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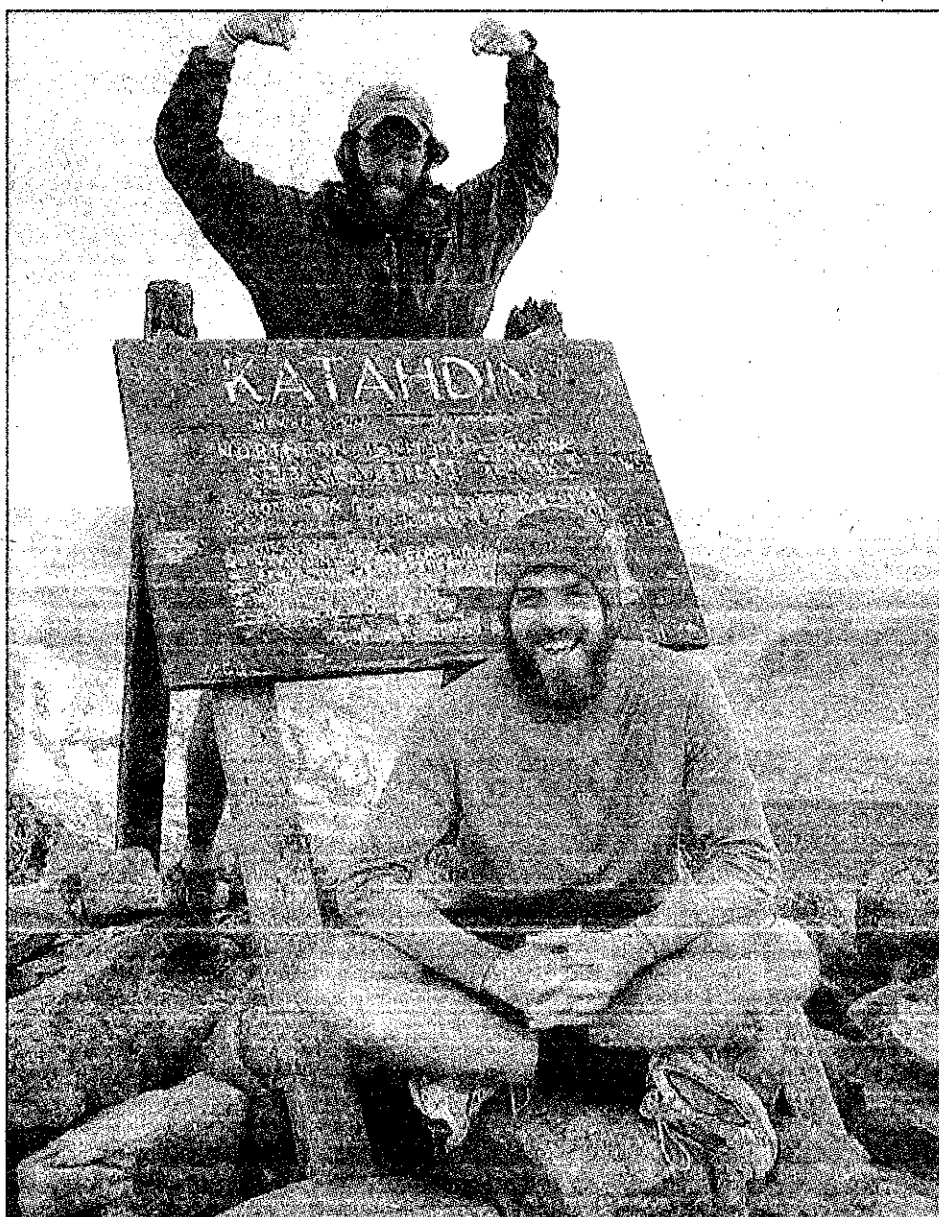
Local man finds much more than he anticipated
during hiking trip on Appalachian Trail

Editor's note: In late March, Ben Wielechowski of Canton and three friends, including Ryan Cosens of Plymouth and Mike Murphy of Livonia, set off to complete the Appalachian Trail. They began their trip at Springer Mountain in Georgia, not far from Atlanta, and completed the 2,175 mile trip last week after scaling Mt. Katahdin in Maine. This is Wielechowski's account of the hiking trip.

Before I set out on hiking the Appalachian Trail people would ask why I would go on such a trip. I often asked myself the same question. Now, with the 2,175 miles

complete and behind me, I find myself pausing again when I'm asked, "Why did you do it?" Even though in my experience I found no straightforward, all-encompassing answer (nor heard one uttered from any other hiker), I do know what kept me out there. The trail has a definite magnetism.

My first image of the trail was a much too glorified one. I pictured a five-month trek through absolute wilderness, absent of civilization and distractions. We would be forced to test our survival skills in crucial situations, live off the land, and learn about ourselves by living



Canton's Ben Wielechowski (sitting) and Ryan Cosens of Plymouth reached the end of the Appalachian Trail on Aug. 16 when they climbed Mount Katahdin in Maine.

like the natives once did. I don't know how everyone else envisioned it, but I have to admit my image was far removed from what I actually encountered.

NOT EXACTLY WILDERNESS

In broad though accurate terms, walking the trail was a tour of small-town eastern America.

Every week we would stop in a "trail town" (those towns close to the trail and relatively easy to get

PLEASE SEE **HIKING, A8**

Starkweather misses AYP benchmark again

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Department of Education has put Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Starkweather Education Center on D-Alert for failing to make Adequate Yearly Progress as part of the federal No Child Left Behind act for the third consecutive year.

"It's specifically based on the performance on the MEAP tests," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Not only the achievement level, but also improvement over time."

"What's occurring there is we're not achieving at the level to meet the standard," he said. "The rate of change, over time, isn't enough to overcome our level of achievement on the MEAPs."

Bender said bringing Starkweather into compliance is "a real challenge" because of the mix of students at the district's alternative high school.

"Some of the students attend Starkweather for the program schedule, others are interested in credit recovery, some use it as an alternative from the (high school) Park and some students come from outside our district," Bender said. "They're all striving to complete their high school education, and they have to meet the P-CCS graduation requirements."

Schools that don't make AYP for two or more consecutive years are placed on the sanctions list, as required by federal law. Those sanctions, which get progressively severe with each year the school doesn't make AYP, can range from having to provide students the choice of another school with transportation, tutorial services for students and eventual school restructuring.

Bender said the Michigan Department of Education hasn't contacted the district about any such sanctions.

"Nothing official has been given to us on that," Bender said. "We're working toward strengthening the skills of all those students, working on curriculum and how to present the information to kids."

What do you think of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, and the fact that the state has put the Starkweather Education Center on D-Alert for failing to make Adequate Yearly Progress for the third consecutive year? Let us know by e-mailing a letter to the editor at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

Starkweather Principal Irene Ras said while MEAP scores are 60 percent of the AYP, the school administration also looks at other ways students in the alternative education program can be considered successful.

"Other measurements may include just staying in school," Ras said. "A lot of our students have issues, so staying in school and achieving good grades is a success for them."

"Graduating is a success, and many do go on to higher education or vocational schools," she said.

Starkweather is one of 109 schools in the state that has been placed on D-Alert.

"Whenever a single school does not make AYP, it is a cause for concern," said Mike Flanagan, state superintendent of public instruction. "We are committed to improving the quality of education for all children and helping every school make AYP each year. Michigan's economic survival depends on a highly educated workforce that will continue to attract the high-tech industries of the 21st century."

Meanwhile, Bender said each of the district's 15 elementary schools and five middle schools received a report card grade of "A" and met AYP standards.

The three high schools each received a "B" grade in meeting AYP. Bender said two of the high schools earned 88 percent on the MEAP tests, while the third recorded an 86 percent. Scores of 90 percent and higher are needed to receive an "A" grade.

"There is a lot to celebrate," Bender said. "Our students have worked very hard in preparing for the MEAP tests and did very well. Our teachers and

PLEASE SEE **STARKWEATHER, A6**

LaJoy's school bill stuck in neutral

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' hopes for an additional \$13 million a year in state funding appear to be shattered.

When representatives from Plymouth-Canton Schools met with the state House Education Committee in May, they received praise for above-average student test scores and efficiencies in daily operations, despite a foundation grant that provides millions of dollars less in state funding than what neighboring school districts receive.

However, it appears the committee won't be acting soon on House Bill 4828, introduced by Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, which would give Plymouth-Canton and five other school districts an additional \$750 per student.

The education committee, chaired by Rep. Brian Palmer, R-Romeo, is reportedly still working on the language of the bill.

"It's something we'd like to revisit, we think it's a great concept," said Phil Brown, a spokesman for Palmer. "We're about rewarding those that do well and have sound financial practices, have their costs under control and produce students equipped to succeed in college and the workforce."

"We have some time in September to get things done," he said. "November and December we're in lame duck session, and a whole lot of stuff gets done, or not a lot gets done. We're getting down in the number of days left before we have to reintroduce it in January."

LaJoy said while the bill hasn't made it out of committee, he's not giving up.

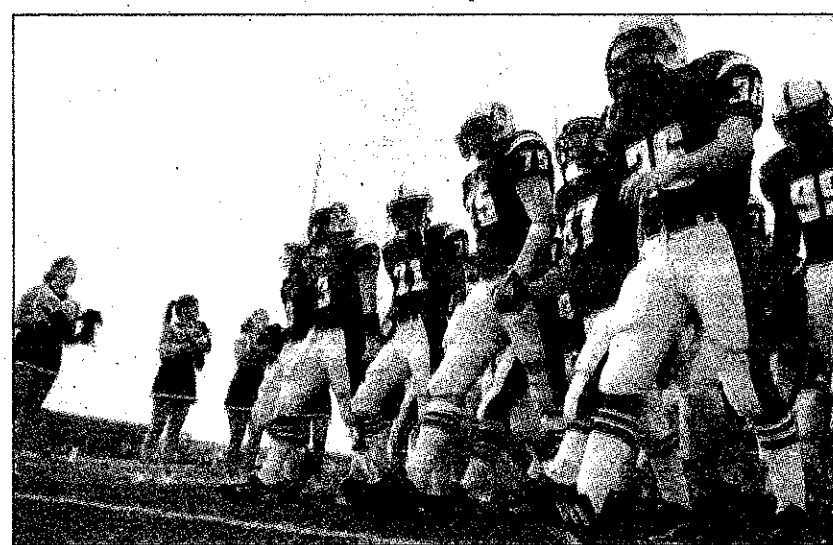
"I've got some ways I'm trying to

come back at it," LaJoy said. "I'm trying to expand it to districts across the state and see if we can look at it when we come back in the fall."

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Vice President Judy Mardigian, who was one of the presenters at the committee hearing, is disappointed.

"I think it was a starting point, and the concepts of the bill — tying performance to funding and dealing with the equity issue — are concepts they seem interested in," Mardigian said. "I find it interesting the state can provide supplemental funding for districts with declining enrollment, but we have growing enrollment and we are funded very inequitably to other districts."

For now, the district will work with a proposed \$210 increase in per pupil funding, which would raise its foundation grant to \$7,410 per student.



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Calm before the storm

The Salem football team takes the field moments before Friday night's season opener against Pinckney. The Pirates spoiled new Salem coach Parker Salowich's debut, 42-13. For more, please see the story on page B1.

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Coming Thursday



Pontiac will be the place to be Labor Day weekend, as that city features a fantastic party of music, art and food.

Pageant winner

Hailey DeWolfe of Canton was crowned National American Miss Michigan in the junior pre-teen age division at the state pageant held July 29 at the Marriott in Troy. Hailey received her official state crown, banner and trophy, \$1,000 cash award, and a scholarship to the John Robert Powers Agency for most promising model. Hailey will also participate in the national pageant to be held in Anaheim, Calif. during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Locally, Hailey volunteers her time to local causes, participates in church choir, and is a Girl Scout. She is the daughter of Matt and Cindy DeWolfe.

Hospice volunteer training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Fall Training begins Sept. 5. For more information, contact Candice Jones, volunteer coordinator, at (888) 973-1145.

Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players is presenting the show Fiddler on the Roof at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15-16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 17 and 24, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$15 - \$18. For tickets or information call (734) 394-5460.

The theater group is also holding auditions for The Lion

in the Winter on Monday, Sept. 18 and Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Village Theater (use stage door at rear). Registration is at 6:30 p.m. Bring non-returnable photo and resume. For more specifics visit www.spotlightplayers.net or call (734) 480-4945.

Homeschool kick-off

Parents intending to homeschool their children are invited to kick off the school year with a workshop at the Canton Public Library. The Children's Library is hosting Help for Homeschooling Parents at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Sandra Gould, children's librarian, will show parents how the library can help them achieve their educational goals and learning objectives. The workshop will focus on the library's extensive database collection, how to navigate the library's Internet site, www.cantonpl.org, and how to contact the Children's Department for ongoing help throughout the school year.

A tour of the library will be offered and parents will be provided with a bibliography of resource materials to use in their homeschool curriculum. Parents will also be given the opportunity to network and share contact information during the program.

Registration for the program has already begun, and can be done in person or by phone. This workshop is for parents only. For more information, contact the children's desk at the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999.

Newcomers to start new season

The Canton Newcomers, the community's "social club for the entire family" is kicking off their 2006/2007 season at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Sunflower Clubhouse, at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center). Canton's own Lynn Jarrett, a motivational



Celebrating the library

Canton resident Patty Sheppard and children Eric, 17 months, Ryan, 3, Emily, 4, and Austin, 6, enjoyed balloon animals and ice cream bars during the Canton Public Library's annual Patron Day Celebration on Aug. 19. In addition to prize drawings, there were also clowns on hand and music to entertain the people who love the library.

speaker, coach and author of *Why Bother Looking* will be discussing the challenges of balancing all life offers us.

The Newcomers will also have sign-ups for all of the group's interest group activities including Bunko, playgroups, euchre, couples social, men's poker, game night, scrapbooking and more.

For more information, including a complimentary Newcomer newsletter, please visit CantonNewcomers.org. You can also call (734) 981-1715 with any questions. Remember, you don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

Free legal aid

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil

legal services for senior residents of Wayne County, who are 60 years of age or older at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at Summit On The Park in Canton.

Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at (313) 964-4111, Ext. 6440, or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladetroit.org.

Canton Toastmasters

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Join the Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club. They meet at the Canton Coney Island at Lilley and Joy every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Noel at (734) 459-2600.

St. Michael enrollment

St. Michael Christian School is enrolling children for the 2006-2007 school year. There are openings in the school's 3 and 4-year-old preschool classes, as well as kindergarten through 5th grade. Please contact the school at (734) 459-9720 or stop in for more information. The school is located at 7000 Sheldon Road inside St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mom-to-mom sale

Tri-City Christian MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is having a Mom to Mom Sale from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. Moms rent tables where they sell children's gently used clothes, maternity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items that their families have outgrown.

The sale is at Tri-City Christian, located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Admission is \$1. For more information, please call (734) 397-0819 or e-mail at pam-stoney@yahoo.com.

Plymouth High reunion

Plymouth High School will hold a joint 40-year reunion class of '65 and '66 on Sept. 9, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge. The event will include live music. The contact for the class of 1965 is Jay Reynolds, who can be reached at jreynolds@comcast.net or (248) 645-9671. Lynn Keil is the class of 1966 contact. She can be reached at LynnKeil@sbcglobal.net or (734) 972-8104.

Registration

Creative Day Nursery School, located on Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is accepting registration for the fall. Creative Day is a developmental school that encourages children to learn at their own pace while promoting social skills through music, art, story time and hands-on activities. Both morning and afternoon classes are available. For more information, please call (734) 981-3990.

School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive." Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and backpacks.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located on Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Coping with grief

Heartland Hospice announces a new support group for widows and widowers.

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is held from 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley Road in Canton. The focus of the group will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice Bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Native wildflower seminar

As part of the Rouge River education initiative, the City of Westland will be offering a free seminar on Native Wildflowers for the Home Landscape: Planting and Maintaining an Earth-Friendly Fall Garden on Tuesday, Aug. 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center, located at 36651 Ford Road.

The program will review the origin of native wildflowers, identify easy care plants for the fall garden, and provide maintenance tips.

Vern Stephens, a native plant specialist and educator, is the featured speaker and will teach home gardeners how to become Rouge River friendly by using native wildflowers found in prairies, wet meadows, wetlands, and woodlands to beautify their home landscapes.

To register for the program, which is open to all area residents, please call Westland Community Relations at (734) 467-3198 or e-mail Lillian Dean at lfdean@aol.com.

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Salem sophomores, from left, Kevin DeBear, Diana DeAngelis, and Holly Hamel join their friends and classmates in clearing brush from an old and neglected 19th-century cemetery.



Salem sophomore Myles Aten (left) and Canton senior Kyle Kurtz work on clearing brush from an old cemetery revealing what's left.

Bringing burial ground to life

Students get history lesson clearing cemetery

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

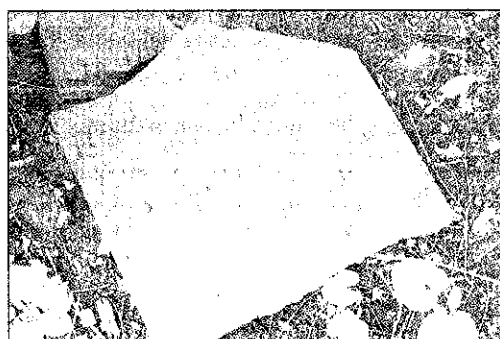
On Nov. 16, 1889, the *Plymouth Mail* published a letter from one of Plymouth's earliest settlers, John Tibbits, whose family once owned nearly 400 acres of what would later become Plymouth Township.

In the letter, Tibbits lamented the fact the family cemetery, located on an acre-and-a-half, had become overgrown with weeds and brush. So much so he couldn't tell where his relatives were buried.

"I would like to die and be buried in the old family burying ground where sleep most

of my kindred, but I found such a mess of tangled brush that I found it difficult to locate the exact spot where all my kindred were buried," Tibbits wrote. "Such a state of things is not very creditable to any Christian community. The first white man dying in Plymouth was named Chase, who died at our house, and was buried in the old cemetery sixty three years ago."

Nearly 117 years later, that parcel — located only a few yards from the north edge of North Territorial, a half-mile west of Sheldon — is still overgrown with weeds and brush, and hidden so well that very few people even know there's a



While clearing the overgrowth, the student group uncovered a few traces of what remains of the 19th-century headstones.

cemetery located there, let alone find evidence of gravesites.

However, last fall, Salem High School history teacher Darrin Silvester recognized the significance of the century-old cemetery, and decided to involve his Michigan history class in helping to restore it.

"To my knowledge, it's the oldest cemetery remaining in Plymouth," Silvester said. "The oldest had been at the Presbyterian Church on

Church Street (in Plymouth), but by 1915 they closed the cemetery and moved what they could to Riverside Cemetery.

"The last burial (on the former Tibbits property) was, ironically, the same year they started taking everyone out of the Presbyterian Church cemetery," he said. "Jonathan Shearer was buried there in 1915. No burials have happened since then."

For years, to those who knew of the historic land, it's been

called the Shearer Cemetery. Not much is known past that.

The oldest stone found on the property was discovered under 10 inches of dirt, proclaiming the Aug. 23, 1832, death of Hiram Jerome Tibbits, the 9-year-old son of John Tibbits.

"There's no definitive number, but my guess is there were about 35-40 people buried here," Silvester said. "I would guess about 20 remain."

"It was taken care of until near the Depression," he said. "The mausoleum had a coffin with a glass-like top, and you could see the body of John Joseph Shearer."

Silvester initiated efforts to clean up the cemetery and search for information about the plot of land by giving credit to his students who would help.

"I like historic preservation, so I thought I'd change the class a bit," Silvester said. "I wanted to do what we could to teach kids to remember their

past, and to understand it."

Several times last year, students would arrive at the hidden site to clear the brush and find clues to Plymouth's history.

"I live right down the street and pass it every day going to school, and I didn't even know there was a cemetery here, especially an old one," said Chris Bilek, 15, of Plymouth Township. "It's more like preserving an historical landmark than cleaning a cemetery."

"You can't let something this historical just disappear in the woods," he said.

Silvester is looking for grants to help clean the site and eventually construct a monument to those who were buried on the land.

"Our goal is to get a monument erected and write a short publication about its history," Silvester said.

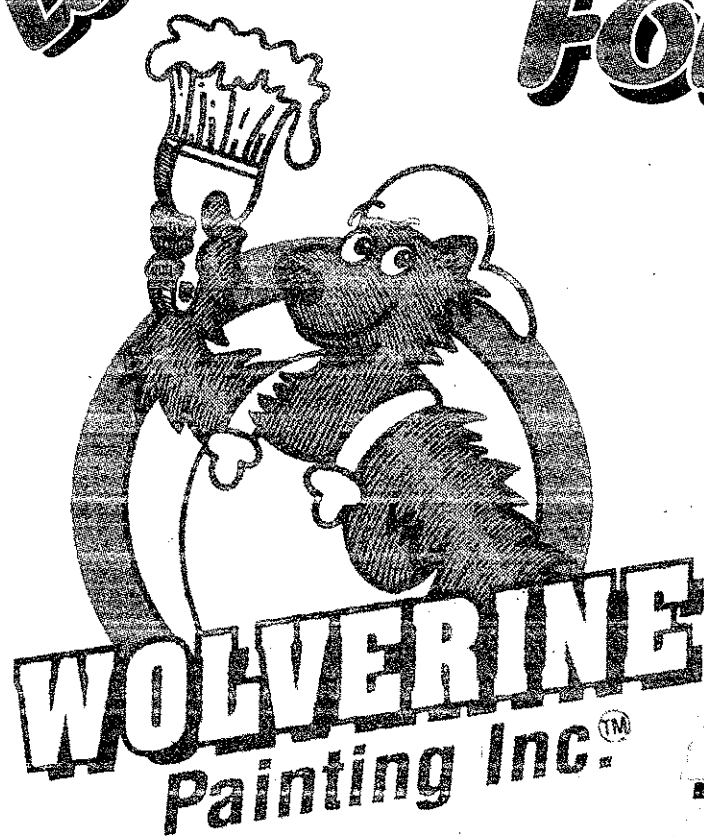
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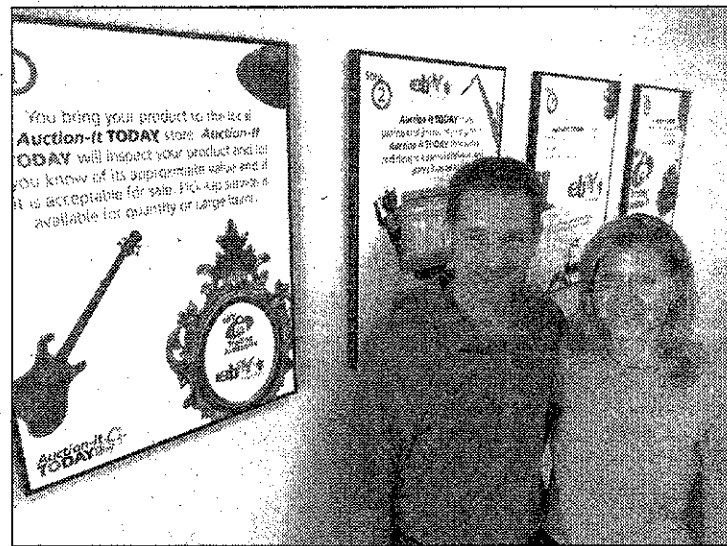
BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Bob Harmer has sold just about everything but the kitchen sink using the online auction house eBay. But now that he's opened up an Auction it Today on eBay store in Canton, he's even selling one of those.

"That has to be about the weirdest thing we're auctioning right now," he said. "Someone is selling his entire kitchen - the cabinets, appliances and the sink."

Here's how it works: Customers bring in items they want to sell on eBay. Though Bob and his wife Gerri Harmer recommend minimum bids of at least \$10, items can be anything, from household goods to electronics to jewelry to high ticket goods like cars and boats.

The Harmers help customers determine how much they should expect for their auction items, then photograph the goods, post them on eBay, and let the bidding begin. Bidding goes on for one week, at which time, the Harmers collect the money, ship the goods and a week later cut a check for the entire purchase price, less a commission, to the seller. Items which are



Bob and Gerri Harmer recently opened an Auction it Today on eBay store in Canton.

not sold can be re-posted for auction, can be picked up by the seller, or donated to charity.

"It really takes all the hassle out of the experience," Bob Harmer said of why customers would come to the store rather than posting their own items on eBay. "It can be quite time consuming, and most people aren't set up to take the quality photographs we can. We are also able to merchandise the items better because we do this every day."

The Harmers discussed opening the auction store for months.

Bob Harmer had for eight years worked as an automotive designer, but before that had owned a few franchises, including a video store franchise and a sandwich shop. Gerri Harmer had been for years a business owner, operating a home day care service.

When Bob Harmer's employer began outsourcing design work, the couple decided to prepare for the worst. He looked to one of his hobbies - buying and selling on eBay, which he had done for himself, his family and his friends. He looked at two online auction franchises, and liked Auction it Today on eBay the best because it's local - headquartered in Brighton - and the company pays its franchisees faster, which enables the franchisees to pay customers more quickly.

As it turned out, Harmer's hunch about impending layoffs was dead-on, and he was downsized. Fortunately the Harmers were ready to dive into their plans to open the store.

They found a 1,500-square-foot store on Joy Road in Canton. The store includes a front lobby where the Harmers greet and assist customers, as well as a warehouse area in the back of the store, where auction items are sorted by date and customer number.

Some items sell fast, and fetch a good price, Gerri Harmer said.

Items such as specialty tools, electronics, designer handbags and luggage, some designer clothing, and collectibles usually attract bids within seconds or minutes.

Other items - things that are very low-priced and would normally be found at garage sales, and jewelry (unless it's from a well-known jeweler such as Tiffany & Co.) don't sell particularly well.

The most expensive thing the Harmers have sold on eBay is a \$27,000 Saab, to a buyer in Las Vegas. And right now, they have a car, two trucks and a boat posted, as well as a fair collection of smaller household items and antiques.

Having the store will enable them to sell things they would not have been able to sell from their home, such as overstock



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Bob Harmer photographs an antique plate for an eBay listing.

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and out-of-season items from retail stores.

But sometimes the Harmers are surprised by what sells, so it never hurts to try, they said.

"We posted a spring-loaded wooden baby gate," Gerri Harmer recalled. "I figured it had very little value so I posted the minimum bid at 99 cents. It wound up selling for \$30. When I asked the buyer why she wanted it, when she could buy new in a store for about that price, she said that she was looking for this particular model and couldn't find it anywhere. You just never know."

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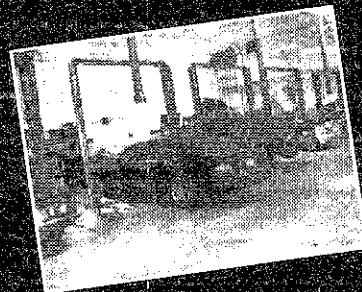
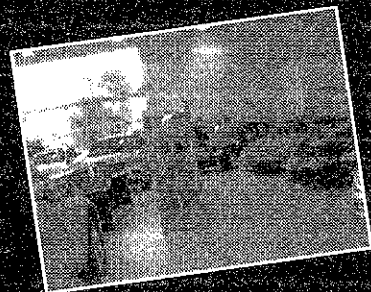
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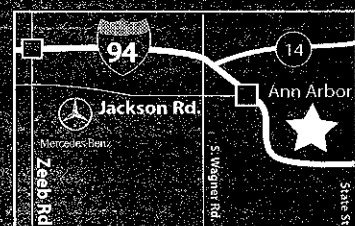
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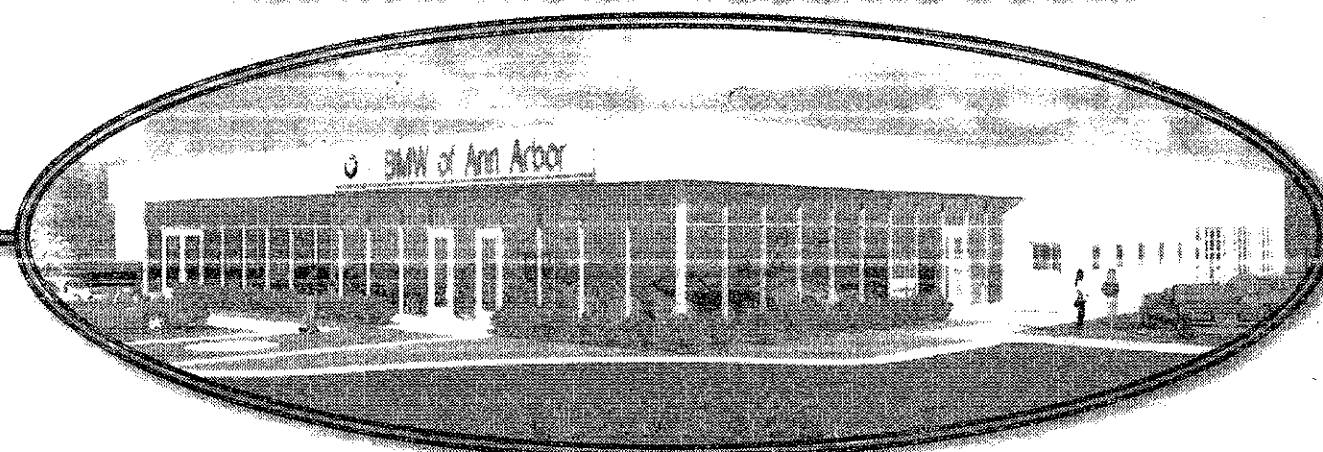


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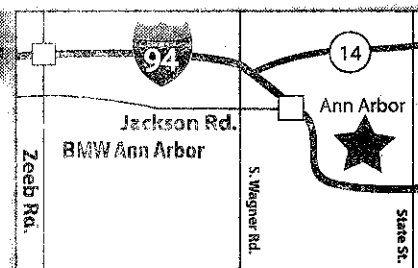
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Golf outing just keeps chipping

\$160K event helps United Way near goal of self-funding

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community United Way has moved tens of thousands of dollars closer to its goal of becoming self-funded, allowing every dollar raised through the annual fund-raising campaign to go back into the community and help fund local nonprofit agencies.

The PCUW's eighth annual Tee Off for a Friend golf outing raised nearly \$160,000 Thursday. Half will go to the PCUW's endowment fund, with the other half to Community Opportunity Center. COC operates several facilities in western Wayne County for mentally challenged adults, including a home in Plymouth on Deer Street.

"I'm really very pleasantly surprised at how well everybody stepped up in the face of

a difficult economy this year, especially in Michigan," said Greg Foster, PCUW board chairman. Foster is a manager of electric choice at DTE Energy, which was the lead sponsor of this year's golf outing. Each year, the lead sponsor for the charity golf outing is rotated among DTE, Visteon ACH, which has a plant on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township, and Johnson Controls, which is also located in Plymouth Township.

"For the Plymouth United Way it's important to try to achieve our goal to self-fund, through an endowment, all of our administrative expenses so 100 percent of all the money we get can go to the agencies we support," Foster said. "For the Community Opportunity Center, it's critically important in the face of cutbacks in state funding."

The golf outing was played on two of three golf courses at Fox Hills Golf & Country Club in Salem Township, with 364 golfers - mostly from DTE, Visteon, Automotive Components Holding, Johnson Controls and their suppliers and guests - playing. The nearly \$80,000 that will go to the PCUW endowment fund will be added to the current balance of more than \$592,600.

"When United Way goes out and asks somebody for a dollar, to be able to tell them that every penny will go toward human services and none of it to administration is a wonderful concept," said Harry Krespy, who represented Johnson Controls and is a former PCUW board chairman. "We're not far from taking some of the earnings from the endowment and start paying some administrative expenses. I'm not sure this is being done anywhere else, and can become a model for the rest of the country."

PCUW President Marie

Morrow said spending some of the interest on the endowment for expenses could soon be a reality. Representatives of all three companies say it's important to give back.

"We have the Sheldon Road plant, and we like to stay close to the local community and help people in our constituency around that plant," said Steve Davis, a director of engineering for ACH. "We also feel the goal of creating an endowment fund that can cover the expenses of the Plymouth Community United Way and then have all the money people contributed go back into the community is a very admirable goal."

The PCUW collected approximately \$1.5 million in campaign pledges during the 2005 fund-raising drive. Of that, Johnson Controls matched dollar-for-dollar donations given by employees for a total of \$808,413; Visteon-ACH collected \$194,016; with DTE Energy raising \$40,657.

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BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Joe Blake was in his early 30s when he made a rather unusual decision for a man his age. He decided to join the U.S. Army.

"He had thought about it for a while, but at that stage in his life, he figured if he was going to do it, he'd have to do it now," said his father, Doug Blake.

Keeping in excellent physical shape was nothing new for Joe Blake, a former Southfield Christian student who loved to run and work out. His conditioning helped him adjust to life in the military and he took pride in the fact he could keep up with fellow infantrymen who were about 15 years his junior.

The pride and success he developed during his time in the Army came to a sudden end Aug. 17 when he was killed in a firefight in Afghanistan. He was 34.

"We are terribly grieved and



Blake

I don't think the fullness of this has hit us yet," Doug Blake said. "We are very proud of him. He felt good about what he accomplished."

He added his family will treasure Joe's mid-deployment, two-week leave last month when he came to his parents' Livonia home to attend a family barbecue and go to Greenfield Village. He was able to spend several nights with them.

"We were really, really glad to have that time with him. It will be a good memory for us," Doug Blake said. "We admired his courage because you could tell he wasn't telling us everything so we wouldn't worry, but he knew he was going back to a dangerous situation."

"Still, he was fully committed to his duty and to his fellow infantrymen."

Joseph Robert Blake was the youngest of three siblings, born in Westland in December 1971. In addition to his days at Southfield Christian, he attended classes at in Redford Union schools. After working various jobs throughout his adult life, he joined the Army in January 2005, completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and was assigned to the 32nd Infantry, 10th Mountain Division based at Fort Drum in New York.

His initial deployment to Afghanistan was in March and he recently returned for duty there after his leave in July.

"I think it's important for the public to realize the dangers for those in the military who are stationed over there," Doug Blake said.

Joe Blake is survived by his parents, Doug and Joann Blake; brother, Kevin Blake; sister, Tina Steinkemper; a grandfather; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

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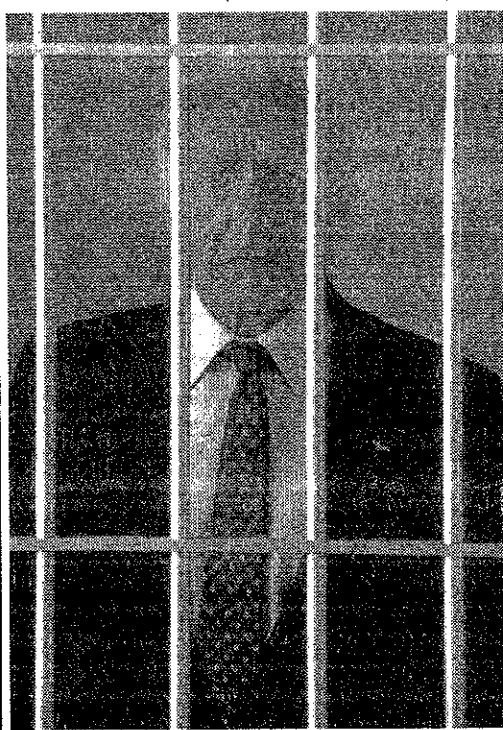
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Although the Appalachian Trail traversed many wilderness areas, it also passes near many towns in the eastern United States.

HIKING

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to by walking to or hitchhiking, to re-supply our food and indulge ourselves with showers, bed, ice cream and a full-course meal. It was possible to make it into a town almost every three days (the longest section of trail with no towns is 100 miles near the end of the Maine section) if needed. In between these town stops there were other little shops that we would stop for lunch or a snack. Plus, we probably passed over more than 100 roads.

The trail was even more civilized around the tourist spots like Shenandoah National Park and the White Mountains of New Hampshire. When we were out in the wilderness, we would camp at designated sites with a three-sided lean-to. We certainly had our share of rustic camping when we were in the woods. We had to filter or purify our water from streams and springs, go to the bathroom in either a privy or a self-dug "cat hole," and we had no way to shower besides jumping in a river. I relished the time out in the woods, but every

time we neared a town I admit I was as excited as anyone to fill up on a bit of society and civilization's finer points.

As we moved north along the trail visiting the many different places along the East Coast it was incredibly obvious how region affects place. From the personality of Duncannon, Pa., to the class of Kent, Conn., and from the diversity of Bear Mountain, N.Y., to the religious movement in Rutland, Vt., I found unique differences in each and every place. Each had their trademark, and yet they were analogous in both welcome and comfort.

MEMORABLE PEOPLE

The best and most memorable aspect of the trail for me was the people — those beautiful, friendly, genuine, decent, unbelievable people that hiked with us along the trail and those that we would encounter periodically in towns, doing trail magic (leaving treasures for thru-hikers like soda and candy bars), or just out hiking for the day. It was so refreshing to see human beings interact in such a respectful and caring way. On more than one occasion our hiking group was

offered dinner, a place to sleep, showers, laundry, good conversation, and rides to the post office or grocery store from complete strangers. They just felt compelled to help wet, hungry, dirty, miserable hikers.

From my own experience, this attitude is seen and felt along the entire length of the Appalachian Trail. It is an entirely different subculture on the trail, based on fake "trail" names, a different vocabulary for trail-related subjects, long beards for guys and short hair for girls (usually), and most of all a caring and respectful approach to life. The culture only stretches two feet wide and 2,175 miles long. Each day is spent in the company of all these people. Bonds are formed extremely quickly between thru-hikers even amongst many personal differences and conflicting personalities. Maybe it was because we all shared the same goal, faced the same challenges, and lived out such an amazing experience together.

Everyone had a different story as to how they made it possible to live out their dream, though some common excuses had to do with retired military or recently graduated from high school or college. One man I met quit his insurance job of 14 years, sold everything, and put all his possessions in storage. Another man was dropped off by his wife, who had biked across the U.S. numerous times, and told he wouldn't be picked up until October. Every story was interesting and admirable.

There were many other attractions to the trail that were much more subtle. I remember one of my hiking companions telling me that walking the trail is like our first real taste of freedom; we get to think about what we choose, we have no obligations, no deadlines, and nothing to really worry about except where we're going to eat. When I heard this, I instantly agreed with a certain degree of awe. But at the same time, as another hiking friend pointed out, we are extremely dependent on others too, even at their mercy at times. We depended on people to pick us up to take us into town, send us our mail drop boxes of food, and on other hikers to look out for us.

hiking buddy Ryan became ill with an intestinal parasite called giardia five days from the end of the trail). Perhaps this is the perfect recipe for realizing what you truly value when the clouded aspects of society are removed. And this I imagine would be quite a life altering revelation; and what a perfect stage for which to come to any realization — the pristine wilderness, absent of daily distractions and full of sensations that saturate all the senses.

Another familiar question was whether I became homesick at any time while I was away. I most certainly did, but I quickly realized those reasons as to why.

Away from the trail we live with consistencies that we begin to love and rely on; that we could hang our hats on, and if the world fell apart we would be able to fall back on these and still feel that we are OK. Home is safe and easy. There were some days I would have given anything to grab a bowl of ice cream and lay down on the couch in the family room to watch some prime-time television with my family — because that is comfortable, and safe, and easy.

LIFE IN THE WOODS

The trail is different. We were blind and lost every day. We lived by a constant routine of sleep, eat, hike, get water, and sleep. But we never knew where we'd eat, where we'd sleep, what the weather would do, or what we'd encounter or experience any day. I stumbled upon four bears in one day in New Jersey, and they were no further than 25 feet away. It was never easy and safe. It often felt stressful yet at the same time it was so incredible to feel so aware and alive.

As the months progressed, I realized another reason to hike and continue hiking the trail. We would walk 12 hours a day, go to bed completely exhausted and sore, toss and turn all night, waking up just as sore as the night before if not worse, and prepare for another full day of abuse. My only reasoning for this is that it turned into a physical addiction. The only way to be rid of the sore joints, aches and pains was to be hiking again. It was a physical dependency. It was not always a pleasant experience, but it was what we did and what we knew. We were experts in our field.

Since I only know for sure what I feel, I can't claim that everyone would draw the same conclusions from the trip as I did. There could be endless reasons for what draws people out to the trail, I only hoped to outline a few of the incredible things I've experienced the last five months, and maybe trigger a little curiosity. That was all it took for me to devote five months of my life to the woods. And perhaps there is something magical out there that could change an entire life or perspective. But I couldn't bear to mention it and ruin it for all those aspiring to make the trip.

Thank you to all that followed and supported us on the trail. Good luck in the future and happy trails.

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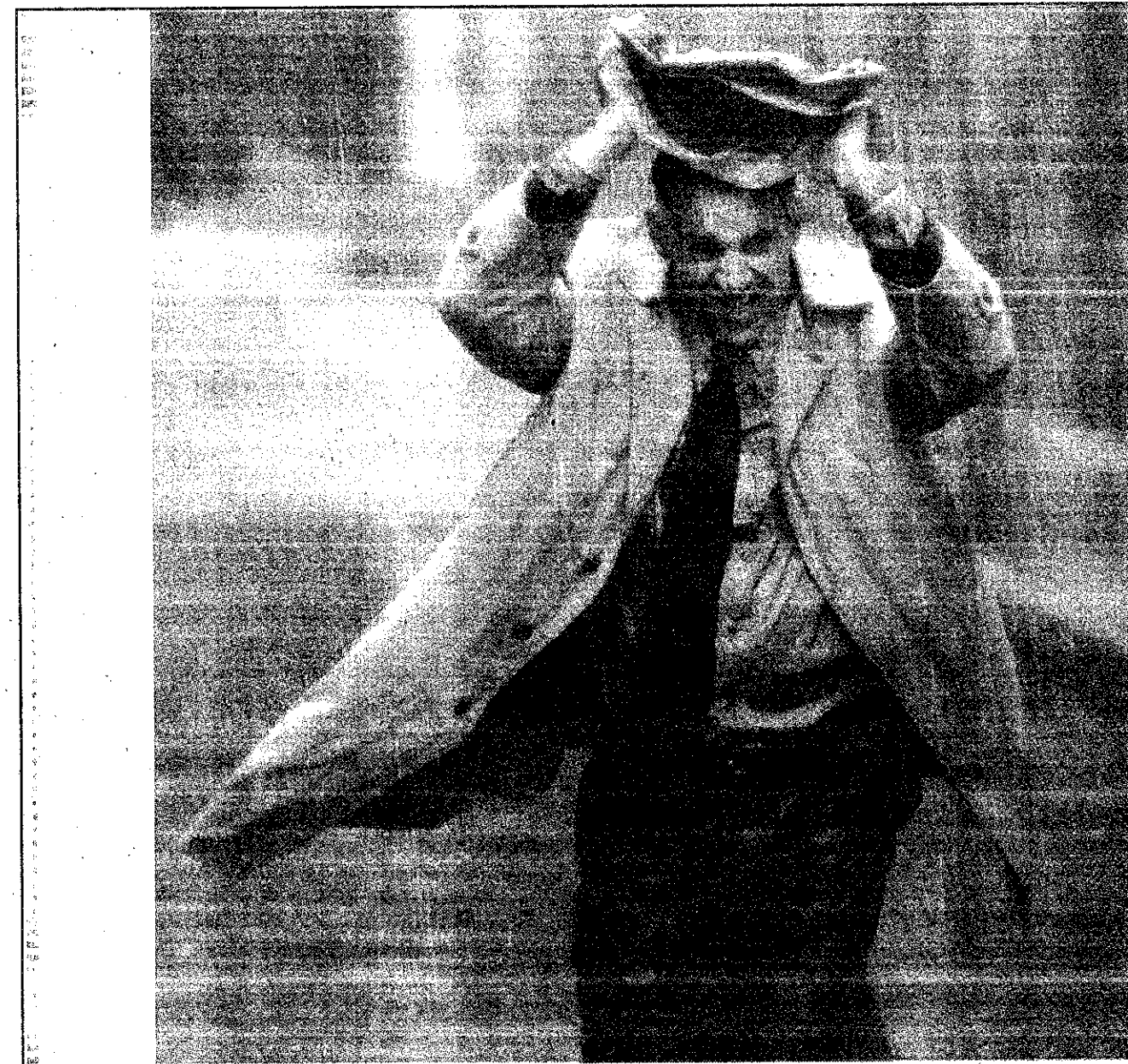
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LIVING MOMENT BY MOMENT

Another concept that really put the trip in perspective was that out on the trail we lived every moment of every day. There were very few instances I found where I was not completely aware of what I was doing, what others were doing, and what nature around me was doing. It actually felt like we were fully experiencing every second of our waking days. This I've tried to hold on to.

Based on questions I've been asked and statements I've heard since I've returned it seems to me that people who are curious about the trail feel that the five-month journey reveals some great knowledge to hikers, or some sudden metaphysical becoming that gives them answers into the world and themselves. Though I won't discount it, I did not experience such things, nor did I witness it so I have no proof it exists. What does exist is a simplified method of living based on essential needs, a close-knit community of people with similar goals, common decency and a variety of unpredictable challenges and adversity (for example, my

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For Tigers fans, this became a summer of love

An old friend came back this summer — much needed, if almost forgotten. Of course, I'm talking about Tigers baseball.

More than almost any other institution, the Detroit Tigers were once the glue which held our sprawling, fractious region together. They were that again this summer — just when it was needed most.

This was a hot, angry, uncomfortable summer and not just with regard to the weather.

Here in metro Detroit, many of us, from auto workers to flight attendants to school teachers, either lost our jobs or worried we soon would. The world was no better what with the continuing conflict in Iraq and new conflict in Israel and Lebanon, three countries where many of us have loved ones.

Yet, despite those very real tragedies and regardless of what happens this fall, this will also be remembered as the summer when metro Detroiters enjoyed a renewed romance with the local baseball team.

It was once like that every summer, whether the Tigers were contenders or not. One remembers plenty of warm, long ago nights when the voices of broadcasters Ernie Harwell and Paul Carey drifted out into the street — welcome, if invisible, guests in every passing car.

It's not that the times, or the Tigers, were always good. But even when things weren't they gave us something to share no matter what our race, religion or culture, no matter whether we lived above or below Eight Mile Road, and no matter which of the Big Three automakers helped put food on our families' tables.

When times were good for the Tigers they were really, really good for us, too. One remembers the way the car horns spontaneously blared and fireworks erupted the second outfielder Larry Herndon caught the ball which ended the 1984 World Series. Or the way old Tiger Stadium shook to its foundation after home-grown pitcher Frank Tanana shut out the Toronto Blue Jays in that playoff-clinching, end-of-the-season game in 1987.

They were moments, which, rationally, shouldn't matter at all. Emotionally, however, they gave us a sense of place, a sense of belonging — and that mattered a lot.

The Tigers didn't go away in the two decades since then, but they didn't give us too many moments like that, either.

Eventually, even the diehards (like me)

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stopped caring and the next generation didn't want to know. The Pistons, Red Wings and Lions (at least two of them more consistently successful) long ago challenged the hold the Tigers once held over our hearts and minds.

That changed this summer, maybe for good, maybe just for the moment.

For a lot of us, a period of adjustment lingers even with this rekindled romance.

Ty Cobb's statue may sit outside Comerica Park, but old, now-shuttered, Tiger Stadium is still home to his ghost, and the Babe's and the light tower struck by Reggie Jackson's massive All Star Game home run in 1971.

Even current broadcasters Jim Price and Dan Dickerson, enjoyable as they can be, are no match for Ernie and Paul — and, to their credit, they'd be the first to tell you so.

Still, that's nostalgia and, no matter how hard and self-consciously major league baseball tries to market its past, nostalgia must give way to fresh memories, fresh moments.

That point was made during one recent, harrowing trip down yet another clogged, construction-barrel-cluttered Detroit freeway.

"Hey, papa," called out my 6-year-old, heretofore NASCAR fan, son. "Let's put the ballgame on."

My old friend — and his new friend — was back and life did seem a little better all the way home.

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Wayne Peal

No easy answers for drug problem in city and suburbs

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick created a stir last year when he told the Detroit Economic Club, "In Birmingham, in Bloomfield Hills and all these places, they do more meth, they do more ecstasy and they do more acid than all the schools in the city of Detroit put together."

At the time Kilpatrick was in the middle of what seemed to be a tight race for mayor against Freman Hendrix. The comment during a debate with Hendrix was meant to be provocative. It was meant to tweak the nose of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and smack back at all those stereotypes about the drug-addled youth of Detroit.

It was also meant to bolster Kilpatrick's image as the true black defender of Detroit with Hendrix cast as the suburb's candidate.

The comment drew the usual umbrage of local officials. Kilpatrick got what he wanted in the exchange and, of course, in the election. It wasn't that close a contest after all.

While the quote was as Patterson said "irresponsible" and full of political hyperbole, it was also a reminder that the drug problem does exist in the suburbs.

That was driven home recently in Livonia with a number of what police suspect are heroin-related deaths. Wayne County in general has been plagued by the ready availability of a deadly combination of heroin and the painkiller Fentanyl.

As a newspaper, it is our job to report the news, no matter how unpleasant.

Our *Livonia Observer* ran a story by reporter Dan West on the death of Brian Montes, a 19-year-old student at Michigan State University, who died of a suspected heroin overdose in June.

His family courageously shared their story, their anguish about a son they knew had become withdrawn but did not suspect he was using heroin.

"It was such a shock to us because we had no idea he was using heroin until the police told us," said his mother, Diane Montes, a youth minister at St. Genevieve Catholic Church.

Police say heroin is relatively cheap now. It can be cut many times and still pack a punch. It is being used by some instead of the more expensive cocaine.

If Kilpatrick's comments have a bit of truth in them, beyond the nasty politics, it is that drug addicts don't look a certain way. They

A newspaper story can bring attention to a problem and say 'Here it is, this is what's going on with some people here in town.' Maybe, someone will see the story and recognize a cry for help that they hadn't given enough attention. Maybe, someone who is using will seek out the help they need.

don't all come from a certain background. They don't all hang on the street or travel in gangs. Nor do they all pass a needle in a restroom or a fraternity house.

They come from great homes with loving parents and from broken homes with no parents. They come from poverty where they commit any crime to feed their habit and they come from affluence and secretly spend their money to escape their boredom through drugs. They are brilliant and dull, black and white, and most of them know where it can end and still they keep doing it.

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Sadly, many addicts don't think they have a problem. While they are taking, they aren't likely to listen either to preaching or cold science. They tend to be self-absorbed and selfish.

That's the tough part. We hope we are doing the right thing by exposing this problem, but it's unlikely we can make a difference. There are too many reasons why and none of them fit into any of our easy assumptions.

We moralize, we legalize, but we rarely get to the nub of things.

In Dan West's story he quotes a haunting poem written by Brian Montes that speaks to the insight Montes had into his own situation: "I am above sleep/So long as there are substances/To abuse and friends/Who look the other way."

The best we can do is try not to look the other way. But neither can we blame ourselves when someone else makes so dangerous a choice.

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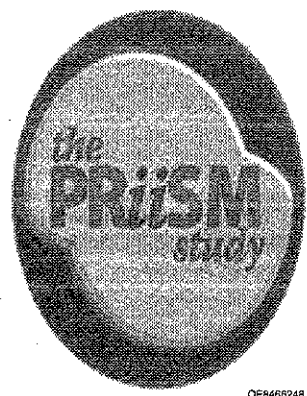
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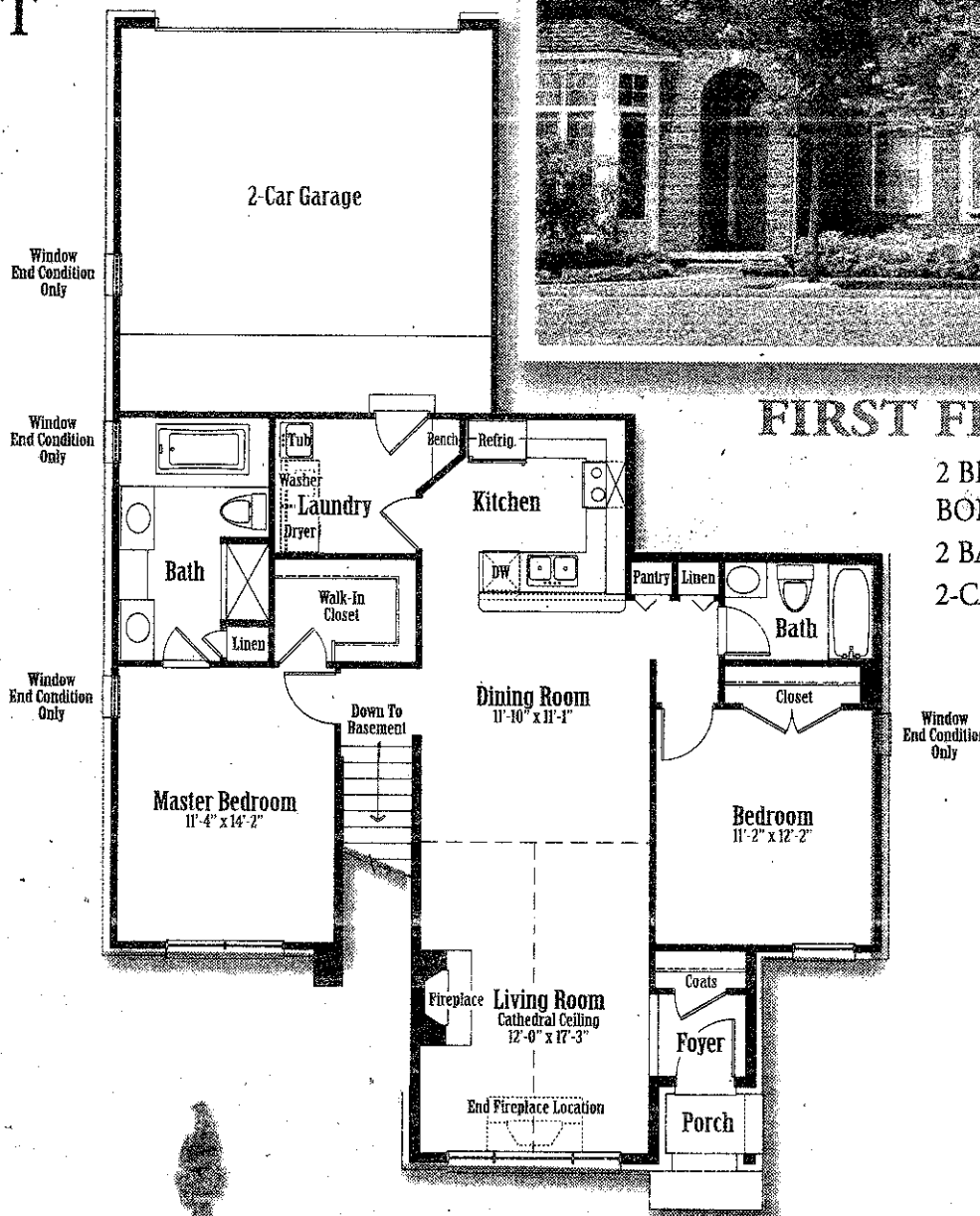
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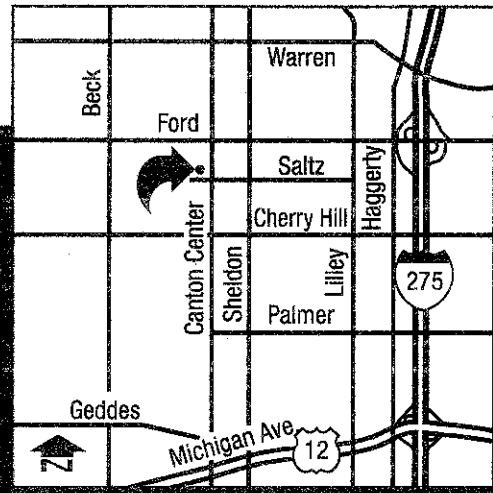
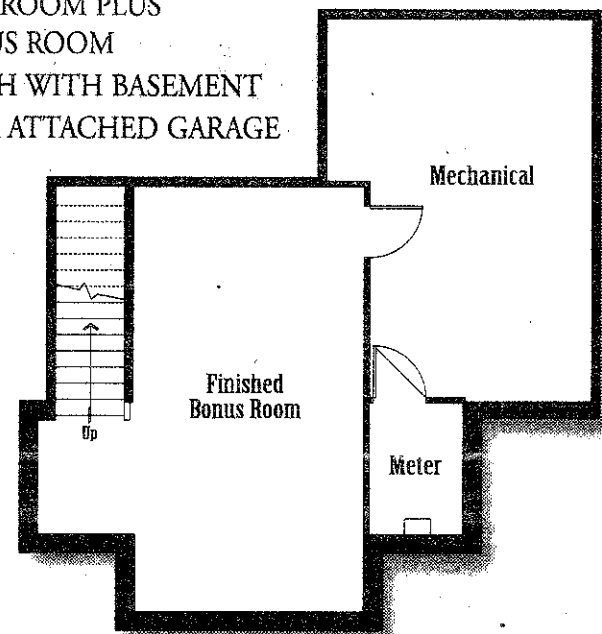
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SPORTS

Chiefs' 1st-half avalanche buries Pioneer

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's football team made Ann Arbor Pioneer feel about as low as Pluto Friday night.

One night after the former planet was officially knocked out of the solar system, the Chiefs proved they were in a different galaxy than the host Pioneers, winning handily, 35-0.

All of the Chiefs' points came in the



Laramie

for last season's Division 1 runners-up, the Chiefs showed no signs of rustiness as they

game's first 23:02. The entire second half was played with a running clock due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 35-point mercy rule.

Led by a totally rebuilt offensive line than the one that paved the way

amassed 276 total yards, 251 of which came on the ground.

Junior running back Dalton Walser proved to be the most productive Canton running back as he ripped through the Pioneer defense for 95 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries.

Senior fullback Deshon McClendon picked up 62 yards on 10 attempts while senior Nick Moores recorded 50 yards rushing as well as a 14-yard TD reception. Making his varsity debut, junior signal-

caller Ben Vaughn rushed for 25 yards on six carries and completed 2-of-5 aerials for 25 yards and a touchdown. He also converted a two-point conversion run following Canton's third touchdown.

The Chiefs' defense dominated the Pioneers, who managed to register just 84 yards in total offense and six first downs (compared to Canton's 13). Pioneer's quarterback completed just 4-of-17 passes for

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2

Subdued debut

Pirates sink Salem in opener, 42-13

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

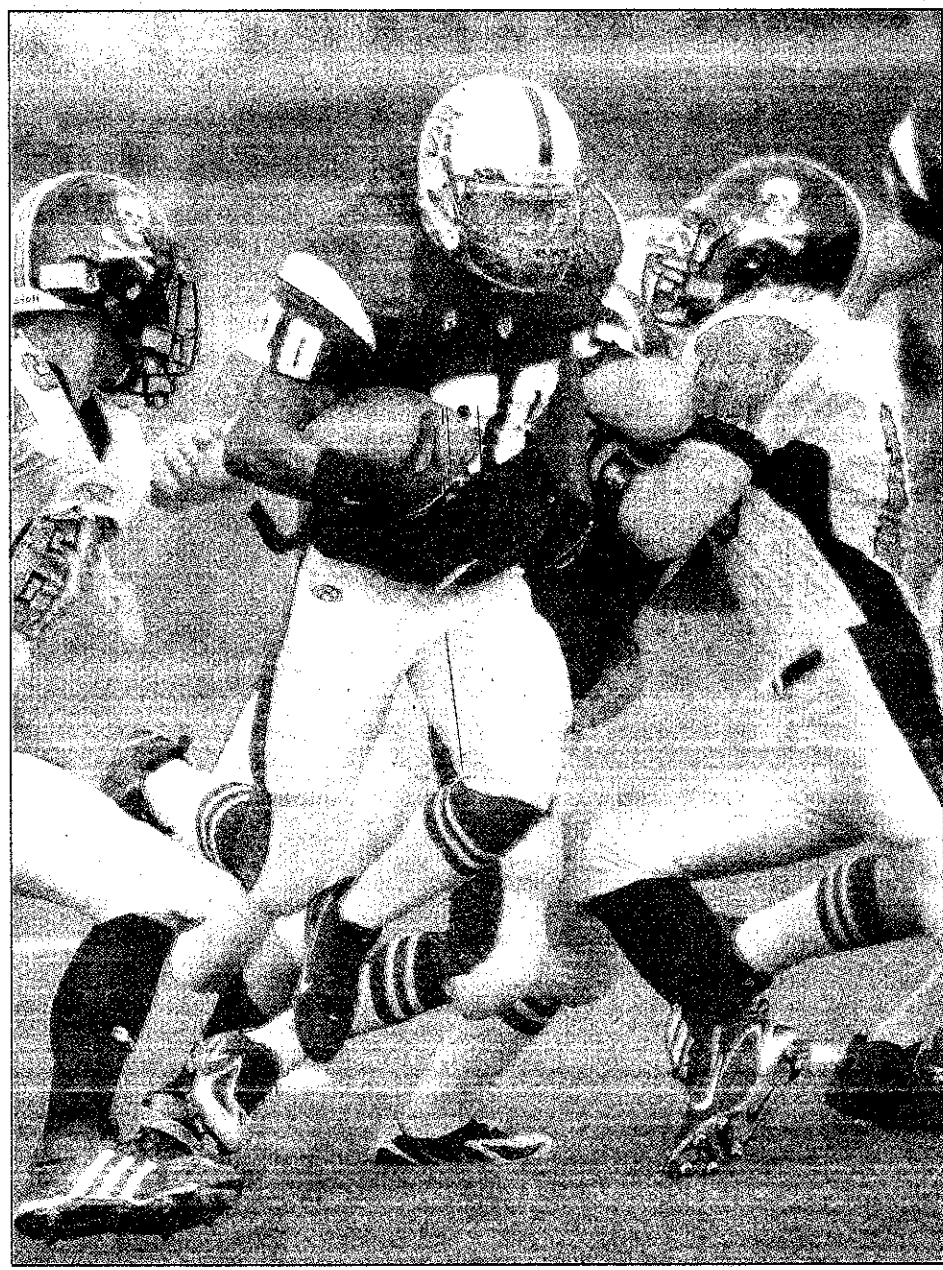
When asked if he could put a finger on the biggest problem that plagued his football team Friday night, first-year Salem coach Parker Salowich needed two.

"We didn't block and we didn't tackle — it's as simple as that," said Salowich, moments after the Rocks dropped a 42-13 decision to visiting Pinckney. "It was all about fundamentals. Now, it's just a matter of going back to work. We have the team to the west of us (Plymouth) next week, and that's a big game for everybody."

"I was happy with our effort tonight. These kids don't quit. They keep going to the final whistle. Tonight, we had a running clock and they were still giving it everything they had. It's that kind of effort that is going to help us win in the future."

It didn't take Pinckney long — 13 seconds — to set the tone in Salowich's first game as the Rocks' mentor. Junior speedster Sean McEachern returned the opening kick-off 90 yards to give the Pirates an early 7-0 advantage.

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B3



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Salem sophomore running back Anthony Mullins gallops for a few of the 64 yards he picked up Friday night against Pinckney. The Pirates prevailed, 42-13, in the opening game for first-year Salem coach Parker Salowich.

Whalers set to open camp on Tuesday

Although the weather suggests summer is hanging on, training camp begins next week throughout the Ontario Hockey League.

The Plymouth Whalers open camp on Tuesday with their annual golf outing at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth Township. Practice and scrimmages start the following day at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers' annual blue-white scrimmages will be held at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The public is invited to watch the scrimmages.

Following a day of practice on Friday, the Whalers open the pre-season slate on Saturday with a 2 p.m. exhibition contest against the visiting Windsor Spitfires.

"It's been a long summer and we're excited to get going again," said Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci.

Plymouth won the OHL's West Division last season with a 35-28-1-4 record. It was the franchise's ninth division title in its 16-year history.

The Whalers have several players returning from last season's successful squad, including National Hockey League draftees Dan Collins (Florida Panthers), James Neal (Dallas), Jared Boll (Columbus), John Armstrong (Calgary) and Tom Sestito (Columbus).

Among other key returners are Andrew Fournier, who tallied 39 points last season, and second-year player Chris Terry, who netted 28 points.

Girls Prep Hoop Preview

Returning Rocks will bring order to court

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Coppiellie, Kurtz, Langham & Mitchell isn't the name of a law firm, but the members of the foursome definitely know their way around courts.

Teresa Coppiellie, Lauren Kurtz, Taylor Langham and Alaya Mitchell form the Salem girls basketball team's returning starters from a 2005 season that saw the Rocks go 17-4 and earn a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season title.

Stocked with a plentiful sup-



Kurtz



Mitchell

ply of experience, skill and size — along with a talented and deep supporting cast — the quartet may force many opponents this season to plead no contest.

PLEASE SEE HOOPS, B2



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Salem senior forward Teresa Coppiellie (middle) headlines a talented group of four returning starters for coach Fred Thomann's squad.

Plymouth golfers soar to 2-0 start

The Plymouth boys golf team has aced the first week of its schedule.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 start thanks to back-to-back victories over Western Lakes Activities Association foes Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Northern in matches played Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

The win over the Spartans was led by Mike Gerisch, who fired a sizzling, four-under-par 32 at Hickory Creek, the Wildcats' home course. Other scorers for the winners were Jeff Selasky (36), Matt Talbot (37) and Jimmie Vlcek (40). Richard Wyman paced the Spartans with a 41.

On Thursday at Brentwood Country Club in Commerce Township, the Wildcats recorded a 155-162 triumph over the Knights. Gerisch was again the low man, carding a 37. Kyle Eisiminger (38), Talbot (39) and Selasky (41) also contributed to the win. Joe Parker fired a three-over 39 for Northern.

Talbot enjoyed a memorable moment at Friday's practice when he used a seven iron to ace the 162-yard 17th hole at Hickory Creek.

Free soccer shoot

Canton Lelsure Services will be hosting a free "Soccer Shoot" Saturday, Sept. 9, at Heritage Park (behind the township hall and library) in Canton Township. Registration is set for 9 a.m. with the shoot slated to kick off at 9:30 a.m.

The competition, which is sponsored by the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, will be divided into four divisions each for boys and girls: 7-and-under, 8- & 9-year-olds, 10- & 11-year-olds, and 12- & 13-year-olds.

Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The first-place winner in each division will be eligible to compete in the Elks' District competition on Saturday, Sept. 23.

'Y' fall soccer

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

The leagues are forming for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices will start the week of Sept. 18, and games will begin Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be eight practices and seven games for each squad.

The cost is \$68 for program members or \$85 for community members. All participants will also need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, the cost of which is \$15.

All parents of interested players or potential coaches should call (734) 453-2904 for more details. The leagues are also in need of referees and volunteers.

KVBSA seeks teams

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2007 season. There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball (U9-U18) and softball (U10-U18).

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HOOPS

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"We have a chance to be very good," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Coppiellie, Kurtz and Chelsea Davis give us a group of post players that is as good as any group in the area. With Alaya Mitchell, Taylor Langham and Megan Ward, along with a couple of our young players, we can go at least eight deep."

With just one senior (Brienne Clarin), three juniors and a sophomore (Mitchell) in the starting lineup, the Rocks posted several significant victories last season, including a triumph over eventual Class B state champion Detroit Renaissance.

Salem will have an opportunity to prove itself early this year as it will face rigorous tests against highly touted Brighton, Farmington Hills Mercy and P-CEP neighbor Canton in three of its first four games.

The Rocks' first three contests are all on the road and the fourth — a scheduled home game against Canton — may be moved to the Chiefs' facility if the summer-long remodeling project at Salem isn't completed by Sept. 14, Thomann noted.

Although the Rocks' official roster doesn't list a player over 5-foot-11, they should still have one of the most potent inside games around, thanks primarily to the dynamic duo of Coppiellie and Kurtz, both of whom are listed as 5-11. Davis, a 5-11 sophomore, and 5-10 sophomore Jill Behrman will provide Thomann with a solid reserve unit.

"Teresa, who is a four-year starter, will be the backbone of our squad," said Thomann. "She's committed to playing volleyball in college, but she's a very good basketball player, too. She can do it all — rebound, score and defend, and she's very steady."

Lauren is almost like a replica of Teresa. She can rebound and she's a good finisher around the rim. Lauren is solid. Chelsea Davis is very good, too. She was our leading scorer on the JV team that went 19-1. Jill Behrman will see a lot of time, too. She's an

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excellent defender and she can rebound and shoot."

The 5-10 Langham has both forward and guard skills, according to Thomann.

"She gives us speed, quickness and she has great slashing abilities," Thomann said. "She knows how to get to the basket off the dribble."

Mitchell (5-4), who earned first team All-WLAA honors as a sophomore, is as good as it gets in the WLAA when it comes to backcourt skills, the Rocks' veteran leader said. "Mitch can do it all," Thomann said. "She's as good as it gets in this area as far as I'm concerned."

The 5-7 Ward, who can handle the ball, shoot and defend, will draw the starting assignment in the Rocks' backcourt alongside Mitchell. The Rocks' best long-range shooter may be 5-9 sophomore guard Victoria Brotz, who drained threes at a regular clip for the Salem JV squad in 2005.

Other key contributors will be sophomores Jansan Falcusan (5-8) and Brittany Miller (5-4), who have been slowed during the pre-season by injuries. Which team will bring the most to the table in the always-competitive WLAA this season?

"You have to recognize Canton first," Thomann said, without hesitation. "They have two outstanding players back in Becci Houdek and Ja'nee Morton, and Marie Martin and Lauren Delapaz are both solid players as well. Livonia Franklin should be tough, too. They're big, quick and it's hard to score against that 2-3 zone they play."

Salem opens the 2006 campaign Thursday at Belleville.

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Agape soccer team focuses on quality

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Agape boys soccer team will have to rely on quality more than quantity during the 2006 campaign.

Despite the fact the Wolverines will be suiting up just 13 players, first-year head coach Daniel DeWitt likes his team's chances.

"We only have 14 players, but we're a well-conditioned team," said DeWitt. "The team has looked good so far — better than I expected it would at this point."

Agape opened its season Thursday afternoon with a 2-1 loss to Ypsilanti Calvary Christian at Independence Park in Canton Township. Donald Mullet scored the lone goal after securing a throw-in from Jack Anleitner.

Junior goalie Jared Miller turned in an outstanding effort, recording 16 saves, a few of which DeWitt classified as "spectacular."

"Joe Ruffin, one of our defenders, also made a great

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save," DeWitt added. Anleitner, a captain, is the lone senior on the roster, DeWitt said.

"Jack's not only a good player, but he has the leadership abilities I'm looking for," DeWitt said. "As our stopper, he does a great job of shutting down the other teams' attack."

The biggest chunk of the Wolverines' roster is made up of nine juniors: Daniel Walker, Timmy Olojo, Miller, Ruffin, Kevin Reith, Brandon Pierson, Tyler Conlin, Tyler Majeski and Mark Mullet.

"Mark Mullet is another player who provides us with a lot of leadership," DeWitt said.

The lone sophomore on the roster is Robbie Knight, a defender. Two freshmen — Donald Mullet and Ethan Walker — and eighth-grader Landon Cook round out the team's roster.

EAGLES SET TO TAKE OFF

Based on its showing at

Saturday's four-team scrimmage at Holt High School, Plymouth Christian Academy first-year coach Larry Machonga has reason to be optimistic heading into the 2006 season.

Playing against mostly bigger schools, the Eagles went 2-1, knocking off Ithaca, 4-2, and Bad Axe, 4-1. PCA's only setback was a hard-fought 1-0 loss to Eaton Rapids.

"I think this team is going to have a great year," said Machonga. "Plymouth Christian had never had a winning record at the Holt Invitational, so to lose just one game was impressive. We actually outplayed Eaton Rapids, but they scored on a fluke goal."

The Eagles will look to Ian Roberts and David Koscielny to provide them with senior leadership and on-the-field skills.

"Ian is one of those players who could play all four positions if I asked him to," said Machonga. "He's probably the most versatile player on the team. He's good with both his feet; his balance is amazing. He'll team up with David

Koscielny to give us a strong attack."

Machonga's son, Bryson, will solidify the Eagles' mid-field. A former premier-level player with the Canton Oaks, Machonga recorded five assists in the three games at Holt.

"Bryson will be a great complement to Ian and David," said Machonga.

Controlling the central mid-field position will be freshman exchange student Alex Diaz, who hails from Mexico.

"He has a great shot and great ball-handling skills," Machonga said.

The Eagles' defense will be paced by freshman Jordan Machonga, the younger son of the coach, junior Trevor Zinn and senior Tommy Griffin, all three of whom provide exceptional speed and instincts.

Sophomore Brent Zinn will start in net for PCA, which opens its season Friday at the Macomb Invitational.

Other key players include Paul Kitt and Caleb Middleton.

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Chief kickers white-wash Northern, 5-0

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minutes later off an assist from Matt Epelman.

The Chiefs continued to dominate in the second half thanks to goals from juniors Mark Edwards and Tim Belcher, and sophomore Sherif Hassanien. Zech assisted Belcher's goal while Belcher picked up assists on the final

two goals.

Senior goal-keeper Parker Laabs was flawless in net for the Chiefs, stopping all four shots he faced.

PLYMOUTH 1, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Wildecat senior forward Robert Matar scored the game's lone goal 12 minutes into the contest in what was the season opener for both teams.

"We played very well and outshot them by a lot," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich.

"We just couldn't finish. We had a few breakdowns, but overall I was very pleased."

The game's only goal was assisted by Trevor Floyd, who hit Matar as he streaked down the right sideline.

"It was a good pass and a good shot," Neschich said.

Plymouth goal-keeper Brian Rissman notched the shutout. Neschich also praised the play of Anthony Sasinowski, Colin Rolfe and Tyler Floyd.

CHIEFS

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39 yards.

Leading the defensive charge for the Chiefs were senior line-backer Colin O'Shaunessy, who was in on eight tackles, and senior defensive lineman Donnie Laramie, who corralled five

Pioneer ball-carriers. Laramie also notched a sack as did fellow defensive lineman Jay Bailey.

Canton defensive backs Adam Powers, a junior, and Antwan Hawkins, a senior, both picked off passes for the winners. Powers also knocked down two passes.

The Chiefs got on the board first when Walser scored from

27 yards out just 2:08 into the contest. His second end zone-finding run was a 3-yarder with 1:32 to go in the first quarter, and his final tally was a 16-yarder with 9:33 left in the first half.

McClendon found paydirt from 4 yards out with 4:18 left before halftime.

The knockout blow for the

Pioneers came with 58 seconds left in the half when Vaughn and Moores hooked up for a 14-yard scoring strike.

Despite playing much of the second half against Canton's reserves, the Pioneers were totally shut down over the final 24, clock-running minutes.

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Salem tight end Mark Smith battles for yardage as Pinckney's Tim McEuen zeroes in for the tackle. The 11-yard gain led to the Rocks' lone offensive touchdown in their 42-13 setback.

SALEM

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The Rocks displayed some resiliency early on when sophomore running back Anthony Mullins bolted into the end zone from four yards out to make it 7-7 with 3:25 left in the first quarter. The touchdown was set up four plays earlier when junior linebacker Corey Needham blocked a punt, which put the ball at the Pinckney 19.

The rest of the night belonged to the Pirates, who scored on their next five possessions to salt the game away. "From what I saw tonight, Pinckney has a very good team," said Salowich. "They're very aggressive, they have some speed and they're very well-coached. Their (lack of) size may catch up to them when they play teams like South Lyon, Milford and teams like that, but they played well tonight."

Pinckney QB Marko Gerbo started the onslaught when he plunged in from 1 yard out on the first play of the second quarter to make it 14-7. Gerbo's sneak capped an eight-play, 75-yard drive. The senior signal-caller turned in a steady performance, completing 7 of 14 passes for 154 yards. More than half the yards came on his 81-yard TD connection with Tony Marshall, which put Pinckney ahead 20-7 with 9:23 remaining in the first half.

Even though they botched the snap on the ensuing extra point, Gerbo recovered the ball and hit Erik Braun for a two-point conversion to make it 22-7.

Pinckney upped its lead to 29-7 with 37 seconds left in the half when Jordan Whiteside scored on a 2-yard run.

The two most prominent

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Salem highlights in the second half were provided by its defense. Senior cornerback Anthony Fracassa picked off a Gerbo pass with 7:17 left in the third quarter to put the clamps on a long Pinckney drive.

The last hurrah for the Rocks came when Josh Cudney, who was playing linebacker, recovered a Pirate fumble in the end zone with 43 seconds remaining.

Pinckney outgained Salem 222-77 in total yards during the decisive opening half.

Nearly half the Pirates' 29-player roster registered at least one carry. The most proficient of the 12 ball carriers was running back Jordan Whiteside, who compiled 75 yards on 10 attempts.

The Rocks, who racked up 176 total yards, were led by Mullins, who churned out 64 yards on 12 attempts. Senior quarterback Jon Wilson picked up 58 yards on nine carries and completed 2-of-9 passes for 15 yards.

The Pirates, who finished with 324 total yards, won the first-down battle, 15-9.

Senior defensive lineman James Crabill and junior linebacker Justin Bader led the Rocks in tackles.

Immediately following the game, Salowich urged the players' parents to gather around the team to hear his post-game speech.

"I told the team that the family members who came to watch them play tonight still loved them, no matter what happened over the last two hours," Salowich said. "I told them that as long as they have that, everything else is inconsequential."

"I had a lot of people here watching my first game as a head coach, and it meant a lot to me. I don't like to lose, but you have to keep things in perspective."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 31
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 29
PCA at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.
PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 28
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 29
Lenawee Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31
Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 30
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Lutheran Westland
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 31
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Canton at Troy Athens, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Tuesday, Aug. 29
University-Liggett, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31
PCA at Belleville, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Aug. 31
Salem at Trenton Relays
at Wayne State, 5 p.m.
Plymouth at Woodhaven, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday, Aug. 29
Plymouth at Bedford, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Sept. 1

Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.
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Madonna vs. Montana St. Northern, 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. National American (S.D.), 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.
(Univ. of Great Falls Montana Classic)
Madonna vs. Minot State (S.D.), 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Univ. of Great Falls, 9 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Aug. 30
Schoolcraft at Owens Tech (Ohio), 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 1
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Madonna at Holy Names (Calif.), 1 p.m.
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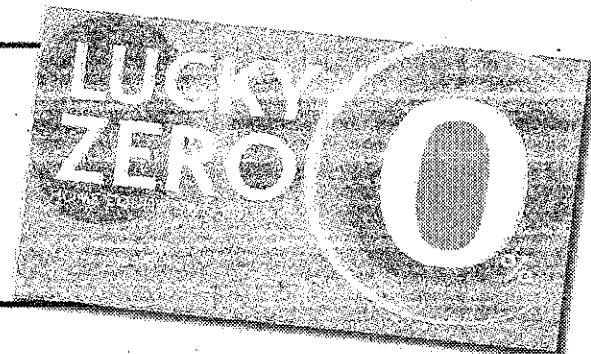
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The Sunday, Aug. 27, tryout will run from 1-6 p.m. with registration at 12:30 p.m. The Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryout will run from 6-8 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday's tryout will be held on fields 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center, which is located on 46555 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The Tuesday tryout will be held at Heritage Park, located on Heritage Park Dr. in Canton.

For more information, visit the Pride Web site at www.eteamz.com/pcpride; or call Scott Ampe at (734) 495-0789.

■ Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m. to noon; 14U will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 16U will run from noon to 2 p.m.; and 18U will run from noon to 2 p.m.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Canton Cannons U11 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, on Field 1 at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park. Players who are 11 or under as of April 30, 2007, are eligible to play for the USSSA/Triple-A level team.

The Cannons will play approximately 40 games, including four or five tournaments.

For more information, contact head coach Chris Tidwell at (734) 891-6116.

■ The Plymouth/Canton Cardinals U14 travel baseball team, a member of the Kensington Valley League, will be holding tryouts for its 2007 squad on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park in Canton.

The tryouts will run from 10 a.m. to noon. Players are encouraged to arrive up to 15 minutes early to register.

For more information, contact head coach Doug Heuer at (248) 763-2850.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 12U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 10, at Plymouth Township (McClumpha) Park, which is located on Ann Arbor Trail, east

of Beck. All players must be 12 or under on April 30, 2007, and reside in or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton. For more information and to pre-register, send an e-mail to sudzyl90@aol.com; or call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

■ The Tigers, a U12 Plymouth/Canton travel baseball team, will be holding tryouts for the 2007 season on Monday, Aug. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be conducted by professional baseball coaches at Massey Field, which is located on Plymouth Rd., just east of Haggerty.

Eligible players must be younger than 13 years old by April 30, 2007. For more information, contact Larry at (734) 812-3280.

■ Tryouts for the 2007 U13 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at Heritage Park Sunday, Aug. 27, beginning at 4 p.m. Players should arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of

April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27.

■ The Pirates 2007 14-and-under baseball team, which represents the communities of Plymouth and Canton, will be conducting tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Heritage is located behind the Canton Township offices on Canton Center Rd., just south of Cherry Hill.

Players must have a birth date on or after May 1, 1992, and enjoy playing at a competitive level.

The team is expected to participate in a total of approximately 40 games — both league and tournament — beginning in April of 2007. Players will also have the option of participating in a fall baseball league beginning in mid-September.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking an additional player for the fall 2006 season. Interested 11- and 12-year-olds should contact Rob Sudz at (734) 420-058. Players must be residents of or attend

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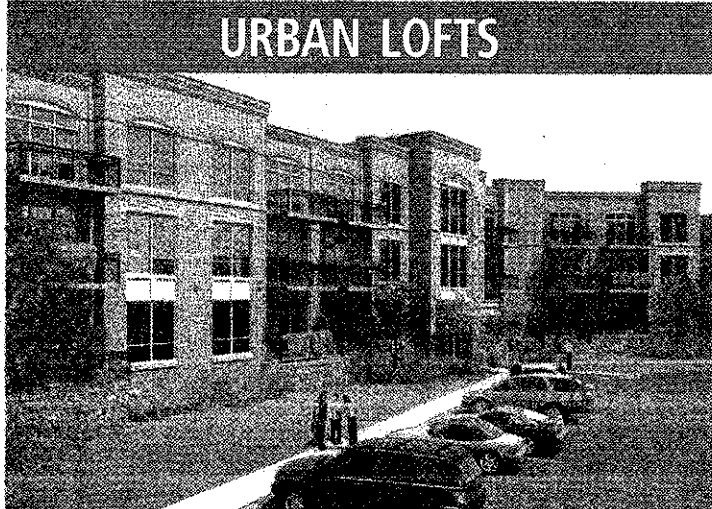
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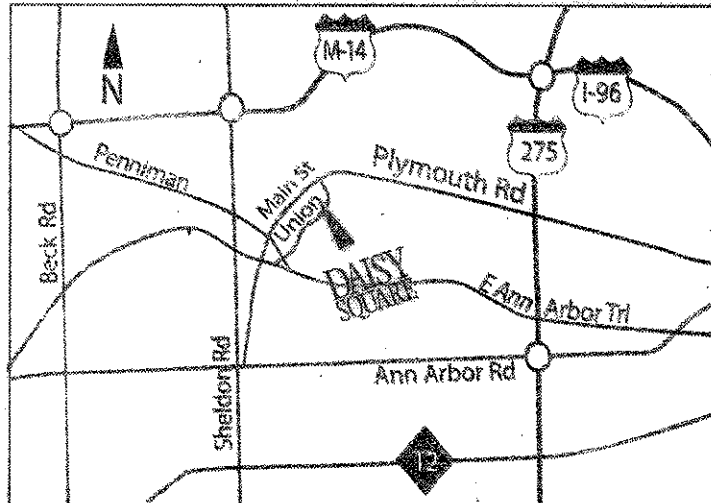
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BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOOP PREVIEW

Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball coach Carol Gerulis isn't sure yet how good her young and relatively inexperienced team will be this year, but she is almost certain of one thing.

"We'll be better than we were last season," said the Eagles' second-year mentor. "I'm very excited about this season. We only have three seniors — two who didn't play last year — but we have a lot of younger players who have a lot of athletic ability."

The Eagles finished a respectable 10-11 in 2005, but just 1-9 in the competitive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division, which also includes perennial powerhouses Oakland Christian and Southfield Christian.

The team was able to create some chemistry and cohesive-

ness during the summer when it competed in several summer shoot-outs against top-of-the-line competition.

"Playing in the summer against some very good teams proved to be a great experience for the girls," said Gerulis. "More than anything, they learned how to play more physical and how to play together."

One reason for Gerulis' optimism is the return to health of junior guard Sara Ross (5-foot-5), who missed more than half of last season due to a knee injury. Ross is back and better than ever this season, which is good news for the Eagles.

"Sara will play on the wing for us on offense," said Gerulis. "She's one of our best shooters and she has great court instincts."

The Eagles' top inside player is 5-11 senior center Lauren

Beckett, who was a steady producer during her junior season.

"Lauren has a lot of ability," Gerulis said. "She runs the floor extremely well for her size."

The Eagles' starting five will be filled out by junior Meghan Polera (5-4 guard) and sophomores Peggy Abraham (5-9 forward) and Jessica Murphy (5-6 guard).

Providing depth for the Eagles' will be seniors Melissa Rich (5-4) and Brooke Harris (5-4); and sophomores Brooke Williams (5-8), who started several games last season, Autumn McKenzie (5-1) and Meghan Greve (5-11).

"Oakland and Southfield are the teams to beat in the league this season," Gerulis said. "Oakland was phenomenal last year and they didn't lose anybody, and Southfield is always up there."

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Rockets launch '06 season by thumping Belleville, 27-6

Westland John Glenn played smothering defense Friday night and opened its 2006 season with an impressive 27-6 win over host Belleville.

The Rockets, who broke a six-game losing streak dating back to last season, beat Belleville for the second straight year, limiting the Tigers to 124 yards total offense.

Glenn jumped out to a 6-0 first-quarter lead with 7:09 left when senior quarterback Justin Reid connected with Ian Thornton on a touchdown pass. (The point-after failed.)

With 5:24 left in the second period, Reid scored on a 1-yard

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dive and Andrew Hein converted the first of his three straight extra points to put Glenn ahead 13-0.

Senior tailback Blayne McCormick, who led all rushers with 116 yards on 22 carries, found his way into the end zone on a 2-yard run with 11:09 remaining in the third period after Belleville failed to convert on fourth down from its own 20.

C.J. Woodford's 3-run TD run with only 6:14 remaining in the game sewed up the victory for the Rockets.

Belleville averted the shutout when Phil Sullen hits Brandon Harris with a 25-yard TD toss set up by Jamil White's 40-yard sweep.

Glenn had a total of 223 yards on the ground, including 61 yards on nine carries from Jon Hankins.

The Rockets added 15 first downs to Belleville's four. Belleville had just 71 yards on the ground, while Sullens was 3-of-13 for 53 yards and one interception (by Patrick Jensen).

Glenn's defense was led by Jerry Smith and Chris Kangas. The Rockets' Ryan Lopez also recovered a fumble.

Whalers flexing ticket packages

The Plymouth Whalers had busy families in mind when they came up with the new FLEX ticket plans they'll be offering this season.

The Ontario Hockey League club will be offering three-, six- and 10-game packages as alternatives to the 34-game regular-season package its offered in the past.

"We understand how busy families can get, with parents working and their kids in school and participating in sports or other activities," said Rob Murphy, the Whalers' director of corporate sales and marketing. "Our FLEX plans are a way to pick the games fans want to attend, while ensuring they'll get the same seat for every game."

Following are the three FLEX plans:
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trick packages must be purchased by Sept. 22.

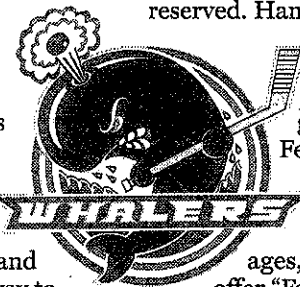
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In addition to the FLEX packages, the Whalers will continue to offer "Family Value Packs" for most home games. For \$44, families receive four tickets, four hot dogs, four Pepsi products and four game line-up cards.

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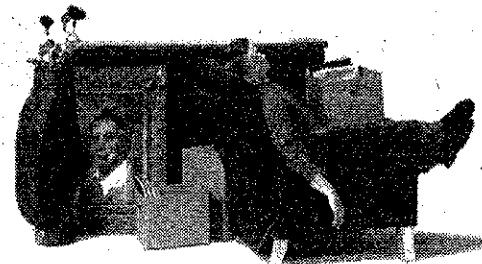
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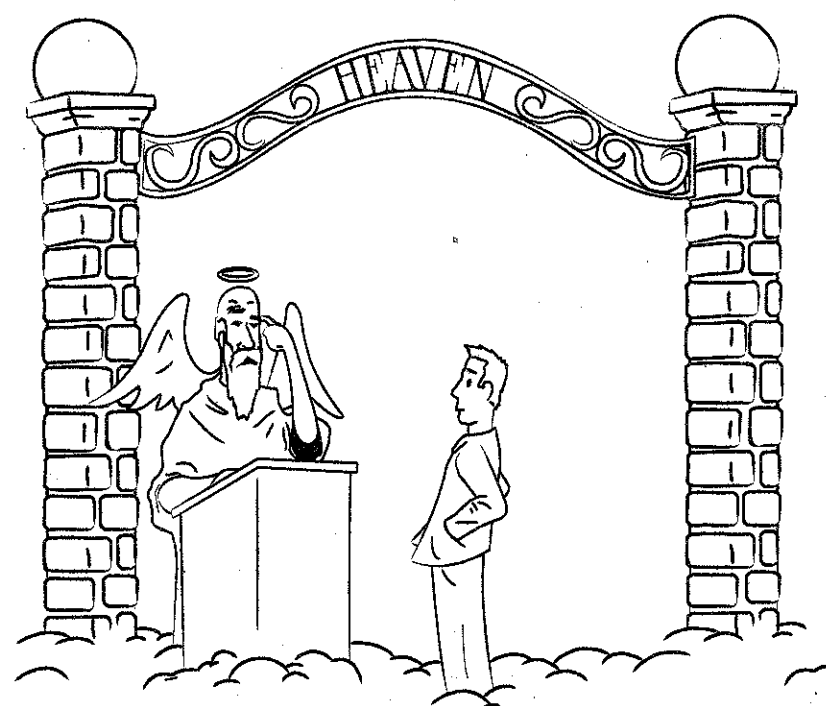


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Aging by numbers

Not too long ago I crossed what some would call a major milestone in my life and before this natural life experience could take place I had people in my life that felt it was their duty to warn me.

I was told about all the depression that would come on the very day of —



Bobbie Jones

if not weeks or months before — the actual event. I was also schooled on all the medication I should stockpile, natural and doctor-prescribed, before the realization of it all set in.

I must say however, that turning the big 4-0 was not the shocker everyone built it up to be. But, I waited for the tears to come, the depression to set in, I even stocked up on over-the-counter pre-menopausal treatments, none of which did me any good.

So, I am glad I waited a few months after my 40th so that I would be able to speak with some clarity. No, the tears did not come and, as of yet, I have not had to battle any debilitating depression, so before all of that does happen I better tell you what has occurred since I turned 40.

Doing my best not to let the age thing get to me, I decided to do a few things that would give me some peace of mind and provide a little health boost along the way.

About four months before I turned 40 I decided to make sure my health was in order. I checked blood pressure; I made sure I was getting all my vital nutrients and keeping stress to a bare minimum became my daily goal.

I had always maintained a regular walking routine, so I just stepped it up a bit. Adding running along with walking helped to strengthen my legs and boost my energy level and it really helped lower my stress.

We all have to face the fact we are getting older and that we should and must do what we can to maintain good health, not just for ourselves but so we can be around to take care of, and be with, our loved ones for a long time to come.

So, when I learned that my cholesterol levels were a little elevated I took to getting those numbers down right away. I also made sure to check my blood pressure numbers every other day just to make sure and to head off any problems.

Another thing that helped me was adding certain vitamins to my diet that performed the essential function of keeping my skin healthy and youthful looking. Those included vitamins C and E and natural fish oils. Not only do these vitamins provide me with great skin, they are also beneficial to my heart health.

When women turn 40 we must take certain steps to ensure our health. It's the age at which women should start getting their yearly mammograms and women should also be doing everything possible to prevent bone loss and the onset of osteoporosis.

Getting the proper help and guidance from our doctors is vital at age 40, but there are many other things we can do to keep the age demons at bay. Exercise your brain — don't get stuck in a life rut. Take a class that you have been wanting to take but claimed you never had the time and learn a new skill — keep your brain and your body moving.

Teach what you know. Many people start their second careers at age 40. If you have a skill or talent that others would like to possess, get hooked up with your local community college or library and teach a class. The rewards of doing so will benefit you and others for a long time to come.

Turning 40 does not have to devastate anyone. It's a natural part of life and if we make sure we keep all the right numbers where they're supposed to be — blood pressure, cholesterol and heart rate — we will truly be able to say age is nothing but a number.

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A child never forgotten



SIDS walk gives couple a chance to grieve their lost son

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



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Above, Lance and Kelly Vincent and kids; Skellynn, 2 years old; Talyn, 4; and Jaedyn, 10, are learning to deal with the loss of six-week-old Tevyn. Tevyn died six years ago of SIDS. The family now participates in the Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS fund-raising walks. Top, Tevyn Vincent shortly before he died from SIDS at the age of six weeks.

Tevyn Vincent was the best baby. Born exactly on his due date, and weighing more than 10 pounds, he wasn't a fussy baby. He slept well, and charmed everyone who met him with his smiling eyes and cherub cheeks. His family considered themselves truly blessed. And then the worst happened.

Tevyn, at the age of just six weeks, became one of 1,000-1,200 Michigan babies who die every year of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

"It was my first night back to work," said Tevyn's mother, Kelly Vincent. Though Tevyn died six years ago, the pain is still fresh for his parents when they talk about the night it happened. Kelly Vincent had left for work at her part-time job, working the midnight shift, and when Tevyn's father, Lance, put him to bed, everything seemed fine.

By morning, when Kelly returned home, the Vincents' lives would be turned upside-down.

"When Tevyn died, people were throwing so much information at us," Kelly recalled. "I couldn't even absorb it all."

Eventually, Lance and Kelly, who live in Redford, began working with a support group connected to Tomorrow's Child, Michigan SIDS.

That's when they got involved with one of the first baby walks in Michigan.

"When I first got the packet of information from Tomorrow's Child, I couldn't even read the book they give you about grief," Kelly said.

They still go to Tevyn's grave on his birthday, and bring a birdseed cake.

"It helps me to know that I'm not forgetting him," Kelly said.

Their oldest son, Jaedyn, was just 4 years old then, and had a hard time understanding the death of his baby brother. The family still struggles to understand, but they do their best. Since Tevyn's death, the Vincents have brought two more children into their family — a son, Talyn, now 4, and a daughter, Skellynn, now 2 — and Tevyn's photos hang prominently on the wall, next to those of all his siblings, even the two he never met.

"All you have to do is look around to see that we haven't forgotten Tevyn," said Kelly Vincent.

And once a year, the Vincents take part in the Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS fund-raiser walk. This year, they are co-chairs for the Northville event.

"It's cathartic. I've done so little to deal with what happened to us, so once a year I get to go and cry in front of 100 people I don't know. And it helps. It must help," Lance Vincent said.

As hard as it is to deal with the loss of a

PLEASE SEE GRIEVE, C3

Bikers ready to roll through Hell to help SIDS organization

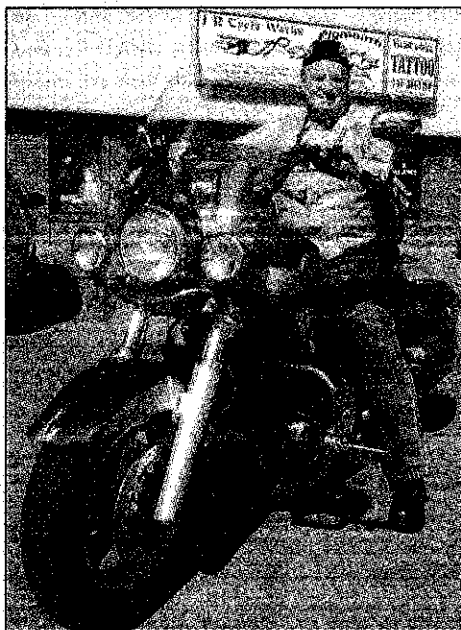
BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

If David Cryderman has a soft spot, it's for two things: Babies and his bike. He's using one — his bike — to benefit the other — babies.

The Livonia resident is organizing the second annual Ride Through Hell motorcycle poker run to benefit Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS. The charity ride is the same day as a fund-raising walk in Northville that will benefit grief support programming and research on sudden infant death syndrome.

"My wife and I have friends at church who lost a grandchild to SIDS. Just seeing what they went through made us want to get involved," Cryderman said.

The couple has for several years participated in fund-raiser walks for Tomorrow's Child, but last year (the first year there was a walk close to home in Northville), Cryderman wanted to do something more.



Dave Cryderman of Livonia organized a 'Ride Through Hell' to raise funds for SIDS research. The ride will coincide with the Sept. 17 Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS fund-raiser walk in Northville.

PLEASE SEE BIKERS, C2

Kids' Lit

Local authors take different routes to young readers

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

J.K. Rowling and Lemony Snicket, each in their distinctive ways, showed that kids will read if you give them something they like.

Some local children's authors are taking decidedly different approaches to attract young readers.

Darrin and Karen Brege have created a zippy, funny series of adventure stories offering readers a chance to

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Kim Delmar Cory's *Home to Mackinac* is a well-written tale of a young boy's quest, steeped in a richly detailed portrayal of Michigan in the late 1800s.

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of humor.

All family traits, as everything in the Brege family, began with comedy.

Darrin, a 1986 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, went to California to study animation after graduating from Albion College in



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Darrin and Karen Brege look over their latest release with 10-year-old son Mick.

1990. When he returned to Michigan he took a job animating for Disney at the Animation Station in Ann

Arbor and tried out for Karen Bell's improv troupe

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"My wife actually suggested that I organize a ride. So I did," he said.

About 20 riders showed up with their prized motorcycles and raised a little more than \$600. This year, Cryderman is confident the event will raise even more money.

"I was able to pick up about 20 local businesses as sponsors," he said. He was also able to get a grand-prize sponsor, Spirit Airlines — which has donated two tickets to anywhere in the continental United States to the rider who picks up the best five cards along the ride's route.

Here are the rules according to Cryderman: Riders start out at JR's Cycleworks in Plymouth, and everyone gets a playing card. There are three more stops where riders pick up more playing cards, and some time for lunch in Hell, Mich., before meeting up with the walk-a-thon walkers at Maybury State Park in Northville, where riders pick up their final playing card. The best five-card poker hand wins the grand prize. Other players will receive prizes from a variety of local businesses, including restaurants and motorcycle shops.

It's a natural fit for Cryderman and other bikers.

"For the most part, motorcyclists are quite charitable," Cryderman said, "and are

always up for a ride, and looking for other people to go on rides with."

Cryderman will be on his 2002 Victory touring cruiser. He's ridden most of his adult life, since 1972 when he bought his first motorcycle at age 16. He has ridden, on and off — mostly on — ever since. He gave it up for a while when he was 30.

"You know, a wife, a job, kids and things like that," he said with a shrug. But he started riding again in 1995.

Cryderman is an air traffic controller by day, and said that the 6,000 miles he puts on the bike in an average year help keep him relaxed and balanced.

"My wife says it's just who I am," he said.

The Ride Through Hell to benefit Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS is Sunday, Sept. 17. Registration is at 9 a.m. at JR's Cycleworks, 495 Amelia, Plymouth. The first bike will roll out by 10 a.m., and the last bike will be out by 11:15 a.m.

Registration is \$30 per bike if registered by Sept. 10, \$20 for a rider playing poker, and \$10 for lunch only. After Sept. 10 all fees increase by \$5.

For more information, call David Cryderman at (248) 797-3315.

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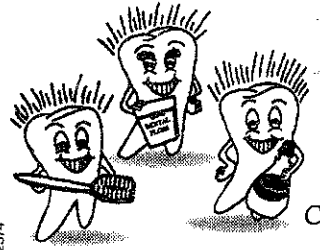
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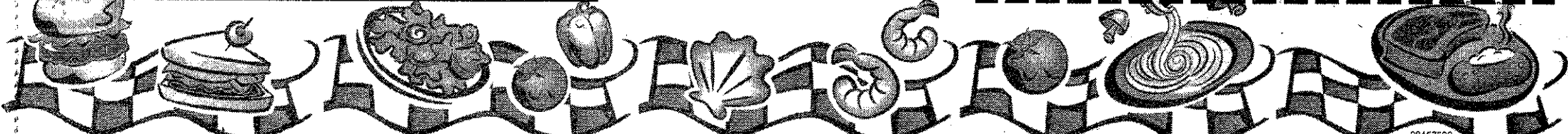
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child, the Vincents are doubly pained by the diagnosis of SIDS.

"It's very frustrating. It's a label that says we don't know what happened," Lance Vincent said.

Tara Rothoff of Canton agreed. Her niece, Mackenzie Rae Whitney, died of SIDS in January 2002, when she was just five weeks old.

After Mackenzie died, the Rothoff family got involved in the fund-raiser walks, first at the walk in Sterling Heights, then at the walk in Northville when it launched last year. Tara Rothoff has served on the Northville walk committee, working meetings into her busy schedule between her two jobs.

"I do this for my niece," she said. "That's what everyone who participates says. They say that if the baby was still here, we'd be spending time with them. We'd be spending money on them, and taking them places. Since they're not here, we do this because it's the only thing we can do for them."

The Michigan SIDS baby walk will be Sept. 17 at Maybury State Park in Northville. It's a three-mile noncompetitive walk which last year raised more than \$14,000. For more information, visit www.mibabywalks.org.

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Health officials still trying to unravel mysteries of SIDS

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Though the number of cases of SIDS — sudden infant death syndrome — in Michigan has declined over the years, the number of babies dying has not.

"The phenomenon called SIDS was a label of non-diagnosis, but we knew it happened a lot," said Jan Quiring, director of development for Tomorrow's Child, Michigan SIDS. "(SIDS) has gone through an evolution of understanding. Today we do have some good strong clues as to what's going on."

The statistics are discouraging, Quiring said.

About 1,000-1,200 infants die in Michigan every year. More than half of those die due to a medical problem or complications from premature births.

"Doctors used to use SIDS in a blanket way. They would just say a baby died of SIDS and that was never questioned," Quiring said. "We're better at diagnosing because of all the details we've gathered at thousands of death sites. It's been a diagnostic shift."

Approximately 300 babies in

Michigan die every year as a result of something in their sleep environment, such as blankets or soft mattresses which can cut off their air passages, Quiring said. Those deaths used to be determined as SIDS deaths.

"That's what we've really worked on — educating people about the seven steps to safe sleep," Quiring said.

The organization says babies need proper cribs with firm mattresses and no pillows, blankets or stuffed animals. Babies need to sleep alone, and they must sleep on their backs, Quiring said. Adults should never smoke around their infants, and they must be cautious not to overheat or overdress babies, since that can contribute to breathing problems.

When those factors have been ruled out, what's left is the approximately 300 babies who die every year as a result of SIDS, Quiring said.

"There is a biophysical condition which causes them to stop breathing, one which we don't understand yet," Quiring said. "We've been looking at things like brain stem function and sleep apnea, but we don't have the answers yet."

What she does know is that it happens far too often.

Quiring said that Detroit has been ranked the worst city in the country, in terms of the numbers of SIDS deaths, and Michigan is ranked 42nd in the country for infant mortality, or rather — the eighth-worst state in the country.

"We are at the bottom of the barrel in terms of national infant mortality," she said. "We're an educated state. We do a lot of things right. But when it comes to health issues, we don't do a lot of things well."

The Tomorrow's Child Michigan baby walks raise money and awareness, Quiring said. Last year, the walks raised more than \$110,000, and this year the eight walks taking place all over the state are expected to bring in more than \$160,000. The money goes directly into education and grief support, as well as research, Quiring said.

For more information or to make a donation, call Tomorrow's Child Michigan SIDS at (517) 485-7437 or (800) 331-7437. Visit online at www.tomorrowchildmi.org.

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Lance Vincent's emotions well up when talking about his son Tevyn, who died six years ago.

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Book comes alive at dinner theater

Black-Smith Enterprises presents *Murder of the Mind*, a dinner theater Sunday, Sept. 3, at Hoop City Grill inside the Star Theater, 25333 W. 12 Mile, Southfield.

The doors open at 8:30 p.m. for True Essence Poetry. The show begins at 10 p.m.

General admission is \$10 and includes the menu. The evening features dramatic scenes from *The Breaking Point* novel by author Janaya Black, a Westland resident.

For advance ticket purchases, call (734) 634-3151 or (248) 357-HOOP. Black is currently launch-

ing a promotional campaign for the book and is in negotiations to turn it into a movie. The *Breaking Point* is available at Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores.

A portion of the proceeds go to benefit Looking for My Sister, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating domestic violence.

Mutt march to support animal rescue

The first annual Paws in the Park takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in Young Patriot's Park on Sibley, one block west of Fort Street, Riverview. The mutt march not only celebrates the family dog but raises money for WAG Animal Rescue, a nonprofit organization established in 1988 to help find "Forever" homes for hundreds of homeless cats and dogs who might otherwise be euthanized.

Donations and adoption fees cover only a portion of WAG's expenses so it is necessary to raise funds.

The fee for the event is \$20 (\$5 for additional dog) and includes registration, goody bag, T-shirt, and raffle tickets if you register by Sept. 1.

K-9 officers and their dogs, clowns, face painting, free membership in helpemfindMYPet, and a raffle. Food, beverages, low-cost microchipping and nail trimming will be available for purchase.

To add to the fun there will be a contest for the best dressed, smallest, biggest, most spots, best hair, biggest ears, pointiest nose, looks like a guardian, best wiggle, best smile, cutest, and best trick by a dog.

The fee for the event is \$20 (\$5 for additional dog) and includes registration, goody bag, T-shirt, and raffle tickets if you register by Sept. 1. Registration on the day of the event begins at 9:30 a.m. and is \$20 but does not include a T-shirt.

Pledging for the event is optional. Depending on the level of pledges collected and entrant can receive a free event registration, T-shirts, food, tote bag and/or a coffee mug. The person collecting the most pledge dollars will receive a Pampered Paws Retreat (value \$262) for them and their dog at The Ritz Carlton, Dearborn.

The dog walked by the individual who raises the most money will be the grand marshal of the 2006 Paws in the Park.

For an application, visit www.wag.petfinder.com. For more information, call (734) 282-4327.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kern-McCarthy

Jeffrey and Cindy Kern of Kihei, Hawaii, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Kern of Canton, to Jason Michael McCarthy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Milford High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Inspec Inc.

The prospective groom is the son of Timothy and Linda McCarthy of Roscommon. He is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by Yazaki North America.

A September 2007 wedding



is planned for St. Thomas a Becket Church followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor.

Droke-Dumouchelle

Amanda Regina Droke and Stephen Michael Dumouchelle will be married during a sunset ceremony in October at the Detroit Yacht Club.

Amanda is the daughter of John and Matilda Droke. She is a graduate of Armada High School. She is the director of New Faces for One Source Talent.

Stephen is the son of Donald and Cynthia Dumouchelle of Canton. He is a graduate of Salem High School. He graduated cum laude from Lawrence



Technological University in mechanical engineering. He is a vehicle test driver for Continental Teves.

Cargnani-Beeman

David and Elizabeth Cargnani of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Marie Cargnani to Kyle Dean Beeman, son of Bart and Peggy Beeman of Waterford, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Churchill High School. She will obtain her master's degree in occupational therapy from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in May 2007.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Cathedral Prep and a 2003 graduate of Duquesne University. He is employed as a consultant with Deloitte in Pittsburgh.



A June 2007 wedding is planned for St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia.

Marshbanks-Edwards

Christine Ann Edwards and Tracy Scott Marshbanks were married July 15 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Evans Bentley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Luella Edwards of Monroe. She is a 1994 graduate of Monroe High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Toledo.

The groom is the son of Rosetta Castile of Alma and the late Eugene Marshbanks. He is a 1985 graduate of Annapolis High School and is employed by Fed Ex Supply Chain as a driver.

The bride was attended by Shelley Howerton, matron of honor; Patty Marshbanks, sister-in-law of the groom; Natalie Dotlich, friend of the bride; Gladys Roldan, friend of the bride; and Abigail Howerton, flower girl, niece of the bride.

The groom was attended by Tim Marshbanks, best man, brother of the groom; Josh



Marshbanks, groomsmen, nephew of the groom; John Hammer, groomsmen, friend of the bride and groom; and Nicholas Howerton, ring bearer, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held at Dolce Vita Restaurant in Monroe. The couple honeymooned at Disney World.

They are making their home in Canton.

ANNIVERSARY

Burlingames celebrate

50th anniversary

Robert and Dianne (Wolfe) Burlingame of Garden City are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The couple was married Sept. 8, 1956, in Milwaukee, Wis. They have lived in Garden City for 43 years.

Children are Debra (Chris) Mellas of Westland, Terri (Dave) Cvangros of Williamsburg, Va., and Robert (Joely) Burlingame of Gaden City.

They have seven grandchildren.

Robert has been retired from IBM for 15 years. He was a customer engineer for 34 years.

The couple enjoys traveling, fishing, woodworking and ceramics.

A family dinner celebration is planned.



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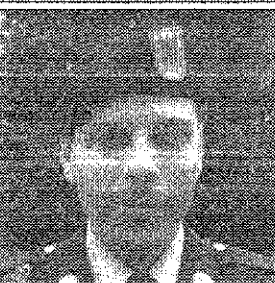
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FLOYD L. BENNETT

Age 82, August 24, 2006. Floyd was born April 8, 1924, in Montevideo, MN, and moved to Detroit in 1925. As a youngster, he sold newspapers during the Depression. Floyd started working in the flower business in 1937. He enlisted in the USMC in 1942, discharged as Sergeant, with honors, in 1945. He met the love of his life, Betty Duke, shortly after returning home. They married in 1947, and celebrated 53 years of marriage until Betty's death in September, 2000. Floyd returned to the flower business in 1945, opening the renowned Floyd's Flowers in 1955, enjoying 38 years of success. He was a dedicated Redford Lion for 55 years, Past President of the Chamber of Commerce and Lions. He leaves behind his daughter, Luann, and her husband, Gene Reyniers; his son, James, and his wife, Susanne. Also survived by his mother-in-law, Marie Tianen; four grandchildren, Melanie, Courtney, Zachary, and Chance; great grandchild, Camden; his brother, Cecil; nieces Mary and Patti; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends. Preceded in death by his sisters, Verna Ray and Joyce Bennett. Visitation Sunday, 12pm-6pm at the Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Rd., between Beech Daly and Telegraph Rd., Redford Township, 313-535-3030. Service will be Monday at 10:30am at the funeral home. Final resting place will be Grandlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials to the Redford Lions Club would be appreciated.

Dad, We Will Miss You Deeply



PVT JOSEPH ROBERT BLAKE

Killed in action in Afghanistan August 17, 2006. Beloved son of Doug and Joann. Brother of Kevin Blake and Tina Steinkemper. Grandson of Robert L. Gleichauf. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Instate at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday 5-9 p.m. and Monday 1-9 p.m. and instate at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd. (W. of Haggerty), Northville, 48167, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 10:30. Memorials may be made to Ward Church or to the VFW, MI, 924 N. Washington, Lansing, MI 48906. Please share a memory of Joe with his family by signing the online guestbook at www.rgharris.com

KEVIN E COSGRIFF

July 26, 2006, age 48. Son of Elizabeth and the late John. Brother of Ethan (Julie). Uncle of Bryan, John and Keely. Funeral services have been held. Memorial Tributes to Autism Society of Michigan, 6035 Executive Drive, Suite 109, Lansing, MI 48911. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500.

KARL ALLEN DARNELL

Age 53, loving son of James and Donna of Brighton, passed away suddenly on Thursday, August 24, 2006. Born on July 7, 1953 in Detroit. He is survived by his parents, 10 siblings: Mary Ann (John) O'Brien, Loren (Jeanne) Darnell, Judy (Paul) Conrad, Dennis (Joan) Darnell, Robert (Cheryl) Darnell, Jean (Dave) Weaver, Kathleen (Mike) Orr, Patricia (Mark) Minch, Tom (Kecia) Darnell, Stephen (Leyla) Darnell; many special nieces and nephews. Visitation, Monday, 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home, Brighton. Funeral Mass, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Fr. A. Frank Pollie officiating. Memorials suggested to St. Patrick's new North Campus School.

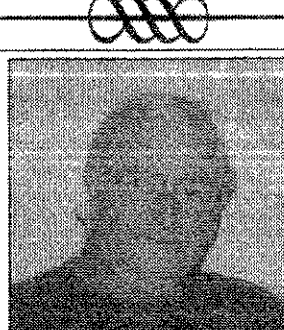
AUGUST FOREST EVENS

Age 85, of Bellevue, Florida, August 21, 2006. Born August 30, 1920, in Detroit. Preceded in death by his wife, Margaret L. Evens. Survived by sons Robert A. (Diane) Evens of Loganville, GA, David W. (Connie) Evens of Westland, his daughter Judith A. (Doug) Courtney of Plymouth; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Evens, an avid motorcycle rider who enjoyed camping and traveling, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Alcor. A graveside service with military honors took place at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, on Friday, August 25. Arrangements by Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, Lady Lake, Florida, 352-753-8353.



MARY RENE FREEMAN (nee Allston)

August 22, 2006 Age 59 of Royal Oak, formerly of Bloomfield Village. Retired teacher Taft Elementary School, Ferndale for 32 years. Daughter of the late J. Norman and Irene Allston. Dear sister of Kathryn A. Smith (David), Judith J. Bonner (James) and Susan G. Britt. Loving aunt of David, Jr., Rene, Patrick, Katie, Jim, Jennie, Jeff, Stephanie and Jackie. Also survived by 13 grand nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass Monday 11am at St. Regis Church Lincoln at Lahser, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at Church at 10am. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes suggested to Sharing and Caring, Breast Cancer Education and Support 3577 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073-6710. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery For information call by A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JOHN B. GAFFIELD

Age 86, a long-time photographer and resident of Plymouth, MI, passed away at home August 23, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Charlotte; his children, Christopher (Mary) Gaffield of Ada, MI, Craig Gaffield of Washington, MI, Carol (Philip) Oppenheim of West Bloomfield, MI; his grandchildren, Kimberly (Timothy) Klaes of Lowell, MI, Ben Gaffield of Pleasant Ridge, MI, Zachary Oppenheim of St. Petersburg, FL, Ariel Oppenheim of West Bloomfield, MI; great-granddaughters, Kallan Klaes and Camden Klaes; sisters, Margaret Gaffield of Pine Beach, NJ, and Gretchen Cook of Sterling Heights, MI. Mr. Gaffield grew up in Howard City, Michigan and attended Michigan State University, before coming to Plymouth in 1939 to work in advertising and photography for the Plymouth Mail (the precursor to the Plymouth Observer). He became a captain and pilot in the Air Force during World War II. Afterwards he bought a photography studio in Plymouth which he named Gaffield Studio which he operated with the help of his wife, Charlotte, for over 47 years. To many Plymouth people, John was the "town photographer." He was a life-member of the Plymouth Rotary and helped organize the first Rotary Chicken Bar-B-Que in 1955. Most recently he was honored for his long service to Rotary, and for his work as an interim board member of the Jack Wilcox Foundation. At his request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Friday, Sept. 1st, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, at 11 AM. The family will greet friends in the church narthex between 10:30 and the time of service. Refreshments and fellowship will be at the church following services. Anyone wishing to make memorial contributions may consider the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, the Plymouth Historical Society, or the First United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

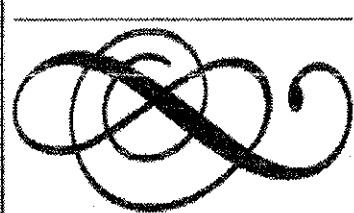
JACOB HOLLEMAN

August 24, 2006, age 87. Born and raised in The Netherlands, Jacob brought his family to the United States as a young man establishing a successful career as an architect. He was a remarkable person who embraced life fully. His enthusiasm and positive outlook on the world left a legacy not only for his family, but for all he came in contact with. Husband of Willemine. Father of Mariah (William) Finninck, Marian (William) Hutchins, and James Holleman. Grandfather of Justin, Elyse, Jake, Marie, Bethany, Jacob, Austin, and Chase. Great grandfather of Kyla. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 26, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.



CAROLE L. GALL

Age 62, of Canton (formerly of Niagara Falls, NY), July 27, 2006. Dear daughter of Dorothy and the late Tibor Gall. Sister of Robert (Therese) Gall, Gary (Karen) Gall, and Patricia Gall. Aunt of Robert and William Reed, David and Michael Gall; great-aunt of Jacqueline and John Michael Gall. Niece of Charles Wolosin. Cousin of Claudia, Matthew and Peter. Carole received her Associate Degree in Applied Science from Alfred University, NY, in 1964, and her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Buffalo University, NY, in 1988. She enjoyed her career as a cytotechnologist and later as a laboratory specialist in cytogenetics. Carole also enjoyed sewing, gardening and downhill skiing. A Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, August 30, 10:30am, in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Care Center. To leave a message of condolence, www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



BETTY JEAN GLADCHUN

of Chelsea, MI, formerly of Birmingham & Plymouth. Age 80, died Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born September 5, 1925 in Crystal Lake, IL, the daughter of Walkinshaw & Nettie (Davis) Marshall. She was a longtime resident of Birmingham, then moved to Plymouth in 1994. She has lived in Chelsea since 2003. Betty was a very loving and caring wife, mother, and Nana. She worked as a legal administrator for several law firms in the Detroit Metro area. Betty was a gourmet cook and an interior decorator. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham. On November 18, 1945 she married Michael Gladchun in Palestine, TX, and he preceded her in death on December 25, 1967. Surviving are two sons, Michael A. (Mary) Gladchun of Plymouth; Marshall Dennis Gladchun of FL; a daughter, Cheryl (Gus) Cremer of Gregory; a daughter-in-law Debbie Gladchun; six grandchildren, Eric, Kara, and Alisa Cremer; Matthew, Jeffrey, and Michael Gladchun; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Claude and her sister, Gloria Kilgore. Funeral services will be held Friday, August 25, 9:30 am at Chelsea Retirement Community (Towsley Village Chapel) with Rev. Beth Foster officiating. Burial will be held Friday, noon at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills, MI with Rev. Dr. J. Wesley Babian of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice. Arrangement by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.



NANCY R. LEONARD

Age 89, August 20, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Arthur for 56 years. Loving mother of Jane Leonard. Dear sister of Ann Richardson. Sister-in-law of Mary E. Leonard. Also leaves many beloved friends. Memorial Service to honor Nancy and Arthur will be held Wednesday, August 30th, 7 p.m., at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33605 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until time of service. No flowers. Please. Memorial contributions to the Tree Remembrance Program for placement at the Governor Warner Museum, c/o City of Farmington; or the SEVA Foundation. www.thayer-rock.com

AUTHORS

FROM PAGE C1

Totally Unhearsd Theatre at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

Karen, a Troy High School graduate, had studied broadcasting at college and did improv in Chicago and Florida.

Humor brought Darrin and Karen together.

The two had a talent for voices, riffing on Archie and Edith, Boris and Natasha, Homer and Marge Simpson. They loved doing improv, but after spending every Tuesday night for 13 years at the Comedy Castle, the troupe was canceled.

The Breges regrouped. Karen was doing speaking engagements and Darrin was dividing his time between comedic voices for sports radio station 1130 WDFN-AM, voiceovers and illustrating children's books. They decided to do their own.

"We had been writing so many comedy sketches, we said we'll take a shot at it," Karen said. "We had the writing background, we had the comedy background, we had this awesome 10-year-old who knows what's scary and has creative skills himself."

The series, written by Karen and illustrated by Darrin, features young Mick Morris, son of TV producers who track down popular myths. But it is really Mick, his buddy Nathan and his cousin Sissy who confront the myths. The first book in the series was *All Isn't Well in Roswell* about aliens, the second is *Bigfoot ... Big Trouble*. The books are keyed to readers ages 7-12.

And there's a gimmick called Five Ways to Finish.

"The selling point of this is that we have five different endings," Darrin said.

The first book includes normal, scary, silly, superhero and short endings. The second has normal, scary, western, talk show and comic book endings. Deciding the endings is a family thing.

"There were all kinds of genres in our performances and it has carried over into our books," Karen said. "It's a family collaboration. We'd say, 'What kind of ending would



Kim Cory

general outline," she said.

Home to Mackinac is set in 1885. Cory said that's the period presented at Fort Mackinac to schoolchildren.

The story follows 14-year-old Jack Murphy. He has been raised by his grandparents in Ohio. When they die, he discovers for the first time that he has a 16-year-old sister living on Mackinac Island. Instead of going to his uncle in Boston, the adventurous Jack sets out to find his sister and discover what happened to his father, who was accused of deserting his military position and his family.

Jack, who is a talented fiddler, takes a position as the fort bugler.

The book blends Jack's story with great detail about civilian and military life on the island, when the fort was still an active military outpost and Native Americans were a regular presence on the island. The story includes details about military routine, baseball, food and work life. Laura Evans provides simple pencil drawings to illustrate.

"I didn't have a lot of time to write it," Cory said. "I worked on the first draft for five months, they reviewed it and then I went back and finished it. I used a lot of secondary sources from the Mackinac State Historic Parks but I also used primary sources, a child who was the son of a physician at the fort kept a diary, one of the officers kept an annals on construction and such."

Cory, who lives in Holt and teaches creative writing at Lansing Community College, also kept a big book of photographs in front of her while she wrote.

"I originally wanted someone at the fort, a girl laundress. But a fort musician was more attractive and he could do more things," she said. "I wanted him to be on a quest and the quest evolved in the writing that he was searching for truth about his father."

The book deals with many sophisticated themes but is aimed at readers in grades 3-5. The Mackinac State Historic Parks is preparing study guides for schools.

"It fits in with the Michigan history requirement for fourth-

this have? I'd have a normal ending, Darrin would have a silly ending and Mick would say it needs to be scary. Let's have them read to a point and have their own ending. It's really five books in one."

The Breges say the books have been going "gangbusters." And after 60 visits to schools and bookstores they've been getting a good response from young readers. They take their performance background to the stores and involve children in their fun.

Son Mick has been a rich source for authenticity.

"Once my mom said do you say 'groovy' and I said NO!" Mick said. Mick is a creative artist himself. He has become a fan of Nick Park (*Wallace and Grommit*) and Tim Burton (*The Corpse Bride*) and makes his own stop action movies.

Next up in the series is *Champ ... A Wave of Terror* about a monster in Lake Champlain, due in October. They are working on another series on ghost hunting skateboarders.

The family lives in Brighton.

HOME TO MACKINAC

Kim Cory had written two well-received historical novels for young readers when she responded to an invitation by the Mackinac State Historic Parks asking authors to submit proposals for a book set on Mackinac Island.

"They gave me an estimated word count. I could choose the time period and they wanted it to involve the fort and the mechanics there. It was a very

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

1. "Judge and Jury," James Patterson and Andrew Gross
2. "Angels Fall," Nora Roberts
3. "Crisis," Robin Cook
4. "The Messenger," Daniel Silva
5. "The Ruins," Scott Smith

NON-FICTION

1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan

2. "Fiasco," Thomas E. Ricks
 3. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron
 4. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
 5. "Godless," Ann Coulter
- PARENTS' CHOICE**
- NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**
1. "How to Make Friends With a Giant," Gennifer Choldenko
 2. "Up On Daddy's Shoulders," Matt Berry
 3. "Up Above and Down Below," Sue Redding
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 5. "Peggyon-Po," Andrea Pinkney

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Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Canton Center Road at Geddes Road Intersection Improvements", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until **3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2006** at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

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Bid documents are on file for review at Northwest Consultants, Inc., Canton Township - 2nd Floor Engineering, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

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AROUND TOWN

MADD 5K walk

Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsors the Strides for Change 5K non-competitive walk Saturday, Sept. 30 at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:20 a.m. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.stridesforchange.org

Baby Walk

The 2006 MCARE Michigan Baby Walk to benefit research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome takes place Sunday, Sept. 17, at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck in Northville. For more information, contact event manager Carol Facca, sidsnews@comcast.net

St. Mary's classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers the following classes and programs:

- St. Mary and the Alzheimer's

Association offer an Alzheimer's Grief and Loss Support Group the first Thursday of each month, starting Sept. 7, from 3-4:30 p.m., in Classroom 1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The group offers information, discussion and support to family members, friends and caregivers who care for someone in the end-stage of dementia, or have lost a loved one. There is no fee, and no registration is required. For more information, contact Audra Frye, (248) 426-7055.

■ An education course, "Families in Action," a 10-week course for families dealing with a loved one with a mental illness. Classes are held Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Nov. 7, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. For more information or to register, contact John Tait, (734) 655-5812.

■ The hospital's Bariatric Center celebrates its first anniversary with a

Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the community 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in an outdoor tent on the hospital's north grounds. There will be gently used clothing for sale for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL). The 70 St. Mary Mercy Hospital bariatric patients have lost a total combined weight of over 3,800 pounds. For more information, call (734) 655-2692.

■ St. Mary Mercy offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically at its Bariatric Center. To learn more about it, the hospital offers a free educational seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Speaker Sharon Brevoort will talk about "Timelines and Chronologies: Placing Your Ancestor in Historical Context." A help session starts at 6 p.m., and the public is invited. For information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free fibromyalgia workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Flea market

The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park

and Newburgh and 8 Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon-3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Art/craft festival

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyhomalley@aol.com

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who

have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It

meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

Z 06-10 1656 Lexington Non-Use Variance Requested
Rear Yard Setback
Zone: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Tony V's Sunrooms & Spas

Z 06-11 634 S. Harvey Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback & Lot Coverage
Zone: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Milt Thackaberry

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth 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/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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PLYMOUTH TWP. POLICE DEPT.
734-354-3232
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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1994 OLDSMOBILE		1G3NL5532RM003856

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Starting 9-5-06, the Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works will start its fire hydrant winterization program. You may notice a temporary discoloration of your water. This should only be for a short period of time. Any prolonged problems should be reported to the DPW by calling 734-354-3270 x 3.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2006, commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider a request for five variance(s) from Kevin A. Sobel for property located at 1490 Sheldon Road, Plymouth Township. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Purpose of Meeting: Request variances from Zoning Ordinance No. 99, for a new facility for Building Front yard setback, Canopy Setback, Accessory Building Setback and two (2) Ground Sign Setbacks.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department at 734-354-3208.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 27.00 (APPLICATION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES), SECTION 4 (PARKING REGULATIONS FOR COMMERICAL VEHICLES) AND CREATION OF ARTICLE 6A.00 (SIGN REGULATIONS) PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PURPOSE; COMPLIANCE; INTERPRETATION AND CONFLICTS WITH OTHER ORDINANCES; VIOLATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF APPEARANCE TICKETS; NON-CONFORMING SIGNS; APPLICABILITY OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE; REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN PERMITS; EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; REZONING SIGNS; PROHIBITED SIGNS; SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; SIGNS PERMITTED IN SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICTS; SIGNS PERMITTED IN OFFICE, MID-RISE DEVELOPMENT, AND HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS; SIGNS PERMITTED IN AGRICULTURAL, RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND RURAL ESTATE DISTRICTS; MAXIMUM PERMITTED WALL SIGN AREA; PORTABLE SIGNS; GASOLINE SERVICE STATION SIGNS; THEATER SIGNS; DIRECTIONAL SIGNS; MASTER SIGN PLANS AND MULTIPLE TENANT SIGN REQUIREMENTS; SIGN AREA BONUSES; BILLBOARDS, LEGIBILITY AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS; GROUND SIGN; PERMIT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS; ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REVIEW, PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW, AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION REVIEW.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, September 7, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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For engagement announcements, include:

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- Daytime phone number and e-mail address in case we have any questions.

For wedding announcements, include:

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 - Names and cities of all attendants
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 - City where couple will reside
- Please send photos in a vertical format. If you are e-mailing a photograph, please send it as a ".jpeg". Photographs may be picked up after publication; or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you have questions regarding your announcement, call (734) 953-2149.

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FRI/SAT LS 11:45

SHARKS ON A PLANK (R)
12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
FRI/SAT LS 11:40

ACCEPTED (PG-13)
11:25, 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25
FRI/SAT LS 11:25

STEP UP (PG-13)
12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20
FRI/SAT LS 11:35

TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13)
11:55, 2:15, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15
FRI/SAT LS 11:25

BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG)
11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
FRI/SAT LS 11:10

'Leap of faith' leads to successful boutique

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

It was a nightmare that, at least for one local woman, turned into a long-deferred dream.

The end of her 21-year General Motors career was a shock, Vanessa Moorehead said.

"I'm not going to tell you it was easy," said Moorehead, of Troy.

But it led her to open Exquisite Boutique, the new Southfield store that is the culmination of her childhood dream.

"Even when I was in school, I'd be drawing plans for the store I'd someday like to own," she said. "If you could see those plans, from the way the store is laid out to the color of the chairs, this is it."

Located in the Sunset Strip plaza on Northwestern Highway, Exquisite Boutique just celebrated its first anniversary — a major milestone in the life of any independent business.

"It's been a very busy year, we've worked really hard, with fashion shows, trunk shows and other events; to get the word out."

By "we," Moorehead really means "I." She's the store's only full-time employee, though friends help out with the shows, which are often held in

affiliation with such other businesses as the nearby Park West Gallery.

As with any small business, location is a key and Moorehead said her store's couldn't be any better.

"We're right down from Beans and Corn Bread. So, that brings a lot of people by," she said, referring to the popular soul food restaurant that's just a few doors away.

Customers include Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence, who modeled in a fashion show for the boutique, as well as local entertainers and TV newswomen.

The store sells "mix-and-match items" designed for professional women in their 30s and older.

Shoppers have come not only from Southfield, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills, she said, but also from as far away as Lansing and Flint.

The skills Moorehead learned at GM, first in human relations and later in international purchasing, come in handy.

"A lot of the job is negotiating prices and finding bargains and that's what I was trained to do. It also involves dealing with people and I was trained to do that, too."

The boutique features such nationally known brands as Sharon Young apparel and Mary Frances handbags.

Moorehead also specializes in hand-decorated wear and is branching out into jewelry design. She said she'd like to have a second store in downtown Birmingham.

Upsetting as it was at first, Moorehead said, the timing was also right for a career change.

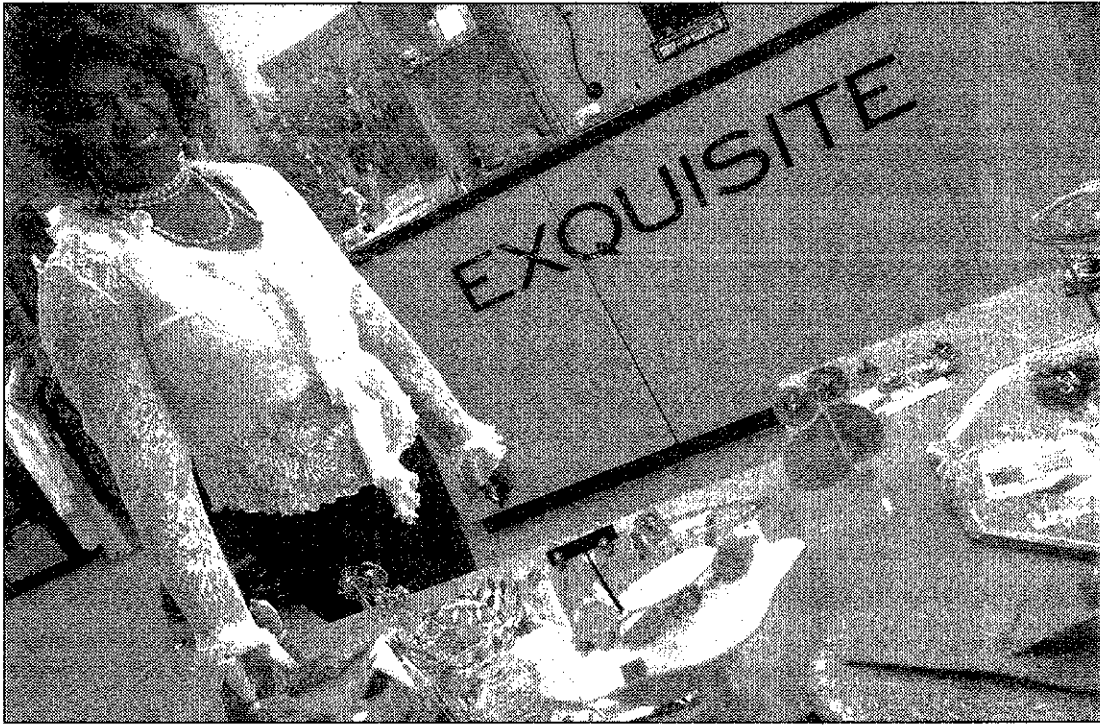
"My daughter is out of college and my son is currently attending college, so there's no children at home," Moorehead said.

For others considering a mid-life career change — whether forced or not — Moorehead offers the following advice:

First, be prepared to work. Her store is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and she is there the whole time and then some.

Second, do something you love.

"Because of the hours, it has to be something you love to



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER


Vanessa Moorehead has made a new career for herself at her new shop, Exquisite Boutique, along Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

do."

But most important, don't be afraid to try.

"It does take a leap — a leap of faith."

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 5th day of September, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings at the City Commission Chamber, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving amendments to the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the north line of Church St. & the east line of Union St.; thence south along the east line of Union St. to the north line of Lot 19, Fraick's Addition; thence east along the north line of above said lot 19 to the east line of Lot 19; thence south along the east line of above said lot to the north line of Lot 11, May Subdivision; thence east along the north line of above said lot 11 to the west line of Elizabeth St.; thence south along the west line of Elizabeth St. to the south line of Lot 14, May Subdivision; thence west along the north line of George B. Shafer's Subdivision, a distance of 204.6 ft. to the east line of Lot 240, Assessor's Plat No. 9; thence south along said lot a distance of 165.00 ft. to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence west along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the east line of Lot 710, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the north line of Lot 733, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence west along the north line of said lot to the east line of Lot 734, Assessor's Plat No. 20; thence south along the east line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west along the south line of Maple Avenue to the east line of Deer St.; thence south along the east line of Deer St. to the southwest corner of Lot 763, Plymouth Plat No. 21; thence west along the south line of Lots 759 and 760, Assessor's Plymouth Plat No. 21, a distance of 130.94 ft; thence north along the west line of said Lot 759 a distance of 132.65 ft. to the south line of Wing St.; thence west along the south line of Wing St. to the west line of Lot 131, Nash's Plymouth Subdivision; thence north along the west line of said lot to the south line of Maple Avenue; thence west to the west line of Lot 285a2b1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 148 ft. to the south line of Lot 285a1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence west along the south line of said lot a distance of approximately 105 ft. to the west line of Lot 285a1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of said lot a distance of approximately 82 ft. to the north line of Lot 285a1, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence east along the north line of said lot to the southwest corner of lot 288, Plymouth Plat No. 12; thence north along the west line of Lot 288 to the north line of Ann Arbor Trail; thence east along the north line of Ann Arbor Trail to the southeast corner of lot 347, Plymouth Plat No. 13; thence northerly along the west line of S. Harvey St. to the south line of Church St.; thence east along the south line of Church St. to the west line of Lot 191, Plymouth Plat No. 8; thence southeast along the west line of said lot; thence east along the south line of said lot; thence northeast along the east line of said lot to the north line of Church St.; thence southeasterly along the north line of Church St. to the point of beginning at Church and Union Streets.

Copies of the proposal Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Commission shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Plymouth.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Manager.

This notice is given by order of the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan.

This is a public meeting and any interested person is invited to attend. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser
Clerk, City of Plymouth

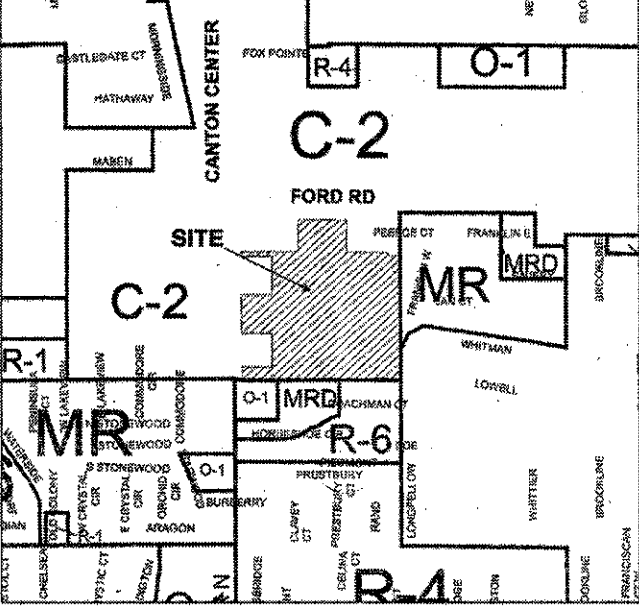
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

MEIJER'S GARDEN CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A GARDEN CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.2 FOR PARCEL NO. 058 99 0003 719 (45001 FORD ROAD). Property is located south of Ford and east of Canton Center Roads.



Meijer's Garden Center 058-SP-001(I)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 7, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Bryan L. Amann of Amann, Demopoulos & Persiconi, 355 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing ERC, Inc. of Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 201 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48187, west side of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, ground sign variance.
Zone C-2
Parcel 064-99-0017-703
(Building) (TABLED FROM AUGUST 10, 2006)
- Sign Fabricators, 43984 Groesbeck, Clinton Twp, MI 48036 representing Ted Zuchlewski of Dunkin Donuts, 40827 Village Wood, Novi, MI 48375 for commercial property located at 41439 Michigan Ave., west side of Haggerty Road between Michigan Ave. and Bituminous Drive, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, wall sign variance to do face change.
Zone C-3
Parcel 137-99-0012-712
(Building) (TABLED FROM AUGUST 10, 2006)
- Toru Hashinoguchi of Shimizu America Corporation, 24760 Verdant Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 representing Mr. Shigeya Yamaguchi of Takao America Corporation, 48985 Wixom Tech Road, Unit 8, Wixom, MI 48393-3557 for industrial property located at 7075 Commerce Road, west side of Commerce Blvd. between Haggerty and Koppernick Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, requesting to install two ground mounted business identification signs on same parcel.
Zone LI-1
Parcel 046-99-0008-730
(Building)

Approval of the August 10, 2006 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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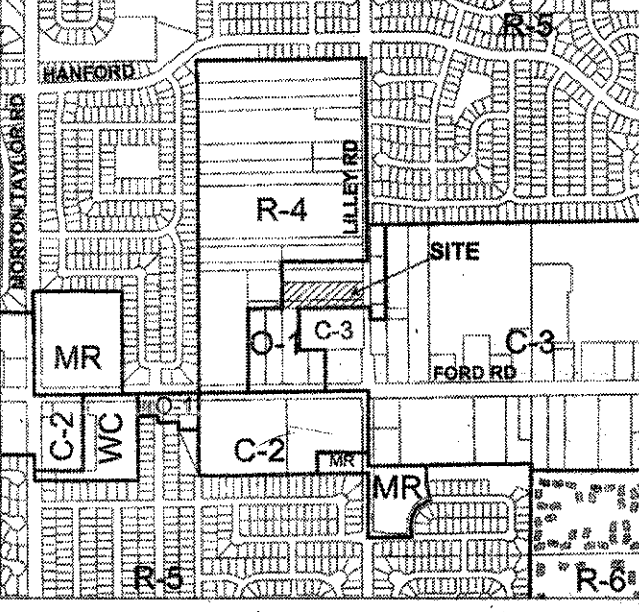
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

JANKOWSKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 043 99 0004 000 AND 043 99 0017 000 (5845 LILLEY N) FROM O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Ford and west of Lilley Road.



Jankowski Rezoning 043-RZ-082

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 7, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

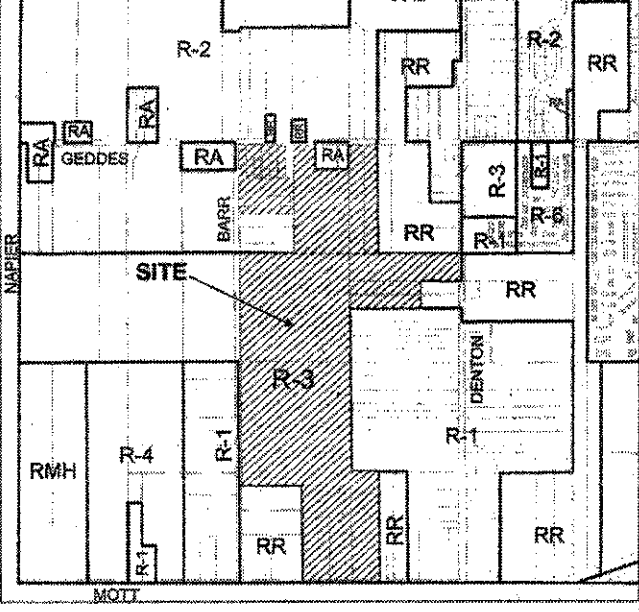
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CONDOMINIUM REGULATIONS (CHAPTER 82) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Condominium Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** to consider the request by the petitioner to permit the following proposed variance to the Condominium Ordinance for the project known as Grandview Estates located south of Geddes between Denton and Barr Roads.



Grandview Estates

The petitioner has requested a variance pursuant to Section 82-52(m) to allow excavation and tree removal prior to Final Site Plan approval.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Back to school jitters

Child psychologist offers tips for anxiety

The countdown to the start of the school year has begun. While most kids aren't exactly looking forward to it, some kids are truly dreading the return to the classroom. Anxiety over making new friends, being in a new school, facing bullies, feeling uncool or coping with academic pressure can make even a well-adjusted child anxious. That anxiety or fear can build up in a child's mind, leading them to act on it in many ways from tummy aches and sleep problems to out-and-out refusal to go to school. Fortunately, there's still time to do something about it. Parents can start now to help kids face their fears and calm their worries, says Michelle Kees, a University of Michigan Health System child psychologist.

Most kids can overcome their fears with the help of a parent. But for children who show signs of anxiety over a longer period, or intense fears, parents shouldn't hesitate to seek professional help. Fear of school can also have its roots in other situations such as stressful home events, learning problems or bullying that need prompt attention. Serious untreated anxiety in childhood can put a child at risk for problems later in life.

"With any change that we experience in our lives, natural emotions such as anxiety can emerge," said Kees, a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry who treats children with anxiety disorders through the University of Michigan Child & Adolescent Psychiatry clinic. "For children, this becomes more pronounced because every year they have this new experience of returning to school or starting at a new school."

If kids and parents don't deal with the anxiety and its causes, it can get out of control. Often times, it's a vicious cycle where a child will feel anxious about going to school, the parent will feel badly for the child and allow them to stay home. The next day, it becomes even more difficult for the child to go to school.

Parents shouldn't let anxiety keep kids away from school. Talk to school counselors and teachers, and mental health professionals if need be to figure out what might be done. Work hard to talk openly with your child about what's worrying them and how they might deal with it.

Depending on your child's age, different things might be causing worry and different techniques might be able to ease their back-to-school fears. Kees offers this advice:

KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY

Parents of young kids often have a lump in their throat as they send their child off for the first day of kindergarten or first grade. Kids can pick up on that nervousness making their worries even more intense. Months of buildup to the start of school, talking



about it as a big event in the child's young life, can also make a child anxious.

"Young kids who are anxious might avoid talking about going to school or about school supplies, or about going to get their new school supplies," says Kees. "Parents should begin early by opening a line of communication even with young children about school experiences and expectations, and about a child's thoughts and feelings about school. Help children connect with their school by visiting it before school starts, especially if it's a school they haven't attended before."

What if the first week of school arrives and a child still doesn't want to go to school? He or she might not say it directly, but rather claim to have a tummy ache, a sore throat or a headache that quickly disappears once it's decided to keep him or her home from school. Kids might hide when it's time to get ready to

go to school, or throw temper tantrums. Anxiety can also cause a child to have trouble sleeping or have nightmares while they're sleeping. Little ones especially may become very clingy, and not want to leave a parent's side especially if they aren't used to being away from parents during the day. All of these signs of anxiety may end soon after the start of school. But if they continue for several weeks, parents should talk to a school professional or mental health counselor.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Making the transition from a small elementary school to a bigger middle school with different classes and more difficult work can be a big hurdle for some pre-teens. This age also comes with the added issue of meeting new children and facing social pressures about clothes, appearance and other things.

"For parents, recognizing anxiety in middle-school children can sometimes be difficult. This is the age when friends start to become more important than parents in a child's view and they may not share their feelings with you," says Kees. "Possible indicators include coming up with excuses for not riding the bus or staying at planned school activities, or any behavior that involves avoiding going to school."

HIGH SCHOOL

By the time they reach high school, kids face increasing responsibility at school including pressure to fit in and do well academically in order to prepare for college or technical school. This is also the time of a young person's life when they develop their own identity and the self-confidence needed to be independent.

Teens tend to talk with their friends rather than their parents when something is bothering them. If their parents ask if something's wrong, they may deny it. But parents can try to keep the lines of communication open by talking to teens about their friends, interests and activities, and anything else that might help a teen open up. Teens with anxiety issues may also have frequent headaches, dizziness, nausea, and muscle aches that don't seem to have any cause, or may have trouble sleeping.

Anxiety and depression can go hand-in-hand in teens, and the late teen years are a peak time for depression to begin. Parents should watch for major changes in behavior and attitudes, loss of interest in things that once held their attention, large drops in grades, aggression or irritability, or withdrawal from friends and family. These kinds of signs can signal a more serious problem that will need professional help.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

Women's cancer walk

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute presents a one-mile non-competitive walk with all profits to benefit women's cancers research and awareness programs 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward Ave. and I-696, Royal Oak. Gates open at 8 a.m. \$10 for adults age 13 and up, \$5 ages 2-12, free for children under age 2. For information, call (800) KARMANOS. Register online at www.cancerwalk.org.

Fibromyalgia workshop

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

Volunteers wanted

American Red Cross is looking for at least 1,000 volunteers to take part in a disaster readiness exercise implemented by the Red Cross, Homeland Security and other emergency management organizations Sept. 8-9. The exercise will simulate weapons of mass destruction in Southwest Detroit. The Red Cross needs volunteers to serve as evacuees, shelter residents, and persons to be decontaminated. To register, volunteers should visit the Web site at www.sem-redcross.org. For additional information, call Tawana Ward at (313) 494-2863.

Panic relief

Panic and anxiety program to help cope with panic, anxiety and agoraphobias, learn to control panic attacks and anticipatory anxiety, learn how attitudes and current thoughts affect panic and anxiety noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Livonia. If you are interested in attending the meetings, call (732) 940-9658.

UPCOMING

Tai chi classes

Open house the week of Sept. 4, classes start week of Sept. 11 and run 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

Common pediatric conditions

6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in classroom 1 of the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Features Dr. Harvey Leo talking about asthma and how life threatening food allergies pose a significant issue for both adults and children. Dr. Scott Moore discusses ear infections and their causes and treatment options. Pediatric neurologist Dr. Brian Woodruff focuses on childhood headaches and seizures, symptoms and diagnosis, and treatment options. Pre-registration required. Visit wwwsjmer

cyhealth.org or call (734) 712-5800.

Mini health fair

Livonia Parkinson's Support Group is hosting a Parkinson Mini-Health Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. An Ask the Doctor sessions with Dr. N. Taylor, D.O., a neurologist, will be offered. Vendors with information about Parkinson's Disease will also be available. For information, call (734) 421-4208.

Plus-size clothing sale

St. Mary mercy Hospital's Bariatric Center celebrates its first anniversary by hosting a Plus-size Clothing Sale 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in an outdoor tent on the hospital's north grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. There will be gently used clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL. For more information, call (734) 655-2692.

Benefit performance

The Rat Pack is Back goes smoke-free for a performance Sept. 12, at the Gem Theater in Detroit to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's research, education and advocacy initiatives. The show recreates one of the famous Las Vegas performances with Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean. Tickets are \$50, \$110 for a

special pre-show and VIP dinner at the Century Grille Restaurant. Call (248) 784-2030.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Educational program

Presented by The Alliance for The Mentally Ill of Oakland County, Families In Action Educational Program begins Wednesday Sept. 13, for people with a loved one that has been diagnosed with a form of mental illness. It is a series of 10, two-hour weekly sessions. The family members who conduct the program are people that have lived the hardships of mental illness and have been trained on how to share their experiences with others. Classes are held on the St. Regis Parish School Campus in West Bloomfield and open to all Metro-Detroit residents. Class size is limited. Preregistration required. Call (248) 348-7196 for additional information or visit www.amioakland.org.

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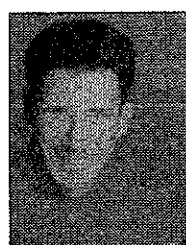
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Just a little sun boosts vitamin D

Natalie from Auburn Hills e-mails asking how much sunlight is needed to boost her body's production of vitamin D.

Natalie, just a few minutes a day should do the trick! Research now shows that just 15 to 30 minutes a day will trigger an increase in the body's level of vitamin D. And, you don't even have to spend all that time lying around by

the pool.

A 30-minute walk in the sun is ideal for increasing vitamin D production. Vitamin D is critical for bone health and walking is the perfect way to boost your cardio health, too. In addition, you can add calcium to your diet or take supplements as an added plus. Weight training and other fitness programs are other great ways to increase a person's bone density. So, get out and enjoy the sunlight - you'll enjoy every minute!

Brad from South Lyon does a lot of traveling and e-mails for tips on getting a quick and effective out-of-town workout.

Brad, it all comes down to the right game plan! Here are some tips:
1) Make a reservation at a hotel that has a gym or pool. If one is not available, you can always exercise in your own room.
2) Bring tapes with an aerobic

or dance workout on them. You can try yoga, a callisthenic routine, jog in place, or whatever you enjoy most.
3) Take along lightweight equipment, such as resistance tubing or a jump rope.
4) Climb stairs inside the hotel or skip the bus or cab, and walk part of the way to your destination.
5) Pack a tennis ball and racquet, find a local golf range, or do some good old fashioned bowling. Whatever you choose to do, remember to have fun with it! Remember, the only limitations are your own imagination!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

What do you do when Viagra, Levitra, or Cialis doesn't work?

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The Henry Ford, Dearborn	Tribute Restaurant, Farmington Hills
	Zumba Mexican Grill, Royal Oak

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As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Belleville High School

All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information, contact Mildred Baker, chairperson, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48101; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or email jpopel14.tampabay.rr.com.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1956

Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham.

For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko (248) 644-8797 or barbaradrisko@hotmail.com.

Bishop Borgess High School

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at b676reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 at the Livonia Marriott. For more information, e-mail borgess87@hotmail.com.

Cass Tech High School

Class of 1955-57

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield. Contact Rich Baylerian (248) 735-4495, Barbara Grajek Schanfrank (248) 543-6353, Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimir's of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar; Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.

Cherry Hill High School

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes. Friday, Sept. 15, at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus. For more information, contact Lisa (Brown) Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734) 466-

9939.

Clawson High School

Class of 1973

6pm to midnight Oct. 28, at the San Marino club, Troy. \$75.00 please contact Linda (Morrill) Hale 248-761-5550 or Dave Lake 248-684-4200 for info.

Clintondale High School

Class of 1986

A 20 year reunion Saturday, Oct. 14. For information, e-mail clintondale1986@yahoo.com

Denby High School

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton. \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pietzke) Wauford at Swaullor@aol.com; OR Laurene

(Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 OR Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion, 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Crown Plaza (formerly Doubletree), Novi. \$83 per person. For reservations, call Pat West, (800) 977-6201.

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please

contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or email: jwork2friends@yahoo.com

Detroit Eastern

Annual All-Class Reunion

The Annual All Class Reunion of Detroit Eastern High School will be held from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road in Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with an open bar and sit-down dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person, with pre-paid ticket pickup at the door. Advanced reservations only before Sept. 24. Contact Bob Butler (313) 824-7230; Terry DesRivers Edwards (313) 885-2562; or

e-mail:EHSReunion2006@aol.com

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion will be held 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at the Troy Hilton. Anyone who attended Ford is welcome. Contact Ron Grant, home (248) 288-9376 or cell (586)-663-8844.

Detroit Mackenzie

Jan., June and Summer 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information, call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net.



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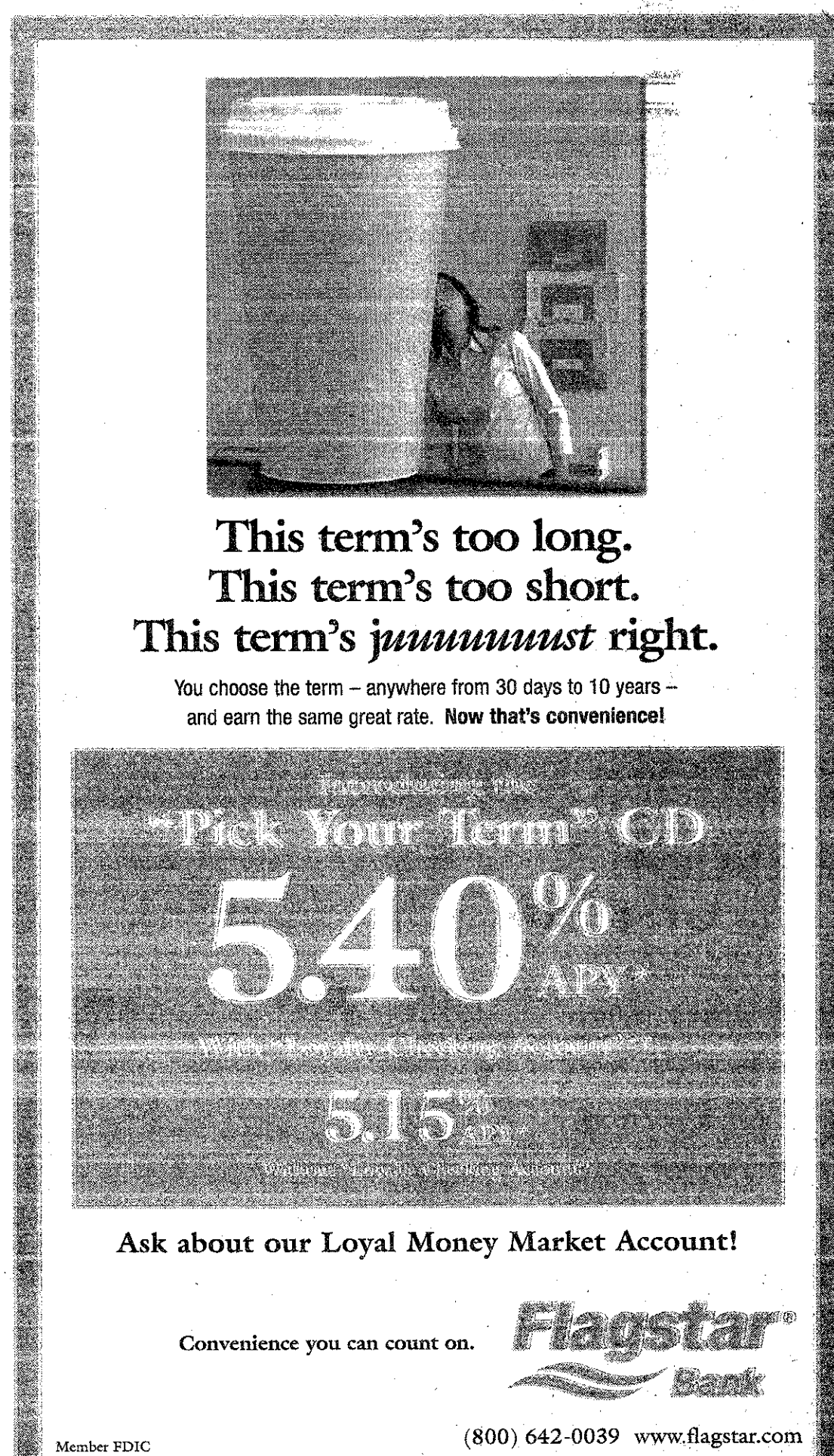
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Jewish Vocational Service on the job helping find jobs

BY JULIE BROWN
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These aren't the easiest of times for metro Detroit job seekers, but they have a friend in Jewish Vocational Service.

The agency, with headquarters in Southfield, has been around nearly 65 years and assists some 2,000-3,000 people a year. It can be reached at (248) 559-5000 or online at jvsdet.org.

"Our mission is to see to it

that individuals have the services and support they need to realize their life's potential," said Karol Friedman, vice president of career development and employment services for JVS. The agency offers counseling, training and support services, the latter focusing on such work-related concerns as child care and transportation.

Employment services at JVS include vocational assessment, help in resume writing, use of the Internet in job seeking and

such resources as the Michigan Talent Bank. A good percentage of clients are Jewish although that's not tracked, said Friedman.

"We actually are seeing everybody," JVS gets college and high school graduates looking for work, as well as older professionals who have been "right-sized."

"They may be people who are just generally looking for a variety of reasons," she said. Clients range from late teens to seniors.

"We have many, many people in their 70s and 80s who are unable to function on their current retirement package," Friedman said. JVS works with hundreds of employers who send information on job vacancies.

There are fewer auto-related jobs these days, she said, although JVS continues to work with steel companies, manufacturers and suppliers, hotels and restaurants and others. "It really goes across the board."

There are no client fees for employment services, a sliding scale for career counseling and small fees for workshop training. Most clients come from the tri-county area.

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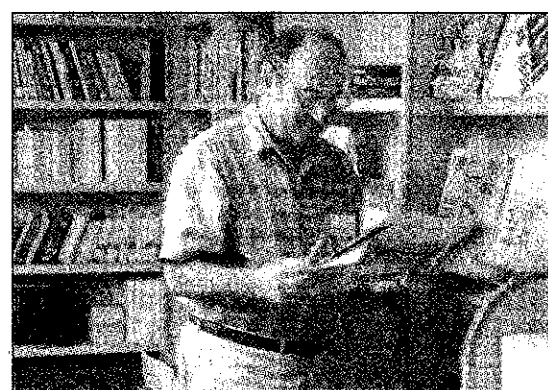
"It's fantastic work," Friedman said. The staff shares in a sense of pride when someone lands a job.

"I got the interview, I got a job offer. It's just a wonderful experience to share in that joy," she said.

In addition to the Southfield office, there's a facility in West Bloomfield and one in Macomb County. JVS runs Detroit's Work Place for the city of Detroit out of several city locations.

"They're very focused on the population and the population needs," she said. JVS is geared to finding people permanent full-time or part-time work, rather than temp positions.

Friedman would be thrilled to see Michigan's economy improve, but noted the need for services is steady. "I would anticipate we're going to be very busy for that entire time," she said of the near future. "People are pretty afraid right now of



Job seeker Alix Itkin of Commerce Township scans job openings at the JVS Occupational Resource Center.

their job security."

Some people explore career options when the economy is better, she has found. Large companies like Ford Motor typically contract with an outplacement firm for laid-off workers.

A lot of individuals who've had such outplacement help come to JVS, however, when that contract runs out. "Then a lot of times people start seeking resources available to them that are community-based," Friedman said.

Other large U.S. cities with significant Jewish populations have similar agencies, she added, citing Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City and Cleveland.

Harvey Carney of Southfield is in the Leads and Needs net-

working and support group, and has found it helpful. "Right now, I'm 65 years old and I'm bored," he said.

He's been in the group since late April. Carney has an accounting background, but notes "A career change is on the top of my mind." He's thinking of moving into driving, maybe a courtesy vehicle for an auto dealer.

"There are a number of people in the same position," he said of the older workers he's met through Leads and Needs. The group has given him tools and information on what companies to target.

"They've been very helpful. It's been a helpful group," said Carney, adding that the current economy makes a job hunt difficult.



JVS Occupational Information Specialist Renee Rabideau (third from left) runs a weekly Leads and Needs seminar to provide networking tips and job-hunting advice to job seekers.



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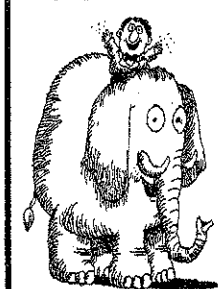
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COMMERCE TWP Thurs, Aug. 31 only, 9am-4pm, 8200 Tamaran Dr, off Union Lake Rd & Richardson. Furniture, lots of toys, equipment, kids clothes, household.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Sale. 25811 Castleleigh Rd., Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 9-5. Household, furniture, kid's stuff, vintage pieces, etc....

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Sale. Aug. 25-30, 9-6pm, 22149 Haynes, off 9 Mile, W. of Middlebelt. Lots of Electrical contractor parts.

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Moving Sales **7130**

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Household Goods 7160

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Appliances 7180

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BELLEVILLE OPEN 12-2 9213 Solitude

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Open House Sat & Sun, 1-5

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LIVONIA - OPEN SUN 1-5 15339 Brookfield. Updated, 3 bdrm ranch, 2 car, great location, \$167,500. 810-227-4857

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Slow market doesn't stop annual home parade

BY JOE BAUMAN
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It is no secret in the home construction trade that business in southeast Michigan has been slow, both in terms of new construction and sales of existing homes.

And based on a report issued earlier this week, the rest of the nation is starting to experience the same slumping markets.

Despite the glut of available homes — and perhaps banking on the premise that the first area to suffer (Michigan) will be the first to rebound, the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is ready to showcase its 18th annual Fall Parade of Homes architectural contest winners.

Parade of Homes is a monthlong exhibition of 75 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. Sponsored by BIA and LaSalle Bank, the showcase runs through Sept. 17.

"This year's Fall Parade of Homes provides people living in southeastern Michigan with an opportunity to see firsthand the great spectrum of quality homes being built by BIA's Professional Master Builders," said James P. Babcock, president of BIA and Babcock Building, Co., Inc., in St. Clair Shores.

The winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being



The Legacy, built by Millcreek Building Company, was honored in the \$500,000-\$700,000 category for this model located in Canton Township.

judged, participating homes were divided into 11 categories by price.

"Today's homes offer unprecedented value and run the gamut from very affordable homes starting at \$80,000 to luxurious estates topping \$2 million," Babcock said.

The blue ribbon homes by category are:

■ Community Development Advocates of Detroit Affordable Housing: Habitat for Humanity Ranch, priced at \$80,000 in Detroit, built by Habitat for Humanity—Detroit and Community Development Advocates of Detroit.

■ Unity Park Affordable Housing: Chadwick I, priced at \$115,000 plus fees, in Pontiac, built by West Construction Services and Oakland Schools.

■ Attached Condominiums

Priced Under \$200,000: The Astoria, priced at \$166,130, in Macomb Township, built by Mocerri Companies and Trinity Land Development.

■ Attached Condominiums Priced Over \$200,000 to \$225,000: Arlington, priced at \$208,900, in Canton, built by Woodbridge Estate Builders, LLC.

■ Attached Condominiums Priced from \$225,000 to \$425,000: The Doral, priced at \$379,900, in Clarkston, built by Cohen Homes.

■ Homes Priced Under \$310,000: Rachelle II, priced at \$219,900, located in New Baltimore, built by Creative Phase Building, Inc.

■ Homes Priced Over \$310,000 to \$350,000: The Hampton Park, priced at \$324,900, in South Lyon, built by Kheder Homes.

■ Homes Priced Over \$350,000 to \$400,000: The



Taking top honors in the \$310,000-\$350,000 price range was The Hampton Park, built by Kheder Homes and located in South Lyon.



The Bridgeport, located in Northville and priced at \$1.4 million, was honored in the more than \$700,000 price category.

Farmington, priced at \$361,181 in Brandon Township, built by Centex Homes.

■ Homes and Detached Condominiums Priced Over \$400,000 to \$500,000: Bloomfield, priced at \$424,900, in Lyon Township, built by Singh Homes Building Co., LLC.

■ Homes Priced Over \$500,000 to \$700,000: Legacy, priced at \$599,900, in



The Doral, built by Cohen Homes, received top honors in the attached condominium category for this model priced at \$379,000 in Clarkston.

Canton, built by Millcreek Building Company.

■ Homes Priced Over \$700,000: Bridgeport, priced at \$1.4 million, located in Northville Township, built by Wineman & Komer Building Company, Curtis Building Company and Millcreek Building Company.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. The models can be

viewed during open house

tours or online at

www.BIAParadeOfHomes.com.

Featured homes include condominiums, lofts and single-family homes ranging in price from \$80,000 to \$2.45 million.

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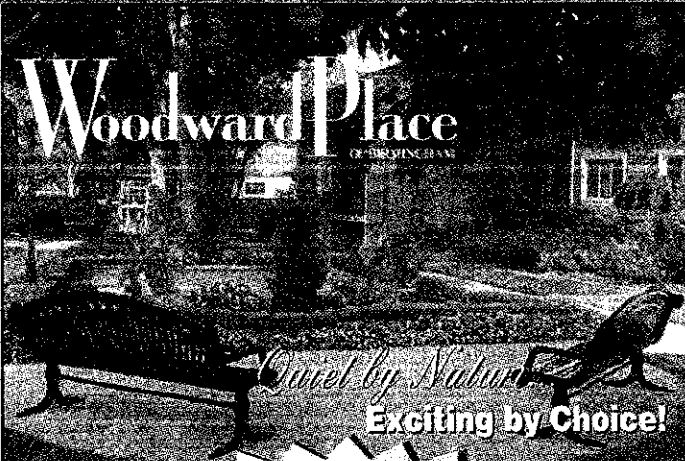
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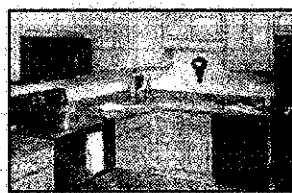


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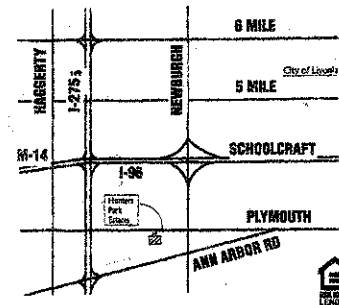
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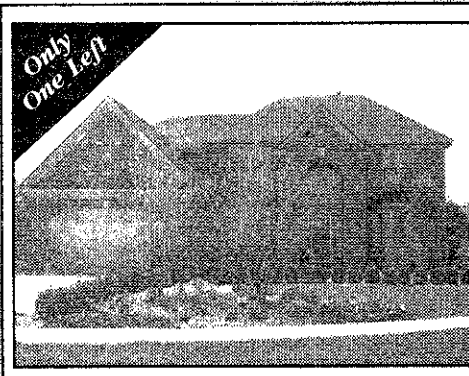
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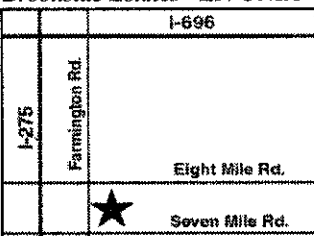
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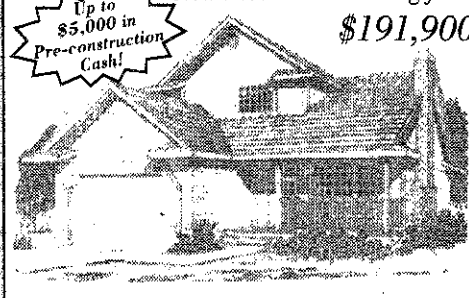
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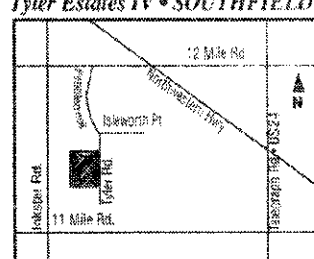
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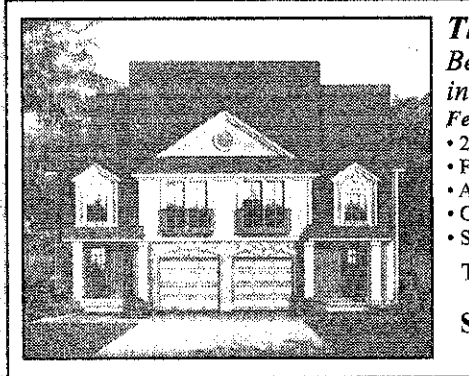
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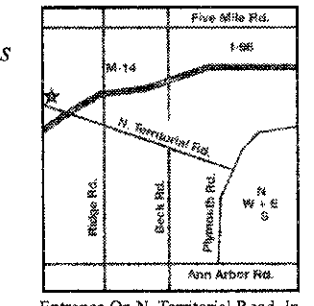


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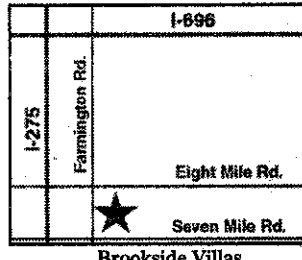
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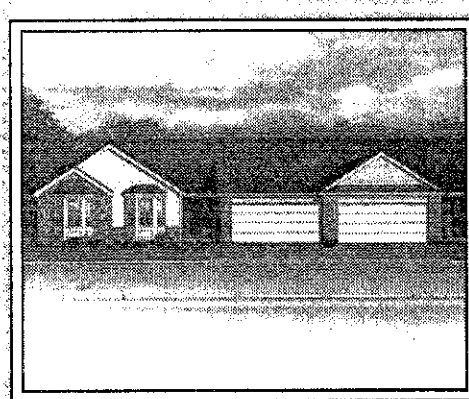
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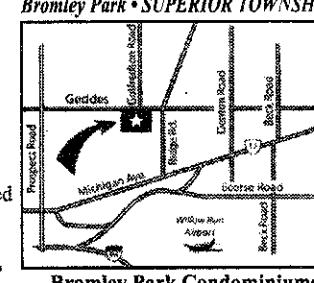
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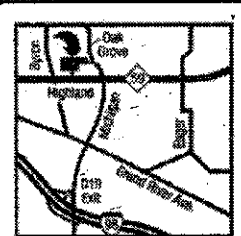


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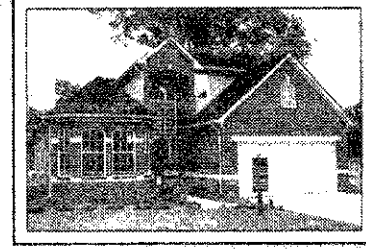
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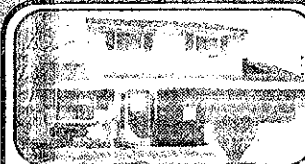
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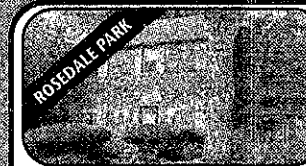
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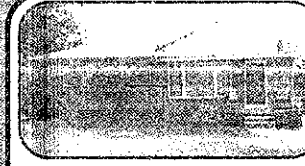
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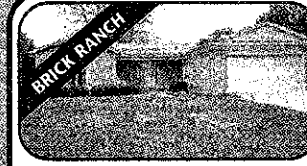
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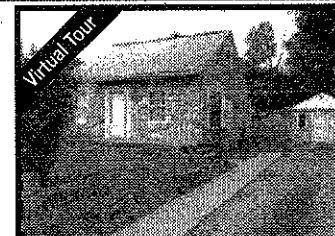
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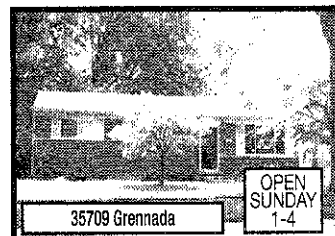
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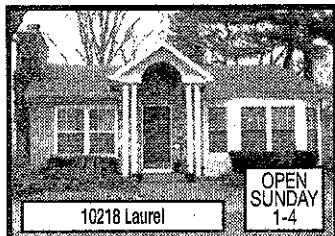
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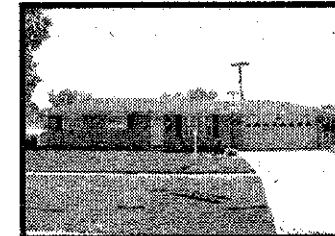
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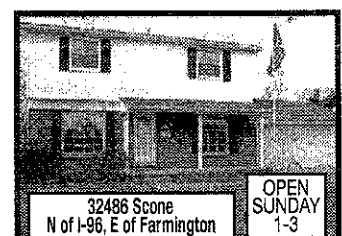
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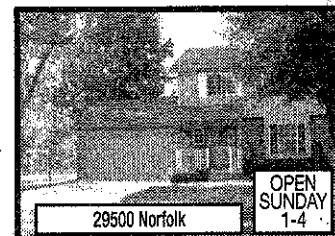
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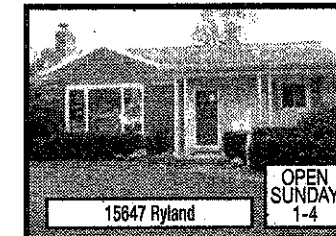
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ACROSS

- 1 Roomy tees
- 4 Mandible
- 7 Submarine, on sonar
- 11 Faculty head
- 12 Prior to
- 13 Slave girl of opera
- 14 Governess in Siam
- 15 Dead heat
- 16 Rich soil
- 17 Inn
- 19 Ball of yarn
- 21 Coast Guard off.
- 22 Game of strategy
- 24 — Magnon man
- 27 Wheat husk
- 28 Ayla's creator
- 29 Relax (2 wds.)
- 32 Drop the ball
- 34 Author — Haley
- 35 Relish
- 36 None
- 37 Cellular device
- 39 Playback machine

- 42 Stamp holder
- 44 Every morning
- 46 Sherpa's sighting
- 48 Consumer protection org.
- 50 Party tray
- 51 In the thick of
- 52 Highchair wear
- 53 Sweet rolls
- 54 Word plays
- 55 Pro vote
- 56 Invite

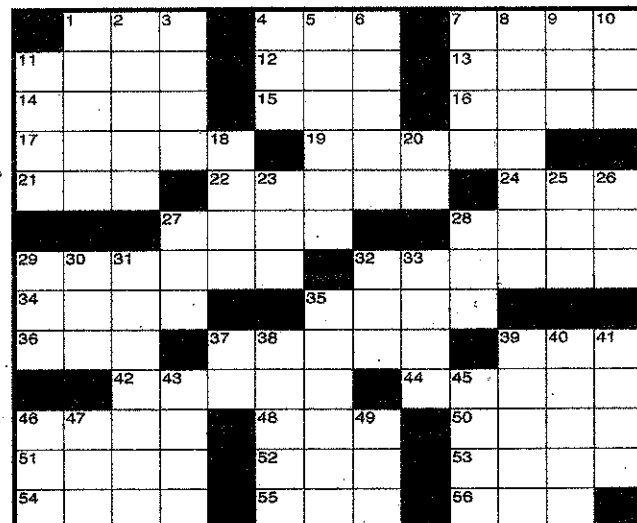
DOWN

- 1 Kin of argon and neon
- 2 Seizes a contract
- 3 Minor setback
- 4 Jacuzzi feature
- 5 Out of bed
- 6 Time spans
- 7 — "Ha!"
- 8 Zoo arrival (2 wds.)
- 9 Wyo. neighbor
- 10 Cooking spray brand

Answer to Previous Puzzle

DUG	ARID	AWES
AKA	RENO	ZINC
PELICANS	UNDO	
NHL	CREST	
OFFS	MAIZE	
DART	BRA	LOG
DNA	CLEAR	ERA
SGT	APT	MEAD
LASSO	URLS	
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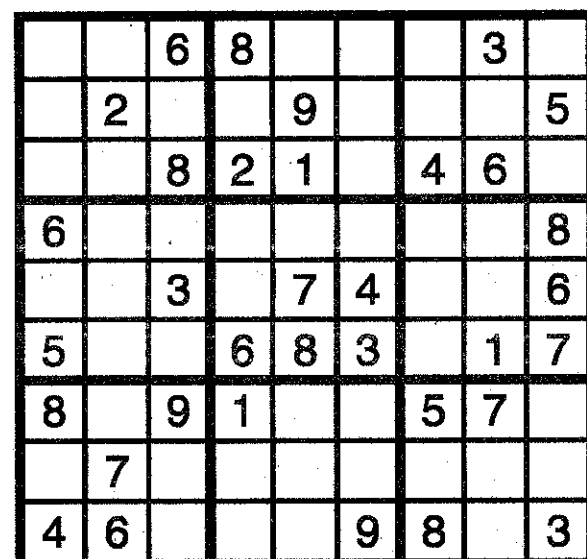


- 27 Package
- 28 Invoice no.
- 29 Moving option
- 30 Wallah or Lilly
- 31 Wobbly dessert
- 32 Marsh
- 33 Secondhand
- 35 Horror-movie role
- 37 Lead, in chem.
- 38 Mate, informally
- 39 Computer menace
- 40 Jingle
- 41 Cereal grains
- 43 Cops
- 45 Mr. Eban
- 46 Sharp bark
- 47 Tall bird
- 49 Air rifle ammo

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

6	2	8	6	9	2	1	9	7
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9	9	2	7	2	6	8	8	1
8	7	6	1	2	9	2	6	9
6	9	7	2	1	2	8	9	8
9	8	1	9	6	8	7	2	2
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Attractive home blends beauty, functionality

The attractive wood siding, shake roof, shuttered windows, and covered porch with railing, all add up to an impressive sight when friends and family come to visit. As nice as this beautiful exterior is, the interior floor design of the Creswell (404-27) is not only equally as beautiful, but extremely functional as well.

To the left of the entry is the spacious vaulted living room. This large area will serve as the main gathering place for family activities and entertaining guests. The window seat presents an unobstructed view of the front landscape.

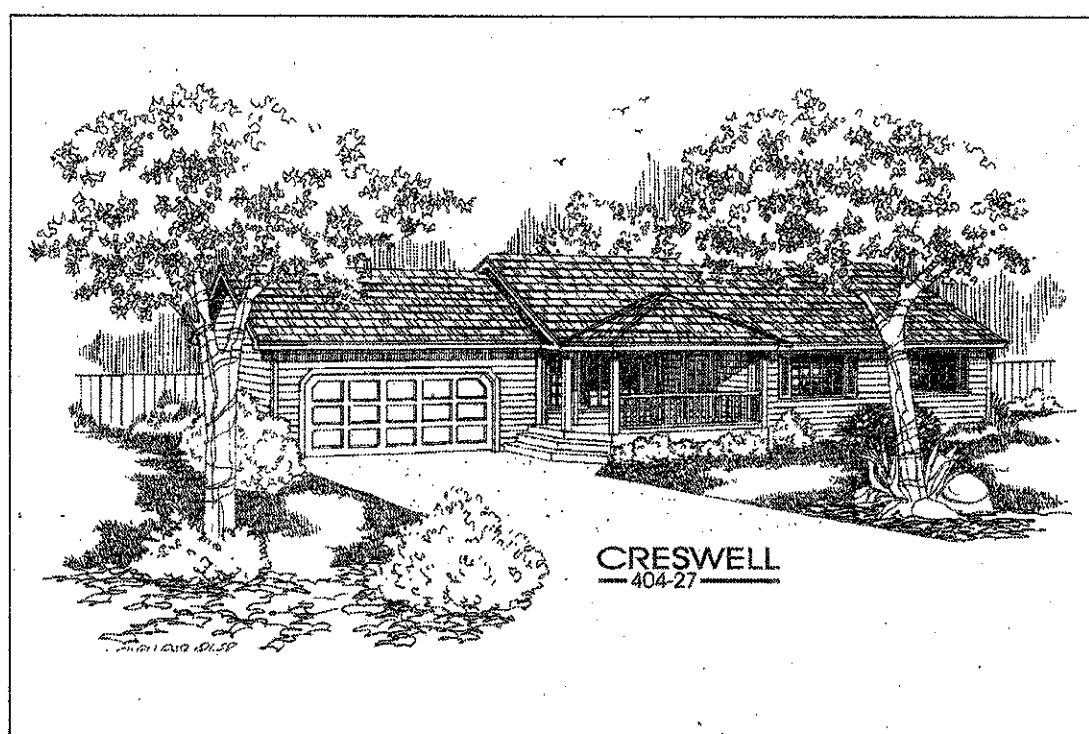
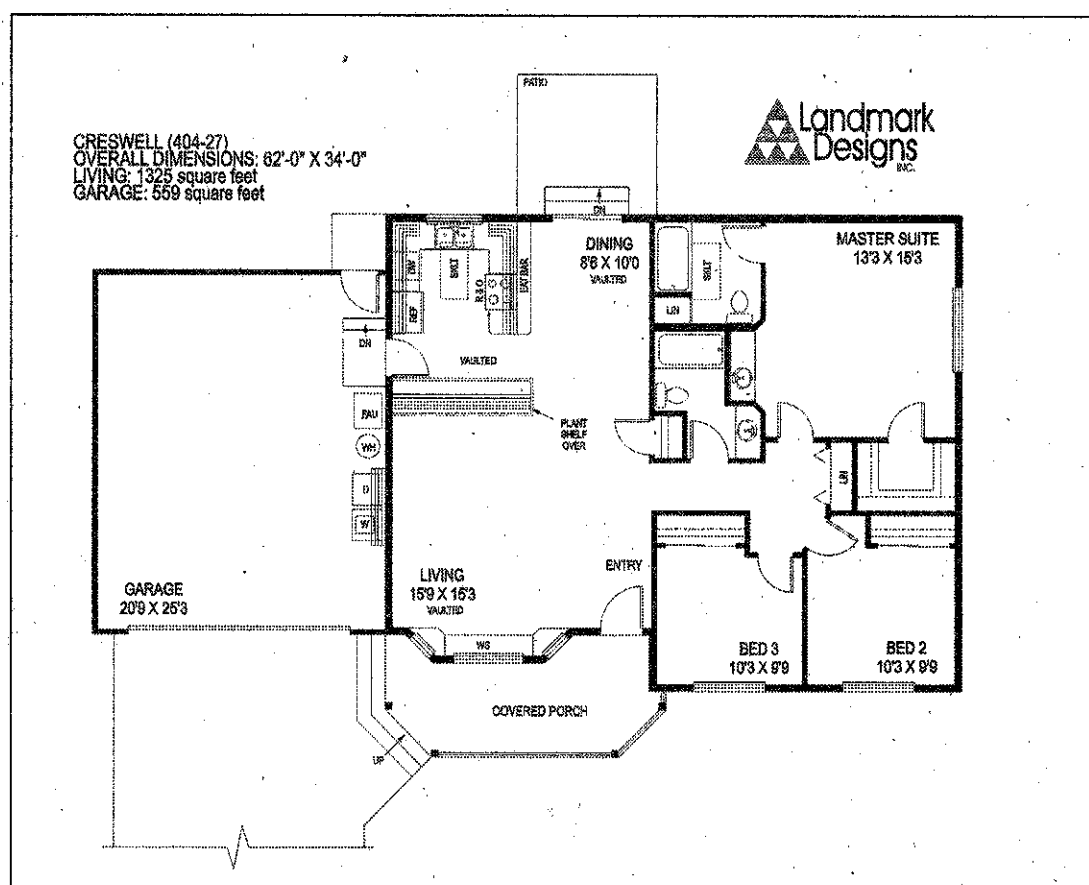
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Real Estate Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (exit No. 37 at I-75). Mansa Musa will discuss "Avoiding Fraud for the Real Estate Investor." For information, call (313) 386-7228 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org. The group meets 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, and has a free informational meeting 6-7 p.m.

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■ A 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination by Lake Orion Community Education and the institute, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3 and 5, in the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps in Lake Orion. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment by Sept. 22 to Lake Orion Community Education, (248) 693-5436.

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■ Two-day "Green Building" seminar 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7-8, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will discuss strategies for incorporating environmentally friendly principles into homes without driving up costs. Fee is \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$400 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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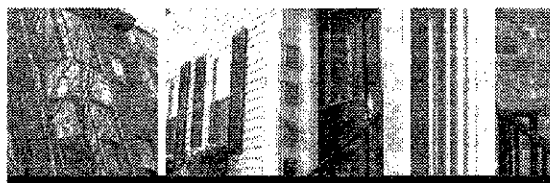
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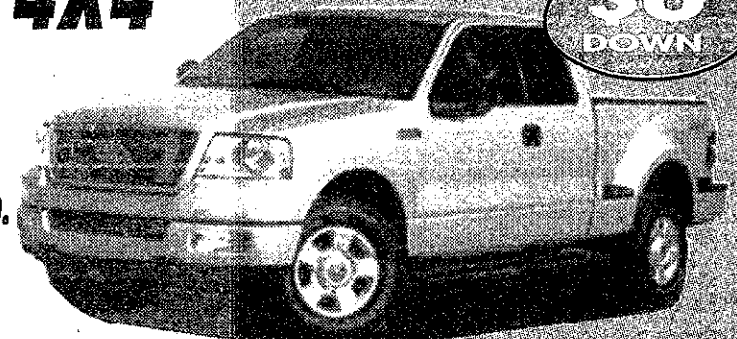
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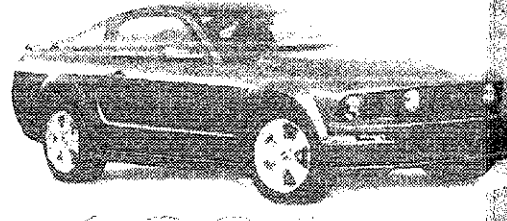
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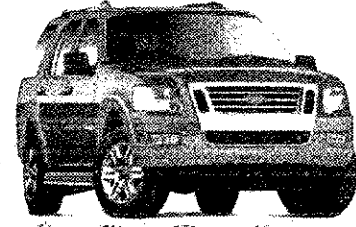
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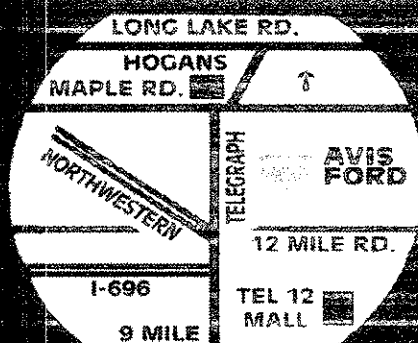
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