a few years on the job.

As a retiree I taught as a substitute teacher in Garden City, Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton school districts. I would suggest that anyone with 90 college credits (you don't have to be a college grad) give substitute teaching a try to get a good feel for exactly what goes on in the schools. I was horrified ... mainly by the lack of discipline and failure to challenge the students.

My experience in the teachers lounge was that everyone was chilling ... waiting to retire!

Roger I. Kehrier
Plymouth

Belleville bond

As a Belleville High School senior, I agree with the position of some persons that a new high school building is not necessary. The current one is satisfactory and complies with the needs of the majority of the high school's students.

After all, I don't mind nearly getting knocked over in the hallways because there are too many people. That simply expands my social circle. Plus, it's not the backpacks that get in my way; around a third to a half of students don't carry them.

It also isn't important to me that most of my classes are over 30 students, or that nearly every room in the building is just as full. It gives me time to independently work, seeing as the teacher is too spread out trying to help the other pupils. Asbestos doesn't bother me, I like having a higher risk to get lung cancer. I never get irritated at the condition of the locker rooms, even though they are severely outdated and simply falling apart from old age.

The differing temperatures from room to room aren't at all a problem; it just gives me good training for my future continuous travel between Africa and Antarctica. The majority of my classes require computer and internet access, so I am not frustrated when half the time the system server is down because of the age of the building.

Finally, I never have a problem hiking to my locker between classes, even though for

most it is in the opposite end of the building and impossible to get to in six minutes of time.

Let's be serious folks.

The Belleville High School is a decrepit building that is literally bursting at the seams with students. Speaking from experience, everyone who studies, works and, sometimes it feels like, lives there agree that everything about the school is outdated. Belleville is booming, and our current educational facilities are inadequate. You would not refuse your child food because it costs too much when it is in your financial range; it is the same with a new high school. Just because the cost is high doesn't mean that the students should not be fed the gift of education to the best of our abilities.

As a typical student from Belleville High School, I would just like to say two more things. The first is to request that all eligible voters please exercise their constitutional right to vote Sept. 28. The second is a final question that I leave you with: Are you willing to invest in the future of those who will eventually lead our country, or are you going to leave it all to fate?

Jocelyn A. Sielski
Belleville High School student

It's all the same

Communists, socialists, liberals, oh my, what does it all mean?

It means what the author said, they all use "many different approaches" attempting to take control of a government. The Communists took over Russia with a violent revolution and fascists took over Italy and Germany democratically. Hitler and Mussolini both rose to power through elections. Subterfuge is very popular as a method.

What is evil about and unites all the socialists is their morality of altruism, i.e. sacrifice. That means if they have the force, i.e. government control, behind them, their philosophies say it's OK to sacrifice you and/or make you do what they believe is "good" for the country or for the greater good of whatever that might happen to be at the time.

To me it is a couple of steps away from what we have in government today.

Modern liberals are the same as socialists and use the same spurious arguments to create political instability to gain control of a government. They try to appeal to the feelings of a person rather than reason where they would fail.

"What would the world be without liberalism and the reforms it championed?"

It would probably be trying to follow the U.S. lead as usual and trying to adopt something like the principle of man's unalienable rights that all men are born with that was guiding our government.

Paul Gruchala
Westland

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QUOTABLE

"I know we're caught between a rock and a hard place ... It's really a Catch-22, we don't really feel we stand a chance in Lansing. It opens up such a Pandora's Box."

— Canton resident Mark Dixon on his chances of switching from Van Buren to Plymouth-Canton schools.

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State playing same game with higher education funds

Hard on the heels of the budget kerfuffle about the (aborted) attempt to deprive high-spending (and high-performing) school districts of \$74 per pupil comes more bad news for education.

Now, state lawmakers have approved a budget that requires state universities to keep tuition and fee increases below the rate of inflation (currently 2.8 percent) to avoid additional cuts in state support.

What's wrong with that? Doesn't everyone want to keep costs down? The truth is far more complicated, and if you can plow through the details, you will see yet another shining example of how shortsightedness by our political masters is jeopardizing our higher education system and, thereby, the economic health of our state.

When the recession hit three years ago, the governor and the Legislature started cutting state appropriations to universities by means of "Executive Orders," a fancy term for cutting spending.

Over this period, some \$250 million in state support was slashed from university budgets, representing a cut of nearly 25 percent from what they had been getting. Not surprisingly, universities laid off faculty and staff, eliminated some classes and increased class size for others, delayed maintenance and a host of other things that cash-strapped universities do to save money (and regrettably reduce the quality of the education they provide for their students.)

This produced a large volume of complaint, some whining from university presidents and some serious concern about long-run deterioration of the state's most valuable economic asset. The grumbling got so loud that Gov. Jennifer Granholm finally agreed that if universities kept their tuition and fee increases below the annual rate of inflation (2.8 percent), she would restore three-fifths of the 5 percent reduction in state support that was taken away in her Executive Order of December 2003. Of course, this left a cut of 2 percent, but at least it was a reduction in a cut, if you follow tortuous accounting logic. A normal human might say, "it hurt less bad."

Then last week, the governor and the legislative conference committee, having thrashed out the rest of the budget for the coming fiscal year that starts Oct. 1, finally got around to dealing with higher ed appropriations. But by the end of last week, everybody agreed (sort of) to the deal, and to an overall appropriation of \$1.65 billion for state universities.

OK — so where does this leave us? In three places, all bad. First, university fiscal years, like those of the schools and most everyone else, begin July 1. (The state switched to Oct. 1 years ago, because of another budget crisis.)

So the universities have to adopt budgets by that date, which involves predicting what the governor and the Legislature are going to do about state appropriations.

And, of course, the governor and the Legislature have no idea what they're going to do that early, so the universities have to make budget decisions in an information vacuum. This is, of course, no way to run any kind of business, public or private. Second, alert readers will have noticed that Lansing has now succeeded in achieving what amounts to complete control over the finances of public universities.

Up to now, the state could determine the amount of state-appropriated money going to higher education, but what each university did about tuition and fees was pretty much left to the discretion of each school and its governing board.

But as a result of the present deal by which part of a previously imposed cut was "restored," the universities have accepted a precedent for keeping their tuition and fees below the rate of inflation. In past years, faced with declining state support, universities simply increased their tuition bills. With that device now denied them, most public universities will simply acquiesce in reducing the quality of the education they provide their students. (This dilemma apparently does not apply to private universities, which received overall a small, \$3 million cut in state support, though they were meanwhile boosting their tuition rates an average of 6 percent, roughly double the increase allowed public universities.)

Three, readers with good memories will remember last week's column, wherein I suggested the metaphor of the frog in the pot of water on the stove that very gradually found the temperature increased until, yep, he's poached.

I applied the metaphor to the governor and the Legislature, who keep balancing the state budget by a bunch of nickel and dime budget cuts — \$74 from the good schools here, a cut in spending for public universities there. And I suggested that this process was the net result of our political "leaders" not having the guts to face up to the fundamental problem that the state budget is chronically and structurally unbalanced to the tune of more than \$1 billion per year.

And in last week's column, I pointed out that a frog, once poached, will find it very hard to get unpoached. The point applied to our good public schools (which finally got their \$74 back — for now — in a last-minute compromise).

Now it also applies to our universities — which, if anything, are more important. If we refuse to pay for first-rate higher education, Michigan doesn't have much of a competitive future.

Are you listening, Lansing?

Phil Power is a former regent of the University of Michigan. He is also the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Protecting our lighthouses helps preserve our heritage

In the swirling winds and skyscraper-size waves of a November storm, legend was made on Lake Superior in 1975. At the climax of the storm both the light and the radio beacon at Whitefish Point flickered out, and the monstrous *Edmund Fitzgerald*, left in the dark, plummeted to the bottom of the lake.

That particular lighthouse lights up Lake Superior's "Graveyard of Ships," where at least 100 ships have met the same fate as the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. Understandably, the Whitefish Point Lighthouse and other Michigan lighthouses are an important part of our history and identity.

Protecting Michigan's Great Lakes history should be a top priority. I know that it is for me. That is why I authored the Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Trail Act in the U.S. Senate. This bill would require the National Park Service to assess Michigan's system of lighthouses and other maritime resources and make recommendations for the best way to preserve, restore and promote them.

The NPS would recommend specific proposals for the preservation of lighthouses and maritime history, such as the creation of a trail spanning the state to highlight the historical features of our beaches and lighthouses. The legislation would also help local groups identify existing funds for restoration. I thank Rep. Dave Camp (R-Mich.) for joining me in this initiative by introducing this legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is important to preserve our heritage. Every time we lose a piece of our past, we lose a part of our ability to feel, taste, see and touch who we are and where we have come from. We lose an understanding of the difficult maritime jobs that courageous Michiganians once filled. We lose a sense of the ingenuity that brought us to where we are today. In short, we lose a part of who we are.

As the English poet Stephen Spender remarked, "History is the ship carrying living memories into the future." It is our responsibility to maintain that ship. Lighthouses are a fundamental part of that ship. We have more than 120 lighthouses in Michigan, more than any other state, and some are more than 180 years old. We have other great maritime resources, such as the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which currently protects the Great Lakes

It has always been a priority of mine to protect the Great Lakes. I authored the ban on oil and gas drilling in our precious lakes. I have also recently authored the Great Lakes Community Restoration Act, which gives local communities the funding they need to protect the Great Lakes, including funding for the restoration of our beautiful lighthouses and other projects.

"Shipwreck Alley." Our lighthouses and maritime resources enrich our culture and our great state.

Lighthouses also shed a positive light on our economy. They beautify the Great Lakes around Michigan, making them prime tourist locations; millions of people use our beaches and enjoy our good fishing and boating. According to the latest U.S. Fish and Wildlife estimate, recreational fishing totals a \$1.5 billion boost to Michigan's tourist economy alone. We have more than one million registered boaters, more than any other state.

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For the sake of our economy and our heritage, I will keep fighting to protect our lighthouses. As a child, I spent hours dreaming about the adventures these beautiful structures had witnessed. I want to make sure the rest of the world is also able to appreciate them in their most graceful state. I am very proud of our lighthouses. I am proud of our heritage. I am proud of Michigan.

Many of our lighthouses and other maritime resources have stories to tell, just like the Whitefish Point Lighthouse. It is up to us to preserve them so that those stories can be told.

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Computer store haven for geeks

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

It's a Toys 'R' Us for computer geeks.
Or at least that's the feeling you get when you walk into Canton Computers, next door to Bailey's Pub & Grille in the Kroger Center at Ford and Canton Center roads.

Open for just two weeks, the 39,000-square-foot store is owned by brothers John and Dave Wisniewski. And they say business is already going great.

"We've already repaired probably 60 computers," John said. "We're averaging about six a day."

Computer repair is only one of the services the store offers. They make custom-made systems for individuals or corporations, stock thousands of parts and components, provide training, networking and wireless network set-up.

Unlike some smaller stores that build and repair custom computers, Canton Computers stocks plenty of software and peripherals and features a training and gaming center room that can accommodate up to 20 people.

"Kids can use the room to play network games against each other," John said. "We're having a free tournament soon where people 18 or over can play Doom 3."

That room itself, which Dave calls a LAN/gaming arena, can also be used as a training room for various classes or for local business people to hold meetings.

The brothers designed and built the desks in the room, which features state-of-the-art technology, with projection equipment and computers with Internet access.

They're planning to kick it up another notch with special effects, strobe lights, mirrors, surround sound and maybe even a fog machine.

"Well, we're not sure about the fog machine," Dave said. "It might set off the smoke alarms."

In addition to in-store computer repair (they offer a turn-around time of one to two days), they also make house-calls. For \$89 you get an hour of their time plus the cost of parts.

Or, for those computer owners who have the skills, they provide a customer tech bench, where customers can bring in the computers and work on them themselves in the store. Other than buying the parts, there's no charge to use the tech bench and employees are on hand to



Canton Computer staff, from left, includes Jason Lewkut, Eric Anderson, Kim Wisniewski and John Wisniewski.

answer questions – a "reasonable number" of questions.

The store has a large number of corporate clients and can offer daily delivery service to those clients.

Dave lives in Canton, John in Walled Lake.

They also own Discount Computer in Redford, which they've operated since 1987.

"There was a need for a computer store in Canton," John said. "And it's awesome being

here. The people are so nice."

The brothers say they have a good sense of community spirit and just like the atmosphere of Canton.

They recently donated 100 mouse pads to the schools and two digital cameras to the police department as part of the Lew Stevens Memorial Golf Outing fund-raiser.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.canton-computer.net

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They must be able to perform simple math calculations, follow instructions and possess interpersonal skills to work with the public.

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Getting in the game

Fans score with rooms filled with memorabilia

Sports and sports memorabilia collecting have become as American as Abe Lincoln, and with new records being broken with every passing year come new sets of collectibles that serve to excite sports buffs to no end.

For some, finding a place for items like jerseys, autographed helmets and balls and golf clubs and spikes of famous athletes warrants the creation of what for lack of a better term can best be described as the sports den.

Usually not designed to be enjoyed privately, it is not uncommon for these sports-themed rooms to be focused around a widescreen television, a bar or a billiards table, where tales of how various collectibles have been acquired can be told.

"We wanted a sports theme, and this is what we created," said Patrick O'Neill of Plymouth. "It's a nice gathering place."

O'Neill, a financial planner whose entire sub-basement is decorated with everything from Mark McGwire's bat to golf clubs and gloves once used by Tiger Woods, is masking his words with understatement.

He went to great lengths to furnish the room where glass-enclosed cases containing ephemera from every sport imaginable line the walls and the great names in sports like Griffey, Andretti, Rose and Payton greet his visitors.

O'Neill's efforts to come up with this dazzling way to display items associated with sports greats include having an antique mahogany bar once used in England shipped north from a New Orleans antique dealer, installing a seven-foot television screen, and three small plasma TV screens over the fireplace.

GOLF STANDS FOR FANS

Even the tables in the room are supported by stands designed to replicate golf clubs jutting upward out of their bags. In one corner of the room that also opens up to the home's brick-lined patio stands an antique cast-iron phone booth.

Guests who amble down the memorabilia-lined stairs into the basement are greeted by a working slot machine.

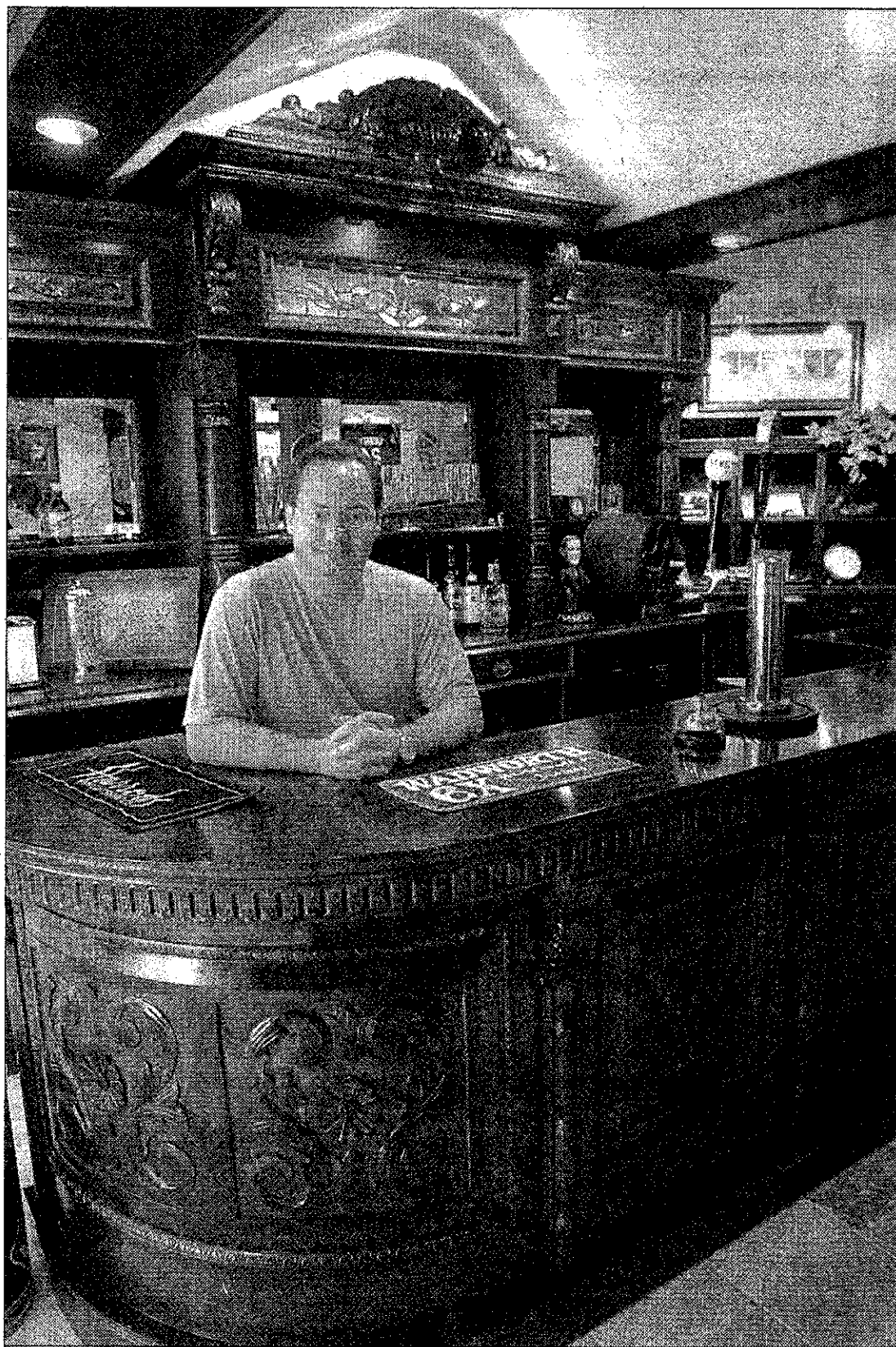
Part of the basement is devoted to a full-scale home gym and dry sauna, and O'Neill has made provisions for sleepover guests by building a guest bedroom into the basement, which was completed in March.

"It's obviously much more than a finished basement, because it looks like a pub and that's the theme I tried to live up to," O'Neill said.

O'Neill, who acquired most of his memorabilia through online auctions or at charity functions, does not profess to be an avid sportsman himself.

"I just hit the treadmill and play some racquetball. That's about it," said O'Neill, a sports lover of the highest order who held a party in the room for the Lions' first exhibition game and plans for many more during this football season.

PLEASE SEE SPORTS, B2



Pat O'Neill found an antique bar in a shop in New Orleans, brought it north, and had it installed in his basement.

Story by Mike Murphy | Photos by Bill Bresler

Children's books by Madonna, Norville inspire designers

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Madonna, who once sang about being a "Material Girl," inspired or was involved with special materials for a very special cause recently.

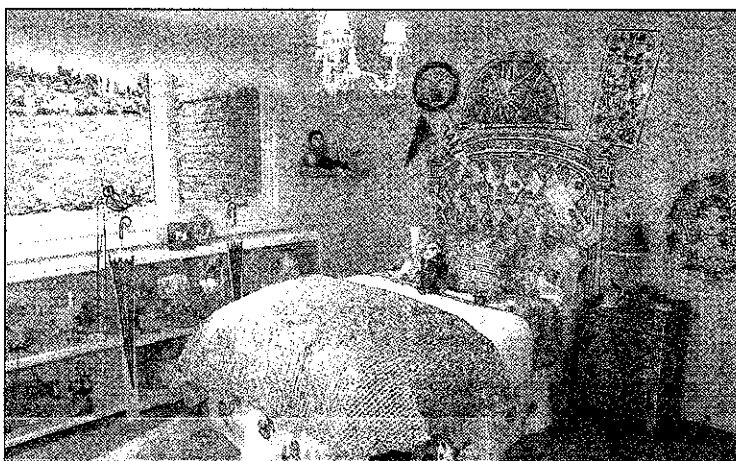
In the Suite Dreams Project 2004 ShowHouse, A Series of City Homes, Madonna - and

Deborah Norville of MSNBC - inspired some of the rooms at this year's site, the \$12 million development Waterfall Hill at Quanton Lake in Birmingham. Madonna also approved all of the design elements in one of the featured houses. The homes will be open to the public from Sept. 25 through Oct. 17 (see related item).

The Suite Dreams Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bring comfort and joy to seriously ill children. It turns bedrooms and other spaces into beautiful healing environments to help the youngsters rest and recover.

The group is collaborating

PLEASE SEE SUITE DREAMS, B4



Madonna's children's book, 'The English Roses,' is the theme for this child's bedroom at a Birmingham home for the Suite Dreams Project 2004 ShowHouse, A Series of City Homes, which begins Sept. 25.

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 3625 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



Love golf?

Whether you are a golf fanatic or just a fan, you can check out golf and golf-related antique, rare and vintage items at Crimson Rose Antiques in Birmingham. Proprietor Sandra McElroy says many of the items are rare, such as the old tin golf games from the late 1800s. Crimson Rose Antiques, 205 Pierce Street, Suite 103 in Birmingham, will be open extended hours during the Ryder Cup - today and Friday from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. The shop's phone number is (248) 203-2950.



Accents

Floral fun

With the Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills this week, many metro Detroiters are preparing themselves for their last summer party to celebrate this international



sporting event.

Thrifty Florists offers the following arrangements to give any party that special touch.

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There's also sunflower decorations, including a five-stem sunflower bouquet (\$4.99) and 11-inch tin vase in six assorted bright colors (lime green, lavender, yellow, blue, purple and red at \$6.99).

The tin vase arrangement is available in a 9-inch vase for \$4.99 and 7-inch vase at \$2.99.

Thrifty Flowers has several locations throughout the Detroit area.

For more information, please visit www.thriftyflorist.com or call (888) 847-4389.

Making friends

You can make a new friend Saturday and Sunday by bringing home a pet.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo will be presented by the Michigan Humane Society, the Detroit Zoo and VCA animal hospitals and WDRQ-FM (93.1), the *Mirror Newspapers* and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday at the Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, in Royal Oak.

The Michigan Humane Society and 27 other groups will have hundreds of dogs, cats and rabbits for adoption. Adoption fees and policies vary by group.

There is no charge for admission or parking for this event.

For information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org

This column will be appearing
the first Thursday
of each month!



Dr. Jacoby,
O.D.

**"I SEE FINE BUT
MY EYES DON'T
LET ME READ."**

That's what Jordan told me. He stared at me straight faced, mouth drawn tight and with a determination to express why he could not read as well as he thought he should. He was eight and frustrated. Everyone in his family read for knowledge and for some reason - for enjoyment.

He had been tested in every possibly way; he was given many labels to try on. He tried ADD, dyslexia, learning disabled, non-verbal learning disabled, etc. He was only offered a slow (too slow) learning pace and various compensations, yet reading never blossomed into fun.

At our clinic we performed a vision exam followed by a visual efficiency evaluation. We defined his visual comfort, visual endurance and visual problem solving. What we found was his sight (the ability to see details at various distances) was fine but his visual scanning was poor. Vision, unlike sight, is the ability to conjure the skills to explore the words in such a way as to provide organization, problem solving and enrichment.

For Jordan, 20/20 was not lacking, but his strategies for coping in the three-dimensional and two-dimensional worlds were hit and miss. He could throw, but he could not catch. He could work seek-and-find puzzles but he could not produce the sequential eye movements needed for reading comprehension.

The one advantage Jordan had was that he encountered our clinic. Since then he revisited the neurology that he never developed in order to come to terms with complex visual skills. We are not born with vision! Quite frankly, we are not even born with 20/20 sight. The unfortunate reality is that 20% of his fellow classmates also do not even have the visual skills to excel.

To improve your awareness here are some important references.

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• www.vision3d.com
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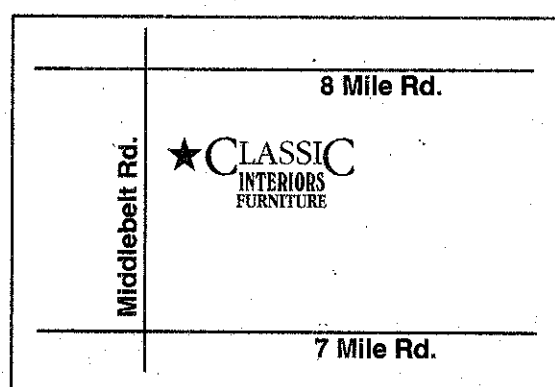
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Smaller details, like this golf-themed end table, add to the room's ambience.

SPORTS

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PERSONAL TIES

Other collectors, like former college baseball player Bruce Gerish of Northville, have more personal ties to the memorabilia they collect, and bolster their collections with tales on how they acquired nearly each and every piece.

Gerish, a developer and former Salem High School baseball and basketball player who went on to play baseball at Alma College, has had to put limits on his collection.

"Anything I add to the collection now is from somebody I've had a personal experience with or else someone with local ties," Gerish said.

A unique feature to Gerish's sports den is its use every year as a gathering place for a local hall of fame that Gerish and his wife created to raise money for charity.

One wall in the 40-foot by 15-foot sports den is devoted to local high school, college and professional athletes who gained little notoriety during their sports careers.

"We've created 70 legends, and we call them legends because they're legends in their own mind," Gerish said. "It's been kind of a fun way to get some local athletes together and raise money for local charities."

"People take it seriously. They prepare speeches and it's a nice way for friends to honor each other," he added. "I'm the original legend."

Michael Fishman, owner of Sports Gallery in Birmingham, a 10-year-old company that recently closed its showroom and now does all of its business online, said many collectors are like Gerish.

"People are into niche collecting and collect from events they attended," Fishman said.

Not surprisingly, what's hot among area collectors these days is memorabilia associated with the Pistons 2004 NBA championship team, autographed and unautographed.

Sports Gallery's current hot ticket items are panoramic shots of The Palace snapped when the Pistons won the title, Fishman said.

And while Sports Gallery is usually called upon to frame a



Glass-front lockers store Patrick O'Neill's sports jersey collection.

historic photo or an athlete's jersey, Fishman said his company has had a hand in designing sports-themed rooms for many homeowners and businesses.

"We do a lot of custom work," Fishman said. "A lot of people want a visual sports room to order, and we try to help them out. We've done bars, offices, conference rooms and we've come out to houses."

Many area designers have become accustomed to designing sports dens for customers who seek to blend their sports memorabilia with the décor of their home.

"Basically what it is usually is a hall of fame/entertainment center. We do a lot of Lucite glass cases on walls and most of the time the focal point is the most valuable piece," said Mark Morganroth, a member of the American Society of Interior Designers, who works for Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

"Most of the time it's one sport, and it's more like a trophy room," Morganroth said.

Denise Ziya, designer for the Troy-based Michigan Design Center, said many of her clients are looking for rooms similar to O'Neill's.

"The pub rooms seem to be very popular," Ziya said. "They can also be game rooms where people go and relax. They're very English."

In-demand features include high-top tables and lots of wood and leather, Ziya said.

"People are looking for a nice, rich warm feel. A place in the home that's comfortable," Ziya said.



A gas fireplace is surrounded by comfortable furniture. A London phone booth is in the corner near a Barry Sanders football jersey.

Restore order to your busy life

I am so stressed I can't function at times. I find myself forgetting engagements, losing items and rushing to meet deadlines. I make mistakes at work and home. Do you have any suggestions?



Domestic Planner
Diana Koenig

In our busy, hectic society it is a continual challenge to manage time efficiently. Life pulls us in many directions with lessons, ball games, school events, daycares, and careers. We spend an enormous amount of time trying to cover all the bases. You may be on overload if you find yourself doing the following things.

You are so pressed for time, you prepare dinner in the crock pot before leaving for work in the morning. When you open the lid nine hours later you discover the crock pot was never turned on.

It is your son's first football game of the season. You watch each play enthusiastically, cheering your son's success on the field. At the end of the quarter you realize the boy you were cheering for is someone else's son. Then you set the alarm for 7 p.m. instead of 7 a.m. or you show up one day late for your child's pre-school orientation.

We feel stress when things seem to be out of control, when

we don't have enough time to complete tasks. Although we lead very busy lives it is not being busy that causes stress but working under crisis conditions. A constant sense of urgency will wear us down. The solution is to restore order in our lives.

We can begin this process by implementing a few rules:

- Plan ahead. Make written plans that are both short-term and long-term.

- Time out. Take time to relax and do something you really enjoy.

- Delete unnecessary activities or tasks from your life.

- Become more efficient with the time you have.

- Exercise. Your body is the best indicator of your stress load. If you do not like to exercise, combine it with a social event such as group volleyball.

- Practice healthy eating habits. Plan nutritious meals and avoid fast foods.

- Develop close friends with whom to share events in your

life.

Focus on becoming more efficient with your time by evaluating how you spend your time currently. Make three lists; things I have to do, things I want to do, and other things I do. Look at the items on your list and determine how productive they are. Is there anything that can be removed from any list? Introduce another perspective by sharing your lists with someone else. Listen to his or her suggestions. He may see an activity on your 'things I have to do' that could be deleted, giving you the time you desperately need.

It would be great if time were a commodity and there was a company that sold it. Not only could we purchase time as needed, but it would be a great company in which to own stock. Unfortunately, pipe dreams won't give us more time. We will need to establish an efficient system to manage our time.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "Capture and control the time in your life!"

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You can save on the cost of heating this winter

My wife, Karen, and I have noticed and discussed the early color change of leaves this year. It has me believing that we may be in for a hasty winter.

It seems others think the same way, as I've been getting many questions for information on inexpensive and simple ways to help save on winter heating bills. As a matter of fact, many of the most cost effective energy-saving methods are simple and inexpensive.

Air infiltration and air leaks around the house, which allow warm air out and cold air in in the winter, can add as much as 10 percent to our heating cost. Check your doors, windows, joints or anywhere else you see gaps on your home's exterior, and caulk those areas to help save on heating bills. Don't forget to check service entrances, (that is where gas, electric, cable and other utilities) enter your home, which are often overlooked.

Worn or deteriorated weather-stripping around doors or windows needs to be replaced. You will likely find some sort of acceptable replacement weather stripping at the major home improvement stores. If you have brand name windows or doors, look in the phone book for that company's local distributor.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

One needs to think carefully about the potential payback on major replacements such as windows and furnaces.

Replacing windows is almost always a good way to cut energy costs, but it is a major home improvement with a price tag to match. Inexpensive plastic film storm windows, the kind that can be taped, work reasonably well to reduce air infiltration and are much less expensive, but they are not considered very attractive.

The efficiency of today's furnaces is well above those manufactured as little as 15 years ago. Considering the life expectancy of a furnace is about 20 years, replacing a 15-year-old (or older) furnace may be a cost effective improvement.

Electronic, setback thermostats are great energy saving devices. They cost between \$30 and \$70 and installation can be done by just about anyone with minimal do-it-yourself ability.

Lowering the thermostat to

65° F when you are away and bringing the temperature back up before you return can save as much as 15 percent of your energy cost with no sacrifice in comfort.

A dirty furnace filter makes your blower motor work harder, increasing electric costs. During the prime heating season, it's a good idea to change this filter once a month.

Since lights are on for longer periods during the winter, I like switching to compact fluorescent lamps. Though once rather expensive, these are now very affordable. They cost one third or less to operate than standard incandescent bulbs and last much longer. On the down side, they can't be used with dimmers, but are available in three-way versions.

For more information on energy saving techniques go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/>

http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/housing/energy-savers/energy_savers.html

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Prep sprinkler system for cold weather

(NAPS) - Colder weather can damage irrigation and sprinkler systems. That's why experts advise homeowners to prepare their sprinkler systems to withstand harsh freezing temperatures.

Fortunately, getting your sprinklers ready to face the cold can be simple.

Here are some tips that can help prevent costly damage to irrigation systems:

- Stay In Control - If you have an automatic system, then you will need to "shut down" the controller (timer). Most controllers have a "rain or off-mode" that simply shuts off the signals to the valves. The controller continues to keep time, the programming information (start times, valve run times, etc.) isn't lost and the clock continues to run. The only change is that the valves will not activate.

An alternative to using that mode is to simply shut off the power to the controller. If you do, you'll need to reprogram the time and potentially all the other settings when the weather warms up.

- Insulate Your Assets - Shut off the water supply to the irrigation system and protect the main shutoff valve for your irrigation system against freezing.

Make sure it is wrapped with insulation (foam insulation tape and a plastic bag). If you do not have a main shutoff valve, install one and consider it a preventative investment.

Any aboveground piping needs to be insulated as well. Self-sticking foam-insulating tape or foam insulating tubes commonly found at home supply stores work well.

- Drain The Pipes - People in very cold areas should

remove the water from the pipes and sprinklers so that it won't freeze and cause the pipes to burst.

There are several ways to drain pipes: manual drain valves, automatic drain valves or the compressed air blowout method. Since there could be potential safety risks, contacting an irrigation specialist is recommended.

- Protect Backflow Preventers - Insulate backflow preventers and valves if they are above ground.

You can also use insulation tape for this. Do not block the air vents and drain outlets on backflow preventers.

Consult an irrigation specialist such as those at Rain Bird before you attempt to winterize your system.

For more irrigation tips or information, visit www.rainbird.com or call 1-800-RAIN-BIRD.

Wood bleach removes stains left from leaks

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: How do I get water stains off our tongue-and-groove wood ceilings after roof leaks? - Jenny

A: Needless to say, the first step is to repair the roof leak and permit the wood ceiling to completely dry. Then, go to your paint supply company for

some wood bleach.

This product generally is applied in two parts. The first solution is applied directly to the stained area and left for about five minutes.

Then, while the surface is still wet, the second solution is applied.

Use a nylon brush or rubber sponge to apply the wood bleach, and separate applica-

tors should be used for each solution.

After both solutions have been removed and the area has been permitted to dry, lightly sand to remove any residue that may remain.

Most importantly, remember to follow the manufacturer's specifications and always wear rubber gloves and proper eye protection.

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Raise a big stink: Grow garlic in your garden

BY JENNIE GEISLER
ERIE TIMES-NEWS

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - Legend has it that when Satan left the Garden of Eden, onions sprang up from his right foot-print, and garlic from his left. Thus began the alliums' tempest-tossed journey through human history.

Garlic and its powers to heal, to curse, to charm, to flavor, to ward off and to protect have been worshipped, feared, loved, hated, banned and endlessly cultivated - but they have never been ignored.

Contemporary America is curious about garlic's health benefits and ardently devoted to its flavor, if not its lingering aroma.

Undaunted, armed with breath mints, we gobble garlic gluttonously: roasted, sautéed, minced, sliced, grilled and stir-fried into cuisines that hail from every inhabitable continent.

One reason for garlic's global profusion is that few culinary staples are easier to propagate. In fact, there's little reason not to grow these great globes of goodness right at home.

More than 300 varieties of garlic are stinking up the planet, all with distinct flavors, growing patterns and other characteristics. Basically, there are five groups:

■ Artichoke: Named because its heads look like artichokes. They are charac-

terized as vigorous, productive and adaptable, long-storing and easiest to grow. A variety of "softneck," or common garlic.

■ Silverskin: Needs better soil than artichoke garlics, prefers mild winters - as in not here. Its bulbs are tallish and pinkish and store up to 10 months, and cloves are difficult to peel. A variety of "softneck," or common garlic.

■ Porcelain: Impressive looking, large clove size, flavor sought out by connoisseurs. Only four to eight cloves per bulb, sometimes rosy or purple striped. Least common variety in North America. A variety of "hardneck," or gourmet garlic. Don't keep as long as artichoke or silverskin.

■ Purple stripe: Holds flavor best when roasting. Attractive bulbs with striking purple lines, offering eight to 12 cloves per head. A variety of "hardneck," or gourmet garlic. Don't keep as long as artichokes or silverskin.

■ Rocambole: Rich flavor sought by chefs. Cloves are brownish, averaging six to 11 per head. Easy to peel. Keeps only three months or so. Sometimes called serpent garlic for its coiling stalks. A variety of "hardneck," or gourmet garlic. You don't need to special-order garlic from any fancy plant catalog, though you certainly have that option.

A few Web sites offer many garlic varieties, including www.seedsofchange.com, www.charleysfarm.com and

www.gildameister.com.

But if you just want to grow some garden-variety garlic like you'd buy in the grocery store, plant the garden-variety garlic that you buy in the grocery store. This way, your initial investment amounts to roughly 99 cents.

If you grew garlic this year, you're probably ready to harvest it now, if you haven't done so already.

Garlic grows throughout the spring into late summer. It's ready when about half to two-thirds of the tops have turned brown and curly.

Test-dig one or two bulbs before taking them all out to make sure they're ready. They should look plump and papery: not too small and green, not too brown.

Don't just rip garlic out of the ground like an onion. This could damage the head. Also, you need to leave the stalks on for a while. Loosen the soil around each plant to ease it out gently.

Leave the stalks on to prevent molding at the top of the head. Allow the garlic to dry by hanging somewhere out of the sunlight for two to four weeks, brushing dry dirt off gently, but not washing.

Then keep your garlic somewhere well-ventilated and out of the sun.

Many people hang it on the wall with the stalks braided, or in a basket or net. Don't put it in the refrigerator, where it might be inclined to sprout.

SUITE DREAMS

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with 25 top design firms in the state on three separate show homes, each of which will feature a children's dream room.

Lucy Earl of Jones-Keena and Company of Birmingham, Jeffrey King of Jeffrey King Interiors of Birmingham and Nancy McGowen of McGowen Associates of Rochester were each captain of one house.

"Even after the success of this event in 2002, we couldn't have dreamed of the response we have received from the local community and national celebrities," said Kris Appleby, co-founder of the Suite Dreams Project. "We are so grateful for the support from Madonna and Deborah, and what this event will allow us to do for the kids the Suite Dreams Project helps."

"It's an opportunity to use your very specific talents for charity," said designer Brian Killian of Brian Killian and Co. of Birmingham, who designed a bedroom in one of the houses and is chairperson of the opening gala Sept. 22.

The 2004 ShowHouse is presented in collaboration with Hughes Properties, Thomas Sebold and Associates Inc. and Bryce McCalpin Palazzola Architects and Associates. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Suite Dreams Project.

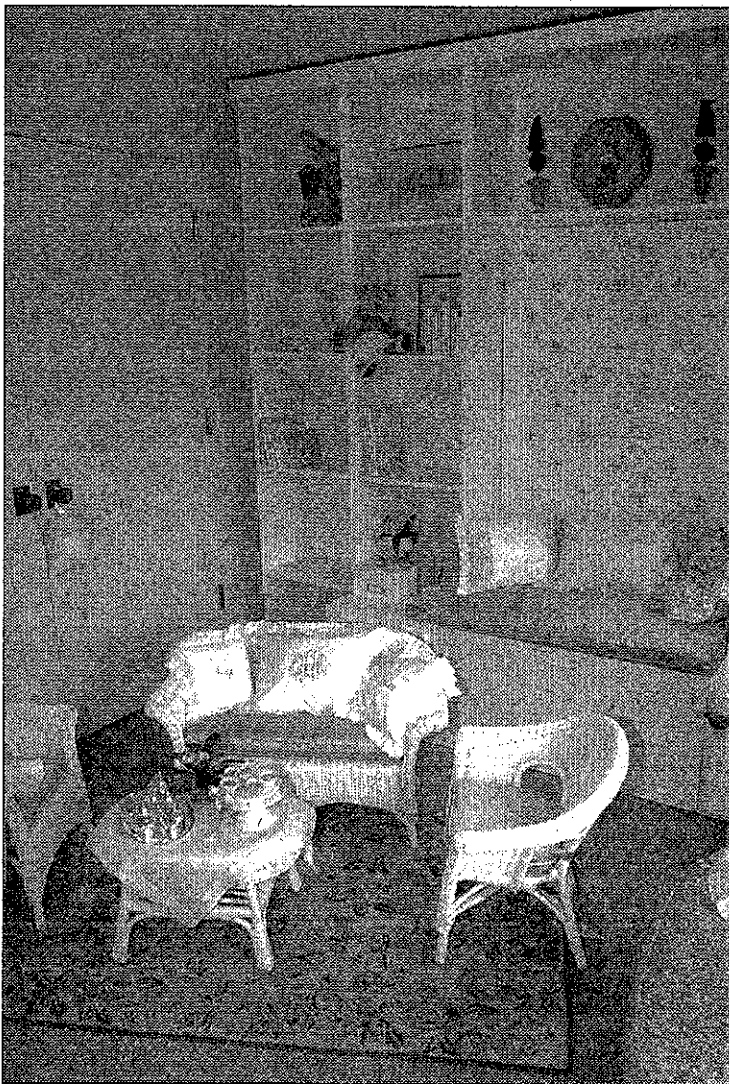
The house of which McGowen was captain is designed around Madonna's lifestyle.

Madonna approved the elements in the house.

Here the rooms include a child's bedroom with the theme around Madonna's children's book, *The English Roses*. The walls are a luscious pink, and a window valance is topped with feathers. Drawers are painted on the closet door. This room is by Bill Bradley and Christy Kauffman of Kauffman Bradley.

McGowen, Colleen Farrell and Shana Smith of McGowen Associates designed the great room, which features Gustavian period furniture and contemporary art.

In the house of which Earl was captain, a child's retreat by Wendy Alterman of Alterman Interiors was based on one of



A child's retreat is decorated with soft touches, from the pillows to the light blue paint.



Brian Killian designed a bedroom in one of the houses.

small-scale grandfather's clock.

The expansive great room and foyer by Earl and Nicole Withers of Jones-Keena and Company contains variations of maize and yellow. A large, ornate, antique French mirror frame is on one wall.

The bedroom by Killian is in this house. This room is a sophisticated symphony in walnut and bronze.

Killian designed the furniture, including drawers lined in linen. A ceiling fixture includes slender metallic rectangles. Tall drapes fill a soaring space to separate the walk-in closet.

Madonna and Gov. Jennifer Granholm are honorary chairpersons of the ShowHouse. Madonna is honorary chairperson of the opening gala.

"As a mother of two children, I have a unique understanding of how a parent feels when their child is not well," Madonna said.

"The Suite Dreams Project ShowHouse is going to be something to remember."

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Plant programs

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, presents programs 10 a.m. Saturdays. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Ornamental Grasses: Landscape in Motion (Sept. 18) will lead you through the splendid world of these increasingly popular landscape plants.

In Beautiful Bulbs (Sept. 25), George Papadellis will show how to use garden perennials effectively and how to orchestrate their height, colors, fragrance and bloom time throughout the spring and summer.

Orchids

Milton Carpenter, past president of the American Orchid Society and owner of Everglades orchids, will discuss warm-growing orchids at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the next meeting of the Michigan Orchid Society at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits. The public is welcome.

Second seasons

The Community House Garden Club will present Second Season Annuals at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, in Birmingham.

Telly's Greenhouse owner, George Papadellis, will demonstrate the vast selection of annuals suitable for late season planting. These frost-tolerant plants will typically last through October and some even past Thanksgiving, thus providing us with a second season of fresh plant choices. Plants, old and new, can be used to brighten empty garden space or replant tired patio pots, window boxes, or hanging baskets. The palette includes trailing verbenas, osteospermum, nemesis, calibrachoa, trailing snapdragons, diascia, arctotis, pansies, flowering kale, dianthus and at least a dozen more. Examples of late-season containers will be on hand for viewing. The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. For more information, call The Community House at (248) 594-6410.

Shakespeare and herbs

Lonnie Morley, former editor of the Herb Society of America's The Herbarist, will discuss how herbal imagery in William Shakespeare offers clues to his identity. Shakespeare's works displayed extraordinary knowledge of herbs. Morley will offer explanations about how Shakespeare got

that knowledge in a program presented by the Oberon Chapter of the Shakespeare Fellowship at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. There is a nominal lunch charge. Call (248) 426-6942 for reservations and directions. The program will be offered again at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road (at Telegraph) in Bloomfield Township. There is no reservation or admission charge. For information, log onto the national Shakespeare Fellowship Web site at www.shakespearefellowship.org

Fall cleanup

Learn how to give plants the best start into their next season in The Art of Fall Garden Cleanup, a class meeting 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Cost is \$40. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com. In the class, you will receive tips on what to do, when and how - for the plant's good, for your benefit and to make the garden attractive for the winter.

Instructor Deb Hall has been gardening for more than 18 years, and operates her own garden maintenance firm, Gardenbud's.

An advanced master gardener, she earned her Certificate of Gardening Fine Arts from the Michigan School of Gardening. Hall became an instructor for MSG in 1999.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester.

April Lange from Shades of Green Nursery in Rochester will speak on Planning Ahead for An Exciting Garden. Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

For more information, call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Tree, bulb sale

Orders in the Fall Tree and Spring Flowering Bulb Sale of the Oakland Conservation District must be received by Friday, Sept. 17. For a catalog and order form, call the Oakland Conservation District at (248)

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673-4496 or e-mail bob.mrozek@macc.org. Tree offerings include balsam fir, white fir, Colorado blue spruce, Eastern reedcedar, white cedar, red pine, white pine, Norway spruce, white spruce and American larch.

Among the bulb offerings are blue jacket, fondante, Gipsy princess and splendid Cornelia hyacinths; single, Triumph, peony, fringed, Darwin and lily tulips; trumpet and large cupped daffodils; narcissi and crocus.

Orders may be picked up 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

Perennial exchange

Royal Oak Garden Club and Royal Oak Recreation are sponsoring a Perennial Plant Exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, at 3500 Marais, north of 13 Mile and east of Crooks, just south of Lexington Blvd. There will be no sales, just sharing of plants and garden stories. Bring labeled plant samples if you have them, or just come out and visit with us. This free event is open to the public at the Marais Street Community Center in Royal Oak. Master and advanced master gardeners will be on site for questions. For more information, e-mail RKUDRON@YAHOO.COM or camlmartin@aol.com.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of free programs at their nursery. The schedule of fun and educational programs includes Climbing Roses, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, or 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20; and Winterizing Roses, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, or 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27.

Climbing Roses is a slide program and garden demonstration of training and pruning techniques. Winterizing Roses is a popular garden demonstration by the Lindleys of techniques to ensure winter survival of all roses, even the most tender.

Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) roads in Sumpter Township, seven miles south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Ann Arbor and Northville farmers markets.

For information about Great Lakes Roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

Pruning

Learn basic pruning techniques, proper timing and use of pruning tools in Pruning Tips, a class meeting 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$20. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Sue Grubba founded her own landscape and flower garden design firm, Creative Scapes. She has been a senior instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception in 1996, and assisted in the development of its curriculum. Grubba was awarded the MSG's Certificate of Gardening Fine Arts in 1998 and Certificate of Landscape and Garden Design in 2003. She became an advanced master gardener in 1993.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes The Art of Fall Cleanup, Friday, Sept. 17, in Livonia (fee is \$40); Bulbs: Tips on Choosing and Using, Saturday, Sept. 18, in Livonia (\$40); Transplanting Large Plants, Saturday, Sept. 18, in Livonia (\$69); All About Lawns, Mondays, Sept. 20 to Oct. 4, in Livonia (\$110); Designing for Winter Interest, Wednesday, Sept. 22, in Livonia (\$40); Doubling Up Perennials, Thursday, Sept. 23, in Pontiac (\$40); Effective Hand-drawn Design, four ses-

DockDogs competition begins Saturday

Great Lakes Crossing will host a fun-filled weekend of events for the entire family Sept. 18 and 19.

Bass Pro's DockDogs competition is back and dogs of all sizes and breeds will attempt to make the leap into the record books. Dogs of all shapes and sizes run down a 40-foot dock and leap into a swimming pool. The dog that jumps the greatest distance wins.

The DockDogs event is open to any dog owner who wishes to enter. Bring your pooch to compete.

"Taste Of Great Lakes Crossing" features menu items and coupons from Great Lakes Crossing restaurants including Rainforest Cafe, GameWorks, A&W, Sbarro's and Thunder Bay Brewing Co. Taste of Great Lakes Crossing is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. each day in Bass Pro Shops parking lot.

DockDogs competition takes place on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. Final rounds begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Bass Pro Outdoor World parking lot at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills.

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The first session in the quilt series, Get to Know Your Machine, will meet Monday, Sept. 27; fee is \$25. The first session in the rubber stamping series, Down to Basics, will meet Monday, Sept. 27; fee is \$15.

Pre-registration is required, by mail or at RCH. No credit cards. Call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommunityhouse.org for information.

Toy show

The Troy Toy Show will take place Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, two blocks north of Big Beaver Road (16 Mile). Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 7-9 a.m. for early bird customers. Admission is \$4 for adults, free for age 12 and under, \$10 for early bird customers.

The show will feature about 50 dealers exhibiting antique, collectible and modern toys. Among the items will be games, soldiers, dolls, vehicles, posters, figures (including figures from popular movies and TV shows), books, sports pieces and comics.

The event is presented by Showtime Promotions Inc. Call (248) 646-1047 for more information.

Family festival

Meadow Brook Hall's fourth annual Family Fun Festival, sponsored by Target, will take place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. This year's theme is inspired by Dr. Seuss, whose wildly popular characters first appeared in the 1930s. Children and parents can meet their favorite Dr. Seuss characters in front of the Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester, and be escorted by "Thing One" and "Thing Two" to Knole Cottage. Once there, families may tour Knole Cottage - the built-to-scale, fully functioning playhouse of Frances Dodge - and enjoy storytelling. Youngsters also may take part in the Yertle the Turtle scavenger hunt on the grounds of the Hall, create their own hats and fishbowls, and color their own Green Eggs and Ham place mats. Other activities will include a special twist on Twister, and face painting. In keeping with the glamorous 1930s theme, children may play dress up in costumes of the period. Tours of the Hall will also be available during the Festival.

Admission to the Family Fun Festival is free. Concessions will be available for sale. For more information on the event, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery of Troy will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 22-23, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, just north of Big Beaver (16 Mile) Road. A preview of the auction is scheduled noon to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Troy Community Center. The auc-

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tion features paintings, American art glass and pottery, antique and reproduction furniture, snuff bottles and marble figures. See www.boosgallery.com for catalogue. Call (248) 643-1900 or e-mail artandauction@boosgallery.com for more information.

Home, leisure classes

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers instruction in home decor and leisure activities. The schedule includes The Art of Wildflower Painting, Tuesday, Sept. 21; and Knitting for Beginners, six Tuesdays beginning Sept. 21. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

In the wildflower painting workshop, you will learn the techniques of painting foliage, stir roses, backgrounds and petals. These techniques can be used on a variety of craft projects as well as furniture. You will complete a wood plaque during the class to take home. Cost is \$22, plus a \$15 materials fee. Instructors Bob and Esther Kerr are experienced interior decorating professionals. They have their own store and do extensive teaching on interior decorative finishes.

In the knitting class, learn the basic skills and complete a pair of child's or adult's mittens. The comprehensive, skill-building sessions will cover casting on; knit and purl stitches, increasing, decreasing, binding off, seaming and reading patterns. Fee is \$90. A \$15 materials fee for workbook, handouts and project pattern will be payable to the instructor at

This isn't your grandfather's pegboard

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Most homeowners don't dare use the words pegboard and décor in the same sentence. Homeowners are all too familiar with pegboard. For decades, tools have been uncere- moniously hung from hooks on this crumbly brown pressboard. Long kept out of sight in dank basements and messy garages, pegboard is the last product do-it-yourselfers could envision as modern, stylistic and in vogue.

Well, this venerable storage item has moved out of basement shadows and into the housing limelight.

It's now bright, white, spiffy, made of polymer plastic and ready for everyday use in kitchens to kid's rooms to pool decks. About the only holdover feature from predecessor pegboards are holes for hooks.

Rather than stodgy metal hooks that would tear out the holes of old pegboard, the new version uses matching white or multi-colored plastic hooks. It comes in white 2- by 4-foot sheets that can be easily fas- tened into any wall in minutes.

Manufacturer GeoMatrix of Troy, suggests spacers to dis- tance the board from walls. The firm sells this upscale pegboard under the brand name of EverTrue only at Lowe's.

Traditional pegboard would warp, rot and get moldy. That won't happen with the new poly- mer, according to GeoMatrix officials. A quick swipe with a damp cloth is about the only cleaning this pegboard ever needs.

And it is strong. This makes it ideal to hold pots and utensils in kitchen pantries. It also offers a ray of hope for tidiness in kid's rooms. Stuff typically piled on shelves might just as well be hung on hooks on the wall.

The new pegboard isn't a budget-buster either. The sheets cost less than \$11. Hooks are sold separately.

On the Web: www.geomatrix.info

House tour

The 17th annual Community House Birmingham House Tour will take place 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. Seven unusual homes ranging in style from traditional to contemporary will be featured. The brand-new line of Cadillacs will be displayed at each resi- dence. Tour proceeds will benefit The Community House's community out- reach programs.

A brunch 9-10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, will feature a presenta- tion by Jessica York of HGTV's New Spaces. Tickets are \$25 for the tour only, \$60 for the brunch and tour.

For ticket information, call (248) 554-6596.

Miniature dog houses designed by local artists will be presented as cen- terpieces at the brunch. The dog hous- es will be offered at a silent auction entitled Pooches and Picasso 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in conjunction with The Community House's Our Town Art Exhibition and Sale. Tickets to Pooches and Picasso are \$45. Proceeds from the event will go to The Community House's community out- reach programs.

Simple curtain

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decor classes for different skill levels. In Simple Curtain, Thursdays, Sept. 23

Preserving your past

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm will present Preserving Your Past: Caring for Photographs and Documents 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29. Admission is \$5 per person. The pro- gram is recommended for ages 16 and up. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (248) 656-4663 or go to the museum on Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, 1 mile east of Rochester Road and 1 mile north of downtown Rochester.

The presentation will last one hour and be followed by 30 minutes of open questions from participants. Some of the areas to be addressed will be "What is archival quality or acid-free?", "What do I need to preserve my family photographs at home?" and "What are preservation enemies?"

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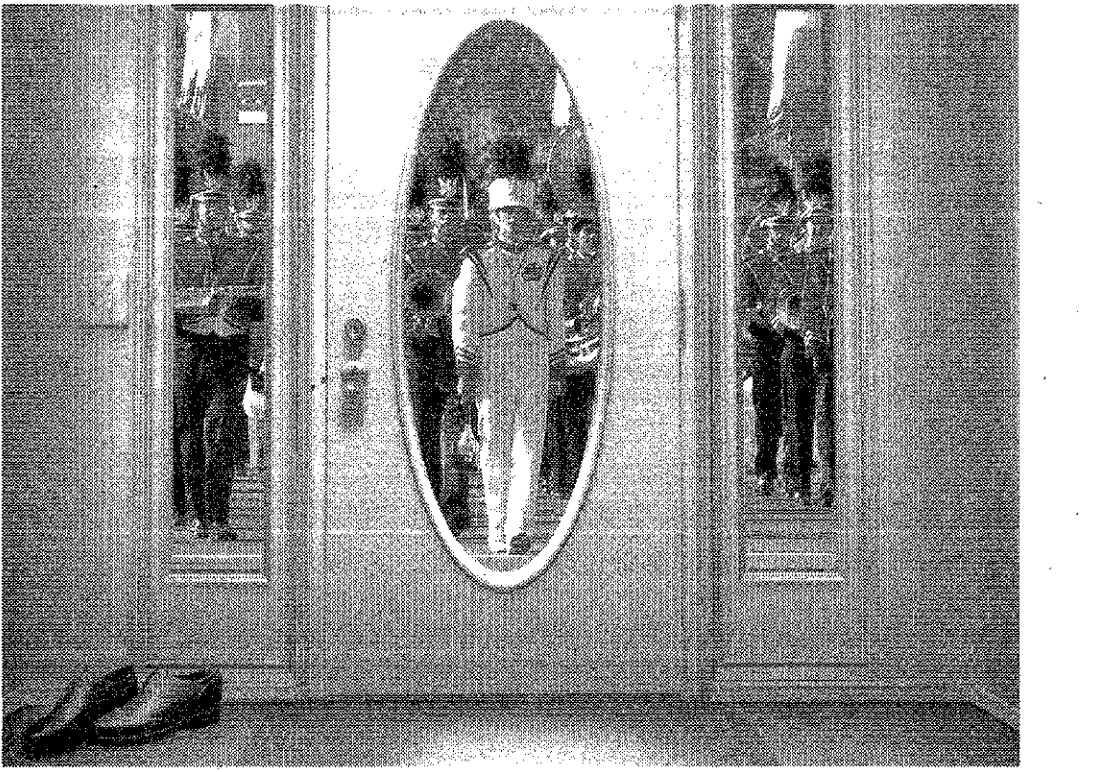
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Salem harriers make history with title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Yes, members of Salem girls cross-country team were probably a little fatigued following Saturday's Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark.

But they weren't too tired to celebrate their first-ever championship at the annual 16-team event.

"The girls were dancing when they found out we won," said coach Dave Gerlach. "They were excited because it's the first time in school history we won the invi-

tational and the first time in school history that we've beaten Livonia Stevenson, which is a powerhouse. To knock off a giant like Stevenson is very exciting.

"I warned them, though, not to get too high. It was a great effort, but we still have a lot of work to do."

The Rocks won the event with 76 points, six less than runner-up Stevenson.

Livonia Churchill finished third (143), Jackson sprinted to fourth (178) and Rochester earned fifth (180).

"We had high expectations coming into this season because we had a successful year last year," Gerlach said. "We finished

third in this meet last year and definitely wanted to do better than that. I think we proved to people that we're the real deal.

"The ironic thing is that the top three teams are all in the same division in the WLAA, plus we're all in the same regional. We made the conference proud."

Seven runners from each team competed in the varsity race with the top five finishers' times counted toward the final standings.

Hannah Cavicchio was the first Rock to cross the line, finishing fifth overall in 20:01.

She was followed by teammates Lauren

Kane (11th, 20:33), Laura Friedman (14th, 21:06), Marisa Carpinelli (19th, 21:17) and Rachel Gizicki (27th, 21:31).

Salem's Danielle Malone and Monica Przebienda finished 52nd and 54th, respectively.

The Rocks' junior-varsity squad also won its portion of the competition. Salem's JV runners were Allie Vraniak (1st overall), Allison Janda (2nd), Chelsea Baldwin (4th), Kaity Friske (5th) and Sarah Kosteva (7th).

The Rocks will take their momentum into this afternoon's City Meet at Cass-Benton Park.

Sidelines

SC harriers 7th

The Schoolcraft College women's cross country team opened its season Saturday by placing seventh in the Running Fit-Detroit Titan Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

The meet featured NCAA Division I and II schools, along with NAIA junior college teams.

Bucknell University (Pa.) led the way with 29 points followed by Wayne State, 45; University of Detroit Mercy, 102; Oakland University, 107; Eastern Michigan, 124; Macomb CC, 182; Schoolcraft, 199; Niagara (N.Y.), 212; Canisius (N.Y.), 219; and Concordia, 311.

Melissa Moncion of Wayne State was the individual winner in the 5,000-meter event with a time of 18 minutes, 33 seconds. WSU teammate Meghan Wafer (Redford Thurston) took 20th in 19:52, while Detroit's Maura Mulcahy (Livonia Ladywood) finished 18th in 19:43.

Kirstian Tyler (Livonia Franklin) was Schoolcraft's top finisher in 37th place (20:24).

Other Schoolcraft finishers included Kristyn Green (Livonia Stevenson), 44th, 20:55; Ashley Hoffman (Dearborn), 52nd, 21:28; Jessica Frendo (Garden City), 64th, 22:20; Julie Murphy (Goose Creek, S.C.), 74th, 23:33; Christiane Seewald (Redford Thurston), 80th, 24:20; and Claire Czaplicki (Farmington), 86th, 25:30.

Rock runners 12th

Salem's boys cross-country team finished 12th at Saturday's 25-team Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark.

"I'm happy if we finish in the top half of this meet every year," admitted Rock coach Geoff Baker. "I thought we did well considering the kids are still getting acclimated to school and running."

The meet was won by Traverse City Central (154 points). Livonia Churchill (169) was runner-up, just ahead of third-place L'Anse Creuse North (198). Salem finished with 308 points.

Jimmy Walsh was the Rocks' top runner, finishing 21st overall in 17:24. He was followed by teammates Scott Fysh (43rd, 17:55), Dan Kapadia (49th, 18:01), Adam Kosteva (67th, 18:17) and Joe Rothert (128th, 19:22).

Erik Dondzila finished 139th (19:33) and Cameron Loftus was 141st (19:36).

The Rocks will return to action this afternoon in the City Meet held at Cass Benton Park.

Wolves tryouts

Tryouts for the 2005 Michigan Wolves 13U travel baseball team will be held in late September and early October.

Players who turn 13 after Aug. 1, 2004, are eligible to try out for the team.

For more information, contact Tim Broughton at (734) 645-9033.

Rocks climbing Salem improves to 4-2 with big win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes you can work hard at both ends of the court, hustle from baseline to baseline and do everything your coach asks you to do ... and still lose by 34 points.

That's what happened to the Belleville girls basketball team Tuesday night in its 62-28 setback to a taller, deeper and more experienced Salem squad.

Salem is now 4-2, while Belleville dropped to 3-3.

The Rocks used a balanced attack to wear down the young Tigers and turn a relatively close game at the end of the first quarter (Salem led 15-7) into a rout.

"There's no way I can be upset with my team because they gave it everything they had," Belleville coach Kevin Edwards said. "We got decent shots; we just couldn't finish. I know what we'll be working on in practice tomorrow — shooting."

Salem coach Fred Thomann said he's encouraged by his team's depth and unselfishness. On several occasions Tuesday night, the Rocks turned aside 15-foot jump shots for an additional two more passes and a layup.

"We're getting into more of a rhythm now," Thomann said. "We have a lot of balance. Actually, I'd like to see a couple of our lead players shoot more."

"We beat a good team tonight. Belleville was 3-2 and they have some very good athletes. They scored 56 points against Romulus the other night, and Romulus is good."

Salem forward Kathryn Wheatley had a career offensive night, scoring a team-high 14 points. Alyssa Guerin and Ellen Canale both netted 10.

Belleville was paced by point guard Renee Seng, who scored six points. Five players scored four points each for the Tigers.

The taller, scrappier Rocks outrebounded Belleville, 37-13. Teresa Coppielle grabbed a team-high 10



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Salem's Ellen Canale (15) forces Belleville's Taylor Manley to add some extra loft to her jump shot during Tuesday's game at Belleville. Salem won, 62-28.

Belleville gridders start hot

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The thrill-a-minute Belleville football team is starting to make a believer out of coach Bob LaPointe.

The youthful Tigers are 2-1 (1-0 in the Mega Red Conference) following back-to-back drama-filled victories.

Belleville dropped its opener, 33-23, to Walled Lake Western, but has since slipped by Lincoln Park, 18-14, and Monroe, 14-12.

LaPointe noted that the Tigers were a few key plays from upending Western and sporting a 3-0 mark.

"But we could also be 0-3, too," he chuckled. "Every game has gone down to the wire this season. Our defense has really come up big this year. Our offense has struggled, but we play good team defense."

The Linesplitters led the Tigers, 14-12, late in the fourth quarter when Belleville's Mr. Everything Isaac Kindell returned a punt 70 yards for the game-winning TD.

Kindell struck again against Monroe when he brought back a kickoff 90 yards to paydirt to put the Tigers up 7-6.

After Carlos Clark extended Belleville's lead to 14-6 with a 38-yard scoring run, Monroe scored to cut its deficit to 14-12. The two-point conversion pass was knocked to the ground by Dajuan Roberts.

Monroe threatened to snatch the victory away from Belleville when it drove to the Tigers' 30 with less than two minutes to play, but — guess who? — Kindell intercepted a deflected pass to seal the win.

"I thought they were going to attempt a field goal at the end, but they decided to go for it on fourth-and-one," LaPointe said. "One of our linemen got a hand on the ball and Isaac made another big play."

Belleville hosts Wyandotte at 7 p.m. Friday in a key Mega Red showdown. The Bears are 2-1.

Spartans crowned WLAA swim champs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson has dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays the past several years, but the Spartans won Saturday's meet at Salem by only the width of a diving board.

Stevenson outstroked second-place Northville, 253-251, to take home the WLAA hardware for the 14th consecutive year. The host Rocks finished third with 234, Canton notched fourth (202), Livonia Churchill settled in fifth (192) and Plymouth took sixth (122).

"We struggled a little, but the girls gave a good effort," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "I figured Northville was going to be right up there with us this year and I was right."

Salem coach Chuck Olson was more than pleased with his team's



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Courtney Sears prepares to swim the anchor leg in the 200-yard freestyle relay at Saturday's WLAA Relays held at Salem. The Chiefs finished sixth in the event and fourth overall.

Full strength Whalers' off-ice efforts assist area communities

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Northville's Winchester Elementary School staff members found themselves shorthanded for an extensive school landscaping project Sunday, they turned to members of the Plymouth Whalers organization for an off-ice power play.

Thanks to the 25-man advantage, the project scored.

"Before I arrived at the school, I thought it was going to consist of planting some hostas or something like that," Whalers community relations director Doug Peacock said. "But once we got there, I saw bulldozers and forklifts, so I knew it was going to be a little more extensive."

"It's typical of what the players like to do, though, when they go out into the communities. They had a great time working with the kids and we got a lot of work done. The project was completed in a little over

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third-place showing.

"I thought our girls swam well," Olson said. "It's a fun meet because you can see where you stack up in the league, and you can get an idea of how your younger swimmers are going to do. I also like it because I get a chance to see everybody again."

Olson said he doesn't take a win-at-all-costs strategy into the season-opening event.

"I think it's more important to get as many girls involved in the meet as I can as opposed to loading up in certain events," Olson said. "I try to do what's best for the team."

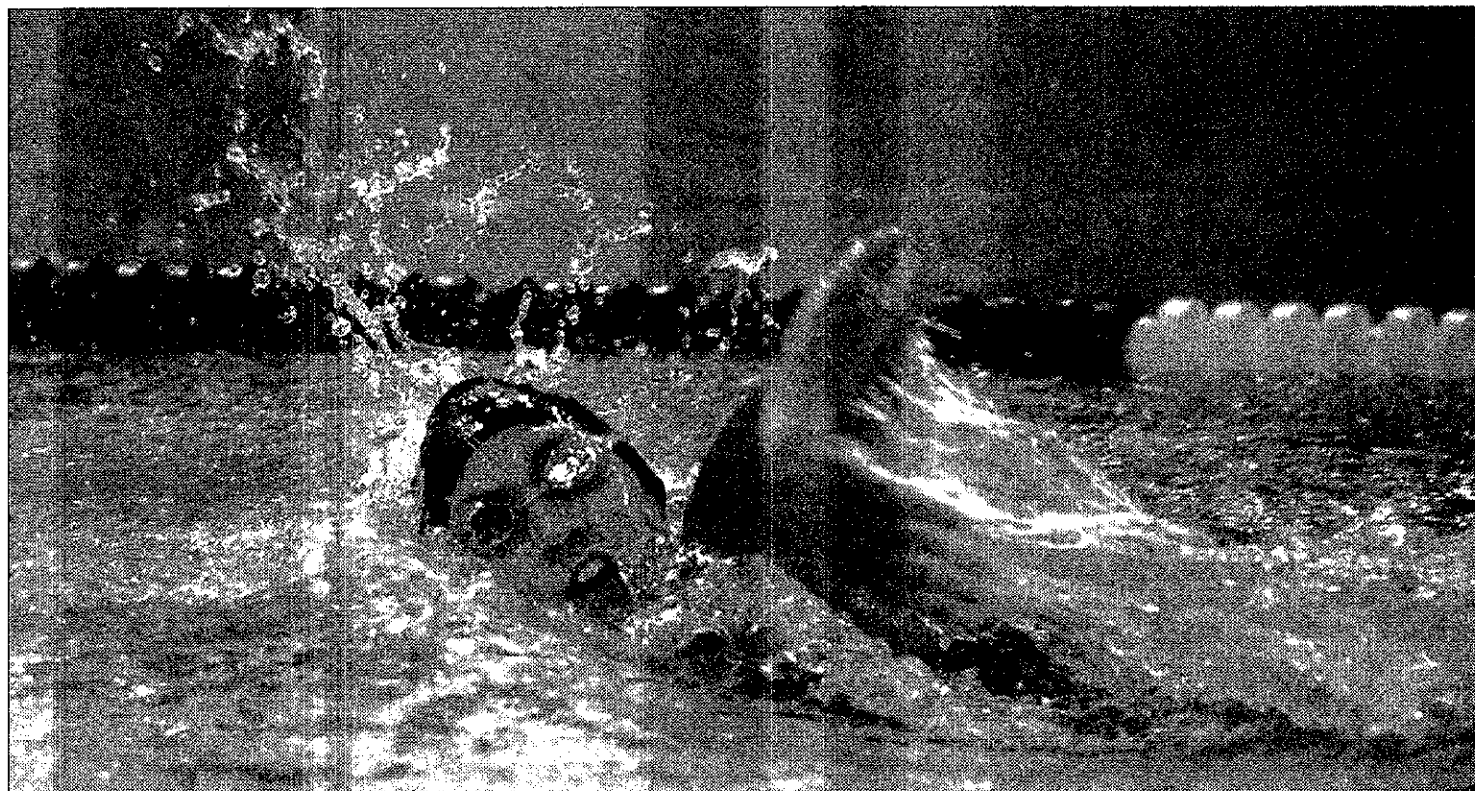
First-year Canton coach Molly Raines was impressed by her team's early-season effort.

"It was the first chance I've had to compare our team to the rest of the league, and I think the girls did awesome," Raines said. "I'm sure we'll see improvement in the girls' times, too, as the season goes on."

Stevenson finished first in three relays: the 400-yard medley (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Meredith Bajor and Blake Holtz), the 200-yard breaststroke (Laura Timson, Stephanie Buckley, Lisa Koch and Kristin Cruce) and the 400-yard individual medley.

The Spartans ranked no lower than third in the remaining four swimming relays. Their lowest finish was sixth in diving.

Northville captured three events and Salem touched the wall first in two. Canton's lone first-place showing came in the 200-yard butterfly relay.



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Salem's Kate Musson helped the Rocks to a fourth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle relay at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays held at the Salem High School pool. Salem finished third overall behind Livonia Stevenson and Northville.

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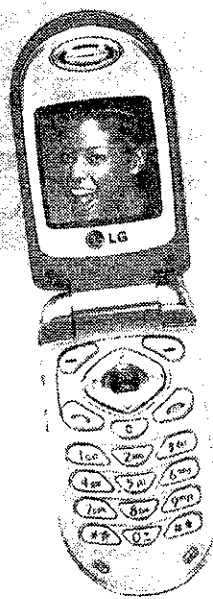
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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 253 points; 2. Northville, 251; 3. Salem, 234; 4. Canton, 202; 5. Livonia Churchill, 192; 6. Plymouth, 122; 7. Westland John Glenn, 112; 8. Walled Lake Western, 102; 9. Walled Lake Central, 99; 10. Wayne Memorial, 81; 11. Walled Lake Northern, 65; 12. Livonia Franklin, 49.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400 medley: 1. Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Meredith Bajor, Blake Holtz), 4:21.90; 2. Salem, 4:25.34; 3. Canton, 4:29.96; 4. W.L. Western, 4:38.80; 5. Northville, 4:40.49.

400 freestyle: 1. Northville (Ashley Miller, Sarah Carr, Katherine Kusuplos, Alex Perszezenko), 3:45.20; 2. Salem, 3:53.24; 3. Stevenson, 3:56.36; 4. Canton, 4:09.28; 5. Churchill, 4:20.13.

200 breaststroke: 1. Stevenson (Laura Timson, Stephanie Buckley, Lisa Koch, Kristin Cruce), 2:16.78; 2. Northville, 2:22.13; 3. Westland John Glenn, 2:25.13; 4. Canton, 2:28.55; 5. Salem, 2:33.69.

200 backstroke: 1. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Kasey Shimp, Amy Benson, Kate Myers), 2:03.76; 2. Churchill, 2:03.89; 3. Northville, 2:06.83; 4. Stevenson, 2:06.94; 5. Canton, 2:07.44.

200 butterfly: 1. Canton (Susie Patrick, Allison Goldsmith, Paige McBain, Allison Schmitt), 1:54.46; 2. Stevenson, 2:02.96; 3. Churchill, 2:03.08; 4. Northville, 2:04.58; 5. Plymouth, 2:04.88.

Diving: 1. W.L. Western (Ashley Bellrose, Allie Karagozian), 305.75; 2. W.L. Central, 303.75; 3. Salem, 287.70; 4. Northville, 260.35; 5. Canton, 229.30.

400 individual medley: 1. Stevenson, 4:34.42; 2. Northville, 4:40.56; 3. Salem, 4:40.86; 4. Churchill, 4:46.20; 5. Canton, 4:47.54.

500 freestyle: 1. Northville (Ashley Miller, Sarah Carr, Katherine Kusuplos, Alex Perszezenko), 4:49.65; 2. Stevenson, 5:04.11; 3. Churchill, 5:06.33; 4. Salem, 5:06.61; 5. Westland John Glenn, 5:09.86.

200 medley: 1. Salem (Kate Myers, Andrea Lang, Katie Gorman, Lisa Gulliksin), 2:05.29; 2. Northville, 2:06.53; 3. Stevenson, 2:07.39; 4. Churchill, 2:11.67; 5. Canton, 2:18.77.

200 freestyle: 1. Northville (Tanya Tarszenko, Chelsea Miller, Sarah Anker, Katie Stewart), 1:48.41; 2. Stevenson, 1:51.90; 3. Churchill, 1:54.07; 4. Salem, 1:54.59; 5. W.L. Central, 1:56.56.

PREP RANKINGS

Boys Soccer

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 - 1. Northville (8-0-0); 2. Okemos (8-0-0); 3. Rochester (8-2-0); 4. Livonia Stevenson; 5. Novi; 6. Warren DeLaSalle; 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 8. Troy Athens; 9. Traverse City West; 10. Saginaw Heritage.

Honorable Mention - Plymouth Canton, Redford Catholic Central, South Lyon.

Division 2 - Unavailable.

Division 3 - 1. South Haven; 2. Grosse Ile; 3. Cheboygan; 4. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 5. Elk Rapids; 6. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 7. Macomb Lutheran North; 8. Jackson Lumen Christi; 9. Frankenmuth; 10. Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port-Laker.

Honorable Mention - Frankenmuth, Lansing Catholic, Ithaca.

Division 4 - 1. Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (5-0-1); 2. Birmingham Roeper (6-0-0); 3. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (4-0-0); 4. Adrian Lenawee Christian; 5. Jackson Christian (7-1-0); 6. Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian (8-0-0); 7. Plymouth Christian (7-1-1); 8. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (4-2-1); 9. Westland Lutheran (3-2-0); 10. (tie) Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian (5-1-0); Southfield Christian (5-1-0).

Honorable Mention - Royal Oak Shrine, Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Boys Golf

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Division 1 - 1. Muskegon Mona Shores; 2. Traverse City Central; 3. Grand Blanc; 4. Walled Lake Western; 5. Saline; 6. Redford Catholic Central; 7. Grosse Pointe North; 8. Okemos; 9. Howell; 10. Novi; 11. Portage Central; 12. Rochester Adams.

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caroms, while Canale and Carly Sommers nabbed seven boards a piece.

Ericka Brewer hauled down a team-high four rebounds for the Tigers.

Salem, which scored several points while in transition, shot 46 percent from the field and 64 percent from the charity stripe. Belleville was ice cold from the field, connecting on just 7-of-36 attempts (19 percent). The Tigers made 14-of-23 free throws (60 percent).

Leading 15-7, the Rocks put the game on ice with a 13-2 run to start the second quarter. Wheatley keyed the streak with a pair of steals and four points.

The Rocks led 35-18 at the half and then outscored their hosts 12-2 in the third quarter.

The Rocks are off until Thursday, Sept. 23, when they travel to Walled Lake Central.

"We have a week to work on our offense against a zone trap, which is what Central likes to run," Thomann said. "They'll be a good test for us."

Edwards praised the play of freshman Courtney Holland, who didn't start or score, but inspired the Tigers with her aggressive play.

"She'll be starting next game," Edwards said. "Courtney is young, but it looks like she's starting to get it. She can help our seniors on the boards."

Belleville travels to Willow Run to tangle with the Flyers tonight. Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Plymouth 41, Farmington Hills Mercy 37: The Wildcats improved to 2-3 with an impressive road victory Tuesday night. The Marlins slipped to 2-4.

Plymouth looked good early, jumping out to a 13-4 first-quarter advantage against Mercy. The Wildcats extended the lead to 20-9 at the half before their hosts stormed back to make it close in the waning minutes.

"We played very well in the first half, but Mercy made a strong comeback late in the game," Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly said.

Plymouth junior post player Jeanine Moise turned in a dominating performance, netting 17 points and 21 rebounds.

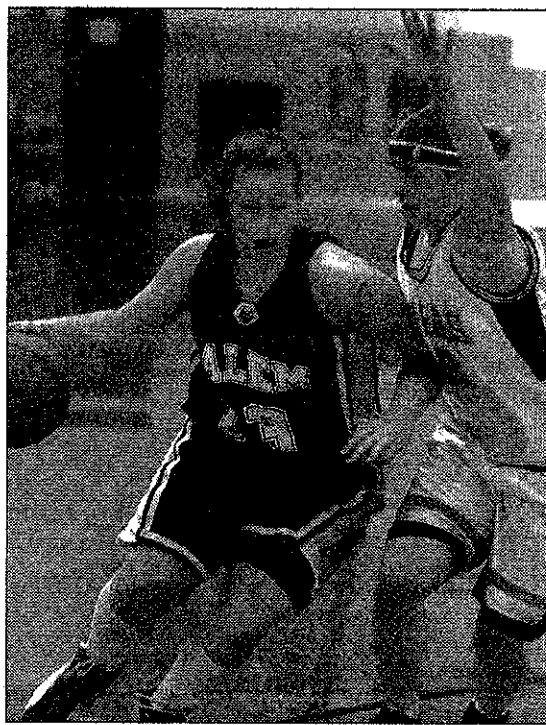
Colleen Flaherty had perhaps her strongest effort of the season, scoring 16 while yanking down eight boards. Kim Olech finished with eight points and 12 rebounds.

Kristina Bell led Mercy with 10 points.

"Moise hurt us inside," Marlin coach Gary Morris said. "She did a good job of posting up. We started slowly, but I was pleased with the way we played in the second half."

Plymouth opens its Western Lakes Activities Association schedule at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Livonia Churchill.

Plymouth Christian Academy 72, Melvindale 39: The Eagles were hitting on all cylinders Tuesday night — especially sophomore point



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Salem's Alyssa Guerin drives to the basket as Belleville's Renee Seng defends her during Tuesday's game at Belleville.

guard Joi Jennings, who poured in 28 points. She also added two rebounds, four assists and three steals.

PCA's Kelsie Tietjen recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Lauren Soblesky also looked strong, netting nine points, four assists and four steals.

"Melvindale was quite a bit bigger than us, but the girls stepped up tonight," PCA coach Harvey Jennings said.

The Eagles (3-3) led 19-16 after the first eight minutes, 40-25 at the half and 57-34 following three quarters.

PCA returns to action Monday at Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner.

Lutheran Northwest 41, Canton Agape 37: The Warriors (7-0) used their impressive height advantage to hold off the Wolverines (3-2) down the stretch.

"They were twice our size," said Agape coach Chuck Henry, who was only exaggerating slightly. "They had one girl who was 6-4 and another who was 6-1, and they could both play."

Henry said A.J. Kreps played her best game of the season despite the Warriors' twin towers. Kreps turned in a triple-double, finishing with 13 points, 11 steals and 11 rebounds.

"Considering the competition, that was a great performance from A.J.," Henry said.

Danielle Henry and Brianna Chrenko both netted 10 points for the Wolverines, who play Tuesday against Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

"It was a close game all the way, but we couldn't finish at the end," Henry said.



Members of the Plymouth Whalers organization pose with students outside of Northville's Winchester Elementary School after completing an extensive landscaping project Sunday.

WHALERS

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four hours. Without the players' help, it probably would have taken several days. The kids got a kick out of it, too, working side by side with the players."

Winchester Elementary School spokesperson Chris Speaks was appreciative of the Whalers' assistance — especially considering it was a perfect day for the players to sleep in and play golf.

"It's amazing what they've done," Speaks said. "I can't believe how quick everything was put into place. It was a big project and the guys just dove in and did the job at a quick pace. They seemed happy to be here and they did a good job."

Whether it is landscaping, reading to elementary school classes or acting as waiters at local restaurants, the Whalers' organization makes a strong commitment each year to get involved in community-enhancement projects, Peacock said.

"The players know what is expected of them, and they love it," Peacock said, referring to the team's community relations program. "Probably our most popular events are when the players visit elementary schools and read to the kids. I think the players like this the best because they can relate to the kids really well. They go class to class and read to the kids, then they'll go out during recess, play hockey and sign autographs."

Whaler defenseman John Vigilante said the players look forward to the community-enhancement events.

"It's a way we can give something back to the organization and the communities that support us," Vigilante said. "I especially like when we serve food and sell raffle tickets at local restaurants to raise money for the Karmanos Cancer Institute."

Vigilante, a Dearborn native, said the visits to elementary schools remind him of his younger days.

"When I was a kid, I used to love it when an athlete that played at a high level would visit

our school," he said. "I enjoy it now that I'm in a position to be on the giving end."

Peacock said each player attends approximately four or five events each season.

"For a lot of kids, they'll go to a Whalers game and not remember the final score a week later," Peacock said. "But when the players come to their school and read to them, or they meet the players at a restaurant, it's something they never forget."

It was the Whalers who were on the receiving end of an unforgettable meeting Sunday at the Plymouth Fall Festival when — coincidentally — the team's display booth was set up next to the booth of legendary Detroit Red Wing Gordie Howe, who was autographing books.

"The players really enjoyed meeting Gordie," Peacock said. "It was a thrill for a lot of them."

Peacock said he has several new programs in the works, including one that would consist of Whalers players visiting children in area hospitals.

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Brother Rice next for struggling CC

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's big game with Birmingham Brother Rice could be the kind of pick-me-up Redford Catholic Central needs to get its football season back on track.

Such a boost is needed after an 18-9 loss to Detroit DePorres Saturday at Kraft Field. DePorres took advantage of several Catholic Central miscues to drop the Shamrocks' record to 1-2.

"We kind of hurt ourselves with mistakes," said Shamrocks head coach Tom Mach. "Two fumbles were really costly for us."

Mach said he was hopeful the defeat would serve as a reminder that the team needs to be mentally tougher in close

games in order to have a reversal of fortune. One fumble led to a DePorres touchdown, a 71-yard return in the second quarter by Brandon Cooper that upped the Eagles' lead to 12-2.

The other stymied a Shamrocks' drive during the third quarter. Catholic Central could have taken the lead with a touchdown. But, after moving the ball 61 yards in 11 plays, a Shamrock fumbled at the DePorres 24-yard-line.

Catholic Central actually took a 2-0 lead in the first, on a safety by senior defensive tackle Kevin Helton — who excelled the entire game, with 10 tackles. Also outstanding on defense were linebacker Kevin Horal (12 tackles), linebacker Anthony Sabo (seven tackles) and lineman Jon Smart, who recovered a fumble in the first quarter.

Topsy-turvy start puts top teams in playoff peril

O.K., first it was mighty Concord (Calif.) DeLaSalle which bit the bullet. Poof, a 153-game winning streak snapped two weeks



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ago by Bellevue (Wash.). And now in our great state, we find juggernauts such as Redford Catholic Central, Farmington Hills Harrison and Dearborn Fordson all at 1-2 overall, in danger of being out of the postseason playoff hunt early.

So what in the world is high school football coming to? I wish I could blame it on something. Those darn Mega leagues or something like that. CC needs a win Saturday over rival Birmingham Brother Rice to get back on track. The Shamrocks, who lost their season opener to Downers Grove South (Ill.), 15-14, got whacked for the second straight year by Detroit DePorres.

(And if you're wondering, Downers Grove South is 2-1

overall, losing the following week (No. 2) to Hinsdale Central (Ill.), 17-7.)

One thing is abundantly clear, however.

Canton, 3-0, appears to be the class of the Western Lakes, while Redford Union, also 3-0, can cruise into the playoffs by beating Highland Park on Friday and take a giant step in winning the Mega-Gold.

As for the prognostication race, new Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith tries his luck for the remainder of the season. Smith takes over for the alternate shot team of Paul Beaudry (now in the midst of Hurricane Ivan) and pinch hitter Kevin Brown.

One thing remains constant. This highly informed and all-knowing scribe is coming off an 11-3 week and now is 30-10 on the year.

Ed Wright, the newly hired Plymouth-Canton sports editor, made a few rookie mistakes last week and slipped to 9-5. He is 27-13 overall.

Meanwhile, the Beaudry-Brown-Smith conglomerate is 26-14 overall, after Brown stunk up the joint last week by incorrectly picking six of 14 games. Let's see if Smith can pick up the slack.

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

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all 7 p.m. unless noted)

Salem (3-0, 1-0) at Westland Glenn (2-1, 1-0): This is where the rubber meets the road for the Rocks, whose first three opponents are a combined 0-9. Glenn regrouped last week to down Walled Lake Central, 26-3. PICKS: Glenn — Emons, Wright; Salem — Smith.

W.L. Northern (0-3, 0-1) at Liv. Churchill (2-1, 0-1): There's nothing wrong with Churchill's defense, which has allowed just 21 points in three games. Northern is coming off a 27-7 loss to Salem. PICKS: Churchill — Emons, Wright, Smith.

Northville (3-0, 1-0) at Liv. Franklin (0-3, 0-1): The Mustangs' high-scoring offense is averaging a Western Lakes high 41.3 points per game. Franklin, who beat Northville in their opener a year ago, has allowed 100 points in three games. PICKS: Northville — Emons, Wright, Smith.

Liv. Stevenson (3-0, 1-0) at W.L. Central (1-2, 0-1): The Spartans have one of the most efficient passers in the area in junior Chad Casey. The Spartans' defense also perked up last week vs. Churchill. Central, meanwhile, is an un-Chuck Appa-like 1-2. PICKS: Stevenson — Emons, Wright, Smith.

Canton (3-0, 1-0) at Wayne (1-2, 1-0): Wayne was one of the few teams last year that could hang for at least a half with the mighty Chiefs. Even with quarterback Absalom Goode back at the controls, the Zebras need a monumental effort to make this one interesting. PICKS: Canton — Emons, Wright, Smith.

Garden City (0-3, 0-1) at Romulus (0-3, 0-1): The Cougars broke down defensively in the second half in a 21-14 Mega Conference White Division loss last week to Lincoln Park. Two of Romulus' three losses have been by seven points or less. PICKS: Garden City — Smith; Romulus — Emons, Wright.

Wyandotte (2-1, 0-1) at Belleville (2-1, 1-0): The Tigers are new to the Observer coverage area and they had to feel a bit lucky after escaping Monroe last week, 14-12, getting an

interception from inside the Belleville 20 with only 36 seconds left. Meanwhile, Wyandotte fell last week to Dearborn, a threat to win the Mega-Red, 42-7. PICKS: Belleville — Emons, Wright, Smith.

Red. Thurston (2-1, 2-0) at Trenton (2-1, 2-0): The Eagles made key defensive plays down the stretch last week to beat River Rouge, 34-26, while Trenton slid by Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 19-14. The outright lead in the Mega-Blue is at stake. PICKS: Thurston — Wright; Trenton — Emons, Smith.

Highland Park (2-1, 2-1) at Redford Union (3-0, 3-0): The Polar Bears and RU were the preseason picks to lead the Mega Gold. RU is looking more and more like a cinch to make the postseason playoffs. Highland Park is coming off a 28-20 overtime loss to Taylor Kennedy. PICKS: RU — Emons, Wright, Smith.

Luth. Westland (1-2, 1-1) at Hamtramck (0-3, 0-3): The Warriors made a good showing last week in a 28-20 setback to St. Clair Shores South Lake, while the Cosmos hung tough for awhile before losing to Metro Conference foe Macomb Lutheran North, 38-14. PICKS: Lutheran Westland — Emons, Wright, Smith.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Redford CC (1-2, 0-0) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (3-0, 0-0), 12:30 p.m. at Keyworth Stadium (Hamtramck): Rice has beaten CC three times since 1996. The unbeaten Warriors are coming off a 13-6 win over Flint Powers, while the Shamrocks lost last week to Detroit DePorres for the second time in as many years, 18-9. PICKS: Rice — Emons, Wright, Smith.

Taylor Light & Life (0-2, 0-1) at Red. Bishop Borgess (2-1, 0-0), 1 p.m.: Debbie Boone can't even sing: "You Light Up My Life," following the Crusaders' back-to-back 42-0 and 33-0 setbacks to Cardinal Mooney and East Catholic, respectively. Borgess should roll in this Catholic League C-D Division D D-Bracket opener. The Spartans beat Detroit Urban Lutheran last week, 12-6, as Kelvin Brown figured in both TDs. PICKS: Borgess — Emons, Wright, Smith.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 17 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wyandotte at Belleville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Redford CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice at Keyworth (Hamtramck), 12:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Sept. 16 Birmingham Marian at Canton, 7 p.m. Belleville at Willow Run, 7 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 15 Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Belleville at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 Wash. Christian at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 Agape at Taylor Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m. Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Canton at Saline, 7 p.m. BOYS GOLF Friday, Sept. 17 Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 3 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Canton, 3 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 3 p.m. BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Sept. 16 WLA City Meet at Cass Benton Park, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Salem and Belleville at N.B. Huron Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9 a.m. Canton at Ludington Invitational, TBA Plymouth at Holly Invitational at Springfield Oaks County Park, 11 a.m. Salem at Brother Rice Invitational at Ypsi. Golden Inv., 10 a.m. GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY	Thursday, Sept. 16 WLA City Meet at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Salem at Holly Invitational at Springfield Oaks County Park, 11 a.m. Canton at Ludington Invitational, TBA Plymouth at Swartz Creek Autumn Classic, TBA Belleville at New Boston Invitational, 9 a.m. GIRLS TENNIS Friday, Sept. 17 Livonia Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Northville, 4 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m. D.H. Robichaud at Belleville, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Salem at Saline Invitational Canton Varsity Invitational, TBA GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Sept. 16 Canton at South Lyon Tri-Meet, 6 p.m. Redford Union at Belleville, 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Sept. 18 Madonna at Cornerstone, 2:30 p.m. Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Sept. 18 (Cincinnati State Cup) Schoolcraft vs. St. Catherine (Ky.), 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 (Cincinnati State Cup) Schoolcraft vs. Louisville (Ky.), 11 a.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 16 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 Univ. of Windsor at Madonna, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18 Schoolcraft at Alpena Inv., TBA. TBA — time to be announced.
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Gallo's best score leads Canton golfers

Led by Dominic Gallo's season-best score of one-over-par 36, the Canton boys golf team won its first duel meet of the season Monday, ousting Livonia Franklin, 159-167.

The Chiefs are now 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin dropped to 0-4.

"It feels good to finally win one," Canton coach Tom Alles said. "We broke 160, so that's encouraging, but that's a score we should be able to break on our home course (Hilltop) most times out."

Also scoring for Canton besides Gallo were Dustin Trospier, Brandon Eggesfield and Matt Haar, all of whom

shot 41.

Franklin was paced by Justin Weigand and Paul Seguin, both of whom fired 41.

Salem 177, Westland John Glenn 179: The Rocks downed the Rockets to boost their record to 3-1 (2-1 in the WLA), but it wasn't pretty.

"We won, but our scoring wasn't good," lamented coach Rick Wilson. "Our top four guys didn't play particularly well, but our five and six guys came through. All things considered, it's a win, but our scoring wasn't strong."

Jeremy Henderson paced the Rocks with a 42 on the par-36 Fellows Creek South layout. Also scoring for Salem were

Matt Smith (44), Mike Cassidy (45) and Chris Treadwell (46).

Salem returns to action Friday at Livonia Stevenson.

Plymouth Christian 170, Franklin Rd. 211: The Eagles improved to 3-2 with road victory at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

PCAs Jesse Predhomme earned medalist honors with a three-over 39.

Also scoring for the winners were Ross Gerulis (43), Jordan Brown (44), Adam Catallo (44), Nathan Bixler (44) and Jordan Johnston (44).

Alex Young (45) shot the low round of the afternoon for the hosts.

Belleville 167, Lincoln Park

179: The Tigers' drive to win their third consecutive Mega White title is off to a red-hot start as they upped their record to 5-0 Monday with a decisive win on the par-36 Red Course at Riverview Highlands Golf Course.

"We've played every team in the league once now, but we have to play them all again, so we still have some work to do," said Belleville coach John Gochis. "We've beaten the top three teams — Woodhaven, Redford Union and Garden City — but we have to play them all on the road the second time around. It's going to be extremely difficult to go unbeaten our next five."

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Lancers edge PCA kickers in thriller

Plymouth Christian Academy suffered a hard-fought loss to Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Oakland Christian Tuesday afternoon, 2-1.

The loss dropped the Eagles' overall record to 8-2-1.

Tommy Jablonski put OC on top, 1-0, 1:01 into the match when he scored an unassisted goal.

PCA's Ben Welton made it 1-1 at the 39:01 mark of the second half when he received a pass from Steven Sumner and booted home his eighth goal of the season.

Eliot Woolford scored the game-winner with 21:30 left in the game.

OC outshot the Eagles, 8-3. Matt Saagman played well in goal, but suffered the defeat.

PCA returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Birmingham Roeper.

Canton 6, Livonia Franklin 1: The Chiefs scored early, late and often against the Patriots.

Brad Marsh and Andy Cortellini each recorded a goal and two assists, Justin Biega knocked in two goals, Adam Pitt added a goal and an assist and goalie Steve Mischung stopped four shots for the Chiefs.

Salem 3, Westland John Glenn 0: Goalie Brian Field notched his fourth shutout of the year Monday in the convincing road win for the Rocks.

"We struggled and John Glenn turned in a great effort," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

Salem led 1-0 at the half thanks to the first of two goals from Thiago Harris, who was assisted by Ross Heidenreich.

Harris scored off an assist from Jake Bennett early in the second half and Mark O'Neal

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beat the Rockets' goalie for an unassisted insurance marker late in the match.

The victory improved Salem's record to 4-2-3 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA.

Plymouth 3, W.L. Northern 2: Andrew Koet turned in his second three-goal effort of the season Monday as the Wildcats improved their record to 7-2 (3-1 in the WLAA).

The Knights led 2-0 at the half, but Plymouth stormed back and won it on Koet's game winner with approximately five minutes left to play. He was assisted by Sean Dillon.

"We actually played pretty decent in the first half with the exception of a couple of breakdowns in front of the net," Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich said. "It's been a fantastic season so far. The kids have really stepped up and played beyond expectations."

Nick Siekirk was outstanding in goal for the Wildcats, Neschich said. He also praised the play of mid-fielders Jim Wilbur and Ali Youssef.

"Nick made some huge saves for us tonight," Neschich said.

Koet's first goal was assisted by Jeff Lucco. His second came on a penalty kick.

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A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 11:50 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, Tom Casari **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously **GENERAL CALENDAR** **Item 1. Set Public Hearing Date for Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. (Supervisor).** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for September 28, 2004, to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company in connection with the replacement of absolute equipment at their facility located at 41155 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. On August 23, 2004, the Supervisor's Office received an application from Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property in connection with the replacement of obsolete equipment at their facility located at 41155 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. Under P.A. 198, a public hearing must be held within 60 days of the filing of the tax abatement application, with proper notification as required by statute. The Downtown and Community Development Coordinator will send notification of the public hearing by certified mail to all affected taxing authorities, the local assessor and the applicant. A general notification will be published in the Canton Observer on September 16, 2004. **Item 2. Set Public Hearing Date for Schuler Incorporated Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak, to set the public hearing for September 28, 2004, to consider the industrial facilities exemption application of Schuler Incorporated for the addition to their facility located at 7145 Commerce Boulevard, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. On August 30, 2004, the Supervisor's Office received an application from Schuler Incorporated, requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for the expansion of their facility to be located in Koppernick Corporate Park at 7145 Commerce Boulevard, Canton, Michigan. Under P.A. 198, a public hearing must be held within 60 days of the filing of the tax abatement application, with proper notification as required by statute. The Downtown and Community Development Coordinator will send notification of the public hearing by certified mail to all affected taxing authorities, the local assessor and the applicant. A general notification will be published in the Canton Observer on September 16, 2004.

Dismissed to Study Session at 7:10 p.m. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, Tom Casari **STUDY SESSION** **Item 3. Proposal to Change how Engineering Review and Inspection Services for Private Projects are Provided.** Tom Casari, Township Engineer, presented an historical perspective on how these services have been provided. The evolution of the Engineering Section and how these services have changed. A proposal on how the Township can be more self reliant and be in a better position to assume long term asset management by taking on this greater responsibility. **THE FINANCIAL PICTURE**

Year	Revenues*	Expenditures**	General Fund
2001	\$ 930,800	\$1,580,550	(\$649,750)
2002	\$1,002,400	\$1,750,100	(\$747,700)
2003	\$1,468,000	\$2,212,500	(\$744,500)
2004***	\$1,308,700	\$2,001,800	(\$693,100)
2005****	\$1,133,750	\$1,369,000	(\$235,250)*****

* Total review and inspection fees collected from private projects

** Total fees paid consultant plus total engineering staff time includes administrative overhead

*** 2004 fees collected through June and multiplied by 1.5 for projected total

**** Fees are estimated by averaging fees collected from 2001-2003

***** Includes additional staffing

Item 4. Proposed Changes to the Stormwater Section of the Public Works Division. The stormwater section established in 2001 with one supervisor, operator and laborer, with the plans for a second operator and laborer since inception, however is not affordable at this time. The equipment used is an Athey street sweeper, Vector truck, two pick-up trucks and small tools and pumps. Canton implemented requirements of the General Stormwater MS4 Permit, adopted by the EPA in August, 2001. Canton is required to have coverage under a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4 Permit), as administered by the State of Michigan department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), under Federal Legislation developed by the EPA in August, 2001. The

Permit we hold, requires us to perform the following major activities: 1) issue permits (via Wayne County DOE) to applicants who desire to change stormwater runoff characteristics on sites under construction, 2) clean debris from catch basins, streets and municipal drains, 3) sweep streets to minimize debris and silt from entering the waters of the State and contribute to impairment of water quality. Section 106 of our Code of Ordinances details our stormwater program and the fees charged. The current level of service is a struggle and to maintain the minimum requirements of MS4 Permit. The Township may sweep the streets of a new development 2 to 4 times per month. Roughly two-thirds of the staff time is directed towards private development stormwater efforts. The developers hire private sweeping companies to sweep streets to comply with their stormwater permits. Developers also hire others to maintain strawbales, silt fences, catch basin fabrics and ponds during build out. The model operations recommended is to add a second full-time operator dedicated to sweeping, for this time next year and also evaluate the need for a second laborer position next year and lease a new sweeper (one year earlier) and retain existing street sweeper as a back-up unit. The Township could raise the current level of service to sweep streets in all new developments once a week, and up to 30 times per year (April to October), the other 20 weeks the staff would clean some catch basins, and the storm water operator can operator any equipment The Township could add extra value to our service by undertaking maintenance of strawbales, silt fences, catch basin fabric and pond debris. The Township could change the fee structure to a cost per mile of street maintained (i.e. \$875/mile.) The proposed fee structure would increase by \$80,000 on labor, \$18,000 by equipment and recover all overheads (direct labor + indirect/administrative.) This enterprise concept means fees cover costs. Developers would make an annual deposit as follows: Deposit= (# of miles x 30 sweeps x \$875 per mile.) The administrative staff would track effort and report quarterly to developers on accounting. The more dense developments would pay less, less dense developments would pay more. A projected revenue of \$517,500 in 2005. Other factors and considerations are increase staff by one (1) in Public Works. Revenue source to support a long-term stormwater maintenance program for a fully developed community should be addressed over time: with contract with homeowner's associations, implement stormwater utility, support by general fund or eliminate service completely. **Item 5. Plymouth Canton School District Election 2004** Jim Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, Carol Saunders, School Board Member and Terry Wood, Community Relations presented the Board of Trustees with information and discussion on the September 28, School Election.

Carol Saunders stated that the school district is facing a challenge and needs to find creative ways to spend the money with the tremendous growth, with the majority in Canton. 14 of 15 schools have enrollment above capacity. A new elementary school is needed and 70% of the schools currently were built before 1975 and are in need of renovation. The school district is asking for a 18 mill renewal, which is non-homestead. Jim Ryan is on a mission to inform, answer questions and encourage others to vote. In the last 5 years, the student population grew 7.8%. There will be two separate proposals in the special election on September 28. The first proposal is an 18 mill renewal of the current operating millage on non-homestead property. It provides \$29 million in operational revenue, which is 22 percent of the District's operating budget. This vote is requested to merely allow the District to continue to collect the full 18 mills, voters approved in 1995 on non-homestead property such as apartment buildings, rental houses, some vacant land and commercial/industrial properties. This is not a tax on your homestead and, if approved would last for ten years. The second is a bond proposal for improvements at most District schools and the construction of a new elementary school in southwest Canton Township. This bond request for nearly \$109 million, to meet the District's current needs and growth, would provide \$94 million for needed improvements and upgrades to all District school buildings that were built before 2000 and \$15 million for the construction of a new elementary school in southwest Canton. The cost of each proposal to a home valued at \$234,000 will cost the homeowner per year: 18 mill Renewal -0- Bond Proposal approx. \$47The \$29 million generated by the renewal of the operating millage on non-homestead property will be used to support the District's general operating costs as it has since Proposal A went into effect in 1994. These items include instructional materials, technology, transportation, maintenance, salary and benefits for staff and other day-to-day expenses. The \$109 million generated by the bond proposal would be used to support a host of District needs, including, new roofs in 50 percent of the elementary schools and roof improvements at Canton and Salem High Schools and Pioneer Middle School, the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Salem High School, replacement of flooring (carpeting/tile) at several schools, parking lot improvements, including expansions and the development of separate bus drop-off and parent pick-up sites at many schools, safety items such as new fire alarms, interior and exterior lighting, traffic lights and fiber

optic signs, barrier free entrances and lavatories, bringing buildings in existence up to state and federal standards to provide equity of program and facilities, and a new elementary school in southwest Canton Township. These needs were assembled by a Bond Steering Committee in 2002, to study the District's needs, collect input from the community and develop a plan. The committee membership included community volunteers, parents, school board members and District staff and administrators. On November 18, 2003, the committee submitted a final report to the Board of Education with recommendations of needs for the District. The state gives the District an allowance per student, these dollars are used to support instruction and limited maintenance to our current buildings. The population growth in our community has created overcrowding issues at the elementary school level, and the majority of the population growth is coming from south Canton Township. The 18 mill renewal is key to keeping the instructional program at its current level. The bond proposal would provide a new neighborhood school to relieve overcrowding and would address the infrastructure and facility needs throughout the District for the next five to 10 years.

The special election is scheduled for September 28. For a list of voting locations, please visit the District's website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-3095. If the bond passes, the increase will be seen on the winter tax bill. **Item 6. Funding Intersection Safety Improvements** The Township Board is considering designating a portion of the police and fire millage for intersection safety improvements. A brief history of township road improvements was discussed. A list of township intersection locations and estimated cost for safety improvements will also be provided. Information published by the Federal Highway Administration and some major insurance companies supporting programs that target safety improvements at intersections will be presented. The trend is declining funding at the Federal and State levels for all categories of public infrastructure improvements. The future means more local funding is necessary to maintain the current pavement condition in Canton. Delays at crowded, narrow intersections increases response times for Public Safety personnel. Improved intersections will not only reduce congestion and trip time, but also reduce accidents and the associated costs (medical, legal, insurance, property damage, etc.) The Township's Charter Millage rate will increase by 0.366 mills, which will be offset by reductions in the fire and police special assessment millages. The proposed overall millage rate of 8.85 remains the same from a year ago and is the lowest rate since 1984. In 2005, the shift will generate roughly \$1.125 million. There are 32 intersections in the community identified for improvement. According to SEMCOG statistics, more than 1,600 crashes occurred from 1997-2002 in 10 of those intersections. In 2000, about 8,500 people were killed nationally, according to the FHWA. The typical intersection safety improvements are upgrading traffic signal heads for better visibility, re-timing traffic signals to include protected left-turn phases and all red light clearance intervals, realignment and relocation of signal heads over travel lanes, re-striping the pavement to add dedicated left-turn lanes, installing traffic signals where four-way flashes exist, adding pedestrian signals (PEDS), lengthening turning lanes, widening intersections, improving rideability of the paved surfaces and use of alternate geometry (realignment, roundabouts, etc.) The total estimated cost is \$7,245,480 for construction, plus engineering and land acquisition costs. Assuming similar dollars will be available over the next several years, it would take eight years to complete this list. A recommendation of establishing a five member "Intersection Audit Committee" to develop criteria and establish the priorities (similar to approach used for sidewalk gap program.) The Intersection Audit Committee (IAC) will be made up of: Public Safety staff member (chairperson), Public Works staff member, Township Board Member, Public member, Wayne County DPS Roads staff member. IAC would establish criteria for ranking intersections and then rank the list to present to the Township Board for review and approval. The proposed plan could start as soon as October 12, 2004 with the establishment of the IAC. They would set their priorities by December 31, 2004, followed by Board approval of the 2005 Program in January 2005. Designs conducted from February-March 2005 and a request for bids by April 2005. Award of the bid in May 2005 and construction beginning in June-October 2005, with close out in November 2005. Based on the budget, set priorities by December 2005 for 2006 program.

Adjourn Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 9:40 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be on September 14, 2004 at Summit on The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. -Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett - Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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Lions coach issues tuxedo challenge ... a charm

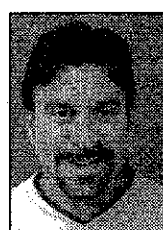
Ten days ago, I hosted the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon on WB-20. Still donned in full tuxedo, I hosted the *Steve Mariucci Show* later that evening. This conversation took place during the broadcast:

"You know, that tuxedo could be lucky. If we beat Chicago you have to wear a tux next Monday," said the Lions' second-year head coach, who had the nerve to be wearing a simple shirt and pants. "Oh, come on. You've got to be kidding me. You really want me to wear a tux if you beat the Bears?"

"Of course, coaches are a superstitious lot. Just wear the darn tux. I'll rent it for you if I have too," Mariucci said.

"Nah, if you actually win that game I'll have a tux on next Monday. My people will work it out for me."

Mariucci chimed in, "You have peo-



Mark Wilson

who has to wear a tuxedo every Monday as long as the winning continues?

The win over Chicago shows what can happen when players make plays. In the past, the Lions don't come close to victory when the rushing game stalls and they fail to convert even one third-down

play until the fourth quarter. They don't taste triumph when their top receiver and cornerback get hurt and fail to return. This time, for a change, the Lions overcame obstacles and they did it away from home.

"It's the last time we have to talk about it. Doesn't matter where we win, how we win. The win is what matters," said a confident Lions quarterback Joey Harrington.

"Being able to make two big plays to help us win is great, but it won't mean a thing if we can't build off it," said safety Bracy Walker, who got a game ball from Mariucci.

Losing Charles Rogers and Dré Bly is going to alter the tux believer's thinking as he heads into the game with the Texans. It's a team of mystery to the Lions since they haven't played them

before. The lone connection is at quarterback, since Houston's David Carr and Harrington were taken one and three respectively in the 2002 NFL draft.

"We do need to get our running game going more than ever with Charles out for the season. Kevin Jones and Pinner become even more important this Sunday," Mariucci said, still staring at the tuxedo complete with cummerbund.

As for that superstition? Former Lions linebacker Scott Kowalkowski, who now does radio analysis, said that it's any port in a storm during a 16-game football season.

"Hey, if Mariucci thinks the tux is what made that win possible in Chicago, then good for him. It will really be a lucky tux if they beat Houston, too. You could be wearing that thing for a while," Kowalkowski said.

The Lions have not started a year 3-0 since 1980. Wins over Houston and Philadelphia at Ford Field could end that streak, too. First things first. No one is looking past the Texans. One road win does not a season make and there are no points for dapper attire. They need to cure the penalty problem, work on holding the football and get past the injuries.

"Forward we go," Mariucci likes to say. It's the home opener this Sunday. Black tie mandatory.

Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Mariucci Show* Mondays on WKRR-FM (97.1). A 25-year veteran of TV and radio sportscasting, Wilson's been a radio talk show host at WKRR for the past five years on *Sports Night with Parker and the Man*. He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscenter of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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CC grad still has penchant for coming up big

BY TIM SMITH
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When Ryan Wroblewski played at Redford Catholic Central's 2001 state championship team, he had a penchant for making the big catch at the right time.

"He was our go-to guy in our passing game," said Shamrocks head coach Tom Mach. "He had the great ability to make a big play when we needed it."

At no time was that truer than Catholic Central's dramatic state title victory in '01 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Trailing Utica Eisenhower and needing to convert a fourth-down play in order to avert defeat, quarterback Tom Jakacki found Wroblewski in the end zone for the winning touchdown.

"It was the last play of the game," Mach recalled. "If we didn't hit it we were probably going to lose."

Undoubtedly, scouts for the University of Dayton were watching because both Wroblewski and Jakacki were recruited to play for the Flyers. "I'm sure they saw an athlete not only blessed with talent, but with great determination," said Mach about Wroblewski.

And this fall, Wroblewski, 20, is enjoying a breakout junior season with UD, having corralled seven passes for 203 yards and two touchdowns Saturday in a 28-0 victory over Morehead State. The TDs were on tosses of 19 and 32 yards, both from senior quarterback Brandon Staley.

He gained only 279 yards receiving all of his sophomore year.

With that outing, the Northville native was named Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Week.

He just missed setting UD all-time single game records for receptions and receiving yardage.

"It was just one of those games," Wroblewski said this week. "Morehead has one of the better

defenses, so we went into the game a little more prepared and I just made sure I was running good routes."

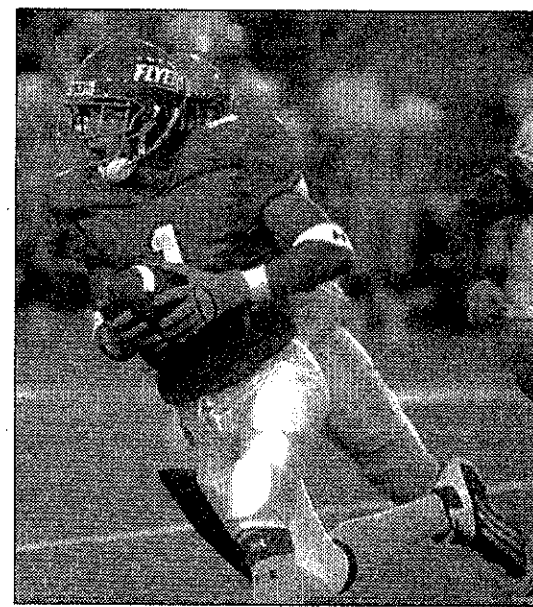
Wroblewski credited the offensive line and Staley's accurate passing for his big-yardage day.

"I'm excited to have a guy like him playing for Dayton and playing well," said Mach, about Wroblewski's college accomplishments. It's a great boon for him to take it to the next level."

According to Wroblewski, working hard on little details such as studying game film contribute to his continued gridiron success. He also said there is a comfort level, in that the football programs at Catholic Central and UD seem to have the same kind of unity and tradition.

Hard work and being comfortable can only take a player so far, however. "When it's your opportunity, you have to take advantage of it."

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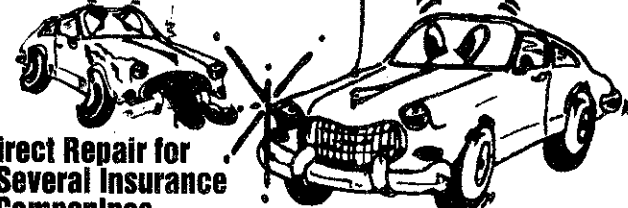


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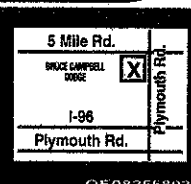
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Ocelots off to perfect start

Judging by its early-season success, the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team is quickly evolving into a juggernaut.

The Ocelots ran their record to 7-0 over the weekend with a 5-0 victory over Dakota County Community College and a 1-0 triumph over Loyola-Chicago.

The games were hosted by the College of Lake County, which is located in Grayslake, Ill., just outside Chicago.

"Dakota County was ranked 15th in the NSCAA pre-season national poll, so that was a nice win for us," said Schoolcraft coach Bill Tolstedt. "The game against Loyola was close on the scoreboard, but it was pretty one-sided on the field."

Nicole Saigh kick-started the weekend for the Ocelots when she scored the opening goal against the Knights. Tiffani Tuzzolino's goal doubled SC's lead just before the halftime intermission.

The Ocelots' defense, led by Arielle Bryant (Canton) and Meagan Farrell, limited Dakota to just four first-half shots.

Courtney Brady assisted Kyle LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) on SC's third goal. Saigh completed her hat-trick with the team's final two tallies. Casey Hoover, Rachel Myers and Jennifer Dahl picked up assists for the winners.

Andrea Dunn was superb in net, knocking away all seven shots.

Following a scoreless first half, Saigh deposited a pass from Brady into the net for the only goal in SC's second-game win. Loyola had just two shots on goal.

"The defense, which was anchored by Meagan Farrell and Andrea Dunn, was solid again against Loyola," Tolstedt said.

The Ocelots travel to Ohio this weekend for the Cincinnati State Cup.

They will play St. Catherine (Ky.) on Saturday and Louisburg CC (N.C.) on Sunday.

"It should be a very competitive weekend of play," Tolstedt predicted.

Rock netters win invite in landslide

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem turned out to be the host with the most Saturday at the Salem Invitational Tennis Tournament.

The Rocks finished first in the four-team field, accumulating 21 points. Livonia Ladywood and Lake Orion tied for second (11 points each) and Taylor Truman was fourth with five points.

All four Salem singles players earned gold medals: No. 1 Alex Ware, No. 2 Maranon Swasey, No. 3 Sarah Jose and No. 4 Mo Bohr.

The Rocks No. 3 doubles team of Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham also turned in gold-medal performances.

Salem's No. 1 doubles tandem of Katie Girsks and Tracey Lytle, and its No. 4 doubles duo Amy Yu and Laura Burton won silver medals.

The Rocks' no. 2 doubles team of Erica Shy and Michele Cilia placed third.

Salem rolls by Western

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duel-meet record to 3-2-1 Tuesday with a convincing 7-1 win over host Walled Lake Central.

Salem will return to the courts Friday when it hosts Livonia Franklin.

Salem 7, W.L. Western 1.

Sept. 14 at W.L. Western H.S.

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) d. Reva Berman, 4-6, 7-6(3), 6-3; No. 2: Maranon Swasey (S) d. Jayshree Mahajan, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Sarah Jose (S) d. Asilda Dhembi, 6-0, 6-4; No. 4: Erin Goldman (WLW) d. Mo Bohr, 6-7(1), 2-6.

No. 1 doubles: Katie Girsks and Tracy Lytle

(S) d. Carrie Dubin and Danielle Weeratuaga, 7-6(5), 6-0; No. 2: Michele Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d. Jessica Gilbert and Lindsay Hayes, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Stacey Ward and Shobha and Narasimham (S) d. Nikki Burnstein and Kendra Colbert, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Laura Burton and Kait McKinley (S) d. Kelly Doherty and Yoko Kimura, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Rocks slide

Salem's suffered a 6-2 home setback to Livonia Stevenson Monday afternoon.

The Spartans clinched the match by winning two of three three-set matches.

One of the lone bright spots for the Rocks was the play of its No. 3 doubles team of Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham, which remained unbeaten with a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

Livonia Stevenson 6, Salem 2

Sept. 13 at Salem High School

No. 1 singles: Ashley Moccia (LS) d. Alex Ware by default; No. 2: Corinne Pasley (LS) d. Maranon Swasey, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Amanda Moccia (LS) d. Sarah Jose, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Amanda Khoury (LS) d. Mo Bohr, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Lauren Sims and Lindsey Hostetter (LS) d. Katie Girsks and Tracy Lytle, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; No. 2: Michele Cilia and Erica Shy (S) d. Laura Dulade and Julie Francisco, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Stacey Ward and Shobha Narasimham (S) d. Val Buxton and Lauren Kelly, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Andrea Havener and Karen Dimpoulos (LS) d. Kate McKinley and Laura Burton, 6-4, 6-0.

Chiefs blank Zebras

Canton lost just one set in its 8-0 white-washing of Wayne Memorial Monday afternoon. The Chiefs improved their record to 2-3.

"Wayne has some good players, but our girls all played well," Canton coach Barb Lehman said. "I've seen a lot of improvement in the girls."

games and their strategy over the past couple of weeks."

Canton travels to Northville Friday to tangle with the Mustangs.

Canton 8, Wayne Memorial 0

Sept. 13 at Wayne Memorial High School

No. 1 singles: Chelsea Darouie (C) d. Kelly Harris, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Katie Bedard (C) d. Becky Sikora, 6-4, 7-5; No. 3: Emily Hoernschmeyer (C) d. Crystal Beaver, 6-1, 6-4; No. 4: Ashley Madau (C) d. Jessica Novack, 6-7, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Laura McKendry and Jennifer Martin (C) d. Kristie Homer and Chelsea Cooney, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Sheela Ramesh and Dani Reinhardt (C) d. Sandy Huff and Sara Michael, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Natalie Slupek and Heidi Phillips (C) d. Oriana Davis and Kelly McDonald, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Lauren Reed and Liz Schaefer (C) d. Sylvia Hipke and Lindsay Thurman, 6-3, 6-0.

Wildcats derailed

Plymouth's record dropped to 1-3-1 Monday following a 6-2 loss to Walled Lake Western. Bright spots for the Wildcats included victories at No. 1 doubles (Kinnari Patel and Natalie Maurer) and No. 4 doubles (Kirsten Schroeder and Katie Hughes).

Plymouth returns to action Friday when it hosts Wayne Memorial.

Walled Lake Western 6, Plymouth 2

Sept. 13 at Plymouth High School

No. 1 singles: Reva Berman (WLW) d. Sarah Hillegonds, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Jayshree Mahajan (WLW) d. Kelly Armbruster, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Asilda Dhembi (WLW) d. Chelsea Woodruff, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Erin Goldman (WLW) d. Stephanie Hagen, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Kinnari Patel and Natalie Maurer (P) d. Carrie Dubin and Danielle Weeratuaga, 7-6(4), 6-7(4), 6-2; No. 2: Jessica Gilbert and Lindsay Hayes (WLW) d. Lauren Smith and Ali Gasorski by default; No. 3: Nikki Burnstein and Kendra Colbert (WLW) d. Emily Wong and Amanda Hastings, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; No. 4: Kirsten Schroeder and Katie Hughes (P) d. Kelly Doherty and Killa Muthukuda, 6-4, 6-4.

Meeting Notice to the Public

The **ELECTION COMMISSION** of the Charter Township of Canton will meet:
Monday, September 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk
First Floor of the Administration Building
1150 South Canton Center Road
Canton, Michigan

*to consider the following AGENDA:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Order of Business: To approve the Absent Voter Counting Board and Precinct Inspector assignments

Adjourn
All interested residents are invited to attend.

Access to Public Meetings

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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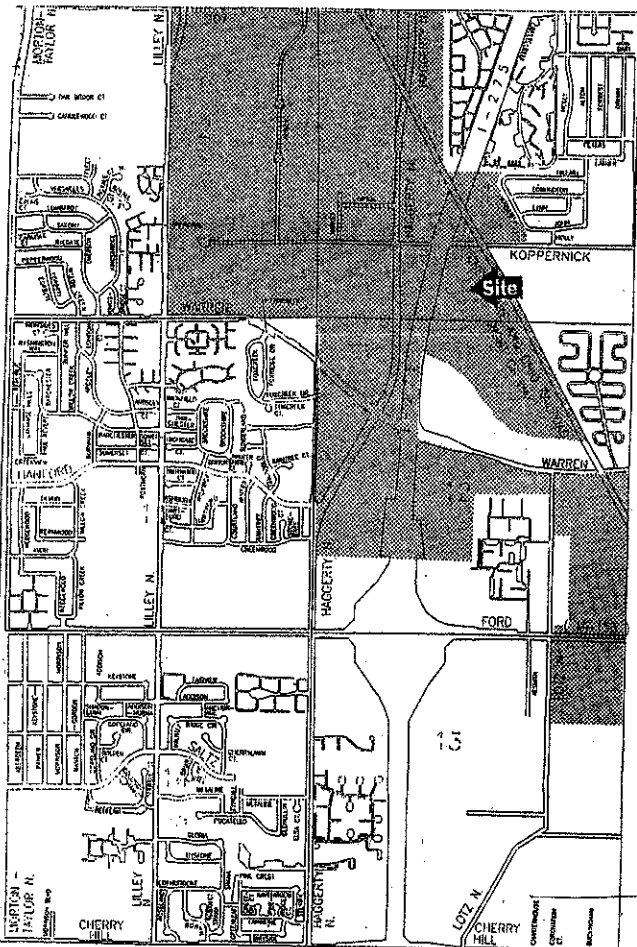
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Schuler Incorporated for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their facility located at 7145 Commerce Boulevard within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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Northeast Canton Industrial Development District Site Location Map



Terry G. Bennett
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 30th, 2004 for the following:

CANTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE AND CALENDAR 2005

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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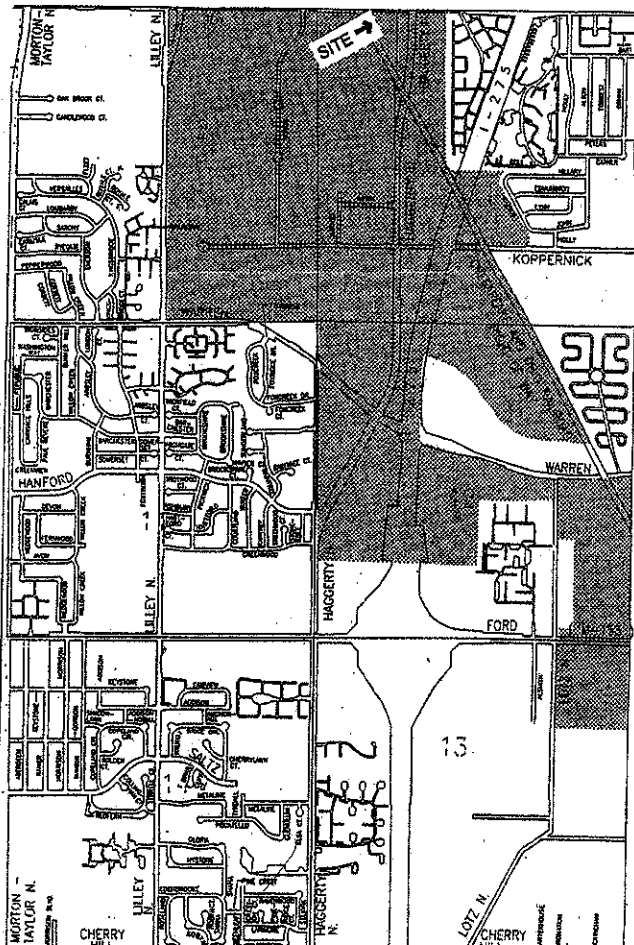
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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Metaltec Steel Abrasive Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property for their facility located at 41155 Joy Road within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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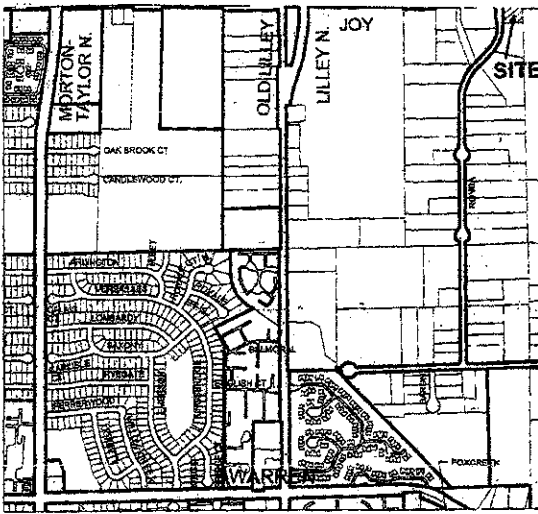
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SECTION 2

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, prior to Thursday, September 16, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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SPORTS ROUNDUP
P-C GIRLS HOCKEY WORKOUTS

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls unified high school hockey team is holding conditioning skates on Fridays in September and October at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton. The workouts will run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15.

There are also conditioning skates planned for Sept. 24 and Oct. 22, with times to be determined.

Tryouts for the team will be held Oct. 27-29 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Arctic Edge. Girls currently attending either Plymouth, Canton or Salem high schools may try out for the team.

A sports physical is required before trying out. Any questions can be directed to Beth Rowley at rowleysb@comcast.net.

T-BIRD TRYOUTS

Fall tryouts and registration for the Canton Thunderbirds will be held Saturday at Heritage Park, which is located off Canton Center Rd. in Canton. Fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade girls will begin at 10 a.m. while students in grades eighth thru 10th will begin at noon.

Registration begins 30 minutes prior to the tryout time. Players with all levels of experience are invited. Assistant coaches are also needed.

For more information, e-mail playfastpitch@hotmail.com; or call (734) 737-9968.

ADULT HOCKEY

Several fall adult hockey leagues will be forming soon in Plymouth and Canton. Games will be played at the Plymouth Arena and Arctic Pond in Plymouth, and the Arctic Edge in Canton.

The league schedule will run from Sunday through April 3, and games will be played Sunday evenings.

Three over-21 divisions for men and women will be offered as well as two over-50 leagues. There will also be a senior over-50 drop-in session offered Tuesday and Friday mornings at the Arctic Pond beginning Tuesday.

For more information and registration forms, visit www.rspi.net; call John Wilson at (734) 927-1267; e-mail john@rspi.net; or call the Arctic Pond Arena at (734) 207-7663.

NORTHVILLE REC OFFERINGS

The Northville Parks & Recreation department will be offering the following programs beginning in September:

- Adult volleyball leagues – both women's and co-ed – will start Monday and run 12 weeks. The entry fee is \$220 per team.
- Drop-in co-ed adults 50+ volleyball will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The fee is \$1.
- A women's fall basketball league will run from Sept. 27 to Dec. 6. Teams will play 10 games each. The fee is \$395 per team.
- Open competitive-style badminton will be offered Tuesday and Friday nights. The nightly fee is \$7.
- Open table tennis will be offered Mondays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. The fee is \$4 per day.

For more information on these programs, call (248) 449-9947.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department will be held Sunday at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads. The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For \$100, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a T-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following golf.

There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions available to the golfers.

For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
IN THE COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special School Election has been called to be held in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on the 28th day of September, 2004, for the purpose of voting on the following propositions:

TAX LIMITATION PROPOSAL - OPERATING MILLAGE

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the School District to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed in any one year for all purposes upon non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property situated within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of twenty (20.00) mills on each dollar (\$20.00 per \$1,000) of taxable value, for a period of ten (10) years, from December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2014, with eighteen (18) mills of the total being a renewal of a previously voted millage authorization which would otherwise expire on June 30, 2005, which millage would provide estimated revenues to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools of Twenty-Eight Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Eight and 00/100 (\$28,893,828.00) Dollars during the 2004 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes?

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$108,945,000.00) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

- Remodeling, re-equipping and furnishing elementary, middle school and high school buildings and other facilities;
- Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school building;
- Acquiring, a site for a new elementary school building and developing and improving sites for elementary, middle school and high school buildings, other facilities and playgrounds;
- Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and technology equipment; and
- Acquiring school buses?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.40 mills (which is equal to \$0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.94 mills annually (\$0.94 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

(PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, EXPENDITURE OF BOND PROCEEDS MUST BE AUDITED, AND THE PROCEEDS CANNOT BE USED FOR TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR OR EMPLOYEE SALARIES, REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE COSTS OR OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all duly qualified and registered electors may vote at said Election. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Local Time, and the voting place for each of the precincts will be as follows:

- Precinct No. 1 - CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3.
- Precinct No. 2 - GALLIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The second precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 10 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 21.
- Precinct No. 3 - ISBISTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.
- Precinct No. 4 - EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 1 and all of City Precinct No. 4.
- Precinct No. 5 - ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.
- Precinct No. 6 - WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township.
- Precinct No. 7 - FARRAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 8, and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township.
- Precinct No. 8 - FIEGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 30 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 32.
- Precinct No. 9 - MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.
- Precinct No. 10 - HULSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.
- Precinct No. 11 - ERIKSSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 34.
- Precinct No. 12 - FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 29 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 31.
- Precinct No. 13 - CANTON HIGH SCHOOL The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 27, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 35, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 36, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 37, and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.
- Precinct No. 14 - BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7, Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11, and Plymouth Township Precinct No. 17.
- Precinct No. 15 - PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 16.
- Precinct No. 16 - TONDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.
- Precinct No. 17 - HOBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.
- Precinct No. 18 - BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26.

The following statement has been received from the Treasurer for the Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the School District.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby that, as of August 24, 2004 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

PLYMOUTH – CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Wayne, Washtenaw Counties Plymouth, Canton, Northville Townships and Plymouth City Wayne County, Michigan			
Local Unit	Date Of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2004 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2004 Indefinitely
Regional Educational Service Agency	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2004 Indefinitely
	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2004 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2004 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	0.25 mills	2004 thru 2005
Wayne Count Comm. College	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2004
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	June 12, 1995	18 mills	2005

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Wayne County Treasurer

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Friday, August 27, 2004, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan is as follows:

Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes.

	Purpose Of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration Of Millage
Charter Township of Superior	Police	0.8929	
	Fire	0.9125	2003
	Fire	2.3484	2004
Plymouth-Caton Community Schools	Operating Non Homestead	18	2005
Salem South Lyon District Library	Operating	1.1316	Indefinite
Salem Township	Allocated		
	Operating	0.8598	Indefinite
Schoolcraft College	All Purpose	0.7916	Indefinite
	All Purpose	0.6094	Indefinite
	All Purpose	0.3957	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College	Operating	0.9611	2011
	Operating	0.5919	Indefinite
	Operating	0.8121	2007
	Operating	1.0497	Indefinite
Washtenaw County	Operating	4.6384	Indefinite
	HOMA	0.2154	Indefinite
	Natural Areas	0.2458	2011
	Parks	0.2415	2009
	Parks	0.2401	2007
Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency	Special Ed	1.5	Indefinite
	Operating	0.278	Indefinite
	Operating	0.0687	Indefinite
	Special Ed	0.93	Indefinite
	Special Ed	0.9378	Indefinite
	Total	38.6524	

Dated: September 16, 2004

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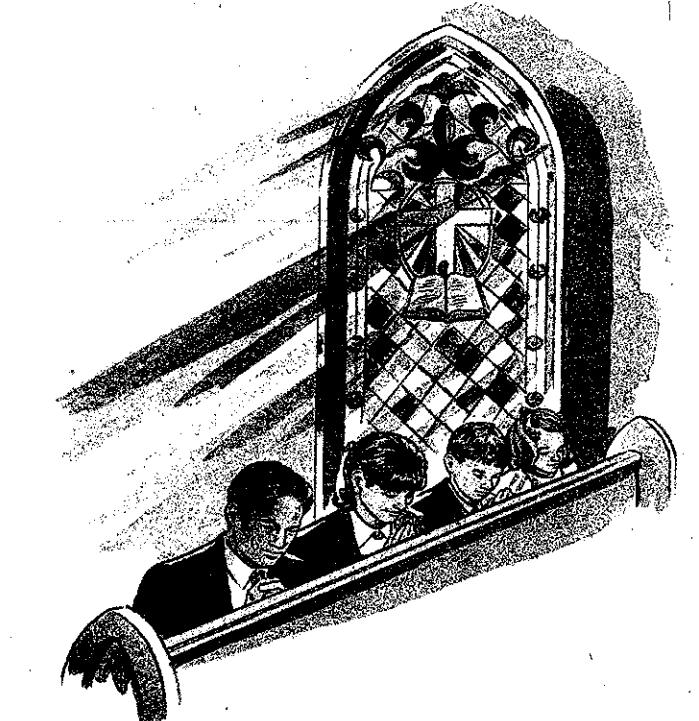
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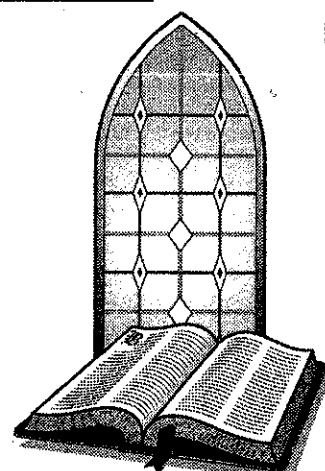
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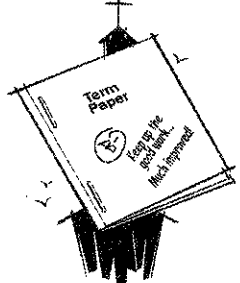
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The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

SEPTEMBER

Forty Days class

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church is opening their doors to the community for the fall class "The Purpose Driven Life," a six-week study based on the best selling book by Rick Warren, begins Thursday, Sept. 16 with morning class 9:30-11 a.m. and evening class 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the church on the north side of Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Discover the answer to the question you have sometimes asked yourself, "What on earth am I here for?" This study is also known as the "40 days of Purpose" and is a small group Bible study. Pre-register by calling (734) 427-1414 and leave your name, address and phone number.

Stronger Women

Walking group, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers, coffee social, fun and fellowship 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 to Nov. 18, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration fee \$25, walk-ins \$5. Baby-sitting \$2 per child, \$4 per family per session. For more information, call (248) 661-9191.

Youth Rally

Pregnancy Centers of Southeastern Michigan presents Truth & Purity Youth Rally 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$8 at door, \$20 for groups of 5 or more. Speaker is super model Kim Alexis, music by eightysixdrama & Katie Arnold, emcee is tri-athlete Brad Seng. Art competition with prizes. For more information or to register, call (248) 293-0070.

Faith to Freedom Forum

8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 18, topics include charitable choice, education, religion in the electoral political process, at First Baptist Church, 21200 Southfield Road, north of 8 Mile, Southfield. Call (248) 569-2972

Forty Days campaign

During 40 Days of Purpose people will experience the truths about God's purposes in worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism through a weekly message by the Pastor, small group fellowship, personal family daily devotional readings and scripture memory verses beginning 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Warren Road Light & Life Church, Westland. For more information or to become involved, call Pastor David Powless at (734) 458-7301.

Lay caregiver workshop

The Role of Faith Development in Pastoral Care workshop will be held 2:30-4:40 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration required so that staff may prepare adequate materials for participants, call (248) 476-8860. Presented by Anne Hampson of Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, the workshop will help lay caregivers achieve a new way of thinking and attending to their care receivers.

B Jazz Vespers

The Mark Moultrup Group 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at First Baptist Church, corner of Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward, Birmingham. Free parking in adjacent lot. A free will offering is taken for musicians. Vespers features 100 minutes of secular jazz performance and 20 minutes for a non-sectarian worship interlude between two jazz sets. For more information, call (248) 644-0550.

Bible studies

Birmingham Bible Institute begins its fall semester Sept. 21 with classes on 12 Tuesday evenings through Dec. 7. 22-courses will be taught, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. Students receive certificates for courses successfully completed. For information, call (248) 646-2000.

Grief support programs

At Hope Lutheran Church, 3640 Madison at Carlyle, Dearborn. Families are encouraged to attend together as age-specific groups are offered within one convenient loca-

tion. All are welcome. Six week series for ages 13-17 begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. Adult six week series begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. To register, call Howe-Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561-6163.

Neighborhood picnic

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association is planning an End of Summer Picnic for all residents living between Joy and West Chicago and Inkster and Beech Daly in Redford 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Trinity Church of the Brethren on the corner of W. Chicago and Inkster. For more information or to make a donation for the picnic, call the church at (313) 937-1199.

Free car wash

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago (corner of W. Chicago and Inkster in Redford) will hold a free car wash 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25. Absolutely no donations will be accepted. Cars will be washed as neighborly expression of God's love and in the hope that the good deed will be passed on. Also, free coffee will be served.

Road Rally

An adult scavenger hunt which involves a variety of puzzles to solve as you race other teams in the metro, Detroit area, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, meet in library at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 East 14 Mile, five blocks east of Woodward on the north side of road, Birmingham. Cost is \$5 per person if you bring a food dish (per every two people) for culminating potluck. For more information or to register your team, call Todd or Jessica Merz at (248) 414-4511, or Our Shepherd Lutheran Church at (248) 646-6100.

Forty Days

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia join a worldwide network of thousands of churches when it launches its 40 Days of Purpose Campaign Saturday, September 25, at Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia. Inspired by remarkable stories of spiritual renewal and growth, an estimated 13,000 churches from 60 denominations have experienced the purpose-driven phenomena inspired by a California pastor Rick Warren's best-selling book. Following its 40 Days of Purpose Campaign two years ago, Saddleback Church baptized 671 new believers, added almost 1,200 new members, and increased average attendance by 2,000. During the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign at St. Paul's, the truths about God's five purposes for people - worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism - will be communicated with an all-church simulcast seminar 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, a weekly message by the pastor, a personal or family daily devotional reading, a weekly Scripture verse that everyone memorizes, a weekly small group or Sunday school lesson, and a daily e-mail of encouragement. All are welcome to join St. Paul's in this six-week study. For information, call (734) 422-1470.

Biblical Message Preparation

Women's Ministry Program presents a program 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, with featured speaker Rosalie de Rosset, at William Tyndale College, 35700 West 12 Mile at Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$50, includes lunch. For more information, call Lynn Karidis at (248) 553-7200, ext. 511.

Forty Days

Woodside Bible Church will explore the answer to that question by sponsoring small group studies of Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life" beginning Saturday, September 25, at 3193 Rochester Road, Troy. For 40 days, attendees will read a short chapter from the book each day. At the weekly small group meeting, a video from Rick Warren will be viewed which discusses what will be read in the book that week, and then a moderated discussion period will follow. The study will include a copy of the book and the accompanying study guide which will be provided at no cost to the study group attendees as a gift from Woodside Bible Church. These small groups will be held at different days and times throughout the week. Space and supplies are limited, early registration is requested. Any questions or registration information can be directed to Keith Wissman of Woodside Bible Church at Woodside40DDP@aol.com, or call (248) 854-2376. Send name(s), mailing address, e-mail, telephone numbers,

both daytime and evening, and preferred days and times for your study group.

Forty Days

Begins 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Dearborn Heights. This will be followed by weekly Sunday worship services beginning 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, and home-based book discussions. Call (313) 274-3820.

Case for a Creator

Live via satellite: "The Case for a Creator" with Lee Strobel 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power Road, between 10 & 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-9144.

Strobel's latest research points toward "The Case for a Creator." Strobel, a former legal affairs editor for the Chicago Tribune, uses the latest scientific studies and discoveries to help make the case. Strobel is the award-winning author of a number of best-selling books, including the award-winning The Case for Christ and his latest bestseller The Case for a Creator. Joining Strobel on the broadcast are Stephen C. Meyer, Ph.D., D., the Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Science and Culture at the Discover Institute in Seattle, and author and speaker Mark Mittelberg. They will also answer questions from viewers.

New contemporary service

Beginning 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, new contemporary service will be held the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. Sept. 26 drama is a look into the problem of being overloaded with requests for our time and abilities. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Church Women United

Area 2 meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29, theme is Promoting Peace: Prayers, Plans, Projects, at First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, east of Farmington Road. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 926-5390.

Rummage/bake sale

Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 (admission \$2). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Anyone who would like to donate items for the bake sale can deliver them to the church 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. Call (734) 422-0149.

Bible Study

Focusing on the book of Joshua, began 9:15 a.m. (to 11:30 a.m.) Thursday, Sept. 9, at Beverly Hills Church, 20000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen. For more information, call (248) 642-7707 or (248) 540-0661.

Bible lecture series

"Is There Hope in the Apocalypse?" Bible prophecy lecture series began 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, with "What Does the Future Hold?", at Cherry Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Meetings continue Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday nights for several weeks. No charge. Open to everyone. Childcare provided.

Worship schedule

Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept. 12, at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Forth is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

New modern-style worship

Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Just north of I-96) began a new MODERN-style worship service on Sunday, Sept. 12. This multi-media service will be informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, will often be part of this service. This service will be held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth, and adult Bible classes will also be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman,

Outreach Director, at (734) 522-6830.

New service times

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept. 12 for the fall and winter months, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

Crack the code

Began 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, continues through Thursday, Sept. 30, Crack The Da Vinci Code, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer, and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance #2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley (734) 464-3656, or Geri (734) 464-8906.

Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Crafters needed

For annual craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 26431 West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford. For an application, call (313) 937-2880 and leave a message.

Noah's Ark Christian Preschool

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Square, Wayne. Call (734) 595-6002. Students are taught phonics, Bible verse, sign language, numbers and letter recognition, craft and songs. Morning and afternoon sessions available for fall 2004-2005. Cost is \$30 a week for three-day program, \$20 a week for two days.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

A workshop for those going through divorce, contemplating divorce, or divorced for any length of time to help heal and grow began 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 and continues to Sept. 30, at First Presbyterian Church Northville. New facilitators and some new speakers. For more information, call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

UPCOMING

Journey in Song

Birmingham Temple's Vivace Music Series present soprano Jennifer Larson sings selections ranging from baroque to modern, including Mark Gottlieb's When Autumn Never Ends 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$21. \$18 students/seniors. Call (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 15-17, and Nov. 19-21, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wfwm.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

Fall Boutique

Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Jude Circle), West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. Call Nancy at (313) 937-1741 or Joan at (313) 937-1670.

School registrations

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School (9600 Laverne, Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year. After-school

care available 3-6 p.m. For more information, call (313) 937-2233.

Registration time

Our Lady of Good Counsel is now taking registrations for the 2004-05 school year in the K-8 program. Call Principal Kay Reilly or secretary Terri O'Connor for information at (734) 453-3053.

New Sunday School

Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.

Synagogue services

Services are 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

ONGOING

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

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ELEANOR "BOSSENBERGER" WOODARD

Beloved wife of the late Sheldon Fletcher. Loving mother of Sharon (Roderick) Jacob, Karen Richard, Kathryn (Jesse) Snyder and the late Sheldon Fletcher Jr. Proud grandmother of ten and six great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Florence Drkanic and Shirley McLanahan. Visitation Friday 6-9pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Funeral Saturday at 11:30am at the funeral home.

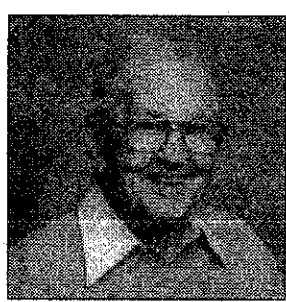


NANCY JO HOWARD

Of Farmington Hills for 34 years, age 60, died at home Sunday, September 12, 2004 of multiple myeloma. A funeral mass was held Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23815 Power Road, Farmington, with scripture service at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. In addition to being a homemaker, she was Vice President of Copeland-Gibson Products Corp., a Troy based manufacturing company she owned with her husband. Nancy was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Meadowbrook Country Club and was a past president of the Farmington Branch of Women's National Farm and Garden Association. She is survived by Ray, her husband of 38 years; children Helen Sue (Jim) Morgan, Ann, Charles and Emily; grandchildren Andrew, Sarah, Allison and William Morgan; mother Madelon Hayward; sister Mary Helen Kaser, Susan (Bud) Siudara, Bill (Rondi) Hayward. Those desiring may direct memorial contributions to the Bone Marrow Transplant Emergency Medical Needs, Henry Ford Health System, Philanthropy Office, 1 Ford Place, 5A Detroit, MI 48202 or the McCarty Cancer Foundation, 27387 Woodward Ave., Berkeley, MI 48072. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com for more information.

INEZ FAIK SAKO

Age 73. Passed away September 14, 2004. Resident of Sun City Center, FL. Formerly of Farmington Hills, MI. Survived by Astrit Sako. Loving Mother of Al Sako, Gregory Sako, Shari Sako-Bogan, Karen Sako, Douglas (Jennifer) Sako and Wendy Sako. Proud Grandmother of Kyle Bogan and Jessica Bojan. Inez was a talented artist who enjoyed many forms of artistry, including Japanese painting and Photography. Funeral service for family and friend Monday, 11:00am at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.) Visitation Saturday 3pm-7pm and Sunday 2pm-8pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and the Karmanos Cancer Foundation.



WILLIAM JOHN KOPPEL

(1914-2004), better known to his friends and family as "Bub", passed away Saturday at his daughter's house in Livonia. Throughout his life, he kept active, working as an inspector in a gun factory, building himself a house in Livonia, working and retiring from General Motors. He loved traveling with his wife, Carolyn Koppel (1914-1993). Together they saw much of the U.S., venturing into Canada and Mexico. He was always full of life, from riding bicycles at Indian Lake Campgrounds at age 75, to roller-skating at age 80, and bowling at age 87. He volunteered at Angela Hospice-Livonia and Lighthouse Hospice in Southfield. He gave up his more active pursuits after getting a hip replacement, and instead joined the Laurel Park's Mallwalkers which brought him happiness and companionship. He is survived by four children (William, Thomas, Carolyn, Marilyn), nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A private service will be held in Hillsdale for family only. Family requests memorial contributions to Hospice of Henry Ford (Plymouth Division) P.O. Box 02220 Detroit, MI., 48202.

JACK V. WALKER

September 10, 2004 age 80 retired mortgage banker for National City Bank. Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee, Moore). Loving father of Robert Walker (Karen), Nancy O'Neil (Dennis) and Judith Rogers (Thomas). Preceded in death by infant daughter Janet. Loved by his 10 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Mon. Sept. 13, 2004, 1pm at Embury United Methodist Church, 1803 E. Fourteen Mile Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. Memorial tributes to the church. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-549-0500. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LORRAINE B. BLACK

Sept. 12, 2004, age 82 of Canton. Beloved wife of Harry. Dear mother of Cary (Jeri), Sanford (Kathy). Grandmother of Andrew, Gregory, Julie (Mark) Stanton, & Jacob. Great Grandmother of Sydney Stanton. Daughter of the late George & Francena. Sister of the late Ralph, Charles, Vernon, Francis, Kenneth, Glen, Elsie, Beratrice, Edith, Lillian, Ruth, Margaret, Madeline, & Helen. Funeral at The Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Thur. 1 PM. Friends may visit Wed. 3-9 pm. & Thurs. 11-1pm. Family requests memorials to Pastor Don Evislizer c/o First Baptist Church P.O. Box 476, Lewiston, MI 49756. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

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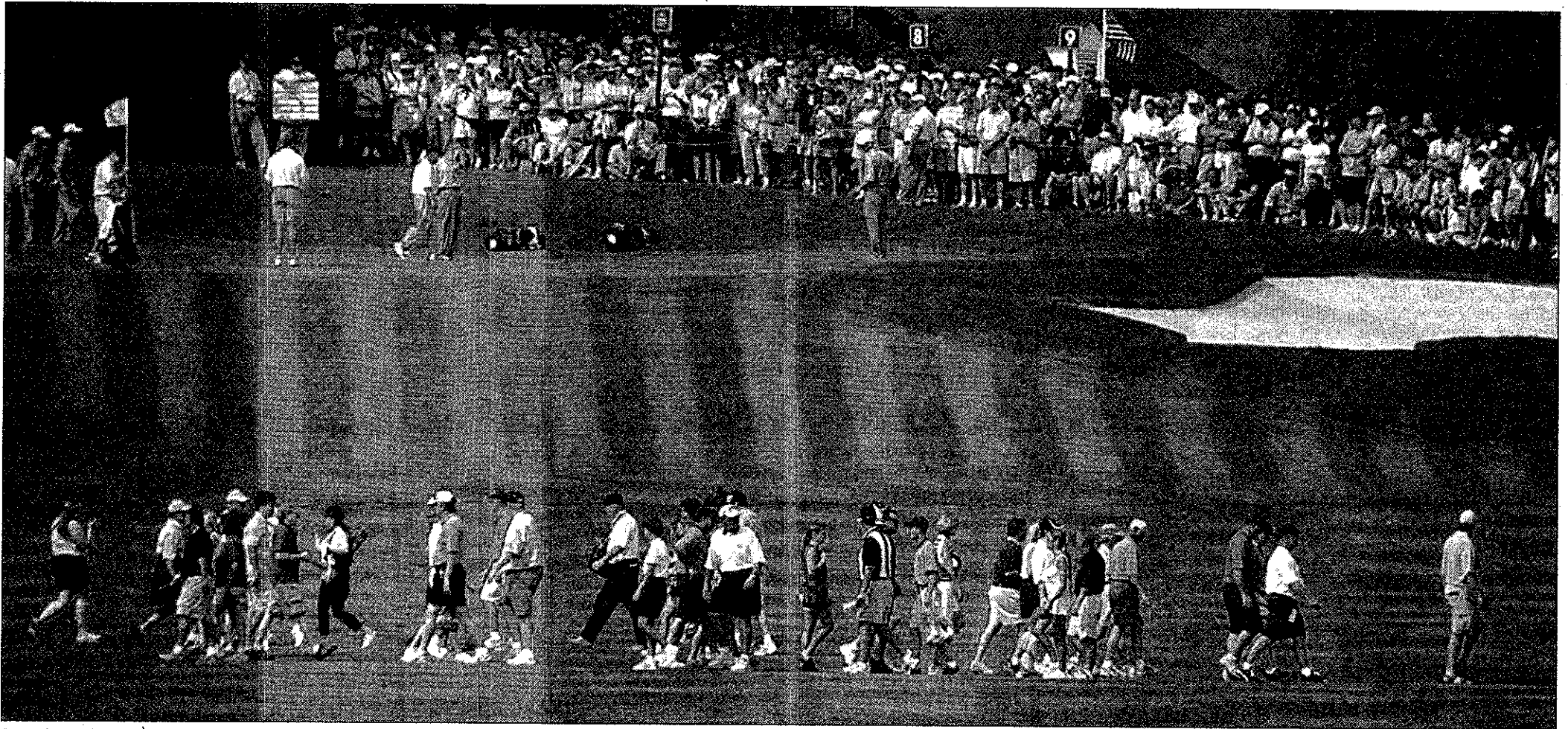
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A good crowd was on hand for practice rounds Tuesday at prestigious Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township.

Oakland Hills welcomes Ryder Cup

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER
PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE MCKEE
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

They came by the thousands from near and far to be part of one of the sporting world's great spectacles.

The wait finally ended early this week when Oakland Hills Country Club welcomed competitors, golf fans, politicians and celebrities from around the world for the historic 35th Ryder Cup Matches.

Tuesday's practice rounds officially marked the opening day for the event, bringing an estimated 40,000 spectators to the club each day. But Monday didn't go unnoticed, either.

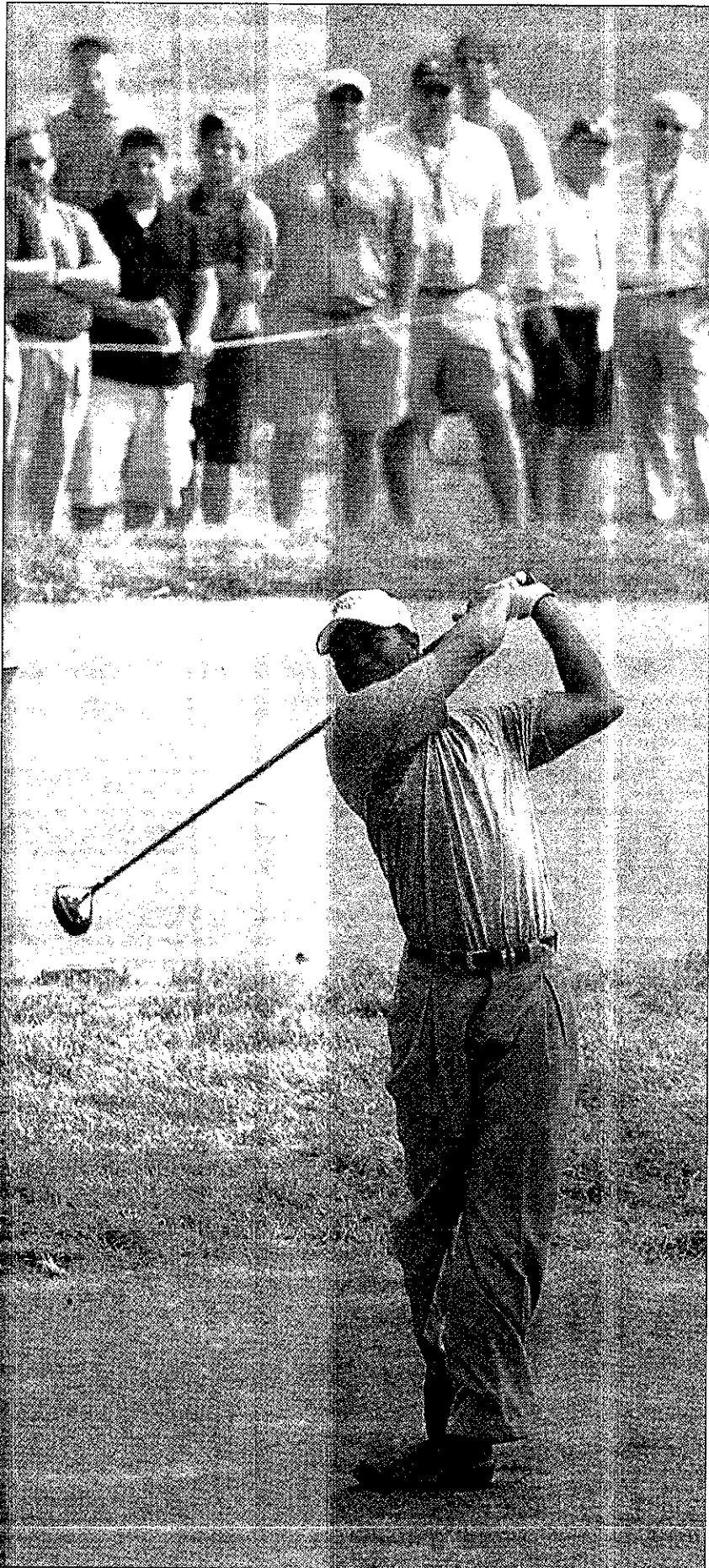
Hundreds of media types strolled the course and grounds, which have been converted into a small city filled with corporate chalets, a 35,000-square-foot gift "shop," a luxurious international pavilion, and a stage constructed for the opening and closing ceremonies that would make any rock band proud.

A few players got some early work in on becoming familiar with the South Course layout as well, sometimes drawing a small crowd to watch, other times left to ponder the course on their own.

Tiger Woods, easily the most recognized sports personality in the world, made time Monday to share his unique talents with fans during a clinic at Oakland University. On Tuesday, his first practice round drew a small army of spectators — and a handful of security.

In downtown Birmingham, golf fans milled about the Townsend Hotel, trying to get a glimpse of their favorite player. Rumors that Paul Newman also was staying at the ritzy hotel was the buzz all day Tuesday.

Tomorrow marks the first day of competition with the 12-man U.S. team seeking the necessary 14 1/2 points to regain possession of the prestigious trophy. But Ryder Cup-mania was in full swing long before the first match.



Always the center of attention at any PGA event, Tiger Woods drew big crowds during his first practice round at Oakland Hills Tuesday.



Meggie Allesee (center), Bloomfield Hills, has no problem seeing over the crowd with her Sportscope telescope during Ryder Cup practice rounds at Oakland Hills Tuesday.



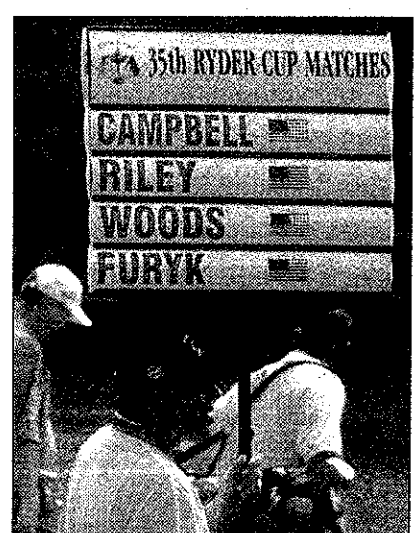
Elaine Rinehart, Beaver, Ohio, raises her hand to answer a Tiger Woods trivia question prior to his arrival at Monday's golf clinic held at Oakland University. "I just love him," said Rinehart about Woods.



U.S. Ryder Cup veteran Phil Mickelson pauses for a few moments with the press during a practice round on Monday.



Chelsea Guoynes, 11, came all the way from Traverse City with her favorite golf hat to watch practice rounds with her father John.



A sign of the times: Chad Campbell, Chris Riley, Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk are expected to bring the Ryder Cup trophy back to the U.S. when competition begins tomorrow.

Tomatoes are late, but still sweeten harvest

Rain fell throughout the summer and temperatures dipped into the low 50s and even into the upper 40s at times. Scattered among the stray weeds, my tomatoes sat. And sat. And sat.



Kitchen Kapers

Ken Abramczyk

My tomatoes were greener than the lawn. Over Labor Day weekend, my first ripened tomatoes arrived.

About three weeks ago, the coloring changed and they suddenly burst with a red glow. Cherry, grape, early girls and beefmasters all burned with a deep red delicious

color, as rich as the compost on the clay from which they sprang.

The produce sprawled across the kitchen counter. I could give some of these gems away, but me being the selfish gourmand I am, I've eaten them at least twice a day — chopped with scrambled eggs, stuffed into a grilled cheese sandwich, chopped for salsa and a sauce with basil. They create an easy sauce for pasta or rice and the sweetness really complements a dish of summer squash and zucchini with a little Italian seasoning.

Ripe tomatoes consist of about 93 percent water. Consuming 100 grams of these raw tomatoes provides 17 grams of carbohydrates, 3 grams of protein and 23 grams of vitamin C (or about 40 percent of the adult recommended daily allowance).

Cooked tomatoes contain lycopene. Lycopene is an antioxidant — it helps to counteract the harmful effects of substances called "free radicals," which are thought to contribute to many chronic diseases and age-related processes in the body, according to the California Tomato Commission.

Nearly every cuisine in the world today uses the tomato. In the United States, they are second only to the potato in consumption. Michigan tomatoes are a \$25 million business, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

In my book, nothing beats homemade canned tomatoes. You control the ingredients; you know when you picked them, what was used in the soil, and what was used on the plants. They make a tremendous chili sauce, so much more than the salted up paste you purchase that passes as chili sauce. *Putting Food By* by Hertzberg, Vaughan and Greene is a good source for canning information.

Best of all, these canned vegetables are all yours. Enjoy the harvest.

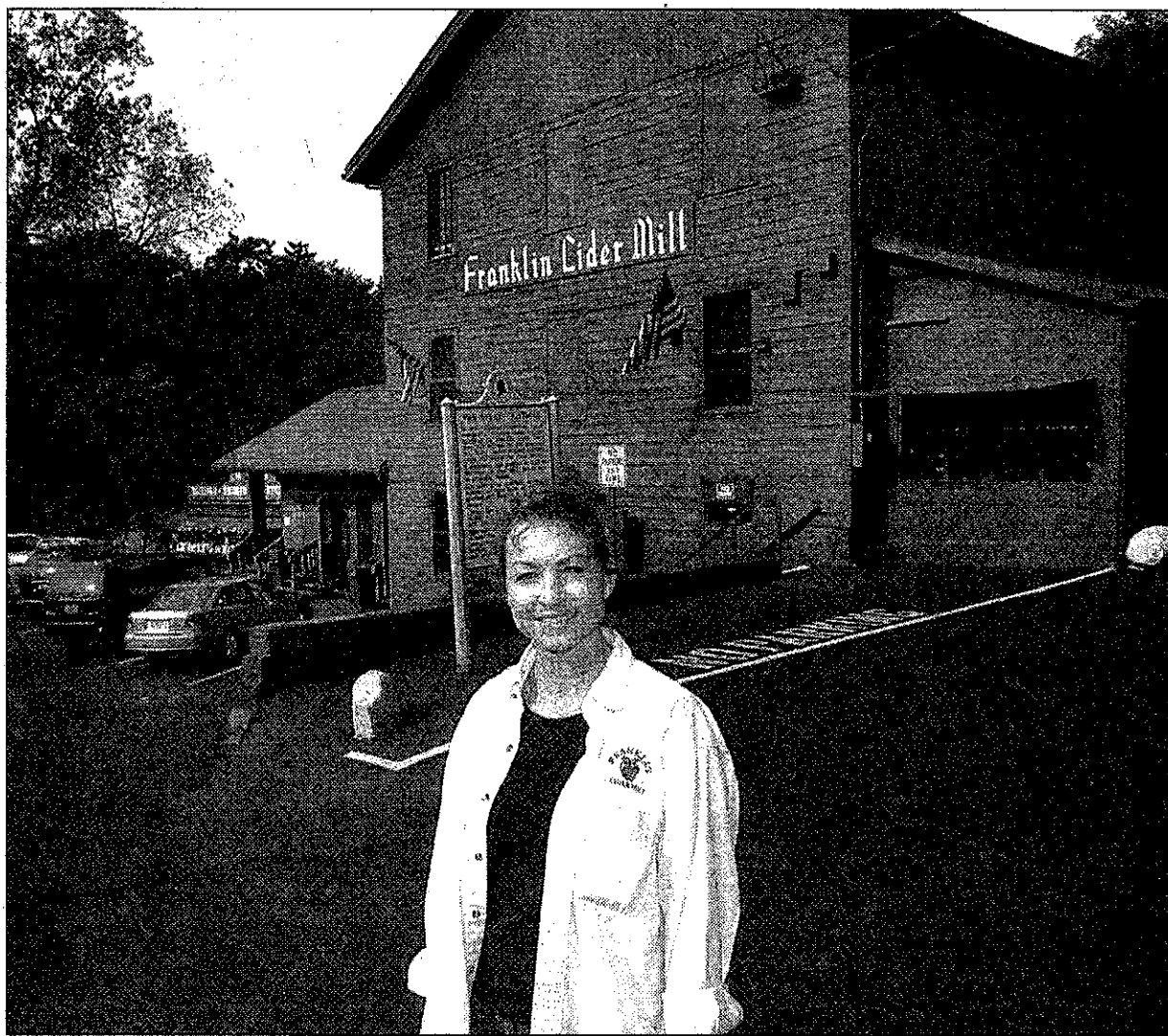
PESTO SAUCE FOR TOMATOES AND PASTA

- 2 cups fresh basil
- 2-4 cloves garlic (adjust to your own preference)
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup olive oil

Mix ingredients in a food processor until pureed, about two to three minutes. (For a variation, toast the pine nuts first in the oven at about 300°F for five minutes before processing them for the pesto.)

Add pesto sauce to your favorite cooked pasta with chopped tomatoes. You can also stir in your fresh green and red peppers, if you'd like. Garnish with freshly shredded asiago or parmesan on top for a fresh cheesy flavor. Pesto salads are great main dishes with your favorite bread.

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Susan Perry, manager of the Franklin Cider Mill, oversees the operations at the mill for about six months out of the year, then moves to Florida for her other job as a yacht captain.

How sweet it is

Franklin Cider Mill presses apples into a favorite fall beverage

It's that time of year when a visit or two — or more — to the Franklin Cider Mill delights all five senses.

Amid the smell of apples and cider, and the aroma of hot cinnamon spice doughnuts, and in the middle of the sights and sounds of this busy fall attraction, there's a woman who was first touched 25 years ago by everything about the cider mill.

Susan Perry has spent five to six months a year since then working at Franklin Cider Mill. Today, she is the manager, overseeing every aspect of the operations in this nationally recognized historical building. A former grist mill (where grain was ground), it became a cider mill in the mid-1880s.

Perry loves her job there. "I came here to work part time when I was a teenager in high school," said Perry. "I became hooked on everything about the cider mill and have continued to come back year after year because I love being here."

Perry, 40, added that she doesn't consider what she does a "real job" or work, although she often puts in 16-hour days. "We (the staff) all enjoy working at the mill and being a part of a tradition," Perry said.

When Perry is not running the cider mill, she lives in Florida and

PLEASE SEE APPLES, D2

BY SANDRA DALKAPRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Low-fat cooking: Braise ham with cider

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

High-fiber yams and modern lean pork are combined in this gently spiced, low-fat, low-calorie dish. Green apple wedges and mellow yams add pleasing late-summer flavor and color to the dish, as well as more than a pinch of good nutrition.

The recipe is in the section on main-course meat dishes in the *Reader's Digest Vegetables for Vitality* cookbook (Reader's Digest, 2004, \$29.95). Other sections offer recipes for using vegetables beneficially in most meals from breakfast through dessert treats, including vegetarian selections, for a total of 240 recipes, each shown in a color photo. The book is rounded out by a colorful A-to-Z guide to vegetables.

In this recipe, the editors point out that adding fresh fruit to a meat dish is a great way to include more vitamins and fiber in a meal. Sliced pears, halved kumquats,

orange sections or pineapple chunks could be used in this recipe in place of the apple.

CIDER-BRAISED HAM WITH YAMS AND APPLE

- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon apple cider
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped, peeled fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 yam or sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1 pound lean ham steak
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and cut into 12 wedges
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup diagonally sliced green part of scallions

In large skillet, stir together 1 cup of the cider, mustard, ginger and cloves. Bring to a simmer. Add yam slices. Cover tightly and simmer until partially tender, 15 minutes.

Add ham steak, covering with yam slices. Arrange apple wedges over top. Cover and simmer until apples and yam are tender and ham is heated through, 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, stir together cornstarch and the 1 tablespoon of cider until well blended.

With slotted spoon, remove ham, yams and apple from skillet to platter; cover with foil to keep warm.

Stir a little of hot pan liquid into cornstarch mixture until smooth. Stir cornstarch mixture into skillet. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until slightly thickened, about 1 minute.

Divide ham, yams and apples among 4 plates. Spoon skillet sauce over. Garnish with scallions.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 211 cal., 18 g pro., 25 g carbo., 4 g total fat (1 g saturated), 38 mg chol., 2 g fiber, 1,188 mg sodium.

Side dish

Frost it quick

Make, bake and frost a warm cake in just one hour. General Mills introduces Pour & Frost, a new level of convenience in ready-to-spread frosting. General Mills officials call Betty Crocker Pour &



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"Without having to wait hours for your cake to cool, you will find it that much easier to enjoy a homebaked cake any night of the week," said Paul. The new frosting is available nationally this fall for a suggested retail price of \$1.79.

Pears in season

Pears being in season, there's some timely information on this favorite fruit offered among food and cooking features in *All You* magazine's premiere issue.

On a shopping trip for pears, look for these varieties:

Anjou: Slightly sweet, best eaten fresh or poached. Not good in pies.

Bartlett: Thin-skinned, juicy when ripe, highly versatile.

Bosc: Firm texture, nutty aroma. Great for poaching and in pies, muffins and preserves. Good to eat firm or very ripe.

Comice: The juiciest of all pears when ripe. Great to eat raw and in salads. Not good cooked.

Forelle: Small, very sweet with dense flesh. OK for pies.

Seckel: Similar to Forelle in size, texture and flavor. Too small for pies, but good in jams and preserves.

A tip for cooks: Remember that pear skin tastes bitter when cooked. Peel the fruit before using.

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"works" her other job - she's captain of a luxury yacht. "How fortunate I am to be able to live such an exciting life," she said.

While being a boat captain has required formal education and training, Perry acquired her cider mill expertise strictly by doing just about every task required to assure a successful operation.

Her passion for the business and her determination to offer the best products and services has been recognized and appreciated by the owner. Jack Peltz, a well-known grocer, bought Franklin Cider Mill in 1963. He died in July, leaving the mill to his widow, Eleanor Peltz.

"I learned what was needed so the mill can thrive," said the self-taught manager. "Luckily, over the years, I've been able to initiate changes and offer new products and services that keep customers coming to the mill. Many of our longtime customers, who first came as children and then brought their own children to watch the

apples being pressed for cider, are now bringing their grandchildren."

Although other offerings, such as candy apples, caramel apples and the hot doughnuts ("the secret recipe is kept in a vault") are available, cider, which is made from a minimum of seven-eight varieties of apples, is the mill's main product. "The cider gets sweeter as the season progresses because the apples get sweeter as the weather gets colder," Perry said. She added that it takes 60 bushels of apples to get 130-150 gallons of cider.

Speaking of apples, Perry's mother, Mary Tondreau, is known as the "apple lady" at the mill. She's in charge of the sale of the up to 25 varieties of apples sold individually, by the bag or by the bushel. "Customers can come to the mill to get the apples they need for baking or canning," Perry said.

In addition to her mother, who is known for her pie crust (recipe below), some of her 11 brothers and sisters have or are working at the mill. "It's great to have help from my family members, who all live in the metro Detroit area," Perry said.

Always call ahead to check availability of fruit.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture publishes a directory of farmers markets, U-pick farms, cider mills and more. For a copy of the 2004-05 Farm Market, U-Pick and Ag-Tourism Directory call the Michigan Department of Agriculture at (800) 292-3939, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Information from the guide is at www.mda.state.mi.us/market/u-pick/.

Here are some nearby apple orchards and cider mills to visit.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

■ Spicer Orchards Farm Market and Cider Mill, (810) 632-7692 - U.S. 23, (three miles north of M-59 to Clyde Road, exit east 1/4 mile). Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Currently has Ginger Gold, Molly's Delicious, and McIntosh ready for picking.

MACOMB COUNTY

■ Blake's Big Apple Orchard, (586) 784-9710 - One mile

south of downtown Armada at North Avenue and 33 Mile Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Currently has Jonafree, Ginger Gold, Wealthy, Honey Crisp, McIntosh, Early Fuji, Gala and Molly Delicious for picking.

■ n Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill, (586) 784-5343 - Run by same family as Blake's Big Apple Orchard, 17985 Armada Center Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

■ Hy's Cider Mill, (586) 798-3611, Romeo. Van Dyke, north of Romeo to 37 Mile Road. One-and-a-half miles west of Van Dyke, south of Almont. Opens Sept. 14, weekends only. Cider, apples, doughnuts, jams, jellies, up-pick apples and pumpkins. Call first.

OAKLAND COUNTY

■ Ashton Orchards & Cider Mill, Ortonville (248) 627-6671. I-75 to Sashabaw Road, exit 89. Orchard is 1/8 mile west of Sashabaw at 3925 Seymour Lake Road, and more to follow. Cortland, Gayla, McIntosh, Honey Gold and Paula Red are currently available. No U-pick. Hours: Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

■ Erwin Orchards & Cider Mill, (248) 437-4701 - Between Milford and South Lyon, 61475 Silver Lake Road. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ginger Gold, Cortland, Gayla and McIntosh are available, along with Empire, Honey Crisp,

Northern Spy and Golden Red.

■ Franklin Cider Mill in Bloomfield Township, (248) 626-2968, 7450 Franklin at 14 Mile Road. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

■ Long Family Orchard & Farm, (248) 360-3774 - On Commerce Road (west of Bogie Lake Road) Commerce Township. McIntosh and Cortland are available. U-pick hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call ahead.

■ Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, (248) 651-8361 - Three miles northwest of Rochester on Orion Road (between Adams and Rochester Roads). Cider mill open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Historic old grist mill setting. Cider and doughnuts for sale.

■ n Rochester Cider Mill in Oakland Township, (248) 651-4224, 5125 Rochester Road, two miles north of Rochester. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. No U-pick.

■ Yates Cider Mill, (248) 651-8300, located at 1990 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills, (near 23 Mile Road at Dequindre). Open daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The fall season is under way with cider, caramel apples and doughnuts.

■ Westview Orchards & Cider Mill of Romeo, (586) 752-3123, Romeo. 30 Mile at Van Dyke. Gala, Ginger Gold, McIntosh, Wealthy, Honey

Crisp and Cortland are currently available. Open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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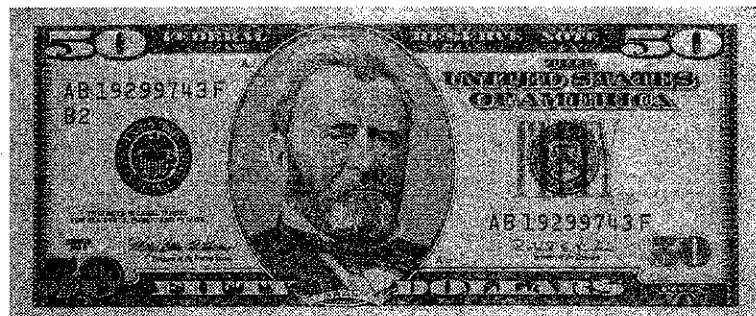
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APPLE RECIPES

into a circle approximately 7/8-inch thick and about 1-inch larger than size of pie pan. Loosen pastry from surface with spatula and fold in quarters. Gently lay pastry in pan and unfold it, fitting it to pan so it is not stretched.

Trim edge with scissors or sharp knife so pastry extends about 1/2-inch beyond edge of pan. Fold extra pastry under at edge and flute. Prick bottom and sides of shell with a fork. (Omit pricking if filling is baked in shell.)

Brush milk on crust. Bake at 450° F oven for 10 to 15 minutes until crust is light golden brown. Cool on rack.

Makes one 8- or 9-inch shell.

Recipe submitted by Mary Tondreau

APPLE JACK APPLE PIE

Cheese pastry for 2-crust pie (double recipe and cut in 1/2-cup finely shredded cheddar cheese to pastry recipe)

5 cups sliced pared apples

1 cup sugar

3 tablespoons cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 cup Applejack

4 teaspoons currant jelly

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Prepare 9-inch pie shell; roll out remaining pastry for top crust. Set aside.

APPLE USAGE

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Cooking classes

For a registration fee, you can sign up for Cuisine du Jour Hands-on Culinary Training with Shawn Loving, owner and chef of the Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16. Celebrate the harvest with Loving's Sage Dusted Turkey Scallopini with Mushroom and Leek Fondue, Maple Glazed Pork Loin with Carmalized Fennel and Corn Ya-Ya, Fresh Up Town Slaw with Papaya, Blood Orange and Pears, Sweet Fig and Lemon Tarts with Raspberry Sauce. Chef Keith Famie will be the instructor for a Southeastern Asian Epicurean Journey 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. You can see a Wolf product presentation (a free class) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 or Dec. 14 at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke, in Auburn Hills. For more information, visit www.trevarrowinc.com or call (800) 482-1948.

Food for Life

Plant-based foods have gone mainstream as millions are learning that they help prevent disease and make the world a better place to live. This class presented by Veggies in Motion, includes an educational talk, cooking demos with samples, starter kit and a CD to take home, short video and more. The class is 7-9 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 20 at the Livonia Community Education facility ((734) 744-2602) and Sept. 22 at the Royal Oak Community Education class ((248) 588-5050); Sept. 20 and 27 at the Wayne County Community College. Call (734) 374-2700. In cooperation with Veggies in Motion; class schedules are at www.veggiesinmotion.org.

Achieve optimal health

Jim Corcoran, president of Veggies in Motion, a nonprofit group, will discuss Achieving Optimal Health, at 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver. Admission is free. Call (248) 524-3484 for information. Corcoran also will give the same lecture at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Bldg., 4640 Walnut Lake Road. For information on that discussion, call (248) 616-9676. Visit www.veggiesinmotion.org.

Fall Mushroom Mania

As the fall colors burst, so does the forest floor with mushrooms. A Fall Mushroom Mania at Springbrook Hills in northern Michigan brings guides to identify safe edibles and teach handling and preparation of delicious fall mushrooms. Outings are scheduled Sept. 24-26 and Oct. 1-3. Cost is \$179 per person, including two nights lodging in vacation homes, guided mushroom hunting and identification, and all meals featuring mushroom dishes and Leelanau Peninsula wine sampling at the Saturday evening dinner. Groups of six or more are \$169 per person; if no lodging is required, cost is \$124. Call (231) 535-2227 for information.

Vegan potluck

Bring a vegan dish to pass and watch Eating by Michael Anderson at 1 p.m. Sept. 26 at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Rd. in Livonia. This video covers all the deficiencies of the standard American diet. For information, call (313) 541-0162.

Cooking for your senses

Kim Banda, a local cook on Southfield City Cable 15, will demonstrate a how to prepare healthy meals 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 at the Southfield Public Library in the

Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road. Learn how to cook quick and simple but beautifully presented meals. Get tips on nutritious home cooked meals you can fit into your tight schedule. This is a good opportunity to point you to a new way of cooking, by simplifying daily meal preparation. This event is funded by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library and is free to the public, no registration required. Visit the Library's Home Page at www.sfldlib.org. For further information, please call the Library Guest Services Desk at (248) 796-4224 during regular library hours.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy

benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: Healing Foods For Your Body, Sept. 29, and Fall Cooking Series 2004 on Oct. 20 and 27. Wilson also offers a four-week Beginning Series, which she recommends as the "best place to start as the class is the most informative." The Beginning Series starts Sept. 21 and continues Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and Oct. 12. Dates for all classes and schedule changes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City and the fee for each class is \$25. Visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers corporate chef Tim Cikra will conduct a cooking demonstration featuring the Green Goddess Salad from Weight Watchers new "TurnAround" Program cookbook and select Smart Ones Tastings 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Millennium Park Center, Weight Watchers Center, 28517 Schoolcraft.

The center is open to the public. Readers may call 1(888) 3.FLORINE for further information.

Make Cider

Bring up to one bushel of washed apples and containers to make and take your own apple cider, using a hand-powered cider press at the Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center near Rochester on the following Sundays in October: Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31. Fee is \$3. Call the Nature Center at (586) 781-4621 to reserve a time.

Cider Saturday and Sunday

Use a cider press to make your own apple cider Saturday, Oct. 9, and Sunday, Oct. 10, at Indian Springs Metropark near Clarkston. Bring up to one bushel of washed apples, three clean one-gallon containers and cups. Pre-registration required, call for an appointment. Fee is \$3 per family or group. For more information or registration, contact the Indian Springs Nature Center at 1 (800) 477-3192 or (248) 625-7280.

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Cook up low-fat Asian beef and broccoli lettuce wraps

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wraps of all kinds have become mealtime mainstays. Foods are being tucked or rolled into a variety of edible folders, ranging from tortillas to flat breads, to lettuce leaves – as in this low-fat recipe.

Asian Beef and Broccoli Lettuce Wraps feature the leafy lettuce curled around an Asian-inspired mixture of stir-fried beef steak strips and favorite vegetables. The wraps make a nutritious low-fat family meal that's easy to prepare – and to eat. The homemade piquant sauce is used for both marinating and stir-frying.

- ASIAN BEEF AND BROCCOLI LETTUCE WRAPS**
- 1 pound top round steak, cut 1 inch thick (see note)
 - 4 cups fresh stir-fry vegetable mixture (broccoli, carrots, sugar snap peas)
 - 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
 - 8 Boston or red leaf lettuce leaves
- For the sauce:
- 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
 - 2 tablespoons orange juice
 - 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- To make the sauce:
- Combine hoisin sauce, orange juice, rice vinegar and soy sauce in small bowl. Stir in cornstarch;

set aside.

Cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick strips. Place beef and 1/4 cup sauce in medium bowl; toss to coat beef. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Combine vegetable mixture and 1/2 cup water in large nonstick skillet; bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium; cover and cook 4 to 6 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Drain vegetables; set aside.

Remove beef from marinade, discard marinade. Heat oil in same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add 1/2 of beef; stir-fry 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. (Do not overcook.) Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining beef.

Combine vegetables and beef in skillet. Stir in remaining sauce; cook and stir over medium-low heat 1 to 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Serve with lettuce leaves for wrapping.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: One pound beef round tip steaks, cut 3/4 to 1 inch thick, may be substituted for top round steak. Stack steaks; cut lengthwise in half, then cut crosswise into 1-inch wide strips.

Nutrition information per serving: 286 cal., 32 g pro., 21 g carbo., 7 g fat, 816 mg sodium, 61 mg chol. Recipe developed for AP by the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Barley teams up with vegetables

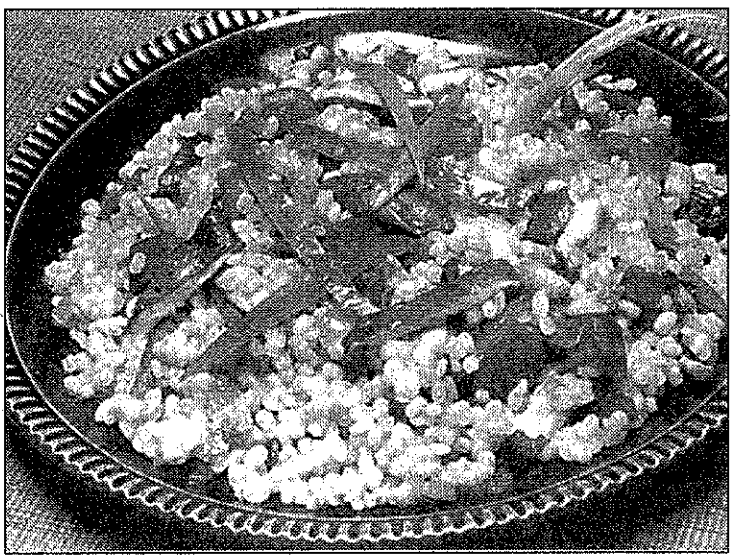
BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

According to The Farmer's Almanac, every full moon has a name. There is the harvest moon in October and the strawberry moon in June. August was the barley moon, a good reminder to serve this splendid grain more often than once in a blue moon. (A blue moon is the second moon in the occasional month when it appears full twice.)

Even if you appreciate the benefits of complex carbs, fiber and other nutrients, plus the filling satisfaction that whole grains bring to a meal, most likely you think of barley only when the weather turns cold. A bowl of earthy barley and mushroom soup or Scotch broth, the chunky soup made with beef broth or lamb, are perfect for driving out the chill of winter day.

A plant with very ancient roots, wild barley was the first grain to be cultivated. Tamed by agriculture, it became a scrappy, sturdy crop able to endure the harshest conditions of drought, cold, heat and poor soil. As a result, it has been grown from the Arctic to Ethiopia. In parts of China it was cultivated even before rice, perhaps as early as 2800 B.C.

Much of Europe relied on barley as a mainstay from ancient Greek times until the



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Ginger adds a sweet snap to this barley and vegetable stir-fry.

Renaissance. Only after other grains, particularly rice and wheat, were domesticated too, did eating barley fade, leaving only the people with no other choice, the poor, to rely on it as a staple while the rest looked down on it as food for peasants and cattle.

The health-conscious counter-culture of the 1970s, which revived eating like a peasant, included barley. Now, pearled barley, polished to remove the grain's exceptionally tough outer husk, is found in most supermarkets. It cooks in the same time as brown rice.

Because of its healthy, hippie and ethnic connotations, few people realize how versatile barley is.

Simmer it in broth and serve it in place of rice. Or use water, then cool the barley to room temperature and turn it into a salad by adding chopped tomato, corn kernels, green pepper, and bottled Italian salad dressing.

I also use it to make this vegetable-studded stir-fry.

- BARLEY STIR-FRY**
- 1/2 cup pearled barley
 - 2 teaspoons canola oil
 - 1 medium red onion, diced

- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
 - 2 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and chopped
 - 8 snow peas, cut lengthwise into thin strips
 - 2 scallions, green and white parts, chopped
 - 1/2-1/4 teaspoon grated peeled ginger, according to taste
 - 1/2 cup orange juice
 - 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce or teriyaki sauce
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Bring 2 cups water to boil in deep saucepan. Add barley. When liquid returns to boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer 30 to 40 minutes, or until barley is almost tender. Makes 2 cups cooked barley. Heat the oil in a medium, non-stick skillet over high heat. Stir-fry onion and red pepper 1 minute. Add mushrooms and stir-fry until they look moist, about 1 minute. Add snow peas, scallions, ginger, and stir-fry 15 seconds.
- Add cooked barley, orange juice, teriyaki sauce, and salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Cook until barley is heated through. Serve immediately.
- Makes 4 servings.
- Per serving: 158 calories, 3 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 30 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 161 mg. sodium.
- Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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It's National Rice Month, and there are many reasons to celebrate this important grain.

It's no accident that rice is the staple food for two-thirds of the world's population. It is a nutritious cereal grain ideally suited for a healthy diet. Rice is low calorie, cholesterol-free, sodium-free, gluten-free and non-allergenic. It has only a trace of fat and is a complex carbohydrate; the starch is stored in muscles and released slowly, as energy is needed.

Although not a complete protein, rice is high in the amino acid lysine. It is ideally suited to be served with beans for a high quality protein-based meal. Rice also is a good source of other essential nutrients - thiamin, vitamin B6, folate, niacin, phosphorus, iron and potassium.

As part of a healthful meal, rice provides good nutrition. Brown rice contains more nutrients and fiber than white rice, from which the bran and germ have been removed. Nutritionists recommend three daily servings of healthy whole grains such as brown rice.

Rice may be the most versatile of foods. It can be used in soup, salad, the main dish, or dessert. The neutral character of rice blends well with other foods and adds texture and fla-

vor to any dish - plus extra health benefits. By mixing cooked brown rice with vegetables that have been steamed or stir-fried, for example, there is an additional benefit beyond the nutrition and phytochemicals they individually offer. The interaction, or synergy, between them heightens the protection against chronic diseases like cancer.

Vegetable fried rice is a good way to say Happy National Rice Month.

FRIED RICE

- 2 tablespoons black bean sauce
- 1 teaspoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon chili oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 tablespoon canola or peanut oil
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 12 fresh snow pea pods, cut lengthwise in three strips
- 10 whole canned water chestnuts, coarsely chopped
- 3 bok choy ribs (white and green parts), cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/3 cup frozen green peas, defrosted
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1-2 teaspoon minced fresh ginger, to taste
- 3 cups cooked brown rice, refrigerated or thawed frozen,

then brought to room temperature*
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a small bowl, combine bean sauce, soy sauce, sugar, chili oil and salt, if desired. Set aside.

In a wok or large skillet, heat oil over high heat. Stir-fry egg, breaking up with fork. Transfer to a plate. Add snow peas, water chestnuts, bok choy, onion and green peas to the skillet. Stir fry 2 minutes, or until the bok choy is wilted. Transfer mixture to the plate containing the egg. Return the pan to the heat.

Add garlic and ginger to the pan and stir-fry just until fragrant, about 10 seconds. Do not let them burn. Immediately add rice, bean sauce mixture and egg. Stir-fry, stirring to break up egg and mix into the rice. Heat, through, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the vegetable mixture toward the end. Season to taste with pepper. Serve hot or lukewarm.

Makes 6 servings (6 cups).

Chilling or freezing the cooked rice before adding it to the pan helps avoid sticky or gummy fried rice.

Per serving: 187 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 103 mg. sodium.

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Iced tea is frosty, fruity

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

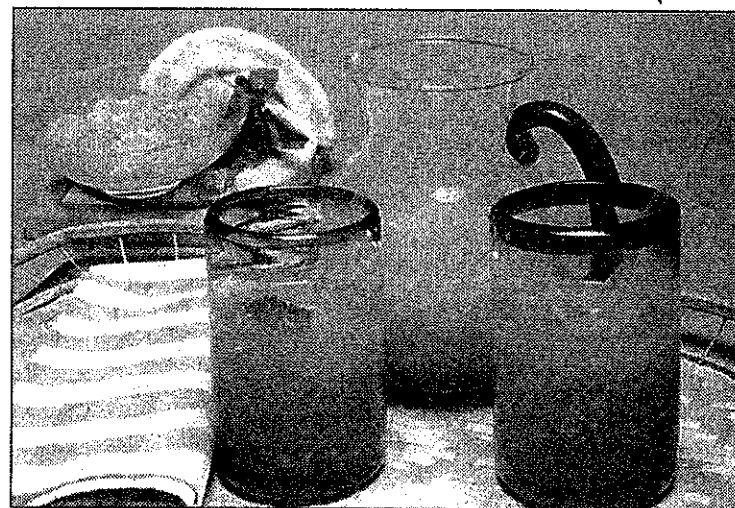
The British may be considered champion tea drinkers, but in the U.S. these days, tea consumption is second only to that of water.

With about half of all Americans drinking it, we sip or chug twice as much tea as we did ten years ago, about six glasses of tea a week. What makes tea drinking in this country unique is our preference for enjoying it cold. At the moment, iced tea accounts for about 80 percent of our total consumption.

If the results of over 300 studies now underway confirm what we already know about the health benefits of drinking tea, tea consumption will no doubt increase. Mostly, we drink black tea. Green tea, which is somewhat higher in the antioxidants that give tea its health benefits, currently accounts for a tiny fraction of all sales, including those of loose, bags and the abundance of bottled, ready-to-drink choices.

When I serve regular iced tea, I never offer it sweetened. In recipes using tea, I do use sugar, honey and other natural sweeteners, but always in modest amounts. Iced tea offers the opportunity to sweeten with fruit juices, which also adds vitamins and minerals. Sometimes I use orange and apple juice concentrates, which contain more vitamin C than juice.

To go even further in giving sweetened iced tea better nutrition content, try smooth-



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This Frosty Fruit Freeze can be served as an almost-spoonable slush or let it melt slightly and you have icy-cold fruited tea.

ies to maximize the health benefits of tea and fruit. The Frosty Fruit Freeze below can be served as an almost spoonable slush. Or, let it melt slightly and you have icy-cold fruited tea.

A combination of green and mint teas, frozen melon cubes and mandarin oranges, this fruit freeze contains all the fiber and nutrients in the fruit. When the temperature and humidity spike, it is even more refreshing than simple iced tea.

FROSTY FRUIT FREEZE

- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange sections in light syrup
- 2 cups cubed honeydew melon
- 2 decaffeinated green tea bags
- 1 herbal mint tea bag
- 4 sprigs of fresh mint, for garnish (optional)

Place oranges with their liquid into a resealable plastic bag and freeze so that the bag lays flat.

Spread melon cubes in a single layer on a baking sheet and freeze. If not using within 12 hours, transfer frozen melon to a resealable plastic bag.

Place green and mint tea bags in a heatproof container. Pour in 2 cups boiling water. Steep for 5 minutes.

Remove tea bags, squeezing to release excess tea into the container. Refrigerate the tea until cold.

Pour chilled tea into a blender. Break up frozen oranges into chunks and add. Purée mixture. Add frozen melon and blend in to a fine slush. Divide among 4 glasses, garnish with mint if using and serve.

Per serving: 79 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 21 g. carbohydrate, less than 1 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 21 mg. sodium.

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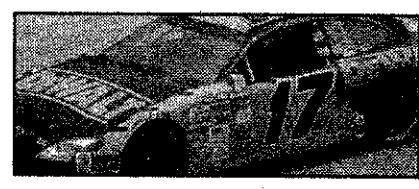
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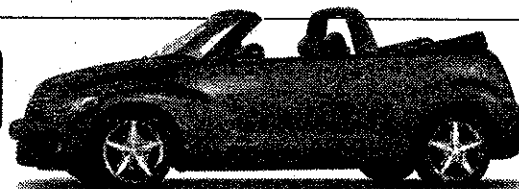
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Smoothies are fast-growing trend

(MS) Everyone loves to customize their food and beverages.

Case in point: A few years ago, the only way you could order your coffee were black or with cream. Today, coffee bars serve every flavor under the sun to meet the demand of individual tastes.

Salad bars allow you to pick and choose favorite foods, while chain restaurants boast a "make it your way" mantra. The same concept can be seen with one of the hottest beverage trends sweeping the country - smoothies. By varying your ingredients, you can mix and match flavors to appeal to the many tastes of your palate.

SMOOTHIE HISTORY

The term "smoothie" encompasses various beverages, but generally refers to fruit drinks made in a blender. These beverages have been around for decades - once only available at health food stores. However, only recently has the smoothie seen such a tremendous popularity growth, as they're now readily available in shopping malls, in your grocer's refrigerated section or by creating them in the comfort of your home.

Smoothies appeal to the entire family. They easily meet the demands of a quick snack or a "meal-on-the-go" for busy adults. Kids love them because they're frothy, delicious fun, reminiscent of a milkshake. However, parents know that smoothies are the perfect way to encourage youngsters to consume nutrients through a healthy snack.

They are a refreshing alternative to sugary, carbonated beverages.

Since they are full of fruits, juices and often dairy products, smoothies pack a healthy punch. They're an ideal way to load up on vitamin C and vitamin D, as well as calcium. Smoothies can be thickened with frozen fruits, ice, yogurt and milk. You can even create dairy-free smoothies with fruit juices or by substituting soy or rice milk for other thickening agents.

"Juice drinks, like those available from Tampico, are an excellent, yet often overlooked, ingredient to add to smoothies," says Richard Ross, brand

director for Tampico Fruit Punches. "They are perfect for these types of beverages because they really help make the drink smooth. Plus, they're easy to keep on hand to flavor both smoothies and other fruit-based drinks."

Using Tampico in place of other fruit juices can expand your smoothie flavor possibilities. The punches are available in the United States in nine flavors: Citrus Punch, Mango Punch, Tropical Punch (cherry, orange and pineapple), Island Punch (pineapple, banana and orange), Peach Punch, Berry Punch, Grape Punch, Apple Punch and Lemonade.

"Tampico contains 100 percent of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C in each 8-ounce serving," Ross says. "Keep your refrigerator stocked with these punches, as well as fresh fruit, and you'll be able to create innumerable smoothie flavors."

To ensure a delicious smoothie, try some of these easy tips:

■ For creamier smoothies, use two scoops of ice cream or low-fat vanilla yogurt in place of ice.

■ Frozen fruit will also thicken a smoothie and is handy when fresh fruit is not available.

■ A lighter smoothie can be achieved with orange sorbet or sherbet.

■ Make your smoothie look like a culinary masterpiece. Garnish its glass with fresh strawberries or pineapple wedges for a tropical flair.

If you're ready for a smoothie adventure, fire up the blender and start experimenting with your ingredients. Remember, there's no limit to your creativity and no "wrong" flavor. You can also add protein powders or nutritional supplements like bee pollen or ginseng to give a healthy kick to your smoothie. If you're more timid in the kitchen, try these easy, tried-and-true recipes, courtesy of Tampico.

BERRY EXPLOSION

- 2 cups Tampico Berry Punch, chilled
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 2 ripe bananas, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor; cover.

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed; continue to blend at medium speed until smooth.

Pour into tall glasses. For a creamier smoothie, substitute two scoops vanilla ice cream for ice. Serves four or five.

MARVELOUS MANGO

- 2 cups Tampico Mango Punch, chilled
- 1 ripe banana, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup frozen, fresh or canned pineapple chunks
- 1/2 cup frozen or fresh mango
- 1 cup ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor; cover.

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed; continue to blend at medium speed until smooth.

Serve in tall glasses. For a creamier smoothie, substitute two scoops vanilla ice cream for ice.

CITRUS DREAM

- 2 cups Tampico Citrus Punch, chilled
- 1 cup frozen, fresh or canned pineapple chunks
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 1 1/2 cups ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor; cover.

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed; continue to blend at medium speed until smooth.

Serve in tall glasses.

To make a lighter smoothie, use orange sorbet instead of vanilla ice cream.

ISLAND FUN

- 2 cups Tampico Island Punch, chilled
- 2 ripe bananas, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup frozen, fresh or canned pineapple chunks
- 1 cup ice

Place all ingredients in the blender or food processor; cover.

Blend for 2 minutes at low speed; continue to blend at medium speed until smooth.

Pour into tall glasses. Tip from Tampico: Garnish the glasses with a thin wedge of pineapple.

Shrimp makes for a great one-dish meal with orzo

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quick answers to the question of what's for dinner may be - one-dish dinners.

Smart advice on how to proceed from there, saving time with every step, comes in a feature on home cooking for the weeknight table in Cottage Living's September-October issue, the magazine's premiere.

One of three menu plans offered includes the following main dish of shrimp and fresh herb orzo. For it, the menu suggests accompaniments of a cucumber and onion salad as starter or side, and a dessert of Greek-style yogurt with honey and toasted walnuts, for a refreshingly tasty but simple meal.

Food writer Kim Sunee points out that you can cook the orzo ahead, and refrigerate until you're ready to toss it with the fresh shrimp. The testers say they used the longer-grain orzo, a rice-shaped pasta, for a prettier presentation. They also remind cooks: Before using the leeks, be sure to rinse them thoroughly.

SHRIMP AND FRESH HERB ORZO

- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced leeks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or fresh orange juice
- 1/2 tablespoon herbes de Provence (see note)
- 2 cups cooked orzo
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or chives
- 1/2 to 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- Optional garnishes: orange wedges, olives, drizzle of olive oil, and fresh dill

Sauté leeks in 1 tablespoon hot oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat 3 minutes or until lightly golden. Add garlic, and cook 30 seconds; remove leeks and garlic.

Season shrimp with salt and pepper. Turn heat to high, and add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to skillet. Add shrimp, and cook 1 minute; stir and cook another minute.

Add wine and herbes de Provence; cook 1 minute or until shrimp are just pink and cooked through. Stir in prepared orzo and fresh dill, leeks and garlic; cook 1 minute or until thoroughly heated. Remove from heat; top with crumbled feta. Garnish, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: Herbes de Provence is a blend of dried herbs used to season meat, poultry and vegetables that commonly includes basil, fennel seed, lavender, marjoram, rosemary, sage, summer savory and thyme.

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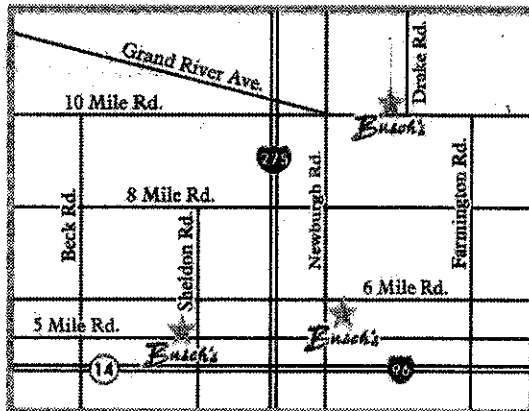
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Real Estate Inquires

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Association can access unit to fix mold problem

I am on the board of our condo association and one of the co-owners sustained water damage to her unit, allowing mold to grow in the unit. The member reported this to the association and we have hired a mold evaluation expert, who has proposed a plan to fix the problem. However, the co-owner wants it done a different way and won't let us get access to the unit. Do we have a right to do so?

While it is not necessarily clear without looking at your documents, most courts would require the member to give the association's mold remediation contractor access to the unit to remedy the problem. In a similar case out of Louisiana, the court noted that the mold infestation in the unit was affecting other units as well and will continue to spread if the problem is not remediated. The court said that both state law and the association's declaration gave the association the responsibility and the authority to make the repairs, and the member could not legally prevent it from doing so. More than likely, the result would be the same here in Michigan depending upon your community association documents.

I purchased a home from our seller and have since discovered hidden water damage that has been developing since the home was built for the original owner. The seller, I am sure, did not know about the problems. Do I have any recourse against the original contractor?

It depends upon the purchase agreement that was entered into between the original purchaser and the seller and perhaps the state of the law that relates to your claim. In a recent case out of California Court of Appeals, on similar facts, the court ruled that the homebuyer could sue the original building contractor for negligence where the damage began developing at the time of construction but that the prior owners had no knowledge of the latent defect and the water damage, in that case, only became apparent after the subsequent buyer purchased the home. The court in that case decided that the cause of action belongs to the owner who first discovered or ought to have discovered the property damage. The court reasoned that it was only then that some entity capable of maintaining a legal claim will have suffered a compensable injury. Whether Michigan will adopt this view is not clear. You should consult with a real estate lawyer concerning your claim.

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Realtor Safety Week

The key to staying safe

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

Meeting new people in unfamiliar, often secluded, places. That's what Realtors encounter nearly every day on the job.

This is Realtor Safety Week, a time set aside by the National Association of Realtors to encourage real estate professionals to stay safe on the job by avoiding high-risk situations.

Before showing a house, Kim Millen, a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker in Livonia, said she always meets the client for the first time at her office. During her initial meeting with the client Millen said she "gets a feeling" for them and usually writes down their license plate number.

At showings and open houses Millen keeps the back and side doors unlocked in case she needs to make a quick exit, and never parks in the driveway so she's not blocked in if she needs to leave. Millen always carries her cell phone, and never wears high heels because they are hard to run in.

If the house she's showing is in an unfamiliar area, Millen brings her husband or a male associate. She never goes in the basement with a client because there's no way out.

"Things do happen," she said. "If you feel uncomfortable with a situation, trust your instincts."

If any agent calls her office and asks for the red file folder — which does not exist — whoever picks up the phone knows there is an emergency and calls 9-1-1.

BE READY TO ESCAPE

Kathy Coon, broker/owner of Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate in Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield, said Realtors need to keep in mind that both men and women are at risk.

She said agents should always meet the client at the office before a showing. She encourages her agents to make a copy of a client's driver's license and let someone know where they are going.

At open houses and showings, she said the most important thing to remember is to never put yourself into a position where you don't have a way to escape. Also, she said to never go in the basement, keep a phone handy, turn on all the lights and carry pepper spray.

Coon said if an agent doesn't feel comfortable doing an open house in a certain area, they should bring someone with

AVOIDING DANGER

1. Keep a charged cell phone with you at all times.
2. Be careful how you dress. Flashy or expensive jewelry might attract the wrong kind of attention.
3. Don't put your home phone number on your business card.
4. Never advertise a property as vacant.
5. Always take your own car for showings. If you must take one car, you drive.

them or ask the family to stay at the home. And she said agents need to remember they do not have to let everyone in.

Stressing the importance of Realtor safety, Coon offers this piece of advice she shares with her agents: "If you feel uncomfortable, or think there's a problem, you should respect your feelings and get out of the situation immediately."

Kate Jones, a real estate agent at REMAX in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, meets new clients for the first time at her office, and talks to them for about an hour or so, which usually gives her a feeling for them.

When she's at showings or an open house, Jones said she carries her keys to use as a weapon, if necessary, and sometimes brings her husband if the open house is in a questionable area.

"When taking people into an empty house, you never know what's going to happen," she said.

Jones, who has had no bad experiences thus far, said she's pretty good at reading people to determine if they are a threat or not. However, she is aware that high-risk situations are possible.

"Always be aware of the fact that you may be in a dangerous situation," she said.

Andrea Carollo, a real estate agent at Max Brook in Birmingham, said when she meets a client for the first time at her office she introduces them to someone else, like her secretary.

She carries her keys with her in case she needs to get in or out quick and keeps her cell phone with her at all times. Carollo only shows houses during the day, and calls her fiancé before any showing or open house to let him know where she will be just in case something happens.

Although nothing scary has happened to Carollo on the job so far, she is still careful.

"You always have to think," she said. "You always have to be aware of the situation."

Here are some more tips for avoiding danger from the National Association of Realtors.

■ When showing a house, turn on the lights and open the curtains. It's also a great marketing tactic.

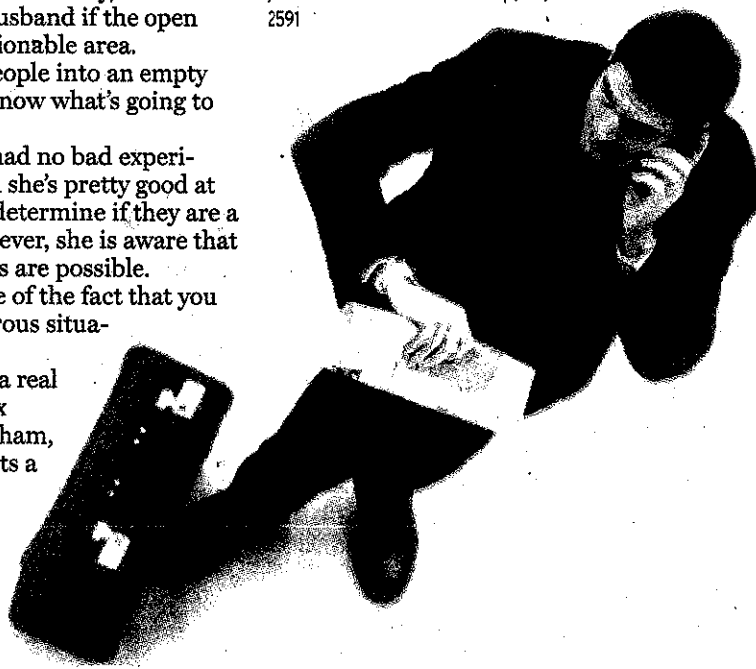
■ Check the backyard to make sure it's not surrounded by a high fence, in case you need to escape out of the back door.

■ When you're alone in the office, keep a radio or TV playing fairly loudly in the back room.

■ Keep a fully charged mobile phone with you, just in case. Program your emergency phone numbers onto your office line as well as your mobile phone. Keep a printout of emergency numbers at your desk.

■ Keep roadside breakdown essentials in the trunk, including flares, a tire-inflation canister, basic hand tools, spare belts and hoses, water, a flashlight and a first-aid kit. Have your vehicle inspected regularly, keep it well-maintained and learn how to change a flat tire.

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Now is a great time to invest in real estate

Many homeowners and real estate investors are again "bullish" on the real estate market, and feel we will soon be poised for another run on property values. Like many others, they share the common belief that owning real estate is the most reliable — and perhaps among the most secure — investment they can make. Now may be prime time to seek to improve your position with respect to real estate holdings.

Real estate is a unique investment because it is a limited commodity ... there's no more being manufactured. In the free market, a growing demand for a limited resource forces an increase in that resource's price. Though home values have been generally flat over the past year or so, this plateau is more an anomaly than the norm. It is much more common to see area home prices increasing steadily.

Your home's equity — which is the difference between its value and the liens against it — is like cash in the bank. You can choose to keep your equity securely in its place, or expand your real estate investment by putting that equity to work. Why not increase your investment in your current home, or consider expanding your real estate holdings by purchasing another property? With interest rates still near historic lows, you have a great opportunity to do either.

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If you are happy with your existing home, consider improving it. Generally, improved kitchen and bathrooms will offer the biggest return on investment upon the sale of your home. You may also find some late-season deals with roofing, siding and window contractors who may be hungry for business.

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Mortgage rates rise, 30-year still below 6 percent

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
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Mortgage rates around the country went up, although 30-year mortgages still were below 6 percent for a sixth straight week.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly survey, reported that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 5.83 percent for the week ending Sept. 9. That was up from 5.77 the previous week.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of

May 13. Rates had slowly drifted downward as economic activity cooled in the late spring and early summer. Rates moved up amid recent signs the economy may be emerging from its soft patch, analysts said.

Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist, said rates on 30-year mortgages could gradually rise to about 6 percent by the end of the year - which would still be low by historical standards. "Low mortgage rates will sustain a brisk housing market, leading to record home sales and single-family construction this year," he said.


For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased this week to 5.22 percent, compared

with 5.15 percent the previous week. Rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages rose to 4 percent, up slightly from 3.97 percent. The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year and 15-year mortgages each carried a 0.8 point fee. One-year ARMs carried an average 0.7 point.


A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.44 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.77 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.98 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers Association, meanwhile, said refinancing accounted for 41.4 percent of all home mortgage applications filed, up from 40.7 percent the week ended Thursday, Sept. 2.


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Working-class exodus follows Lake Tahoe real estate boom

BY MARSHA GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP) - When veterinarian Patricia Handal was searching for the perfect mountain town some 20 years ago, she could have picked any of a number of places from Colorado to Canada where she was licensed to practice.

But when she saw South Lake Tahoe, her search was over.

Tucked into the Sierra on the shore of one of the world's most beautiful lakes, South Lake Tahoe was the kind of place where people left doors unlocked, held block-long garage sales and chatted at pancake breakfasts.

"This was supposed to be my home for life," Handal said. "I thought it would stay a small town."

That small-town atmosphere is now crumbling under the weight of inflated housing prices.

Sheltered for years from the frenzied real estate market of the Bay Area or even the luxury living on the North Shore, South Lake Tahoe now finds itself feeling the pain from a booming market.

An 80 percent rise in the median price of a home in just four years has created more ripples in the economy than a speedboat tearing across the blue waters of Lake Tahoe.

That record rise in home prices is slowly but surely driving working-class families, who can afford to neither rent nor buy their first homes, to nearby Nevada communities such as Gardnerville, Carson City and beyond.

The exodus has had social and economic impacts. Two of South Lake Tahoe's elementary schools - one among the best in the region - closed at the end of the school year. At least three gas stations have gone out of business. Office Depot shut down. And many small

businesses are struggling to stay open.

Meanwhile, more new buyers - many of whom are Bay Area residents - are snapping up property as second homes rather than year-round residences.

Traditionally, second homes have comprised about 50 percent of the total number of houses in South Lake Tahoe, but that figure has climbed to 60 percent and is growing, real estate agents say.

And that is changing the face of South Lake Tahoe.

Because many second-home owners use the homes themselves only part of the year and look to vacation rentals to offset mortgage costs, they are charging higher rents rather than leasing them at lower rates to full-time residents.

Families who made up much of the heart and soul of South Lake Tahoe are leaving.

From January 2002 to January 2003, South Lake Tahoe's population of 23,600 dropped 0.5 percent - about 100 residents - even though the population of El Dorado County grew, according to the state Department of Finance.

"People are leaving Tahoe in droves in search of the American Dream because it is not attainable here," the Tahoe Daily Tribune lamented in an editorial last year.

"It's more for the wealthy," said Terry McCollum, a 30-year resident who was renting until she and her husband purchased her mother's house this summer. "Tahoe just isn't Tahoe anymore."

Don Bosson, a real estate agent in South Lake Tahoe for 20 years, called the changes the "nature of economics."

"We're not the first area to have this happen nor the last," he said, referring to Vail and Aspen, small Colorado ski towns where locals and vacationers coexisted peacefully before the boom in the 1980s.

Agents, home sellers using feng shui to lure buyers

BY KRISTA LARSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The old Victorian home sat on the market for six months without selling before its anxious owners decided to ask for some help - from a pair of feng shui consultants.

Mary Jane Kasliner and Shelley Mengo couldn't do much to change the size of the tiny master bedroom, but they had other advice.

Move the for-sale sign to a different spot, remove extra furniture, and strategically place items like candles and plants around the house to create balance between "yin and yang," they instructed.

Their goal: a more serene home with better chi, or energy.

"Feng shui is really not about investing a lot of money because most of the time our clients have the proper things - they're just in different spaces. They're in the wrong places, feng-shui-wise," said Mengo, who runs a feng shui consulting business with Kasliner called Harmonious Living.

A growing number of real estate agents and people selling their own homes are turning to feng shui - the ancient Chinese art of designing structures and arranging objects to create harmonious energy flow - to help attract buyers.

Once prevalent mainly in areas with large Asian-American populations, real estate agents and consultants with training in feng shui (pronounced fung-SHIWAY) are becoming common.

While the National Association of Realtors does not track how many real estate agents use feng shui practitioners or have undergone training themselves, there are signs its appeal is broadening.

Seminars on its principles are being taught at trade group meetings nationwide.

"There are a lot more Realtors knowledgeable about feng shui today than there were three years ago," said Holly Ziegler, a California real estate broker and feng shui instructor. "I would say in the next three years, there will be a huge number of Realtors who are paying attention to this information because it only helps serve them and their clients."

Gail Lyons, a real estate broker in Boulder, Colo., said as many as 30 percent of her clients are interested in buying a home with good feng shui.

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"They'll say, 'I want to be sure the hallway doesn't go all the way from the front door to the back door. The good energy, the chi, can just go right through the house.' If I know this is something that's important to them, I start looking specifically for it," said Lyons, the National Association of Realtors' regional coordinator for Asia.

Literally translated, "feng" means wind and "shui" water, the two most important elements in the traditional Chinese art of placement.

Many of its principles overlap with the practical suggestions real estate agents already make to people looking to sell their homes. It encourages a balance of colors, sizes and shapes, and emphasizes simplicity.

A practitioner's tools, though, are somewhat less familiar: they can include a luopan (a compass), crystals, or a "bagua" map used to locate areas of a home that correspond to different aspects of a person's life, such as wealth or knowledge.

Some falsely associate feng shui with magic, referring to it as "that science where you move the couch and you're wealthy," Kasliner said. But experts say the main benefit of feng shui in real estate is a simple one.

"When houses have good feng shui, the buyers want to stay," said Ziegler, author of *Sell Your Home Faster with Feng Shui*. "They bond with the house more quickly and they end up being happier in that house. It's just a happy house to stay in, and feng shui is really all about feelings and how you feel in a space."

Traditional feng shui includes the orientation of a home, something that isn't easy or cheap to fix when someone is looking to move. Still, anyone can "raise the chi" of their home, and its value, by packing up their clutter and making use of natural sunlight, experts say.

"People can then focus on the house itself," Ziegler said. "Instead of remembering your spoon collection, they'll remember what the home really looked like."

Fanny Chu with Prudential California Realty said she's seen feng shui consultations make or break a transaction.

One young man said he didn't have a problem with a condo being right next to a cemetery, but his mother urged him to have a feng shui consultation. The verdict: Too much "yin," or passive energy.

"I had to use other legitimate means to get out of the transaction," said Chu, who is based in San Francisco. "The young man liked the property but backed out totally because of a feng shui master."

For many, though, feng shuiing a home for sale has more to do with improving its overall appeal and less with major renovations.

Homeowners or Realtors seeking the help of a licensed feng shui practitioner can expect to pay a fee. Mengo and Kasliner say a person could have a room in their home "feng shui-ed" starting around \$170 or so.

The resulting subtle changes are all about creating ambiance.

"Feng shui itself - if you look at it in the mainstream - is just a harmony, just a good feeling," Chu said. "We always say when you walk in, if you feel good about a home, it's your intuition. Feng shui is just that."

Competitive lenders offer customer incentives

There may be a silver lining for consumers who are buying or selling a home and are worried about rising interest rates.

"The recent rise in rates is making lenders more competitive for your business," said Ed Powell, chief consumer officer of LendingTree.com. "They're looking for ways to hold onto

customers, and to keep new business coming through the door. This is good news for borrowers and it's fairly common for lenders to offer airline miles, hotel points, or gift cards at home furnishing or improvement stores to gain business."

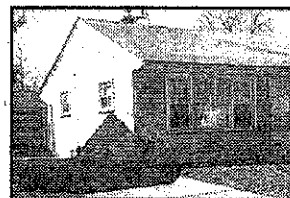
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eration when getting a loan. When choosing a lender, consumers should review a few qualified offers from a number of trusted lenders and make sure to do an apples-to-apples comparison on rates, fees, terms, and APR before they average in incentives. Web sites like BankofAmerica.com,

CitiMortgage.com, LendingTree.com, and HomeLoanCenter.com are a great place to get started.

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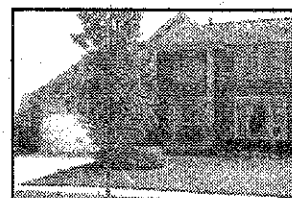
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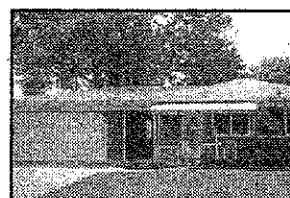
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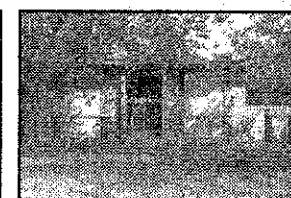
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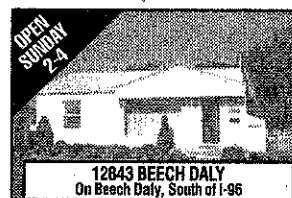
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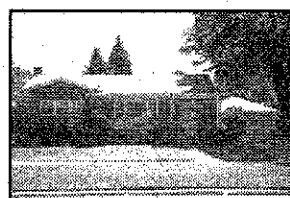
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CANTON \$334,900
Hurry In Before Fall! This Spacious Home Includes Cathedral Ceilings In Combo Dining Rm & Living Rm, Frpl In Fam. rm, 1st Fr Laundry, Oak Cabs & Island In Kitchen, & More! (OEN08WEL) 888-870-9123



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Beautiful Princeton Model On Premium Lot. Hdwd Frs In Foyer, Kitchen/Nook & 1st Fr Lay. Ceramic Tile In Upstairs Bath & Mstr Bath. Kitchen Has Vented Range Hood. Unfinished Bsmt Is Extra Deep. Rough Plumbing. (OEN20PON) 888-870-9123



CANTON \$239,000
Wow! Fabulous Lot & Beautiful Home - the Best Combination! Lg Mstr Ste w/ Vaulted Ceiling & Private Bath & Wic. Island Kitchen Is Open To Nice Size Fam Rm w/fo. Breakfast Nook Has Downwall Overlooking Brick Paver Patio (OEN38RIV) 888-870-9123



CANTON \$227,500
French style Colonial w/open fl plan great for entertaining. Spacious newer kit w/oak cabinets. Updated bath & new 1/2 bath. Family rm w/natural fl. Lg 1st fl laundry. Newer windows, carpet, paint, furnace, & hwh. (OESLY87RAN) 888-870-9131



CANTON \$224,850
2 BR, 2.5 BA end unit townhome. Upgraded t/o: granite cnts in kit & baths, cer frs, carpet, pad, closet org. custom wndw treatments, light pkg, gas log FP w/blower & more. State of the art clubhouse, pool & ex rm. (OEP29EAS) 888-870-9127



CANTON \$224,900
Best location in Carriage Park! Great room w/natural fireplace, dining room or den. Spacious kitchen w/doorwall to large tree shaded deck. Winding stairs to 2 bdrms & 2 full bath. 1st fr indy. bsmt & 2 car gar. (OEP33HOR) 888-870-9127



CANTON \$128,900
Check out this price! Canton condo w/deck & pond on hilly, courtyard setting. Newer carpet & fresh paint throughout. Partly finished basement. Huge master. All appliances, immediate occupancy. (OEP42SOJ) 888-870-9127



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$224,900
3BR brick ranch in sought after sub in tree lined street. Open fl plan w/neutral decor. Newly fin HDWD frs t/o, new carpet, freshly painted t/o, updated win, baths & kitchen, new AC & H2O. Finished bsmt w/wet bar. (OEP14ROO) 888-870-9127



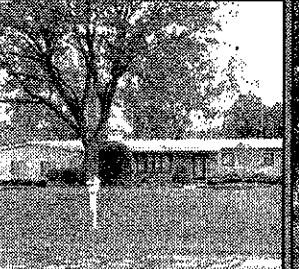
DETROIT \$155,000
Well Maintained 3 Bdrm, Col Loaded W/updates. Plush Carpeting T/O, Lr W/fireplace, Former Dr W/hardwood Fls. updated Kit W/oak Cabs & Ceramic Tile Fr. Newer Wnds, roof, furnace, & Electrical. 1 Yr Home Warranty. (OEL81SOR) 888-870-9105



FARMINGTON HILLS \$1,300,000
Spectacular 2 Acre Private Setting. Not To Be Duplicated! Over 200k In Landscaping. Just Remodeled Granite Kitchen W/stainless Steel, Hardwood Floors & Fireplace. Vaulted Great Room W/full Wall Fieldstone F.p. (OEN55NOR) 888-870-9123



FARMINGTON HILLS \$774,900
Spectacular Custom Compo Built Home On Incredible Wooded Paradise! 1st Fr Mstr Ste W/view Of Pool & Woods, gr W/ Massive Brick Fp, vaulted Ceiling & Trapezoid Windows, gourmet Kit W/octagon Nook, inground Gunite Pool (OEN04KLA) 888-870-9123



FARMINGTON HILLS \$334,900
Impeccable Ranch In Meadowbrook Hill! Full Brick Ranch Backing To Woods On Private Street. Finished Walkout (incl. In Total Sq. Ft.) W/fr, Study Or Playrm & 5th Bdrm. New Boiler, c/a, Ext. Painted, newer Cpt. T/o (OEN96SIL) 888-870-9123



FERNDALE \$134,900
Great 3 bedroom bungalow w/full basement. Separate dining room. Huge master bedroom. All A/C windows cooling stay. Newer Wallside windows 12/ 03. All appliances stay. Cute home very neutral. Imm possession available. (OESLY54PIN) 888-870-9131



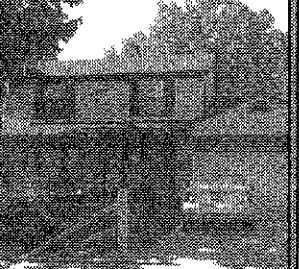
GENOA \$117,500
Great starter home with a lot of updates including roof, furnace, central air. Heated garage. Hartland schools. (OESLY90CHE) 888-870-9131



INKSTER \$124,900
Spacious brick ranch! Many updates include kitchen, bath, windows and more. Beautiful newly finished full basement. Large fenced yard w/lovely landscaping. Move-in condition. (OESLY49CHE) 888-870-9131



LIVONIA \$312,900
Gorgeous & Mint! Updated 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Brick Colonial In "Beatrice Gardens". Kit W/oak Cabinets, Granite Cntrs & All Appl. LR & Formal DR W/crown Moldings. Beaut Fr W/ Fp & Downwall. Fin Bsmt. 2 Car Att Gar. (OEL12WES) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$269,900
Beautiful Sloping Ravine Lot In The City. X-Lg 3 Bdrm Colonial W/All The Updates: C/A, HWH, Roof, Gar Dr, Glis Blk Windows. 10 X 12 Vinyl Shed. Freshly Painted And Neutral Throughout. Crown Molding In Some Rooms. (OEL51MID) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$259,900
Clean 4 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Brick & Alum Col. Updated Kit W/corian Cntrs, Cer Tiled Flr & All Appl. Lg Formal DR. Lg Fam Rm W/what/gas Frpl & French Drs To Deck & Patio. All Baths Updated. Par Fin. Bsmt. 2 Car Att Gar. (OEL99BAR) 888-870-9105



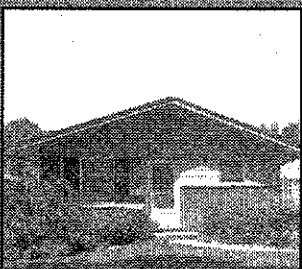
LIVONIA \$239,000
Charming Home w/Open Floor Plan W/Flow From Spacious Kit To FR W/ Frpl, Dwall To Patio. Full Bsmt Under Entire Home. Updates Inc: Brand New Neut Crptg & Paint, Heating, Roof. (OEL27BA) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$224,900
Contemporary Condo w/1800+ Sq Ft. Mstr Bdrm Tub & Separate Shower & priv. balcony. Bdrm 2 Has Tub & Shower. Neutral Decor. Deck Off Frml Dining Area. Gas Frpl in LR, 1st Fr Laundry. Priv Ent 2 Car Att Gar. Full Bsmt. (OEL65EAS) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$184,000
Welcome to this New England Saltbox with many updates! Remodeled Kitchen has lots of storage! Counters and has Pergo Flooring. Entry Level Lib could be 4th Bdrm (has Closet) Hrdwd Frs in exposed In 2 Bdrms. (OEL71QSM) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$180,000
1212 Sq.ft. brick Ranch In Steveson District. Aggressively Priced For A Quick Sale. Updates Inc: oak Kitchen W/appl. Remodeled Bath. Newer Siding & Gutters. Hwh, Elec. Service, & Vinyl Windows. (OEN08FLA) 888-870-9123



LIVONIA \$179,900
Location Is Key! Add Your Personal Touches & Call It Home! Great Frplan, Open Kitchen/dining Rm W/ Downwall To 12.5 X 20 Deck. Lg Private Backyard. Roof 5/2004. Walking Distance To Popular Rosedale Parks & Schools. (OEN10VER) 888-870-9123



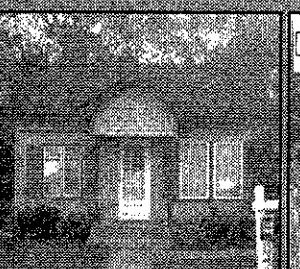
LIVONIA \$154,900
Excellent 3 Bdrm Brick & Alum Trim Bungalow W/enclosed Porch. Updates Inc: Newer Roof, Copper Plumbing, Vinyl Windows, Bath, Furnace, C/A, HWH, Garage Door w/ Auto DO & More. Par Fin Bsmt. 1.5 Car Garage. 1 Yr H.W. (OEL78CAY) 888-870-9105



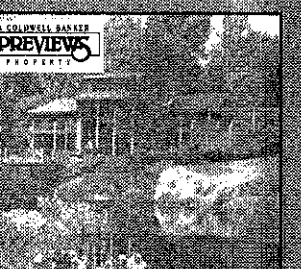
LYONS \$375,000
Gorgeous new construction by Jarnud Building. Daylight basement. 1st floor all hardwood. Generous use of ceramic. Must see! (OESLY21WOO) 888-870-9131



NORTHFIELD \$180,000
Gorgeous new development in Northfield Township. Private road, parked, surveyed. Ready to go. Land contract available. (OESLY00AVE) 888-870-9131



NORTHFIELD \$112,500
Great starter home w/deeded access to all sports lake! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, on almost 1/4 acre! Plenty of room to build up or out. Updates include: completely remodeled bath w/jacuzzi tub, Italian ceramic tile t/o. (OESLY28ELI) 888-870-9131



NORTHVILLE \$1,250,000
Extremely rare "over-the-top" public offering. Faultlessly maintained & extravagantly updated home offering un-rivaled privacy & eye popping view of water & lavish landscaping. Walkout lower level out to 2.75 acres! (OEP20VAL) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$510,000
New construction. Granite cnts tops t/o, cherry cabs, ceramic frs, 9' cings, 8' raised panel drs, cstrn mldng, ceramic BA & 1st fr indy. Stone FR, J&J BA, LL W/O prepped for BA, indspng inc or \$5000 crdt @ close. (OEP78IRO) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$374,900
Stately 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick colonial in Beacon Estates. Neutral decor & great fl plan w/fr FR that offers nat brick FP. HDWD frs, 2 skylights & french doors to a beautiful backyard. Main bath w/jetted tub & shower. (OEP37CON) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$349,900
Gardener's Delight! Beautiful & Updated 4 Bdrm Home! Kit has Cherry Cabs, Corian, hwd frs, recessed Lighting, & All Stainless Appl. * Part Fin. Bsmt & Lots Of Storage! Screened Porch! Desirable Sub close to Plymouth (OEL63CHA) 888-870-9105



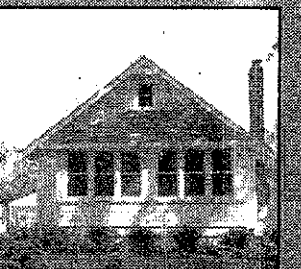
PLYMOUTH \$324,900
Fine family neighborhood w/winding streets & sidewalks - perfect for an evening stroll or bike ride. 4BR, 2-1/2BA, fin bsmt & 2 tier deck. "Pottery Barn" decor and immaculate interior. Perfect home for young family. (OEP11RED) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$289,900
Short walk to downtown Plymouth... this charming 3BR classic vinyl sided colonial home built in 1916. Enjoy the covered front porch or relax in the spacious backyard. Full finished bsmt w/over-sized glass block win. (OEP20ANN) 888-870-9127



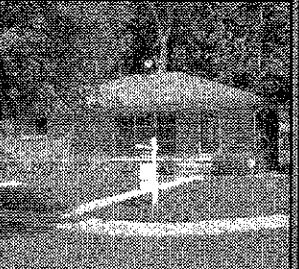
PLYMOUTH \$239,900
Lovely Brick & Vinyl Colonial In Desirable Hidden Heights Sub. Walking Distance To Miller Park. Natural Fireplace In Living Rm. Updated 1/2 Bath. Newer Windows, Beautiful Family Room W/gorgeous New Pergo Floor. (OEN16CHE) 888-870-9123



PLYMOUTH \$199,900
Move In & enjoy! Updates inc: electrical, driveway, patio, windows, ext paint, gutters, flooring & trim t/o, new doors, a/c, furnace & much more!! (all 03-04) Fresh paint inside, cherry HDWD frs & Pottery Barn decor. (OEP74EVE) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$194,500
Super value! Ply Twp for under \$200,000! Remodeled kit w/oak cab, neutral cnts & flr. Cozy fam rm w/nat fireplace & doorwall to deck. Br's w/hwd frs. Spacious master bedroom. Close to conveniences & elem school. (OEP21TAV) 888-870-9127



REDFORD \$158,000
Wow! Get Ready For A Treat! Private Cul-de-sac Location Backing To Tree Lined Fence. Fab. finished Bsmt W/bath. Many Updates In Past 3 Yrs: Roof, Landscaping, Garage Door, Gutters, Vinyl Siding Glass Blk Windows. (OEN70WES) 888-870-9123



REDFORD \$144,900
Perfect Home For The Growing Family! 4 Bedrooms- Full part. fin. Bsmt W/Glass Block Wnds. Roof 1997, 4 Wndw A/C Units. Barber Carpet T/O, Gas Fireplace In Lr 2 Car Detached Garage With Car Port Attached To Home. (OEL68SUM) 888-870-9105



SOUTH LYON \$99,900
55+ adult co-op. End unit overlooking commons courtyard, entry very private. Large living rm w/dining rm. Cathedral ceilings, Florida rm & partly finished basement & home is warranted. (OESLY8LEK) 888-870-9131



SOUTH LYON \$97,000
Everything is new or refurbished!! New carpet, flooring, light fixtures, Appliances, windows etc., ect. Cops forgot the hotwater tank, new kitchen and new bath. Best in complex. (OESLY04PRI) 888-870-9131



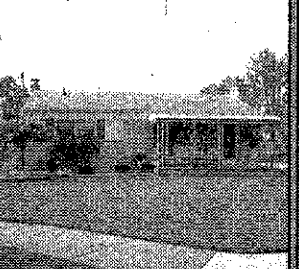
SOUTH LYON \$74,900
Clean and well maintained updated Co-op 55+! Nice open floor plan! Newer kitchen, newer carpet and freshly painted. Basement offers 3rd bedroom and family room. (OESLY26FRA) 888-870-9131



TAYLOR \$109,999
Neat As A Pin & Ready To Welcome You Home! Lovingly Maintained 3 Br, 1 Bath Ranch W/ Open Floor Plan. Neutral Decor T/o, Newer Carpet And Windows, New Roof. Fenced yd. (OEN47ROO) 888-870-9123



VAN BUREN \$185,000
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WESTLAND \$177,500
Once You Look, you Will Buy!! Super gorgeous inside & out. Located On Corner Lot Of Cul-de-sac. Great Home! Great Location! Great Buy! One Look & You Will Buy This Gem. New Roof 1999 too Many Updates To List Here. (OEN00DIA) 888-870-9123



WESTLAND \$157,900
Great location! Charming 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo with Livonia schools. Neutral decor. High efficiency furnace, doorwall overlooks deck & wooded area. Near Westland Mall. Show & sell! (OEP60RIV) 888-870-9127



WHITE LAKE \$259,900
Cape Cod w/open fl plan. Cathedral ceiling & gas fp in great room. Lovely oak island kitchen w/Pergo flooring & door leading to spacious deck, newer carpet, freshly painted & extra slab of asphalt for additional parking (OESLY00PON) 888-870-9131



WIXOM \$214,900
Beautifully Maintained 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Ranch In Wixom's Hidden Creek Sub. Remold Bath W/ceramic Fl & Shower, Fresh Paint T/O, 2 Car Att Garage, C/A, Mst. w/WC, & Par Fin Bsmt. All Appl. inc. Backs To Common Area. (OEL04BAR) 888-870-9105



WIXOM \$204,900
A Perfect 10! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, FL Rm & 2.5 Car Garage W/workspace. Deck Overlooking X-deep Fenced Private Backyard. Fresh Paint, Newer Carpet & Roof. Beaut Updated Bath W/ceramic Tile Floor, Counter & Shower. (OEL41APA) 888-870-9105



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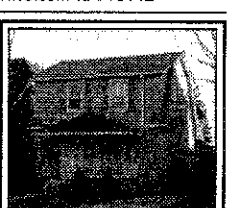
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BRIGHTON Open Sun, 1-4, Fishers Glen Sub., 7570 Golderod, 3 bed., 5 Acre. \$290K (810) 231-1834 or HNO.com id #19142



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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
25515 New York
\$117,500, 3 bed, 1 bath, 1224 sq. ft. Updates galore! Westwood schools.
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Farmington Hills

OPEN SUN 1-4

29903 Beacontree
N/13 Mi, W/Farmington
Beautifully updated! 4 bed, 2.5 bath colonial on wooded lot w/new oak kitchen, windows, carpeting, hardwood floors & lighting. 2 car attached garage. Great location. \$274,900.

Virtual tour at www.karen-brown.com

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248-348-3000 ext. 212

RE/MAX 100

Farmington Hills

OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

29781 Deer Run

Ramblewood Subdivision

5/14 Mile, W/Drake

Gorgeous spacious ranch

condo in Ramblewood.

Neutral decor, very open floor

plan, premium location on the

pond, 3 bed, 3 bath, great

room w/cathedral ceiling and

fireplace. Formal dining room,

den, 1st floor laundry, part

finished bsmt, 2 car garage.

\$329,900. View this home at

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MICHELLE MICHAEL

Re/Max Classic

248-737-6800

FERNDAL - OPEN SUN 1-4

Clean & updated 1000 sq. ft.

ranch, 3 bed, partially finished

bsmt, near parks. 2021

Maple Dale, S. 10 Mi., E/Hilton.

\$125,500. 248-420-5893

HIGHLAND - Open 9/19/04, 1-4pm.

4755 Desert Bridge, (Harvey Lk/Milford Rd.) 3 bed-

room ranch, finished bsmt.

\$209,800. 248-889-8509

Redford

Open Sun, 9/19, 1-4

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11795 Royal Grand, 10k

N/Plymouth Rd., 1 blk E/

Beach. 3 bed, 2 bath brick

home, 2 car garage, partially

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Redford: Open Thur. 5-8,

Sun. 12-4. Fantastic ranch.

1170 sq. ft. near Western C.C.

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LIVONIA - OPEN SUN. 1-4

1183 sq. ft., 3 bed, 1 3/4

bath, totally updated. 31114

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off Merriman. \$208,000.

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LIVONIA - OPEN SUN. 1-5

3 bedroom cape cod, cathedral

ceilings, custom kitchen,

finished bsmt w/wet bar, lots

of closets & storage. 2.5 car

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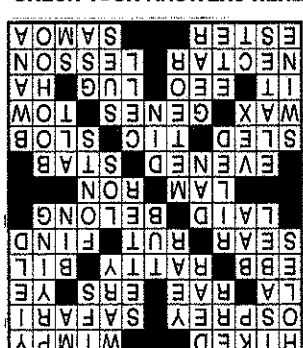
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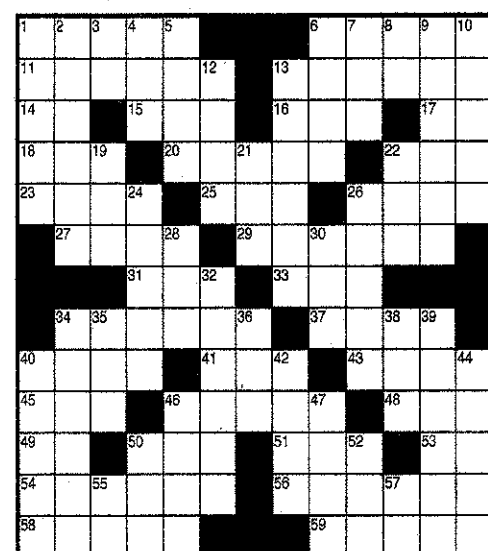
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Updated 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with newer windows, roof, furnace & CA. Fresh & neutral. Family room with wood stove & 2 car attached garage.
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Lovely Cape Cod on huge shady lot in wonderful neighborhood. Has 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 1st floor master, FFL, oversized 2 car garage, updated kitchen and bath. Lots of perennials.
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CANTON Classic Elegance
Custom built on approx 1 acre. Foyer w/wrought iron & wood staircase, 2 story GR w/tpic & crown molding, kit & mstr bath w/Granite tops. 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC. Full basement w/walkout & 3 car att garage.
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CANTON Meadowbrook Colonial
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 car attached garage, full basement, step up master suite, hardwood floors, family room w/fireplace, bay windows, vaulted ceilings, prof. landscaped lot.
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LINCOLN PARK Affordable Starter
3 bedroom brick ranch, CA full bsmt, newer windows & water heater, 1 car garage, fenced yard, appliances. Stay, newer carpet, freshly painted. Move in condition. Must see!
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GARDEN CITY Great Neutral Ranch
3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/may updates. Newer carpet, floor, furnace, windows, 3 season glass-screen Florida room w/doorwall. Extra BR in basement. Freshly painted & ready to move into. Home warranty.
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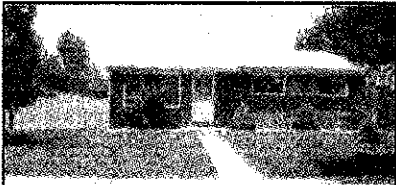
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Turn key condition w/may updates in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow offering coved ceilings & wet plaster. Finished basement & garage. Updated roof, windows, furnace, CA & much more.
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Large master bedroom, partially finished basement, home warranty, attached garage all offered in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial condo.
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PLYMOUTH Private Treed Interior
Lot in Ridgewood Hills! Full front porch, hwd flrs in LR, DR, kit & lib. Kit new '03 w/Corian counter & sink, cherry cabs, formal DR w/newer Andersen bay window, FR w/tpic, 2 tiered deck, bsmt & 2.5 car att garage.
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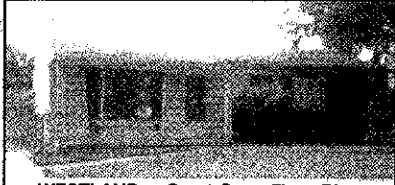
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Move in ready 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with finished basement, 2.5 car garage, updated oak kitchen, updated furnace, roof, CA, glass block windows, garage door. Great fenced backyard.
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3 BR, 1 BA + 2 LAV home w/may updates. Family room w/ceramic floor & doorwall to patio. Remodeled kit w/eating area. Convenient 1/2 bath in LL. Great room sizes. Updated electric. Home Protection Plan incl.
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SALEM TWP. Escape To A Country Life
Spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch sitting on approx. 2 acres w/ish pond, 2 garage. Updated kitchen, Andersen windows, furnace, CA, elec & roof shingles. First floor laundry & much more.
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WESTLAND Great Open Floor Plan
3 BR, 2 full baths in this well cared for ranch offering finished basement for additional living space. Many updates include: kitchen w/corner island & Pargo type floors. Oversized 2 car garage.
(E65HAZ) 734-455-5600 \$169,900



CANTON Canton Condo
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LIVONIA Live In Livonia
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WIXOM Wonderful Brick Ranch
2 BR brick ranch on large shady lot backing to nature preserve. Home boasts open floor plan, newer roof & updated kit w/white cabinets & ceramic tile. Excellent location near golf course & access to Loon Lake.
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PLYMOUTH Live Downtown
Historical 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/all the modern updates. Hardwood floors t/o, large family room w/brick fireplace, partially finished basement, open kitchen w/appliances, large fenced yard w/newer deck.
(E16HOL) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



GARDEN CITY Super Clean Bungalow
Updated 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow, nicely finished basement with 4th bedroom & additional living space. Two car garage w/workshop & 220.
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WESTLAND Charming Brick Ranch
3 BR, 2 bath home w/3 car garage, Andersen windows, newer roof, CA, furnace, 6 panel doors, newer entry, storm doors. Updated baths & kitchen floor. Sits on large lot on cul-de-sac. All apts & 1 year warranty.
(E96MAR) 734-455-5600 \$130,000



BRIGHTON Spectacular Ranch
Incredible updates make this 3 BR home special. Finished w/o bsmt. Extensive updating, sauna, newer carpet, newer furnace, HWH, air kitchen, baths, hwd floors, stamped concrete drive, landscaping.
(E14CAN) 248-349-5600 \$359,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/enormous gourmet kit w/marble cabinets and hwd/flrs. Winding staircase, MBR w/master BA & WIC, fireplaces, 3 car garage, W/O basement & dual heating and cooling.
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CANTON A Very Rare Find
Gorgeous ranch condo in Haggerty Woods! End unit on wooded cul-de-sac, many upgrades, full basement, attached garage, skylights, cathedral ceilings, a must see!
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WESTLAND Premium Lot!
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 presents 2 car attached garage, basement, spacious kitchen opens to family room w/tpic & sliding door to brick paver patio. All backing to nature preserve.
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DEARBORN HTS. Broadfront Ranch
Great location for this 3 BR brick home w/bsmt and garage. Roof, garage, furnace & AC - 10 yrs. 100 amp service. Plaster walls, wood floors under carpeting. Appliances included. Near Shopping and transit.
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NORTHVILLE Style, Character & Charm
1870 colonial w/4 BR, 3 BA on approx. 80 acres w/option to split. Gourmet kit w/Corian counter & rich cherry cabs, Sub-zero frig, Bosch stainless dishwasher, wine grotto, FFL w/Corian counter, lib, LR w/tpic.
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NORTHVILLE Lovely 4 Bedroom
3 bath colonial on quiet shady tree-lined street offering approx 1.50 acre lot. Huge country kit w/hwd floor, French doors leading to deck & private backyard, LR w/tpic, FR, 4th BR currently being used as study.
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DEARBORN Super Sharp Ranch
2 bedroom, 2 bath home w/abundance of cabs in eat-in kit, family room w/tpic, hwd flrs in BRs, freshly painted, Pella windows w/blind, furnace, CA & HWH new 02. Brick paver patio, sprinklers, 2 car att gar.
(E31ASP) 734-455-5600 \$217,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Updated
3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/abundance of cabs in eat-in kit, family room w/tpic, hwd flrs in BRs, freshly painted, Pella windows w/blind, furnace, CA & HWH new 02. Brick paver patio, sprinklers, 2 car att gar.
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VAN BUREN TWP. Curb Appeal
Spacious, neutral, beautifully maintained 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/CA. Vaulted ceiling in FR w/tpic. FFL, WIC in MBR, attached garage & underground sprinklers. Freshly painted. Bridge overlooking LR. Ceramic tile in kitchen.
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MILFORD Country Living
Great mix of new and old. Updated farmhouse w/kept HW floors & original woodwork. Large shed/wood shop for hobbies. Acres of trees, flowers and room to play. Cherry cabs, Sub-zero frig, Bosch stainless dishwasher, wine grotto, FFL w/Corian counter, lib, LR w/tpic.
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LIVONIA Outstanding Ranch
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Livonia schools offers deal of century. 4 BR, 1.5 BA. Updated kit and 5 bath. Custom lighting, open floor plan, spacious LR, large eat-in kit, private fenced deep yard - room for garage. Super sharp. Move in ready.
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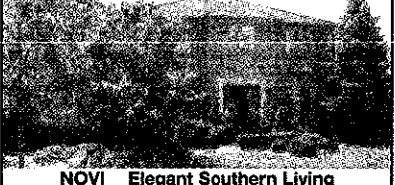
BLOOMFIELD TWP. Walkout Ranch
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NOVI Elegant Southern Living
4 BR colonial to move in. Wonderful lot. Great kitchen w/large cabinet, French doors lead to gorgeous FR. Master suite w/WIC. Wonderful master bath. This is a must see home. Looks like a model.
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WESTLAND Perfect Cul-de-sac Location
Newer built 1995. Large yard w/privacy fence. Formal DR, partially fin bsmt, eat-in kit, newer carpet, freshly painted t/o. C/A-99, composite decking. Low maintenance and move-in condition. All newer apps.
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WESTLAND Prime Location
Close to shopping & restaurants - yet quiet little neighborhood. Big backyard. 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch w/bsmt & garage. Seller's replaced: roof, windows, furn, C/A, HWH & plumbing. Florida room. Hwd floors.
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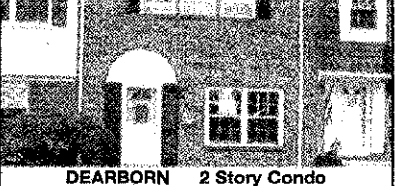
SALINE Dynamite Home
On wooded lot. Large 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on cul-de-sac w/open floor plan, prof decor, spacious mstr ste w/bay ceiling & 10x15 WIC, prof fin basement, gourmet kitchen & 51 overlooks pro landscaped yard.
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PRIVACY IN THE WOODS You will love this 6 acre executive estate. 4 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, 3+ car. lg kit w/bkfst rm overlooking golf course, LR w/large FR, mstr ste w/whirlpool tub. (T354)

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CANTON
BE NIMBLE BE QUICK Jump into this newer majestic Pulte colonial. 4 BR, 2.5 bath, hwdw foyer & kit, plus abundant cherry cabinets, 3 car garage and many more amenities. (23P47694)

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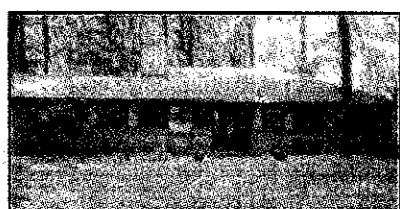
PLYMOUTH
IMPRESSIVE 4 BR, 3.5 BA BRICK COLONIAL
Upgrades include: Huge kit w/maple cabs, 9 ft ceilings, great rm w/FP, jack & jill bath, MBR w/cathedral ceilings, walk-in clst & bath w/separate shower. (24091666)

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NOVI
OUTSTANDING NOVI LOCATION Lovely 4 BR, 2.5 bath colonial that is spotless. Updates incl: windows, doorwall, kitchen counter, sink, faucets & floor. All kit appliances included. 349-6200 (24099568)

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LIVONIA
GREAT LOCATION IN LIVONIA Treed 1/2 acre lot, 2200 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch. New furn & A/C in 03, newer entry door, 2 car att. Gar/ heated. All convenience on one floor. (24108031)

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CANTON
BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO! Enjoy links of Pheasant Run! Lovely 1st floor master ste w/ California closets & garden tub, two-way flr between great rm & hearth room, hwdw floors. 349-6200 (24055738)

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LIVONIA
1/2 ACRE PLUS YARD IN LIVONIA Updates include new furnace, roof, windows. Pride of ownership shows. Hardwood floors, kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk-in pantry. 349-6200 (01PIC2)

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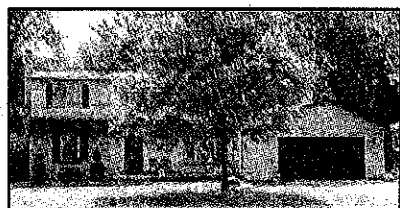
LIVONIA
WONDERFUL HOME! Beautifully appointed home w/hardwood flrs in nicely updated kit, fin bsmt w/full bath, 1st flr Indrv, newer roof, central air, hwh & furnace. Livonia schools! 349-6200 (24063614)

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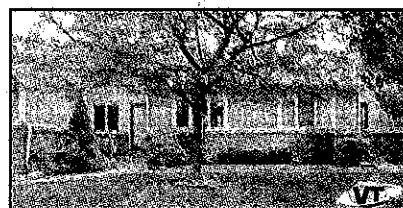
CANTON
EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL! 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, 1817 SF. Formal LR, part fin bsmt. Fncd bkryd w/koi pond, fountains & gorgeous indscpg. New furn, hmdfr; HWH, air cleaner & wndws. (23A284)

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CLINTON TWP
SPACIOUS CUSTOM COLONIAL Unique 2,000 SF, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Original hwdw flrs in DR & hallways w/updated contemporary kitchen. Lg family rm w/built-in surround sound & bookcases. (K371)

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LIVONIA
MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS VERY CLEAN HOME Fin bsmt, Wallside wndws, new roof in 01, full bath w/access in the master. Master w/drwall & deck. Kit w/oak cabs, cath cell, skylight over lg nook area & more. (24107605)

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NORTHVILLE
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Sharp updates in 1994, FR addition, kit/white cab/all appliances, hardwood floors, roof in 94 plus furnace/ca, siding, 2 sheds. A great buy. 349-6200 (24064653)

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WESTLAND
ARBOR OAKS CONDO Farmington Rd/A.A. Trail. Hard to find 2 BR, 2 BA ranch. Neutral decor, upgraded throughout, custom wndw treatments, bsmt, 2 car gar, new roof, backs to nature. (24109072)

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DEARBORN
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CANTON
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CANTON
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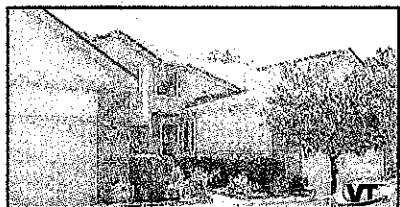
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WESTLAND
OUTSTANDING LOCATION. Clean, well kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor, oak kitchen cabinets, all appliances included. Finished basement. Deck from doorway. Absolutely turnkey! 349-6200 (24078094)

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WESTLAND
MOVE-IN PERFECT WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS. Tons of updates w/over 1500 SF, 2 car garage, updated oak kitchen, refinished hwdw floors and fireplace in LR. Updated roof. 349-6200 (24077321)

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WESTLAND
BETTER THAN NEW 1997 colonial. 3 BRs, 1 1/2 baths, super fin bsmt, Berber carpet, office in bsmt, great landscaping, brick & cement, vinyl, privacy fence, spnklers, oak kitchen. (J351)

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WESTLAND
ADORABLE DOLL HOUSE! Great location within walking distance of Hines Pk & elem school. Hwdw flr, roof(2004). Updated kit w/hwdw flr & skylt. Newer HWH, CA, furn, wndws & opt. Part fin bsmt. (23A33361)

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REDFORD
THREE BEDROOM BRICK RANCH Additional kitchen space, newer roof, updated bath, garage door, glass block windows, central air, park-like setting on Rouge River. (24106305)

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NORTHVILLE
POPULAR HIGHLAND LAKES CONDO! Clean and natural, 3 BRs, 1.5 baths, w/Pergo flrs. Assoc. has pool, tennis & access to 3 lakes. Lease w/in of 1 yr. All apps stay. 348-6430 (24086908)

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NORTHVILLE
UPDATED AND MOVE IN READY CONDO! Desirable Highland Lakes condo. 2 BRs, 1.5 BAs, updated kit, baths, ceramic tile, carpet, fin lower level w/separate workroom. Enjoy lake, pool & clubhouse. 349-6200 (24054857)

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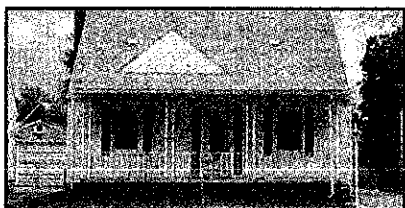
LIVONIA
NICE BRICK RANCH Freshly painted 3 BR and 1 BA that has been updated. Kit has new floor and white cabinets. Hwdw thru-out. Fin LL w/bar. Fenced-in yard w/patio. 349-6200. (24105816)

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REDFORD
3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH Finished bsmt with extra bath. Around the block from elementary school and close to junior high school. come see! Great family area. (24106260)

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DEARBORN
3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, loaded w/updates. Sit back & relax on large covered front porch. Within walking distance to elementary and middle schools. All appliances stay. (M231)

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REDFORD
3 BR, 1.5 BA RANCH Updated kit, 1/2 BA off kit, newer crt, newer wndws & entry doors. Assoc. has pool, tennis & access to 3 lakes. Lease w/in of 1 yr. All apps stay. 348-6430 (24086908)

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GARDEN CITY
CUSTOM LOOK AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE In this 3 bedroom aluminum Garden City ranch with C/A, partially finished basement, oversized 2 1/2 car garage, remodeled kitchen and bath. (H315)

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REDFORD
FEELS LIKE HOME! Step inside this 3 BR, 1.5 bath ranch and you'll love the warmth. It has LR/DR combo, updated kitchen, newer circuit breaker, CA, furnace & garage. New roof 2004. (23R12065)

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ROMULUS
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with lots of features: master bedroom with jetted tub, dining room, 1st floor laundry, 108x120 lot, 2 car garage. Must see. (F160)

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WESTLAND
1,300 SF OF LIVING & FAMILY ROOM Enjoy space in this large home. New windows w/marble ledges. Roof on home & garage only 2 yrs old. Oversized 2 car+ garage is great for storage or workshop. (A214)

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WESTLAND
3 BEDROOM RANCH with new siding, windows & updates. Large kitchen with utility room, 2.5 car garage. (23A1856)

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WESTLAND
HOTTEST BUY TODAY! This 2 or 3 BR alum ranch on a nice lot. Clean w/lots of updates including: furnace, carpeting, RF shingles, C/A & vinyl windows. LG kit w/good table space. (P324)

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INKSTER
SHARP AND UPDATED INSIDE AND OUT 3 BRs, 1 BA. This home has been reborn in 2004! Everything is new. A/C ready & furnace, kit, dining room, glass blk in bsmt. Washer/dryer included. Must see! 349-6200 (24103732)

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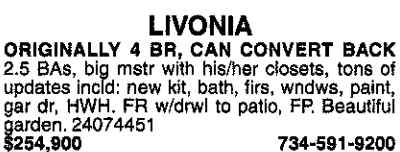
DETROIT
DON'T PAY RENT, COLLECT IT Home being used as a single family, can be 2 family flat. Natural wood trim, hardwood floors, some newer windows, roof 2 yrs old, newer cement. Full basement. (C390)

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LIVONIA
SHARP LAUREL PARK RANCH UPDATED AND MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION. Open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, enormous professionally finished lower level, great lot, cir drive, move in condition. 24090467 \$283,900

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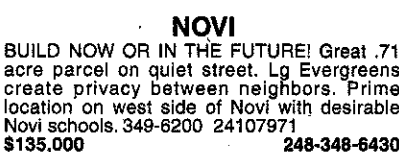
LIVONIA
ORIGINALLY 4 BR, CAN CONVERT BACK 2.5 BAs, big mstr with his/her closets, tons of updates incl: new kit, bath, flrs, wndws, paint, gar dr, HWH. FR w/drwl to patio, FP. Beautiful garden. 24074451 \$254,900

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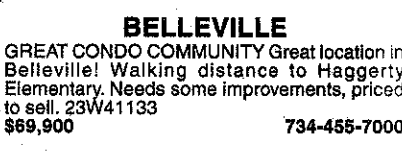
LIVONIA
OUTSTANDING QUAD LEVEL! Burton Hollow brick quad level, 5 BRs, 2 BAs, over 2100 SF! Newer roof, 2.5 car gar, separate prvt front entrance. Seller motivated, immediate occupancy. 349-6200 24102529 \$248,500

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BEVERLY HILLS 15562 Birchwood, Off 14 Mile & Greenfield Rd. Fri.-Sun., all day! BIG GARAGE SALE.

BIRMINGHAM Annual Condo Sale! Sat. 9-18, 9am-3pm. Rain date, Sun 9-19. Antiques, books, collectibles, designer clothing, household, etc. W. Adams, N. Maple, off Abbey

BIRMINGHAM Multi-family! Toys, household goods, electronics, clothing, metal garden ware, etc. 554, 636 & 652 Wimbledon, btwn Woodward & Adams. September 17th & 18th from 9-5.

BIRMINGHAM Garage Sale Fri. & Sat. 9-4. 421 Madison, off Woodward 2 bks. N. of Maple. Furniture & misc.

BIRMINGHAM Friday, Sept. 17, 1 day only, 9:30-4. Great stuff! 600 Atn Ct. Off Harman and Old Woodward

Bloomfield Hills Women's National Fair & Garden Assoc. Sept. 16-17, 9-4pm. 4539 Ardmore Dr (off Lahser, S. of Long Lake)

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Sept. 17 & 18, 9-4. 4275 Orchard Hill, Adams & Wattles. Dishes, furniture & miscellaneous.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Yard Sale - 870 Hidden Pine. Skating team Fund Raiser! Furniture, clothing, bikes, loads of stuff! Saturday, 9/18/04 from 8:00 am - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 9/19/04 from 8:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Good Stuff! 3 family, 878 Foxhall Rd. Off Eastways. Fri., Sept. 17, 9-6.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 1018 Brethren Dr., off Square Lake between Squirrel & Eastways. Friday, Sept. 17th, 9-4. Furniture, household, some baby things.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - SATURDAY ONLY! 5528 Sutters Lane, off Quatern, W. of Franklin. Housewares, draperies, chairs, patio lounges, frames, clothes, school desks.

BLOOMFIELD BIG 5 family! Antiques, retro, deco, household + new. Farm house, 4755 Walnut Lake Rd. E/Inkster. Sept. 16-18, 10-4

BRIGHTON 9/16 & 17, 9am-10pm. Moving! 3124 Park Dr. (left off Skeman)

CANTON Huge Garage Sale! Something for everyone! Household items, baby clothes/items, toys, furniture and more! Must see! All items priced to sell. Friday 8-3, Saturday 8-12. 1510 Copeland Circle, Canton (off of Lilley & Saltz)

CANTON - Brookside Annual SUB SALE, Cherry Hill & Lotz. Thurs-Sun, Sept. 16-19. Baby, household & yard items, bikes, clothing, much to choose from!

CANTON Sub Wide Garage Sale - Forest Trails Sub., South of Joy & West of Sheldon. Sept. 16, 17, 18th, 9am-5pm.

CANTON Estate Sale, Sept. 16-17 & 18, 24-25-26, 9-4pm. 6801 Chadwick. Furniture, household items, clothing, baby to 1 x and huge doll collection. (734) 459-8637

CANTON 8:30-5PM, Fri. Sept. 17, 43533 Fleetwood Ct. S/Ford, between Morton Taylor & Sheldon.

CANTON 7310 Oakmont Dr. Thur. & Fri. 9am-3pm. KIDS: toys, games, clothes, TV, printer, mower & lawn trimmer.

CANTON DON'T MISS OUT ON A GIANT GARAGE SALE. Lots of children clothing and toys. Household items, etc. Thursday 9/16 - Sunday 9/19. In Canton - 41998 Trent Ct. Covington Square Sub-division (Between Cherry Hill & Palmer).

CANTON garage/yard sale! Oak wall unit, trading cards, Barbies, collector's items, household & more! All a must see at 42417 Proctor off Lilley. Saturday, Sunday September 18, & 19, 8-3.

CANTON - ONE DAY ONLY! Sept. 18, 9-3. 41925 Edenbrooke, off Lilley East just N of Cherry Hill.

CANTON - SUNFLOWER SUB Thurs. Sept. 16 thru Sat. Sept. 18, 9am-7 (W. of Canton Center/N. & S. of Warren). LOOK FOR SIGNS AND YELLOW BALLOONS.

CANTON MULTI SUB SALE Cherry Hill Orchards, Oakvale & Stonegate. N. of Palmer, S. of Cherry Hill, & E&W of Lilley. Sept. 16-19.

CANTON - Phasent Ridge Sub. Sale. N.E. corner of Warren /Ridge, enter off Andover Dr., Sept. 17 & 18, 8am-3pm.

CANTON - Cherry Grove Condo garage sale!, September 16-19, 9-5, Cherry Hill, E/Sheldon

CANTON Fri. & Sat. Sept. 17 & 18, 9:30-5. Computer, golf equip., Tonneau cover, much more. 5904 Beaufort.

Clarkston - Sept. 16, 17, 18, 9-4. 601 Hawksmoor, off C, Heather Lake Estates. Lots of great stuff!

CLARKSTON SALE Family Finds, Fashion, Furniture, 5021 Clarkston Road. Sept. 16, 17, 18, 9am to 5pm

DEARBORN - Sept. 17-18, 8-5pm. 821 North Vernon, W. of Telegraph, btwn Ford & Cherry Hill. Awesome Sale! Large women's clothes up to 6x, many new items, shoes, home interior, tools, vacuum, too much to list!

FARMINGTON ReRuns it huge garage sale. Great bargains, had sale at 3 p.m. Saturday September 18th from 9-5. 21335 Tuck Rd., E. of Merriman N. of 8 Mile

Farmington - Estate/Garage. Furniture, appliances, knick-knacks, pictures, even pots & pans. Everything must go. Most items indoors. Fri., 9-5, Sat. 9-1. 23157 Cass St., W/Farmington, S/Grand River.

FARMINGTON HILLS Garage/Moving Sale! 35152 Meadow Lane, Hillside Estates, Drake, N. of Grand River, Sept. 16-18, 9am. 38 years of collectibles, antiques & stuff!

FARMINGTON HILLS - 12 Mile and Drake: 35088 Savannah Lane; lots of stuff, children's items and toys, twin bed with matching desk and bookcase, workbench, bikes, screen gazebo. All items priced to sell. Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9am-4pm.

FARMINGTON HILLS garage/moving sale! Friday & Saturday 10-5. 26053 Pleasant Valley, 11 Mile & Drake area

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge Moving/Garage Sale. 32349 Hull, S. of 11, W. of Orchard Lake. Thurs-Sat., 10am-7

FARMINGTON HILLS-1 DAY ONLY! Sat. 9-5. 21154 Flanders, W/Off Farmington Rd., 3 bks. N/8 Mile. Toys, books, games, baby clothes, clothes. Fur coats, home-coming/prom dresses, misc. household goods.

GARDEN CITY Friday & Sat. Sept. 17 & 18, 9:00 - 5:00. Multi-family. Craft items and supplies, computer hardware & software, household misc. Wide variety and great prices! No clothing or kids stuff. 31147 Dawson, North of Ford, East of Merriman

GARDEN CITY JUST MARRIED SALE!!! 2 Households + 1 House = Too Much Stuff. Furniture-jewelry-clothes-electronics-housewares-baby gear & MORE! 5954 Helen. Fri., 17th-Sun., 19th, 9am-5pm

GARDEN CITY BIG, BIG, BIG, Multi-family yard sale plus the "Vintage Goodies" from an artistic, master cook/baker, religious, world traveler, elderly ladies estate. Something for everyone, including the handicapped. Fri.-Sun., Sept. 17-18-19, 10-7pm. 32961 Sheridan, just W. of Venoy, btwn Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill.

LAKE ORION - Huge sale! Thurs-Sat. 9-4. Baby bedding & accessories; video monitor, carbed, men's, women's, children's clothing; bikes, wagons, power toys; tons of educational toys, books, games & puzzles; bike rack, golf clubs, ice skates, skis, bar stools, dining room furniture, misc. household items. Many items brand new. 1155 Indian Pipe Ct., enter on Kaleaf. W/Off Silverbell, between Lapeer Rd. & Adams.

LAKE ORION 5th. Annual Subdivision Sale. Furniture & kitchen appliances. Sept. 16-18, 9-3. Long Lake Woods Sub. M24 & Indian Lake Rd.

LATHROP VILLAGE Moving Sale. Furniture, design, clothes, boys & girls size 2-7, ladies clothes, marble table w/chairs. Lots more! Sept. 17 & 18, 8am-5pm. 17350 Coral Gables, 11 & Southfield. 248-443-0357

LATHROP VILLAGE 18545 Wiltshire Blvd., September 16th, 17th & 18th 9-4. Last great sale of the season. Vintage & gently used items, area rugs, comforters, lighting, fans, many great items for college down to 1st apartment plus much more.

LIVONIA Sept. 16-18, 9am-5pm. Clothing, toys, household furniture. 19428 Gill, between 7 & 8 Mile, W/Farmington.

LIVONIA 32956 Allen. East of Farmington Rd. South of Lyndon. Sept. 16-17. 9am-4pm. Multi-Family Sale!

Livonia Thurs.-Sat. 9-5. 16634 Susana, 7 & Haggerty. 3 Families. Electronics, tools, furniture, toys, clothes, cookbooks, home decor & more.

LIVONIA 30340 Oakview. South of 5 mile, east of Merriman. Sept. 17 and 18. 9am-5pm. Clothes, toys, small furniture and household items.

LIVONIA BLOCK SALE! Sunbury, Thur-Sat. 9-5. S. of 5 Mile, btwn Middlebelt & Harrison. Over 12 homes. Baby stuff, car parts, bedroom furniture, clothes, antiques, records, everything.

LIVONIA Several family yard sale featuring large record collection! Thursday & Friday only 9-5. 15922 Derrington, off 5 Mile & Inkster. (48154)

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LIVONIA Sept. 17-18, Fri. & Sat. 10am-4pm. 14929 Fairview, S/5, E/Levan, off Country Club. Furniture, small appliances, kitchenware, bikes, toys, books & more!

LIVONIA Sept. 18 & 19, 10am-4pm. Clothes & misc. 35883 W. Chicago, W. of Wayne Rd. S. of Plymouth. E. of Levan.

LIVONIA Huge Garage Sale. Antiques and collectibles. 15557 Alpine, N. of 5 Mile, btwn Farmington & Levan. Sept. 16-19, 10am-7

LIVONIA 11349 Inkster. South of Plymouth. Thurs-Sun. 9-5pm. Tools, Sports/memorabilia, hardware, clothes, toys.

LIVONIA Sept. 16-18, 9-5pm. 35802 W. Chicago, W. of Wayne, S. of Plymouth Rd. Fri. & Sat. 12-5pm, Sun. 12noon-4pm. Furniture, toys, & clothing.

LIVONIA 16780 Bell Creek Lane. One bldg. south of 6 mile. One bldg. east of Farmington. Thurs-Sat. 9-5pm. Furniture, household items and books.

LIVONIA Fri. 9-4pm & Sat. 8-4pm. 37693 Kingsburn Dr. W. of Newburgh/ S. of 7 Mile. Baby stuff, household, etc.

LIVONIA Sept. 16-18, 9-5pm. 17871 Glengarry, south of 7 Mile and west of Newburgh, Calhoun sub.

LIVONIA Multi-family! 17300 Dolores, 6 Mile & Inkster. Friday & Saturday Sept. 17th & 18th, 9-5. Furniture & more!

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LIVONIA 3 Families. large size women's clothing (size 20-26), lots of misc. Sat. & Sun. 9-18-19, 9-5pm. 11640 Cabell, N/Plymouth, W/Inkster.

LIVONIA Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 10-5. holiday decorations, household stuff, and much more! 14408 Arden, 1 block W. of Merriman 1/2 block W. of Lyndon

LIVONIA - Thurs.-Sat., 9-5. 3 Family. Oak nursery set. Quality baby & kids toys, accessories, clothing. Housewares, furniture. Shop open for Christmas! No junk! 16600 Golfview, S/5 Mile, E/Levan.

LIVONIA Sept. 16-18, 9-5. 10586 Joann Lane. 1 bks W/Sheldon, W/Ann Arbor. Lots of good garage sale items.

PLYMOUTH Old Village. On Davis btwn Liberty & Spring. Friday & Saturday from 9-5. Household & Misc!

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PLYMOUTH Bradbury Condos Sale in OPQ. Park in circle. Haggerty, btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Rd. Thur-Fri. 9-5. Sat. 9-1. 2 Wedding Dresses, size 5.

PLYMOUTH Crestwood Condo Rummage Sale. Sept. 16-17, 18, 9-7. 1199 S. Sheldon. (N. of Ann Arbor Rd., W./Main).

PLYMOUTH - Saturday (9/18) & Sunday (9/19) 9AM - 3PM - 650 Provincetown Lane. Big/Tall Men's. Plus size Women's, children's clothing, housewares, misc.

PLYMOUTH 45888 Denise Dr. W. of Canton Center, N. of Ann Arbor Rd. Trailwood Sub., huge garage sale September 17th & 18th 9-4.

PLYMOUTH Huge Garage Sale. 25 yrs accumulation. Antiques, tools, furniture, toys & more. Sat. 8am-5. 46227 W. Ann Arbor Rd. 1 mi. W. of Sheldon, next to Pioneer School.

PLYMOUTH - HUGE SALE! Great & unusual things. 48101 Brewster Ct. Ann Arbor Rd. & Colony Farms. 10-6, Wed & Thurs. Sept 15 & 16.

PLYMOUTH MULTI-FAMILY Infants to housewares incl. furniture, NO JUNK! Sept. 17 & 18 from 9am-5pm. E. of Main St/N. of Joy on Morrison in Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH POINT CONDO SUB WIDE SALE Sept. 18, 9-3. Ridge & N. Territorial

PLYMOUTH REALLY COOL GARAGE SALE 298 Blunk St. 9-5pm. September 17 & 18. Dolls, glassware, toys, antiques, vintage hats & jewelry, appliances, tables, chairs & more. Many items from Bloomfield Hills estate.

PLYMOUTH TWP. Community-Wide Garage Sale at Plymouth Corners Condominiums. Sat. Sept. 18, 9-4. Five Mile Rd. at Bradner, Just E. of Northville Rd.

PLYMOUTH TWP. - 11664 Chandler Dr. Huntington Park Sub., Powell & Maple. Multi-family. Fri. & Sat. 9-5pm. Hockey equip., Barbies, VCR, TV, toys & much more.

PLYMOUTH - Multi-Families sale, proceeds go to Brownies. 533 Herald, S/Ann Arbor Trail, Sept. 16-18, 9-7

PLYMOUTH 14508 Huntington, W. of Haggerty, N. of Schoolcraft (Lakepointe Sub). Something for everyone. Sept. 16 & 17, 9-5.

REDFORD Antiques, amazing collectibles no clothing. Sept. 16th-18th, 9am-5pm. 18260 Negaunee 313 534-7467

OAKLAND TWP. P.E.O. Multi-Family Sale to fund women's scholarships. 1275 Sunniewood, N/Dutton, W/Livonia Sept. 17-18, 8-2. -Help Us Help Others!

PLYMOUTH Sept. 17 & 18, 8-4pm. 41078 Greystone (Haggerty & Ann Arbor Rd.) Baby items, little girl's clothes, bikes, household.

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BY DALE BUSS

Surely at times in the past several years, marketing and product executives for Mercury must have wished that they were working on the planet of the same name rather than on Ford Motor Co.'s vehicle line. Over the last generation, Ford clearly allowed its mid-priced division to suffer in terms of individual models, overall rationale, brand equity and everything else. Rumors surfaced periodically that - like Chrysler's Plymouth line and General Motors' Oldsmobile marque - Mercury was going to move on to that great junkyard in the sky.

Lately, however, Ford has been demonstrating that is attempting in earnest to revive its Mercury franchise. Only money really talks in the automotive business, and Ford executives finally have put significant resources behind worthy new models including the Marauder sedan, the Monterey minivan and the Mountaineer sport-utility vehicles. A full-fledged revival of the Mercury franchise, like much else at Ford these days, seems to be underway.

The way I see it, Mountaineer is the most worthy of the three vehicles. It's appropriately priced as a middle-of-the-road vehicle, at suggested stickers ranging from about \$29,000 to just north of \$40,000. But it delivers more than middling appearance, performance and utility.

For 2004, for example, new to Mountaineer were available second-row bucket seats and a new antiskid system. All three versions of Mercury's take on the Lincoln Aviator-Ford Explorer platform have three rows of seats for seven-passenger capacity, and all offer a V6 or V8 engine and rear- or all-wheel-drive. Mountaineer exhibits excellent ride and handling characteristics for a truck-based SUV. For the Premier version with the 4.6-liter V8 engine that I drove, mileage was a paltry 15 miles a gallon in the city and only 19 on the highway, but that is about in line with competitors' fuel economy.

On the outside, Mountaineer - as befits its brand



Mercury Monterey transports seven people comfortably

image - presents a definitive upgrade over the very plain appearance of its cousin, the Ford Explorer. Its bold, expressive design relies, of course, on the trademark vertically striped Mercury "waterfall" grille.

Inside, Mountaineer sports not only the extra seat configurations but also power-adjustable pedals, an in-dash six-disc CD changer, electronic stability control and more. The front bucket seats are good and sturdy, though relatively flat without any side bolstering. The second row is accommodating, but third-row seats are a bit tight.

Monterey is Mercury's version of the redesigned Ford Freestar van, and I found it overall less satisfying than Mountaineer to drive and to experience. Monterey drives nicely enough, with a torquey V6 engine and pretty smooth handling and ride characteristics. And like all minivans in today's market, it's the best bet in the Mercury lineup for transporting seven people comfortably.

Replacing the aging Villager, Monterey definitely represents an upgrade for Ford in the suddenly ultra-competitive minivan segment. It is Mercury's first long-wheelbase minivan, offering third-row fold-flat seating, which can flip over to a rear-facing position for tailgate parties. The cabin includes many more storage areas than Villager did, and there's an optional DVD

entertainment system. Overhead sunglass-storage and other compartments move along a track in the ceiling to adjust to rear passengers' desires, which is handy.

Also, Monterey's interior has a bit of a European flair, with a very clean, uncluttered overall look. On the outside, it's trimmed in satin-aluminum finishes on all door and liftgate handles, foglamp bezels, roof rack and taillamps.

However, there were a few aspects of the Monterey that I couldn't abide. For one thing, the vehicle's exterior-sensing system, designed to alert drivers to whether they're going to run into something ahead of or behind them, became an infernal nag for me. It seemed to beep vehemently at me every time I performed some kind of ordinary driving function, even beeping at me as I pulled into parking spaces facing another vehicle. Let's just say I found that system a bit too sensitive.

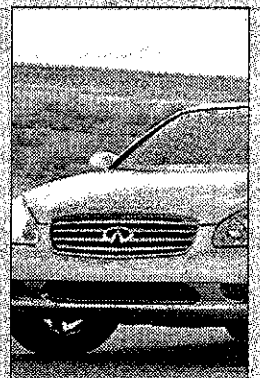
Also, there are no motors on the rear window vents, unlike in competitors such as Chrysler's Town & Country minivan - an annoyance, though a minor one. And I found the climate controls in Monterey too small and confusing.

But overall, both Mountaineer and Monterey acquit themselves - and, by implication, the entire Mercury line - pretty well. Welcome back, Mercury.

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