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Cops warn west-siders of garage thieves

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Lou Baretta said the only time his garage door is open is when he and his wife, Donna, are working in the yard of their Plymouth Township home. Any other time, the garage door is down.

It's a lesson township police would like other residents to learn in the wake of a rash of garage invasions on the west side of the township.

The problem has gotten bad enough that Plymouth

Township police have turned to their computerized "Neighborhood Watch" system for help.

Township residents primarily in the area west of Sheldon and east of Napier from Joy to North Territorial have been getting recorded phone messages from the department, warning them of potential thieves targeting open garages in the area.

Detective Sgt. Dennis Wilson said the department has had some 15 reports in the last month or so.

"These individuals or group

of individuals are targeting garages where the doors are being left open, so it's a crime of opportunity," Wilson said.

"They're entering garages and taking things like golf clubs, or laptops or purses that people are leaving in their vehicles, things people aren't taking inside their residences."

There have been no injuries in any of these incidents, and Wilson said houses are not being breached. Thieves have, on occasion, entered service doors between houses and garages. The primary target

seems to be cash, some credit cards have been stolen, Wilson said, but no attempt has been made to use them.

Community Resource Officer Jamie Senkbeil said the Neighborhood Watch - a computerized system that makes phone calls with a recorded message - has been a big plus in fighting crimes such as these garage invasions.

"On Monday I sent out a particular section, on Tuesday a different section and on Wednesday a third section of the west side," Senkbeil said.

"Each morning when I come to work, I have calls from residents praising the system and thanking us for sending out notification of these crimes."

Though Baretta said he hasn't gotten a call yet, he likes the idea of getting a call from police.

"That's a good idea," he said. "It alerts the people when something like this is going on."

Wilson said the department has been keeping a watch at local retailers for any attempts by the thieves to resell things they've stolen - such as golf

clubs or computers - but nothing has turned up.

He also said there's a clear moral to the story. Lock your doors. "We're hoping people will be aware enough to close their garage doors, and they're being advised to call the police if they see anything suspicious," Wilson said. "We need eyes and ears to help with this, so hopefully (Neighborhood Watch) will be a big help."

Anyone with information on these incidents can call the township police, (734) 453-3869.

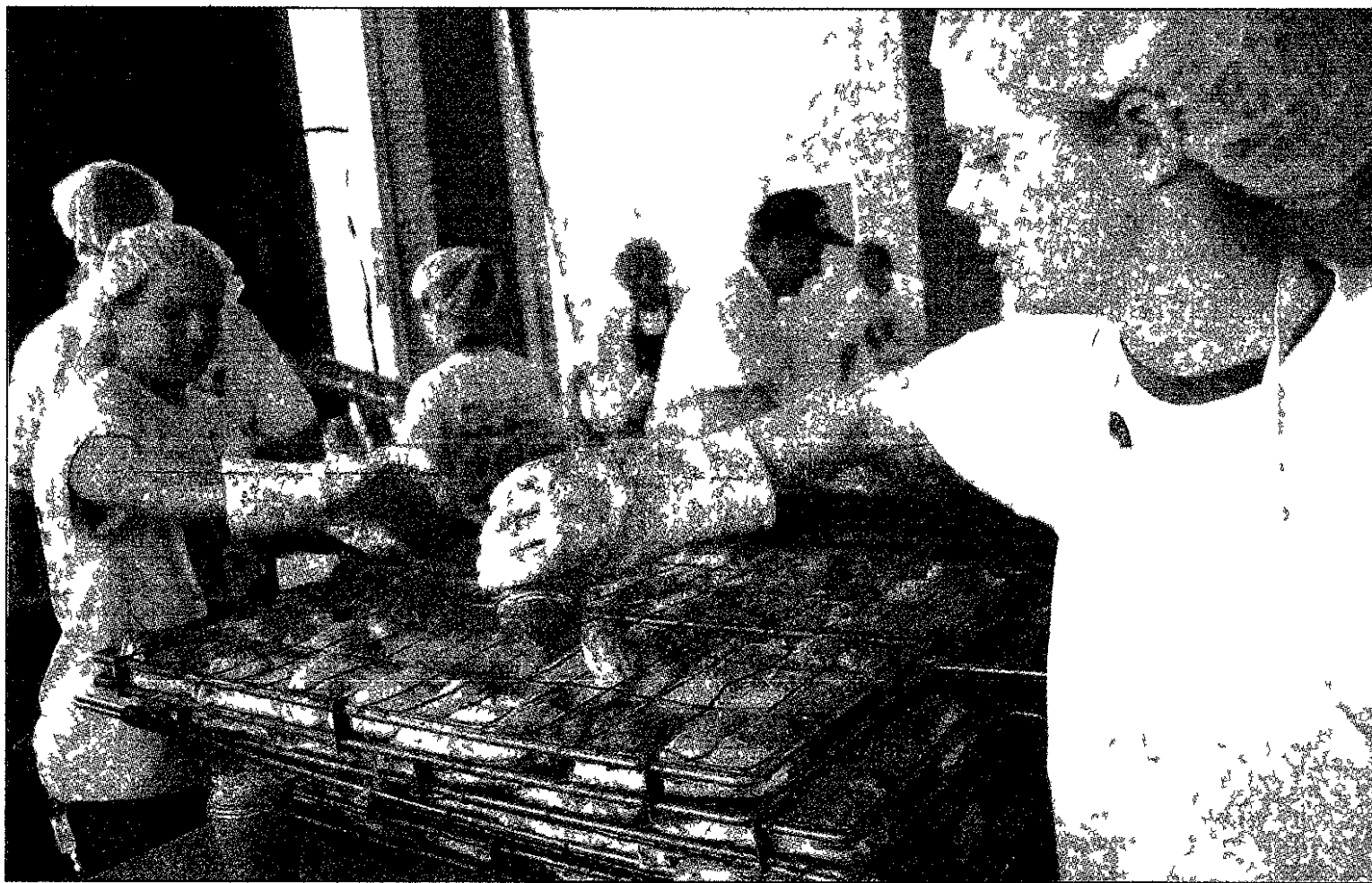


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Volunteers like Katie Myers and Kasey Shimp will be back this year for the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Chicken Barbecue. The barbecue, the annual rite of the Plymouth Fall Festival, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11.

Playing chicken

Annual barbecue hugely popular 50 years later

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When thousands of people make the annual trek to purchase barbecue chicken dinners

from the Rotary Club of Plymouth on Sunday, Sept. 11, in Kellogg Park, they'll be renewing a tradition that began 50 years ago.

"The first Rotary chicken bar-

becue was really more like a family picnic," said John Gaffield, 85, of Plymouth Township, who - as the civic improvements committee chairman for the Rotary Club of

Plymouth - remembered the first barbecue held May 20, 1956. "There were about 500 people there, mostly Rotarians

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Coalition driving for signatures to force public education funds

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The K-16 Coalition, the group that organized nearly 12,000 parents, teachers and school board members to descend on the state Capitol in June to protest the lack of funding for public education, has launched a petition drive to require the state to increase funding for schools and universities each year by at least the rate of inflation.

If the group acquires more than the 254,000 petition signatures, the state Legislature will be forced to vote on the issue. If the Legislature rejects or ignores it, the measure will automatically be put on the November 2006 ballot.

"Plymouth-Canton Schools had to make serious cuts the past several years," said Jim Angell of Plymouth, a representative of the Michigan Education Association, one of the groups collecting petition signatures. "It's not because of mismanagement, it's a direct result of not funding public education."

Along with a guaranteed annual increase in the state foundation grant - in which Plymouth-Canton currently receives \$7,025 per pupil - the K-16 Coalition plan would give the Legislature five years to increase the minimum state grant to schools from \$6,700 per student to \$7,000. It also would force the state to pay more into the school employee retirement system.

"We're going to ask all our employees in the Plymouth-Canton district to get five signatures each on the petitions," said Angell. "I'm looking to get 15,000 signatures from people in Plymouth-Canton Schools."

"We want to show the same support that we had in Lansing in June," added Angell, "and get 700,000 signatures so the legislature knows the people in Michigan are tired of it not properly funding public education."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education President Mark Slavens, who has been leading the district's effort for more funding from Lansing, said with no increases over the past three years, plus two executive order cuts by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Plymouth-Canton is competing with neighboring districts at a disadvantage. "In 1994, when the state took over funding, they said they would equitably and adequately fund the schools," said Slavens. "Some districts get \$1,000 more per student than we do. We have 18,000 students, so that means over the last 10 years we've lost out on \$18 million."

"A lot of our issues wouldn't be here if we had adequate funding," he said.

NorthRidge steps up in size, stature

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



Powell

Brad Powell is adamant that the mission at NorthRidge Church is to lead people to a life of faith and, with some 14,000 active worshippers, there's significant evidence it's working.

And now, the church is drawing raves from outside the Plymouth Township community.

In two separate lists, *Outreach Magazine* has called NorthRidge one of the 100 fastest-growing churches in America, while *The Church Report* has listed it as

one of the 50 most-influential churches.

Powell, nearing his 15th anniversary as the church's pastor, is much happier about the growth - both numerically and, more importantly to him, spiritually - than he is about the recognition.

"We've never been in this to make anyone's list," Powell said. "We just want to be a center for Christian development and experience. You have to lead people to a life of faith, and you have to lead them to full devotion to

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Chorus auditions

For 33 years the Plymouth Community Chorus has brought choral music to Plymouth and the surrounding area. The PCC is holding open auditions for its new season 7 9 p m Tuesday, Aug 30, at First Baptist Church in Plymouth, located off of North Territorial, west of Sheldon and east of Beck. For further information, contact the chorus at (734) 416 9885

YMCA soccer

The Plymouth Family YMCA is taking registrations for its fall soccer league season, which runs Sept 5-Oct 29. Cost is \$68, with a \$20 annual membership required. Players ages 4-11 are eligible to play. Teams will have one practice and one game each week. For more information, call (734) 453-2904

Oldtimers' picnic

The Plymouth Oldtimers' Picnic is scheduled for noon Thursday, Aug 25, in the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park. The meal is to be catered. Plymouth Township Park is located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha. For reservations and more information, call Robert Sharland, (734) 453-4661

Blood drive

Independence Village of Plymouth hosts a blood drive to benefit Friends of the Penn from noon to 6 p m Wednesday, Aug 24. A donation will be made for each pint of blood to the group dedicated to saving the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Appointments can be made by calling (734) 453-2600. Independence Village of Plymouth is located at 14707 Northville Road

Host families

Host families are needed for foreign exchange students before opening day of high school. This is an opportunity for Americans to let these young ambassadors see the good in this country while learning about the culture of the student. For more information on becoming a host family, call Linda Leedy of the EF Foundation, an organization dedicated to sharing and expanding knowledge of cultures. She can be reached at (248) 349-5599

Blood Drive change

The Plymouth District Library will be the site of an upcoming American Red Cross blood drive. Previously scheduled for Aug 25, the drive has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept 2. The schedule sign-up sheet is in the lobby of the library, but walk-ins are welcome, too. For more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25, and can be delivered, if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829

DAR luncheon

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meet for a brown-bag sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, Sept 19, at the Plymouth District Library

Ruth Szabo will be the guest speaker, talking about the Michigan Room at the DAR's national headquarters in Washington, D.C. DAR members and potential members are welcome. The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-4764

Class of 1944

The Plymouth High School Class of 1944 holds its 61st class reunion Friday, Sept 16, at the Plymouth Elks hall on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Cocktails will be at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. For more information or to make a reservation, call Madeline Penney, (734) 453-0364, or Marian Owens (734) 453-2609

Yard sale

The Plymouth Knights of Columbus host a yard sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug 20. The event will feature tables, chairs, miscellaneous restaurant equipment and furniture. The public is welcome to rent space for \$10. For more information, call (734) 748-2980

Youth applications

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting applications for new members. Applications can be obtained in the city manager's office at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. Applications are due by Aug. 19.

The PCYAC is made up of 11 members plus alternates. To qualify for the commission, youths must be students in seventh through 11th grades who reside in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township, and motivated to contribute to the Plymouth community. The PCYAC recently raised

\$327 selling bottled water at the Friday night Music in the Air concert, to be donated for a new fountain in Kellogg Park. The youth commission also raised money during the Plymouth Fall Festival and chili cook off, donated holiday gifts to needy families and issued a resolution in support of the city's new liquor license ordinance.

Brick sale

The Salem Student Congress at Salem High School is sponsoring an Adopt-a-Brick program to replace the walkway in front of the high school building. The bricks are 4-by-8 inches, with room for up to three lines (12 characters per line, including spaces) for an inscription by the buyer. Bricks are available for \$50 apiece. Anyone wishing to become or remain part of Salem High School's history should send a check, along with the desired inscription, to Lauren Cummings at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Deadline for ordering the bricks is Sept. 30.

Rockette golf

The Salem Rockettes host their annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 20, at Salem Hills Golf Club. The event, which starts at a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, features a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. Cost is \$100 per golfer, which includes golf with cart, contests, prizes and a buffet dinner. For more information, call Bob Koehler, (734) 459-5164 or Bob Chamberlain, (734) 451-2209.

Fall Fest crafters

The Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show still has openings for crafters. The Craft Show runs during the Fall Festival from 9 a.m. -

Dusk on Saturday, Sept. 10 and 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Cost for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space on the lawn in front of Central Middle School on Main Street is \$150 for the weekend or \$75 for one day. Applications are available on the Web site www.plymouth-fallfestival.com/events/craft_show/craft_show2.htm or e-mail Colleen at cbrown57@comcast.net or call (734) 455-1614.

Plymouth reunion

The reunion committee is organizing a 30-year reunion for Plymouth-Canton graduates of the Class of 1975. The reunion is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Renaissance Ballroom at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Dinner is at 7 p.m. The \$50 per person cost covers dinner and dancing. A cash bar will be available. For graduates planning to be in town Friday night, the group will attend the Salem-Canton football game, followed by the traditional stop at The Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. Tickets at the gate are \$3. The committee is also planning a memory CD with updated information on classmates. In order to publish the CD, classmates can help by completing questionnaires provided by the committee. For anyone needing accommodations, a special package has been arranged at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Reservations must be made by Oct. 1 and mention must be made of the Class of 1975 reunion. For information on the CD, the reunion and for reservations, e-mail PCEP1975@aol.com

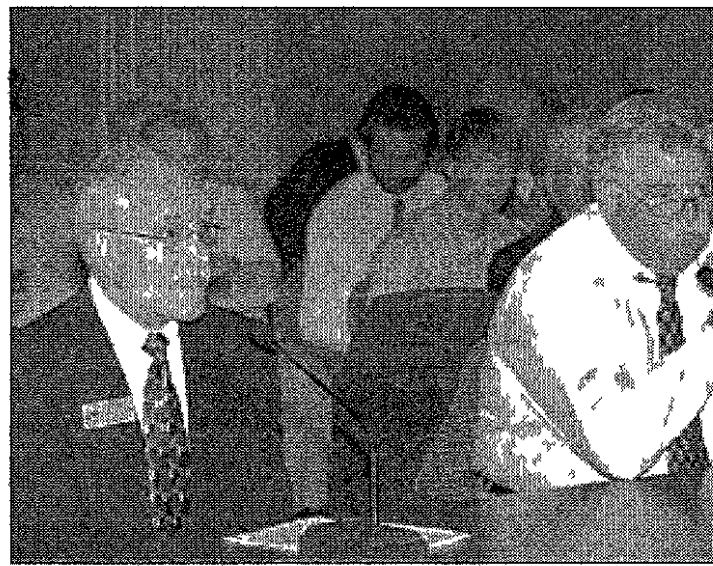
Crafters needed

Crafters are still needed for the 19th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show on Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township. Call Jan at (734) 844-1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net for more information.

Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2005-2006 school year Saturday, Sept. 10, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and for wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks. The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Society. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire. The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the symphony's Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout southeastern Michigan. To schedule an audition or for more information, contact the Plymouth Symphony office by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com or by calling (734) 451-2112.



Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume (left) and state Sen Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton), appeared before the appropriations committee last week.

More water could flow from 2nd tower

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When and if the Senate bill introduced by state Sen. Bruce Patterson is signed into law, Plymouth Township will be able to get a lot of bang out of a single buck. Patterson has introduced Senate Bill 566 which, if it becomes law, would result in 1.18 acres of state land at what was the Western Wayne Correctional Facility being given to the township for \$1 to be used as a site for a second water tower. The land, near Five Mile and Beck, includes the highest point in Plymouth Township, and is

thought by township officials to be ideal for a tower site. Patterson, R-Canton, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume spoke to the Senate Committee on Appropriations last week on the township's need for an acre of state land to permit construction of the water tower. It provides an excellent location on high ground for the township's second water tower, Reaume said. "It will allow the township to buy water from (Detroit) at off-peak hours and then provide that water to its residents during peak demand times, thus lowering the overall cost of water."

The new tower will improve water flow to homes and businesses in the western reaches of the township's water system. The township's other water tower is located near the Lake Pointe subdivision. "It is a win-win all around," said Patterson. Local business and industry benefits. Residents benefit. The water tower will help maintain steady water pressure. Township officials hope the water tower can be built and functional by late fall 2006. Reaume said the tank will hold approximately one million gallons of water. "A million gallons of water provides excellent water pressure throughout the western half of the township," Reaume said. "It also doubles as a

reservoir during power outages or other emergencies. According to trustee Steve Mann, who was supervisor when discussions first began in earnest about a second tower, township officials looked at several possible sites for the second tower. The only other site that got serious consideration was property owned by Computware Arena. When that didn't work out, the township settled on the prison property. "We're limited to that general area (Five Mile and Beck) because of the needs of the water system," Mann said. "This being a state-owned site, with an already existing utility easement right on the eastern border where we're proposing the tank, this made more sense."

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Pound for pound, a labor of love

Diet Center owner driven by own weight battle

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The photos that hang on the wall in Linda Aubuchon's office say it all. Snapshots taken two years ago remind her what life was like when her body was 70 pounds heavier. She uses them as motivation in her life and for her business.

Aubuchon opened Diet Center of Canton Aug. 1, and considers herself fortunate to make a living at something she's passionate about, while at the same time helping others meet their health and fitness goals.

"My husband and I had looked for businesses for years, but we hadn't found something we're passionate about. We just weren't passionate about making sandwiches or selling coffee," Aubuchon said. "But then I started thinking about health and fitness and how it had become such a part of my life, and that's when I found Diet Center. I liked Diet Center the best because it's most closely aligned with the plan that had worked for me."

D.J. Hodel, of Plymouth, hopes that it's going to work for her too.

On the day she signed up for her weight loss plan, she sampled meal replacement bars and talked about her motivation to lose 28 pounds.

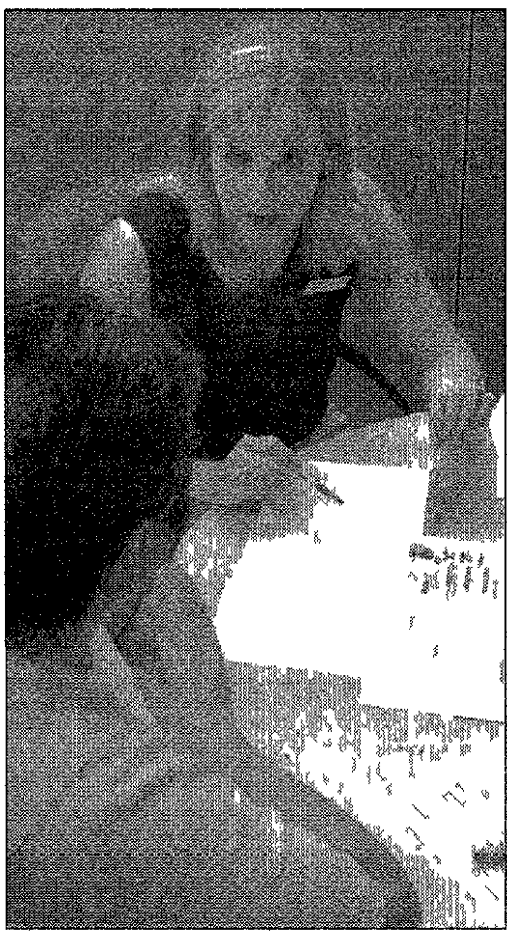
In 2003, she had a stroke while she was at work. She returned to her high-stress job too quickly and, three months later, had a heart attack and had to have bypass surgery.

"That's when she got serious about fitness. Since then, she's been working out three or four days a week, and she loves it. But due to being diabetic, and despite her best efforts to eat right, she hasn't been able to lose weight like she'd hoped."

"I have nine grandchildren. That's a pretty good reason to want to be healthy and live a long time," Hodel said.

Hodel signed on for a 12-week weight loss plan, and a year of maintenance.

Aubuchon wants others to join and is holding a contest in hopes of attracting motivated dieters.



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Diet Center of Canton owner Linda Aubuchon, right, explains a diet program to a client.

Based on a reality television show, *The Biggest Loser*, Aubuchon's contest will pit contestants against each other — and their unwanted pounds — in a race to see who can make the scale drop the fastest.

The show's second season starts in September, and from Sept. 15-18, Aubuchon will accept applications to join the contest in her store. Contestants will receive a 12-week program (though they may have to purchase some products, depending which of the three weight loss plans they choose to follow), and at the end of the contest will receive a prize.

"I'm not really saying just yet what the prize will be because, to me, the weight loss is prize in itself," she said.

Dieters interested in participating in the contest should prepare for a serious regimen, which includes dieting, exercise and journaling, and they should commit themselves to fully following the plan, Aubuchon said.

Diet Center of Canton is located at 7365 N. Lilley. For more information call (734) 414-9200 or e-mail Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com.

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Magazine inquires, passes on sponsorship of P-CEP prom

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools' novel policy that allows for the sale of naming rights of new and existing buildings in the district has caught the attention of corporate America.

Seventeen Magazine, after reading of the district's newly adopted policy in the publication *Ad Age*, contacted Trustee Tom Wysocki about the possibility of sponsoring a prom at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"They heard about our policy for naming rights, and seemed potentially interested in sponsoring events at the school," said Wysocki. "It was interesting to hear from them, considering their market is teens. The word is out there."

Seventeen Magazine merchandising editor Kristi D'Aliso said the magazine has sponsored homecoming activities in the past, but never a prom.

"We generally sponsor back-to-school or homecoming dances, with a mini fashion

show starring the students," said D'Aliso. "It's a way to have an intimate relationship with teens in a high school setting, while offsetting their costs for the homecoming dance."

"It works out so well, so we thought about a prom, which is much more expensive than homecoming," she said.

While it costs about \$5,000 for Seventeen to sponsor a homecoming dance, D'Aliso said a prom would cost between \$15,000-\$30,000 to support.

"I wanted to see what they were looking for, and looking to charge," said D'Aliso, who had several conversations with Tom Sklut, the district's chief development officer. "It turned out it wasn't cost-effective for us."

D'Aliso said Seventeen has a program with J.C. Penney to attract teens at shopping malls, which has been successful. However, being at schools is a much bigger advantage.

"When we go to the malls, we're hoping to get teens who are shopping," she said. "At school, we have guaranteed

audiences in a more intimate level. The schools are happy with the financial support, and Seventeen is able to get its name out to teens."

Meanwhile, Sklut said MEEMIC Insurance has paid \$5,000 to sponsor the community giving campaign, which encourages employees to contribute to the Educational Excellence Foundation, Canton Community Foundation and Plymouth Community United Way.

Sklut said the MEEMIC name will be present on all printed and electronic materials concerning the campaign that are sent to district employees.

This (MEEMIC) is a marketing activity, not a purely philanthropic one," said Sklut. "The money is in exchange for some exposure to employees of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools."

"While many have always supported the school district, we are now thinking of it in marketing terms," said Sklut.

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Accused attorney ends life

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

A Birmingham attorney charged with using a video camera to zoom in on young girls and their undergarments took his own life at a Super 8 Motel in Luna Pier.

A hotel maid found the body of Andrew Fowler, 49, inside one of the rooms around 1 p.m. Aug. 8. Luna Pier Police Chief Jerald Winkelman said Fowler checked into the room by himself.

"There were no signs of foul

play," Winkelman said.

Without going into detail, Winkelman said it's clear that Fowler took his own life.

"He left notes — I can say that," the police chief said.

Luna Pier is about six miles from the Ohio border, near Lake Erie.

In two separate cases, Fowler was accused of videotaping young girls.

He was arraigned Aug. 5 at Plymouth's 35th District Court on four counts of photographing the visual image of undergarments worn by another

Each felony charge carries a maximum two-year sentence.

At the time, he was free on \$250,000 bond after being arraigned on two felony charges July 23 in Washtenaw County, where police arrested him for videotaping young girls at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Birmingham police said they had no contact with Fowler in the time he lived in the city and that there were no local complaints filed against him.

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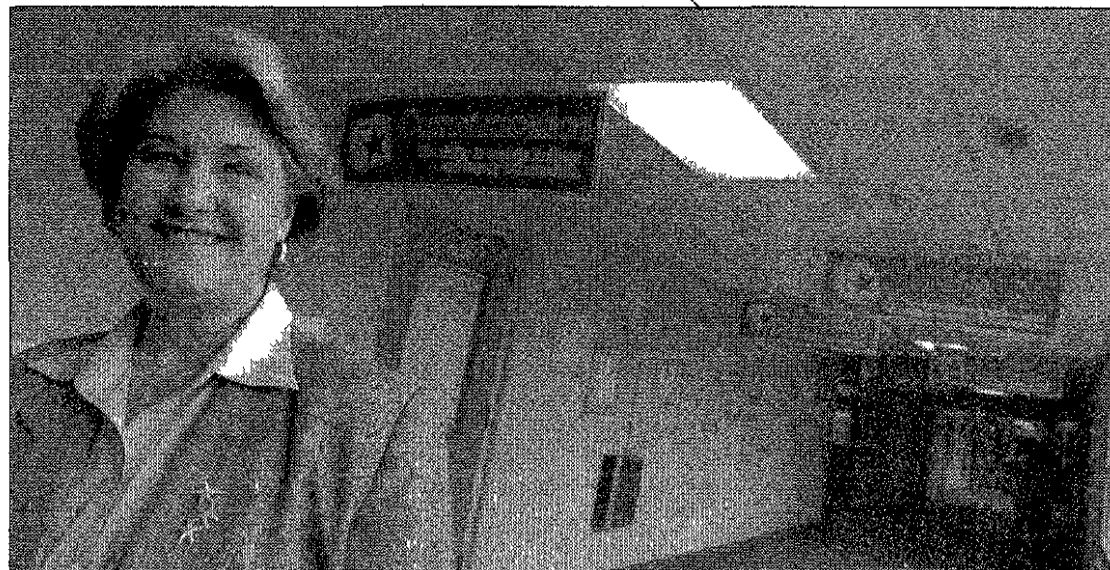
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Ouida Cash, CEO of Starfish Family Services, wants to fill the seats available in its Head Start programs in the Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Crestwood and Inkster school districts.

Starfish looks for families for programs

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's crunch time at Starfish Family Services where eligible families are being encouraged to register now for Head Start, federally funded preschool program for kids ages 3-4.

The goal, according to Ouida Cash, Starfish CEO, is have its programs fully enrolled by the start of school.

Like the school systems, we need a count day so it's important to have to see little bottoms in seats, she said. That way they know we're fully enrolled and the county knows we don't have to do anymore recruiting. Starfish has six Head Start sites.

Head Start, which turned 40 this year, is for children who have a disability, are in foster care or whose family is low income or receives Aid to Dependent Children, general assistance or food stamps.

Starfish is one of several agencies and school districts in Wayne County that provide the Head Start program to eligible families in the Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Crestwood and Inkster school districts.

Head Start was launched as an eight-week summer program by the Office of Economic Opportunity in 1965 and was designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional,

and psychological needs.

Forty years later, the program runs September through June and embraces the entire family by offering prekindergarten programming along with nutritional, health, dental, mental health and social services.

Starfish also has two other programs that assist families who don't meet the Head Start criteria - the Michigan School Readiness Program and Great Parents, Great Start.

MSRP also is a free preschool program for 4-year-olds who have two or more factors that place them at risk of future school difficulties and whose family's income is typically over the Head Start income eligibility guidelines.

It prepares youngsters for school readiness through part-day classes four days a week. Parents with children in the MSRP program also can participate in the same activities and services offered to Head Start families, and in addition to classroom-based services, receive at least one home visit and participate in one parent-teacher conference per year.

Classes last 3 1/2 hours and are available morning or afternoons Monday-Thursday at two Starfish Head Start sites - the Full Gospel Temple in Westland and Roosevelt School in Redford.

Great Parents, Great Start is a home-based literacy program for children age 2 1/2 and older and their families. It lasts

eight-12 weeks.

"It's a great program for parents and for children," said Melinda Clynes, Starfish marketing and public relations administrator. "They come into your home and bring in a mini preschool. They determine where the child is at and then work with both the parents and child."

Families qualify for the program funded by the state, if they have a minimum of four risk factors out of 30 identified by the state. Among those factors are parental unemployment, low family income, lack of a stable residence or a family history of low educational achievement.

Some families participate in the program while on a waiting list for Head Start.

"We look at each family's strength and areas of need and then scaffold them to the next level, focusing on school readiness," said Ange Valchme, who does the home visits. "The child has an opportunity to experience different learning materials, expand his skill set, and work on fine motor skills, speech and cognition."

And according to Cash, Great Parents, Great Start may be the best kept secret in western Wayne County.

"We don't want it that way," said Cash. "We need clients."

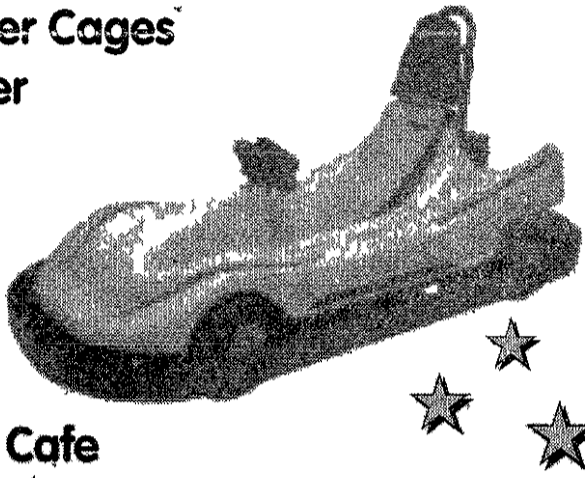
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■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Aug 22, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Aug 24, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon. Copies of these books are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org.

■ **GREAT BOOKS** — This discussion group does not meet during the summer months — details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next Library newsletter or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Aug 22, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated Saturday, Aug 27, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and

caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the 4th Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

TEEN PROGRAM

■ **CRAFTSAPALOOZA**, DIY Extravaganza, Saturday, Aug 20, 1:30-4:30 p.m. — Go back to school in style and make locker accessories, flower pens, CD clock, duct tape wallets or anything your imagination can create. All materials provided. Registration is required and may be made at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4.

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■ The Teen Zone has its very own Web site at <http://plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm>.

For more information about any of the Teen Zone programs, contact Cathy Lichtman, (734) 453-0750, Ext 230 or clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org.

COMPUTER TRAINING

There will be no scheduled computer classes offered at the Plymouth District Library during the month of August. Check the Library's homepage at plymouthlibrary.org for details of September class offerings.

For more information on any library programs, contact Susan Stoney, Plymouth District Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext 242.

BARBECUE

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and their families

'As a committee, we decided to buy playground equipment for the Hamilton Street playground (now Jaycee Park at Wing and Harding), which is where we held the chicken barbecue, he said. 'We had two guys who belonged to the Western Wayne County Conservation Club who had done this before and had the racks.

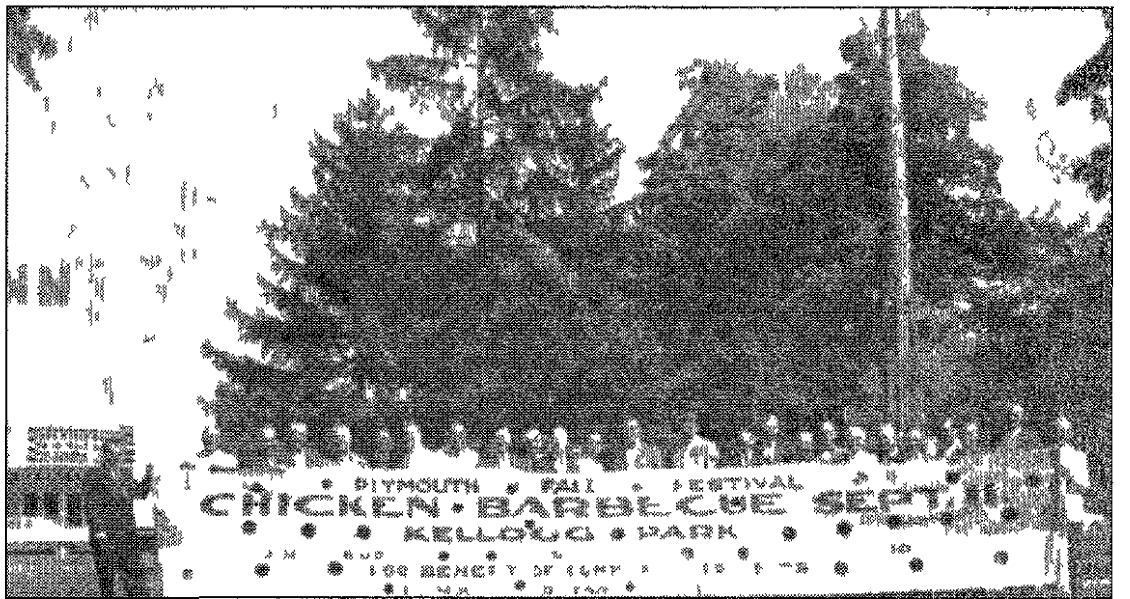
In reality — aside from the fact today's event sells about 12,000 more dinners — not much has changed since that first chicken barbecue, which is held on the last day of the Plymouth Fall Festival, a by-product of the first barbecue held on the weekend after Labor Day.

'The first few barbecues were at the Hamilton Street playground, said Gaffield. 'We moved it to the athletic fields behind Plymouth High School (currently Central Middle School) because we outgrew the playground.

From there it went to Kellogg Park, where the Fall Festival came about, he said. Other organizations were brought in, so it was more like a community picnic.

Just like 50 years ago, the chickens are cooked on outdoor pits, an assembly line procedure allows for volunteers to 'box' the chicken dinner, and the Rotary club uses the proceeds to purchase playground equipment, as well as other undertakings like student scholarships and tackling worldwide service projects such as the eradication of polio and clean water.

This year the Rotary Club of



The Rotary Chicken Barbecue was actually 5 years old before it moved to Kellogg Park for the first time in 1960. The first barbecue was at the Hamilton Street Playground in 1956.

Plymouth hopes to raise nearly \$100,000 from the sale of chicken dinners and proceeds from sponsorships.

'Much of that money will be flowing back into the community,' said Jan Eisen, this year's Rotary barbecue committee chairman. 'And, some of it will go to the volunteer groups that we depend on to shuck the corn, fold the box, package the dinner and serve the public.'

We're cooking 12,500 chicken dinners in a matter of six hours, and that's six hours of hard work, said Eisen.

Without our nearly 450 volunteers to work alongside our 115 club members, there is no way we could pull this off.

Bill Morrison, chairman of the club's history committee, said when he started working the chicken barbecue in 1969 alongside his Rotarian father, some of the first 'volunteers were prisoners from the old Detroit House of Corrections.'

One of the guys in the club was a warden at DeHoCo and

he would bring in trustees to shuck the corn for us,' said Morrison. 'The corn was heated by an old steam tractor we put on the front lawn of the Masonic Temple.'

Morrison said the whole idea of the Fall Festival was to bring many nonprofit groups together to raise money.

'The Lions Club used to have a fish dinner on Friday night,' he said. 'The Kiwanis Club began a Saturday morning pancake breakfast, which they still do today.'

'On Saturday night, the Jaycees held a beef ribs dinner,' added Morrison. 'But the whole thing was built around the Rotary chicken dinner. It just became a big tradition while some of the others came and went.'

Each meal consists of a half chicken that weighs an average 13 pounds, corn on the cob, bag of chips, roll and butter, cookie and beverage. The pre-sale tickets cost \$9 and are being sold by Rotary Club

members. There's a \$10 charge the day of the event.

Craig Brass, 46, is a native of Plymouth who makes a point of attending the Fall Festival and purchasing chicken dinners every year.

'If it's not too hot or raining, we'll eat it in Kellogg Park,' said Brass. 'Sometimes we pick it up and take it home, or get it at the drive-through posts at East or West middle schools.'

I do it mostly to support the community, he said. 'It's ingrained in us that it's something to do to have fun.'

Many will swear by the barbecue taste. So, what makes the chicken so good?

There's a mix that's made up of salt, pepper and a few other items that we cannot disclose,' said Eisen. 'It's a secret sauce, of sorts, that's been around for a long time, and only a very few people know what it is.'

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FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

- A**
- Josephine M. Algero
Algero 79 died July 13
- H**
- Jami A. Holbrook
Holbrook 33 of Redford died Aug 13
- M**
- Frederick L. Mirbach
Mirbach 85 of Delmar and Orleans MA died Aug 14
- Betty M. Morrison,
Morrison 82 of Plymouth died Aug 14
- T**
- Neil Charles Thomas
Thomas 58 formerly of Farmington died on Aug 13

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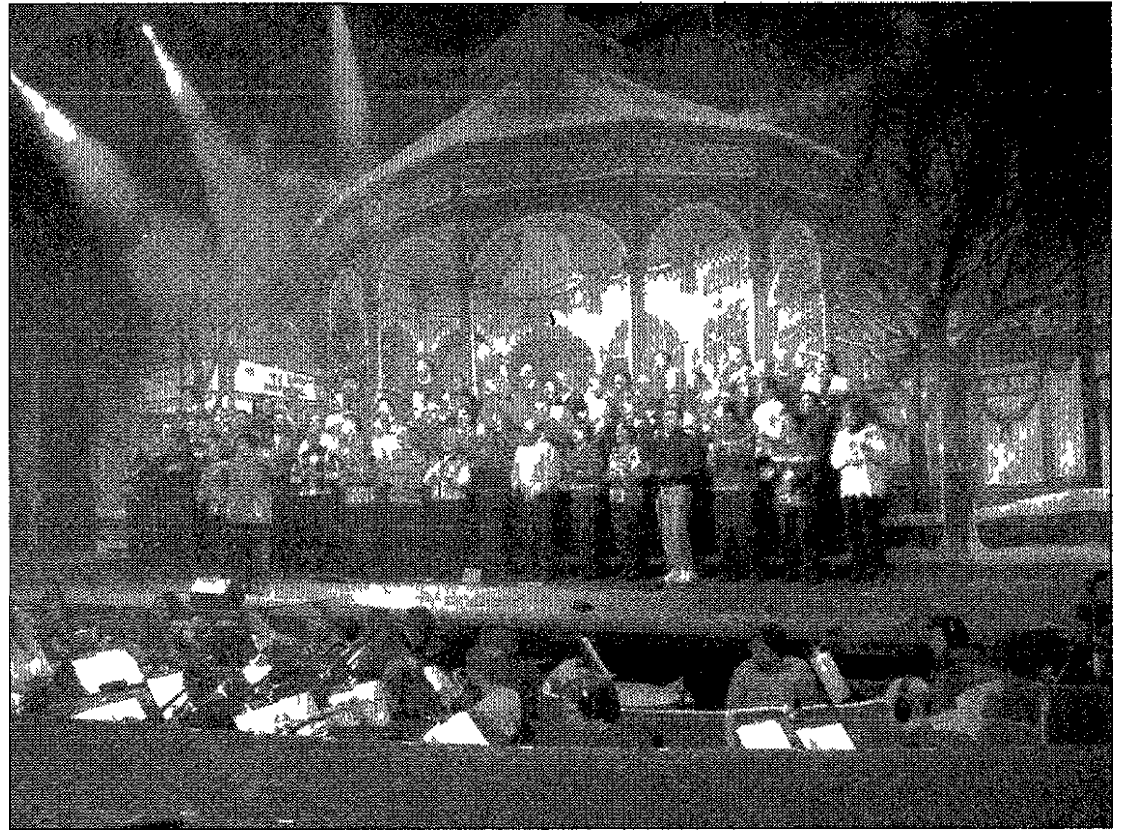
CHURCH

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that faith
 The Church Report surveyed some 2,000 churches and accepted 127 nominations for its top-50 list. Churches nominated for the 50 Most Influential Churches survey were located in 32 states and represented 27 affiliation groups and/or denominations. Outreach Magazine has NorthRidge ranked as the 14th-fastest growing church, with a 2004 membership gain of some 1,900 people. With an average in season attendance of some 9,000 worshippers, NorthRidge is ranked as the 39th-largest in the survey. Not bad for a church that, 15 years ago when it was still named Temple Baptist, appeared to be on life support with numbers that weren't so much dwindling as they were spiraling. The average age of a Temple Baptist worshiper was 60, and the

church was among hundreds of thousands that were dead or dying," according to Powell. The church lost its pastor and went more than two years without one while searching. The church's search committee put together a profile - they wanted a man about 55 years old who had led large churches - but couldn't find one. They interviewed three candidates, they rejected one, the other two declined the position. That's when Powell submitted a resume. He didn't fit the profile - he was 32, and his biggest congregation to that point was a 500-member church in Allegan. What his candidacy did was convince church elders to think in unconventional terms. We prayed strongly, and the Holy Spirit told us we at least should think outside the box," said Rick Harris, a member of that search committee and now the church's director of communications. "We thought, 'This is the way it is,

but we soon realized Christ was relevant to the current culture, and we were stuck in the 1950s and 1960s. We were the third generation and we knew if we didn't think outside the box, we would die. The church is far from dying now. There are nearly 15,000 active attenders, and weekend attendance averaged some 9,000 in 2004. Powell said the church has grown by embracing the culture, especially music and drama, and using it to spread God's word. "We're communicating it in a language people can understand," Powell said. "We're trying to replicate the ministry of Christ. You have to understand the philosophical underpinnings of our culture to get to the truth." Powell said the church uses video and visual aids, drama and storytelling to communicate with people in today's culture and society. He's heard the criticism that such things are mere entertainment, and he vehemently disagrees. "You have to appeal to all



NorthRidge Church uses video and music, such as their holiday production, Glory of Christmas, to teach God's word. The church was recently named one of the fastest-growing and influential churches in the country.

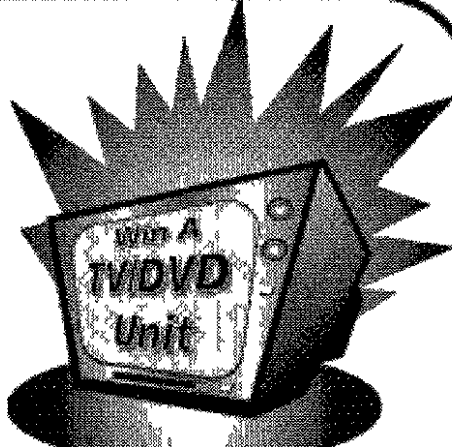
the senses," Powell said. The traditional church says, "They're just entertaining, but we're not. We're teaching." Obviously, people are responding. The church is currently building an 85,000-square-foot addition to the 145,000 square feet they already occupy at Beck and

North Territorial. The church is host to all manner of leadership and spiritual conferences and workshops and, in the wake of the war in Iraq, has even shepherded a ministry to send care packages to U.S. troops overseas. It's all part of the mission, according to Powell.

"We want to continue to focus on individual needs," Powell said. People see the size (of the church), but then they also see the focus on the individual. As we grow larger, we also want to grow smaller." bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700


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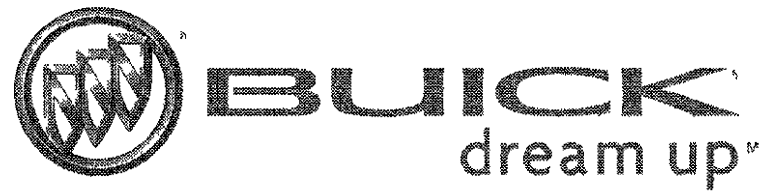
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OUR VIEWS

Response to fire was job well done

When explosions and a massive fire at EQ Resource Recovery Inc rocked portions of Wayne and Romulus last Tuesday night, law enforcement officers and fire fighters from Detroit Metro Airport, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills, to name a few responded.

When safe shelter was needed, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Romulus school district opened the doors to nearby facilities.

The response was well-choreographed, the results of careful planning, some of which came about because of 9/11 but most was because of a longstanding Mutual Aid Agreement.

Within an hour of the initial blasts, residents were being evacuated to safe areas. Many went to hotels or the homes of friends and family. Those who went to a shelter found volunteers ready to do anything and everything to make their stay as comfortable as possible.

The Red Cross provided beds, while food and beverages was supplied by the Salvation Army, McDonald's and other businesses in the area. The idea of church and state disappeared as volunteers from St. Mary's Parish ferried bottled water to Wayne Memorial High School and worked with city and school employees to get the Alumni Arena ready to receive evacuees.

The focus has now shifted to the investigation into what caused the explosion and what contaminants were released. There can be no rush to answer the questions and concerns of the people who live in the shadow of that facility.

But while we wait, we will use our time to praise the emergency personnel for their quick response to the disaster and to school officials, volunteers and relief agencies who stepped in to take care of the evacuees. Cooperation was the key from start to finish for this job that was very well done.

To all who were there to help, we say, thank you very much.

Let districts decide when to start school

Michigan school boards have little local control left. With federal mandates like No Child Left Behind and statewide student achievement testing like the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, they're left with little discretion about what to teach youngsters and when.

Yet, some Michigan legislators want to take away one of the few things they can control when school starts.

Once again, a bill has been introduced in the state House requiring all public school districts to start classes after Labor Day, traditionally considered the official end of summer. Some districts, like Rochester, begin almost a full two weeks before Labor Day.

Proponents say starting school after Labor Day would be good for the state's tourism industry since it would extend the summer traveling season by a week or more, bringing in more revenue to resorts, restaurants and other tourist-dependent businesses. It would also allow those businesses to employ high school-age students longer so they're not short on help the last two weeks of August.

However, if a school district prefers to start school before Labor Day, it should be allowed to do so. Many districts operate year-round schools, and educators find that students retain more of what they've learned when they don't have a long break over summer.

In addition, late-summer practices for sports, marching band, cheerleading and other extracurricular activities often mean families are already committed to staying home in late August.

Past efforts to legislate when school begins included Public Act 167 of 2001, which prohibits public schools from holding classes on the Friday before Labor Day. We think that law is a good compromise.

As for the latest proposal to force all districts to start after Labor Day, we say leave it up to individual districts. Local school boards, teachers and parents are the ones who know what works best for them.

Yet, some Michigan legislators want to take away one of the few things they can control: when school starts.



LETTERS

Party thanks

On behalf of the entire committee for the Senior Class All-Night Party, I would like to thank the many sponsors, parents and school personnel for the many donations that make this evening so special.

On June 12, 767 graduates of P-CEP were entertained, dazzled and, most importantly, kept safe in an appropriate celebration of their high school graduation. This party would not have been possible without the generosity of the following businesses, civic groups and citizens of the Plymouth and Canton communities:

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The list is long and the support of this fantastic community was TREMENDOUS! Thank you so very much.

Cindy Bartlett

Senior Party Publicity Chair 2005

Proud of walkers

I thought you would like to know a local Plymouth Realtor walked the 60-mile 3-day breast cancer weekend July 15-17.

Lauren Hosko, from Remerica, walked with her sister, Dana Roslinski, a physical therapist with MedSpa, and successfully completed the entire weekend!

We are all very proud of them and all the participants!

Diane Roslinski

Plymouth Township

Plymouth event?

I am a Harley motorcycle owner, 46 years old, a professional dental hygienist and female. I am very "Well behaved and fun-loving."

We wear leather clothes for PROTECTION — not just for a "look" and to be judged as a "gang." It's really too bad that people pass judgment on the looks of people. Harley motorcycles are expensive, not just anyone can afford one and many of us are upstanding citizens.

I'm wondering just what a "Plymouth-type event" actually is? Is it related to people being snobbish? And just what other events will be canceled because the affluent people of Plymouth are full of themselves?

Rosanne Kosko

Westland

Loved chili fest

I loved attending the chili cookoff. My kids loved the chili cookoff. My 70-plus parents loved the chili cookoff. Obviously, the city did not.

Gangs? Narcotics? Bad elements? My God! You would have thought this was worse than the inner city or somewhere in Los Angeles. Did these bad elements happen? Probably, but nowhere near what is being expressed.

I have been coming for nine years and have never been more impressed over how nice everyone is, how polite, how clean the city looks after this event, etc. I have even made it a point to talk with the officers. I happen to pass during the event. No problem, things are good.

So, what, we have a couple of people smoking a joint? A few beers are brought into the park? Nothing more than the Friday night concerts! You bet there is more than ice tea in those drink cups on Thursdays and Fridays!

I can't believe what the chief is saying is true. I've talked to over a hundred people who have attended this charity event and not one has ever had a bad experience. I'm sure the restaurants and bars are sad to see it go, but I have to believe the retailers are, too.

This event did not need an army. As with any event it needs to be safe and I felt more safe during the chili cookoff than I do on Friday night on Penniman or on a recent Thursday night in the park.

I guess in a way I'm glad to see the cookoff go to another town. It's way too cool for Plymouth.

Chris Everts

Plymouth

Lawmaker lacks vision

Rep Gosselin's comments regarding regional mass transit (Courts call strike three, Aug. 4) are almost as delusional as they are archaic.

Mass transit provides mobility to those who lack the private means to do so, in the process maximizing the human capital and economic fortune of a region. However, contrary to Mr Gosselin's suggestions, mass transit must be a public service since market forces, unburdened by red tape and regulations, will not see to the transportation needs of the poor and elderly, because the private sector will not risk money on an investment that requires extraordinary initial costs, has no history of profits and is heavily-dependent on low-income demographics.

We can't deny that suburban sprawl has left metro Detroit with a widely dispersed

population. However, recent light rail projects, such as FasTracks in Denver, have shown that a new system can spur development around them, becoming the new corridors of commerce and residency in a region.

Even though this may seem like a far-fetched scenario in southeast Michigan, recent trends such as aging baby boomers leaving behind the hassles of homeownership for condominium communities, as well as suburbs placing greater emphasis on main street/downtown developments (including Plymouth, Royal Oak, Dearborn and West Bloomfield, among others), have made metro Detroit prime for a rapid transit system that will interlink walkable communities with the region's attractions, international airport and centers of commerce.

To suggest that only "inbred" and "protectionist" unions and politicians want a comprehensive mass transit system in metro Detroit shows Mr Gosselin doesn't truly understand the problems facing this region. I recently moved back to Detroit after living overseas for the past two years, only to find that nearly all of my college classmates had relocated to the likes of Boston, Chicago and Seattle, where the job markets are fierce and expenses are exorbitant, but the quality of life is high.

Mass transit is more than a public service, it represents a significant factor in the quality of life of a city. For Detroit to retain, and attract, the young educated population that will fuel our white-collar economy in the 21st century, we must invest in projects that re-energize our work force and economy.

The cost of transportation in Detroit is higher than in nearly any other major city in the nation because we have never been serious about creating an alternative to the 20 percent drain on our incomes that car maintenance and rising gas prices represent. It is time for our civic and industrial leaders to put partisan politics and the city vs. suburban animosity of old behind them, and take action on mass transit before our region falls farther behind the rest of the nation.

Unfortunately, it is quite obvious that Mr Gosselin and his like-minded colleagues are neither serious nor forward-thinking enough to find the regional solutions necessary to usher southeast Michigan into the 21st century.

Sean Mann

Livonia

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QUOTABLE

"It is a win-win all around ... Local business and industry benefits. Residents benefit. The water tower will help maintain steady water pressure."

— state Sen. Bruce Patterson, on the unanimous recommendation of the appropriations committee to provide land for a second water tower in Plymouth Township.

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Direct shipment of wine benefits consumers, state

If New York can do it, why can't Michigan?

If 28 other states can do it, why can't Michigan enact a reasonable Direct Shipping of Wine law? Talk to the beer and wine wholesale industry.

Approximately two months ago, the US Supreme Court required states to treat in state and out-state wineries the same.

If in state wineries could ship their wine to Michigan residents, then out-of-state wineries, California, New York, Oregon, etc., must also be allowed to ship their wine to Michigan residents. The case, *Granholm (State of Michigan) vs (Ray and Eleanor) Heald*, featured the noted columnists of this newspaper. As of today, the state has yet to pass the bill allowing the direct shipment of wine.

Michigan, if you recall, has a three-tier distribution system that dates back to the repeal of

Prohibition. The producer sells to a distributor who sells to a retailer who sells to the consumer, you and me. If the producer is small, and many are, there is no economic incentive for a beer or wine wholesaler to do business with the small boutique winery. They just don't sell enough cases of wine. The economics don't work. If direct shipping is allowed, the producer sells directly to the consumer, bypassing the wholesaler. Direct shipping allows a small boutique winery to widen its customer base and grow its business.

If you bypass the wholesaler you reduce their opportunity to earn a profit. So the powerful and wealthy beer and wine wholesale lobbyists have been hard at work trying to convince anyone that will listen or take their political contributions, which many politicians have done, that the state should shut down all shipping of wine, Michigan wineries as well as out-of-state wineries. (Six of the nine members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee received contributions from the wholesalers political action committee. They voted 5-1 for HB 4959 which would ban direct shipping for all.)

Their argument centers on keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. If direct shipping is allowed, minors will order alcohol wine or beer over the telephone or the Internet where the age of the purchaser can not be easily checked and illegally obtain alcohol. I certainly do not condone the purchase or consumption of alcohol by minors. But let the facts speak and let's be realistic how minors obtain alcohol.

The Federal Trade Commission considered this issue and deemed it a non-starter. In fact in 35 years no single Michigan winery has been cited for shipping to minors. If minors are seeking to purchase alcohol they usually obtain fake identification or stand outside an establishment that sells alcohol and

convince an adult to purchase it for them. It's done all the time and it's quick and easy. Planning to purchase over the telephone or the Internet and waiting for the shipment to arrive isn't the preferred course.

The other argument against direct shipping is the collection of sales taxes. How does the state obtain its sales tax if there is direct shipping? This is a similar argument to Internet sales. The state has solved this problem in one of two ways. First, each of us has to estimate what we purchased via the Internet or use the state estimate of purchases on our income tax forms and pay the sales tax along with our income tax. In addition, the state has joined a consortium of other states to make sure that Internet sales are taxed for sales tax purposes. I'm sure that with 28 other states in the direct shipping mix a simple and easy method has been arrived at for the collection of sales taxes.

Gov. Granholm recently visited Japan seeking jobs for Michigan. She was successful. This was a trip that made some sense. However, there is a saying in business that it is far easier to keep a customer you currently have vs. trying to obtain a new customer. Replace the word customer with jobs. If there is a ban on direct shipping, Michigan's wine industry would lose jobs.

When our state is so desperate for jobs, doesn't it make sense to protect what jobs we currently have? Maybe the governor should revisit the Traverse City area and talk to Michigan's wineries about keeping jobs. Direct shipping would allow these wineries to grow and expose our wonderful award-winning wines to others in the nation. They might even come to visit and increase our tourism business.

California has built a huge tourist business in the Napa and Sonoma regions. They have great restaurants, golf courses and wineries. The Traverse City region may not have the same number of restaurants, golf courses or wineries but we certainly have outstanding ones. We also have the Great Lakes which California does not.

I enjoy a glass of wine with my meal from a boutique winery that I've read about or heard about whether it is from Michigan or elsewhere. I don't have the time or resources to travel to purchase wine from a new winery because my local wine shop doesn't carry it.

If it were not for the beer and wine wholesalers doing out their political contributions trying to stifle commerce and preserve their turf, I'm sure that we would have had legislation which allows direct shipping for both our in-state wineries and other wineries.

Responsible direct shipping legislation would preserve jobs, create new jobs and increase tourism. Michigan should join with the other 28 states and get with it.

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With game on the line, Gosselin swings, misses

State Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, took his "at-bats" in the Aug. 4 *Observer & Eccentric* ("Court calls strike three, so DARTA should be OUT!"). It hit a couple of singles, fouled off a few and whiffed with the game on the line.

That Detroit and surrounding core communities are in trouble goes without saying. Lost jobs, a mass exodus of middle-class residents, a school system and city government so deep in quicksand they can't see up, blighted neighborhoods and a declining tax base are all factors in the escalating decline of the once powerful and proud city.

Arguing that we can ignore the nucleus of southeast Michigan makes as much sense as ignoring cancer in one lung because, "hey, we've got two of 'em."

The representative is right on the mark when he describes DARTA as "highly bureaucratized, inefficient, rule-bound, overregulated, over unionized, etc." with its focus on creating jobs vs. effectively moving people.

And, as is often the case, this is a classic example where "regional cooperation" means Oakland County has money, a Detroit "institution" needs it, so, "Let's cooperate."

And like the representative, when I see one of these "freighters on wheels" traveling surface streets with one or two riders, I too want to board it and scream, "Please, can we buy you a new Chevy Malibu?" believing it would be cheaper, not to mention save a few jobs.

But all of this misses the real issue. Rep. Gosselin's argument that we don't need transit because most commute patterns are suburb-to-suburb fails to recognize that it was and is our current transportation policies that created this situation.

And stating that "Our economy has moved far beyond the old industrial model in which public transit system made sense" ignores the reality of \$3 per gallon gas and the vibrancy of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other model cities because of public transit.

So here's the deal. Our current pattern of expanding suburbs (or exurbs) is shortsighted and costly. The impact is now being seen on education, health care and the environment.

But all of this misses the real issue. Rep. Gosselin's argument that we don't need transit because most commute patterns are suburb-to-suburb fails to recognize that it was and is our current transportation policies that created this situation.

Even though we'll spend \$5.6 billion over the next five years on road expansion and improvement, perpetual gridlock is now a way of life, not just during rush hour, but all day long.

While pages could be written on just these four topics (and has been) the short answer is this — we are bankrupting ourselves.

SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) reports we are \$25 billion short over the next 20 years just maintaining current roads. Add in water and sewer improvements mandated by federal law (with no federal money available) and the numbers get worse.

If we look at DARTA strictly as a new bus system, the representative is correct. But it's much more than that. It's about regional transportation. It's the opportunity to build a dynamic urban area with a central business district, cultural center and place to play and explore.

It's a way to reverse the brain drain of our best and brightest and even attract the minds that will invent the new industries and jobs for our region.

I am currently leading an initiative inviting all stakeholders to sit down, examine the body of work already in place and plan the first steps in reversing a land use policy that has proven to be a monumental failure.

You're welcome to join us. I hope you can drop the well-worn rhetoric and instead help navigate what is certain to be a very bumpy road.

Bill Largent is a Farmington Hills resident and serves on the board of the National Small Business Association, the board of New Detroit, the Greater Detroit Health Council, the Native American Business Alliance and the Small Business Association of Michigan.

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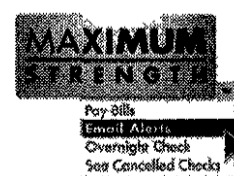
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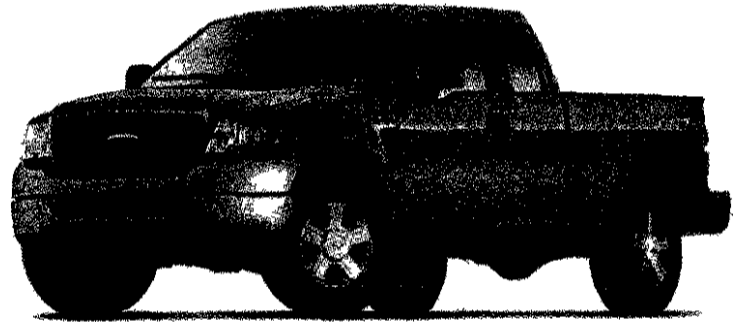
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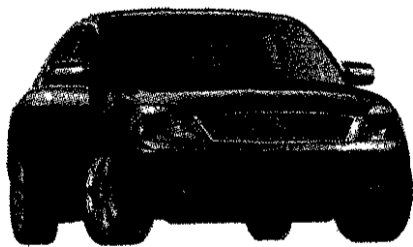
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2005 Prep Football Preview



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Junior running back Deshon McClendon's combination of power and speed will make him a one of the main threats for the Canton football team this fall. McClendon will double as the Chiefs' free safety on the defensive side of the ball.

RED ALERT

Perennially strong Canton guns for another stellar season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For Canton's 2005 football team, the upcoming season will mark a changing of the guards and tackles, tight ends and center.

Following a script that has been successfully followed the past few years, the Chiefs will rely on an entirely new offensive line to plow running lanes for their talented crew of running backs.

While the new O-line will lack game experience, based on the Chiefs' last

two one-loss seasons, it will be far from vulnerable.

"The past three years or so we've had all seniors starting on the offensive line and defensive backfield," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "We've had some decent juniors in the past, but they weren't quite ready to start. The seniors we've called on have been inexperienced, but they've taken the opportunity we've given them, stepped up and made things happen."

Canton cruised through its first 10 games last season, outscoring opponents by an average margin of 44-8. The

Chiefs were derailed by Novi, 20-0, in the second round of the Division 1 playoffs when they were stopped on two separate drives at the Wildcats' 1-yard line.

"Last year, we knew we were going to be strong defensively because we had six or seven starters back from the year before," Baechler said. "Our offensive line seemed to get stronger every week and we got on a nice roll. I have high expectations for this year's team as well."

Half of the Chiefs' starting offensive backfield – senior quarterback Shawn

PLEASE SEE CANTON, C2

Refunds to be offered by PCJBA

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Long-awaited refunds will be issued within the next couple of weeks to players who registered several months ago to play in the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association's spring league.

That is the pledge from longtime PCJBA President Al Flower, who said no league games were played in the spring due to a lack of facilities.

Several coaches and parents of players who had signed up to play in the spring high school basketball league contacted the *Observer* throughout the summer to express concern about the lack of information regarding the league's future and refunds.

"We weren't able to go through with the league because we were unable to secure gym space," said Flower, who has been affiliated with the PCJBA for over 30 years. "Although we don't have a refund policy, we will do one of two things for the people who paid for the spring league. We will refund their money or they can put the money towards our fall league."

"By the end of this month or the beginning of September, I will be contacting the players who paid for the spring league to see what they want to do."

Flower said there's a chance the PCJBA has seen its final games.

"If we don't have any more leagues, than everyone will get the refund."

The registration fee for the spring league was \$115. Flower said approximately 30 players signed up to play in the league with games originally slated to begin in early April.

The start date got pushed back to mid-July at one point before Flower canceled the league altogether.

"We were going to play games at the Salvation Army in Plymouth, but then we found out that wasn't available when we needed it," Flower said. "We were going to move it back to the summer, but we weren't able to find any gyms. The low number of players we had sign up was a problem, too."

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Sidelines

Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is currently forming its fall baseball leagues. Teams are available for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 years old for T-ball, coach-pitch and regular-pitch leagues.

Practices will commence at the end of August with games beginning in September.

Registration forms can be completed at the Summit on the Park in Canton or by visiting the Web site www.csc.cantonmi.org, or call (734) 394-5489.

The deadline for registering is Aug. 26.

Roush open house

The Roush Racing Collection Facility will stage an open house and cruise-in style event from 5 p.m. until dark tonight.

The self-led museum tour is available for free. A special engine build demonstration and live run will begin at 6 p.m. with a live run of the engine to follow.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase, along with Roush Racing merchandise. The Portable Chassis Dynamometer will also be available to employees for a discounted fee of \$60 (cash or credit). The fee covers three power runs, along with a data sheet to provide your horsepower and torque.

Door prizes are also available, including a pair of MIS grandstand seats for the GFS Marketplace 400 on Sunday at Michigan International Speedway. Drawings will be staged at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (must be present to win). Roush is located at 11851 Market Street, just north of Plymouth Road between Levan and Newburgh Roads, in Livonia. Call (734) 779-7291.

Baseball tryouts

The Canton Alley Cats 12U baseball team will hold a tryout on Sunday, Aug. 21, at Flodin Park in Canton from 4-7 p.m. Players interested in playing for the team during the 2006 season should pre-register prior to the tryout. For more information, contact Glen Potter at (734) 673-4432.

Tryouts for the Plymouth Canton Cardinals under-13 travel baseball team will be from 1-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 20-21, at Flodin Field, located on Saltz between Sheldon and Lilly Roads.

All players must be born after April 30, 1992. Call Doug Heuer at (248) 763-2850.

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Ometanski edges Lucko for O&E golf title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER



Jim Ometanski of Livonia earned his first O&E Golf Tournament men's championship flight title.

New *Observer* & Eccentric men's golf champion Jim Ometanski certainly had plenty of empathy for his younger adversary, Livonia Churchill High School junior Tommy Lucko.

It seemed Ometanski was always in the hunt during his previous attempts in the men's championship flight of the *Observer* & Eccentric Golf Tournament, only to come up short.

But on Sunday he made up three shots over the final two holes in regulation and won in a

playoff over Lucko for his first O&E title ever at Fox Creek Golf Course.

"I've taken second, third and fifth (last year), but never won it," said Ometanski, a 45-year-old supervisor with Ford. "I birdied the two par-5s. It was nothing fancy at all, I just got up-and-down. I was just steady the whole day."

Ometanski carded identical 72s for a two-day total of 144 in the tourney which started Saturday at the city of Livonia's Whispering Willows and ended Sunday at Fox Creek.

Lucko, who led the field with a

69 on Saturday, shot 75 on Sunday. He earned a three-shot advantage heading into the 379-yard, No. 17 hole, but Ometanski sank a long putt for a birdie to pull within two and got a break on 406-yard, par-4 No. 18 when Lucko double-bogeyed after sending his tee shot to the base of a tree down the right-side rough.

"He's got game, he just got a bad break on No. 18 when he hit the tree," Ometanski said of Lucko. "He (Lucko) played awesome, he just had one bad hole, really just one bad shot on No. 18. The second shot (on No. 18) he just wanted to advance it and he

had a tough up-and-down."

When the two went to the 369-yard, par-4, No. 10 for a playoff, Ometanski's drive landed in the ninth fairway, while Lucko's tee shot found a mound in the left rough just inside of 150 yards.

With both scrambling to make par, Ometanski's second shot fell short of the green, while Lucko's sailed over on the back side just off the green.

Both had nearly the same distance in their short approach attempts, but Lucko had little green to work with, while

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Czech trip memorable for P-C hockey players

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Unforgettable memories far outnumbered victories for three Plymouth-Canton student-athletes who traveled to the Czech Republic last week for an international female hockey tournament.

But Emily Patton, Tara Bohard and Kelli Bargowski weren't complaining about the lack of wins – not after experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime trip that included competition against Olympic-caliber skaters, fascinating tours of Prague and up-close encounters with a culture most of their peers will only read about in textbooks.

"The entire trip was a great learning experience," said Patton, a sophomore-to-be at Salem. "It was fun and different. Even though our team didn't do as well as we would have liked, we had a blast."

Patton, Bohard and Bargowski

were members of Team USA-Midwest, a select squad of high school hockey players from Wayne and Oakland counties who were assembled in June to compete in the weeklong 2005 Czech Hockey Challenge Cup, which attracted premier teams from Russia, Finland, Sweden, Canada and the Czech Republic.

WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING

The team lost all seven games it played, but the on-ice results were secondary to the off-ice memories the players gathered.

"The entire trip was a wonderful experience for all of us," said Team-USA Midwest coach Judy Rounsifer, the girls hockey coach at Farmington Hills Mercy. "The girls got to play against some of the top Russian players out there and they never quit, never gave up."

The United States players got a taste of the stiff competition not long

after their plane set down in Prague, following a 10-hour-plus flight from Detroit Metro Airport.

"We were pretty tired when we arrived at the rink for what we thought was going to be a practice," remembered Bohard, who posted four goals during the week. "It turned out to be an exhibition game against the top Russian team. They were very good. Whenever they passed the puck, they knew one of their teammates was going to be there."

"The Russian players were really nice. After the game, they gave us bandanas and we gave them Plymouth Whalers stuff."

ROUGH AND READY

Bohard said the style of play was more physical than she was used to seeing this past season while skating for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, C6



High school hockey players (kneeling from left to right) Emily Patton (Plymouth), Tara Bohard (Canton), Catherine LaGrasso (Rochester Hills) and Kelly Bargowski (Canton) represented the United States in last week's international tournament in the Czech Republic. The team was coached by Judy Rounsifer (standing) from Farmington Mercy.

CHIEFS AT A GLANCE

Head coach: Tim Baechler
2004 record: 10-1 overall 5-0 in Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA champions lost in second round of Division playoffs 20-0 to Novi)
Players on varsity roster: 70
Returning starters: 2 on offense 3 on defense
Key returners: QB Shawn Little RB/DB Deshon McClendon RB/DE Andy Rossow OLB Jeff Piper DB Matt Sweda
Circle this date: Aug 26 - sea son-opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer The Pioneers led Canton 6-0 at halftime last season before the Chiefs stormed back to win 26-6
Memorable stat: Outscored opponents 445-86 in 2004
Noteworthy fact: Members of this year's junior class went 9-0 both at freshmen and junior varsity levels

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Little (6 foot-1, 175 pounds) and senior running back Andy Rossow (5-11, 175) - return this season. The strong-armed, fleet-footed Little is a rare, three-year starter, so there won't be many situations that crop up in this fall that he hasn't already faced.

Joining them in the starting backfield will be junior Deshon McClendon (5-6, 170), who registered considerable playing time as a sophomore. Like Rossow, McClendon offers a potent mix of power and speed that make bringing him down about as easy as tackling the Tanzanian Devil.

The battle for the third starting running-back slot was ongoing as of Monday night, Baechler said.

The Chiefs' seven-man offensive line will be anchored by four seniors and three juniors. Manning the tackles positions will be seniors Ryan Jonik (6-5, 302) and Joe Zugaj (6-0, 220). Senior Mike Edwards (5-10, 190) and junior Keil Price (5-10, 190) earned starting berths



Andy Rossow

at the guard positions, and senior Fred Keena (6-1, 275) will start the year snapping the ball to Little.

Little's primary passing targets will be starting junior tight ends Brandon Fender (5-11, 210) and Bill Turner (6-1, 185). Junior Colin O'Shaunnessy (6-0, 215) will also see ample time at receiver. Baechler said.

Canton's defensive line will include Rossow at one end along with junior tackles Donnie Laramie (6-3, 295) and Wardell Fuqua (5-10, 275). Jonik will also see considerable time on both sides of the ball.

The Chiefs' corps of line-backers will consist of senior Jeff Piper (6-3, 210), O'Shaunnessy, senior Marwan Faraj (5-10, 175), senior Kyle O'Neil (5-10, 185) and Edwards.

The defensive backfield will be made of returning senior starter Matt Sweda (5-11, 175), who will fill the strong safety or Chief position, and a trio

of juniors - cornerbacks Chris Woudstra (5-10, 165), Chris Bogdanski (5-9, 165) and McClendon the team's free safety.

"Overall I think we're going to be bigger and faster defensively this year than we've been the past two years," said Baechler.

Punter Brian Dean and place-kickers Erik McKee and O'Shaunnessy will ignite the Chiefs' special-teams units.

The Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, which the Chiefs have dominated the past several years, could be up for grabs between several teams this season, Baechler forecasted.

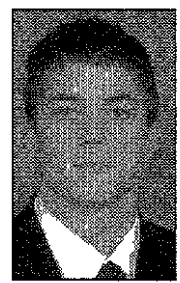
Walled Lake Western, Wayne Memorial, Livonia Franklin and Plymouth should all be improved this year, he said. "There may be a lot of teams that are right there."

Canton opens Aug. 26 at home against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"They were tough last year and they'll be tough this year," Baechler said.

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Armstrong's golden at World U-18 event



Armstrong

When Plymouth Whalers center John Armstrong reports to the team's training camp in two weeks, he should arrive with a lot of confidence.

Armstrong - playing for Canada in the World Under-18 Junior Cup - was part of a gold medal effort as Canada defeated the Czech Republic, 5-3, on Sunday in the title game in Piestany, Slovakia.

"Winning this tournament was one of the biggest thrills of my hockey career," Armstrong said from his home in Umonville, Ontario. "We won because we worked harder than the other teams."

The Under-18 Junior World Cup tournament features many of the top 17-year-old hockey players in the world, including several young men who play in the Ontario Hockey League. Besides Armstrong, other OHL players skating for Canada included forwards Jordan Staal (Peterborough), Jamie McGinn (Ottawa), Cory Emmerton (Kingston) and defenseman John de Gray (Brampton) and Ben Shurton (Kingston). All of the other Canadian players except Jonathan Toews play in the affiliated leagues of the OHL, the Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior League.

The Canadian team was coached by Sarnia Sting head

coach Shawn Camp. "This is a great tournament for our team," Camp said in a Hockey Canada press release. "We play the best teams from Europe and the U.S. It's a great measuring stick for our young players in the program of excellence with the goal that we develop these players for the national junior team."

Canada won the tournament for the ninth time in the last 10 years. Team USA finished 1-1-1 in the tournament, which put it out of the running for a medal.

Although he scored twice in the tournament, Armstrong played much of the time on a checking line with Peterborough's Jordan Staal and Brady Calla of the Western Hockey League's Everett Silvertips.

"We were the biggest line (physically) in the tournament," Armstrong said. "Our job was to get the puck in deep and try to keep it there."

In the meantime, Armstrong and the rest of the Whalers will get a couple of weeks to rest before reporting to training camp later this month.

Terek finishes 13th at World track meet

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Paul Terek knows he can do better and there's room for improvement.

The 2004 Olympic decathlete from Livonia Franklin High and Michigan State just returned from a 13th-place finish in the IAAF World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki, Finland frustrated and disappointed with his showing.

Fellow American Bryan Clay, a silver medalist in last year's Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, unseated gold medalist Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic for the title with 8,732 points. Sebrle was runner-up with 8,521 and Attila Szavoczky of Hungary was third with 8,385.

"(Bryan) Clay did a great job," Terek said. "(Clay) is probably one of the most hard-working guys. He's definitely talented. He's very focused. He's very determined."

Terek's total was 7,921, well below his personal best 8,312 set in last year's U.S. Olympic Trials. (He was 21st in the Olympics.)

Terek's meet opened with promise Tuesday morning as he ran a 10.83 in the 100-meter dash and picked up 899 points.

"I seemed to start out well, but my problem all year has been consistency in the technical events," Terek said. "My running shape and form have greatly improved since I have been back working with my old college coach (Darroll Gatson). But the field events, specifically the technical aspects of those events, have suffered since there has been nobody working with me."

Terek was on target for a top-10 finish after the first five events on Tuesday with a total of 4,142 points, but he slipped to 3,779 on Wednesday.

"I think my 100 was the only real satisfying event for me at the Championships," he said. "I mean, with the exception of the shot put, my first day was right where I had predicted it."

Then the huge headwinds in the (110) hurdles, the rain in the discus, and headwind and rain

in the vault - completely ridiculous, I have never jumped in worse conditions - didn't even provide an opportunity for things to go better the second day."

Helsinki was plagued by plenty of rain, wind and cool temperatures. "Because of my inconsistencies, these outside factors just made it that much more difficult to compete in," Terek said. "I think the most disappointing thing about this trip is that I'm tired of just making the teams and not performing at the big meets. You know how I was in high school and college. I pride myself on showing up and competing and succeeding when the big games or meets come. And that hasn't been the case lately."

So what does the future hold for the former Big Ten Track and Field Athlete of the Year from MSU?

It's back to the drawing board.

Terek is unsure where he's train in the future. He moved back this season to train in East Lansing after spending the Olympic year training on the year-round, ideal climate of San Luis Obispo, Calif. (under the guidance of jumps and throws coach Sheldon Blockburger, who is now at the University of Arizona.)

"When I get back, my immediate plans are to take a month to six weeks off and just work at Home Depot," Terek said. "After that, I'm starting training again for next year and doing tons of work on the technical aspects of each event. Since there are no worlds next year, the only thing I am changing is my competition schedule. I'll maybe do one more meet in Europe instead of USA."

Although this decathlon season was injury-plagued early on, Terek refused to make excuses.

"To be honest, this is the healthiest I've been since college," he said. "My shoulder is coming back and I am feeling great in terms of flexibility and mobility. Ironically, the year I am healthy is the year I can't get anyone to help me in my (technical) events."

PCA linksters drop opener

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys golf team opened its season Tuesday afternoon with a 340-369 setback to Oakland Christian. The match was played at Bald Mountain Golf Course.

"Southfield Christian is usually the No. 1 team in our conference (the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference), but Oakland Christian is always right there too," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston.

The Eagles were paced by sophomore Ross Gerulis, who fired a nine-over 81. Mitch Geracz (91), Derek Elenbaas (91) and Aaron Lorincz (106) also scored for PCA.

Oakland was led by match medalist Sean Gillesby, who carded a 78. Also scoring for the winners were Mike Stine (80), Justin Zehtabzadeh (89) and Alex Coyle (93).

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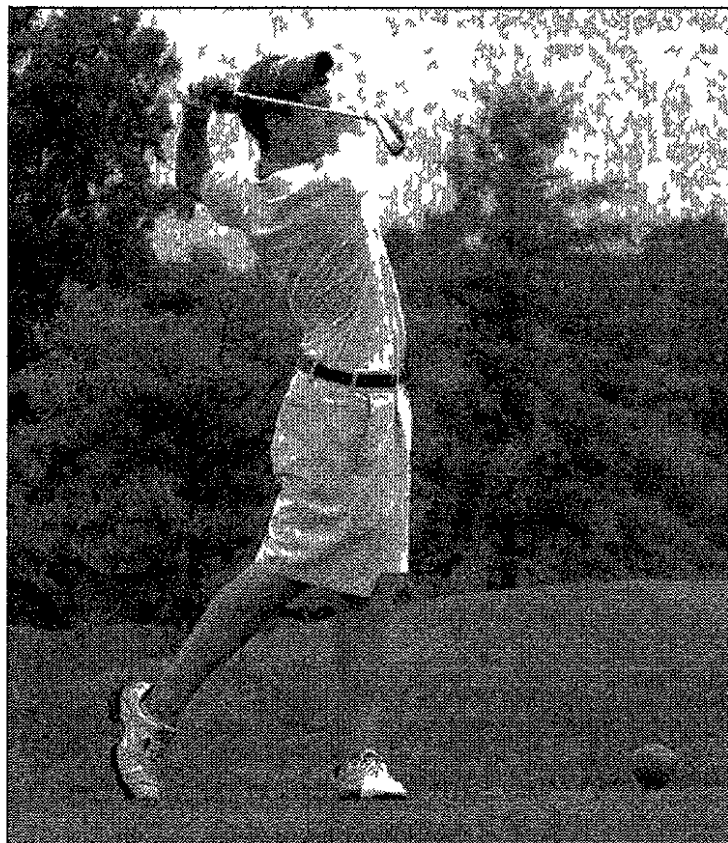
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Livonia Churchill junior-to-be Tommy Lucko saw a three-stroke lead slip through his grasp over the final two holes Sunday of the O&E golf tourney

Habit-forming

Cordes, Jacobs repeat at O&E golf tournament

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Winning the Observer & Eccentric golf tournament is becoming a habit for men's first flight winner Dale Cordes of White Lake and women's championship flight winner Janna Jacobs of Livonia. Cordes earned his third straight O&E title by edging Jim Matthews by a stroke in the two-day tournament. Cordes, who carries a 9-handicap, started with an 80 in Saturday's opening round at Whispering Willows and finished with an 82 Sunday at Fox Creek for a 162 total, one stroke ahead of runner-up Jim Matthews and three shots up on third-place finisher Jim Dolmetsch.

"I did not putt worth beans," said Cordes, a technician at Toyota. "The (two) courses (Whispering Willows and Fox Creek) played well. There were a lot of tough pin placements. That was the consensus. Nobody putted well."

Cordes, who has placed in Michigan Publix tournaments, enjoyed the day overall. The group that was tied (the first day) played together and that made it competitive," he said.

A year ago, Jacobs won by seven strokes, but on Saturday at Whispering Willows outlast-



Janna Jacobs successfully defended her title at the 2005 O&E women's golf tournament Aug 13-14

ed Susan Macinkowicz (Chesterfield Township) in a playoff after both shot 79s in regulation. Molly Gibson (Livonia) was third with an 82. She won an \$80 gift certificate and trophy, while Gibson took low net (\$50 gift certifi-

cate and trophy). Meanwhile, Elaine Crawford (Livonia) emerged as the women's first flight champion with a 97, two strokes better than Peggy Stevens (Livonia). Crawford won a \$50 gift certificate and trophy.

O&E GOLF RESULTS

2005 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Aug 13 at Whispering Willows
Aug 14 at Fox Creek

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT 1 Jim Ometanski 72 72 144 (won playoff) 2 Tommy Lucko 69 75 144 3 (tie) Justin Goyt 73 74 147
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7 Paul Rys 78 76 154 8 Kris Tennyson 78 77 155 9 Alex McLuckie 81 75 156 10 (tie) Mike Dolmetsch 80 78 158 John Corrigan 78 80 158 12 Steve Robinson 82 78 160 13 (tie) Bill Jardine 83 79 162 Dennis Kitchen 84 78 162
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WOMEN'S FIRST FLIGHT 1 Elaine Crawford 97 2 Peggy Stevens 99 3 Carol Johns 104 5 Angela Corrigan 115

MEN'S LOW NET (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT) 1 Paul Rys 140 2 (tie) Chaz Kornegay and Rick Wheeler 143 each

MEN'S LOW NET (FIRST FLIGHT) 1 Al Putrash 150 2 Ty Iles 114 3 James Mlynarczyk 146

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Ometanski, with plenty of green in front of him, stuck his chip within six inches.

Lucko's 7-foot putt for par then rolled past the hole and Ometanski tapped in to secure the win.

"I play Fox Creek Tuesday nights in the Ford Engine Design League, so I know the course fairly well," said Ometanski, a 1-handicapper who played three years of golf at Dearborn Fordson High and one year at Henry Ford Community College. "The big thing was to get up-and-down on No. 18. I hit a 6 iron for the (par) save."

"They had some good ones (pin placements). Paul (Worley, the tourney director) had it tricked up pretty good out there."

Ometanski took home the first-place trophy and a \$180 gift certificate, while Lucko settled for a \$140 gift certificate and the runner-up trophy.

Madonna University's Justin Goyt and Ryan Ossemacher tied for third at 147, each earning \$100 gift certificates.

Although Lucko categorized his O&E finish as "horrible" and graded himself a "B" for his overall performance, it's been a productive summer for the Churchill standout, who was a Division I state tourney qualifier as a sophomore.

Earlier this summer, Lucko finished third at the Golf Association of Michigan Junior event, while adding a second and a pair of thirds on the Power Bilt Junior Tour.

He also earned a trip to the Optimist International Junior Tournament at PGA National in West Palm Beach, Fla., after qualifying at the Highlands in Grand Rapids.

"That's the first time I ever played with him. He can putt," Ometanski said of Lucko. "He's definitely got a future in this game."

Defending champion Gary Kraus of Livonia, who fired a 78 in the opening round, could not play Sunday and had to withdraw.

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Wildcats capture 3-on-3 crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A trio of Plymouth High School student-athletes proved to be fast-learners Sunday at the inaugural High School Summer Challenge 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament held at Hines Park.

Plymouth seniors Brandi Swyhart, Jeanine Moise and Sarah Haskins — all of whom are members of the Wildcats varsity volleyball team — captured the event's Division I

championship by going 5-1 in pool play before ousting a squad from Northville in the finals.

It's more intense than playing six-on-six because you have to cover a lot more ground," said Swyhart, who captained the champion Sand Kickers.

This was our first three-on-three tournament, so we went over to Freedom Park a few times to get used to playing on sand. It's a lot harder than playing in the gym. It was fun though."



Fourteen teams from throughout metropolitan Detroit competed in the inaugural Summer Challenge 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament Sunday in Hines Park. The tournament was won by the Sand Kickers, a team made up of Plymouth High School varsity volleyball players.

The final match against Northville's Untamed couldn't have been more dramatic. Untamed led 14-13, in the third-and-deciding game before the Sand Kickers rallied behind the serving of Moise to win the last three points and the game 16-14. Untamed consisted of three Northville High School players — juniors Joanna Foss, Elise Fleishaker and Amanda Marquardt.

Northville beat us twice last year during the high school season, so we were really motivated to win this time," said Swyhart. "We got down on ourselves a few times after we lost points, but our parents kept reminding us that we

were still in it.

Fourteen teams competed in the tournament. Several suburban Detroit cities were represented, including Novi, Troy, Livonia, Ypsilanti, Commerce and Farmington Hills.

"This was the first tournament of its kind that we've hosted, and we're hoping it will be an annual event," said Christina Ortega, the organizer of the Summer Challenge.

Everything turned out very well. Raid was predicted, but it held off for more of the day. There was a light sprinkle during the break between the pool play and playoffs, but that was it.

The Division II competition



Plymouth High School varsity volleyball players (left to right) Sarah Haskins, Brandi Swyhart and Jeanine Moise teamed up to win the inaugural Summer Challenge 3 on 3 sand volleyball tournament Sunday at Hines Park. The three Wildcats edged a team from Northville in a three-game final.

was won by the Dearborn-based Thunderchix. They went undefeated on the day and topped the Saline Sand Fleas in the championship match.

Anyone who may be interested in entering next year's tournament can e-mail Ortega at chrissyortega@yahoo.com. Information regarding the 2006 event will be mailed out in the spring.

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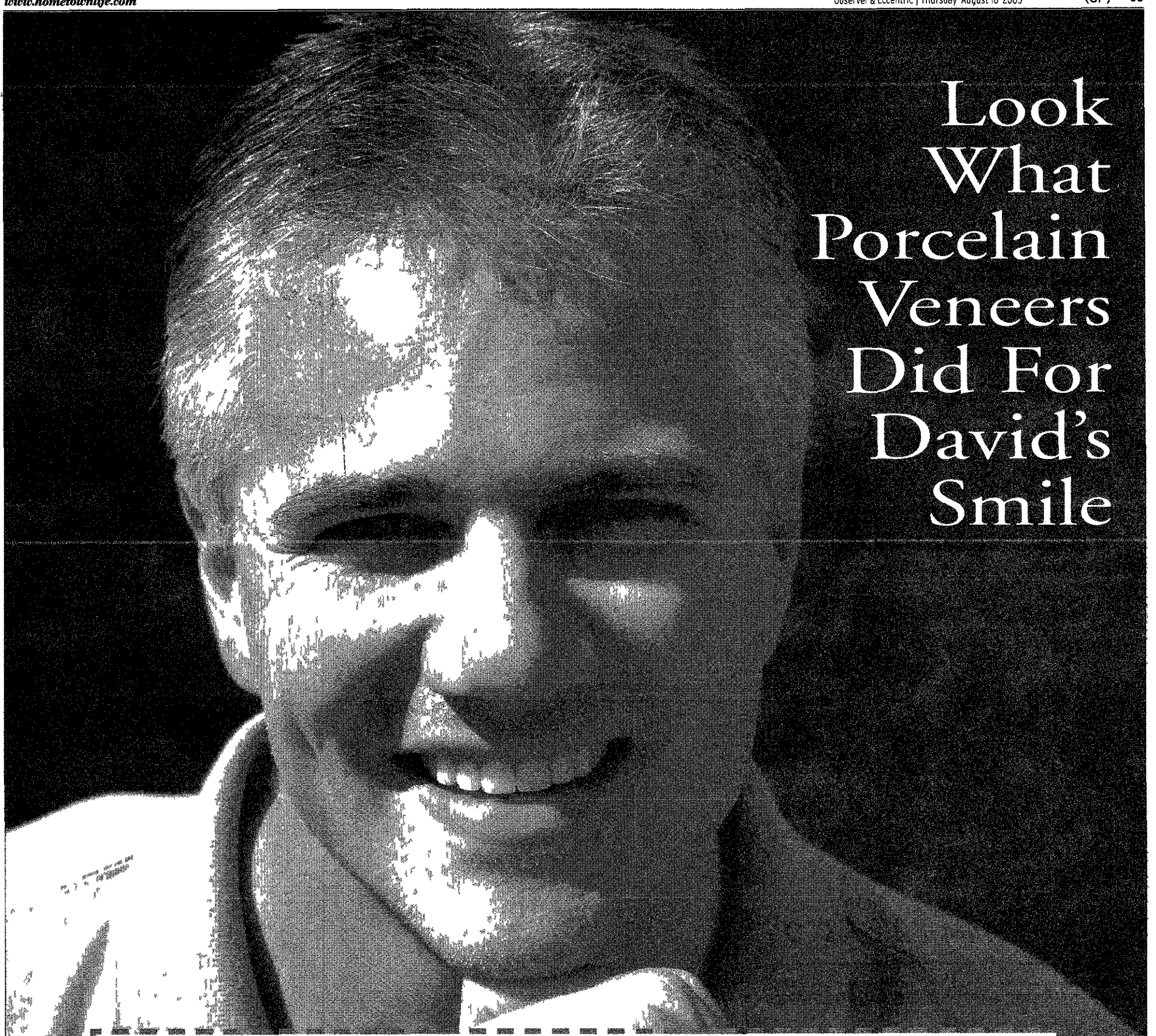
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The Livonia Bullets, an over 30 men's soccer team, captured the Michigan Soccer Association Tournament of Champions July 9-10 in Canton. The Bullets are the defending champions of the Michigan United Soccer League, the state's largest adult soccer league with over 1,300 players. The team consists of Russ Ganz, player-coach Rick Hammers, Viorel Stavar, Manny Murua, Joe Nora, Jeff Gold, Andy Cosenza, Rich Kulczycki, Gary Mexicotte, Jack McBride, Boris Andrikos, Henry Klimes, Gary Reynolds, Tom Derdelakos, Ryan Carriere, John Dyer, Matt Gold, Mike Gold, Zoran Ljubevic, Joe Sebestyen, Brent Wasik, and Wayne Worosz.

HOCKEY

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"They played really aggressive over there, especially the Russians," said Bohard, who will be a senior at Canton in the fall. "I got called for a couple of roughing penalties because they were so big and so fast that you had to battle them for 20 seconds sometimes to try and get control of the puck."

While the on-ice competition couldn't have been much better, there was room for improvement when it came to cuisine, the Plymouth-Canton players agreed.

For breakfast, we could either eat eggs or this weird cereal that you had to pour at least 10 packets of sugar on to make it taste OK,"

Patton said, chuckling. "I usually went with the cereal. For dinner, they usually had chicken and potatoes. I probably lost about 10 pounds during the trip."

They had McDonald's over there, but the food wasn't anything like it is at McDonald's in the United States. One of the different things they had was pizza nuggets.

Both Bohard and Patton said they wouldn't hesitate to return to Prague for a future tournament.

"In the beginning of the week, I couldn't wait to be able to go back home," Bohard admitted. "But by the end of the week, I didn't want to leave. I made a lot of good friends. When I had to say goodbye, I cried at the airport."

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GRIZZLIES TRYOUTS

The Plymouth Grizzlies 11U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for its 2006 team on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on diamond #2 at Plymouth Township Park (McClumpha Park), which is located on Ann Arbor Trail east of Beck Rd.

All players must be 11 years old or younger on April 30, 2006.

For more information, visit the Web site www.eteamz.com/plymouthgrizzlies, or send an e-mail to Sudzzy190@aol.com.

PC PRIDE TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Plymouth Canton Pride girls fast pitch softball teams will be held Aug. 27-30 on fields 9-12 of the Canton Sports Complex, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave. The Pride sponsor teams in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age divisions.

Registration for the Aug. 27 and 28 tryouts begins at 1 p.m. with the actual tryouts slated to be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryouts will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with registration starting at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the teams Web site www.eteamz.com/pcpride or call Denny Taylor at (734) 667-4257.

PANTHERS TRYOUTS

The Canton Panthers 14U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for its 2006 team Saturday, Aug. 27, at 3 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m. The tryouts will be held at the UAW Fields on Michigan Ave. between Beck and Denton roads.

For more information, con-

tact Don Staley at (734) 416-8375 or Tom Byrne at (734) 981-3191.

SALEM FOOTBALL NOTICE

All former Salem and Plymouth High School football players who would like to be included in a "Where are they now?" feature in the 2005 Salem Rocks football game program are encouraged to contact Linda Sorensen at (734) 476-3903 or e-mail sorensenfamly@comcast.net no later than Aug. 20.

WOLVES TRYOUTS

The Michigan Wolves, a 14- and under baseball team, will be staging 2006 season tryouts during the last weekend in August. The Wolves are seeking two solid players after finishing the 2005 season with an overall record of 4-3-6 and a fifth place out of 40 teams at AAYBA World Series in St. Louis, Mo.

For more information, call Tim Broughton at (734) 645-9033 or visit www.miwolves.com.

WHALERS GOLF

Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville.

Proceeds from the outing will go directly into the Whalers Player Education Fund.

All participants will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, a continental breakfast, full use of the golf range, putting green and locker room facilities, an invitation to the post-outing buffet, and hole-in-one prize opportunities.

Interested golfers or corporate partners can contact Whalers Director of Marketing and Corporate Sales Rob Murphy or Whalers' Educational Consultant Andy Madden at (734) 453-8400.

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recruiting baseball players, ages 11-18, to represent the USA in Puerto Rico, Australia and Hawaii during 2006. The tour will last roughly two weeks with intensive training and cultural excursions. Tryouts in Michigan will be held at Oakland Community College (Aug. 26), Michigan State University (Aug. 27), Central Michigan University (Aug. 27) and Western Michigan University (Aug. 28). Cost is \$25 per each open tryout.

For complete details, including exact starting times and field locations, call (740) 373-4455, or visit www.CoastToCoast.com.

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Detroit Pistons President of Basketball Operation Joe Dumars will be the honored guest at the 25th annual WJR/Arvin Mentor March of Dimes Celebrity Golf Classic, which will be held Aug. 23 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Orion Township. Individual playing spots are still available at \$420 and Corporate fivesomes are at available \$2,125. Spectator tickets are also on sale. For further information, call (888) 663-4637, or visit www.marchofdimes.com.

UDM BASEBALL OUTING

University of Detroit Mercy baseball alumni and friends will hold a golf outing Monday, Sept. 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course, located on Six Mile between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads, in Redford Township.

A dinner will follow at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road, just north of Grand River, in Farmington Hills.

For more information, call Bob Miller, Jr. at (248) 568-2448, or e-mail millsrj@aol.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 9, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 9 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call Members Present Bennett, Caccamo Kirchgatter LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present Director Minghine, Director Durack Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Bill Serchak, Engineering

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda deleting General Calendar Items G-10 Approve Landscaping at Rotary Club Island and G-11 General Fund Budget Amendment - Assessor's Office Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the amended Board Study Session Minutes of July 20, 2005 to read 'Treasurer Kirchgatter stated her concerns and indicated the Township has encouraged less signage and/or smaller signage on Ford Road Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of July 26, 2005 Motion carried unanimously

Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments: Bob McCausland, 211 Lotz Road attended the Bike Path revitalization meeting in Northville Township would like to see a study session on the bike path in the future

Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried unanimously

Expenditure Recap for August 9, 2005 General Fund 101 \$890 455 27, Fire Fund 206 54,351 78 Police Fund 207 91,262 34, Summit Operating 208 70,433 12, Street Lighting 219 18,511 39, Cable TV Fund 230 1,586 07, Public Improvement 245 5,300 00, E 911 Utility 261 753 28, Auto Forfeiture(wva) 267 738 38 Federal Grants Fund 274 368 30, Auto Theft Grant 289 1,962 77, Downtown Dev Authority 294 22 738 93, Cap Proj Road Paving 403 6,610 00, Golf Fund 584 34,576 09 Water & Sewer Fund 592 1,075,518 67 Trust & Agency Fund 701 10 758 00, Construction Escrows 702 58,682 21, Post Employment Benefits 736 36 882 94, Saltz Road Paving 803 440 00 Cherry Hill Road SAD 815 11,308 00 Total - All Funds \$2,393,237.55

PUBLIC HEARING: 1 PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR LOTUS INTERNATIONAL COMPANY (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Lotus International Company Motion carried unanimously No one spoke in opposition of this tax abatement for Lotus International Company Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Lotus International Company Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Lotus International Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and Personal Property Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF LOTUS INTERNATIONAL COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS pursuant to PA 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners and,

WHEREAS, Lotus International Company has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their new their facility located within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, and

WHEREAS before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on August 9, 2005 at the Canton Township Administration Building, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application, and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before June 21, 2005, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, and

WHEREAS completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township, and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that

1 The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township

2 The application of Lotus International Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit Parcel No 71 045-99-0008 702 Part of the northeast 1/4 of section 12, town 2 south range 8 east, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows Beginning north 88 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds east 328 56 feet and south 02 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds east 264 54 feet from the north 1/4 corner of section 12, thence north 89 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds east 630 75 feet, thence south 31 degrees 24 minutes 52 seconds east 656 944 feet, thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds west 952 33 feet, thence north 02 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds west 566 00 feet to the point of beginning 10 28 acres be and the same is hereby approved

3 The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 12 years, expiring December 30 2017

2. CONSIDER HOLDING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTING THE CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 CONFIRMING THE ROLL FOR THE NORTH POINTE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD REPAIRS, SIDEWALK AND SIGN INSTALLATION SAD NO. 2004-4

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. to consider adopting the confirming resolution Number 5 confirming the Roll for the North Pointe Subdivision Special Assessment District for Road Repairs, Sidewalk and Sign Installation SAD NO 2004 4 Motion carried unanimously Dave Castello Vice President North Pointe Homeowners Association Board, stated he represented the homeowners and there were concerns with the length of payback for the SAD

Mr Castello stated the residents of North Pointe Subdivision had an estimate done for this work in the spring of 2003 The estimated cost at that time was \$24 000 and would have cost the residents \$400 per household In the summer of 2003 a special assessment through the homeowners association collected the \$400 per household Mr Castello stated that he discussed with Supervisor Yack the term of an SAD could be 10 to 15 years In the winter of 2004 the North Pointe Homeowners Association decided to return the \$400 to each household and go with the SAD for 10 years Mr Castello stated just last week the homeowners of North Pointe Subdivision received the letter notifying them of the Public Hearing for August 9, 2005 The notice indicated a two (2) year term for the SAD Mr Castello stated that a 10 year term was understood at the time the petitions were signed Mr Castello stated this has been a two (2) year process and all along the residents have assumed it

was for a 10 year payback period Mr Castello inquired why this change in term was not communicated to the Association before now Terry Chen, 8146 Steven Court, stated she personally visited every home in the North Pointe Subdivision and gathered all the signatures The Association sold this proposal to the residents based on a 10 year payback term Ms Chen stated before the Board can go forward on this change in term an agreement from the residents needs to be obtained A motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to table and spread the assessment to the roll over a five year period Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION NO 5 NORTH POINTE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD REPAIRS, SIDEWALK AND SIGN INSTALLATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2004-4

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan held in the Township Board Meeting Room at 1150 Canton Center South in said Township on the 9th day of August, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time PRESENT Bennett Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Zarbo ABSENT None The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____

WHEREAS, the Township Board has had prepared said special assessment roll for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain improvements as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1 Said special assessment roll shall be designated Special Assessment Roll No 2004-4, and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No 2004-4"

2 Said Special Assessment Roll No 2004-4, in the amount of \$2,880.00, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed

3 Said special assessment roll shall be divided into two (2) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on December 1, 2005, at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, said interest to be payable annually on each installment due date, provided however, that if bonds are to be issued by the Township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments then said installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) above the rate of interest borne by said bonds to be issued by the Township

4 The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due 5 All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby rescinded

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EXHIBIT A NORTH POINTE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD REPAIRS, SIDEWALK AND SIGN INSTALLATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2004-4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves the repair of concrete roads, sidewalks and installation of road signs, including removal and replacement of approximately 4,600 square feet of 7 inch Concrete Road with integral curb and gutter, 200 square feet of 4 inch concrete sidewalk, installation of 15 "No Parking Fire Lane" street signs, removal and replacement of one stop sign by a yield sign replacement of two street name signs, and installation of one "No Trucks" sign

ASSESSMENT ROLL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS North Pointe Subdivision Charter Township of Canton Wayne County Michigan SIDWELL NUMBERS 71 014 01 0001 71 014 01 0002 71 014 01 0003 71 014 01 0004 71 014 01 0005 71 014 01 0006 71 014 01 0007 71 014 01 0008 71 014 01 0009 71 014 01 0010 71 014 01 0011 71 014 01 0012 71 014 01 0013 71 014 01 0014 71 014 01-0015 71 014 01-0016 71 014 01 0017 71 014 01 0018 71 014 01 0019 71 014 01 0020 71 014 01 0021 71 014 01 0022 71 014 01 0023 71 014-01 0024 71 014 01 0025 71 014-01-0026 71 014-01 0027 71 014 01-0028 71 014 01 0029 71 014 01 0030 71 014-01 0031 71 014 01 0032 71-014 01 0033 71 014 01 0034 71 014 01 0035 71 014 01 0036 71-014-01 0037 71 014 01 0038 71 014 01 0039 71 014 01 0040 71 014 01 0041 71 014 01 0042 71 014 01 0043 71 014 01 0044 71 014 01 0045 71 014 01 0046 71 014-01 0047 71 014 01 0048 71 014 01 0049 71 014 01 0050 71 014-01 0051 71 014-01 0052 71-014 01 0053 71 014 01 0054 71 014 01 0055 71 014-01 0056 71 014 01-0057 71 014 01 0058 71-014 01 0059 71 014 01 0060 71-014 01 0061

Principal Amount \$539 00 Annual Interest Rate 5 00% Payments per Year 1 Number of Years 2 Annual Principal Payment \$269 50

Table with 3 columns: Description, Year 0, Year 2. Rows include Beginning Balance, Payment, Interest, Principal, Ending Balance.

61 Parcels Total cost \$32,880 00 equal \$539 each with Interest (\$32 880 is based on the numbers from Bill bid, contingency Canton costs) BREAK DOWN OF COSTS Bid \$27,400 00 10% Contingency \$ 2 740 00 10% Engineering \$ 2,740 00 TOTAL \$ 32,880 00

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1. GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO STREET LIGHTING FUND. (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$12,500 from the General Fund to the Street Lighting Fund to fund 2005 expenditures I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer

GENERAL FUND Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000 699 0000 \$12,500 Increase Appropriations Contribution to Street Lighting Fund #101 959 965 2190 \$12 500 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$3 166,351 to \$3,178,851, and the General Fund budget from \$28,140,817 to \$28,153,317

STREET LIGHTING FUND Increase (Decrease) Revenues Contribution from General Fund #219 000 676 1010 \$12,500 Appropriation from Fund Balance 219 000 699-0000 (12,500) Total \$ 0 This budget amendment does change the Street Lighting Fund budget total Motion carried unanimously

Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve grant special event status and to approve installation of signs (50 signs, placed on September 25 and removed after October 1, 2005) advertising the Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples Mom to Mom sale, October 1, 2005 at the Plymouth VFW Hall Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CHERRY HILL CROSSING SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr Najm Saymuah has requested special land use to construct a shopping center equal to or greater than 40 000 square feet and site plan approval for Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center to be located on Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, identified as tax EDP # 064 99 0013 704, 064 99 0014 702 and 064 99 0016 000, and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL based on the findings of fact presented by staff and reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval including a modification to allow a maximum 20 foot high mounting height for parking lot lights and conditioned upon receipt of an executed access and easement agreement with the owner of the adjoining Cherry Plaza Shopping Center as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr Najm Saymuah, to approve the special land use for a shopping center equal to or greater than 40,000 square feet and the site plan for the proposed Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof

Item 2. CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE CHERRY HILL GARDENS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for revisions to the PDD and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Gardens Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Revisions to the PDD and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Gardens

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested revisions to the Planned Development District (PDD) Agreement and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Gardens located south Cherry Hill Road and east of Denton Road (Parcel nos 078 03 0001 through 078 03 0126 000, and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the revised PDD and site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL, and, Cherry Hill Gardens PDD and Site Plan Revisions,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the revised PDD and site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Revisions to the Planned Development District and site plan for Cherry Hill Gardens subject to all other regulations of the Township

Item 3. BUDGET AMENDMENT - FLEET SERVICES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer fund to increase Fleet Services Overtime account (592 550 708 0000) Increase Revenues Interdepartmental Vehicle Maintenance #592 000 678 0000 \$10,000 Increase Appropriations Fleet Services Overtime #592 550 708 0000 \$10,000 This budget amendment will increase the Fleet Services Division budget from \$652,445 to \$662,445 and the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$27,922,583 to \$27,932,583 Motion carried unanimously

Item 4. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID TO DOMINIC GAGLIO CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION NORTH POINTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to table the award for the construction of the North Pointe Subdivision Special Assessment District for Road Repairs, Sidewalk and Sign Installation to Dominic Gaglio Construction, Inc for a total of \$27,400 00, plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$2,740 00 for a not to exceed total of \$30,140 00 and to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents Motion carried unanimously

Item 5. CONSIDER PURCHASING MAST ARMS FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of mast arm hardware for three intersections Cherry Hill /Sheldon, Saltz / Sheldon, and Beck / Warren in the amount of \$89,850 plus a 10% contingency of \$8,985 for a total not to exceed amount of \$98,835 from Carrier & Cable Incorporated Motion carried unanimously

Item 6. SET MILLAGE RATE LIMITS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2005 TAX LEVY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2006 BUDGETS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 2005 be set as follows Charter Mills (General Fund) 2 3660 Fire Protection Special Assessment 2 3580 Police Protection Special Assessment 4 1260 Total 8 8500 I further move that a Public Hearing be held on September 12, 2005 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2006 budgets Motion carried unanimously

Item 7. FUNDS TRANSFER FOR MS EXCHANGE SOFTWARE (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$7,853 from 2005 ITS Capital Outlay (101-258 977 2580) to Software Purchases (101 258 755-0000) Motion carried unanimously

Item 8. AWARD BID FOR PRINTING FALL DISCOVER BROCHURE. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the printing of the Fall 2005 Discover program guide to S & N Graphic Solutions, P O Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$15,380 to be paid from account #s 208 757-900 0000, 101 691 900 0000 101 672 900 0000, 211 756 900-0000, 101 755 900 0000 and 101 750 900 0000 Motion carried unanimously

Item 9. AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the emergency purchase of chemicals for Pheasant Run to Verdicon, Inc 3854 Bath Rd., Perry, MI 48872, in the amount of \$5,280 I further move to approve the emergency purchase for grub control to Turfgrass, Inc., P O Box 667 South Lyon, MI 48178, in the amount of \$5,384 Funds for both purchase orders are to be taken from account 584 756 930 0000 Pheasant Run Golf Club Maintenance and Repair of Grounds Motion carried unanimously

Item 10. APPROVE LANDSCAPING AT ROTARY CLUB CLOCK ISLAND. (LSD) DELETED FROM AGENDA

Item 11. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT-ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. (SUPERVISOR) DELETED FROM AGENDA

Item 12. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THE RECORDS BUREAU. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase and installation of a security camera for the Records Bureau from Advanced Satellite Communications Inc, 9282 General Dr Ste 110, Plymouth, MI 48170 in the amount of \$1300.30 Further, I move to approve the reprogramming of capital from the balance of line item # 1 Administrative Vehicle to create a new line item for this purchase This budget amendment will not increase the Police Budget for 2005 Motion carried unanimously

Item 13. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE REPLACEMENT - PATROL. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the budget amendment to create a new line item for the purchase of a 2006 Ford Interceptor from Signature Ford of Perry, MI for a cost of \$20 338 Increase Revenues Fund Balance Appropriation #207 000 699 0000 \$20,338 Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay-Equipment #207 361 977 0000 \$20 338 This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$13,077 606 to \$13,097,944 Motion carried unanimously

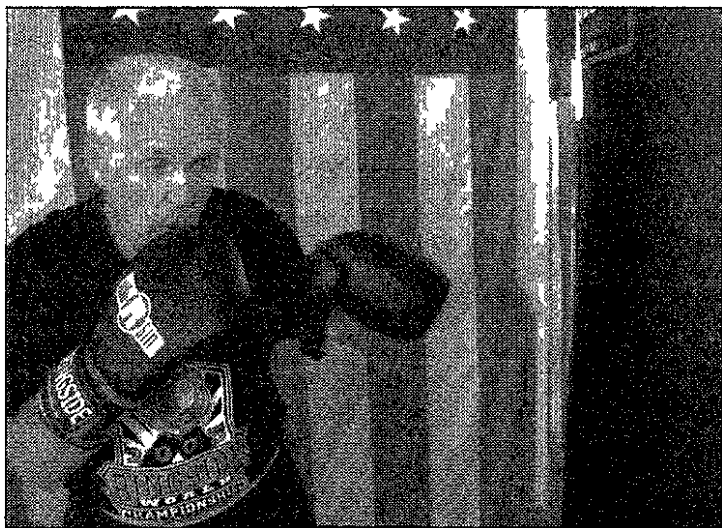
OTHER: Supervisor Yack wished to thank Congressman Thaddeus McCotter for a securing \$1 8 Million for project specific which is Cherry Hill between Taylor and Canton Center

ADJOURN. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8 32 p.m

THOMAS J YACK, Supervisor TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton.mi.org after Board Approval

66-year-old boxer captures championship title belt



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Boxer Paul Soucy, 66 of Livonia is the Ringside World Champion, above throwing a few jabs at his Dynamic Boxing Club in Westland

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

At age 46, some criticized Thomas Hearns for stepping back into the ring. But he's got nothing on 66-year-old Paul Soucy, who returned recently from Kansas City, Mo with a championship belt of his own.

There were only four competitors in the men's 55-to-75 age division, so the Livonian had to win only one bout in the 165-pound Masters Division weight class at the Ringside World Championships held at the KCI Building.

Soucy started his boxing career in 1957 with a loss to a Marine in the New Hampshire

Golden Gloves Tournament. And nearly 40 years later, Soucy got revenge by winning a unanimous three-round decision over Lawrence Shelton, ironically an ex-Marine - and almost 10 years younger - from Denver, Colo.

"Paybacks are hell," said Soucy, a trainer and director at Dynamic Boxing Club in Westland. "I waited a long time for this. He (Shelton) gave me a lot of respect. He had the better body, but I was more determined."

"I got an eight-count 30 seconds into the first round with an awesome right hand and hit him into the ropes. It's the best fight I've ever fought. I was up for it and God was with me."

Soucy's return to the ring is remarkable in the fact that it was a year ago July when he was operated on at St. John Medical Center in Detroit for coronary bypass surgery. One of his former Livonia Boxing Club competitors, Dr. Sanjay Batra, performed the successful quintuple bypass.

"I've never had more fun, although my wife (Rita) is not too happy," said Soucy, who has another bout scheduled for Sept. 10. "I'm a diabetic, but my doctor O.K.'d it. Everything just went right."

The Ringside World Championships, held Aug. 2-6, drew competitors from 15 countries.

Soucy was joined on the trip to Kansas City by his trainer,

Renee Mumz, owner of the Lincoln Park Boxing Club, and 70-year-old Bill Webb of Chesterfield Township, who lost on a decision in his only match.

"They had six rings going at once, 60 fights per day per ring, 36 bouts per day," Soucy said. "The toughest thing was the 14-hour drive. We got there on a Tuesday and had to wait all week for one fight, but it was well worth it."

Soucy can't get enough of admiring his championship belt, valued at \$400.

The three headed home on a Saturday night (Aug. 6) immediately after Soucy's bout.

The long drive, however, was well worth the trip - and the belt.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. September 1st 2005 for the following:

HOUSING REHABILITATION, REPAIRS AND LEAD BASED PAINT ABATEMENT ON HOME

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

TERRY G BENNETT Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road
Canton MI 48188
(734) 394 5260

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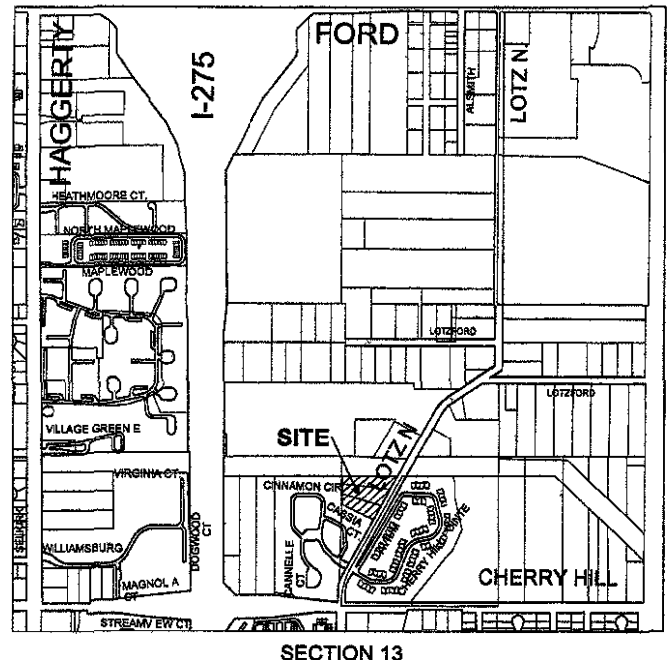
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 22, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SARNECKY REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 052 99 0016 708 052 99 0016 709 052 99 0016 710 AND 052 99 0016 711 FROM R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R 6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Lotz Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday August 18 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish July 31 and August 18 2005

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CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Sheldon Road Approach Reconstruction South of Ford Road (M-153)", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until **9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2005**, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

SHELDON ROAD APPROACH RECONSTRUCTION SOUTH OF FORD ROAD (M-153)

Project includes the reconstruction of 117 feet of Sheldon Road south of Ford Road (M-153). This reconstruction consists of removing existing pavement, placing 720 square yards of 9-inch non reinforced concrete pavement, and adjusting drainage structures as necessary.

Bid documents are available at the office of Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI), 6215 Canton Center Road, Suite 301, Canton, Michigan 48187. A nonrefundable fee of \$40.00 will be charged for the bid packet.

Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township - 3rd Floor Finance 3rd Floor Supervisor NCI Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge and Reed Construction Data.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm Friday September 2, 2005. The bid opening will be at 2:00 pm, Friday September 2, 2005 for the following:

Downtown Streetscape Brick Paver Leveling, 2005-2006

Plymouth City Hall
201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

LINDA J LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2005-07 CHAPTER 24

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. C-2002-05 FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS
SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PRIOR FIRE CODE.

This section provides for the repeal of Ordinance No. C 2002 05
SECTION 2. FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

This section provides that Chapter 24, the Charter Township of Plymouth Fire Prevention Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 24.010 Code Adopted.
This section provides that the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices is adopted by reference, as modified in this article, as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth for regulating the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards.

Section 24.020 Changes in the Code.
This section provides that certain sections and subsections of the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated.

Section 101.1 Title. This section provides that these regulations shall be known as the Fire Prevention Enforcement Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth and are hereby referred to as such or as the "Code".

Section 109.3 Violation penalties. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may upon conviction be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both in the discretion of the court.

Section 111.4 Failure to comply. This section provides that any person who continues any work after having been served with a stop work order shall be fined.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.
This section provides that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.
This section provides that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication thereof.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2005-07 considered for first reading at the August 9, 2005 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday September 13, 2005. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone No. 734 354 3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT 1179 STARKWEATHER PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (734) 459-0053 NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to FS 713.78 On August 25 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

VEHICLE	V.I.N.	
1993 Dodge	Intrepid (Silver)	2B3FD46T3PHS82167
1987 Cadillac	Sedan de Ville (White)	1G6CD5188H421941
1986 Dodge	B250/B2500 Incomp	2B6HB23T6GK510994
2000 Pontiac	Grand Am SE (Blue)	1G2NF52E5YC511387
1993 Pontiac	Sunfire (Black)	1G2JC14T6P7510168
1986 Ford	Mustang (Black)	1FABP2734GF125077
1990 Ford	Econoline (White)	1FDEE14N6LHA42880
1994 Dodge	Intrepid (Teal)	1B3HD56T1RF309672
1994 Ford	Mustang (Blue)	1FALP4041RF150685
1998 Mercury	Mystique Base Mod	1MELM6536WK605997
1990 Plymouth	Voyager (Burgundy)	2P4FH25K3LR640279
1990 Ford	Tempo (White)	2FAPP36X9LB211173
1990 Nissan	(Gray)	JN1HS34FXLW108295
2000 Dodge	Stratus (Gray)	1B3EJ46X6YN166361
1991 Jeep	Cherokee (White)	1J4FT589SML630557
2004 SLM	Trailer (Black)	5LEBU172541002440
1989 Ford	Taurus (Blue)	1FABP50U4KG256694
Dodge	Daytona (Black)	1B3XG24K6KG148568

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm Friday September 2, 2005. The bid opening will be at 2:00 pm, Friday September 2, 2005 for the following:

Marketing, Publication, and Image Consulting Downtown Business Association/ Downtown Development Authority

Plymouth City Hall
201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office at City Hall 201 S. Main Street Plymouth 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

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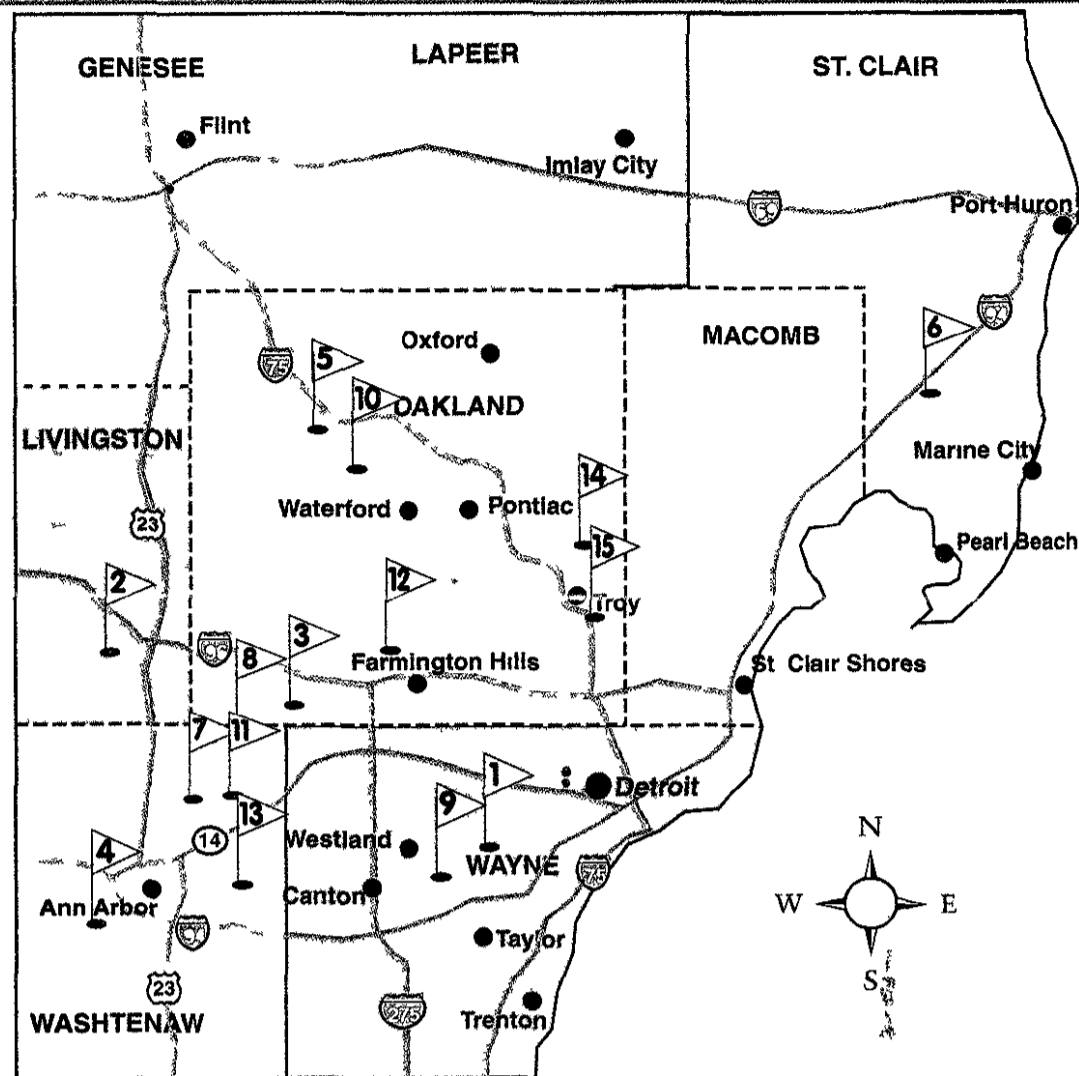


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Course Profile

DEARBORN HILLS GOLF COURSE

1300 S Telegraph • Dearborn, MI 48124
313 563 4653

This is a rolling, challenging par four and beautiful par threes. There are 16 ponds scattered throughout as part of the designers effort to preserve the natural wetlands. The clubhouse was added in 1995 and includes a grill, bar, banquet facilities, pro shop with snack bar and an outdoor patio with table & chairs- perfect for relaxing after a round of golf! Woman friendly course with roaming beverage carts. And it's close to home!

Signature Hole. #7, par 4, 410 yards, long elevated tee box, slight dog leg right, hitting over water

Pro Tip #1: In order to swing correctly you must go through the necessary pre shot routine (Grip - Stance - Ball Position - Alignment)

Pro Tip #2: The stance (posture) of setting up to the golf ball dictates the initial path, plane & balance of your golf swing. Stance should be comfortable, yet athletic

For more information check out the Directory below & visit www.cityofdearborn.org/departments/recreation/golf

It's A HOLE IN ONE!

Here is this weeks list of who hit a Hole in One... and where!

Independence Green
Bob Artz on 7/23/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Wood

Art Brown on 7/15/05
Hole #: 14 Par: 3
Club Used: 8 Iron

Inkster Valley Golf Club
Jim Grant on 7/23/05
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 8 Iron

Pheasant Run
Michael Warren on 8/1/05
Hole #: 7 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Iron
Witness: Craig Spence
Comments: First Hole in One!

Rolling Meadows
Ann Marie Hardesty on 7/28/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Iron / Nike Ball
Witness: Lois Foerster
Comments: Only 20 years old!

Tanglewood
Richard McNair on 11/7/04
Hole #: Noth 6 Par: 3
Club Used: 11 Wood
Witness: Paul Corwin, Russ Thomas

Directory

- 1 DEARBORN HILLS GOLF COURSE**
1300 S Telegraph Rd
Dearborn MI 48124
313 563 4653
A unique, challenging & beautiful par 3 and par 4 course!
No of Holes 18 Par 60 Yards 4495
Directions North of Michigan Ave entrance on west side of Telegraph
- 2 THE JACKAL GOLF CLUB**
4141 Bauer Rd
Brighton MI 48116
810 229 9581
www.jackalgolfclub.com
No of Holes 18 Par 71 Yards 6700
Manager Rob Bruhn
Directions 1 96 to Exit 145 Go east on Grand River to Challis Rd. (right)
- 3 LINKS OF NOVI**
50395 W 10 Mile Rd
Novi MI 48374
248 380 9595
"The Golf Outing Professionals"
A 27 Hole Jerry Matthews Design located on Ten Mile Road a 1/4 mile west of Wixom Rd
- 4 HICKORY STICKS GOLF COURSE**
8753 Pleasant Lake Rd
Ann Arbor MI 48103
734 913 8140
New GPS Carts!
15 minutes SW of downtown Ann Arbor
Looks like Up North - feels like vacation
Directions at hickorystick.org
- 5 WINDMILL RIDGE**
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Classic cruisin'



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Beach Boys' founder Mike Love stops by Ford World Headquarters to check out the 2006 Mustang GT convertible. The Beach Boys will headline Ford Cruisin' Legends charity celebration Aug. 19 in Birmingham to kick off the 11th annual Woodward Dream Cruise

Cruisin' Legends offers Beach Boys, autos

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The big news is that the Beach Boys are coming to the Dream Cruise

But Ford Cruisin' Legends, a two-day event hosted by Ford Motor Co., couldn't be more focused on the real stars of the show - spectacular wheels

"We're trying to bring to the event exactly what auto and cruise enthusiasts want," said Jill Fannon, events manager, Ford Global Marketing. And that's legendary vehicles, whether classic, vintage or concept.

The annual event, which surrounds downtown Birmingham's Sham Park and spills out into the Townsend Hotel, City Hall grounds and adjacent parking lot, kicks off Friday, Aug. 19, with a charity benefit for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The

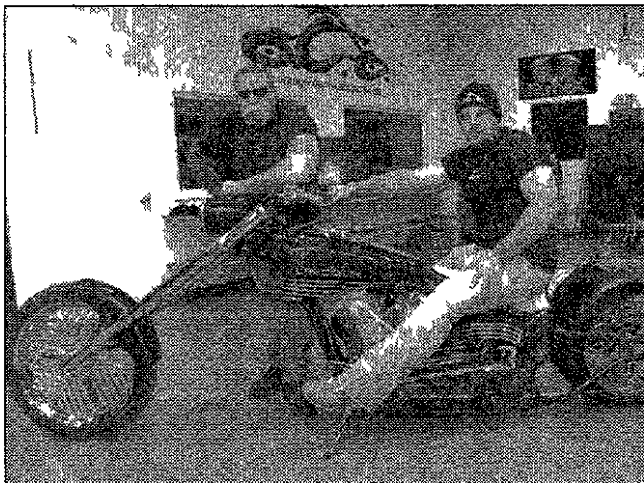


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Popular custom motorcycle builders Paul Teutul Sr. (left) and Paul Teutul Jr. of Orange County Choppers and Discovery Channel's hit series "American Chopper" in their Montgomery, New York shop with the Lincoln Mark LT Chopper, which they built to represent the all-new 2006 Lincoln Mark LT truck

benefit features the Beach Boys' performance, a silent auction, dinner and cocktails, and concours best-in-show presentation

Among the 150 Ford,

Lincoln and Mercury classic cars chosen to go on display around Sham Park, four will be honored with trophies and an on-stage appearance before the crowd

BIRMINGHAM SCENE

What: Ford Cruisin' Legends charity event to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and day of free events both in celebration with the 11th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise
When: Charity event 6-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19; Ford Cruisin' Legends free events 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20

Where: Downtown Birmingham area surrounding Sham Park, including The Townsend Hotel parking lot south of Sham Park and City Hall grounds
Tickets: Charity event \$175; Saturday events free except food to purchase tickets call (248) 827-3015

"There are some fantastic vehicles out there, and we

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Dream Cruise

Bloomfield Classic adds to Cruise mix

Since the Woodward Dream Cruise began 11 years ago, the automotive event has evolved into an auto lovers' paradise of classic cars from Ferndale to Pontiac

On the road where cruising was invented, there's been a conspicuous empty spot from Maple to M-59 in Bloomfield Township

But this year, the portions of Woodward will be linked with the addition of Bloomfield Township as a stopping and watching point with the first Bloomfield Classic

The Bloomfield Classic is a juried car show at Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield Hills on Woodward just south of Quarton during the peak of the Dream Cruise between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Aug. 20

But more than just a car show, the Classic will feature free live music provided by the Woolies, Michigan natives whose remake hit *Who Do You Love* charted at No. 2 for a brief period during the summer of 1967

"We all grew up in Dearborn but as

soon as school was out it was in the '55 Chevy convertible and off to Ted's on Woodward," said Woolies front man Bob Baldori

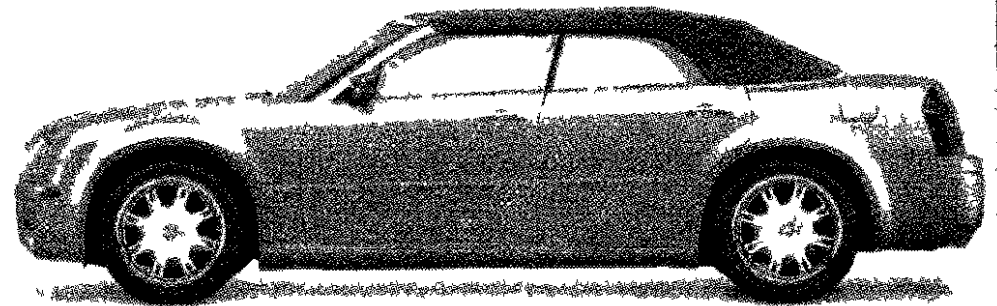
The Woolies come to the Classic by way of a donation from American Specialty Cars, the creators of the first four-door convertible to be produced since Lyndon Johnson was president

The Helios is based on Chrysler's popular 300 C, and features a fully automatic convertible top along with a host of other performance and styling features

The Helios, along with a small stable of other ASC concept and production vehicles, will be on display at the Classic as well

"We're very excited about showing the Helios and think the public will really take to this car. It receives great reviews in the automotive press and is one of those cars that you can expect to be a real classic Woodward cruiser in years to come," said Tim Yost, Birmingham resident and marketing director for ASC

Funds raised from sponsors like ASC, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *DuPont Automotive*, along with



ASC's Helios prototype was the first four door convertible in the world in 40 years winning a coveted Detroit News Readers Choice Award at this year's Detroit Auto Show. The Helios will be on display during this weekend's Dream Cruise




individual donations and the \$100 car entrance fee, will support programs Oakland Family Services, the Bloomfield Township Fire Department Charities and the Bloomfield Hills Optimists

We will be using our share of the proceeds to purchase 500 back-to-school backpacks for children from families in need," said Ann Manix, president of

Friends of OFS and a Bloomfield Township resident


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It's that time again

Woodward Avenue hosts parades, displays and music

There's entertainment every inch of the way along the 16-mile stretch of Woodward Avenue at the Dream Cruise this week

You can decide where to go based on entertainment sponsored by each city, or just make your fun wherever you can find a parking spot — there's free shuttle service at different points along Woodward

Here's some of the events happening at each city on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19 and 20

BERKLEY

CruiseFest On Friday the annual event features a classic car parade at 6:30 p.m. at Roseland Park Cemetery on 12 Mile at Woodward. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., children's games like Moonwalks can be found on 12 Mile Road between Tyler and Gardner. At 7:30 p.m., the Tri-Community Coalition Street Dance performs on Griffith Street north of 12 Mile Road.

From 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. is live music on 12 Mile Road at Robina Avenue. All day long businesses will host outdoor sales and vendors will offer foods. On Saturday, the city hosts car displays and food and beverage stations.

BIRMINGHAM

Several hundred classic cars on display throughout the city. There's live entertainment and events sponsored by Ford and Chevrolet. On Friday, is the *Ford Cruisin' Legends* (see related story) where the Beach Boys will perform.

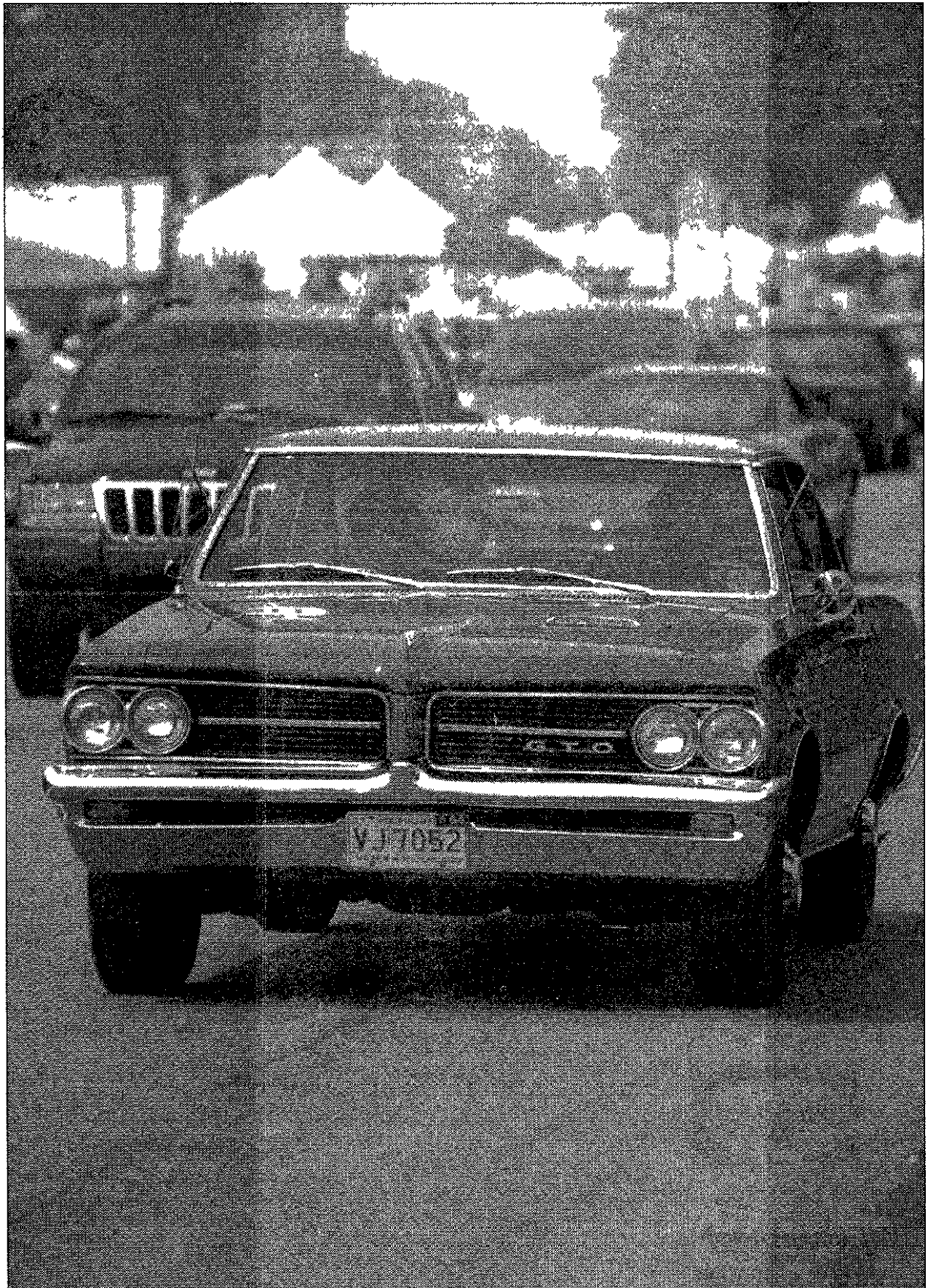
WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday Aug. 20
Where: A 16-mile stretch between nine cities on Woodward Avenue from Ferndale to Pontiac
Details: Nearly 2 million people will attend. Admission free to watch, but local businesses hold special events and often charge a fee.
Parking: Anywhere you can find an open designated lot. Many locations offer shuttle services. SMART buses will offer free shuttles from the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Eight Mile Road.
Tips: Alcohol is not permitted on the streets. Bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Vendors throughout Woodward will also sell these items.
Official Web site: www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

**Cover
story**

This charity event at Sham Park and the Townsend Hotel is \$175 per person and includes food and limited drinks. (Call 248-827-3015 for more information.)

On Saturday, all day, *An American Revolution*, sponsored by Chevrolet, at Old and New Woodward near Lincoln, includes many activities including the celebration of the



PLEASE SEE **CRUISE, D6** The famous GTO classics were among many different cruisin' machines showing off on Woodward Avenue at the Dream Cruise in 2003

CRUISE

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"small block engine's 50th anniversary" There's live music, the Chevy Racing Tour and more Also on Saturday, *Cruisin' Legends* continues in Shain Park with more than 150 classic Fords and Lincolns

The Bed Bugs perform at the Shain Park Stage at noon, Zemo the Yo Yo Man does his stuff at 1 15 p m , 3 p m is Question Mark and the Mysterians (*96 Tears*) on the Main Stage, 4 15 p m the Bed Bugs return, 5 15 p m Zemo returns and Jason D Williams performs at 6 p m

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Many events including Saturday's Dream Cruise Afterglow Concert Live music begins at 8 p m with a salute to U S troops

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

From 1 p m to 5 p m on Saturday, the township hosts its first Classic Car Show at

Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield Hills at 36600 Woodward, just south of Big Beaver The show features more than 100 cars plus foods from local businesses (See related stories)

FERNDALE

All day long on Saturday, is the Ferndale Car Show and RetroFest where classic cars, vintage motorcycles and scooters will be on display Live music from the 1950s, 60s, '70s and '80s near Woodward at Nine Mile Road Artists will paint a wall size Dream Cruise mural on Nine Mile Road Children can also paint Events continue on Sunday Visit www.ferndalecruise.com for more information

PONTIAC

The whole downtown area features live music, custom car shows, dancing, kids events, and more beginning on Thursday, Aug 18

At 6 30 p m Thursday, is a Motorcycle Cruise Parade in downtown Pontiac Then the Silverdome Drive-in Classic Movies will feature *Grease* and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* at 9 p m Movie admission is \$20 per car On Friday, the downtown area



ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The 2003 the Dream Cruise was hit hard by thunderstorms but die-hard fans didn't budge from their spots on Woodward

hosts a Swap Meet Saturday the music, cruising and more continues

The 1970s band Ohio Players (*Fire*) performs at 8 p m Visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com for more details

ROYAL OAK

Events everywhere throughout downtown Royal Oak The Northwood Shopping Mall on Woodward features the Royal Oak Grand Nationals that includes one quarter scale

gas-powered race cars In Memorial Park, also on Woodward, is the Taste of Royal Oak, featuring tastings from Royal Oak restaurants There's also activities for kids

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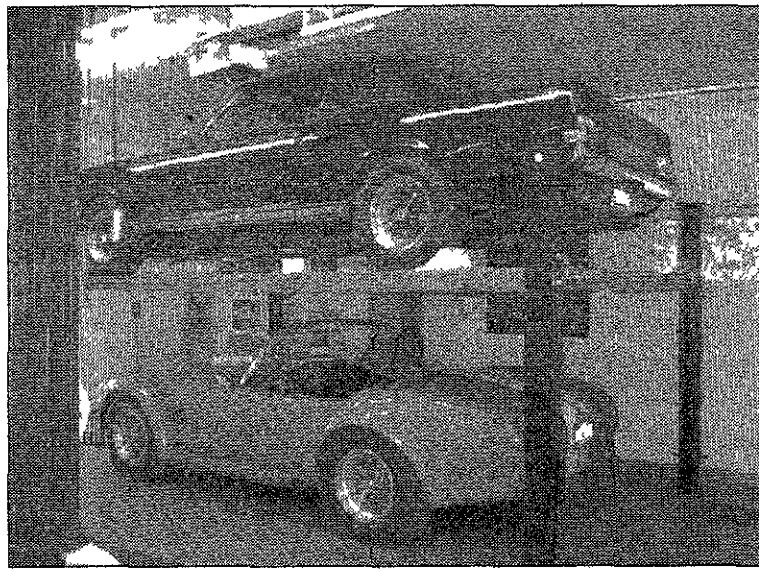
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Space is at a premium in Bill Wells garage so the Mustang hovers over the Cobra Wells has three choices for the Woodward Dream Cruise but will likely hit the boulevard in his 57 Thunderbird

Local man's love of horsepower never left

Fads and fashions come and go Some experience a brief resurgence and some become oddball amalgamations of their former self

But for people like Bill Wells of Bloomfield Township, cruising Woodward remains as natural an activity today as it was when he was a teenage kid

Dream Cruise

living in Berkley
 "We were always out there cruising We did the loop Ted's and the Totem Pole were the typical stopping points, Wells said Those stopping points are gone but the love of driving a hot set up

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ASC's new focus: Building the classics of tomorrow

Think ASC, and probably the first thing that comes to mind is rags-to-riches story of German immigrant Heinz Prechter, the man who introduced the sunroof to America.

Prechter was credited by *Newsweek* as the "civilian" most responsible for getting George W. Bush elected President in 2000. Prechter committed suicide in 2001, a victim of bipolar disease (manic-depression).

But ASC, which is an anchor sponsor of the inaugural Bloomfield Township Classic Car Show at this year's Woodward Dream Cruise, has come a long way since Prechter's death, and a long way from just sunroofs.

In 2004, the company began building all 42 major subassemblies for the Chevrolet SSR roadster-pickup, a vehicle ASC also helped design. Last year it also changed the definition of its company name to "American Specialty Cars," to better reflect its new focus toward designing, engineering and, if the business case calls for it, even producing entire niche

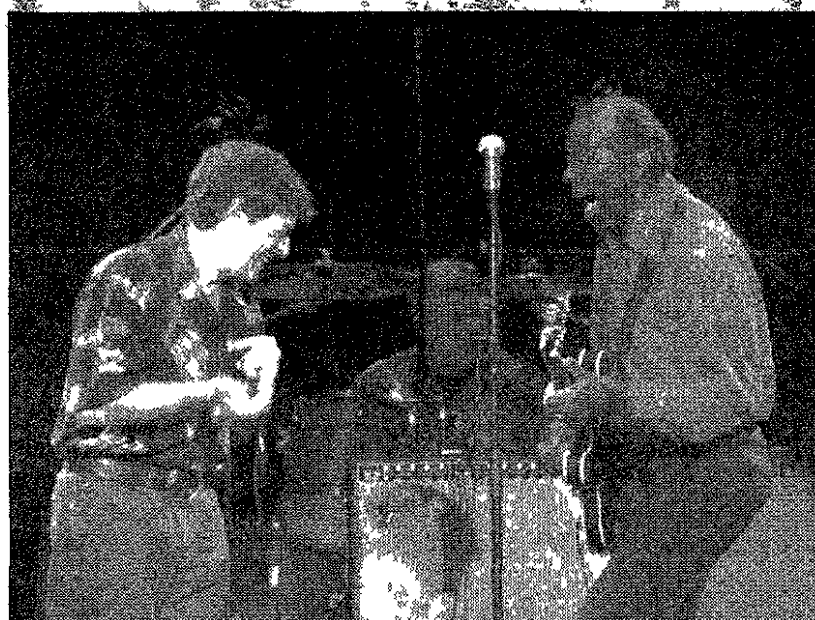
vehicles for automakers all over the world.

ASC must be doing something right. At the Detroit auto show in January its ASC Helios" prototype, what would be the first four-door convertible in the world in 40 years, stole the show, winning a coveted *Detroit News* Readers' Choice Award. ASC also won a gold Industrial Design Excellence Award last year for its work in helping design the SSR.

Then, in the spring of this year, *Motor Trend* magazine paid ASC perhaps the highest compliment of all, calling the company "America's Pininfarina," in reference to the Italian coachbuilding house famous for its design and production over many years of bodies for Ferrari among others.

In addition to underwriting the free public appearance of The Woolies at the Classic Car Show, ASC will also be celebrating its 40th anniversary with a private tent on the same premises for the

PLEASE SEE ACS, D15



Bob Baldori of the Woolies playing with Chuck Berry in 2004

The Woolies return

He was young and roaming Woodward Avenue in a '55 Chevy convertible but more than that, Bob Baldori had something else — a hit record.

Baldori was one of the members of the Woolies and in 1967, the then 20-year-old from Dearborn was living every young man's dream of watching his band's song *Who Do You Love* surpass the then-established Rolling Stones on the charts.

Baldori and several members of the original Woolies will return to Woodward Avenue to relive a part of their youth that never really went away as they perform at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Bloomfield Classic. The Bloomfield Classic is a juried car show at Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield Hills on Woodward just south of Quarton between 1-5 p.m., Aug. 20.

"My memory on some things after 40 plus years is a little vague but in terms of Woodward Avenue, that's definitely where we roamed," Baldori said. "We hit Ted's and all the usual haunts and our general purpose was looking for girls."

The Woolies started as most high school bands do but hit the big time when they won the Vox Best Band in the Land contest in 1966.

That trip netted the band a trip to Hollywood that summer where they went

door to door in search of a record deal.

The band chose Dunhill Records because one of its members, Baldori's younger brother, Jeff, was only 14 and needed to return to school. Dunhill promised to begin recordings immediately.

The following year, a twist of fate helped the Woolies when they by chance became the backup band for the legendary Chuck Berry.

Berry was playing at a local Lansing club called the Dells but was not satisfied with the backup band provided by the club.

The Woolies were in the audience and were asked to play with him. Today the group continues to tour with the 79-year-old Berry.

The Woolies ended up in East Lansing during the 1960s to attend Michigan State University.

The group's stature continued to grow after opening for the MC5 during the grand opening of Russ Gibbs' famed Grande Ballroom in Detroit in 1966.

Baldori also remembers playing with Frank Zappa at the MSU Union in a fund-raiser for the alternative newspaper *The Paper*. Like the Grateful Dead in San Francisco, the Woolies became the de facto house band for the growing student movement on campus.

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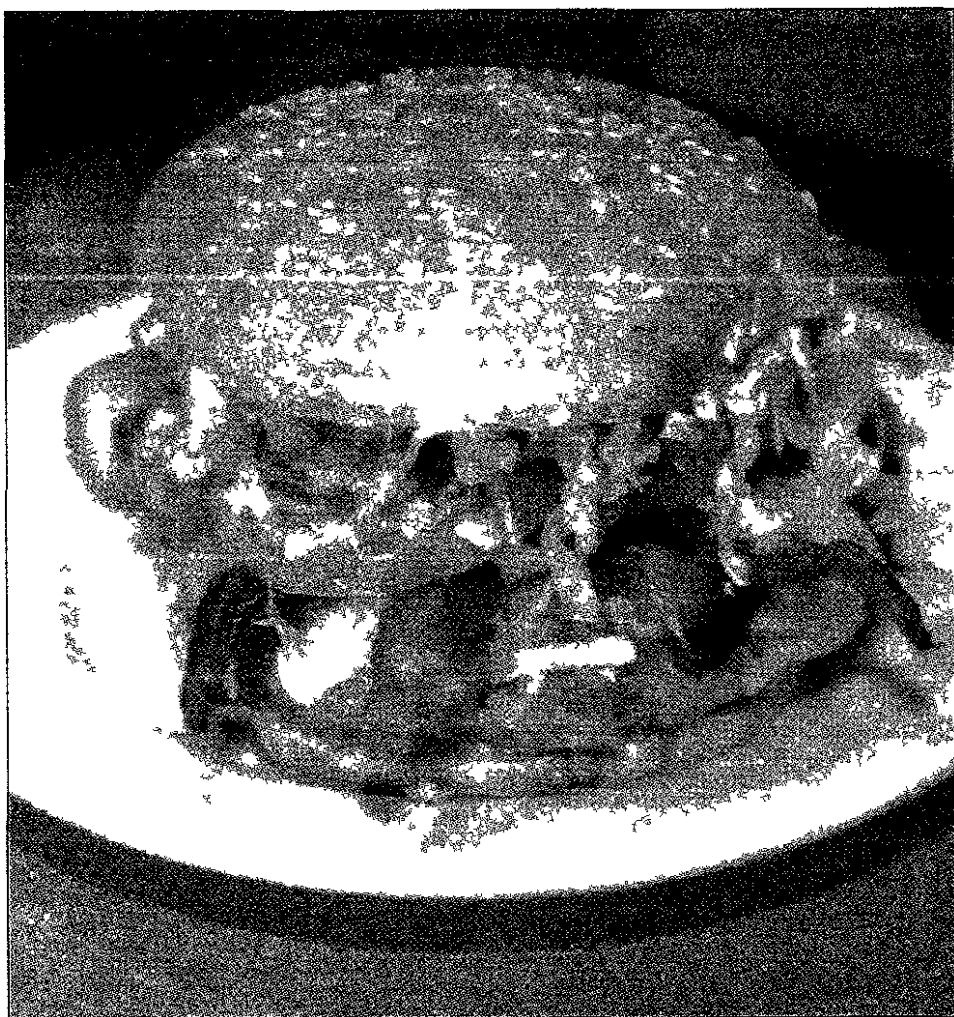
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BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

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Basically, Miller's is a bar and a 7-ounce burger (\$4.10) is the best bar food. Served on a plain bun, it comes with fries and onion rings but no lettuce or tomato ever!

People go to ROYAL OAK BREWERY for the brews but the half-pound Royal Oak Burger (\$6.95) on a corn Kaiser roll made by Knickerbocker Baking in Madison Heights gets high marks.

RETRO

In business for 53 years, HUNTER HOUSE is Birmingham's oldest restaurant and the oldest burger joint on Woodward Avenue between Detroit and Pontiac. Although four burger styles are sold, try the Double Cheeseburger (\$2.75) with sliced fresh daily Vidalia onions smashed onto the burger meat. Add catsup, mustard and pickles as desired.

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Painting the town



Artist creates drive-by mural

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

When you're cruising south on Woodward Avenue toward Nine Mile, keep your eyes open to more than vintage vehicles.

Yes, the Dream Cruise is a drive-by exhibit of classic, alternative and just plain old cars. But there's more to see than metal.

The City of Ferndale has commissioned the creation of drive-by art - a colorful, cartoon-oriented 12-foot by 50-foot mural - in honor of the 11th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise.

"The design is a '62 Shelby that's coming from downtown Detroit," said Daniel Cascardo, the Huntington

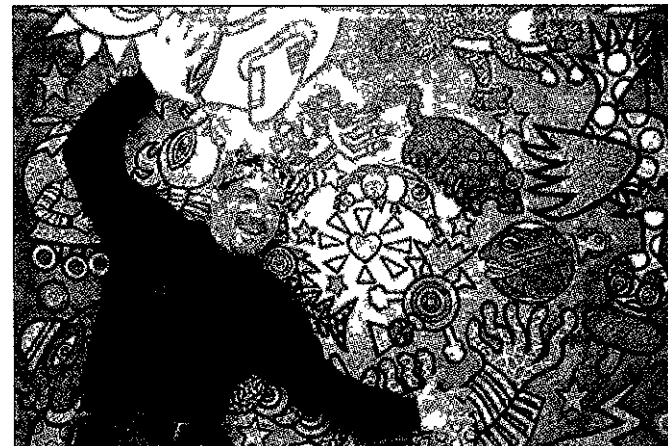


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Huntington Woods artist Daniel Cascardo will create a Woodward Dream Cruise mural visible along Woodward Avenue in Ferndale.

Woods artist hired to create the work. It will also have images of Ferndale and (the words) "Welcome to Ferndale, Where the Dream Began, 1994."

Cascardo, whose work is colorful,

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Returning for its seventh year, Summer Smash is a three-day music festival that not only showcases some of the best 'listen to these guys now!' talent, it also donates all proceeds to a local charity. See, problem solved!



Detroit's Lager House will host this year's festival every night at 9 for those 21 and up. Starting tonight you have six bands to choose from, showcasing a variety of music backgrounds. I'll be in line with my \$7 (nightly ticket price) to catch Javelins and Deadstring Brothers.

While I'm feeling good about myself for helping a charity at my local watering hole, I'm particularly excited to see one of my favorite area bands, the Avatars. These Ann Arbor kids take the Lager House stage on Saturday night, as do Tiny Steps and New Grenada.



Cross-promotional note: The boy second from left is like so totally going steady with the former writer of this column, who is not only an organizer of Summer Smash but also happens to be writing this photo cutline. The Deadstring Brothers play Thursday at the Lager House.

I know, I'm excited, too. Tickets are required for each night of concert magic, but remember, it's all going to support Gift of Life and COTS. The Lager House is located at 1254 Michigan Avenue. For more information, visit www.summersmash.org.

So you've accomplished your goal of supporting charities while rocking. Good. Now you're wondering how you can continue the rock, yet somehow be in a movie.

Again, I have the answer. Head down to the Magic Stick on Wednesday, Aug. 24 for a free concert with the Muggs and Hard Lessons. Can You Hear Me TV will be filming a concert to document the 'underground' music scene in major cities across the country and Detroit is one of the stops. Doors are 8 p.m. and filming begins at 8:30 p.m.

And the concerts continue...

Since I KNOW you'll be busy with Summer Smash all this weekend, let's look ahead to next week, shall we?

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HORSEPOWER

FROM PAGE D7

from Detroit down one of the most famous boulevards in the country remains alive and well in cruisers like Wells

As a teen in the '60s, Wells was fortunate to have access to muscle from two of Detroit's Big Three, Ford and General Motors

"My father worked for General Motors and my future father-in-law worked for Ford. So I had access to Corvettes, Cadillacs, GT-350 Mustangs, just about

anything hot or modified from the factory," Wells said

That love for big horsepower and American styling has not left Wells. Today three different cruise options await his mood, a 1965 Mustang convertible prepared to race specifications of an original Shelby, a 1957 Thunderbird and a 450-horsepower Cobra replica

"When I just want raw power it's the Cobra hands down," Wells said. "Like the original, that car goes fast and stops fast with no creature comforts. This isn't a car with a cup holder."

For a cruise with a bit of leisure mixed in with some neck snapping performance

the Mustang fits the bill

And for dates with his wife Sue, the '57 T-Bird gets the nod

That's the one she likes to ride in. The others are too strong and too loud. "The T-bird is just a nice, luxury, sport ride," Wells said. But Woodward today is about more than just muscle machines from the '60s. For some like Autometric Collision owner Larry Smith, cruising Woodward offers him a chance to let any of a number of the cars in his stable to get out on the road and stretch out

Smith's collection takes some space to list but it does include cars like a Concours quality 1936 Stout Scarab and a

1925 Bugatti. Each car can be considered a rolling work of art from both an engineering standpoint and for the boldness of their designs

For going fast, Smith typically chooses his 1967 Ferrari GTB

"That will do about 165 plus, although I know that only from reading old performance tests," Smith said

But even with price tags on some of these vehicles topping the annual salaries of many top executives, Smith makes sure the cars don't just collect dust

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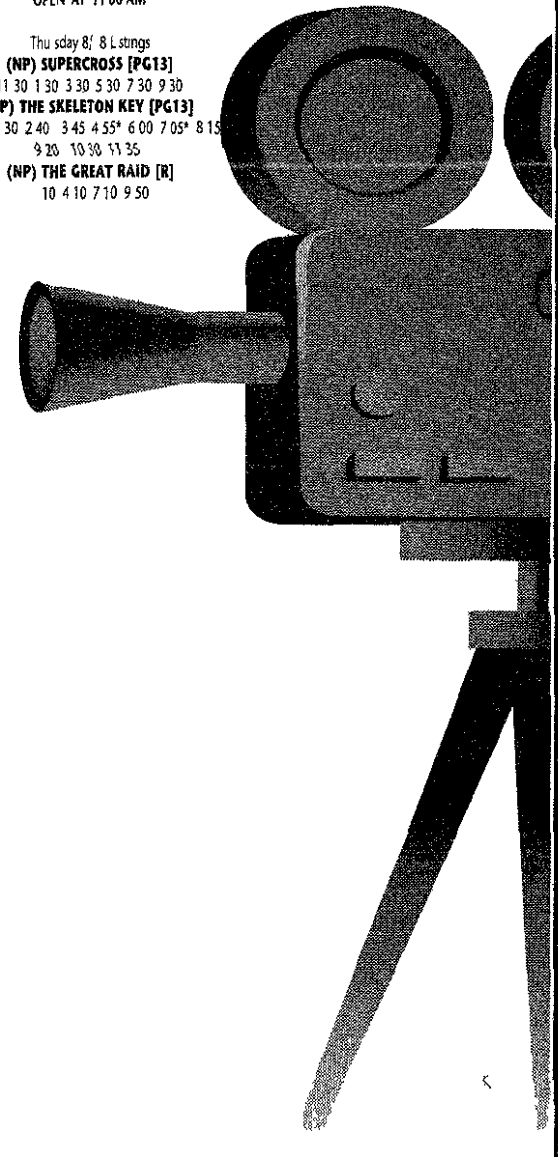
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ACS

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company's customers and its employees and their families. Next door to the tent will a display of several "landmark" ASC vehicles and concepts, including the Helios, the super-charged, carbon-fiber-from-the-beltline-up ASC "Diamondback" SSR, a 1995 Mitsubishi 3000GT Spyder (with the world's first modern retractable hardtop roof, produced by ASC), and a 1987 ASC/McLaren

Buick Grand National GXN (recently named one of the 100 Coolest Cars Ever" by *Car and Driver* magazine). 'ASC's vision is to help the world's automakers design and build the kind of vehicles that will win the Bloomfield Township Car Classic 20 to 30 years from now,' said company president and CEO Paul Wilbur, himself a resident of Bloomfield Township. 'I'm talking about cars that quicken the pulse the minute you see them, be they a hot new convertible, an all-new 'halo' car or even a utilitarian family vehicle suddenly made

exciting by the addition of strategic new body work. "You combine all that with ASC's 40th anniversary, and we think the Bloomfield Township Dream Cruise venue gives us a perfect setting to drive home - and celebrate - what the 'new ASC is all about. ASC, headquartered in Southgate and with six other facilities in the Detroit area, including an engineering office in Auburn Hills, also had another celebration recently: the marking of its millhonth convertible produced, on a Toyota Camry Solara

While the Beach Boys won't be playing, a host of other performances are scheduled on multiple stages. Face painters, tattoo artists, car games and other children's activities are set to take place in the park. There's a food tent, Good Humor vendor and, of course, plenty of Ford vintage and concept cars to see. A visit to Ford Cruisin' Legends makes for a nice break from the action on Woodward Avenue, as well, said Fannon. 'It allows you to walk off the hustle and bustle of Woodward, but still enjoy cars

TICKET

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really wanted to honor those great restorations and recognize the top vehicles,' she said. Most of cars exhibited come from Michigan, and Ford received more than 200 applicants. "It's cars, it's music, it's casual, it's great food wrapped up into one evening," Fannon said of the charity event, which last year raised \$100,000. As in the past, the venue opens to the public free of charge Saturday, Aug. 20, during the Dream Cruise

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A silver Prius hybrid vehicle cruises down Woodward Avenue

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Socially conscious cruisin'

Sierra Club promotes hybrid cars

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
 STAFF WRITER

Every year, the Woodward Dream Cruise gets bigger and more commercial – more corporate sponsors joining in to market brand names, more vendors hawkng T-shirts and automotive memorabilia, more cars driving by plastered in advertisements

But at least one group doesn't want to sell you on anything but a message

The Sierra Club is sponsoring a "Hybrid Cruise" within the mega-event on Saturday, Aug 20

"It was kind of a no-brainer, said Leigh Fifelski of the idea. 'It's just a great way to participate and get out our message. Instead of fighting all the cars there, we thought we'd join it'

The Hybrid Cruise kicks off with a press conference in the morning at the Birmingham Unitarian Church. Then, local hybrid vehicle owners will take to Woodward Avenue, parade-style, to show off their sleek, fuel-efficient automobiles

ADVOCACY AT CRUISE

What: Hybrid Cruise sponsored by the Sierra Club

When: Saturday Aug 20 press conference 9:45 a.m. hybrid vehicle parade joins the cruise 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Starts at Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 Woodward (north of Lone Pine Road) with cars looping south to 11 Mile and back

Information: To participate with your hybrid vehicle or for additional details call (248) 435-5277 or visit www.sierraclub.org/community/oakland

About 20 hybrid cars are expected to participate, and anybody interested in joining may do so until Saturday

Each participating hybrid – the Prius, Honda and Ford Explorer are all represented – will bear a sign detailing its mileage rate

The assembly of hybrids will turn around at 11 Mile and make the loop back to the Birmingham Unitarian Church until about 1 p.m.

Along the way, drivers plan to stop, pass out literature and talk with Cruise watchers about hybrid car technology and the environment

ART

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vibrant and fantastical, has already begun the groundwork for the project. He won't complete the mural until the day of the Dream Cruise (Saturday), so cruisers and sidewalk observers alike can witness the project's finishing touches

"I am so happy to have been chosen, and I hope people will come down and take a look at it," said Cascardo, a graduate of College of Creative Studies in Detroit. Cascardo's work has been shown in more than 80 exhibitions, including a 600-square-foot mural in Chicago's Lakeview East business district

The Ferndale mural will have a distinc-

DRIVE-BY ART

What: Painting of Woodward Dream Cruise mural by artist Daniel Cascardo

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday Aug 20

Where: Corner of 9 Mile and Woodward Avenue

Information: Visit www.downtownferndale.com

tively nostalgic feeling and require about 40 hours of work with assistants

The mural, done with acrylic paint, should last about five years, depending on the weather, making for a yearlong tribute to the Motor City and the Dream Cruise

"It's a win-win for everybody involved, said Cascardo. "It's good for the artist because it gets your work out there. And it's done for the city and the people."

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(Aug 18 20)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You'll be especially forthright when it comes to putting your opinions and ideas into words during the weekend's Full Moon Dream Cruise and not everyone will enjoy the things you have to say. But since when has pleasing others been at the top of your agenda? Open mouth, floor the accelerator.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

It's important that you hold out for what you're truly worth. Bull! If others get the impression that you can be bargained down at work or home, you'll end up with a lot less than you deserve. Be prepared to walk away from the negotiating table and stand your guns!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

For someone who has the reputation for being open-minded and ahead of your time, you appear to be strangely caught up in the past at the moment, unable to disentangle yourself from the situations that have lost their appeal. This weekend's Full Moon marks the start of a whole new beginning.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Whatever your grievances about the way you are currently undervalued or taken for granted, on no account call attention to yourself by throwing a tantrum—especially at work! There is more going on than meets the eye, and by mid-September you'll be in a position to call the shots.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Your hopes and confidence have rarely been higher, but they will go higher in the days following tonight's Full Moon when someone in authority praises you. Recognition has been a long time coming, but now that it's on the horizon, milk it for everything it's worth. Lion!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

There seems to be no point in complaining that those you once trusted have taken advantage of you. Better by far to cut your losses and call it a day. Because in the days following the Sun's re-entry to your sign on Monday will put you in touch with those who are totally trustworthy.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Good news is coming from afar in the days ahead. Balancer! However, keep your plans to yourself (especially travel plans) as you won't get the chance to do anything about them until next month or around your birthday. Guard your ideas and itinerary and double-check the details.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Get off it, grumpy! If you can't get rid of your frown now, at least stand on your head so it looks like a smile. Nothing positive will come your way if you give the impression that you expect the worst. Change your attitude and change your life, starting today. Scorpio!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Lighten up, Archer! Why does life have to be so complicated? What happened to the days when everything was simple? If you really want to answer those questions, you must first answer another: Is life really more complex or is it just you? Maybe you've allowed your mind to become muddled.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You are far too adept at understanding other people's viewpoints to take umbrage over what it probably is an insignificant sight or affront. Your best course of action is to do nothing for the time being. Forgive at this time, even though it's hard for an earth sign like you to forget.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Make a concerted effort to remain positive despite increasing demands on your time and energy. WaterBearer! What appears to be a tiresome chore should turn out to be the beginning of a new and fulfilling project. What you are about to learn will make the difference between success and failure.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Perk up, Fish! Aim high this Full Moon weekend; you have many things going for you now, but you're letting yourself down because you don't believe in yourself. Don't let past or recent failures color your thinking. You're wiser today. Your good deeds are returning.

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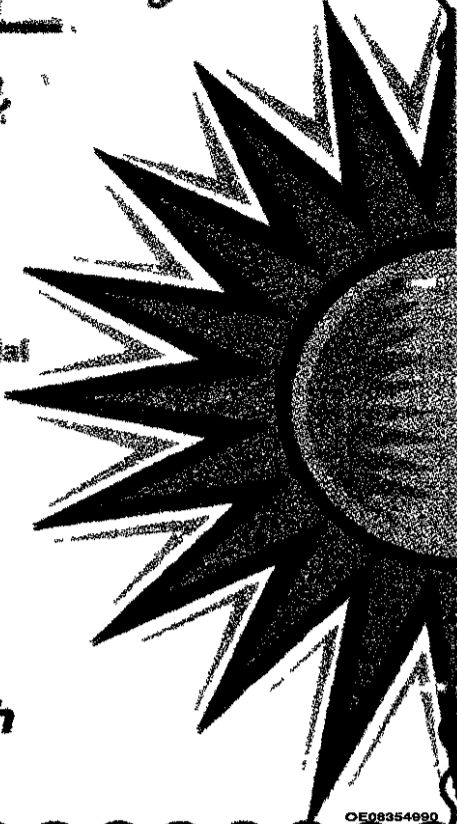
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In iPod We Trust opens 8 p.m. Thursday Aug 18 continues thereafter 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday 7 p.m. 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday and 8 p.m. Sunday \$15 20 42705 Grand River Avenue Novi (248) 348 4448

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Stand up 314 East Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 996 9080 www.aacomedy.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomey.com

FESTIVALS

Final Cruise registration

In a convenient drive thru format registrants receive official rearview mirror hang tag and trophy/prize eligibility 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Royal Oak Ford 27550 Woodward Avenue Royal Oak \$25 visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

2005 Michigan State Fair

Through Aug 21 fair hours 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. midway hours weekdays 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. to midnight Friday concerts are at 8 p.m. and other nightly concerts start at 7 p.m. Michigan State Fairgrounds Woodward at 8 Mile Adults \$9 kids age 2 11 \$4 children under age 2 free parking is \$5 most concerts are free call (313) 369 8250 or visit www.michiganstatefair.com

Festivals at the Zoo

Native American Festival Oct 8 9 all feature entertainment ethnic food and arts and crafts Detroit Zoo 10 Mile Road and Woodward just off I 696 Royal Oak admission \$7.11 parking \$5.8 (248) 398 0900 visit www.detroitzoo.org

FILM

Fox Theatre

The Detroit premiere of the motion picture *Seat Filler* romantic comedy with Kelly Rowland Shemar Moore and Duane Martin with comedy pre show 7 30 p.m. Saturday Aug 20 \$18 25 (248) 433 1515

Michigan Theater

Summer Classic Film Series classic movies running through Sept 6 shows are 3 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday 603 E. Liberty Ann Arbor \$6 \$8 \$0 free to U.S. veterans Labor Day weekend for film schedule call (734) 668 TIME or visit www.michtheater.org

Free flicks

Great Lakes Crossing Star Theatres offers free movies to kids 12 and under every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Movies include Aug 10 *Clifford's Really Big Movie* Aug 17 *Loews Wild Card Week* Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/kidsfilmseries

FOLK, POP & ROCK

Royal Oak Music Theater

ABC and The English Beat 7 30 p.m. Sept. 7 \$22 all ages show 318 West Fourth Street Royal Oak call (248) 399 2980

Bloc Party w/The Kills

Royal Oak Music Theater 8 p.m. Sept 13 318 West Fourth Street Royal Oak \$23 all ages show call (248) 399 2980

Gem Theatre

Nadir Distorted Soul on outdoor patio 5 8 p.m. Thursday Aug 18 concert series continues through Aug 25 333 Madison Avenue Detroit one drink minimum (313) 963 9800 or www.gemtheatre.com

Wild Summer Nights

Concert series at the Detroit Zoo Slated

Jody Raffoul (Acoustic Rock) Aug 24 James Coffey (Children's) Aug 31 All performances 6 30 8 p.m. located at 10 Mile Road and Woodward just off I 696 Royal Oak admission \$7.11 parking \$5.8 (248) 398 0900 visit www.detroitzoo.org

JAZZ

Jazz on the Lake

Wine food and smooth jazz Sunday Sept 11 grounds of Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools Orchard Lake Road at Commerce Orchard Lake opens at 2 p.m. Alexander Zonjic & Friends with special guests Jeff Lorber and Warren Hill at 4 p.m. for information visit www.zonjic.com

Flint Jazz Festival

Three days of local regional and national artists Friday Aug 19 through Sunday Aug 21 starts at 5 p.m. all nights Kearsley Park Robert T. Longway Boulevard near Mott Community College (810) 238 ARTS

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

From 8 11 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at Marge's Bar 15300 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Park Tom Saunders and his Detroit All Stars perform Also 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Dakota Inn 17235 John R. Detroit Mike Montgomery and Kerry Price perform Every Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at La Dolce Vita 17546 Woodward Ave. north of Six Mile the Gypsy Strings of Detroit perform

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

"Nightmare Cruise"

First Annual Nightmare Cruise with prizes for cars in the worst shape 1 p.m. Saturday Aug 20 Depot Town area in Ypsilanti for information visit www.ypsiantheritagefestival.com

2005 Fash Bash

Featuring Brazilian designer Carlos Miele 6 30 p.m. Saturday Aug 27 General Motors Wintergarden tickets start at \$125 (313) 833 6954 or www.foundersjuniorcouncil.org

Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection an exhibit of Supremes costumes through Feb 12 5401 Woodward Detroit admission is \$3 \$5 (313) 833 1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

Crafters sought

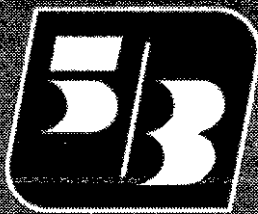
19th annual juried show for Delta Kappa Gamma Saturday Oct 15 at West Middle School 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth Call (734) 844 1707 or e-mail theways@comcast.net

Campus Martius Park

Live entertainment in the park lunchtime series 11 30 a.m. to 1 30 p.m. Monday Friday Smooth Jazz V98 series noon to 1 30 p.m. Wednesdays Hard Rock Cafe series 6 p.m. Thursdays Ford Sounds of Detroit series 5 30 p.m. Fridays 800 Woodward between Fort and Michigan Avenue (313) 962 0101 visit www.cam pusmartiuspark.org

Cruisin' Woodward Summer Series

Lectures about roadside culture led by an historian The Design of the American Roadside Aug 24 Detroit Historical Museum 5401 Woodward Detroit and The American Diner Sept 21 Duggan's Irish Pub 31501 Woodward Royal Oak all run 6 30 8 p.m. \$15 (248) 288 2004 or www.woodwarddreamcruise.com



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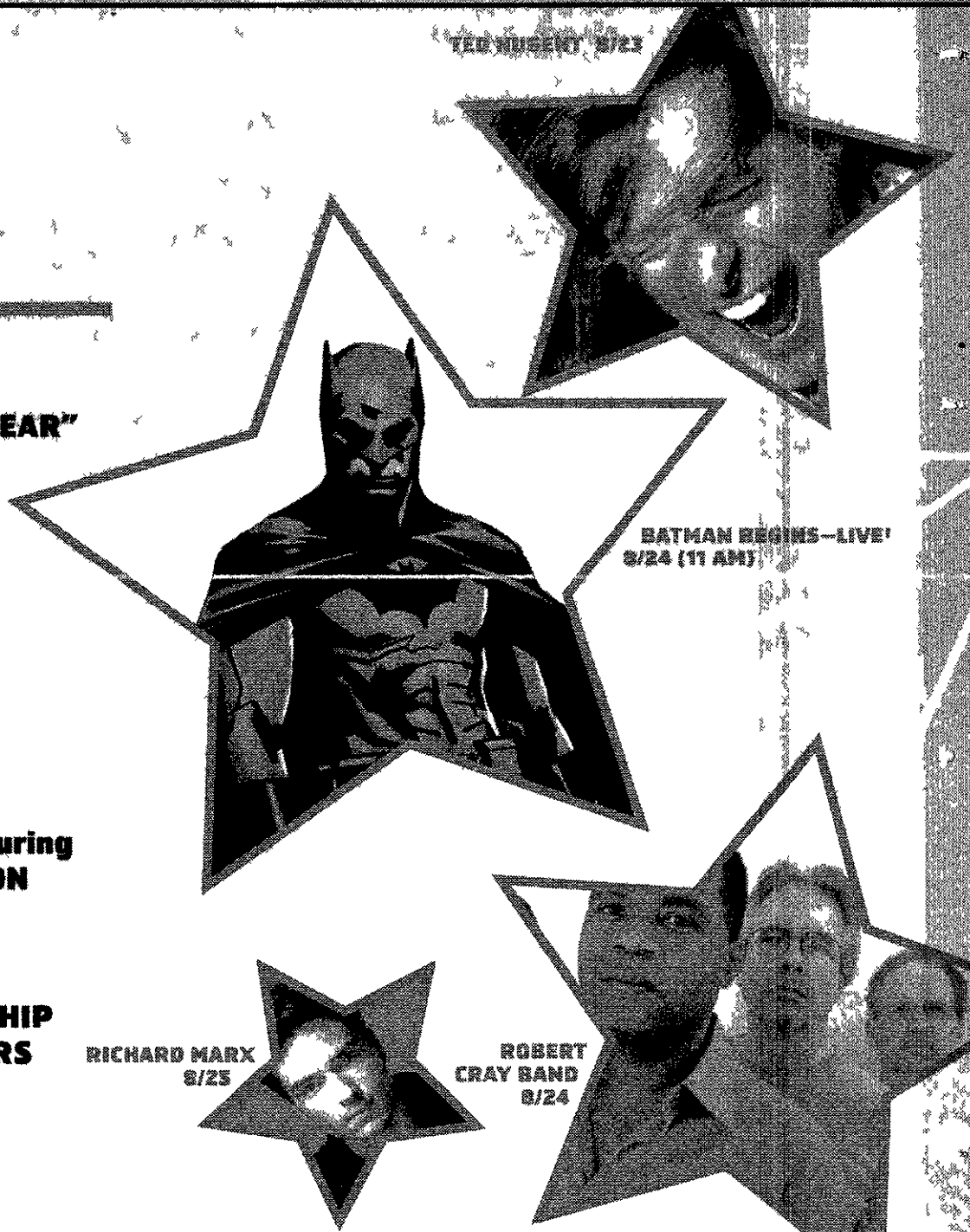
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