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Members of Central City Dance performed 'Big Noise,' a Bette Midler song, during the Village Theater's season preview gala on Saturday.

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Raising the curtain

Patrons get a preview of theater's
new season

Theater lovers got a sneak peek at what's in store for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill during its upcoming second season on Saturday, during the Season Preview Gala.

The elegant evening included a strolling supper, champagne and a number of performances by some of the actors and musicians who will be featured during the upcoming season.

"It was a very enjoyable evening," said Linda Pohl, a member of the Spotlight Players board of governors. "They showed a good gamut of what they've done in the past, and what they will be doing this year. It was a nice

showcase of this year's performances."

Members of the Spotlight Players, a local acting troupe, performed songs from the musical *The Sound of Music*, which opens at the theater this weekend. Other performers included the Canton Concert Band, Ever After Productions, Destination Theater, Canton Community Chorus, Central City Dance, Celebration Youth Orchestra, John Brown's Body, Summit Players, and Sounds of Canton.

The \$100 tickets for the event will benefit arts programming in the greater Canton community.

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Dann Smallwood performs a song in the theater's vestibule during intermission of the season preview gala at the Village Theater.



Canton Cultural Commission member Regina Coles-Shamberger and husband, Jeffery Shamberger, enjoyed the gala.

Schools book space for Katrina students

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The tragedy of Hurricane Katrina hit a bit closer to home when Plymouth-Canton Schools officials agreed to enroll 14 students from the Gulf Coast region whose families have been left homeless from the devastation.

"They come from different parts of the hurricane area," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Most are coming up here because they have family living in the area, and are staying with family or in hotels. We've enrolled students from the region in every grade level in the district."

Ruggirello said the district isn't revealing the names of the families or which schools they're attending in an effort to help make their transition a smooth one. However, at least one has enrolled at Plymouth High School.

"We're making them feel welcome and hooking them up with kids to help make their transition an easy one," said Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee. "We're basically waiving all book fees and other fees throughout the year, and automatically enrolling them in the free lunch program."

"We want to give them every opportunity to take advantage of everything we've got," he said. "They've been through enough trauma."

Bob Hayes, director of student services, said enrolling students from hurricane-ravaged areas is streamlined to make it easy for them to enroll in classes.

"Even if someone doesn't have birth or health records we enroll them," said Hayes. "Everybody is doing everything they can to support these evacuees because they are homeless."

Hayes said the state has guaranteed the district the \$7,025 foundation grant allowance for each student enrolled.

Joyce Johnson, principal at Central

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Canton braces for changes with IKEA

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

IKEA is coming, and with it will come big changes for the Canton community, especially for businesses and motorists along Ford Road.

Canton officials are making a concerted effort to help people brace for the changes, which will result from an additional 2 million people visiting the community each year. That's the number of customers IKEA officials believe will shop at the new store once it opens on Ford and Haggerty next summer.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsored a luncheon Wednesday at the Summit to address some of these expected changes. The theme of the lunch-

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Day care owner sentenced, closes business

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A Canton day care provider was sentenced to probation Monday after pleading down from a felony charge of sexual abuse to third-degree child abuse. And people on both sides of the case say the sentence is unfair, but for different reasons.

Nancy Podorsek, 43, had been caring for children in her Canton home for nine years. She was arrested in June, after police officials said she had become angry with a 2-year-old girl in her care, when the toddler soiled herself and needed a bath. The girl's mother, Elaine LaMontagne of



Podorsek

Dearborn Heights, discovered bruising on the girl's genitals and took her to see a doctor, who confirmed the bruising.

Podorsek admitted she may have

scrubbed too hard with a towel during her bath, and has been "remorseful" about the incident, according to police officials.

"There had never been a complaint of any kind," said Podorsek's husband, William, about Monday's sentence. "This is absolutely not fair. It was

blown so far out of proportion, and it's been really very hard on us, and on our two children."

LaMontagne agrees that the sentence - one year of probation and court-ordered anger management classes - is not fair, but said it's because it's too lenient and is an insult to her daughter.

For eight of the years Podorsek had been providing in-home day care to children, she had watched LaMontagne's children - two sons and a daughter. LaMontagne's daughter, in fact, had been in Podorsek's care since she was six months old.

But on May 16, 2005, LaMontagne contacted police when she suspected her then 2-

year-old daughter had been sexually abused.

Podorsek was originally charged with a 15-year felony, second-degree sexual conduct, but pleaded to child abuse. The plea was accepted on Aug. 3 by the Wayne County prosecutor's office. Immediately after she was charged, Podorsek voluntarily closed the day care.

"I just don't understand how this can happen," LaMontagne said. "I can't understand how the system protected my child. First she was abused by the abuser and now by the system."

According to LaMontagne,

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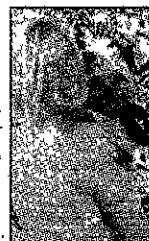
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Hurricane relief

The Retail Jewelers Organization is teaming up with Showroom of Elegance and its other independent jewelers across the nation to help the Red Cross in its Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. As part of the effort, Showroom of Elegance, located at 6018 Canton Center Road, will be collecting monetary donations until Sept. 24.

For more information, call Rick Denman at (734) 2077-1906.

Family event

Michael's Arts & Crafts, 41904 Ford Road in Canton, will be hosting a free family event on Sept. 17. Drop in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for crafts, games, prizes and refreshments. All activities are free. For more information, call (734) 781-6578.

Children to pray

The Hindu Temple, located at 44955 Cherry Hill in Canton, is hosting a mass prayer for children, 5 years old and older, from 6:30-8 p.m. on Sept. 16. Many children have been congregating in the Hindu Temple of Canton to learn about culture and religion, and have been sculpting

idols during the sessions. At this event, many of these children will perform prayers to the individual idol that the child sculpted.

The Temple is inviting the public to the event. For more information, call the Temple at (734) 981-8730, or visit the Web site, <http://www.balagokulam.org>.

Energy bills

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton), introduced legislation this week designed to help constituents worried about staggering energy cost increases, soaring natural gas prices, home heating oil futures and post-Hurricane Katrina gasoline pump prices.

Patterson has 18 co-sponsors, some Democrats and some Republicans among them. Twenty votes are needed for Senate passage.

"Average Michigan households are reeling under current conditions, and must get all the help we can legitimately provide," said Patterson, chairman of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee. "This legislation can help. Unlike most energy commodities, electricity is regulated. Thus, we can act."

Make a difference

The Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to help with "Make A Difference Day" from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 22.

Volunteers are needed to help rake leaves, clean yards and provide light labor (replace light bulbs and smoke alarm batteries) for senior citizens in the Plymouth/Canton community. Morning refreshments, lawn bags and other supplies will be provided; volunteers are being asked to bring their own rakes, garden tools and gloves.

Volunteers will meet at the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. To volunteer, call the Plymouth United Way, (734) 453-6879.

Radio fund-raiser

WSDP teams up with Parisian for the station's Celebrate Education fund-raiser from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Station members are selling \$5 tickets that provide the buyer with 20-percent discounts off almost any item in the store, including rarely discounted merchandise, during the event. The station gets to keep the \$5 for each ticket sold.

"If each of our staff members

sells five tickets, we'll raise \$500," station manager Bill Keith said. "We're using our proceeds to upgrade or purchase a new computer for our production studio."

For more information, e-mail Keith at keithb@pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-7732. Tickets can be purchased through the mail by sending \$5 per ticket to WSDP, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Fall festival

Waltonwood Cherry Hill's 4th annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 from noon-4 p.m. The public is invited to assisted living facility for the craft fair, live entertainment and food. Waltonwood Cherry Hill is located at 42600 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Crafters are still welcome to participate, please call (734) 981-7100 for more information.

Open house

Mocer Companies of Auburn Hills and the Sterling Heights-based Palazzolo Brothers will be holding a grand opening Sept. 17-18 of the first phase of their Rivers Edge at Cherry Hill Village community, which features a collection of brick-clad, single-family homes and duet-style condominiums.

Located in Canton, south of Cherry Hill Road and just west of Ridge Road, Phase I of Rivers Edge offers a variety of ranch, one-and-a-half-story and colonial-style, single-family plans, ranging from 1,886 to more than 3,000 square feet. With three- or four-bedrooms, including first level master suites, up to three-and-a-half baths, wraparound front porches, two- or three-car, attached garages, Kenmore appliance packages, and complete landscaping with sod and sprinklers, the homes begin are priced from the \$300,000 range.

Two-level condominiums of 2,351 square feet, meanwhile, offer Georgetown styling with three bedrooms, including first level master suites, large lofts, two-and-a-half baths, full basements and attached two-car garages. The carefree condominiums are available from \$240,000.

Craft fair

Members of Delta Kappa Gamma are planning to continue scholarship funding with the proceeds from their 19th-annual Craft and Home Fair Saturday, Oct. 15.

The fair offers more than 100 juried crafters, home vendors, Amish quilt raffle, refreshments and lunch. The fair runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail at Sheldon in Plymouth. Admission is \$2.00.

The international society, Delta Kappa Gamma, has over 60 members in its local Plymouth-Canton chapter. Since the chapter began in 1982, these women educators have made

efforts to increase educational opportunities for many Plymouth-Canton Community School students by raising money to help fund scholarships. These scholarships are available to Canton, Plymouth, or Salem graduates who are pursuing degrees in education. Students receive yearly awards as long as they maintain the specified grade point average and are still pursuing an education degree. Presently 12 Canton and Salem graduates are being given \$1000 a year for up to five years from the profits from this show.

Young Marines registration

The Canton Young Marines will be accepting new registrations during September. The group meets every Monday from 5-7:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Pkwy, in Canton. The Young Marines is a national not-for-profit 501(c)(3) youth education program sponsored by the Marine Corps League in Washington, DC.

Open to children ages 8 through completion of high school, the program focuses on character building through a combination of self-discipline, teamwork, and leadership and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The group is holding an open house on Sept. 19, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Summit. For advance registration or more information, call the Unit Commander Charles Volker at (734) 981-5059. Visit www.youngmarines.com for more information on this program.



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Having a heart

Hopeful mom walks for research efforts

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Connor Leonard is all boy, a rough-and-tumble "snips, snails and puppy dog tails" boy. And while all mothers that childhood won't last forever, Connor's mom, Trisha Leonard, wonders if his heart will.

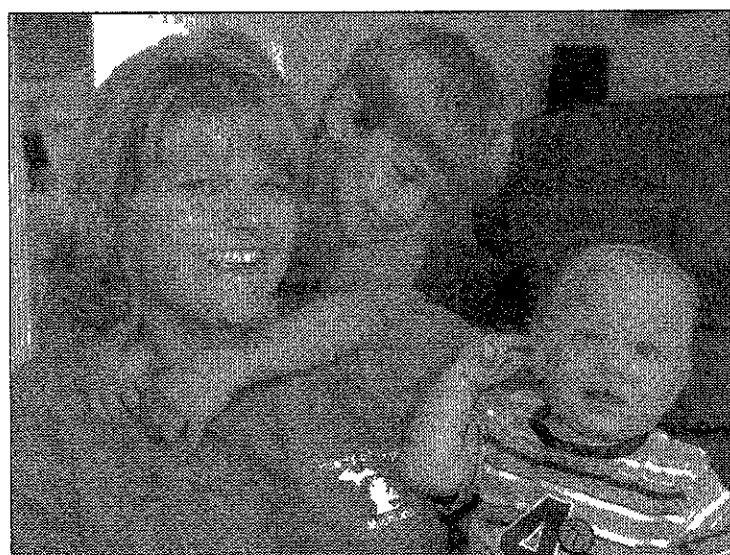
At just 4 years old, Connor has had three open-heart surgeries, which haven't corrected Connor's heart defect, but can help him live and be a kid for a few years. Just how many years, no one knows.

"We hope his heart holds out for a long time, but we just don't know," Leonard said. "But we hope for the best. We have college plans for him."

Leonard hopes research will lead to great advances in treating heart defects before Connor's heart gives out, and that's why she's putting on comfortable shoes for this weekend's 2005 Metro Detroit Heart Walk in Southfield. The walk is a fund-raiser to benefit the American Heart Association.

Connor has hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which in laymen's terms means his left ventricle doesn't function properly and surgeons have had to reconfigure his heart so that his right ventricle is the heart's main pumper, according to Leonard.

"Ten years ago, most kids like Connor didn't make it,"



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Trisha Leonard and sons Connor, 4, and Calvin, 9 months, who both suffer from heart defects.

she said. "Now, 90 percent can live 5-10 years." It's the research, including the Heart Walk helps to fund, which has helped keep children like Connor alive, and which offers Leonard hope for his future, she said.

Connor's younger brother, 9-month-old Calvin, was tested for the same defect, and the tests were negative. But when he was an infant, a duct in his heart started to close.

"He had stopped eating and he was sleeping a lot, and if it hadn't been for the fact that I was already suspicious, I never would have known that something was

really, really wrong," Leonard said.

She rushed him to the hospital and was told he was in heart failure.

He has a condition known as atrial septal defect, or ASD, and will have to have surgery when he's 4 years old, but the condition is correctable, his mother said.

Leonard, a pediatric nurse practitioner, understands all the medical implications of her children's heart disorders. What she doesn't know is: When is it OK to let your child ride on a roller coaster and do you tell your cardiologist if you do?

In the Leonard family's case the answer is: Yes Connor was allowed to ride the coaster and no, they didn't divulge that to his cardiologist.

In order to help other parents find those kinds of answers, the helped found a support group, Hearts of Hope of Southeast Michigan.

In just a couple of months, the group has grown from four members to the 200 people that showed up at their summer picnic last week.

One of Connor's "heart buddies" in the support group is not doing well, and his heart is giving out, but most of the members of the group offer hope.

"It's just really helpful to see other kids that are making it," Leonard said. "Mostly, the group helps because sometimes you need to vent and sometimes you need to cry, but it always helps to know that someone else is out there, going through exactly what you're going through."

For more information on the Heart Walk Saturday, Sept. 17, visit on-line at www.detroit-heartwalk.kintera.org or call (248) 827-4214.

For more information on the Hearts of Hope support group for families of children with heart defects, visit the group's new Web site at www.heart-sofhope.org

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The aftermath of the fatal crash on I-275 Tuesday morning shows the wreckage of the semi tractor-trailer and the Corsica (in the median), along with investigators, emergency crews and the backup of freeway traffic.

'People need to slow down'

Crash kills man, snarls traffic on I-275; charges considered

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Police again are calling on I-275 motorists to slow down in the wake of a fatal crash that killed a 23-year-old Rose City man Tuesday morning and caused a chemical spill that left the freeway snarled in a traffic jams for two days.

"People need to slow down," Michigan State Police Sgt. Michael Shaw said. "Every time we do traffic enforcement initiatives on that section of I-275, we catch people going too fast. We catch some people doing 100 mph."

Daniel Jason Wilber was driving his Chevrolet Corsica south on I-275 near Six Mile when he was struck by a Dodge van and forced off the freeway at about 6:35 a.m., police said. The Corsica skidded through the grassy median and crashed into a semi tractor-trailer traveling northbound.

A medical helicopter transported Wilber to the University of Michigan Hospital where he was pronounced dead hours later. The driver of the semi suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

Broadcast media reports helped police find two witnesses who produced information

that identified the driver of the van. A 25-year-old Farmington Hills woman was questioned and released Wednesday.

Sgt. Matt Nutt said the van was impounded. Findings from the police investigation are being taken to the Wayne County prosecutor's office. He said they are seeking two criminal charges against the woman: leaving the scene of an accident causing death and negligent homicide.

"It appears the van bumped the victim's vehicle and it was a hard collision," Nutt said.

The crash also caused the truck's trailer to tip and spill 5,000 gallons boiling road tar onto the roadway and into some storm sewers. Hazardous materials teams worked Tuesday and Wednesday to clean up the spilled substance that was so hot, it bubbled on the roadway - forcing police to close several lanes of the freeway.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the left lanes of southbound and northbound I-275 remained closed until environmental officials deemed the area clean and safe, Nutt said.

There was another crash involving a semi tractor trailer Monday evening that slowed traffic on I-275 in Livonia, but none of the drivers involved were seriously hurt.



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Student council representative Tatiana Imamura is all smiles after getting a Hurricane Katrina donation from senior Corey Vanspronsen.

Students move quickly with hurricane relief

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Students throughout the Plymouth-Canton district are responding with urgency to the needs of people whose lives have been devastated by the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Plymouth High School's Class of 2006 - the first senior class at the three-year-old school - has begun a drive to collect money and non-perishable goods to be sent to the Gulf Coast region.

"We started collecting money after the hurricane hit," said Yasaswi Paruchuri, 17,

Plymouth High senior class president. "But, once we saw the severity of the situation, we were convinced it was a good cause and wanted to show our support."

All three high schools are collecting money for Katrina efforts, quickly gathering \$700 during lunch periods on the first day. Plymouth High students extended the effort to non-perishable items.

"I think there are a lot of misconceptions about what youth can do and how effective we can be," said Paruchuri. "By moving quickly and getting this much done, I think we are dispelling that because we are trying so hard."

Collection boxes have been set up in most first-hour classrooms at Plymouth High, as students conduct a friendly competition to gather the most items.

"The senior council felt that as leaders of the school, something needed to be done and they would take the lead in getting it done," said Tim Nadon, senior council advisor. "The students have a great deal of empathy for the people who lost their homes and belongings."

Students are collecting goods through Oct. 14. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so at the Plymouth High School main office.

Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations, said just about every school is doing something to raise money for Katrina victims. Among those:

■ Hulsing Elementary - collecting money for the American Red Cross.

■ Field Elementary - monetary collections, with the PTO matching up to \$2,500.

■ Allen Elementary - collecting money for the purchase of clothing and school supplies for an elementary school in Houghton, La.

■ Isbister Elementary - a collaboration with the Kiwanis Kids Against Hunger program, which will package food and send it to Baton Rouge, La.

■ Dodson Elementary - held a walk-a-thon Wednesday to raise money.

■ Eriksson Elementary - raising money for the American Red Cross.

■ Miller Elementary - collecting donations to support families relocated to Michigan.

■ Discovery Middle School - collected donations last week for the American Red Cross.

■ East Middle School - collected funds for a family relocated to the school.

■ Central Middle School - ongoing collections for the American Red Cross.

Isbister Girl Scouts made bracelets and sold them for \$3 each, raising \$1,622. That money was matched by Ford Motor Company, for a total of \$3,244.

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Pass to Summit, notoriety at stake in T-shirt design contest

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It doesn't offer a big cash prize, and it won't offer fame beyond Canton's borders, but winning the annual Canton Liberty Fest T-shirt design contest does have its advantages.

Canton Township is now accepting designs for the contest, which is cosponsored by the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. The winning entry will be on the front of the 2006 Liberty Fest T-shirts.

"There's no cash prize or anything, but the winner does get a few perks," said Bob Dates, Canton's recreation supervisor.

The winner will receive an annual family membership to the Summit on the Park, valued at up to \$525, as well as a \$50 Meijer Gift Card from the Canton Observer.

"The prize for this contest does help define our vision," said Ann Conklin, leisure services director.

The prize also helps define the contest's theme, Creating Community Through People, Places and Programs.

The winner also receives tick-

ets to special meals during the festival, which is held every year during Father's Day weekend, and next year will be June 15-19. The winner will also receive a few free wrist bands to enter the festival's Fun Zone, which includes games and entertainment.

"And of course they get a few T-shirts," Dates said.

Designs can use a maximum of four colors. The contest is open to Canton students, and the logo must include the words, "Canton Liberty Fest 2006." A design should fit the front of an adult tee shirt.

Mail or drop off designs to: Summit on the Park, Attention: Susan Doughty, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton MI 48188. Be sure to include your name and full address, telephone number, age, and the name of school and grade you're in. The deadline for entry is 5 p.m., June 3, 2006.

First prize will be announced in the June 11 Observer. All entries will be on display at Liberty Fest 2006.

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BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

When Sandy Stoecklein was age 8, her mom had a bad stroke.

"She was bed-ridden for a long time," recalled the Westland resident.

That illness prompted Stoecklein, 58, to pursue a career as a registered nurse. She graduated from the Presbyterian University Hospital nursing school in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she received "excellent training."

She considered dropping out of nurses' training when her mother died, but her instructors encouraged her to stick with it. She did and now works as a nurse at the Burger Center for Students With Autism Annex located at the Cambridge Center in Garden City.

"Oh, I love it," she said. "I just love the kids and I know they give me more than I could possibly give them. To me, it's been just a heartwarming experience to work for these kids."

"I do feel blessed to work there."

Burger serves students from preschool up to age 26. She started in 1999 with Burger, a Garden City Schools-based program serving students throughout Wayne County, including Redford. She had worked for Wayne County almost 15 years, including as head of the obstetrics-gynecology clinic as well as more than seven years for the state of Michigan in health screening.

Stoecklein and husband Joe — who have three grown children and four grandchildren — were transferred to Michigan in 1970 through his work with

Ford Motor Co., "so we've been in Michigan ever since."

At Burger, she gives medication approved by physicians and parents, helps with seizures and asthma and gives first aid. She's on the behavior management team to help with aggression issues.

"It's a really rewarding job," said Stoecklein of starting with a child who can't talk who later calls her Nurse Sandy.

She also works with parents at Burger, helping them as they raise their children.

In her free time, Stoecklein's an active member of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. She's been involved with the antiracism team and has assisted needy people through Fort Street Presbyterian Church efforts in Detroit, collecting clothing from Garden City schools.

She enjoys Bible study, activities with her grandchildren and going to community theater productions in Dearborn with her husband.

Joe likes NASCAR and has gotten her interested; she's even attended races. Stoecklein also likes scrapbooking, but noted she's falling behind in those efforts.

Her professionalism draws praise from colleagues in the Garden City schools, including Barbara Masten, Burger Annex director.

"I am not sure how we would survive during the school day without Nurse Sandy," she said. "You just know that Nurse Sandy will do whatever it takes to see that a child's health needs are met."

"They provide a valued service," said Superintendent Richard Witkowski about the nurses.



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Nurse Sandy Stoecklein shows 5-year-old Vitaliy Sleta her instrument that would take his blood pressure, while sitting on the school bus table at the Burger Center Annex in Garden City.

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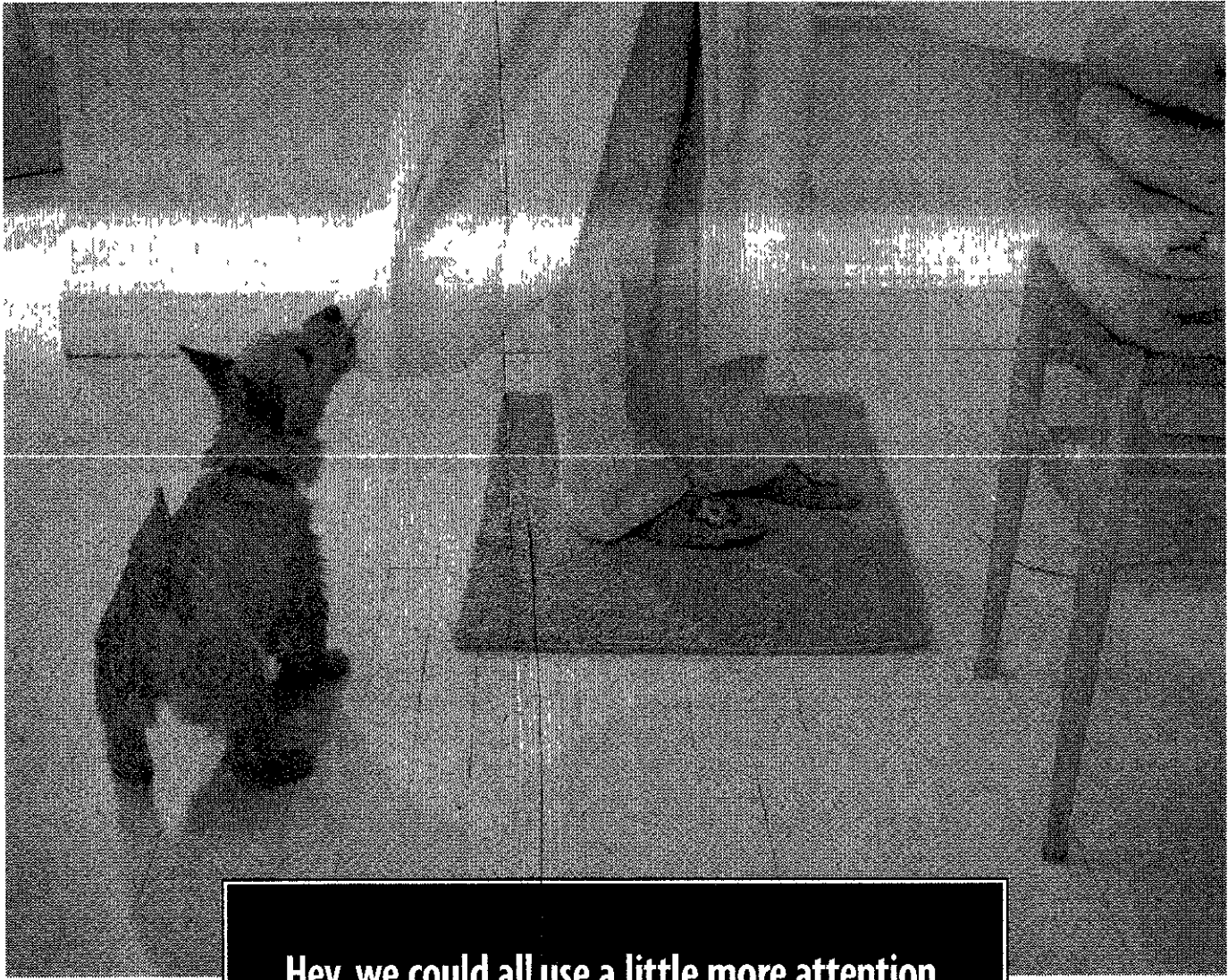
Yearly budget to be meeting topic

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will hold two public hearings next week - Sept. 20 and 21 - to discuss the 2006 millage rates and the township budget.

The fire department millage is expected to remain the same, as is the charter millage. The

proposed police millage will decrease from 2.358 to 2.158 mills. The total proposed township millage rate will be 8.65 mills, down from 8.85 this year.

The meetings will be at 7 p.m. at the township administration building at 150 S. Canton Center Road.



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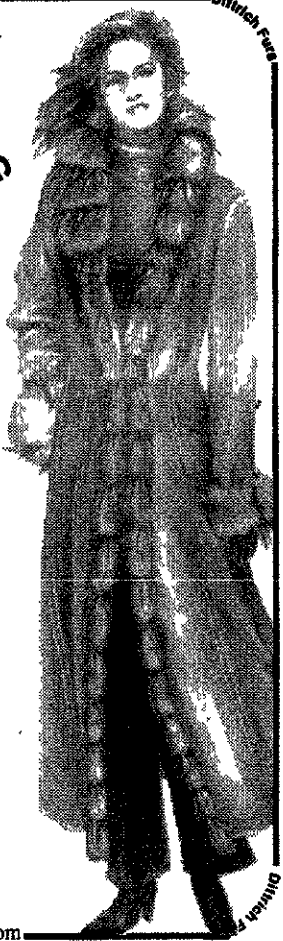
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KATRINA STUDENTS

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Middle School, said an eighth-grade girl from the New Orleans area enrolled Monday.

"We were prepared to buy her clothes and make sure she had all her supplies for school, but her guardians said they didn't need anything," said Johnson. "She seems to be quite happy."

Two eighth-grade cousins enrolled this week at East Middle School.

"The students at East have been wonderful, and the two girls feel well received," said Principal Marsha Hoff. "We are going to have a couple of fund-raisers, and one will provide relief for the two families

that go to our school.

"Our students are good-hearted kids," added Hoff. "Even before we began our efforts, the kids kept saying we needed to do something."

Ruggirello said the Educational Excellence Foundation is collecting money to supply families with gift certificates for food. Families will also be allowed to "shop" for clothing - at no cost - at the Clothing Bank, which is located at Salem High School.

Karen Palgut, a volunteer who operates the Clothing Bank, said she hasn't had any of the displaced families at the Clothing Bank, thus far.

"We haven't had any families in, yet, but we expect some will show up," said Palgut. "We provide fashionable clothing so

any kids who come here have clothes everyone else has, so they won't stand out. That way, any money they get from the community can be used to buy other things, not on clothing, which can become very expensive."

Palgut said the Clothing Bank has a drive to collect new socks and underwear, which are in short supply. Located at the McClumpha Road entrance to Salem High School, the Clothing Bank will be open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to collect the needed donations.

The Boy Scouts, which are helping in the drive, are also collecting returnable bottles and cans to raise money for the Clothing Bank.

"If we have a big influx of people, we'll run short, so the clothing and bottle drive will help us stock everything we need," said Palgut.

Palgut said referrals to the Clothing Bank are generally made through the Plymouth Community United Way, Plymouth Salvation Army and Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Private appointments and donations can be made by calling Palgut at (734) 416-6179.

DAY CARE

FROM PAGE A1

Podorsek confessed in writing to becoming angry after the toddler had a bowel movement. LaMontagne said Podorsek wrapped the girl in a garbage bag and placed her in the tub, then cleaned the carpet before cleaning up the little girl.

William Podorsek said his wife told him the same thing.

"The child had an explosive bowel movement and had spread feces on herself and the carpet and on toys and was playing with it," he said.

Frustrated, Nancy Podorsek took the girl to wait in the bathroom while she cleaned the carpet and when she returned to tend to the girl, she started a bath for her.

"The girl threw a tantrum and was injured by accident in the shower. Nancy didn't even know she was injured at the time," William Podorsek said. "After all that, Nancy took her to the library and to Meijer and then Taco Bell."

According to William Podorsek, his wife loved the little girl, just like she loved many

children in her care.

"She is one of the most kind and loving people I've ever met," he said, but added that even though she could apply to reinstate her child care license, she will not. "Absolutely not. We'll never have kids at our house again."

LaMontagne said the injuries to her daughter's private parts were just the beginning of the little girl's problems.

"She has post traumatic stress disorder and has to see a therapist once a week," she said. "She can't be left alone without seeing me or her father, and she has night terrors. She was the most beautiful outgoing child before this."

LaMontagne's daughter has returned to day care, but now she's with a family member. Even though she is angry, she agreed to go public with her story to help others, she said.

"I just want people to know that if you have a child in day care or school, talk to your kids and find out what they did, who they were with and where they slept? You have to talk to them about everything," she said.

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Storytelling Festival is Sept. 16-17

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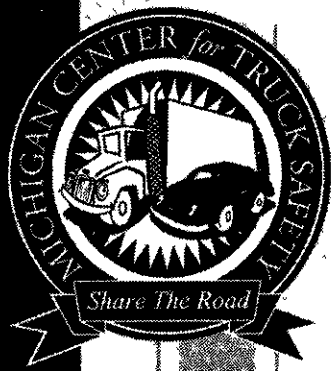
Established in 1912, Detroit Story League is a volunteer organization whose motto is "Service through Storytelling." Tickets are available at the door. Times and prices are available at

www.DetroitStorytelling.com or

Info@DetroitStorytelling.com. Participants include Louisiana storyteller Dianne de las Casas, California funnyman and puppeteer Willy Clafin, and Maryland's darkly dramatic Jon Spelman. The Friday night concert for adults begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$12 and include refreshments and reception.

Families can enjoy quality time together at the 1:30 p.m. family concert on Saturday, Sept. 17, for an entry fee of only \$2 per person. Saturday workshops for adults begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Fee is \$40.

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IKEA

FROM PAGE A1

eon was how to take the blue and yellow of IKEA and turn it into green for local businesses. But other issues were also discussed.

With so many new people coming into the community, public safety and traffic will certainly be impacted. According to Lt. Bob Kerr of the Canton Police Department, who spoke at the luncheon, Canton public safety officials have already had several strategic meetings dealing with the coming of IKEA. The meetings have focused on two issues: what IKEA will mean in terms of additional stress on the department, and planning for the store's grand opening next summer.

According to Kerr, the peak shopping hours for IKEA will be between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. weekdays, and 2-4 p.m. weekends. He said 50 percent of the added traffic will occur on the weekends, with more than 1,400 vehicles per hour coming and going from IKEA on Saturdays alone.

At this point, the department hasn't yet drafted a comprehensive plan for how to deal with the additional traffic. Kerr said the department is still meeting with

government officials and local businesses to get their suggestions how to manage the traffic as smoothly as possible.

Kerr suggested that business owners on Ford Road warn their employees about the additional traffic, and perhaps even alter their schedules around the peak traffic hours.

As for additional service, Kerr said officials are estimating an additional 100-200 calls each year for service to IKEA. But that's only on site.

"We don't really know what's going to happen around IKEA. There might be a lot of new development as a result of IKEA, such as new hotels, and we're not really sure what that might mean in terms of extra service," Kerr said.

Kerr said there is also concern about IKEA's grand opening. At its other stores, IKEA has provided incentives for people to attend, which has led to people camping out for days in anticipation of the actual opening. At a store in Texas, the first person to camp out showed up more than 10 days in advance of the opening, and Kerr said Canton should expect something similar.

In addition to public safety, the chamber luncheon dealt with

how local business owners can capitalize on all the new customers IKEA will bring into the community. Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo offered more than 20 marketing ideas. He urged business owners to make an effort to redefine their businesses and be ready when all the changes come.

"When IKEA opens in Canton, they will be throwing the doors open to the world. It presents us with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to redefine who we are," Zarbo said. "Doing nothing should not be an option."

Zarbo recommended everything from trying more advertising to making sure stock levels are full and that employees wear name tags.

He also said that Canton Township government, especially the DDA, will do its part, by providing informational kiosks, wayfinding signs and visitor guides, so IKEA customers will be aware of other features in the community.

"We want folks to be welcomed into Canton. We all need to do the best we can to be ready for what is coming," Zarbo said.

Cindy Walker, director of

sales for Holiday Inn Express on Michigan Avenue, was one of many local business people who attended the chamber luncheon. Like others, she came to see what IKEA might mean for her business. She feels a bit too much attention is being paid to Ford Road, and hopes other areas of the township won't get lost in the shuffle. However, she feels there is plenty of time to work with the township and the chamber to make sure other areas are able to cash in on IKEA's coming.

"Obviously the big hit will be on Ford Road, but there's more to Canton than Ford Road," she said. "We have a whole year to work on it. It will work out. I'm very excited."

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Scout volunteers begin drive

Organizers hope to attract 2,000 youngsters and teenagers from Western Wayne County to join Boy Scout programs over the course of the next month.

As an incentive, all school-age boys who join a local Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew in August or September receive free passes for their entire family to a unique showing of monster trucks and race cars from the NASCAR circuit.

Boys in first through fifth grade (under age 11) can join Cub Scouts, those middle and high school can join Boy Scouts (age 11-17) and young men and women in high school can join Venture Scouts.

Those local youth who register in the next two months will see the monster trucks and race cars on display at the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Oct. 15.

To find out how to register and locate a scouting organization in your neighborhood, call Sunset District Director Catherine Boldt at (313) 361-1290 or the Detroit Area Council office at (313) 897-1965. The council's Web site is www.dacbsa.org.

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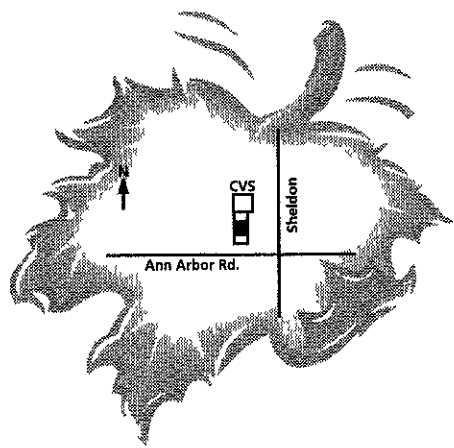
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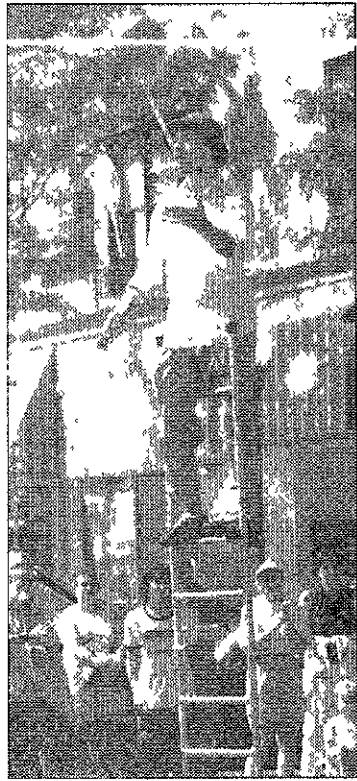


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BY BRAD KADRICH AND JULIE BROWN
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David DeWitt of Plymouth grew up in Detroit, where they didn't really have anything like the Plymouth Fall Festival.

That's one of the reasons DeWitt and his family — wife Colleen and sons Aidan, 8, and Sean, 10 months — enjoy life after moving here in 2000.

The family was at Sunday's Rotary Chicken Barbecue, helping the event celebrate its 50th birthday in style.

"It's awesome," DeWitt said of the festival. "It's great for the community any time you can get a bunch of people together like this just to have fun."

The chicken barbecue wasn't the only thing going on for the weekend, which featured a number of events, including bingo, the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, a fun run, a car show and many other events, games, food and fun.

Among the people manning booths were the the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of

America, Chapter 528, selling corn on the cob, pop and water.

Canton resident Bob Lamoureux, a 1967-69 serviceman, served a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He noted a young man made a donation early in the festival. "He said thank you for what you guys did."

The Vietnam Veterans chapter supports veterans in need and veterans' causes. "This is our 15th year at the Plymouth Fall Festival," Lamoureux said, adding the group seeks visibility more so than a specific amount raised.

"We're happy to be here," he said. "This is a fun event for us."

Plymouth A.M. Rotarians were busy, too, in their second year for buskers, or street performers. "Each of the years we've learned more and more," said club member Bob Anderson of Plymouth, executive director of the city Downtown Development Authority.

Progress has been made on



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Delaney Stone, 4, enjoys chicken from the Rotary Chicken Barbecue downtown Plymouth during the Fall Festival Sunday.

location for performers, Anderson said, along with better signs and a sound system. There were five acts this weekend, four world-class and local yo-yo champ Jake Maloney,

who was learning the busker business.

Sponsors supported the busker endeavor, and the hat was passed after each perform-

ance for the entertainers. "You can see the potential," Anderson said. "The potential is ripe. It's too Plymouth not to do."

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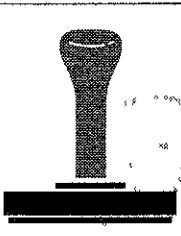
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FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper section in *Passages* on page B5.

A
Sister Mary Adrian
Adrian, 91, of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 12

B
Rita Joan Armand
Armand, 68, of Clarkston, died Sept. 10.

B
Blanche Ward Bell
Bell, 80, formerly of Birmingham, died Aug. 17.

D
Mary Dannemiller Ditz
Ditz, formerly of Saginaw and Bloomfield Twp., died Aug. 26

E
Glenn Robert Etherton
Etherton, 62, of Dexter, formerly of Westland, died Sept. 5.

G
Robert Gillman
Gillman, 70, of Lakeland, died Aug. 21

K
Barbara Glass
Glass, 61, of Plymouth, died Sept. 8.

K
Lorraine Kanavas

M
Melanie Meenen
Meenen, 55, formerly of Livonia.

R
Edna Moorman
Moorman, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died Sept. 8.


P
Florine M. Phillips (nee Steintrager)
Phillips, 89, died Sept. 10.

R
Neil W. Roberts
Roberts, 83, of Canton, died Aug. 11.

S
Ralph M. Stanifer
Stanifer, 58, of Sioux City, Iowa, died Aug. 29.

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Kanavas, 84, formerly of Birmingham,
died Sept. 7.

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Numerous local businesses, charity organizations and individuals are reaching out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Here are some opportunities for you to help:

Bank on it

Independent Bank, with a branch in Livonia, is working to provide relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Companies or individuals can now make a donation to the Salvation Army's relief fund at any Independent Bank branch office. Donations will aid the Salvation Army as it works to provide shelter and food to evacuees through its centers in Mobile, Ala., and in New Orleans. "We can never fully comprehend what the people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama have faced," said Ron Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan. "We just want to help any way we can." The Salvation Army has said that a \$100 donation will feed a family of four for two days, provide two cases of drinking water and one household cleanup kit.

Blood drive

In addition to financial resources and donated goods, the American Red Cross is calling for blood donations. To aid in the effort, the public is welcome 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, to give blood or donate money at Mama Mia's Restaurant, located on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

The restaurant, which has been in business for 53 years, will offer free food to those who donate. The fund-raiser will be held in the banquet rooms adjacent to the restaurant.

Disaster Relief

To assist in the hurricane efforts by volunteering or making a financial donation to the National Disaster Relief Fund, call (313) 833-2664 or visit the Web at www.semredcross.org. Checks may be sent to the American Red Cross - Southeastern Michigan Chapter, P.O. Box 441280, Detroit, MI 48244-1280. Write NDRF in the memo line.

Tavern fund-raiser

The Sports Venue Bar & Grill, 6327 Middlebelt (between Ford and Warren), Garden City is holding a Hurricane Victim Fund-raiser until midnight tonight. A \$10 donation includes a buffet dinner, non-alcoholic beverage and a DJ and dancing, 7-11 p.m. Patrons are asked to bring clothing, food, toiletries, linens

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and gift cards to receive a coupon for a draft beer. For more information, call (734)525-3134.

Katrina Concerts

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority announced there will be one more concert at Kellogg Park, with money raised during the performance to be used to support relief efforts for the victims of the hurricane. The concert is 6:30 p.m. Friday in the park, and will feature the Detroit bluegrass band Cass Avenue Ramblers, along with the Troubadors. DDA director Bob Anderson said, at press time, other acts were being contacted for possible inclusion in the performance. Admission to the concert is free. However, the Plymouth Salvation Army, working with the Plymouth Rotary Club A.M., will be collecting donations to be used for hurricane relief, Anderson explained.

The bands and several businesses - including Signature Audio Services, Community Financial and Jimmy John's - are donating their services for the evening.

A group called Musicians for Relief will sponsor a \$10-per-person fund-raising concert 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, in Central City Park behind Westland City Hall on Ford south of Wayne Road. Rare Earth will headline the concert. The lineup also will include the Howling Diablos, guitarist Joey Gados Jr. from the movie School of Rock, Power Source, The Ride, 6 Peace, the Eddie Leighton Project, Crossover and Red Hill. Admission is \$10 per person, \$5 for students with identification.

Operation Biloxi Bound

Some Oakland County Catholic parishes are teaming up to fill a 50-foot semi truck with food, clothing, toiletries and other necessities to send to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Biloxi, Miss. Donations are welcome at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook

Road, between 10 Mile and Grand River, on the west side of the road, in Novi. The collection is set for 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18 in the parking lot of the church. Items of greatest need include: socks, underwear, pajamas, men's boxers, clothes of all sizes; toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, towels, washcloths, toilet paper, tissue, wet wipes; diapers, formula, toys, sheets, pillows, blankets, bottled water, canned goods, non-perishable food, children's vitamins, paper plates, plastic knives, forks, spoons, can openers.

Even the smallest donations will be accepted. The semi truck was donated by John Quinn, of Commodore Logistics in Warren. A second truck, donated by Two Men and a Truck, will be on hand if needed. Gas and drivers are being donated. Call Julie at (248) 380-8544 or Brenda at (248) 449-6247 for more information.

Heart Walk

The American Heart Association's Heart Walk, set for Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, will not only benefit those affected by heart disease and stroke, but also those displaced by Hurricane Katrina by collecting paper goods and personal hygiene items for the Salvation Army.

Archdiocese collection

As of Tuesday, the Archdiocese of Detroit has collected \$600,000 for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. All donations are being sent to the Catholic Charities USA. The Archdiocese has not authorized any telephone solicitations on behalf of Hurricane Katrina relief. Individuals wishing to contribute to the relief effort should make checks payable to the Archdiocese of Detroit and indicate "Katrina Relief Fund" on the memo line in the lower left corner. The checks should be sent to: Archdiocese of Detroit, "Katrina Relief Fund," 1234 Washington Blvd., Detroit MI 48226.

Treat for a donation

On Thursday, Sept. 22, all Cold Stone

Creamery locations in Michigan will give a free slice of ice cream cake in exchange for a donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Local stores include one in Cherry Hill Village at 50409 Independence Street, and one in downtown Plymouth in the Mayflower Centre. To find the nearest location to you, visit the company's Web site at www.coldstonecreamery.com.

Numbers to remember

To volunteer to help, you can contact these organizations: the Salvation Army at (800) SAL-ARMY, the Red Cross at (800) HELP-NOW, Feed the Children at (800) 525-7575. Donations of clothing and furniture are being accept by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at (800)440-6728, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (313) 972-3100, the Salvation Army at (313) 962-5960, Goodwill Industries at (313) 964-3900 and Food Solutions at (734) 591-3388.

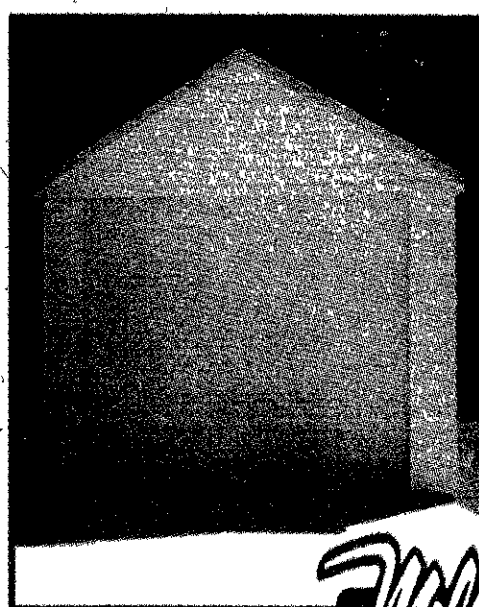


DONALD J. ALLEY

Chastity Sylvester of New Orleans helps her nephew, Berlin Wells, 2, (right) and son Jason Alexander, 4, to the pizza donated by Buddy's Pizza for their Random Acts of Pizza program. In total, there are 25 members of the Wells family seeking shelter here in metro Detroit while they wait for word on their houses and belongings in New Orleans. They left by car before the hurricane, traveling to Houston, Arkansas, Mississippi, and St. Louis before coming to Belleville to stay at a brother-in-law's house after hotel rates became inflated due to the demand from other evacuees. They got word through a church program of the Ramada Inn offering shelter.

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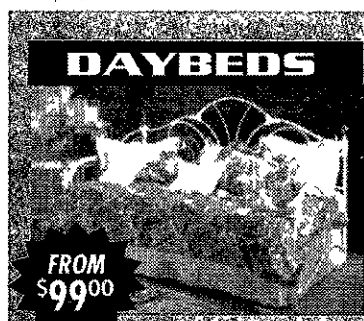


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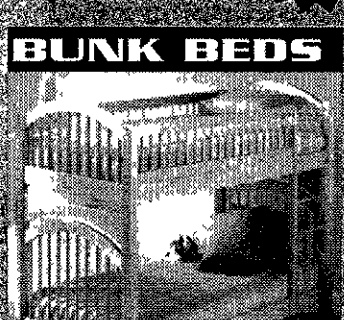
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OUR VIEWS

Suburbs get their voice

For years there have been many issues dividing Detroit and its suburbs. And in recent years, no issue has been more divisive than water service from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). Or, more specifically, the rates associated with that service.

Suburban leaders have criticized the DWSD for years because of poor management and rising rates. A number of investigations proved the DWSD, which supplies water to four million people in 126 communities, has had some serious problems, from leaky water pipes to confusing rate-setting policies.

Suburban leaders demanded more control of the system, so there could be more accountability. Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said suburban customers were merely "checks" to Detroit. Many suburbs even threatened to pull out of the DWSD and find alternative water sources.

That was prior to 2003, when the DWSD's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed. Each of the 126 communities served by the DWSD is eligible to have representation on the committee, though some communities are more active than others. Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas is Canton's representative on the TAC.

It is the committee's job to guide the DWSD on a number of issues, including improving customer service, developing emergency preparedness and, most importantly to suburban leaders and residents, examining the water rate structure. Most suburban leaders admit that there has been much improvement in both customer service and communication with DWSD since the TAC was formed.

Unfortunately, the TAC hasn't made much of an impact on water rates, which are still rising. In fact, Canton residents will see nearly 8-percent increases each year over the next seven years. However, at least suburban communities know why their rates are rising. Before it was really a guessing game.

Canton and other area residents will have an opportunity to see how the committee works, when the TAC meets at 9 a.m. Sept. 28 at Summit on the Park.

Constitution Day a mandate that should be embraced

For years, local school officials have complained long and hard about the federal government mandating certain programs and services without providing the funding to pay for them.

These "unfunded mandates" often times have dealt with Head Start programs, educating special needs students and subsidized lunch programs. All critical to students' needs, but often with a hefty price tag.

Now another "unfunded mandate" has come down the pike courtesy of Uncle Sam, but this one should be embraced not only by our local school officials, but by all who live in this great country.

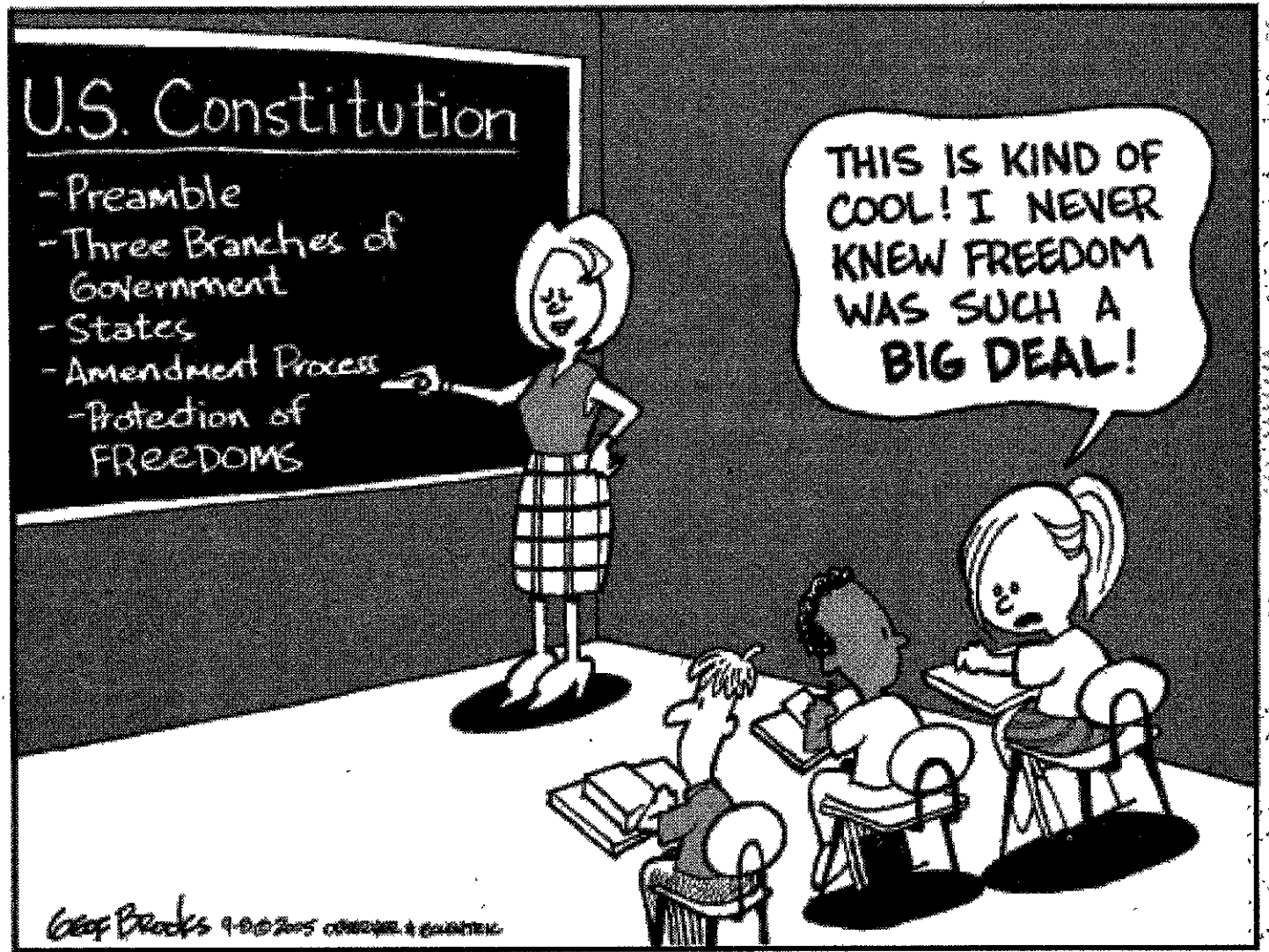
By an act of Congress, Sept. 17 has been declared Constitution Day in the United States and requires the teaching of the Constitution on or around that date as a condition of receiving federal funds. The date honors the actual signing of the Constitution, which took place Sept. 17, 1787.

It is a requirement long overdue. While many districts no doubt already include information about the Constitution in class material, a thorough understanding of the Constitution should be a part of every child's education.

Our nation's course was charted by the document, and the day is designed to introduce or reinforce the core Democratic values that were established and protected by it. In short, the Constitution defines what it means to be an American.

Today, the people of Iraq and their elected officials are embroiled in debate and political gnashing of the teeth over a proposed constitution for the new democratic Iraq. Hopefully, that country's citizens will be as well-served by its constitution as this country has been in the 218 years since ours was adopted.

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Tear down the wall

As a resident of northwest Canton for 16 years, I've almost ceased to be surprised at the antics of our planning commission as they bend over backward to enable a select group of big residential developers to transform our once-rural community into a Stepfordian vision of suburbia.

Yet even I was shocked to learn that the commission has granted permission to the developer of Westchester Village to fence in almost the entire subdivision.

Westchester Village is located at the southwest corner of Ridge and Warren, in what used to be a cornfield surrounded by several historic structures including a one-room schoolhouse (now demolished). With its street lighting reminiscent of the landing lights at Metro Airport, and its grandiose gateway like something from a Las Vegas casino, it already is a source of obnoxious light pollution and visual blight in an area where other developers have been (thanks to the Northwest Canton Homeowners' Association) sensitive to the need for low-impact lighting and non-intrusive landscaping.

Apparently the people who are lining up to purchase the \$700,000-plus properties in this development are not happy with the "lack of sculpted landscaping." So what? Maybe the developer made a mistake in building so many closely-packed high-end homes in this rural area. But if he did, that was his risk and he chose to take it. Those of us who already live here should not be forced to suffer the sight of an unsympathetically-designed, gated, "keep out" community just because a developer misjudged the market.

It's time the planning commission stood up for what is right in Canton, and not just for what is profitable. Tear down the wall!

Rachel McCormack
Canton

CHV has issues

As a Ford employee and three-year resident of Cherry Hill Village (CHV), I was compelled to respond to recent letters on the Toyotaville debate. Like Tom Yack, Shanon Manor (letter to the editor, Sept. 8) has personal connections to Toyota. Isn't it somewhat hypocritical then for her to stand up in defense of her family's livelihood at Toyota while insinuating that Ford employees who do the same by opposing the commercial are myopic and bigoted in their thinking? After all, I wouldn't blame Toyota employees in Georgetown, Ky., home of a major Toyota manufacturing plant, if they didn't look kindly on a Ford commercial in their neighborhood.

Ford employees who stood in opposition to the Toyotaville commercial recognize the competitive nature of the auto industry and many, myself included, respect global competitors like Toyota. It's a shame that the same people who preach diversity and open-mindedness seem unwilling to respect the positions of Ford employees if those opinions are diametrically opposed to their own.

As for the handful of residents who, understandably, wanted positive press cov-

erage of CHV and believed that a Toyotaville commercial was a means to that end, they, along with Mr. Yack, are still failing to focus on the substantive changes that will address the remaining issues the village faces. The fact is a Toyota commercial will not fix the depressed home prices that resulted from the recent auction, poor builder quality, construction density and traffic, mediocre maintenance of community common areas and, with the exception of Cold Stone Creamery, a downtown that has struggled to develop. Those issues, which are sometimes only apparent once the layers of the onion are peeled away and looked at objectively, won't be fully addressed until Canton leadership, in cooperation with local businesses and residents, begins to pursue more substantive improvements to the village.

More than 200 CHV residents signed two petitions regarding CHV development issues over the last two years and submitted them to Mr. Yack and Biltmore Development. Unfortunately, many of the concerns voiced by residents over the last two years have never been addressed. I would hate to think that Biltmore's \$1 million donation to the Village Theater influenced the actions of our "visionary" elected officials.

My wife and I are presently in the process of moving out of CHV, in part, because of some of the issues listed above. However, we are moving less than a mile up the road (still in Canton) because we want to remain near the downtown. If Canton leaders and the pathetic planning commission can approach future development with a renewed focus on Canton residents' concerns, we believe the village and the downtown can still achieve its full potential.

Andre Barros
Canton

No shame in being 'refugee'

In the wake of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, which displaced more Americans than any other natural disaster in the nation's history, some people, including storm victims and politicians, have chafed at being referred to as "refugees" by news commentators.

One survivor who was featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* said, "I'm not a refugee. I wasn't shipped here. That's what they called people in the boats who ... were sneaking over here ... I'm a Katrina survivor." Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean said that those who survived Katrina were not refugees, but "Americans."

For the record: "Refugee" is derived from the French *réfugier*, which means to take refuge. According to Roget's *New Millennium Thesaurus*, the word has many synonyms, including, "displaced person," "escapee" and "evacuee." Also, as the father of children whose grandparents were expelled from their homes in 1948 by the Zionist founders of Israel, causing them and more than 750,000 Palestinian Christians and Muslims to become homeless refugees, I can assure those that are offended by use of the word "refugee" that there is NOTHING to be ashamed of.

The only shame is that after more than 57

years, the Palestinian refugees are still languishing in impoverished refugee camps even though they have internationally recognized laws, conventions, and UN Resolution 194 (the right of return) on their side. Yet they are not allowed to go back to the homes and lands they were forced to leave.

Our arrogance is surpassed only by our ignorance.

Mike Odettalia
Canton

Canton water rates puzzling

The recent article in the *Observer* concerning impending water rate increases is superficial in terms of content, obviously due to a limited scope of the discussion conducted at a recent board meeting.

The statement that we have not seen an increase in our water bills since July 2003 is not true. I created a spreadsheet on my personal bills some months ago. My statements reflect two increases in 2003, one reflected on the reading bill for Sept. 1 (6.5 percent for water and 1.29 percent for sewer) and again for the reading date of Dec. 1, 2003 (5.63 percent for water and 1.29 percent for sewer). These increases bring the current rates to \$2.26 for water, and \$3.15 for sewer, or \$5.41 per unit of measure — an amount that is 11.3 percent higher than Plymouth Township.

Using the average \$60 water bill and \$90 for sewer, and factoring the proposed 7.5 percent and 9.5 percent increases, the average water bill will total \$271.05 at the end of seven years, or a growth of 70.9 percent. Comparing this to my bills, over the period 1996-2004, the total amount of increase was 57.43 percent for the nine-year period. Dollar-wise, my household managed to cut total consumption between 20-29 percent or a per-quarter average by merely placing the sprinklers on manual. This year, my lawn was lucky if it received a watering once a week, since the plan is to let heaven take care of it when reasonable.

The 1930 model defined by Anthony Minghine is puzzling. It would be nice to see some bona fide and justified spreadsheets, or we should remove the power to raise water rates from the government — we're shareholders.

Charlie Page
Canton

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"We've recognized for a long time there are problems with the state and county roads systems in Canton and, since we don't have the responsibility for those, we need to have something like this study done."

— Tim Faas, director of Canton municipal services, discussing a recently approved \$450,000 study to determine how much traffic will be using western Wayne County roads during the next three decades

Wine shipment fiasco shows where politicians' interest is

Ed up with politics as usual? Lots of people in Michigan are — and here is one reason why. For years, state law allowed wineries in this state to ship wine direct to Michigan customers. Meanwhile, shipments to Michigan residents from out-of-state wine makers were outlawed.

The law also required that all beer and wine sold at retail must be distributed by beer and wine wholesalers. If you think this sounds like a legalized monopoly, you're right. And it has been protected for decades by the most powerful lobby in Lansing, the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association.



Phil Power

This group works to protect the interests — not of the consumers, of course, but of the 70-odd families who own wholesaling and distribution companies.

Ray and Eleanor Heald, the wine columnists who worked for these newspapers for years, sued, and the case wound up before the U.S. Supreme Court. In May, the high court ruled that the Michigan law was discriminatory and therefore an unconstitutional restriction on interstate commerce.

Wine lovers and free market advocates rejoiced, expecting that ruling would end the wholesalers' monopoly power.

The politicians had another idea.

Led by state House of Representatives Majority Leader Chris Ward, R-Brighton, a bill passed overwhelmingly late last month by the House would severely limit direct shipments by all wineries, no matter where they are located.

That would then preserve the wholesalers' monopoly. Winemakers would be allowed to ship some wine under a tight annual limit, but they would be forbidden altogether to ship to restaurants and retailers.

Why? Well, you may think this is only a coincidence ... but the record shows the beer and wine lobby is among the 10 largest contributors to the political campaigns of two-thirds of the 84 representatives who voted for the bill.

Imagine that. The bill now goes to the state Senate where, again, many of the senators have benefited from the contribution record of the wholesalers. Some, however, think Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, may be less inclined to preserve the monopoly of this tiny but extremely powerful sliver of our state.

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that own beer and wine wholesaling companies. And there are wine enthusiasts who make up far less than 1 percent of Michigan's 10 million residents.

This is, um, pretty small beer.

And it's even smaller beer when compared with stuff that affects almost everybody. Take high gas prices. It's no secret that the domestic automakers, the mainstay of our economy, have been in financial trouble for years. Now, they could be dealt a mortal blow by gas that is becoming so expensive that it will limit market demand for gas-guzzling new products now in the pipeline. (If you don't believe me, see what it costs to fill up that Hummer.)

Michigan's bad economic situation is being made worse by our archaic tax structure. Worst of all is the Single Business Tax, which essentially penalizes business for hiring workers ... in a state that often has the highest unemployment rate in the country.

With all this to deal with, how come the tempest in a wine bottle gets the rapt attention of our political system? Simple. The wealthy beer and wine wholesalers lobby buys the attention of our legislators. That's all. It literally buys their attention.

So the interests of a majority of our people are held hostage to a political system that divides its attention according to the amount of money a "constituency" can contribute to the politicians.

When you think about that, it isn't hard to conclude that the real reason so many people are fed up with our system is that it takes care of organized special interest groups that can afford to pay.

As for the big problems of our state, the ones that affect us all — well, too often the politicians see them as an unwanted intrusion on business as usual.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Bogus letter example of society's lack of ethics

Do you ever wonder if our nation's battle with ethics is improving or worsening? Are you concerned that today's children are still not understanding right from wrong? Do you think there is still an abundance of mistrust in our lives? Typically, I don't concern myself with such questions.

Not until last week, anyway.

Last week I added the role of victim to my list of being a mom, wife, daughter, friend and business owner. The crime I was a victim of is identity theft. Recently, someone in my own hometown of Canton decided to write a letter to the editor to the *Canton Observer*, spewing their political beliefs and disapproval of a recently elected township trustee. While I have no problem with one's right to express their opinions in a public forum, in this case, the coward who wrote the letter decided to sign it from me.

At first, I actually thought there was another Peg Fenwick in Canton. I quickly discovered this was not the case.

Now why, I ask, would someone do this? If this person believes in his or her thoughts enough to put pen to paper, why not stand up and admit to being the author? And why, out of the 95,000-plus residents in Canton, was I selected to be the so called "author" of this letter? Was someone trying to sabotage my newly launched marketing firm? Am I a threat to someone else's abilities to succeed?



Peggy Fenwick

Or was I a randomly selected victim?

When you look at the role of ethics in our lives today, you can see there's been a shift from the way things were generations ago. Back in the day of my grandparents' era, business decisions were made with a handshake. For the generation that followed, contractual agreements became a staple item in most business arrangements. Today, we witness mistrust and unethical behavior in our own neighborhoods, with teens "stealing" user IDs and passwords and misrepresenting themselves online in chat rooms and instant messaging.

If someone intentionally steals a password to clear out an innocent retailer of their online auction PayPal account, it's a crime. If a purse is stolen in the middle of a mall, and purchases are made by the perpetrator, it's a crime. If an individual falsely represents that he is collecting charity funds for a national disaster and keeps the money, it's a crime.

And, if an innocent citizen has her name falsely used as the author of a nasty letter in the local paper, it's a crime. Identity theft is a crime.

In all of the above examples, someone decided to dismiss the ethical teachings that most of us were taught at a very young age. We all know right from wrong; truth from lies; good from bad. Why do average everyday people decide to break the rules or commit a crime?

Perhaps only the lowly offender who wrote that letter knows the answer.

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LETTERS

Focus on existing parks

I would like to respond to Kurt Kuban's column on the Lower Rouge Parkway.

It would be a nice to expand the usage of the Lower Rouge Parkway, but after supporting the millage renewal for Wayne County Parks, we the residents abutting the Middle Rouge in Hines Park are very disappointed with the promises that were not fulfilled along with the upkeep/care of the park this year. If the county can't take care of what is existing, how can development of other areas be considered?

Grass cutting and weed trimming in Hines Park have been third-rate, not to mention the trees that fell during the spring did not receive attention until we called the park office to complain — several times. Signs have been stolen

due to the lack of sheriff's patrol. Despite phone calls, many of the signs still have not been replaced. We have been told that often there is only one car on patrol or none at all. Recently, a lady was walking her dog in the park and when she returned to her vehicle a window was broken out. When the incident was reported to the sheriff's office, they related they had no cars available. The local police department was called and they related that the park is off-limits to them and they were told it is solely the sheriff's responsibility.

Mr. Kuban's column is good — it would be nice to have more access to nature areas. But before we do that, the county must take care of what already exists.

Greg Laskowsky:
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DeVos: State is stifling jobs, business growth

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

According to the scion of one of the richest men in North America, Michigan has to re-examine its stance toward the business of attracting and encouraging business if it expects the economy to turn around.

At the Oakland County Republican Party's Newsmaker Breakfast at Andiamo's in West Bloomfield, GOP gubernatorial hopeful Dick DeVos told a capacity crowd he saw his father's business, what would become Amway (and later Alticor), grow from a basement startup to a world-spanning corporation. He said the growth



DeVos

reflects how all great successes start

"Big companies don't start big, they start as small companies staffed by people working at home," he said. "That's entrepreneurship at its best."

He said the challenges facing Michigan are substantial. The state's status as having the worst unemployment in the nation and the worst place to look for a job may only change because of the devastation done to Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. The National Federation of Independent Businesses has ranked the state the worst place for small business.

"We're at the top of all the wrong lists," DeVos said. "We've got the lowest personal income growth. We're the only state to not move into positive job growth column since 2003."

What the state's leadership has

to do, he said, is to get out of the business of assigning blame and assessing the problem and start working on solutions. The first thing the state's leaders have to do is to change the taxes and regulation he says are stifling growth.

"It's about creating a culture that wants growth and reaches out to create growth," he said. "The competitive reality is changing. It will take investment and strategy to provide the jobs that will lift the community back to where it needs to be."

Without that change, people will continue to counsel their children and students to leave Michigan rather than live here, a trend he finds very troubling.

When asked if more money for the schools was the solution to falling test scores, he said that the presence or absence of funding isn't the main issue.

"In per-pupil spending we're

DICK DEVOS, REPUBLICAN

- Age: 49
- Residence: Grand Rapids
- Spouse: Betsy (26 years)
- 4 children: 14-23 years old
- Career: Former chairman of Alticor Inc. (formerly Amway).
- Political: Nationally known generous Republican donor. Led unsuccessful 2000 school voucher drive. Wife was former chair of state GOP.

between 12th and 16th highest in the nation and we've got the second highest-paid teachers in the country. That's good, that's something to be proud of," DeVos said. "But we don't do

enough to encourage those who are not the best teachers to pursue other careers."

Tommy Marx of Waterford said he was very much in favor of having someone like DeVos running the state.

"He's got good ideas and will create an impact on the state," he said. "He's got a great background and won't be influenced by money. He already has that."

John Bowker, a member of the Oakland County Republican party executive committee, said the issue of DeVos' money both is and isn't an issue to his candidacy.

"It's helpful, but when you count union money from the MEA and UAW I call it a draw," he said. "But it's a good thing because some of the money from the party can go to other candidates in races statewide."

The Bloomfield Township resident said the fortunes for the

Republican Party in Michigan will trend the same way as the party nationwide in that they will be tied to the fate of President George W. Bush. If things continue the way they have nationally, with the president's overall poll numbers at record lows, there could be a backlash against the GOP in 2006.

"If Iraq turns around and New Orleans is OK, the party will do well," Bowker said. "If there's 2,500-plus casualties in Iraq and New Orleans is still a ghost town, then there will be problems."

DeVos is currently the only Republican challenger to Gov. Jennifer Granholm as State Sen. Nancy Cassis dropped out of the race Monday and endorsed the Amway heir. The only other GOP candidate, State Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, R-Kalamazoo, dropped out last month.

Schoolcraft hosts College Night Oct. 5

Area high school students and their families can investigate the programs of approximately 70 colleges and universities during Schoolcraft College's annual College Night on Wednesday, Oct. 5. The event is free and open to the community.

Schools will be on hand in the Physical Education Building to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost and extracurricular activities.

A sample of in-state schools attending includes Michigan State University, Central, Western, Northern and Eastern Michigan universities, Adrian College, Ferris State, the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses, Hillsdale College and the College for Creative Studies. Out-of-state institutions range from Indiana University, to Bowling Green State University, Johnson and Wales University, Kent State University and Indiana Tech.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. For more information, call the Schoolcraft Office of Admissions at (734)462-4426.

Make-a-Wish holds Princess Ball

Octavia Reese, a concert cellist and Miss Michigan 2001, will perform at the Wallace F. Smith Performing Arts Building on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland College Sept. 17-18 as part of "A Royal Ball" to benefit Make-a-Wish Foundation.

More than 35 title-holding and professional performers have donated their time to prepare and perform at this event, sponsored by Jaguar of Novi, has two venues - a Royal Black-Tie evening of dinner and dance and a Princess Ball matinee.

The Sept. 17 Black-Tie Royal Ball, is preceded by a VIP sponsor reception at 6 p.m., the performance at 7 p.m. and an all-inclusive strolling gourmet dinner catered by Epoch Events and wine tasting at 8:30 p.m., sponsored by Novi Fine Wines.

This evening includes a silent auction, ballroom dancing exhibition, meet-and-greet with performers and Café Corner with a jazz trio just to name a few. Tickets: \$60 adult, \$30 children.

The Princess Ball on Sunday, Sept. 18, is modeled after two recent "Princess Wishes" for Princesses Charlotte & Karlie, both Make-A-Wish recipients who will also be in attendance. Club Libby Lu will perform VIP "Princess Make-Overs" for the sponsors' young VIPs at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Saturday show starts.

At 3:30 p.m. the "Princess Ball" will feature interactive children's entertainment, craft tables, bouncing castle, silent auction with child-specific items, pictures with the princess performers as well as an opportunity to meet Reese. Prince and princess attire is encouraged. Tickets: \$30 adult and \$15 children for this matinee performance and Princess Ball.

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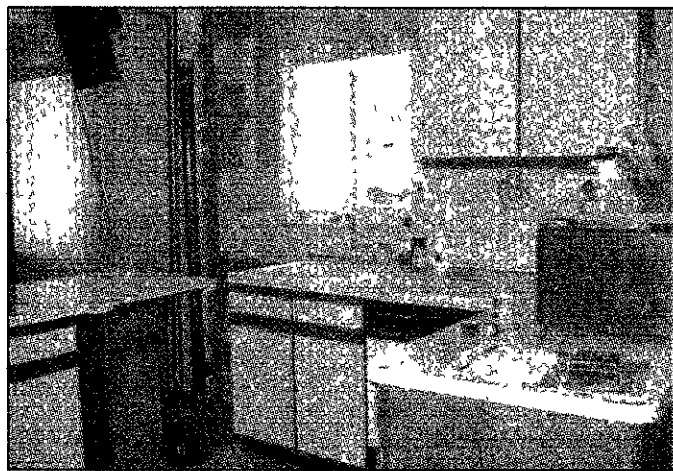
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Before



Before the remodeling, the Grainer kitchen was cramped. The formal dining room adjoining it was almost never used.

KSI KITCHEN & BATH

After



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the major changes to the Grainer kitchen involved taking down a separating wall between the kitchen and dining room, to open up the kitchen and make better use of space.

Accents

Decorating class

Take the guesswork out of decorating your home while learning the basics of good interior design, with a new seminar presented by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with The Design Spirit of Oakland Builders Institute.

The seminar, *Decorate Like a Designer*, will take place 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Oct. 6-27, at the Henry Ford Community College Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail.

Cost is \$95, plus \$3 materials fee to the instructor. Class size is limited.

Register by Tuesday, Oct. 4. To sign up, call Henry Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Learn how interior decorators make decisions about furniture choices and placement, as well as those important touches that create beautiful homes.

The course will cover basic design principles and how to apply them to your home. Color and color matching will be covered. Handouts and tips will be featured.

Hands-on exercises will include measuring and sketching a room on graph paper, and finding companion wall, furniture and flooring colors with samples of patterned fabrics. Bring a small pair of scissors to class.

The Design Spirit presents the interior decorating classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Oakland Builders Institute is a member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the National Association of Home Builders. Visit www.buildersinstitute.com.

Time change

The exhibition of Caroline Ashleigh Associates items sold in an auction on www.igavel.com will take place 1-4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 23-25, at the Birmingham Historical Museum, Maple (15 Mile) and Southfield Road.

Tollgate fair

The Tollgate Gardeners at the Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center will have their annual Fall Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

Admission is free. Free refreshments will be available.

For more information, call (248) 347-3860, Ext. 212.

Among the features will be hayrides, line dancing, a live bug display, presentations on mammals and bat conservation, a sale of garden-related items, and information tables.

Children's activities will include kite making, face-painting, pumpkin painting and catch and release fishing.

SPACEDROPPING the formality



A before picture of the Grainers' kitchen.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A window seat along the back wall is one of the new additions to the Grainer kitchen. The kitchen table is also new.

Dining room gives way to expanded kitchen



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Peggy and Vernon Grainer of Farmington enjoy their recently remodeled kitchen. Charlie, the family dog, is comfortable by the table.

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

Vernon and Peggy Grainer decided to "drop the formality" about part of their Farmington home, where they live with their children, Ryan and Megan, and the family dog, Charlie.

The formal dining room in the 2,000-square-foot house was eating up space that could have been better served.

The adjoining kitchen was too small and didn't allow much maneuvering, with two peninsulas that took up room and blocked traffic.

And the dining room was rarely put to use; instead, overflows of groceries, books and newspapers were deposited there.

"It was never used . . . and it was becoming a collect all," Vernon said. "I think we used it once in the eight years we lived here." (This was for a Thanksgiving, he said.)

"The kids have rarely done homework on the dining room table," Peggy said.

The Grainers recently decided to tear down the wall between the kitchen and dining room of the residence, which was built in 1961.

Instead of a dining room, there is now a desk area, and a built-in cabinet for china and knickknacks.

PLEASE SEE KITCHEN, B4

Share your photos with friends, family or the entire world



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Last week I wrote about Imeem and MSN Spaces, two freebie online services that enable you to share your digital photos.

Of course, photo sharing is merely a peripheral part of what those services offer. If you're looking for something a bit more robust, check out Zoto (www.zoto.com).

It's not only a photo-sharing community, but also an online repository for your pictures. Signing up for a free account entitles you to 2 gigabytes of storage space — an impressive amount.

Perhaps you're familiar with Flickr, an older and more established photo-sharing service. Unless you pay for an account, you're limited to uploading just 10 megabytes' worth of pictures per month, and it displays only

your 100 most recent photos.

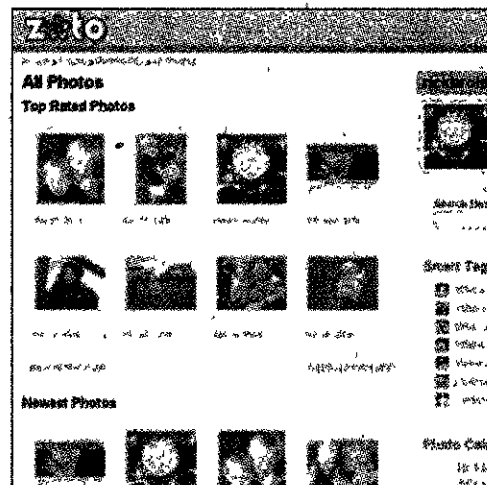
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How do your pictures get there? You can upload six at a time using a Web-based form, or use the free Zoto Uploader utility (available for both Windows and Macintosh systems) to drag and drop larger batches.

Zoto also lets you e-mail photos directly to your account (or a blog) from your mobile phone or another computer.

PLEASE SEE PHOTOS, B2



Zoto gives you a whopping 2GB of online storage space for your photos, and doesn't charge a penny for the privilege.

Appropriately scaled furniture pieces help make small room grow

Candy from Plymouth writes: "I have a small family room where we have put a plate rack around the perimeter. The room is about 14 by 16 and has a fireplace surrounded in white painted wood, a window, and a door to the basement."



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

"How can I make the room look bigger or taller? Can I paint a light color behind the plates and the wall and ceiling a different color, or do I paint the ceiling and down to the bottom of the plate rack one color and the walls another color?"

Candy, your main question is about making a small room look larger. There are several ways to do this. You can accomplish your goal through the use of unifying color and appropriately scaled furniture pieces. Let's begin with color. You mention in some of our correspondence that your kitchen is blue, white and rose.

You also mention you might like to paint the family room yellow. That would be four colors going on in a relatively small area. I think the yellow is fine, but I would carry it right into the kitchen, too.

Using blue, yellow and white will make for a great French country look and will complement the casual feel of the displayed plates on the plate

rack surrounding the family room.

If at all possible, I would eliminate the rose from the color scheme and stick to the established palette of blue, white and yellow.

Regarding the plate rack: Paint the wall behind the plate rack the same color as the ceiling. This could be ceiling white, or go up two shades from the wall color and use that behind the plate rack and on the ceiling.

Unify the trim color in both of the rooms with crisp white, just like your fireplace surround. This will be consistent with your new French country color scheme.

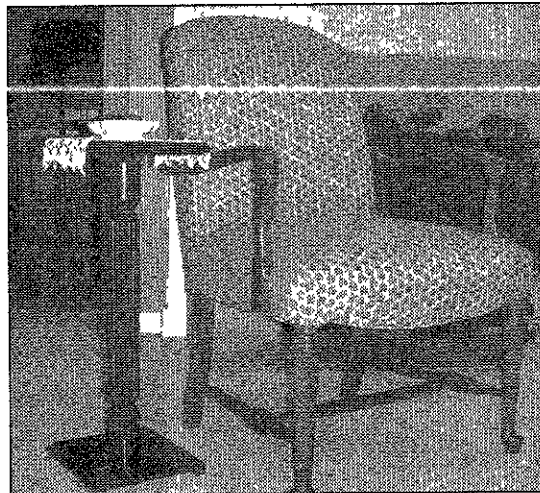
FURNITURE

In some of the information you gave me in our e-mail correspondence, you describe a stereo cabinet, freestanding shelves, a 50-inch TV, and the basement door on one wall of the family room. That's a lot of items lumped together on a single wall in a small room.

With a 50-inch TV, you cannot do a traditional entertainment armoire; however, there are many units that are made to go around large televisions to give them a built-in look.

Invest in one of these units, and move the items on the freestanding shelves and stereo cabinet to the new television surround unit so you can eliminate the shelves and stereo cabinet from the room. Multiple pieces of furniture in a smaller space will make the room feel cluttered.

You also have a sofa, two end tables and a coffee table in this room. That is very tight seating for



Here is an example of an open-legged accent chair and small side table.

three. Since you are considering buying new furniture, this is your chance to add more seating.

Use a small-scaled sofa, but not a love seat. Eliminate one of the end tables and buy an accent chair. I'm not talking about a space-guzzling recliner, but an open-legged, upholstered accent chair. Maybe your antique wood rocker could work in this location. You now have seating for four. If you were to swap that coffee table for a rectangular ottoman, this will serve two purposes.

With a tray on the ottoman, it is still a coffee table. When you need to, slide the ottoman out a

few feet, and you've added two more seats. You have now gone from seating for three to seating for six.

By using the ottoman/coffee table option, there will still be a place for every person to set down a drink or a place to put out a bowl of popcorn. You may also have room for a very small accent table next to the chair.

You need to consider size and scale before making any furniture purchase. Always have a plan of attack before entering a furniture store. It can be very overwhelming and you may end up with items that just don't fit properly.

ACCENTS

With your plates on display, there is probably very little wall space for art work. If you want the plates to remain the focal point, use non-competing art elsewhere in the room.

A mirror or solid-colored ceramics might look lovely over your mantel without competing with the plates on display.

Always be conscious of the items you place in a particular room. By using unifying color and appropriately scaled furniture, you will be able to create a room that lives larger than it really is.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com.

PHOTOS

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The service helps you manage potentially vast libraries by assigning tags to your photos, either one at a time or in batches. You can also set permissions, marking photos public, private, friends-only or "friends of friends."

These tagging tools are fairly easy to use, as they rely on categories like Who, What, When and Where. If you're diligent about tagging your photos, you'll have a very easy time finding what you're looking for down the road.

Just don't expect much in the way of editing tools. You can crop and rotate pictures, but that's about it.

But the service provides killer blogging tools. You can compose photo-laden entries from within your Zoto site and publish them directly to Blogger, TypePad and most other blog communities.

My only real problem with Zoto is its confusing organiza-

tion. For instance, clicking the Home link takes you to Zoto's own splash screen, not your personal home page. And some screens, like the one used for batch tagging, seem to lack an Exit or Done option. The only way out is through the tiny My Menu link.

It is hoped that the service, which is still in beta, will work out those and other wrinkles over time.

Speaking of which, there is the issue of long-term viability to consider. Lots of photo services came and went bust during the dot-com boom, so I'd make sure to keep backup copies of all my photos.

In the meantime, Zoto is a fun and effective way to store and share pictures.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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Summer's not endless: Time to check your fall 'to do' list

After the heat of the past summer I know I'm ready for some cooler fall weather. But then I really am not a fan of temperatures above the 78-degree mark.

Whether you like the temperatures we had this summer or not, it's time to start thinking about fall and winter.

The following is a list of some of the things we need to plan for as fall approaches.

OUTSIDE



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

\$2 a tube).

Look around where door and window frames meet siding, any place two dissimilar materials (i.e. siding and brick) touch, and points where services (gas electric, water) enter the house.

Caulk can be a little tricky to apply. If you buy quality caulk and only cut the tip of the tube as much as necessary, you will find you can get acceptable results.

■ Fertilize the lawn – Use a fertilizer that is specially blended for "winter." This type of fertilizer is blended to slowly release the nutrients that will give your lawn a head

start in the spring.

It's also a great time to "over-seed" your lawn.

■ Winterize the sprinkler system – Call a lawn irrigation service to set up an appointment to have your underground sprinklers "blown out." You can also do this yourself with a good air compressor. See Ask Dad Nov. 15, 2001, at <http://archives.oeonline.com/2001/11%2D08%2D2001/way.c2%5F4.11%5F08%5F01.pdf>.

■ Seal cracks in concrete – Use a self-leveling concrete caulk, such as Sika polyurethane sealers, available at home improvement stores.

If the crack is large, chip away the edges so they are slightly under-cut and use backer rod, also available at home improvement stores.

ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION when chipping concrete.

■ Repair or replace damaged shingles and flashings – If you aren't 100 percent comfortable climbing on a roof, leave this for professionals.

■ Clean and repair gutters and downspouts – This may also be a good time to think about having gutter protectors installed. See Ask Dad Aug. 18, 2005, about gutter protectors.

INSIDE

■ Replace weather-stripping – Look around your doors and windows for ripped, torn or deteriorated weather-stripping.

Contact the manufacturer of the doors or windows about replacement material or use "universal" weather-stripping materials found in hardware and home improvement stores.

■ Consider replacing conventional incandescent light bulbs with CFL (compact fluorescent lamp) bulbs – These light bulbs simply screw into a lamp socket just as a regular bulb does, but can use as little as one-tenth the energy as an incandescent bulb.

■ Set traps – Mice don't really like cold weather (I guess they aren't that dumb). They can find the smallest opening to get into your home. If your house is near a field, like ours, as a matter of routine set mousetraps in the fall.

If you prefer using non-lethal traps, release the furry little friend well away from the house.

■ Prepare your furnace – Lube the motor. Only use oil designed for lubricating blowers (turbine oil). You may have to go to a quality hardware store for this.

Have the furnace inspected. This is a job best left to a qualified HVAC specialist.

If you haven't already done so, install a setback thermostat.

These can be bought for as little as \$35 and are easy to install yourself.

■ Install CO (carbon monoxide) detectors – These inexpensive devices can and do save lives. My wife, Karen, and I know this for a fact.

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.

HOME CALENDAR

Knitting

Among the classes at the Rochester Community House is Knitting for All Levels, Thursdays, Sept. 15 to Oct. 20. Fee is \$44.

For more information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommunityhouse.org. The Rochester Community House is at 816 Ludlow.

In the class, basics for beginners will include pattern reading, cables, fair isle, instarsia, knitting in the round, lace, beading and construction. "Design your own" will be offered for advanced students.

Faux finishing

Fancy Color Paints and Interiors will present a variety of classes taught by professionals 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the store, 3883 Rochester Road in Troy. For registration and class fee information, call Troy Adult Education, (248) 879-7599; Rochester Adult Education, (248) 726-3165; Birmingham Adult Education, (248) 203-3800; or Royal Oak Adult Education, (248) 588-5050. The schedule includes Faux Finishing Sept. 20 and Advanced Faux Finishing and Marbleizing Sept. 27. The faux finishing class will feature demonstrations of shadow striping/color washed stripes, smooching, positive and negative rag roll, fresco, leather and sponge painting.

In the advanced faux finishing class, learn the techniques of frottaging, mottling, marbling and wood grain-ing.

Conservation workshops

Caroline Ashleigh Associates' inaugural auction of fine art and antiques continues to Sept. 30 on www.igavel.com, the Internet auction site for fine art, antiques and collectibles.

An exhibition of items in the auction will be open to the public at the Birmingham Historical Museum 1-4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 23-25. During the exhibit, experts will conduct conservation workshops at the museum to help people learn how to care for their valued possessions. The Birmingham Historical Museum is at Maple (15 Mile) and Southfield Road. The exhibit will be in the Hunter House and the workshops will take place in the Allen House. Conservation workshops will take place 2-2:30 p.m. and 6-6:30 p.m. Sept. 23-24, and 2-2:30 p.m. Sept. 25. Reservations aren't required, but seating is limited.

The standard museum admission fee of \$10 covers both the exhibit and the workshops. Parking is available across the street, and is free for the first two hours.

For more information about hours, reservations and admission, call Bill McElhone at the Birmingham Historical Society, (248) 642-2817.

Antiques exposition

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 23-25, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen

at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 24, noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 25.

Admission is \$6 regular, free for ages 12 and under, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Celebrating its 25th season, the exposition will feature a diverse selection of fine American, European, Oriental and tribal antiques and art. Antiques merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their collections.

Dining and free parking will be available. For online show previews, visit www.antiquet.com/M&M.

Interior design

Continuing education classes in the fall schedule at the College for Creative Studies include Elements of Interior Design, 10 Saturdays beginning Sept. 24. Cost is \$295, plus \$10 material fee. For information, call (313) 664-7691. Teri Main, principal designer and owner of Main Design Innovations in Royal Oak, is the instructor. An overview of the field of interior design, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually satisfying. The basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes will be included. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Bulb class

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents gardening classes. The schedule includes Bulbs: Tips on Choosing and Using, Thursday, Sept. 15 (fee is \$42).

To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. In the class, learn about major and minor hardy bulbs, how to plant them and what to expect over the years.

Schoolcraft College

Schoolcraft College in Livonia offers a variety of gardening classes. The schedule includes the Creating Your Landscape series, which will begin with Woody Trees and Shrubs Wednesday, Sept. 21. Tuition is \$165 for the landscape series, \$73 for the class. Registration is required. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Dahlia show

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 53rd annual Dahlia Show Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 17-18, at Livonia Mall, Middlebelt and Seven Mile. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Between 600 and 800 blooms will be displayed and several new cultivars will be introduced. SMDS members will be present to answer questions and welcome new members.

Michigan Orchid Society

John Salvetti of Parkside Orchids will speak at the next meeting of the Michigan Orchid Society, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits. The public may attend. The church is at Willits and Bates in Birmingham, north of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road. Salvetti will talk about new trends in breeding paphiopedilum

orchids. He is an expert on paphiopedilum and phragmipedium orchids and has just returned from giving a speech at the Taiwan International Orchids Symposium on phragmipedium kovachii.

Fall Rose Show

The Great Lakes District Rose Show, hosted by the Detroit Rose Society, will take place Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 17-18, at English Gardens, 4901 Coolidge Highway, just north of 14 Mile, between Greenfield and Crooks in Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500).

Admission is free and open to the public. Hours are 1-9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Detroit Rose Society members will be available 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days to answer questions, discuss rose varieties and provide growing advice. Marilyn Wellan, American Rose Society president, will present Welcome to the Wonderful World of Roses 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

Fall color

Goldner Walsh Nursery will present Plants for Fall Color and Winter Interest, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit the Belle Isle Conservatory. Reservations are required. Call (248) 332-6430. Explore shrubs and trees that will add fall foliage color, fall and winter fruits and berries, and evergreen "form" in the garden. Join nursery manager Joel Miller and the Goldner Walsh landscape design team and get inspired to make your landscape a four-season experience.

Bulbs

The Community House Garden Club will

present Learning How to Use and Layer Bulbs in Containers and Gardens 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Master gardeners Sue Dinger and Barbara Teasdale will conduct the presentation.

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.

Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum Herb Study Group will meet Monday, Sept. 19. The meeting will take place in the auditorium at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. A potluck lunch will be at noon, followed by the meeting and a tour of the conservatory at 1 p.m. Docent Val Carey will host the tour and discuss Health Plants of the World, with an emphasis on the tropical plants in the conservatory. Admission is free. The public may attend.

For more information, call the gardens at (734) 998-7061 or contact Madolyn Kaminski at (734) 663-8303 or m.kaminski@comcast.net.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester.

Roger Bajorek, a retired naturalist from Stoney Creek Metropolitan Park, will speak on Deer Through the Seasons. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

Call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

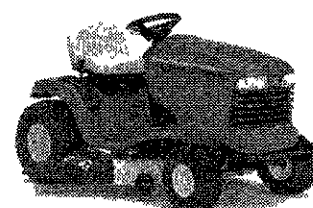
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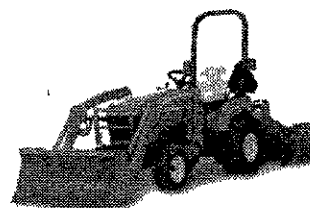
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KITCHEN

FROM PAGE B1

The expanded kitchen now features a window seat, a breakfast bar and a stylish new look. What had been cramped quarters is now part of an open, smooth flow to the family room on the other side.

The dining room isn't missed.

"When they're doing their homework, or if people are over for dinner, I can talk to them (while I cook)," Peggy said. "It's a kitchen where people congregate."

"I just can't believe how much bigger it looks," said Cathie Fernandez, designer with KSI Kitchen & Bath of Livonia, whom the Grainers called on for the kitchen remodel.

CHANGES

Fernandez worked with the floor plan the Grainers devised. One change was the removal of a proposed center island - the space around it would have been too narrow.

The Grainers' top priority for the remodeling was more space. Out went the wall and the peninsulas. In went new cabinetry, countertops, sink and appliances.

"Everything was almond," Vernon said of the color of the old kitchen.

The new cabinets are nutmeg, and the walls are a sage-like shade called River Rock by Ralph Lauren that presents subtle variations around the room.

The black sink by Blanco is made of natural granite (80 percent) and acrylic resins (20 percent); it is durable and doesn't need to be cleaned often.

Crown molding on the cabinets, topped with black, reaches to the ceiling.



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The formal dining room was converted into an office area, where the family uses the computer and does homework.

Drawers are big and slide out their entire depth. Large size and full extension are popular drawer features today, Fernandez said.

One of the lower cabinets has a bi-fold door, which opens to display a turntable that holds a number of items.

One drawer holds trash and recycling bins.

The brushed nickel hardware on the cabinetry is similar in shape to the handles on appliances, and in color to the stainless steel refrigerator.

The Formica countertops were replaced with granite, the colors of which match the black and nutmeg of the cabinets.

Arms on the bar stools are made of platinum, which doesn't show marks. The cushions are black leather.

The window seat has a foam

cushion on top of 15-inch cabinets. It's a comfortable place for reading, and it provides extra seating room at the nearby table. When necessary, the table is simply pulled farther out.

An area rug with a black border contains colors in the room, including hues on throw pillows on the window seat.

OTHER AREA

The desk area in the former dining room has space for a computer. The top cabinetry is nutmeg, the bottom is charcoal.

China that Vernon bought for Peggy when he was in the Army in Germany can be seen through clear doors. Peggy discovered that the area carpet here and the china happen to have the same colors and a similar pattern.

Vernon did much of the remodeling work himself, including removing the kitchen soffits, putting in the white oak flooring and installing the crown molding and the Formica backsplash.

Formica was chosen for the backsplash instead of tile so it wouldn't look busy paired with the design in the granite.

Neighbors rave about the new kitchen, Vernon said. And the Grainers and Fernandez have praise for each other.

"They were both wonderful," Fernandez said. "It was a pleasure."

"We would recommend you to anybody," Peggy said to her.

Sources for items in the kitchen include KSI, Abode Furniture and ABC Warehouse.

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2nd brunch scheduled with Preston Bailey

The Community House in Birmingham has announced a second brunch Tuesday, Sept. 20, to accommodate the overwhelming request for tickets to hear special guest speaker Preston Bailey.

The brunch is a special feature of the Birmingham House Tour and will take place 10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates.

Cost is \$60 and includes admission to the tour. The 8:30 a.m. brunch is sold out.

For tickets and information, call (248) 594-6403.

Bailey is a frequent guest on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. His mastery of over-the-top, one-of-a-kind events has earned him the reputation as the world's preeminent event designer.

He has planned magical moments for such celebrities as Donald Trump, Oprah Winfrey, Liza Minnelli, Bill Cosby, Matt Lauer, Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Bailey's book, *Design For Entertaining*, will be available to buy for personalizing.

The house tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, will feature



Preston Bailey

seven distinctive homes ranging in style from traditional to contemporary. Cost for the tour only is \$25. Tickets are still available.

Bailey will be the special guest at the House Tour Preview Party Monday, Sept. 19, at the spectacular home of Allan Gilmour and Eric Jirgens. Preview party tickets are \$200 and \$300 and are still available.

Proceeds from the tour are used to fund The Community House's community outreach programs.

Colossal garage sale to benefit Meadow Brook Hall gardens

Imagine a giant garage sale, a bargain shopper's dream.

This dream can become a reality at the Colossal Indoor Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 13-15, at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

The sale is sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. All proceeds will benefit the maintenance of the Meadow Brook Hall Gardens.

The club is solely responsible for the maintenance of the gardens, and this is its major fund-raiser for the year.

Anyone who would like to support the gardens by donating sale items may bring them to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 11-12. No clothing will be accepted. Tax deduction forms for donations will be provided upon request.

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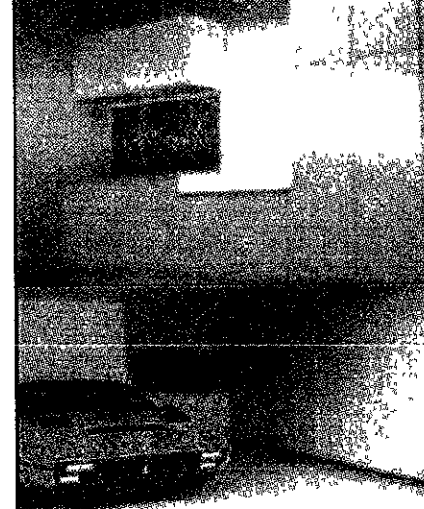
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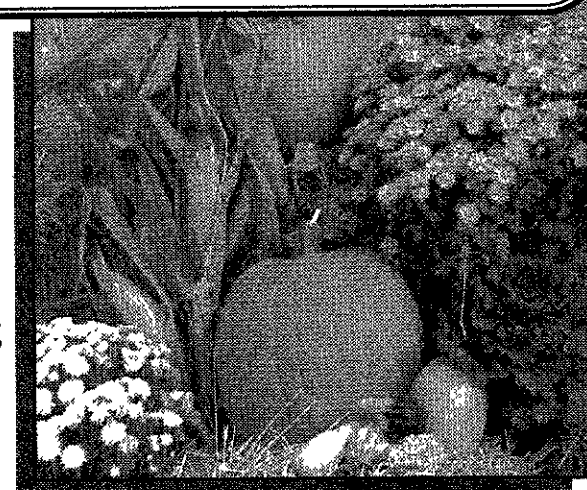
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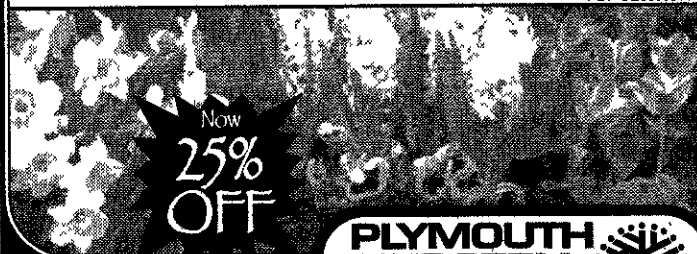
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Trinity Church pastor Michael Van Horn stands in the sanctuary just days before the blessing and first formal worship service. Renovations to the former Grand River Baptist Church began five months ago.

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Church to celebrate gift of new beginning

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN*
STAFF WRITER

Patrick Falcusan dreamed one day that Grand River Baptist Church would be filled with people but as treasurer of the board he knew that wasn't likely to happen. Since moving to Livonia in 1967, the congregation had dwindled to about 60 from more than 500. As with mainstream churches everywhere their members were aging and could no longer afford to maintain the building and its nine acres next to Stevenson High School.

Then pastor Michael Van Horn was invited to preach one Sunday. Trinity Church, built in Livonia in 1959, didn't have enough room to grow. Ten years ago when Van Horn first became pastor there were 50 members. After joining the Evangelical Covenant Church which has roots in the historic church of Sweden and the Evangelical Lutheran Reformation, the congregation grew to 200.

On Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 17-18, hundreds of Christians from community churches and their pastors are expected to attend the blessing and first formal worship service in the newly renovated sanctuary thanks to the incredible gift of a church from Grand River members to Trinity across denominational lines, although Trinity has a Baptist heritage as does its pastor who was raised Baptist and ordained a Baptist minister.

"It was a remarkable Christian act in the face of their death," said Van Horn of Redford. "We're truly grateful for their thoughtfulness and consideration."

"Our concern was a developer would tear down the church," added Patrick Falcusan, a Farmington Hills resident who now serves on Trinity's Deacon Board. "It was meant to be a church. We had a beautiful house that we couldn't afford and we stayed when the new family moved in."

That family consists of a mix of former Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and other religions now attending the church that practices infant and believers baptism in the Swedish Lutheran tradition. Trinity had originated in Detroit in the early 1900s.

"We were able to draw in young families, college age people and not lose senior members," said Van Horn. "We hope eventually to have a mix of cultures as well."

Falcusan, at age 58, thinks he's probably one of the oldest members of Trinity Church. About 25- to 30 percent of Grand River's members joined Trinity, but the bulk of the congregation originally attended services at the former Trinity Church on Middlebelt, south of Five Mile. Several of the members still live in Trinity Park Apartments, a senior citizens complex near the former location, and are bused to services.



The children's nursery and Sunday school rooms were updated during renovations complete with new murals painted on the walls by Barney Judge, a member of Trinity Church.

Over the years the church was involved with community projects like the low income apartments and Trinity House Theatre. Both are independently owned. The theater, a community playhouse and concert venue, was the idea of former Pastor Paul Patton who returns for the celebration along with former Pastor Norman Mathias. Van Horn expects they will be just as excited about the gift of the church - and the renovations.

For the last year members have been meeting in Fellowship Hall until pews and flooring were replaced in the sanctuary and the four walls of the youth room were brightened with animal murals by member Barney Judge. Many of Trinity's members are artistically and musically inclined. They and the rest of the congregation were involved with adding details to the design of architectural firm Merritt McPherson Cieslak of Farmington.

RENOVATIONS

Calvin Garfield was church liaison to the construction manager from The Monahan Co. of Eastpointe that's completing \$800,000 in renovations. A member of Trinity Church for 20 years, Garfield lives in Rosedale Park in Detroit. Several families from that area are members.

"The intent of design was to take a 1967 space that reflected performance oriented worship instead of participatory and reverse it," said Garfield, who serves on the Elder Board. "Previously there was a large elevated section for choir, a large baptismal font, an elevated pulpit, and communion table on the floor. Communion was served to seated parishioners. We elevated the communion table and the baptismal has been relocated to a level where congregation can gather around the area."

Two smaller offices became the pastor's study for Van Horn to write sermons and smaller groups to meet. Also renovated were a nursery area, rooms for children's church and Sunday School, and a recreational space for teens to gather with the youth minister at 5:30 p.m. Sundays. Trinity not only offers Sunday School for children and adults, but Bible study throughout the week.

An art room will allow groups to work and show their creations on a gallery wall.

"We keep talking about arts not just for arts sake but to believe that beauty serves God," said Van Horn. "We want to encourage Christians to engage the arts, culture."

"We wanted something a little less 1960s or contemporary and more classic with gothic arches, wood to warm up the brick, kneelers so people have the option of kneeling for prayer," said Van Horn who teaches philosophy at University of Detroit-Mercy. He was teaching at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills when approached by one of his students to speak at Grand River Baptist Church.

"I wanted to move the pulpit closer to people. When we moved in, it felt enormous. We created an orchestra like pit for the music team that includes cello, violin and strings. We didn't want to give a sense of performance, but want them to be part of the service."

On Saturday morning the music team along with pastors and members of Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist and Episcopal churches will join together for thanksgiving and the blessing at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception and music in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday the first formal worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. with a catered picnic on the grounds afterwards. The community is welcome to share in the two-day celebration.

"We want to be truly grateful for this gift and the opportunity," said Van Horn. "We'll all be walking through the space and praying for God's blessing. It's a great beginning. We want to show we're not in competition but a brotherhood, a sisterhood, and hope people come."

"We want to not forget who we are and to think about our future, who we are. A construction project can be very consuming. We've had meetings almost every night of the week. I'm looking forward to having more time to focus on ministry. We're wonderfully located in the middle of a neighborhood next to a high school. We have kids skateboarding on the property, people walking through. We want to develop relationships in community."

Trinity Church is at 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 425-2800.

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SEPTEMBER

Rummage & book sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, wide variety of items ranging from tools, appliances, electronics, used CDs and records, and toys to clothing for men, women and children, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-7620. Low cost lunch available both days.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

Seminar

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Free Concert

Men of Grace perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 North Guley Road, Dearborn Heights. All are welcome.

Classic car show

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Free admission, food and fun for the whole family. Visit www.warrenrdchurch.org.

Change of hours

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile, Livonia) hold services on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with nursery, and Sunday School for children at 9:30 a.m. A new Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. begins Sept. 18. Visitors welcome. The church will hold a book and bake sale Nov. 4-5. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sez who

A series of discussions on church authority runs 7:15-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 and 26, in the activity center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500

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

Women's ministries

Presents Beth Moore's Bible study *The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*, choose from classes on Tuesday mornings or evenings beginning Sept. 20, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Workbook cost is \$17. Call (734) 455-0022, ext. 4 for brochure or download a registration form from www.wvchurches.com/cbcwomen. On Oct. 7-8, the church will be a host site for Beth Moore Live Simulcast from New York City. Tickets are \$25. Call (734) 490-4528 for tickets or information.

Family fun fair

Our Lady of Loretto's 46th annual Family Fun Fair, Redford's largest festival, takes place Sept. 22-25, at the church on the corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, one mile west of Telegraph. Rides only 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Hours for activities vary. Hours for Friday, Sept. 23 are 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, Sept. 24, noon to midnight, and Sunday, Sept. 25, 1-10 p.m. Activities include Vegas, bingo, \$10,000 raffle, huge game tent, Barbie doll booth, clowns, craft booth, bake walk, dunk tank, face painting, food, and live entertainment. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-9000.

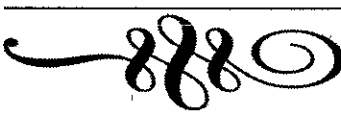


FLORINE M. PHILLIPS (nee Steintrager)

September 10, 2005. Age 89. Beloved wife of the late Adam Lee. Dear sister of Hazel Farrell. Loving aunt and great aunt to several nieces and nephews. Florine was a retired clerk with General Motors Co. She spent her remaining years at The Grand Court Retirement Community in Farmington Hills. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

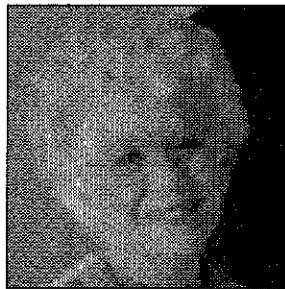
LORRAINE KANAVAS

Formerly of Birmingham, died September 7, 2005 in Bradenton, Florida, at age 84. She taught junior high home economics both in New Jersey and Michigan before opening Grandma's Best children's clothing shops in Royal Oak, Troy, and Birmingham. She is survived by her daughter, Karolyn, of Ijamsville, Maryland, son, John, of Laguna Niguel, California, and two loving grandchildren, Johnny and Katie.



RALPH M. STANIFER, M.D.

Of Sioux City, Iowa died on August 29, 2005 during his evening run. A memorial service was held on September 3, 2005 in Sioux City, Iowa. Dr. Stanifer was born on December 14, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to Evelyn Zellman Stanifer and Ralph E. Stanifer, D.D.S. The family moved to Redford, MI where he graduated from Thurston High School. He graduated from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Stanifer completed a corneal fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston Texas. He was Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Iowa Health Systems in Sioux City, where he also had a private Ophthalmology practice. He was a trustee of the Woodbury Medical Society and was currently, serving as President-Elect. Dr. Stanifer is survived by his mother, Evelyn Stanifer Benson of South Lyon and his sister, Deborah Stanifer (Arvy Kavaliauskas) of Northville.



EDNA MOORMAN

Age 87, beloved wife of the late Victor E. Krieger and Kenneth F. Moorman passed away on September 8, 2005. Dearest loving mother of Karen Krieger, Bloomfield Hills, MI and stepmother of Gary (Elizabeth) Moorman, Tipp City, Ohio. Step grandmother of Chris, Jeff and Michele. To live with her daughter, Edna relocated to Bloomfield Hills, MI from Stuart, FL where she lived in retirement for 23 years. She was born and grew up in Detroit, MI where she was a homemaker as well as a legal secretary for 22 years. She is also survived by her sisters, Gertrude Miller, Reno, NV and Jeanette Hampton, Stuart, FL. A memorial service will be held at Boca Raton Municipal Cemetery, Boca Raton, FL. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Parkinson's Association or a local hospice. For further information call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

NEIL W. ROBERTS

August 11, 2005. Age 83 of Canton. Beloved husband of June. Dear father of Sherry (Howard) Shunk, Clifford (Peggy) Roberts and Neil Jr. (Ann) Roberts. Loving Grandfather of five, and Great-Grandfather of five. Mr. Roberts was a Veteran of WWII and was a member of Wayne Lodge 112 F&AM. Funeral services were held August 21, 2005 at the Plymouth Nazarene Church at 1:30 PM with the Rev. Fred Hall and Rev. Norman Long presiding. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by the Uhl Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, MI 48186



SISTER MARY ADRIAN ADRIAN, RSM Sister Of Mercy, Teacher, Principal

Farmington Hills, MI. Sister Mary Adrian Adrian, a Sister of Mercy for 73 years, died on September 12, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was 91. She was born December 13, 1913 in Rogers City, Michigan, to August and Louise (Dullack) Adrian, and christened Genevieve at her baptism. She graduated from Mount Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids in 1931 and entered the Sisters of Mercy the following year. She professed final vows on August 16, 1938. Sister Mary Adrian earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master's in education from Notre Dame University. She served as a teacher and as principal for 42 years in parochial schools in Michigan and Iowa. Starting in 1935, she taught primary through junior high students in Ada, Grand Rapids, Holland, Midland, Cheboygan, Saginaw, Posen, Hazel Park, Reese, Muskegon, Ludington, Hemlock, Lansing, Pinconning and Port Austin, Michigan. She also served as a principal for 16 years at Holy Cross School in Lansing, St. Jean's and St. Michael's Schools in Muskegon, and St. John's School in Independence, Iowa. In 1977, Sister Mary Adrian moved to the less formal setting of a religious education center and became Resident Manager at Mercy Center, Farmington Hills. She later served as coordinator at the Convent of Mercy in Grand Rapids. Sister Mary Adrian moved to McAuley Center in 1985 and served as receptionist there until 1994 when she retired to a life of prayer. Sister Mary Adrian was dearly loved by her students and coworkers. It was said that children couldn't wait to set foot in her classroom. She knew how to get a child's attention and convey solid information and teach skills they would use for a lifetime. Sister Mary Adrian's quiet, unassuming manner was treasured by those who knew her. One of the Sisters of Mercy commented, "She was always available to help others and she did it with a smile." She is survived by several nieces and nephews and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will be held on September 14, 2005 at 1 p.m. at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated in the McAuley Center chapel on September 15, 2005 at 9 a.m., followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

MELANIE MEENEN

Age 55, of Harlingen, Texas, formerly a resident of Livonia. Beloved husband of Lynn Meenen. Loving mother of Melissa (Greg) Priede, Jana (Eric) Klepsch. Grandmother of 5. Dearest daughter of Chesley Edwards (Nancy MacFarland). Melanie was the President of the PTA, for Churchill Highschool, Girl Scout Leader, involved with Disable Awareness, Choir Director at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia. A 1972 Graduate of Kansas State Univ. Funeral services will be Thursday, September 15, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia, MI. Clergy, Rev. Mark McGilvrey, Memorial Church of Christ. Donations can be made to Paws With A Clause.



THOMAS F. NORTON JR.

Age 71. Hockey coach, golfer, resident of Cape Cod. EAST SANDWICH, MA - Thomas F. Norton Jr., 71, died Monday, September 12, 2005 at his home. Mr. Norton, Navy veteran, youth hockey coach in Plymouth for many years, avid golfer, former industrial engineer for Ford Motor Co., was born and raised in Medford, MA, graduated from St. Clemens H.S. and Boston College before moving to Plymouth, Michigan in 1969. Mr. Norton was married to Carol A. Mahon Norton for over thirty years. He was predeceased by Carol A. Mahon on August 20, 1989. He is survived by second wife, Kathryn Ann Norton, and children, Elizabeth and Lynn Baker of New York, Kevin and Marie Norton of Connecticut, Paul and Jeana Norton of Virginia and Stephen Norton and Thomas Norton of Michigan; eight stepchildren; two brothers, Jerome Norton of Tewksbury and Richard Norton of Popponesset; six grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren. A vigil service will be at 5 p.m., with visitation until 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 14 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 324 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich, MA. A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial is in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Memorial donations may be made to Child Find of America, P.O. Box 277, New Paltz, NY 12561.

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Fall's ritual: Cider mills rule

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Les Posey knows all about the charm of cider mills.

He's been around one most of his life.

Charles Posey, Les' father, bought the Yates Cider Mill in Rochester in 1959 when Les was in the 10th grade.

The younger Posey isn't quite sure when cider mills grew so popular with the public, as he believes the long lines in autumn afternoons began long before his father bought the mill.

"There's a heritage, a tradition set up by previous generations," Posey said. "Because a lot of farms pressed their own cider, it was just a way of life in the early days.

"This was an agricultural society," he added. "Most of the farms had apple orchards." Posey has read that many Michigan homesteaders planted 12 apple trees on their property. "Everybody had it pressed into juice, or turned into vinegar. You had to do something, so it set up a pattern for them go to the cider mills and have it processed. It just became a common thing to do."

Yes, it was common and it still is.

Michigan is the nation's third-largest producer of apples, growing 22 varieties on a commercial basis. Value-added marketing and processing enhance the economic contribution of Michigan apples — up to \$400-\$500 million of economic impact annually.

There are more than 8 million apple trees, covering 41,000 acres, on 1,000 farms throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Thirty-seven of the 68 counties in Michigan's Lower Peninsula have apple production.

Michigan expects to harvest 840 million pounds (or 20 million bushels) of apples this year.

Apples are by far the largest fruit crop grown in Michigan.

Michigan produced more than 1.25 billion pounds of fruit in

2004 including apples, tart cherries, sweet cherries, blueberries, peaches, grapes, strawberries, pears and plums.

Just over 60 percent of that amount was apples, which totaled 760 million pounds.

Small family farmers who operate their own orchards dominate the Michigan apple industry. According to recent statistics, 99 percent of Michigan orchards had fewer than 100 acres in apples.

Michigan also plays a vital role in processed apples. More than 68 percent of all Michigan apples are processed. Michigan is the largest supplier of apple slices used in commercially prepared apple pies. Michigan apples are also a main source for apple sauce, fresh-cut slices and fresh and shelf-stable apple cider.

Yates has operated since 1863. The earliest evidence of the cider mill's popularity is a pic-

PLEASE SEE CIDER MILLS, B9



Side dish

Church hosts festival

Tickets are on sale now for the first Oktoberfest at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham.

The celebration is scheduled noon-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. This event features a seven-piece traditional German band in the main tent (6-10 p.m.), a solo accordion player and singer in the main tent (1-4 p.m.), beer and wine in the main tent, German foods from Winter's Sausage, popcorn, pretzels, cotton candy and beverages, carnival-style games, video arcade games, moonwalks and face painting.

Admission to the grounds is free all day for patrons.

Admission to the entertainment tent is \$5 for people 16 years and over. Kids under 16 are free. ID is required to buy beer or wine. Anyone over 16 and older will be issued a wristband for re-entry. Ticket sales are limited to 800.

Tickets for the general public are on sale now at the church office.

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at 2225 East 14 Mile Road, in Birmingham, near Woodward. For more information about the Oktoberfest, call (248) 646-6100 or (248) 399-1101.

Help victims

Mitchell's Fish Market restaurants in Birmingham and Livonia and Cameron's Steakhouse in Birmingham will be donating the day's profits on Monday, Sept. 19, to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

On that day, the Cameron Mitchell Restaurant company, owners and operators of the three restaurants, will donate profits from all 26 restaurants throughout the Midwest to the fund. The fund will provide food, shelter, counseling and other assistance to victims of the hurricane.

Each restaurant will encourage guests to make donations as well. On that day only, for every \$100 donation to the American Red Cross, the company will provide guests with a \$25 Cameron Mitchell gift card valid towards any food purchase on their next visit.

The Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia is located at 17600 Haggerty Road and the phone number is (734) 464-FOOD.

In Birmingham, Cameron's Steakhouse is located at 115 Willits Street and the phone number is (248) 723-1700. Mitchell's Fish Market is also in The Willits at 117 Willits Street.

To reach the restaurant, call (248) 646-3663.

Whip up the flavors of fall with oats and pumpkin



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE QUAKER OATS CO.

Favorite fall flavors star in Pumpkin Oat Cake with Warm Spiced Apples. Whole grain oats add a tasty nutrition boost to the moist cake and crunchy topping, while a cake mix and canned apple pie filling save time.

Crisp, sun-drenched days and chilly nights call out to the baker within us to whip up a batch of cookies or a snack cake with the irresistible flavors of fall. Three quintessential fall ingredients — apples, pumpkin and oats — all lend themselves to homey, family-pleasing desserts.

Pumpkin Oat Cake with Warm Spiced Apples is the perfect choice for a casual get together with family and friends. Crowned with a crunchy crumb topping, this seasonal dessert is deceptively easy to make. Convenient pantry staples — cake mix, canned pureed pumpkin, prepared apple pie filling and rolled oats — save precious minutes in the kitchen. Just mix and pour, top with the oat streusel and bake. Serve it warm or at room temperature with the warm apple topping.

When baking with oats, choose either the quick or old-fashioned as they're both 100 percent whole grain oats. (Instant oatmeal is not recommended.) The thicker, old-fashioned variety adds a heartier texture and more pronounced whole grain flavor to baked goods. They're also the choice of many bakers when making streusel toppings for cakes, bar cookies and fruit crisp.

Whole grain oats are a natural mate for crisp fall apples. Rich in vitamin A, phosphorus, potassium and insoluble fiber, chopped Granny Smith apples lend moisture and a sweet-tart flavor to

apple-Scotch Oat Bars. Versatile and delicious, this easy oatmeal bar cookie is perfect for bake sales, school lunches, after-school snacks and fall potlucks.

PUMPKIN OAT CAKE WITH WARM SPICED APPLES

Streusel

¾ cup oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
¾ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup (1/2 stick) cold butter, cut into pieces

Cake

1 box (18.25 ounces) spice cake mix
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
4 eggs
½ cup milk*
½ cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)*

Spiced Apples

1 can (21 ounces) apple pie filling and topping
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
*If using old-fashioned oats, reduce milk to ¾ cup

For streusel, combine oats, flour and brown sugar in medium bowl. Cut in butter with two knives until pea-size crumbs form; set aside.

For cake, heat oven to 350° F. Spray 13-by-9-by-2-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. Lightly

PLEASE SEE PUMPKIN, B10

FOOD EVENTS CALENDAR

Livonia
Good food will be in abundance at Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza, Sunday, Sept. 25. The celebration of gourmet foods and fine beverages takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. in the ViTaTech Center, with all proceeds supporting student scholarships. Patrons can tour the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts instructional kitchens, stop in at free wine-tasting seminar from 3 to 3:30 p.m. or take part in a live auction. Live auction items include two dinner packages for eight prepared in your home, and offered by the American Harvest Restaurant and Gala; a dinner for eight at Opus One; and a diamond slide from Orin Jewelers. Culinary Extravaganza 2005 tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at 734-462-4400, extension 5008. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

Rochester
Let's Go to Italy is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow in Rochester. This class helps you to discover the secrets of Italy from the experts. Reawaken your love of food, wine, art and travel. There is no fee for the class, but call the Rochester Community House at (248) 651-0622 to reserve your spot. A 'Tour de France' wine dinner will be prepared by Chef Dan Vernia and wines selected by Jean-Jacques Fertal 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Rochester Community House. The two will work together to create harmony between the foods and the wine.

Call (248) 651-0622 for reservations. Dinner is \$65 per person. Music, Tea and Me allows guests to enjoy an evening of music and meditation to renew your spirit and empower your life. Relax before the holidays with a cup of tea and bring a good friend to the Rochester Community House 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. Call (248) 651-0622 for information.

Sweet Lorraine's
In honor of National Organic Harvest Month all three Sweet Lorraine's locations in Southfield, Detroit and Livonia will be featuring organic specials and events throughout the month of September. Specials include: Organic Australian Beef, Michigan Organic Chicken Maple Creek Organic Vegetables, Lorraine's Husband's Organic tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes and herbs. There will be organic wines to enhance the culinary experience. In addition, Sweet Lorraine's will host an organic cooking demonstration at each location featuring Maple Creek vegetables - making a small donation to Farm Aid to commemorate their 20th anniversary (as well as Sweet Lorraine's 20th anniversary). Sweet Lorraine's will also be hosting a drawing to win a trip to Yale, Mich., to Maple Creek's organic farm. For more information, call Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar, 29101 Greenfield Rd. in Southfield ((248) 559-5985); Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit, ((313) 223-3933); and Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia ((734) 953-7480).

Beefsteak tomatoes continue to ripen

BY DANA JACOBI

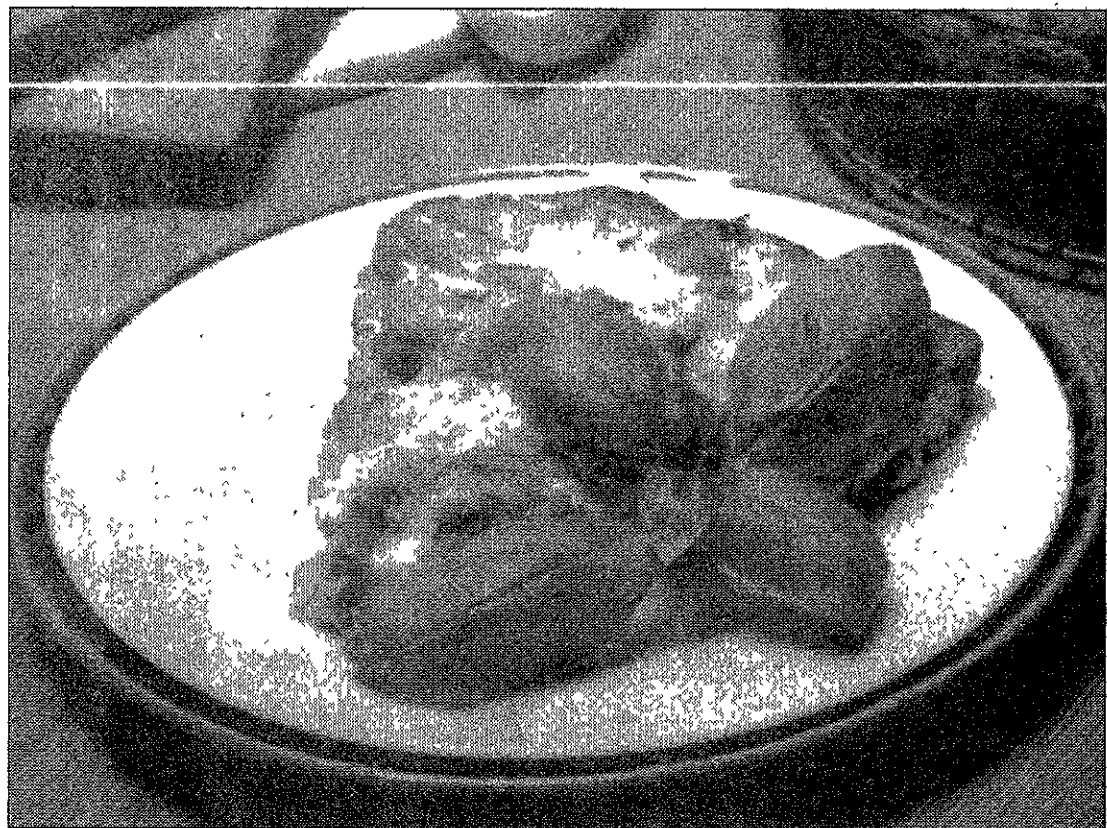
Depending on where you live, about this time of year summer creates an abundance of immense, vine-bending tomatoes known as Jersey Beefsteaks. Happily, the season for these beauties, often weighing a pound or more, lasts through September and sometimes even into October.

Named as much for their uniquely meaty interior as for their sometimes staggering size, beefsteak tomatoes are now available almost everywhere, not just in the northeastern states, in supermarkets and at local farm stands, as well as from home gardens. They are even available year-round although, as with all tomatoes, nothing beats them in season and locally grown.

I find that the best way to distinguish beefsteaks from other tomatoes is by weight. Whether a mere 12 ounces or a gigantic two-pounder, a beefsteak feels hefty relative to its size compared with other tomatoes. This is mainly because the beefsteak's unique interior of firm yet succulent flesh punctuated by small paisley-shaped pockets of seeds.

At the beginning of the season, these big beauties are perfect for thick and juicy slices to slip on top of a hamburger, or inside other sandwiches. They are also perfect on their own, as the simplest kind of salad, with just a sprinkle of salt to heighten their flavor. For a little more embellishment, a bit of chopped fresh basil leaves and a light drizzle of olive oil will add a little elegance as well as flavor.

They can also be used in cooking. Their meaty flesh, along with their full flavor, make beefsteaks ideal to use in certain cooked dishes. Here is one that is hearty enough to make a filling entrée, yet light in taste and refreshingly appropriate for a steamy summer day.



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TOMATO BASIL STRATA

- 7-8 slices firm whole-wheat bread
- 2 large beefsteak tomatoes, each cut in 8 thin slices
- 1 cup (8 ounces) low-fat cottage cheese
- 2 large egg whites

- 4 teaspoons brown mustard, divided
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cups reduced-fat (2 percent) milk

Coat a 10-inch pie plate or 9-inch square baking pan with cooking spray. Cover the bottom with bread, using 3 to 4 slices. Cover with half the tomato slices, overlapping them.

In a blender or food processor, blend together until smooth the cottage cheese, egg whites, onion powder, cayenne and half of the mustard. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Turn mixture into a bowl. Mix in the basil, parsley and half the mozzarella. Spread the mixture on the tomato slices, to cover. Use the remaining bread to cover the tomatoes.

Arrange the remaining tomato slices on top to cover the bread. Sprinkle on the remaining mozzarella.

In a small bowl, beat the eggs, then beat in until well blended the milk, remaining mustard, measured salt and pepper. Gradually, a little at a time, pour the mixture over the assembled strata. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour.

Set a baking sheet on a rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Bake the strata, uncovered, on the baking sheet until the top is puffed and lightly browned, about 55 minutes. Remove from oven and set on a rack 20 minutes. Cut into wedges or squares and serve.

Makes 9 servings.

Per serving: 157 calories, 5 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 16 g. carbohydrate, 12 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 488 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi, author of *The Joy of Soy*, writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Diehl's Orchard & Cider Mill, 1479 Ranch Road, Holly. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through October. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in November and December. (248) 634-8981 or www.diehlsorchard.com.
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Alber Orchard & Cider Mill, 13011 Bethel Church Road, Manchester. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday until Nov. 24. (734) 428-9310; e-mail: alberorchard@aol.com.
Coleman's Farm Market, West Michigan Avenue, just east of Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through October. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily in November and December. (734) 434-5454.
Dexter Cider Mill, 3685 Central St., Dexter. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday through mid-November. (734) 426-8531.

Fussler Family Farm & Greenhouse, 16400 Herman Road, Manchester. Open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (734) 428-8982.
Lutz Orchard, 11030 Macon Road, Saline. 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends; closed Thursday, through October. (734) 429-5145.
Obstbaum Orchards & Cider Mill, 9252 Currie Road, Salem Township. Open until apples run out or the weekend before Thanksgiving: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. store hours at the orchard. (248) 349-5569 or www.obstbaum.com.
Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily; through October; Nov. 1-6: main cider mill is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The Ann Arbor roadside market will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Nov. 23. (734) 455-2290 or www.plymouthorchards.com.
Wasem Fruit Farm, 6580 Judd Road, Milan. Open mid-September to October: 9 a.m. to

6 p.m. daily. Limited hours after October until apples are gone. (734) 482-2342.
Wiard's Orchards & Country Fair, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through Halloween. (734) 482-7744 or www.wiards.com.

WAYNE COUNTY

Apple Charlie's South Huron Orchards and Cider Mill, 38035 S. Huron Road, New Boston. 1-275 at Exit 11B, then one mile west. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily November through January. Call (734) 753-9380.
Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, 714 Baseline Road, Northville. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily through October. Starting in November: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. (248) 349-3181 or www.northvillecider.com.
Tupacz Orchard, 36990 Judd Road, New Boston. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Dec. 7. (734) 753-9253.

CIDER MILLS

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ture from 1938 that showed a line of patrons waiting outside. "Many people just came out for a drive on a Sunday afternoon from Detroit," Posey said. "I suspect it had to do with the automobile. I imagine they were looking for a place to go. Cider mills became a destination, and it still is a destination." Les loves his lack of a routine at the cider mill. His father is 86 and still helps out. "There's such a variety of things to do," Posey said. "It's

exhilarating in October. You have thousands of people coming here. They're not coming here because they have to, but because they want to. It's not at all like waiting in line to buy gasoline. "They see neighbors here. It's a social place. It's different from other events. You might go to a sporting event where it might be similar. It's not a pressure situation for (customers)," Posey said, then laughed, and added: "But it is for me." Posey doesn't know if the press is the same one used more than 100 years ago, but it is the same model. That press has gears and switches and requires more

labor than the newer presses. Posey said mixing the hard apples with the soft ones helps prevent the pores of the press from plugging up. Yates Cider Mill belongs to the Michigan Cider Makers Guild. The guild works closely with the Michigan Department of Agriculture on cider making regulations. Good cider requires a mix of varieties, Posey said. "You get a peculiar taste with only one variety. We'll use about five varieties," he said about that weekend's pressing. "We're finishing the summer varieties and we'll be getting into the fall varieties. Those are a better variety.

The cider tastes better the further you get into the fall. "Fall is always an exciting time. When you see the trees turn color, it's really an incentive to come out." Information from this story was obtained from the Michigan Apple Committee, a grower-funded nonprofit organization devoted to promotion, education and research activities to distinguish the Michigan apple and encourage its consumption by consumers in Michigan and around the world. For more information, visit www.michiganapples.com. kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net (734) 953-2107

CALENDAR

Busch's
 Busch's Markets presents a cooking class series for September "Well-Preserved: Recipes and Techniques for enjoying Summer and Fall's Seasonal Bounty throughout the Year." Busch's cooks will be demonstrating safe canning, freezing, drying and bottling techniques. Sample apple butter on Busch's cinnamon swirl bread, eggplant relish on flat-iron steaks, orange-basil butter on salmon; tomato chutney on Busch's rotisserie chicken and a composed salad with a lemon-tarragon vinaigrette. Classes are scheduled from 6-7:30 p.m. at the following Busch's locations: 15185 Sheldon (at 5 Mile) in Plymouth, Thursday, Sept. 15, and 24445 Drake Road in Farmington, Thursday, Sept. 22. Call Farmington store at (248) 427-7400 or Plymouth at (734) 414-5200 for information.

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. Upcoming classes include: Fall 2005 two-week series on Oct. 19 and 26, fee \$60 (\$30 each class); and a Beginning Series on Sept. 20 and 27, and Oct. 4, class fee is \$120 (\$30 each class). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held 6-9 p.m. in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

Schoolcraft classes
 Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six

and Seven Mile roads), in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

Cooking 101: Skill Development
 Learn basic cooking terminology and techniques, and how to properly use basic knives and hand tools. To make sure you stay healthy and happy, discover safe and sanitary methods for food preparation. This two-day course, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, is a prerequisite for all Schoolcraft College's Culinary Education hands-on Culinary Arts classes or you'll need chef's approval for those classes. Cooking 101 is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 and 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. Fee is \$105 and \$84 for seniors.

Swiss Chocolates
 Acquire chocolate knowledge. Enjoy demonstrations of how to temper chocolate, produce hollow shells, dip chocolate, and caramel dipping techniques. Class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 and taught by certified master pastry chef Joe Decker. Fee is \$98 and \$78.40 for seniors.

Hands-On
 Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class listed above or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others.

International Breads, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, Cooking with an Asian Flair, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11; Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking, two days, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Community House
 The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled fall cooking classes. Each class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. and has a fee of \$30. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Expanding Your Palette with Herbs and Spices (Wednesday, Sept. 21) will also be taught by Freeman E. Gurnell. Enhance your cooking by learning how to match your ingredients with herbs and spices. Equally important, learn when to use them in the cooking process. Wanna Try Something a Little Different? will take place Tuesday, Sept. 27. Join Peter Engelhardt, Executive Chef at The Community House, in preparation of this three-course meal that will appeal to all of your senses: thyme-scented mushrooms on bibb lettuce, sautéed shrimp with feta, marsala with couscous. Top it off with peppermint ice cream pie.

Herbs and Spices
 Enhance your cooking by learning how to match your ingredients with herbs and spices and when to use them in the

cooking process. Instructor Freeman E. Gurnell's culinary education has been under the direction of renowned chefs including Jimmy Schmidt, Wolfgang Puck and Madeleine Kamman. Session is \$30 and scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Breads of India
 Learn how to make the yeast-free dough to creating several breads on a griddle, including flat bread, layered bread and spiced vegetables stuffed bread. Prepare a five-minute curry and fresh cucumber salad. Material fee of \$13 payable to instructor at class 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Bring a cup measure, a wide bowl and 2 dish towels. Class is in Room 114 of Derby Middle School, 1300 Derby Road, Birmingham. Fee is \$39 for Birmingham resident, \$44 for others. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Heavenly Vegetarian Curries
 Journey through various regions of India. Prepare four different curries from beans, fresh cheese, vegetables and yogurt, including restaurant style dishes like Matar Paneer from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in room 114 at Derby Middle School, 1300 Derby Road, Birmingham. Bring a dish towel. Material fee of \$13 payable to instructor at class. The fee is \$39 for a Birmingham resident and \$44 for others.

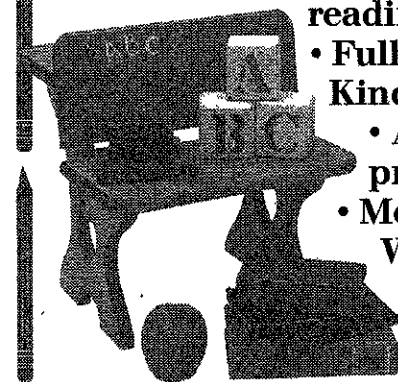
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Wine Exploration
The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend the wine classes. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna will be the instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale dis-

tributors for more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scribe for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Cnaime De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment. Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America.

Classes in the series are:
■ California and the Pacific Northwest, Sept. 21 (\$29). Discover wines of California, Oregon and Washington state. Learn to find the values as well as highly acclaimed and rare wines from these regions. Learn to discern the differences between varieties and how to optimally match wines with appropriate meals. A parallel tasting of eight wines representing these areas is included.
■ French Wines, Sept. 28 (\$26). Receive an introduction to wines from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser-known areas. Learn about

the variety of French wines and how to read appellations, distinguish between vintages and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted.
■ more about French wines, Oct. 5 (\$26). Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence. Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts do.
■ Italian Wines, Oct. 26 (\$26). Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine-producing country. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed.
■ The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Nov. 9 (\$26). Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.
■ Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Nov. 16 (\$26). Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

PUMPKIN

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flour pan; set aside. Beat cake mix, pumpkin, eggs, milk, oil and pumpkin pie spice in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping sides of bowl as necessary. Stir in oats. Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle reserved streusel evenly over batter. Bake 32 to 38 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Remove to wire rack. Cool completely.

For topping, combine apple pie filling, lemon juice and cinnamon in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover, leaving a corner open for venting. Microwave on medium until evenly heated, about 4 minutes, stirring once.

To serve, cut cake into squares. Top with warm apples. Makes 15 servings.

Cook's Tip: If desired, cake may be served warm.

Nutritional information (1/15 of recipe): calories, 390; calories from fat, 150; total fat, 17g; saturated fat, 5g; cholesterol, 75mg; sodium, 300mg; total carbohydrates, 54g; dietary fiber, 2g, and protein, 7g.

APPLE-SCOTCH OAT BARS
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups oats, (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)*
1 medium Granny Smith apple, unpeeled, finely chopped (about 1 ½ cups)
1 cup (6 ounces) butterscotch-flavored baking chips
Sifted confectioners' sugar for sprinkling, if desired
*If using old-fashioned oats, add

an additional 2 tablespoons flour


Heat oven to 350° F. Spray 13-by 9-by 2-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray.

In large bowl, beat butter and sugars at medium speed of electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until well combined. Add combined flour, baking powder and salt; beat on low speed just until combined. Stir in oats, apple and butterscotch chips. Spread evenly into prepared pan.

Bake 35 to 38 minutes, until light golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar, if desired. Store tightly covered. Makes 48 bars.

Nutrition information (1 bar): calories, 100; calories from fat, 50; total fat, 17g; saturated fat, 3.5g; cholesterol, 20mg; sodium, 65mg; total carbohydrates, 13g; dietary fiber, 0.5g, and protein, 1g.

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Canton resident Courtney McKinney, 14, works out at the Summit on the Park Monday afternoon prior to her karate class. McKinney, a freshman at Westland John Glenn High School, has already earned a junior black belt in the sport.

Karate kid

14-year-old earns junior black belt, peers' respect

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's much more to karate than kicking, chopping and screaming "HI-YAAHH!" for 14-year-old Canton resident Courtney McKinney.

Sure, the sport gets physical at times for the ninth-grader, who has already turned years of hard work and dedication into a coveted junior black belt. But it's the mental side of the ancient practice that has paid the most dividends for the Westland John Glenn student.

"Since I started working with Courtney in the martial arts when she was 8, I have seen her blossom from a shy young girl into a very self-confident young woman," said Helen Franklin, a master instructor who has taught McKinney karate skills at Canton's Summit on the Park for the

past six years.

"Courtney is very good at karate because she is very passionate about it. I teach a lot of kids and it's easy to tell the kids who are passionate about it and the ones who are just doing it because they're parents want them to do it. Courtney gives 110 percent every time out."

MONEY'S WORTH

When McKinney's parents first plopped down the registration fee for her initial karate class, they had no idea it would snowball into a life-altering activity for their daughter. But they couldn't be happier with results.

"When we first signed Courtney up for karate, we did it because we thought it was important that she learn to defend herself," said Rebecca McKinney, Courtney's mom. "Well,

she can defend her self now, but it's given her so much more than that. It's helped her self-confidence, her self-discipline, her listening skills. I'd recommend it to any parents who are thinking about signing their children up for a class."

DEDICATION PAYS OFF

McKinney, who spends at least four hours a week practicing the martial arts, earned her junior black belt on Aug. 12 when she performed a lengthy routine — referred to as "katas" — in front of eight master judges.

"I was nervous at first," McKinney said of her black-belt test. "You have to show endurance, so part of the routine involved sparring for 15 minutes."

"More than anything, karate has taught me self discipline and how to

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MHSAA's numbers don't lie

Just as it may be premature to talk about the Detroit Lions and the Super Bowl, it also is a bit early to begin sizing up the state high school football playoffs.

But the Michigan High School Athletic Association came out with some numbers Tuesday with its play-off point summary for all 620 football members.

Four Observerland teams are already halfway to earning a playoff spot with 3-0 records.

The elite group includes Livonia Franklin, which hasn't been to the post-season since it won the inaugural state Class A title in 1975; Westland John Glenn, Redford Union and Redford Thurston.

Franklin has a daunting task this week trying to go 4-0 against perennial Western Lakes Activities Association power Canton, coming off a 21-14 overtime loss to Walled Lake Western.

The Patriots, however, hold one distinction after just three weeks into the nine-game regular season schedule.

Only Rockford, with 96,000 points, holds a higher point total in the state. The next two are Franklin and Sterling Heights Stevenson with 93,333 each.

RU is next in the area with 88,000 followed by Glenn with 82,667. Thurston, listed as a Class B school, has 74,667.

Area schools a third-of-the-way toward the magic six-win figure in order to make the field include Canton, Plymouth, Livonia Stevenson and Lutheran High Westland — all with 2-1 marks.

That makes games a high priority this week for the 1-2 crowd which includes Wayne Memorial, Salem,

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Sidelines

GCYBSA news

■ The newly formed 9U Canton Cardinals will be holding tryouts for the 2006 season on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2-4 p.m. and Oct. 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Park off Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Players who live in Plymouth or Canton, or who attend a school in one of these townships, is eligible to play.

Interested players should arrive 15 minutes early to sign in. Call Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446.

■ The GCYBSA Travel Group is accepting coaching applications for the 10U Canton Cubs and the 12U Canton Reds. Interested coaches and prospective players should send an e-mail to: thepotters@wowway.com

Pens' fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team will be hosting a fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 24, at Carvel Ice Cream, located 41990 Ford Road in Canton. Twenty percent of all sales at Carvel that day will be donated to the team. Carvel, which is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., sells a variety of ice cream items and ice cream cakes.

Lions win 2

The Canton Lions junior football teams won two of three games against the Redford Rangers on Sunday. The Lions freshman squad defeated the Rangers, 32-14. Malcolm Hollingsworth and Devin Slominski had touchdown runs while Kyle Durham returned an interception for a touchdown. The Lions received strong blocking from Luke Denzer, Brandon Lee, Jacob Roberts and Travis McCall.

The JV squad upended the Rangers, 41-0. The Lions' scoring attack was led by Joshua Nolen (three touchdowns); and David Emminger and David Edwards, who had one each. Defensive standouts included Austin Payne, who scored a touchdown after recovering a fumble, Clay Behrman (safety), Eric Haase and Kamal Mheisen.

The Lions varsity squad fell, 26-14. After falling behind 13-0 in the first quarter, the Lions stormed back to take a 14-13 lead midway through the third quarter. Caleb Rankins and Robert Barackman scored TD's for the Lions, who received strong defensive performances from Matt Sauter and Alex Dixon.

College applause

■ Former Salem soccer standout Kelly Lepper (class of 2005) scored her first two collegiate goals Saturday for Kalamazoo College.

■ Olivet College junior soccer player Kelli McKee, a graduate of Canton High School, was named captain for the 2005 season. McKee has been a starter for the Lady Comets for the past two seasons.

Salem holds off Tigers' late rally

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's 17-0 first-quarter lead over Belleville Tuesday proved to be insurmountable.

But just barely.

After digging themselves into a hole — no, make that a crater — the scrappy Tigers clawed back to get to within 39-35 in the fourth quarter before falling, 43-35.

The victory boosted Salem's record to 2-1. Belleville fell to 1-2.

"After we got up 17-0, I think

PREP HOOP

everyone relaxed a little bit," said Salem junior forward Teresa Coppiellie. "And we didn't un-relax until the fourth quarter."

A trio of Rock players — Coppiellie, Tayler Langham and Brianne Clarin — were instrumental in staving off the Belleville comeback. Coppiellie finished with a game-high 15 points and 12 rebounds while Langham calmly buried all six of her free throw attempts in the game's final three minutes.

Clarin scored just four points, but she handled the ball and the Tigers' pressure defense effectively and efficiently. Clarin's back-court mate, sophomore Alaya Mitchell, tallied all 10 of her points in the first half.

PLEASE SEE **SALEM, C5**

Reserves play key role in Rocks' 2-0 win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A pair of subs torpedoed Livonia Churchill's soccer team Monday night at the P-CEP soccer stadium.

Salem substitutes Steve Gallagher and Baze Efremov combined on a dazzling score with 23:50 left in the game to clinch the Rocks' 2-0 victory. Gallagher out raced the Chargers' defense for a ball on the left wing before threading a perfect centering pass to a breaking Efremov, who pushed the ball past a helpless Jason Corey.

Efremov entered the game three minutes before his electrifying goal.

"I was pleased with what he did out there," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said of Efremov, who almost scored a second time during his five-minute, second-half shift.

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"Steve Gallagher also played with lot of energy. They both played tough when we needed it."

Salem had broken a scoreless tie 10 minutes earlier when Alex Lumley headed the ball past Corey after receiving a dead-on pass from teammate Jon Gibson in front of the net.

Rock goal-keeper Brian Field played flawlessly in recording his fourth shutout of the season.

The win boosted Salem's record to 6-2-1 (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division). Churchill fell to 3-3 (0-1 in the Lakes).

"I thought we gave a great effort," said Churchill coach Reid Freidrichs. "But their

goal-keeper made two outstanding plays and they scored on their two best chances. We did a poor job defending their restarts, too. Both of their goals came off restarts. One was on a corner kick and the other a free kick. That's something we're going to have to improve on."

Both goal keepers made a couple of spectacular saves that were worthy of an appearance on *Sportscenter*. Corey's best effort came with 13:00 left in the game when he denied Salem's Tom Bennett from the doorstep after Bennett maneuvered through three Charger defenders.

Field came up big two minutes into the second half when he made a leaping effort to knock away Jason Gillow's potential lead-grabbing goal.

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Northville ends Spartans' WLAA reign

Please see page C2 for previews on local swim teams.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

All streaks ultimately come to an end and that was the case Saturday at Salem H.S.

Livonia Stevenson's 14-year stranglehold on Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Swim Relays titles was swept away by Northville, which scored a team-high 266 points to edge the Spartans, who finished runner-up with 253.

It was the same exact total of a year ago when Stevenson edged the Mustangs by a mere two points in the all-relay race for-



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Canton sophomore Maddy McDuff was a key member of two of the Chiefs' relay teams in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays, which were held at Salem. Canton finished seventh.

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SWIMMING

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mat, 253-251.

Northville, ranked No. 4 in Division I, won four relay events to Stevenson's three.

Stevenson coach Greg Phill, who has guided the Spartans to 14 straight conference meet titles, downplayed the significance of the Western Lakes Relay reign being snapped.

"Northville has a pretty nice team and they'll be tough to beat," said Phill, whose team is ranked sixth in Division I. "It happens. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose."

"The kids and I are disappointed, but not devastated. You hate to lose, but it really doesn't mean anything. You take it as it is. Maybe if I had put more research into it we could have done better. We really didn't load up like some other teams did in certain relays."

Stevenson captured firsts in the 400-yard medley, 200 breaststroke and 200 backstroke relays, while Northville earned wins in the 400 freestyle, diving, 500 crescendo freestyle and 200 freestyle relays.

Salem, third in the team standings with 187, took the only other relay first in the 200 medley. The Rocks' winning team consisted of Kristin Hartwig, Kim Heaney, Katie Gorman and Allie Stencel.

The Rocks were the highest-finishing local team, earning a third-place showing with 187 points. Plymouth was fourth with 167 and Canton placed seventh with 146.

The Wildcats' best performance was a fourth in the 200-yard backstroke relay. The foursome consisted of Elaine Lafayette, Jordan Morris, Nicole Ambrose and Stephanie Goulet.

'Some of our swimmers are already swimming faster this year than they did all of last year, so that's encouraging.'

Molly Raines
Canton coach

Canton's 500 freestyle relay team of Erin Davison, Katie Kubaki, Laura Landis and Allison Schmitt finished second in 5:06.05.

"Some of our swimmers are already swimming faster this year than they did all of last year, so that's encouraging," said Canton coach Molly Raines. "We have some new people doing well, too, which is nice to see."

Meanwhile, the WLAA's two top teams square off again next Thursday at Northville in a WLAA crossover dual.

"Our philosophy is that dual meets are like practices," Phill said. "We're going to try and win, but all you can do is do your best. And if you don't, it's back to the drawing board. It will be a good meet. You can't shy away from the competition, but the only meets that mean anything to us are the conference (Nov. 3-5) and the state (Nov. 18-19) meets."

"I'm not worried at all. The kids know what kind of job they have to do."

Where Northville made the most ground was in diving, taking a first to Stevenson's sixth.

"We lost 14 points there and it's pretty tough to swallow, but you have to swallow it," Phill said. "I'm pretty happy with the way the swimming went. I'm not overly concerned about this because it's a long season and the kids are working hard."

Salem swim roster deep, talented

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls swim team will find strength in numbers this season.

The Rocks' roster is filled with 65 swimmers, giving veteran coach Chuck Olson plenty of depth.

"We still have some work to do, but we're getting there," Olson said, sizing up his large team. "There are quite a few good teams in our league this year, so it should be interesting. Livonia Stevenson, obviously, will be up there along with Northville, which has some pretty nice talent coming back. They have quality and depth. Canton should be good again and Livonia Churchill will be

improved."

Salem enjoyed a successful 2004 campaign, finishing second in both the conference meet and in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Leading the Rocks' 2005 contingent will be senior tri-captains Kelsey Lincoln, Kim Heaney and Kate Musson. All three qualified for the Division 1 state meet last year.

"I can't think of an event Kelsey won't swim," Olson said, referring to Lincoln. "She's versatile and talented."

Rounding out the strong senior class will be Stacy Yee and Amy Benson.

"We have a very good group of seniors this year," Olson emphasized.

Salem's junior class will be paced by Kelly Behr, Kristie Memanis, Danielle Roy, Andrea Spohn and Ally Stencel. Katie Gorman, Kristen Hartwig and Allison Burke are the team's most talented 10th-graders, while Whitney Aumiller, Emily Bair, Katie Koetping and Elizabeth Staff give Olson a balanced freshmen class.

"We have 12 seniors, 15 juniors and 20 sophomores, so we're very balanced," Olson said. "We also have good leadership. Now we have to get all 65 girls on the same page, which will be a lot of work for the captains."

CANTON

The Chiefs, who were the WLAA Western Division champions in 2004, lost several tal-

ented swimmers to graduation, but still boast a strong line-up led by state qualifiers Allison Schmitt, Alyssa Johnson, Izabela Paszkowska and Laura Landis. Schmitt has the flashiest credentials heading into this season after qualifying for the Division 1 state meet in several events in 2004.

"Allison has a lot to look forward to in her high school career," said Raines. "She's improved her skills and times since last year and it will be fun to watch her accomplishments grow the next couple of years."

"Our goal is to get as many girls to qualify for the state meet as possible." Serving as the team's tri-captains will be seniors Molly Dowd, Alex Martin and Alissa Vermuelen.

SWIMMING STATISTICS

WLAA CONFERENCE RELAYS
Saturday at Salem
FINAL STANDINGS.

1. Northville, 266; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 253; 3. Salem, 187; 4. Plymouth, 167; 5. Livonia Churchill, 162; 6. Westland John Glenn, 159; 7. Canton, 146; 8. W.L. Central, 115; 9. W.L. Western, 110; 10. W.L. Northern, 73; 11. Livonia Franklin, 70; 12. Wayne Memorial, 56.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

400-yard medley relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Katie Kress, Rebecca Hurn), 4:16.63; 2. Westland John Glenn (Amanda Buelow, Jill Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jaclyn Burgess), 4:25.57; 3. Northville (Alandra Greenice, Yvonne Lunn, Emily Hopican, Chelsea Miller), 4:26.95; 4. W.L. Western, 4:31.88; 5. Salem, 4:33.19; 6. Livonia Churchill, 4:49.10; 7. W.L. Northern, 4:53.82; 8. Plymouth, 4:58.22; 9. Canton, 5:01.50; 10. Livonia Franklin, 5:51.98; 11. W.L. Central, 5:56.55; 12. Wayne, 6:29.16.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Grace Fredlake, Tanya Tereszczenko, Lauren Moak, Ava Ohlgren), 3:42.36; 2. Livonia Stevenson (Laura Timson, Stephanie Buckley, Blake Holtz, Anna

Polkowski), 3:51.89; 3. Canton (Laura Landis, Madeleine McDuff, Alyssa Johnson, Alison Schmitt), 3:54.94; 4. Salem, 3:56.10; 5. Westland John Glenn, 4:07.52; 6. Plymouth, 4:13.54; 7. Livonia Churchill, 4:22.53; 8. W.L. Northern, 4:23.29; 9. Livonia Franklin, 4:28.47; 10. W.L. Central, 4:41.04; 11. Wayne, 4:41.38; 12. W.L. Western, 5:10.09.

200 breast relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Brynn Marecki, Lisa Koch, Laura Hurn, Adriane Turlo), 2:15.45; 2. Northville (Amanda Suokas, Yvonne Lunn, Julie Gotberg, Sarah Carr), 2:20.85; 3. W.L. Central (Madi Sewell, Rebecca Lee, Emily Head, Brittany Buchanan), 2:21.51; 4. Livonia Churchill, 2:21.97; 5. Plymouth, 2:28.46; 6. W.L. Western, 2:32.83; 7. Westland John Glenn, 2:32.83; 8. Salem, 2:36.12; 9. Canton, 2:38.24; 10. W.L. Northern, 2:45.58; 11. Wayne, 2:51.55; 12. Livonia Franklin, 3:11.61.

200 backstroke relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Christine Hiltz, Kieran Dolin, Katie Kress), 2:01.50; 2. Livonia Churchill (Nieri Avanesian, Emily Hiser, Sam Reid, Mary Shereda), 2:03.42; 3. Salem (Kelsey Lincoln, Kristin Hartwig,

Elizabeth Staff, Amy Benson), 2:03.93; 4. Plymouth, 2:04.68; 5. W.L. Central, 2:05.63; 6. Canton, 2:11.47; 7. Northville, 2:11.78; 8. Westland John Glenn, 2:14.21; 9. Wayne, 2:16.00; 10. W.L. Northern, 2:17.72; 11. W.L. Western, 2:20.92; 12. Livonia Franklin, 3:05.88.

Diving: 1. Northville, 308.75; 2. W.L. Northern, 271.55; 3. Livonia Franklin, 247.60; 4. W.L. Central, 243.20; 5. W.L. Western, 240.45; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 222.70; 7. Plymouth, 218.50; 8. Salem, 203.55; 9. Livonia Churchill, 191.10; 10. Westland John Glenn, 181.90; 11. Canton, 157.45; 12. Wayne, DQ.

500 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Sarah Anker, Katie Stewart, Alandra Greenice, Grace Fredlake), 4:51.39; 2. Canton (Erin Davison, Katie Kubaki, Laura Landis, Alison Schmitt), 5:06.05; 3. Livonia Stevenson (Brittany Eilers, Stephanie Buckley, Emily Cauzillo, Rebecca Hurn), 5:07.26; 4. W.L. Central, 5:13.83; 5. Salem, 5:26.31; 6. Livonia Churchill, 5:28.64; 7. Plymouth, 5:37.24; 8. Westland John Glenn, 6:00.00; 9. W.L. Western, 6:26.79; 10. Livonia Franklin, 6:30.65; 11. W.L. Northern, 6:34.73; 12. Wayne, 7:25.40.

200 medley relay: 1. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Kim Heaney, Katie Gorman, Allie Stencel), 2:01.26; 2. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Julie Gotberg, Meghan Kanya, Alley Davidson), 2:03.64; 3. Plymouth (Elaine Lafayette, Sarah Palczynski, Stephanie Goulet, Alyssa Liakos), 2:05.37; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 2:06.11; 5. Livonia Franklin, 2:17.48; 6. Westland John Glenn, 2:19.40; 7. W.L. Western, 2:20.52; 8. Livonia Churchill, 2:21.96; 9. Canton, 2:26.25; 10. W.L. Central, 2:35.61; 11. W.L. Northern, 2:37.51; 12. Wayne, 2:41.89.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Katie Stewart, Rachel Ehlgert, Lauren Moak, Sarah Anker), 1:50.38; 2. Livonia Stevenson (Brittany Eilers, Megan Gosdzinski, Kristin Turbiak, Blake Holtz), 1:51.90; 3. Wayne (Kelsey Drennan, Chelsea Randles, Olivia LaFortune, Madelyn Bevil), 1:53.09; 4. Westland John Glenn, 1:53.29; 5. Plymouth, 1:55.96; 6. Canton, 1:59.25; 7. Salem, 1:59.76; 8. Livonia Churchill, 2:00.35; 9. W.L. Central, 2:08.36; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2:24.03; 11. W.L. Northern, 2:24.29; 12. W.L. Western, 2:29.80.

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Garden City and Clarenceville.

With their proverbial backs to the wall at 0-3 is Livonia Churchill, which reached the third round of the playoffs a year ago.

As far as the prediction race, little changed after last week as all three prognosticators each finished 10-2.

The standings remain the same as this week's columnist holds a slim advantage at 28-6 overall followed by Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Wright at 27-7 and Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith at 26-8.

Here is a sneak peek at this weekend's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Stevenson (2-1, 1-0) at Liv. Churchill (0-3, 0-1): The last time these two teams met was in the Division I state playoffs with Churchill pulling off a 28-17 surprise. How things have changed in less than nine months. The Chargers have been outscored 101-14, while Stevenson is averaging 34 points per game. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

Canton (2-1, 0-1) at Liv. Franklin (3-0, 1-0): Canton, which suffered its first loss against a WLAA foe since 2002, probably won't have third-year starting quarterback Shawn Little (medical condition) back in the lineup for at least another week. Franklin, off to its best start since 1992, is counting its lucky stars after being statistically dominated last week by Plymouth in a 14-7 victory. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Smith (Franklin); Wright (Canton).

Westland Glenn (3-0, 1-0) at W.L. Central (1-2, 1-0): The Rockets face their stiffest test to date in a key WLAA-Lakes Division encounter. Central is a formidable opponent having taken Canton to the limit only two weeks earlier before losing, 24-21. Glenn's defense has given up just 29 total points. **PICKS:** Emons (Central); Smith (Central); Wright (Central).

W.L. Western (3-0, 1-0) at Wayne (1-2, 0-1): Western is riding high after downing Canton, 21-14. The Warriors also have the revenge factor having lost to Wayne in two previous encounters, 30-23 (in 2004) and 15-7 (in 2003). Wayne needs to cut down on turnovers to have a chance. **PICKS:** Emons (Western); Smith (Western); Wright (Western).

Northville (1-2, 1-0) vs. Plymouth (2-1, 0-1) at CEP: The Mustangs picked up their first win for new coach Ryan Hockman last week in a 27-6 thrashing of turnover-plagued Wayne. If the statistics sheet reads right, Plymouth should be 3-0 instead of 2-1 after being stunned on a late bomb by Franklin in a 14-7 setback. **PICKS:** Emons (Plymouth);

Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

Ypsilanti (1-2) at Red. Thurston (3-0): The Braves, minus their starting quarterback and running back, built 13-0 first quarter lead last week against Dearborn Heights Robichaud before falling 38-20. Thurston, the Mega-Blue Division leader at 2-0, is coming off a 48-28 win over River Rouge. Ypsilanti is 1-1 in the Mega-Gold Division. **PICKS:** Emons (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Wright (Thurston).

Dbn. Edsel Ford (0-3, 0-1) at Redford Union (3-0, 2-0): The Panthers, halfway to another playoff berth, are quietly putting together another solid season after moving up two divisions to the Mega-White. RU handled Woodhaven last week, 38-14. Edsel Ford has losses to Southgate (33-14), Lincoln Park (36-34) and Dearborn (35-7). **PICKS:** Emons (RU); Smith (RU); Wright (RU).

Gib. Carlson (3-0, 1-0) at Garden City (1-2, 1-1): The Cougars, coming off a 35-0 setback to Highland Park, face another high-powered offense in the Marauders, who have romped the past two weeks with wins over Romulus (52-14) and Ecorse (66-0) after starting the year with a victory over Erie Mason (28-12). **PICKS:** Emons (Carlson); Smith (Carlson); Wright (Carlson).

W.L. Northern (0-3, 0-1) vs. Salem (1-2, 0-1): 7:30 p.m. at CEP: The Knights have played the stronger schedule and are hungry for their first-ever WLAA victory, while Salem is coming off back-to-back losses to Plymouth (42-7) and Walled Lake Central (48-8). **PICKS:** Emons (Northern); Smith (Salem); Wright (Salem).

Lutheran North (3-0, 3-0) at Liv. Clarenceville (1-2, 1-2): 7:30 p.m. at CEP: Unbeaten Lutheran North owns wins over Clawson (27-7), Lutheran Northwest (21-14) and Hamtramck (37-12), while Clarenceville earned its first victory last week against previously unbeaten Harper Woods as 250-pound fullback Marcus Watkins bulled his way to 203 yards and three touchdowns, North won last year's meeting, 42-28. **PICKS:** Emons (North); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (North).

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all at 1 p.m.)

Hamtramck (0-3, 0-3) at Luth. Westland (2-1, 2-0): The Warriors lost 20-0 to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore in a non-conference game, but can stay atop the Metro Conference with a victory over winless Hamtramck, which is coming off a 37-12 setback to Lutheran North. **PICKS:** Emons (Lutheran Westland); Smith (Lutheran Westland); Wright (Lutheran Westland).

Waterford Mt. Zion (0-3) at Red. Covenant (0-2): Covenant (formerly Bishop Borgess) is coming off a bye week, while Waterford Mount Zion is trying to pick up the pieces after an 0-3 start which includes lopsided setbacks to Morenci (85-0), Wyoming Lee (73-12) and Romulus Summit Academy (52-14). That adds up to being outscored, 210-26. **PICKS:** Emons (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

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KARATE

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walk away from conflict."

In the three tournaments McKinney has competed in, she's walked away with one gold medal and two bronzes. She was invited to compete in a national tournament at Walt Disney World this past summer, but a previously planned vacation prevented her from going.

"Courtney's strongest move is probably the front kick," Rebecca McKinney said. "She could knock a six-foot person down with one with no problem. But because of the restraint they're taught, she'd never use the move unless it was absolutely necessary."

McKinney's karate skills are so advanced that she was asked to help teach a class at the Summit.

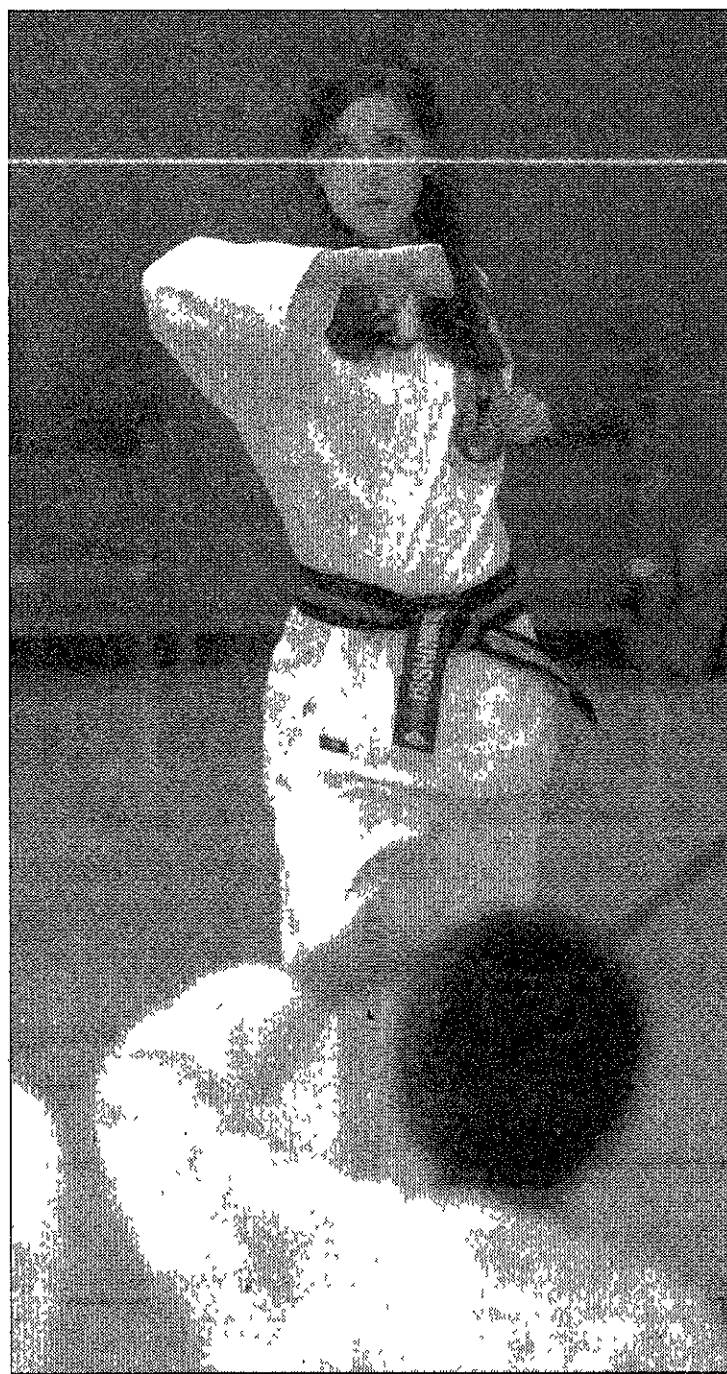
"She's a fabulous teacher," Franklin noted. "Even though the kids in her class are her peers, they have a lot of respect for her, especially when they see her black belt. They look at her as their mentor."

SECOND SPORT

The athletic McKinney has picked up another sport in the past few months that is similar to karate in that it requires a strong mental approach.

"We were at an open house at John Glenn High School and they had a putting green set up," Rebecca McKinney said. "The golf coach saw her and said, 'Sign her up.' He said she has a natural swing."

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Courtney McKinney instructs a karate class Monday afternoon at Canton's Summit on the Park. The 14-year-old high school freshman has participated in the sport since she was 8.

Youssef's three goals power Plymouth, 6-0

Plymouth's Ali Youssef tallied a hat trick and Jim Wilbur added a pair of goals Monday night as the host Wildcats (5-3-1) blanked Westland John Glenn, 6-0, in a WLAA crossover.

The setback dropped the Rockets to 2-1-2.

Justin Sheridan also scored for Plymouth, which led 2-0 at the half. Assists went to Sean Dillon, Tyler Floyd and Sheridan.

Plymouth goalie Nick Seikirk recorded the shutout.

Plymouth 2, Farmington 0: Justin Sheridan and Nick Plescia scored goals on Saturday for the Wildcats on assists from Ryan Pritz and Colin Rolfe, respectively.

Plymouth net-minder Nick Seikirk notched the shutout.

"I thought Colin Rolfe really stepped up his game Saturday," said Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich. "He really took charge out on the field."

Canton 2, W.L. Central 1: The Chiefs overcame a red

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card 10 minutes into the game and won it on Erik McKee's goal with 3:25 left.

The Vikings jumped in front 1-0 seven minutes into the game, but Canton knotted it 1-1 on Paul Newall's goal at the 33:20 mark of the first half. Newall's goal was assisted by Keith Campbell and Kyle Gring. Campbell also assisted on McKee's game-winner, which came off of a corner kick.

Parker Laabs was solid in net for the Chiefs, who improved to 5-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Salem wins tourney: Salem's soccer team went 2-0-1 Saturday to capture the East Lansing Invitational Soccer Tournament. The Rocks opened with a convincing 6-1 victory over Midland Dow. Six different Rocks scored: Chris Lidster, Tom Bennett, Aaron

Florn, Alex Lumley, Steve Gallagher and Kyle Freeman. Adam Brown (two), Jake Bennett, Tom Bennett, Baze Efrimov and Gallagher were credited with assists.

Matt Smokovitz earned the win in goal for the Rocks.

Salem and East Lansing battled to a scoreless tie in the second game. Brian Field sparked in net for the Rocks.

Salem earned the title by ousting Ann Arbor Huron, 3-2, in the third game. Alex Lumley scored the game-winning goal after receiving a pass from Florn. Tom Bennett and Jake Bennett accounted for the Rocks' first two goals. They were assisted by Lumley and Lidster.

"It was a great weekend for the entire team," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We played three games in the heat and I think it gave us some momentum for the Churchill game (Monday night)."

Salem and East Lansing battled to a 0-0

PREP TENNIS RESULTS

Hostetter (LS) def. Chelsea Woodruff, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Laura Sims-Julie Francisco (LS) def. Natalie Maurer-Amanda Hastings, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Kinnari Patel-Katie Hughes (P) def. Laura Dulude-Danielle Villaire, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 3:** Noha Bacha-Emily Sinnott (P) def. Jessica Waggener-Jenn Mannisto, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Amelia Lepping-Rachel Simari (LS) def. Kristin Schroeder-Lauren Strahn, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

Stevenson's dual meet record: 4-2 overall, 4-1 WLAA.

SALEM 7

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

Sept. 9 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Alex Ware (S) defeated Sarah Layton, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Mo Bohr (S) def. Nikki Whitney, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Katie Girsks (S) def. Jenny Lyp, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Tracy Lytle (S) def. Mary Bruce, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Tiffany Underwood-Sara Schroeder (WJG) def. Laura Burton-Shoba Narasimhan, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Dana Anderson-Claire Madill (S) def. Kasheena Martin-Sara Collins, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Stephanie Simowski-Shailee Patel (S) def.

Samantha Giles-Chelsea Moyer, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Tazneem Mohammed-Raluca Bugescu (S) def. Amy Neville-Jasmine Pasley, 6-0, 6-2.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0-1 WLAA; Glenn, 0-6 overall, 0-3 WLAA.

CANTON 6

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

Sept. 9 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Kelsey Judd (LF) defeated Katie Bedard, 7-6, 6-1; **No. 2:** Emily Hoerschmeyer (C) def. Sarah Monarch, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Danielle Maxwell (LF) def. Sana Raheem, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 4:** Ann Katherine Leiting (C) def. Angela Vicini, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Nicole Burdiss-Johanna Alexander (C) def. Mariel Meyers-Anna Stack, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; **No. 2:** Lisa Chin-Gunjan Malhotra (C) def. Aryn Browning-Michelle Grant, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 3:** Janelle Karinemi-Janelle Burdiss (C) def. Jessica Stchur-Emily Schwartz, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Emily Misko-Amy Provost (C) def. Melissa Kichak-Vanessa Schacht, 6-4, 6-2.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 159
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 173
Sept. 12 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)

Plymouth scorers: Mike Gerisch, 38 (co-medalist); Andrew Overmeyer, 39; Ryan Hoeman, 40; Jimmy Vleck, 42; Jeff Selasky, 43.

Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 38 (co-medalist); Dan Tamaroglio and Jim Wood, 44 each; Jon Lada, 47.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1; Glenn, 0-2 overall; 0-2 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 148
SALEM 167

Sept. 13 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Tommy Lucko, 35 (medalist); Josh Brist, 36; Mark Umerlik, 37; Mike Lawton, 40; Sean Olderman, 41; Josh Proben, 42.

Salem scorers: Tyler Jeleniewski, 40; Joel Cheesman and Jeremy Henderson, 42 each; Matt Smith, 43; Adam Grady, 45; Quinton Higgason, 46.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 5-1 overall, 5-1 Western Lakes Activities Association; Salem 0-4 overall, 0-4 WLAA.

CANTON 172

LIVONIA STEVENSON 174
Sept. 13 at Hilltop

Canton scorers: Pat Gallagher, 41 (co-medalist); Derek Trospen, 43; Ben Underwood and Joey Underwood, 44 each; Brandon Eggesfield, 45; Clark Albers, 46.

Stevenson scorers: Richard Wyman, 41 (co-medalist); Shayne Giordano, 43; Drew Herron and Ryan Szczypinski, 45 each; Jordan Rayburn, 47; Andy Jones, 48.

Dual meet records: Canton, 2-1 WLAA; Stevenson, 1-3 overall, 1-3 WLAA.



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PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 16
 Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 4:30 p.m.
 Allen Park at Belleville, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Canton at Flint Northern, 7 p.m.
 Southgate Anderson at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Howell, 7 p.m.
 Detroit Urban at Canton Agape at United Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16
 PCA at Macomb, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
 Farmington Mercy at Salem, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Calvary Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16
 Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Birmingham Roeper, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
 Adrian at Plymouth at PCEP turf field, 11:30 a.m.
 Salem at Troy Athens, 2 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Canton, Salem and Plymouth at City Meet at Cass Benton, 4:35 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
 Canton at Ludington Invite, 9:45 a.m.
 Plymouth at Holly Invite, 11 a.m.
 Salem at New Boston Huron Invite, TBA

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Canton, Salem and Plymouth at City Meet at Cass Benton, 4:35 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
 Canton at Ludington Invite, 10:30 a.m.
 Plymouth at Autumn Classic, TBA

GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Wyandotte at Belleville, 7 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 15
 Plymouth Christian at Belleville, 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16
 Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson, 3 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern at Brentwood GC, 3 p.m.
 Oakland at PCA at Hickory Creek, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 16
 Canton at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Belleville at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17
 Belleville at Dearborn Fordson, TBA
 Salem at Saline Invite, 8 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 20
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22
 St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23
 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
 MU at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.), TBA.

Saturday, Sept. 24
 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Quad, 11 a.m.
 MU at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.), TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 21
 Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23
 Madonna at Davenport Univ., 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 21
 Albion JV at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24
 Madonna vs. Concordia Univ. at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
 Schoolcraft vs. Darton (Ga.) at Georgia Perimeter, noon.

Sunday, Sept. 25
 Schoolcraft at Georgia Perimeter, noon.

TBA - to be announced.

Unbeaten Marian topples Chiefs, 39-37

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton nearly overcame a couple of huge obstacles Tuesday night: a 10-0 deficit and Birmingham Marian, one of the state's top teams in Class A.

The Chiefs scaled the 10-0 deficit, but only temporarily as they dropped a 39-37 decision. Canton led 37-36 with 20 seconds to play when Marian's Ashley Devereux swished a three-point shot to give the Mustangs the lead.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 3-1 while Marian improved to 4-0.

"We rotated well on their last shot and we contested the shot, she just made a great play," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "The girls played hard all night. They went after it. I thought 'Z' (Kelsy Zemanski) did a nice job of pressuring their point guard."

Lisa Ealy led all scorers with 18 points. The senior forward also pulled down seven rebounds. Ja'nee Morton was the next highest scorer for Canton with four points.

Katie Emig, a 6-foot-1 center, paced the winners with 11 points. Devereux finished with five.

After trailing 10-0, Canton cut its deficit to 16-14 at the half. The Chiefs trailed 32-29 with eight minutes to play.

"The main thing I'll remember from this game is how hard the girls competed against a very good team," Samulski said. "We're getting better every game."

The schedule doesn't get any easier for Canton, which travels to Flint Northern tonight for another tough non-conference game.

Plymouth 45, Taylor Truman 38: The Wildcats rode a 19-2 third-quarter advantage to Tuesday night's home victory over the Cougars.

Jeanine Moise led the winners with 16 points and nine rebounds. Colleen Flaherty also had a strong night, pouring in 11.

'We rotated well on their last shot and we contested the shot, she just made a great play.'

Brian Samulski
Canton coach

Janel Harris netted a team-high 10 for Truman, which fell to 3-1. Plymouth improved to 3-1 with the triumph.

"I thought we played with a lot of effort, especially in the third quarter," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. We only scored two points in the fourth quarter, so we're still looking to play a complete, 32-minute game. Fortunately, we had a big enough lead to withstand our poor fourth quarter."

Plymouth led 14-11 after the opening quarter, but trailed 26-24 at the intermission. Sparked by a tenacious defensive effort, the 'Cats outscored their visitors 19-2 in the decisive third stanza to take a 43-28 edge into the fourth.

The Wildcats host always-tough Southgate Anderson tonight at 7 p.m.

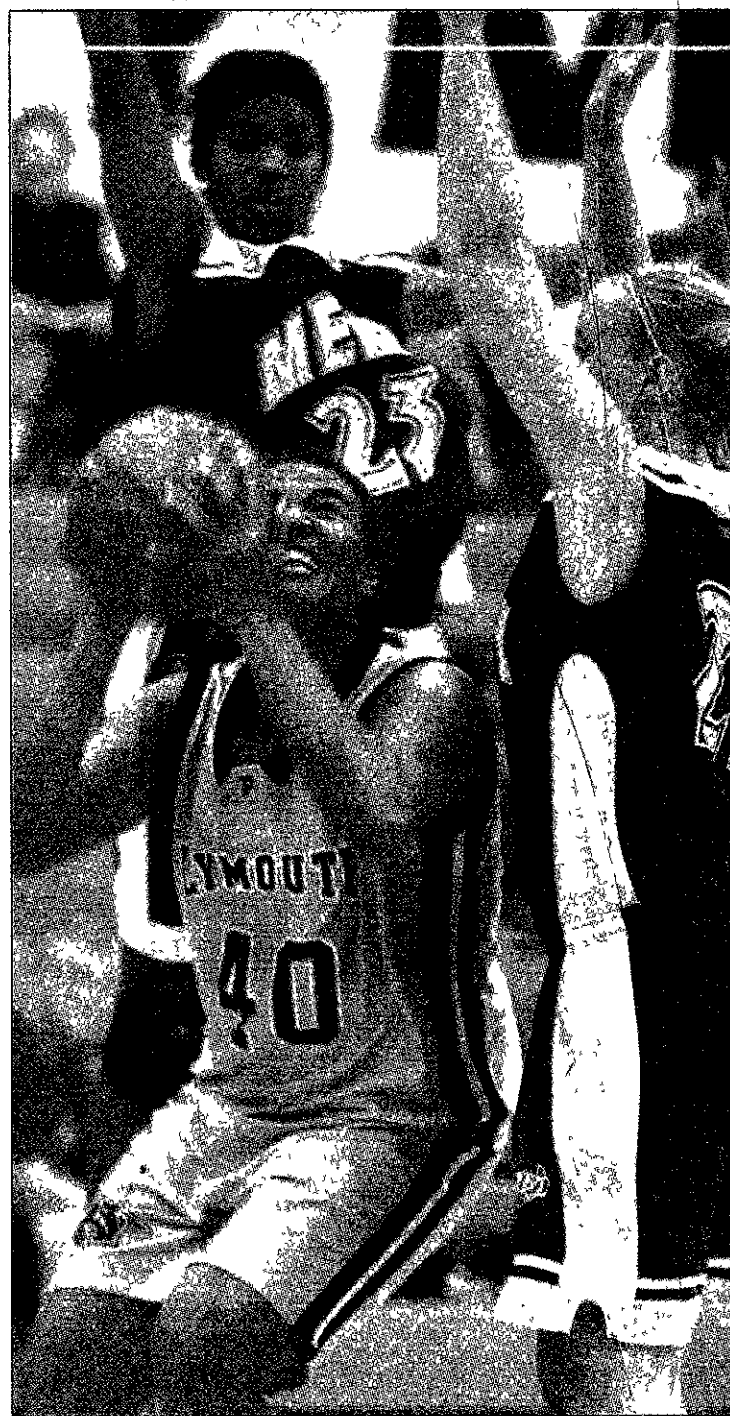
PCA 53, Taylor Baptist Park 23: The Eagles soared over the visiting Wildcats thanks to 19 points and 10 rebounds from senior Kelsey Tietjen. PCA's balanced attack also netted nine points from both Meghan Polera and Sara Ross, and six points from Lauren Beckett.

Ross chipped in with nine assists and Beckett yanked down eight boards.

The victory improved the Eagles' record to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Baptist Park slipped to 1-2 overall.

The Wildcats were led by Tara Pyle's eight points.

"We just outplayed them, it was as simple as that," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "We got the ball out on the break a lot and we made quite a few steals that led to easy lay-ups



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Plymouth's Jeanine Moise (40) pumped in a game-high 16 points in Tuesday night's victory over Taylor Truman. The win lifted the Wildcats to 3-1 heading into tonight's home game against Southgate Anderson.

at the other end. We were consistent the whole game and everybody got an opportunity to play."

PCA led 18-6 after one quarter and 33-10 at the half. The Eagles expanded their lead to 45-15 with eight minutes to

play, which allowed Gerulis to empty her bench.

PCA connected on 3-of-6 free throws while the Wildcats drained just 4-of-13 shots from the charity stripe.

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SALEM

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"I love playing with both of them," Coppelli said of Clarin and Mitchell. "They both work very hard. It's going to take a while for everybody to get used to one another after we lost our senior guards from last year, but they're making it easy."

Belleville coach Kevin Edwards couldn't have been more proud of his senior-less team if they had beaten the Rocks by eight points.

"I thought the girls played with a

lot of heart tonight," Edwards said. "They left it all out on the court, which is just as good as a win as far as I'm concerned. We asked them to play with Belleville pride, and they did it."

"Our problem in our two losses this season has been the same — we've fallen behind early and can't quite catch up. I'll have to figure out a way to jump-start the team a little earlier."

Belleville's junior back-court tandem of Taylor Manley and Danica Holmes struggled early, but came on late to spur on the Tigers' second-half rally. The lightning-quick guards combined to make just 2-of-18 first-

half shots before heating up in the final 16 minutes. Both finished with 14 points.

Jasmine Peterson scored just one point — a fourth-quarter free throw — but she contributed seven rebounds, many in the crunch-time.

Junior forward Lauren Kurtz was solid around the basket for the Rocks, netting seven points and 10 boards.

"Belleville came with more pressure and intensity in the second half and got back into the game," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "I thought we countered their comeback well in the fourth quarter. Teresa had a couple of

big buckets and Tayler hit all her free throws.

"I thought Brianne played good, solid defense and she only had two or three turnovers."

Salem led 17-2 after one quarter. Both teams may want to erase the video from the second quarter, which saw both squads score just two points each. Belleville, which trailed 19-4 at the intermission, connected on just 2-of-28 first-half shots.

A long triple by Manley with 1:28 left in the third quarter brought the Tigers to within 30-21, the score after three quarters.

Belleville then reeled off the first six points of the fourth quarter to get to within 31-27.

Leading 39-35 with 49.6 seconds left, Salem got two clutch free throws from Langham. Coppelli then iced the win with a blocked shot and rebound on the defensive end. The Tigers fouled Langham with 14.8 to go and she drained both free throws.

Belleville committed five turnovers in the first quarter, but only five more the rest of the game. The Rocks had 15 miscues.

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Women's Results

14-and-under: 1. Julie Forster, 27:16; 2. Rebecca Krul, 28:35.
15-18: 1. Lauren Ahearn, 23:28; 2. Sarah Wiercioch, 25:53.
19-24: 1. Heather Whittington, 21:46; 2. Asia Renning, 23:54; 3. Sarah Stobbe, 23:58; 4. Jackie Gauthier, 24:54; 5. Elena Drummond, 25:09; 6. Lindsey Pratt, 25:10; 7. Katie Roersma, 25:13; 8. Lisa Kozian, 25:38; 9. Andrea Carpinelli, 25:52; 10. Kristi Soash, 27:15.

25-29: 1. Nicole Schramski, 19:26; 2. Lisa Walters, 23:40; 3. Stephanie Gephart, 25:14; 4. Debbie Axelrod, 25:38; 5. Debi Sherman, 27:18; 6. Lauri Baker, 27:35; 7. Randi McAvoy, 28:33; 8. Laura Lauer, 32:19.

30-34: 1. Mn Wiersema, 26:48; 2. Misia Silvester, 28:15; 3. Sarah Banks, 32:46.

35-39: 1. Alicia Gresser, 24:24; 2. Angela Hill, 25:04; 3. Barbara Wells-Fox, 25:21; 4. Heidi Grybas, 25:44; 5. Bridgette Trujillo, 25:47; 6. Diane DeAngelis, 25:49; 7. Suzanne Fanning, 25:51; 8. Lisa O'Donnell, 26:05; 9. Jennifer Harding, 26:41; 10. Carol Gardella, 26:46.

40-44: 1. Julia Buzzard, 22:43; 2. Kathy Bey, 24:22; 3. Maureen Campbell, 24:38; 4. Kathi Barker, 24:49; 5. Monica Jensen, 25:15; 6. Jeanne Mulhern, 25:23; 7. Kathy Anderson, 27:26; 8. Joanne Randolph, 27:49; 9. M. Randazzo-Ratliff, 28:02; 10. Melissa Aimin, 28:17.

45-49: 1. Lorri Mastic, 27:38; 2. Phyllis Tiderington, 28:57.

50-54: 1. Jill Monette, 26:19; 2. Shelley Gennara, 28:20; 3. Marcy Rice, 30:14; 4. Linda Seley, 30:52; 5. Suzanne Strohmeier, 33:18.

55-59: 1. Donna Olson, 22:05; 2. Elaine Antczak, 26:00; 3. Margaret Levine, 32:56.

60-and-over: 1. Charlene Axelrod, 32:57.

Men's results

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25-29: 1. Mark Hoffman, 17:17; 2. Andrew McDonald, 18:27; 3. Douglas Herriman, 19:47; 4. Dale Maskill, 20:52; 5. Dan Elder, 23:05; 6. Brian Krautler, 23:29; 7. Mike Drummond, 29:27.

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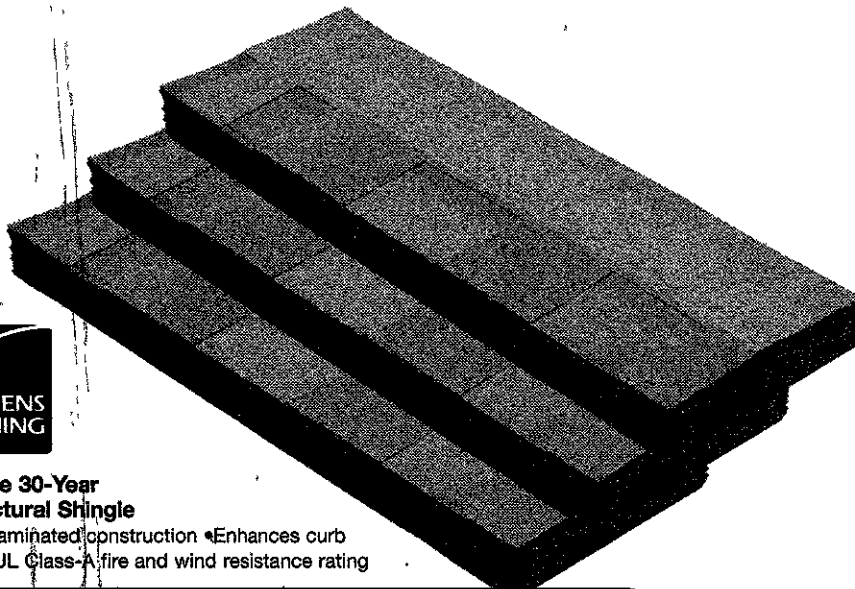
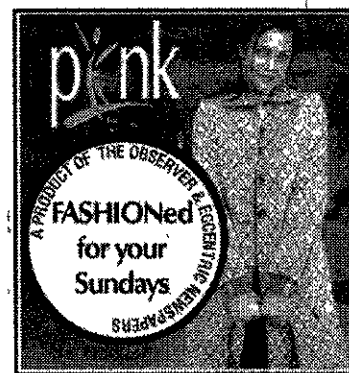
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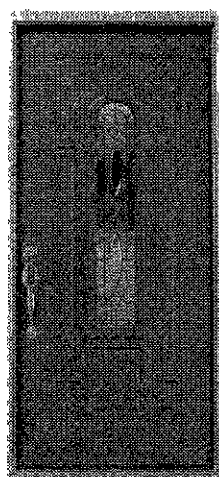
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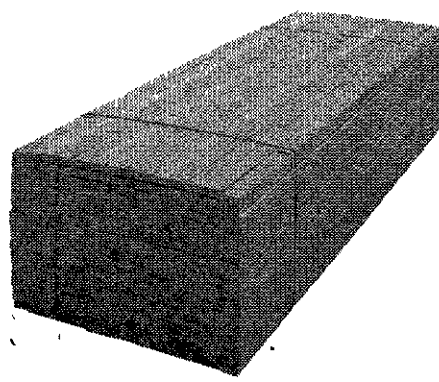
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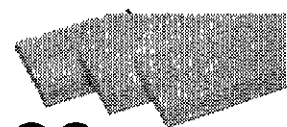


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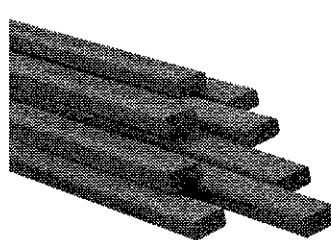
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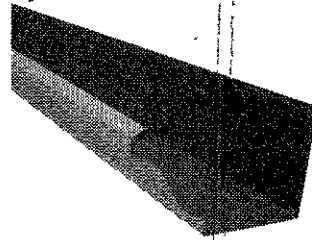
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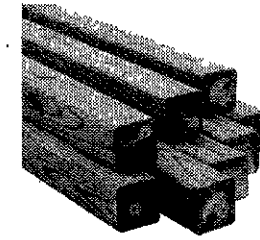
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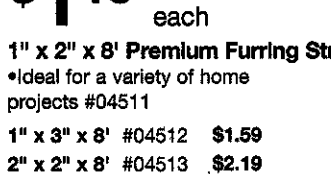
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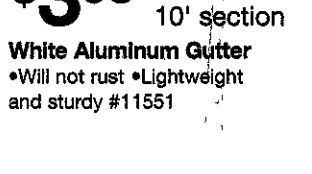
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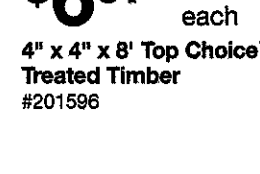
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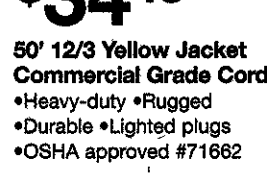
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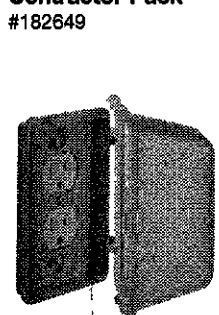
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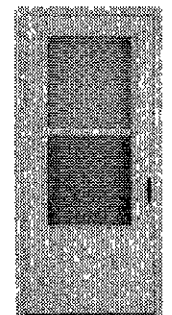
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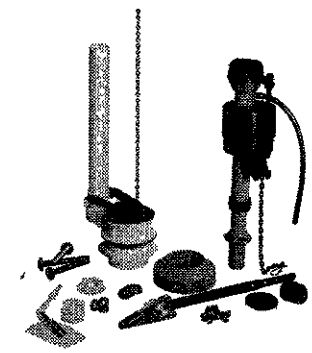
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Heading into this season, optimism was higher than it's been around here in a long time, even after the brutal prime time exhibition game against St. Louis.

Many of us wondered aloud: "why not the Lions?" The NFC North is not very strong, and the Lions seem to be much better on paper. Sunday was a pleasant surprise, to say the least. The



Sean Baligian

their displeasure in regards to this, that or the other thing the Lions did. What? Are you kidding me? Look, I have been as hard, if not harder, on the Lions as anybody the last four years and rightfully so when you average 4-12 seasons in the Millen era,

Lions beat Brett Favre and the Packers by two touchdowns and held the Packers' offense to just a 50-yard field goal, a record for lowest scoring by the Packers with Favre as the starter.

Imagine my surprise as caller after caller phoned in to voice their displeasure in regards to this, that or the other thing the Lions did. What? Are you kidding me? Look, I have been as hard, if not harder, on the Lions as anybody the last four years and rightfully so when you average 4-12 seasons in the Millen era,

but you just beat Green Bay in the home opener by two touchdowns! Aren't we a little premature in wanting the world from this unit?

I guess the old saying of learning to crawl before we learn to walk does not apply here. I understand your frustration; I feel it as well. It's not just about the Millen regime, it's the Ross era, it's the frustration of not winning a title since 1957. With that said, the Lions just beat a team and QB that have owned them by two touchdowns to start the season. Was it beautiful? Heck no, it's football. If you want art, go check out Van Gogh and Monet.

I do wish the Lions would go downfield more often, I do wish Joey Harrington would play better than

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Boys Soccer

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Livonia Stevenson; 2. Novi; 3. Rochester Stoney Creek; 4. Saline; 5. Northville; Brighton; 7. Plymouth Canton; 8. Fast Kentwood; 9. Traverse City West; 10. Livonia Churchill.

Honorable Mention — Plymouth Salem.

Division 2 — 1. Mason; 2. Birmingham Seaholm; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 4. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 5. South Haven; 6. Birmingham Groves; 7. East Lansing; 8. Spring Lake; 9. Lapeer East; 10. St. Joseph.

Honorable Mention — Vicksburg.

Division 3 — 1. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 2. Flint Powers Catholic; 3. Macomb Lutheran North; 4. Jackson Lumen Christi; 5. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 6. Grosse Ile; 7. Williamston; 8. Lansing Catholic Central; 9. Southbridge; 10. Muskegon Orchard View.

Honorable Mention — Roscommon; Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian; Grandville Calvin Christian; Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

Division 4 — 1. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; 2. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist; 3. Birmingham Roeper; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 5. North Muskegon; 6. Southfield Christian; 7. Westland Lutheran; 8. Adrian Lenawee Christian; 9. Kalamazoo Heritage Christian; 10. Jackson Christian.

Girls Swimming

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy; 3. Rochester Adams; 4. Northville; 5. Holland; 6. Livonia Stevenson; 7. Zeeland; 8. Jenison; 9. Holland West Ottawa; 10. Ann Arbor Huron.

Division 2 — 1. Birmingham Groves; 2. Dexter; 3. Milan; 4. Okemos; 5. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 6. Grand Rapids Christian; 7. East Grand Rapids; 8. North Farmington; 9. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 10. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Girls Tennis

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Ann Arbor Huron; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 3. Grosse Pointe South; 4. Troy; 5. Clarkston; 6. West Bloomfield; 7. Grand Haven; 8. Farmington Hills Mercy; 9. Traverse City Central; 10. (tie) Northville, Midland Dow and Saline.

Division 2 — 1. Birmingham Seaholm; 2. Okemos; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 4. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern; 5. Mattawan; 6. East Lansing; 7. North Farmington; 8. Birmingham Marian; 9. Rochester Stoney Creek; 10. Holly.

Division 3 — 1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; 2. East Grand Rapids; 3. Holland Christian; 4. Bloomfield Hills Andover; 5. Allegan; 6. St. Joseph; 7. Battle Creek Lakeview; 8. Richland-Gull Lake; 9. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 10. Sturgis.

Division 4 — 1. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 2. Whitehall; 3. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; 4. Flint Powers Catholic; 5. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 6. Lansing Catholic Central; 7. North Muskegon; 8. Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart; 9. Kalamazoo Christian; 10. Battle Creek Penfield.

Boys Water Polo

(By the coaches association)

Open Division — 1. Rockford; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 3. Grand Haven; 4. Birmingham Groves; 5. Jenison; 6. Ann Arbor Huron; 7. Zeeland; 8. Birmingham Seaholm; 9. East Kentwood; 10. Holland West Ottawa.

Boys Golf

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Muskegon Mona Shores; 2. Novi; Detroit Catholic Central; 3. Saline; 4. Grand Blanc; 5. Clarkston; 6. Grandville; 7. Holt; 8. Ann Arbor Huron; 9. Okemos; 10. Milford; 11. Rochester Adams; 12. Walled Lake Western.

Division 2 — 1. Mt. Pleasant; 2. East Grand Rapids; 3. Haslett; 4. Trenton; 5. Marshall; 6. Mattawan; 7. Battle Creek Lakeview; 8. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; 9. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 10. Lansing Waverly; 11. Ludington; 12. Cedar Springs.

Division 3 — 1. Lansing Catholic Central; 2. Cheesaning; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; 4. Kalamazoo Christian; 5. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 6. Jackson Lumen Christi; 7. Big Rapids; 8. Grosse Ile; 9. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard; 10. Williamston; 11.

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Division 4 — 1. Suttons Bay; 2. Traverse City St. Francis; 3. Harbor Springs; 4. North Muskegon; 5. Southfield Christian; 6. White Pigeon; 7. Breckenridge; 8. Rudyard; 9. Saugatuck; 10. Bay City All Saints; 11. Muskegon West Michigan Christian.

Football

(By the Associated Press)

NOTE — The top 10 teams in the Associated Press high school football poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 10 points for a first-place vote, 9 for second, etc. The Michigan High School Athletic Association on Oct. 23 will determine playoff qualifiers in eight divisions based on enrollment. The divisions in this poll are unofficial.

Division 1 — 1. Rockford (3-0) 48; 2. Sterling Heights Stevenson (3-0) 47; 3. Milford (3-0) 29; 4. Holt (3-0) 28; 5. (tie) Midland (3-0) 42; Walled Lake Western (3-0) 42; 7. Novi (3-0) 20; 8. Bay City Central (3-0) 17; 9. Saginaw Heritage (3-0) 16; 10. Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley (3-0) 11.

Also receiving votes — Grand Ledge, Grand Blanc, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Utica, Holland West Ottawa.

Division 2 — 1. (tie) Birmingham Brother Rice (3-0) 46; Lowell (3-0) 46; 3. Muskegon (3-0) 38; 4. Bay City Western (3-0) 33; 5. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (3-0) 27; 6. Allen Park (3-0) 26; 7. Hudsonville (3-0) 20; 8. Rochester Adams (3-0) 17; 9. Warren De La Salle (3-0) 16; 10. Detroit U-D Jesuit (3-0) 3.

Also receiving votes — Greenville, Royal Oak Kimball.

Division 3 — 1. East Grand Rapids (3-0) 50; 2. Adrian (3-0) 41; 3. Stevensville-Lakeshore (3-0) 36; 4. Haslett (3-0) 30; 5. Fowlerville (3-0) 22; 6. Bloomfield Hills Lahser (3-0) 20; 7. Gaylord (3-0) 18; 8. St. Clair (3-0) 9; 9. Richland-Gull Lake (3-0) 8; 10. Birmingham Seaholm (3-0) 7.

Also receiving votes — Dearborn Divine Child, DeWitt, Farmington Hills Harrison, Gibraltar Carlson, Ionia, Lansing Sexton, Linden.

Division 4 — 1. Muskegon Orchard View (3-0) 50; 2. Bay City John Glenn (3-0) 47; 3. Marshall (3-0) 38; 4. Grand Rapids South Christian (3-0) 36; 5. Paw Paw (3-0) 28; 6. Marine City (3-0) 27; 7. Milan (3-0) 15; 8. Birch Run (3-0) 11; 9. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (2-1) 10; 10. Dowagiac (3-0) 8.

Also receiving votes — Comstock Park, Flint Powers Catholic, Highland Park, Spring Lake, Wyoming Park.

Division 5 — 1. Jackson Lumen Christi (3-0) 47; 2. Midland Bullock Creek (3-0) 45; 3. Saginaw Nouvel Catholic (3-0) 35; 4. Detroit Crockett (3-0) 32; 5. Muskegon Oakridge (3-0) 31; 6. Hillsdale (3-0) 22; 7. Allendale (3-0) 18; 8. Millington (3-0) 16; 9. Menominee (3-0) 10; 10. Cass City (3-0) 9.

Also receiving votes — Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, Birch Run, Brooklyn-Columbia Central, Saginaw Swan Valley.

Division 6 — 1. Constantine (3-0) 49; 2. Iron Mountain (3-0) 44; 3. Charlevoix (3-0) 42; 4. Blissfield (3-0) 35; 5. Olivet (3-0) 28; 6. Ravenna (3-0) 22; 7. Montague (2-1) 18; 8. Quincy (3-0) 13; 9. Berrien Springs (3-0) 11; 10. Kingsley (2-1) 6.

Also receiving votes — Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic, Leroy-Pine River, Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Division 7 — 1. Unionville-Sebewaing (3-0) 47; 2. Gobles (3-0) 46; 3. Mio (3-0) 29; 4. Royal Oak Shrine (3-0) 28; 5. Homer (3-0) 23; 6. Rudyard (3-0) 27; 7. Onaway (3-0) 17; 8. Grass Lake (3-0) 15; 9. Decatur (3-0) 13; 10. Burton Bendle (3-0) 11.

Also receiving votes — Muskegon Catholic Central, Pottsville, Traverse City St. Francis.

Division 8 — 1. Climax-Scotts (3-0) 48; 2. Beal City (3-0) 44; 3. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (3-0) 39; 4. Fulton-Middleton (3-0) 34; 5. Crystal Falls (3-0) 29; 6. Bay City All Saints (3-0) 21; 7. Vestaburg (3-0) 12; 8. Central Lake (3-0) 11; 9. Mendon (2-1) 9; 10. Engadine (3-0) 6.

Also receiving votes — Au Gres-Sims, Cedarville, Frankfort, Iron Mountain.

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Canton x-country team stocked

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Weeks before the starting gun sounded in the season's first invitational, the Canton boys cross-country team had already impressed seventh-year coach Bill Boyd.

It wasn't the Chiefs' times that Boyd was enamored with as much as the team's willingness to improve those times.

"The two captains — seniors Trey Wolfe and Evan Shephard — made a lot of calls and made sure the team got together for workouts, which didn't happen last year," Boyd said. "It was a

breath of fresh air for this program.

They took it upon themselves to put together a couple of camps and made sure everybody was running.

"Their attitude is they don't want the team to get really good *after* they graduate. They want it to be good now and later on."

Shephard and Wolfe will serve as the anchors of this year squad, which talented, but extremely young. Wolfe is a four-year runner while Shephard has earned three varsity letters.

"Trey's times were in the 17's at the end of last year and he's

in the low 18's — around 18:07 — right now. Evan has been fighting a sore knee, but he's been keeping up with Trey in the workouts."

The Chiefs' 17-member team is filled with seven freshmen, the most ninth-graders Boyd has ever had on his team's roster. Leading the youngsters is Kyle Clinton, who shows a world of promise, according to his coach.

"Kyle has really been working hard in the workouts and he's been running with the seniors, which is good," Boyd said.

Other key contributors this season will include sophomore Derek Hoerman; and fresh-

men Duncan Spitz, Greg Reed, Aaron McClellan and Justin Morrison.

"Derek's time at the beginning of last season was around 22 minutes, but by the end of the year he was in the low 18's," Boyd said. "He wants to knock another minute off that this year. If he improves on his sprinting, I think he's capable of that. By the time he's a senior, he could be one of the best in the league."

Boyd also has high expectations for first-year sophomore Dave Catalan, who is currently hampered by shin problems.

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Chief harriers finish 13th at run

Canton's boys cross-country team finished 13th Saturday's Tortoise & Hare CC Classic, which was held at the Hudson Mills Metropark.

The Chiefs' 301 point total lagged behind the top three finishers: host Dexter (38), Portage Northern (77) and Brighton (119).

"It was a very hot day, so our times weren't as good as we would have wanted," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "The race started at 1:50 in the

afternoon, so it was the hottest part of the day."

Sophomore Derek Hoerman paced the Chiefs with a clocking of 18:47, which was good enough for 48th place. He crossed the line just ahead of teammates Trey Wolfe (18:48, 49th) and Kyle Clinton (18:59, 56th).

Also scoring for Canton were Duncan Spitz (19:18, 72nd) and Greg Reed (19:23, 76th). Aaron McClelland (19:24, 77th) and Justin

Morrison (90th, 20:24) rounded out the field for Canton, whose roster includes four freshmen and two sophomores.

ROCKS 15TH

The Salem boys cross-country team finished 15th in the 23-team Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational Saturday. Salem racked up 345 points compared to first-place Ann Arbor Pioneer's 83. Warren De La Salle was the runner-up

with 133 points, Lake Orion (155) was third and Livonia Churchill (158) was fourth.

Jimmy Walsh paced the Rocks with a 21st-place showing in 17:48. Also scoring for Salem were Dan Kapadia (17:58, 28th), Andrew Cassidy (19:02, 96th), Erik Dondzila (19:04, 99th) and Cameron Loftus (19:06, 101st).

Kevin DeBear (19:12, 104th) and Justin Kane (19:42, 119th) also competed for Salem.

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Sarnia stings Whalers in shootout

Harrison Reed's shootout goal gave the Sarnia Sting a 4-3 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League pre-season game played at the Compuware Sports Arena Saturday afternoon.

The game was tied 3-3 after regulation and Sarnia won 2-1 in the shootout with Reed and Michael Haley scoring. John Vigilante scored the lone Whaler goal in the five-man shootout.

The Whalers are now 1-1-0-1 in the pre-season.

Tom Sestito, Gino Pisellini and Andrew Fournier scored in regulation for Plymouth.

Richard Clune scored twice for Sarnia and Mark Lytwyn added a single.

Sarnia outshot Plymouth, 42-31, with Parker Van Buskirk playing in goal for Sarnia and Justin Garay for Plymouth.

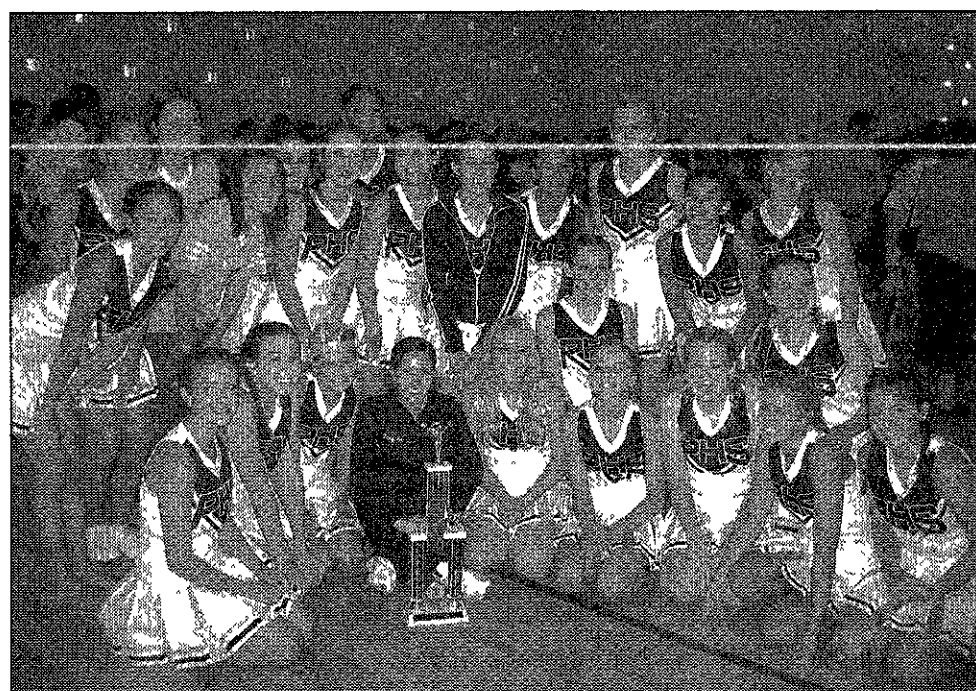
Sestito scored the only goal of the first period, giving the Whalers a 1-0 lead at 8:19 of the first period when he deflected Chris Terry's shot by Van Buskirk. Sarnia scored twice in 2:29 in the second period when Lytwyn and Clune scored in tight on Garay. Reed drew assists on both goals. Pisellini tied the game on a Plymouth power play with 18 seconds left

in the second period.

Fournier gave the Whalers a 3-2 lead with an unassisted goal at 6:58 of the third period when he stripped Clune of the puck in the high slot in the Sarnia zone and beat Van Buskirk. Clune tied the game at 3-3 with 9:31 left when his shot in tight at the right wing goal line went top shelf over Garay's shoulder.

Plymouth is off until Friday when it plays in a four-game OHL pre-season tournament in Erie, Pa. against the Toronto St. Michael's Majors at 5 p.m. Erie hosts Saginaw in the other game on Friday.

The losers of Friday's games will play next Saturday at 5 p.m. with the winners going facing off Saturday at 7:45 p.m.



Super Saberettes

The Plymouth junior-varsity Saberettes were crowned "Grand Champs" at the summer camp they attended in Midland. Pictured are (top row, l-r) Candy Knisely, Sarah Hammond, coach Laura, coach Danielle Parsley, Emily Gurczynski, Kristen Yates, Brittany Turner, Ashley Stoeckle, Ashley Soares, Becca Garzaniti, Jaclyn Heck, Kaseigh Zebari, Tiffany Braboy, (bottom row, l-r) Jamie Houdek, Amanda Mifsud, Jill Brennan, camp staff sister Laura, Breanna Schuhardt, Lauren Rakowicz, Ashley Chiado, Megan Birman, Alex Boxman, Jenn Schinker and Michaela Allen. Not pictured are Brittney Lubinsky, Taylor Lewis and Stephanie Jones.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- September 6, 2005

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Clerk Bennett made a motion to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter Chair, supported by Zarbo. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Faas, Bob Belair, Todd Zilincik, Bill Serchak

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Canton Officials respond to Hurricane Katrina. Canton's elected officials and department directors met today with members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Community Foundation to begin forming a plan of action in response to Hurricane Katrina. Many issues will be addressed including Canton's ability to answer any calls for assistance from Governor Granholm. The Governor has partially activated the Michigan State Emergency Operations Center to help coordinate resources throughout the state. Canton Public Safety is coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to provide police and fire personnel in the affected areas. Currently, if any evacuees arrive in Michigan, and no prior arrangements have been made for their care, they are to call the FEMA disaster assistance hotline. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. *The FEMA Assistance Hotline is 1-800-621-3362.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS: Item 1. UPDATE ON 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. (MSD) Each year the Municipal Services Department-Public Works Division undertakes an extensive capital improvement program (CIP) on both existing and new infrastructure in our community. The 2005 CIP includes projects that will improve the public road, water, sewer, sidewalk and intersection systems. Proposed 2006 improvements: Saltz Road Paving, Canton Center to North Ridge Rd., Saltz Road Paving Canton Center to Beck, Saltz Road Paving Beck to N. Ridge, Denton Road Extension, Cherry Hill Road Paving from Ridge to Denton, Ford Road Safety Improvements, Project 1, southbound off-ramp of I-275 and add continuous right turn lane along Ford Road from Haggerty to Lilley, Ford Road Safety Improvements, Project 2 widened Ford Road west of Canton Center to Gorman Rd, Lotz Road paving Warren Road to Ford, Sheldon Road Approach Reconstruction south of Ford Road, Pilgrim Hills Subdivision Sanitary Sewer and Water, Ridge Road Water Main, Beck Road Water main north of Geddes, PRV & Meter Pit corner of Ridge at Proctor, Local Sanitary Sewer Collection System Relief Projects, 2005 Sidewalk Repair Program, Century Farms, cherry Hill Orchards, Hampton Court, Stonegate and Palmer Manor Subdivisions, 2005 Sidewalk Gap Program, Cherry Hill and Lilley Road, DDA Sidewalk Repairs along Ford Road, Intersection Improvements Sheldon at Saltz and Sheldon at Cherry Hill, Intersection Improvements Contract 2, Beck at Warren

Item 2. FUTURE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLANS. (MSD) On July 22, 2005 the SEMCOG Executive Committee presented the final list of road improvement projects for the next three (3) years as part of the FY2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for southeast Michigan. This list is updated once every other year in order to reflect changing priorities and funding. The roads budgeted for 2006 are Warren Road from Canton Center to Morton Taylor, Ford Road Bridge over Fellows Creek, Ford Road dedicated right-turn land for eastbound traffic and mast arm, Sheldon Road resurface from Ford to Westminster Way, Canton Center Road widen from Cherry Hill to Palmer, Lilley widen from Warren to Ford, I-275 Southbound at US-12 add turn lanes, I-275 Non-motorized Path, (2007)M-14 Rebuild Project bridge repairs on 17 Wayne County bridges, I-275 Canton Rest Area, Cherry Hill Road widen from Canton Center to Morton Taylor, (2008) Joy and Haggerty CSX Rail Crossing. The Federal Aid Committee (FAC) of Wayne County is a group of engineers from various communities that meet at least once a year to update the priorities for recommendation to SEMCOG, Tom Casari (Township Engineer) is our representative on the FAC. SEMCOG also produces a comprehensive 25-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) projecting out the long-term plans for improvements. The presentation provided the Board with an update on the latest three (3) year TIP projects and the 25-year RTP projects that will impact Canton.

Item 3. 2006 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN. (MSD) In 2005 the Board approved Year #1 of a nine-year plan to upgrade 34 intersections across the community. The intersections that are part of the 2005 program should be under construction this fall. The preliminary construction estimates for the 2005 program have caused us to reconsider the 2006 program list together with a desire to coordinate next year's program with the county road widening project along Warren Road. The presentation provided the Board with a revised recommendation on the 2006 Intersection Improvement Plan in advance of the September 21st Budget Study Session and October Intersection Audit Committee (IAC) meetings.

Item 4. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY PROGRESS. (MSD) The regional transportation study is now underway. Since this is an agency study, unlike the Access Management Study, there is limited opportunity for input by the Board and the public. Agency studies are considerably less costly and rely on the knowledge of the staff involved. The presentation provided the Board with an overview of the nine (9) major tasks to be completed by the project team.

Item 5. DWSD TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE. (MSD) In April of 2003, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) formed a special committee on "customer outreach" to engage customers in dialogue on their water system master plan. Coincidentally, DWSD was getting increasing pressure from a variety of suburban customers that were pushing for regionalization of Detroit's Water and Wastewater Operations. The group, called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), was formed initially to address the water operations and has since evolved into the wastewater area. Currently over two hundred (200) people participate on TAC which as multiple work groups. In January of 2004 Canton was asked to have its Municipal Services Director actively participate on TAC and has participated ever since. Since 2000, there have been at least three (3) attempts by the Michigan House and/or Senate to legislatively wrestle control of DWSD away from the City of Detroit Water and Sewer Board. The presentation summarized the role of the TAC, our participation in TAC and outline some of the accomplishments to date.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Alford Brock, 40047 Cambridge, stated he would like to access the DWSD website for reading of the minutes and other public documents. Director Faas stated he would speak with DWSD and get an answer for Mr. Brock. **OTHER:** Trustee Caccamo stated James Huddleston has a Willow Creek problem and would like Director Faas to made aware of the issue. Trustee LaJoy would like to issue a reminder to the public to drive with your headlights on for a September 11th memorial. The next regular Board Meeting will be September 13, 2005, Administration Building, 1150N Canton Center S., Canton, First Floor, Board Room. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY P. O. BOX 30204 LANSING, MI 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Summit on the park, Ash Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 5, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 05-82-0111-P under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Stuart Frankel, 2301 Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48064. The applicant proposes to place fill in a wetland and enlarge a storm water basin for the purpose of expanding the Centre Village Shopping Center on the south side of Ford Road, west of Canton Center Road. Approximately 1,355 cubic yards of fill material is to be placed within 36,450 square feet (0.84 acres) of wetland for additional retail buildings and parking areas. A total of 19,300 cubic yards of material is proposed to be dredged from an 87,000 square foot (2 acre) area of an existing storm water detention basin to accommodate storm water runoff from the larger site. Mitigation is proposed with this project. This project is located in T2S, R8E, Section 16, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CWWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, by calling (586) 753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WENDY FITZNER, Permit Consolidation Unit Land and Water Management Division (517) 373-9244

Date: September 6, 2005
NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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CANTON POLICE DEPT. 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005 at 10:00 AM. Auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

1991 GMC	SONOMA	P/U	1GTCS14A5M0532883
1995 CHEVY	MONTE CARLO	2 DR	2G1WX12X1S9100907
1995 FORD	ESCOR	4 DR	1FASP14J2SW146001
1993 BUICK	ROADMASTER	4 DR	1G4BN5372PR424684
1990 JEEP		P/U	1J7FT66L8LL207970
1991 ISUZU	RODEO	S/W	4S2CG58ZXM4300785
1995 ACURA	VIGOR	4 DR	JH4CC266XPC000199
1995 DODGE	NEON	4 DR	1B3ES27C9SD620256
1993 DODGE	CARAVAN	S/W	2B4GH45R1PR128525
2000 HONDA		4 DR	1HGC5647YA033407
1992 PONTIAC	GRAND AM	4 DR	1G2NE54N9NM084883
1993 GEO	PRISM	4 DR	1Y1SK5364PZ007924
1989 OLDS	CUTLASS	4 DR	1G3NL54U5KM239076
1999 OLDS	INTRIGUE	4 DR	1G3WS52K4XF342185
1995 CHRY.	SEBRING	2 DR	4C3AU52N8SE221997

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Department of Planning Services until 4:00 p.m., Thursday September 29th, 2005 for the following:

PROFESSIONAL FREE LANCE MARKETING CONSULTANT SERVICES

The specifications are available at the Downtown Development Authority office located on the third floor of the administration building inside the Supervisor's Office or you may contact Kathleen Salla at (734) 394-5186. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal 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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SHURGARD STORAGE CENTERS

"Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on September 30, 2005 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard of Canton 2101 Haggerty Road Canton, MI 48187 734-981-0300	Shurgard of Livonia 30300 Plymouth Road Livonia, MI 48150 734-526-7811
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Shurgard of Canton South 45229 Michigan Avenue Canton, MI 48188 731-398-5416	Shurgard Taylor 9300 Pelham Road Taylor, MI 48180 313-292-2950
Cash household Cristle household Hite household Huskeith household Steele household	Burch household Cason household Evans household Farraj household King household Maxwell household Roop household Steward household Whitley household
Shurgard of Dearborn 24920 Trowbridge Dearborn, MI 48124 313-277-2000	Shurgard of Westland 36001 Warren Road Westland, MI 48185 734-526-6000
Blay household Washington household Hayes household Garrard household Tenny St Roadhouse household/business/restaurant Hanchett household Ferguson household	J Brown household J Cinquemani household L Graves household S Kendrick household C Lake household K Myers household L Newton household
	Shurgard of Plymouth 41889 Joy Road Canton, MI 48187 734-459-2200
	G Depriest household G Depriest household J Kichum household T Ensign household N Young household

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOW PRACTICE

Canton Leisure Services will be offering free, drop-in practice for bow hunters at the Canton Police Dept. gun range on Saturday, Sept. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The range is located on Lilley Rd. just north of Van Born.

Participants must bring his or her equipment and targets (hay bails will be available). No firearms or crossbows will be allowed. There are no rest-rooms on location. Registration is not required. For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

HOOP CLINIC

High Velocity Sports Canton will host a six-week basketball clinic on Tuesdays from Oct. 4 through Nov. 8. The clinics will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for 6-9 year olds and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for 10-14 year olds.

The camp will focus on the basics of basketball — dribbling, passing, shooting and fundamentals. Each class will end with a scrimmage. The cost of the camp is \$60 and the registration deadline is Sept. 27. For more information on HVS leagues, call (734) HV-SPORT or visit us online at www.hvsports.com.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The 9U Canton Yellow Jackets will be having tryouts for their 2006 season on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. at Heritage Park's field #1. Players are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early. For more information contact Bill Flohr at (248) 761-9694.

POMPON CLINIC

The Canton varsity Chieftettes pompon team will hold its annual "Kids Clinic" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, in the Canton High School cafeteria. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

The clinic is open to girls between the ages of 5 and 13. The cost of the clinic is \$35, which includes a T-shirt and snack. Registration packets are available in all P-C elementary and middle school general offices.

ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUES

Starting Sept. 11, adult recreational hockey leagues will be offering at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth and the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton through April 2.

There will be three divisions of men's and women's leagues over the age of 21, along with a pair of over-50 leagues.

Senior over-50 drop-in hockey is available Tuesday and Friday mornings at the Arctic Pond.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, visit www.rspl.net; or call John Wilson at (734) 927-1267. You can also E-mail Wilson at john@rspl.net; or call the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663.

Frost breaks Madonna spikers' assist mark

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Even after breaking the Madonna University record for career assists Saturday, senior setter Ashley Frost downplayed the accomplishment and sounded happier about how the Crusaders swept past four opponents in two days to win the sixth annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament. "It's a team sport," said Frost, whose 5,146th assist bypassed 12-year record holder Mazie Pilut. "But definitely, it (record) is nice to get."

Frost passed Pilut during Madonna's 3-0 victory over Ohio-based Walsh College (30-27, 30-26, 30-20) with a 46-assist outing. She followed that performance up with 33 more helpers later Saturday against Daeman College, another 3-0 win, by scores of 30-21, 30-14, 30-12.

The Lake Odessa (Mich.) native said she "had no idea" about her pending record until about a week ago. But now that she has it, she would rather give credit to her teammates – such as outside hitters Natalja Tinina, Kelsey Mack and middle hitters Laura Lesko and Caryn Inman. "It feels good (the record)," said Frost following Monday's practice. "But there's no way I can get assists without my outside hitters and middle hitters."

Crusaders head coach Jerry

Abraham, whose team improved to 13-0 with the triumph over Daeman, said Frost is very deserving of the record. "She's very sound technique-wise and she's a tremendous leader," said Abraham, who also coached Pilut, both at MU and Redford Bishop Borgess High. "She has one of the best work ethics I've seen in an athlete and she's respected by her teammates. She picks up her teammates best in pressure situations."

Abraham added that Frost essentially broke the record in three years, because she was primarily a reserve during her freshman season. Meanwhile, the "real goal," noted Frost, is to win the National Association of Interscholastic Athletics championship.

If the Crusaders continue playing the way they did Friday and Saturday, the squad has a legitimate shot at it. "This is a strong team," Abraham said. "We have a lot of weapons offensively. It's one of the better teams, but we've had a lot of great teams. It has the ability to go as far as anybody."

About taking the Julie Martin tourney, the coach said it was a good benchmark to move forward from. The Crusaders knocked off Saginaw Valley State and Georgetown University on Friday before finishing the job the next day



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION
Madonna University senior Ashley Frost celebrates with Crusaders head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham, after she set a new career assists record on Saturday. Frost also earned "setter of the week" honors from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

against Walsh and Daeman. "We did a lot of good things," he said. "We spread the ball around offensively . . . we served well throughout and (Frost) did a beautiful job of running the team" on the floor.

On Saturday, the Crusaders received big contributions from a number of sources. Tinina totaled 35 kills and 15 digs, Lesko added 19 kills and seven digs and freshman Mack (Livonia Churchill) chipped in

with 13 kills on the day, along with 10 digs. Also strong defensively were Jacqui Gatt (12 digs) and Amy Szymanski, with a total of 10 digs.

Bypassing Pilut for the record turned out to be just one of the day's honors for Frost, who was named the tournament MVP. Tinina and Mack were named to the tour-

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the 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:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (September 26, 2005), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

F217- John Eastman - Leather office chair, BBQ gas grill, ladder
E179 - Dominador Reyes - 1996 Dodge Stratus, chairs, vacuum & ect
C-72 - James Pullen Jr. - Storage boxes & ect
C80 & F207 - Rosalie Whyman - Household goods
D121 Cleveland Woods - Household goods
D136 - Carol Panik - Curio cabinet, wood chest, shelves, ect

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Department of Planning Services until 3:00 p.m., Thursday September 29th, 2005 for the following:

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN PREPARING GIS MAPBOOK

The specifications are available at the Planning Services counter on the second floor of the administration building or you may contact Judy Bocklage at (734) 394-5176. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal 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

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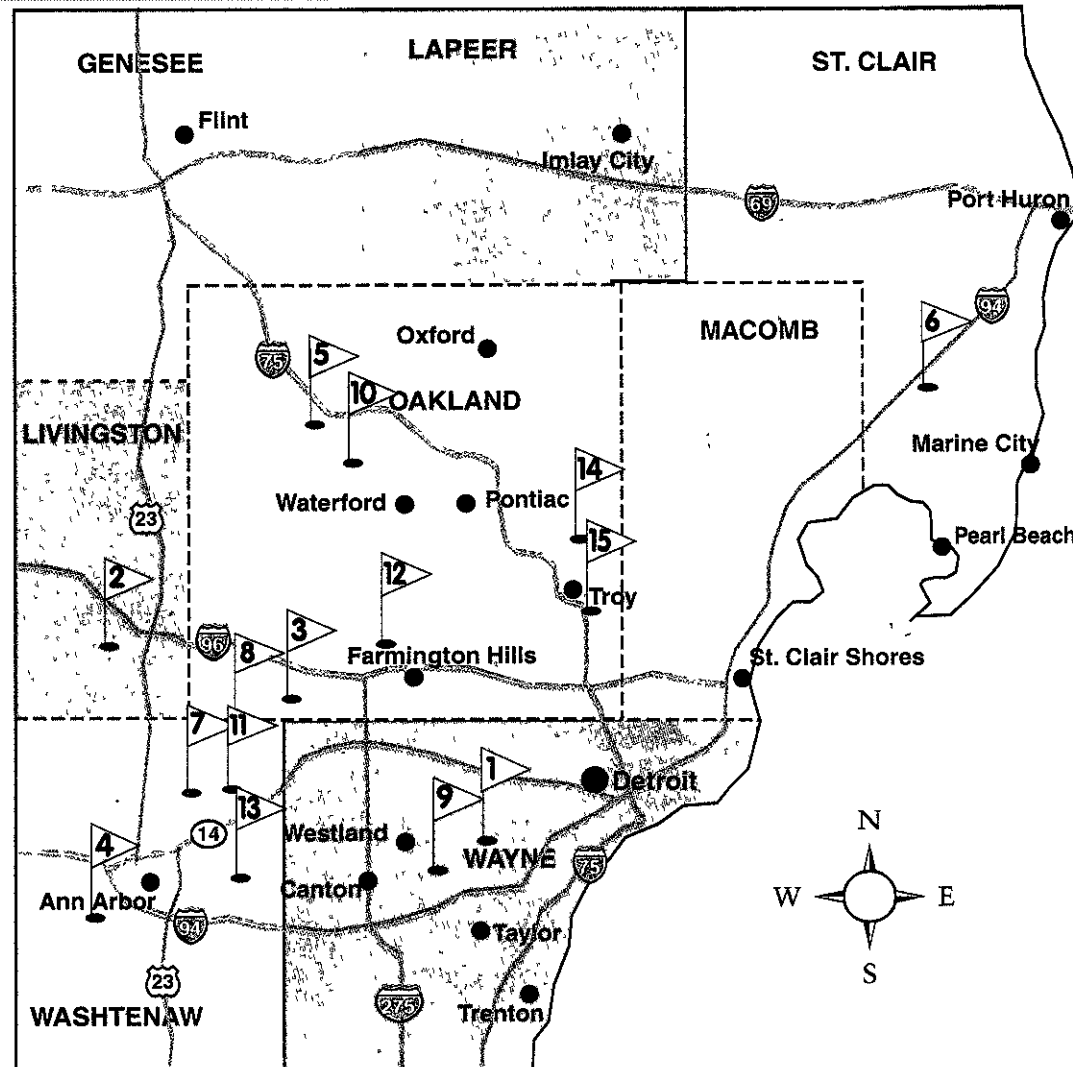
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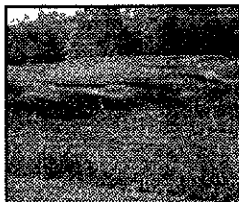
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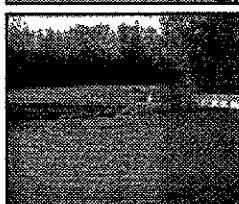


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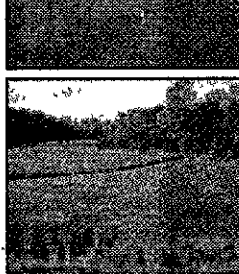
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Inkster Valley Golf Club is a public golf course owned & operated by Wayne County. The course opened May 23, 1998 to the public & incorporates more than 100 acres of wetlands within its 400-acre surrounding.



The western portion of the golf course (west of Henry Ruff Road) was the site of the former Eloise Infirmary & Hospital. Around the turn of the century, Eloise was among the first medical facilities in the U.S. to use x-rays for medical diagnosis. The former "Causeway Bridge", built in the 1930's connected to hospital buildings located on the north & south side of the river. The bridge was renovated to serve as a golf cart bridge that connects golf holes 12 & 13. A portion of the golf course site between Middlebelt & Inkster roads was privately developed as a golf course in the 1920's.



Inkster Valley Golf Club is a Harry Bowers 6700 yard Par 72 championship style course. The Rouge River along with an additional 55 acres of wetlands comes into play on 14 of the 18 holes. Its extraordinary natural features & abundance of wildlife contribute to the "Up North" atmosphere in an urban setting; without the long drive!

For more information check out the Directory below



Here is this week's list of who hit a Hole in One... and where!

Inkster Valley Golf Club
John Cash on 8/24/05
Hole #: 4 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Iron

Joe Hubbard on 8/20/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 4 Iron
Comments: First Hole In One after playing 12 years!

Rolling Meadows
Donald Hammer on 9/1/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 4 Iron
Witness: Eric Burton

Roy Purcell on 8/31/05
Hole #: 6 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Wood
Witness: Floyd Moyer
Comments: 6th Hole In One! 68 Years Old Shot a 79!

Tanglewood
Max Berlin on 8/30/05
Hole #: West 2 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Iron

Hill Top
Lisa Hengsten on 8/21/05
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Wood
Witness: Dawn Belding
Comments: 1st Hole In One! Saw it bounce, then disappear. "WOW... it went in!"

Directory

1 DEARBORN HILLS GOLF COURSE
1300 S. Telegraph Rd.
Dearborn, MI 48124
313.563.4653
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No. of Holes: 18 Par: 60 Yards: 4495
Directions: North of Michigan Ave. entrance on west side of Telegraph

4 HICKORY STICKS GOLF COURSE
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Ann Arbor, MI 48107
734.913.8140
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7 ROLLING MEADOWS
6484 Sutton Rd.
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
734.662.5144
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Outings & Fund Raisers
League Openings
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6476
Directions: Sutton near North Territorial Rd., 2 Miles east of US 23, 2 miles west of Pontiac Trail.

10 SPRINGFIELD OAKS GOLF COURSE
12450 Andersonville Rd.
Davisburg, MI 48350
248.625.2540
www.golfoakland.us
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6033
Front nine is open & hilly; back nine is tighter with more trees and water
Dir: Andersonville Rd near Hall Rd

13 HICKORY CREEK GOLF COURSE
3625 Napier
Canton, MI 48188
734.454.1850
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6292
"Northern Michigan in Your Own Backyard"
Directions: Corner of Napier and Ford Roads, 5 Miles west of I-275.

2 THE JACKAL GOLF CLUB
4141 Bauer Rd
Brighton, MI 48116
810.229.9581
www.jackalgolfclub.com
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6700
Manager: Rob Bruhn
Directions: I-96 to Exit 145 Go east on Grand River to Challis Rd. (right)

5 WINDMILL RIDGE
12751 Big Lake Road
Davisburg, MI 48350
248.634.1616
No. of Holes: 9 Par: 3
Manager: Gerald Cook
Directions: Dixie Highway to Davisburg Road (West) to Ormond Road (South) to Big Lake Road (East).

8 TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE
53503 W 10 Mile
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.3355
www.tanglewoodthelion.com
No. of Holes: 27 Par: 36 Yards: 3636
Manager: Ann Lewis
Directions: 10 Mile Road between Wixom and Milford.

11 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB
57737 9 Mile Rd
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.8777
www.cattailsgolfclub.com
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Manager: Gerry Behaylo
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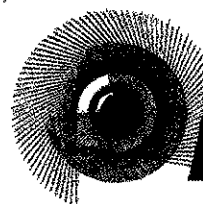
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Curb appeal:

Help make your home sell

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you're selling your home, first impressions count. "You never have a second opportunity to make a first impression," said Nanci J. Rands, a Realtor with Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating in Birmingham and 2006 president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. Rands, who has 30 years in the business, recommends home sellers drive toward the home as if a buyer, to get a fresh eye.

A good friend can help you see your home more objectively. "The good friend can be a Realtor," Rands said. "It's important to get somebody objective."

She recommends looking at the front door, which should be freshly painted or stained and its hardware clean. Windows, especially in front, should be clean as well.

Realtor Laura Prendergast of Century 21 Today of Farmington Hills also knows the importance of curb appeal.

"Make sure their front door is clean and painted if it needs to," said Prendergast, who recommends maintaining grass and putting in flowers, including hanging baskets, to spruce up a home for sale.

"People walk up and it's the first impression of the home," Prendergast said. "Make it appealing." That means trimming bushes, she said.

Prendergast gets a lot of questions from home sellers on how to boost curb appeal, "what they can do to make it more appealing."

The Realtors note the home's interior should be decluttered as well, with closets not jammed.

"Sometimes a fresh coat of paint will make a big difference in a home," said Prendergast, who's worked in the field since 1983.

They agree it's a competitive market for home sellers, and having an edge helps. Rands noted mortgage rates are low.

"There's a lot of money that is available for people who wish to purchase homes," she said. "When buyers have lots of homes to choose from, it needs to be distinguished in some way."

A realistic price for the market is vital, too, she added.

Rands also recommends keeping the home's entrance area swept clean, and landscaping around the front walk trimmed away from the approach to the door. The railing should be in good shape, and fall planting options include flowering kale or mums.

"There are a number of different plants that are very hardy," she said. "Your local nursery can always help you with that."

Rands said the home's address should be clearly displayed, also a safety concern if an emergency arises.

She doesn't recommend Halloween decorations, as they may not appeal to some buyers. "Why take the chance? You just don't know. They can be distracting,"

Janie Clemons, Realtor with Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke of Plymouth, said assisting with curb appeal is part of the listing presentation. She and colleagues are "working with what they've got and putting their best foot forward."

Clemons recommends a clean, neat exterior, including removing traces of pets, such as bowls, from the entrance. The lawn should be at its best, the exterior free of weeds and concrete repaired if needed, "so that people will get the impression the home has been well-maintained."

People are more likely to buy a well-maintained home, noted Clemons, who has 13 years in the business. She's found if a home is priced right and presented to show well, it will sell.

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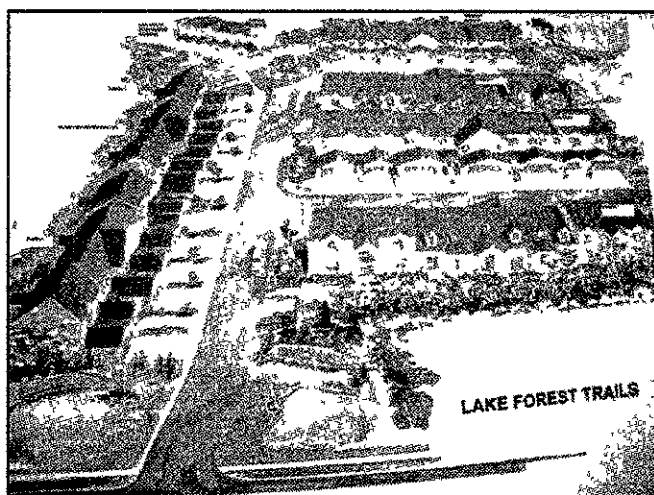
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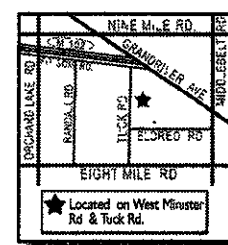
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COMMUNITIES

Village Green benefit assists Hurricane Katrina survivors

Village Green Companies, a leading developer and manager of luxury apartment communities, and its residents raised over \$25,000 in a one night, two-hour event to benefit the American Red Cross and the survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

"In light of the tragic events

that have affected the Gulf Coast, we are pleased that our Village Green residents and associates have stepped up as a community with such generous donations to assist our friends, families and fellow Americans," said George S. Quay IV, president and COO of Village Green Companies.

Above and beyond Village Green's fund-raising efforts to aid the American Red Cross and Hurricane Katrina victims, the company is also seeking to fill numerous job opportunities. "In an effort to help all of the people that have been displaced by this devastating event, Village Green is being

very proactive in our recruitment process by advertising employment opportunities in Houston, Texas; Baton Rouge, La.; and Jackson, Miss., where many survivors are being hosted," said Kim Brown, vice president of Talent Acquisition and Training. "We are hiring for all positions in all of our Midwest

locations. In addition, one of Village Green's most attractive recruitment methods is to offer housing discounts to our employees at our apartment communities."

For information about Village Green fund-raising efforts for survivors, contact

Megan Fike at (248) 932-2744 or mfiike@villagegreen.com.

Village Green Companies, headquartered in Farmington Hills, is one of the nation's largest privately held developers and managers of luxury apartment communities.

Caring Realtors reach out to those impacted by tragedy

In the time since Hurricane Katrina swept through the U.S. Gulf Coast, dozens of Web sites have been launched to provide housing information for those displaced by the storm. A new site, Relief.WelcomeWagon.com, created by Homestore Inc., seeks to make it easier for victims to sort through this vast amount of housing data by aggregating information from a variety of other Web sites and displaying it all in one place.

There are more than 41,000 listings on the site, and additional hurricane housing sites will be added on a daily basis - alleviating the need for people in need of shelter to conduct the same search on many sites, said Erin Campbell, director of corporate communications for Homestore.

"We're adding new sites every day," Campbell said. Among the housing Web sites that have already been added are: HurricaneHousing.org, KatrinaHousing.org, HomeRentalAds.com, Katrina-Relocation.com, and KatrinaHome.com.

By visiting Relief.WelcomeWagon.com, users can search the com-

prehensive database of available homes, and sort by city/state, number of people, and length of stay.

When a search is initiated, multiple hurricane housing sites are simultaneously evaluated for matching search results. Results include available housing in shelters, churches, apartment complexes, single family homes, and senior facilities throughout the Gulf Coast and neighboring communities.

If you have temporary housing available, you also can use the Web site to post a listing for open beds, extra rooms, guest houses, or other temporary housing that's available for hurricane victims.

To add your Web site to the list of sites searched for housing information, send an e-mail to relief@welcomewagon.com.

Westlake Village, Calif.-based Homestore launched the site through its Welcome Wagon division, a marketing company that provides information to new homeowners about businesses and services.

In addition, contributions to the Realtors Relief Foundation continue to pour in, with donors

answering the call for funds to help victims. Donations were nearing \$2.75 million as of Saturday for disaster relief in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Those funds, which include the \$1.15 million seed donation from the National Association of Realtors, will directly help those affected by Hurricane Katrina. NAR will absorb all administrative costs of the project.

NAR launched the fund-raising drive on Aug. 30, a day after Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. Gulf Coast, with a contribution of \$150,000. A day later, as the extent of devastation caused by the storm became more clear, NAR leadership approved an additional \$1 million donation to the fund.

At least 9,000 Realtors have been affected, according to NAR estimates, more than any other disaster in history.

Contributions are tax deductible. To donate by mail, send a check, payable to the REALTORS® Relief Foundation, to REALTORS® Relief Foundation, Attn: NAR Finance Division, 430 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago IL 60611.



NOVI

REMODELED COLONIAL newer windows, powder room, main bath with Corian, kitchen with cabinets & Corian, new hardwood floor in living room, new ceramic in foyer, half bath & kitchen, central air ('98), roof shingles ('05), bay window in dining room ('01), front door ('02), remodeled master bedroom & bath. \$294,500 JAM47.



CANTON

GORGEOUS UPDATED Ranch within walking distance to school! Kitchen with laminate floors, fireplace in family room, newer Wallside windows, roof & carpet. Basement laundry area sound proof room & remodeled master bath. Professional landscaped yard & in-ground heated pool. \$237,900 DER09



GARDEN CITY

BRICK RANCH, Two car attached garage with third door, all on a double fenced lot. Three bedrooms, bath updated, kitchen with oak cabinets and wood floors, whole house has hardwood under carpet. Windows replaced, furnace and pool 4 years old \$159,500 SAR26



CANTON

EXCEPTIONAL Home with upgrades, soaring ceilings 2 1/2 car garage, premium lot, front porch & landscape, hardwood floors, lights, crown moldings, 9 foot ceilings, windows, gas fireplace, master suite with Jacuzzi, custom tiles, upgraded electric, all appliances, pre-inspected. \$409,999 RIV69



NORTHVILLE

GREAT CONDO in desirable location! Wallside windows with warranty. Freshly painted. Newer cabinets, counter tops & sinks in kitchen & baths. All appliances included. Deck, privacy fence, private entry with convenient parking. Access to 3 lakes. Tennis courts & club house. Association fee includes heat & water. Home warranty. \$129,800 OUE80



NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

GORGEOUS PARK-LIKE SETTING Living room with great view of landscaped yard & fireplace. Fresh painted interior, hardwood floor in dining room & kitchen, updated kitchen, doorwall to deck & hot tub. Brick paver patio. 2 1/2 car garage. Northville schools. Nearly 1-acre of property. \$439,000 MAI38



WESTLAND

FABULOUS 2-STORY WALK-OUT Two-tiered deck, two-tiered pond, beautiful paver walkway and huge paver patio. Lush landscaping and huge back yard with treed lot. Gracious formal living room and dining room with fireplace, dynamic volume ceilings, stained wood work and huge kitchen. \$224,900 HAN33



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LIVONIA

SHARP CAPE COD First floor master floor plan, living room, walk-in pantry, dining room, den, bath with sky light. Family room & third bedroom. First floor laundry deck, screened & lighted gazebo. 27x27 garage, 9 foot work shop with 220 Landscaped with waterfall & sprinklers. \$259,900 PUR51



WESTLAND

LIVONIA SCHOOLS Living room with vaulted ceiling, open to updated white kitchen with newer floor. Large family room & walk-out to yard. Warm hardwood floors in hall & bedrooms. Both baths updated, vinyl windows, 2 car garage, fenced yard, and central air. One year home warranty. \$169,900 DON74



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BEAUTIFUL SOFT CONTEMPORARY in desirable Timbers Edge sub. Great room, gourmet kitchen, large master, partially finished basement, first floor laundry. Water heater in '03, roof in '04, large premium lot. Finished deck overlooking common area and wetlands. Newer carpet throughout. \$395,000 TIM33



DEARBORN HEIGHTS

BEAUTIFUL Three bedroom Ranch! Large kitchen with granite counters, a lot of cupboard space, spacious living room with picture window, gleaming Pergo flooring, remodeled ceramic bath, large laundry area, updates include furnace & air conditioning, roof & windows. \$112,100 YAL36



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AWESOME VIEWS From the private yard overlooking the pond. Nicely decorated, hardwood in the great room w/fireplace and kitchen, spacious 1st floor master w/ oversized jetted tub, finished basement and large bedrooms. \$249,900 (P-497SH)



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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY Canton colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and an extra large lot. Huge floor plan, partly finished basement, neutral throughout, hardwoods, fireplace, sprinklers and a 3 car garage. \$329,900 (P-562EM)



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SHARP CANTON CONDO Like new with a white kitchen incl. appliances, dining w/ doorwall to large deck, living room offers crown moldings & fireplace. 1st floor laundry, deluxe main bath w/jetted tub, basement and a garage. \$157,000 (P-371HU)



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Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK

Canton - Beautiful 2400 sqft colonial that backs to creek. Great room with cathedral ceilings and natural fireplace, large kitchen w/ island and hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, 6 panel doors, formal dining room, master suite has a walk in closet and master bath, bsmt, large deck, sprinklers, garage. \$319,800 (38TRE)

Genoa Twp - Waterfront! All sports lake with breath taking views of the lake from the great room and master bedroom. Remodeled kitchen, new carpet, siding, upstairs loft. Garage has full bathroom. This home is furnished with furniture and all appliances. Lease available from Oct 1st thru April 30th \$1,425/mo (66CHE)

Livonia - Well maintained 3-bed brick ranch on a quiet cul-de-sac location. Sprinklers, garage, bsmt, bay window, updated kitchen. Kitchen opens to generous family room with gas fireplace, doorwall to deck with retractable awning. Appliances stay, lots of updates! \$234,900 (98BAI)

Livonia - Updated home with crown moldings through out. Wood flooring in family room and kitchen eating area. Newer kitchen, furnace, HWH, updated laundry room, kitchen has tiled walls and slate tile floor. Fenced yard, shed and garage. \$119,990 (05CAR)

Livonia - Sharp 3-bed, 2 bath brick ranch with hardwood floors. Home warranty, fenced yard, bsmt, sprinklers, garage. Updated windows and doors. Copper plumbing, C/A newer HWH, 4th bedroom & bath in bsmt, ceramic tile floor in kitchen, porch on front of house \$164,900 (21HAT)

Redford - Very nice 3-bed brick ranch. Excellent investment! Close to parks and schools, newer furnace, C/A, HWH, bsmt with gas log fireplace and wet bar. Nice large kitchen, garage has workshop & electrical, fenced yard. Motivated seller! \$119,900 (92MAR)

Livonia - 3-bed, 2 bath brick ranch. Finished bsmt w/bath, refinished hardwood floors, newer roof, new windows, doors and garage door. Remodeled kitchen, some appliances stay, garage, fenced yard \$174,900 (12PER)

Livonia - Neat and clean 3-bed, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Finished bsmt w/bath, sprinklers, fenced yard, garage w/ opener, cathedral ceilings. Newer siding, vinyl windows, C/A, appliances negotiable, deck \$169,900 (18ROU)

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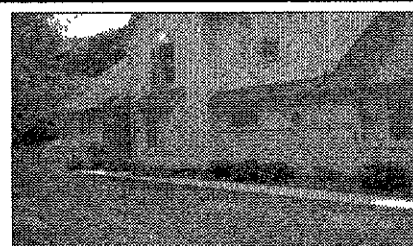
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NORTHVILLE \$495,000

Light and nice find in Royal Crown, beautiful country 1 ranch 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 1/2 lav. Outstanding renovated kitchen leading to deck and screened porch. Finished basement! So much more! 734 455 6000 LP13CH-25123196



NORTHVILLE \$329,000

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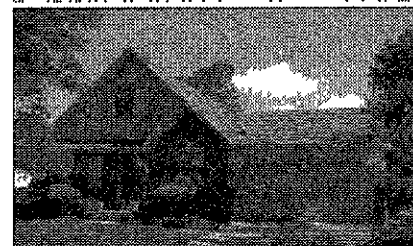
BELLEVILLE \$249,900

Spacious 3-bedroom ranch w/ basement walk out in wooded location with loads of upgrades in new subdivision. Open floor plan with wood floor and island in kitchen. Great room with an wall sound system. 734-455-6000 LP50FR-25102794



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Boston real estate market is sizzling

I am interested in transferring to the Boston area and understand that the market for homes is tight and extraordinarily expensive. Do you have any knowledge of the market conditions in Boston at this time?

In a recent visit to Boston, I was able to confirm that the median price of homes in Boston is twice that of the country and there is not a lot of new development thereby increasing the cost of existing homes. Homes that might sell for \$200,000-\$300,000 in suburban Detroit are costing close to \$1 million in Boston. Rental properties are also extremely high the closer you get to Boston. You are best advised to consult with a real estate person knowledgeable about the Boston area before making any investment or purchase decisions. We have a number of new members



Real Estate Inquires

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coming into our association and it has been suggested that we have some sort of member orientation program. What do you think?

I think it is a good idea. New members often do not understand how associations operate. For example, they often consider association attempts to impose its rules on them to be an intrusion in their private lives. They don't understand their obligations as homeowners to pay assessments, live by the rules, and otherwise

give up certain liberties that they would normally have in another type of environment. I would recommend that the board have a general orientation session and have the association's attorney available to answer questions concerning their legal obligations as co-owners. Some of the things that might be covered at the orientation include the benefits and draw backs of condominium ownership, the corporate structure and their rights and obligations as members.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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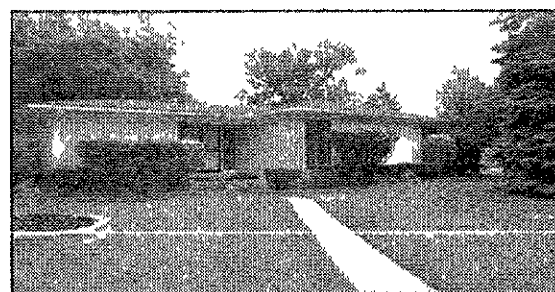
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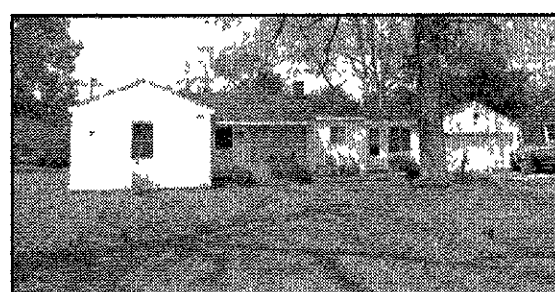
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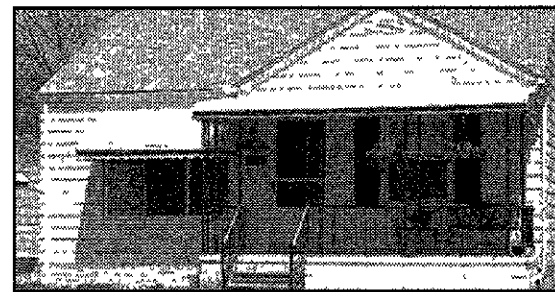
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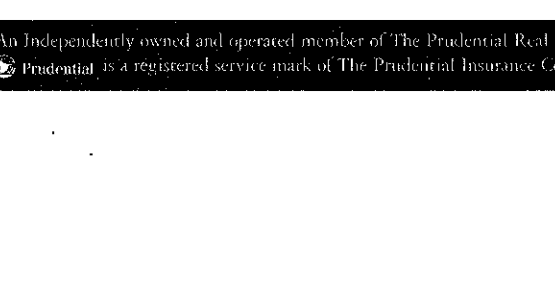
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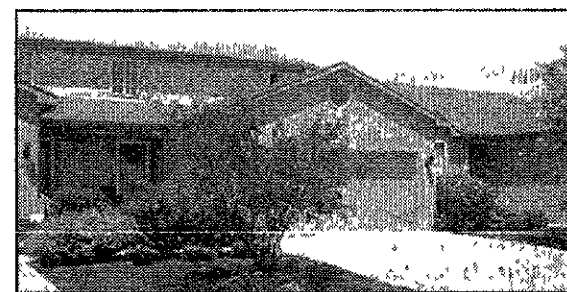
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Taylor speaks

The Metro Detroit Real Estate Investors Network, a Livonia-based cooperative of local agents, is holding a one-day conference featuring real estate guru Jeffrey Taylor. The event will take place from 6-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Holiday Inn on Telegraph Road in Southfield. The event will be held for a one-time door fee of \$20.

Taylor and his fellow speakers will share experiences about filling vacancies in an increasingly tough market. Additional topics covered will include adding thousands of dollars to cash flow for landlords, protection for one's assets and investments and other strategies and insight valued by real estate professionals. Taylor will also give a keynote address about strategies that will help landlords learn to keep long-term tenants in their property.

For more information, contact Sue Downey at (734) 402-0180, Ext. 110, or visit <http://www.detroitinvestments.com>

Blood Drive

RE/MAX Trio will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at 29848 Ford Road, Garden City. (734) 762-6262.

Career Seminars at Keller Williams

Keller Williams Plymouth will hold Career Seminars at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27 and 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome. (734) 459-4700.

Education Seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 — Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a real estate continuing education seminar presented by Lori Chumura of Middleton Training at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$75 for BIA members, and \$90 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 — General membership meeting, "It Feels Like a Million and Costs a Lot Less," at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Registration fees including lunch, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for guests and non-members and \$200 for table top display. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 — Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Business Accounting & Job Costs", at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1008.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30 — Effective Business Management Seminar: "Design for Different Lifestyles and Different Generations," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for non-members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

How To Classes

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes during the month of September.

■ **How To Build Your Own Home** — 6-10 p.m. Sept. 20, 22, 27, 29 at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 203-3800. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. (The cost is \$190 plus \$30 for two textbooks.

■ **Basement Remodeling** — 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Sept. 19 & 21, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills; and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 27 & 29, at Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. The instructor will explain the facets of basement remodeling including space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials as well as the basics of construction. The cost is \$95 plus a textbook fee of \$10. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Sept. 15. (248) 433-

0885.

■ **Builder's Pre-License Class** — This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday/Sunday, Sept. 17 & 18, at Best Western ConCorde Inn, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills, (248) 651-2771, Sept. 15, \$205; 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays/Thursdays, Sept. 20, 22, 27 and 29, at The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, (248) 489-3333, Sept. 16, \$190 plus \$20 for textbooks; 6-10 p.m. Mondays/Wednesdays, Sept. 19, 21, 26, 28, at Avery Elementary School, 14700 Lincoln, Oak Park, (248) 837-8900, \$190 plus \$20; 6-10 p.m. Mondays/Wednesdays, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3 & 5, at the South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, Sept. 22, \$190 plus \$20 for textbooks; 6-10 p.m. Mondays/Wednesdays, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3 & 5, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents and \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for textbook, Sept. 22; and Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, (248) 956-5000, Sept. 15, \$199 plus \$20 for textbooks; and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 27 & 29, Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, Sept. 23, (248) 682-1088 \$199 plus \$20.

New Sales Associates in Clarkston

Cathy J. Black and Kathy McAtamney have joined Coldwell Banker Schweitzer as full-time sales associates working out of the Clarkston office.

Friedman Real Estate tops

CoStar Group recently announced its Third Annual Power Broker Awards and David Friedman, president and CEO of FREG, received an award as one of the top 20 industrial leasing brokers in the Detroit market. Friedman, Matthew Farrell, Todd Hawley, Roxanne Larson, Mitchell Lipton, and Todd Papazian were all ranked in the top 20 of office leasing brokers.

Matthew Farrell, CCIM and a vice president at FREG, was named "Power Broker" by Costar Group. The Power Broker award recognizes leading deal makers in their particular market based on volume of deals in 2004.

CoStar Group named Friedman Real Estate Group as one of Detroit's top five brokerage firms based on leasing and top 10 in sales transaction volume. Howard Perlman and Barry Swatsenbarg of FREG ranked among Detroit's top 10 sales brokers based on transactions completed in 2004.

Weir Manuel - Three Arch Bay

Weir Manuel Realtors announces its partnership with The Wexford Development Group in the sales and marketing of Washtenaw County's Three Arch Bay, featuring new homes designed by award-winning architect Dominick Tringali.

Located between Ann Arbor and Saline, Three Arch Bay surrounds a lake, and adjoins the Travis Pointe Country Club. The luxury homes range from 4,400 to more than 10,000 square feet of finished space. Prices begin at \$1.3 million, which includes a lake-front home site and a \$50,000 landscaping allowance. Home site premiums vary depending upon lake, pond, or golf course locations.

Project Engineer Gets Promotion

DeMaria Building Company announced the promotion of Eric Dumont from project engineer, Health Care Group, to program manager in the Health Care and University Groups. Dumont will manage construction projects for medical, hospital, laboratory and higher education clients.

Koehler named president

The International Builders Exchange Executives (IBEE) has elected Kevin Koehler to serve as president for 2005-06. Koehler is president of the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), a 3,700-member organization headquartered in Bloomfield Hills that provides services to construction-related businesses including bidding information, online project news and safety and educational programs.

Kevin Brady has joined Lee & Associates, the fourth-largest full-service commercial real estate sales organization in

the country, as founding principal in the firm's Southfield office.

Brady's specialties include commercial and vacant land for development as well as office, retail, industrial and investment properties. He will be responsible for the office, retail and vacant land sales in the Livingston County market.

Muscillo joins RE/MAX

Kathy Muscillo, CRP, has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX In The Hills, 36700 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Muscillo has been in real estate for 15 years and specializes in

relocation. She comes to RE/MAX from Century 21.

Gail Bernard von Staden joins Gensler's

Gail Bernard von Staden, AIA, has joined Gensler ... Architecture, Design & Planning Worldwide (www.gensler.com) as a senior project manager for the Detroit office. Von Staden brings 15 years of experience to Gensler, including extensive experience in program development, facility assessment, project management, and contributions to the design community.

As a senior project manager for Gensler's corporate workplace projects, Von Staden is managing the design for the Detroit offices of three leading global advertising agencies. Prior to joining Gensler, von Staden was project manager and associate for Rossetti of Southfield. She has also worked at the Cranbrook Educational Community as the assistant director for the architectural office and as a project manager of the Institute of Science New Exhibits.

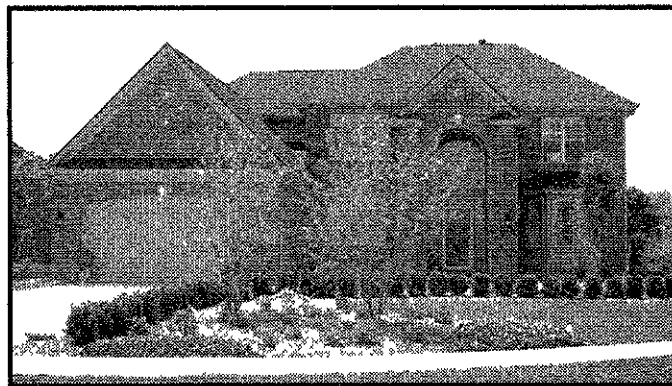
Randazzo named real estate analyst

Sarah Randazzo has been

named a real estate analyst in the acquisition and development department at Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., a commercial, residential and industrial property management and development company in Birmingham.

Randazzo had been a real estate analyst with Stout Risius Ross in Farmington Hills. A resident of Rochester Hills, she earned a master's in business administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Oakland University.

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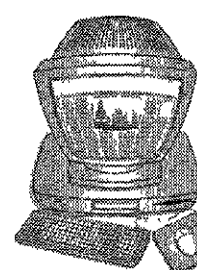
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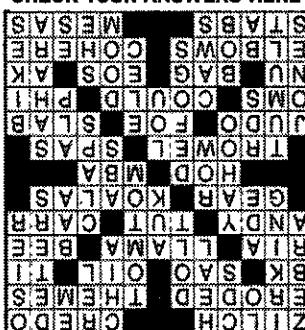
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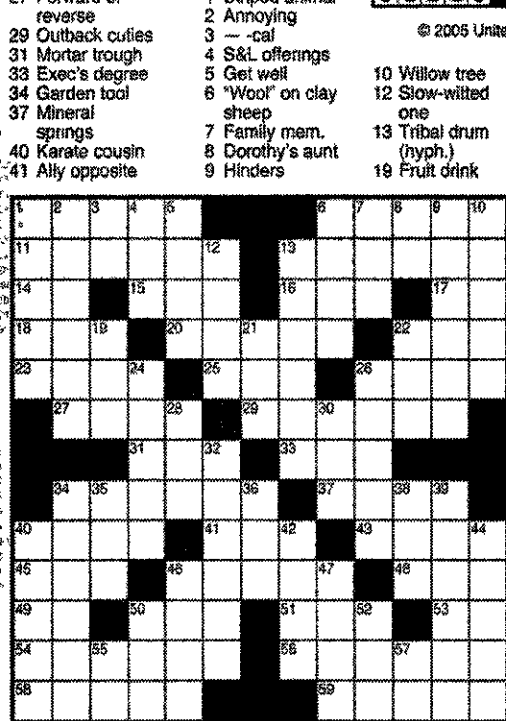
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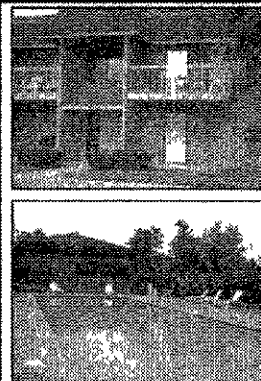
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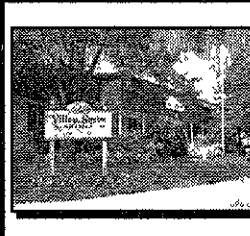


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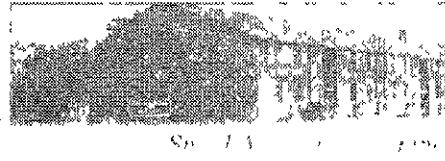
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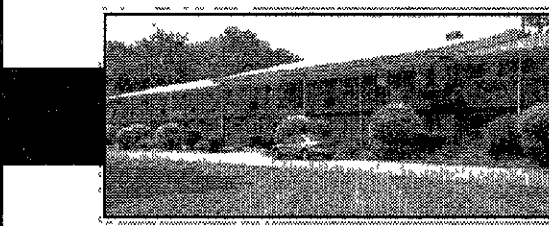
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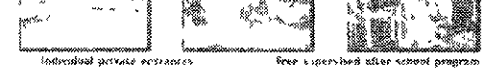
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FARMINGTON First Offering
This custom built 3 bedroom brick Ranch has been meticulously maintained by the original owners since 1984. Great elevation with oversized lot, circular driveway, first floor laundry, full basement, CA, 2 car garage & quick occupancy
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WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot
Four BR, 3 BA home on approx. 4 acre wooded lot. Country kitchen with hearth area, 2 story great room, first floor master bedroom & laundry, screened-in porch, pro-landscaped, brick paver walkways, sprinklers and 1 year home warranty
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SALINE Beautiful Open Ranch
Pride of ownership shines in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Oak kitchen with island, hardwood floors & newer carpet. Pro-finished walk-out with fourth bedroom, full bath + rec room. Newer window treatments and lights. Backs to woods!
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PLYMOUTH Immaculate Colonial
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with newer kitchen with all built-in appliances, master suite with renovated master bath, new furnace & water heater '05, family room with gas fireplace, finished basement & 2 car attached garage. Pro-landscaped
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TAYLOR Enormous Value
Large 5 bedroom, 2 bath home offers family room, 2 car garage, updated vinyl siding, roof, windows, copper plumbing, furnace, air conditioning and kitchen.
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REDFORD Pride Of Ownership
Beautifully decorated 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, all brick Ranch with tons of updates: kitchen, bath, windows, roof tear-off & newer deck. All this plus 2 1/2 car garage, part-finished basement, most appliances and a home protection plan.
(E59LUC) 734-455-5600 \$155,900




DEARBORN HEIGHTS Move-In Condition
Three bedroom Ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, Dearborn Heights District 7 area, across from city park! Updated kitchen with granite counters, Pergo floor, remodeled bath, newer furnace, CA & water heater. Huge living room. Well maintained carpet & windows. Part finished basement and garage.
(E75WED) 734-455-5600 \$113,900



NORTHVILLE Must See In Maple Hill!
Tudor-style Colonial, 4 bedrooms, LR & DR plus FR with FP. Master suite with walk-in closet & bath with separate shower. Kitchen with built-in appliances & breakfast area, first floor laundry, hardwood foyer, private rear yard with deck & pool!
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LIVONIA Sharp Home
Almost everything is newer in this updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Walk-out lower level, hardwood floors, newer kitchen windows, roof, new furnace and AC in '03. Open floor plan. Great fenced yard - ready for your first summer BBQ.
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CLINTON TOWNSHIP Numerous Updates
Kitchen and bath tile to central air and furnace + hardwood floors and freshly painted. Finished basement and a garage, all offered in this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick/aluminum Ranch.
(E08WOO) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



CANTON Private Wooded View
Two bedroom, 2 bath Ranch Condo with upgraded hardwood floors in foyer and kitchen, light fixtures, maple cabinets, added shelves in walk-in closet, all appliances, 2 doorways to deck and an attached garage.
(E07CAR) 734-455-5600 \$178,900



DEARBORN Pay Attention To This One!
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod, 4-season room with newer windows & carpet. Updating throughout, open kitchen with granite counters, remodeled upper level with newer carpet & windows. Part finished basement and garage.
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DEARBORN Mr. Clean Lives Here!
Wonderful brick bungalow with 1 1/2 car garage. Walking distance to Oakwood Hospital. Newer kitchen Pergo floors, white cabinets & bay window. Newer roof, furnace/AC, newer carpet, appliances with side by side refrigerator. This one's A+!
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FARMINGTON HILLS Cozy & Charming Condo
Two bedrooms, large living room, kitchen & a lot of car-ping. Security entrance, good location & wooded view with patio. Professionally painted. Common areas for outdoor grilling. Laundry room in same building. Very affordable.
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CANTON Unbelievable Value!
Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath updated Colonial with part-finished basement. 2 car attached garage, newer kitchen with oak cabinets, floor, sink & counter top. Family room with fireplace. Living room & dining room. Eat-in nook with doorwall to deck.
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LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Ranch
This 3 bedroom home is gorgeous inside & out. Updated from top to bottom with open floor plan. Part finished basement, 2 car garage and appliances. Awesome front yard and professionally done patio.
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LIVONIA Enjoy The Tranquility
Sit around your in-ground pool, or in the Florida room on hot summer days, plus lovely family room with cozy fireplace for cool winter nights. All this in a 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with finished basement and 2 car attached garage.
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BROWNSTOWN Beauty Door To Door
Brick 1 1/2 story Condo - new in 2005. Open island kitchen, great room fireplace, first floor laundry, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car attached garage, central air, sprinklers & deck. Quiet setting. Shopping & restaurants within walking distance. Must see!
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MILFORD Summer Walks To Town
Enjoy great storage, closet organizers, updated baths, newer roof in '03, newer wallside windows. Privacy fence, hardwood floors, all appliances stay. Huron Valley schools. Walk-in large pantry and new decor.
(E78PAN) 248-349-5600 \$166,900



CANTON Beautiful Colonial
Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath sitting on a quiet corner location offers finished basement, 3 car attached garage, 4-season sun room, master suite with walk-in closet and double sinks, family room fireplace and much more.
(E76AME) 734-455-5600 \$499,900



WESTLAND Great Location
Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Condo with Livonia schools! Close to shopping & dining. Neutral decor, living room fireplace & dining room, doorwall to deck, kitchen appliances, washer & dryer included, 2 walk-in closets, basement & attached garage.
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WATERFORD Must See Ranch!
Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, move-in condition. Deck with 2 sliding glass doors. Master bedroom with walk-in closet. New roof '04, vinyl windows '00, ceramic tile in bath. Hardwood floor living room & 2 car garage. Immediate occupancy with warranty.
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LIVONIA Brick Ranch
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LIVONIA Move Right In & Enjoy
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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP Incredible Value!
This clean, sharp and updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Townhouse offers numerous updates, tile basement, appliances and it backs to a large commons. This one is sure to please.
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PLYMOUTH Breathtaking Colonial
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, family room with fireplace, library, large kitchen, many upgrades include finished walk-out basement on premium lot with gorgeous views of superb landscaping/gardens & in-ground pool. This is a must see!
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NORTHVILLE Waterfront Beauty!
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CANTON Ideally Located
Wonderful 4 bedroom Colonial with cul-de-sac location - deep sub. Home has a lot of updates including: roof, furnace, AC and windows with neutral decor & immaculately clean. Walk to schools and neighborhood playground.
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NORTHVILLE Smile, You Found It
Yesterday's charm with today's convenience. Recently renovated - nothing left undone. Chef's delight kitchen, first floor laundry, finished lower level, wine cellar, original floors, woodwork & charm. Great front porch. Walk to town.
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GARDEN CITY Don't Miss This One!
Great opportunity to own this charming 4 bedroom Bungalow with attached garage, large kitchen, deck off side door, hardwood floors & double lot all in a great city.
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LIVONIA Private Setting Ranch
Enjoy sitting by the pool this Summer! So many updates! Roof (tear-off), newer windows with marble sill, siding, gutters & driveway. Spacious kitchen, finished lower level with gas fireplace, 2 car attached garage & updated baths.
(E59MAY) 734-455-5600 \$210,000



ALLEN PARK Not Your Standard Ranch
Three bedroom brick Ranch with open floor plan, snack bar, ceramic kitchen & recently remodeled bath. Newer windows, roof, furnace & AC. Enjoy the 4-season room. Relax in a bubble bath in your Jacuzzi tub. Warm, cozy, peaceful and serene.
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NORTHVILLE Mind-Boggling Condo
Stunning 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Condo with upgraded flooring. Kitchen with breakfast nook, formal DR, LR with FP, large master bedroom with walk-in closet, first floor laundry, wood deck, central air, finished rec room and heated 2 car garage.
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REDFORD Welcome Home
Maintenance-free brick Ranch offers 3 spacious bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Updates include: newer windows, roof and furnace, newer kitchen floor. Wonderful sun room to enjoy your private wooded ravine lot. Finished basement.
(E50ROS) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



TAYLOR Make It Your Own
The charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch home has gorgeous rear yard with 1/2 moon BBQ grill. Newer furnace, central air & roof. Open floor plan with fireplace & hardwood floors. Used as residential but zoned commercial.
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LIVONIA Classic Brick Ranch
Clean, affordable & updated. Cozy family room with natural fireplace, hardwood floors under carpet, neutral decor, all appliances, extensive updates: furnace, roof, windows, siding, plus 2 car attached garage and part finished basement.
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LIVONIA Awesome Area
Great neighborhood - close to freeway, shopping, schools & swim club. Solid brick Ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths (main floor), family room with fireplace, basement & 2 car attached garage. Deck and fenced yard. Hardwood floors. Get going!
(E32KIN) 248-349-5600 \$190,000



LIVONIA New Livonia Colonial
Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, living room, beamed cathedral ceiling in FR & wood-burning system in FP. Replacement doorwall and many of the windows. Kitchen/nook area to FR. Updated 1/2 bath, 2 car garage & deck. Home warranty included.
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NOVI Exceptional Colonial Home
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath on approximately 1 acre with pond. First floor laundry with washer/dryer. Custom light fixtures. Fireplace with Italian mantle. Finished walk-out lot with pro-work out room. Pressed concrete patio & deck. Northville schools.
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WESTLAND Terrific Home!
This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home features attached garage, basement, hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms, family room with natural fireplace, awesome 2-tiered deck plus updated oak kitchen, bath & windows.
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WESTLAND A Real Dream House
This charming home offers 3 bedrooms with gorgeous basement with summer kitchen nicer than you can imagine. It's only outdone by the main floor that is wonderful. Updated kitchen, AC, furnace, roof, windows & driveway. Don't wait.
(E39GIL) 734-455-5600 \$180,000



LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Cape Cod
Four bedroom, 2 bath 2 story home with a lot of updates. Newer roof, windows, carpeting & water heater. Fireplace in both family & living rooms. Spacious dining room, country lot with gardens, 2 car attached garage, 1 year home warranty.
(E56WHI) 248-349-5600 \$219,800



NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo
This is a 10+ year, upgrades, Curran counters (including all 2 1/2 baths), hardwood floors, intercom, alarm, sound system, tile foyer & BAs, maple kitchen cabinets. Appliances stay, 2 car attached, CA, master with walk-in closet & BA. Low assoc fee.
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WATERFORD Bring Your Boat
Three bedroom brick Cape Cod on double corner lot with lake access to Loon Lake. Dining room features hardwood floors and a bay window. First floor master. Spacious living room with stone fireplace.
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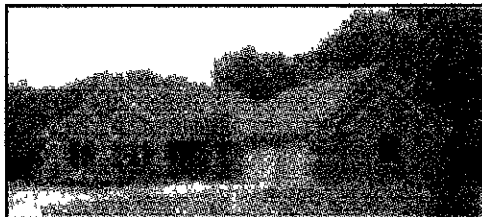
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COMMERCE TWP 248-348-6430
BUILDERS MODEL 3300 SF. All granite t/o 1st flr mstr, GR, custom kit. Fully landscaped & cedar deck. Beautiful! Nothing spared. 349-6200 (25118162) \$600,000



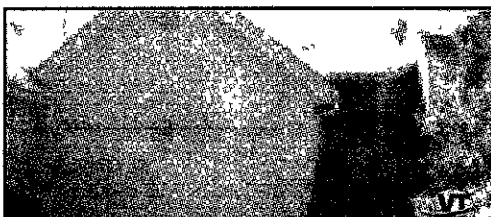
NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
OWN A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN 3.5 acres. Beautiful prop. Secluded yet close to everything. Custom bilt ranch. Tons of upgrades. Granite kit, amazing LL w/2020 add'l SF. 349-6200 (25107587) \$600,000



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WONDERFUL COLONIAL IN THE PRESERVE Beautifully maintained with loads of upgrades & improvements. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2900 SF, huge gar, backs to trees, trex deck & stainless appl. (23C6207) \$339,000



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL HOME Desirable Nottingham West sub. 4 BR, 3 full BA, lovely 19x21 FR w/stone fpic, lg multi level deck, circular drive & Livonia Stevenson school area. 349-6200 (2509963) \$319,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
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PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
LOOKING FOR PLYMOUTH? LOOK NO FURTHER! Historical home has everything you need including a great price. 2 car gar. Great backyard, walking distance to downtown. This is a must see. (23H305) \$240,000



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NEWER COLONIAL HOME/DESIRABLE LOCATION! Open staircase, 1st flr laundry, gas fpic, den, fully landscaped, underground sprinklers, prvt fence, lg deck. A great family home! 348-6430 (25037960) \$229,900



DEARBORN 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL BRICK 4 BR CAPE COD HOME Kit w/table space opens to FR w/nat'l fpic. FR leads to brick paver patio. C/A 2.5 BA. Partly fin'd bsmt. 1st flr BR. 349-6200 (25080502) \$229,500



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
AIN'T WHAT IT SEEMS! 2BR/2BA Ranch in Plymouth Twp. Fin'd bsmt. 2 fieldstone fpics. LR&DR. Eat-in kit w/bay window & all appls. Lots of woods. Get that up-north feeling. (25094161) \$215,000



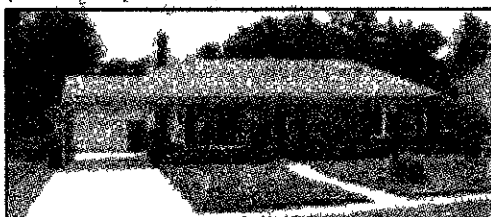
WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Well maintained 5 BR 3 full BA, home in Westland. Mother-in-law apartment upstairs w/2BR & 1 BA. Lrg home offers newer roof, newer wndws, hdwd flrs, lrg eat in kit, part fin'd bsmt. (25119773) \$214,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455-7000
METICULOUS DREAM RANCH Delightful brick home, park-like setting on lg deep lot. 3BR, FP, A/C, 2-car gar rebuilt in 1999, so everything is 6 yrs old. (23B34815) \$198,815



WAYNE 734-326-2000
CUSTOM BUILD ON RAVINE LOT 1865 SF. 3 BR Bung, FP, hdwd flrs, cove ceils, frml DR, sunrm, C/A, fin'd bsmt, 2 car gar. Beautiful lot. Ready to move in! (W321) 20612 \$189,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Contemporary hm w/many updates. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, lrg LR w/cathedral ceils & open staircase. Updates incl: Furn, C/A, roof wndws, drs & crpt. Nicely landscaped yard w/2 car gar & carport. (25117042) \$187,000



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Large 4 BR bung w/Livonia schls. Tons of updated complete - more to come. Includes shed & heated 2 car gar w/huge separate workshop. 1 yr home warranty. (25117731) \$169,900



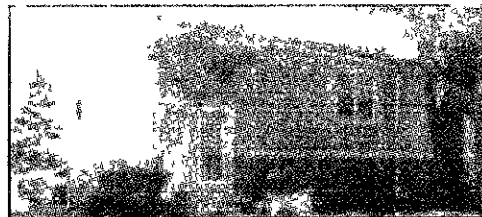
PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Check out this charming condo in desirable downtown Plymouth, walking distance to park. Home features updated kit w/cer flr & oak cabs. Mstr BR w/cath ceilings. Neutral decgr, all newer apps (25107157) \$169,900



WAYNE 734-591-9200
One of Wayne's finest! Fabulous decor! Most all updates have been completed. 3 BR, 2 BA, bsmt, gar, deck w/hot tub. Fantastic kit/DR w/loads of cabs. All appls stay. (25116710) \$154,900



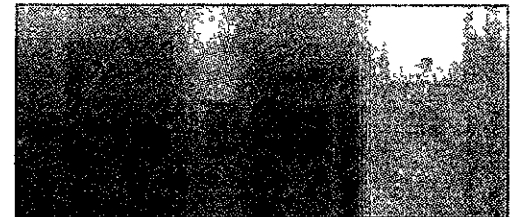
REDFORD 734-591-9200
Great golf course area- 3BR brick ranch, brand new kit w/loads of cupboards, roof (tear-off), a/c, drs, hdwd flrs, crpt, remod BA, glass blk wndws, copp plumb, painted-move right in (25104636) \$146,500



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
CAREFREE, CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING Great stand alone ranch w/attached gar in Novi. Updated wndws, kit. Lg mstr BR w/WIC. 1st flr laundry. In complex w/pool. 349-6200 (25104792) \$136,900



WAYNE 734-326-2000
A BEAUTIFUL STARTER IN TIP-TOP SHAPE is this 3 BR vinyl bungalow w/remod kit and BA, hdwd flrs, full part fin'd bsmt, and a newer 2 car gar. (W342) 20622 \$129,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautiful updated private entry 1st flr, 2 BR, 2 BA 971 SF condo. Scenic views of the private nature pond. All appls stay. (25120925) \$122,000



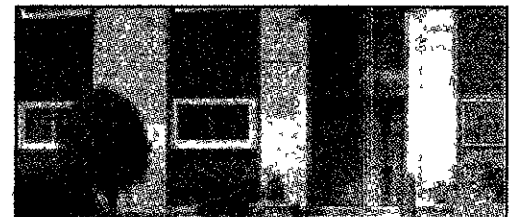
REDFORD 248-348-6430
CAPE COD W/CHARACTER & CHARM Check it out! Full brick home situated on quiet street. Hdwd flrs, quality woodwork, 2 car gar & bsmt. Newer roof. 349-6200 (25093038) \$113,500



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW- 3 BR home w/ready to finish lower daylight bsmt offers extra 700 SF of living space. Vinyl wndws, oak kit, C/A. Built 2002. Nice, clean and ready to move-in (25123845) \$111,500



INKSTER 734-326-2000
PERFECT STARTER HOME cozy & comfortable 2 BR ranch, has an open floor plan, fireplace, lrg deck & hot tub off the family rm. Bsmt part fin'd w/bar. All appls inc (A515) \$105,000



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
GROUND LEVEL CONDO W/POND VIEW 2 BR 2 BA is freshly painted with newer carpet and windows. Clean & bright with pond view. Come see. (W755) \$84,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Welcome to this exquisite 2003 built 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2448 SF, 2 car att gar & bsmt det condo w/maple cabs, corian counters & a great view. (25057048) \$289,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
PERFECT CONDO AND QUIET! Move and relax. Ranch condo, 2BR, 1BA. End unit w/full bsmt, carport. All appls stay. Assessments all paid. Clubhouse & htd pool. Neut dec. Smoke & pet-free unit. (25075718) \$134,990

DEARBORN 734-326-2000
GREAT DEARBORN LOCATION 3 BR, possible 4, 2 BA, 2 kits, hdwd floors, 2 car gar w/ elec and carport. C/A. (25079715) \$137,500

DEARBORN HGTS 734-326-2000
YOU'VE FOUND THE BEST w/ this 3 or 4 BR, 2 story 2100 SF Colonial W/2.5 BA, FR W/FP, Full bsmt & 2 car att gar. Many newer features & brand new carpeting. (25127070) \$260,000

DETROIT 734-455-7000
THE PERFECT HOME! 3 BR, 1 BA brick home has it all-fireplace, gar, oak cabs, c/a, dishwasher, ceiling fans, stove, refrig, home warr. (25031544) \$100,000

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Like new! 3 BR, 2.5 BA on a 1/2 acre. 1st floor mstr w/WIC & full BA. LR w/fpic & drwall to patio. 1st flr Indry. Prvt back yard (25072976) \$259,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
END UNIT RANCH CONDO! OPEN FLR PLAN Vldt ceils w/skylite in kit. New wndws, roof-03', new stove, microwave & dishwasher. Gas fpic, neut t/o 1 car gar w/opener. 349-6200 (25011747) \$160,000

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
GARDEN CITY'S BEST BUY! 3BR brick ranch w/bsmt in all brick area. Some major updates. Do the cosmetics and make some sweat equity! (25120720) \$127,900

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
"COTTAGE IN THE WOODS" 2BR brick ranch situated on 1/4 acre treed lot. Lots of updates, good-sized rooms, remodeled kit and BA, and much more. (25122765) \$127,900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
5 ROOMY BR & 2 BA 5 BR for the growing family. Many updates including kit & BA. Wayne-Vestland schls (25119511) \$159,900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
BEAUTY BEYOND COMPARE is this 3 BR brick bung w/remod kit & BA, full fin'd bsmt, Formal DR, & 2 ca. 5 gar on a nicely landscaped lot. (25041006) \$119,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Not your typical ranch. Totally updated & redesigned open floor plan with a kit you would only dream of. FR w/FP, fin'd bsmt, 2 car att gar & custom upgrades (25118783) \$239,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Charming, 7 yr old Colonial that sits 100 ft from road, almost 1/2 acre lot. Newer carpet, 6-cell fans, 3BR, 2.5 BA. High efficiency gas FP insert. Drive thru gar. (25065385) \$221,500

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Updated and in move in condition 3BR brick ranch @ 5 & Levan. Beautiful landscaped interior lot, 2 car gar, fin'd bsmt and recent costly updates (25100660) \$219,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Charming air conditioned 3 BR home has many updates. New kit, BA, roof, beautiful FR, fin'd bsmt w/glass block wndws. 2 car gar w/ a very pretty yard. (25111786) \$179,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
LIVONIA CHARMER 3 BR ranch w/gorgeous fin'd bsmt & 2 car gar. All new roof, vinyl windows, updt'd electric & more. Open floor plan. Clean & bright. (25118407) \$149,900

NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
3200 SF Victorian w/5 BR and 3.5 BA w/period design and accents t/o. Too many high end upgrades to actually list. (25048938) \$794,000

NOVI 248-348-6430
GORGEOUS HOME ON CULDESACLOT Gourmet kit, prvt lib w/cath ceil, LR & DR, FR, mstr & prvt BA, fin'd LL, deck, brick paver patio & 3 car side entry gar. 349-6200 (25088685) \$479,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
UPLIFTING & VERY WELL CARED FOR! 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/hdwd flrs, FR w/nat'l fpic, beautiful mstr BA, all new light fixtures, backs to commons, exterior & int part fin'd, new cement drive & walk, hdwd flrs Don't recently painted. 349-6200 (25114554) \$366,500

NOVI 248-348-6430
ONE-OF-A-KIND CONDO! Immaculate & ready to move right in. Beautiful LR, DR, kit, 2 main level BR & 2BR upstairs, 4 BA, fin'd bsmt & close to new Catholic Central HS. 349-6200. (25104192) \$329,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
LAKEFRONT LUXURY!!! Enjoy lakefront living on all sports Walled Lake. Major renovation in 2004. 3 BR, 2 full BA. Fpic, lg dock. Home warranty. Enjoy this setting. 349-6200 (25085613) \$329,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
HURRY WON'T LAST Carlton Forest condo. Immed occup. Lots of upgrades, gran cntr tops, balconies front & back, jetted tub, priv entrance, windows, paint, carpet, light fixtures, plumbing, Close to xways. 349-6200 (25111555) \$249,500

NOVI 248-348-6430
CROSSWINDS OF NOVI CONDO Quick occup. 2BR, 1.5BA. Many updates. Fin'd LL w/fpic & study. Lg mstr w/WIC. Brazilian cherry hdwd in kit, nook & PR. 349-6200 (25109991) \$144,900

PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Beautiful home in the heart of Plymouth. Huge bckyrd w/lrg deck. Updts incl: New wndws, roof, newer furn, HWH, & landscaping. Hdwd flrs & part fin'd bsmt, & more (25123021) \$244,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS COL IN OLD ORCHARDS SUB 3BR, 1.5BA. Easy access to I-275 & dwntwn Plym. New rf. White bay cabs, corian sink. FR w/fpic. Dbl doors into mstr. (25122470) \$234,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
WALK TO DWNTWN! 3BR, 1.5BA plus a fin'd bsmt; lrg lot; granite kit; stainless appliances; very neut; newer flooring t/o; 2 car gar. (25121744) \$209,900

PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
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REDFORD 248-348-6430
GREAT LOCATION. Here is your chance to own this 3 BR, brick ranch. 2 new BA, 2 car gar, full bsmt part fin'd, new cement drive & walk, hdwd flrs Don't wait. 349-6200 (25082485) \$149,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Brick home located in desirable neighborhood within walking distance of parks and schools, 3BR, full bsmt, side entry gar, lots of nice updates, drwall walks out to deck. (25101125) \$134,400

ROMULUS 734-455-7000
AFFORDABLE GOLF COURSE LIVING! Sharp, contemp, newer Cape Cod w/40' deck facing golf course. 3BR, 2.5 BA, 1st flr mstr ste, super fin'd bsmt and much more! (25120465) \$229,900

ROMULUS 734-326-2000
JUST LIKE NEW Totally remodeled in 2003. Updates include vinyl siding & trim, roof shingles, windows, paint, carpet, light fixtures, plumbing, electrical, appls incld. (25055304) \$99,900

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Welcome Home! Clean 1140 SF brick ranch. Updt'd kit & BA, fin'd bsmt, 2 car gar w/carport, Westland w/Liv Schls. (25108602) \$175,000

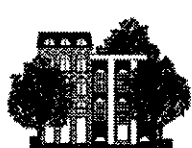
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
ALL YOU NEED is yours in this 3 BR brick ranch. Liv schls. Fin'd bsmt w/fpic, 2 car gar w/opener, C/A, & newer wndws, furn, rf shingles. (25090012) \$164,900

WESTLAND 734-455-7000
AFFORDABLE DOLL HOUSE! Livonia schls. 3 BR brick ranch w/att gar. Home shows like a new model. New carpet, doors, siding, gutters, soffit, gar, kit & BA. Newer windows. (25049422) \$139,999

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
ALL DRESSED UP & WAITING Updates include gorgeous oak kit, BA, roof shingles, windows, driveway, stove & doors. Newer flooring, deck off rear nicely landscaped. (25100095) \$114,900

WIXOM 248-348-6430
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JOB FAIRS OFFER HOPE FOR KATRINA EVACUEES



WORKWISE

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Local communities are helping Katrina evacuees find work through job fairs. That's what happened on Tuesday of this week in

Shreveport, La., when Goodwill Industries International and city government met evacuees at Expo Hall. On less than a week's notice, 94 employers registered, while another dropped in with job orders and company information, and collected applications, according to Jessie Schmidt, vice president of Community Development at Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana, headquartered in Shreveport. "About 1,000 people attended the fair - about 80 percent from the New Orleans city area," Schmidt reports. "The remaining came from St. Bernard parish, Marrero and Metairie, all within the state, and Gulfport, Miss. We know that at least 60 were hired on the spot."

Similar fairs are planned or have been conducted in Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin, Tex. Memphis is responding with multiple fairs. Atlanta is setting a date for one. Some cities, like Tucson, had job fairs planned before the disaster and may be adjusting the venue to include an evacuee focus.

RAPID RESPONSE

Goodwill's Schmidt had originally planned a fair for September 13. "We always partner with the City of Shreveport and they are fantastic," she states. "They got the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce involved and began contacting area employers. We didn't just want to talk but to act and make something happen."

Something did, with no registration fee required

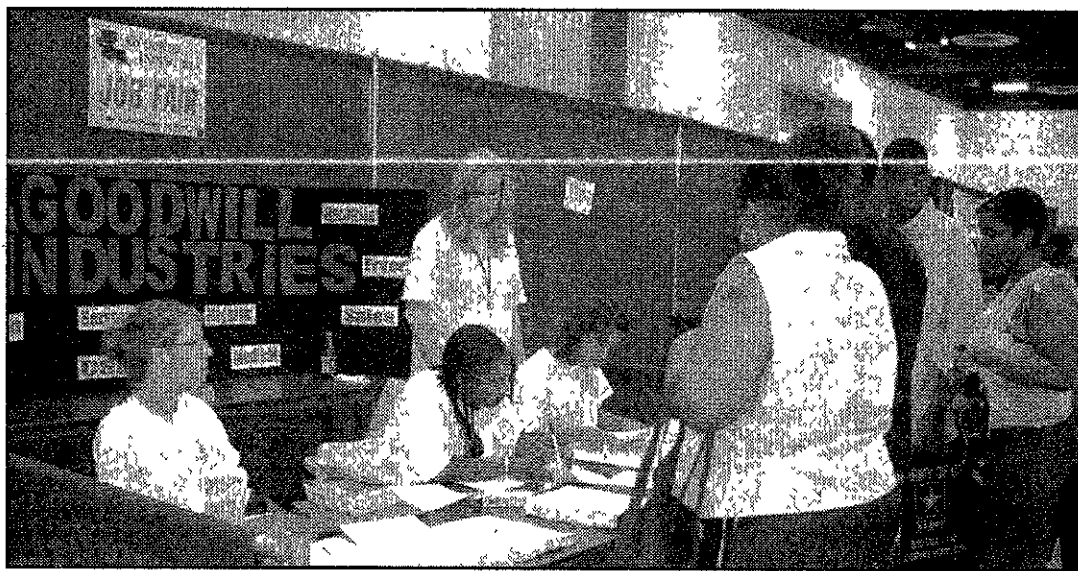
of companies or applicants - standard practice for Goodwill's fairs. "Some representatives arrived in the middle of the fair," Schmidt says, "because they'd just heard about it or their national or international offices were telling people to get down and get involved." She rattles off a list of companies, including retailers Abercrombie & Fitch and Radio Shack; health care organizations Nexion Health Inc., headquartered in Eldersburg, Md., and the local branch of Dallas's Christus Health; staffing giants Manpower and Kelly Services; local transporters Tango Transport and Car-Tex Transport; fast food's Wendy's and Pizza Hut; and local manufacturer McElroy Metal. One locally-based company, U.S. Support, was hoping to hire 1,000 people for its call center. Within the first hour, 518 evacuees had come to the fair.

EFFECTIVENESS

An atmosphere of stability began to crystallize as the City's buses drove from shelter to fair and back again, on a regular schedule. Through Goodwill's Good Samaritan Program, churches volunteered buses and vans. Refreshments included water from Music Mountain Water Company and snacks and juice from Goodwill.

The purpose of the fair was to remove barriers to employment, which it did with gusto. Simone Keys, an English teacher with 18 years of experience, found herself hired less than halfway through the fair. "I love teaching and I'm looking forward to teaching," she says, radiating sincerity. "My school is under water. Not being in contact with my students is hurtful. This job fair has made me feel excited and refreshed." She and her husband, a pastor, are living in an apartment and planning to settle in their new city.

Linda Johnson is HR administrator at the local Caddo Parish School System, which has



Job Fair for Katrina victims.

approximately 65,000 students and 7,800 employees. "We used to be the third largest entity of its kind in the State," she comments. "And, of course, now we're the second." She went to the fair with more than 80 positions to fill, including teachers and teachers aides, for elementary, secondary and special education. How many did she expect to fill? "A lot," she says.

Bob Findeiss, vice president of HR at the city's Beairdco, a heavy metal fabrication plant with 325 employees, hoped to gain about 30 more machinists, automatic welders, regular welders and industrial electricians, and a cost accountant. Two hours into the fair, he'd already sent several prospects to the plant for further interviews.

Tammy Smith, accounting manager at the local TSE International, Inc., which manufactures line-stringing equipment for power lines, was hoping to

fill a minimum of five positions: sales coordinator, purchasing agent, machinists, drill press operators and mechanics/assemblymen.

"Excellent turnout," Findeiss says. "I don't see a single person with a frown. This room looks like a room full of hope."

But extra work continues once evacuees are on the job. Real-world psychologist Kenneth Sole of Sole & Associates Inc., in Durham, N.H., advises employers to facilitate the grieving process so they can then embrace the future. "Do so in bite-sized pieces," he suggests. "Instead of opening the floodgates by asking a new employee from the Gulf, 'Tell me about it. How was it for you? What did you go through down there?' ask for a characteristic or two of the person's former job that he really liked."

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BIRMINGHAM 1088 Lakeside Dr., Sept. 16, 9am-3pm. Designer's home decor, furniture, accessories, antiques, art, adult/kids clothing and unique stuff

BIRMINGHAM Fri 9/16, 10 AM-3 PM. 2299 West Maple. Antiques furniture & misc. antique items. Moving, must sell! No reasonable offer refused

BIRMINGHAM Fri & Sat, 9-5pm. Huge Sale Antiques, furniture, fabric, etc. 2601 Buckingham, 1 blk. W. of Coolidge, 3 blks N. of Maple.

BIRMINGHAM Sat 9-3pm. 1323 Stanley Blvd. N. of 14 E. of Southfield Bikes, books, puzzles, fall/winter women's clothes XS-XL, mens clothes. Barbie house, toys, misc stuff

BIRMINGHAM Thurs-Fri, Sept. 15-16, 9-4pm. 787 Fairfax off Maple, near Cranbrook. Household goods, clothes, much more!

BIRMINGHAM PRE-DEMOLITION SALE! Fri. & Sat. Sept. 16 & 17, 8am-4pm. Bennaville St. N. of 14 E. of Woodward. Bathroom fixtures, carpet, doors, furniture, many misc. items!

BIRMINGHAM 1645 Buckingham. Sept. 17 Sat. Only! 9-5pm. Furniture, antiques, bed & bath, toys, household items, lawn equipment, glassware, bicycles, battery cars, electronics and much more! Rain date Sat (9/24)

BIRMINGHAM ANNUAL Condo Sale Sat 9-17, rain date, 9-18, on N. Adams. South of Big Beaver-antiques, furniture, clothes, etc.

BIRMINGHAM Antico & Collectible sale, deco glassware, McCoy pottery, chalkware, furnishings, etc. 1276 Bird Ave. 1 block N. of 14 Mile, W. of Woodward Sat Sept 17, 9-5

BLOOMFIELD - Sept 15-17, 10-4pm. N. Walnut, W. Franklin, 4628 Hedgewood, Big 2 family Household, variety, playhouses, treasures!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Sat. Sept 17 only! 9-4pm. 2610 Norwood, W/ of Lahser, S/ of Sq. Lake. Lawn and garden equipment, furniture & misc

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Huge Multi-Family-Estate Furniture, home, kids, more! 4537 Wagonwheel, S. of Quanton, W. of Franklin Sept 15-16, 9-4

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fri, 9am. Toys, kids clothes, Power Wheels Jeep, Razor Scooter. 3908 Shellmar, off Quanton, btwn Telegraph & Lahser

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS 9/15-9/16, 9-3pm. Many baby items, crts, toys, boys infant 6/6 & adult clothing Household-LOTS OF STUFF! 3535 Bradway Blvd., Just N. of Maple, E. off Lahser. NO EARLY BIRDS!

BLOOMFIELD TWP. Multi-Family Furniture, clothing, thing Sept. 16, 9-4pm, Sat. Sept 17, 9-1pm. 150 Clifton, Btwn Cranbrook and Lahser, N/ of 15

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE 364 N. Cranbrook, Sept. 15-16, 9-3pm. Home decor, group stuff, even better! Designer clothes, golf clubs, small furniture, new Christmas boutique items, unique things

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE Antiques, furniture, clothing, & misc household items. 343 North Glenhurst, N. of Maple, Sat. Aug 17, 9-4pm

CANTON BROOKSIDE SUB SALE! Cherry Hill & Lot 31 - 8 Bvly household & 1 blk. S. of 13 mile clothing - much to choose from!

CANTON RETIRING! Lots of early childhood teacher resources & classroom materials. Children's books, misc. household, clothing, 6502 Marshall at Hanford (N. of Ford Rd, W. of Canton Center) 9/16 & 9/17, 9:00-4:30

CANTON 3 Families, Sept. 15-16, 9-5pm. 8258 Westchester, B. W. of Morton Taylor, 1 blk. S. of Joy Good stuff and collectibles

CANTON Fri. & Sat. Sept. 16 & 17, 9-4pm. 3 families 1721 Trinity Rd. In Antique Forest 1/2 mile W. of Beck on Ford Rd. Scrap looking supplies, glassware, & lots of stuff.

CANTON Sept 15-16-17, 9am-5pm. 8641 Canton Center Rd., S. of Joy Estate items, Antiques, collectibles, & much more Info. (734) 788-8941

CANTON Miter sale, table saw, bikes, VHS, kid's clothes, Barbie, ping pong table, 121 N. Willard, btwn Sheldon & Lily, off Cherry Hill. Fri-Sun., 9-4p.

CANTON 9/16-18th, 9am-4pm. 4699 Hunters Circle West, S. Off Geddes btwn Canton Ctr & Beck Collectibles. Disney, Coca-Cola, Hallmark, Precious Moments. Antiques, 6 ft jacuzzi bathtub, exercise table, fridge, misc household items. Hunters Grove Condos Sub Wide Sale.

CANTON 41747 Hanford, between Haggerty and Lilly, Pall Leann Crib, Pottery Barn CD holder, other furniture, baby items.

CANTON Huge sale! 7511 Burgundy, at Warren Rd. Sat. 9/17, 8-5pm. Sun. 9/18, 8-3pm. Lots of infant and kid's items; clothes & toys galore!

CANTON Sat. only, 9/17, 9-3pm. Tools, air compressor, furniture, teen girl's items, household, 45455 Muirfield, Fairway Pines Sub. S.W. corner Cherry Hill & Canton Ctr.

CANTON - HUNTERS GROVE COMMUNITY WIDE SALE Fri-Sun., 4 PM. 3820 Hunters Grove Blvd. S. side of Geddes Rd., W. of Canton Center

CANTON - SUNFLOWER SUB Thurs. Sept 15 thru Sat. Sept 17, 9am-7 PM. W. of Canton Center N. & S. of Warren

LOOK FOR SIGNS AND YELLOW BALLOONS

CANTON **HUGE PACK RAT SALE!** Antiques, electronics, furniture, housewares, fun stuff! 41960 South Dr., Sat., 9-5.

CANTON - A great sale! Toys, some furniture, some appliances & household items. In Covington Square Sub, off Lilley Rd. btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer on Chase Ct. Thurs. & Fri 9-4pm, Sat 10-2pm

CANTON - Sat/Sun 9/17 & 9/18, 9AM-5PM. 7434 Derby, Warren/Sheldon, enter sub on Irongate (off Warren) or Windmill (off Sheldon). Many household items, clothing, toys, etc. 1984 Buck Stove, can be used freestanding or as fireplace insert.

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CANTON - FELLOWS CREEK ESTATES IN CANTON, SUB-WIDE SALE This Fri. & Sat. 9A-3P. Turn N. off Ford Rd 1/2 mile W. of Beck

CANTON: HUGE! SEPT 15-17, 9am-5pm. Retired teacher is moving! Books, arts, crafts, office supplies, 5 file cabinets, household goods. WOW!!! 443 Merrimack

CLARKSTON 187 Glenburnie Rd. (M15 South of I-75 to Miller Rd., to Glenburnie Rd.) Watch for signs. Multi-family Garage Sale Antiques & collectibles, one-of-a-kind items & tools, furniture. Fri, Sat, & Sun, Sept 16, 17 & 18

CLAWSON Estate/Garage Sale, 733 Highland, 14 1/2 & Crooks, Fri-Sun, 9-4. Antiques, furniture, jewelry, linens, household items

COMMERCE Antique Victorian bed, \$200 Oak roll top desk, \$700 Glassware, lots of misc. 4884 Cooley Lake Ct. off Cooley Lake E. of Duck W. of Carey Sat 10-5 Sun 10-2

COMMERCE Fri. & Sat. 9-4pm. Antiques of all kinds. Dining room, bdrm, dishes, & many other items. 8330 Kingfisher Ct. (248) 210-5551

FARMINGTON HILLS SUPER GARAGE SALE! Reasonably priced home decor. Dishes, lamps, glassware, linens, Christmas and more! 29797 Harrow, Hunters Pointe Sub, N. of 13 Mile, btwn Drake & Halsted. Fri. & Sat., 9am-3pm

FARMINGTON Ridge / Glens Sub wide Garage Sale, N/13 Mile, between Haggerty & Halsted. Sept. 15-17, 9:30am-3pm. Something for everyone

FARMINGTON - Parking Lot Garage Sale, Sept. 15-17, Thurs. 10-4pm, Fri. 10-6pm, Sat. 10-4pm. Clothing, office furniture & supplies, misc. retail merchandise. 31506 Grand River Ave., corner of Orchard Lake 800-521-6848 www.reelsure.com

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family. Mom to Mom & much more! Household, bikes, etc. Sat. Sept 17, 9am-4pm. 32340 Shrewsbury, N. off Northwestern, W. of Middlebelt

FARMINGTON HILLS Big 3 family sale! Sept. 16 & 17, 9am-4pm, 32206 Old Forge, N. of 12 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd. Follow orange arrows.

FARMINGTON HILLS Inside Sale Good quality stuff! Antiques, oriental rug, sofa, MORE! 31109 11 Mile, E. of Orchard Lake, Sept. 15-17, 8-6

FARMINGTON HILLS Crib, household, clothing, hockey tools, lawn sweeper 30851 Woodstream, 14 Mile btwn Orchard / Farmington, enter Club House. Sept. 15 & 16, 9am-6, Sept. 17 & 18, 10am-3

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge baby & girls 4 and under sale. Clothes, toys, & necessities. Most stuff was never used, stored from shower & 4 years of overbuying. 1 day only. Sept. 17, 10-6 Sat. 1 blk. N. of 11 Mile & Middlebelt. 26217 Kiltartan 248-477-1886 Come and Save Big!!!

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family. Sept. 15-17, 9-5pm. 30311 Lamar. Corner of Lamar & Stockton, E. of Orchard. S/10 Some Estate items, books, etc.

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 families! Crystal, designer clothes. Thurs-Fri-Sat, Sept. 15-17 9-4pm. 28807 W. King William, 13 Mile & Drake. Everything for sale!

FARMINGTON HILLS - 24320 Cote Del, N. of 10 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. Thurs-Sun, 9-5pm. Antiques, teens, boys, furniture, pool table

FARMINGTON HILLS Antique tables, records, fish gear, clothes, cloth sectional, much more. Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm, 38120 Pineview, 2 streets W. of Drake, S. of 13 Mile.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Furniture, household, items for all ages. 1986 Mercedes 560 convertible. 30927 Perrys Crossing, W. off Farmington, S. of 14 Sept. 15-18, 10-5+

FARMINGTON HILLS Thurs-Sun, 9-5pm. 24650 Orchard Lake, btwn 10 & 11 Mile. Books, videos, furniture, antiques, gift items, frames.

FARMINGTON HILLS Fri. & Sat. Only. 9-5pm. 29305 Glenarden, 13 & Orchard Area. Appliances, furniture, exercise equip., home decor

FARMINGTON HILLS 25512 Ridgewood. Rugs, kitchen tools, furniture, electronics, painting supplies, treadmill, lawn & garden tools much more! Fri-Sun, 10am-5pm

FARMINGTON HILLS - Unique Garage Sale. Fri, Sept 16, 1-6pm, Sat. Sept 17, 10-6pm. 28801 Bai Moral Way, btwn Middlebelt & Inkster, off 12

FARMINGTON HILLS - Huge Multi-Family Sale! Furniture tools bat, kids crafts, x-mas, etc. 21106 Colingham, off Grand River, 2 streets W. of Botsford Hospital. Fri-Sun. 9am-7pm

FARMINGTON - HUGE Garage Sale, Sat-Sun 9/17-18, 9-5p. 32633 Cloverdale, off Grand River btwn Orchard Lake & Farmington. Men, women and kids clothing, badwore goods, furniture, crafts, elect & toys

GARDEN CITY 9:30am-4pm. 5936 Henry Huff, N. of Ford Rd. Girls/Fri. clothing, trailer, household, furniture.

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LIVONIA - Moving Sale. Sept. 10-11, & Sept 17-18, 10-5pm. 14891 Melrose, corner of Barker, off 5 Mile & Lyndon. Everything must go!

LIVONIA UPSCALE SALE. 14471 Yale. Sept 15-17 10-5. Off 5 mile, W. of Farmington Household items, jewelry, clothing, much more

LIVONIA Garage/Moving Sale Sept 15-17, 9-4pm. Furniture, misc. household, adult clothing, sewing machine, 15039 Ellen Dr., S. of 5, W. of Farmington No Pre-Sales!

LIVONIA Sept 15-16-17, 10-4pm. 29819 Buckingham Children's books & toys, antiques and old tools, sports equip., housewares and other misc items

LIVONIA S. of 7, W. of Newburgh. 18274 Gladstone. Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. Furniture, misc. new items, furniture, pool table, & tools.

LIVONIA - Estate Sale, Sept. 15, 16, 17, 9-5pm. 15603 Surrey, 1 blk N. of 5, 1 blk W. of Farmington Household items, tools, antiques & more!

LIVONIA - Sat, Sept 17, 9-5pm. 2 Family Sale Upright freezer & misc items. 19815 Norwich, N. of 7 Mile, W. of Farmington.

LIVONIA 33017 Myrna Dr., N. of 5 Mile, E. of Farmington. Sept. 16, 17, 18, 9-4 Mower, chainsaw, house-hold, bridal gown, new bike, books, clothing, hockey net

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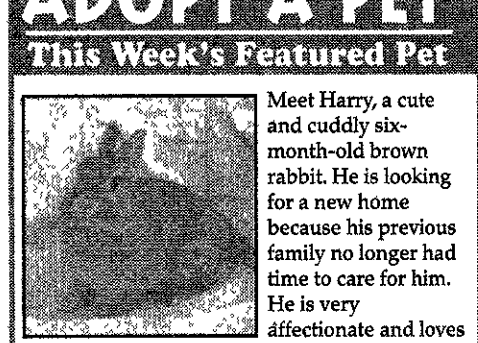
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BY DALE BUSS

Clearly, the environment for selling sport-utility vehicles in the American marketplace is getting increasingly difficult. Over the last few years, more and more entries by nearly every significant auto manufacturer have been appearing in the segment, making the SUV market increasingly competitive just because of that dynamic alone.

For the traditional U.S. Big Three auto makers, an additional complication has been the fact that effective foreign competition has been flooding into niches of the SUV market that the Americans once dominated, including medium- and large-sized vehicles.

And now, of course, \$3-a-gallon gasoline is forcing all but the most stubborn consumer fan of SUVs to consider whether carrying around all that extra weight and room all the time is worth it, all the time, because of the great sacrifices they're making in fuel economy. This last factor stands the biggest chance of any of the elements of turning the Big Three's long dependence on SUVs for profits into a terrible albatross rather than the golden goose that it's been for many years.

Yet while GM soon will be debuting new replacements for some of its biggest and best-selling SUVs, it might be Ford Motor Co. that is showing its Detroit rival the smartest way to proceed through what looks to be an increasingly perilous future for the American-made SUV. Ford began by trailblazing the Big Three's entry into hybrid versions of SUVs with its new hybrid Escape.

At the same time, Ford has added an entirely new line of SUVs with its Ford Freestyle mid-size model and continues to improve the conventionally powered Ford Escape and its cousin, Mercury Mariner. These additions and enhancements help add up to an SUV-segment strategy that may allow Ford to sustain the worst damage that can be wrought by \$3-a-gallon gasoline without too-terrible effect.

Mercury began offering Mariner in a 2005 model after Ford had introduced the Escape in 2001 and also gave Mazda a version of this same vehicle, Tribute. And Ford's stepchild division has made the most of this vehicle. It shares Escape's basic structure, platform and power trains. But when it comes to styling, Mercury appropriately sets itself apart with Mariner.

Mariner's grille is definitively rich looking, and the vehi-



The Ford Freestyle gets 19 miles per gallon in the city and 24 miles per gallon on the highway.

cle's distinctive 16-inch aluminum wheels and sleek rocker moldings clearly set it apart from both Escape and Tribute. Mercury has optimized the opportunity to move this vehicle platform upscale for Ford without trying to make Mariner seem like it should be a Lincoln instead.

Under the hood, Mariner shares with Escape and Tribute a decent capability when it comes to the increasingly important criterion of fuel economy, yielding 18mpg in the city and 23mpg on the highway for the Premier version that I drove. For 2006, in fact, Ford is introducing a hybrid version of Mariner, which will allow Mariner customers to achieve even better results in the increasingly important fuel-economy consideration.

For 2005, Mariner's standard power train is a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine that obviously gets better fuel economy, but I was happy with the combination of capable performance and OK mileage provided by the 3.0-liter Duratec V6 engine under the hood of the Mariner Premier. With 200 horsepower and 193 pound-feet of torque, coupled with four-wheel-drive capability, Mariner Premier is a little powerhouse.

Inside, Mariner's big distinctive, in the top-of-the-line Premier version, is two-tone leather seats with suede-like inserts, which set it apart definitively from Escape and Tribute underneath the roof. The Premier version also offers heated outside mirrors, a premium audio system

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In coming up with Freestyle to plunk in the middle of its SUV lineup, Ford demonstrated a bit of inventiveness and the fruits of corporate acquisitiveness that are increasingly evident across the spectrum of the globalized auto industry. Freestyle, you see, is based partly on the S80 platform designed by Volvo, Ford's acquisition of not too many years ago.

The S80 heritage gives Freestyle a solid pedigree when it comes to both refinement as well as safety. Freestyle is a true "crossover" vehicle, bearing as it does both the cargo characteristics of a truck or large SUV as well as the drivability of a sedan. Ford's new Five Hundred sedan also emerged from Ford's same recent impulse to broaden its product lineup.

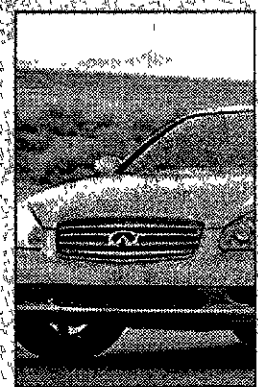
Freestyle contrasts with Ford's older, trailblazing Explorer SUV in that it has a lower ride height for easier entry and exit as well as more nimble handling and a quieter, more passenger-focused cabin. Even so, the Limited, all-wheel-drive version I drove can seat seven and retails for a reasonable \$33,720.

And with its 3.0-liter V6 engine, the same power train as in Mariner, Freestyle sports 19mpg in the city and 24mpg on the highway. Respectable numbers for an SUV in this new era.

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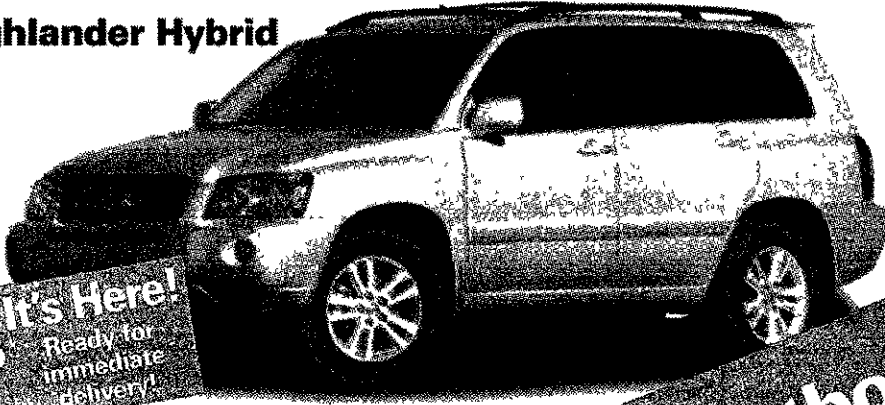
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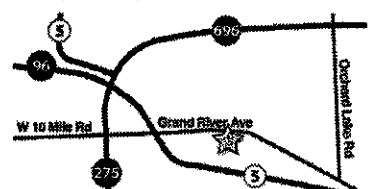
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