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Firm that drives special needs workers hit by fire

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As she gazed at the five charred, unrecognizable passenger vans, Elaine LaMontagne sighed when she thought about the days to come.

"We made it work today, but I don't know about tomorrow," she said. "This is the biggest financial loss we've ever had. It just took my breath away."

LaMontagne is the director of Community Work Opportunities, a nonprofit agency that transports physically and emotionally disabled individuals to their jobs or community activities. According to LaMontagne, they transport riders from all over Wayne County, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Redford.

The agency lost six of its 19 vans when a power line came down during a storm and set off a blaze Saturday afternoon at its Lilley Road office. No one was injured in the fire.

While five vans were destroyed, a sixth could be salvageable. Three of the vehicles had specialized equipment.

"We've tried to use humor

Please see **FIRE, A7**



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A total of six passenger vans were destroyed in the Saturday afternoon blaze, which was caused by a downed power line.

Flag bearer

Marine reservist will take
Canton flag to Iraq

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

It took Eileen Queen a while to warm up to the idea of her son joining the U.S. Marine Reserves, but Tuesday night, any of her previous doubts were gone.

"I'm very proud of him," she said. "I asked him every question I could think of and he had an answer for all of them, so now it's time to be supportive."

Nicholas M. Queen, 19, of Superior Township has been called to serve in Iraq and will head Sept. 6 to California for training.

Queen, a machine gunner, is a part-time employee in Canton's maintenance department and was recognized by the Canton Board of Trustees at its Tuesday

meeting. He was presented with a resolution and the same township flag that was carried overseas by Trustee Todd Caccamo during his tour of duty.

"I'm absolutely blown away by the support," said Queen, an Ann Arbor Huron High School graduate, as his parents and younger brother stood behind him. "This means a lot more than you might expect."

Queen, who graduated first in his infantry machine gunner class, joined the Marine Reserves in July 2006.

"It was sort of out of the blue for us, but not for Nick," said his father, Jon Queen, who described his son as "independent and straight-forward."

As the bright lights in the administration building bounced off his perfectly-shined



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trustee Todd Caccamo presented the Canton flag that he took to Iraq to Pfc. Nicholas Queen, who will be deployed to Iraq after additional training. Queen was joined by his mother and father, Eileen and John Queen, and younger brother Nathan.

shoes, Queen, who was dressed in uniform, said he's never regretted his decision to join the Reserves.

"I felt like this is something I would regret when I was older if I didn't do it," he said. "My grandfather, my great-grandfather and my great-great-grandfather all served."

Queen, who is expected to be deployed for at least a year, said

he's excited about his upcoming mission.

"I'll finally get to use all my training," he said. "The hard thing is telling everyone goodbye."

After being presented with the resolution, which stated that Queen "has brought a sense of pride not only to his own family

Please see **IRAQ, A6**

District begins search for Ryan's replacement

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The concept of replacing retiring Superintendent Jim Ryan took a step closer to reality Tuesday when trustees on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education agreed to solicit proposals from five search firms, including two from Michigan, to help find Ryan's successor.

When the proposals are received, the board will schedule interviews with each of the firms. The chosen firm will then lead the search for Ryan's replacement. Ryan is scheduled to retire Feb. 28.

Board President Judy Mardigian said using a firm with national search experience is a critical part of the plan to replace Ryan.

"It's very important," Mardigian said. "We heard that reinforced by districts that are similar in size to us. We're at that tier now where we need a firm that can help us recruit, not just put out a posting."

Originally, the plan was to solicit proposals from two Michigan firms — Michigan Association of School Boards of Lansing and Michigan Leadership Institute in Old Mission — and a third, national firm.

But as Mardigian's search subcommittee began looking at firms, they found others they liked. The committee added three out-of-state firms: Goens/Esparo LLC of West Hartford, Conn.; Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates LTD of Glenview Ill.; and PROACT Search out of Milwaukee, Wis.

The school board will review proposals at its Sept. 10 meeting, and from there schedule interviews with the

Please see **RYAN, A7**

Summit set for 'super' cleaning; to close down for a week

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Summit on the Park will be closed for maintenance from 3 p.m. today until 5:30 a.m. Sept. 4.

This year's annual shutdown will include painting, window washing and general upkeep.

The carpet and rubber flooring in the fitness area will be replaced, locker room benches will be refinished and the swimming pools will be drained.

"We use this as a time to super clean," said Facilities Coordinator Gregg King. "It's hard to do some projects when

we have guests and this is a pretty much a standard practice for recreation centers."

Although some members of the Summit thrive off of going to the center everyday, King said feedback regarding the shutdown has been supportive.

"Our members are understanding," he said. "They want

a high-caliber facility."

The work, which is cranked out on a tight schedule, will start and end promptly, King said.

Open year-round, the Summit sits at 46000 Summit Parkway.

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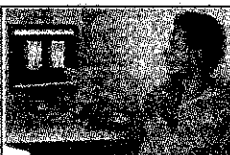


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Season of change

Orchestra Canton's new season to feature variety of music

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

As the members of Orchestra Canton prepare to kick off their fourth season with a Sept. 8 show at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, they are hoping to bring their music to a wider variety of people in the Canton community.

Variety is probably the word that most describes the new season, which will feature a total of four shows.

Take the Sept. 8 opening night show, for example. "Movie Music Magic!," which begins at 8 p.m., will feature themes of popular films from the Silver Screen, including *Chicago*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Star Wars*. For the show, Orchestra Canton will also be joined on stage by the Canton Concert Band and Spotlight Players, two Village Theater regulars, who will perform on separate songs.

"This is a very different season than we've had in the past," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson, executive director of Orchestra Canton. "We're doing a number of collaborations this year, and there is a lot of variety. The shows are just so different."

Other shows this season include a Christmas concert in December, "Blissful Baroque"

in January, which will be a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and "Fusion Festival: Inspirations from India" in March, which will be a cross-cultural musical collaboration featuring celebrated sitar artist, composer and teacher Hasu Patel.

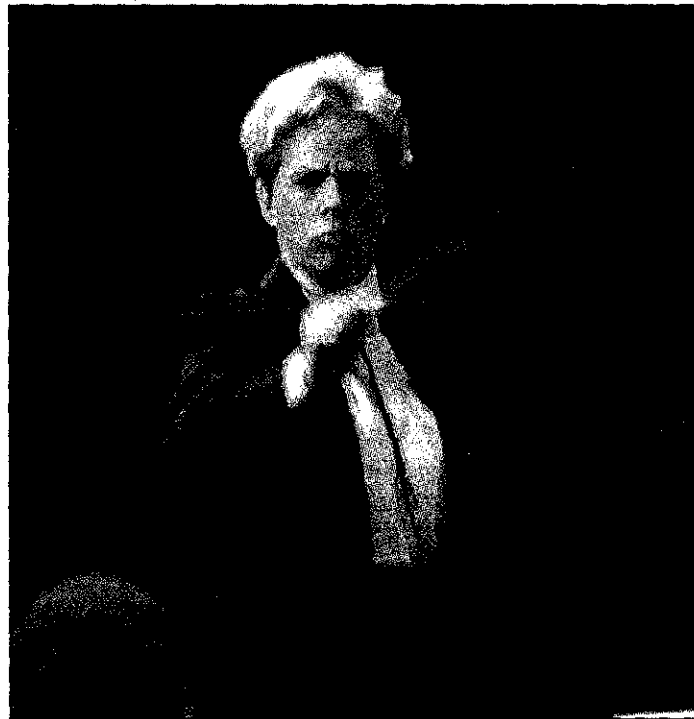
And, as in the past, the shows will be led by Orchestra Canton Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn.

"The shows this year will be more playful, and a little lighter fare - music that people who don't necessarily like classical music will enjoy," said Philpot-Munson.

Philpot-Munson said the group is also looking forward to partnerships with other local performing groups, like the Canton Concert Band, which will play on a couple songs on Sept. 8. She said such "cross pollination" would only further to strengthen the arts scene in Canton.

Canton Concert Band Director Jim Blough said the group of volunteer musicians is looking forward to the collaboration with Orchestra Canton, which is made up of professional musicians. He said his group will help play music from *Star Wars*.

"This will be a good experi-



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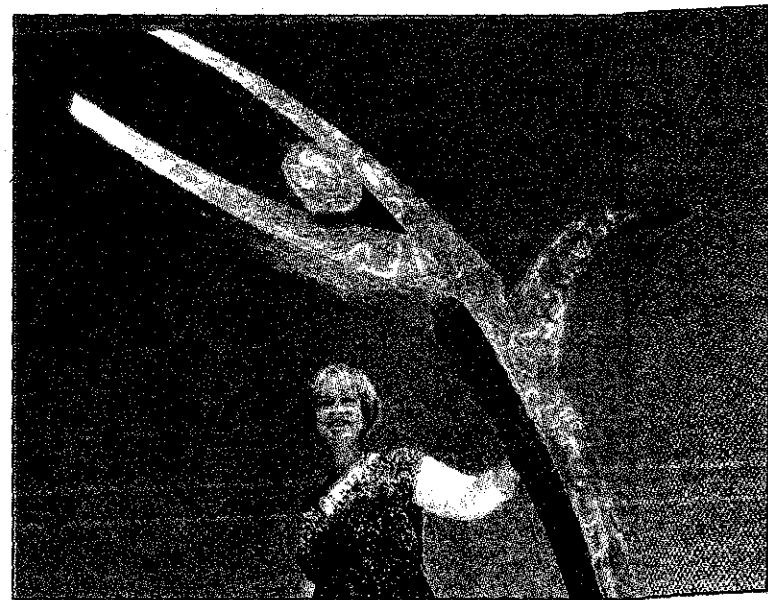
Nan Washburn will again be directing Orchestra Canton, which is getting ready to kick off its fourth season.

ence for us working with them. They are a great organization, and it will be under the direction of Nan Washburn," he said. "We hope to bring talent and enthusiasm to the stage. We're right at home on the Village Theater stage."

Orchestra Canton tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, or by phone by calling the Summit at (734)

394-5460 x 0. Tickets may also be purchased using the Village Theater's secure online box office at www.canton-mi.org, or at their box office one hour before each performance.

For more information on Orchestra Canton's 4th season please visit www.orchestracanton.org. To learn more about other ensembles and programs within the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, please visit www.plymouthcantonsymphony.org.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Nancy Richter purchased the "Joyful Dancer" sculpture, and donated it to the township. It sits outside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and will be formally dedicated on Sept. 8.

Donated sculpture to get formal dedication

In addition to Orchestra Canton's Sept. 8 show at the Village Theater, there will be a formal dedication ceremony for the Joyful Dancer sculpture that now sits outside of the theater.

The ceremony is scheduled to take place at approximately 8:45 p.m. during the intermission.

The Joyful Dancer sculpture was part of last year's temporary art exhibit along Ford Road, commissioned by Canton's Downtown Development Authority, in partnership with the Canton Public Art Committee. It was purchased by the R. Gene and Nancy D. Richter Foundation, which recently donated the sculpture to the Canton Community.

"The sculpture is a celebra-

tion of the arts and an eclectic representation of art, dance, music and emotion. The spirit of the art work is a perfect way to welcome patrons to the Village Theater," said Nancy Richter, a Canton resident. "The Canton community embraced the sculpture when it was part of the temporary exhibit and will hopefully enjoy its beauty for years to come."

The sculpture was created by artist James Havens of Woodville, Ohio, who created the artwork out of welded stainless steel to highlight the study of the human form, modeled after gymnasts and ball dancers.

For more detailed information on the dedication ceremony, call (734) 394-5464 or (734) 394-5464, or visit www.canton-mi.org.

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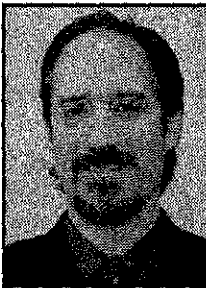
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Jazz series finale

The Summer Jazz Concert Series continues with its final concert on Friday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. on the main stage of the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Presented by the Canton Downtown Development Authority, in partnership with Smooth Jazz V98.7 and Schoolcraft College, this concert features internationally acclaimed flutist Alexander Zonjic and Friends with special guests Alex Bugnon and the Motor City Horns.

Zonjic has performed on stages around the world as a solo performer, with his own group, and as part of jazz great Bob James' band. He has played in Japan, England, the Philippines, Mexico and Dominican Republic, and he has also performed at major classical and jazz festivals throughout North America.

This concert brings to a close the Summer Jazz Concert Series. The shows were held every Friday night in July and August at different outdoor venues along Ford Road on the "Canton Live" portable stage. Proceeds from this final concert will help support public art in the Canton DDA district. Admission to the concert is \$20 for all seats. Tickets and information are available online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or by calling (734) 394-5460. For more information on this final concert, please call (734) 394-5460.

Good Morning Canton

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with township, will host Good Morning Canton, on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The cost for breakfast is \$10 and includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages and guest speaker presentation. This breakfast is open to the public.

Good Morning Canton breakfast will feature guest speaker Tom Yack, supervisor of Canton Township. Topic of discussion will be "Canton Happenings."

"The Good Morning Canton breakfast provides an important opportunity to keep Canton business owners and Canton residents informed about what is going on in their community," said Dianne Cojoi, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Good Morning Canton breakfast is being sponsored by Alphagraphics and National City Bank. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Sept. 14.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its September networking luncheon on Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Randy Bateman, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of Huntington Bancshares, Inc. The topic of discussion will be law-unintended consequences regarding the general economy.

September's luncheon is being sponsored by Showroom of Elegance, Waltonwood at Carriage Park and Waltonwood

at Cherry Hill. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Sept. 7.

Mom to mom sale

Sunflower Village Homes Subdivision in Canton is having its first Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be held at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road in Canton (located halfway between Beck Road and Canton Center Road). Moms will be selling baby and kid's clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is no admission fee.

School registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton for fall 2007-08. The school offers 3 year old preschool through fifth grade, including the new Young Fives program. The academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers. The school strongly supports the development of the whole child in a small class size setting. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

Home buying seminar

Shore Mortgage and Remerica Realty will host two upcoming free home buyers/credit repair seminars. The first will take place at 7 p.m., Sept. 11 at Remerica Realty, 7277 N. Lilley Road in Canton. The second will take place at 7 p.m., Sept. 19 at Shore Mortgage, 1741 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Topics will include repairing and improving your credit score, down payment assistance, and the home buying process. To register or for more information, contact Richard at (734) 776-5635.

Coffee meetings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority and Leisure Services will host two upcoming Coffee Meetings to provide information about marketing opportunities in Canton's downtown district.

The meetings will take place from 8-9:30 a.m., Sept. 11 at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road, and 8-9:30 a.m., Sept. 14 at T.G.I. Fridays Restaurant, 44250 Ford Road.

Topics will include ShopCanton for the Holidays, the 2nd Annual Holiday Fest on Ford Road, holiday window murals, 2008 Women's Bowling Championship, updates on Ford Road construction project and more. Reservations are required. Call the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. Reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 7.

Boyer's Barn Bash

The inaugural Boyer Barn Bash will be held 4-11 p.m., Sept. 15 at the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge Road in Cherry Hill Village. Tickets are \$35.

Everyone Welcome. All proceeds for the Cady-Boyer Barn. The event will include a pig/lamb roast, plenty of side dishes, beer, wine, soda, as well as music and entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Township or Holiday Market. The event is being sponsored by Boyer's Meat Processing and Holiday Market.

Music Together classes

Harmony and Me presents Music Together Classes this fall in Canton. Music and movement mixed-age classes for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and the adults who love them.

Fall session classes available Sept. 15 - Nov. 17. Saturday morning classes now added for fall. Open registration runs through Sept. 5. Register on-line at www.HarmonyAndMeKids.com, or call (248) 489-9330.

Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice. The group is held 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge. For information, contact Ann Christensen, toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Corn Maze help

The folks at Maybury Farm in Northville need volunteers for the Maybury Farm Corn Maze, which begins Friday, Sept. 21 and runs through Oct. 30. Volunteers are needed on Fridays from 4:30-9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays (first shift) 12:15-5 p.m. or (second shift) 4:30-9 p.m. Volunteers do not have to work every weekend.

Drivers are also needed who can drive the wagons with either a tractor or team of horses.

To volunteer or for more information, call Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, (248) 374-0200.

Mom to mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is having their Fall Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission fee.

Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue.

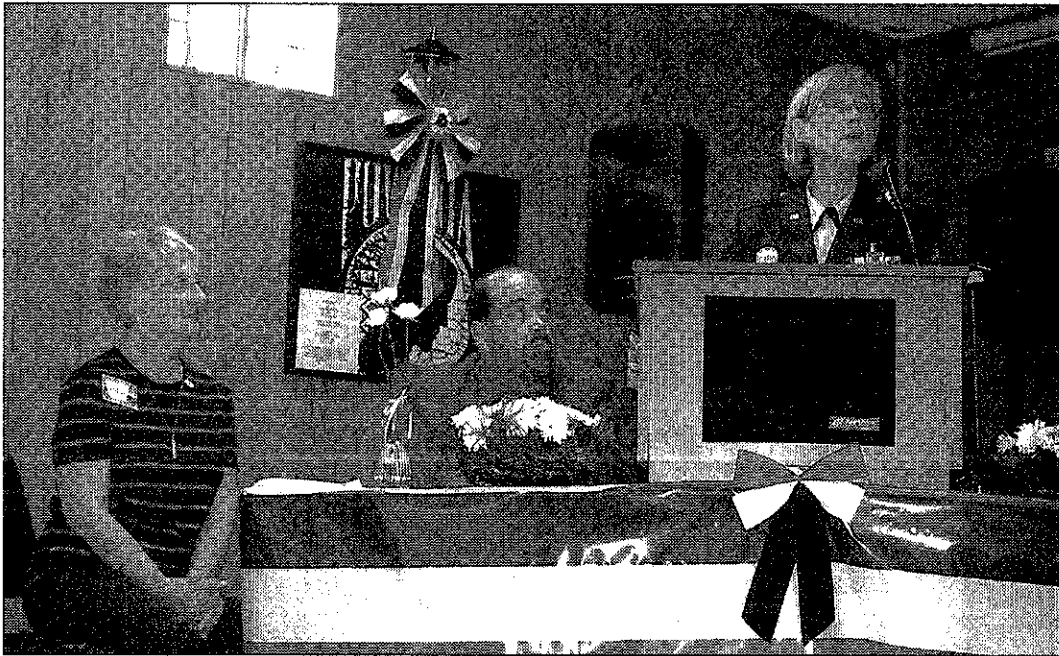
Summit shutdown

The Summit on the Park community center will be closed for annual maintenance from 3 p.m. on Aug. 30 to 5:30 a.m., Sept. 4. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

Bilingual Fun Family Fiesta

Enjoy an afternoon of culture by celebrating National Hispanic Heritage month with Bilingual Fun (45000 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth) from 4-6 p.m., Sept. 22.

This local language company will be featuring songs, games, Spanish lessons from their bilingual educators, a sampling of Mexican cuisine from Canton's newest Mexican eatery, Mariachi Mexico, and professional Latin ballroom dance presentations and lessons from master dance professionals. Bring your family and sing, dance, eat, and learn Spanish. Visit www.bilingualfun.com for more information, or



A salute to Michigan Military Moms

Brigadier Gen. Carol Ann Fausone (assistant adjutant general for Veterans Affairs, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs), who is a Canton resident, was one of the guest speakers at the recent five year anniversary of the Michigan Military Moms at the Fort Dearborn American Legion Post in Dearborn. Other special guests included Dearborn Mayor John O'Reilly (also pictured) and Lori Pate, founder of Operation Quiet Comfort (OOC), who presented the MMMs with a certificate of appreciation for supporting the efforts to help wounded troops. More than 100 current and past members gathered for the event. Fausone recapped a brief history of the organization, which came to life quickly after MMM founder Susan Klotz of Allen Park spearheaded a meeting of a small group of local moms, who all had sons and/or daughters serving in the military. For more information about the nonprofit support group, visit michiganmilitarymoms.org.

call (734) 748-3898. Tickets are \$10 adults (if purchased in advance), and \$12 at the door. Children 10 and under get in free.

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville service area.

All types of school supplies are needed; however, Salvation Army officials are especially hoping to collect backpacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Canton Newcomers 36th season

The Canton Newcomers will hold their 2007-08 adult general kickoff meeting at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday Sept. 5 at the Workman Elementary cafeteria (250 Denton Road at Cherry Hill). You don't need to be "new" to Canton to attend the meeting or to become a member.

The group has a number of regular activities, including

Book Club, Bunko, Chick Flick, Couples Night, Moms and Tots, Creative Kids, Helping Hands, Game Night, Playgroups, Ladies Day Out, Scrapbooking, Little Explorers, and Walking. The group's regular meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at the Sunflower subdivision clubhouse.

If you would like to meet your "neighbors", enjoy refreshments from Carrabba's and Back Home Bakery, sign up for various interest groups and donate to the Susan G. Komen breast cancer initiative, plan to attend the kickoff meeting.

For more information, call (734) 398-6487 before the meeting.

To learn more about this 2006 Community Supporter Award winning club, including requesting a complimentary September newsletter, visit cantonnewcomers.org.

Preschool openings

The Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op, 5825 N. Sheldon in Canton, has immediate openings available for children aged 3-4. Our school encourages children to learn by play, promoting indepen-

dence and social skills through hands-on activities. There are morning and afternoon classes available. For more information call (734) 844-0395.

Bridal fund-raising event

Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive in Northville Township) will be hosting a bridal info event sponsored by "The Wedding Resource Network" group, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. This fun event provides the opportunity for brides and grooms to experience an evening of pampering along with getting all the information they will need to make their wedding a picture perfect day.

The event will include food and wine sampling along with a silent auction of items with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Top area bridal vendors of "Wedding Resource Network" will be on hand for one-on-one information.

Admission is free if registered by Sept. 14, or \$7 at the door. For more information or to register call (734) 667-3651 or visit the Web site www.THEWRN.net.

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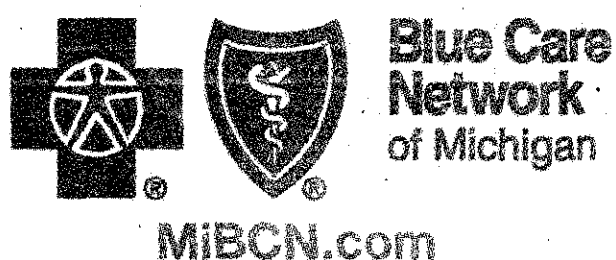
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Sending a message

Protesters hope rally sways McCotter on Iraq

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has been a staunch supporter of the war effort in Iraq.

On Tuesday night, more than 80 people, many of them local members of the liberal political action group MoveOn.org, staged a rally in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park hoping to convince him to change his mind.

The crowd observed a moment of silence for American soldiers killed in Iraq, and read the names of the more than 600 Americans killed in the war since Jan. 1.

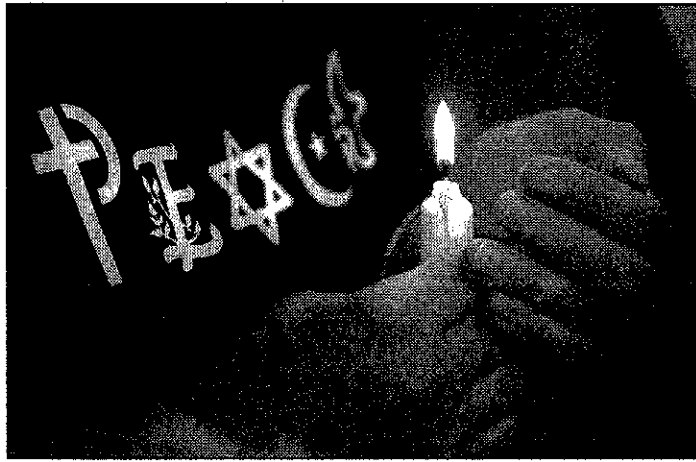
"It's a religious and civil war, and we don't need to be there," said Canton resident Natalie

Mosher, who organized the rally. "We're sending a message to (McCotter) we want our men and women to come home."

According to Mosher, the Plymouth rally was part of a national effort by MoveOn.org to "raise awareness about all the men and women we have lost." Organizers hoped the rallies, planned for before Congress goes back into session, would convince representatives to cut off funding and set a timetable for bringing the American military home.

Based on his feelings for the war, Mosher knows McCotter could be a tough sell. But she believes he should listen to his district.

"(McCotter) supports the war, so obviously we're not on the same page," she said. "But



Jerry Cobleigh holds a candle during the vigil in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

if he would listen to his constituents, people are not supportive."

According to Mosher, some 37 people registered on the group's Web site. But when the rally started, more than double that number had turned out.

And those who were there believe McCotter could soon start feeling pressure to alter

his position.

"I think (McCotter) is feeling some heat right now," said Scott Craig, president of the Northville Democrat Club, who was in Kellogg Park Tuesday night. "Some other key Republicans have turned against the war. Congress has the ability to cut the funding and set a timetable for getting



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Livonia resident Melinda McMonagle opposes the war in Iraq.

out, which is what we'd like to see."

The crowd was made up largely of baby boomers, a fact not lost on those who were there. One woman said she noticed the majority of the people in attendance were close to her age, and she thinks she knows why.

"I kept thinking, 'Where are the young people?'" said Plymouth resident Paula Bowman. "They're not here

because there's no draft. It's not affecting them personally."

That lack of impact and awareness is something everyone should take note, Mosher said.

"We really need to be involved in this community," Mosher said.

"People need to become educated."

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The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville and Plymouth Township's St. John's Golf & Conference Center are teaming up to try and raise \$25,000 with the ninth annual 'Good Grief' golf outing.

New Hope Center tees it up to fund programs

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville offers a variety of grief support groups and workshops, including a support group for kids at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township.

In order to continue offering these groups free of charge, center staffers know they have to count on the generosity of local businesses and residents for funding. And so far, the help has always been there.

That's why Cathy Clough, the executive director and Plymouth resident, is confident next week's ninth-annual "Good Grief" golf outing, New Hope's largest fund-raiser of the year. A holiday event generally raises some \$7,000-\$10,000, and the first "Hike for Hope" at Northville's Maybury State Park in May raised about \$7,000.

"It's an extremely important event for us," Clough said of the golf outing, which last year raised some \$22,000. "It's what allows us to offer all the free support groups and workshops that we do, not only in Plymouth, but the surrounding communities and around southeast Michigan."

This year's event takes place

Saturday, Sept. 8, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes, is \$125 per golfer (dinner-only tickets cost \$35).

The event also features live and silent auctions, with items such as use of an RV for a four-day weekend and a week-long stay at a Florida condo among the items up for bid.

Clough hopes the event draws the maximum 144 golfers (at press time, slightly more than 100 had signed up), and set a goal of \$25,000. While the ticket price is responsible for some of the money raised, New Hope also counts on business sponsorships, which she said are slightly down this year.

"We obviously would like to have a few more golfers, and we also need business sponsorships," Clough said. "We're down on those a little this year, and I know it's because of the economy."

"Everything we do we do for free, so we have to raise money in order to keep doing it," she added. "The only way we do that is through fund-raising and through individual business sponsorships."

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Twice the enthusiasm

New co-presidents hope to keep Newcomers growing

It's a double the dose of leadership for the social, civic and charitable Canton Newcomers Club, as they kickoff their 36th year with co-presidents Karen Dumond and Holly Locke leading the 2007-08 season.

"Our constitution allows for all positions to be shared," said Dumond. "But Holly and I are the first to handle the presidency this way in the recent past." Locke, who has been a club member for more than three years, is the group's former treasurer and former co-director of interest group activities. Dumond has been a member for five years and has served as treasurer, newsletter editor and most recently co-director of fund-raising.

The two met at a Kindermusik class in 2002 when their oldest sons were 11 months old. Once they discovered their boys shared the same birthday, they continued

to chat and have been friends ever since. They hope to foster a similar environment and opportunity for friendship at the club's monthly meetings and 20-plus monthly interest group activities.

Club membership now exceeds 130. The Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September - May) for an adult activity or speaker of interest.

The group will kick off the new season with a meeting on Sept. 5 at Workman Elementary cafeteria at 250 Denton at Cherry Hill and starts at 7:15 p.m.

"Give it a try," Locke said. "There is such a variety of things to do and people to meet that everyone can find something to be a part of. And don't forget, you don't have to be new."

Plenty of socializing, "get to know your neighbor" activities,



Karen Dumond and Holly Locke are the new co-presidents of the Canton Newcomers.

interest group sign-ups, and refreshments by Carrabba's and Back Home Bakery are on the September agenda. Their welcome committee greets everyone at the door with a smile, gives out name tags, and pairs new members and guests with an existing member for the evening. On Oct. 3, the club will host certified personal trainer Tom Arbaugh for a discussion about living a healthy lifestyle. Going "Green", Bingo Night with prizes and a blood drive are in the planning stages for future meetings. The club will return to Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford) for the season's remaining meetings.

One of the club's priorities is community outreach and giving back. A different non profit is chosen every month and receives requested items and a monetary donation raised through a raffle. September's charity is the Susan G Komen breast cancer initiative.

Details of monthly activities are available in the club's monthly newsletter, Canton Connection. A complimentary copy and more information about this 2006 Community Supporter award winning club can be found by visiting canton-newcomers.org. For more information, call (734) 398-6487 before the meeting.

Canton hires new firefighter

The Canton Fire Department recently hired Adam DeCraene as a full-time firefighter/paramedic for the department.

DeCraene, 24, completed his firefighter training at Oakland Community College in 2004 and his paramedic training at Oakland Community College in 2006. He is currently in the process of earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Madonna University.

Candidates for the Canton Fire Department go through a



DeCraene

rigorous testing process that includes both written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check.

To find out more about opportunities at the department visit www.canton-mi.org.

Senate approves LaJoy's reform bills

State Rep. Phil LaJoy's proposed legislation to set up a government commission to review, investigate and collect all necessary information to streamline government and eliminate wasteful spending received approval in the State Senate last week.

According to the Canton Republican, Senate Bills 395-398 will improve state operations and help eliminate the budget crisis by using data collected from state agencies and departments to not only make government more effective, but also make it more efficient. The commission will report to the Legislature the complete cost of each function, the total number of full-time employees,

how each function is funded and the total cost of all functions and services combined.

The bills now head to the House for consideration.

"The great state of Michigan is facing an unprecedented budget crisis due to extreme overspending and government waste," LaJoy said in a press release. "Yet some are telling taxpayers that a billion dollar deficit is their fault, and a tax increase is the only solution. I don't believe this is the case. I believe that true government reform will solve the problem starting with the sweeping measures in this legislation. I urge House leaders to take action immediately towards real reform."

IRAQ

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but to the Canton community," Queen shook hands with well wishers, who told him to "keep (his) head down" and encouraged him to make memories so that he could have stories to tell his grandchildren.

Queen chuckled at the thought of his offspring's offspring and said, "I don't know

about that."

As Eileen Queen stood off the side and watched her son talk, she said she'll miss him, but is happy he's fulfilling a personal dream.

"We may not know where he is all the time, but we know that God will know," she said. "That is what will keep us going."

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The statue of the late police dog Zeke faces Wayne Road, across from Westland Shopping Center.

In honor of Zeke

Police officers and K-9s turn out for memorial's dedication

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Doggone it. What was all the commotion Wednesday morning that brought police dogs and uniformed officers from 32 communities to the Westland Veterinary Hospital?

Had Dr. Sharon Lawrenchuk — highly regarded, upstanding business owner — done something wrong?

Hardly. Rather, she had made a remarkable gesture to support the police dogs — especially deceased Westland canine Zeke — that have received loving care at her Wayne Road clinic.

Lawrenchuk had a dedication ceremony for a wooden statue of Zeke, a German shepherd who valiantly tracked down many a criminal with uniformed partner Grant Allen before dying of kidney failure Sept. 24, 2002. Zeke was 6½ years old.

"I still miss him," Allen said before the ceremony started.

Even though he now has a new canine partner, Drago, Allen still wears a necklace with a locket containing ashes from Zeke's cremated remains.

Police dogs and officers from Westland, Garden City, Redford, Canton, Plymouth Township, Farmington Hills, Wayne and many other communities formed a large row in front of the veterinary hospital to pay their respects to Zeke.

"This truly is a brotherhood," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said, addressing the crowd.

Zeke's statue faces Wayne Road and stands tall, in a show of protection for Westland.

Authorities praised Lawrenchuk for her decision to erect a statue to honor police dogs. She hired Chesterfield wood carver Milan Emil Szkipala, who created his work in June using a chainsaw and a picture of Zeke.

Westland Mayor William Wild told the crowd that police dogs investigate 500 cases a year in Westland alone, sniffing out drugs and rounding up suspects for a variety of crimes.

"To say that's hard work would be an understatement," Wild said.

Westland City Council President Charles Pickering recalled attending a 2002 memorial service for Zeke that drew police dogs and officers from some 40 departments. He called it one of the most emotional services he has ever attended.

Terry Foley, owner of the K-9 Academy training facility in Wayne, commended police officers for their work with canine partners, saying they make personal sacrifices to do their jobs. "A lot of them pass up promotions to handle a dog," he said.

Back in June, Allen had sprinkled some of Zeke's remains in a concrete base that supports the statue.

"I'm very honored," Allen said.

"Zeke would be honored and humbled, too. I think he did a very good job of taking care of the police officers and the citizens of Westland. This is an honor for him."

FIRE

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to get through this but it's been pretty emotional," LaMontagne said, adding that at least one rider was kept away from the agency's offices on Monday.

"That person (thrives) off of a routine so this might have been too much," she said.

The vans, which were still smoking hours after the fire had been extinguished, were used by 60 people at least five days a week.

The total program has more than 260 riders.

On Monday, CWO used temporary vans from its parent company, Quest Inc., and staff members drove riders around in their personal vehicles.

"We provided the services as best as we could," LaMontagne said, noting that it may cost as much as \$30,000 to replace each of the vehicles. "We're hoping and praying we can salvage the sixth one because we don't have the money."

The agency is accepting donations.

While one portion of the

down power line lit the vans on fire, another wire landed on the roof of a nearby office building and caused damage. Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said the rooftop fire extinguished itself.

CWO's offices sustained cosmetic heat damage from the blaze.

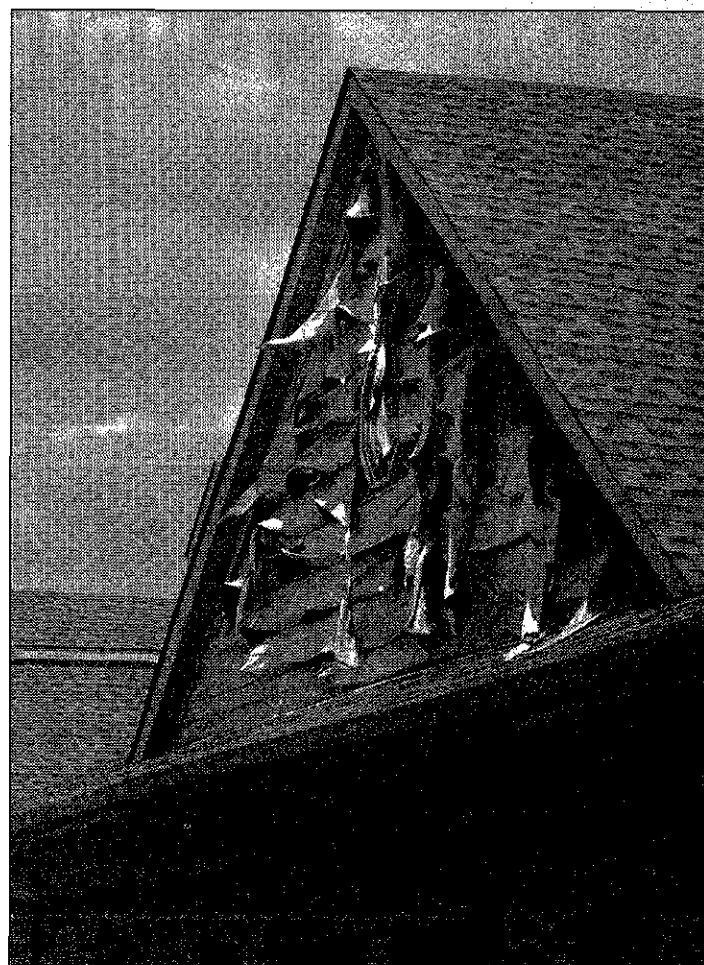
Although fire trucks arrived at the office just moments after a 9-1-1 call was placed, Rorabacher said the crew had to wait more than an hour for DTE Energy representatives to get to the scene and cut the active wires.

"By that time, there wasn't much left to burn," Rorabacher said.

According to its Web site, Quest, which also offers a residential program, "provides support services for persons with special needs to promote inclusion, maximize independence and improve quality of life."

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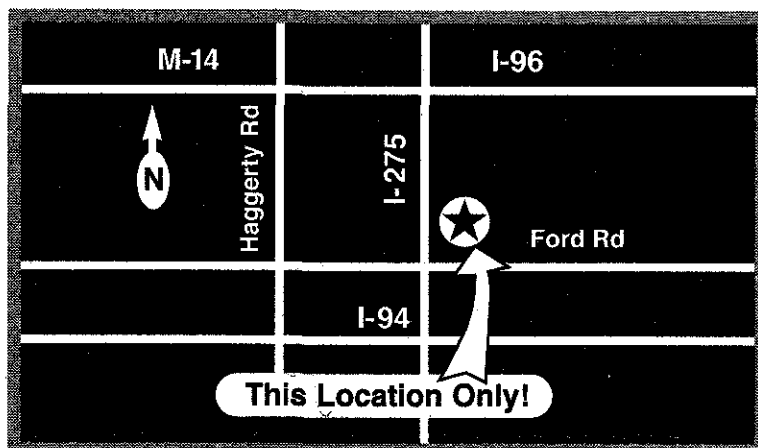
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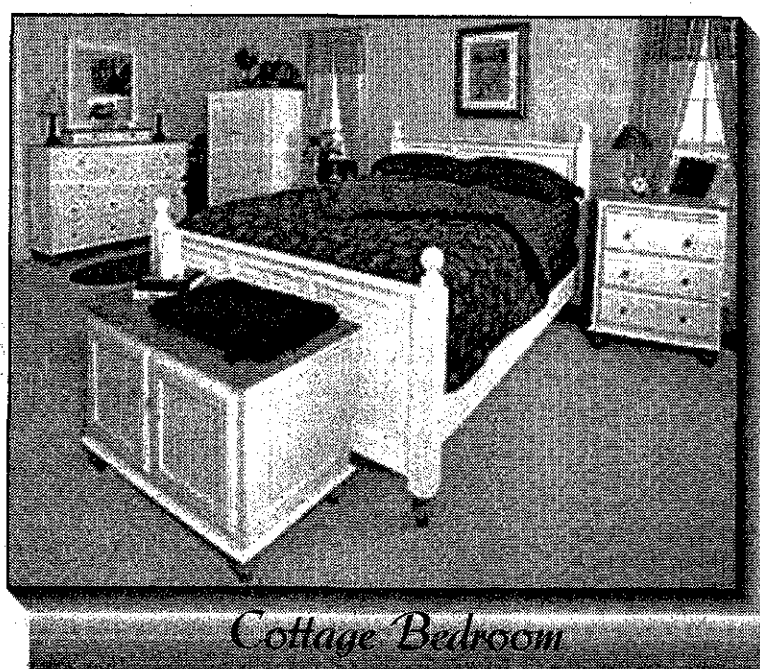
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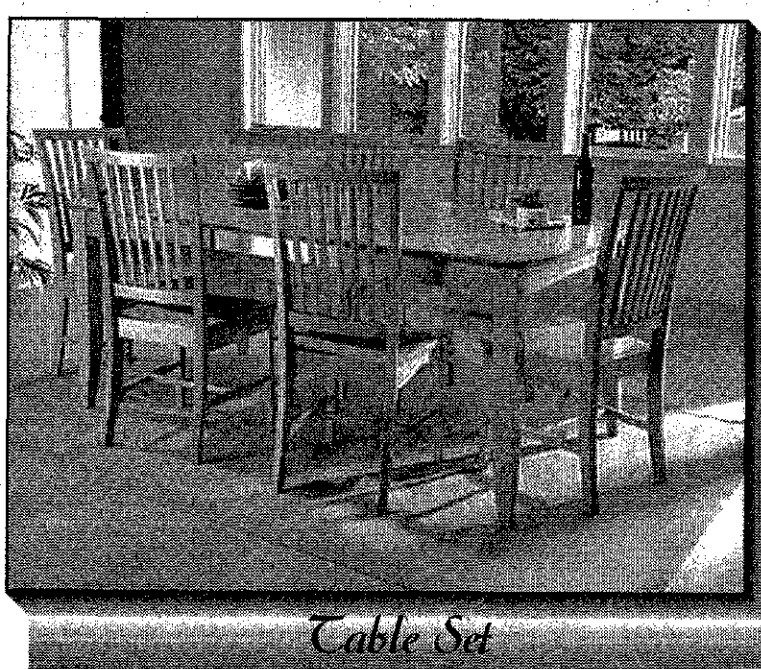
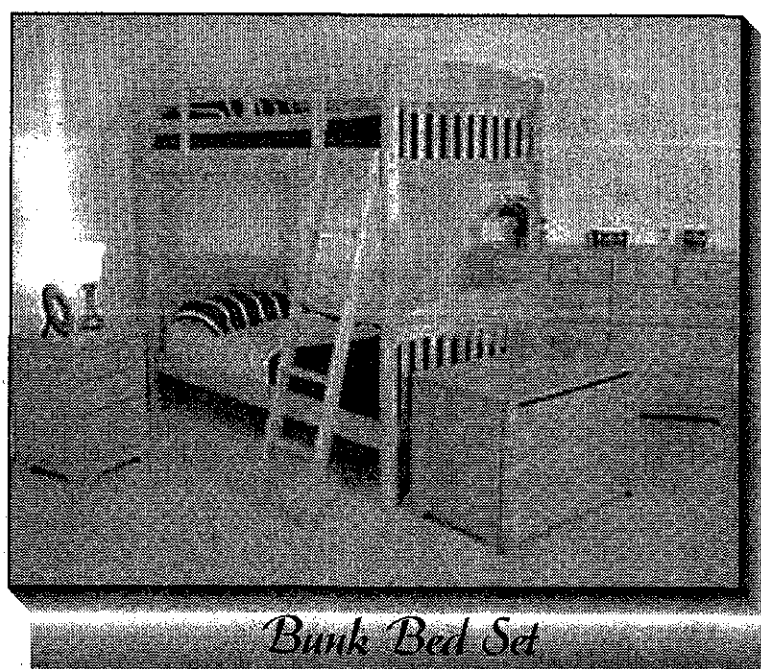
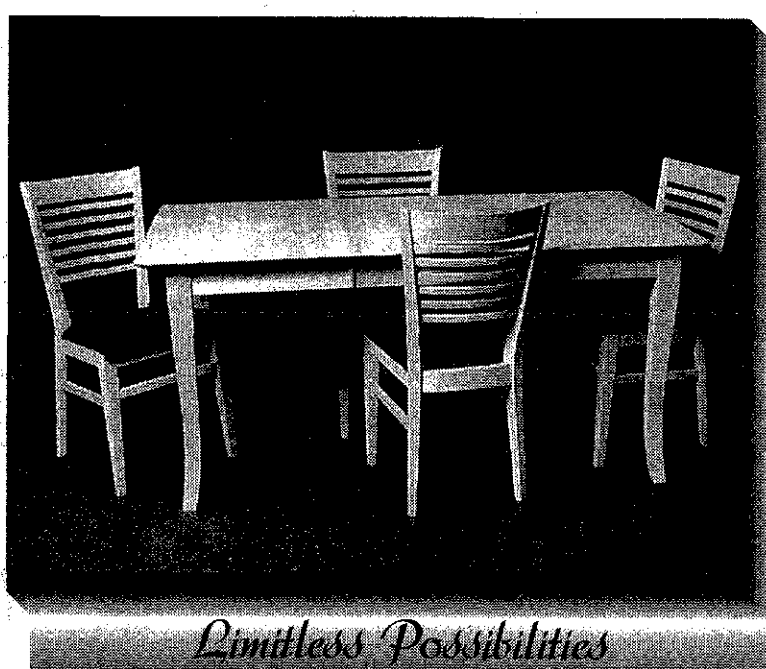


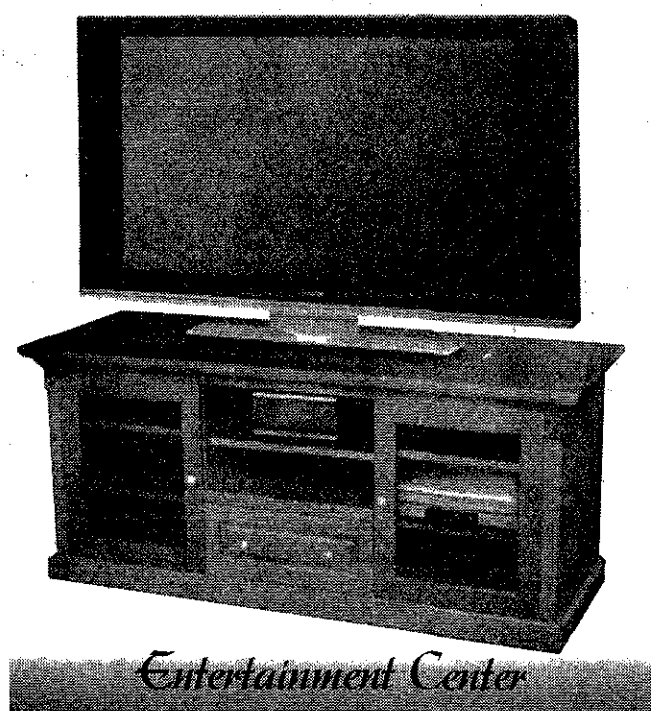
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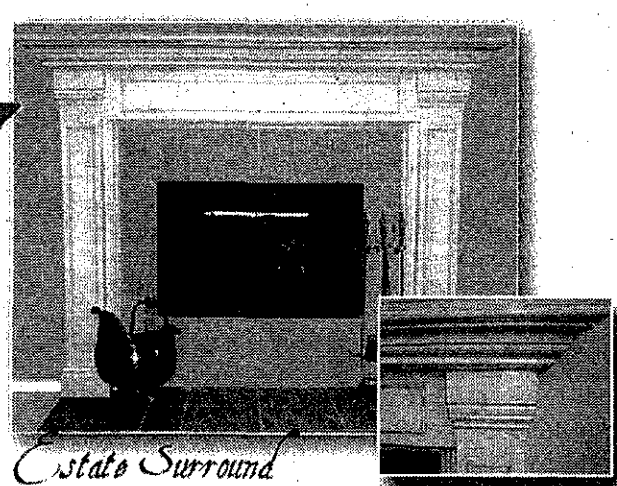


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Madonna University launches its first Continuing Education Welcome Reception entitled, "Tastes, Sights & Sounds of Tuscany" 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26.

Tantalize your tastebuds with Italian wine, appetizers, and desserts at the strolling reception, which will feature artwork capturing Italy's character and sprawling landscapes. Guests will enjoy hearing personal stories and memories of Italy, and possibly win a door prize.

"Our speakers are gifted and talented individuals, who have rich life experiences to share with attendees," said Joan Stephens, director of Continuing Education. "It is a great opportunity for the community to have fun while learning about Tuscany."

The reception features author Perry J. Martini, photographer Monte Nagler and art historian Deborah Kowsky. Martini, the author of "My Father's Compass: Leadership Lessons for an Immigrant Son," will discuss his journey from the hills of an Italian Abruzzo village to north-eastern Ohio. Displaying his fine art photography of Italy, Farmington Hills artist Nagler then will share his travel insights. Wrapping up the evening will be Plymouth resident Kowsky, who will take the audience on an art history tour of Italy via a slide presentation.

"Tastes, Sights & Sounds of Tuscany" costs \$24 and will be held in the University Center, 14221 Levan Road in Livonia, north of St. Francis Pond.

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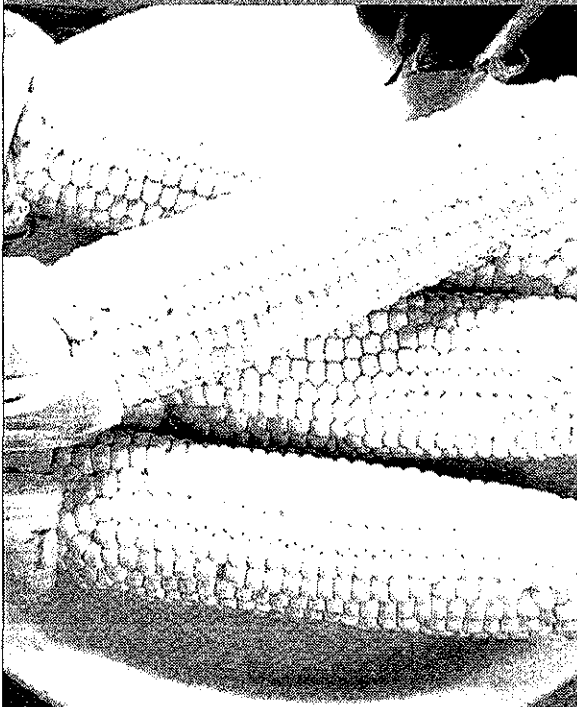
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OUR VIEWS

State's job losses dampen Labor Day

Thousands of Michiganders will break out their walking shoes Monday and follow the governor across the Mackinac Bridge. Typically, between 50,000 and 65,000 people take part in the annual Labor Day event, where participants walk across the five-mile span that connects Michigan's two peninsulas.

The Mackinac Bridge Walk, which has taken place on Labor Day since 1958, is a distinctive Michigan tradition that offers a unique perspective of our state. There may be no other view in Michigan as grand as the one from atop the bridge, looking out across beautiful Lakes Huron and Michigan, with Mackinac Island dominating the eastern horizon.

But it won't just be the majestic view the governor and the rest of the participants will be there to celebrate. They will also recognize the importance of Labor Day, which in Michigan has always been a big deal because of the state's long history of organized labor. In fact, the national holiday, which dates back to 1882, has generally been associated with unions and "Big Labor."

These are not the best of times for organized labor. In this climate of outsourcing and consolidation, Michigan has been shedding manufacturing jobs at an alarming rate. But it isn't just factory jobs we are losing.

Recent numbers released by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth indicate the state has lost 9 percent of its total jobs since June 2000. Manufacturing jobs account for more than half of the total — nearly 300,000 lost jobs since 2000, which is a staggering statistic.

Losing these jobs, which provided the backbone of middle class for generations, has had a trickle-down effect, and other sectors of the job market have also been impacted, including plenty of white-collar positions. In fact, the total number of people working in Michigan is now only about 4.2 million — the lowest total since July 1995, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency. The state has experienced six consecutive years of job loss, a trend that is expected to continue through 2007.

And these job losses have impacted everything from public school funding to the real estate market — Michigan is now one of the leading states in home foreclosures.

Despite this grim reality, politicians in Lansing have continued their partisan bickering and sniping. That's the last thing we can afford at a time when we need a cohesive economic strategy to stem the tide of job loss, and actually attract new employers to our state — something Democrat and Republican leaders both say is important.

Well, talk is cheap. At some point, lawmakers need to find some kind of consensus and actually get something done. Step up and walk the walk. Perhaps they will be inspired by the thousands who Monday will make their way across the Mackinac Bridge.

Michigan should join those going smoke-free

The Michigan Legislature has debated banning smoking in bars and restaurants for nearly a decade, and it appears unlikely a vote on the controversial issue will take place again this year.

But the issue of smoking in public places is sure to heat up again next year, and sooner or later state lawmakers will have to vote on the proposed ban. And when they do, we urge them to join an ever-growing list of cities and states around the country in snuffing out smoking in public places.

For years, the battle over smoking has focused on individual rights: The rights of the nonsmoker to be free of the intrusion and potential health risks of second-hand smoke vs. the rights of the smoker to light up when and where he or she pleases.

With mounting evidence that second-hand smoke presents a true public health concern, one could argue that allowing smoking in public places represents dangerous behavior. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 38,000 nonsmokers die from lung cancer or heart disease each year as a result of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Bills that would prohibit smoking in restaurants and later in bars were first introduced in 2000, and have been staunchly opposed by the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association. The trade groups warn that such a ban would be a death knell for many of their members, and that individual restaurants and bars should have the right to decide whether to allow smoking.

But one of the reasons why the push to ban smoking is gaining steam is the bar and restaurant industry has done a poor job of protecting nonsmokers from those exercising their right to light up with little regard for their fellow patrons. Designated smoking areas are not properly sealed off from the rest of the establishment or, worse in the case of many bars, do not exist at all.

It is never easy for a politician to take on a powerful interest group that spends lots of cash on campaign contributions, but at least 15 other states have stepped up and banned smoking in restaurants and/or bars.

The time has come for Michigan to join that list.



LETTERS

Shark Club thanks

We want to thank the Canton Shark Club for being so flexible and accommodating when the weather loomed ominous and appeared to force cancellation of the final outdoor jazz concert of the season that was sponsored by the Canton DDA, arranged by V98.7 Smooth Jazz, and scheduled for the Willow Creek Plaza Center on Canton's Ford Road Friday night.

Having attended all of the Smooth Jazz Color Tour outdoor events this year (even the one in July that was rained out right after it began), we looked forward to this one which also included a special presentation of the temporary art works being displayed along the Downtown Development Authority district.

Both the art presentation which featured a brief introduction by sculptor Ken Thompson of the artists responsible for the creations along Canton's Ford Road and the concert, a stirring, hand clapping, foot-tapping performance by the eight member musical group Hot Sauce were held inside the Shark Club, even while folks continued to play pool to the music.

The evening turned out great.

Debi and Greg Greene
Canton

Don't be silenced, America

In comment to Terry Ahwal's view on the lifestyle of the American people about the Iraq war. My own thoughts are frustration, anger and disbelief that Washington has carved out a policy as the American people sit back and let happen.

If it continues ... and it seems like it will ... America will not be the America as we know it from the past. It's going to have a totally different look, feel and attitude. And my fear is that we will not realize it is, or has happened. We need to go back to basics, of what our forefathers drew up for us 300-plus years ago. We need to speak up at town hall meetings, write our Congressmen and newspapers, and no matter what, we should never allow the government to silence our press, or our words.

Jody Mosteller
Livonia

A way to solve state budget

I was reading in the newspapers about how "Governor Taxholm" was crying about how there wasn't enough money in the general fund to pay state troopers' salaries and they would have to lay off about 60 to balance the budget. I have a wonderful suggestion and that is ... to pass a state law that would prohibit using a cell phone while operating a vehicle and use those funds to help pay troopers' salaries.

I know of communities that have policemen, after putting in eight hours of regular work, who can come in and take

an unmarked car equipped with radar and write as many tickets as possible and receive time and a half to pay for judges' salaries and maintenance of court buildings. If you don't believe me, check with some of the surrounding communities. But this will never happen because so many politicians are talking on their cell phones.

Robert Siedlik
Livonia

Wal-Mart must change

Wal-Mart has become much more than just a small corner store in rural America. In the past 10 years, Wal-Mart has grown into the largest retailer in the world — No. 1 among the Fortune 500 — and is America's largest employer. With more than 1.4 million employees and over \$10 billion in profits, Wal-Mart is a giant company with giant responsibilities. First and foremost, Wal-Mart has a responsibility to all Americans to set the standard for customers, workers and communities, and to help build a better America.

The truth is that Wal-Mart has let America down by lowering wages, forcing good paying American jobs overseas, and cutting costs with total disregard for the values that have made this nation great. Wal-Mart has needlessly exploited illegal immigrants, faces the largest gender discrimination lawsuit in history, and forced workers to work in an unsafe environment.

America's largest employer must reflect America's values. But, Wal-Mart will never change on its own. Lee Scott, Wal-Mart's CEO, mistakenly thinks he only answers to a few wealthy shareholders who own Wal-Mart stock. Lee Scott is wrong. Wal-Mart and Lee Scott must answer to the American people.

We are the ones who shop at Wal-Mart. Together, we have the power to change Wal-Mart. Together, we can hold Wal-Mart accountable and improve our America.

In Wal-Mart's America, wealthy companies shift their health care costs onto taxpayers like you and your families.

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Joe Easa
Livonia

Vision needed

I am writing this letter to the Democratic presidential candidates to express my deep concern about the direction of education policy in our country. I am particularly troubled by No Child Left Behind, and the devastating impact it has had on public education. As a retired educator and former superintendent of schools in Bloomfield Hills, I feel I must speak out on behalf of America's public school educators and students.

It is my hope that the Democratic candidates, most of whom supported this legislation, will listen and change course for the sake of our children.

This ill-conceived legislation is only beneficial to test makers and private sector profiteers who market and sell pre-packaged educational programs of questionable efficacy. Standardized testing never has and never will result in greater accountability and will not prompt the kind of systemic education reforms necessary to prepare our students for life in the 21st century. I believe the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, who wisely voted against this legislation, said it best in his March 31, 2000, address at Teachers College, Columbia University:

"Making students accountable for test scores works well on a bumper sticker and it allows politicians to look good by saying that they will not tolerate failure. But it represents a hollow promise. Far from improving education, high stakes testing marks a major retreat from fairness, from accuracy, from quality and from equity."

The problems with NCLB are far deeper than the simplistic notion that "it can be fixed with more funding" suggests.

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution states very clearly that public education is a state, not a federal responsibility. Policymaking must happen at the local level, not in Washington, D.C., and in corporate offices. NCLB needs to be dismantled. Efforts to restructure this legislative travesty are a waste of time, and will only further delay and hamper meaningful school reform.

America needs a leader who has the common sense to empower teachers, parents, administrators and local school boards to become the primary architects of school reform. We need a leader who understands that NCLB and other bureaucratic intrusions move us away from creating dynamic learning environments that will optimize student learning.

It is my hope that a presidential candidate will step up to this important challenge and articulate a truly compelling vision for our schools, while speaking forcefully against the re-authorization of NCLB.

Gary M. Doy
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

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Steven Sneedman, Plymouth-Canton Schools trustee, on money provided in voter-approved bonds to fix or renovate school buildings

Newspapers shedding reporters, but who will search for the truth?

Vacations don't just refresh the body; they help concentrate the mind and renew and refresh the soul.

My wife Kathy and I have just returned from some days in our cabin on the south shore of Lake Superior. We had family — including two adorable little granddaughters — with us. And we had deep blue sky, long winding trails, clear waters and happy dinners.

Plus time to reflect.

One chain of reflections has to do with the trade I practiced for most of my life — newspapers and journalism. I was a newspaper publisher for more than 40 years. I sold my company a few years ago, as it became more and more evident that the business model that had sustained my industry was in the process of dissolving.



Phil Power

The world I made my living from is now a direct casualty of massive changes caused by the Internet, a medium that did not even exist in 1987. Today, newspapers everywhere are in trouble.

Nationally, newspaper readership and circulation are way down, and advertising revenue figures are worse.

Knight-Ridder, which for many years owned the *Detroit Free Press* and many other distinguished titles, has disappeared. The *Chicago Tribune*, one of the historic monuments of Midwestern journalism, has been tentatively sold in a transaction that looks increasingly shaky.

On Wall Street, newspaper stocks are performing dismally across the board. In an attempt to preserve operating profits, newspaper publishers have cut costs to the bone. Even great papers like the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* have decreased the width of their pages this year to reduce newsprint costs.

Newspapers have clustered operations into regional groupings to achieve economies of scale in production and business office operations. Finally, they've cut staff, especially in the newsroom.

This is an industry that has existed in its present form since the 1830s, and which has provided the most important form of communication throughout most of the history of this republic.

Yet now many people (including me) are wondering whether the newspaper industry is in an irreversible downward spiral.

Maybe so, maybe not. But what is clear is that something very important in America is in the process of radical change, perhaps even near elimination. I don't refer to the business enterprise we call the newspaper industry, but to one particular group of professionals.

These are folks who have played a remarkably important role in American public life for more than two centuries — reporters.

Thousands and thousands of reporters have been employed by newspapers — whether daily, weekly or monthly — in virtually every community across this land. Few of us really know how important they are and have been. Their job, which they have sometimes done very well and sometimes done poorly, has been to ask impor-

tant and sometimes impertinent questions. That is, to speak truth to power.

How come the mayor's first cousin got the contract to haul garbage? Why did the school board decide to put a new school near that wealthy subdivision and give the construction contract to the rich local big shot? How did it happen that a very large corporation was given free rein by state regulatory authorities to pollute a world-class trout stream that has run clean and sparkling for centuries?

Some of what they ask are just things that people in a community want to know, because knowing them is what makes a group of people a community: Who graduated first in her class and who married his high school sweetheart just before going off to war?

Reporters. I have no idea how many thousands of them there are, and I don't think anybody really knows. But their questions have nourished the life of this republic for more than two centuries.

They've shined the light of disclosure on murky places and they've contributed the information basis for reasoned discourse and shared conscience to the lives of the communities they served.

And what is sad and virtually certain is that there will be far fewer of them in years to come than in the past. Mostly, again, that's all due to newspaper economics in the age of the Internet.

Booth Newspapers, a subsidiary of Newhouse's Advance Publications, runs eight daily newspapers in Michigan. Earlier this summer, they cut the number of reporters in its highly regarded Lansing bureau from eight to three. Meanwhile, the big Detroit dailies have cut their newsrooms time and again as their circulations have dropped. I'm neither immune nor innocent, by the way; when I was a publisher, I did my share of cost-cutting over the years.

In an age when there are thousands and thousands of bloggers hammering away at all hours of the day, I happen to think we may be on the cusp of something that might be called "citizen journalism."

Indeed, it might be that community news could become more community-driven (and less newspaper-owner determined) than in the past. It might be less "professional," but it might be more passionate and far more broadly democratic.

Thanks to our Constitution, we all have as much right to do journalism as the editors of the *Washington Post*.

New York University Professor Jay Rosen put it this way: "No one owns the practice of reporting or assigns the right to do it. It's a democratic thing to tell others what's going on and 'show your work.' Some people will not be deterred from doing that. Most of them don't care what you call them. They do care if their story stands up."

Just so. But looking at the deep blue skies on a U.P. summer day, I can't but worry what our public life might be without thousands of curious, impertinent folk pecking away in communities all over our country.

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Region's offerings seem fresher after hosting visitors

Earlier this summer, Tom Watkins, with whom I sometimes share this page, wrote a column about Michigan's many tourist offerings. Watkins, a business/education consultant who was Michigan's school superintendent, made a good point about all our great state has to offer visitors and those who call Michigan home.

I read that column with more than passing interest, as my husband and I have just hosted friends from England for a two-week stay, accompanied by their daughter who turned 15 while here. Some of the stops like Henry Ford Museum were obvious, but we worried a bit about how to fill two weeks with fun things to do.



Julie Brown

The daughter picked the Detroit Zoo for her birthday, a big hit, especially the Arctic Ring of Life and butterfly house. The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe (Westland) cake capped off the evening well.

We were surprised at how much they liked the everyday Plymouth things, including a Plymouth Community Arts Council concert in Kellogg Park Aug. 15, the farmer's market put on by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Saturday mornings, and a Contemporary Books book discussion (*The World Is Flat* by Thomas Friedman) at the Plymouth District Library. Even our regular visits to Hiller's for groceries elicited considerable interest, with an opportunity to compare to Tesco's and other British grocery stores. Hiller's has a British foods section, which prompted some discussion as to authenticity, but American foods (other than root beer and Life Savers) were what they really wanted to try.

A big hit as well was a drive out to Michigan International Speedway for NASCAR qualifying. The day was sunny and warm and the Goodyear blimp over the track was a sight to see for our visitors. We had a rainy Sunday to fill, but managed with a drive into Detroit for Pewabic Pottery (my sister-in-law's suggestion, thank you), combined with a trip to Belle Isle, where my husband and I saw how cleaned up the site was in preparation for the Grand Prix.

While on Belle Isle, we stopped at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, definitely worth visiting. We had a nice chat with a couple there about Bob-Lo memories, visiting Bob-Lo for rides and how great the boat trip was.

We ate in Greektown (Laikon) that Sunday and found ourselves back in Detroit a couple days later for a visit to the Motown Historical Museum. The tour guide was excellent in describing this rich part of

Detroit's history. The ladies had a chance to sing *Stop, In the Name of Love* in Studio A (known to the musicians as the "Snake Pit") while the men performed a part of *My Girl*. Photos weren't allowed inside, but our friends took plenty of the famous Hitsville U.S.A. building front.

While at that museum, we visited with a businessman from Brazil, up for some training at the Rouge plant. He was so excited to see where the Motown hits were made, especially his favorite group, The Four Tops.

That afternoon, we crossed the border for a brief visit to Windsor's scenic park on the river. That gave our friends a chance to say they'd been to Canada, and we would have liked to show them more of our good neighbors' country. My mom hosted us that evening at Hogan's in Bloomfield Township, my in-laws a couple days later for a Chinese buffet (Peking Buffet) in Livonia.

A big hit was Frankenmuth (a colleague had told me British people love it, and she was right). We got to Frankenmuth at 10:15 a.m. and didn't leave until after 9 p.m., with our friends even missing out on Bronner's Christmas store interior, as it had closed at 9. The chicken dinner at Zehnder's, all you can eat, was popular after a day of walking and shopping. I even ran into a former teacher, Jay Schwalm, from Birmingham Public Schools in the dinner line and had a nice chat.

Our group later wanted to visit a beach, and found Kensington Metropark's Martindale beach did just fine and was close to home. The park looked great, and our friends commented on how reasonable admission was.

Tom Watkins' suggestions came in handy, thank you, and we needn't have worried about how to fill two weeks. Shopping was popular as well particularly with the strength of the pound, and it was a challenge for our friends to pack everything and get it home.

A friend had somewhat jokingly asked if we had wanted to give the "nice Detroit" tour or the "shock" one. We know southeast Michigan's far from perfect, but our friends enjoyed their visit, and commented often on the good customer service that surpassed what they find at home. The tourist stops were popular, especially Frankenmuth and Michigan International Speedway.

It helped my husband and me to see our hometown and region through someone else's eyes to gain a new perspective. We Detroiters may too often run down the place we call home, but let's not forget all the good people and things here.

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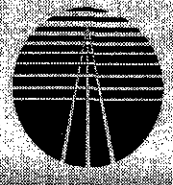
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State fair competition not new to Canton resident

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Bunting of Canton started entering competitions at the Michigan State Fair at 12 or 13. Now 33, she's returned four or five years ago to entering each year and took several awards in the event which wraps up Labor Day.

"I do it every year," said Bunting, married to Brad and mom to sons ages 6 and 2. "I actually was a little disappointed in my performance this year."



Bunting

She took first place/best of show in Greenery for a table setting for two in brown and gold. That had her Thanksgiving china for judging, although she took that home when the public display went up.

Bunting also took first place/best in show for Fall Arrangement, a pumpkin with fresh flowers. In Hanging Basket, she took a third place for mixed bedding plants designed to highlight that industry in Michigan. The hanging basket on display with the other entries at the Community Arts Building of the fairgrounds features trailing petunias, million bells, bacopa, and a sweet potato vine.

"I got third for that. This late in the season, that's OK," the gardener said.

Her best friend, Teresa Sirois of Oxford, encourages Bunting to enter each year. Sirois is also a regular entrant, among many from



Kelly Bunting took a first place/best in show for Fall Arrangement with this pumpkin/fresh flowers display at the state fair, which continues through Monday, Labor Day, at the fairgrounds, Woodward and Eight Mile.

the metro area whose work is displayed through Monday at the fairgrounds.

Bunting, a homemaker, grew up in Dearborn and graduated from Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology,

that college's combined psychology/biology major, and an art history minor.

Bunting, who worked in human resources for Domino's world headquarters before her children were born, also entered in baking this year at the fair. "I guess I didn't fulfill exactly what

they were looking for," she said. She won the Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust Challenge at the state fair in 2005, and her aunt won that last year.

In that competition, the baker uses Pillsbury packaged pie crust to make a fruit pie. "It's supposed to be an original recipe," she said, and can include such things as a lattice top.

Gardening's a family affair for Bunting, whose mom grew up on a farm. Her mom has 13 acres of land in Superior Township, much of it landscaped and a raised bed for growing vegetables.

The state fair's a perennial favorite for the Bunting family, although the couple's younger son can't yet appreciate his mom's efforts.

"I enjoy going to the fair," she said. She appreciates the recognition for what she does.

"My kids really enjoy going and seeing my ribbons. I love to go and see what's new and exciting." It's good for next year's competition, noted Bunting (who also does canning at home) to see other entries.

She's met other women her age who'd like to learn about canning and how to preserve the season's bounty of Michigan produce for the winter.

"They're very interested in learning now but have no idea how to start," said Bunting, whose family has long done home canning.

State Fair: Country fun in the big city

The 2007 Michigan State Fair will continue through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, at the fairgrounds, corner of Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

The fair is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors age 62 and up as well as children ages 3-12. Children age 2 and younger are admitted free. An Adult Seasonal Gate Admission Pass is \$35 and \$10 for seniors 62 and older as well as children 3-12.

Parking is \$7.

This year, the Michigan State Fair, which opened Aug. 22, has introduced several new attractions, along with classic favorites that have made the fair a Michigan summer tradition. New and exciting attractions include the all-new Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and Sports FanFest. This attraction allows enthusiasts to participate in sporting activities including interactive basketball, baseball, football, golf, hockey and soccer.

There is also a sports memorabilia show with autograph sessions with a new pro athlete daily. Also new to the fair is the Building of Science and Technology which features a "You Be the Chemist Challenge" and "For

Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)." Featured alongside these attractions are such traditional favorites such as the Contest Corner for children and adults, daily parades, dance and baton competitions, The Miracle of Life exhibit, The Michigan Mart, and The Outdoor Zone.

This year's fair also includes free headliner concerts in the BandShell with a returning performance by rocker Alice Cooper.

"The 2007 Michigan State Fair is one of the most exciting and awaited summer events in the state of Michigan," said Steve Jenkins, general manager for the fair. "We are proud to offer thrilling new attractions and events, combined with traditional favorites. Generations from the state of Michigan and around the country have enjoyed the State Fair for many years."

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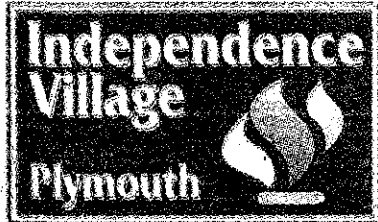
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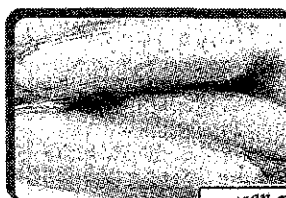
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AUGUST

Fun days

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children. Participants will have playtime either inside or

outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, they will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to indicate know how many children and adults will be coming. (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

Summer Bible studies

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christsaviors.org for more

information.

Registration beginning

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, Pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413

UPCOMING

Carillon series

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Tent/rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Under the tent rent space for \$20, \$35 to rent space with church's table. Inside the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at \$2 a bag. For more information, call Mary Rose at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Palooza/community jubilee

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, carica-

tures, cake walk, games, prizes. 12:30-5 p.m. silent auction with lots of great items including Tigers tickets. Concert by BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Choir 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All activities at family friendly prices.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education available beginning 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

Swami beyondanda

Steve Bhaerman, whose alter ego is Swami Beyondanda, entertains with his comedy 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Donation is \$20. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

Colloquium

St. Andrew House - Center for Orthodox Christian Studies will host Faith of Our Fathers: A Colloquium on Orthodoxy for Lutherans Sept. 10-11, for Lutheran clergy and their spouses and Lutheran lay leaders from the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft next door to the St. Andrew House complex near the intersection of I-96 and Telegraph. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 10, colloquium concludes with farewell reception 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration fee is \$75 per person, includes meals and refreshments at retreat center. Rooms at the center, either single or double occupancy, including several that are handicap-accessible, may be reserved for one to three nights, Sunday through Tuesday, at \$95 per night.

While the colloquium is designed for Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio (www.ancientfaithradio.com), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact discs of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium.

For information or to register, visit www.orthodoxdetroit.com. For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david.adrian@adrianassoc.com. St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts). Inflatable fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to our Church. Please use Bosch Corp. Hagerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminster-confession.org.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins in for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

Catholic marriage

The facts - things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Labor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings

continue the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Global village night

Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield. Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boayee Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia Art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Trip Mission Trip

Open to the public. Refreshments. For further information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy. Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-9550.

Mom to Mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Smart Discipline seminar

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www.christsaviors.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring one salad for every three persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township. There will be two-mile and four-mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to ADDwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

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CONSTANCE B. SPOTO

Age 52, of Birmingham, died August 24, 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mrs. Spoto was born January 20, 1955, in Detroit. Mrs. Spoto is survived by her loving husband, Thomas and sons, Anthony and Thomas. She is also survived by her siblings Edward Allen, Cynthia VanderLinden, Douglas (Helen) Allen, and Christine (Glen) Hayes. Mrs. Spoto is preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Allen. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Name Catholic Church, Birmingham, on Tuesday. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Clawson. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to Forest Hills Swim Club: Special Project Fundraiser, In Memory of Constance B. Spoto, P.O. Box 225, Birmingham, Michigan 48012 or Manresa Retreat House, Women to Women, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304.

ELIZABETH (Betsy) T. BRADLEY

(Formerly Hampton), age 68, beloved mother and grandmother, died Thursday, August 23 in her home in Bonita Springs, FL. Betsy moved to Florida in 1996 and was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs and a dedicated volunteer at the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce. She was involved in the Bonita Springs Historical Society, the Bonita Springs Newcomers Club and the Republican Women's Club. Born in Pontiac, she attended Pontiac High School and Michigan State University where she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. While raising her family in Bloomfield Hills, Betsy contributed her time to Cranbrook Schools and co-founded the Premier Travel Agency in Birmingham. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. She is survived by her sisters Judith Huttenlocher of Clarkston and Deanna Jones of Sun City, AZ and her brothers J. Edward Bradley of Oswego, IL and Douglas Bradley of Watford. She is preceded in death by her father James H. Bradley and mother Beverly K. Bradley of Pontiac. Betsy is survived by her children Mary (Hampton) Mulvenon, Brad Hampton and Sarah (Hampton) Bielman, her former husband, William P. Hampton of Bloomfield Hills, and her grandchildren Kate & Ellie Mulvenon and Ainsley Bielman. A memorial service will be held at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, 5929 South Main Street in Clarkston at 1PM on Friday, August 31, 2007. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Betsy's memory to the Cranbrook Schools Annual Fund (donation information at: <https://schools.cranbrook.edu/supporting/gift/default.asp> or by calling 248-645-3404) or the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization (donation information at: <http://www.y-me.org/waystolive/default.php> or by calling 1-800-221-2141).

EUGENE MORRISON

August 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Joan. Brother of Marjorie Harness. Uncle of Barbara (Bill) Cary, Errol Lewis, Patricia (Kevin) Morrison-Purifoy, Steven (Lisa) Nunley, Deborah (Kirk) Pryor, Linda (Benny) Mercer and John (Jana) Waltman. Services were Wednesday at Faith Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights. Memorials suggested to Garden City Hospital Foundation or Faith Baptist Church Children's Fund. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son Funeral Home

MARGARET LEEDS

Called home by our Lord on August 26, 2007 at age 96. Beloved wife of the late John D. Leeds. Loving mother of Bob(Nancy), Marilyn (Harry) Campbell, Tom (MaryAnn). Dear grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 15. A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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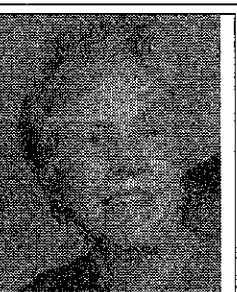
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FLORENCE (McFadden) CROLL

Age 94, passed away during the final stage of Alzheimer's on August 25, 2007. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul in 1977 and was the mother of George Croll, Alice Siefloff and Grace MacFarland. Florence was born in Butler, PA and became the first female credit manager for Penn Drake, a branch of Pennsylvania Refining. The family moved to Wyandotte, MI in 1949 and Paul and Florence retired to Sun City, AZ in 1974. Florence was a Lifetime Member of Eastern Star, Masonic Wife, and Worthy Matron for Rainbow Girls. She was a founding member of Glenwood Methodist Church in Wyandotte and an active member of Faith United Presbyterian in Sun City. She was a professional secretary, BPW member and active in PTA and school activities. In 1998, Florence returned to Michigan to be closer to her family. Memorial contributions in Florence's name may be made to St. Jude Nursing Center, 34350 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 48150.

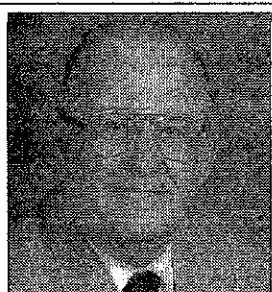
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Age 71, of Farmington Hills, August 24, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Helen C. (nee: Doyle). Loving father of Rita Kramer (Rob), Patrick, Maureen Blair(John), Matthew, Mary (Brian) Cassar and Dan (Kelly). Grandfather of fourteen. Joe is preceded in death by his granddaughter Olivia Blair. Mr. McSweeney was raised in Detroit, attended St. Cecilia before graduating from U of D with an MBA. He had a tour of duty in Korea while in the Army. He and Paul Quenneville started Quenneville and McSweeney Accounting Firm. Joe was extremely active at Old St. Pat's in Detroit and the Our Lady of Sorrows Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, August 29th, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Memorial tributes are suggested to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 3000 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. [heeney-sundquist.com](http://www.heeney-sundquist.com)



LAURA R. GETZ (nee Raymond)

Age 78, died August 23, 2007 in Cleveland, OH, formerly of Birmingham, MI and former teacher at the Baldwin Elementary School. A Graduate of William Woods College of Fulton, MO and Michigan State University. Beloved wife of Charles L. Getz, Jr. of Shaker Hts., OH; dear mother of Charles L. Getz, III of Shaker Hts., OH and Carolyn Whiting Kelley (Tim) of Norfolk, MA; dear grandmother of Julia, Zachary and Jackson Kelley. The family prefers that those who wish may make contributions in her name to the Alzheimers Association, 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44106, where Memorial Services will be held, Friday, August 31st at 2 PM. For additional information and directions log online to: Brown-Forward Funeral Home, Shaker Heights, OH in charge of arrangements. 216-752-1200



WYMAN E. LARE

August 27, 2007. Beloved husband of Peggy. Dear father of Skip (Ginny), Brent and Brad (Debra). Loving grandfather of Kristen Flory, Gregory, Ryan Lare, Dayna Bouchard and Jessica. Brother of Margaret Karth. Private visitation and service. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to the Gift of Life.

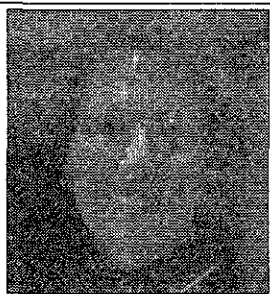
LOIS IRENE HEFFNER BUTLER

Age 87, resident of Lawrenceville, Georgia, died August 25th, 2007 at her home. Mrs. Butler was born November 22nd, 1919 in Miami County OH, a daughter to John Henry and Esther Shoup Heffner. She was a homemaker most of her life and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville. In earlier years she had worked in the home front production during WWII. She spent time with the 4H Clubs and with Girl Scouts with her daughters and Cub Scouts with her son. She was a member of the Women's Circle and First United Methodist Church and was also active with extension and women's groups. She is survived by her husband, Max Butler of the home. Also surviving is a son, Douglas Eugene Butler of Lawrenceville GA; three daughters, Angela Louise Butler of Orlando FL, Virginia K. Rumberger of Plymouth, MI and Marcia Sue Evans of Suwannee GA; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Wages and Sons Gwinnett Chapel with Rev. Sheri W. Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Gwinnett Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 6-8:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association. Wages and Sons, 1031 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045.



MARILYN SHORES SMITH JIGGER

August 7, 2007. Beloved wife of Alvie. Dear mother of Randall (Sharon) Smith, Diane (James) Adair and Amy Lynn Smith. Grandmother of Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. Family will receive friends Friday 4-7pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Elizabeth C. Greer (Jack), Grandmother of James C. Greer and Matthew C. Poling. Sister of the late Herbert A. Beyer, Jr. (Barbara). Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 4-8 PM. Funeral Service at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, Saturday 11 AM. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034, or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, or American Hospice Foundation, 2120 L Street NW, Ste. 200, Washington, DC 20037. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

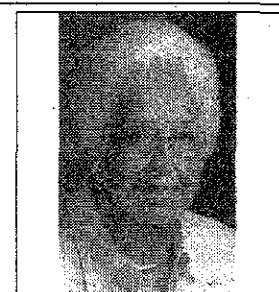


PHYLLIS J. COLE (nee: Beyer)

August 25, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona; age 81, of Birmingham. Wife of the late Robert A. Dear mother of Jeannette C. Poling (Thomas) and Elizabeth C. Greer (Jack). Grandmother of James C. Greer and Matthew C. Poling. Sister of the late Herbert A. Beyer, Jr. (Barbara). Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 4-8 PM. Funeral Service at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, Saturday 11 AM. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034, or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, or American Hospice Foundation, 2120 L Street NW, Ste. 200, Washington, DC 20037. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROGER G. BURNHAM

August 24, 2007, age 85. Husband of the late Marvinne. Loving father of Brent (Sandra) and the late Lloyd. Grandfather of Andrew and Christopher. Brother of Elizabeth Mathers. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 313-561-1500. Memorials to the Divine Child Men's Club, 1001 N. Silvery Lane; Dearborn, MI 48128.



VIRGINIA MAE HOLMAN

85, of Farmington Hills, August 27, 2007. An amazing and gracious lady. Virginia is preceded in death by her beloved husband Albert "Red" Holman and grandson David Hatch. She is survived by her loving children: Joyce, Penny, Allene and Albert III "Jack" Holman (Susan). Cherished grandchildren: Paul Hatch, Julie LaChance, Leslie Briggs, Kelly Clark, Chad Helmer and Katherine Holman; great-grandchildren: David, Ricky, Michael, Alexander, Savannah, Heather, Autumn, Reilly and Devon. Memorial service Thursday, August 30th, 5:00pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), Farmington, MI (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 12 Noon until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes are suggested to PanCAN, 2141 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245, First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336 or Henry Ford Hospice. [heeney-sundquist.com](http://www.heeney-sundquist.com)

WILLIAM ROBERT ADCOX

Age 74, of Westland, passed away August 26, 2007. He was born on April 30, 1933 in Union City, Tennessee to Rawleigh and Geneva (King) Adcox. He was a longtime resident of Westland and was previously of Northville. He was an active member of Joy Baptist Church in Westland. Bob is survived by his sisters Betty (Ted) Vantoll and Brenda Norman. He was also loved by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters Shirley Paterson and Athala Newman. A funeral service will be held Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 10:30am at Castlerline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Jay Cubbison with Joy Baptist Church will officiate the service. Mr. Adcox will be laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

WALTER EDWARD KROL

Age 81, August 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Dolly for 59 years. Dear father of Linda (Qasem) Khasawneh. Robert (Deborah), Annette (Michael) Charbonneau, Lauri (Brian) Miller, Walter Anthony (Donna), Paul (Katie) and Jeremy (Jenny). Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of three. Services were Tuesday at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church. Arrangements by John N. Santeiu & Son.

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CALENDAR

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Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to the open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as participants examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Women of the Word

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary

Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

Sunday school classes

New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Worship schedule

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

ONGOING

Explore the Catholic faith

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J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday

School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

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Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

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Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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Identify risk and make informed decisions to handle it

Last week's storms should remind us how unpredictable life can be and the importance of understanding risks.

Whether in an investment portfolio or a family emergency, it is possible to manage risk, but impossible to eliminate it.

The key is to identify risk and then make an informed decision how to handle it. In a family emergency, the best way to manage risk is to make sure you have proper legal documents. In a portfolio, the best way to manage risk is to invest in different asset classes.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

As for last week's storms and subsequent damages, make sure you can identify your losses and that your homeowner's insurance policy is up to date.

MANAGING RISK

I recommend a current video inventory of home and assets because it's a reminder of what you own. It's almost impossible to remember everything you own — particularly, in time of crisis. A video inventory of is a good way to refresh the memory.

Videotape the entire premise, from floor to ceiling and everything in between. In addition, talk your way through the video. This helps to jog your memory with respect to various belongings.

Another benefit of a video inventory is if you do have a

claim, it can provide additional evidence to the insurance company of any losses. If you have collectibles and receipts or appraisals, these should be included in the video inventory.

Whether you live in a house or an apartment, a video inventory is important.

REVIEW POLICIES

Another essential aspect to risk management is to review your homeowner's insurance policy.

Unfortunately, most people purchase a policy when they purchase their home and never update it.

It's difficult for most of us to read and understand our homeowner's policy. After all, policies are written by lawyers for lawyers. If you haven't met with your home-

owner's insurance agent, now is the time. Most insurance agents I know encourage their clients to sit down with them to make sure coverage is up to date. If your agent doesn't want to meet, it's a clear indication you need a new agent.

SHOP AROUND

One mistake homeowners make is to assume all insurance policies are the same. There are several differences between companies. Different policies and different companies work better in different situations. The key is to have the policy that matches your individual situation.

And every so often, it's important to shop around for competitive bids. However, the lowest bid isn't necessarily the

best bid.

In shopping for homeowner's insurance, there are more options available today than ever before. Make sure, if you are using an agent, he/she works for your best interest.

TYPES OF AGENTS

There are two types of agents when it comes to homeowner's insurance.

The first is what's known as a captured agent. A captured agent works for one insurance company. The advantage is that he/she is generally better informed about the policies and the workings of the company. Thus, if you had a claim, they potentially can be of more assistance to you.

The other is an independent agent who represents many different insurance compa-

nies. The advantage of this agent is he/she has a variety of products available to match your individual situation.

All things being equal, I generally prefer an independent agent. However, the most important qualities of an agent are someone you can communicate with and feel comfortable asking questions.

It would be nice if we could eliminate risk from our lives, but that's impossible. The best we can do is manage it so when a crisis occurs, we have the tools to deal with it.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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Aaron Earle has been securing computer and network systems just shy of a decade. In this time he has accumulated seventeen certifications and one corporation. He has taught for prestigious security organizations such as Computer Security Institute (CSI) and Information Systems Security Association (ISSA). Aaron has also instructed personnel from almost every United States three or four letter government agency including NSA, FBI, CIA, and safeguarding governments and companies alike.

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The PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (3 years and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. Registration begins Sept. 5. For more information, visit the group's Web site at syrenadance.com.

Senior day at the zoo

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan partners with the Detroit Zoo and AM 580 Motorcity Favorites to offer day of fun Wednesday, Sept. 5, when seniors age 62 and older, and one caregiver, are able to receive free admission and parking to the Detroit Zoo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the VNA of Southeast Michigan booth in the community resource area. Receive free blood pressure checks and pick up a complimentary Consumer's Guide to Home Health Care. For more information, call (800) 882-5720 or visit www.vna.org.

Road rally

A Road Rally to benefit Steppin' Out/AIDS Walk Detroit is planned for Friday, Sept. 14. This task-oriented, timed "treasure hunt" will begin at 7:30 p.m. from the parking lot of the Royal Oak Farmer's Market. Participants may enter as individuals or as a group, a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Prior registration required. For more information, call (586) 212-1348, or e-mail carrscompadres@yahoo.com.

Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0715 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net.

Charity golf

The Fourth Annual Hope Charity Golf Classic will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club Sept. 17. The event is open to the public and will include lunch, golf, a cocktail hour, dinner, and live auction. Proceeds will benefit Hope Clinic, an interdenominational Christian non-profit organization located in Ypsilanti, was founded in 1982 to provide free medical care to the uninsured. All donations are tax

deductible. Non-golfers who wish to take part have the option to attend only the evening events. To sign up or for more information contact Melissa Burkhart at (734) 484-2989 or e-mail mburkhart@thehopeclinic.org.

Ballet auditions

The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet holds open auditions 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Sylvia Studio of Dance, 3900 Jackson Road, Suite 6, in Ann Arbor. Experienced male and female dancers 12 years of age and older are invited to audition. Women should bring pointe shoes. Call (734) 668-8066 or visit www.annarbortcivicalballet.com for more information.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meets the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardeners-northville-novi.org.

Beating stress

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Beat Stress - Be Happy," a workshop designed to reduce stress, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile in Livonia. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation. The Ann Arbor Art Center ART FACTORY announces 2nd

Annual pottery sale

The Ann Arbor Art Center Art Factory at 220 Felch presents the second-annual pottery sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 8-9. Organized and hosted by volunteers, students and instructors, the two-day event is an opportunity to purchase both decorative and functional ceramics made by over two dozen local artists. A portion of the proceeds go to support the education programs and of the Ann Arbor Art Center. Participating artists include Patty Nowak, Ivy Tso, Kat Moore, Terrie Faber, Randy Torno, Sue Wedemeyer, Tom Birchard, Laura Korch, Daria Kim, Carole Tomsik, Jane Purcell, Carol Repasky, Charlene Harris, Mike Dolan, Meghan McNally, Sarah Webb, Robin Jackson, and Kathy Pustell. Art Center instructor artist, I.B. Remsen will be doing the firing at two Raku workshops which will also be held at the Felch location from 4:30-7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. For more information, con-

tact Astrid Reed at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 114, explore www.annarbortcivicalballet.com, or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

Fall Harvest Festival

Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15, in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms will be open for tours from the Jackson County Family Farm Fest event. The Michigan's Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as hayrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including the "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third-Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/depot park area, and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.dalefisherphoto.com and view or download a brochure with more information.

Health class

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Is it Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

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Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538.

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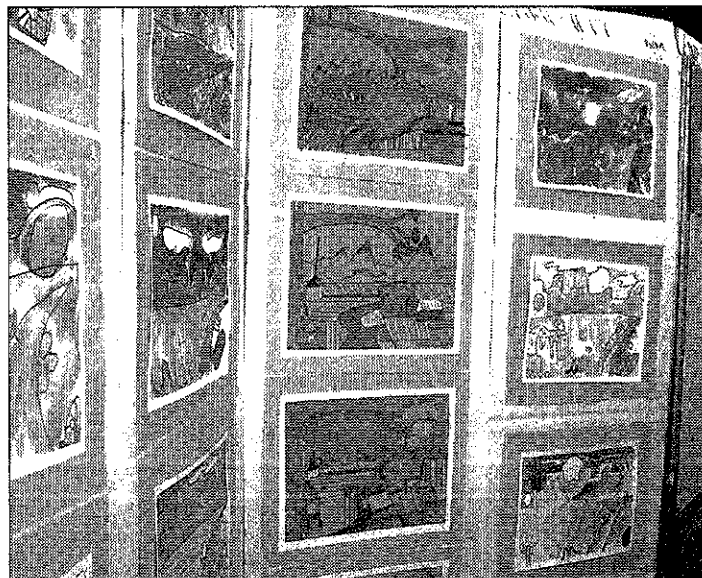
Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

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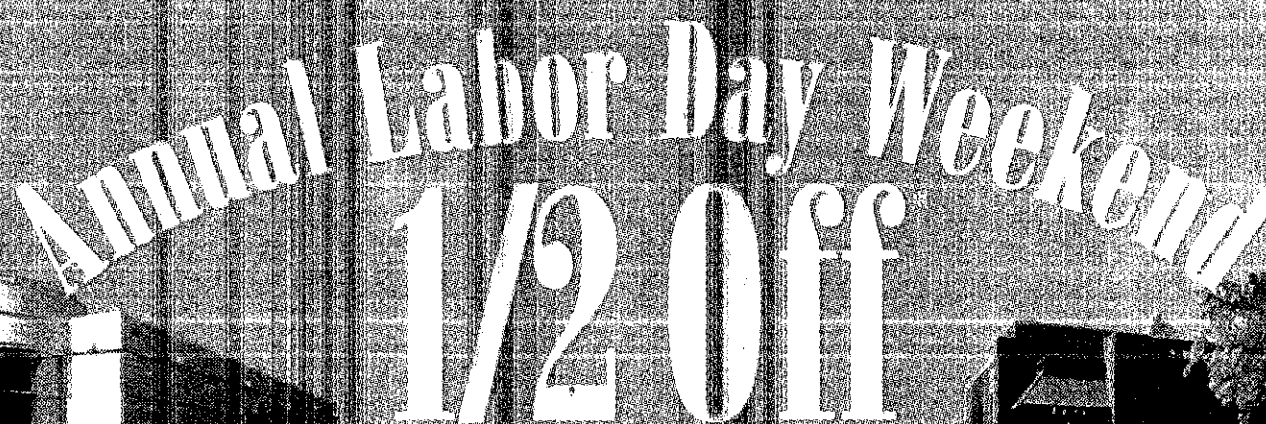
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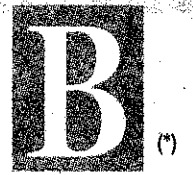
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To the good life: Fall Parade of Homes under way

Fall event offers look at lifestyles

BY GREG MULLIN
STAFF WRITER

The ninth annual Fall Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a look at 61 new homes built by members of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"There has never been a better time to buy a new home in Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "Now is the time to take advantage of reasonable pricing, affordable interest rates and numerous homes to choose from. Those who buy now will be in the driver's seat during the buying process and will reap the gains of price appreciation in future years."

Single-family homes and condominiums featured in the Parade of Homes range in price from \$97,900 to \$1,890,000. Eighteen homes are priced under \$250,000; seven homes are priced over \$1 million. Sizes range from 965 square feet to 8,200 square feet.

Homes are on display now through Dec. 31 in numerous area communities, including Canton, Royal Oak, Rochester Hills, Troy and Birmingham.

Participating homes can be viewed via open house tours. Visitors can see the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials, the BIA said.

A free guide to the participating homes is available at 300 LaSalle Bank locations and 205 CVS locations throughout southeast Michigan.

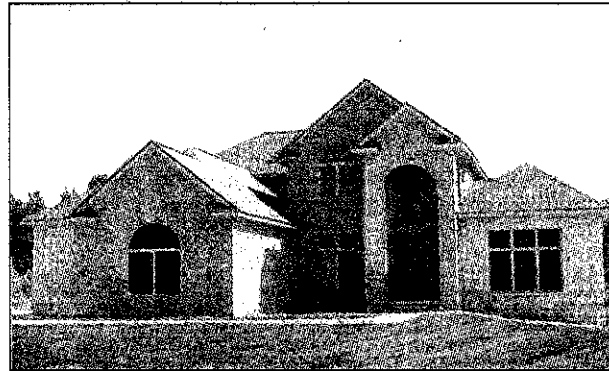
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Brookside by Singh Homes located in Charing Cross of Canton on the west side of Beck Road, north of Geddes Road.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, the BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,000 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry.

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Cottonwood II by Wake-Pratt Construction located in Cedar Pines of Troy.



Petoskey by Arteva homes located in downtown Birmingham.

These winning designs are well worth watching

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) announced the winners of its ninth annual Fall Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 61 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place Aug. 17 through Dec. 31, 2007. BIA and LaSalle Bank sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to homes in nine categories, including the new Green Building and Energy Efficiency category. In the new category, homes were judged on most complete use of Green Building and Energy Efficient technology and design as well as innovation in the areas of Green Building and Energy Efficiency.

In the other categories, 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 judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into eight categories by price.

"There has never been a better time to buy a new home in Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA and vice president of Trinity Land Development. "Now is the time to take advantage of reasonable pricing, affordable interest rates and numerous

homes to choose from. Those who buy now will be in the driver's seat during the buying process and will reap the gains of price appreciation in future years."

The blue ribbon homes are:

■ Green Building and Energy Efficient Homes - DreamWork Builders, Inc. for The Duchesse priced at \$1.5 million and located in Hidden Lake Estates in Green Oak Township.

■ Affordable Housing - Urban Construction, Inc. and West Town Homes I, LLC for Bungalow priced at \$125,000 and located in West Town Homes I in Detroit.

■ Attached Condominiums Priced Under \$250,000 - Cherrywood Group for Ashton priced at \$224,900 and located in Cherrywood Parc Condos in Canton Township.

■ Attached Condominiums Priced Over \$255,000 - George H. Pastor & Sons for St. Pierre priced at \$460,000 and located in Frenchtown Harbor Condominiums & Marina in Monroe.

■ Homes Priced Under \$300,000 - Kheder Homes for The Carolina priced at \$249,900 and located in Charleston Park in South Lyon.

■ Homes Priced \$300,000 to \$350,000 - Singh Homes Building Co for Deerwood priced at \$349,900 and located in the Hills of Loon Lake in

Commerce Township.

■ Homes Priced Over \$350,000 to \$550,000 - Heritage Nisan Homes for Wilton III priced at \$379,900 and located in Blackberry Hills in White Lake.

■ Homes Priced \$800,000 to Under \$1 million - Superb Homes for Berkshire located in Stonewater in Northville Township.

■ Homes Priced Over \$1 million - Cambridge Homes for The Portofino priced at \$1,695,000 and located in Tuscany Reserve in Northville.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Dan Sugg, LaSalle Bank first vice president; Brian Gill, A.I.A., of The Design Group; and Rob McCalpin, A.I.A., of Stucky-Vitale Architects. The 61 Spring Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.biaparadeofhomes.com, Aug. 17 through Dec. 31, 2007.

Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in price from \$97,900 to \$1,890,000. They range in square footage from 965 to 8,200 square feet. There are 18 homes priced under \$250,000 and seven homes priced over \$1 million.

Rubbish bin ban could be valid

Q. Our association is building a community trash receptacle though we have a prohibition on maintaining a dumping ground for rubbish. Do you think we have an argument?

A. Based on a recent case out of South Dakota, I believe that you do. In that case, a member sued his homeowners association for constructing a community trash receptacle, similar to a Dumpster, across the street from the member's home. In a court proceeding, the South Dakota court ruled that the trash receptacle violated the community association's covenants that prohibited using or maintaining as a dumping ground for trash any lot. The court ruled that the covenant clearly disallowed a community Dumpster or outside storage of refuse, and you would appear to have a similar basis to prevail.



Robert Meisner

Q. Someone in our condo wants to build a skateboard ramp on the common elements and has asked the board for our permission. Do you have any comments on whether we should give it or not?

A. I think you may be potentially incurring liability, as well as problems concerning sound, with the skateboard ramps. I believe that it would attract other persons outside the condominium and may be a nuisance in the condominium project. You may also be establishing a precedent for other types of activities which will generate noise and/or traffic. You are best advised to strongly consider denying the request because of the reasons stated. Indeed, there may be a local ordinance which precludes the installation of skateboard ramps.

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Commercial properties vie for awards from professional group

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit) is considering seven entries for its 2007 Impact Awards, which recognize two southeast Michigan commercial property developments that made significant positive impacts on their surrounding communities.

The sixth annual competition

was open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. Each project must have involved at least one firm with a CREW member, explained Sheila Monohon of Giffels-Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills, the award committee chair.

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ment" category include:

■ 325 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham - submitted by Hobbs + Black Architects of Ann

Arbor; and

■ Warren Civic Center, Warren - submitted by Neumann/Smith Architects of Southfield.

Entries in the "redevelopment" category include:

■ Cadence Innovation headquarters, Troy - submitted by Facility Matrix Group of Bloomfield Hills;

■ Garden Court Condominiums, Detroit - submitted by Farbman Group of

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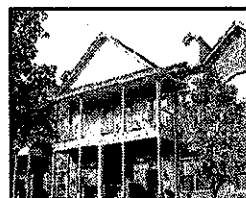
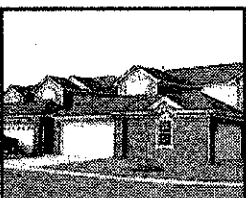
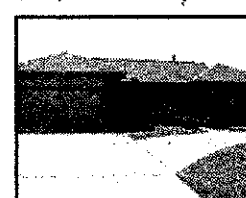
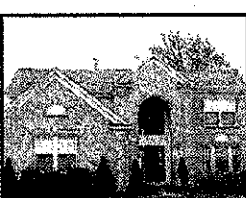
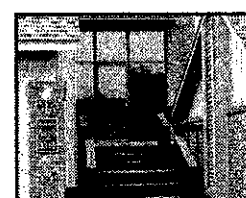
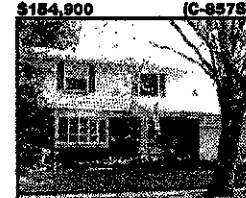
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On Our Website @ www.cbpreferred.com**PREFERRED, REALTORS****LAKE FRONT LIVING** Newer condo located in Walled Lake w/ private beach/boat access. Open floor plan, 3 bds, 2 baths, & clubhouse/area pool. 1 yr lease. **\$1,300** (C-160SA)**Vacant Land****SUMPTER TWP LAND** Excellent investment opportunity. 37+ acres w/ city water & sewer at street. Call today for more details. **\$375,000** (P-000WI)**COUNTRY IN THE CITY** Updated home w/3 bd, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2 Garages, 18x14 workshop w/hot & half bath, oak Kitchen, sprinkler system, Fam Rm w/frpl, & situated on over an acre. **\$259,000** (P-025CH)**Vacant Land****ESTATE BUILDING SITE** Complete privacy on this 10 acre parcel in Salem Twp. Wooded, walkout site w/serene views, Plymouth-Canton schools, close to highways. Call for further details. **\$279,900** (P-000CUA)**BETTER THAN NEW** Built in 2004, this Farm Hills home offers a low traffic location backing to woods, huge 1st fl Master w/bath, neutral decor, ceramic Foyer, granite Kitchen, 3 car Garage, daylight bsmt. **\$500,000** (P-206LU)**THE STAR ATTRACTION** This fantastic golf course community home has an abundance of enviable features. Formal LR & DR, FR w/frpl, Master w/frpl & his/her w/c's. Home theater, & brick paver patio overlooking the golf course. **\$369,900** (P-671MO)**UPDATED RANCH** Sprawling home on a deep wooded lot. Enormous Family Room, lots of updates including furnace, A/C, roof, windows, & more. Move in condition & lots of charm. **\$169,999** (P-573WO)**TOTALLY RENOVATED** Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes this close to 1400 Sq ft. Also available for lease. **\$117,990** (C-985BA)**GREAT FIND** This 3 bd brick ranch is perfect for you. Spacious Liv Rm, updated bath, Kitchen w/ prof finished bsmt w/bath, neutral decor, & pool table, hot tub, & large screen TV all stay! **\$129,900** (P-724CA)**WHAT A FIND!** Beautiful Trailwood offers this colonial w/desired updates such as a granite Kitchen, prof finished bsmt w/bath, neutral decor, & pool table, hot tub, & large screen TV all stay! **\$368,900** (P-740CA)**BORN IN THE USA** All American cape cod! 4 bedrooms, basement, garage, great yard, & too much more to list. This one is worth getting excited over. **\$199,000** (P-948CE)**ELEGANCE AND CLASS!** This 3 bd/3.5bth with over 3000 sq ft of living space has a finished walkout basement with a full bath. Home also offers a library, deck & private patio that backs to wooded area. **\$290,000** (C-194FO)**OAK PARK RENTAL** Cute 3 bd ranch w/Fernside Schools. Large yard backs to commons area, fireplace, attached Garage, freshly painted, all appliances, & ready now. Lease only. **\$825/month** (P-530MA)**AFFORDABLE** Why rent when you can own this beautiful 3 bd brick ranch that has been lovingly cared for & offers hwd floors, six paneled doors, 2 car Garage, large private yard, & so much more. **\$132,900** (P-269AL)**CANTON COLONIAL** 3 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring island Kitchen w/lots of cabinets, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral decor, brick paver patio, electric awning, & short walk to pool & playground. **\$224,000** (C-932BR)**A BEAUTIFUL START** 3 bd, 1.5 bath home in nice neighborhood. Full bsmt, Garage, natural fireplace, large Dining Room, & immediate occupancy. **\$123,900** (C-644CH)**NEWER COLONIAL** This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cathedral ceiling & gas frpl, island Kitchen w/ 1st fl laundry, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more. **\$244,900** (C-075OL)**THE JEWEL OF ROMA RIDGE** This beautiful colonial backs up to wetlands on a corner lot. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, oversized Master Suite, updated & freshly painted t/o. Priced to sell! **\$329,900** (P-889CR)**EXQUISITE HOME** This well maintained home has 2 updated baths, 2 updated Kitchens, newer copper plumbing, fresh paint, carpet, finished bsmt, & newer appliances. Newer lawn equipment included & a home warranty! **\$142,000** (P-920DU)**ALL THE WORK IS DONE!** Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, Pargo flooring, new windows, new doors, oak kitchen w/all appliances, huge 2.5 car Garage, & priced for quick sale. **\$134,900** (P-704FA)**RAISED RANCH CONDO** Not many like this available. Very well taken care of 2 bd, 2 bath Plymouth condo offering finished bsmt, open floor plan, newer fixtures, beautiful Kitchen, & good location. **\$163,500** (C-471PO)**CHARMING CAPE COD** Spacious home w/over 2200 sq ft. Updated Kitchen, formal Liv Rm w/ new carpet, 1st fl laundry, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Master w/WIC & bath, updated roof, furnace, C/A, carpet, flooring, & more. **\$259,000** (P-266PO)**FINEST UNIT IN COMPLEX** Remarkably clean & well maintained lower end unit condo. View of commons from Deck, Foyer & Kitchen w/wood floors, neutral decor, & close to walking trails & parks. **\$85,900** (P-336PR)**JUST REDUCED!!!** Recent price drop on this Westland condo w/ Livonia schools. 2 bd, 2 baths, frpl, basement, Deck & master w/bath. All appliances included, plus low assoc dues. **\$125,900** (C-708PR)**BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL** 4 bd, 2.5 bath full brick home featuring ceramic flooring, large island Kitchen, 1st fl laundry, central vacuum, Fam Rm w/frpl, paver Patio, & sprinklers. **\$229,000** (C-740RA)**WHY RENT?** Own this lovely ranch on a corner lot. 1480 sq ft. huge new Fam Rm addition, Liv Rm w/frpl, appliances stay, excellent location, Garage, updated Kitchen, & more. A must see! **\$138,000** (P-754RE)**DEARBORN RANCH** Get off to a great start in this 3 bd ranch offering neutral paint, new carpet, Kitchen w/ceramic floor & appliances, updated hwh, furnace, & electrical. Home Warranty included. **\$94,900** (P-930UN)**PERFECT CONDITION** Extremely well taken care of home offering 2 bd, loft area, great floor plan, finished bsmt, cozy Patio, awesome Kitchen w/plenty of cab's, & area clubhouse w/gym & huge pool. **\$139,800** (C-266UN)**CONDO LIVING AT IT'S BEST** Stunning view of nature preserve from the Great Rm & Dining Rm. 1st fl Master w/bath, guest bedroom w/bath, 2 way fireplace, 1st fl laund, hwd floors, & move in ready! **\$254,900** (P-355AM)**SPECTACULAR VIEW** Northville condo featuring a 2 story Foyer, spacious floor plan, new tiered Deck w/view of protected woods, 1st fl walkout bsmt, & so much more. **\$389,900** (P-778AR)**CONTEMPORARY CONDO** Nice Arbor Village condo w/open floor plan, skylights, fireplace, appliances stay, part finished bsmt, private Deck, carpet, & pets allowed. **\$129,900** (C-538AR)**STUNNING COLONIAL** Gorgeous 4 bd colonial w/hwd flooring, ceramic bath, Master w/valued ceiling, incredible landscaping, community pool, & so much more. **\$229,900** (P-971AV)**A LOT TO OFFER** 2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, immediate occupancy, & convenient location. **\$69,900** (C-518BA)**METROPOLITAN RANCH** 3 bd, Livonia ranch that looks like new! Well maintained w/great features such as finished bsmt, new furnace, vinyl windows, sprinklers, C/A, fireplace, Livonia Schools, & great location. **\$159,000** (C-057BA)**MOVE IN AND ENJOY** Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates inc: siding, oak Kitchen, carpet, neutral decor, 2.5 car garage w/open, & room for an RV. **\$129,900** (P-543BI)**UNBEATABLE PRICE** Come see this beautifully decorated home w/a breathtaking view of the pond. Beautifully updated t/o, Farmington Hills schools, & so much more. **\$248,000** (P-754BU)**GREAT HOME W/POOL!** 1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kitchen, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & in-ground pool - just in time for summer! **\$198,500** (C-046CA)**FANTASTIC CONDO** This great condo could be yours! Open floor plan, Master w/sitting room, gorgeous oak Kitchen, full bsmt, Great Room w/cath ceiling, Plymouth schools, & more. More info avail, call for details. **\$207,400** (P-767CO)**AWESOME RANCH** 3 bd, 2 bath home w/Livonia Schools. Good sized Kitchen w/eating area, finished bsmt w/4th bed, great yard w/extra large Garage & shed, & nice landscaping. **\$144,900** (C-400GI)**PLYMOUTH RANCH** Within walking distance of downtown! Well maintained 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/ many updates in the past 10 years, tear off roof, C/A, furnace, Kitchen, & plumbing. Low maint landscaping w/overseer. **\$218,900** (P-505GO)**FANTASTIC BUY IN PLYMOUTH** Quiet court setting on this 4 bd, 2 bath cape cod. Many updates in 2006 including furnace, C/A, fresh paint, appliances, carpet, new driveway, & close to downtown Plymouth shopping & events. **\$239,500** (P-955HA)**WESTLAND RANCH** 3 bd, 1 bath home w/Livonia Schools, great curb appeal, clean & well maintained, new bathroom, 2 car Garage, great landscaping, & more. **\$135,000** (P-380HE)**NORTHVILLE-ON THE LAKE!** Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine area that is beautifully updated & maintained. 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area pool, tennis, & clubhouse, & Northville Schools. **\$125,000** (C-630IR)**STATELY PRESENCE** Beautifully located on a corner lot backing to golf course. Open floor plan, great Kitchen, Master w/spa bath, Intercom, maintenance free Deck, 3 car Garage, & too much more to list. **\$435,000** (P-333IV)**NEW COLONIAL** Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/ over 68k in upgrades. Cherry Kitchen w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinklers. You can't build a new home here for less than this price, lets make a deal! **\$382,000** (C-488LA)**RANCH CONDO** Wonderful 2 bed condo tucked neatly in complex. Large Master w/WIC, neutral decor, updated bath, newer windows & doorwall, & area pool. **\$79,500** (P-547MA)**MAINTENANCE FREE SUN-CALM** Check out this 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring large bedroom w/2 WIC's, finished bsmt w/ fireplace & bar, Garage, private backyard, updated furnace, shingles, & windows. **\$127,900** (P-685NO)**STUNNING CAPE COD** Very desirable Cape Cod w/many features: 1st fl Master w/bath & 2 WIC's, island Kitchen, finished bsmt, bonus storage room above Garage, & more. **\$229,900** (P-758NO)**BRICK RANCH W/WALKOUT** Finished 4 bd brick ranch w/3.5 baths, huge walkout bsmt, Great Room w/frpl, 2.5 car att Garage, backs to commons & great location. **\$279,900** (C-281PA)**PLYMOUTH CONDO** Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo w/an easy walk to downtown. 2 car attached Garage, lots of updates done in the last 2 years, too many to list. **\$214,990** (C-405PI)**FABULOUS LOCATION** Parklike .68 acre lot in farm Hills. 3000+ sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, entertainers Deck w/gazebo, Kitchen w/granite & corian, fam Rm w/cath ceiling, finished bsmt w/bath & sauna, 3 car Garage, & lush landscaping. **\$525,000** (C-811RA)**SUPERB PLYMOUTH RANCH** Welcome home! Spacious floor plan offers 2000 sq ft, Great Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, Master w/his & hers closets & glamour bath, finished bsmt, cedar closet, & 3 tier Deck. **\$312,500** (C-127RE)**JUST LISTED** Lovely, well cared for home on large lot. Priced right & updated t/o. Newer furnace, C/A, updated Kitchen, full bsmt, berry appliances stay, & across the street from a park. **\$105,000** (C-424SE)**STUNNING COLONIAL** Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic bath, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry. **\$315,000** (C-755SH)**GREAT LOCATION** Beautiful 4 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular Clivson sub. Open Kitchen w/hwd, all appls, formal LR & DR, luxury Master w/jetted tub, 2nd floor laundry, & more. **\$299,900** (C-904ET)**FORGET ABOUT BUILDING!** Cape Cod w/premium lot backing to protected woods. Walkout bsmt w/nc room, 6th bd, bath, & storage areas. Great potential for in-laws quarters. 2 story GR w/frpl, gourmet Kitchen, 1st fl laund, & much more. **\$374,900** (C-143SL)**STEPS FROM DOWNTOWN** Wonderful 1400 sq ft condo w/3 bd, 2 baths, quiet nature setting, spacious Living Room w/frpl, Dining Room w/doorwall to Deck. Master w/bath, freshly painted, 1 car Garage, 2 large storage areas & more. **\$154,900** (C-957BY)**VERY BEAUTIFUL** This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial offers 2550 sq ft. Fam Rm w/frpl, open Kitchen w/hook, Din Rm, Foyer w/hwd floors, 1st fl laundry, & so much more to list. **\$289,900** (C-229CH)**BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO** This 1st floor condo w/private entrance is priced to sell. Garage, full bsmt, large Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laundry, fresh paint, neutral decor, & a great Deck. **\$165,000** (C-037CO)**UNIQUE RANCH** Great house in great neighborhood featuring an updated modern Kitchen, updated bath w/sero style basin, newer carpet, furnace & windows, 3 year old Garage, newer Deck, & lavish landscaping. **\$129,895** (C-843DE)**WELL MAINTAINED DUPLEX** Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 sq ft w/2 bds, 1 bath, large Kitchen w/quality cabinets, new roof, windows, & private lake access to Whitmore Lake. **\$169,900** (C-322FA)**BRICK BEAUTY** This 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch offering a Fam Room w/frpl, finished bsmt, Garage, beautiful landscaping, & great location. **\$159,900** (C-039FL)**GREAT PRICE!** Move in quality! Neutral decor t/o this wonderful home offering open floor plan, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, Liv Rm w/bay window, updated baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated roof, fenced yard, & great location in sub. **\$209,900** (C-534FO)**CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED** Updates thru-out! Euro style Kitchen, recessed lighting, coored ceilings, hwd flooring, oversized window, 2 tiered Deck, & nicely finished bsmt. Home Warranty included. **\$124,000** (C-874GL)**PLYMOUTH COLONIAL** Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath home within walking distance to downtown. Updates include roof, gutters, furnace, C/A, windows, paver Patio, & partially finished bsmt. **\$285,000** (C-656GL)**GREAT CONDO!** Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan. **\$49,895** (C-720JO)**COZY & AFFORDABLE** Move in & relax in this ranch offering an updated Kitchen w/stain steel appl, Living Room w/hwd flooring, new roof in 06, det Garage, part finish bsmt, & party Deck in fenced yard. **\$119,900** (C-219PH)**ALMOST NEW** Priced under duplication cost, this almost new Colonial is ready to move in to. Dream Kitchen w/cherry cab's & all appls, Formal Liv & Din Rms, Library, Fam Rm, & Master w/spa bath. **\$448,000** (P-339AN)**FABULOUS RANCH** Great Canton home w/3bd, 1.5 baths, hwd floors, Fam Rm w/frpl & doorwall to 21x11 covered Patio, updated furnace, C/A, hwh, roof shingles, & 1 yr home warranty. **\$169,500** (C-249CH)**DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION** Situated on a quiet tree lined street, this spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, updated maple kit, hwd floors, Fam Rm w/frpl, bsmt, Garage, & much more. **\$239,000** (P-305CR)**GREAT CONDO** Great investment for 1st time buyer. 2 bd brick condo w/updated bath, full bsmt, doorwall to Patio, beautiful landscaping, private setting, area pool & tennis, & much more. **\$55,000** (P-348LA)**COUNTRY IN THE CITY** Updated 4 bd country colonial w/new kitchen, furnace, C/A, roof, & baths. Oversized lot, Living Rm w/frpl, large Deck, circular drive, & lots of trees. **\$164,900** (C-437PA)**COMPLETELY REMODELED** Don't miss this charming 3 bd bungalow w/updates galore. Refinished hwd floors, new Kitchen, Liv Rm w/coved ceiling, fenced yard, & more. **\$55,000** (P-678PI)**LOVELY ROSEDALE PARK** Beautiful 3 story brick home featuring 5 bds, new tear off roof, newer carpet, updated Kitchen, 3 full baths, convenient location, & more. **\$217,500** (P-711PL)**BETTER THAN NEW!** The work is done for you! Fresh paint & decorator touches t/o. Upgraded light fixtures, top of the line appliances, island Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, spacious Master w/valued ceiling, & area pool. **\$209,900** (P-756RA)**JUST MOVE IN!** Beautiful tri-level featuring Living Rm w/bay window, updated Kitchen w/granite, updated windows, furnace, C/A, updated bath, freshly painted, & great floor plan. **\$110,000** (P-602WO)**A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE!****All Real Estate Companies Are Not The Same**

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Southfield;

■ Kresge Foundation headquarters, Troy – submitted by JM Olson Corporation of St. Clair Shores;

■ Liberty Lofts, Ann Arbor – submitted by Hobbs + Black Architects; and

■ McMillan Brothers new showroom, Warren – submitted by Scarcello Associates of Bingham Farms.

Properties earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology, Monohon noted. Visteon Village in Van Buren

Township and the Mason Run brown-field redevelopment in Monroe won in 2006 in the new development and redevelopment categories, respectively.

The judging panel will select one winner in each category in late August, with winners announced Sept. 4. The awards will be presented at a Sept. 20 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, where all finalists' entries will also be on display. Tickets are \$60 and available online at www.crewdetroit.org. Tables of eight are available for \$600. For details, contact Beth Lilley at (313) 256-2342 or elizabeth.lilley@chase.com, or see the Web site.

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CREW Detroit, founded in 1986, is dedicated to advancing the success of women in commercial real estate by promoting networking and professional opportunities among its more than 140 members. It is one of the largest local chapters of CREW Network, a professional organization of 7,000 commercial real estate women and men in the U.S. and Canada. Other local activities include monthly programs, a golf outing in June, and community outreach work benefiting Alternatives for Girls in Detroit and First Step Project Against Domestic Violence in Plymouth.

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of April 30 to May 4, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds Office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	50576 Amberley Blvd	\$160,000	14949 Taylor Blvd	\$287,000
	47172 Bartlett Dr	\$254,000	20345 Weyher St	\$214,000
	45928 Baywood Blvd	\$280,000	3136 E Maple Rd	\$235,000
	48801 Burr Ridge Cir	\$225,000	44836 Broadmoor Cir S	\$370,000
	422 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$188,000	19432 Cardene Ct	\$175,000
	458 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$170,000	1258 Charleston Ct	\$140,000
	44941 Coachman Ct	\$150,000	15811 Crystal Downs E	\$654,000
	297 Dartmouth Ct	\$235,000	39642 Dun Rovin Dr	\$230,000
	47904 Deer Trail Dr	\$340,000	46344 Four Seasons Blvd	\$785,000
	47160 Eastbourne Rd	\$360,000	48871 Freestone Dr	\$174,000
	223 Edgemoor Cir	\$185,000	15965 Johnson Creek Dr	\$244,000
	7469 Embassy Dr	\$215,000	16229 Linden Ct	\$530,000
	47123 Hanford Rd	\$200,000	51180 Park Place Dr	\$519,000
	50152 Harding St	\$60,000	49040 Rainbow Ln S	\$380,000
	2245 Lexington Cir N	\$237,000	655 Randolph St	\$98,000
	1653 Marlowe St	\$106,000	725 Randolph St	\$131,000
	7185 Memorial Dr	\$216,000	17577 Rolling Woods Cir	\$560,000
	1959 Morrison Blvd	\$196,000	17781 Rolling Woods Cir	\$445,000
	45510 Muirfield Dr	\$307,000	48740 Running Trout Ln	\$152,000
	216 N Village Way	\$40,000	50367 Teton Ridge Rd	\$672,000
	6485 Old Haggerty Rd	\$100,000	20240 Woodcreek Blvd	\$360,000
	48139 Park Lane Ct	\$348,000		
	7721 Pointe Dr	\$247,000	Novi	
	48535 Rockefeller Dr	\$325,000	25951 Abbey Dr	\$320,000
	287 S Village Way	\$40,000	23757 Argyle St	\$420,000
	45101 Seabrook Dr	\$300,000	24722 Bashian Dr	\$135,000
	44210 Sheridan St	\$234,000	27507 Belgrave Pl	\$343,000
	42429 Woodbridge Dr	\$205,000	22230 Edgewater	\$170,000
			45483 Emerald Forest Dr	\$300,000
Farmington	33620 Grand River Ave	\$350,000	25775 Groveland	\$345,000
Farmington Hills	31133 Country Bf	\$110,000	24636 Highlands Dr	\$240,000
	29096 Forest Hill Dr	\$270,000	23189 Inverness Ct	\$489,000
	21716 Whittington St	\$120,000	1508 Leblanca St	\$145,000
Garden City	32236 Balmoral St	\$140,000	30839 Palmer Dr	\$216,000
	28441 Block St	\$170,000	22601 Shadowpine Way	\$237,000
	141 Cardwell St	\$124,000	25843 Shoreline Dr	\$140,000
	30495 Elmwood St	\$178,000		
	6857 Helen St	\$120,000	Plymouth	
	33291 Kathryn St	\$138,000	597 Ann St	\$175,000
	6817 Mansfield St	\$136,000	11974 Deer Creek Run	\$430,000
	30637 Maplewood St	\$113,000	829 Forest Ave	\$175,000
	28541 Rush St	\$125,000	748 Harding St	\$154,000
Livonia	36516 Ann Arbor Trl	\$310,000	1599 Lexington St	\$228,000
	9830 Auburndale St	\$265,000	103 N Holbrook St	\$180,000
	19622 Auburndale St	\$180,000	589 N Sheldon Rd	\$150,000
	29841 Barkley St	\$155,000	49633 Pine Ridge Dr	\$720,000
	28708 Bayberry Ct W	\$208,000	1122 Sutherland St	\$189,000
	17391 Bell Creek Ln	\$235,000	11391 Terry St	\$170,000
	34839 Bretton Dr	\$330,000		
	32908 Brookside Cir	\$245,000	Redford	
	11741 Cavell St	\$109,000	16741 Beech Daly Rd	\$128,000
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- 21 Baffles
- 23 Romantic deity
- 25 Make ends meet
- 26 Endeavor to persuade
- 30 Long dress
- 32 Look of loathing
- 33 Cafe —
- 36 Stevedore
- 37 Kind of warning
- 38 Not upset
- 39 Treaty
- 40 Honor society letter

- 41 Pupil's place
- 45 Coats of paint
- 48 Very long time
- 49 Use again
- 52 Appliance-tag letters
- 54 Polynesian plant
- 55 Scepter's go-with
- 56 Unruly mane
- 57 Wanderer
- 59 — relief
- 60 Naval off
- 61 Bird that honks

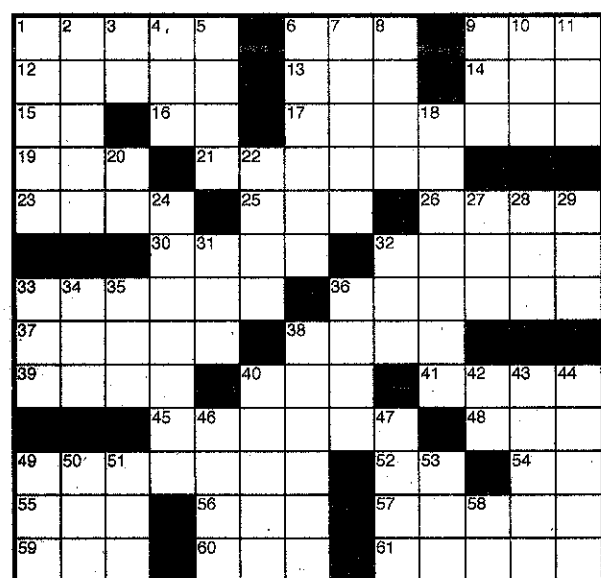
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- 1 Chopin opus
- 2 Knight's suit
- 3 Dixie st.
- 4 Speak falsely
- 5 Boulevard liners
- 6 Japanese theater
- 7 Strong criticism, online
- 8 Barrette

Answer to Previous Puzzle

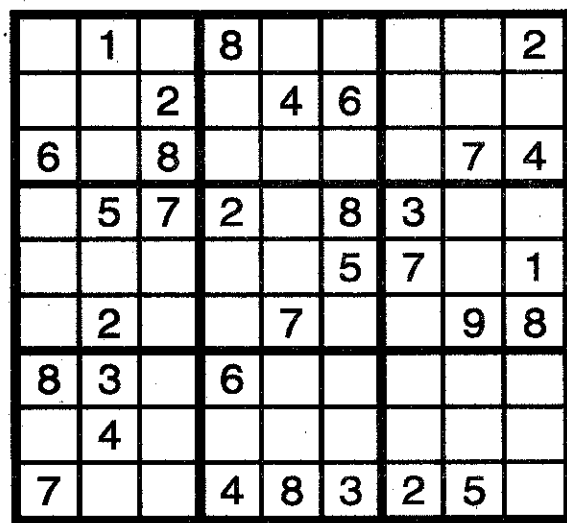
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- 9 Kind of jump
- 10 Egg source
- 11 Witch, to Shakespeare
- 18 Tidal wave
- 20 Inc.
- 22 Manuscript material
- 24 Briskly
- 27 Primary color
- 28 Gosh!
- 29 Be mistaken
- 31 Rifle range command
- 32 Earth's star
- 33 Viper
- 34 Ms. Hagen of films
- 35 Rapper Tone —
- 36 Cougar's pad
- 38 Twitters
- 40 Bridge tower
- 42 Concerning
- 43 Smidgens
- 44 Type of remark
- 46 Highest point
- 47 Crooned
- 49 Thief
- 50 Geologic division
- 51 Truckers' radios
- 53 Old card game
- 58 Several wks.

SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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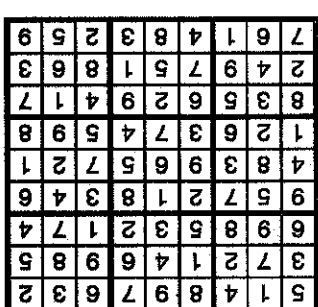
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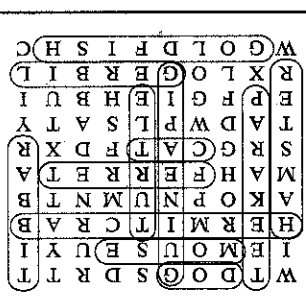
THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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BIRMINGHAM - Aug. 31, 9am-3pm. 1845 Fairway Dr. Southfield/Lincoln. Kids toys, American Girl, Playmobile & more.

BIRMINGHAM - Fri-Sat, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 10-5p. 379 Wilminton, N. of Maple, E. of Woodward. Furniture, baby gear, kids toys, sports equip & more.

BIRMINGHAM - Thurs. only, 10-4, 130 Argyle, SW corner of Maple. Nice things. Furniture, linens, decorative accessories.

BIRMINGHAM - Sat. 9/1 & Sun. 9/2, 9am-5pm. 1216 S. Eton, btwn 14 & Maple, S/Woodward. Antique furniture, kitchenware, games, jewelry, clothing, sporting equip., TV, VCR, Greek kids toys, much, much more.

BLOOMFIELD GARAGE SALE - 27000 W. 14 Mile, between Franklin & Inkster Rds. Bloomfield, Sat., Sun., and Mon., 10-30am till 5pm. Merging households, furniture, appliances, decor, art, kitchen, exercise equip., LOTS OF GOOD STUFF!

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CANTON - Garage Sale - Electronics, crafts, fabrics, books, American Girl doll and more. Sept. 2 & 3, 9am-3pm. 50777 Hanford Rd. (between Ridge & Napier).

CANTON - Multi-Family. 7500 Thornwood, Canton, N. off Warren Rd. E. of Napier. Aug. 30-Sept. 2. (8AM-4PM) No Junk.

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Garage Sales

CANTON - Sub Sale at Canton Glade, Hagerty at Glade, btwn Cherry Hill & Ford. Several homeowners participating. Huge variety - something for everyone! Furniture, baby items, household, collectibles, tools, much more! Sept. 1 & 2, 9am-4pm.

CLAWSON - Garage Sale - August 30 & 31, 8am to 4pm. 426 Redruth, Clawson. Lots of great stuff, antiques, antique furniture and other household items. All priced to sell!

CLAWSON-Huge Multi-Family - Clothes, CDs, movies, toys, books, furniture, Aug. 28-Oct. 4th 9-6, 1331 N. Custer, off 15 Mile, just W of Livonia.

FARMINGTON - Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 10-6pm. 23118 Orchard Lake Rd. Antiques, furniture, collectible toys, Matchbox, G.I. Joe's, and Corgi.

FARMINGTON GARAGE SALE - 28639 Oak Point, Colony Park Sub. Thurs. 8-30/weekend. 9-4pm. Art, tools, books, punching bag and much more.

FARMINGTON HILLS - 27520 W. 8 Mile. Fri-Sat, 11-3pm. Estate sale items: furniture, collectibles, costume jewelry, antiques, clocks, eggs, paper weights, china, glass, pottery & much more!

FERNDAL - 640 Albany at Farmdale, Aug. 30-31, 9-5pm. Good stuff must go! Antiques, furniture, walnut gate leg table, china, linens, art work, etc.

FRANKLIN GARAGE SALE - Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 32546 Scottsdale Rd., Franklin. Boy's clothes, toys, kitchen and household items.

GARDEN CITY - 5838 Lathers, 2nd blk N/Ford. Avon, Big man's clothes, clothes & misc. Thurs., Aug. 30 thru Sat., Sept. 1, 9-5pm.

GARDEN CITY - Huge garage and tool sale plus! 30112 Florence, S of Ford Rd. E of Merriman, 2.5 blks from park. 8/30-9/1, Thurs-Sat, 9-5pm.

INKSTER - 26535 Stollman, S. of Cherry Hill, E. off John Daly, Sept. 1-2, 9-5. Multi-Family Sale. Household, fishing, golf clubs, furniture, and lots of toys like new.

KEEO HARBOR - Huge Sale NO JUNK! 8/31-9/2, 10am-4pm. 2373 Hester Ct., Orchard Lake and Cass Lake. Modern art/furniture, nice plus size W16-20, craft supplies, designer items, dvd's and more!

LATHRUP VILLAGE GARAGE SALE - August 30, 31, & 1st - Huge Sale! LOTS OF GREAT THINGS! 27840 Lathrup Blvd., between 11 & 12 Mile.

Garage Sales

LIVONIA - 15805 Harrison, N. of 5, W. of Inkster. Estate/Yard Sale. Aug. 30 & 31, 9-5. Old and New. Collectibles, household. WORTH YOUR STOP!!

LIVONIA - 2-Family Garage Sale 9931 East Clements Circle, south of Plymouth Rd and west of Inkster. Aug. 31 from 10am-4pm; Sept. 1 from 9am-4pm; Sept. 2 from 10am-2pm. Furniture, kitchen wares, collectibles, wedding gown & matching shoes, toys and lots more!

LIVONIA - 31270 Pickford, S. of 7 Mile, E. of Merriman. Aug. 31st thru Sept. 2nd, 9-5pm. Household items, holiday, & much more!

LIVONIA - 37491 Myrna, btwn 5 & 6 Mile, W/ Newburgh, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 9-4. Jewelry, collectibles, clothes, household, games, pewter, child's bike.

LIVONIA - Everything for everyone. Cassettes, cds, organ, built in oven & microwave, furniture, toys, cabinets, bikes & more! Fri-Sun, 9-7 19345 Weyher, 7 Mile & Middlebelt.

LIVONIA - Fri. 8/31, 9am-6pm. 33824 Richland, btwn Stark/Farmington. Kids TOYS, Clothes, maternity, collector plates.

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LIVONIA - TOY SALE - Fri-Sat., Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 9am-1pm. Lot's & lots of Boy's toys, car seat, bike & some misc. 9415 Newburgh Road, S. of Ann Arbor Trail.

NOVI - Multi-family! Fri & Sat., Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 8:30-7:00. 14221 Melvin, W/Middlebelt, S/Lyndon. Household, tools, electronics, furniture, misc.

ROYAL OAK - 5 Family Garage Sale & One Reformed Pack Rat - Furniture, toys, collectibles, art work & other cool stuff. Fri-Sat. 9-4. 1508 Owana, Royal Oak (Lincoln/Campbell).

Garage Sales

NORTHVILLE MOVING SALE - Baby items, Windridge - 38400 Northwind Ct. Thurs-Sat., 9am-5pm

NOVI - 24709 Jamestown Rd., Novi Rd. & 10 Mile, Aug. 31st 9-4, Sept. 1st, 9-noon. Household, furniture, & much, much more!

PLYMOUTH - Fri-Sat-Sun, 9-4, 44444 John Alden Rd., just off Sheldon Rd. Antiques, tools, collectibles, old books & magazines, framed art & bottles.

PLYMOUTH - Sept. 1 & 2, 9am-4pm. 9035 Woodlark South Dr., Plymouth. Bunk Bed & Dresser, Wagon, Clothes, Bikes, Furniture, Toys & Much More!

PLYMOUTH TWP. - Sept. 1-2, 8am-3pm. 10994 Pinehurst, Ann Arbor Rd/Napier. Golf clubs/ etc., hardware (knobs, light fixtures, etc), clothes & more.

PLYMOUTH TWP. - Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 9-5. 42556 Apple Creek Dr. Off Lilley btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Rd. Something for everyone. Everything must go.

PLYMOUTH TWP. - Sept. 1st-3rd, 9-5pm. 49450 Joy Rd. Furniture, yard tools, shelving units, cabinetry, clothing, dishes, household items.

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ROCHESTER - Thurs-Sat., 10am-4pm. Walton Blvd, west of Livonia, Gross Pines Sub. 10 Chalmers Dr., 48309. Clothing, Furniture, skis, snowboard, waterbed, records, housewares, Steinway Piano, and More!

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WESTLAND - Outdoor & Indoor Furniture, Toys, lots of misc. 1151 Denice, Westland, Easley and Vanoy. 8-31 thru 9-2, 10am-7pm.

FRANKLIN - 24560 S. Cromwell, W. of Telegraph, S. of 14 mi. Sat-Sun- Mon, 9-1-3, 9am-5pm. Furniture, household, misc, antiques/collectibles, art, small appliances, clothing.

NOVI - Huge Inside Moving Sale, 25711 Fountain Park Dr. West, Bldg. 14, Apt. 304. Sept. 1 & 2, 7-3pm. Too much to list. Call (517) 490-5134

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More BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hotel Baronette in Novi. Joe Colletti of Joe Colletti and Associates, L.L.C. will show on-site sales professionals how they can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success. Registration fees are \$35 for SMC members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ The Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents its Master Certified New Home Sales Professional course (MCSP) "Housing Construction as a Selling Tool" on

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The course provides an overview of the planning and development of single-family homes. It also reviews types and methods of construction, expanding the student's knowledge of the building process and enhancing the student's effectiveness in their sales career.

This is a two-day program. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$275 for SMC members, \$325 for BIA members and \$375 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry

Association of Southeastern Michigan will present Real Advice for Builders, Part III: "Closing the Sales: Innovative Ways To Succeed In Today's Economy" on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott Detroit Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The roundtable discussion will give participants an opportunity to network and exchange ideas on how to survive the current economic conditions. A brief panel presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session between audience members and experts.

BIA First Vice President Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. will serve as moderator. Speakers include Wende Boerema of Boerema Chaben & Co., Barbara Gates of MJC Companies, Anita Blender of Bluerock Management, and Denise Contreras and Linda Spencer of New Home Resource.

Registration fees, including hors d'oeuvres and beverages,

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) will hold a Real Estate

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by Mildred L. Culp

little irritation. Then there's the inevitable question: Are you encountering a problem or a symptom of a problem? In either case, you have more alternatives than you might think.

"I had a boss long ago who had his assistant print out all of his e-mails, hundreds of them," says Rich Moran, partner at venture capitalist firm Venture Associates in Menlo Park, Calif. "He would write on the paper and give them back to his assistant for the replies." Maryann Karinch, speaker in Estes Park, Colo., reports, "I've encountered them, too. Sounds morbid, but at some point, that breed will probably just die off." Cherie Kerr of ExecuProv Inc., a communication skills training firm in Santa Ana, Calif., mentions that there are other resisters -- "people who refuse to acknowledge or reply to e-mails or take days to do it."

You might well have to accommodate the communication preference of an e-mail-phobe or lose the contributions that that person could make. After all, blackmail and bribery are out of style, indicates Internet marketer Miki Dzugan of Rapport Online Inc., in Sedona, Ariz.

PROCESS

If you're stuck with this situation, it might not be too late to do what you should have done in the first place. Julie Zinn, Business Skills program director at ESI International Inc., in Arlington, Va., has a solution, even though she trains in environments where

people feel "saturated" by e-mail overload. She encountered the challenge on a board on which she serves as president.

"Any intact group, temp project team or board can create a communication plan at the outset of a project," she says. "(This involves) who needs to know what and when, how information will be delivered, who is responsible for delivery. That way, you collect information about the group's communication needs." Cynthia D'Amour, leadership strategist at People Power Unlimited L.L.C., in Ann Arbor, Mich., agrees. She points out that sharing preferences "up front so there are no surprises when Fred does not read e-mail" will save a great deal of frustration.

Zinn breaks down the process:

-- "Do a spreadsheet identifying all of the stakeholders.

-- "Determine what information will be communicated on a regular basis, how it will be sent and received, and what people's preferences are.

-- "Give assignments for who's delivering. If e-mail is the primary mode and three people don't use it, designate someone to make phone calls or use another method. Branch off your communication tree. Flesh out the plan to help the organization know who's responsible for a message and make sure recipients get it."

TACTICS

If you're still at a loss or have only minor recalcitrance, take steps to facilitate communication. Kerr advocates efficient "face-time" by telephoning and teleconferencing. D'Amour recommends having a laptop at meetings so that someone can write the minutes in real time, then print them immediately. But be cautious, because stepping away from a meeting might cause the



Credit: Courtesy of ESI International Inc.

Julie Zinn trains clients in business skills at the headquarters of ESI International Inc., in Arlington, Va., where she is a program director. Effective e-mail communication is one of her specialties.

scribe to remember something omitted or provide new perspective.

She also suggests:

-- Pairing people with different communication preferences.

-- Preparing for technology and e-mail failures with the same telephone trees you've implemented.

-- Converting notes from telephone conversations into e-mail and mailed communiques for other members.

-- Having non-e-mailers pre-address envelopes.

The last tactic ought to tell you if the people who don't e-mail just don't want to lift a finger. Some might be willing to impede progress, for whatever reason. Is a lightbulb going on? You've uncovered an even thornier problem. These people are creating even more work for you. Have fun fixing that one! (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)



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Canton 734-591-9200
IDEAL LOCATION DEEP IN SUBDIVISION! Relax in vaulted sunrm. 2 story FR, neutral decor, HW flrs in Foyer, Lav, Kit, & BN. Gourmet kit w/stove, micro, frig, tray ceiling in mstr ste, brick paver patio.

(27141547) \$479,900



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BEYOND EXQUISITE! 4BR/2.5BA, 3447 sq ft, cape cod. Prof. decorated. Many upgrades. 2-story GR w/2-way FP, lib, 1st flr mstr ste w/ luxury BA. 3-car gar. Don't wait on this one!

(27026053) \$475,000



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(27108260) \$260,000



Canton 248-348-6430
METICULOUS END UNIT RANCH CONDO Bright and cherry 2 BR, 2.5 BA w/open flr plan and cathedral ceilings. Mstr has lg wic and luxury BA. 1st flr laundry. Gas frplc in GR. Part fin LL w/lav.

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BEAUTIFUL IS THE ONLY WORD! for this 2 bedroom Canton condo w/ den, formal dining rm, custom kitchen w/ island, deck & 2 car garage. Pool, golf course & clubhouse are nearby.

(27153146) \$179,900



Canton 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN THE HEART OF CANTON! Hardwood floors, custom kitchen, 1st floor laundry, att. garage, 2 story clubhouse w/ elevator to 24 hr fitness room, library, racquetball & tennis courts.

(27152903) \$139,000



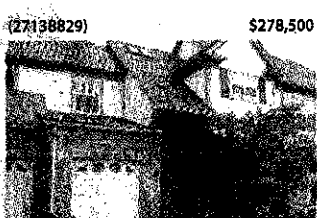
Canton 248-348-6430
GREAT PRICE IN "THE WINDS" OF CANTON! Set in the center of complex this move-in ready condo offers new carrier furnace (07) new carpet (07). All appliances, fin basement including TV & sofa. Hurry!

(2714616) \$85,000



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FEELS LIKE HOME! Spotless 4BR/2.1BA col w/Plu/Canton schools. 2' extension on back of house offers big kitchen w/granite, all appl. Deck. A really nice home!

(27138829) \$278,500



Canton 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING CONTEMPORARY CONDO! Almost 1700 sq ft open design cathedral ceilings, 2 fireplaces, 2 lg bedrooms and great kitchen. Master BR. 2-way FP to jacuzzi in huge bath. A "must see"!

(27143548) \$173,900



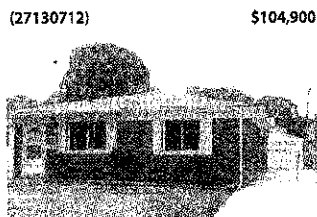
Dearborn 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED BRICK BUNGLOW 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, new kitchen floors, formal dining room, natural fireplace, roof 2 years old, central air, newer furnace.

(27148666) \$156,000



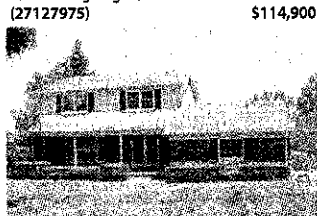
Dearborn 734-591-9200
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HOME! Updated roof, furnace, A/C, windows, vinyl sliding, HWH, carpet, window treatments and kitchen. Great colors & a nice comfortable feel to this house!

(27130712) \$104,900



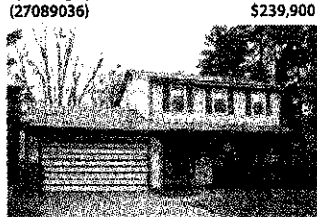
Dearborn Heights 248-851-1900
TOTALLY REDONE RANCH! Updated roof & windows. Huge brand new oak kitchen w/new appliances. New pergo floors throughout. Freshly painted, new H2O heater. All brick w/1.75 car garage.

(27127975) \$114,900



Farmington 248-348-6430
SUPER CHATHAM HILLS COLONIAL! Move right in. Exposed hardwood floors. Spacious rooms. Newer deck, furnace, garage door, central air. Updated kitchen. Formal dining room w/great frplc. Huge yard.

(27089036) \$239,900



Farmington 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS 3 BR COLONIAL ON 0.34 ACRE Private backyard, updates inc: furnace, windows, HWH, minutes from town & city park.

(26156937) \$215,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900
QUALITY COLONIAL IN A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! Beautiful Kit. open to FR. Cathedral ceilings, crown Moldings, 6-panel doors, French Doors, new furnace & fin. bsmt 2004, new roof 1998.

(27007399) \$314,000



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS RANCH ON ALMOST 1 ACRE! Breathtaking grounds, all 3 baths redone, finished basement w/office, 2.5 car heated garage.

(27056266) \$275,000



Farmington Hills 248-437-3800
ATTENTION INVESTORS! And first time home buyers. This is a rare find in this highly desirable sub. Many updates. Large finished basement. Don't miss it!

(27066402) \$164,900



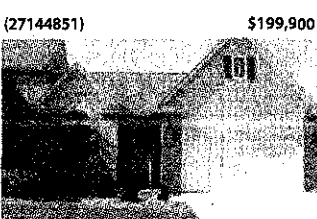
Highland 248-684-1065
PRISTINE DUNHAM LAKE PRIVILEGES. Immaculate ranch boasts Andersen windows, California Closets, oak kitchen, wired for surround sound. Inground pool w/ solar heat.

(26152383) \$209,900



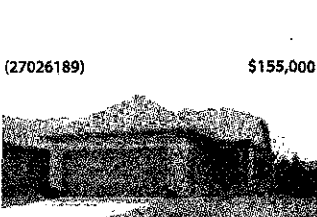
Highland 248-684-1065
GOLF LOVERS' HURRY! Highland Hills frontage! Custom hwd flrs, new paint, ceramic tile & updates. Oak kit w/ can lights, dw & pantry. 1st flr mstr w/ full ba.

(27144851) \$199,900



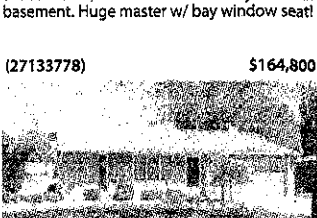
Howell 248-684-1065
BEAUTIFUL, end unit condo.

(27026189) \$155,000



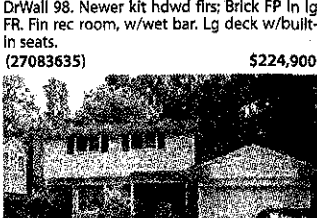
Livonia 248-684-1065
DARE TO COMPARE! Large side & back yard. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Partially finished basement. Huge master w/ bay window seat!

(27133778) \$164,800



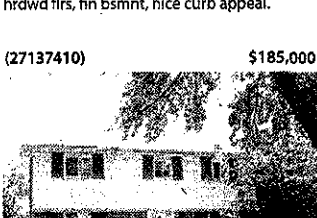
Livonia 734-591-9200
JUST A JEWEL! Meticulously cared for! Updates incl furn 05, carpet 06, roof to deck 03, wms & Drivall 98. Newer kit hwd flrs Brick FP in lg FR. Fin rec room, w/wet bar. Lg deck w/built-in seats.

(27083635) \$224,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN A GREAT FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD. 3 Bdrms, 1.5 ba, eat-in kit, hwd flrs, fin bsmt, nice curb appeal.

(27137410) \$185,000



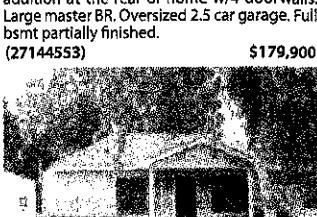
Livonia 734-591-9200
LOCATION QUALITY VALUE & CHARM! This 4 bdrn, 1.5 bath 1800 sq ft brick colonial has it all! Spacious open flr plan, updates incl: roof, furn, baths, & kit. Bsmt, 2 car det gar, & inground pool.

(27089689) \$198,000



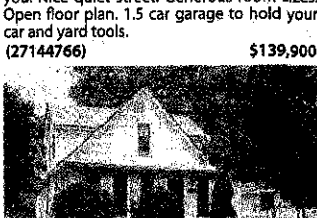
Livonia 248-851-1900
3 BR RANCH FEATURES UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN Large living rm w/cathedral ceilings. Beautiful addition at the rear of home w/4 doorwalls. Large master BR. Oversized 2.5 car garage. Full bsmt partially finished.

(27144533) \$179,900



Livonia 734-591-9200
AFFORDABLE COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY. Updated and looking good. This is the one for you. Nice quiet street. Generous room sizes. Open floor plan. 1.5 car garage to hold your car and yard tools.

(27144766) \$139,900



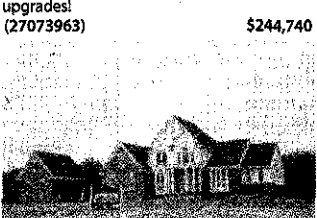
Livonia 248-348-6430
STEP BACK IN TIME! Cozy 3 br 1 ba home in Livonia. Hwd flr and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/door to yard. Updated ba incl soaker tub & pedestal sink.

(27090724) \$127,900



Lyon Township 734-455-7000
GREAT RANCH CONDO! 2BR/2BA, lg. great rm/dining rm. Open kitchen and nook for easy entertaining. Cathedral ceilings, skylights and more. Still time to choose features and upgrades!

(27073963) \$244,740



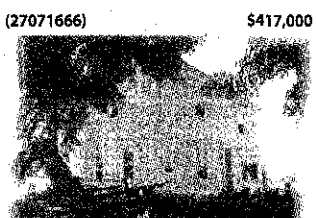
Milford 248-684-1065
THE CROSSINGS OF MILFORD. 21 wooded, walkout sites. 2-4+ acres. Come see the spec home, which is near completion. A subdivision worthy of your attention.

(26039607) \$650,000



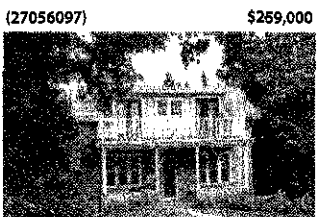
Milford 248-684-1065
PRIVATE LAKE SETTING surrounded by wetlands. Beautiful landscaping. Custom built home on 3.83 acres. Huge eat-in kit. Lg GR overlooks lake.

(27071666) \$417,000



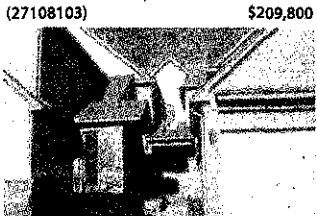
Milford 248-684-1065
COZY, COUNTRY FARMHOUSE. Unique Michigan Historic Registered Home in excellent condition. Much of the original log joist construction can still be seen.

(27056097) \$269,000



Milford 248-684-1065
LG DEEP .72 ACRE LOT. Historic home. 27x8 covered porch w/ deck above. Rear deck porch 32x10. Upper decks w/ D/W from brs. Kit open to FR w/ hearth. 20x34 den.

(27108103) \$209,800



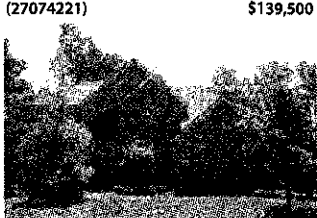
Milford 248-684-1065
OPEN FLR PLAN. Cathedral cells in GR & mstr br. 3 WICs, 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.

(27055667) \$150,000



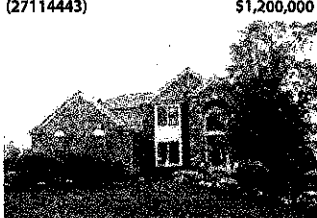
Milford 248-684-1065
GREAT STARTER HOME. Nice 2 BR ranch in village. Fenced back yard & oversized 2 car gar w/ lots of storage. Full-length attic.

(27074221) \$139,500



Northville 248-348-6430
EXQUISITE EXECUTIVE HOME! Prestigious Northville Hills Golf Club sub: beautifully maintained w/prof decor touches t/o. 4br, 4.5 ba, elegant formal DR. 2 stry GR w/Paladium windows.

(27114443) \$1,200,000



Northville 248-348-6430
EXECUTIVE 4 BR 2.1 BATH COLONIAL, gourmet kitchen w/Island & Corian, 2nd flr laundry, newly painted inside & out, brick paver patio, view of park.

(27141416) \$545,000



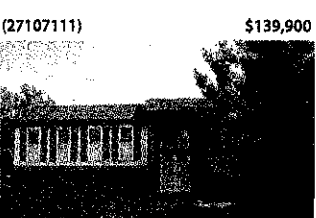
Northville 248-348-6430
THE ULTIMATE IN CAREFREE LIVING! Take life easy in this 2 br, 2 ba condo on a gorgeous treed lot. Island kit w/white cab, mstr ste w/wall of wndws, jet tub, sep shwr. GR w/gas frplc. Part finished LL.

(27092711) \$300,000



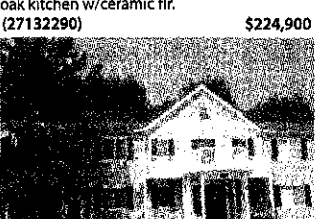
Northville 734-455-7000
UPDATED TOWNHOUSE! Newer furnace/AC, wndws as needed & doorwall. Newer hwd in din rm. Updtd kit. Newly painted t/o and newer neutral carpet t/o. Newer windows, beautiful oak kitchen w/ceramic flr.

(27107111) \$139,900



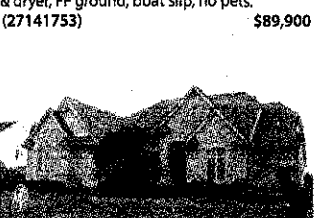
Novi 248-851-1900
POPULAR VILLAGE OAKS SUB 4 BR 2 baths. Walking distance to elementary school & playground. Many updates including new neutral carpet t/o, newer windows, beautiful oak kitchen w/ceramic flr.

(27132290) \$224,900



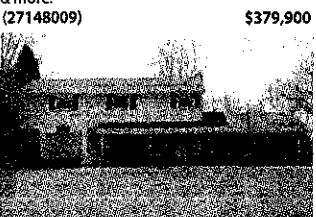
Novi 248-348-6430
GREAT PRICE ON THIS COMFORTABLE CONDO 50+ condo community. LR with DW to porch. Community room, lobby & gathering spots w/elevator & wide hallways. Stackable washer & dryer, FF ground, boat slip, no pets.

(27141753) \$89,900



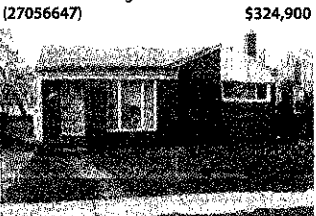
Plymouth 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING BACKYARD INCLUDED 3BR/2.1BA cape cod. Large open kitchen w/island and breakfast rm. Great rm w/FF Paver patio. Back opens to park-like acreage. 3 car gar & more.

(27148009) \$379,900



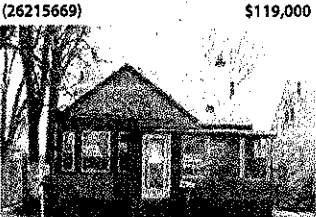
Plymouth 734-455-7000
INCREDIBLE PLYMOUTH HOME ON 1 ACRE! This colonial has it all, 4BR/2.1BA, formal living/dining, updtd kit w/Cherry & Corian. Family rm w/custom mantel. Mstr w/updated BA & WIC. 2car att gar.

(27056647) \$324,900



Redford 248-851-1900
LET US MAKE A DEAL! Redford ranch. Three bedrooms, one and a half baths, basement. 2 car garage. Sellers are motivated.

(26215669) \$119,000



Redford 248-348-6430
COZY UPDATED BUNGALOW! Modest 3 br, 2.5 ba home in Redford. Enclosed front porch. Hwd flrs under carpet. Oak cab in kit. Lg mstr ste. Fin basement has bath w/lg shower.

(27062313) \$108,000



Romulus 734-326-2000
WELCOME HOME! Immaculate 4 bedrm, 2 1/2 BA colonial LR, FR w/FP, Mstr w/ vaulted ceilings, WIC, jacuzzi tub, great kitchen w/ hardwood flrs & beautiful landscaped backyard.

(27153636) \$239,900



Royal Oak 248-684-1065
CHARMING BUNGALOW! Open floor plan. Huge master w/WIC & 1/2 bath. New hwd flrs. Part fin. bsmt. Lg shed & 2 car gar. Private yard. Backs to woods.

(27107429) \$181,700



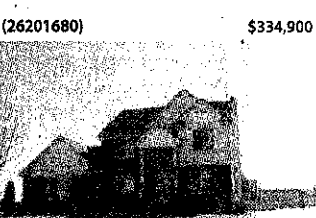
Salem 248-437-3800
NEW CONSTRUCTION! Small town atmosphere, close to x-ways. Great room open to kitchen with snack bar. Daylight windows in basement. Northville mailing.

(27096130) \$179,900



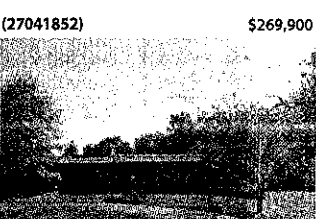
South Lyon 248-437-3800
LOCATION, LOCATION! Set deep in this sub on 1.07 acres this colonial welcomes the most discriminating buyer. Large open kitchen w/ island, full fin. walkout. Many updates!

(26201680) \$334,900



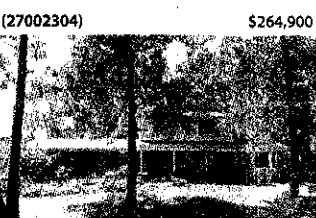
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Neutral colonial close to town! Bright kitchen with snack bar overlooking breakfast area. 3 Bedroom w/convenient 2nd floor laundry room. Great room with natural fireplace.

(27041852) \$269,900



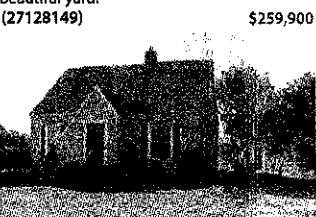
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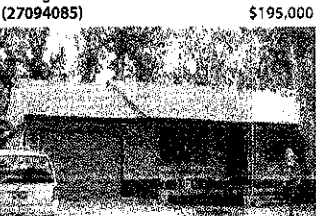
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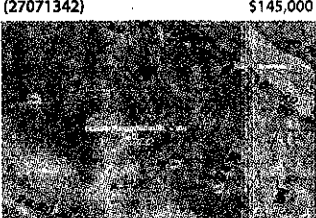
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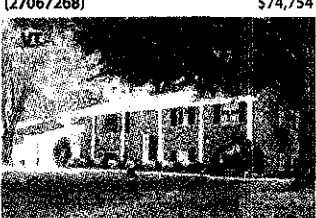
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Power of '1': Guthridge leads 'Cats to 28-6 win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Mike Sawchuk's debut as Plymouth's head football coach turned out "1"-derful Saturday afternoon against Belleville.

Junior running back Terrance Guthridge, who wears jersey No. 1, dashed, spun and sprinted for 147 yards on 22 carries to lead the Wildcats to a 28-6 triumph over the Tigers in a Big Prep Showdown III contest played at Eastern Michigan University.

Plymouth senior quarterback C.J. Gregory deservedly was named the Wildcats' Most Valuable Player following the game after completing 6-of-12 passes for 98 yards, but there are probably a few Belleville defenders who would have voted for the speedy, elusive Guthridge, who shined in his first varsity start.

"I wasn't sure how much I'd be playing because we have two other very good running backs who are seniors," Guthridge admitted. "I didn't sleep real well last night and I was nervous before the game, but my offensive line did a great job and I ran through the holes they made for me."

"It was important to win our first game

because we have a lot of goals this season, including winning the league."

Sawchuk, who was named Plymouth's new coach early this year, said the first-game win felt "awesome."

"We had some adversity early in the game, but the kids kept getting after it," he said. "Terrance is a special player. I think he scored around 30 touchdowns on our junior varsity team last year, so he's going to be very, very good."

"Belleville is a tough team to defend because they have so much speed. Our defense did a good job of containing their running game for the most part."

The Wildcats struck early when Gregory connected with Connor McKinney on a 17-yard scoring strike just 1:21 into the contest. Mike Korona's extra point made it 7-0. The score was set up by senior linebacker Kyle Wallath's fumble recovery two plays earlier. Belleville countered by mounting an impressive drive that took it inside the Plymouth 10. However, Plymouth senior defensive tackle Jackson Vaughn pounced on a fumble on the Wildcat 12 with 5:10 left in the quarter to halt the threat.

The Tigers did find paydirt on their next pos-

session, a seven-play, 68-yard drive that was capped by Rod Barksdale's perfectly thrown 21-yard pass to Anthony Roberts in the corner of the end zone. The extra point was wide allowing Plymouth to maintain a 7-6 lead.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 14-6 just over a minute later when Gregory rifled a pass to junior tight end Ronnie Goble, who impersonated a Mack truck through the Belleville secondary to finish off a 43-yard TD pass.

"We have a couple of special plays for Ronnie, and that was one of them," said Sawchuk. "He's a big target and we like to go to him in clutch situations like that. He's a horse out there. He's tough to bring down."

After the Wildcat defense stiffened on the Tigers' next possession, a 24-yard punt return by McKinney gave Plymouth the ball on the Belleville 24. Seven plays later, Guthridge sliced into the end zone from the 1 to put the 'Cats up 21-6 with just 1:20 left in the half.

Senior running back Rico Tyus put the icing on the scoring cake when he bolted in from the 1 with 1:22 remaining in the third quarter.

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DON VOGELSBURG

Plymouth tight end Ronnie Goble hauls in one of his three receptions during Saturday's 28-6 victory over Belleville in the Big Prep Showdown III at Eastern Michigan University.

Sidelines

Chief harriers 4th

Canton's girls cross country team placed fifth in Saturday's talent-rich South Lyon Invitational. Ann Arbor Pioneer won the meet, placing just ahead of runner-up Northville.

Canton's top performers were Rachel Rohrbach (20:57), Sarah Thomas (21:46) and Katherine Rymond (22:36).

"Overall, I thought the girls ran very strong," said first-year Canton coach Eric Pahl. "This team is very competitive and they've displayed a lot of potential."

Coaches: Please call

The area's high school coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's games to *Observer* Sports Editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at (734) 953-2108 or at ewright@hometownlife.com. The deadline for Sunday editions is 11 p.m. Friday; the deadline for Thursday editions is 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

Officials sought

Registrations for individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game official for the 2007-08 school year may do so exclusively online through the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Web site, mhsaa.com.

Applications will be accepted online, by mail, and on a walk-up basis in the MHSAA Office for the upcoming school year. The MHSAA Office has a lobby kiosk available for online registrations.

Online registrants will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees, regardless of when they submit their application. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport in which an official wishes to register, and the online processing fee is \$20. Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a \$25 processing fee.

Officials registered in 2006-07 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

There is an officials' registration test, which is for first-time officials and officials not registered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA Web site, and may be used during the open-book test.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823; call (517) 332-5046; or e-mail register@mhsaa.com.

Catch 2-2

Senior goalie helps Plymouth earn draw

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If Plymouth goalkeeper Brian Rissman would have played very good Monday night, Salem probably would have notched its first victory of the young season.

But fortunately for the Wildcats, Rissman played great, which helped Plymouth secure a 2-2 tie with the host Rocks in an entertaining match played on the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

The draw left Plymouth with a 1-2-2 mark while the "tie"-dyed Rocks stood at 0-1-4.

"I thought (Rissman) did an outstanding job tonight," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He took a couple of sure goals right out of the back of the net. This easily could have been a 4-2 or 5-2 win for us tonight. He was great even on the crosses. He was picking off everything."

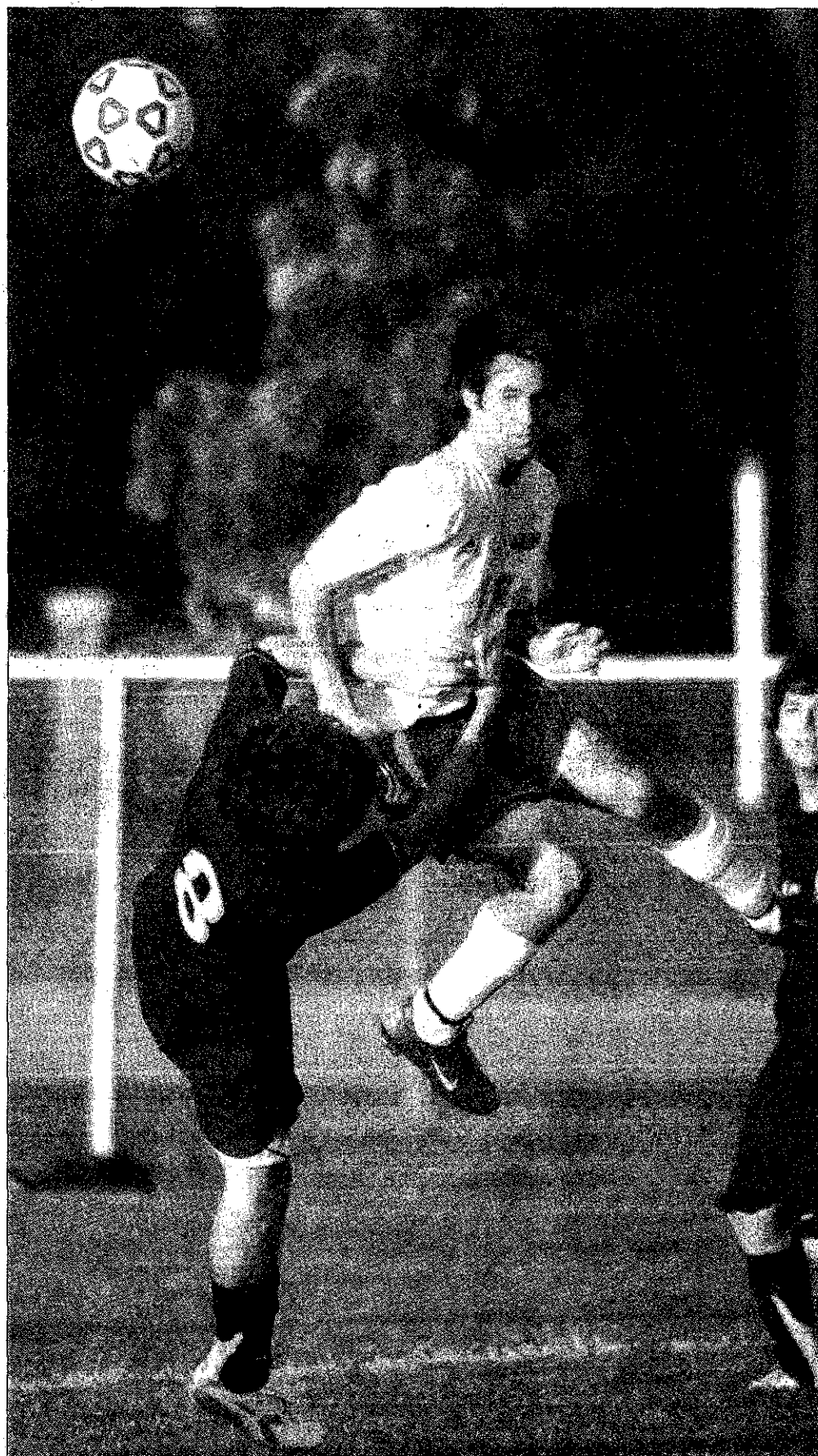
The opening 40 minutes belonged to Salem, which took a 1-0 advantage into the intermission thanks to Josh Pascarella's goal from 25 yards out nine minutes into the game. Pascarella's net-finder was assisted by Dan Radosevich.

"We played much stronger in the second half than we did in the first," noted Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "In the first half, Salem did a nice job of working the ball across their back and attacking us from the outside, but we made some adjustments at the half and they worked out OK."

Plymouth knotted the contest at 1-1 3:48 into the second half when returning All-State mid-fielder Colin Rolfe carved through the Rocks' defense before threading a pass to sophomore Dan Jasewicz, who ripped the ball past Salem net-minder Sasa Miskovic.

"That goal was all Colin Rolfe," said McCarthy. "It was a tremendous individual effort on his part. He beat three of my defenders,

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Evan Yoder (left) defends airborne Salem forward Matt Woster during the first half of Monday night's 2-2 draw between the two P-CEP rivals.

Netters adjusting to fall season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following the shortest off-season in the history of boys high school tennis — roughly three months — the three P-CEP squads are ready to serve up a heavy dose of action as the 2007 campaign looms.

Due to the court-mandated change of seasons, the boys tennis season moved to the fall from the spring beginning this year.

"It's been nice for the boys because we usually start the season in March, which means we had to practice indoors

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for the first few weeks," said Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "When that was the case, practices only lasted about an hour to an hour and a half, so they've definitely gotten more practice time than in the past."

SALEM

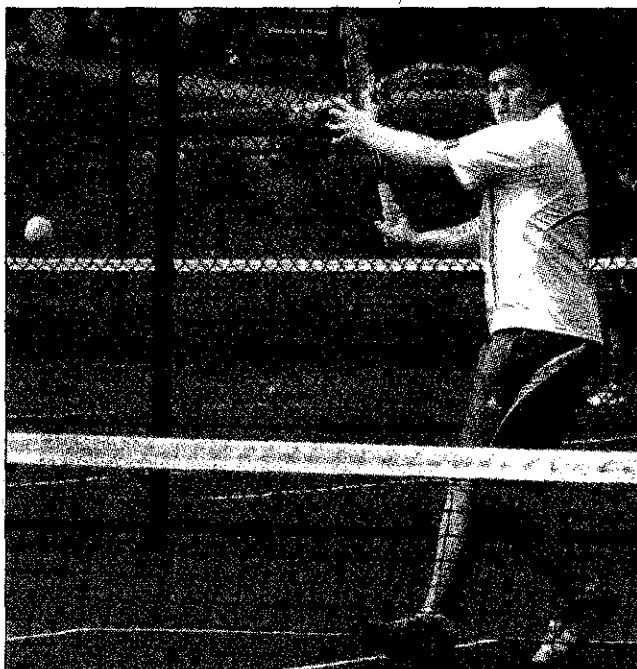
The Rocks are coming off a stellar spring season when they placed third at the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and fourth at the Division 1 Regional tourney.

There is reason for optimism

this fall thanks to the return of WLAA No. 1 singles champion Lawrence Washington and an infusion of several talented newcomers, according to coach Bill Nelson.

"Lawrence worked very hard during the off season and he's hitting the ball even better than he did last season," said Nelson. "He went 22-2 last season, so we're looking for big things from Lawrence again. We have some really good freshmen coming in, too, which will help us replace the seniors who graduated from

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Plymouth sophomore Patrick Onoro has earned the Wildcats' No. 2 singles slot for the upcoming season.

Soccer

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all of whom are very good defenders.”

Three minutes later, Salem’s Matt Woster came within inches of giving the Rocks a 2-1 lead, however, Rissman went horizontal to barely deflect the shot out of harm’s way.

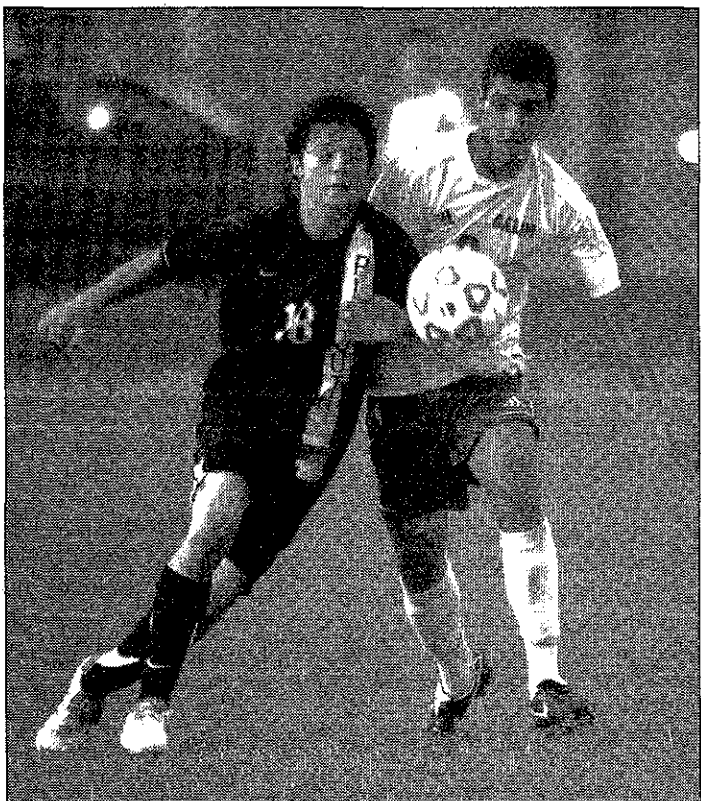
Plymouth seized a 2-1 lead with 20:06 left in the game when freshman Ian Griffiths lifted a soft, arching shot over Miskovic.

The game’s final goal was registered two minutes later when Salem senior midfielder Nick Schreiber fed Kevin Cope with a perfect pass. Cope then ripped a high, hard laser into the upper-right hand corner of the net past a leaping Rissman to make it 2-2 with 18:17 on the clock.

“I thought Brian played great and Tyler Floyd did a fantastic job for us in the mid-field,” said Neschich. “And Colin was his usual solid self. He was a workhorse out there.”

CANTON 1, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On Monday, the Chiefs opened their WLAA slate with a dramatic shutout on the Knights’ turf. Matt Revers registered the shutout, stopping six shots. Senior Logan McGraw scored the game’s lone goal off an assist from Pat Nolan.

AGAPE 3, WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 1: On Friday, the Wolverines opened their season with an impressive victory at Washtenaw. The Mullett brothers — Donald and Mark — led the way by combining for two goals and an assist.



Plymouth’s Andrew Yoder (left) and Salem’s Mohammad Pourmandi chase down a loose ball during Monday night’s 2-2 draw.

Freshman Landon Cook also notched a goal for the winners.

Senior Jared Miller earned the win in net, stopping two shots.

“It was nice to get a win in our first game,” said coach Dan DeWitt. “The boys came in ready and they were anxious to play against other than themselves.”

AGAPE 4, CALVARY 1: On Tuesday, the Wolverines improved to 2-0 as Mark Mullett netted a pair of goals.

Donald Mullett (goal, assist) and Brandon Pierson (goal) also contributed to the Wolverines’ offensive attack.

Senior net-minder Jared Miller earned the win, stopping 10 shots.

The Wolverines outshot Calvary, 32-11.

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, PLY. CHRISTIAN 0: Ryan Baglow’s goal in the 18th minute off a throw-in from Tony Cipolla stood up Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (4-0) downed Plymouth Christian Academy in a nonconference match.

Goalkeeper Micah Hausch made five saves, his second shutout of the year, for the Warriors.

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Chief kickers have abundance of talent

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton boys soccer team’s roster is stocked with fast, explosive, experienced players and an abundance of quality goal-keepers.

But that doesn’t necessarily mean the Chiefs are assured of stocking their trophy case with hardware this season, Canton coach George Tomasso has reminded his team on a regular basis.

“I tell them all the time that there are no easy games at the varsity level,” said Tomasso. “In our league, just about any team can beat any other team on any given night. You have to be ready to play every night, or else.”

The Chiefs have been ready — and able — so far this season, having chalked up a 2-0-2 record. On Saturday they advanced to the championship game of the Balconi Invitational on the P-CEP campus before falling to Novi Catholic Central in a shootout.

“The boys have really been working hard so far,” emphasized Tomasso. “This is a well-balanced team all the way from our goal-keepers to our forwards, and are senior leadership is highly qualified, too.”

Nearly half of the Chiefs’ roster consists of seniors, most of whom played quality minutes in 2006. Leading the way are tri-captains Pat Nolan, a mid-fielder; Eric Piwowar, a forward; and Mark Edwards, a forward. The highly skilled senior class is filled out by mid-fielders Logan McGraw and Tim Belcher; and keepers Kevin Krause and Matt Revers.

Krause and Revers are battling for the No. 1 net-minder position with junior Nick Turnbull. Tomasso said a clear-cut No. 1 goalie may not surface until the mid-season mark.

“They’re all very good,” said Tomasso. “They’re all good friends off the field, but very competitive on it.”

A pair of juniors — Scott Zech and Sherif Hassanien — will be counted on to make major contributions on opposite ends of the field. Zech is a returning All-State defender while Hassanien is a quick-than-lightning forward.

“What makes Scott so good is his combination of hard work and dedication,” said Tomasso. “He also has an incredible soccer mind that helps him understand the game like few other players.”

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CC edges Canton in Balconi final

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Novi Catholic Central captured the season-opening Gary Balconi Invitational soccer tournament Saturday by upending Canton in a shootout in the championship contest. The title game was scoreless after the regulation 60 minutes.

Junior Nick Turnbull notched the shutout for the Chiefs against the Shamrocks.

Canton advanced to the final game by slipping past Midland Dow in a shootout before white-washing Ann Arbor Huron in a semifinal match, 3-0.

“It was frustrating losing the final game in a shootout because I’m like most soccer coaches — I’d rather see the game decided on the field,”

said Canton coach George Tomasso. “But I was proud of the way the guys played hard until the end. They all did a great job.”

All three of Salem’s games were knotted after regulation. The Rocks battled defending Division 2 champion Dexter to a 1-1 draw before falling in a shootout. Jace Bearden scored the lone Salem goal off an assist from Josh Pascarella.

The Rocks tied Plymouth, 2-2, in the second game. Jeremy Stoychoff and Garrett Rogers found the net for the Rocks while Dan Jasewicz and Ian Griffiths scored the Wildcats’ goals.

Plymouth dropped its opener 3-0 to CC before tying Salem. The ‘Cats won their finale, 1-0, over Midland Dow on a Dexter Gregg goal.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Canton Downtown Development Authority, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 13, 2007 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF REQUEST TO
TRANSFER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #2002-469
AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATE #2005-601
FROM TOWER AUTOMOTIVE PLYMOUTH,
INC. DBA TOWER AUTOMOTIVE
TO TOWER AUTOMOTIVE OPERATIONS
USA, 1, LLC
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Tower Automotive Plymouth, Inc., DBA Tower Automotive, to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2002-469 and Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2005-601 to Tower Automotive Operations USA 1, LLC for their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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last year’s team.”

The Foster twins — freshmen Brett and Brock — are two of the ninth-graders Nelson thinks highly of. Brett has earned the No. 2 singles slot while Brock is slated to team up with senior Tyler Jeleniewski at No. 1 doubles.

The singles quartet will be filled out more than ably by Jake Burnstein and David Benson, who will play No. 3 and 4, respectively.

Joining Brock Foster and Jeleniewski in the doubles line-up will be Dion Walker and John Bills (No. 2); Yuvi Rakeev and Ryan Aubert (No. 3); and John Perrin and John Kang (No. 4).

Nelson mentioned Northville, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson as the teams to beat in the WLAA.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: August 30, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR INDUSTRIAL
FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR
GUARDIAN AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, INC.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Guardian Automotive Products, Inc., for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the cost of real property improvements to an existing facility to be leased and for new machinery and equipment to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 40985 Concept Drive, Lot 13, Metro Plymouth Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone umber 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats lost six starters to graduation but returned one key player who head coach Tom Kimball wasn't sure would be back.

Kimball received good news earlier this summer when he found out that senior Dan Jeong would be back after choosing tennis over soccer. Jeong was a talented player on the Plymouth varsity soccer team the past two falls.

“I was very happy to hear that Dan chose tennis,” said Kimball. “He’s a very skilled player and he has a great attitude. At first, I thought he might try to play both sports, but he decided to focus just on tennis, which was fine with me.”

Jeong will hold down the No. 1 singles spot. As of Monday, sophomore Pat Onoro and senior Anoop Gopal — who were doubles partners in the spring — will play Nos. 2 and 3 singles, respectively, Kimball said. First-year senior Steve Ostrowski, who played baseball instead of tennis his first three years at Plymouth, is battling for the No. 4 singles slot with freshman Matt Dwan and sophomore Andy Mitchell. Sophomore Pat Bailey is also in the mix for a spot in the varsity line-up.

“They’ve all been working hard,” said Kimball. “The three who don’t end up playing singles will be our top doubles players.”

Kimball said he has a group of a dozen other players who are competing for the final doubles positions.

“I don’t cut, so we have a 40-person team,” said Kimball. “It’s the biggest team in the league again. It’s a lot of players, but it helps grow the sport.”

CANTON

It’s still early, but head coach Barb Lehmann has been thoroughly impressed by her team’s work ethic and talent level so far this summer.

“We’ve had a good two and a half weeks of practice,” Lehmann said. “I can already tell this is a very dedicated,

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR
VICO PRODUCTS COMPANY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

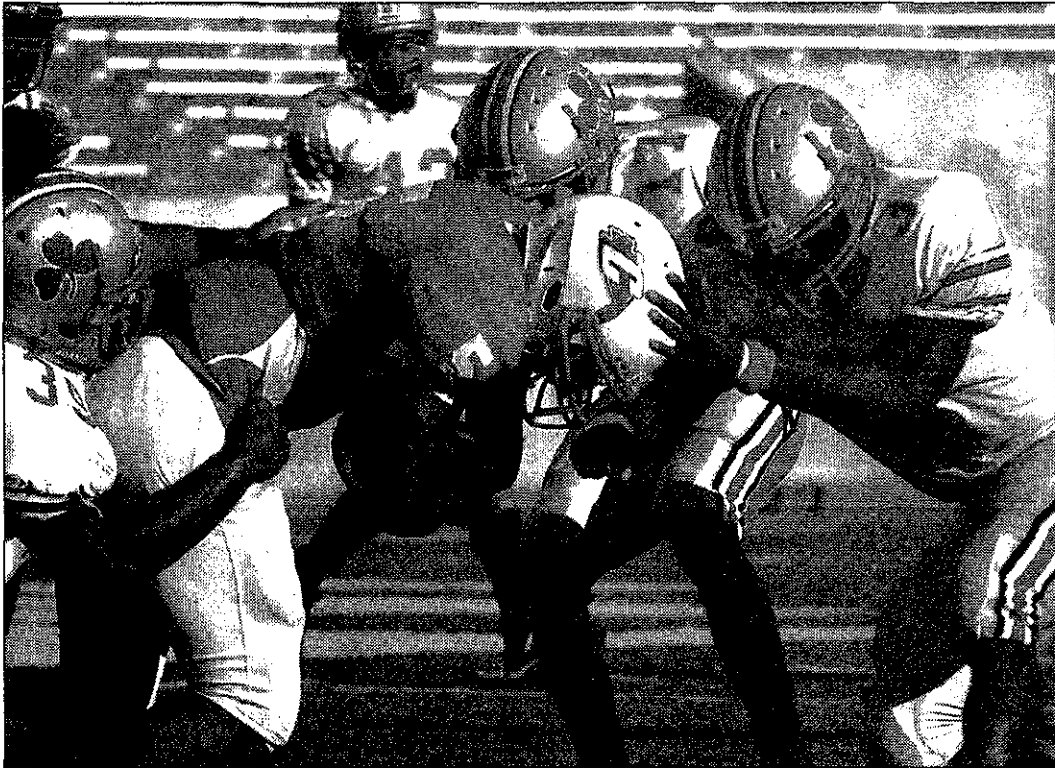
PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Vico Products for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the purchase and installation of new personal property for their facility located at 41555 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
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Canton junior quarterback Jerome Scales fights for extra yardage during Saturday's 27-7 loss to Toledo Central Catholic. The game was played at Eastern Michigan University as part of the Big Prep Showdown III.

Toledo CC hands Chiefs 27-7 setback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The buses that transported Canton's season-opening opponent to Eastern Michigan University's Ryneerson Stadium on Saturday afternoon had Ohio license plates.

The team's uniforms were scarlet and gray, and the players who wore them were big, fast and strong.

No, the Chiefs didn't open against the Ohio State University, but at times it may have seemed like it.

Ohio prep power Toledo Central Catholic showed why it has compiled one of the Buckeye State's best gridiron winning percentages over the past decade when it knocked off Canton, 27-7, in game No. 6 of the seven-game, two-day Big Prep Showdown III extravaganza at EMU. It was the Chiefs' first season-opening loss since 1998.

"That's a great team — they're big and fast at every position," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, evaluating the Fighting Irish.

"I thought we did some really good things offensively, but we didn't do them consistently enough to beat a team like that. Defensively, we need a lot of work, but the kids hit hard and they never gave up. The effort was there."

TCC's potent spread offense scored on its first play from scrimmage when quarterback

Ryan Kleeberger connected with wide receiver Donte Johnson on a 54-yard bomb. Kyle Burkhardt's first of three extra points made it 7-0 just 1:17 into the contest.

Canton responded much like the Chief teams that won 23 times over the previous two seasons when it mounted a power-driven 11-play, 74-yard drive that culminated with senior fullback Jordan Raiford's bulldozing 15-yard touchdown run. Jeff Sanctorum's extra point knotted the game at 7-all.

The momentum shifted in the Chiefs' direction even more moments later when their defense forced the Fighting Irish to punt. Canton took over at its 25 and churned the ball to its 46, however, a botched handoff on a fourth-and-1 play put the ball back in TCC's hands at the Chief 44.

Following a 37-yard double-reverse pass play from Mike Krieg to Johnson, TCC seized the lead for good when Brad Rogers rumbled in from seven yards out to make it 14-7 with 10:38 left in the first half.

Rogers, who finished with 119 yards on 22 carries running behind a mammoth interior line, closed out the scoring with a pair of 1-yard TD's — one with 2:36 left in the first half and the second with 7:03 remaining in the third.

Canton actually possessed the ball almost nine minutes longer than the Fighting Irish

(28:50 to 19:10), but that was small consolation for a program that has grown accustomed to possessing the higher point total over its foes during Baechler's 10-year tenure.

"Nobody likes to lose, but the experience we gained will help us because each game we play from here on out will seem a little easier compared to today," said Baechler. "We've improved a lot just since our first scrimmage and we're going to get a lot better."

"This team works hard and it's going to be good. It's just going to take some time."

Each of the Chiefs' 207 total yards came on the ground. Raiford led the way with 77 yards on 13 attempts while senior Dalton Walser notched 76 on 17 runs. Tim Klott had nine rushes for 32 yards and junior quarterback Jerome Scales picked up 20 on 10 attempts.

Senior captains Dan Wanshon and Adam Powers spearheaded the Chiefs' defensive effort. Wanshon, a linebacker, had nine tackles while Powers, the strong safety, netted seven.

Sophomore linebacker Dakota Dark-Bird earned most valuable player honors for Canton after compiling five tackles (two for losses) in a reserve role. Senior defensive lineman Robert Walker recorded the Chiefs' lone sack.

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Pirates' comeback frustrates Rock gridders, 29-18

Salem's football team burst to a 12-0 first-half lead Friday night at Pinckney before eventually falling to the Pirates, 29-18.

Junior running back Anthony Mullins enjoyed a stellar game as he rushed for

240 yards on 23 carries and three TD's. Salem led 18-7 at one point, however, Pinckney battled back to score the game's final 22 points.

Rock junior quarterback Heath Parling completed 5-of-20 passes for 69 yards.

Jeremy Epley hauled in four of Parling's aerials for 56 yards while Jake Shroul caught one for 31 yards. Pinckney barely outgained the Rocks in total yards, 293-288. The Pirates picked up 13 first downs to the Rocks'

Name change may be in cards for John Glenn football coach

OK, the 2007 prep football season is officially under way.

I found that out quickly because that's when the mothers come out of hibernation and start e-mailing.

Our reporter at Friday's Big Day III Showdown, Brad Kadrich, the Plymouth Observer community editor, came through in the clutch to cover the late Westland John Glenn-Livonia Franklin game at Eastern Michigan University's Ryneerson Stadium.

The game was scheduled for 8 p.m., but it didn't start until almost 9 p.m. because of the stormy weather.

The game also provided its first mild surprise of the season when John Glenn, coming off consecutive 3-6 seasons, upended Franklin, picked by many to win the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, 26-17.

And like clockwork, it didn't take long for somebody to point out an error in one of our game stories.

Mrs. Konopka, none other than the President of the John Glenn Booster Club, reminded us that Glenn head coach Todd DeLuca's first name wasn't Tom as Kadrich's story stated.

Of course, I should have known better myself.

As an editor, it's my first fumble of the season. A bad catch. I dropped the ball.

But as it turns out, I discovered the Big Day III program listed Coach DeLuca indeed as Tom.

Maybe it's his middle name. I'll have to find out. Or maybe he purposely changed his first name for the sake shaking things up this season for the Rockets.

There's been a few famous name changes in history sports that have worked.

GRID PICKS

Dick "Don't call me Richie" Allen of Philadelphia Phillies fame comes to mind.

This Tom DeLuca guy might prove to be a good omen. Why change it back to Todd when you're on a roll? I say go with Tom for at least another week, especially with 0-1 Canton up next, which lost its first opener since 1998 to Toledo Central Catholic (27-7).

As for the three football prognosticators, the first week is never easy.

Perennial cellar dweller Tim Smith, the Redford-Garden City Sports Editor, must have caught lightning in a bottle, going 9-4. He is followed by yours truly, the Livonia-Westland Sports Editor and defending champion, at 8-6. Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright brings up the rear at 7-6.

Here's a look at this week's games. And by the way, Mrs. Konopka wants everybody to know that the Glenn at Canton game starts at 4:30 today, not at 7 as www.highschoolsports.net published earlier this month on the Glenn football schedule.

THURSDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

RED. COVENANT (1-0) AT GALESBURG-AUGUSTA (1-0), 1 P.M.: Fresh from a 13-6 win Friday over Detroit University Prep, the Spartans travel to the west side of the state for a non-conference game against the Rams, who downed Bloomingdale in their opener, 28-0. Augusta has not made the playoffs since 1997.

PICKS: Emons (Galesburg); Smith (Galesburg); Wright (Galesburg).
RED. THURSTON (0-1) AT HIGHLAND PARK (0-1), 4 P.M.: It's the Mega-Blue opener for both teams with Highland Park, a Division 4 state semifinal last year, coming off a tough 7-6 loss to Dearborn of the Mega-Red. Thurston fell 15-6 to Warren Lincoln of the Macomb Area Conference's Silver Division.

PICKS: Emons (Highland Park); Smith (Highland Park); Wright (Highland Park).

WESTLAND GLENN (1-0) AT CANTON (0-1), 4:30 P.M.: The Rockets, fresh from an impressive win over Franklin, will try and do it again against a Canton team that opened uncharacteristically with

a loss to Toledo CC.

PICKS: Emons (Canton); Smith (Glenn); Wright (Canton).

LIV. STEVENSON (1-0) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (0-1): As advertised, the Spartans' offense was impressive last week in a 49-26 win over Ypsilanti Lincoln. Franklin's season may be at a crossroads after being banged up last week by Glenn.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Franklin).

LIV. CHURCHILL (1-0) AT NORTHVILLE (0-1):

The Chargers, fresh from a 35-7 win at Lansing Eastern, can start to build momentum with another win. Northville is coming off a 27-6 loss to KVC favorite South Lyon. PICKS: Emons (Churchill); Smith (Northville); Wright (Churchill).
W.L. CENTRAL (0-1) AT WAYNE (0-1): Both teams had tough opening day opponents with Central losing 10-7 to KVC co-favorite Milford in overtime. Wayne, meanwhile, had the lead after three quarters in a 30-20 setback at Jackson.

PICKS: Emons (Central); Smith (Central); Wright (Central).

SALEM (0-1) VS. PLYMOUTH (1-0) AT CEP: Terrance Guthridge's 154 yards rushing gave rookie Wildcats coach Mike Sawchuck his first win in an impressive 28-6 Big Day III Showdown triumph over Belleville. Salem, meanwhile, was competitive in its 29-18 setback to Pinckney.

PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

LUTH. WESTLAND (0-1, 0-1) AT LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (0-1, 0-1): With the Metro Conference schedule already in full swing, this game takes on significance. Clarenceville was sloppy in its season-opening 14-8 loss Friday to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, while Lutheran Westland was even sloppier (seven turnovers) in a 41-0 setback to a good Harper Woods team.

PICKS: Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville).

REDFORD UNION (1-0) AT WYANDOTTE (1-0): The Mega-White season begins with the Bears coming off a 29-0 whitewash of non-league foe Riverview. RU's defense pitched a shutout in a 12-0 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Both teams made the playoffs last year.

PICKS: Emons (Wyandotte); Smith (Wyandotte); Wright (RU).

ROMULUS (0-1) AT GARDEN CITY (0-1): Both teams fell in their openers — Garden City to Taylor Kennedy, 21-0, while Romulus was bounced by Southgate Anderson, 28-7. It's the Mega-Blue opener for both schools.

PICKS: Emons (Romulus); Smith (Garden City); Wright (Romulus).

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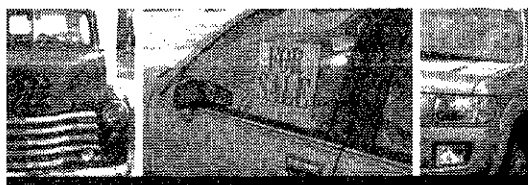
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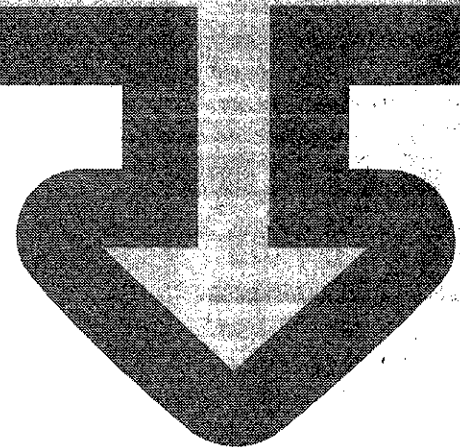
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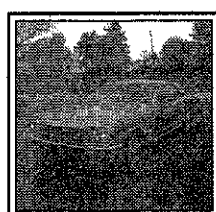
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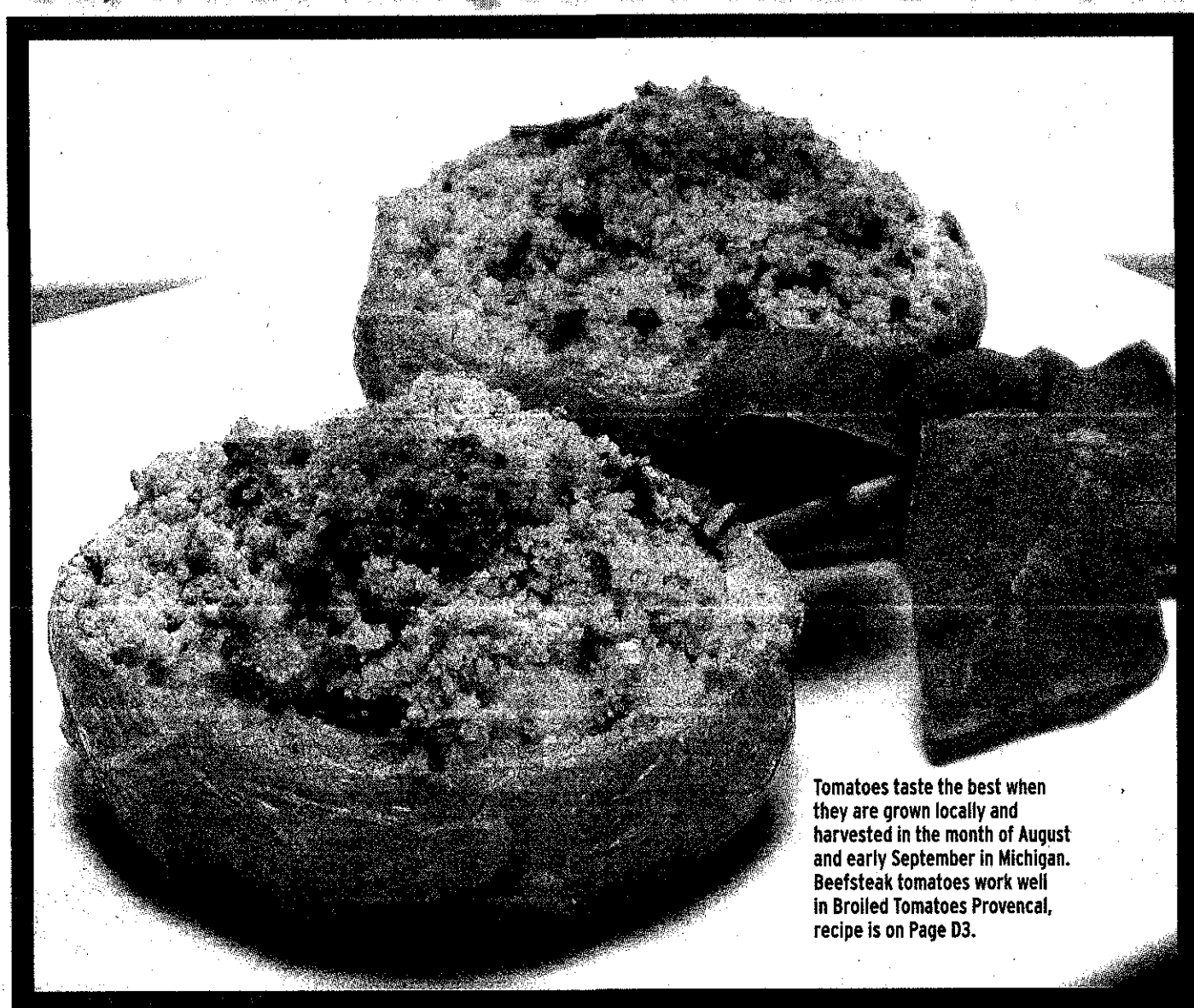
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Tomatoes taste the best when they are grown locally and harvested in the month of August and early September in Michigan. Beefsteak tomatoes work well in Broiled Tomatoes Provencal, recipe is on Page D3.

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tomatoes?

For tomato recipes, see Page D3

BY JIM ROMANOFF
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While fresh tomatoes are available year-round, they're definitely at their best during summer.

And while it's refreshing to eat the best specimens just as you would an apple, some simple preparations can help you

maximize the flavor and nutrition of the season's bounty.

For example, roasting tomatoes at high heat concentrates their flavor and brings out their rich sweetness by caramelizing the natural sugars. This technique also helps to minimize their bitter and acidic qualities.

The result is an intensely savory and sweet tomato with a hearty texture.

And while cooking tomatoes can diminish the potency of the fruit's vita-

mins, it helps concentrate other nutrients, such as lycopene, a powerful antioxidant studies suggest may be important to heart health.

In this simple recipe, roasted plum tomatoes are topped with garlic, fresh parsley and thyme, but you can use any fresh herb, or even some fresh bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese.

These moist and flavorful roasted

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Contained Magic

Robert Heien, of Livonia, adds warmth and color around his swimming pool using containers overflowing with geraniums, spider flowers, impatiens and climbing mandevilla. He moves potted tropicals, like hibiscus, lemon and kumquat trees, outdoors in summer and inside through winter. Heien and his wife, Barbara, also maintain perennial and vegetable gardens. Heien is retired, and spends a couple hours each day tending his plants. The secret to his success? Lots of water, and a little Miracle-Gro. Container gardening's a great way to keep color in your yard through fall. Learn how to freshen containers with new varieties of cold-tolerant annuals and perennials as English Gardens hosts free "Fall Magic Container Gardening" seminars at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 at all six locations. Visit www.englishgardens.com.

Eastern Market engages all the senses

I've got a sort of Saturday afternoon ritual. A few years back I bucked my old silver-cart-pushing grocery store habit and began making the brief trek to Detroit's Eastern Market to buy nearly all I need for the week.

Sure, there's the occasional stop in town to buy little extras - soy milk, hummus, olive oil - but for the most part all I require can be found under those three colorful sheds, grown by vendors from near and far.

I start out as early as possible on the north end, usually nabbing the first parking spot I see. On the days when I'm truly prepared, with cash in small bills and a big mesh bag to carry all the goods, I can zip through the crowds in no time flat. And often I can get all I need for about \$20.

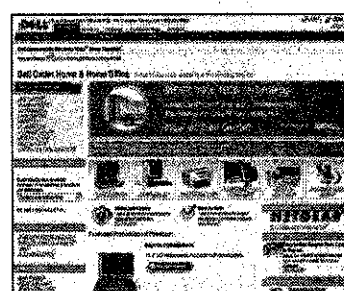
But it's more than cost-efficient. Eastern Market is an all-sensory experience. It begins with overwhelming sights



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Head downtown to Eastern Market, where a bevy of sights and sounds greets shoppers.

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The Dell Outlet is one of many online stores offering great deals on refurbished PCs.

Refurbished PC: Can be great deal but buyer beware

Every so often I'm tempted by a too-good-to-be-true deal on a PC.

For example, reseller eCost.com currently lists an HP

notebook that's pretty loaded - dual-core processor, widescreen display, Vista Home Premium, etc.—for \$599. The Apple Store, meanwhile, has a 20-inch iMac for \$1,099, a

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savings of \$400 off the regular price.

Deals like these are easy to find if you know where to look, but there's a catch: They're not new systems. Instead, they're refurbished models (sometimes known as "recertified").

In other words, they were pulled off the production line due to some defect or returned to the manufacturer by a customer (for reasons unknown). In both cases, the systems can't be sold as new, even if there's nothing wrong with them.

These machines are checked, fixed (if necessary), and restored as closely as possible to "new" condition. To the buyer, there's often no discernible difference between a refurbished PC or notebook and a brand-new one - except for the price.

Of course, buying a refurbished system does present something of a gamble. For starters, you have fewer guarantees about what you're getting. The system might have scuffs or scratches, or it might be missing some manuals or even software CDs.

On the other hand, it might be in mint, like-new condition. In fact, there's an argument to be made that a refurbished PC is actually better than a new one because it's been subjected to extra testing. Any problems that may have existed usually get corrected during the refurbishment process.

The bigger issue is the warranty. The aforementioned HP, for instance, comes with just a 90-day warranty, versus one year for new models. Apple, for its part, backs refurbished iMacs with a one-year warranty - impressive.

Another concern is the return policy: Sometimes refurbished PCs have a very limited return window - or none at all. You may also have

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MARKET

FROM PAGE D1

and sounds coming from the crowds meandering on Russell Streets and the environs, the air always tinged with smoky barbecue billowing from Bert's Place.

Then comes the scent of abundant flowers, and finally the fresh-picked fruits and vegetables still dusty from the ground where they've been grown. It's good to have a system — to scout out the vendors and their goods before settling on a purchase.

Many of the Eastern Market shoppers I bump elbows with seem to have mastered the price-comparisons per batch of strawberries or honed the technique of bartering for avocados. I'm still working on that.

I do tend to recall the spots where I've found the best produce in the past, and I loyally return. But I also enjoy wandering around for inspiration — fresh rhubarb for a pie, a crusty loaf of Avalon bread for sandwiches.

I'm barely organized enough to make a real grocery list, but I know what I'll need week to week. I seek out the basics: fresh leafy greens like spinach, ripe red tomatoes, plump citrus fruit, juicy apples.

And I leave room to try new

things, like the giant Detroit-grown green onions I found a few months back. They were bigger and bolder than I'd ever seen, and completely organic. Spending about \$12 I can stock my refrigerator with plenty of fresh meal-starters for the week.

With the bulk pricing, though, it's easy for a single shopper to over-buy. A pound of green beans is an awful lot, I discovered. So is a basket of berries. There is often plenty to share with friends or family, and that's the most economical approach of all.

Once you've finished perusing the sheds, it's high time to hit the surrounding shops.

Rocky Peanut Co. and R. Hirt Jr. Company are great for augmenting that grocery list, and for finding good coffee or cheese, respectively.

Nothing beats Ruffal Spice when it comes to buying just the right spice for any meal. The fragrant little shop sells a large selection of tea and coffee in barrels, too.

For fresh fish, try Al's on Russell or Eastern Market Fish on Market Street.

Cap off a special menu with a bottle of red or white from Cost Plus Wine, where even the selection is intoxicating.

When the whole process makes you hungry, it's certainly worth dining in the market before heading home.

Drop those bags at the car and find the quintessential

favorite, Russell Street Deli, where you'll sit next to strangers and enjoy some of the best breakfast or lunch items in metro Detroit.

Afterward it's hard to resist browsing through the great little antique shops Eastern Market has to offer. Russell Street Antiques is right next door, but Eastern Market Antiques is a short walk across the way, and Parisian-themed Savvy Chic is located on Riopelle.

Before kicking up my heels and heading for the car, I'll sometimes splurge on a fresh flower bouquet or a sweet little potted plant, that is, if I've got enough change left over or if the grower who always tells me to "smile" when I walk by has something to my liking.

These steamy summer days are prime time for Eastern Market shopping, but remember it's open year-round. While my own routine significantly speeds up in the chilly winter months, I'll still brave the weather to find the best food around. For now, I'll relish the heat, and the fact that I can shop sans winter coat, boots and gloves.

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Get the facts about toxoplasmosis

Recently I was presented the opportunity to read a *Tiger Beat* magazine, along with a couple of publications that were very *Tiger Beat*-ish.

Why isn't important.

I learned that a whole world exists I had no idea about.

All of the magazines were populated by pictures of the same young people I had never heard of before, all smiling brightly and having more fun than would seem humanly possible.

Now I will be able to recognize these people in popular culture references. I don't know everything about them, but I know enough to know what they're basically about.

A little knowledge is fine in entertainment. Sometimes in the medical world, a little knowledge can cause some problems.

When people make decisions without all the facts, they can make the mistake of not avoiding danger, or they may let their fears carry them away for no good reason.

A disease I hear about with a great deal of fear on a regular basis would be toxoplasmosis, a disorder caused by a single-celled parasite.

Every pregnant client fears it, sometimes to the point that they get rid of their cat during their pregnancy, simply because of the perceived risks of the disease.

Granted, toxoplasmosis shouldn't be taken lightly, and anyone who's pregnant, or has immune compromise, such as those with HIV/AIDS, should consult with their physician to get as much information as possible.

For most people, however, it causes no problems at all, or at worst, flu-like symptoms. Still,

avoiding the disease would be wise.

Unfortunately, too often cats get the blame for toxo, and pay the price by losing their home.

HOW TO CONTRACT TOXO

The only way people can contract toxoplasmosis from their cat would be by swallowing cat feces. My guess is that usually happens as a mistake.

Let's say you go out gardening and get some dirt contaminated by cat stool on your hand, then reach up to pull a hair from your mouth.

It could also simply be from just petting an infected stray cat with some stool on him, and not washing up afterwards.

No doubt about it, all these could happen, but the other ways seem more likely, such as exposure to raw or undercooked meat that's encysted with toxo. This happens either through eating something undercooked, or by not using proper hygiene during food preparation.

You're in the kitchen making your venison burgers. You place the patties in to be cooked, and before washing your hands you grab a cherry tomato and flip it in your mouth. Or maybe you just don't wash a tomato from your garden.

It's just that simple.

How about if you set your sandwich down on the cutting board you just used for the meat, or use the same knife to cut that sandwich as was used with the meat?

That's all it takes.

Don't get too scared. You don't need to make a panicked call to your physician and tell him you're sure you have toxo.

Just be aware, and wash your hands. Use routine good hygiene and you should be OK, as long as you are diligent. Talk to your physician about any worries.

Just remember that the cat will likely never be a problem.

First off, they have to be infected themselves, which isn't common. If you keep your

cat indoors and feed your cat canned or dry cat food (NOT raw meat, and not mice or birds), things should be fine.

Secondly, even infected cats only shed toxo for a few weeks, and it tends to resolve on its own without treatment.

Cats kept exclusively indoors without opportunity for exposure for years should mean you have no worries.

If you must clean the litter yourself, and you are pregnant or compromised, wear gloves and wash up thoroughly with soap and water afterwards.

The important things to remember about this disease are:

1. People usually contract toxo through exposure to contaminated food, not by being around a cat.

2. Toxo is a major concern only if you are immune compromised or pregnant.

3. Indoor cats eating a normal cat food diet pose no practical risk for toxo.

4. There is no reason to get rid of your cat if you are pregnant or immune compromised.

5. Contact your physician with any questions about toxoplasmosis. It is a real concern, and getting as much good information as possible is a great idea.

Just remember, cats shouldn't pay the price for unsubstantiated fear, as they rarely serve as the cause of the problem.

Now, if you'll excuse me, Jesse McCartney and the Cheetha Girls are supposed to be on the DC tonight, and I want to be texting about the show with my BFF.

Or something like that.

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Winemaker ponders state of pinot noir

Sometimes a winemaker lets loose with his opinions as Bouchaine's winemaker Mike Richmond did recently when he pondered the state of California pinot noir.

We've considered the issues presented by Richmond and agree with his thoughts.

DISTURBING TREND

At a distributor product show recently, an alarm went off in Richmond's head as he tasted through a number of pinot noirs. He recognized a disturbing trend — a parallel with recent California chardonnay history. "Pinot noirs are being amped up with oak," Richmond says.

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"I foresee the misrepresentation of pinot varietal flavor as oak flavor, not unlike the evolution that chardonnay underwent over the last 10 or 15 years. The ubiquitous proliferation of oak alternatives makes it cheap and easy to super charge a wine."

By oak alternatives, Richmond means the use of oak chips in large tea bags, slats, beads, beans and barrel inserts over a range of toast levels and origins. These alternatives are added to stainless steel tanks, where they are then in contact with wine. Alternatives are a significantly cheaper way to impart oak flavors than new French oak cooperage.

As a long-term student of pinot noir, Richmond recognizes how essential oak flavor is to fully flesh out the characters of this variety. In an effort to stay current as well as competitive, he tested the waters of the brave new wine world and experimented with the alternatives in lieu of barrels.

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"We're back to barrels as the only enduring alternative," Richmond says. "We will continue to take our best shot, year in and year out, relying on our intuition to guide our barrel purchases for this dynamic aspect of winemaking, ever cognizant that the grape must come first."

You've probably drunk pinot noir, chardonnay and even cabernet sauvignon that have been made

WINE PICKS

Pinot Pick of the Week

2005 Bouchaine Estate Pinot Noir, Carneros Napa Valley \$45 showcases youthful dark cherry and red berry characters, ending in a multi-layered elegant finish.

Other newly-released Pinot Noirs you will like:

2006 DeLoach California \$12 — guess is oak alternatives used but sensibly in a wallet-pleaser.
2006 DeLoach Russian River Valley \$20 — aged in traditional French oak cooperage.
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2005 DeLoach OFS \$38
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2004 Archery Summit Renegade Ridge

with oak alternatives. It's easy to recognize.

First, lots of oak flavor (often, too much) and low cost. No way was such wine barrel aged!

Oak alternatives can leave wine with monochromatic oak characters and even a bitter finish, especially in pinot noir.

As this applies to 2005 Bouchaine Carneros, Napa Valley Estate Pinot Noir \$45, Richmond explains that his goal is to have Bouchaine pinot noir be a reflection of vineyard site, clone selection, vintage weather and harvest date. This does not happen with oak alternatives.

"We endeavor," he continues, "to optimize extraction by essentially treating all pinot noir grapes the same, once they come to the winery. Diversity and complexity in the final bottling blend comes from the melding of innate differences of each vineyard block, along with the considered oak regimen."

GONZO PINOT NOIR

Richmond's ultimate fear (and ours, too) is that we are now tasting less pure expressions of pinot noir

Estate Oregon Pinot Noir \$75
2005 Paul Hobbs Pinot Noir, Lindsay Estate Vineyard, Russian River Valley \$85 has obvious oak but it's nicely balanced. On Oct. 1, 2007, 392 cases of this limited production will be released. (Paul Hobbs fans take notice!)

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If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

fruit from many California producers. The wines are over-oaked. The less expensive have aggressive oakiness from less-expensive alternatives, mimicking (and not very well) aging in premium cooperage.

Since this happened with chardonnay, Richmond asks will we have to live through a gonzo chardonnay experience with pinot noir until the collective wine market and its consumers say "enough already?"

If an oak impression comes before fruit in a pinot noir, it's a gonzo and you, as a wine consumer, are being denied the lush, bright, generous, complex and elegant fruit that pinot noir offers.

As the wine ages, it will not showcase secondary characteristics, such as dried rose petal and fine leather. It will be dried out and rather ugly gonzo pinot.

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Homemade salsa, it's quick and easy

BY TANYA BRICKING LEACH
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It may go head-to-head with ketchup as America's favorite condiment, but that doesn't make making a great tomato salsa easy.

The good news is that an authentic Mexican-style tomato salsa is quick and simple to prepare, calls for no unusual ingredients or fancy equipment, and pays serious dividends in flavor.

Here's what you need to know.

THE BASICS

The basic ingredients for a quick, classic Mexican-style salsa are tomatoes, chili peppers, onions, cilantro and lime juice, says Nicole Curtis Ammerman, manager of New Mexico's Santa Fe School of Cooking.

"It's very rustic food," says Ammerman. "It's not exact, like some French cooking."

Americans are most familiar with salsa as blend of chopped tomatoes, chilies, onions and garlic, and use it mainly for dipping chips, says Rick Bayless, chef and owner of Chicago's Frontera Grill and host of the PBS show *Mexico: One Plate at a Time*.

"The best salsa is going to have the least number of ingredients," he says.

In Mexico, it's known as "salsa Mexicana," a table sauce that's used on numerous foods, from eggs to tacos. Its role in Mexican cuisine, Bayless says, dates to the earliest record of Mexican food being a tapestry of color, texture and flavor.

THE TEXTURE

Great salsas rely on layers of flavor and a hearty texture.

This is why so many jarred salsas fail to impress. The time in the jar robs the tomatoes of their meatiness. The tomatoes also often are too finely chopped, resembling a puree more than a salsa.

"The biggest problem with most salsas is they're insipid, they're watery and not very flavorful," says Susie Middleton, executive editor of *Fine Cooking* magazine.

Lack of texture usually can account for most of those problems. Pureed tomatoes exude more moisture. Tomato size also lends aesthetic value.

"The bigger the chunks are, the

bigger the perception of freshness," says Dennis Ferris, a food scientist at California State University, Fresno, who has studied how to maintain the fresh taste of cilantro in processed salsas. "So, the size does matter."

For that reason, he uses egg-shaped Roma or plum tomatoes, which have firmer, meatier flesh than other varieties, and are more acidic. The size of the tomato chunks also is key - 1/16-inch dice is ideal to make the flavors meld, says Bayless.

Layered beneath the tomato taste, the heat of the chilies, aroma of cilantro and mellow pungency of garlic should come through. Lime juice, a more traditional choice than vinegar or lemon juice, rounds out the salsa with a touch of acidity.

Just a splash of olive oil will hold these flavors together, says Middleton.

THE HEAT

Whether you like a gentle tingle or a full frontal attack, it all comes down to capsaicin, the chemical that provides the heat in peppers.

Controlling the heat of a salsa is easy. Capsaicin is concentrated in the white ribs and seeds that run along the inside of the pepper. The outer flesh of the pepper has some heat, but mostly offers more nuanced pepper flavors.

Most Americans don't tolerate salsas much beyond mild, says Dirk Rambo, chief operating officer of the Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, an upscale-casual chain that has restaurants in 15 states.

Abuelo's solution is to place a container at every table filled with the hot parts of the pepper. Diners can mix some into their salsa and make it as hot as they'd like.

To get the most pepper flavor but control the heat at home, start by scraping the seeds and ribs out of the inside of the pepper. Finely dice them, then set them aside. Add just the flesh of the pepper in the salsa. If you want to increase the heat, add some of the ribs and seeds. (And wear rubber gloves while working on the peppers.)

In the U.S., the most widely available chilies are jalapenos, which have a mild taste and heat. Serrano peppers have a bit more heat, and habaneros are super-hot.

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The tomato is one of summer's greatest gifts. Beautiful, healthy, low-calorie and versatile, tomatoes are delicious served in any number of ways. If you have a kitchen garden with enough sun and water, why not serve fresh, sliced tomatoes with basil for breakfast, lunch, dinner or all three? If you rely on a farmers' market, chances are you'll be able to buy an assortment of different varieties of ripe tomatoes, good for serving raw, baked or as the base for sauces. Even supermarkets tend to have tasty vine-ripened tomatoes at this time of year, and, if you buy them slightly under ripe, you can leave them on a windowsill to ripen in the sun.

Dozens of tomato varieties are available today, ranging widely in size, shape and color. Among the most common is the beefsteak tomato, which tends to be large, bright red and slightly elliptical in shape. Beefsteak is not the best choice for this recipe. It tends to split and become runny when cooked. Try instead the globe tomato, which is medium-sized, firm and juicy

and is delicious raw or cooked. Another good option is the plum tomato or Italian plum, a flavorful egg-shaped tomato that comes in both red and yellow. If you're baking several tomatoes, you might alternate colors for an elegant presentation.

Although the tomato is considered one of America's favorite vegetables, it is actually a fruit. Marketers worked hard through the late 19th century to raise its visibility in the U.S., and in 1893 it was officially classified as a "vegetable" for trade purposes because it was used as one. Europeans had discovered the joys of this marvelous fruit well before we did.

Tomatoes supply vitamin C and potassium. They are very rich in antioxidants that help decrease cancer risk. At least one of these phytochemicals, lycopene, is more available after the tomato is cooked. This recipe is a natural for anyone trying to increase the number of interesting vegetables dishes on the plate. Baked tomatoes are also a good accompaniment to a small portion of fish or meat with a green salad. One baked tomato served on a bed of raw or cooked spinach makes an appealing first course, too.

BROILED TOMATOES PROVENCAL

Olive oil
4 medium firm, ripe tomatoes
½ cup bread crumbs, preferably whole wheat
2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan
2 Tbsp. chopped flat-leaf parsley
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly oil a 7- by 11-inch baking dish and set aside.

If necessary, cut a thin slice from the bottom of each tomato so that it will stand upright. Combine the breadcrumbs, Parmesan, parsley, basil, garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper. Cut the tomatoes in half crosswise; then gently squeeze out their seeds. Arrange cut side up in the baking dish. Spoon the breadcrumb mixture evenly over the tomatoes, gently patting down on top of each tomato half. Bake until the breadcrumbs are golden and the tomatoes are softened, about 50 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 56 calories, 2 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 8 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, less than 2 g. dietary fiber, 75 mg. sodium.

TOMATOES

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tomatoes make an excellent side dish on their own, but also have numerous uses, such as:

- Coarsely chop them and toss with pasta along with some flavorful cheese, such as pecorino or Parmesan.
- Add them to a sandwich instead of using a high-fat spread such as mayonnaise.
- Puree them with their skins to make an intense pasta or pizza sauce.
- Chop them and add some fresh herbs to make a salsa for grilled chicken or fish.
- Top a pizza with them, along with some fresh basil, roasted peppers and part-skim mozzarella.
- Puree them with chicken broth, canned white beans and some fresh thyme to make a

flavorful soup.

■ Chop them and scramble them with beaten eggs, sliced black olives and some shredded prosciutto.

■ Toss them into a green salad instead of fresh tomatoes.

■ Puree them with a can of chickpeas and a bit of garlic and olive oil for a tomato-infused hummus.

ROASTED PLUM TOMATOES WITH FRESH HERBS

Start to finish: 1 hour 30 minutes (15 minutes active). Makes 24 tomato halves.

12 ripe plum tomatoes, washed, dried and halved lengthwise

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

½ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
1½ teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon minced garlic

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with foil. Place the tomatoes on the sheet, cut-side up. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast for 1 hour, or until the tomatoes are shriveled and beginning to brown on the bottom.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, mix the remaining oil, parsley, thyme and garlic. Remove the tomatoes from the oven and sprinkle the herb mixture evenly over the top. Return to the oven for another 15 minutes, or until the herbs are just beginning to brown.

Nutrition information per piece: 24 calories; 1 g fat (0 g saturated); 0 mg cholesterol; 3 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 1 g fiber; 6 mg sodium.

BROIDA

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to forego free technical support when you buy a refurbished PC.

The terms vary from one outlet store to another, so it's critical that you do your homework before making a purchase.

Read all the fine print regarding the PC you're considering. Look for any hidden gotchas, like a hefty restocking fee, and check the reseller's rating with the Better Business Bureau (bbb.com).

Also, pay special attention to the return policy, making sure you can send the system back if it doesn't meet your expectations.

As a cautionary tale, I recently had a bad experience buying refurbished equipment, though it wasn't a PC: It was an LCD TV with a built-in DVD player.

It arrived with the base broken right off, due in no uncertain terms to terrible packaging.

To the vendor's credit, they arranged a replacement that arrived quickly, and they covered all shipping costs to return the busted TV.

However, the replacement's packaging was just as bad, and the TV had a lot of scuff marks. Even worse, the built-in DVD player stopped working after 15 days — one day after the reseller's warranty expired. My only recourse was to look to the manufacturer for repairs.

While I'm understandably bitter about the experience, I'd still consider buying a refurbished PC (as long as it's made by a well-known company like Apple or Toshiba).

If you want to price some models for yourself, start with the Apple Store (<http://tinyurl.com/2xo3kr>), the Dell Outlet (<http://tinyurl.com/25539u>), eCost.com, the HP Outlet Store (<http://tinyurl.com/22gzlr>), and TigerDirect (tigerdirect.com).

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Carhartt heiress supports Jazz Fest

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Music fans are gearing up for the Detroit International Jazz Festival, marking 28 years in downtown Detroit this weekend. Few realize the festival would be history without the support of Carhartt heiress Gretchen Valade.



Gretchen Valade

When big corporate sponsors pulled out of the event, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident saved the DIJF. In 2006, she established the Detroit International Festival Foundation with a \$10 million endowment. Interest from her generous gift will sustain the festival for at least the next 20 years.

Valade's grandfather, Hamilton Carhartt, started his eponymous workwear clothing company in Michigan in 1889. Laborers, construction workers, farmers and ranchers have long relied on Carhartt's signature overcoats and dungarees, and the brand has recently become trendy among young urban consumers in the United States, Europe and Japan. Valade usually shies away from the spotlight, but agreed to talk to PINK in anticipation of the DIJF. We asked her about her love of music, as well as her family's Dearborn-based clothing label.

How did your grandfather begin selling Carhartt?

He started out with a mule train and a wagon, selling pots and pans, and somehow he got involved with the engineers on the railroad trains. He just thought they were wonderful. He made one or two pair — I guess my grandmother made them. They sold so fast, soon he was making more and more of them. He had to get two sewing machines, and set up a shed for production.

How did the business grow?

Very slowly. We did very well in the early 1900s and then in 1922 the cotton market fell. It crashed, and we even had our own plantation where we grew our own cotton in North Carolina. Anyway, we lost I don't know how many plants. Then in the 1940s, during World War II, the Navy decided they needed dungarees and we were off again.

Did you keep the business in Michigan?

We kept manufacturing in Michigan until we moved to Irvine, Kentucky, which is still our main plant. But our headquarters is still in Dearborn and our family still lives here. My grandparents lived on University Place in Grosse Pointe, and I still live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Carhartt is enjoying a resurgence in popularity. Are you surprised?

I have been overwhelmed more than surprised. There were so many lean years that you really can't believe it when it changes like that. In the hip hop crowd some of the artists would wear the jackets in their videos, and that immediately gets the kids interested, so it has become fashion because of that. Sales have spiked.

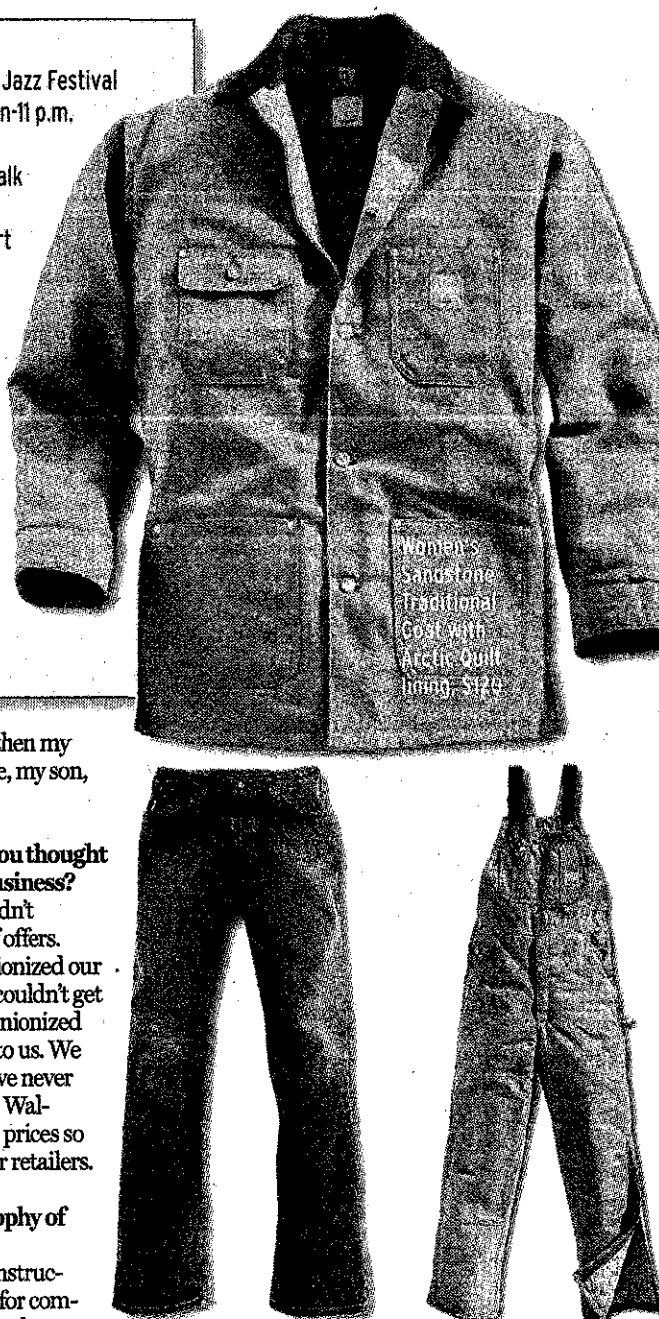
Through it all, has Carhartt remained a family business?

JAZZ FEST 2007

What: Detroit International Jazz Festival
When: 4-11 p.m. Aug. 31; noon-11 p.m. Sept. 1-3

Where: Six stages, a Jazz Talk Tent and Kid Bop Area span Woodward Avenue from Hart Plaza to Campus Martius

Who: Herbie Hancock, Regina Carter, Medeski Scofield Martin & Wood, Patti Austin & Detroit Hot Club are among dozens of local and national artists slated to perform. For more information, see today's issue of FILTER in your Observer & Eccentric newspaper or visit www.detroitjazzfest.com.



Carhartt Women's Traditional Fit Boot Cut Jean, \$46.

Women's Sandstone Bib Overalls with quilted lining, \$100.

Yes. My father ran it and then my husband ran it. Mark Valade, my son, now runs the company.

Were there ever times you thought you would get out of the business?

A lot of people did. I wouldn't let them sell. We had a lot of offers. Because we were always unionized our prices were higher and you couldn't get away from that. We're still unionized and they've been very good to us. We have several unions and we've never had a strike. We don't sell to Wal-Mart because they slash the prices so much it's not fair to the other retailers.

What is the core philosophy of the brand?

We are geared toward construction workers and we design for comfort and durability. Our name has very good recognition.

How did you get involved in jazz music?

I write music and I was having a hard time selling my music or getting people to play it. I was with my daughter in Seattle and she was friends with Stix Hooper, who used to be a Jazz Crusader. He said 'Gretchen we'll do a demo.' Soon we did other stuff, then I began working with Tom Robinson. He wrote the words and we collaborated on 15 songs — jazz ballads. Other people sing them. We started Mack Avenue Records in Seattle and brought it to Detroit.

And what made you decide to endow such a large amount of money to the Detroit International Jazz Festival?

The festival is very important. It helps the city and it brings people together. It is family-friendly with lots of things for kids to do. I wanted to make sure it lasts.

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AUTHOR SHARES ADVICE
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HOUSE CLEANING
• PINK reader Roxane called to point out that Roxane in the opera "Cyrano" has only one "n," which she noticed because her name is so often misspelled (we can relate, Roxane!). Cyrano opens at the Detroit Opera House on Oct. 13, and Haberman Fabrics. Royal Oak will host "Cyrano and A Nose for Design" on Sept. 11.
• Another reader pointed out a mistake in a recent PINK Picks, in which we recom-

mended sushi from Kenzi. Kenzi Japanese Steakhouse is located in Southfield, not Troy.

• Karen from Birmingham called to ask where she can purchase FitFlops, also recommended in PINK Picks. These flip-flops are not only sporty-cute, they also claim to tone and shape your legs. FitFlop Walkstars — in red or black — can be ordered at www.bathandbodyworks.com.



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Twelve Oaks Mall is getting a complete makeover for fall that includes renovations of the entire mall, along with a host of new stores.

The Sept. 28 opening of Nordstrom, its fifth anchor, and an adjoining retail wing signals a new era for the shopping center as it celebrates three decades in the community.

The mall's new stores include three making their state debuts. Michigan's first Metropark is a high-energy shopping experience that is part store, part club. Live performances by DJs, art exhibits and fashion shows take place among the store's edgy, con-

temporary apparel and accessories for men and women.

aerie by American Eagle is another newcomer. The dormwear and intimates brand by American Eagle Outfitters quickly grew a loyal following after its introduction last September. Their collection includes underwear, bras, camis, hoodies, robes, boxers, sweats and leggings.

Moonstruck Chocolate Café will offer a full line of handmade, hand-packaged artisan chocolates. It also serves espresso, chocolate drinks, fresh pastries and decadent desserts.

Others opening in the 97,000-square-foot Nordstrom

wing include: Betsey Johnson, featuring creative, unique women's apparel and accessories from the store's world-famous namesake; GUESS, with bold, sexy and youthful clothing and accessories for men, women and children; and California Pizza Kitchen, serving authentic California-style cuisine — from signature hearth-baked pizzas to creative salads, pastas, soups and sandwiches.

Longtime tenants relocating to the Nordstrom wing include: Banana Republic, bebe, Franklin Covey and Williams-Sonoma, which is adopting the chain's Grand Cuisine concept.

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