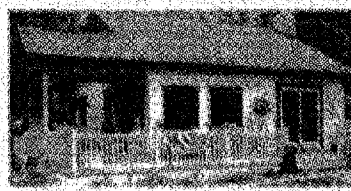


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Circus act

Laura Mahnken and 2-year-old twins Lily and Sophia watched the early morning circus activities as the Kelly Miller Bros. Circus came to Central Middle School as a fund-raiser for the Plymouth Lions. The circus put on two performances Wednesday afternoon.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grant hike means millions

Raise, student influx bring district more cash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will receive a \$210 per pupil state foundation grant increase beginning Oct. 1, the result of Gov. Jennifer Granholm signing the K-12 budget bill Tuesday afternoon.

School districts now will get at least \$7,085 per pupil, with some districts getting more than \$11,000 for each child. Plymouth-Canton will receive \$7,410 per student.

The amount of the increase came as somewhat a surprise to Plymouth-Canton school officials, who were expecting more than what was approved by legislators. The district, in its 2006-07 budget projections, penciled in an increase of \$225 per student.

"At the time we put the budget together, the business folks and lobbyists had been saying we would get \$230 per student, so we budgeted \$225," said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services. "I don't think anybody thought it would come in below that, and there was no indication in the House and Senate fiscal hearings that it would. Things happened after that."

The \$210 boost will result in an increase of \$3.9 million of new revenue for the district, which Brand says is about \$278,000 less than projected in this fiscal year's budget.

"When we're as tight as we are, it could post a challenge," Brand said. "However, at year end (June

30), I think we'll be in decent shape and better than what the board was projecting.

"I don't think \$278,000 on a \$150-million budget will be an issue," she said. "That's not even one-tenth of 1 percent. I think most entities would be pleased with revenues within that."

The district projected a \$4.4 million budget shortfall for this school year, and officials are hoping that an increased enrollment in the range of 400 students - which would bring in an additional \$2.2 million - plus the increase in state funding will erase some of the deficit.

"Our expenditures were projected to go up \$5.1 million, but we made program and budget reductions in the amount of \$2 million this year," Brand said.

Under the education bill, school districts with declining enrollment will receive an additional \$23 per student to help close the gap in funding. However, Judy Mardigian, Plymouth-Canton school board vice president, said the legislature needs to address additional funding for school districts that have increasing enrollment.

"I find it interesting the state can find supplemental funding for districts with declining enrollment, but we have growing enrollment and we are funded very inequitably compared to other districts," Mardigian said. "Addressing this issue needs to be done."

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Meals on Wheels seeking volunteers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When 67-year-old John Morrissey of Plymouth had an operation in January to correct congestive heart failure, one of his main concerns - besides recovery - was how he was going to be able to live on his own for several months.

"I don't have any relatives around, I could barely walk from one room to another and I couldn't drive for three months," Morrissey said.

Fortunately for Morrissey, the Meals on Wheels program helped make certain he was able to get a daily nutritious meal, something which had been in doubt after his operation.

"It was nutritional, and low sodium, which is just what I needed," he said.

"There are a lot of people a lot worse off than I am who really need it."

While Morrissey said he'll be back on his own soon, there are others who need the Meals on Wheels program on a more permanent basis. Betty Hesselgrave, who runs the Meals on Wheels program out of Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth, said the group prepares and delivers about 55 meals a day.

"I feel I'm helping to keep people in their homes instead of having to go into assisted living," said Hesselgrave, 79, who has run been with Meals on Wheels for 32 years, including 12 in Plymouth. "Sometimes our



Betty Hesselgrave fills trays with the hot meal of the day. Sally Dauderman places lids on the trays and seals them for transport.

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driver is the only person the client sees all day, and I know it makes the drivers feel they're doing something worthwhile."

Hesselgrave said the main parameter for participating in the Meals on Wheels program is being at least 60 years old, or married to someone who is 60 and in need.

Thirty-four Wayne County communities participate in the Meals on Wheels program, which is federally funded through the county's Senior Alliance program.



PLEASE SEE MEALS, A5 Volunteer driver Terry Koetting makes a delivery to client John Morrissey.



Officials say Workman Elementary, located at Cherry Hill and Denton, is set to be up and ready on time for the start of the 2006-07 school year.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Staff 'pumped up' as Workman gets ready

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Jim Burt sat in his temporary office at Dodson Elementary Tuesday, planning where to paint lines on the blacktop at his new school, Workman Elementary, so kids will know where to line up in the mornings.

"There's a million-and-one

details," said Burt. "My goal is to make sure that from day one teachers and kids know routines and procedures. I don't want kids to be confused on the first day of school."

Burt, 56, has been a teacher and administrator in the Plymouth-Canton district for 34

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Coming Sunday in Health



School is about to begin and it's time for children to get their vaccinations. Learn what you need to know.

Local band appears

Music lovers who haven't caught up with Phoenix, the local band made up of Plymouth-Canton musicians...

p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, when the theater opens with a moonwalk and games. The movies - Barnyard: The Original Party Animals and Monster House...

Crafters needed

Crafters & Vendors are needed for The Plymouth Salvation Army's Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 14.

The fair runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to rent an eight-foot table is \$25. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9.

The exchange is open to everyone; bring a healthy plant, take a healthy plant. The club will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park...

Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

YMCA movie day

Community members can enjoy a night of fun with their families and help send a kid to camp as the YMCA hosts a double feature of family friendly films...

Car wash for vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will host a car wash on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The owner, Paul Berry, donates all the cash proceeds to the chapter that will wash and dry your car this day.

'Bee'-ing careful

Maybury Farm hosts bee demonstrations 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19-20. The demonstrations are designed to teach everything there is to know about bees...

Hayrides are also available on weekends or for groups pre-registered throughout the week. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Old-Timers picnic

The annual Plymouth Old-Timers Picnic takes place noon Thursday, Aug. 24 in the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park.

A catered meal will be provided for \$8 per person. Long-time residents of the community should plan on attending! For more information or to make a reservation, call Richard Sharland, (734) 453-4666.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Plymouth Senior Fest Picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Waterford Bend Park at 6 Mile and Northville Road.

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale (formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus) has the new 2007 Entertainment Books and is selling them to support their charitable and educational activities.

The book contains 2-for-1 and 50-percent-off deals for restaurants, entertainment, hotels, sporting events, plane fares, car rental, etc. Retail price is \$25; however, the chorale is offering them for \$20.

The books will be delivered, and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6289.

Craft show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail...

For more information, call (734) 254-0849.

Me and My Shadow

Young children and their grown-ups are invited to "Me & My Shadow" parent and young child classes at New Morning School.

New Morning School's "Me & My Shadow" classes provide one-on-one time for parents and children and encourage children to take their first steps toward socializing with their peers.

Twelve-week sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. begin Sept. 11 and Sept. 13. Cost is \$102 for the entire session. To enroll, call (734) 420-3331 or download the registration form at www.newmorningschool.com/shadow.htm.

Victorian festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the 18th annual Northville Victorian Festival Sept. 15-17, taking the community back to the "romance of the 1800s amid Northville's historic homes and tree-lined streets."

The festival starts with a kick-off parade at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and, for the next two days, the streets will be closed to automobile traffic as townspeople, artists and business owners turn back the clock.

p.m. Sept. 15; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 16; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17.

For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Fashion show

Bella Mia hosts its annual Fall Fashion Show at E.G. Nicks 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Cost for the event is \$23, which includes lunch, the fashion show and prizes. Tickets can be ordered with Visa or MasterCard by calling (734) 656-0057...

E.G. Nicks is located at 500 Forest. For more information, call (734) 656-0057.

School supplies

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive."

Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs.

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

American Legion sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having its annual Rummage and Bake Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 17-19 at the IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

Friends of Miller Woods

The Friends of Miller Woods are looking for new members to help build an organization committed to preserving and protecting Miller Woods for future generations.

Dues are \$25 for an individual...

Happy Hounds Dog Day Care advertisement featuring Anabelle, listing services like dog obedience classes and daycare.

BARNETT Roofing and Siding Inc. advertisement listing residential and commercial services.

Physical Therapy UPDATE advertisement featuring Hands On Center and listing therapists.

PIAZZA dance company advertisement promoting dance education and offering a \$10.00 discount.

Plymouth Observer newspaper contact information including how to reach staff members.

Water heater advertisement with the headline "Where Is the Water Heater on the Space Shuttle?"

Circulation Business Hours/Subscription Rates table and postal requirements for the Plymouth Observer.

Once Upon a Child Grab Bag Event advertisement for Saturday, August 19, 2006.

Water heater advertisement continuing with benefits and contact information for Rooter, MD.

Census figures: Canton is growing larger, more diverse

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's not a new story, and it wasn't a surprise when the mid-decade census figures were released Tuesday. Again, Canton showed faster growth than anywhere else in the state during the last five years, growing at a rate more than 10 times the state's total population.

Canton's 2005 population was 90,501, compared to 76,310 in 2000, representing a 19-percent increase.

The mid-decade census is helpful, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"In our case, though, I think they missed the numbers," he said, adding that he thinks Canton's population is closer to 86,500 than it is to 90,000. He said he based his opinion on figures from the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

"SEMCOG has proven its ability to collect data over the years, and their estimates say we're smaller than the Census Bureau says we are," Yack said.

Still, if the census figures are errant, there's no harm to Canton.

Yack said there's no doubt that the township is growing, even if the population hasn't topped 90,000.

"We're growing now for the same reasons we were growing during the building boom we were having up until last year," he said. "The same elements are at work. There's a quality of life issue.

We have good schools and excellent leisure services, a safe community. If you have the ability to select where you live, Canton offers a lot of reasons to live here."

And he swears there are plenty of housing options.

"It's going to sound odd, but you can get a starter home in Canton for \$200,000 and work your way up from there," Yack said.

The population has also grown increasingly diverse in recent years.

Nearly 15,000 residents reported they are foreign born, and nearly half — 7,638 — are naturalized citizens.

The number of Canton residents who described themselves as white in the 2005 census was 69,147, or 76.4 percent of the township's population (compared to 74.7 percent nationwide). In 2000, there were 64,045 white residents, accounting for 83.9 percent of Canton's population.

The fastest growing ethnic group are Asian residents, who now number 13,162, or 14.5 percent of Canton's population (compared to 4.3 percent nationwide). In 2000, there were 6,664 Asian residents in Canton, accounting for 8.7 percent of the population. The increase represents a doubling of the number of Asian residents.

The African American population also grew rapidly, from 3,466 (4.5 percent of Canton's population) in 2000, to 6,653 (7.4 percent)

in 2005, representing an 84-percent increase.

"Because of the automotive industry, and the strength of Ford and Visteon, there are a lot of technical jobs here, which attract workers from India and Asia and the Middle East. Those are cultures which place a high value on education, so naturally when employees go to work for the Big Three, they find their way to Canton when they're looking for somewhere to live," Yack said.

It's a trend that once started, grows, Yack said.

"It's not uncommon for people of other cultures to seek out and gravitate toward communities where there are others who share their culture," he said. "We have a mosque and two Hindu temples, so there is a strong eastern community here."

Canton's grown older, as well. The median age in 2000 was 33.4. Five years later, it was 35.3 years old. The number of senior citizens has also grown from 4,531 in 2000 to 6,236 in 2005.

The population of people under the age of 5 grew from 6,715 in 2000 to 8,503 in 2005.

In the 12 months leading up to the 2005 census, 1,850 babies were born to Canton mothers, and of those, 566 were born to unmarried mothers, according to census data.

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Helping drive boyhood dream Plymouth Dodge dealer sponsors NASCAR team

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Auggie Vidovich was a youngster, he spent a lot of time grading and setting concrete forms for his dad, who was in the construction business.

Now, Vidovich is living a boyhood dream as a NASCAR driver, and he's getting some local help for this weekend's race at Michigan International Speedway. Plymouth dealer Dick Scott Automotive Group is one of Vidovich's sponsors for the Michigan race.

"It was kind of a friend-of-a-friend deal, someone talked to us and we decided to do it," director of dealership operations Nicole Scott said. "It's a real good thing for us. Dodge is big into NASCAR and it goes hand-in-hand with what we're doing here."

Vidovich earned the 2003 NASCAR Elite Division Featherlite Southwest Series championship and, despite a limited 2004 schedule, led the Southwest series in laps in the lead and was second in series points.

He won from the pole in a Southwest Series race in California, then got a chance to fill in for NASCAR driver



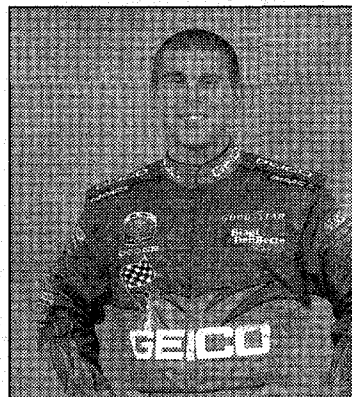
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Tony Covitz and grandson Stephen Kovitz check out the NASCAR Dodge at Dick Scott Dodge Wednesday. Driver Auggie Vidovich spent a few hours Wednesday signing autographs.

Mark Martin of Roush Racing. He was later signed to drive full time for Biagi DenBeste Racing in the #4 GEICO car.

Vidovich, who starts in his eighth race of the year this weekend, was in Plymouth Wednesday to sign autographs.

"It's an awesome opportunity," Vidovich said. "I like being around people, and anything I can do to help the team and help the sport is great."



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Bombs over Baghdad

Churchill grad tests weapons used in war

BY MICHAEL TOLZMANN
CORRESPONDENT

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Long before al-Zarqawi became a household name in America, Air Force men and women here were developing specialized ways to attack terrorists and their infrastructure. High-tech bombs with precision pin-point accuracy are developed and tested here at the Air Force's main armament center.

Air Force Maj. David J. Winebrener, son of Jim and Jean Winebrener of Plymouth, understands the importance of advanced technology in fighting terrorists. Winebrener and thousands of others are combining their efforts to help America's Global War on Terror.

"I'm the chief of the

'We test new weapons and modifications to existing weapons. We plan, execute and report on primarily air-to-ground weapons.'

Maj. David J. Winebrener
Livonia Churchill graduate

Airborne Test Branch at the 780th Test Squadron/Air to Surface Test Flight," said Winebrener, a 1991 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and a 1996 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. "We test new weapons and modifications to existing weapons. We plan, execute and report on primarily air-to-ground weapons."

The bombs that recently killed terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq, and the technology behind these bombs, were fielded at the center first. U.S. Air Force F-16 and F-15 fighter airplanes fill the skies here with bombs strapped-on that are dropped onto exact targets with the help of laser guidance or internal smart-bomb navigation assisted by Global Positioning Systems, or GPS, the same system automakers install in many vehicles today. Much of this precision bomb technology is designed for not only accuracy, but to reduce collateral damage and excessive loss of life.

Winebrener's personal involvement here makes him well suited for supporting the Air Force efforts in fighting the Global War on Terror.

"I've been testing the latest upgrades and conduct lot-acceptance tests for the Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM), and test laser-guided bombs and several other weapons," he said.

Winebrener's personal Air Force background is comprehensive.

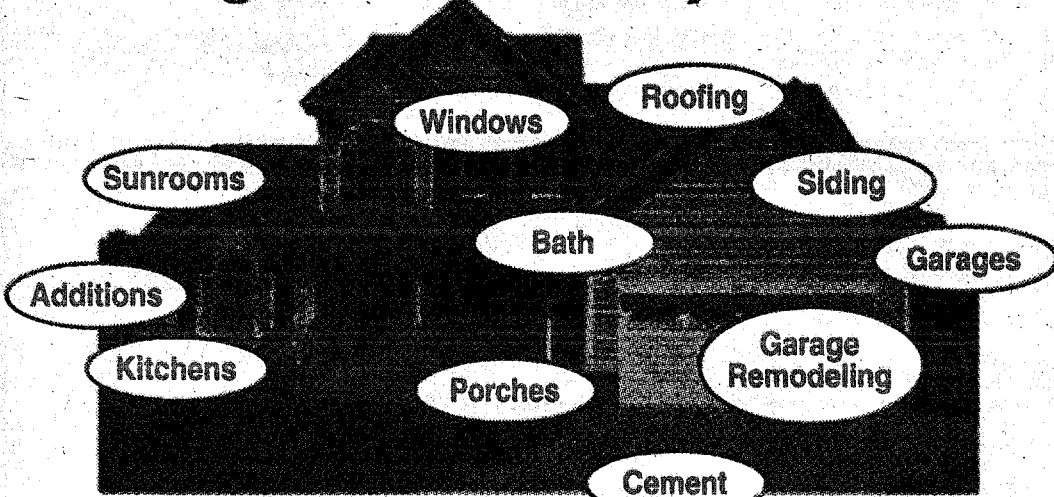
"I've been in the Air Force for 10 years. I'm a test pilot school graduate and an Air Force engineer," Winebrener said.

As engineers crunch physics equations in the development labs, and pilots scream over the base's airspace dropping bombs that can find small targets with little human help, Americans can sleep well knowing people like Winebrener are helping make our fight against terrorists like al-Zarqawi a little easier.



Air Force Maj. David J. Winebrener, son of Jim and Jean Winebrener of Plymouth and a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, is the chief of the Airborne Test Branch at the 780th Test Squadron/Air to Surface Test Flight at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

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Dance companies audition 'Nutcracker'

The Metro Shores Ballet and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company announced open auditions for the 2006 dance season and are inviting all dancers, but especially boys, to audition for positions with the companies.

Selected dancers are expected to continue a course of study at their current dance school. Rehearsals are scheduled to minimize conflicts with fall dance programs, officials said.

Dancers will be cast for the 2006 *Nutcracker* Ballet performances. The Metro Shores Ballet performances are scheduled for December 1-3. Metro Shores rehearsals will be held on Saturdays.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet performances will be December 8-10 with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Plymouth-Canton rehearsals are held on Sundays beginning in

September.

Dancers will be adjudicated in a Ballet Master Class. The classes will be taught by Dawnell Dryja and Alexey Kulpin, professional dancers with the Grand Rapids Ballet. The Metro Shores auditions will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Grosse Ile Academy of Dance, 8205 Macomb Street, in Grosse Ile.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet auditions will be held at Sunday, Aug. 27, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 4202 Koppernick, Suite 200 in Canton.

Each day dancers will be divided by age: Ages 7-9, noon-1 p.m.; Ages 10-12, 1-2 p.m.; and ages 13-adult, 2-3:30 p.m.

Female dancers must wear ballet shoes, a solid color leotard, pink tights and have their hair in a bun. Older dancers should bring pointe

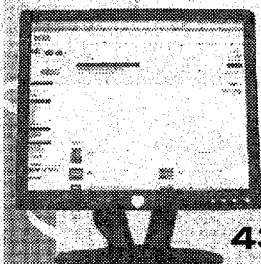
shoes. Boys should wear black tights, white T-shirt and ballet shoes. All dancers must bring a picture and a resume. There is a \$5 audition fee per dancer.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Metro Shores Ballet are affiliated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations under the direction of Dawn Greene. The PCBC was founded in 1989 and the MSB in 1996. The companies have been formed as an educational alternative for dance students in the Metro Detroit area who are interested in the performance of ballet. Also, the Company offers local communities a high quality artistic experience for performers and audiences through dance productions.

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PCAC offers auditions with a twist

The Plymouth Community Arts Council holds open auditions for children ages 6-14 for the Plymouth Uptown Players fall production with a bit of a twist: The play to be performed will not be chosen until after auditions so that Sharon Belobraidich, the director, can choose the best play according to the strengths of the group.



Katherine Potter (from left), Rivers Smyth, Alyssa Knight, Hannah Liabenow and Christina Gonzalez perform at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's visual arts camp in July. The PCAC is holding open auditions for children ages 6-14 for the Plymouth Uptown Players fall production.

Auditions will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Sept. 6-7 at the Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. The auditions are free of charge, no special preparation is required and there's no need to register in advance. The children should plan to choose one day and stay for the entire "workshop." All children who audition will receive a part. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings and run through the opening of the play Dec. 1. The performance fee is \$130 for PCAC members, with half due at

the time a part is accepted. The cast will then take the play "on tour" into the local schools for the two weeks following the performances at the Arts Council, usually performing two to three times over a two week period.

A "Teen" production will be available for older students who would rather perform with a more mature cast or who cannot "tour" into the schools. Depending on the number of aspiring actors

who audition, the PCAC may offer a play to the youngest actors that will not tour.

Auditions for all casts will be at the same time with rehearsals on Sundays as well.

PCAC officials said an additional production with rehearsals on a week night could be offered. Anyone interested in such a production should provide feedback to PCAC officials.

For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Car show and cruise return to Hines Park

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The focus may be on Woodward Avenue and this weekend's Woodward Dream Cruise, but Joseph Langa is looking to Hines Park, where the Rolling Thunder Car Club will host the Hines Park Car Show and Cruise on Saturday, Aug. 26.

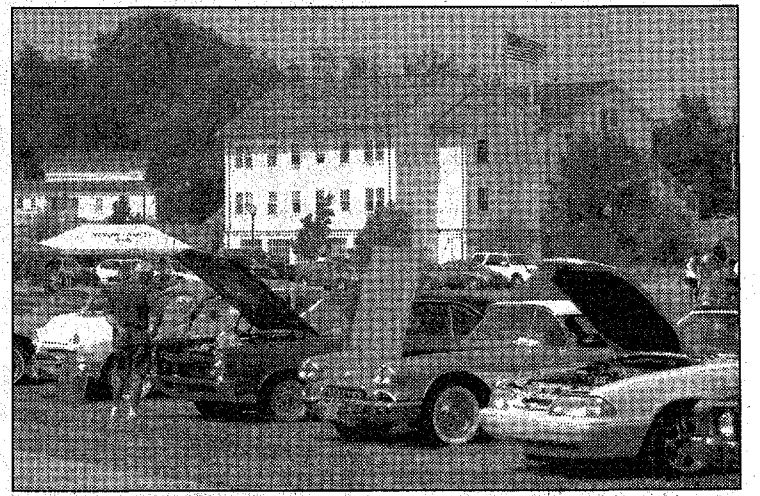
Thirty cars have pre-registered for the event and Langa is anticipating a larger number of cars registering the day of the show and cruise that he hopes will become the grand finale of the car cruise season.

"Before they put their cars away for the winter, I want to help wean them off of their cruise high of the summer," said Langa, a Redford resident.

This the second year the car club, Langa's Dragon Head Productions, and the Wayne County Parks have teamed up to host the show and cruise. The show will be from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the field next to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive just south of Ann Arbor Trail, with a six-mile car cruise from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive happening 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Langa is hoping to attract 250 cars competing in 16 categories — everything from open rod, closed rod, convertible and factory muscle to custom, Euro, Mustang and special interest. There also are categories for 1950s, 1960-69 and 1970-79 street machines and original restored, trucks and race/truck.

The show is sharing the park with people taking advantage of the weekly Saturdays in the Park when Hines Drive is



FILE PHOTO

Cars with their hoods up lined up along Hines Drive in the Nankin Mills area for the 2005 installment of the Hines Park Car Show and Cruise.

closed to vehicular traffic from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The closing will be extended an hour to accommodate the car cruise.

Preregistration numbers are down from the 72 that signed up last year, and Langa hopes to grow the show and cruise by letting cars enter the day of the event.

"Usually, 70 percent of the cars show up the day of the show," he said. "We turned away 40 cars last year because they didn't pre-register."

Day of show registration will cost \$10 and will include trophies in 21 classes. Those interested in just showing their cars will be charged just \$5. Registering for the show is a must. Only registered cars will be able to cruise Hines Drive.

Part of the proceeds from the show will go to the Friends of the Park for maintaining and purchasing equipment for the playgrounds, ball fields and picnic areas.

The Classic Band will per-

form throughout the day, and a food concession will be open. The authors of two books will be there to sell and sing their books — *The Boys Club* and *Dragonia, The Mystic Mountains*.

Langa has also lined up the Marriott Hotel as the show and cruise headquarters and is putting together packages with special rates and tour packages.

Langa's dream is for the car show and cruise to become a popular cruise destination and ultimately the final cruise of the season. He also believes the more cars the show and cruise attract, the longer the actual cruise time will be.

"My intention is to go to a full cruise, so it can be the last cruise of the season," Langa said.

For more information about the second annual Hines Park Car Show and Cruise, call Joseph Langa at (313) 533-6397.

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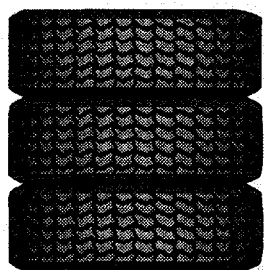
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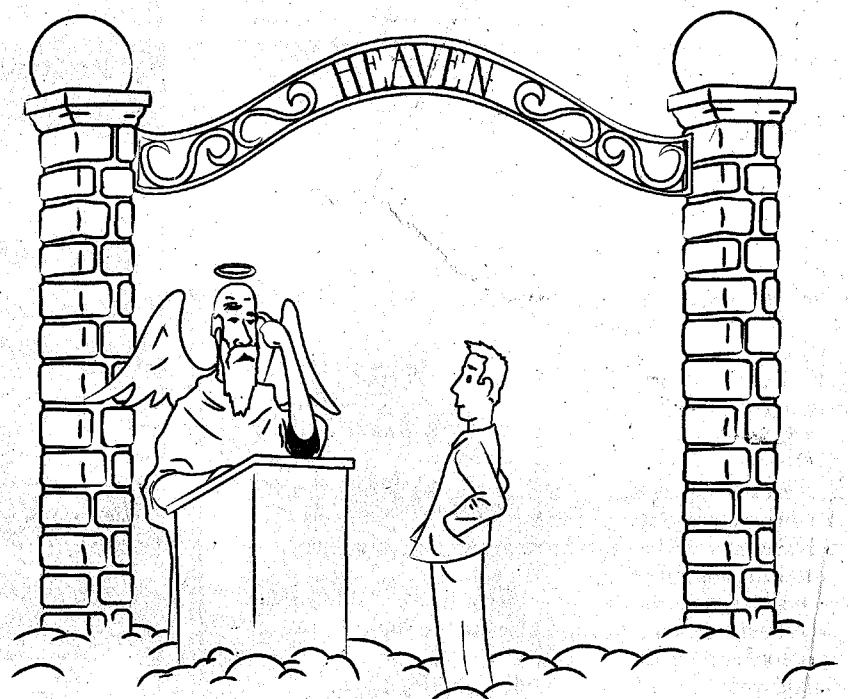
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Going for the gold

Seniors get ready to work out at Western Wayne Olympics

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Mel Tockstein might not be Superman, but he can move 25 tons of weight by himself.

Not bad for a man of 63. Tockstein, a Westland resident, works out two or three times a week inside the city's senior citizen Friendship Center. After riding a stationary bike for 40-60 minutes at 20 mph, he uses weight machines to exercise his shoulders, arms, chest, stomach and legs, pushing and pulling a cumulative 25 tons during his routine.

"Some people think I'm crazy," Tockstein said, doing situps with two 20-pound free weights resting on his chest. Crazy? Nah.

And don't be surprised if Tockstein brings home some medals when he participates in the Western Wayne Senior Olympics, Aug. 21-25.

Northville and Northville Township will host this year's Senior Olympics, with numerous competitions planned in Northville Millennium Park. Other contests will be held in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland, among other communities.

Tockstein played sports in high school and in the U.S. Air Force, but he had slacked off over the years until he retired four years ago as an electrical engineer for Ford Motor Co.

After shedding 50 pounds, he now weighs 205. He rides his bike and swims. He bench-presses 120 pounds, doing three sets of 12 repetitions. He moves 265 pounds on the leg press, despite having had several arthroscopic surgeries.

Tockstein plans to compete in the Senior Olympics in swimming — freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke — softball and football. Just for fun, he'll spin the music as a disc jockey during some events, such as the opening ceremony.

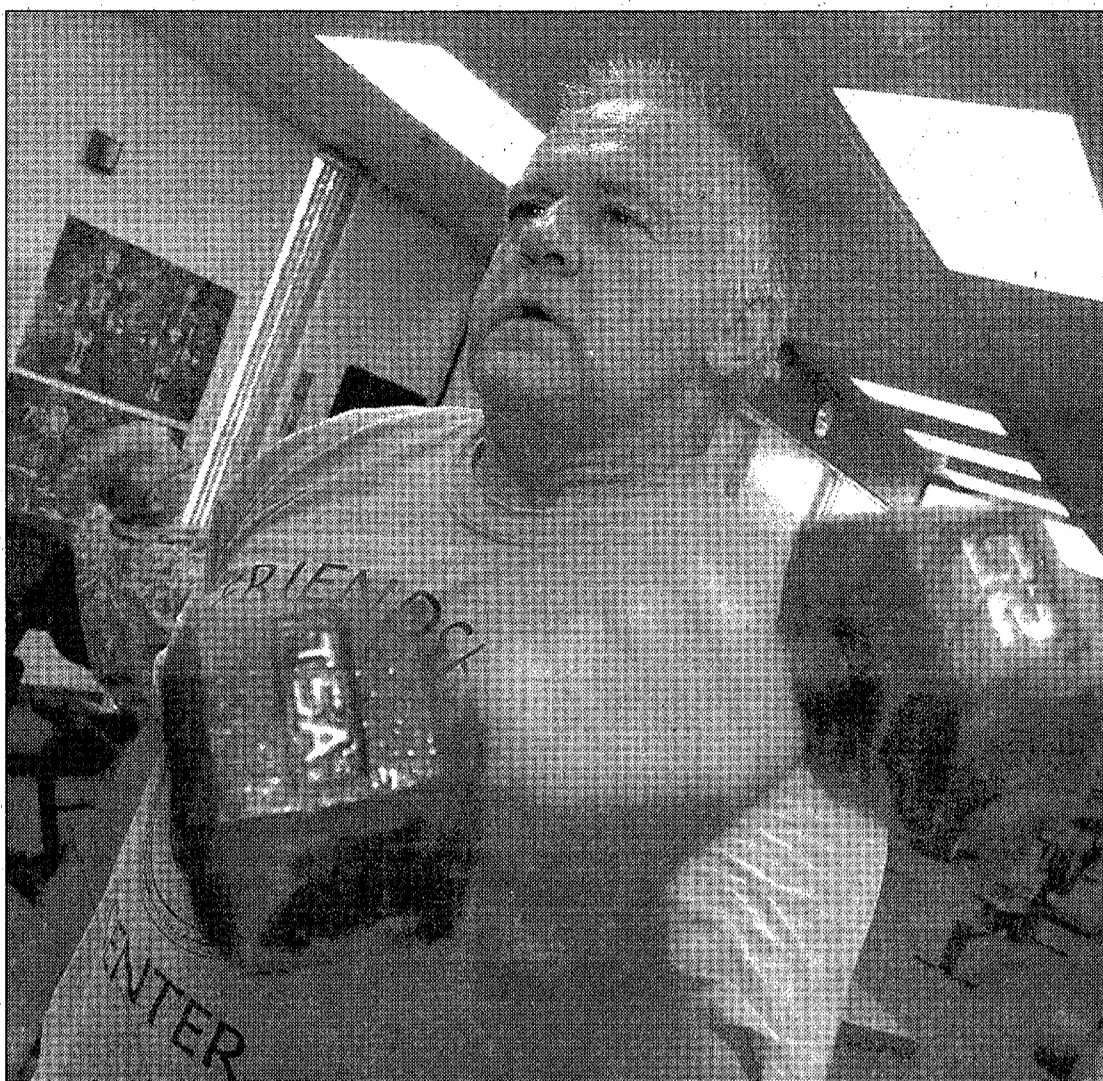
In all, some 360 seniors, including 70 from Westland, will compete in the second annual Western Wayne Senior Olympics, Westland senior resources Director Peggy Ellenwood said.

Seniors will compete in four age groups, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and over.

Van Buren Township served as the primary host last year; Westland will have its turn in 2007.

Spectators are invited to watch all senior competitions except golf. Seniors will compete in activities ranging from a 3K run to a baking contest and from volleyball to bridge.

"I like to do the physical things," said Tockstein, who



Senior athlete Mel Tockstein works on his bicep curl repetitions at the Westland Friendship Center in preparation for next week's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

also chairs the Westland-based Commission on Aging.

His wife Marge exercises, too — although, like most seniors, not as strenuously as he does.

Ellenwood lauded seniors for participating in a Senior Olympics event that is rapidly growing in popularity.

"It's better than sitting on the couch," she said. "It's good for their mental health and their physical health."

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The Western Wayne Senior Olympics will kick off the morning of Monday, Aug. 21, during a breakfast with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano at Northville Millennium Park. The event will end Friday, Aug. 25, with a senior banquet.

The following is a list of events, their times and locations. Spectators are welcome. For more information, call (734) 349-4140.

Monday, Aug. 21

The following events will be held opening day at Northville Millennium Park: a baking contest, 8:45 a.m.; the opening ceremony, 10 a.m.; a fun walk, 11 a.m.; a 3K run, 11 a.m.; a softball throw, 11:15 a.m.; a ring toss, 11:30 a.m.; a Frisbee toss, 11:45 a.m.; a football toss, noon; and a soccer kick, 12:15 p.m. The euchre competition will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Tennis, 9 a.m., Capitol Park, Redford Township; horseshoes, 9 a.m., Freedom Park, Canton Township; volleyball, 10 a.m., Northville Recreation Center at Hillside; bridge, 12:30 p.m., Livonia Civic Park Senior Center; basketball shoot, 1 p.m., Summit on the Park, Canton Township; shuffleboard, 1:30 p.m., Quirk Park, Van Buren Township.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Golf, 8 a.m., Inkster Valley Golf Course (not open to spectators); swimming, 9 a.m., Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dearborn; billiards, 9 a.m. Wayne Bowl; pinocle, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center, Westland; bocce ball, 1 p.m., Ford Field, Dearborn.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Bowling, 9 a.m., Wayne Bowl.

Friday, Aug. 25

Awards banquet, noon, Northville High School.

Girl Scouts plan camp improvements

The Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council Board of Directors has negotiated the sale of three camp properties, to the City of Ann Arbor for \$2.2 million. Ann Arbor officials intend to transform the Camp Hilltop property — which is nestled between two existing parks — into a city park, linking three other public parks or greenbelt areas.

"We believe this sale is in the best interest of the Huron Valley Girl Scouts and future Girl Scouts. The transition provides Huron Valley with needed resources for necessary improvements at our Camps Linden (Linden) and Crawford (Milan) and provides the city with an additional public park," said Gail Scott, CEO, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, which serves the Plymouth-Canton area.

For more than 60 years, Camp Hilltop in Ann Arbor has been an introduction to camping for thousands of girls. The camping lodge was gutted by fire in April and, based on the insurance assessment, the property sustained a considerable

amount of damage.

Some of the proceeds from the sale of Camp Hilltop and the insurance settlement will be used to develop the "village" concept on the Camp Linden property. The village is a central troop house/bathroom-shower building surrounded by small sleeping/living "pods" to sleep anywhere from 6 to 12 or more girls or summer camp staff. The separate pods will also house small, medium and large troops with shared spaces that even accommodate dads or male summer camp staff. To view architect's rendering visit www.gshvc.org

"Our main objective is to keep girls camping and expanding their natural curiosity about the outdoors," Scott said. "This project will meet our objectives and is a win-win for the Ann Arbor community and also the Girl Scouts."

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Massey tops nation's Cadillac sales

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"We're thrilled to be the top Cadillac dealer in the United States for July, continuing the strong momentum our dealership had from a stellar month in June as well," said Dan Kilmer, general manager of Don Massey Cadillac. "Our entire dealership team helped us regain the top position in the country on a year-to-date basis through their dedication to excellence and customer satisfaction."

Don Massey Cadillac deliveries in July were led by the Cadillac CTS, followed by the STS.

IN BUSINESS

"This achievement is truly a team effort," said Kilmer. "We owe a debt of gratitude to our loyal customers for patronizing our business for 30 years as well as our friends at General Motors for building great products."

Women's group board

Laurel Johnson, senior project engineer in the Shelby Township office of Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., was elected Corresponding Secretary when the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction recently elected its 2006-07 Board of Directors.

Johnson specializes in providing solutions to geotechnical engineering challenges and constructability issues, including specialized earth retention and instrumentation projects and forensic services. With 13 years of experience, she supports SME clients at every



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stage of the building cycle, from site acquisition and design through construction and maintenance/restoration.

Johnson holds a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University and a master of science degree in Civil Engineering from Wayne State University. She is also actively involved in ASFE and the Macomb County Habitat for Humanity - Women's Build Team.

Brownfield financing

Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. recently teamed with four Michigan communities to secure \$2.9 million in federal/state grants and loans for brownfield redevelopment projects, including:

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- City of Monroe, \$1.0 million U.S. EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) Grant, \$200,000 BRLF Supplemental Grant, and \$800,000 Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Loan;
- City of Trenton, \$200,000 U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant; and
- City of Wyandotte, \$300,000 U.S. EPA BRLF Supplemental Grant and \$200,000 BRLF Loan.

SME prepared the winning applications for these grants and loans. With funding intact, these communities and brownfield developers have now retained SME to provide brownfield redevelopment management services (technical and financial oversight) for their redevelopment projects.

SME and its staff have secured over \$60 million in state/federal grants, loans, tax credits, and tax increment financing for municipal and private brownfield redevelopment projects.

ON CAMPUS

Wayne State University

Matthew J. Landes of Plymouth, a mortuary science program graduate, recently received the Mary L. Williams Science Award from the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Wayne State University.

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University of NW Ohio

Matthew Steinle of Canton was among the students named to the Dean's List for the May session of the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio.

To make the list, students needed a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Gary Mitchell II of Canton and Kyle B. Ollar of Plymouth were among the students named to the Dean's List for the March session for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio.

To make the list, students needed a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Howe Military School

Cadet Melvin Sillmon II, a 10th-grader at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., and the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, was named to the Headmaster's List for the fifth six-week grading period of the school year.

Sillmon, who has attended

Howe since January, received the award by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum.

Canterbury School

Joshua Belfiore of Canton made the Honor Roll for both the fourth and fifth marking period at Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn.

Hope College

Kirsten Schroeder, the daughter of Matthew and Sheri Schroeder of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth High School, has been honored twice at Hope College.

Schroeder was among students awarded the Distinguished Artist Award in Art, Dance, English, Music or Theater. The award is presented to students who have "demonstrated excellent ability in one of the areas of the fine arts" and comes with a \$2,500 tuition scholarship renewable through the senior year.

She also was awarded the Presidential Scholarship, given in recognition of broad academic achievement with superior academic records as well as demonstrated leadership abilities. Presidential scholars have an average grade-point average of 3.95, an average ACT composite score of 31 and an average SAT combined score of 1291.

Presidential scholars receive between \$6,500 and \$14,000 tuition scholarships renewable through the senior year.

Andrea LaBenne of Plymouth, the daughter of James and Sue LaBenne, was among the students granted bachelor's or master's degrees during commencement exercises at Spring Arbor University.

Mark Erickson of Plymouth, a senior in exercise and sport science, and Hanna Riddell of Canton, the daughter of Mark and Cindy Riddell and a senior in film studies, were among students on the Dean's List for the Spring 2006 semester.

Anne Roosevelt of Plymouth made the Dean's List for the Spring 2006 semester at Saint Francis University.

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New Morning gets Nickelodeon grant

New Morning School has been chosen to receive a \$5,000 grant in Nickelodeon's "Let's Just Play" giveaway.

The application for the grant, which will be used in support of a project school officials say "enhances opportunities for kids to engage in physical activity," was written by fifth-grader Sydney Bartell.

"The addition of a rock-

climbing wall would be a fun way for our elementary students to get more exercise," Sydney said.

A group of New Morning parents will spend Saturday installing the rock-climbing wall and a slither slide on the elementary playground. The equipment was purchased using funds from the Nickelodeon grant, as well as

money raised at New Morning School's annual auction.

The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway is Nickelodeon's grassroots, multimedia campaign that encourages kids to engage in active, healthy lifestyles. The grant provides an initiative to empower kids to bring play resources to their schools and communities.

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Sisters of Mercy elected to regional leadership team

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Regional Community of Detroit have elected the following members to their regional community leadership team to serve from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

■ Sister Gilmery Bauer, RSM, President; Sister Judith Frikker, RSM; Sister LuAnn Hannasch, RSM; Sister Margaret Platte, RSM.

Sister Gilmery Bauer has been a member of the Regional Community of Detroit leadership team since 1998 and was elected President in August 2005. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Mercy College of Detroit and a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University.

Sister Gilmery lived and ministered with poor persons in Argentina for four years and taught at high schools there and throughout Michigan for nearly ten years. She was adjunct faculty at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., and assistant professor at Mercy College of Detroit, University of Detroit Mercy, and Mercy College of Northwest Ohio.

Sister Gilmery developed the women's program at Mercy Education Project in Detroit and served as its coordinator. She serves on the board of Our Lady of Guadalupe Middle School for Girls and chairs East Detroit Not-for-Profit Housing Corporation (McAuley Commons).

■ Sister Judith Frikker has been a member of the Detroit Regional leadership team since 2002. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Mercy College of Detroit and graduated from Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine with an MD.

Sister Judith worked as a medical doctor at Mercy facilities in Michigan and Guyana before moving to Chile in 1987, where she was a primary care physician for 12 years and did pastoral work in parishes. Upon her return to the U.S., she worked in a clinic for the uninsured in the Detroit area before her election to the regional leadership team. She serves on the board of Freedom House and of St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland in Pontiac.

■ Sister LuAnn Hannasch holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Nazareth College near Kalamazoo and a master's degree in Nursing from the University of Iowa.

Sister LuAnn has ministered in health care in Iowa and Michigan as a nurse, manager, parish nurse and board member. She was director of mission services and parish nurse liaison for Mercy Health Services North in Grayling and most recently was director of mission and spiritual care services for Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. She serves on the board of Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa, in Mason City, Iowa.

■ Sister Margaret Platte has been a member of the Regional Community of Detroit leadership team since 2002. She holds bachelor's degrees in English and Education from



Standing: Sister Margaret Platte, RSM and Sister Judith Frikker, RSM; Seated: Sister Gilmery Bauer, RSM (president) and Sister LuAnn Hannasch, RSM.

Mercy College of Detroit, a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Detroit and a master's in pastoral ministry from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.

Sister Margaret served as a principal and teacher at middle schools in Michigan and Iowa for more than 20 years. She served in pastoral ministry at St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Gaylord for six years and then as director of pastoral care at McAuley Center, the Regional Community of Detroit's retirement center, for six years, during which time she was a member of the Farmington/Southfield Vicariate Pastoral Council. She serves on the board of Mercy Education Project in Detroit.

The Regional Community of Detroit is part of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, an international community of Roman Catholic sisters who address human needs through collaborative efforts in education, health care, housing, and pastoral and social services. The Detroit regional community includes 178 sisters and 42 associates serving in Michigan, Iowa and several other U.S. states.

The Sisters of Mercy have been an important part of the Farmington Hills community for more than 40 years. They built their administrative headquarters and Mercy High School at the corner of 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt in 1965. The campus also housed the corporate offices of Mercy Health Services. In 1984, the Sisters of Mercy consolidated their Iowa and Michigan facilities for retired sisters at McAuley Center on the 11 Mile Road campus. McAuley Center today is home to some 50 retired Sisters of Mercy.

In 1992, the Sisters sold a portion of Mercy Center to the city for what is now the William M. Costick Activities Center. In recent years, the Sisters of Mercy and the city have collaborated to plan environmental improvements to the shared campus.

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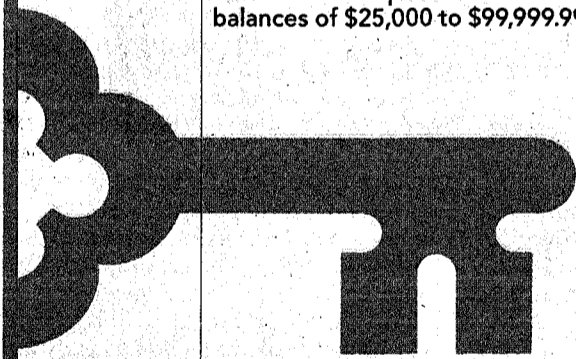
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OUR VIEWS

2nd bond needs solid research

It would be easy, especially for residents whose streets never got repaired, to chastise the city for spending the entire \$12 million bond passed in 1996 and only repairing about half the city's roads.

While we buy the city's argument that it would have been folly to improve the roads without fixing the unexpected infrastructure problems they discovered along the way, an argument probably could have been made there's enough institutional knowledge among the city's leaders that an educated guess could have been made about the condition of the infrastructure.

Still, it certainly made more sense to fix the infrastructure problems than to go on with the road repairs, only to have to dig up roads later, costing even more money. The city is not in a financial position to waste money that way. Fixing infrastructure problems was the smart thing to do.

Now it appears that, in order to keep a promise made 10 years ago, the City Commission will once again have to ask its citizens to approve another bond measure to finish the job. This might be of special interest to the folks who live on Sheridan, identified in the first bond as a high priority but pushed further and further down the list because it wasn't a high-volume road.

It might also interest residents along Ann, who might not want to pay additional taxes since the road on which they live, along with three of the current city commissioners, has been done.

There are a lot of reasons residents are going to be forced to consider this again. The Ann Arbor Trail part of the original program was estimated at some \$120,000, but it wound up costing 10 times that.

Current Commissioner Ron Loiselle, who was mayor when the 1996 bond was passed, admits mistakes were made.

"Everything was wrong," he said. "The estimates were too low, 1997-98 saw huge increases in asphalt costs and we didn't have any forethought of fixing sewers. It was just poor planning."

It's a courageous admission and brings up the old adage about those who don't learn from history being doomed to repeat it. Before the commission asks its residents for more money, they'll need to do volumes of homework to make sure they get the dollar figure right.

We aren't saying whether residents should or shouldn't give the commission the money; it's far too soon for that. We do think residents should make sure the commission does its research and puts forth a promise they can keep this time.

Make understanding music to our ears

Reach out and touch somebody's hand, make this world a better place, if you can ...

Those words of Motown legend Diana Ross in 1970 in her first solo hit-form advice we all could use now, following the terrorist plot thwarted last week in Britain. Officials say a group of extremists had planned to blow up 10 airplanes headed to the U.S.

By now, we all know those officials were talking about a group of Muslim extremists. And with that ethnic designation, the line separating the area's Arab community from others in the metropolitan area got a lot less imaginary.

Yet it is our imaginings that are the real threat to peace in our Wayne and Oakland communities, such as Troy, which is known as the second most diverse city in the state, behind Ann Arbor. Or in cities like as West Bloomfield with its Jewish and Chaldean populations, and Canton with its mosque and Hindu temple.

Stereotypes about these groups live because they are nourished by anger and fear as we conjure up misdeeds, real or imagined, that fit within the amoebic outlines of misunderstanding.

Remember the World War II Japanese camps, created in reaction to an act of war? We now are at war again, a war with terrorists. But we must battle against another kind of war, a war of terror in which suspicion rampages within our communities.

It is not only our sons and daughters who are going off to war in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have our own war here at home, a war to fight prejudice by starving stereotypes.

We must look to the religious clergy to initiate dialogue, and to our schools to foster understanding.

That, however, isn't enough. We must all reach out to someone with a smile or a handshake, instead of a snarl.

Ultimately, bombs and bullets aren't what will create a better world for us all.



Setting an example

As a longtime member of this community, please allow me to publicly extend a warm "thank you" to the parents, students and staff of Miller Elementary School.

In order for much-needed renovations to take place, students and staff will be taken out of Miller and students will be bussed to a vacant Livonia school. Because Miller is predominantly a walking school, the vast majority of these students have never rode a bus. Not once have I read or heard of parents reacting negatively to this situation.

Miller parents have set a wonderful example for their children, showing them that sometimes change, though hard, may be necessary and for the betterment of the whole. I am not a Miller School parent and do not live within the Miller School community.

I'm just proud of how these Plymouth-Canton families have handled this change and how they represent the best of what is Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. You set a wonderful example for all of us.

Cindy Bastion
Canton

Saving Miller Woods

I would like to publicly acknowledge the filing of the deed restrictions for Miller Woods by Dr. Jim Ryan and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board.

The filing of this deed restriction with the Wayne County Registrar of Deeds formalizes the intention of the previous school board members to keep Miller Woods as a designated nature preserve for the community to enjoy and take pride in.

Miller Woods is a climax forest, representative of the Michigan territory as it was during the early 1800s. This 10-acre parcel has never been farmed; the trees are hundreds of years old. This parcel of forest is likely the only remnant of old-growth forest in southeastern Michigan, according to University of Michigan forest ecologists.

The Friends of Miller Woods works to preserve and protect the forest for the enjoyment and education of our community. Future initiatives planned include upgrading interpretive signage and developing new self-guided tour pamphlets. We will soon be expanding our guided tours, too, with walks planned for the fall and winter seasons.

Generous thanks again to the PCCS board for their support. You are all honorary "Friends" of Miller Woods.

Cheryl Bord
president
Friends of Miller Woods

Millage failure

Now that the dust has settled and the new school board has been seated, let's talk about the failed millage. Thank God it failed.

If you do not know the history you will make the same mistakes again! The history is this: When Salem and Canton high schools were built we had the best tech/vocational programs in the state. It was a showplace that voc/tech people everywhere came to visit to see our pro-

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gram for themselves.

We had numerical machining, computer-aided design, plastics, heat and air conditioning, high-tech, welding, robotics, electronics/computer repair, auto body repair, word processing and home construction, to name a few.

Of the few that have survived, most are shows of the original. Why have they mostly all gone away? The students, for the most part, won't or can't take these courses. When we had all of these wonderful courses, my title was "career counselor." As part of promoting these programs I took all ninth-grade English classes on an in-school field trip to visit all of these wonderful classes.

Each teacher made a brief presentation of their program and answered any questions. In the spring, at scheduling time, I revisited each English class to speak to them about their scheduling choices for the upcoming year with special emphasis on the great career opportunities there were in the vocational courses available to them in 10th grade. After doing all of this promotion, most of these courses were discontinued because too few students requested these courses.

What do you think would happen today after the district invested millions of new tax dollars in a new high-tech program? Today, with the new state requirements, the student has fewer elective classes than they had when I worked for the district. Also, in the past the state poured millions of vocational dollars into the high schools today, all of those dollars go, as they should, to the community colleges. Thank God the millage failed.

Why the building millage failed should be obvious. Many of our community work for the Big Three or the suppliers of the Big Three. Have you read any newspaper or listened to the radio or television in the last year? Have you bought a tank of gas in the last six months? Have you paid attention to what is going on in Livonia? By the way, have you given thought to when Plymouth-Canton matures, which we will, what will we do with all of our empty schools? It's the economy, stupid!

Public relations are at an all-time low, unless you believe the voters are dumb as dirt. How do you think voters feel when you announce: 1.) the old barn must be moved to we can build new tennis courts (like we need more tennis courts in order to improve our MEAP scores); 2.) spend \$10,000 to find out why the millage failed; 3.) hire a district-wide art coordinator for \$85,000 (art is important, but I think we can live with it, even if it is uncoordinated).

Donald Chumbley
Plymouth

The right thing

I sent this letter before the election, because the outcome doesn't matter with respect to the issues involving the Plymouth Historical Museum.

I have been complaining about the political use of the museum for the past six years and this was the first year blatant abuses took place, which could be documented. I have a strong objection to individuals using charitable organizations' assets for personal gain. If such a thing didn't take place why did the Museum Board vote unanimously to relieve the director of her position?

QUOTABLE

"We're getting some students from private schools. While we like to think we have a very good school district, we assume the economy has something to do with much of the increase."

— Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan, on the additional 400 students attending district schools this fall

My goal wasn't to get someone fired from their position, but to have the museum be a museum and not a springboard for a political career. There were several attempts to get them and Mrs. Stewart to stop what they were doing, but to no avail. Every document, information and charges, including the proof were given to the museum and their attorney in an attempt to get the museum to stay out of the political arena.

If Mrs. Stewart was so interested in protecting the museum why did she use the museum assets for her political gain? As I see it, I took the steps necessary to ensure the protection of the museum, which the museum is now putting policies in place to ensure this never happens again.

Yes, I support many different candidates for public office and will continue to do so. I do not believe the Stewarts belong as representatives in Lansing. I have been threatened with physical harm, arrest and an ongoing bad attitude of John Stewart. This type of behavior has been demonstrated to many people and only because they disagree with his positions. I still believe the right to disagree without threat or fear is still a part of this free country.

There is much more to say about all of this, and I have realized this is not a popular position to have taken. I believe, we all at some time in our lives need to stand up and let our voices be heard. It is too bad it was related to politics and other candidates, but the museum and Mrs. Stewart committed the violations, not I. This, too, shall pass and the museum will be a place for all to stop by and visit.

Carl F. Berry
Plymouth Township

Real Republican

As a rather astute observer of politics, I found the *Observer's* comments filled with disappointment over the outcome of the 20th District election.

While both candidates advanced petitions as Republicans, it appeared that only Abbo reflected Republican-type assets. If Ms. Stewart is more than a borderline Republican it certainly was not reflected in her published viewpoints.

Abbo is more than qualified to represent his political party and its ideals well.

Jim Nowka
Northville Township

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In governor's race, voters will be looking for 'hope'

The 2006 governor's race has primarily narrowed down to a race about jobs, who can save them and who can create them. The old theme of jobs, jobs, jobs and more jobs will permeate the airwaves for the next three-plus months.

As the election heats up and Gov. Jennifer Granholm revs up her campaign spending, I am certain we will hear a few other issues creep into the race, from abortion and the "extreme" views her challenger, Dick DeVos, promotes to the fact that he was a prime sponsor of the 2000 unsuccessful voucher program for failing public schools.

Both candidates and their "independent" support groups will spend millions of dollars getting their "jobs" message out. DeVos will promote his business acumen, stating that in these tough economic times we need a businessman who has made the tough decisions and has grown a business in today's global market. He will continue to be attacked for "exporting" or "outsourcing" Michigan jobs to China. He will be wrapped so tightly with President Bush that before the election is over you will think they are Siamese twins.

Granholm will tout her "plan" to diversify Michigan's economy and point to the landing of Google in Ann Arbor as exhibit A that the plan is working. She will be challenged every step of the way by the DeVos camp, which will point out that "Michigan remains in a single state recession." Voters will be asked the proverbial campaign question: "Are you better off now, than you were four years ago?"

Before the election is over, you will think Granholm's middle name is "layoff" or "recession."

Yet, I believe that the candidate that will prevail in November will be the one that gives Michigan a reason to believe in itself again. Hope

and faith in our future is what the voters want from the leader of our state.

Who will paint a believable picture of a shared vision and common agenda that will move us forward? Who do we truly believe cares about our children and grandchildren? Who do we believe, when the TV commercial lights are turned off, will truly stand up and fight for our future?

Who can capture the core of hope? How do we take the reality we face and make it work for the working people of Michigan? We need to believe that tomorrow will be better than yesterday, that our best days lie ahead and not behind us. We need to have a leader that can inspire confidence that we can build strong families and communities, not around "jobs of the future," but jobs for today.

Michigan and America are best when we believe in ourselves and have hope for the future. We need a true leader, not a cheerleader mouthing the old cheer "Lean to the left, lean to the right, stand up, sit down, fight, fight, fight!" We need to move past the historic political gamesmanship of the past and understand that we are fighting for our future.

Michigan's gubernatorial races are historically close. We have chosen Democrats and Republicans. We want leaders that can inspire trust and hope, like Lincoln during the Civil War, FDR during the Great Depression, Kennedy during the Cuban Missile Crisis and Reagan during the Cold War.

We need leaders that can recapture our historic sense of innovation, ingenuity, creativity, hard work and opportunity for all.

As voters enter the voting booth, the names that will appear on the ballot will be DeVos and Granholm, but the voters will be looking for "Hope."

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LETTER

Horrors of war

It is hard to open the paper in the morning. I know I will find a photograph, often smack in the middle of the front page that depicts the horrors of unending war.

On the faces of fellow human beings that have lost their children, their homes, or means of subsistence, we see anguish that is almost palpable. In comparison, the spinners look disconnected when they attempt to divert our attention. It is hard not to laugh when the

president and the secretary of state repeat inanities about "young democracies" and the "birth pangs of a new Middle East." We are no longer so easily fooled.

The newspapers act courageously when they make the difficult decision to publish, day after day, the horrors of war. The discomfort your readers feel when we look at the evidence will be excused if it prompts us to act.

Katie Jacob
Birmingham

There was nothing dreamy about the origins of the auto

This is Dream Cruise Week, a time when the automobile is exalted to unimaginable heights and placed on a pedestal of glorified nostalgia.

Even people who have had a hot-and-cold relationship with their vehicles, as I have, over the years, find it fascinating. Dream Cruise brings out some of the most remarkable cars ever created, as well as a host of interesting people.

But it's the cars that make the show.

I have never found cars to be anything more than a means of transportation, which is what they originally were designed to be. The earliest cars were little more than metal boxes with wheels. They didn't work very well, either.

It didn't take long, however, for designers to embellish the vehicles with all manner of decorations ranging from flower vases to big chrome fenders. Engineers continually made improvements, replacing crank starters with switches and carburetors with fuel injection, among many, many other changes.

Owners did their part with such amenities as suicide knobs (remember them?) and fuzzy dice.

I do a lot of local historical research and inevitably the auto industry pops up. Everyone knows that the auto manufacturers played a critical role in the development of the whole metropolitan Detroit area. The early auto barons, like Henry Ford, the Dodge Brothers and William Durant, were fascinating people who amassed vast wealth and wielded the power of medieval kings.

Indeed, their factories grew to be fiefdoms populated by thousands of people who were little more than serfs. A lot is being made today of how workers' benefits have put a stranglehold on automakers' profits, but few speak about how that came about.

In the early days of the auto industry, working conditions in the plants were abysmal. They were excruciatingly hot in summer and dirty and dangerous all year round. The Dodge Brothers, who were two of the most colorful characters in Detroit's history, were considered among the better bosses by the workers. They were known to bring in kegs of beer for the workers on hot summer days.

Good for morale, questionable for quality control. But when the Dodge Brothers died — both within a year of each other — the workers held silent vigils.

Back in the plants, working conditions remained pretty awful. Aside from the dirty,

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dangerous conditions, workers were treated as chattel. If you wanted to keep your job, you were expected to supply "gifts" to the bosses. Attempts to form unions were crushed, often violently. If you were even suspected of union activity, you were summarily fired. Corporate spies operated through the plants, reporting on workers' activities. And if you happened to be black, you could expect to get the absolute worst jobs, such as working in the foundry.

Even so, the workers did unite. But not without a battle — sometimes literally. My mom was a nurse's aid years ago and she remembers seeing union organizers being brought into the emergency room, bloody and beaten.

Eventually the pendulum swung, and unions — for better or worse — took up a dominant role in the plants. But they remained a tough environment. My father was a Chrysler plant manager in the 1960s and he used to tell me the most incredible stories. (One guy brought a spear to work. He wasn't planning on hurting anyone. He just wanted to practice throwing it on the roof.)

The auto plants have always been a tough place. My dad made it clear to us that he didn't want any of his kids working there. My brother did end up at a Chevrolet plant, but as an electrician in skilled trades. Even so, it was a grueling, dangerous job.

In a way, the automobile has brought out the best and worst in our society. It was created by brilliant businessmen and engineers and powered by hard-working individuals, some of whom gave their lives for their jobs.


Think about that, too, as you watch the classic cars roll down Woodward.

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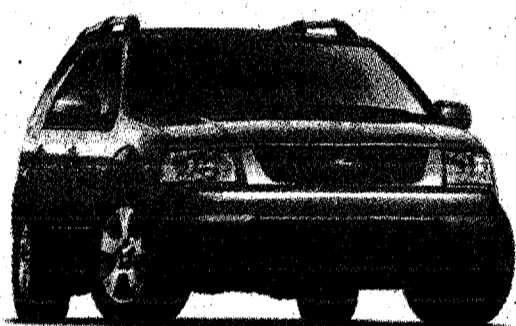


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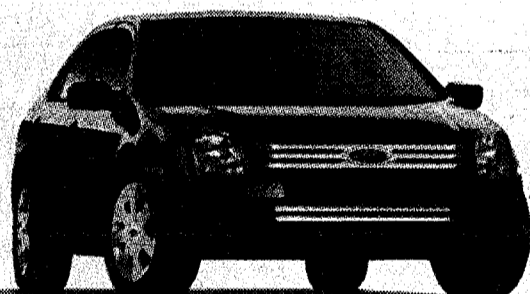


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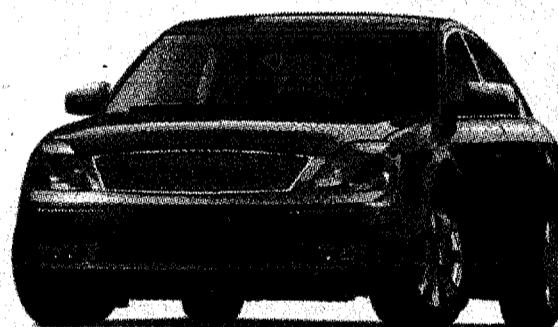


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At 90, CRC still leading source for analysis of public issues

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In November, Michigan voters will decide on five and possibly six state ballot issues. Serious voters will turn to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan for detailed, well-researched and balanced analysis of the issues before casting their ballots.

For 90 years, the CRC has been providing credible research on public issues that has won the respect and endorsement of political leaders across the spectrum.

"We have three essential principles that we operate by," said Earl Ryan, CRC president, "accuracy, objectivity and independence, and we think that adherence to those three principles will result in credibility and I think that is what the council is known for."

The CRC, now with offices in Livonia and Lansing, began March 22, 1916, at the height of the Progressive Movement as the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research (the name was changed in 1951). Civic-minded business leaders such as Joseph Crowley of Crowley Milner Department Store, Norval Hawkins of Ford Motor Co. and Sidney Miller of the Miller, Canfield law firm were on the initial board.

"It was the faith of the early organization that good facts would lead to better decisions that would lead to better government. That belief is basically our mission," Ryan said.

Policy makers, state legislators, media, business leaders and academics have all made use of the CRC. On its Web site www.crcmich.org, the organization includes some testimonials that show the range of support for CRC's research.

Former Gov. John Engler wrote: "I have had a long relationship using the publications of the Citizens Research Council ... you do a lot of good work here and we appreciate the support that keeps this operation so vital and relevant to the debates in Lansing, to Michigan's economic future and the Michigan's future, period."

Michael Flanagan, Michigan superintendent of Public Instruction, said: "Its consistent record of objectivity and thoroughness has made the CRC a high-quality and immensely credible resource for policy makers at the state

and local leadership levels."
COMMUNITY LEADERS

CRC has been involved in research for the state's Constitutional Convention of 1963, research leading to adoption Wayne County's charter in 1981 and research leading in 1996 to new methods of distributing Community Health funds.

"We make a real effort to be objective, and by objective I don't mean piling up 10 pros and 10 cons. Objectivity to me is the habit of mind where you draw your conclusions from a fair assessment of all the available facts rather than tailoring the facts to meet some preordained conclusion," Ryan said.

The CRC is still an organization of concerned community leaders. The 72-member Board of Trustees forms the membership in the nonprofit organization. Members come from the business, media, academic and legal communities and reflect a diversity of viewpoints.

Patrick J. Ledwidge of Dickinson Wright law firm is the chairman. A 27-member Board of Directors, chaired by Kent Vana of the Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett law firm, formulates policy, selects the president, approves the budget and approves the research agenda.

"There are three ways where something can get on the research agenda," Ryan said. "There are certain things we always do. We always analyze every statewide ballot issue, which is what we're doing right now. We maintain an outline of the Michigan tax system. We monitor the state budget. These are things that we do on an ongoing basis."

CRC also gets requests from businesses, legislative assistants and governmental organizations. The Board of Directors has to determine if the organization, with a staff of eight plus an intern and a budget of \$925,000, is able to spend the time and resources on a particular project.

"Does it have broad public interest or does it reflect narrow public interest? Is it significant, does it reflect something that most residents of Michigan should be concerned about?" Ryan said. "If the board says we approve, then it becomes the province of the staff. The next time the board sees it is when it's released to

the public. There is no prior approval."

Funding comes from annual contributions from the business community and foundation grants. Ryan said the organization is also building on a \$3 million endowment.

BALLOT ISSUES

The CRC is currently looking at two of the most controversial ballot issues, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative and the Stop Overspending (SOS) initiative, which is still pending ballot approval.

Ryan said Tom Clay, the former state budget director and now CRC director of state affairs in Lansing, will be analyzing the SOS proposal "sentence by sentence." The proposal would prohibit state legislators from receiving pension and retirement benefits and limit state spending. Ryan said Clay would examine the impact of taking legislators off the state pension plan and also provide a comparison with other states that have already

imposed similar tax and spending limitations.

The organization will release its report on the controversial anti-affirmative action proposal shortly.

"We have looked at other states, done a legal history of affirmative action racial programs dating back to the Civil War," Ryan said. "We take race issues from the Civil War to the (U.S. Supreme Court) Michigan decision of 2003," Ryan said.

Ryan, a Northville resident, has been president of CRC since 1996. With degrees in political science from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, Ryan began working with CRC in 1967 before leaving for positions in Michigan state government and public research organizations in Louisiana and Indiana.

CRC was located in Detroit until 1995 when it moved to Farmington Hills. In 1998, the organization moved to its current office on Six Mile in



Citizens Research Council of Michigan president Earl Ryan (left) talks with staff member Eric Luper during a meeting in their Livonia office.

Livonia. It also has a two-person Lansing office.


"It's a good spot for us," Ryan said. "We don't view Detroit as our focal point, it's one of the governments we look at but we view the state of Michigan as our target."

And CRC research is avail-

able to all residents of the state at its Web site

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When the CRC Board of Trustees holds the annual meeting Sept. 29, Ryan said they will take a few minutes to mark the group's 90th anniversary.

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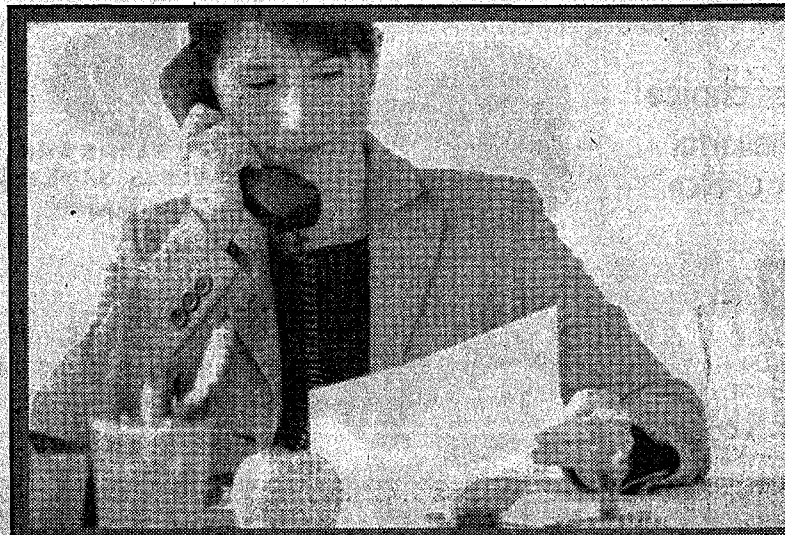
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Wounded Warriors back plan for new benefit

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Country music star Lee Greenwood will headline a benefit organized by a Westland committee that wants to help wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Greenwood, known for such hits as *God Bless the U.S.A.*, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

"This is not meant to be pro-war or against the war," said Westland City Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer, who is chairing the *Wounded Heroes* benefit. "This is simply to help the troops who are coming home wounded."

The concert will help two organizations dedicated to helping wounded soldiers — the national Wounded Warriors Project and Wayne-based Veterans Haven Inc., which serves all of western Wayne County.

Dubbed the *Wounded Heroes* tribute, the concert will raise money to help offset the financial and emotional burdens suffered by wounded military personnel and their families.

The U.S. Army Band also will perform, Stottlemeyer said.

Veterans Haven President Vince Berna issued a statement seeking help in selling out the 1,200-seat Ford Center for Greenwood's concert.

"I know a lot of you have been asked to dip into your pockets lately to support other recent causes, but this one is an exception," he said. "We all need to do this."

Ticket prices range from \$33 to \$50. They can be ordered by calling the Ford Center at (313) 943-2354 or by going online at www.dear-

bornfordcenter.com.

Greenwood's concert will mark the second year that Stottlemeyer has organized a fund-raiser to help wounded soldiers. Last year, he led a committee that brought the Glenn Miller Orchestra to Burton Manor for a benefit that raised \$48,000.

Stottlemeyer recalled how Vietnam War veterans returned home to a sometimes-hostile atmosphere, and he said he wants military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan to know that people care about them.

"I said to myself and to my wife (Betty) that I don't want to ever see anything like that happen again to our troops," Stottlemeyer said.

The Wounded Warriors Project helps injured military personnel as they try to resume their lives. The organization provides such necessities as housing and food, and it seeks to help them re-enter the workforce.

The project also provides clothing, prepaid calling cards, personal CD players, magazines and other items to military personnel who are wounded and staying in hospitals.

Veterans Haven Inc. provides many of the same services, but its focus is closer to home in the western Wayne County area. Some 97 percent of the money raised by Veterans Haven goes directly to help veterans.

Those who can't attend the Greenwood concert but who want to help may send checks, made payable to Veterans Haven Inc., to Veterans Haven Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI.

Potential donors or those who have questions also may contact Stottlemeyer at (734) 721-4594.



Parents from around the area brought their car seats to Saturday's first child-seat safety clinic, hosted by the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Clinic promotes child seat safety

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosted its first Child Safety Seat Clinic Saturday, drawing parents and grandparents alike who brought their child safety seats to the new police headquarters to be inspected and properly installed in their vehicles.

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through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The three went through an extensive 40-hour training course that included lectures, indoor and outdoor hands-on training involving a combination of vehicles as well as passing a written test in order to become nationally certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician.

The police department will be hosting the next Child

Safety Seat Clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the department's new headquarters at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment should contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243 (space is limited).

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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All interested parties will be given ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, comments and suggestions of these citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision.

For questions concerning this Public Hearing contact the Building Department at (734) 453-1234 ext. 232.

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Two days after being given the nod to be Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos' running mate, Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson is already out campaigning as a member of the team.

Monday morning, the DeVos camp named Johnson as the lieutenant governor candidate on the GOP ticket this November. Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm is sticking with her current lieutenant governor, John Cherry Jr.

"Ruth Johnson joins the team for change ready to help lead Michigan's turnaround," DeVos said in a press release. "Her decades of public service at the state level and in Michigan's second largest county make her qualified to assume the governorship if necessary."

Johnson said she's honored to be on the DeVos ticket. What she brings to that ticket, she said, is experience.

"I bring local and state legislative experience," she said. "I



Johnson

know how the system works and how to get things done."

Before being elected to the county clerk position, Johnson was a six-year member of the

Michigan House of Representatives as well as a 10-year member of the

Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Things are going rapidly. Just a day after being announced as DeVos' running mate, she and the candidate were on their way to the Escanaba State Fair to press the flesh with the 100,000 plus people expected there.

While the needs and wants of the Upper Peninsula are going to be different than those in Troy and West

Bloomfield, there are a lot of issues that are the same on either side of the bridge.

"We're in a single-state recession," Johnson said. "Michigan is at the bottom of the list in every category. Foreclosures are extremely high, unemployment is extremely high and young people are leaving the state. They want to work here but we don't have jobs."

She said she would like for

her 7-year-old daughter to stay in Michigan for college and a career, but she might not make that choice if the state's direction does not change.

"DeVos has a track record of success and he's got a good plan," Johnson said.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said he put Johnson on a short list of likely choices for the DeVos pick.

"He's a west-side male and she's an east-side female," he said. "It gives geographic and gender balance to the ticket."

She also comes with her own set of credentials, which helps

to balance the fact that DeVos has never done anything in the public sector.

Patterson said the balance of a woman on the ticket and someone with government experience is another in a line of good campaign choices by the GOP candidate.

"DeVos has done a good job of getting his name out there," Patterson said. "The economy is terrible and the governor can't seem to do anything about it. This is a horse race."

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For more information on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation visit www.jdrf.org or www.jdrfdetroit.org.

THE DELI CHANGES HANDS

Thomas Gallant is the new owner of The Deli on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Each day, he's welcoming new and returning customers.

His plan? Gallant hopes to draw people in with a new menu of gourmet goods - from fresh subs to salads and imported chocolates.

He described the process of taking over the business as nothing short of a "dream becoming a reality," and added that he made the move with help from his friend and family.

"The Deli is generating a lot of attention," Gallant said. He's making changes to the menu and offering a new variety of gourmet sandwiches. Corned beef is cooked on-site, and fresh bread for the sandwiches is baked daily at Cantoros Italian Bakery.

Gallant also serves homemade soups, chili and salads. Party-planners can order a 3-foot Italian party sub for \$35, enough to feed up to 18 guests. Meat and cheese platters are also available, at \$4.49 per person, with an 8-person minimum.

Right now, customers can take advantage of a special and purchase a sandwich, chips and a can of soda pop for \$5.99 plus tax.

Small boxed lunch specials include bologna, salami or grilled cheese sandwiches. Coffee-lovers can order a cup o' joe or - coming soon - an espresso. Satisfy a sweet tooth with a homemade dessert or European chocolates. Gallant is also planning new rotating menu items including Po boys, muffuletta, Philly steaks and vegetarian fare.

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Former Canton football standout Devin Thomas hauls in a Drew Stanton pass at a recent Michigan State University practice. Thomas, a flanker, is listed No. 2 on the Spartans' depth chart.

No place like home

After 2 years in Kansas, MSU is next stop for former Canton star Thomas

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On the surface, former Canton football standout Devin Thomas has nothing in common with Dorothy of "Wizard of Oz" fame.

Thomas can run a 40-yard dash in a blazing 4.4 seconds. Dorothy, on the other hand, displayed only marginal speed while trying to escape from the flying monkeys.

Thomas can bench press 365 pounds. Dorothy had a hard time picking up Toto.

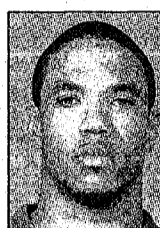
And Thomas is 6-foot-2, 220 pounds of muscle. Dorothy was a scrawny 5-foot-4 — and that's with the glass slippers on.

But there is one notable similarity that intertwines Thomas and Dorothy: They both had a dream that eventually transplanted them from the desolate farmlands of Kansas to a more exciting, life-altering destination.

NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

Thomas' dream of playing big-time college football came to fruition in January when he signed a letter of intent to attend Michigan State University following two years at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Last year at Coffeyville, Thomas led the high-flying Red Ravens with 33 catches and 674 receiving yards (20.4 avg.).



Thomas

Web sites.

Thomas' strong showing also drew the attention of several elite Division I college football programs, including Arkansas and Kansas State, which joined MSU in the battle to draw the physically gifted receiver to their campus.

"A few SEC schools and just about all the Big XII schools recruited me," said Thomas, who red-shirted his freshman year at Coffeyville. "But I wanted to play closer to home. Plus, I think that Michigan State is ready to make a big impact in college football and I wanted to be a part of that."

MAKING HIS PRESENCE FELT

Just over a week into preseason workouts, there are signs that Thomas may be making a sudden impact on the Spartans' offensive plans. He's currently listed as the team's No. 2 'Z' receiver (or flanker) behind only senior Kerry Reed.

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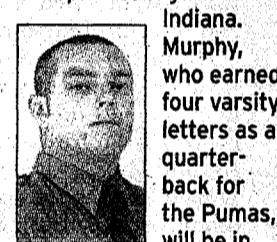
Big Prep Showdown

Plymouth is one of eight teams competing in the 2nd Annual Big Prep Showdown high school football event set for Saturday, Aug. 26, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium. The Wildcats will be taking on 2005 Division III state runner-up Hudsonville in the 2:30 p.m. game. Trenton will battle Allen Park at 11:45 a.m. Following the Plymouth-Hudsonville showdown, Saline will square off against Flint Carman-Ainsworth at 5:15 followed by the nightcap, Chelsea vs. Novi at 8 p.m. Plymouth fans will be seated on the press-box side of the field. Pre-purchased tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. They will be on sale until the day before the game in the Plymouth High School athletic office.

All tickets the day of the game cost \$10. A portion of all advanced ticket sales benefit the participating schools' athletic departments.

Coach Murphy

Former Canton football player Brendan Murphy has been named an assistant coach at St. Joseph's College in



Indiana. Murphy, who earned four varsity letters as a quarterback for the Pumas, will be in charge of coaching running backs beginning with the 2006 season.

Murphy and the Pumas will be visiting Michigan on Sept. 9 when they play at Wayne State. Four former coaches will compete in the game: Wayne State's Ryan Jonik and Chris Smilo; and St. Joe's Mike Lafata and Zack Caswell.

Officials clinic

The Metro Detroit Officials Association and the Southeastern Michigan Officials Association will be hosting the 11th Annual High School Football Officials Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Birmingham Groves High School. Registration for the clinic begins at 8 a.m.

Area tennis players place at USTA event

Several local youth tennis players were among the approximately 600 players who competed in the prestigious United States Tennis Association's Junior Team Tennis Midwest Section Championships held Aug. 11-13 in Indianapolis.

The netters were members of two Huron Valley Tennis Club squads — the 18-and-under HVTC Hornets and the 12-and-under Thunder Chickens — that qualified for the national tournament by capturing district titles in May.

The Hornets, who consisted of Drew Smith, Austin Taylor, Jason Quint, Mike Kappler, Ashley North, Meghan Tennis and Alex Ware, placed third in their respective age bracket.

The Thunder Chickens, who consisted of Jack Peterson, Will Heider, Colin Williams, Kevin Mei, Arica Oosterhout, Christine Mei and Julia Peterson, also finished third.

Ware, who is a member of Salem's girls tennis team, earned a sportsmanship award for her efforts during the championships. Eighty-four teams from throughout the Midwest competed in the three-day event. Team matches consisted of one set each for singles and doubles, and two sets for mixed doubles. Team scoring was based on cumulative games won.

2006 Prep Football Preview

'New' Rocks are ready to roll

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

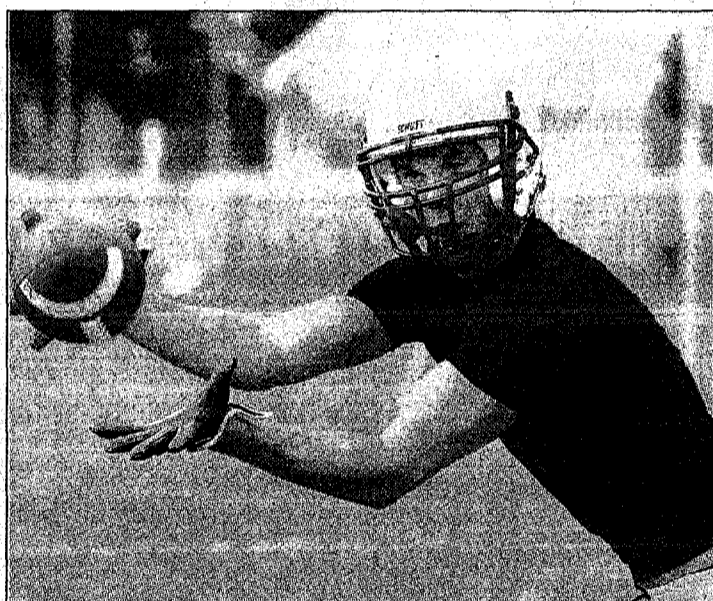
Following is a partial checklist for the 2006 Salem football team:

- New coach — check;
- New offensive and defensive systems — double-check;
- New attitude — check;
- New results — check ... back in about two months.

After nearly two weeks of two-a-day practices, first-year coach Parker Salowich is more than satisfied with the team's work ethic and the players' determination to turn around last year's 3-6 record. But he is also aware that there hasn't been a conditioning drill invented that can give the Rocks the intangible element they need the most.

"Like any team that hasn't had a lot of success in a while, the biggest roadblock this team faces is building its confidence level," said Salowich, an assistant coach at playoff-qualifying North Farmington in 2005. "This is a very hard-working team. The effort is there. Now they have to get some swagger. Even when they do something right, they'll flinch a little bit."

The Rocks will be relying on a West Coast offensive scheme to lead it north in the Western



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Salem receiver Jesse Pointer zeroes in on a pass during a conditioning practice held last week at Pioneer Middle School.

Lakes Activities Association standings. The wide-open system, which stresses short passes mixed with a strong running game, takes time to master, but the Rocks have proven to be fast learners in Salowich's estimation.

"They've picked it up pretty well so far," he said. "We already have most of the stuff in that we'll be using in our first game (Aug. 25 against

Pinckney). We're just going to keep repping it until we get it down."

Salowich will be handing the controls of the new offense to senior Jon Wilson (6-foot-1, 210 pounds), a converted running back.

"There's been a lot of pressure on Jon right away because he's had to figure out

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B2

ALL ABOUT THE ROCKS


- Head coach — Parker Salowich (first year);
- Number of varsity players — 43;
- 2005 record — 3-6 (did not qualify for playoffs)
- 2006 opener — Friday, Aug. 25, at home against Pinckney (kickoff set for 7 p.m.)
- Offense — West Coast;
- Early obstacle — The team has had to practice at Pioneer Middle School due to construction project at Salem;
- Players to watch — senior QB Jon Wilson (6-1, 210); junior FB/LB Brandt Thomas (5-10, 200); junior receiver Jesse Pointer; senior tailback Royce Dixon (6-0, 170); senior tackle Brian Baumgart (6-7, 250); and senior center Andrew Kirby (6-2, 200).

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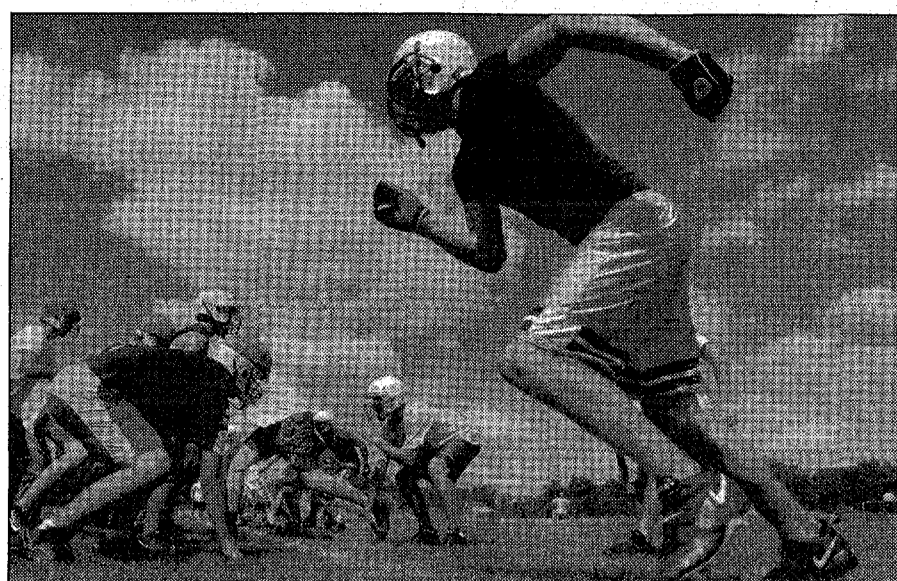
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New Salem coach Parker Salowich is implementing the West Coast offense, which emphasizes the short-passing game.

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my personality and the offensive coordinator's personality, plus he has to pick up the offense," Salowich said. "Jon may not have the best arm in the league and he may not be the fastest quarterback around, but he's a coach on the field, which is what this offense needs. And of all the players we have, Jon is one who has the swagger that's necessary to be successful."

The only other sure-fire starter in the offensive backfield is junior fullback Brandt Thomas (5-10, 200), who will also start at linebacker. Thomas received significant playing time on the varsity as a sophomore.

"I wish I had 30 Brandt Thomases," Salowich said. "He's one of those players that won't be leaving the field. He'll start on offense, defense and he'll be on every special team. He's a football player."

A pair of players — senior Royce Dixon (6-0, 170) and sophomore Anthony Mullins

(5-10, 180) will share tailback duties, at least early in the season, Salowich said. Junior Justin Burke will serve as the backup QB as well as a starting defensive back.

The No. 1 target of Wilson's passes will be junior split end Jesse Pointer (6-0, 180).

"Jesse has good speed and very good hands," Salowich said. "In fact, he can catch the ball as well as any high school player I've ever coached."

Seniors Tony Fracassa (5-10, 175) and Mark Smith will see plenty of time at the end positions, their coach said.

Speaking of confidence, Salowich has plenty of it when it comes to his all-senior offensive line. Tackle Brian Baumgart (6-7, 250) will anchor the unit, which also consists of tackle David O'Leary (6-3, 270); guards Jim Crabil (6-2, 220) and Brian Walsh 6-2, 220) and center Andrew Kirby (6-3, 250).

"This is a strong group," Salowich said. "Baumgart has Division 1 (college) written all over him and Kirby is big, strong and as smart as the day is long."

Several starting defensive spots hadn't yet been cemented as of Tuesday, Salowich said. However, he did add that junior Justin Bader (5-10, 190) would be seeing plenty of time at one of the linebacker positions.

"A lot of our offensive starters will be seeing time on defense, too," he said. "We're going to try to do a lot of subbing and getting a lot of kids into the mix."

While the coaching staff hasn't discussed long-term goals with the squad yet, the players are well aware of their short-term ones.

"Right now, we just want to beat Pinckney," Salowich said. "Other than that, we've talked to the team about how we expect them to be good citizens and act like adults. And I also told them about something I heard John Madden say that he always told his Oakland Raider teams: 1. always be on time; 2. always pay attention; and 3. always play as hard as they can. If they play hard every down, good things will happen."

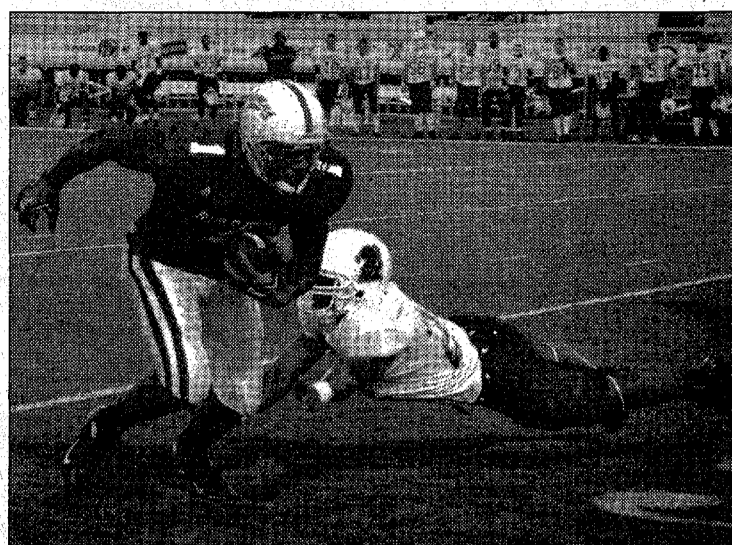
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"Things have been going well so far," he said Monday, following the Spartans' afternoon practice session. "It's definitely been a learning experience for me. They're opening up the playbook more with each practice, so I have a lot to learn. I'm just working hard and trying to get better every day I'm out here."

"It's definitely a faster game here than it was at Coffeyville. In D1, everybody you line up against is a great athlete, so you know you have to step your game up."



COFFEYVILLE (KAN.) COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Former Canton football player Devin Thomas is pictured above picking up yardage following a catch last season as a member of the Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College football team. This year, Thomas will be hauling in aerials from future NFL star Drew Stanton at Michigan State University.

TIGHT SPIRALS

Thomas, who still has three years of college eligibility, said one of the early highlights of his career at MSU has been the opportunity to work with Drew Stanton, the Spartans' highly touted, fifth-year senior quarterback.

"He's a great quarterback," Thomas raved. "It's easy to see why he has such a bright future ahead of him. I consider myself lucky that I get to run routes and catch passes from him."

Stanton, who will probably be drawing paychecks in the NFL beginning next season, has more zip on his passes than any quarterback Thomas has played with.

"Even though the ball is coming in faster, it's easier to catch because Drew puts it either right on my number or right on my hands," Thomas said.

PRODUCTIVE CHIEF

Thomas enjoyed a stellar career at Canton. A two-year starter, the running back/receiver/kick returner piled up more than 1,000 all-purpose yards as a senior, which earned him Division 1

'... There was a lot of alone time for me which made me concentrate on getting good grades. It also motivated me to get somewhere.'

Devin Thomas
Former Canton football player

All-State accolades.

"I still keep in touch with a few of the guys from that team," Thomas said. "And I talked to coach (Tim) Baechler in July at the high school football All-Star game."

"I learned a lot during my two years at Canton. My work ethic really improved. The most important thing I learned from coach Baechler was that things don't always come easy. You don't always get your way, so you have to grind it out sometimes."

While there was little doubt Thomas possessed Division 1 football skills after he graduat-

ed from Canton, he needed to polish his academic skills before he could play at the next level.

Coffeyville proved to be the ideal fit because it offered a high-caliber football program and an environment that helped the talented Thomas focus on improving his studying skills.

"Moving out there made me grow up fast," Thomas said, smiling. "Coffeyville is out in the middle of nowhere. It's nothing but cornfields out there. There was a lot of alone time for me which made me concentrate on getting good grades. It also motivated me to get somewhere."

That somewhere is 80,000-seat Spartan Stadium, where he'll be catching passes from a future NFL star and out-running opponents who are more than slightly larger than the munchkins Dorothy had to deal with.

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The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of preschool sports programs, which will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The programs include sports sampler, Y-Hoops, Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball. There will be morning and evening classes available for children between the ages of 3 and 5.

The programs will be offered from Sept. 18 through Oct. 27. The cost is \$57 for program members and \$74 for community members.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is also looking for preschool instructors for these programs. If you are interested, call the number listed above.

'CATS' FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth High School girls swimming and diving team will be holding a car-wash fund-raiser Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walgreen's located at Ford and Sheldon roads in Canton.

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U's will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m.-noon; 14U will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and 16U will run from noon-2 p.m.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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

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

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

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tour-

naments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 13 years old (or younger) as of April 30, 2007. For more information, contact head coach Glen Potter at (734) 844-8941 between Aug. 20-27.

Tryouts for the 2007 Vipers, an 11-and-under Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Plymouth Township Park (field No. 2), which is located off Ann Arbor Trail (between McClumpha and Beck roads).

Eligible players must be younger than 12 years old by April 30, 2007.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 or tboucher14@yahoo.com; or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224 or arg8@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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

FALL YOUTH LACROSSE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering a fall instructional lacrosse program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Registration runs through the entire month of August. The season runs from mid-September through the first week of November. Practices will be mid-week nights only. The program will also help prepare players for the spring competitive season. Visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us; or call (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302.



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SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball organization will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Softball Center on diamonds 5-8. Tryouts for 10U's will be held from 10-11 a.m.; 12U will be from 10 a.m.-noon; 14U will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and 16U will run from noon-2 p.m.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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

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

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

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley Travel League as well as in several USSSA tour-

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Livonia golfer wins second straight O&E title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonian Jim Omietanski made history in Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Tournament.

The 46-year-old supervisor at Ford Motor Co. became the first back-to-back champion when he carded rounds of 69 and 72 for a six-shot victory over Livonia dentist William Himm in the two-day event held at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses.

Omietanski's two-day total of 141 eclipsed his 2005 first-place total of 144.

"I was consistent, I didn't miss many greens, and the ones I missed, I made a lot of up-and-downs," said Omietanski, who took home a \$200 gift certificate and first-place trophy. "I hit a lot of good irons and I putted well. I had only one double-bogey in two days."

"Yesterday (Saturday) was big day because I played well at the Willows."

Ironically, Omietanski had logged only 15 rounds of golf this season after being moved to the afternoon shift back in April at Ford.

And for the time being, he had to shelve his Tuesday night league play.

But despite his inactivity, Omietanski believed he could defend his title.

"I've been to the range more than I played," he said.

"I was confident I could be close to, or even-par. I was confident I could hang even though I did not play a lot."

"I don't play the big tournaments, but this is a great tourney. I enjoy the competition and the course was in great shape."

Meanwhile, the 55-year-old Himm was making his first O&E Tourney appearance in over 15 years.

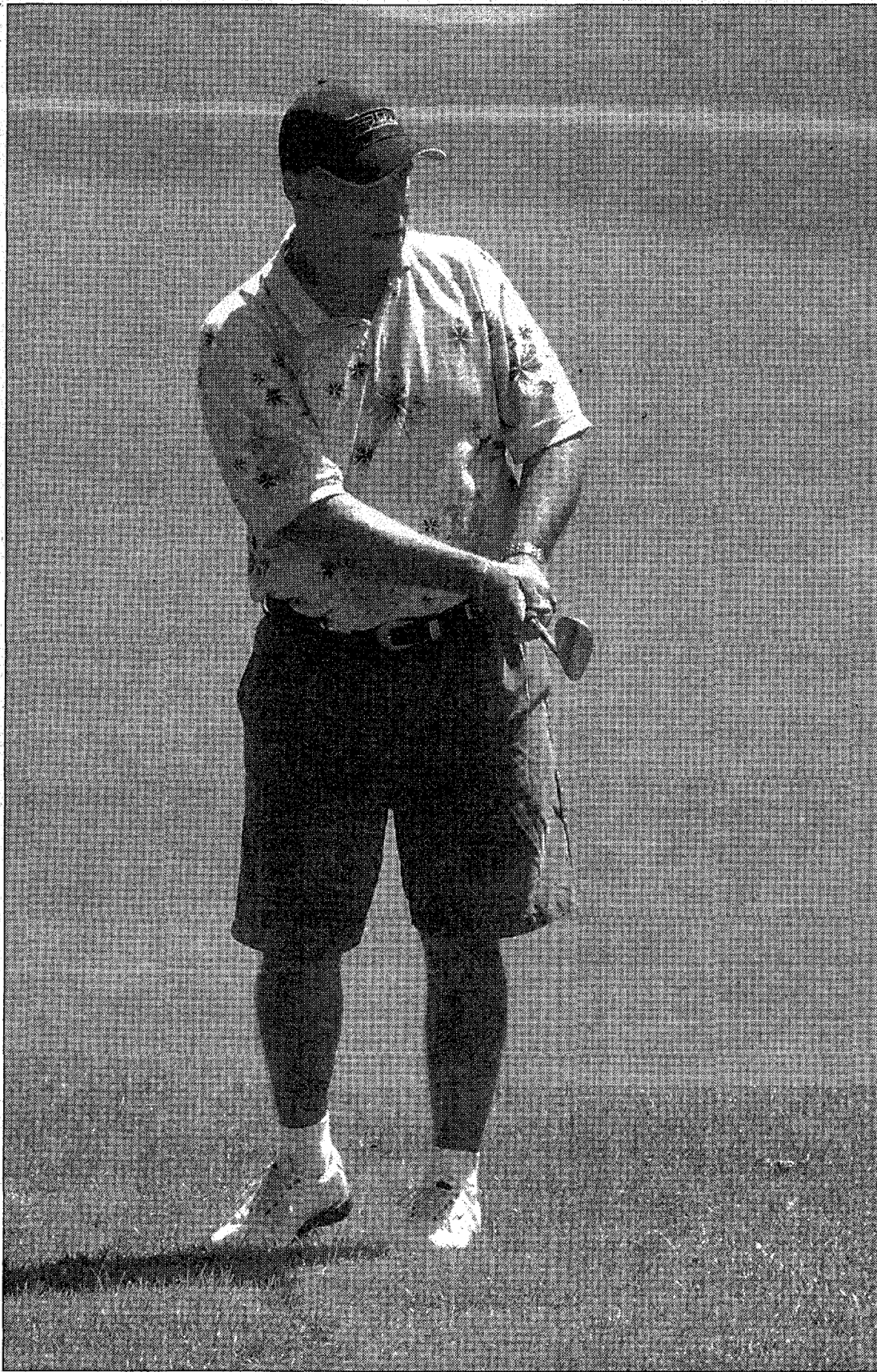
A member of Western Golf & Country Club in Redford, Himm will play later this month in the Golf Association of Michigan Seniors.

At the O&E Tourney, Himm relied on his putting, short game and his prized Taylor Made Burner Bubble 5-wood with a graphite shaft, which he affectionately calls his "Stradivarius."

"I've played a lot, probably around 100 rounds so far this year," said Himm, whose last tournament was the Frank Syron.

Himm carded a 74 on Saturday at Whispering Willows and added a 73 on Sunday at Fox Creek for a two-day total of 147.

Novi's Justin Chamberlain was one-stroke back at 148, while Livonia Churchill High senior-to-be, Tommy Lucko, who lost to Omietanski in the



Jim Omietanski captured his second consecutive Observer & Eccentric golf championship Sunday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

playoff last year, wound up tied for fifth with Northville's Dan Longeway after carding the best score on Sunday (71) at Fox Creek.

Higham rules 1st flight

Livonia native Dan Higham shook off the rust to win the first flight title in the O&E Tourney as he shot 77-78-155 to beat Plymouth's Rick Wheeler by six strokes.

The 30-year-old Higham, whose younger brother Dave is the assistant pro at

Whispering Willows, made only two double-bogeys during the two-day event.

Not bad for the 10-handicapper who plays only once a week.

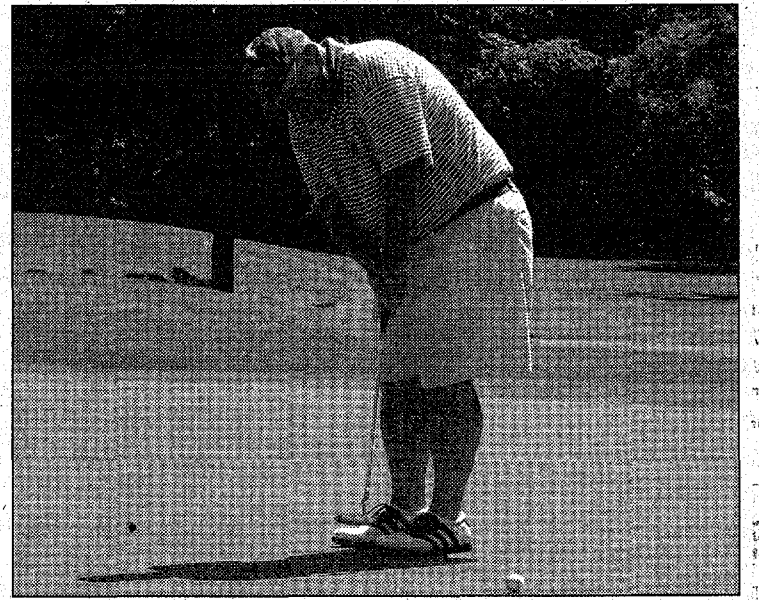
And despite 37 putts on the second day, the Churchill High and former Schoolcraft College golfer managed to add two more strokes on the field following a four-shot lead after the opening round.

"This was my first competitive round in three or four years," said Higham, who works for a local vending company, AVI Food Systems.

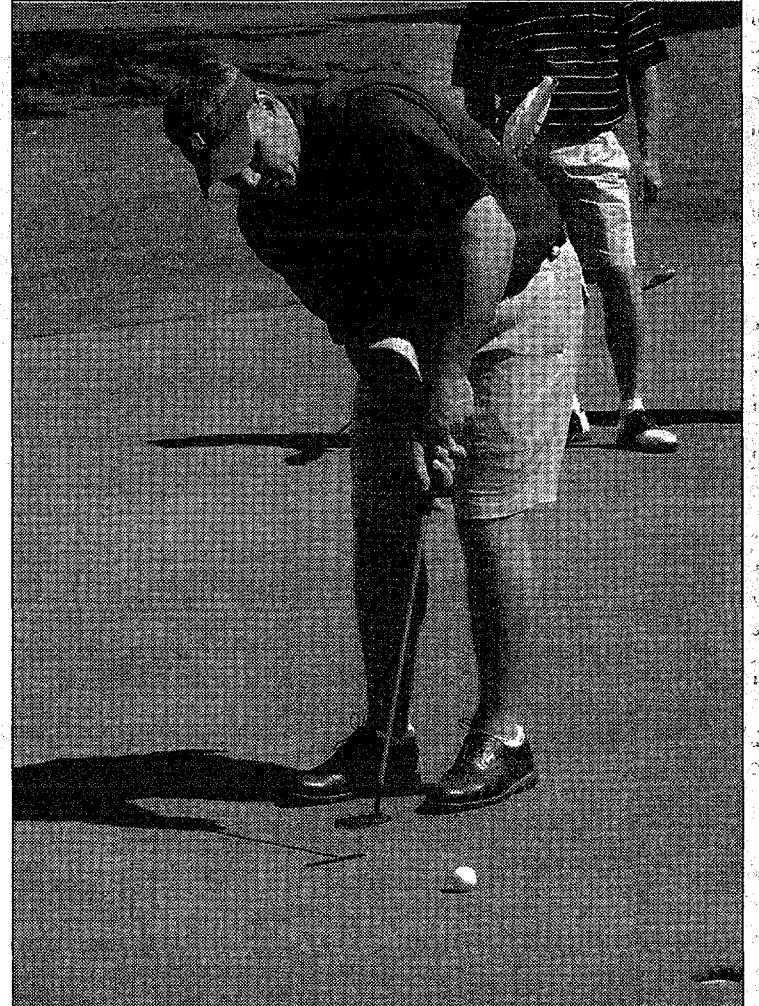
"I hit the ball pretty well. I never got myself in trouble and I made putts when I had to. I kept the ball in play all weekend."

"I went tee-to-green the first six holes (on Sunday). At No. 5 I saved par. I know these courses really well. At Fox Creek you need more accurate tee shots than Whispering. The pins were fair, but yesterday they were tough at Whispering Willows."

Two former area prep football standouts from the 1970s, Livonians Jim



Northville resident Dan Longeway watches his putt roll toward the hole during Sunday's second round of the O&E golf tournament.



Livonia resident Dan Higham captured the first flight title in the O&E golf tournament.

Dolmetsch and Sam Williams, tied for third at 169 each.

Dolmetsch was a quarterback from Stevenson High who set passing marks at Northwood Institute, while Williams, son of former Lions defensive end Sam Williams (of the Fearsome Foursome), was an All-State tight end and linebacker on Livonia Franklin's 1975 state Class A championship team.

Jacobs top women

In Saturday's 18-hole O&E Women's tourney, Livonian

Janina Jacobs also repeated as champion, firing an 82 at Whispering Willows to beat fellow Livonian Molly Gibson by six shots.

Jacobs, who took home an \$80 gift certificate and first-place trophy, also captured the closest to the pin contest on hole No. 7 at Whispering Willows.

Northville's Kathy Konkel grabbed the first flight women's title by six shots over Alice Stanley of Livonia.

A total of nine women and 112 men competed in the tournament.

New football league offers kids noncontact fun

Beginning in September, the Michigan Youth Flag Football Association will be offering NFL Youth Flag Football leagues for Plymouth and Canton students in the second through fifth grades, as well as clinics for kids in kindergarten and first grade.

Each league team will consist of eight to 10 players, who will be grouped with students from their school. One league will consist of second- and third-graders; a second will include fourth- and fifth-graders.

The format for league games will be 5-on-5 non-contact flag. Games will be played on a 25- by 64-yard field (50-yard field with seven-

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yard end zones). The \$110-per-player entry fee covers the cost of eight practices and eight games. Each player will also receive a reversible NFL jersey.

"One of the nice things about the 5-on-5 format compared to the usual 11-on-11 is that every kid has an opportunity to get the ball on every offensive play," said Bryan Ledin, the MYFFA executive director. "In 11-on-11, if you're not the running back or quarterback,

you probably won't touch the ball. With 5-on-5, there's one quarterback and four receivers, so everybody can be a superstar."

Ledin said similar leagues the MYFFA operate in Bloomfield Hills have experienced phenomenal success.

"There are around 600 kids in the Bloomfield leagues," he said. "The concept is that it's an alternate to tackle football for the younger kids. The time commitment is a lot less as well as the financial commitment. We've found that this is a great feeder league for the tackle-football program, too."

The season will begin the week of Sept. 11.

Practices will be held on either Monday or Thursday evenings with games being held Sunday afternoons at the Canton Sports Center.

The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 8. To register, visit www.MichiganYouthFlagFootball.com.

The one-hour fundamentals clinic for kindergarten and first-grade students will be held on six consecutive Mondays (6-7 p.m.) beginning Sept. 18 at the Canton Sports Center. The cost of the clinic is \$75, Ledin said.

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Pair of Canton wrestlers college-bound

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Two of the architects of Canton's revitalized wrestling program are taking their mat skills to the next level.

Recent graduates Marwan Faraj and Konrad Konsitzke, who led the Chiefs to their first-ever appearance at the Division 1 team state championship tournament in March, will be prolonging their wrestling careers at Muskegon Community College and Iowa Central Community College, respectively.

"Right after last season, I wasn't sure if I wanted to keep wrestling," said Faraj. "But after I thought about it, I didn't want to be in a position years from now where I asked myself, 'What if? What if I would have wrestle in college?'"

"Muskegon Community College showed a lot of interest in me and they have a good team, so I decided to give it a shot."

Faraj, who plans on pursuing a degree in

health sciences, will receive a partial scholarship after he has established residency in Muskegon for six months. He also earned an academic scholarship.

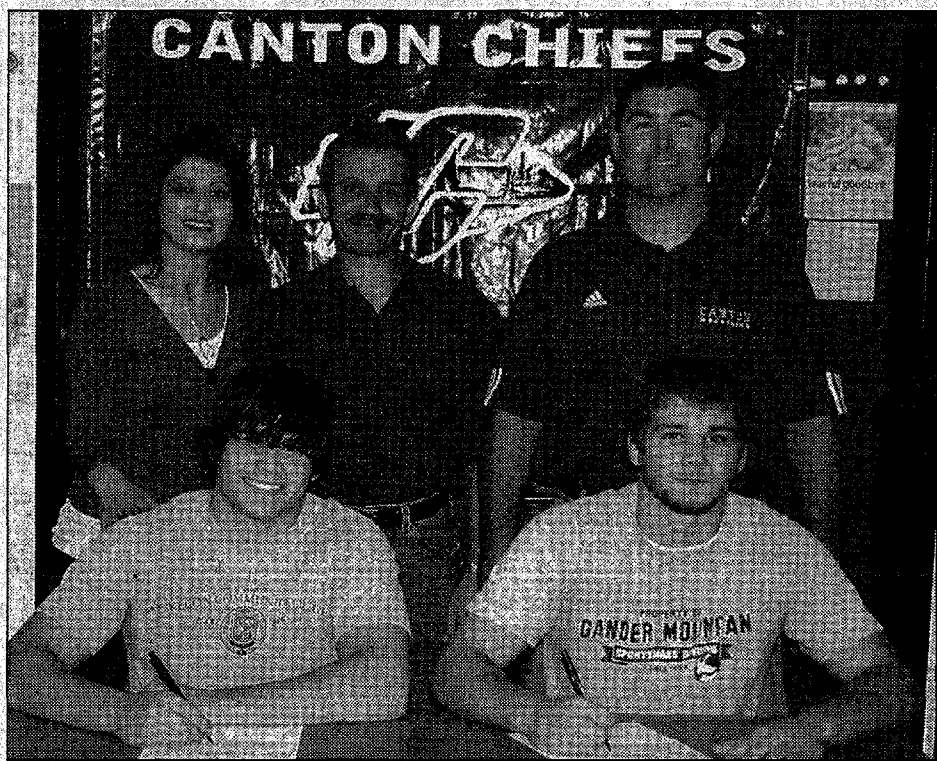
Konsitzke will be joining a team that captured a national title this past spring.

"Coach Randolph sent them tapes of me wrestling this past year and they liked what they saw and contacted me," he explained. "My dad has hunted out there a lot the past 10 years, so we really like the area. I also like the fact that it will be a competitive wrestling room and everybody around me will be good."

Konsitzke said he chose ICC over several Division III schools that also showed an interest in him.

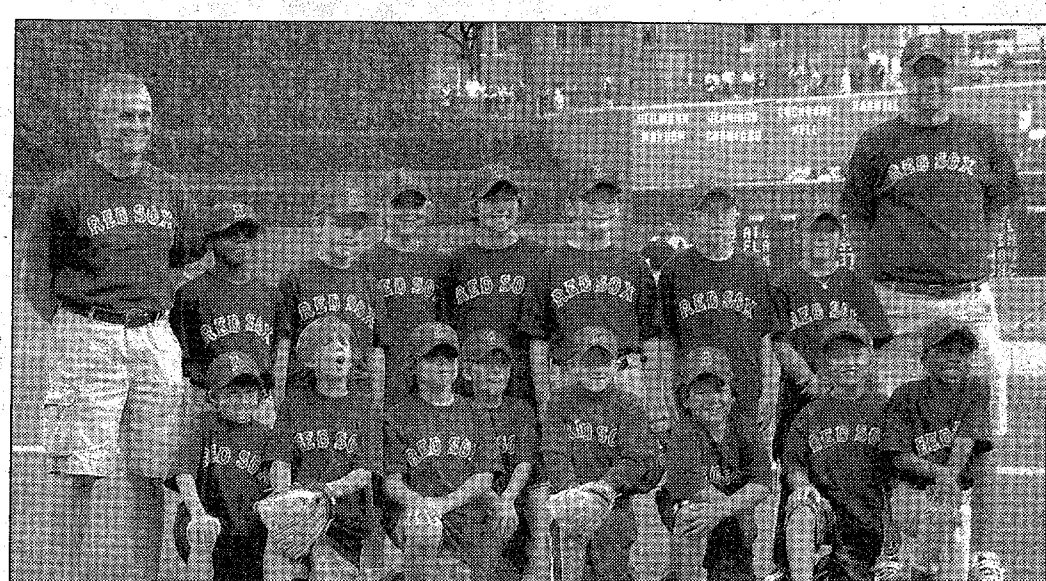
Both Faraj and Konsitzke said they will decide whether to pursue wrestling careers at larger colleges once their two-year community college stints are over.

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Former Canton wrestlers Marwan Faraj (seated left) and Konrad Konsitzke will take their talents to the collegiate level in the fall. Faraj will be competing for Muskegon Community College while Konsitzke is headed to Iowa Central Community College. Pictured standing (from left) are Faraj's parents, Fadia and Ahmed, and Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph.

BRIDGET KONSITZKE



Sox it to them!

The 9-and-under Canton Red Sox finished their 2006 Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association season with a 13-3 record and a league championship after ousting the Pirates, 8-2, in the title game. During the play-offs the Red Sox defeated the three teams they lost to in the regular season. The picture above was taken before a Detroit Tigers game on the field at Comerica Park. Pictured (front row from left) are Noah Lindlbauer, Matt Cade, Ryan Watson, Lucas Albrecht, Pete Carravallah, Mitchell King, Alex Zoltowski, Matt Cook, back row (from left) coach Rob Brooks, Lawrence Cook, Adam Cousineau, Tyler Brooks, Nicholas Glud, Joe Kenzie, Jakob Lenders, Kyle Bauer and coach Pat Watson.

Madonna spikers 1st in preseason poll

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) unveiled the 2006 volleyball coaches poll and preseason all-conference team today with defending champion Madonna University the unanimous choice to win their 10th straight conference crown.

Madonna senior middle hitter Caryn Inman and Cornerstone University senior libero Julie Brusie were tabbed as the co-preseason Player-of-the-Year.

In a vote of all eight league coaches, Madonna, coming off a 48-2 record last season and No. 3 national ranking, received 64 total points and all eight first place votes, besting No. 2 pick Cornerstone, which earned 57 points.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn was picked third with 38 points while second-year WHAC volleyball member Indiana Tech was the fourth place pick.

Aquinas and Siena Heights are the fifth and sixth pick while WHAC newcomer Davenport University was tabbed seventh and Concordia University eighth.

Inman and Brusie received four votes each to share preseason top player honors, with each coming off All-American selections in 2005.

Joining Inman on the preseason team from Madonna are senior middle hitter Heather

Spooner, sophomore outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova and junior defensive specialist Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill).

The Crusaders enter the 2006 campaign fresh off a 48-2 record in 2005 when they advanced to the programs second ever NAIA Final Four appearance and a No. 3 national ranking.

Inman and Spooner are the two seniors returning to that squad which replaces four departed senior starters and six total players who saw significant court time from last season.

If the preseason prognosis comes true it would mark the 10th straight WHAC volleyball title for Madonna and 20-year Hall of Fame head coach Jerry Abraham.

Inman would also become the second straight Player of the Year for Madonna and the fourth in the last five years.

Four MU volleyball players have won the postseason award as Inman would join Kelly McCausland, Shelley Stanton, Amanda Suder and Natalja Timina.

The regular season gets under way on Thursday, Aug. 24 with a home match versus Wayne State University.

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 by Jeff Lesson

THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

With the PGA Championship, the final major of the year being contested this week at Medinah, all eyes will once again be focused on Tiger Woods.

Thirty year old Tiger has won the last two events he entered (The British and Buick Opens), once again establishing himself as the top golfer on the planet. He now has won a total of 50 PGA Tour events and 11 majors, enroute to breaking the all time marks in both categories.

Medinah is also a course that Tiger has won on before. But that was before they made this course the longest in major championship golf history. Tiger also won at Medinah when he was driving the ball much better.

At most of the PGA Tour venues, accuracy off the tee is NOT a premium. Tiger is way down in those rankings (well out of the top 100). But as his swing coach Hank Haney told me at the Buick Open, it is really all about how many greens you hit.

And as long as the rough is not that long (i.e. most PGA Tour stops outside a U.S. Open or PGA Championship course), Tiger can overpower the course. But such is not the case at Medinah. There, Tiger must hit long and straight due to the difficult rough and length of the course. That is not something he has done well in a few years.

Will he keep the driver out of the bag and hit two irons and three woods off the tee? Or does he need the distance a driver gives him? Should be interesting.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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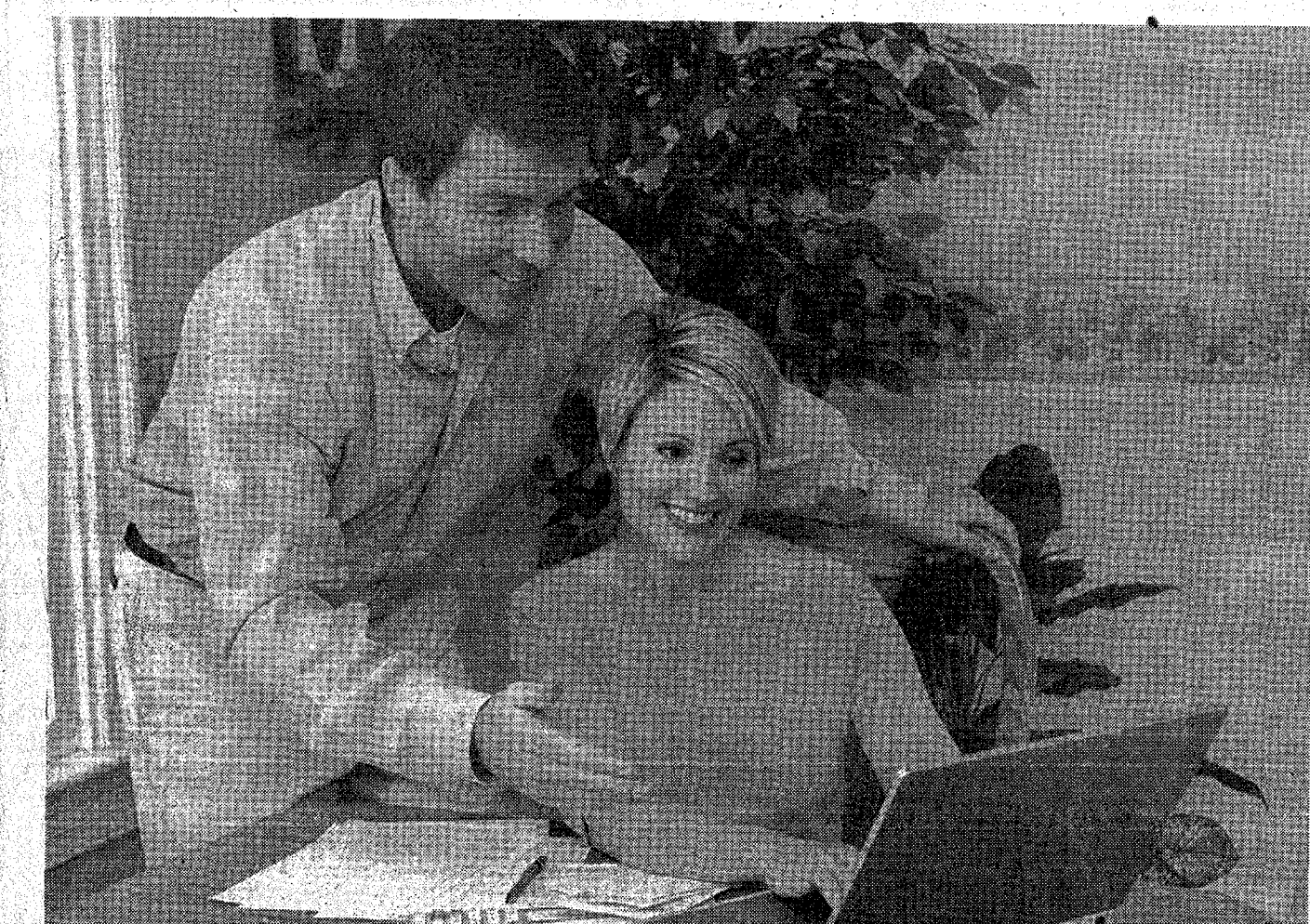
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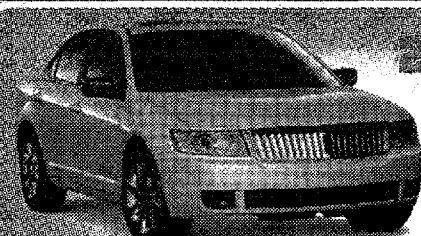


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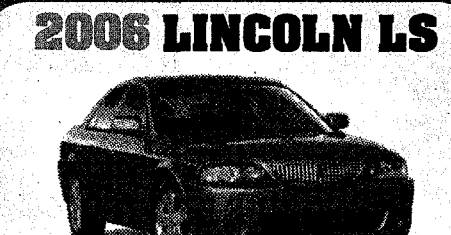
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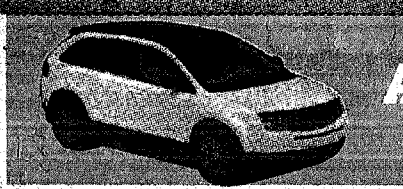
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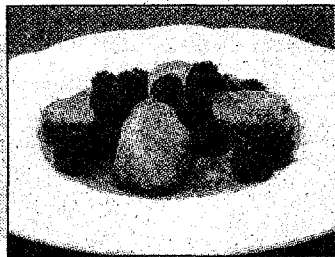
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Make sweet, savory sauce for pork



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Summer is going by all too fast. Some readers who travel to their own getaway during the season have sent us photos of their Summer Places. We thank them for sharing. Take a few moments to savor their special sites.

Mary Klemic

Use these Web sites to trade books, CDs and DVDs

The Internet has turned into one big swap meet. Borrowing from the idea that one man's junk is another man's treasure, new Web sites enable you to trade unwanted books, CDs and movies for titles you actually do want.

Think of it: You can unload your copy of Monica Lewinsky's biography (What were you thinking?) and get *The Kite Runner* (a truly exceptional book) in return.

All done with those Weird Al Yankovic CDs? Trade them for some Brendan Benson or Iron & Wine.

And say good-bye to the kids' old Barney DVDs; you can swap them for *Arrested Development*, *Firefly*, *Master and Commander* and other gems.

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

At least, that's the theory. The reality is that one man's junk is often, well, another man's junk. It's not always easy, or even possible, to mine treasure from these swap sites.

Still, they're definitely worth a look. Let's start with Peerflix (peerflix.com), the DVD-trading service I wrote about last January. Back then, it was relatively new and experiencing some growing pains.

Today it's a much more polished and stable service, though not perfect.

To get started, you sign up, provide a credit card number (each DVD you receive costs 99 cents, plus postage) and build a list of the movies you want to receive.

You also create a list of the DVDs you own and are willing to trade. When a movie on another user's "want" list matches one on your "have" list, you're notified via e-mail to send it off.

You don't even need to mess with envelopes; instead, you print a fold-up mailer right on your printer, complete with electronic postage. Pretty slick.

Meanwhile, when one of your wanted DVDs finds a match on someone else's list, they send it to you. It's a pretty easy way to refresh your movie library.

MUSIC SWAP

The modus operandi is similar at La La (lala.com), where you can trade CDs for a buck apiece. Even better, the service supplies plastic cases and prepaid mailers.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4

At center right is the Summer Place of Ron and Darlene Krieg of Livonia. It is on an inland waterway on the Indian River. The Krieghs have had the getaway for almost six years. There, Ron golfs, fishes every day, and hunts deer. Darlene spends the summer - June through Labor Day - at the site with the family dog. The view across the way is a wooded area. "It's just the best thing I've done," Ron said.

"This (photos at left, top and bottom) is our 900-square-foot log cabin on Strawberry Lake in Hamburg Township. It's called N'houraway because it is just an hour away from our permanent home in Birmingham. "When we first saw it, it was covered in yellow aluminum siding with aluminum windows. The Realtor said, "Before you say 'No Way,' wait until you see the inside." N'hour later it was ours. "We've added a few personal touches and updated the bathroom, but we like to keep it simple."

Randy and Rochelle Forester

"Welcome to Rancy's Sugar Shack!" (This is the photo at top left. Rancy is a combination of the names Randy and Nancy.) "The Sugar Shack is our little home away from home located within Sugar Springs Association, Gladwin, Mich. "This is where we go to recharge after a hectic work week in Canton. We love to entertain family and friends at the Shack - all are welcome! "My husband, Randy, enjoys fishing off the dock and someday would love to buy a boat. "I like to run the country roads and play with our wonder dog Harley. "Harley loves to swim, chase the geese and dock dive. "Randy and I both enjoy the quiet time reading and spending quality time together."

Nancy Phalin

Savor these summer places

Gear up for 12th annual Woodward Dream Cruise

On the off chance you haven't heard, the 12th annual Woodward Dream Cruise is this Saturday.

Of course, if you are anywhere along Woodward at this time of year you know that Dream Cruise day has turned into Dream Cruise week as car enthusiasts from around town and around the world show off and take in the best of American automobile design and



Dick Purtan

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ingenuity. We all have our favorite vehicle - one that is guaranteed to elicit an "Oh, wow" as it cruises by. For me all it takes is one look at a classic Chevy Impala and I'm immediately transported back to my parents' driveway. There I am behind the wheel, feeling the raw power of this awesome machine. I was on the endless American highway. I was the definition

of cool. I was James Dean, Marlon Brando and Steve McQueen all rolled into one. I was also in big trouble. You see, I thought it was a great idea to pile five or six of my best buddies on the hood of that Chevy as I backed out at top speed. My dad was far from amused. I'll never forget his running after us, screaming: "Hey, you hoodlums - get off that car!" (For those of you unfamiliar with the

term "hoodlum," it was the "then" version of a "wise guy." Think Tony Soprano.)

This weekend, we have a chance to celebrate all those great car memories as we pay tribute to what made the Motor City the Motor City.

More than 40,000 of Detroit's finest creations will be chugging up and down Woodward Avenue from Ferndale to Pontiac. More than 1-1/2 million of us will be on hand to witness this sheet metal-to-the-pedal parade. To put that into perspective, that's one person for every orange barrel on 696.

This is the biggest one-day car event in the world. It is certainly the largest gathering we'll see on Woodward until this year's Tigers World Series victory parade. Now that would be a Dream Cruise!

So, grab a lawn chair, pack a cooler and enjoy the show. And enjoy the fact that the term "top down" has nothing to do with Janet Jackson.

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People will be broadcasting live on The Motor City's 104.3 WQMC 8-11 a.m. this Saturday in the median at the corner of Nine Mile and Woodward in Ferndale. Honk if you drive by.



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It's time to review dorm safety rules

Before getting into today's column I'll say that I always enjoy getting questions and comments from readers.

After my last column dealing with garden pests, I received some e-mail questioning the mentioned use of lethal control methods.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

I want to stress that the use of lethal methods of pest control MUST be used cautiously, judiciously and, as stated, as a last resort. Children and pets can be injured by careless use of poisons and traps. However, garden pests themselves can create health problems and injuries to children, pets and adults.

All mammals - especially bats, skunks and raccoons - can carry rabies. They can also cause flea infestations. We experienced this several years ago when an opossum took up residence under our deck.

Betty S. suggests controlling moles by placing used kitty litter into their tunnels. She said, "Moles fear cats and they will leave upon smelling the litter."

She also suggests baby powder as a deterrent for rabbits. Gina from Livonia says native plants such as daylilies, hosta, purple coneflower, coral bells and sedum naturally don't attract pests.

She also said a "little dish soap solution in a sprayer helps sometimes."

Thanks so much for the suggestions. Please feel free to send comments or questions to me anytime.

DORM SAFETY

It's this time of year when many young people are moving to their college homes, some for the first time. What a good time to talk about some safety issues that arise in college dorms everywhere.

My first thought was to look at lofts. For those of you who aren't familiar with lofts, they are like bunk beds with no bed on the bottom. This allows more floor space under the bed.

Lofts need to be constructed in a sturdy and safe manner. Here are a few suggestions for loft construction:

- The occupant needs to be able to get

out of the loft quickly.

■ Lofts mustn't obstruct egress windows and shouldn't block rapid egress from the room.

■ Don't attach wiring to a loft.

■ Flammable materials such as paneling, fabric or paper shouldn't be used to enclose the loft.

■ Avoid placing objects such as coat hooks and nails on the loft.

Ask your college residence hall about loft rules. Some simple plans for a loft can be found at <http://www.oploftbed.com/>.

Fire safety is another issue. Often the causes for fire emergencies are due to a lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention. Student apathy also plays a significant role.

There is also a strong link between alcohol and fire deaths. In most cases where fire fatalities occurred on college campuses, alcohol was a factor.

To help keep safe from fire-related injuries in college dorms:

■ Know where at least two exits are.

■ Properly use cooking appliances. Unplug them when not in use.

■ Properly use extension cords.

■ Remember: Overloaded electrical circuits increase the risk of fires.

■ Be cautious of blankets and other fabrics near heating vents.

■ Curling irons and other heating appliances need to be off when not in use.

General dorm life safety points are:

■ Lock your room doors and windows even if you will only be gone for a couple of minutes.

■ Never lend your keys to anyone.

■ Never prop open building access doors.

■ Don't leave your books, purse or other valuables unattended.

■ Don't let strangers follow you into the building, even if they look like they belong there.

■ Use common sense ALWAYS.

Good luck to you in your college years.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

HOME CALENDAR

Dog training

The Wolverine Dog Training Club is celebrating "50 great years of training dogs and people." It has classes for every level in obedience and agility, and incorporates Rally in some of its obedience classes. The club's next class session will begin Thursday, Aug. 24. Visit its Web site, www.wolverinedtc.com, for information.

Panel discussion

Michigan Design Center (MDC) invites design and architecture enthusiasts to a panel discussion, Influences in Contemporary Architecture and Design in Detroit, 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at MDC in Troy. Admission is free, but space is limited and advance reservations are strongly recommended. Call (248) 649-4772 for reservations. MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, north off Maple, between Crooks and Coolidge. *Dwell* magazine editor-in-chief Allison Arief will moderate the discussion. It will be followed by a reception in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86, at MDC. Featured will be John Gallagher, architecture critic for the *Detroit*

Free Press; Victor Saroki and Michael Paris, noted local architects; William Massie, architecture department head at Cranbrook Academy of Art; and Clay Dean, automotive designer for General Motors.

Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays through September. It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week. Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment. Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

Wrenches, with a twist, and pliers with a grip

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We were pleased when we opened the mail recently and discovered that someone had sent us a sample of a new ratchet-style box wrench.

We were a little disappointed, though, when we thought that the package only contained two wrenches, not a full set.

But it wasn't a partial set at all. The two wrenches constituted a full eight-piece set of box wrenches.

Each of the two-box wrench ends is shaped into two sizes (two ends on each wrench, two sizes on each end, four sizes per wrench). Two wrenches - eight sizes.

Each end of each wrench boasts a reversible ratchet and a 5-degree ratchet lock. This means that the tool can be operated in a very tight space.

If you live in an apartment and want the most tool for the storage space available, then you want to look into this one.

The tool is called the QuadBox. For more information on this product, go to www.gearwrench.com/.

V-JAW PLIERS

When a major plumbing job arises, there is always the chance that a pipe wrench will be needed. But, for the smaller jobs, we like to use adjustable pliers.

We recently discovered that there is an adjustable pliers that is made specifically for use with round stock like plumbing pipe.

What makes this puppy different is its "V-shaped jaws." The curvature gives the jaw more contact surface on

round or curved stock, resulting in a better grip with less force you need to exert.

We strongly recommend using adjustable pliers instead of a pipe wrench for most plumbing finish work. You can "feel" the pressure being exerted more readily with pliers. Over-tightening a connection is still possible, but less likely when using pliers.

For more information on V-jaw pliers, go to www.channellock.com/.

LOCK JAW PLIERS

There is nothing new about locking pliers. If you began looking you would probably find a pair in just about every tool box on the planet.

Locking pliers have a screw at the end of the handle that adjusts the size of the bite so that various things can be securely gripped - regardless of thickness or diameter.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes two or three tries to properly adjust the tool to the task at hand. When you're in a hurry to get the job done, this can be an annoyance.

Someone just invented a pair of "self-adjusting" locking pliers.

There is no adjusting screw at the end of the handle because the tool automatically adapts to whatever size item you want to hold on to.

The tool is named Lock Jaw. For more information, go to www.lockjawpliers.com.

SURECONNECT VALVE

There are non-tool innovations that are equally as much fun to discover and work with.

Here's one if you're planning a

kitchen or bath remodel.

The little valves under the sink that are used to turn the water off to the faucet are called angle stops.

The problem with these is that it takes forever to shut them off, and once turned off, they usually leak.

Replacing them is heartache because the kind that work with copper have compression fittings and there isn't anything good about that kind of connection. They leak, they are almost impossible to replace and they are a pain to install.

We are used to placing a container beneath the angle stops that we have to work on to catch the drips that almost always occur.

Now, someone has designed a brand-new style of angle stop with a quick shut-off feature. This particular valve can be completely replaced with a flick of your wrist.

It comes with its own special piece of copper pipe (which has to be soldered into the line). In combination, the valve and the pipe marry via the push of a latch - and reversing the process for removal is just as quick and easy.

By the way, we don't think there would be value in using this valve unless you were doing new construction or a remodel. It isn't something made for retrofit installation. The product is called SureConnect.

For more on this valve, go to www.brasscraft.com/.

And that's all there is to it.

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BROIDA

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La La is much more of a community-oriented site, allowing you to share album reviews, blog about music, listen to song snippets, and so on.

My first few weeks with La La weren't particularly fruitful. I quickly traded one CD and got another in return, but after that, nothing happened. I listed to more than two dozen discs — decent stuff, too, like Green Day and Elton John — but never got any takers.

And because I'd used up my one "starter" credit, I couldn't receive any more CDs until I sent at least one. I was stuck in a kind of swap-meet limbo.

Then I discovered that the (inconvenient) path to La La success is to stay logged into the site and watch for a flag to appear next to your Have List.

Clicking it right away is like being first in line to ship that particular CD (which others may also have).

You can also have the site notify you via e-mail when someone has requested one of your CDs, but by the time you respond it may be too late — someone else may already have fulfilled the request.

What's more, this e-mail notification option isn't enabled by default — you have to select it in your account settings.

There's also a plug-in you can download for iTunes, Winamp and Windows Media Player. Among other things, it can alert you when someone has requested one of your CDs.

BOOK SWAP

I was particularly excited to try PaperBackSwap.com, which promised to let me unload those old Star Trek novels I'll never read again and stock up on Junie B. Jones books for my daughter.

PBS charges nothing — you pay only the postage for each book you send.

The site even calculates the amount (based on Media Rate) and lets you print a completed mailer/wrapper. (You may have to get creative if the two sheets of paper aren't enough to cover the entire book.)

The PBS site is crude and not terribly well-organized, but I found it easy enough to use after some poking around.

Best of all, several of the books I posted were requested right away, and several of the books I wanted were immediately available.

Even so, as I noted earlier, you may not always get what you want — from PBS or any other swap site. Everyone is trying to spin their straw into gold, and there's only so much gold to go around.

So don't be too disappointed if no one snatches up that Lewinsky bio.

At PaperBackSwap.com, you can trade paperbacks, hardcovers and even audiobooks. You pay only the postage.

La La provides everything you need to trade CDs with other users, including prepaid mailers.

Peerflix makes DVD trading fairly easy, but you may end up waiting a long time to receive anything good.

But could someone please take this Benedictine Monks Chant CD off my hands? Honestly, I don't know what I was thinking.

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High humidity can make your home sick, too

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A common summer complaint is: It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

Too much moisture in the hot summer air can turn your home into a steam bath.

Beyond leaving you feeling hot, sticky and generally uncomfortable, high humidity can be bad for your home's health as well.

It can cause warped wood floors, furniture and trim; chipped and peeling paint and wallpaper; wet stains on walls and ceilings; and musty, foul-smelling odors.

It also can encourage the growth of dust mites, fungi, bacteria, mold and mildew.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the ideal relative humidity range for the home is between 35 and 50 percent. At this range you are comfortable and healthy and your home is protected.

The big question is how to effectively and efficiently accomplish this.

Most people try to use their air conditioner to remove humidity.

But according to air quality experts, homeowners should never lower the thermostat temperature in an attempt to control humidity in their home.

Setting the thermostat temperature lower does two things that are counter to your goal of reducing the moisture content in your home.

It increases the indoor relative humidity and it decreases the temperature of the materials in the walls, floors and ceilings of your home, thereby significantly increasing the potential for condensation on these elements.

Secondly, with today's super energy-efficient homes, a typical air conditioning unit will cycle on and off too quickly to eliminate excess moisture in the air.

As a result, homeowners resort to overcooling the living space while attempting to remove moisture, which leads to uncomfortable air temperatures, high energy bills and excess wear on the cooling system.

DEHUMIDIFIERS

An alternative is a portable dehumidifier, which by definition will only address a small area of the home.

A portable dehumidifier is designed to run at a temperature of about 80 degrees Fahrenheit, while basements have an average temperature of between 58 and 65 degrees.

Below 65 degrees, frost can form on the condensing coils, which negatively affects performance by causing the compressor to cycle on and off repeatedly without removing moisture from the air.

While a portable dehumidifier can be valuable for a small, isolated space, common complaints are that they are noisy and require regular maintenance.

Another option to consider is a whole-home dehumidifier. Better systems work in conjunction with the cooling system and can remove up to 90 pints of moisture from the home's environment each day.

Whole-home dehumidifiers are designed to remove moisture while the thermostat is designed to maintain temperature.

A whole-house dehumidifier automatically senses moisture levels and maintains the optimum humidity level in the home.

In addition, these systems can switch between whole-home and localized areas (such as a basement), offering the best of both worlds.

One of the most appealing aspects of having dehumidified air is that it actually feels cooler to the skin, thus allowing homeowners to raise the thermostat.

This can result in significant energy savings (and a lower utility bill) and less wear and tear on the cooling system without sacrificing comfort.

And when it comes to maintenance, a whole-house dehumidifier contains a pump and drain line that will discharge collected water into a sump or drainage system, in contrast to a portable system with a collection system that must be regularly emptied.

Better whole-house systems have a high-efficiency filter that will usually need to be cleaned once annually.

PREVENTION

Though a whole-house dehumidifier is essential to managing excess humidity, there are preventive steps you can take that will further reduce the problem. They include:

- Clean and repair roof gutters regularly; use covers to keep leaves and sticks from building up in the gutters.
■ Vent appliances that produce moisture, such as clothes dryers and stoves, to the outside where possible.
■ Make sure the ground slopes away from the building foundation, so that water doesn't enter or collect around the foundation.
■ Use down spout extenders that carry water at least 6 feet away from the foundation.
■ Seal unwanted air leaks, such as around holes for plumbing and wiring, where humid outside air sneaks into the home.

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BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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Not so fast. Before you start, you should know there is a right way and a wrong way to spray.

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toward the opposite end with a smooth stroke and a steady sweeping motion that overlaps the pass made just before it.

You'll notice that "overspray" settles ahead of you, which is good because you can cover it up as you go.

If you were to work in the reverse, spray would settle all over your smooth, just-painted finish — leaving a pebbly texture in its wake.

So, cover it as you go and "finish up" like a painting pro.

Keep caulk tubes running straight

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Caulking inside corners and along trim is no problem. But sealing along outside corners is another matter.

When sealing outside corners, pros keep caulk tubes running straight and true by cutting a V-notch in the plastic tip.

It then acts as a running guide that slides along the corner, keeping the tube centered over the crack for a nice long, smooth bead of caulk without the slips, drips and skips that look messy and can lead to future leaks.

Make sweet, savory sauce for pork

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Growing up in the city, I was lucky that my parents drove out to the country so we could pick wild berries in the summer and visit a pick-your-own apple orchard in autumn. They also took me to a country fair to see cows, chickens and pigs up close and to taste old-fashioned homemade pickles and jams.

Thanks to my parents' love of the country, I was comfortable later on in life tramping through some local fields and was able to recognize a thicket of bushes as a huge blackberry bramble. Coming back regularly after the weather turned warm, I watched the bushes flower, then become loaded with big, fat berries. I then waited attentively for the glossy berries to start looking dull. For blackberries, this signals they are fully ripe.

When the time was right, I went back with a big plastic bucket and spent the after-

noon picking berries and ducking wasps. (Insects love sweet fruit and zero right in on it, so seeing them is another sign that fruit is ripe.)

I had already found a store selling canning jars and was ready to turn my berries into jam. Instead of buying the usual pectin to set jellies and jams, I decided to use the traditional method of wrapping pectin-rich apple skins and cores in cheesecloth and boiling them with the fruit and sugar in an enormous pot, taking the risk that the proportions would be right and the jam would set. It came out perfectly: 15 half-pint jars of luscious, homemade blackberry jam. I felt as proud as a pioneer woman who had crossed the Great Plains in a covered wagon. The next year, I ended up with blackberry syrup, so now I add pectin for extra insurance. And I have learned to use blackberries in other ways.

Desserts are an obvious way to enjoy blackberries, but I think you will also like them

in this pork entrée.

An easy sauté, its colorful sauce is made in the same pan as the meat. Ready in minutes, this sauce is equally good on pork or turkey cutlets.

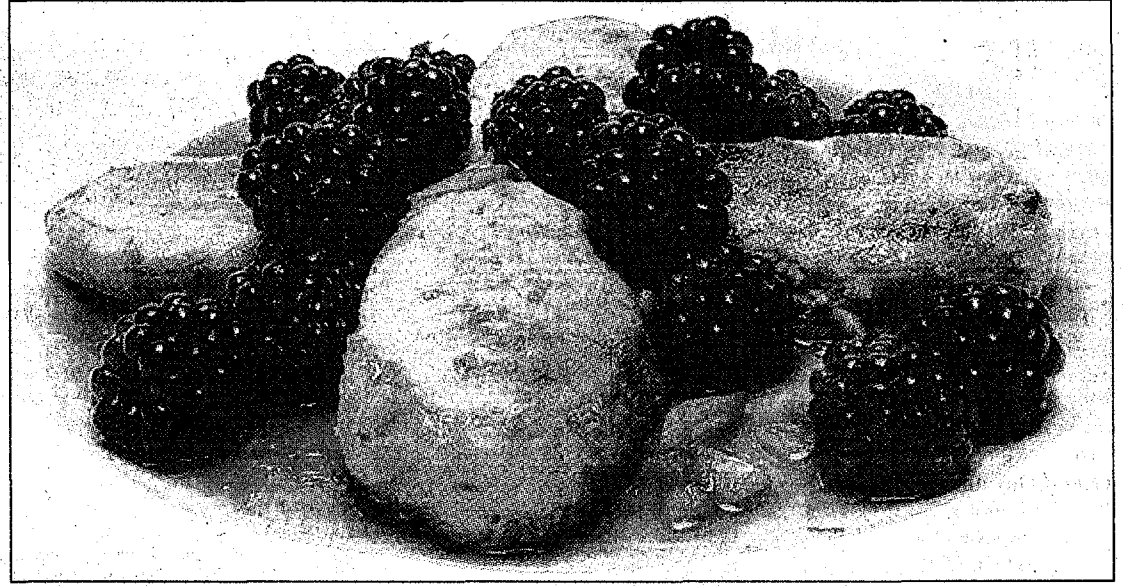
PORK MEDALLIONS WITH BLACKBERRY PAN SAUCE

- 1 large pork tenderloin (12-14 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
- ½ cup pomegranate concentrate or juice
- 1-2 tablespoons honey
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- Pinch of ground chipotle chile powder or ¼ teaspoon finely-chopped canned chile
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 container (6-ounce) fresh blackberries, about 1½ cups

Preheat the oven to 250° F.

Cut the tenderloin crosswise into 12 slices, about half-inch thick for the round part, longer at the thin end.

One at a time, stand the



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Pork Medallions with Blackberry Pan Sauce features a colorful sauce that is made in the same pan as the meat.

pieces on wax paper, cover with another sheet of paper, and pound to an even thinness using a meat-pounder or the side of a heavy knife.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the meat well on both sides, using tongs to turn the medallions after about 4 minutes, and cooking them until they are no longer pink in the center, about 8 to 10 minutes in all. Transfer the meat to a heatproof plate and cover

loosely with foil. Place the meat in the oven to keep warm.

Add the shallots and juice to the pan, scraping vigorously with a wooden spoon to gather up all the browned bits. Reduce the heat to medium, add 1 tablespoon of the honey, the oregano and chipotle pepper.

Simmer 1 minute. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Mix in the remaining honey, if desired. Add the berries and cook until

they are heated through and lighter in color, 2 minutes.

Divide the meat among 4 dinner plates, spoon on the sauce and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 188 calories, 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 14 g. carbohydrate, 19 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 48 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of "The Joy of Soy."

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The Community House offers the following culinary classes to the public this summer: **Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar, Italian Style**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, \$29, \$6 materials fee payable to instructor. To register for this class, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

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Cooking demonstrations
Chris Hessler, Kruse & Muer executive chef, prepares dishes using produce from Rochester Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 9, Rochester Farmers Market, Third and Water streets, one block east of Main, market open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 28, (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Indian cooking
Suvir Saran, master chef and author of "Indian Home Cooking," presents four cooking classes highlighting the world of Indian cooking, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 22-25, at the culinary arts instructional kitchens at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Each session is \$109, the series is \$399. Two hands-on sessions and two demonstration sessions are available. For more information, call Michele Bialo at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5223 or email mbialo@schoolcraft.edu.

Grapevine School of Wine
Register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

FARMERS MARKETS

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Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, Farmington Road and Grand River, www.downtownfarmington.org.

Livonia Farmers Market
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, through October, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia, (734) 525-8718.

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January-April: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays; May-October: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 316 E. 11 Mile Road, two blocks east of Main, (248) 548-8822.

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Plymouth Farmers Market
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Walled Lake Farmers Market
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through October, 1499 E. West Maple, (next to Walled Lake Fire Station), Walled Lake, (248) 926-9004, www.walledlake.com

Bake summer dream with strawberries, cream

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) – What would summer be without fresh, vine-ripened strawberries? Their unmistakable fragrance and sweet, juicy flesh help make it a magical season.

Sure, they're good eaten straight from the patch. But for a special-occasion treat, try a presentation that's still simple to do, but has a certain flair and a quite glamorous appearance.

Slice a pint and arrange them on a crisp tart shell with velvety pastry cream and you'll find you have created a combination of flavors and textures that can't be beat. Easy to make and a pleasure to eat, the Culinary Institute of America's strawberry cream tart is summer at its best.

The notion of making pastry dough from scratch can sometimes induce panic, but the CIA's tart dough recipe is simple to master. This kind of dough is known as short dough (French chefs call it pate sucrée or pate sablee, "sugary" and "sandy" pastry) and it uses the creaming method, one of the easiest mixing techniques.

The creaming method produces a cookie-like pastry that can hold creamy fillings and custards without turning soggy. It is far more forgiving than the rubbed-dough method used to create flaky pie crusts. The creaming method can be done by hand or with a stand mixer using a paddle attachment. Just blend the butter and sugar until light and creamy, and add the remaining ingredients in sequence to produce a smooth dough.

Assembling a tart with pre-cooked ingredients – as with this one using pastry cream and fresh strawberries – requires baking the crust in advance, a process referred to as blind baking or prebaking.

Kate Cavotti, associate professor in baking and pastry arts at the Culinary Institute of America, offers this advice: "To blind bake a pastry shell, line the pan with the dough and poke holes in the bottom

and sides of the pastry with a fork; this is known as 'docking' the dough. This keeps the pastry from puffing up as it bakes.

"Place the dough-lined tart pan in the refrigerator for 30 minutes or so. Resting the dough in the refrigerator solidifies the butter and relaxes the gluten to prevent shrinkage during baking.

"Next, line the pastry with parchment paper or aluminum foil and fill the pan with pie weights, dried beans or uncooked rice. The weights prevent the bottom of the crust from bubbling up and the sides from collapsing or sliding down during baking.

"Place the pan in a preheated oven and bake the pastry until the dough is just set and the edges look dry, about 10 minutes. Remove the weights and the paper or foil and finish blind baking until the desired color is achieved."

Gather the prepared components in advance – the pastry shell, pastry cream and strawberries – so the tart can be assembled in a few minutes and served immediately.

Brushing the crust with melted chocolate helps to keep it crisp. However, even with the chocolate layer, the tart will lose its texture contrast if it sits for more than 12 hours before serving. For the best results, serve fresh fruit tarts on the same day they are made.

This recipe, along with many other desserts, is from the *Baking At Home with The Culinary Institute of America* cookbook (Wiley, 2004, \$40).

STRAWBERRY CREAM TART

One recipe Tart Dough (recipe follows)
½ cup strawberry jam
¼ cup melted chocolate (optional)
2 cups Pastry Cream (recipe follows)
2 pints fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced

Heat the jam in a small saucepan over low heat until it is warm enough to strain through a fine-mesh sieve. Strain the jam

into a small dish and keep warm.

If using chocolate to line the tart (to help keep it crisp), brush with the melted chocolate. Place the tart shell in the refrigerator so that the chocolate will harden. Remove from the refrigerator and spread the pastry cream in the tart shell in an even layer. Arrange the strawberries over the surface of the pastry cream.

Use a pastry brush to coat the strawberries very lightly with the warm jam. Let the glaze set for about 10 minutes in the refrigerator. If you are not serving the tart immediately, keep it covered and refrigerated for up to 12 hours.

Makes one 8-inch tart, 8 servings.

Nutrition information per 10-ounce serving, including chocolate: 559 cal., 5.5 g pro., 95 g carbo., 18 g fat, 42 mg sodium, 168 mg chol., 2 g fiber.

TART DOUGH

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg yolk
1½ cups cake flour, sifted, plus extra for dusting

To make Tart Dough: In a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream together the butter, sugar and vanilla extract on medium speed, scraping down the bowl with a rubber spatula as needed, until smooth and light in color, about 2 minutes.

Add the egg yolk and blend until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes more. Add the flour all at once, mixing on low speed until just blended, about 30 seconds. The dough will be very crumbly when you remove it from the mixer. Use a gentle touch to press the dough into a disk. Wrap the dough tightly and refrigerate for 20 minutes before rolling.

Preheat the oven to 400° F. Roll out the dough and use it to line an 8-inch tart pan. Dock the dough, line it with parchment paper or foil, fill partially with pie weights, and fully blind bake the crust (as previously described). Cool to room temperature in the pan on a wire rack.

PASTRY CREAM

½ cup cornstarch
¾ cup sugar
2 cups whole milk
4 large egg yolks, lightly beaten
Pinch of salt
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

To make Pastry Cream: Combine the cornstarch with ¼ cup of the sugar in a mixing bowl, and then stir in ½ cup of the milk. Blend the yolks into the cornstarch mixture, stirring with a wooden spoon until smooth.

Prepare an ice-water bath by filling a roasting pan or large mixing bowl half full with water and ice; reserve for later use. Combine the remaining ½ cups milk with the remaining ½ cup sugar and the salt in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil. Remove pan from heat.

Temper the egg mixture by gradually adding about ½ of the hot milk mixture, whisking constantly. Add the remaining milk mixture to the saucepan and continue cooking over medium heat, vigorously stirring with a whisk, until the mixture comes to a boil and the whisk leaves a trail in the pastry cream, 5 to 7 minutes. As soon as the pastry cream reaches this stage, remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla extract and the butter. Place a sheet of plastic wrap directly on the surface of the pastry cream to prevent a skin from forming. Transfer the pan to the ice water bath.

Stir occasionally until the pastry cream is cool, about 30 minutes.

Transfer the pastry cream to a covered storage container and refrigerate until needed, up to 3 days.

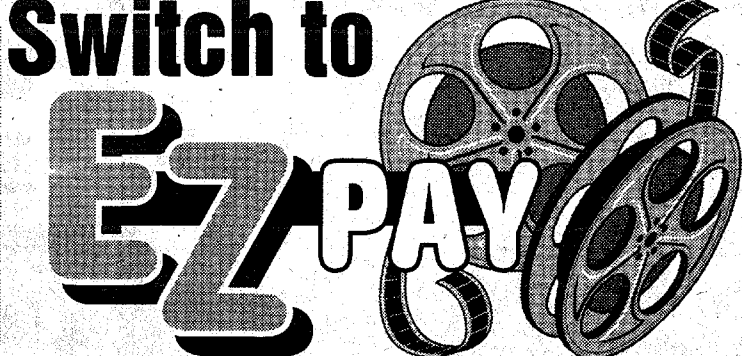
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Chef reveals tasty secrets of crab cakes

BY MARIAN BETANCOURT
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

NEW YORK (AP) — Years before he ever imagined he would own restaurants and write cookbooks, Tom Douglas sometimes went crabbing with his dad in the Chesapeake Bay.

"You put a chicken neck on a string and hang it from a pole over the bridge to catch blue crabs," Douglas said. He comes from a large Delaware family — he's the fourth of eight children — and prime fresh local crabmeat was too expensive to buy for home use. "That was a going-out treat," he said.

But even as a youngster, perhaps because of that early experience, Douglas' appreciation of food (and crab cakes) was keen. It led to his first job as a \$1.18-an-hour cook's helper at the Hotel du Pont in Wilmington, Del.

"My job was to open oysters and clams. I opened 400 oysters a day," he recalled in a phone interview from Seattle.

The chef there taught him important lessons he still follows for making crab cakes. "He said the number one rule was being gentle. No stirring, only folding. The more you work them the tougher they get," he said.

Douglas established his own cooking career in Seattle, where he happily discovered that the Pacific Ocean offered up Dungeness crabs that were fabulously tasty, too.

Now, at 47, more than 25 years, four restaurants, a radio show, a catering business, and three cookbooks later, the James Beard Award-winning chef is teaching some of his secrets in *I Love Crab Cakes!* subtitled *50 Recipes for an American Classic* (William Morrow, 2006, \$19.95).

When he graduated from high school, Douglas said, "I wanted to try something new. I drove across the country and ran out of gas and money in Seattle." That was in 1977. He thought it was only a temporary stint when, following his natural instinct, he got a job in a hotel kitchen there. Restaurants always need workers, he said.

"To this day the hardest thing it to find good cooks," Douglas said. "Then I learned if you want

to make more money you have to be good at managing people."

He stayed with the restaurant life. After making his reputation cooking at the city's Sport Cafe, Douglas, with his wife and business partner, Jackie Cross, opened his own restaurant in 1989 with money borrowed from his wife's uncle.

At the front of the book, Douglas gives the basics for making good crab cakes, whether with East or West Coast crabs; at the back are ideas for sauces and accompaniments.

Which crabs to use? According to the book, *I Love Crab Cakes!* features crabs from all over North America. "For all of the recipes, blue crab, Phillips brand pasteurized crab, and Dungeness crab are interchangeable. Jonah crab and Peekytoe also work well. King crab, while you can chop and use it, will give a different texture."

Besides the first lesson about the prime importance of a gentle touch in mixing that Douglas learned as a youngster, what does he think are the other key things for home cooks to keep in mind for making good crab cakes?

No. 2. "Always buy the best crab meat. And forget about the term blue crab; today blue crab is a crab from Indonesia, so it's not the same thing as what comes from the Chesapeake. If you can't get fresh crab, try the pasteurized crab usually sold in the refrigerated case of your supermarket or fish store, such as Phillips brand, which is not to be confused with shelf-stable canned crab."

No. 3. "I'm tired of hearing people say they need to wait till the bread gets stale to make bread crumbs. You don't need stale bread with \$25-a-pound crab meat. Use fresh crumbs."

No. 4. Another mistake is to serve tartar sauce with a crab cake that has a mayonnaise binder. Douglas suggests a contrast such as green tomato sauce, or something else sharp and acidic to complement the crab cake.

No. 5. "Don't overcook. Use a meat thermometer." He says 150° F to 155° F is the right temperature for doneness. If you overcook a mayonnaise-

based crab cake, "the mayonnaise gets greasy, and the cake gets pasty."

Douglas' latest tribute to the lore of the crab cake:

He is holding a contest at his restaurants through October to find the most popular kind — based on tallying up what customers order.

Here are recipes for two classics and one new take on crab cakes, from Douglas' book.

The traditional crabmeat for these Chesapeake Bay Classic Crab Cakes is East Coast blue crab. But the recipe works with Dungeness crabs, Douglas said, although you will probably need to squeeze out the excess liquid. "If your Dungeness tastes salty, you may want to omit the salt in the recipe because there's already salt in the Old Bay Seasoning."

Traditionally, these cakes are served with tartar sauce, but Douglas prefers the tangy zip of green or red cocktail sauce to offset their creaminess.

CHESAPEAKE BAY CLASSIC CRAB CAKES

1 large egg yolk (see note)
1 tablespoon Old Bay Seasoning
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon grated lemon zest
½ teaspoons fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon cider vinegar
½ cup peanut or canola oil
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon minced scallions, both white and green parts
1 pound lump blue crabmeat, drained and picked clean of shell
4 cups fresh bread crumbs
½ cup chopped parsley
About 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
Red cocktail sauce
4 lemon wedges

Put the egg yolk, Old Bay, mustard, lemon zest and juice, and vinegar in the bowl of a mini-foam processor or a blender and process until smooth.

Gradually pour in the oil with the machine running until the mixture emulsifies and forms a mayonnaise. Season with the salt and pepper.

Transfer the mayo to a bowl and, using a rubber spatula, fold

in the scallions and the crabmeat until well combined.

Combine the bread crumbs and the parsley in a shallow container.

Form the crab mixture into 8 patties about 3 inches wide and ¾-inch-thick and drop them into the bread crumb-parsley mixture. Dredge the crab cakes on both sides. If you have time, leave the crab cakes in the container of bread crumbs, cover with plastic wrap, and chill for an hour or more.

When you are ready to fry the crab cakes, put 2 large nonstick skillets over medium heat. Add about 2 tablespoons butter to each pan. When the butter is melted, add 4 crab cakes to each pan, patting off excess crumbs first. Slowly fry the crab cakes until they are golden brown on both sides and hot through, turning once with a spatula, about 4 minutes per side. If the crab cakes are brown too quickly, reduce the heat. The internal temperature of a cooked crab should be 155° F on an instant-read thermometer.

Transfer crab cakes to plates, 2 per person, and serve with your choice of sauce and lemon wedges.

Note: To use this recipe for crab cakes that are broiled, but not breaded, use 2 egg yolks, make the crab cake mixture, and shape into 8 cakes. Omit dredging in bread crumbs. Refrigerate for 1 to 4 hours or overnight. Arrange the cakes in a pan and broil until they're hot through and lightly golden brown, 5 to 6 minutes, rotating the pan as needed to brown the cakes evenly.

Makes 8 large crab cakes (4 servings).

Note: In a note on egg safety, Douglas writes: "Use very fresh Grade A or Grade AA eggs (check the expiration date on the label before buying) and always keep the egg refrigerated. It's important to be aware of the potential dangers of salmonella and other harmful bacteria that may occur in eggs and take precautions. Don't keep eggs at room temperature for more than an hour, and always wash your hands, work surface and equipment before and after using raw eggs. Use products that have been made with raw eggs within one day."

These cakes, the most popular crab cake at Etta's restaurant, are soft and need at least an

hour's chilling time before pan frying.

ETTA'S NEW DUNGENESS CRAB CAKES

1 large egg yolk
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon finely chopped red bell pepper
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
3 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon Tabasco
½ teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ cup olive oil
½ cup sour cream
1 pound fresh Dungeness crabmeat, drained, picked clean of shell, and lightly squeezed if wet
4 cups fresh bread crumbs
About 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
Green cocktail sauce
4 lemon wedges

In a mini-foam processor, combine the egg yolk, vinegar, mustard, bell pepper, onion, the 2 teaspoons of parsley, Tabasco, paprika, thyme, salt and pepper. Pulse to finely mince the vegetables and combine all the ingredients.

With the motor running, slowly add the oil through the feed tube until the mixture emulsifies and forms a thin mayo.

Transfer the mayo to a large bowl and stir in the sour cream, then use a rubber spatula to fold in the crabmeat. Gently form 8 patties, about 3 inches wide by ¾-inch thick.

Put the bread crumbs in a shallow container and mix in the 3 tablespoons parsley. Lightly dredge the patties on both sides in the bread crumbs. Cover the crab cakes with plastic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour or longer.

Put two large nonstick skillets over medium heat and add about 2 tablespoons butter to each pan. When the butter is melted, add 4 crab cakes to each pan. Gently fry the crab cakes until they are golden brown on both sides and hot through, turning once with a spatula, about 4 minutes per side. The internal temperature should be 155° F.

Transfer the crab cakes to plates, serving 2 to each person, accompanied by ramekins of green cocktail sauce and lemon wedges.

Makes 8 large crab cakes (4 servings).

Here's Tom Douglas' version of an old-fashioned Chinese-American classic, egg foo yung. Simply squeeze a wedge of lemon over the tops of these delicately flavored crab patties or get feisty with some chili paste or Tabasco sauce.

CRAB FOO YUNG

4 large eggs
2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 teaspoons mirin (sweet cooking rice wine)
½ teaspoon Tabasco or to taste
¼ pound crabmeat, drained, picked clean of shell, and lightly squeezed if wet
1 cup sliced shiitake mushrooms, stems removed
1 cup mung bean sprouts
½ cup minced celery, preferably the tender inner stems and a few leaves
¼ cup thinly sliced scallions, white and green parts
About 6 tablespoons peanut or canola oil, as needed
4 lemon wedges
Tabasco or Chinese hot chili paste

Whisk the eggs with the soy sauce, mirin and Tabasco in a large bowl until slightly foamy. Stir in the crabmeat, mushrooms, sprouts, celery and scallions.

Heat 2 large nonstick skillets over medium-high heat with about 3 tablespoons oil in each one.

When the oil is hot, ladle as many patties as will fit into each pan (3 or 4) using a 4-ounce ladle or a ¾-cup measuring cup. Fry the patties until golden brown on both sides and cooked through, about 4 minutes total, turning the heat down as needed.

Use a spatula to turn the patties from side to side a few times while they're cooking so they don't get too dark.

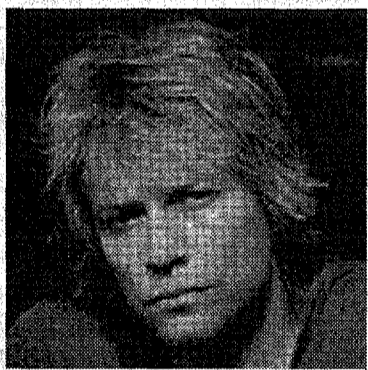
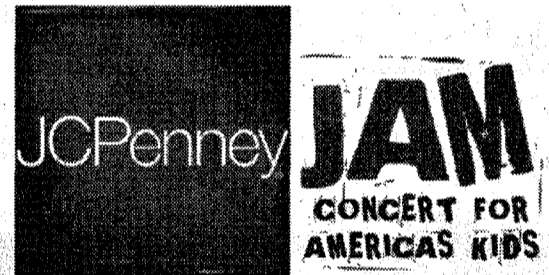
Remove the patties from the pan, and drain on paper towels. If all the patties don't fit in the pans at once, fry them in batches. Keep the finished patties warm in a 200° F oven while you wipe out the pan with a paper towel, add more oil, and continue to fry the remaining patties. You should get about 8 patties.

Serve with lemon wedges and Tabasco or hot chili paste.

Makes 8 patties, 4 servings.

Recipes adapted from *I Love Crab Cakes* by Tom Douglas with Shelley Lance, William Morrow, 2006, \$19.95

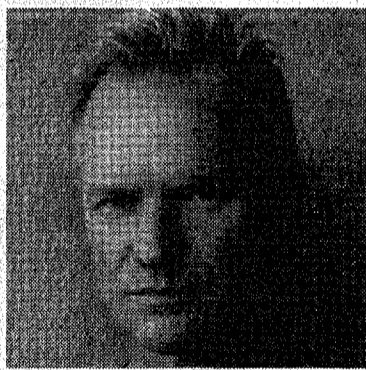
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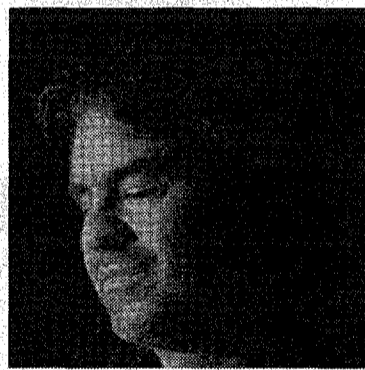
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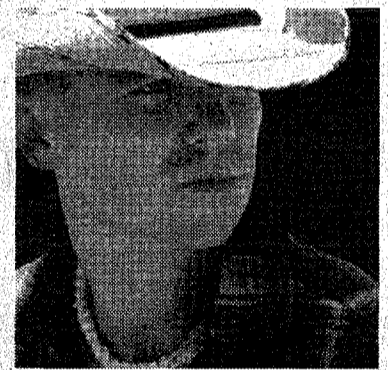
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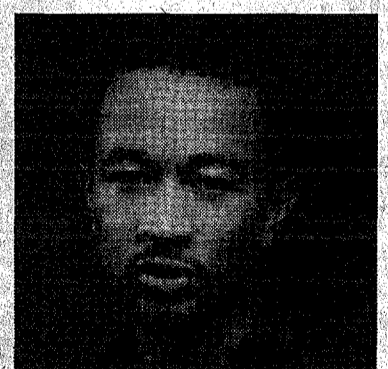
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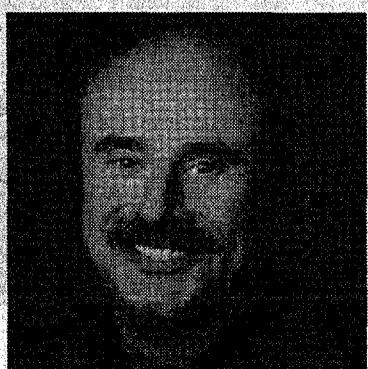


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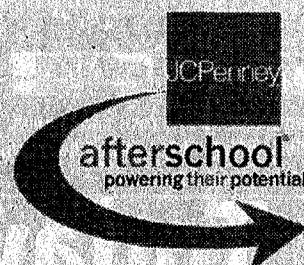


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Hollywood Milestones

Celeb expert dishes on Jewish life in film

By Wendy Von Buskirk

The topic of how Jews are portrayed in the media is the talk of Tinseltown, thanks to the recent scandal involving Mel Gibson.

Famed author, fashion historian and Hollywood maven Sandy Schreier will tackle that subject during a talk in front of the National Council of Jewish Women on Thursday, Sept. 7. Her presentation, "Hollywood Milestones," is a part of the NCJW's opening meeting, a day of boutique shopping and lunch that's open to the public.

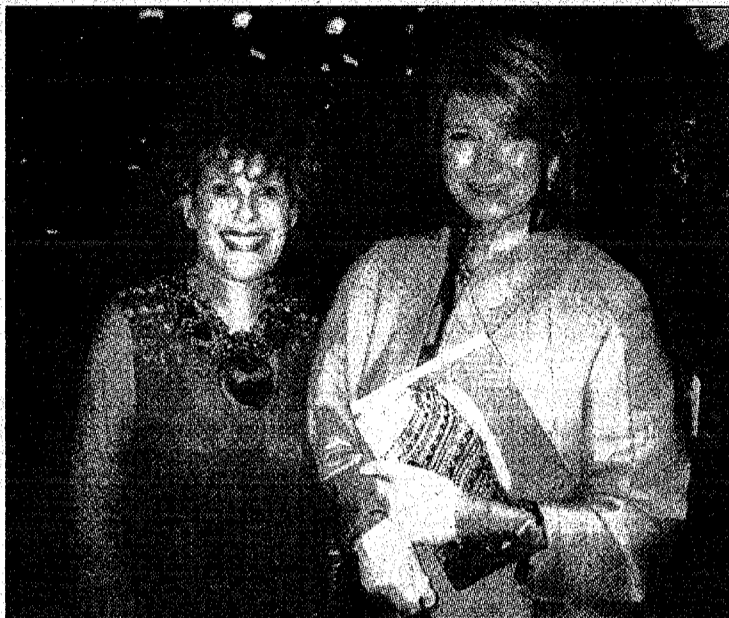
Schreier has interviewed Gibson in the past, but doesn't know if she'll divulge the details. Instead, she said she might write him a letter and invite him to speak for himself.

"Mel Gibson is going to be my opening act," Schreier quipped. "He's now calling up every Jewish organization there is and saying he will come and speak."

Schreier, author of "Hollywood Dressed and Undressed," and "Hollywood Gets Married," is known for sharing first-hand celebrity dish and never-before-seen photos during her presentations. This time, she'll focus on



Marilyn Monroe converted to Judaism when she married playwright Arthur, and learned to cook traditional Jewish dishes from his mom.



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Sandy Schreier shares insider stories about celebrities she knows, including Martha Stewart.

celebrities and movies with Jewish ties.

From the bris in "Crossing Delancey" to the blowout bar mitzvahs in "Keeping Up With the Steins," there's plenty to cover.

"I will talk about how Jewish weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and even circumcisions have been portrayed in the movies and how audiences react," she said. "The founding fathers of the film industry were all Jewish, along with many of the people who worked in

Hollywood then and to this day — producers, directors, office workers. But with this ugly beast of anti-Semitism rearing its head again, are Jewish people as comfortable being portrayed on screen?"

Schreier said the public is obsessed with stories of celebrities, even in the face of graver international subjects.

"Why are people talking about Baby Suri when we could be on the way to World

War III? It's the ultimate escapism. It takes people's minds away from all their troubles," Schreier said.

The NCJW's Opening Meeting kicks off with boutique shopping at 9 a.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Sandy Schreier will speak at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Call (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0.

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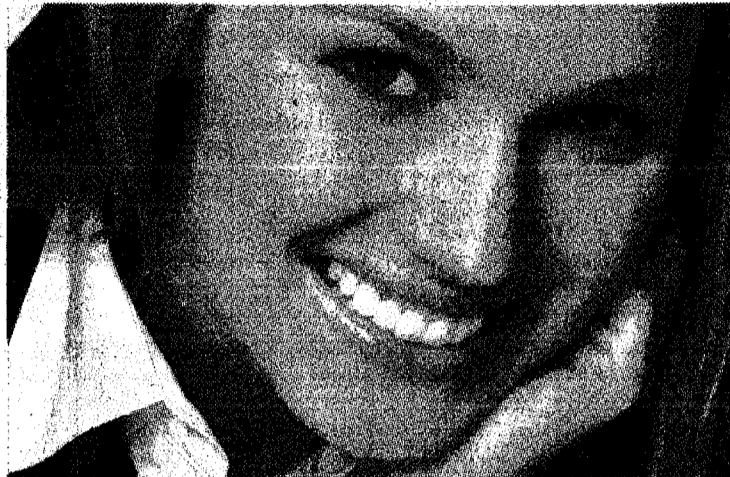
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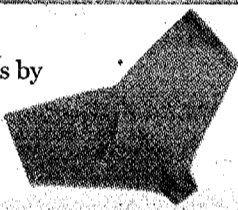
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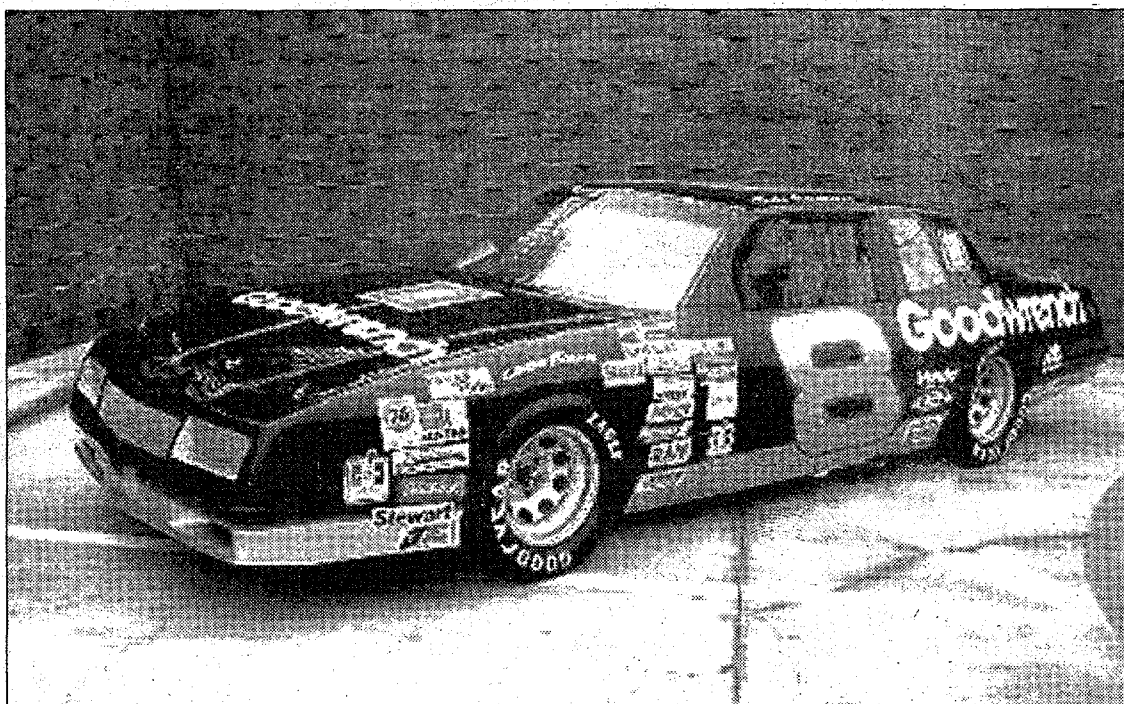


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Dale Earnhardt Sr. drove this Goodwrench Monte Carlo at Daytona as a tribute to his father.

Drivers, start your engines

The late Dale Earnhardt's Monte Carlo visits Dream Cruise

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

These famous NASCAR vehicles make many a racing fan sentimental.

And organizers in downtown Ferndale are bringing them from Illinois to the Woodward Dream Cruise.

The cars are the No. 8 Chevy Goodwrench Monte Carlo driven by the late Dale Earnhardt Sr. and the No. 12 Budweiser Monte Carlo driven by one of Earnhardt's best friends, Neil Bonnett.

Both are on view at Chapman Motor Sports' "Legends of the Best Friends Tour" car display, which

goes up along Woodward at East Nine Mile Road on Friday and then on West Nine Mile Road in downtown Ferndale on Saturday and Sunday. The show is a new addition to Ferndale's Dream Cruise offerings.

The No. 8 is the first Monte Carlo driven by Dale Sr., and he drove it in 1988 at Daytona as a tribute to his father, Ralph Earnhardt, said Brenda Chapman, owner of Chapman Motor Sports. "That's why Dale Jr. drives the No. 8 car to this day," she said, adding, "With Dale, you loved him or you loved to hate him."

If you're not up on such NASCAR trivia, "Legends of the



STUFF OF LEGENDS

What: Chapman Motor Sports NASCAR® "Legends of the Best Friends Tour" car display.

When: 1-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

Where: Vehicle display location moves during the weekend. On Friday, located at East Nine Mile and Woodward. On Saturday and Sunday, located at West Nine Mile, in downtown Ferndale (within RetroFest).

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The leading scooter brand is Vespa, and you'll see plenty of those at the judged show of scooters in Ferndale.

More than cars

Check out collectible
scooters, other
transportation modes

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Cars, cars, cars.
If you tire of them
come Dream Cruise
weekend, feast your
eyes on some scooters.

Yes, scooters. But not
children's scooters with
wheels and a footboard.

We're talking about vin-
tage motor scooters like the
Vespa scooters driven by the mods in
the movie *Quadrophenia* or by Audrey
Hepburn and Gregory Peck in the movie

A RETRO RIDE

What: Second annual Metro Detroit Scooter Show.

When: Noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.
(Detroit Euro Cycle will have a retail booth with scooters on Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug. 20).

Where: West Nine Mile Road, downtown Ferndale (within RetroFest).

Information: Visit www.ferndale-dreamcruise.com.

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Local scooters go on display in downtown Ferndale as part of Retrofest during the Dream Cruise.

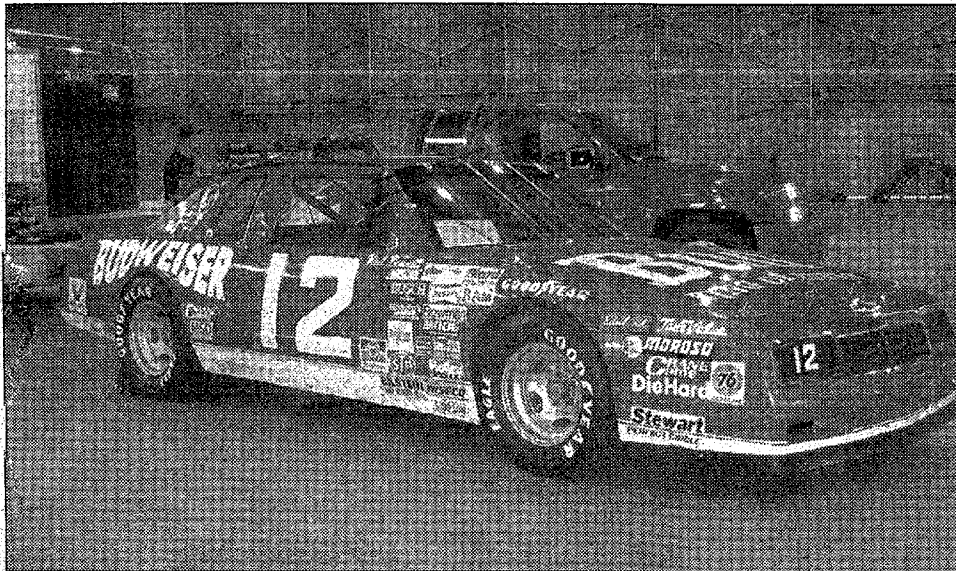


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Neil Bonnett drove the #12 Budweiser Monte Carlo.

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Representatives of Chapman Motor Sports will bring novices up to speed on the stories behind the vehicles and drivers. There's also a photographic history of NASCAR from the 1970s to today.

If the stories don't impress you, ask to hear the 800-horsepower engine roar.

"We do start 'em on request," Chapman said.

Even strangers to NASCAR will notice the look of these vintage racing vehicles.

"It's an actual car," Chapman said. "It

was what you and your friends and team made out of a car."

Today's race cars are built to specifications to meet a host of rules and regulations. But the race cars of yesteryear had noticeable differences and greater individuality.

These cars recall the days when fewer rules regulated the sport and a team could race with a car that didn't cost millions of dollars.

"It's back to the grassroots of NASCAR," Chapman said. "For yesterday's NASCAR fans that are coming out to see these cars, this is the NASCAR that they remember."

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are famous for using Vespa scooters for getting around town.

In the United States, scooters are a collectible, and local collectors are gearing up to showcase their best scooters in the second annual Metro Detroit Scooter Show on Sunday in Ferndale.

The judged show goes up on West Nine Mile Road within the downtown's RetroFest activities.

"There certainly is a scooter scene, and it's very evolving right now in Detroit," said Andy Schwartz, general manager of Detroit Euro Cycle, the Eastpointe shop that helps coordinate the show.

"You're gonna see a lot of really nice bikes, and especially Vespa, it being the primary brand. Everything from really beautiful restoration to tour bikes," Schwartz said. "There are some people who spend a lot of time and a lot of money on these bikes."

Last year's scooter show drew about 30 entries and apparently an

impressive crowd.

"People were into it. Maybe they got tired of looking at cars," Schwartz said. "These days, with gas prices as they are, people are becoming more aware of them."

A best-in-show prize, as well as a "Mayor's Choice" award will go to the best scooters.

Ferndale Mayor Robert Porter also will give out "Mayor's Choice" awards at Ferndale's Classic Car Show (10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday) and the MotorCity Cycle & Chopper Show (noon to 9 p.m. Saturday).

Organizers incorporated non-automotive shows into Ferndale's RetroFest — which includes a food court, live entertainment and children's activities — as a way to expand their offerings and reflect Ferndale as a place that embraces diversity, said Michael C. Lary, event coordinator for Ferndale Woodward Dream Cruise and RetroFest.

"I wanted to create a theme that is inclusive to 'auto-motion,'" he said. "The automotive enthusiasm of the car is just the beginning."

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Red Hot Chili Peppers coming to the Palace

Following the sold-out European tour, an appearance at the Fuji Festival in Japan and a headlining slot at Lollapalooza, the Red Hot Chili Peppers tour North America to support their already platinum CD *Stadium Arcadium*.



The band visits The Palace for a performance on Friday, Nov. 3. Tickets went on sale in May, early for a November show. Tickets are still on sale, but with *Stadium* gaining momentum, don't expect tickets to be available very much longer.

The band's lead single *Dani California* spent 14 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Modern Rock chart.

The video earned the band seven nominations for MTV's Video Music Awards.

The second track off *Stadium* is already making the charts. *Tell Me Baby*, with its bass-heavy cut and hard-grooving core, is reminiscent of old Chili Peppers' style.

Said bassist Flea recently on his blog Fleamail regarding the video for the new track:

"(It's) the best the band has ever



The Red Hot Chili Peppers visit The Palace of Auburn Hills Nov. 3.

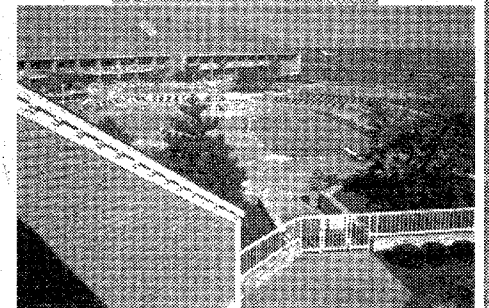
done," he writes. "It portrays people pursuing their dreams in a heartfelt audition scenario."

Stadium Arcadium is the ninth studio album from the Chili Peppers and the first since 2002. The band has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide.

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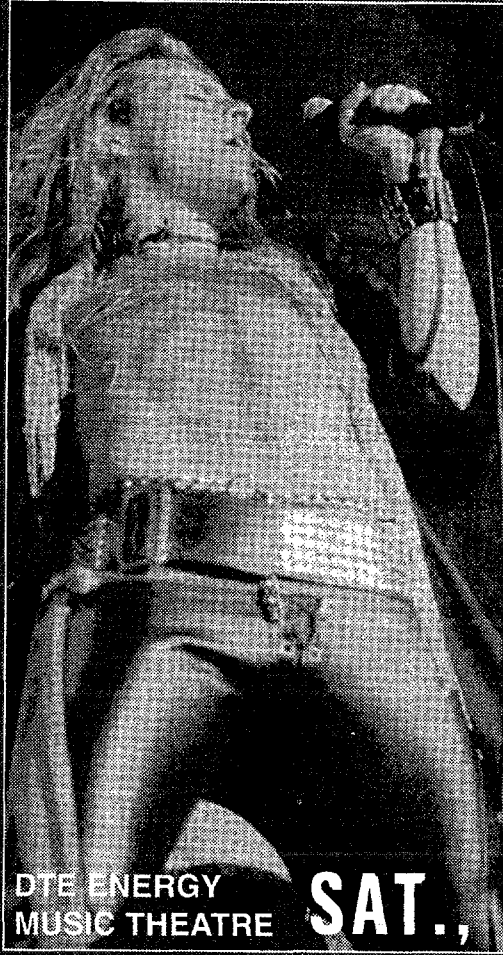
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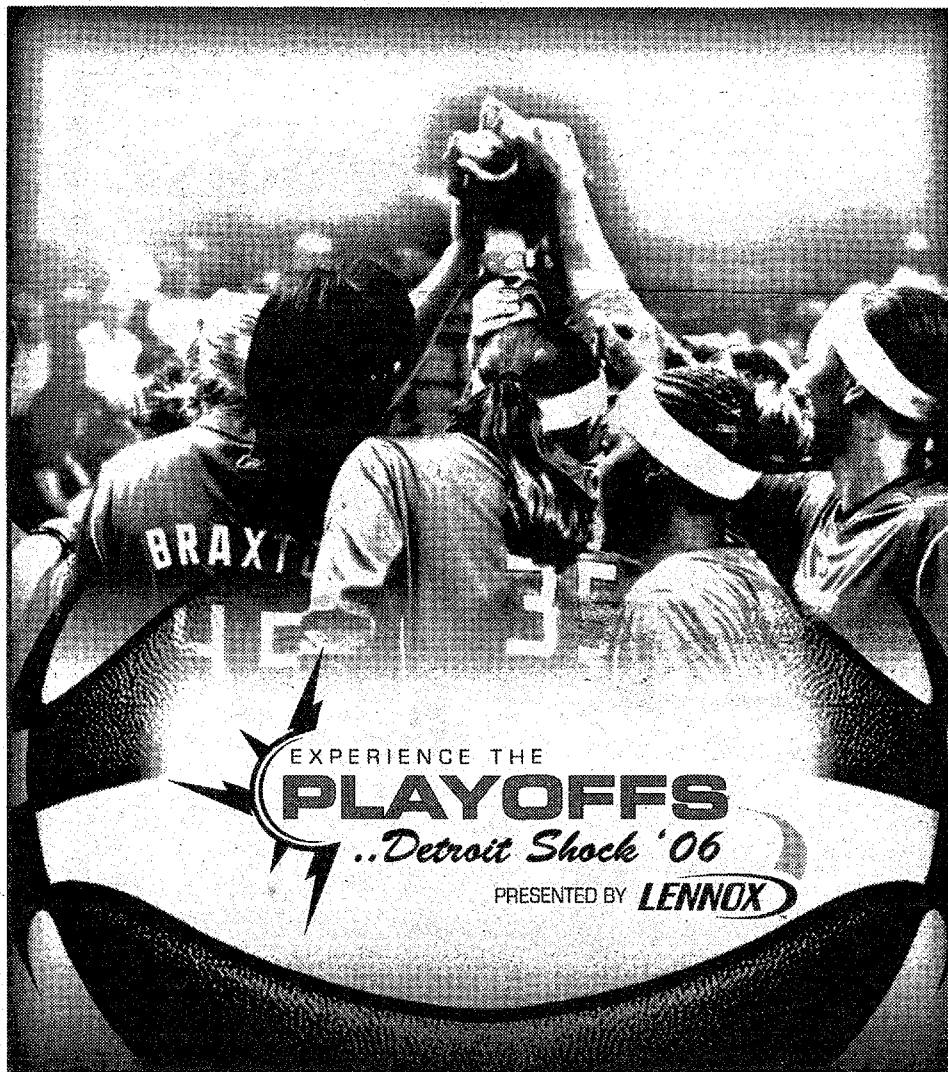
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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
 STAFF WRITER

You can watch the Woodward Dream Cruise from the sidelines and try to beat the heat or you can drive your own car slowly up and down Woodward Avenue



as a way to take in the cruisin' experience.

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SMART has offered the free service since the first Dream Cruise. It's a great

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What: Free SMART bus shuttle service runs entire Dream Cruise route along Woodward Avenue.

When: 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19.

Where: Runs Woodward Avenue, north and south, between Pontiac (at Perry and Pike streets) and the Michigan State Fairgrounds at Eight Mile in Detroit. Passengers may board at any red SMART bus stops along Woodward.

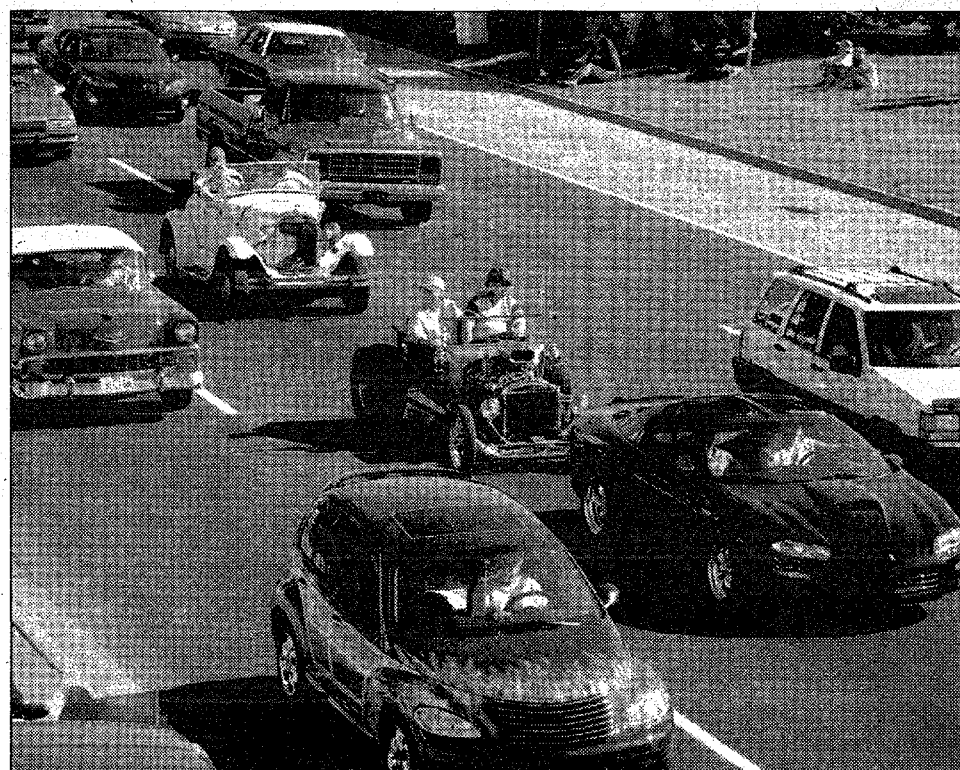
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way to travel to and from different points along the Cruise strip, as well as for cruise-watching.

"We provide this free shuttle service to show our support for this great event and to give the community an opportunity to experience the comfort and convenience SMART offers," said Dan Dirks, SMART general manager.

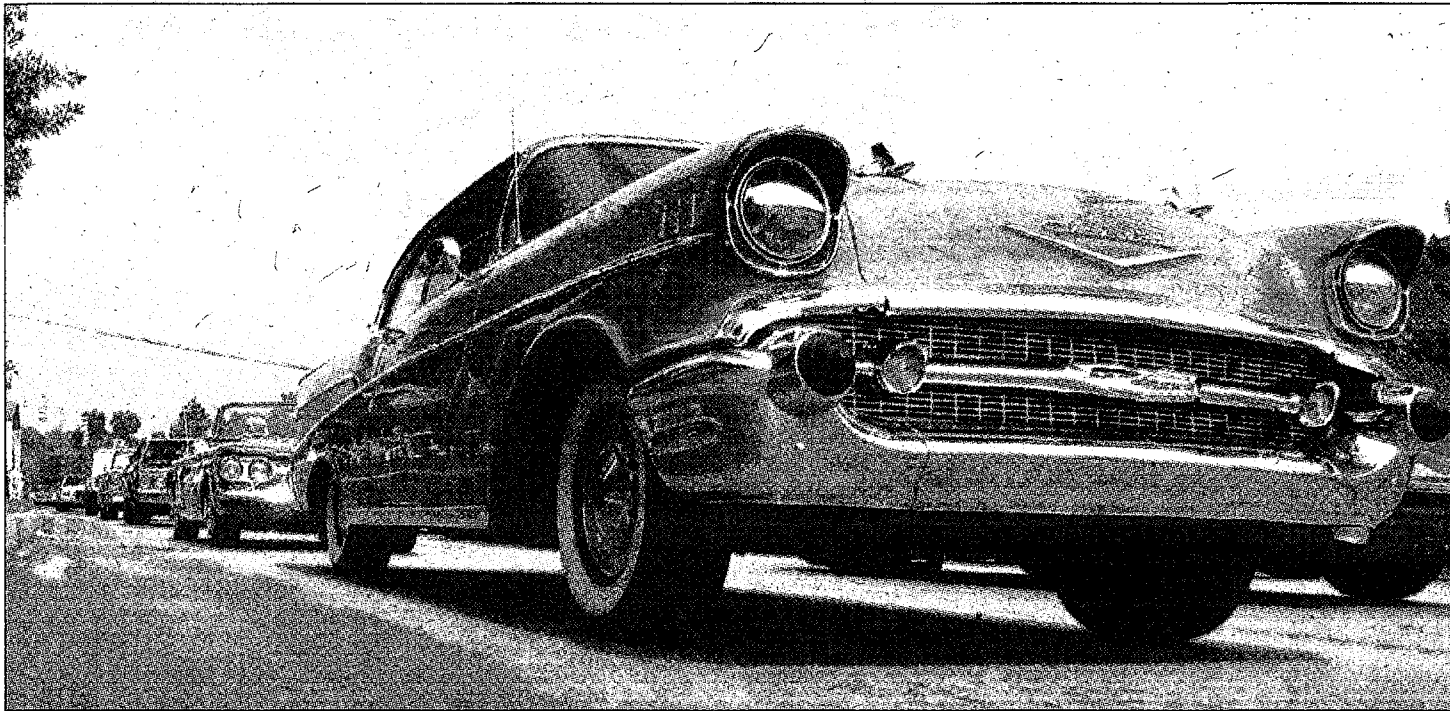
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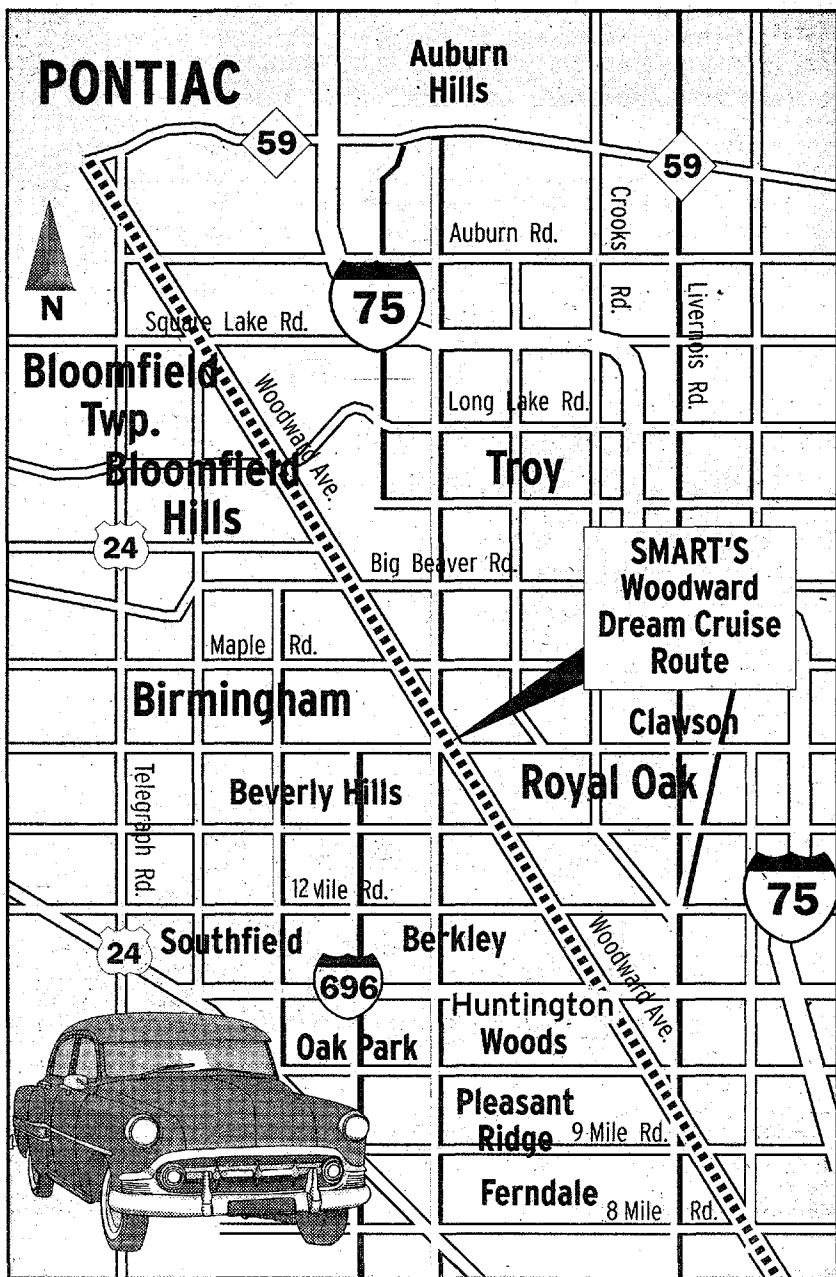


A variety of cars will be take to the street during the Woodward Dream Cruise on Saturday, Aug. 19.

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE GUIDE



A 1957 Chevy cruises Woodward Avenue, one of the thousands of vehicles that will do so on Saturday.



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WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE GUIDE

Each community along Woodward Avenue has plans to celebrate the Woodward Dream Cruise.

No matter where you might be along the cruise route, you're bound to find some wonderful events nearby.

Here's what each city is hosting, courtesy of www.woodward-dreamcruise.com



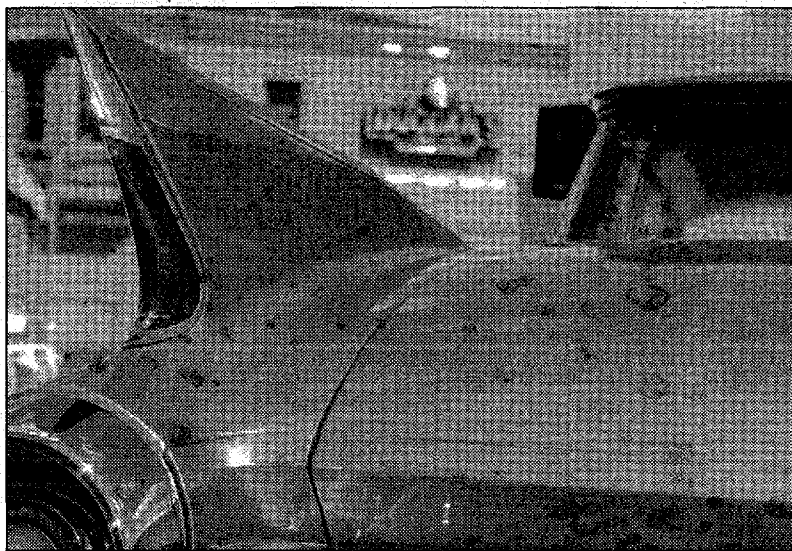
BERKLEY

Its downtown centers are located along 12 Mile and Coolidge.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

6-9 p.m., Kids Inflatable Games (north side of 12 Mile between Tyler and Gardner streets).

6:30 p.m., Classic Car Parade (beginning at Roseland Park Cemetery at 12 Mile and Woodward.) Parade Grand Marshal: Barry Meguiar of Speed TV's *Car Crazy*.
7:30-9 p.m., Tri-Community Coalition Street Dance on Griffith, north of 12 Mile.
7:30 p.m., Musical entertainment featuring Three Men and A Tenor at the stage on Woodward.



The sleek look of classic cars will fill Woodward Avenue on Saturday.

9:30 p.m., Musical entertainment featuring The Spyder Turner Show.
All day Friday and Saturday, sidewalk sales will be set up throughout the Berkley business district.

All evening, downtown food booths and official cruise merchandise will be operated by Berkley community service organizations.

BIRMINGHAM

The City of Birmingham fronts Woodward from 14 Mile to Big Beaver roads.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

Classic Car Parking: Birmingham

THE 12TH ANNUAL WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

What: A celebration of cars and Woodward Avenue

Where: Officially the Dream Cruise runs from Ferndale to Pontiac

When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19

Kickoff: The city of Berkley hosts a parade at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, plus music and kids events.

The city of Ferndale hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony and police cruise at 5 p.m. Friday.

Alcohol policy: The Woodward Dream Cruise is a non-alcoholic, family event. Consumption of alcohol on streets and sidewalks and in parks or any area open to the public (except in licensed establishments) is prohibited.

If you're driving: Don't even think about spinning your car's tires (burnouts), speeding, drag racing, riding outside of the vehicle and littering. You'll be ticketed by the police. And the outside lanes are designated for those not participating in the cruise.

Details: The official Web site is www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

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WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE GUIDE

Artists try to beat the clock at Dream Cruise

MotorCity Casino is challenging local artists to rev their creative engines and paint the town for "Cruisin' Art."

It's a competition where nine artists on Dream Cruise day — Saturday, Aug. 19 — will set up in a different participating city and be timed to create art. (Locations were not determined as of Tuesday morning.)

Cruise-goers can watch while artists incorporate three specific elements into their 3-foot by 5-foot pieces: MotorCity Casino's new "flames," the MotorCity Casino logo and the essence of the Woodward Dream Cruise.

They will have six hours to complete their pieces on any media they choose. Each of the nine finalists will be awarded a cash prize from \$100 to \$1,000 and will also have an opportunity to have their piece displayed at MotorCity Casino.

The Woodward Dream Cruise, presented by Eaton, is the largest one-day car event in the world; it is said to attract more than 1 million participants and 40,000 classic cars.

This summer classic celebrates the 1950s and '60s when car buffs cruised Woodward Avenue.

Book pays tribute to the Cruise

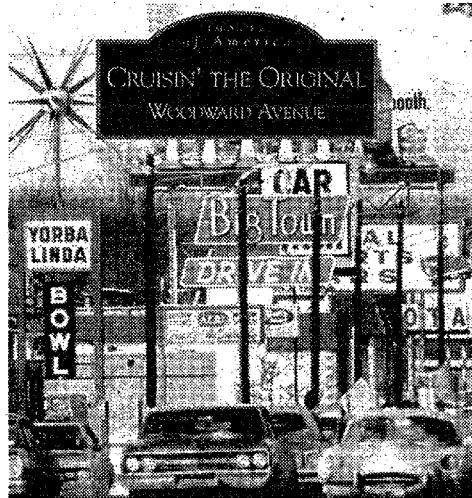
By now we all know that Woodward Avenue was the place for cruisers all summer long back in the 1950s and '60s.

Nostalgic folks might enjoy a new book *Cruisin' the Original Woodward Avenue* by co-authors Anthony Ambrogio and Sharon Luckerman.

The publication is a collaboration of the Woodward Heritage Team and the Woodward Avenue Action Association that chronicles America's love affair with the automobile and the evolution of Woodward Avenue.

There's more than 200 vintage photos.

Portions of proceeds from *Cruisin' the Original Woodward Avenue* will benefit future Dream Cruise events and can be purchased at the cruise and at www.woodwarddreamcruise.com.



Cruisin' the Original Woodward Avenue was written by Anthony Ambrogio and Sharon Luckerman.

Gem preview benefits COTS

"The Rat Pack Is Back," fresh from Las Vegas, is a tribute to Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Joey Bishop, recreating some of the great ad-lib and improvisation that the infamous "Rat Pack" was known for with song, dance and comedy.

Fans who remember some of these performances will be transported back in time as this show unfolds.

Detroit's Gem Theater will offer a charity preview of "The Rat Pack Is Back!" benefiting Detroit's Coalition On Temporary Shelter, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. Tickets are \$100 per person and

include a pre-show dinner reception in the Gem's Century Grille.

For reservations and information, call (313) 963-9800.

The Gem Theater web site at www.gemtheater.com lets you view actual video of the show.

Founded in 1982, the Coalition On Temporary Shelter is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support services for Detroit's homeless population.

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Take it out

Hungry at the Dream Cruise? Try carryout



Cuban sandwiches, featuring roasted pork loin, ham, mayonnaise, mustard, Swiss cheese and pickles on a grilled sub bun, will be sold by Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go during the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Woodward Dream Cruise officially arrives Saturday, Aug. 19, but the cruisin' will be well under way by the time you read this.

That might mean you're in a hurry to get back out and enjoy the sites of all the cars takin' it to the streets, namely Woodward Avenue.

If you are in a hurry, you can get a bite to eat at the following takeout eateries, all within a hop, skip and a cruise from the cruise.

From Ferndale to Pontiac, Woodward Avenue is chock full of good eats.

Matt Schellig, new owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go on Old Woodward and former chef at A Matter of Taste in Commerce Township, expects his first cruise to be a dandy.

He'll be serving up Cuban sandwiches, which he says are popular in Miami, and stromboli at a booth set up near the 555 Building. The Cuban sandwich features ham, pork, mustard, mayonnaise, pickles and Swiss cheese on a grilled sub bun. The stromboli is ham, salami and four different cheeses, seasoned with garlic and pepper.

After all, you just might want something to go that you can enjoy in a park or just seated in your chair someplace along Woodward. You don't want to miss the classics that are headed your way, as you cheer your approval along with the other cruise fans. Check out our list of some of the locations where you can get food to go.



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Margarita's Cafetal, 27861 Woodward (248) 547-5050

Westborn Market, 27659 Woodward (248) 547-1000

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220 Restaurant, 220 Merrill (248) 645-2150

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Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go, 525 N. Old Woodward (248) 593-0364

Cosi, 101 N. Old Woodward (at Maple), Birmingham (248) 203-9200

Canella Patisserie, 300 Hamilton, Birmingham (248) 203-9704

Deli Unique, 39495 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248) 646-7923

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Hunter House Hamburgers, 35075 Woodward (248) 646-7121

Leo's Coney Island, 154 S. Old Woodward (248) 540-8780

Old Woodward Deli, 768 N. Old Woodward (248) 642-0768

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market, 34244 Woodward (248) 723-9400

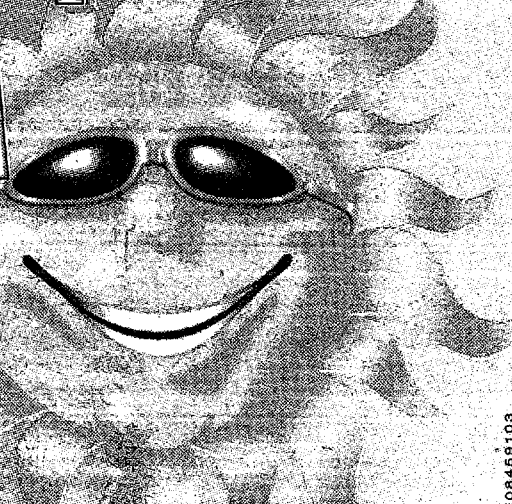
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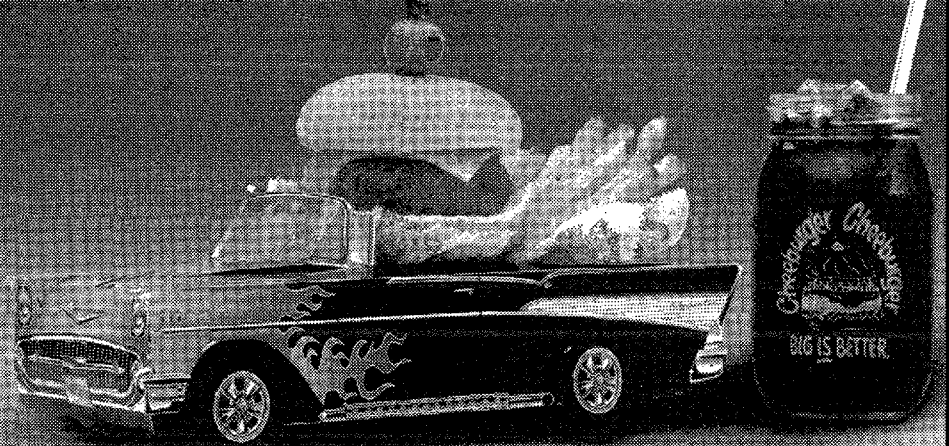
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The Fly Trap, 22950 Woodward (248) 399-5150

Toast, 23144 Woodward (248) 398-0444 (breakfast and lunch only)

May's Bangkok Express, 254 W. Nine Mile Road (248) 545-3929

Papa Romano's, 740 W. Nine Mile (248) 399-0011

The Post Woodward, 22828 Woodward (248) 546-7678

ROYAL OAK

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Beirut Palace of Royal Oak, 105 S. Main (248) 399-4600

Cafe Muse, 317 S. Washington (248) 544-4749

Comet Burger, 207 S. Main (248) 414-4567

Leo's Coney Island, 110 S. Main (248) 336-8093

Cafe de Marquis, 204 W. Fifth St. (248) 398-4169

Young's Chinese Carry Out, 921 E. 11 Mile Road (248) 543-3131

Zumba Mexican Grille, 121 N. Main St. (248) 542-1400

Chocolate store opens; Livonia eatery changes hands

Northville residents Lynne and Tim Porter have opened the Northville Schokolad Chocolate Factory at 20450 Haggerty.

The Northville Schokolad Chocolate Factory features fresh, handmade, European-style chocolates; over 70 varieties of truffles, exotic fruits, and nut clusters, hand-dipped chocolate strawberries and pretzels, and homemade Italian gelato with flavors of Turkish coffee, white chocolate, tiramisu, toasted coconut, vanilla, chocolate and a variety of sorbets. Each chocolate is prepared on the premises.

The store also has cappuccino, lattes and espresso and a chocolate fountain rental.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The phone number is (734) 464-7040; Web site is www.schokolad.com.

FROM TIRAMISU TO TAMALES

As Fonte D'Amore's closing may mark an era of Italian dining in Livonia, the restaurant is about to take on a new Mexican flair.

Giulio and Mario Ledda, owners of



Giulio's Cucina Italiana, have joined forces with Eric D'Andrea and Larry Weiss of The Draft sports bar in Commerce Township.

Together, they'll revamp the familiar space and re-open next month as Los Amigos.

D'Andrea said the new restaurant will fill a need on Plymouth Road, with a Mexican restaurant at a lower price point for patrons.

D'Andrea said the food will be authentic Mexican and Tex-Mex, under \$10 a plate and lunch specials for \$5 or \$6. Los Amigos also adds variety to the Italian offered along the corridor.

The restaurant will offer seating for 140, with a few tables outside during the

warmer months. Owners are considering some changes, though D'Andrea noted the architecture looks "more Mexican than Italian."

Of course, there won't be as much signature white linen. And at least one familiar face from Fonte D'Amore won't be traveling too far from her loyal customers.

Lula Kulaj, a chef at Fonte D'Amore for 26 years, continues creating inspired Italian dishes across the street at Giulio's Cucina Italiana.

Subtle changes will be made to Giulio's decor, and the restaurant will now be open seven days a week, adding Mondays to attract new patrons.

D'Andrea said the Plymouth Road corridor, which is also home to Los Amigos, offers "a wonderful neighborhood feel, with a spectrum of people from all age groups, and families."

Owners say they hope to open the doors of Los Amigos in mid-September.

"It's a great opportunity for us to expose people to another type of cuisine," D'Andrea said. "We hope to bring a little more life to Plymouth Road."

Compiled by Ken Abramczyk and Observer & Eccentric staff reports.




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Residents and classic car owners from around the world will be able to pre-register for parking spaces in the downtown area to showcase their classic vehicle for the event. Your individual classic car (1978 or older) or club can be included for a \$20 registration fee per vehicle. Registered vehicles will be provided with a parking space in the middle of the action and receive a 2006 commemorative hang tag for participating. More than 1,000 classic vehicles participate. Thousands of visitors are expected to check out displays from Ford Motor Co. and the Chevrolet Motor Division.

Ford Motor Co. invites the whole family to Shain Park in downtown Birmingham for their Cruisin' Legends car show and celebration. Stop by to admire the legendary automotive designs of classic Ford vehicles, Ford Racing, Saleen and Roush Racing, while live entertainment performs.

Saturday's music schedule:

- Noon, Thrill.
 - 1:30 p.m., The Beat Club.
 - 3 p.m., The Satin Dolls.
 - 4:45 p.m., Benny and the Jets.
 - 6:30 p.m., The Teen Angels.
- Chevrolet is cruising into the city to take over the Birmingham Triangle. Located at the junction of Woodward and South Old Woodward, the triangle will be packed all day. There's the Chevy Racing Tour, XM Satellite Radio Display, Chevy's Full Line of Cars, Trucks and SUVs and music from noon to 8 p.m. There's also a return of a classic nameplate ... that's a mystery. For more information about Dream Cruise parking in Birmingham, visit www.ci.birmingham.mi.us.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The city of Bloomfield Hills is located from Quarton to Hickory Grove roads along Woodward Avenue. For the week of the Woodward Dream Cruise, Bloomfield Hills offers the following entertainment at Fox & Hounds, 39560 Woodward Ave.: 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, music by BLU Pearl. 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, music by The Viceroyes. 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, music by The Viceroyes. 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, music by Jimmy Howard & Company. 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, music by Funkee Station.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Bloomfield Township fronts Woodward from Oak to Strathmore on the west and farther north from Hickory Grove to Alice Avenue on the east. 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, the second annual Bloomfield Township Dream Cruise Classic, held at Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield on Woodward just south of Big Beaver. The event will benefit Oakland Family Services, the Bloomfield Fire

Department Charities and the Bloomfield Optimist Club. The event is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

FERNDALE

The city of Ferndale fronts Woodward from Eight Mile to 10 Mile. Through Thursday, Aug. 31, Cruiz'n Art Exhibit is displayed at the Paramount Bank & Art Gallery, 22635 Woodward Ave. Aug. 18-20, NASCAR: Legends of the Last Century. Chapman Motor Sports presents NASCAR Original Busch Grand National & Winston Cup Series race cars at this exhibit. **FRIDAY, AUG. 18** 1-6 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity East Stage featuring DJ Sounds. 1-10 p.m., Sixth annual Ferndale International Police, Military & Emergency Vehicle Show. 5 p.m., Official WDC Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Police Cruise. 6-9 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity East Stage featuring Clear Avenue Band.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

10 a.m. to noon, entertainment at MotorCity East Stage featuring DJ Sounds. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 12th annual Ferndale Classic Car Show. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eighth annual Mustang Alley. To register, visit www.motorcityterminators.org/mustangalley. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., RetroFest and KIDS ZONE. Located on West Nine Mile Road, RetroFest features merchandise vendors, a food court and the MotorCity Casino Stage West. Watch some of the best local and regional bands, enjoy a delicious meal and have the kids play in the Zone. 11:30 a.m., Entertainment at MotorCity West Stage featuring Liz Larin. Noon, Entertainment at MotorCity East Stage featuring The Tones Band. Noon to 9 p.m., MotorCity Cycle & Chopper Show. Noon to 6 p.m., Second annual Metro Detroit Scooter Show. 1 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity West Stage featuring Kevin Tees & the Firebirds. 2 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity East Stage featuring The Tones Band. 4:30 p.m., Car Show Awards. 4:30 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity West Stage featuring Paisley Foggy. 5:30 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity East Stage featuring Nobody's Business. 6 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity West Stage featuring Cass Avenue Ramblers. 8 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity West Stage featuring Shout! **SUNDAY, AUG. 20** Noon to 7 p.m., RetroFest and Kids Zone. Located on West Nine Mile Road, RetroFest will feature merchandise vendors, a food court and the MotorCity Casino Stage West. Watch local and regional bands, enjoy a meal and have the Kids play in the Zone.

PLEASE SEE **CRUISE, E17**

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CRUISE

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HUNTINGTON WOODS

The City of Huntington Woods fronts Woodward from 10 Mile to 11 Mile (on the west side). Friday-Saturday, Aug. 18-19, all day, official Woodward Dream Cruise Merchandise booths open.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Pleasant Ridge fronts Woodward in a half-mile area between Nine 1/2 Mile and I-696.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

Noon to 6 p.m., Children's park with clowns and magicians, opens at 11 a.m. Live entertainment begins in Memorial Park at noon.

PONTIAC

The City of Pontiac fronts Woodward from Square Lake Road to M-59.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Oakland Press Opening Official Car Show.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Entertainment at Hidden River Park Stage featuring Sock Hop-Phil Brown.

3:30-4:30 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring Mark Reitenger &



Some 40,000 cars made it to last year's Woodward Dream Cruise.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Oakland Press Opening Official Car Show.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Entertainment at Hidden River Park Stage featuring Sock Hop - Phil Brown.

3:30-4:30 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring Forever and a Day.

5-6 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring Larry Lee "Back in the Day."

5:30-7 p.m., Entertainment at Hidden River Park Stage featuring Quincy Stewart.

7-9:30 p.m., Entertainment at Hidden River Park Stage featuring Daniel Carthane.

6:30-8 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring Carl Graves "Motor City Beat."

8:30-10 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring Priscilla Price.

10 p.m., Star Bright Entertainment Drive-In Movies.

All evening, Jazz in Hidden River Park.

ROYAL OAK

The City of Royal Oak fronts Woodward from 10 Mile to 14 Mile roads.

Friday, Aug. 19, all day Grand Nationals at Northwood Shopping Center; Auto Trader display at Pioneer Park; downtown Royal Oak stores will have sales all weekend long.

For example, the hip women's boutique Rise Clothing on Washington will sell its funky accessories as low as \$5.

Company.

5-6 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring New Strategy.

6 p.m., Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital Pontiac Cruise Parade.

6:30-8 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring Kevin Tee & Firebirds.

6:30-8 p.m., Entertainment at Hidden River Park Stage featuring Straight Ahead.

8-9:30 p.m., Entertainment at Hidden River Park Stage featuring Charles Anthony.

8:30-10 p.m., Entertainment at MotorCity Casino Main Stage featuring Mitch Ryder.

All Evening, Jazz in Hidden River Park

National Geographic offers podcasts

Cocooning from the Woodward Dream Cruise?

Watching classic cars drive by under a hot summer's sun seem unpleasant to you?

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National Geographic now makes it possible for consumers to take a guided walk through the streets of Venice, experience an African safari and hear the week's top science and nature news, with audio and video podcasts for free download.

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"For more than a century, National Geographic has crossed borders in its storytelling," said Betsy Scolnik, vice president, content operations, National Geographic Digital Media.

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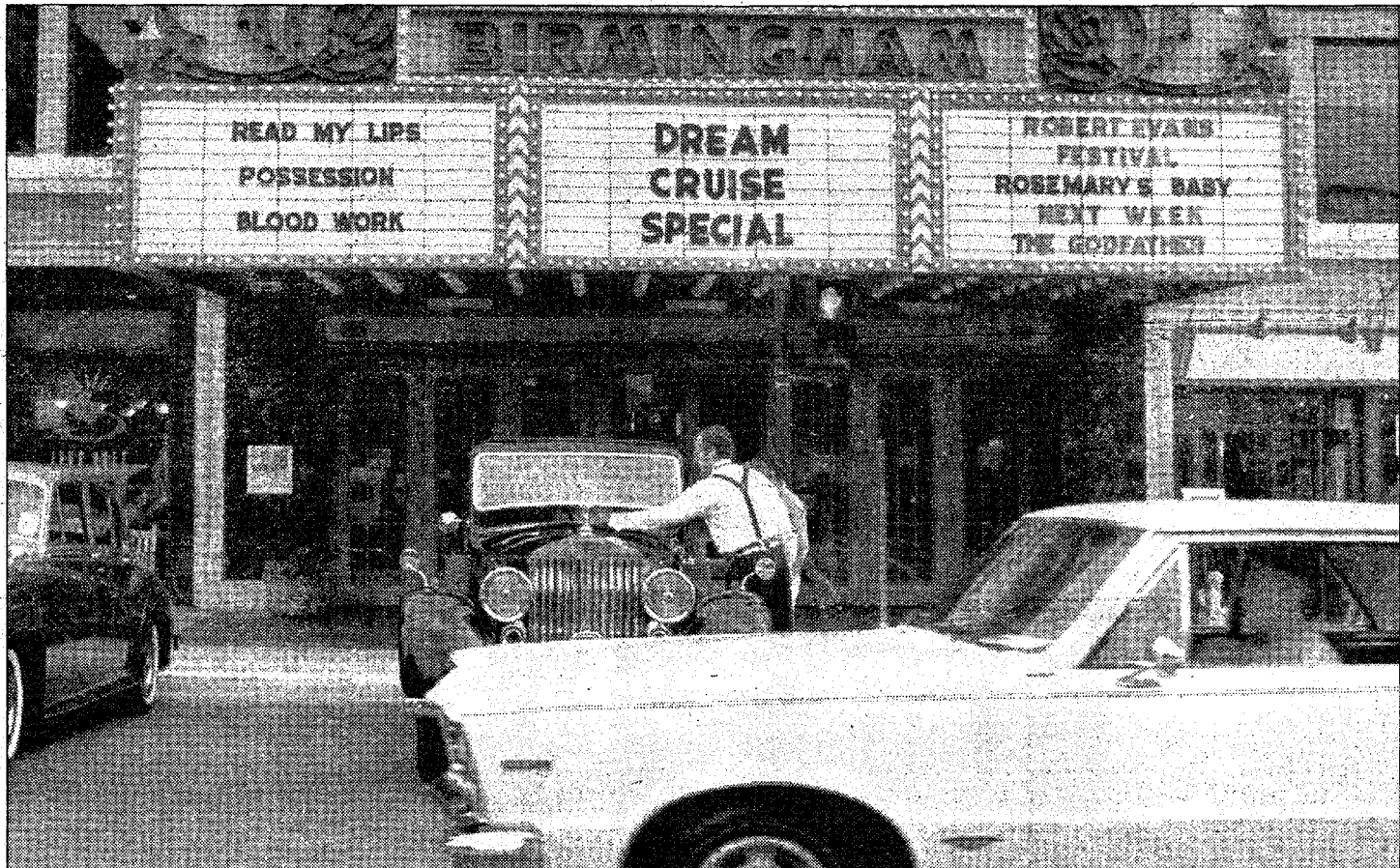
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BY CRUISE JEWELLS

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If you need a retreat from the cruise chaos, head into downtown Birmingham. Don't worry, there are plenty of cars to see, too.

Calm of the Cruise

Downtown Birmingham offers cars, entertainment and crowd relief

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Ah, the smell of exhaust fumes and burning rubber in the morning.

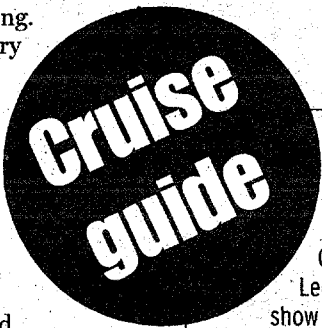
Not every Dream Cruiser can endure the heat, sounds and smells of the Woodward Dream Cruise all day long.

Not to mention the crowds.

Almost 2 million people attend the event with about 40,000 cars edging along Woodward Avenue.

But there's relief nearby, if a few hours of car-watching has your head spinning.

Head into downtown Birmingham



away from the crowds and you'll find a little breathing room and plenty of places to sit down and recharge with a coffee, cocktail, snack or meal.

Besides, Birmingham has plenty of cars on view.

In Shain Park, Ford Motor Co. sets up shop — displaying its Ford Racing, Saleen and Roush Racing vehicles — and offers free live musical entertainment from noon to 8 p.m. Performers include Benny and the Jets at 4:45 p.m. and The Teen Angels at 6:30 p.m.

At the corner of Woodward and South Old Woodward, it's Chevrolet central. The area will feature Chevy's full line of cars, trucks and SUVs, the Chevy Racing Tour, five restaurants and live entertainment (also noon to 8 p.m.).

On the streets of downtown Birmingham, local car clubs and collectors will be parking

JOIN THE SHOW

What: Showcase your vintage vehicle (1978 or older) in downtown Birmingham during Woodward Dream Cruise.

When: Saturday, Aug. 19. Day of cruise registration starts at 10 a.m. but arrive early as space is limited.

Where: Registration tent located at South Old Woodward and Brown, downtown Birmingham.

Cost: \$20, for more information, visit www.ci.birmingham.mi.us.

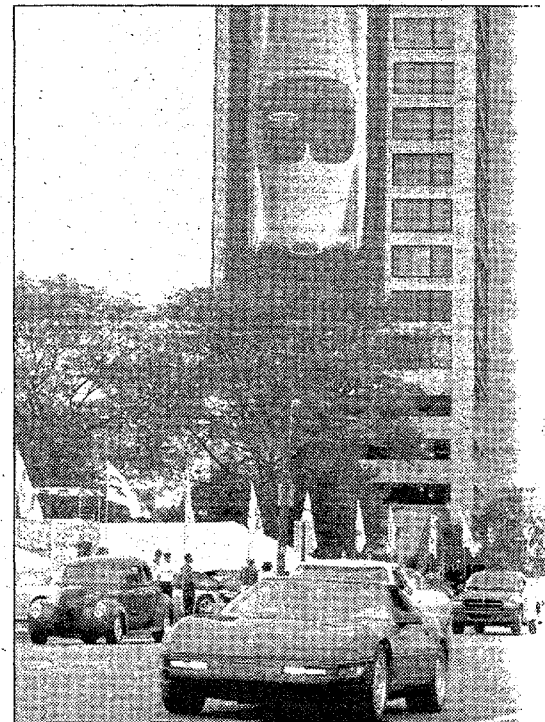
their favorite vehicles and awaiting your visit.

More than 600 cars are expected to be on display this year, and every car was built before 1979.

The program allows visitors to see vintage cars up close — you can even inspect the engine — and speak with their owners.

Best of all, when you're ready to rev it up again, all the action on Woodward is just around the bend.

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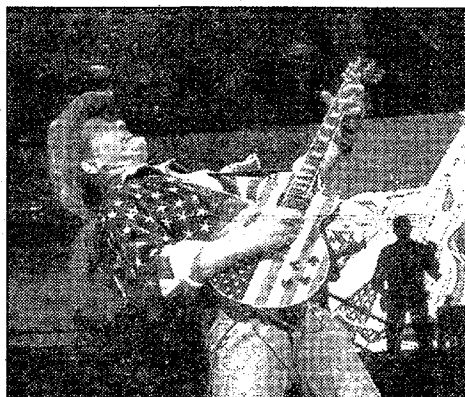
Birmingham's long and wide views of the cruising activity along Woodward Avenue, south of Maple, make it a key Dream Cruise destination.

Motor City Madman promises to 'Unleash' two nights of rip-roaring rock 'n roll

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

One night of the Motor City Madman can be quite exhilarating. But back-to-back nights of the Whackmaster?

Well, that is what's in store for Oakland County as Detroit's favorite guitar-screaming, jungle-taming and ultimate-pursuant of rock 'n roll's beastliest licks — Ted Nugent



Ted Nugent visits the DTE Energy Music Theatre tonight and Meadow Brook Music Festival on Friday.

Alternatives to Dream Cruise

TED NUGENT

What: Two back-to-back concerts.
When and where: 7:30 tonight (Aug. 17) with Alex Winston at DTE Energy Music Theatre and 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University.
Tickets: \$39.50 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn for tonight's show, \$39.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn for Friday's show. Visit palacenet.com for information. Tickets also available at The Palace, DTE Energy and all Ticketmaster locations.

returns for two electrifying shows. The first occurs tonight at DTE Energy Music Theatre and the second Friday night at Meadow Brook Music

Nugent's unmatched onstage intensity and insanity has carried over to bandmates Barry Sparks (bass) and "Wild" Mick Brown (drums), formerly of Dokken, who promise to make any night of the "Unleash The Best Global Scorch Tour '06" a memorable one.

"They had no idea they had it in them and it took little old me to get it out," Nugent said. "These guys have that burst of vitality and they erupt with spirit and enthusiasm."

Nugent credits his back-to-basics approach for his ability to maintain such a loud and loyal following over some five decades that began in the mid-1960s with the formation of the Amboy Dukes.

"A lot of guys have fallen prey to peer pressure and to be trendy," Nugent, 57, said. "I know what I stand for. My guitar is so f_____ ferocious. I'm not bragging, just celebrating."

DTE has always been a favorite of Nugent's and this trip, which includes Meadow Brook, will be no exception.

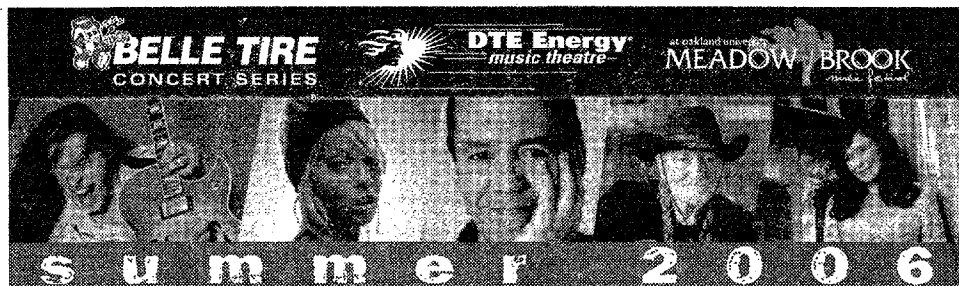
So as the rocker's official Web site states, the "continuing saga of the Whackmaster's uninhibited primal scream of sheer defiance and over the top irreverent fun" will be twice as nice.

Don't forget Fash Bash

Fash Bash 2006 is fast approaching. This year's event — which will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at General Motors' new Beaubien Place rooftop overlooking the Detroit River — will feature Elie Sahari's contemporary fall 2006 women's collection and the premiere of his men's collection. Tickets are now available.

Premium Patron Packages for two are available for \$750, sponsor-level tickets are \$250 each, and benefactor-level tickets are \$125 each.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Fash Bash hot line at (313) 833-6954 or visit www.foundersjuniorcouncil.org.



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DTE venue has hottest month in three years

In a sluggish economy and equally sluggish concert environment, life was good at DTE Energy Music Theatre in July with seven soldout shows.

That's a lot in the concert world.

The seven sellouts make it the DTE's hottest July since 2003.

The shows were: Steve Miller Band with World Party on July 7, Sammy Hagar & The Wabos with The Other Half on July 8, Ozzfest 2006 on July 19, Counting

Crows and Goo Goo Dolls on July 21, Anita Baker on July 22, Def Leppard and Journey on July 24 and Poison with Cinderella on July 28.

"Once our area concert-goers got past all the early-summer distractions and into the mood to enjoy outdoor shows, things really took off," said Tom Wilson, president and CEO of Palace Sports and Entertainment.

"July seemed to be the month when everyone started coming out and, with

our back-loaded list of big concerts, the rest of the summer looks strong going into October for the first time ever."

This year is DTE's busiest lineup season, including its first shows in October. Still to come this year are: Mary J. Blige with Jaheim and LeToya on Sunday, Aug. 20; Steely Dan/Michael McDonald on Saturday, Sept. 2; John Mayer/Sheryl Crow with Mat Kearney on Wednesday, Sept. 6; Jimmy Buffett on Tuesday, Sept. 12;

Godsmack/Rob Zombie with Shinedown on Friday, Sept. 15; Chris Brown/Ne-Yo with Lil' Wayne, Dem Franchize Boyz and Juelz Santana on Saturday, Sept. 16, Alan Jackson on Saturday, Sept. 23, and the monster Aerosmith and Mötley Crüe show on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Summer's lasting just a little longer this year.

By Lana Mini



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Charlie Hunter plays his eight-string guitar

It's hard to stand out as a musician, but Charlie Hunter does.

As a young guitarist growing up in the 1980s in northern California, Hunter was looking for a way to separate himself from the pack.

Hunter was influenced by jazz great Joe Pass and Tuck Andress (of Tuck & Patti), both six-string guitarists. But Hunter wanted to take it one step further, and set out to find an instrument that could simultaneously function as both a guitar and a bass.

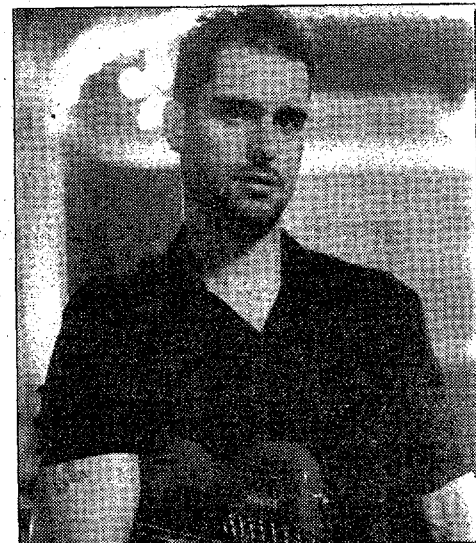
So he found a seven-string guitar.

A few years later, he unveiled his custom-made Novax eight-string, the guitar that finally allowed him to realize his potential.

Designed by Ralph Novak, the instrument features special frets and separate signals for its guitar and bass portions. It is a difficult instrument, described as "picking bass notes with his right thumb while fretting them with his left index finger - while at the same time fingerpicking guitar chords and single notes with his right hand's remaining four digits as he frets with his left hand's other three fingers."

On his latest CD "Copperopolis," Hunter plays with a trio.

"I think that this is the best record I've



The Charlie Hunter Trio (Charlie Hunter, above, on guitar, Simon Lott on drums and Erik Deutsch on piano) visit the Magic Bag on Thursday, Aug. 31.

ever made," he said.

"I learned to communicate my music better with a trio. I think the trio brings a better fit to the rhythmic and melodic voices that I try to bring to my music. With a bigger band, sometimes you add too much to the pot. I like being able to make quick turns in the music. With the extra voice, it's hard to do that sometimes. That's why I like the trio."

He and drummer Simon Lott and pianist Erik Deutsch perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Call (248) 544-1991.

By Lana Mini



'Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh' comes to West Bloomfield

Performances of *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!*, the musical comedy by Allan Sherman, will be held at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield.

Conceived and written by Douglas Bernstein and Rob Krausz, the play has received the Outer Critics Award for outstanding off-Broadway musical and four Drama Desk Award nominations.

JET performs in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road at the corner of Maple and Drake in West Bloomfield.

Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh! is spun off the hilarious song parodies originally written by Sherman. It's the story of Barry Bockman, played by Eric Gutman of Livonia, and his beloved wife, Sarah Jackman, played by Catherine

Lutz of Howell.

The story follows Barry from birth, to summer at Camp Granada, to marriage, to suburbia, and the shopping mall, to retirement in Florida.

It features Fred Buchalter of Troy and Matthew Stewart and Leah Smith, both from Detroit.

Sherman (1924-1973) was a Jewish-American musician, parodist, satirist and television producer.

Performances are 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 22-24; 5

p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26;

after that, performances are through Sunday, Sept. 17.

Tickets range from \$29 to \$39.

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during a period of political unrest. Eisenheim (Edward Norton) is a brilliant stage magician pitted against the power-hungry Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell) and the shrewd Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti).

Between Eisenheim and the Prince is the woman they both desire, Duchess Sophie von Teschen (Jessica Biel).

As children, Eisenheim and Sophie begin an intense romance. But when they are forbidden to see each other, the young magician is driven from the town. He disappears after that, embarking on a journey in pursuit of secret powers.

Years later he appears in Vienna, now a successful stage magician, and there he meets Sophie again. After so many years, she had given up hope of ever seeing him and is now engaged to marry the Crown Prince. But Eisenheim and Sophie soon rekindle their affair and decide to escape together.

Inspector Uhl, who acts as a spy for the Crown Prince, exposes the lovers and later Sophie is discovered murdered.

Eisenheim now must summon his extraordinary powers in a desperate attempt to prove the Prince guilty.

While Uhl tries to stop him, Eisenheim foments a political uprising to bring down the monarchy before it completely destroys him. Also starring Eddie Marsan.

Written and directed by Neil Burger; Based on Steven Millhauser's short story *Eisenheim the Illusionist*. (Yari Film Group Releasing) This film is rated PG-13.

TOP MOVIES

Here are the top-grossing movies at the box office, according to estimates from IMDbPro.com.

1. "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," \$23 million
2. "Step Up," \$21.1 million
3. "World Trade Center," \$19 million
4. "Barnyard," \$10.1 million
5. "Pulse," \$8.5 million
6. "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," \$7.21 million
7. "Zoom," \$4.6 million
8. "The Descent," \$4.6 million
9. "Miami Vice," \$4.5 million
10. "Monster House," \$3.3 million

Top 10 U. S. DVD Rentals for the week ending Aug. 6, according to estimates from IMDbPro.com:

1. "V for Vendetta," \$9.43 million
2. "The Benchwarmers," \$9.22 million
3. "Final Destination 3," \$7.96 million
4. "The Shaggy Dog" \$7.7 million
5. "She's the Man," \$4.89 million
6. "Failure to Launch," \$3.7 million
7. "ATL," \$3.1 million
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1. "London Bridge," Fergie. A&M.
2. "Crazy," Gnarls Barkley Downtown.
3. "Promiscuous," Nelly Furtado (feat. Timbaland). Mosley.
4. "Me & U," Cassie. Next Selection.
5. "Buttons," The Pussycat Dolls (feat. Snoop Dogg). A&M.
6. "Deja Vu," Beyonce (feat. Jay-Z). Columbia.
7. "When You Gonna (Give It Up to Me)," Sean Paul (feat. Keyshia Cole). VP.
8. "Ain't No Other Man," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
9. "It's Goin' Down," Yung Joc. Block.
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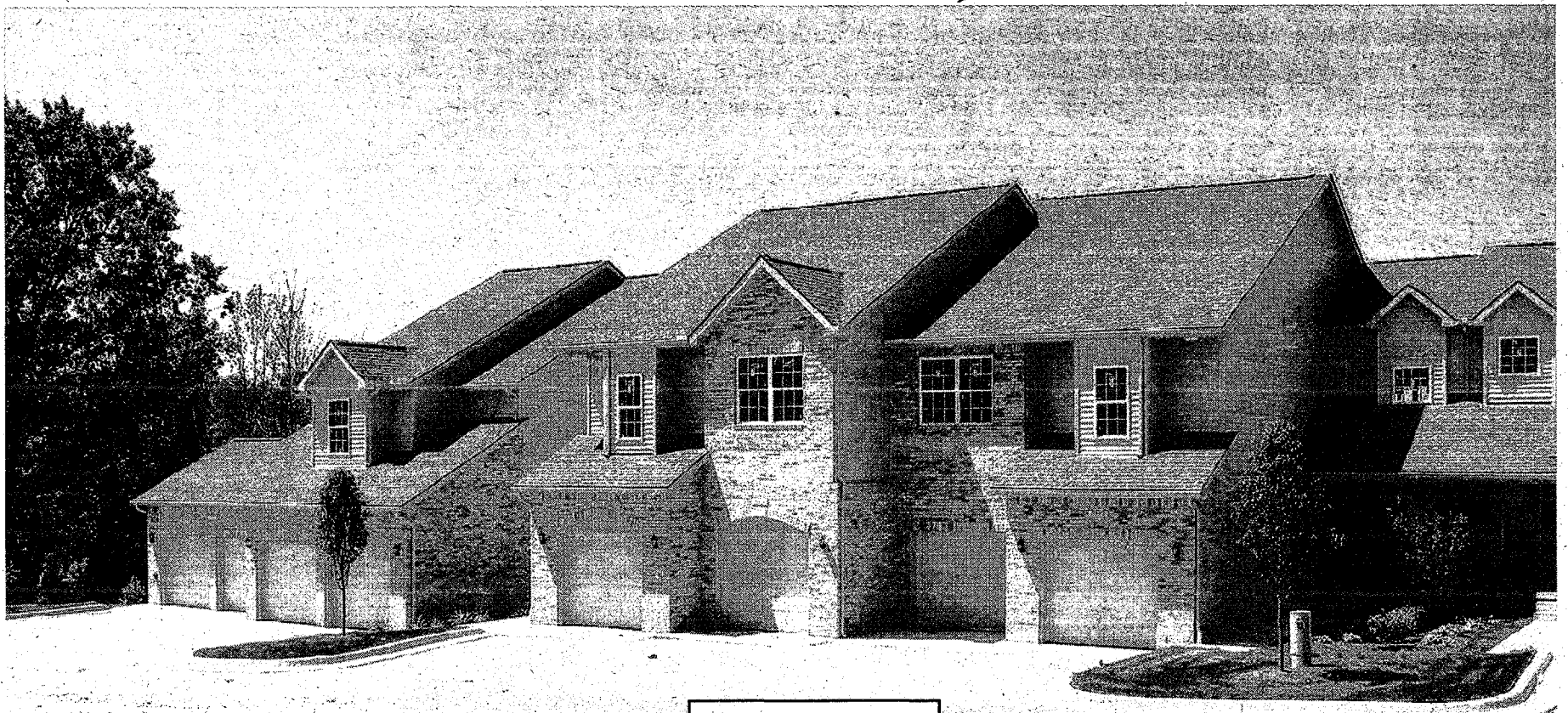
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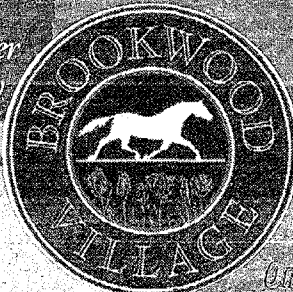
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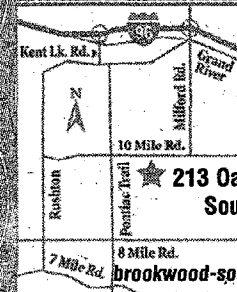
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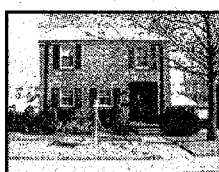
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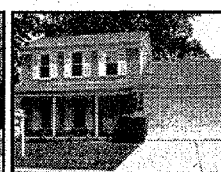
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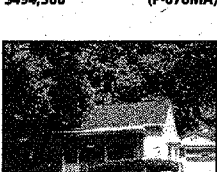
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MUST SEE. 3bd, 1.5 ba, updated kitchen, baths, roof, AC, windows, doors, carpet, gutters, & hwh, patio, sprinklers, & bsmt.
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS
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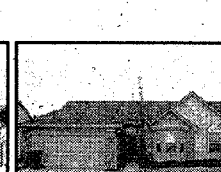
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GREAT RANCH! Wow! Awesome ranch offers many updates, Beautiful hwd floors, fresh paint, updated windows, hwh, baths, finished bsmt w/bath, Florida Room, & more.



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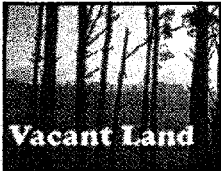
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(C-465ST) \$125,000

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(C-435SO) \$498,500

LIVONIA POPULAR SUB Beautiful 4 bd, 2 bath ranch w/updated Kit, bath, roof, furnace, entry doors, cement, windows, plumb, refinished hwd, & much more.
(C-182FO) \$192,900

NOVI LESS THAN A YEAR OLD Executive home in Novi built in 2005, nickel light fixtures, sound proof rooms, prof landscaping, Kitchen w/nook, Den, & Master w/ bath.
(C-202CL) \$424,900

LIVONIA BRICK RANCH Huge private lot w/deck, many updates inc new Kit, furnace, hwd floors, paint, carpet, 4 large bds; & excellent location.
(P-214MI) \$184,900

NOVI NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Awesome cape cod located on a private cul de sac. Updates include Kitchen w/ granite, hwd, heated 3 car Garage, inground pool, & a putting green.
(C-237HA) \$519,900

LIVONIA BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Nested on a quiet, large wood lot, updated windows, 6 panel doors, carpet, bath, 1st floor laundry, & oak Kitchen.
(P-412ST) \$319,900

NOVI CAPE COD 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Open floor plan, island Kitchen, 1st floor Master, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio.
(C-291HO) \$350,000

LIVONIA LARGE PRIVATE LOT 4 bd home w/hwd floors, vinyl windows, 2 car Garage, fin. bsmt, & close to neighborhood park.
(P-520MI) \$214,000

NOVI PRESTIGIOUS AREA 2 story condo w/3 bd, formal Dining, 1st floor Master, & 2 car Garage. Located in a resort concept complex w/ lake, beach, tennis, & clubhouse.
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CURB APPEAL PLUS! Extremely well maintained brick ranch with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, & could be converted back to a 3 bd. Nicely decorated, finished basement, new furnace, ac, windows, fenced yard and appliances. A lot of house for the price.
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(P-931QU) \$319,900

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(P-943SY) \$139,900

CANTON'S BEST Beautiful 3 bd, 2.5 BA, 2 story home updated to perfection. Spacious open flr plan painted in Pottery Barn tones, large LR, fFR w/frpl, finished bsmt w/ room for 4th bd, pergo flooring in Kit, & doorwall to Deck. Shows like a model!
(P-257WH) \$259,900

ENJOY THE VIEW Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on peaceful lot. Formal LR & DR, huge family room w/gas frpl, great Kitchen w/island & all appliances. Master suite, 2.5 car Garage, C/A, sprinklers, & Deck add up to make this home a real winner!
(P-440EM) \$318,500

VALUE PRICED All brick ranch in canton w/big Family Room that open into the Kitchen. Also featuring a nat frpl, master bdrm w/private bath, oversized garage, & full basement. Priced to sell.
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ENVIABLE FLOOR PLAN Extra large master on the upper level and 2 bedrooms on the main floor. Hardwood floors, new windows, new roof, kitchen w/nook, doorwall to fenced yard w/ hot tub & 2 car garage.
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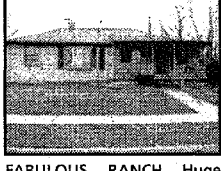
PRICED TO SELL NOW! Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in popular sub on premium lot siding to woods. Numerous upgrades, 3 car garage, stone fireplace, park-like setting, quiet cul de sac location, oversized bsmt, & more.
(P-885WA) \$379,900

PRICED TO SELL! This is a beautiful 3 bd, 1.5 bath remodeled 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch. Newer Kitchen, Anderson windows, jetted tub, new carpet in living room, & freshly painted t/o.
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TRANQUIL SETTING This 2 bd, 3.5 bath town house features a spectacular view of Walden Pond from all levels. Newly finished walkout w/full bath, cedar closets, & a wetbar. Just minutes from downtown Plymouth.
(C-053CO) \$219,900



PHEASANT VIEW CAPE Outstanding home on a corner lot, 1500+ sq ft, finished bsmt w/4th bdrm, room floor plan offering updated ceramic bath, new dramatic ceilings, a gourmet kitchen with Jenn-air appliances, 1st floor master with a jetted tub, crown moldings and a 3 car garage. Hurry on this one!
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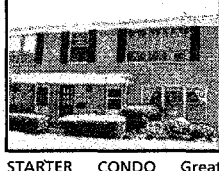
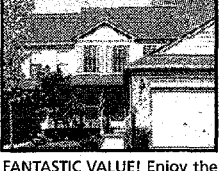
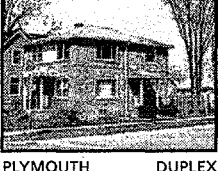
FABULOUS RANCH Huge corner lot, 1500+ sq ft, finished bsmt w/4th bdrm, updated ceramic bath, new carpet & Pergo t/o, vinyl remodeled heated Florida kitchen with Jenn-air roof, siding, pool, deck, cement Patio, & new garage.
(C-921EL) \$199,900

CLEAN AND CONTEMPORARY Livonia ranch with many quality updates! Gorgeous finished basement, remodeled heated Florida kitchen, newer central air furnace, carpeting and light fixtures. Home warranty too!
(C-600HA) \$179,999

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(C-360LA) \$193,899

SPECTACULAR HOME So much to list for this Canton colonial. Formal DR flanked by columns, 2 story GR w/cast stone & marble fp, cherry cabinets, designer ceramic & paint. Paver patio, side entry garage, & bridge overlooking Great Room.
(C-110NO) \$379,000

COUNTRY IN THE CITY 3 bd custom brick ranch on a 1 acre lot. Wooded area in back for added privacy, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, huge family room, attached 2 car Garage, & on a private road.
(C-7550A) \$259,999



DETACHED CONDO! Nestled among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm, 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & short walking distance to all Hines. Top of the line sports upgrades throughout. Featuring a finished walkout basement, upgrades t/o, & move in ready!
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Everybody needs neighbors - preferably good ones

BY JULIE BROWN
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A longtime insurance ad slogan touts the benefits of good neighbors. When you're selling a home, good neighbors can be a tremendous asset, even suggesting people who'd like to move in.

On the other hand, some neighbors can be a problem, hosting loud parties or not maintaining their property.

Nanci J. Rands, associate broker with SKBK/Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham, has some advice.



Rands

"I think the best way of dealing with these kinds of problems if you will is to be forthright with people," said Rands, president of the Metropolitan

Consolidated Association of Realtors. Some neighbors may simply not know they're making a situation unpleasant.

"My feeling has always been make friends with your neighbors," Rands said. "You take the chocolate chip cookies over first." She feels you've lost the



war if you have to resort to calling police; Rands adds you may not be aware your dog's been barking while you've been away.

"It's much more a human relations situation than it is strictly a real estate situation." In selling homes, Rands can contact neighbors to enlist help, finding people who'd like to move in.

"It will help us sell our property and get nice neighbors for you," she said. Rands recommends taking an active role in neighborhood/homeowner associations, meeting at least once a year for a potluck or other informal gathering.

That's an ongoing opportunity to deal with any problems, and has a lot of benefits, she said. "From a real estate point of view, it certainly is helpful." She adds much of the topic is common sense – and cents in that it carries economic benefits.

"That goes a long way to helping in any conflict resolution," Rands said of being on good terms with neighbors, something she recommends establishing early on and continuing with the

Whetstine said most municipalities have ordinances on such things as grass length and general property maintenance. Birmingham, for example, will mow grass that's too long and put the fee on the tax bill if necessary.

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A good neighbor can help if you've canceled your newspaper while on vacation, but it continues to be delivered, she added. Such a neighbor will know if something has gone wrong.

Marge Whetstine, associate broker at Keller Williams Northville Market Center, agreed it's best to get along with neighbors. If you can't resolve a problem, you may need to enlist the help of your city/township officials.

"It's not worth having a fight with your neighbor," said Whetstine, 2005 president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. "Most people are responsive."

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Birmingham, for example, will mow grass that's too long and put the fee on the tax bill if necessary.

Whetstine has found it's good to know what your ordinances allow even for yourself. "Some places won't allow you to have an RV. It's a good idea to know what is allowed in your neighborhood."

She agreed with Rands that neighbors can be a good source of leads for potential buyers. Realtors often send out "just listed" and "just sold" cards to neighbors, and Whetstine finds the latter can give a sense of current property values.

"That gives them some knowledge base to go to their tax assessing meeting," Whetstine said.

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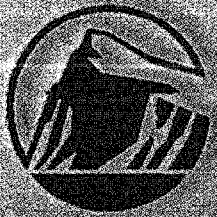
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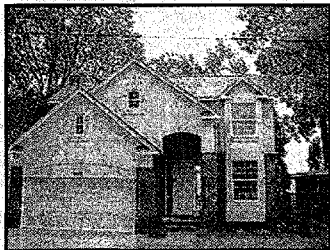
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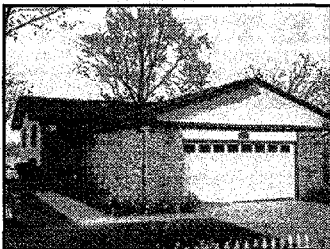
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Q. We are on the board of directors of our co-op and have been approached by a converter to do a conversion to a condo. Do you have any information or experience in that regard?

A. Many cooperatives are considering converting to a condo for a multitude of reasons including increased resale ability of the units, the ability to obtain financing more easily and to come within the condominium statutes and laws which are, in many instances, better suited to community association development than landlord tenant law as it relates to co-ops. Of course, the

cooperative should retain an experienced condominium attorney before considering the conversion process to insure that it is done in a proper fashion maximizing the benefits to the members of the co-operative.

Q. We understand that there has been an influx in conversions of various properties presently being held for lease. Do you have any information in that regard?

A. Marinas, industrial parks, garages, old warehouses, and apartment buildings are among the ever-increasing



Robert Meisner

real estate properties which are being converted from a leasing situation to fee ownership in the form of a condominium. Moreover, mobile home parks, which have been owned by their operators for many years, now find it financially feasible to convert the mobile home parks to condominiums. In short, there is a substantial

movement not only in Michigan but around the country toward conversions of various real properties into condominium units with the intended benefits of condominium development and operation.

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Northville - Highly Desired Beacon Woods

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Northville - Fabulous Woodlands Ranch Condo

One showing and you will fall in love with this hard-to-find, sunny & bright 3 BR 3 BA ranch condo which shows beautifully. Hardwood floors, excellent floor plan, and a fantastic, professionally finished lower level. It's a winner! \$399,900.



Northville - Links of Northville Cape Cod Condo

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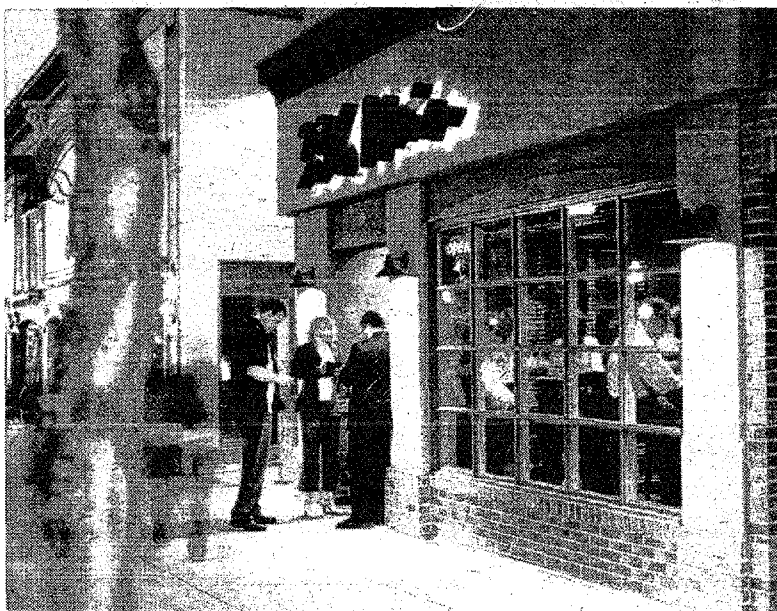


Novi - Island Lake Stunning Luxury Condo

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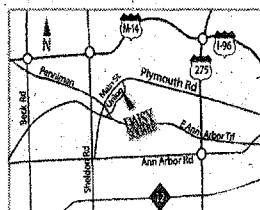
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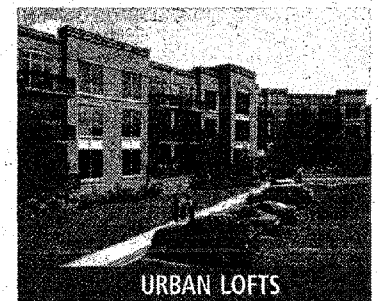
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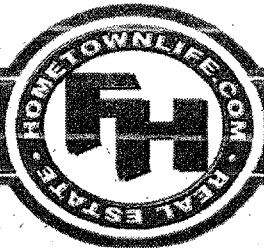
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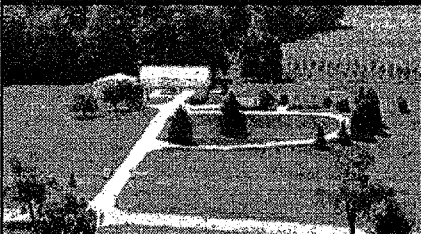
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CANTON \$350,000 Den w/French doors, formal dining room w/bay wind, vaulted Family Rm w/gas frpl, formal Living Rm, gourmet kitchen w/granite, mstr ste w/WIC & glamour bath, side entry garage. MLS# 26133993 734-453-6800



CANTON \$349,900 Sharp, clean & neutral 4BR, 2.1BA Col on large lot deep in sub. Grmt kit-nk w/Island. Formal LR & DR. Spac FR w/custom FP & mantel. Mstr w/vaulted clg & fash ba w/jetted tub. New carpet in many rms. Part fin LL. MLS# 26128851 734-453-6800



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NOVI \$300,000 2 story beauty, formal LR w/bay win, kit w/grntr cnts, island, cherry cabs, FR w/gas Fp, hwd flrs, sun rm, mstr suite w/WIC, guest Ba, 1st flr Indry. Updates Inc: newer carpet, win & garage door, mature trees for privacy! MLS# 2609239 248-347-3050

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NOVI \$275,000
 Interior Lot On Quiet Street, Neutral Decor T/O, Formal LR/DR, Kit W/Island, Pantry, Eat-in Nook W/doorwall To Deck, FR W/brick Surr Fp, 1st Flr Lndry, Mstr Ste W/vaulted Ceiling, WIC, Glamour Ba, Full Bsmnt, Att Car Gar. MLS# 26135123 248-347-3050



VAN BUREN \$264,900
 Desired Waiden Woods 4 BR, 2.1 BA Colonial On Very Private Wooded Lot. Open Floor Plan W/Upgrades: kit W/Honey Maple Cabs & Hwd Flrs, mstr Ste W/Garden Tub, Extra Deep Garage, Plenty Of Storage And A Community Pool. MLS# 26115383 248-347-3050



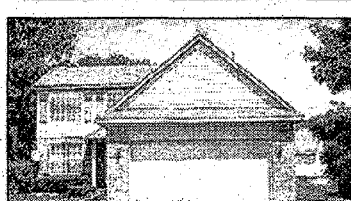
SUPERIOR \$259,900
 Pulte Braymore offers spac floor plan w/vaulted cigs. Custom wndw treatments & paint. HDWD t/o 1st flr. Prof landscaping & lighting. Custom "Killer" deck. Check out 1 of a kind 2-level bsmt. 2nd largest lot in sub. MLS# 26132248 734-453-6800



CANTON \$259,900
 Gorgeous, condo w/beautiful pond view. Spac LR w/cath cing. New HDWD flrs t/o entire 1st flr. Kit w/maple cabs, includes newer appls. Two mstr stes each having priv bath. Deck w/retrac awning. MLS# 26041680 734-453-6800



NOVI \$255,000
 Upgrades galore: New furnace & c/a, hwh, light fixtures t/o, remod ba's w/cherry, limestone & granite vinyl windows & roof, remod kit w/ cherry, granite & limestone, hwd on 1st flr, extensive crown molding t/o, fin LL w/2nd kit & office. MLS# 26128254 248-347-3050



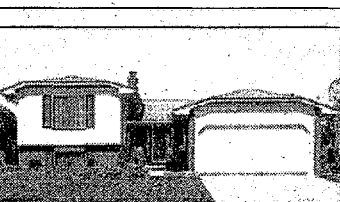
LIVONIA \$250,000
 Great Location For This Newer 3 Bdrm, 2-1/2 Bath Colonial W/ professionally finished bsmt. Huge 2 Tiered Deck. Spacious Family Rm W/bay Window & Natural Fireplace. Ceramic Flr In Kitchen W/beautiful Maple Cabinets. MLS# 26134032 734-591-0333



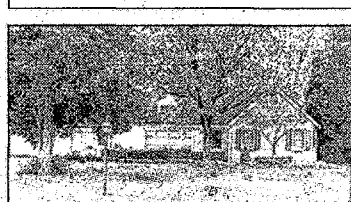
SOUTH LYON \$249,000
 Your search is over! Gorgeous colonial decorated like a model. Crown & chair molding t/o. Custom window treatments, light fixtures & paint. Master w/WIC & Jacuzzi. HDWD floors. Prof. finished basement. MLS# 26128642 734-453-6800



LYONS \$247,000
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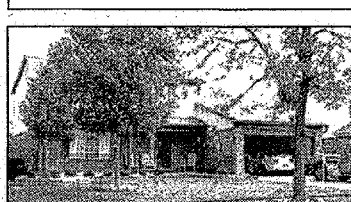
CANTON \$246,900
 Remod. Kit. In 04 W/Oak Cab, Corian Like Counters, Quality Firing. Lrg LR Opens To Kitchen & DR W/doorwall To Patio. FR W/natural FP & Wet Bar. Fin Bsmnt W/reac rm, Newer Wallside Win., Roof, C/a, Int. Doors, & Sprinklers. MLS# 26068948 248-347-3050



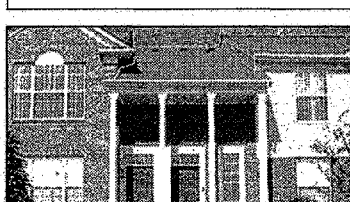
LIVONIA \$243,900
 Ranch On 3/4 Acre Lot W/a Game Rm, Heated Breezeway, Updated Kitchen & Both Baths. Enjoy The Large Living Room With Lime Stone Fp, Escape To Your Own Private Retreat Upstairs. Mstr Ste W/ Own Exercise Room. MLS# 26085802 248-347-3050



MARION \$240,000
 Vaulted GR w/gas FP, open kit w/island, nook w/view to spectacular wooded yard, 1st flr lndry, mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling, WIC & glamour BA, prof finished lower level w/daylight wind & full BA. MLS# 26134412 734-453-6800



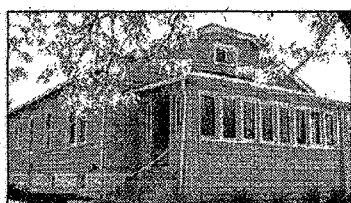
CANTON \$239,900
 3 BR, 2.1 bath Colonial on a low traffic court setting. Spac kit-nook w/plenty of cnt-ctrpt space & new sink (all appls included). Open-airy FR w/vaulted clg & 8 ft doorwall. Formal DR. Beautiful finished bsmt. MLS# 26111974 734-453-6800



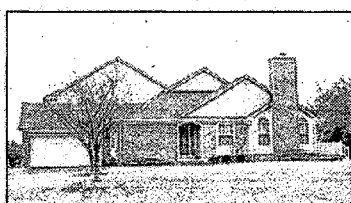
NORTHVILLE \$219,500
 Contemporary Condo with High ceilings, Corner Fireplace In Gr, Open Floor Plan, 1st Flr Laundry/mud Room, Balcony & Gr Overlook Resort Type Pool & Pond. Home Is light, Bright & Open. Convenient For Commuters. MLS# 26026858 248-347-3050



SOUTHFIELD \$215,000
 Check this out! Charming house in a double lot, nice neighborhood and close to schools. Newer windows, roof, furnace and AC. Ceramic Tiles in the Kitchen and Lower Room, Pergo Floors Throughout, easy to maintain. MLS# 26126525 734-591-0333



PLYMOUTH \$209,900
 Walk to town from this 3BR Old Village charmer! Updates incl: brand new kitchen, refin HDWD flrs, carpet, int & ext paint, furn, plumb, roof & most wndws! Lg 20x7 encl porch. Bsmnt plumbed for bath. Lg rooms t/o. MLS# 26115715 734-453-6800



CANTON \$209,900
 Sharp and Clean! End unit ranch in much desired golf course comm. Lux master ste w/vaulted clg, WIC & fash BA. Open-airy Great Rm w/vaulted clg & gas FP. Kit is open w/good-sized Bnook. Must See! MLS# 26125898



ROMULUS \$205,000
 Updated Raised Ranch W/Great Landscaping! Spacious & Open Floor Plan W/High Ceilings, Formal LR & DR, Upgraded Appis Stay & Master Bath Has Sep Shower. Finished LL W/O Custom Patio. Direct Access 2.5 Car Garage. MLS# 26066923 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$200,000
 Condo boasts beautiful hardwood floors t/o the main level, stone flooring & tons of cabinets in large kitchen, vaulted ceilings t/o, great rm with a gas fireplace, library, large bedrooms & kitchen, all appl stay! MLS# 26115351 248-347-3050

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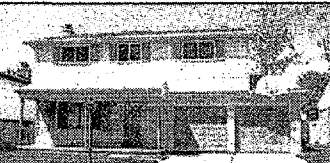
LYONS \$199,900
 Brick ranch w/full finished basement, 1st floor laundry. Large lot w/fenced backyard. Disabled access. Sunroom off kitchen w/deck and gazebo. MLS# 26136623 248-437-4500




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CANTON \$190,000
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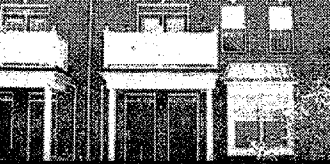
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WESTLAND \$165,000
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REDFORD \$139,900
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REDFORD \$130,000
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ROMULUS \$102,000
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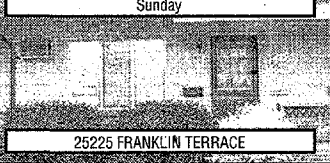
WARREN \$99,900
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TAYLOR \$99,900
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DETROIT \$85,000
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SOUTH LYON \$53,000
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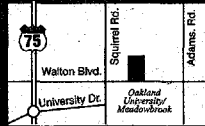


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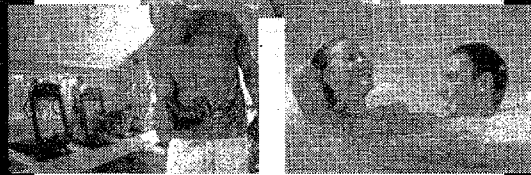
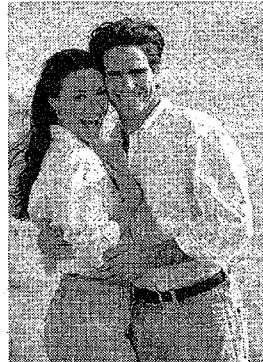
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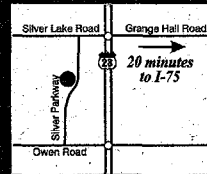


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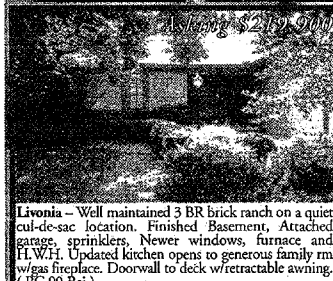
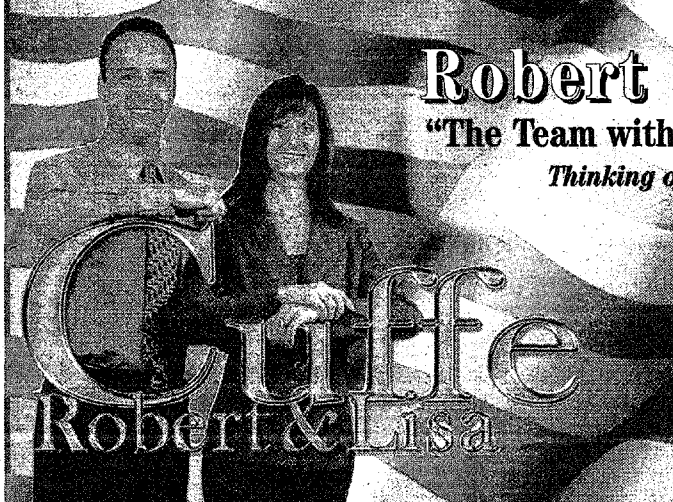
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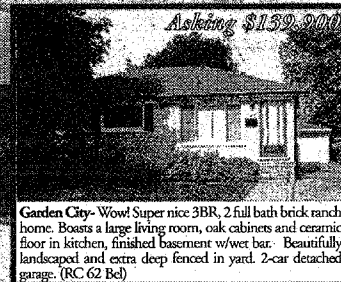
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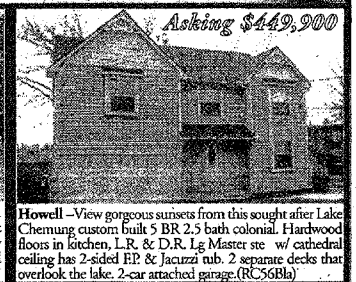
Livonia - Well maintained 3 BR brick ranch on a quiet cul-de-sac location. Finished basement, attached garage, sprinklers, newer windows, furnace and H.W.H. Updated kitchen opens to generous family rm w/gas fireplace. Doorwall to deck w/retractable awning. (RC 90 Bel)



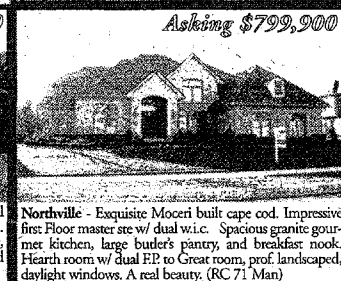
Northville - Gorgeous 4 bedroom 3.5 bath Colonial offers a 2 - tiered deck overlooking the private woods. Large island kitchen w/ nook and jenn-air appliances, cathedral ceilings in Great room & Master suite, finished lower level, 3 car side entrance garage. (RC 56 Woo)



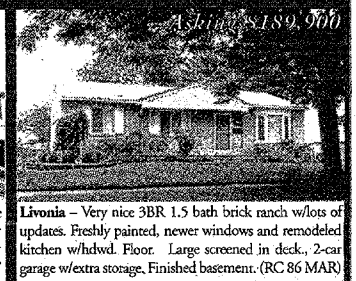
Garden City - Wow! Super nice 3BR, 2 full bath brick ranch home. Boasts a large living room, oak cabinets and ceramic floor in kitchen, finished basement w/wet bar. Beautifully landscaped and extra deep fenced in yard. 2-car detached garage. (RC 62 Bel)



Howell - View gorgeous sunsets from this sought after Lake Chemung custom built 5 BR 2.5 bath colonial. Hardwood floors in kitchen, L.R. & D.R. Lg Master ste w/ cathedral ceiling has 2-sided FP & Jacuzzi tub. 2 separate decks that overlook the lake. 2-car attached garage. (RC 56 Bla)



Northville - Exquisite Mocerri built cape cod. Impressive fire. Floor master ste w/ dual w.c. Spacious granite gourmet kitchen, large bunder's pantry, and breakfast nook. Hearth room w/ dual FP to Great room, prof landscaped, daylight windows. A real beauty. (RC 71 Man)



Livonia - Very nice 3BR 1.5 bath brick ranch w/lots of updates. Freshly painted, newer windows and remodeled kitchen w/hdwd. Floor. Large screened in deck, 2-car garage w/extra storage. Finished basement. (RC 86 MAR)

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Farmington Hills native Amine graduated from Harrison High School in 1999 and received his bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University in 2003. He joined the Quicken Loans team in February 2005 and works at the Livonia branch.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

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ing tradespeople. Cost is \$205, including manual, sample questions and test application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Aug. 24 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register during business hours, or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

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■ A 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 9 and 16, at the Hilton Suites Hotel, 2300 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as rights and responsibilities. It covers

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Building Industry Association

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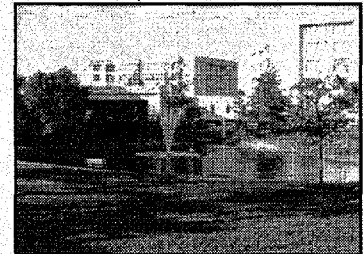
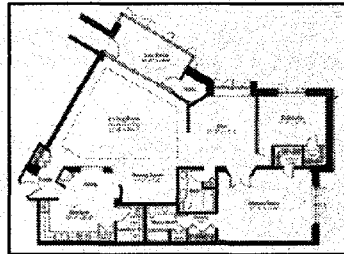
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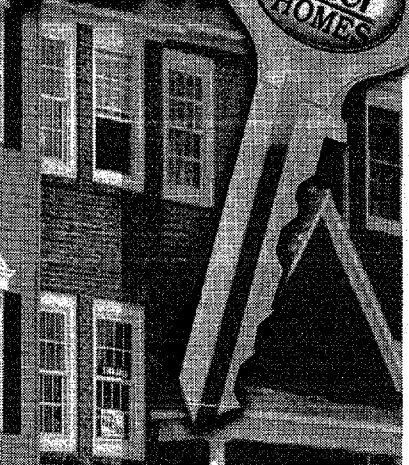
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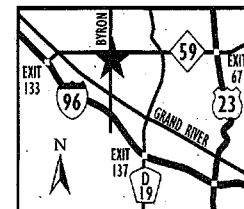
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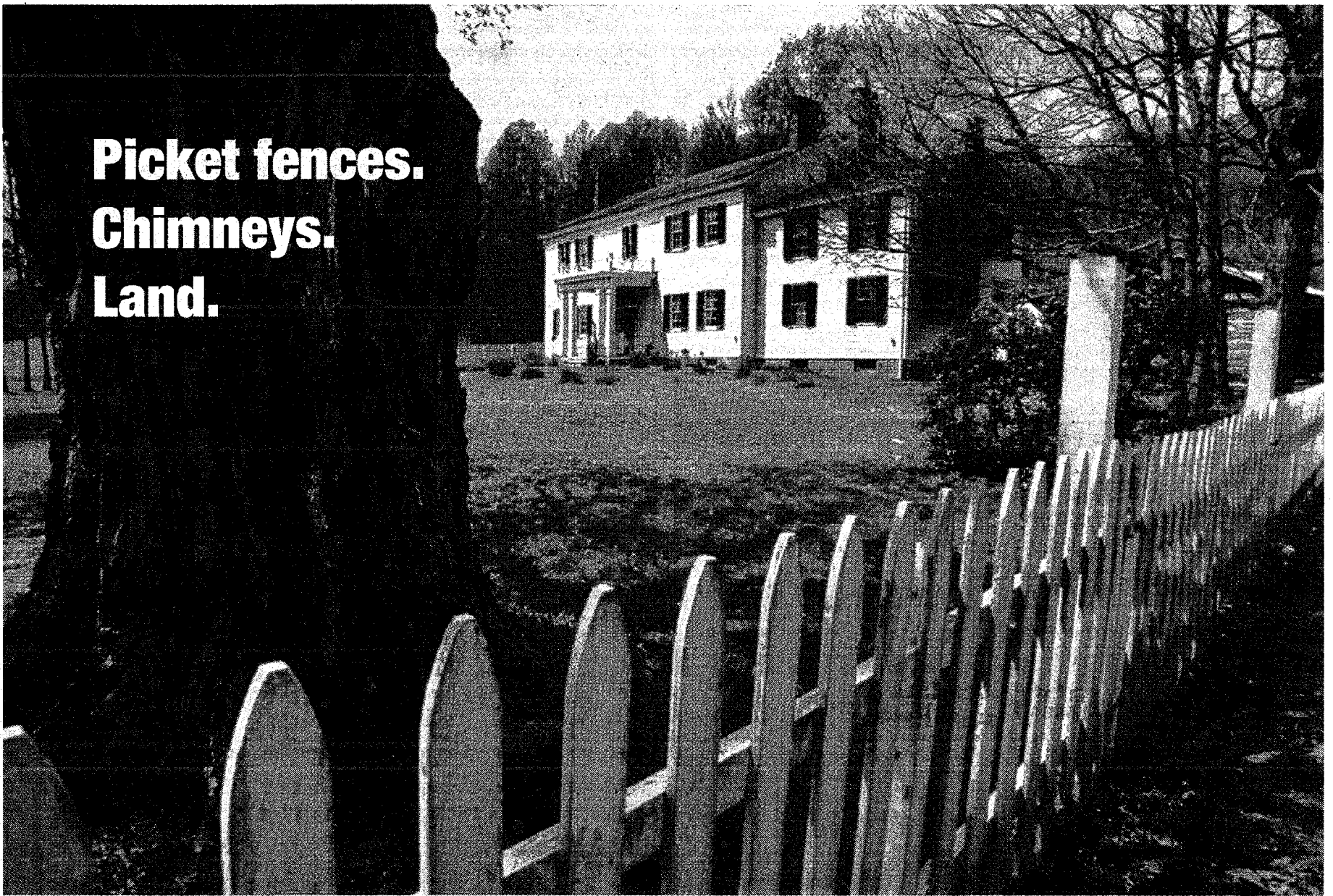
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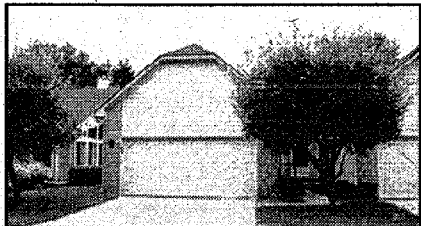
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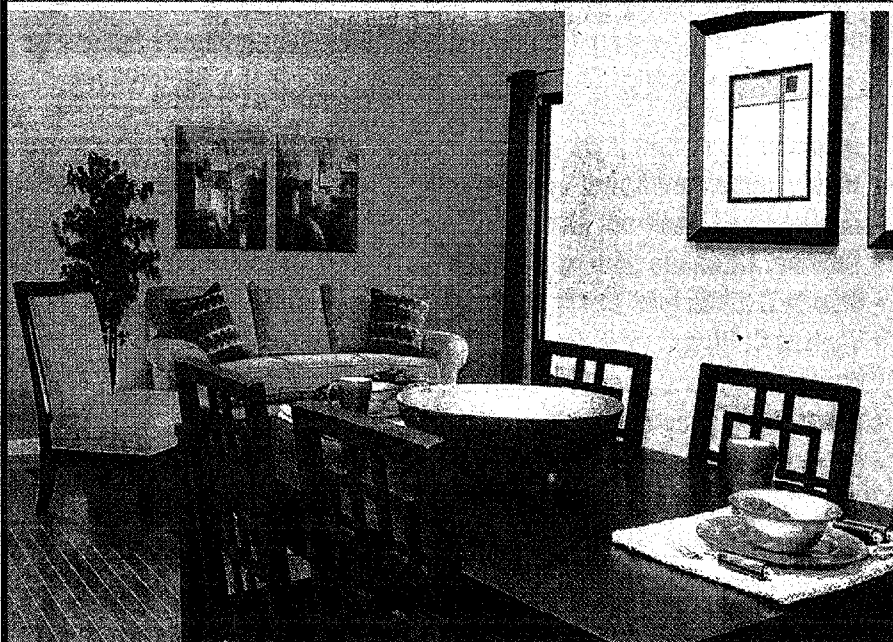
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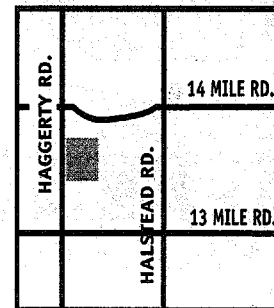
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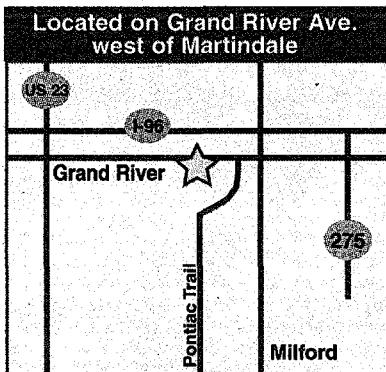
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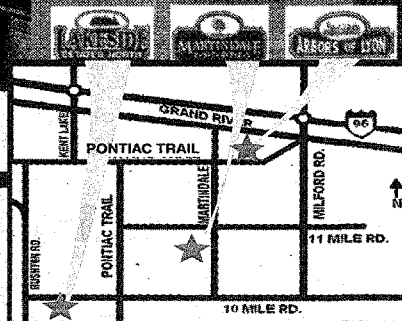
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