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Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County presents its third-annual charity golf outing Friday, Sept. 29 at Hilltop Golf Course on Powell Road in Plymouth. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch and refreshments will be served at the turn, with a steak/chicken dinner starting at 2 p.m. and a raffle at 4:30. There are several sponsorship packages available, costing \$100, \$125, \$250 and \$2,500. Participation is 100 percent tax deductible. For more information, contact the Habitat for Humanity office in Plymouth by calling 459-7744.

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Whistle Stop auditions

The Whistle Stop Players are conducting auditions for their production of "A Child's Christmas in Wales," based on the story by Dylan Thomas, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 13-14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Performances will be done at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Dec. 1-3, with a tour of schools and other organizations from Dec. 4-21. For more information, call Jennifer Tobin, 416-4278, or email her at jentobin@mediascene.net.

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Calling all flutists

The newly formed Plymouth Flute Choir announces its first information meeting Friday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at the home of director Deborah Podolka.

To RSVP, get directions or for more information, call (734) 420-0031. All levels and ages are welcome.

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of the charter school," said Booher. "The district will also send a follow-up letter asking questions about the move. We want to see if there is a pattern."

In conversations with parents, teachers and principals have found parents are moving to Canton Charter Academy because they like the idea of uni-

forms, strict discipline, a longer school day, a Christian environment and the proximity to day care.

Canton Charter Academy officials had predicted enrollment this year of 360 students. The maximum number of students the kindergarten through fifth

grade school could enroll is 405. The academy will add a grade each year until it becomes a K-8 school.

Meanwhile, the latest enrollment figures for Plymouth-Canton Schools shows an increase of 310 students compared to official numbers from last year.

The K-8 schools show an increase of 11 students, middle schools were up 125 students and the high school complex has an increase of 174 students.

Plymouth-Canton Schools, the seventh largest district in the state, has an unofficial population of 16,586 students.

Haggerty widening likely still years away

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A full-scale widening of Haggerty Road to five lanes between Five Mile and Schoolcraft Roads isn't likely for three or four years, though the large Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park at Five Mile and Haggerty could begin sooner.

"We need to see more specific plans about where there are planned entrances and exits," said John Roach, public relations spokesman for Wayne County Department of Public Services. "We're looking at possible improvements. Priorities exist. The money we have for widening is pretty well-spoken for. Mind you, these things take time. We don't have the resources to widen roads at will."

Widening of Haggerty Road will take on higher priority, Roach said. The county is aware that the current daily

Haggerty Road traffic now numbers 18,000 vehicles nearing the maximum 20,000 vehicles that the road can handle, he said. Five Mile and Schoolcraft Roads appear to be able to handle the traffic load.

Acceleration and deceleration lanes could be added during the interim to ease traffic and continue the flow, he said.

Approval of the PUD option is on the 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 regular Plymouth Township board meeting at Plymouth Township Hall, located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. The public is welcome.

"The first time we were not aware of the scope of the development," Roach said. "It became a lot clearer that this was a very large development. We need to manage the flow better."

Owner Mike Vlasic and representatives of MAV Development propose a 60-acre, \$150 million office complex of up to seven buildings and three parking decks.

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John Roach
—Wayne County spokesman

Some residents in the area are tracking the details of the project and have expressed traffic concerns.

Besides the Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park project, Burton-Katzman Development Co. wants to build a \$20 million, 235,000-square-foot office park on 21 acres on Haggerty, north of Five Mile in Northville Township. The developer purchased part of the Golden Bear Golf Center in Northville Township.

Schools expanding bus brake system inspections

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Plymouth-Canton Schools transportation officials say they will expand the inspection of buses for possible defective brake systems.

Kurt Miles, head fleet operation mechanic at the Plymouth-Canton transportation yard, said inspections of 20 Thomas Built Buses found no major problems with the anti-lock braking system.

The problem was discovered by Bendix of Elyria, Ohio, which builds the brake system for 46,000 school buses built between March 1998 and August 2000. When the buses are traveling at less than 20 mph, they can lose their anti-lock braking ability for a few seconds without notice.

Bendix recommended that mechanics visually inspect the system to identify loose sensor wires or sensor chafing.

"Our mechanics checked all the Thomas buses that were built during the period and they didn't find anything major," said Miles. "We identified some areas which could possibly present problems in the future, so we secured them better."

Miles said that instead of waiting for Blue Bird and International bus companies to notify the district which buses need to be inspected, his crew will inspect all the district buses built by those two manufacturers.

"We're just going to do it now to make sure the brakes work properly," said Miles. "It doesn't take long to do it, and we'll be able to sleep at night knowing the kids are safe."

Miles said mechanics worked overtime on Saturday to inspect the 12 International and 6 Blue Bird buses.

Bendix reports there have been nearly 40 incidents of bus drivers losing braking power, however no accidents have been reported.

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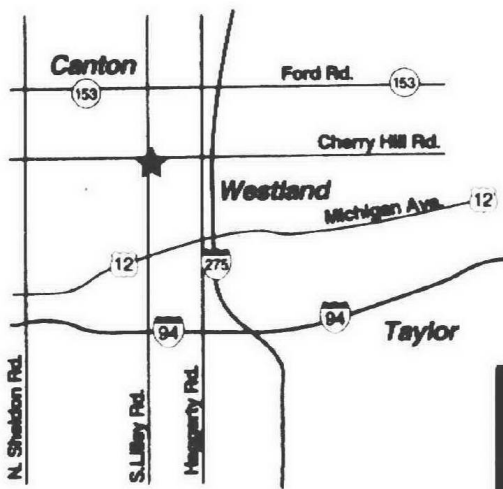
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Folino picks up 6 votes as election recount continues

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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After recounts by the Michigan Secretary of State's office in four of the 20th House District's five communities on Thursday and Friday, John Stewart of Plymouth Township still leads Teresa Folino of Northville by a sizable margin.



John Stewart

The recount will continue in Plymouth Township Monday, with the Wayne County Board of Canvassers expected to rule on any challenges after the recount. Stewart beat Folino by 81 votes in the Aug. 8 primary elec-

tion, which was certified by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers Aug. 23. However, after two days of recounts in Plymouth, Northville, Northville Township and Livonia, Folino picked up a net 6 votes, leaving the margin of victory for Stewart at 75, with the Plymouth Township votes yet to be recounted.

Stewart's attorney Alan Helmkamp said Folino picked up 10 votes and Stewart six in Northville and Northville Township, with a net gain of four for Folino.

Helmkamp said Stewart lost two votes in Plymouth and Livonia, leaving Folino with a net gain of six votes from the four communities.

Helmkamp noted that none of the five Plymouth precincts was able to be recounted because "the state deemed there was a technical violation ... the seals on the voting canisters were not properly placed. The lack of technical compliance caused the

state not to recount the votes.

"But, I feel the Plymouth vote was solid," said Helmkamp.

There were also technicalities which kept the Livonia absentee votes from being recounted, according to Helmkamp.

Helmkamp stressed the problems in Plymouth and Livonia were technical, with no concerns of voter fraud.

Stewart and Folino each challenged two votes, which are expected to be ruled on by the Board of Canvassers Monday afternoon. Helmkamp said Folino has already challenged the non-recountability of the votes in Plymouth, where Stewart won, and Livonia, where Folino beat Stewart.

Both communities are expected to face challenges from Sharon McPhail, who is having the entire Wayne County vote recounted in her bid to overturn Mike Duggan's victory in the county prosecutor's race.

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space, with third-floor condominiums.

"We're in the midst of negotiations with retailers, but the only business signed up right now is New Liberty Bank," said Michelle Chaklos, vice president of marketing. "There will be eight or nine slots to fill. I think we're close with some."

"There are definitely some recognizable names looking to locate at the Mayflower Centre," she said. "There are also some of the smaller boutiques that have been looking."

Tri-Mount was also slated to build a three-story complex on Penniman Street, across from the post office. However, that project has been put on hold for the time being.

"There was some talk of getting started this year, but we're not sure if it will or not," said Chaklos. "However, we are marketing it with the Mayflower, so it will be built."

Penniman Place will include office space on the first two floors, with two condominium lofts of more than 4,000-square-feet on the third floor.

Tri-Mount is reportedly considering moving its offices from Novi into Penniman Place.

There are other projects planned for downtown Plymouth which soon may come to fruition:

■ Tom's Oyster Bar. Owner Tom Brandel said he's waiting for a final inspection for his just-completed Detroit restaurant. His next move is to start his Plymouth project next to Penniman Place.

"My plans have been ready for months, and I plan to get started on the project next month," said Brandel. "It will probably take at least six months to complete."

Brandel said he received overtures from Tri-Mount to sell his building, giving Tri-Mount an



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BRUSCHMANN

Workers install wall supports on the third floor of the Mayflower complex.

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Michelle Chaklos
—Tri-Mount marketing

into a restaurant. ■ 336 Main Street. That's the piano bar set to open across from Kellogg Park.

Co-owner John Valenti said he hopes to have the project open next month.

"We ran into unexpected problems renovating the building," said Valenti. "And, we put a lot more money into it than we originally anticipated."

Valenti estimates he and his partners, including Dr. Tom Guina of Plymouth Township, have spent more than \$250,000 on the project.

The piano bar will sell strictly drinks and hors d'oeuvres and become a place for adults to relax and talk.

■ Irish Pub. Owner John Callaghan said he'll have more details next week on his Irish Pub to open in the old Crier building on Penniman.

Indications are the interior will actually be made in Ireland and shipped to Plymouth.

■ Penn Theatre. Plans continue for a multi-million project to put a restaurant and condominiums atop the Penn Theatre and The Gathering.

No plans have yet been submitted to the city's planning commission.

■ Wilcox Property. D&P Ventures is proposing a \$20 million project that will include condominiums and office space on the 2.5 acres which also includes the Wilcox House.

Mom, daughter learn value of dollar while collecting donations

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Christine Schinker and her daughter, Jennifer, know the value of a dollar can be measured in nickels and dimes, pennies and quarters.

Through the cooperation of Ann Arbor Road businesses, the mother and daughter raised \$1,800. They asked Plymouth Township businesses to put out a canister to collect customers' small change as a fund-raiser, which started May 5 to help the Plymouth Township police department.

"We got our goal," Schinker said.

The bounty? A soon-to-be ordered bitesuit for canine training which will get used once a week by both Plymouth Township's and other police departments.

"(Schinker) is one determined lady," said Plymouth Township Police Officer Steve Cheston, Hogan's K-9 handler. Hogan was added to the Plymouth Township police department last year and has been a top dog when it comes to sniffing and tracking.

He applauded the Plymouth community for getting behind Schinker's self-initiated fund-raising effort. "It's outstanding," Cheston said.

Police departments in other communities don't receive such support, he added.

It all started when Schinker spotted Cheston's marked cruiser and was pleasantly surprised

to learn the township had a police dog.

At about the same time, Jennifer, an avid subscriber to American Girl Magazine, which targets the preteen female audience, read about a police dog equipped with a bullet-proof vest.

Schinker contacted Cheston, who explained he preferred not to outfit Hogan with a bullet-proof vest because it could get caught on a fence or be grabbed by a criminal during an apprehension.

A bitesuit, costing about \$1,600, was on Cheston's wish list, because several departments were training with one bitesuit every week. Bitesuits often don't have high priorities in police budgets.

Police maintain a bitesuit is valuable because it trains the police dog to restrain a criminal by biting different parts of the body.

"I don't know what the procedure is now, if the money goes directly to the police department or to the township," Cheston said.

Once the department receives the earmarked money, the bitesuit should take about 10 days to be delivered from a mail order company, he said.

Schinker wants to send a big "thank you" to the following Plymouth-area businesses who raised money through canister donations and the generosity of many customers who dug into their pockets.

The participating businesses included Lee's Famous Chicken, Papa Romano's, Mr. Pita, Pro Percussion, Specialty Pets, Parkway Vet (Canton and Plymouth locations), Quicksilver Photo, Pilgrim Party Shoppe, Denny's, Big Boy Restaurant, and Zack's.

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club donated \$365, Schinker said. Community Federal Credit Union assisted by counting the change without taking a percentage, like some supermarkets do, Christine said.

Expect backups as work continues on Ann Arbor Rd.

BY SUE BUCK
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More traffic backups are expected for those who travel the Ann Arbor Road area during its reconstruction period.

The contractor made traffic shifts Thursday on Lilley Road by reducing the road to one lane in each direction northbound and southbound through the construction area on Ann Arbor Road. The road will stay that way for about three weeks.

"This is anticipated to cause additional traffic backups in this area," according to a press release issued by Paul Sincock, assistant Plymouth city manager, and Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township Department of Public Services director.

North and south traffic is advised to use Main Street because all lanes will remain open, they said.

"Our original plans were to completely shut down that intersection," said Mike Bileti, the

owner of Livonia-based Peter A. Basile Sons Inc. His firm was hired for the Michigan Department of Transportation project. Project boundaries are just west of Sheldon Road to General Drive.

The total project, originally scheduled to be completed in November, is three weeks ahead of schedule, according to Bileti.

The company stands to receive a cash incentive of up to \$250,000 if the work is done early. Robin Pannecouk, MDOT's public relations spokesman, said in an earlier interview. That would be determined when the project is done.

Half of the Ann Arbor Road and Lilley intersection on the south side is already completed, Bileti said. The north quarter of the intersection could take up to three weeks to complete.

Sheldon Road traffic will continue as it is now, down to one lane in each direction northbound and southbound until about Sept. 30.

Canton senior earns honor

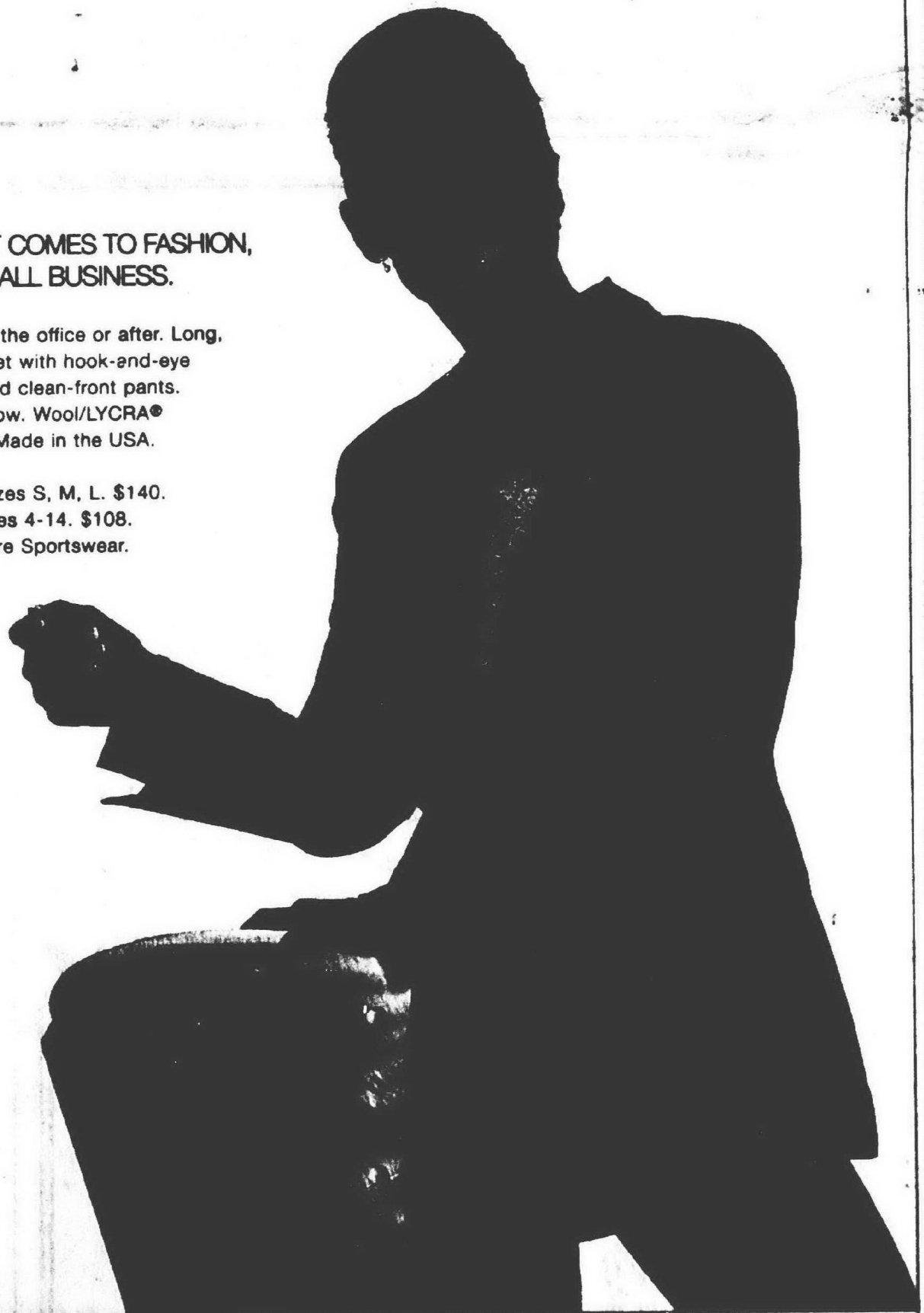
Kimberly Ann Weaver of Canton and a senior at Plymouth Canton High School was named as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist. She was selected by the staff of Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, which was held at Michigan State University, June 17-24.

In making the announcement the selection officials said Weaver was named a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist on the basis of academics, school and community involvement.

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Newspaper chief headlines 5 Star Expo Home Depot from page A1

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The reservation forms may be hot off the press, but business are already signing up for the third annual 5 Star Expo.

Billed as the "best expo east of I-275," the expo offers business owners in Garden City, Westland, Redford, Wayne and Dearborn Heights a chance to meet their business neighbors and showcase their products and services.

"I feel its one of the greatest networking things we do for the community," said Amelia Oliverio, director of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce. "It's a great way to mix, mingle and

network. Our members don't just do business in our community, and this is an open door to do business among themselves and partner up on other jobs."

Organized by the five communities' chambers of commerce, the event includes the 5 Star Luncheon at noon Tuesday, Sept. 12, and the expo 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Both will be at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Westland.

The luncheon, sponsored by Detroit Edison and MichCon, will have Philip H. Power, owner and chairman of the board of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., as the guest speaker.

Power started his company in

1965 and now owns community newspapers, including The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, throughout Michigan, Ohio and the upper Midwest.

"Who would know best about communicating and marketing than Philip Power," said Oliverio.

The expo will feature a business-to-business champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception 4-6 p.m. The expo will be open to the public from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a taste of the five communities with food samplings, door prizes and give-aways, and the reception will feature the mystery guest door prize, sponsored by Orin Jewelers, and there will be food samplings.

More than 70 businesses par-

ticipated last year, and Oliverio would like to pull in more this year. Space is limited and the deadline for registering is Sept. 8 for both the luncheon and expo.

Luncheon tickets are \$20 for chamber members and \$25 for non-members and \$10 and \$20 respectively for the reception. A table at the expo costs \$225 for members and \$275 for non-members.

Reservations can be made by calling the Garden City Chamber office at (734) 422-4448 or the Redford Chamber office at (313) 535-0960.

"This is one of the greatest open door things the chamber can do for its members," said Oliverio.

of the Northville Township store and a Chicago store considered Home Depot's largest sales-grossing store in the United States, Klingl said.

A nationwide parking study submitted with the site plan was outdated and more current parking information was provided, according to Sara Hodges of McKenna Associates, the township's planning consultants.

Planning Commissioner Kay Arnold had commented at an earlier meeting that a 1991 submitted traffic study was drawn up before the existence of sport utility vehicles.

Store plans include:
■ Parking spaces widened to accommodate today's SUVs.
■ Some of the handicapped

parking spaces will be relocated closer to the tool rental and garden center area.

■ Additional landscaping and setbacks comparable to the Home Depot on Haggerty and Seven Mile in Northville Township.

■ No outside storage at the front of the building.

"Truck traffic will be marked for one-way traffic from Beck to Five Mile Road," Klingl said.

At a June 14 planning commission meeting Klingl mentioned part of the store's success depends on its ability to warehouse material so it doesn't have to be stored at another facility. "We need more room in the building than somebody who is selling clothes and food," he said.

School presents senior program

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Counseling Department will present "Keys to Success," a program for high school seniors and their parents on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.

The P-CEP Counseling Department, in cooperation with the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Schoolcraft College, will sponsor the program.

Senior year is a very important year and along with the excitement of graduation comes important decision making for both seniors and their parents. This program offers valuable information to help students

plan their future.

The evening will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with a brief welcome and a keynote speaker - Phil Gardner from Michigan State University. Students and parents will then be given the opportunity to select from three workshops: choosing a four-year college; utilizing the community college; and choosing future careers.

Students and parents will meet with their counselors in a group session, where a review of the various options after high school, important senior year considerations, and the college application process will be discussed. The application process is important and specific proce-

dures need to be followed to assure the best chance of acceptance.

"During the senior year, students and parents are faced with making many important decisions. Hopefully, we can address some of their concerns and help make the process a little easier," said counselor Jan Kavulich in a prepared statement.

The program is open to all seniors and their parents from both Plymouth Canton High Schools. For more information contact Jan Kavulich at Plymouth Salem, (734) 416-7761, or Fran Teasdale at Plymouth Canton High School, (734) 455-6897.



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Cheerleader honored

Jessica Mitchell of Plymouth, a senior at Ladywood High School in Livonia, has been recognized as a MCCA (Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association) scholar/athlete award recipient.

The 22-year-old MCCA organization recognizes the time and effort it takes to commit to cheerleading education while maintaining a high academic standard. The senior athlete that has been nominated by their cheerleading coach and have maintained a GPA of 3.75 or higher are eligible to receive this award.



PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S
POPULAR PICKS

Editor's note: Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Reads" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by phoning or visiting the library, 455-0760.

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3. *Open House*, Elizabeth Berg
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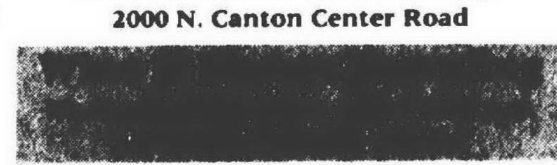
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Ameritech promises your phone bills will come down

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Ameritech customers may have been surprised to see increases on their latest phone bills, in apparent contradiction to the rate cuts ordered by the Michigan Legislature and Gov. John Engler earlier this year.

But the phone company, lawmakers and even utility watchdogs say the rates should start dropping with the next billing cycle.

Certainly what happens to the rates on those phone bills will be hard to understand.

"It gets into this almost voodoo accounting that is very hard to follow by the information we all get in our bills. But it is the best we've got for now," said Rick Gamber of the Michigan Consumer Federation. "I would suggest everybody keep an eye on their bills, on the changes that

are happening. But there is going to be some confusion."

For instance, the \$3.28 "state access charge" that lawmakers and the governor ordered eliminated was still appearing on bills as of late August.

Mike Barnhart, spokesman for Ameritech, explained that it takes 45 days to "integrate changes into our billing system," so the charge didn't disappear from phone bills until Sept. 1. He said that all bills sent out by Ameritech in September will have that charge eliminated and customers will get pro-rated credits for the amount they've

paid for that charge dating back to the July effective date of Michigan's new Telecommunications Act.

Although Ameritech has filed an appeal in federal court over the elimination of that charge, the company will stop billing customers for it until the lawsuit is decided, Barnhart said.

At the same time, there are increases showing up in other places on phone bills. A 32 cent per month Universal Service Fee debuted on phone bills over the past month. It is being "back billed" to the July 1 effective date of federal legislation that

creates a Federal Universal Service Fund. The fund will support telephone and Internet access needs of residents and schools in low-income areas and at rural hospitals.

Also up is the "federal access charge" which rose from \$3.50 to \$4.35 per month and is also being back billed to a July 1 effective date.

Although that is an 85 cent per month increase, Ameritech says it should work out in the end to be a rate reduction for customers. It is part of an agreement, Barnhart said, reached before the Federal Communica-

tions Commission between Ameritech's parent company, SBC Communications, and AT&T, Sprint, Bell Atlantic, GTE and Bell South.

In return for the increase on local phone bills, Ameritech will drop the rates it charges to long distance carriers by \$100 million and, in return, those long distance companies have agreed to eliminate a \$1.51 charge on consumers' long distance bills called a "national access charge." It is labeled by some long distance carriers as a "primary interexchange charge" on their bills.

Gamber agrees with

Ameritech that that is indeed how the agreement is supposed to work. But consumers will have to keep an eye on their long distance bills to see if they really get the reduction, he said.

Ameritech issued this warning: "Michigan consumers will see a net reduction in total per-line fees, and an even larger savings if long distance companies keep their commitment to pass on the savings from access fee reductions ... In the past, however, AT&T and other companies have pocketed most access fee reductions without passing on savings to consumers."

PSC puts heat on Ameritech

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Saying that complaints filed against Ameritech over slow repair service mushroomed to "nearly 2,000" in the month of August alone, the Michigan Public Service Commission turned up the heat on the phone company Thursday, Sept. 7.

Complaints regarding repair service numbered 67 for the entire state throughout 1999, but now Ameritech is giving customers time estimates for repairs that range up to a month and a half.

And those customers "contacted our office in August to voice their frustration with the company," Chairman John Strand said, prompting the PSC to take action.

The PSC issued two orders Thursday, one launching a "contested case" against Ameritech over slow repairs. That is a trial-like, quasi-judicial proceeding before an administrative law judge which the PSC says will "establish enhanced standards and enforcement provisions for Ameritech Michigan's service quality."

The second order demanded an explanation from Ameritech about how customers' bills are being credited when their phones are out of operation. The PSC stated in its order it is receiving reports that customers are not getting such credits.

The PSC is receiving complaints that Ameritech "has sent shut-off notices to customers who failed to pay for an entire billing month during which they did not have telephone service

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League hosts fashion show

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The luncheon will take place at noon. Local TV celebrities will model in the fashion show. Rich Fisher and Doris Bischoff will introduce the models.

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First Step, Oakwood honored for medical services partnership

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First Step, a Plymouth-based domestic violence service agency and shelter, and Oakwood Healthcare System formed a partnership two years ago that brings medical services right to victims of domestic violence at a local shelter.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the two groups received a Certificate of Distinction Award from the American Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association. The award

was presented at a ceremony in Orlando, Fla.

Judith Barr, associate director of First Step, said hundreds of women and children have been helped at the shelter clinic free of charge. Patients have received routine exams, immunizations, and treatments for more serious medical conditions, such as broken limbs.

The project is the only one of its kind in Michigan, but Barr said she's hoping that will change.

"We're hoping it becomes a statewide model," she said.

Lisa Rutledge, system facilitator with the Oakwood Healthcare System's department of community health, said domestic violence victims suffer not only from cuts and bruises but long-term medical problems. People who have been hit on the head repeatedly, for example, can suffer brain injuries.

Female abuse victims might suffer long-term gynecological problems and have lower birth weight babies, Rutledge added.

On-site mental health services are also provided right at the shelter.

In the first six months of this year, 198 patients were treated at the First Step shelter clinic. By the end of 1999, 365 patients were treated at the clinic. The program began in 1998.

One way Oakwood got the word out about the First Step partnership was through its poster program. The 600 posters were placed throughout the community, and contained pockets

■ "We're teaching new doctors about how to talk to all of their patients about violence and how to intervene."

Lisa Rutledge
—Oakwood spokesperson

to put information cards about First Step.

Rutledge said many of the posters were placed in public bathrooms. She described the task of keeping the pockets full as a "major challenge."

"We want to let people know that there is help and no one deserves to be treated like this," Rutledge said.

Not only do the patients benefit from the First Step-Oakwood partnership, but so do aspiring doctors, Rutledge said. Oakwood requires family practice residents to work at the shelter as part of their community health training.

"We're teaching new doctors about how to talk to all of their patients about violence and about how to intervene," she said.

Fund-raisers such as the Women's Healthcare Classic golf outing and the "Red October Run" offset some of the costs of the program. The Oakwood Hospital Auxiliary, which runs a hospital gift shop, provides funding for the mental health services.

OBITUARIES

ZDRAVKA RADEFF

Services for Zdravka Radeff, 96, of Plymouth were held Sept. 8 at St. Clement Orthodox Church with the Rev. Michael Arbanas officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Radeff was born on April 18, 1904, in Bulgaria and died Sept. 4 in Garden City. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1968 from Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elia Radeff.

Survivors include her son, Richard of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

KENNETH TOM PARRIS

Services for Kenneth Tom Parris, 61, of Canton were held Sept. 8 at Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Yvonne Karl officiating.

Mr. Parris was born on Aug. 13 1939, in Detroit and died Sept. 5 in Canton. He worked as a salesman in the furniture industry.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Parris.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Parris; two daughters, Vicky (Don) Meyer and Kristi and Tom; three sons, John (Shelly) Parris, Kenneth (Michelle) Parris and Shane (Jamie) Parris; his mother, Roslyn Parris; two sisters, Leonor and Ann; three brothers, Hershah (Bert) Parris, Steve (Leona) Parris and Hobert (Tammy) Parris; and eight grandchildren, Joshua, Jessica, Alyssa, Madison, Keith, Ashley, Jacob and Julia.

Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

LILLIAN M. HORN

Services for Lillian M. Horn, 83, of Plymouth were held Sept. 8 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph A. Mallia officiating. Burial was at Lapham Cemetery in Salem Township.

She was born on Sept. 26, 1916, in Ecorse and died Sept. 4 in Marion Township. She worked as a product assembler. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Sark; mother, Helen Sark; daughter, Diana M. Rich; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Lorraine L. (Delbert) Mahon of Howell; one sister, Joann McLellan of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

DONALD H. JUNG

Services and burial for Donald H. Jung, 59, were held Sept. 8 at Glen Eden Memorial Park with the Rev. Kurt E. Lambart officiating.

Mr. Jung was born on Jan. 2, 1941, in Wheeling, W. Va., and died Sept. 6 in Toledo, Ohio. He worked as a cashier and attendant. He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Survivors include his father, Milton Jung of Detroit; one sister, Barbara L. Miller of Westland; and one brother, Robert H. Jung of Canton.

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SMART riders say added stops slow commute

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Some longtime western Wayne County bus-riders are smarting from a move by SMART to add two stops to their route.

They claim the change slaps 20 minutes onto their total commute to and from work in downtown Detroit. And at least one veteran customer has decided to drive and park rather than park-and-ride.

But SMART officials state that, by adding the VFW Hall stop at Inkster Road and I-96 and the Fenton Park 'N Ride lot further east to the 810 bus route — the same two Redford Township stops already on the 820 route — they feel they can counteract a decline in Park 'N Ride ridership to Detroit and avoid cutting bus service in the area.

"We didn't have a lot of leeway in this" decision, said spokeswoman Beth Gibbons of SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation). "Instead of eliminating service" altogether, "we combined. It's still express service" to downtown, she said.

Furthermore, the new stops put buses at both points every 20 minutes, compared to every 30 minutes before.

But all that isn't worth the



Service: SMART has added stops on two routes in hopes of increasing the number of riders.

extra commuting time it's costing at least one 810 rider, Wayne Schloep of Plymouth Township.

"I took the bus yesterday and said 'No way — it takes too long,'" said the federal-government engineer and self-described "loyal customer" who has taken the Route 810 bus to work in Detroit daily for 19 years.

"Why add another 20 minutes to commute?" he asked. "I ride the bus because of efficiency and convenience and they're losing it with the change."

"It's no big deal for me to drive" to work, said Schloep. "I drove today (Wednesday)."

Doubling back

Tom Wozniak of Livonia, a

data-processing systems analyst for Michigan Consolidated Gas in Detroit who has ridden buses since 1966, said the placement of the two stops — on the south side of the freeway, forcing evening-run buses to double back over their routes to utilize the bridges over I-96 — has increased run-times 30 to 40 percent.

"Given the run we had, it was convenient: Express non-stop run of 35 minutes, dropped off right at the building," Wozniak said.

"If they would have talked to us, we would have suggested they eliminate one run in either direction."

But "oddly enough," he said, there are now six buses on the

810 and eight on the 820, meaning there are still 14 buses a day, "so I don't see how they save money."

Gail Burke of Livonia, who gets up daily at 4:30 a.m. to catch the bus for work, said, "We pay \$4 a day for express service, not stop-and-start and 35 miles per hour on service drives."

Read Romain of Livonia, a gas marketer for MCN Energy Inc., said one of the reasons he chose his house 18 years ago was he could walk to the Park 'N Ride lot to catch the bus.

But over the years, SMART has reduced by half the number of 810 buses, he said, and he estimates the increased time he will spend riding the buses is 75 minutes per week, 62 hours a year.

Plus, "We're seeing more (mechanical) breakdowns," he said. "The air conditioning doesn't work and windows can't be opened in summer and the buses are not as clean as they once were."

Missed her bus

Suzanne Breck of Plymouth Township, a financial analyst for MichCon who drives to Madonna University to catch the bus, said the time-change wasn't published and she missed her bus.

She said she hasn't seen "a large influx of passengers with these new stops," but said that may change.

Added Wozniak: "The (bus) driver had a typed sheet of paper, but had nothing on the two new stops. We literally had to tell her."

Ron Ristau, planning and scheduling director for SMART, acknowledged, "We perhaps could have done better on notification," but noted that Labor Day is traditionally a time of schedule changes — they take place at roughly each change of season.

As for the two new stops, he said both routes have had low ridership for at least a year. SMART hopes the new stops, with more frequent pickups and drop-offs, will create "more attractive service" for riders, he said.

"We realize people currently riding don't want to make extra stops, but we feel the extra travel time is a necessary consequence of trying to increase overall ridership on the route," said Ristau.

The change is among several initiated on Labor Day by SMART, including:

■ New route 297, running from Grand River and Greenfield to the Millennium Park industri-

al complex and timed to meet the morning and evening shift changes at the Technicolor plant there;

■ Adding a stop for shoppers on the retail side of Millennium Park to the Middlebelt Route 265 route, and

■ Adding stops at the Technicolor plant near the AMC Metroplex north of Haggerty and Six Mile to the 315, 305 and 295 bus routes.

Ristau said SMART did survey riders before deciding to add the two stops. And SMART's Gibbons said there was no public meeting on the 810 change because the change affected less than 25 percent of the route or service, as required by law. A notice of change was posted on the buses, she said.

Gibbons said the company reviews changes and schedules every quarter. Complaints made to SMART can be logged and route superintendents will call complainants, if requested.

She said SMART has boosted bus maintenance to seven days a week to help counter increasing mechanical breakdowns in the aging fleet.

New buses are expected to begin arriving next June — about six months earlier than previously scheduled, Gibbons said.

Schoolcraft prepares to pass accreditation test in February

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It isn't only the students at Schoolcraft College who get tested.

These days, the community college itself is boning up for "the big one." Accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Chicago-based agency that certifies educational institutions.

The last time Schoolcraft went through the process, it earned a 10-year reaffirmation from the NCACS — and college President Dick McDowell is hoping for a repeat.

But to get it, the college will have to pass the "test": An on-site visit for several days in

February by a team of administrators and educators assembled by the NCACS.

The team, each of whom has his or her own academic specialties, are selected from out-of-state community colleges to eliminate in-state prejudices, McDowell said. NCACS also picks Schoolcraft officials to review non-Michigan schools.

The study and site visit is aimed at identifying "strengths, concerns, and recommendations for continuous improvement within the institution," McDowell said at the Aug. 23 board of trustees meeting.

"Even board (of trustees) members get quizzed," said McDowell. "They are asked questions on issues board members should

know."

To get ready for the examination, the college has undergone the requisite self-study, results of which were presented to board members.

Some 150 teachers and administrators participated in the study — "a much greater participation than 10 years earlier," McDowell said.

Anticipated NCACS "hot buttons" include the ratio of full-time to part-time instructors (the college has slightly fewer full-timers than comparable area

rivals); union-college relationships (cooperation improved in the early 1990s and has held steady since); academic assessment of student achievement (it's done at entry, during instruction and upon leaving); and alternative delivery programs (just over 10 percent of all credit class enrollments are in alternative formats, such as online learning, and the "average success rate" over 3-1/2 years is "comparable to the 81 percent" rate for conventional classes in the fall 1999

semester). McDowell recalled the college got its last accreditation despite the labor unrest but was required to report what it did to improve the labor-management climate.

That report, signed by seven people representing the college and its labor groups, was filed in 1993 and was accepted without reservation by the NCACS.

In October 1997, the college sought and received accreditation required by the NCACS for offering degrees online.

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due to Ameritech Michigan's failure to make timely repairs," the order stated.

The PSC has also received complaints that Ameritech "will not schedule a requested repair unless the customer agrees in advance to pay a charge of \$51 if, when the service technician finally arrives, the technician determines that the trouble may be caused by equipment on the customer's side of the network interface. It is not immediately obvious that such a charge is appropriate or lawful."

According to the PSC, Michigan customers are supposed to get a credit when their phones are out of service, a pro-rated reduction of monthly service fees during the first four days and a \$5 per day credit, up to the amount of the total monthly service fees, for each day after that.

The phone company was given 14 days to respond to the new charges.

Ameritech just filed an improvement plan a week earlier. That document blamed slow repairs on rainy weather, retirement of a high number of line technicians, and growth in the demand for new lines.

Ameritech stated it would hire 570 new technicians and invest \$780 million in the network as a response to the problem. With that, the company stated it believed it could cut repair times, on average, to 90 hours by Oct. 31, 60 hours by Dec. 31, and 36 hours by the end of next March.

That's not fast enough for the PSC. It set an expedited schedule for the contested case in which Ameritech must respond by Sept. 28. "Interested parties" have until Oct. 3 to file petitions. A prehearing conference begins Oct. 5 and the PSC wants a report back from the administrative law judge by Nov. 15.

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Schoolcraft shows you're never too young for music

BY KRISTA HOPSON
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It's never too early for children to gain an appreciation for music or even learn how to play a musical instrument before they've even said their first words.

The new Early Childhood Music program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, opening at the end of September, is designed specifically for infants to 6-year-old children to promote strong musical skills at an early age.

The four class, 12-week program will include infant, toddler and preschool classes with a maximum of 10 students in every class. Classes will meet once a week for 45 minutes and children will learn the basics of

music through songs, chants and simple percussion instruments through a variety of activities.

"(At a young age) is the most vital time for a child to absorb the vocabulary of music and begin to appreciate music," said Rosalia Emanuele, the program's instructor.

Emanuele has a bachelor's and master's degree from Michigan State University in piano pedagogy where she began teaching early childhood music programs

in 1993. She has always had an interest in teaching young children and as a piano teacher, she wanted to use the program to tie together young musical development with learning to play musical instruments.

"Students who have been through these classes become better (musical) performers and listeners," said Emanuele, whose youngest student was only eight months old. "A child can then take piano lessons and already

understand the music."

Donald Morelock, Schoolcraft college professor and piano program faculty director, said the music department had been looking to start a pre-music program like this for young children for a long time to incorporate into the school's piano academy.

"This is the best approach available for this age group," Morelock said. "It's such a natural way for a child to relate to music and develop concentration

with great depth."

The program is based on the theory that music is learned in the same way as language, so parents are encouraged to participate in the music program with their child since younger children mainly learn by imitation, Emanuele said.

Morelock feels parents will respond positively to the program because it will ultimately prepare children for later vocal or instrumental musical develop-

ment.

"It's a very enriching program," Emanuele said. "It's teaching music as fun and a holistic experience."

For more information about the Early Childhood Music program, contact the Schoolcraft College Music Department at 734-468-4403. Schoolcraft College is located at 18900 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Walk supports charities for area homeless

(PRNewswire) - The Detroit/Wayne County Homeless Action Network (HAN) is planning its Fifth Annual Walk Against Homelessness on Saturday, Oct. 21 in Detroit.

This walk will kick-off the statewide observance of Homeless Awareness Week. This is a campaign to educate the public about the many reasons that people are homeless, the shortage of affordable housing, and the work homeless assistance providers are doing to provide relief to people in need.

The walk will begin at 1 p.m. at the New Center One Building in the New Center area and proceed seven miles through Midtown and Comerica Park, around the Theater District and north up Woodward Avenue.

In 1999, about 500 walkers participated, collecting \$18,000 for the fight against homelessness.

"Our goal is to double walkers in 2000," said HAN President Cheryl Johnson, who is the Executive Director of COTS, the Coalition on Temporary Shelter. "There are 10,000 homeless people in Detroit today and we need to come together to demonstrate our dedication to filling the gaps and ending this problem." Registration costs \$10 and includes a walk T-shirt. For registration information, call Joyce Dallas at (313) 831-3777.

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Sting edge Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers came up a goal short in their trip to play the Sarnia Sting Wednesday, falling 4-3 in their second exhibition game of the pre-season. The Whalers are 1-1 with one exhibition left, played yesterday against Windsor at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers, playing short six key players who are currently in NHL camps, fell behind before the midpoint of the first period. But two goals by George Nistas reversed that, putting Plymouth up 2-1 after one period.

Sarnia answered with two second-period goals to go up 3-2, then added a third with 10:52 left in the game to take a two-goal lead. Karl Stewart got the Whalers last goal, but not until one second remained.

Also: MediaOne has announced it will broadcast six Whalers' games as its "Game of the Month," starting with their home opener against the Erie Otters at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

Other featured Whaler games (all from Compuware Arena) are vs. London Oct. 7; vs. Sault Ste. Marie Nov. 11; vs. London Dec. 16; vs. Windsor Jan. 13; and vs. Barrie Feb. 9.

Stingrays golf

The Plymouth Stingrays 12-and-under ice hockey team is sponsoring a golf outing Sunday, Oct. 1 at Whispering Pines in Pinckney. The outing is intended to support the players and provide extra funds for tournaments and other costs incurred by the team.

Cost is \$80 per person and includes 18 holes of golf in a four-person scramble format (cart included), a luncheon buffet, contest holes and prizes, and door prizes. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

For more information, call M.J. Potter at (734) 455-6767 or Mark Davenport at (734) 461-1401.

Festival Champions

The Canton Cougars under-13 boys premier soccer team was crowned champion of the boys under-13 Black Division at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival Aug. 18-20. The Cougars had a perfect 4-0 record in the tournament.

The Cougars' tournament record included an 11-2 victory over PaceSetters Black and a 2-1 win over the Westlake Cyclones.

The Cougars had to beat the Maumee Express twice to win the championship, and they did, winning 4-2 in the Group Finals and then beating them again three hours later by a 7-1 margin to win the Division Championship.

Team members are Victor Ammons, Sean Cavanaugh, Andrew Ciantar, Alex Duca, Blake Foster, Joe Halewicz, Chris Lidster, Nick Mekas, Jon Pomorski, Curtis Rose, D.J. Russell, Jeff Skeans, Justin Sheridan, Nick Siekirk and Brad Zonca. The trainer and coach is Sean Bowers; assistant coach is Jeff Lidster.

Lightning strike

The Plymouth Lightning '83 girls under-18 soccer team defeated C.A. Azzuri in the finals of the Cherryland Invitational The weekend of Aug. 5-6 in Traverse City to become the tournament champs in the 17-18 year age division.

Team members are: Rachel Brezak, Lynne Briones, Jenny Curran, Jill Dombrowski, Melanie Dunn, Maureen Griffith, Betsy Huebner, Shara Huggins, Lindsay Lasher, Mandy Marsonek, Allison Mills, Sarah Plymale, Danielle Portelli, Nicole Schilk, Natalie Thomas and Amber Williams. Guest players: Marisa Biniecki and Suzi Towne. The team is coached by Dan Schilk.

Kicks conquer

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-12 boys select soccer team, entered its first tournament and won it, finishing first at the annual Labor Day Peach Festival Tournament in Romeo, beating the Bay Area Soccer Club 3-2 in the final.

The Kicks outscored their opponents 13-4. Team members are: Billy Barnes, Al Dhia, Kyle Duong, Billy Etienne, Ryan Hayes, Sean Jahn, Danny McLaughlin, Nick Niessen, Jean-Paul Ortiz, Chris Richardson, Blaine Paden, Anthony Sasinowski, Daniel Smith, Brent Vella, Nicholas Vella and Nathan Warden. The Kicks are coached by George Vella; Jim Vella is the assistant coach.

Canton can't match Harrison

BY DAN O'MEARA
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It was supposed to be a battle between unbeaten football teams, but the suspense was gone from this game early.

Farmington Harrison capitalized on a pair of Plymouth Canton turnovers for a quick, two-touchdown lead and rolled to a 41-8 victory Friday night.

The Hawks improved to 3-0 overall and start 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The visiting Chiefs are 2-1 and 0-1.

"I still believe in the kids," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "I think we're a good team."

"We got a lot of publicity the first couple weeks. Not to take anything away from Ypsilanti or Farmington, but they're not the teams they were last year. We're not one of the top 10 teams in the state."

"We were riding it for a while, but we're not ready for Harrison yet. But I feel good about the rest of the games on our schedule."

The final stats don't reflect it, but Harrison's defense was in control while the issue was still being decided. The Hawks held Canton running back Jerry Gaines to 18 yards on 10 carries.

Spectators heard senior inside linebacker Andy Webb's name called a lot as he recorded 18 tackles and recovered a fumble.

Linebacker Tim Doig and noseguard Marcus Mencotti had 12 tackles apiece, and Drew Stanton, who was 4-of-5 passing for 96 yards, had an interception and a fumble recovery.

"Webb was outstanding," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "He's a great linebacker; he has a great feel for the ball."

"(The Chiefs) know we have a good defense, so when they go down 14-0 they know they have a hard night ahead of them."

"There is a ball-control offense, and it's tough coming back."

Canton's first two possessions resulted in turnovers, and it took Harrison three plays to score two touchdowns.

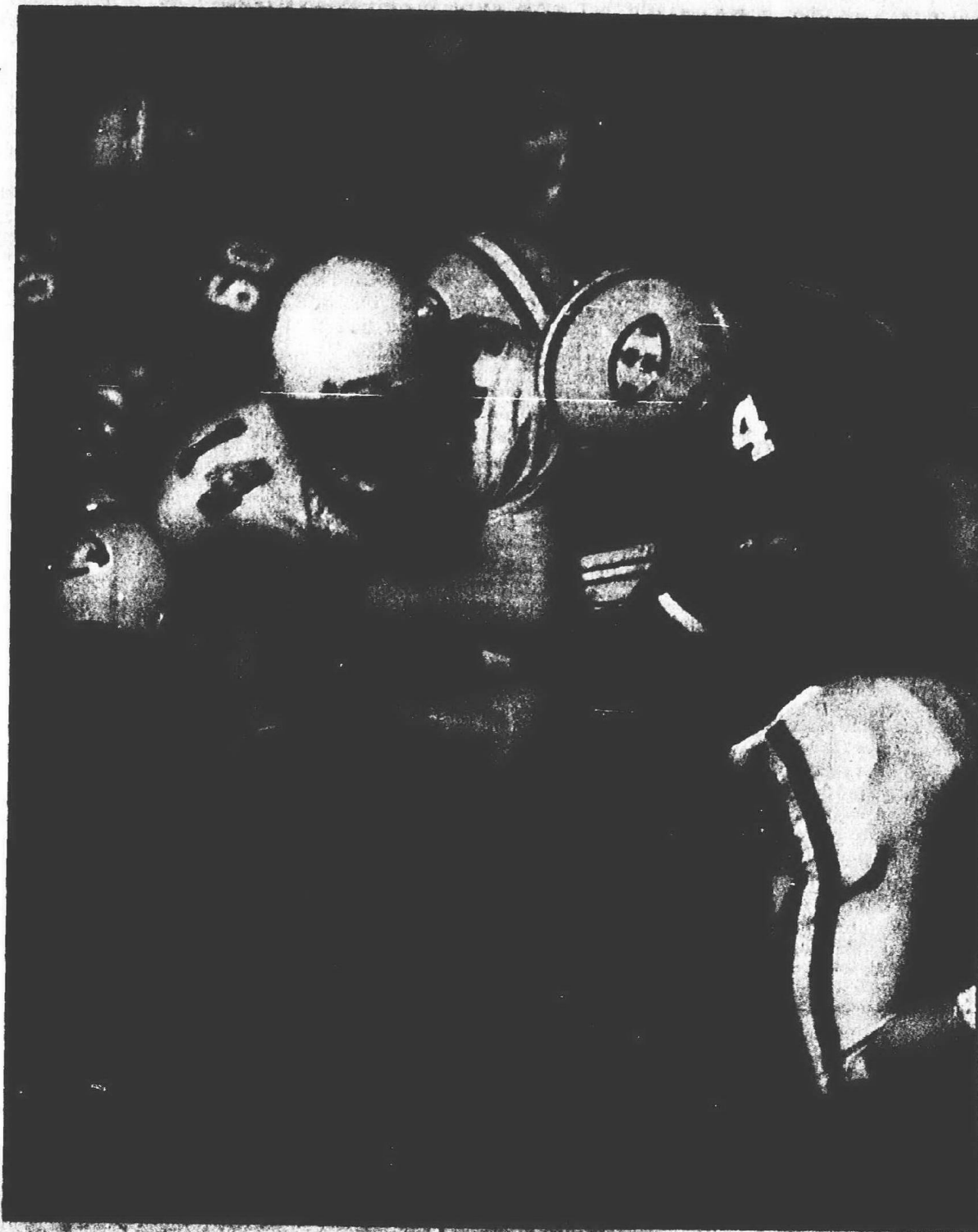
Quarterback Agim Shabaj ran 16 yards untouched for the first score and caught a 51-yard pass from Stanton to set up an 11-yard TD run by Marcus Woods, the first of three by him.

"You have to get off to a good start," Baechler said. "You have to make plays early. You have to make something happen."

"When you have momentum, kids can play two inches taller and 50 pounds heavier. I've seen it happen. But we just couldn't get it going."

The Chiefs, facing a 14-0 deficit at 8:39 in the first quarter, had their best scoring opportunity until late in the game on their third possession.

Helped by a Harrison clipping penalty on a punt, Canton retained possession but failed to convert on fourth-and-2 at the 10.



Plunging through Canton's Chief's defense, running back Jerry Gaines scored for some of the 72 rushing yards he gained Friday against Farmington Harrison.

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Salem falls to Rockets

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Dan Smitherman wasn't carried off the field after Westland John Glenn's 20-14 road victory over Salem Friday.

But perhaps he should have been. All the senior running back did was rush for 201 yards on 35 carries, make a touchdown-saving tackle playing defense and handle the punting duties.

"He's a very durable kid," said Westland coach Chuck Gordon. "He's also a fierce competitor."

Behind Smitherman's heroics, the Rockets improved to 2-1, 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We felt it was going to be a hard-fought game," Gordon said. "It turned out to be just that. It was a four quarter game."

Salem fell to 1-2. The Rockets will try to rebound Friday at Farmington.

"Our big job now is to realize that we're not a bad football team," Salem coach Tom Moshimer said. "We can win."

Friday's game started slowly as both teams punted

on their first offensive series. The squads also traded fumbles late in the quarter, but neither could take advantage.

The quarter ended in a scoreless tie.

John Glenn appeared to have a scoring drive going late in the second. After stopping the Rocks' offense cold, Westland began at Salem's 47-yard line with 4:54 to go before halftime.

Smitherman put back-to-back 16-yard runs together to move the ball to the Rocks' 11-yard line. Two plays later, he scored on an eight-yard run - only to have the play called back on an illegal motion call.

Glenn's drive stalled from there. The Rockets were forced to try a 30-yard field goal. The kick, however, was blocked by Salem's Barry Flavin.

The Rocks took over on their own 26-yard line. On second down, Salem tried a flea-flicker with quarterback David Hoskins handing off to Justin Barnett.

The senior running back lofted a pass, but it wound

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Willette top choice as new Salem AD

BY C.J. REBEK
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They worked well together before. There's no reason to think they won't work well together now.

Back in 1975, Brian Wolcott and Tom Willette were primary parts of a team that won the state Class A baseball championship. Willette, one of the top pitching prospects in the state at the time, accepted a scholarship to attend and play baseball at North Carolina State.

A shoulder injury prevented Willette from pursuing a pro career. He returned to Plymouth, where he served as Plymouth's director of parks and recreation until his position was eliminated three years ago.

For the last 15 months, Willette has served on

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Triple threat

Taormina takes aim at another Olympic medal



Track training: Taormina works through running drills at U-M.

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Before sipping through one of her final track workouts at the University of Michigan's Ferry Field, 31-year-old Olympian Sheila Taormina reflected on the last four years of her sporting life.

"Maybe I should have been a triathlete all along," she said. "I don't feel gifted. Twenty-one years of swimming certainly played a huge role developing my competitive nature. My gift is a love for sports, a love what I do and the love of always trying to do better."

"But this certainly has come more quickly than I thought." Taormina is representing the U.S. in the women's triathlon, which will be showcased in the Olympics for the first time. The event consists of a 1,500-meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 10-kilometer run (6.2 miles).

It is the inaugural event of the Sydney Games with the starting time 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 in Australia. With the 16-hour time difference - the event will be aired here at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 (EDT).

CBC (Channel 9) will go live, while NBC, the Olympic network for U.S. viewers, will broadcast tape-delayed coverage at 7:30 p.m.



Chiefs win 3 duals; Rocks best in 2 of 3

Bill Boyd couldn't have asked for a better start than this.

The Plymouth Canton boys cross country coach knew he had something good going this season. How good is always the question.

So far, the answer is real good. On Aug. 31, the Chiefs collected their first victory in an invitational since Boyd's been coaching them, winning the Troy Athens Invite.

On Thursday, they took another step up the ladder to success by sweeping all three of their Western Lakes Activities Association meets in a league quadrangular run at Nankin Mills.

Canton beat Livonia Franklin 24-37; Westland John Glenn 17-46; and North Farmington 21-37.

"We won that meet last week and now this," said Boyd. "Wow."

Particularly impressive last Thursday was the performance of top runner Jon Mikosz, who finished second overall in 17:19 — just three seconds behind winner Brian Klotz of Franklin.

Mikosz's time was 29 seconds better than his previous best clocking. "He just ran great," said Boyd.

And he wasn't alone. Canton had all seven of its runners finish in the top 13 overall.

Brandon McClellon finished fourth for the Chiefs in 17:49, followed by Scott Gillen, fifth (18:01); Pat Pruitt, ninth (18:12); Marty Kane, 11th (18:23); Ryan Stanko, 12th (18:38); and Casey Maloney, 13th (18:42).

This week, Canton runs against Walled Lake Western in a WLA dual meet 4 p.m. Thursday at Cass Benton. On Satur-

day, the Chiefs travel to the Ludington Invitational.

Salem wins 2 of 3

Plymouth Salem had one lopsided win, one close victory, and one loss to show for its WLA quadrangular meet last Thursday at Cass Benton.

The Rocks ripped defending WLA champ Walled Lake Central 16-47, then edged Walled Lake Western 28-29. Northville, however, was too strong, handing Salem a 22-36 defeat.

"We got a nice pack in there," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "We've just got to move that pack up."

Salem's Donnie Warner finished first overall in 16:42, just 10 seconds off his previous best time. "The way he looked, I'm very happy with that," he said.

Second overall was Western's Kevin Naughton (16:52), followed by six Northville runners in the next seven positions, separated by a mere 33 seconds. The Mustangs' Brian Bilyk was third (17:23).

Salem's other runners were Justin Hajduk, sixth (17:45); Rob Showalter, 13th (18:20); Greg Kubitski, 14th (18:24); Jim Leddy, 16th (18:33); Chris Vranick, 17th (18:35); and Kurt Sarsfield, 19th (18:46).

Salem, now 2-1, runs against North Farmington at 4 p.m. Thursday at Oakland CC. On Saturday, the Rocks travel to the New Boston Huron Invitational at Willow Park.

Maloney finishes 1st, but Chiefs drop 2 of 3

Plymouth Canton cross country coach John Venning got one thing he was looking for in Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association quadrangular meet at Nankin Mills — a frontrunner.

Mary Maloney, a sophomore, outran the field to finish first overall in 21:18, 10 seconds ahead of North's Kelly Kuo, who was second. But no other Chief could come close to matching that performance, leaving Canton with one win in its three meets.

The Chiefs beat Westland John Glenn 19-44, but lost to North Farmington (which went 3-0) 21-34 and to Livonia Franklin 20-35.

Other finishers for Canton were Pam Reasor, 12th (23:20); Erica Stoney, 14th (23:40); Tonda Shimbo, 15th (24:06); Shiri Leventhal, 16th (24:17); Terra Kubert, 17th (24:26); and Sarah McCormack, 18th (24:32).

Joining North's Kuo in the top five overall were Susan Barrows (21:29) in third, Amy Miller (22:11) in fourth and Kristen Stambouljan (22:11) in fifth.

Canton hosts Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Thursday in a WLA dual meet at Cass Benton, then travels to the Ludington Invitational Saturday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

<p>PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 15</p> <p>N. Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Salem at Farmington, 7 p.m. Dearborn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Southgate at Thurston, 7:30 p.m. Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 7:30 p.m. Harrison at Churchill, 7:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 16 Clarenceville at Borgess, 2 p.m. Redford CC vs. Det. DePorres at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m. St. Agatha vs. Cardinal Mooney at New Haven H.S., 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS BASKETBALL Monday, Sept. 11 Agape at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 12 Clarenceville at Kingswood, 6 p.m. Luth. East at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m. Flint Powers at Ladywood, 7 p.m. Mercy at Riv. Richard, 7 p.m. A.A. Richard at St. Agatha, 7 p.m. Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m. Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m. Adrian at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Canton at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m. Salem at Dexter, 7 p.m. Farmington at Berkeley, 7 p.m. Wayne at Redford Union, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 14 Luth. East at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Liggett at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m. Mercy at Riv. Richard, 7 p.m. N.D. Prep at Ladywood, 7 p.m. St. Agatha at Sacred Heart, 7 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m. Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m. Harrison at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Northville at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Wayne at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m. Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m. Thurston at Willow Run, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 15 Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Marshall M.S., 6 p.m. Agape vs. Franklin Road at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 16 Harrison at St. Ignace, 7 p.m. W. Bloomfield at Mercy, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>BOYS SOCCER Monday, Sept. 11 Ypsilanti at Wayne, 4 p.m. Thurston at Redford Union, 4 p.m. Harrison at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m. Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 12 Clarenceville at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m. Luth. W'sid at Liggett, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Bethesda, 4:30 p.m. Inter City at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Redford CC at Bishop Foley, TBA.</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 13 Fordson at Garden City, 4 p.m. Thurston at Southgate, 4 p.m. Wayne at Romulus, 4:30 p.m. Churchill at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Northville at Salem, 7 p.m. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 14 Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Agape vs. River of Life at Independence Park, 4:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. Toledo St. John at Liv. Ladywood, 4:45 p.m. Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 15 Lansing CC at Franklin, 4 p.m. Chelsea at Wayne, 4 p.m. Lincoln Park at Garden City, 4 p.m. Redford Union at Allen Park, 4 p.m. Franklin Rd. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Roeper, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 16 Lansing Christian at PCA, 11 a.m. W. Bloom. at Farmington, noon. N. Farm. at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Monroe at Canton, 12:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. Lake Orion at Liv. Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 13 Schoolcraft at Delta, 4 p.m. Madonna vs. Concordia at Liv. Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 14 Madonna at Albion, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 17 S'craft at Cincinnati St., 1 p.m. Madonna vs. Goshen (Ind.) at Liv. Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 12 Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 16 Madonna vs. Tri-State (Ind.) at Liv. Ladywood H.S., 2 p.m. S'craft at Dayton (Ohio) Club, 3 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 17 S'craft at Cincinnati St., 1 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 12 Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m. Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 14 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 16 Schoolcraft at Alpena, 10 a.m. Concordia at Madonna, noon.</p> <p>TBA — time to be announced.</p>
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SC earns 1st victory

Who would have thought it would take Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team four games before it got its first victory?

The Ocelots scored the game's first two goals and held off a late charge by host St. Clair College of Windsor in posting a 2-1 victory Friday.

Last Wednesday, SC traveled to Kellogg CC and was victimized by two late goals in losing 4-3. Through Friday's match, the Ocelots are 1-2-1 for the season.

In the win over St. Clair, John Johnson (from Plymouth Canton) scored 18 minutes into the first half, and the Ocelots kept that one-goal lead through halftime.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Sergio Mainella (Livonia Stevenson) took a restart from Kevin Callender and netted it to push SC's lead to 2-0. St. Clair narrowed the gap to a goal with two minutes to play, but



could not get the equalizer.

Kevin Smail was in goal for the Ocelots. In the loss to Kellogg, SC fell behind quickly when Curt Norris converted a penalty kick for Kellogg two minutes into the match.

Still trailing by that single goal, SC keeper Doug Koontz's attempted clearing kick was intercepted by Kellogg's Sean Fortier and he scored to make it a 2-0 game.

It didn't stay that way long. Justin Fishaw (Canton) got the Ocelots rolling by cashing in on a penalty kick, awarded when Fishaw was hauled down in the box, scored with 35 minutes left.

Ten minutes later, Fishaw sent a pass to Callender, who was stationed six yards in front of the Kellogg goal, and he one-timed it

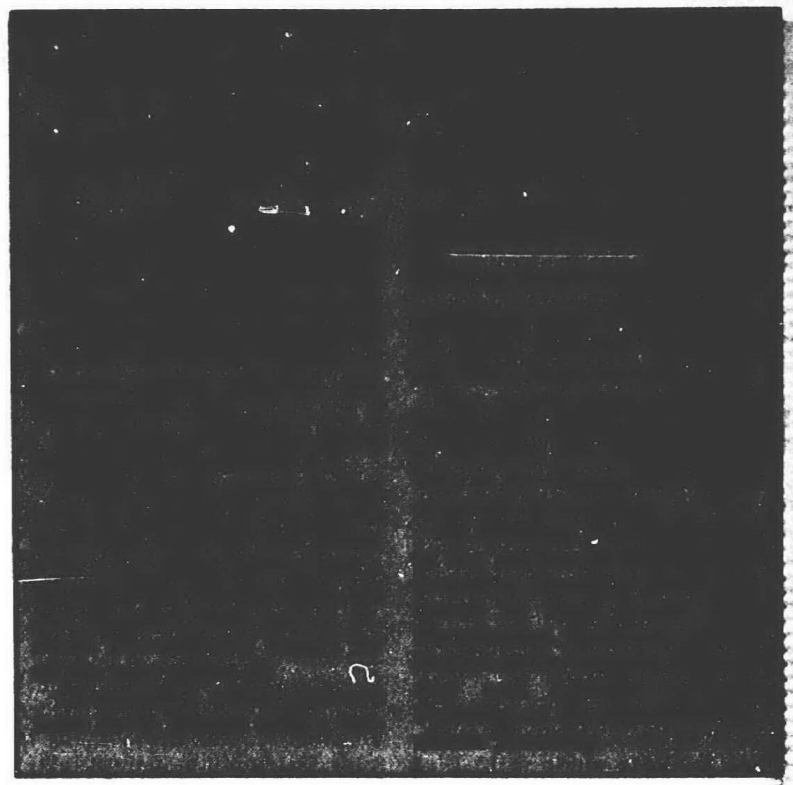
into the net to knot it at 2-2.

Those two exchanged rolls 10 minutes after that, with Callender passing to Fishaw, who knocked it off the crossbar and in for a 3-2 SC lead.

But it wouldn't last. Two key Ocelots were taken down and injured in the next six minutes — sweeper Tom Stark and midfielder Cory Goulet — and Kellogg took advantage, getting a goal from Brooks Bennett from 20 yards out with six minutes left to tie it, then adding the game-winner on another 20-yard into-the-corner-kick by Norris with two minutes remaining.

"We didn't get outplayed, we got outscored," said Dimitriou. "It was a small field, not conducive to our style of play."

The Ocelots play an exhibition against University of Michigan's first-year varsity team at 2 p.m. today at U-M.



Rockers games on TV

The Detroit Rockers and their new home, Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth, will be seen on TV throughout the metro-Detroit area on the MediaOne Cable Network.

The Rockers have signed a deal with MediaOne to televise live home games from Compuware.

MediaOne boasts 280,000 subscribers in several cities, including Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Wayne, Northville, West Bloomfield, Ann Arbor, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Birming-



ham, Franklin and Beverly Hills.

"Since day one, my first priority has been to gain more media outlets for this team," said Rockers' director of media and public relations Sal Giacona. "MediaOne is a prominent player in the local television market, and we are proud to join their strong lineup of sports programming."

Fox Sports Net will also televise several Rockers' games, and WYUR 1310-AM will serve as the exclusive radio home for all 40 Rockers' games this season.

Giacona added the broadcast team will be announced in the coming weeks. "We are looking for a bright, radical and aggressive flavor for the broadcasts," he said. "We want to attract the young and mature fan." The National Professional Soccer League season will start in late October.

Ocelots sweep past Delta

Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team ran its Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference record to 3-0 with a straight-set, 15-0, 15-9, 15-10 victory over Delta College Thursday at Delta.

Nicole Boyd (from Westland/Livonia Franklin) paced the SC attack with 16 kills (a .273 kill percentage); she also



had five digs. Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) added 11 kills (.714 kill percentage), 11 digs and three blocks.

Amy Kiefer contributed eight kills (.700 kill percentage), Fran Hamilton had six kills, Andrea

Kmet (Westland/Livonia Franklin) had five kills and five digs, Meaghan Sheehan (Livonia Churchill) had two service aces and 12 digs, Amanda Yaklin had 11 digs and an ace, and Jana Nitschke chipped in with 42 assists to kills and seven digs.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 7-4 overall.

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CCJBSA meeting

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Plymouth Public Library. The agenda will include voting on several board positions that have become vacant or are up for

renewal. They are: registrar, vice-president of Lower Boys Division (baseball), vice-president of Girls Division (softball), and treasurer. Those interested in nominating anyone for any of the above positions must submit his/her name, address and phone number to: CCJBSA, P.O. Box 700140, Plymouth, MI, 48170, or e-mail to

kamd23@hotmail.com. All nominations must be received by Oct. 1.

Scorers needed

The Canton Softball Center is currently hosting the Senior World Series and is in need of scorekeepers for games. Games will run

from today through Tuesday, and from Thursday through next Sunday, both days and evenings. Scorekeepers will be paid \$6 a game; they must be at least 16-years-old. The Canton Softball Center is located on Michigan. For more information, call Debby Bradley, volunteer events coordinator, at (734) 397-6450.

New AD from page B1

the Southfield Parks and Recreation staff, recently being promoted to recreation superintendent. Now, it seems, Willette will be leaving that position to join his old prep teammate as Plymouth Salem's athletic coordinator.

June to accept the athletic directorship at Dexter HS. Wolcott, who graduated from Salem a year after Willette, serves as the Plymouth-Canton school district's director of athletics — which means he oversees all scholastic athletic programs.

Willette has been selected for the position; all that need be done is to get the final approval from the board of education at its meeting Tuesday night.

Wolcott's top assistant is Sue Heinzman, who is the associate athletic director and serves as coordinator at Canton HS.

"I've always been interested in athletics," said Willette. "When I went to college, I always wanted to teach and coach."

Wolcott would like to get another athletic coordinator on board before construction of the third school, Plymouth HS, is completed.

"I was probably going to apply for the baseball coaching job (at Salem) when that came open, but I was working full-time at the recreation department and just didn't have the time."

Willette, who has a masters in Recreation and Administration, is certain he can handle any situation that arises in this new position. "In my capacity (as director of parks and recreation), I've run national tournaments, so I'm used to working with crowds," he said.

Willette did stay close to the school, attending games on occasion and remaining a resident of Plymouth. His wife, Bonnie Southerland, is Salem's softball coach.

There are some things I'll need to learn, sure. But I look at it as a smooth transition. I know a lot of the coaches already. I golf with (Salem boys basketball coach) Bob Brodie and (Salem swim coach) Chuck Olson, and I've know Brian (Gilles, former Salem volleyball coach) for 25 years."

But the chance to come back to work at his alma mater was overpowering. "I'll be able to get back into something I really enjoy doing," he said.

Gilles served as the assistant coach on Willette's and Wolcott's championship team, then later became the head coach.

"The people in Southfield have been pretty understanding about it. The director, he agreed with me, he said I'd be crazy to turn this down."

He'll be seeing a lot more of them now. "I don't mind that," Willette replied with a smile. "I don't mind that at all."

If approved by the board, Willette will take the position formerly occupied by John Robinson, who resigned last

Salem football from page B1

up in the hands of Westland's Andrew Peiffer who ran it in for an easy touchdown. Glenn's extra point failed and the visitors led 6-0.

up after Westland's score. Salem began on its 30-yard line and moved swiftly down the field. On second down and five, Hoskins kept the ball on an option play and raced around the corner for 45 yards.

their corners." Westland got the winning score less than two minutes into the fourth quarter. Randy Sinnott picked off a Hoskins pass at Salem's 31-yard line. A personal foul on the Rocks put the ball at the 15.

and dove into the endzone. An extra point made it 20-14 at 8:30.

Salem got two more chances to pull the game out. But a pair of interceptions by Westland's Kevin Latimer sealed the victory for the visitors.

Gordon was glad to get the victory. But he said his team needs to improve.

"We're as green as grass," Moshimer said. "We're going to make some mistakes."

Only a last-second tackle by, who else, Smitherman saved a touchdown. The Rocks made that play academic moments later as Brandon Ellison bulled in from on-yard to make it a 12-7 game at the 3:28 mark.

Smitherman got his second touchdown moments later on a three-yard run. A two-point conversion made it 20-7 at 10:42.

"We made some mistakes where we stopped ourselves," Gordon said. "That's frustrating. It's something we have to get better at."

For the game, John Glenn totaled 226 yards of offense all on the ground. Salem finished with 181. Hoskins led the attack with 63 rushing yards and 38 in the air.

"I think we'll work well together," Willette said of the coaching staff, adding, "I used to come up and watch football games now and then."

The Rockets made it 12-0 on their first possession of the second half. A 67-yard drive was capped by a Smitherman 7-yard run. Salem helped the drive along with a 15-yard personal foul.

Moshimer said he changed his team's attack in the second half. "They had us locked up in the first half," he commented. "We decided to open it up and attack

Hoskins connected with senior Kevin Kneiding on a 25-yard touchdown pass. The split end caught the ball over the middle and then made a nice 10-yard run

Canton football from page B1

"We just didn't do it," Baechler said. "I hope we look at the film and can say a kid was too high on a block or something."

Canton lost another fumble at the Harrison 6 early in the fourth quarter, but the Chiefs avoided a shutout when Eric Moten tackled Krishna Reid in the end zone for a safety.

"It can't be a wasted 48 minutes; we have to use this," Baechler said. "We'll grade the film and see what we're doing right and doing wrong. We'll use it to improve, because I feel this team can do something."

rington said he expects both to play Friday at Livonia Churchill.

"It's very tough to defend a quarterback with good speed," Herrington said. "You know what the tailback is going to do, but you don't know if the quarterback is going to option or pass."

"I think we'll work well together," Willette said of the coaching staff, adding, "I used to come up and watch football games now and then."

"I want to be able to show it was a mistake and we can fix that, not that (the opposing player) just handled you and threw you to the ground."

On fourth down from the Harrison 15 with 36 seconds left in the game, Canton quarterback Brendan Murphy's tipped pass fell into the arms of Bill Gazsi, who was on his back in the end zone when he made the catch.

Harrison had a 363-270 edge in total yards, including a 266-169 advantage on the ground.

"Drew ran well, too. He doesn't have the speed of Agim, but he's a big, rangy kid who can run it in there tight."

Canton's Chad Fuller gained 72 yards on 15 carries and Dan Kobus 67 on 14. Oliver Wolcott was 5-of-10 passing for 54 yards and Murphy 3-of-4 for 47.

He'll be seeing a lot more of them now. "I don't mind that," Willette replied with a smile. "I don't mind that at all."

The Hawks turned around and went 92 yards in 11 plays for a 21-0 lead. Shabaj's 49-yard run led to a 1-yard TD plunge by fullback Jason Reed.

Harrison's Terrill Mayberry returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to make the final score 41-8.

Woods finished with 128 yards on 11 carries; Shabaj had 74 on five, Reid 46 on nine and Reed 36 on three.

Shabaj didn't play in the second half nor Woods after his third TD due to shoulder injuries, but Her-



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River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers.

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ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren.

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters).

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities.

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

METROPARKS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs.

2000 PERMITS
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks.

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year.

340-8300. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
SKYWAY PRECISION
This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2000.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 00-7
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, OUTDOOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS.
Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains:
Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.
Section 2. Modify Outdoor Lighting Regulations
Existing Regulations - ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Sec. 78-361. Exterior lighting.
(a) All outdoor lighting in all use districts used to light the general area of a specific site shall be shielded to reduce glare and shall be so arranged as to reflect lights away from all adjacent residential districts or adjacent residences.

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Today we will do some exercises in math. If a bowling ball can weigh 16 pounds, 10 balls would equal the weight of the typical bowler, give or take a few.

One friend that I bowled with for many years, weighed the equivalent of more than 17 16-pounders five years ago. Today, Mark Silverstein of Farmington Hills has shed the equivalent of more than seven bowling balls, he is now in a healthier shape and weight of

160 pounds.

Weight loss does not come easy for most of us — I should know — and at times it seems impossible to lose a mere five or so pounds.

Over the past few years, as Mark's weight went down, his bowling average has gone up, topping the 200 level a couple years ago, including his first 300 game. He bowls at Country Lanes in Farmington in the Friday night Greenfield Mixed League and on Sunday mornings in the Goodtimers.

His secret of losing weight is no secret, he cut out the fats and calories, worked out regularly at the Y, and in the past year has taken a prescription drug for

accelerated weight loss. It takes a lot of commitment to lose that much weight, but it pays off in better health and improved scores.

Four-hundred-ninety-five is the number of pages in the latest yearbook with the combined Greater Detroit and Detroit Women's Bowling Associations averages for the 1999-2000 season.

It is the 38th annual yearbook, and every sanctioned league secretary receives a copy. There are copies distributed to every bowling center in the area as well.

This year, the book has a new look, with photos on the cover. The older bowlers might recognize the upper left picture which shows the late, great Fred Wolf in an interview session with two of the all-stars.

Next, some current bowlers

would have no trouble with a very young Aleta Sill, Carmen Allen, Sandy Schultz and Kathy Haislip. In the lower right corner, some may recognize the hall-of-famer Anita Cantaline.

Then the last picture is of the mighty Strohs Beer team with the members names visible, such as a very young Mike Samardzija, Mike Totsky, Bob Crawford, Junior Donoso and Dale Seavoy, a real blast from the past. The men's and women's averages are official and can be used for joining new leagues or entering tournaments.

If you get a chance to get your hands on the yearbook, leaf through it, as these pages contain a wealth of information and history regarding bowling in the Detroit area past and present.

If you have ever rolled a 300 game, it is listed, so is your 800

series, averages of 210 or more from last season, as well as 299 and 298 games bowled.

All league secretaries should read pages 104-106 as this is a list of suspended bowlers. A suspended bowler is barred from bowling and may not compete in a sanctioned league.

Starting on page 107 are the yearbook patrons who have mostly been visited by Lou Saad to contribute at least \$1 to help make this publication possible.

If you are into Math 101, see page 118, for this page shows a computer readout on the mean averages of all 77,483 sanctioned GDBA bowlers, by age, frequency and 52,301 WIBC averages on the same basis.

Interesting reading throughout the book. Pages 30-31 display the regular awards you and I can receive based on exceptional performance.

New awards will be available for the first time for lower age bowlers based on the achievements at whatever the level of the average shall be. They are not included in the

book, as they were not yet finalized when it went to press.

Page 33 shows the Greater Detroit all-time records, and before you make that wager, check it out in the yearbook. Included in each of the men's and women's sections are the all-city teams.

The women's awards program is displayed on pages 138-139, and there are a lot of them available, including rings, watches and pendants.

Be sure to see page 142, which has the team picture of the Turbo 2-N-1 Grips/Remerica team which rolled a national record setting score of 3557 at Cloverlanes in Livonia on April 10.

This yearbook is the result of hard work and dedication by a talented staff at the GDBA and DWBA offices along with others who volunteer their time every year to make the book informative, accurate and complete.

You do not have to be a mathematician to see that it is well worth the \$5 cover price if you care to buy one.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR September meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2000-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR SECTION 54-144 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS, DIVISION 3. FOR PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, PARKING AREAS.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, is hereby amended by deleting the words public park and playground as follows:

Sec. 54-144 IMPROPER USES.

a) No baseball, football, softball throwing or other violent or rough exercise or frisbee, hacky-sack or other games shall be engaged in any public park, playground, parking lot or parking structure, except in areas designated therefore by the City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, This Ordinance shall become effective one day after publication of the adopted ordinance.

Passed by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, this 5th day of September, 2000.

DAVID A. McDONALD Mayor LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC City Clerk

Introduced: August 21, 2000
Adopted: September 5, 2000
Effective: September 11, 2000

Publish: September 10, 2000

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE E & E MANUFACTURING - 2000 PROJECT NO. 2

This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for Issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2000. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from E & E Manufacturing, 300/400 Industrial Drive and 800 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, Michigan, regarding the following property:

TAX ID #49-007-99-0002-000: THAT PART OF THE SW ¼ OF SEC 25 DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT DISTANT W 88D 21M E ALONG THE E AND W ¼ SECTION LINE 80 FT AND S 1D 39M W 724.96 FT AND S 89D 51M 50 SEC E 400.14 FT AND N 1D 39M E 485.95 FT AND S 89D 39M 10 SEC E 84.40 FT FROM THE W ¼ CORNER OF SEC 25 AND PROCEEDING TH S 88D 39M 10 SEC E 320 FT TH S 1D 20M 50SEC W 250 FT TH N 88D 39M 10SEC W 320 FT TN N 1D 20M 50SEC E 250 FT TO THE POB 1.84 ACRES; and

TAX ID #49-007-99-004-000: PART OF SW ¼ SEC 25 T1SR8E BEG S 88D 21M E 80 FT AND S 1D 39M W 724.86 FT AND S 89D 51M 50S E 400.14 FT AND N 1D 39M E 485.95 FT AND S 88D 39M 10S E 30 FT FROM W ¼ CORNER OF SEC 25 TH N 1D 42M 48S E 254 FT TH S 88D 39M 10S E 373.08 FT TH S 1D 20M 50S W 254 FT TH N 88D 39M 10S W 374.70 FT TO THE POB 2.18 ACRES; and

TAX ID #49-007-99-0007-700: PART OF NW ¼ OF SEC 25 T1SR8E BEG AT A POINT S 88D 21M 80FT AND N 01D 39M E 172.77 FT FROM NW ¼ COR OF SEC 25, TH N 01D 39M 3 442.12FT, TH S 73D 17M 40S E 414.22 FT, TH S 01D 39M W 334.73FT, TH N 88D 21M W 400FT TO POB, EXC N 60FT ALSO EXC E 30FT THEREOF.

The Certificate would allow tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,600,000. The Certificate would result in abatement of one-half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied on the estimated additional State Equalized Valuation of \$800,000, for a maximum period of twelve (12) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (P.A. 1974, No. 198, as amended - MCLA 207.551 et. seq.), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of a IFE Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC, City Clerk

Publish: September 7 and 10, 2000

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 00-8

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT

Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2. Modify B-1 Local Business District as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Sec. 78-176. Intent.

The B-1 local business district is designed solely for the convenience shopping of persons residing in adjacent residential areas, to permit only such uses as are necessary to satisfy those limited basic shopping and/or service needs which by their very nature are not related to the shopping pattern of the central business district or general business district.

Sec. 78-177. Principal uses permitted.

In a B-1 local business district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one or more of the following specified uses unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

- (1) Any use permitted and as regulated in the O-1 office district.
- (2) Any generally recognized retail business which supplies commodities on the premises, for persons residing in adjacent residential areas such as: groceries, meats, dairy products, baked goods or other foods, drugs, dry goods and notions or hardware.
- (3) Any personal service establishment which performs services on the premises for persons residing in adjacent residential areas, such as: shoe repair, dry cleaning shops, tailor shops, beauty parlors, barbershops, banks and savings and loan offices, or any service establishment of an office-showroom or workshop nature of an electrician, decorator, dressmaker, tailor, shoemaker, baker, printer, upholsterer, or an establishment doing radio, television or home appliance repair, photographic reproduction, and similar establishments that require a retail adjunct and of no more objectionable character than the aforementioned subject to the following provision: No more than five persons shall be employed at any time in the fabrication, repair and other processing of goods.
- (4) Restaurants, or other places serving food except those having the character of a drive-in.
- (5) Professional offices of physicians, lawyers, dentists, chiropractors, architects, engineers, and similar or allied professions.
- (6) Other uses similar to the above and subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. All business establishments shall be retail or service establishments dealing directly with consumers. All goods produced on the premises shall be sold at retail on the premises where produced.
 - b. All business, servicing or processing except off-street parking or loading, shall be conducted within completely enclosed buildings.
- (7) Accessory structures, uses and signs customarily incident to the above permitted uses and subject to all requirements of this chapter.
- (8) Residential uses shall be permitted provided such living units are located on the second floor or above.

Sec. 78-178. Required conditions.

Since this local business district is for the convenience shopping of persons residing in adjacent residential areas, permitted uses shall not include business in the character of a drive-in or open-front stores nor shall it include

one- and two-family dwellings, except existing dwellings so used.

Sec. 78-179. Uses permitted subject to special conditions:

The following uses may be permitted by the planning commission subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed for each use, including the review and approval of the site plan by the planning commission, and the imposition of special conditions which, in the opinion of the commission, are necessary to ensure that the land use or activity authorized is compatible with adjacent uses of land, the natural environment and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the land use, and subject further to a public hearing held in accord with section 78-698:

- (1) Automobile service station for the sale of gasoline, oil, and minor accessories only, and subject to the following:
 - a. The curbside for ingress and egress to a service station shall not be permitted at such locations that will tend to create traffic hazards in the streets immediately adjacent thereto. Entrances shall be no less than 25 feet from a street intersection (measured from the roadway) right of way or from adjacent residential districts.
 - b. The minimum lot area shall be 10,000 square feet, and so arranged that ample space is available for motor vehicles which are required to wait.
 - c. There shall be provided an obscuring screen in accordance with the provisions of section 78-363.
 - d. All lighting shall be shielded from adjacent residential districts or uses and room abutting streets.
 - e. All restroom doors shall be shielded from adjoining residential property.
- (2) Publicly-owned buildings, public utility buildings, telephone exchange buildings, electric transformer stations and substations, and gas regulator stations with service yards but without storage yards, water and sewage pumping stations.
- (3) Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to any of the above uses.

Sec. 78-180. Area and bulk requirements.

See article XIV of this chapter for schedule of regulations limiting the height and bulk of buildings, and the minimum size of lot by permitted land use.

Secs. 78-181 - 78-200. Reserved.

Section 3. Code Index (Modify as Required)

Section 4. Rights and Duties

Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 5. Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 6. Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: August 7, 2000
Enacted: September 5, 2000
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DAVID A. McDONALD Mayor
Publish: September 10, 2000

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE XIX, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES

Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2. Modify ARTICLE XIX. ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES

Section 78-81. Regulations

Accessory buildings, structures, and uses except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, shall be subject to the following regulations:

- (1) Where the accessory building is structurally attached to a main building, it shall be subject to, and must conform to, all regulations of this chapter applicable to the main building.
- (2) An accessory building shall not be erected in any front or required yard except as allowed by this article.
- (3) No accessory building, structure or use in residential districts shall be occupied or utilized unless the principal structure to which it is accessory is occupied or utilized. No accessory building, structure or use may be placed on a lot without a principal building, structure or use.
- (4) An accessory structure may be occupiable as defined and regulated by this ordinance. An accessory structure shall not however, be habitable as further defined in Section 78-2.
- (5) An accessory structure which is occupiable shall meet the same setback requirements as a primary structure as listed within the City's schedule of regulations and contained within Section 78-331 of this ordinance.
- (6) The height of the accessory structure having a dormer which occupies ten (10) percent or more of the total roof area, shall be determined by measuring the average height between the eaves and the ridge of the dormer.
- (7) All accessory buildings, structures and uses combined shall cover no more than 35 percent of any rear yard.
- (8) No more than two detached accessory buildings in residential districts shall be permitted on any lot.
- (9) No detached accessory building in residential districts shall be located closer than three feet to any side or rear lot line. In those instances where the rear lot line is coterminous with an alley right-of-way, the accessory building shall be no closer than one foot to such rear lot line. In no instance shall an accessory structure be located within a dedicated easement right-of-way.
- (10) No detached accessory building in any residential district shall exceed 1 1/2 storied or 15 feet in height.
- (11) When an accessory building is located on a corner lot, the side lot line of which is substantially a continuation of the front lot line of the lot to its rear, such building shall not project beyond the front yard line required on the lot in rear of such corner lot. When an accessory building is located on a corner lot the side lot line of which is substantially a continuation of the side lot line of the lot to its rear, such building shall not project beyond the side yard line of the lot in rear of such corner lot.
- (12) Accessory buildings within all other nonresidential districts shall comply with applicable setback and height restrictions specified for the zoning district wherein the accessory use or structure is located.

Section 3. Modify Article I Definitions

Add Definitions

Section 78-3

Habitable space: Space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces and similar areas are not considered habitable spaces.

Occupiable space: A room or enclosed space designed for human occupancy in which individuals congregate for amusement, educational or similar purposes, or in which occupants are engaged at labor and which is equipped with means of lighting with means of egress and light and ventilation facilities meeting the requirements of this code.

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Taormina from page B1

To say Taormina's Olympic life has come full circle in four years would be an understatement. A lot has transpired since the 1996 Atlanta Games when she teamed up with Jenny Thompson, Christina Teuscher and Trina Jackson to win a gold medal in the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay.

At age 27, Taormina believed she had reached the pinnacle of her athletic career, settling for a full-time job with a Saline automotive supply firm and satisfied to compete in masters swim meets on weekends.

But now, Taormina finds herself trying to make history in a sport she practically stumbled upon during a splash-and-dash race July 4, 1998 in Whitmore Lake.

What started out almost as a lark has now become a serious quest. The newcomer is viewed as a dark horse who can't be overlooked in Sydney.

She has become a legitimate contender following her sixth-place finish last April in the World Championships in Perth. The former University of Georgia All-America then opened more eyes when she gobbled up one of the two remaining spots on the U.S. team with a wire-to-wire Olympic Trials victory Memorial Day weekend under the searing Dallas heat.

Only one other Olympic athlete has ever won gold in two different sports, Anifsa Reizov of Russia, who won a gold in Nordic skiing in 1988 and the biathlon in 1992.

For Taormina, who made her mark as an All-State swimmer at Livonia Stevenson High, the idea of becoming the second athlete to accomplish such a feat seems not so far-fetched.

One national sports publication recently picked Taormina to be in the medal hunt along with two Australians - Michelle Jones, the No. 1-ranked women's triathlete in the world, and Nicole Hackett.

The 5-foot-3, 115-pound Taormina cautions anyone within an earshot that winning gold medal again may be overly optimistic because of her lack of experience.

"Realistically I could be in the top 10 if things go well," she said. "If things really go well, there may be a medal. Or then again, there could be a crash. You have to consider all the possibilities."

Taormina, however, has had her share of success and hardships since turning pro in January of 1999.

In April, at the first U.S. Trials on the Sydney Olympic course, the Livonian crashed and cramped up, finishing 40th.

She suffered severe dehydration while finishing second in her first International Triathlon Union race in South Africa. In the 1999 Pan American Trials in St. Petersburg, Fla., Taormina had a U.S. team berth all but sewed up, only to stumble and pass out under the hot sun just 400 meters away from the finish line.

After both races, she required bags of IVs inside the medical tent.

And following a second-place finish in a USA Triathlon event in Austin, Texas, Taormina suffered a serious episode in the summer of 1999, missing six weeks of training with a mysterious illness later diagnosed as rhabdomyolysis, a muscle disorder.

When she set a course record at Pacific Grove, Calif., Taormina swam through kelp and nearly had hypothermia because of chilly waters.

And only recently, in her final tuneup before Sydney, she pulled out while running a portion of the Mrs. T's Pierogies race in Chicago with muscle spasms in her lower back.

But each time she's gone down, Taormina has shown the ability to bounce back and get off the canvas.

Ann Arbor's Lew Kidder, Taormina's coach and advisor, has helped orchestrate the Livonian's triathlon career along with his wife Karen McKeechie, a world champion amateur competitor in her age group.

Kidder, who first witnessed Taormina at Whitmore Lake and urged her to compete in the Waterloo race he directed, believes his prized student is still two years away from reaching her peak.

Kidder, however, has discovered Sheila fits all the criteria of becoming a world-class athlete.

"Number one, the fundamental thing of a great athlete is having the right parents, which she has," Kidder said. "Number two - you have to have discipline to work hard and know when to rest."

"Number three - you have to develop certain skills. Her swimming ability and knowledge is indispensable. You have to be close to world class, which she is."

"And number four - you have to have courage and a high pain threshold."

Taormina has shown the ability to run close to 36 minutes for a 10K in the triathlon. Recently, she finished in 17:32 in a 5K.

Cycling, which seemed to be the weakest of the three disciplines during the early stages, has now become a strength as evidenced by her performance in the U.S. Trials in Dallas.

In a sport where drafting is allowed, Taormina and Barb Lindquist, both excellent swimmers, worked magic together on the bike, putting nearly four minutes on the chase pack.

"Sheila has become quite a biker, she's developed both the skills and the knowledge," said McKeechie, a former track All-America for Michigan State in the late 1960s. "The bike course is very tight and technical, but it's also good for a break-away. She's very good in the corners and on hills. She's biking as well as anybody. There's not a lot of things anymore you can teach her."

Taormina has a strategy in place for Sydney. Because of the late Australian spring weather, swimmers will be required to wear wet suits to handle cool temperatures forecast for the Sydney Harbor waters.

Wearing a wet suit will be somewhat of a disadvantage for Taormina because it carries more drag.

Taormina, however, should be right up there with Hackett and Australian teammate Loretta Harrop, both talented swimmers.

Meanwhile, Canadian Carol Montgomery, who will also compete in the 10,000 meters in triathlon, will be a strong threat as a runner, along with Assistant Joanna Zelger and Jones, the favorite.

The goal for Taormina is to be in the lead bike pack.

"Lew and I have covered all the bases," Taormina said. "But you also have to have a back-up plan. The last time Nicole blew me out of the water. You just have to take it as is."

"At any moment the race can take a turn for the worse, but my motto is: 'It's never over until it's over.'"

Race strategy aside, Taormina feels grateful she has another opportunity to compete in the Olympics.

She will rest up for her race instead of participating in Friday's opening ceremonies.

"There's nothing like the moment of walking into that stadium," Taormina said. "That's something I'll always remember from Atlanta. I'm not upset I won't be able to do it again. I just wish those other girls (her U.S. triathlon teammates) had those 30 seconds to experience."

Already a seasoned Olympian from '96, Taormina's mental approach will be slightly different.

"I don't anticipate it as much," she said. "I think



On the road again: Bicycling is a part of the triathlon Taormina has excelled at - thanks to a lot of training sessions like the one above, with trainer Karen McKeechie and coach Lew Kidder, in Ann Arbor. She spent a good deal of time preparing for it (below).



I'm going there more calm." Taormina will also have plenty of support in Sydney. A 22-member entourage includes her parents, Moya and Severn, five of her brothers and sisters, along with their spouses, nine nieces and nephews, and her boyfriend Jim Cahill (who also competes in local triathlons). "I enjoy it when the family is there," Sheila said. "I think it's important for them to go overseas and have that experience, too." Sponsors have also played an important role her Olympic quest. Among her supporters have been Elite, Reebok, Mrs. T's, Rudy Project Sunglasses, Bikesport, Extran, Zipp Wheels and Speedo. Having spent the last four years as a motivational speaker, Taormina also has received support from business clients such as the New York Times, Lafayette Life Insurance, the Sas Institute (Cary, N.C.) and Hickock & Boardman (Burlington, Va.). Taormina has managed to maintain a strict training schedule while doing swim clinics, school talks and motivational speeches.

She definitely has more on her plate than in 1996.

"Triathlon is one of eight things that are important in my life," Taormina said. "Before, I had a job and I just swam, but now I have a house, a boyfriend and a speaking business to keep up with."

Taormina relies on her Christian faith to get her through her travels and often overloaded docket. She draws inspiration from a biography written about Eric Liddell, the 1924 British track gold medalist at 400 meters who later became a missionary in China. Liddell's life was later chronicled in the movie, "Chariots of Fire." "He was a role model, not for what he necessarily accomplished, but what he stood for," said Taormina, who can quote many of Liddell's sermon notes verbatim. "Yes, the eyes were on him, but his outlook was beyond himself."

The Livonia triathlete, however, treasures her quiet time. But she also realizes she has a lot to give and found out after her '96 gold that she was much in demand. "1996 opened many doors for me, but my main focus is to give back," Taormina said. "The triathlon is another avenue to open more doors and share them with people."

Kidder, the coach/advisor, says Taormina the sport she needs, but also

the necessary knowledge to move up the ladder in her new sport.

A lawyer who has many connections in the triathlon community, Kidder diplomatically lobbied behind the scenes, petitioning USA Triathlon to make room for Taormina in the U.S. Trials when she was on the bubble.

"My high school coach, Greg Phill, was the same way and so was my college coach," Taormina said. "They're in coaching for the athlete, there's no ego attached."

"If you have potential, Lew will help you, no matter who you are. He invited me into it. He gives the advice, but he lets you make the decision."

"Lew is so smart and understanding. He knows when to back off."

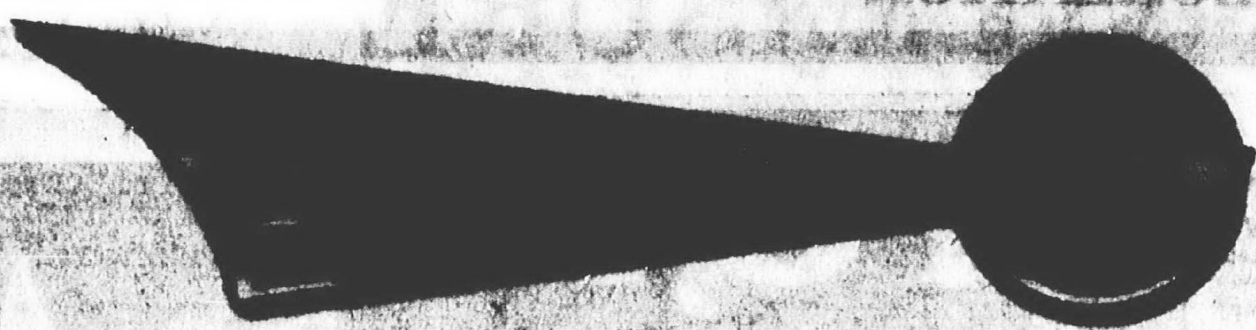
McKeechie accompanied Taormina to the first U.S. Trials in Sydney when Sheila took a heavy fall on her shoulder and experienced painful road rash. The two later competed at the same venue two weeks later at the World Championships in Perth.

"She didn't have a bad race, she just had a crash," McKeechie said. "She didn't let it get her down. She's always positive, enthusiastic and bubbly. When she works out, she's all business. I hope she never loses that giggling. And it's always easier to train with somebody like that."

How well Taormina stands up to the Olympic conditions is anybody's guess, but the future looks nothing but bright whatever the outcome.

During the last three months she has picked up the intensity of her grueling workouts and took her endurance to where it needs to be for a two-hour race.

"I wish I had a few more weeks, a few more months and few more years to prepare," Taormina said. "I'd like to hang in this sport another four years and then maybe go into a new one. Who knows? Maybe it will be cycling."



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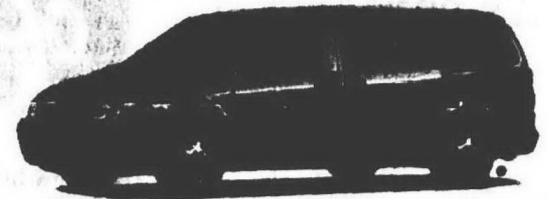


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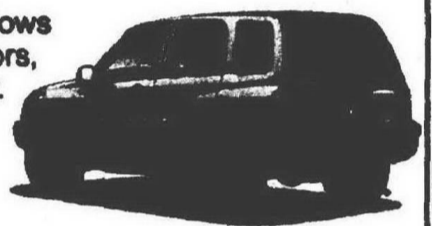
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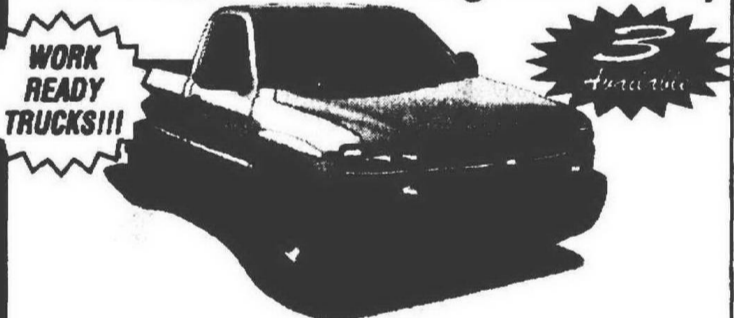
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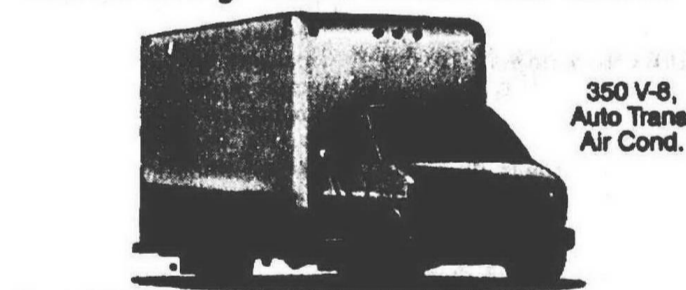


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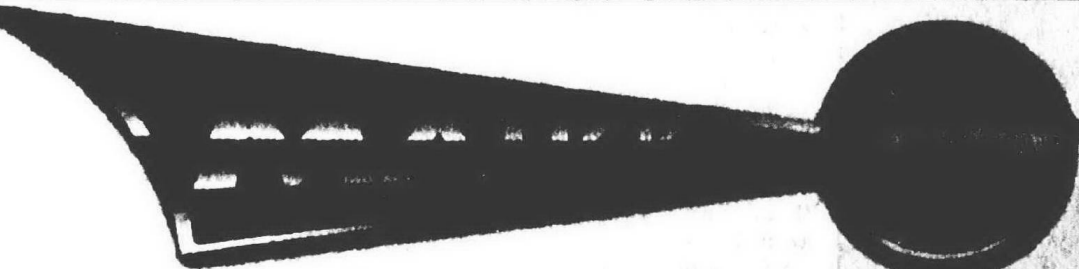
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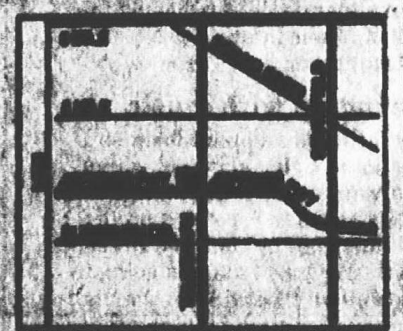
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My husband, David, has had a history of high triglycerides with a recent value over 1,340 mg/dl (desirable is below 140) with cholesterol at 266 (desirable is below 200). His father was a diabetic with high triglycerides and died of diabetes complications at the young age of 67.

At 42, David started taking his health seriously. Although he has been a vegetarian since age 16 and avoids candy and sweets, he met with Martha Weintraub, a registered dietitian at the University of Michigan Preventive Cardiology program, headed by Dr. Melvyn Rubenfire.

A "no-nonsense" dietitian, Weintraub took away my husband's fruit completely, made sure only un-refined carbohydrates passed his lips in limited quantities, and increased his plant products (veggies and legumes).

Weintraub insisted on 30 to 45 minutes of aerobic exercise every day. When it comes to reading labels, we look at the overall health value of each food and avoid anything with added sugar and look closely at the "grams of sugar per serving" on the product label.

After six weeks, my husband's triglycerides came down to 208, and he reduced his cholesterol to 206. Down 10 pounds to start, he is excited about what his dietary changes have done for him and does not need to take cholesterol-lowering medication.

A diet barometer

Although each person with elevated cholesterol and/or triglycerides may have a different food plan that works specifically for him, Dr. Kathy Rhodes, senior cardiovascular nutritionist at University of Michigan, explains, "Triglycerides are a barometer of a person's diet more so than cholesterol. Even small deviations in the diet show up, so our patients cannot have any secrets from our dietitians. Although we aim to reduce sugar first in an individual with high triglycerides, fructose is the primary sugar in fruit which is made into triglycerides in the liver."

Even eating a low-fat diet, Todd Kroll of Birmingham had cholesterol of 235 about seven years ago. He ate lean red meat and lots of chicken. Now, he eats the same low-fat diet but without the animal protein and includes lots of soy products. His favorite foods include tofu and vegetables. "My favorite dish is to grill 'I Can't Believe it's not Beef' by Veggie Patch (a soy meat substitute), onion, green pepper, and zucchini on the barbecue without any added fat. When the vegetables are tender, I place them between two soft shell tortillas and grill the whole sandwich. Serve with low fat cheese, low fat sour cream and salsa, and presto, you have vegetarian fajitas!"

Since embarking on a vegetarian diet, Todd's cholesterol is now 185. How do you know which type of food plan or lipid lowering medication works best for your situation? "There are five different phenotypes of high cholesterol and/or triglycerides that can be determined by the lipid management program at Domino Farms," says Rhodes.

See recipes inside Taste.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Purchasing poultry

Here are some tips for purchasing and storing chicken:

■ A whole chicken usually weighs about 3 to 4 pounds and makes about 6 cups of cooked meat or 3 to 4 servings. For broilers, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, etc., allow about 1/2 pound of raw chicken per serving.

■ Store uncooked meat and poultry items separate from cooked food.

■ Refrigerate or freeze chicken immediately after bringing it home. Never leave it in a hot car or other hot area.

■ Frozen fresh chicken can be stored in the original wrapper in the refrigerator for two to three days.

■ Uncooked chicken may be kept in the freezer for six to 12 months. Ground chicken and cooked chicken can be stored in the freezer for three months.

■ Freeze fresh chicken if you do not plan to use it within two days after purchase.

■ Cool cooked poultry rapidly by wrapping it loosely and setting it in the coldest part of the refrigerator.

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Ginger and her friends were trapped on Tweedy's Chicken Farm. They were determined to make a break for freedom and not end up as Mrs. Tweedy's Homemade Chicken Pie.

It's a good thing all chickens aren't "organized" like Ginger and her friends in the movie "Chicken Run," otherwise we'd miss out on a lot of good eating.

It just so happens that National Chicken Month, National Rice Month and National 5-a-Day Week (which promotes eating at least five fruits and vegetables a day) all converge in September.

Putting together dishes that include chicken, rice and a variety of fruits and/or vegetables can be fun, delicious and wholesome.

First the bird

Chicken is lean, nutritious, versatile, inexpensive and delicious. Chicken is a "work horse" because it is the basis for interesting main dishes, sandwiches, soups and salads.

Today's chickens have a long and colorful history. They are descendants of wild fowl that roamed the dense jungles of primeval Asia. Thousands of years later, France's King Henry IV stated in his coronation speech that he hoped each peasant in his realm would have "a chicken in his pot every Sunday." This quote later was paraphrased by President Herbert Hoover.

It may be surprising, but chicken wasn't always the reasonably priced meat it is today. Before World War II, chicken was purchased generally by the affluent. Today, thanks to modern production methods, we can all enjoy this versatile fowl.

It has been said that the test of a good cook is the ability to do a simple thing well. A dish like roasted chicken is prepared regularly in kitchens across America. Roasted chicken should taste roasted, not baked. It should have a crispy, golden brown skin, plump appearance and distinct flavor.

Cookies and cakes bake perfectly at 350 degrees Fahrenheit and if you want to bake chicken, then 350 degrees is fine. But if you want to roast chicken, the oven must be hot, at 475 degrees. Food is roasted when it is cooked uncovered in a high, dry heat. The skin gets seared,

Chicken Nuggets

Chicken strips are boneless solid chicken pieces that have been coated and frozen.

They are made from chicken breast meat. Chicken nuggets are made from chicken thigh meat.

There are several differences between chicken strips and chicken nuggets. Chicken strips are made from chicken breast meat, while chicken nuggets are made from chicken thigh meat. Chicken strips are usually served with a light breading, while chicken nuggets are usually served with a thick, golden-brown breading.

Differences in skin color are from the foods the chicken eats. Skin color does not affect nutritional value, flavor, tenderness or fat content.

White meat chicken is not necessarily "healthier" than dark meat chicken. White meat is lower in fat and calories, but dark meat is higher in iron than white meat.

thereby locking in juices and flavor. After the food is seared, the temperature can be turned down to 375 degrees and roasted until done. (Do not cover the chicken during roasting because that is more like steaming.)

For all chicken dishes, it is perfectly acceptable to cook chicken with the skin on. The results of studies suggest that cooking chicken with the skin on increases the cooking time, resulting in more moisture in the meat and only a negligible amount of fat. The main reason for removing the skin is to reduce the fat content.

Birds of a different feather

When selecting a chicken from your grocer's meat counter, there are several choices based on the intended cooking method. Broiler-fryer chickens can weigh up to 3-1/2 pounds and are usually raised to 2-1/2 months of age.

These are best for broiling or frying.

Stewing chickens usually range in age from 10-18 months and can weigh from 3 to 6 pounds. They're not as tender as younger birds, so they are best cooked with moist heat by stewing or braising. They are more flavorful than their younger counterparts.

Roasters are good for roasting and rotisserie cooking because they have a higher fat content. These chickens range between 2-1/2 and 5 pounds and are raised up to 8 months of age.

Rock Cornish hens are miniature chickens that go to market at 4-6 weeks of age. Best when broiled or roasted, they can weigh up to 2-1/2 pounds but aren't very meaty so one serving is a whole bird. The same is true for squab chickens, which go to market at 4-6 weeks but weigh no more than 1-1/2 pounds. Pousin in French, these chickens are best broiled, roasted or even grilled.

Range chickens or free-range chickens have a larger

pen than most mass-produced birds. Most range chickens are fed a vegetarian diet free of antibiotics, animal byproducts, hormones and growth enhancers. These birds average 4-1/2 pounds and are usually 10-12 weeks old. There is still a debate over whether free-range chicken tastes better than mass-produced chicken.

Some say it tastes "gamey." It is best to test them for yourself and see which one you prefer.

The dangerous bird

Chicken is a potentially hazardous food. This means that it should be handled carefully to prevent the growth of bacteria.

Always wash your hands with soap and water before and after handling raw chicken. Keep raw chicken separate from other foods.

Don't return cooked chicken to the same plate or container that held raw chicken. When finished preparing chicken, clean all work surfaces thoroughly with hot soapy water. Cook chicken until it reaches an internal temperature of 160-170 degrees Fahrenheit.

Now for the rice

Like chicken, rice has a long history. It has been cultivated since at least 500 B.C., and archaeological explorations in China have uncovered sealed pots of rice that are almost 8,000 years old. Today, rice is a staple for almost half the world's population - particularly in parts of

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Cluck, cluck: Whether you roast, stew, grill or fry it, chicken makes a versatile, low-cost meal. It is also the lowest meat in calories when you eliminate the skin.

September can be warm, try a cool salad

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

In Michigan, September can be as warm as July - especially the July of this summer.

On such warm days, be prepared with this salad recipe as your "cool-it" in the kitchen. There's minimum preparation, but maximum flavor and nutrition.

Scallops, like most seafood, are good sources of protein and omega-3 fatty acids. (These lower triglycerides.) But be careful not to overcook them. Their delicate texture becomes tough and dried out. The salad works equally well with shrimp - even the frozen, then defrosted, kind. You'll find the fruit-veg combination a refreshing treat.

CHINESE-Y SEAFOOD SALAD

- 1 recipe soy-ginger dressing (see below)
 - 1 pound bay scallops
 - 1 cup low sodium and fat-reduced chicken broth
 - 1/4 pound pea pods, washed and strings removed
 - 1/2 pound mushrooms, wiped
 - 2 mangoes, washed, peeled and sliced
 - 1 red bell pepper, washed and cut into strips
 - 6 to 8 green onions, washed and sliced
 - 3 cups spring mix (or your favorite salad green), washed and dried
- Ginger-soy dressing:**
- 1/4 cup orange juice
 - 1 tablespoon canola oil
 - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 1 tablespoon sodium-reduced soy sauce

- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons honey
- 1/2 cup sodium-reduced fat-free chicken broth

For dressing, combine ingredients and mix well.

For main dish, poach scallops in chicken broth until opaque (two to three minutes). Do not overcook. Drain and marinate in soy-ginger dressing while preparing the other ingredients.

Cook mangoes... in microwave on high, about 5 to 6 minutes until juice has formed. Cool. Discard liquid. Combine mangoes, scallops and dressing. Serve.

Combine spring mix, scallops, mangoes, scallops and dressing. Serve.

Japanese noodles cooled with lemon dipping sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Pick up some chopsticks when you're shopping for Asian ingredients so you can enjoy the noodles the traditional way.

COLD SOMEN NOODLES WITH LEMON DIPPING SAUCE

- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons tamar (see note)
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 8 ounces somen noodles, cooked and rinsed in cold water
- 2 sheets toasted nori, cut into small strips, using scissors

1 bunch chives, finely chopped

For the dipping sauce, combine the water, tamar and lemon juice and refrigerate until ready to use.

Arrange the cooked somen noodles in the center of 4 flat serving plates and top with the nori and chives.

Pour the dipping sauce into four small soup bowls.

Pick up a few noodles at a time with chopsticks, put them into the dipping sauce then take the bowl to your mouth and eat.

Makes 4 servings.

Mix it up with veggie filled burritos

The following recipe is from Beverly Price. See related column on Taste front.

SOUTHWEST VEGETABLE BURRITOS

- 6 whole wheat tortillas
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 medium sweet/yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 lg. red bell pepper, coarsely chopped

- 1 lg. green bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 15-ounce can pinto beans
- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 cup soy cheese

Preheat oven to 350° F. Wrap tortillas in aluminum foil. Bake 15 minutes or until heated through.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium high heat. Add onion, bell peppers, and garlic to skillet; cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add salsa and cumin. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes.

Drain beans into a medium bowl. Partially mash with potato masher. Stir beans into vegetable mixture; cover, cook until heated

through, 5 minutes. Peel, seed, and dice avocado; place in small bowl and set aside. Remove vegetable mixture from heat; stir in cilantro.

To assemble burritos: Spoon about 1/3 cup vegetable mixture down center of each warm tortilla; top with avocado.

Sprinkle with cheese if desired. Roll and serve immediately. 6 servings.

Spice up your chicken, rice dishes with variety of flavors

These recipes are courtesy of BD's Mongolian Barbeque with locations in Dearborn, Novi and Royal Oak. Spice these up as you please; some people may like them with a little more fire. See related story on Taste front.

SESAME FAJITAS

- Rice, cooked according to package directions.
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless/skinless chicken breast
- 2 teaspoons dark sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- vegetable cooking spray
- 1 cup sliced yellow onions
- 1 cup sliced red onion
- 1/3 cup cut red peppers
- 1/3 cup cut green peppers

- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 8 flour tortillas

Cut chicken into thin strips. In a bowl combine the chicken and next five ingredients. Stir so that meat is thoroughly coated. Marinate in refrigerator for 20 to 30 minutes.

Coat a large non stick skillet with cooking spray. Heat skillet at medium high heat (375° F). Add meat mixture and stir-fry for 2 minutes, stirring repeatedly. Add cut vegetables.

Continue cooking until meat is well done, about 3 to 4 minutes. When product is finished cooking, remove from heat and mix in hoisin sauce. Heat tortillas according to package. Serve with rice. Serves 8.

Nutritional information per serving (without rice): Calories, 260; protein, 27 grams; fat, 6 g;

sodium, 214 milligrams; carbohydrates: 23 g, percent of calories from fat: 21.

CHICAGO'S BLACK BEAN SPECIALTY

Rice, cooked according to package directions.

- 1/4 cup Asian black bean sauce
- 1/4 cup garlic oil (vegetable oil can be substituted)
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips
- 2 green bell peppers, sliced
- 1/2 medium onion, sliced
- 4 carrots, shredded
- 2 cups bean sprouts

In a medium-sized bowl, combine the black bean sauce, oil, pepper, garlic powder and chili powder to form a marinade. Set half of the marinade aside.

Add the chicken to the marinade in the bowl. Let marinate for at least 20 minutes. (If possible, marinate for 4 hours in the refrigerator.) Heat a wok or large saute pan to its highest temperature.

Add the chicken and its marinade and stir-fry until cooked through. Add the vegetables and the reserved marinade and stir-fry until cooked evenly through. Serve with rice. Serves 8.

Nutritional information per serving (without rice): calories, 232; protein, 26 grams; fat, 10 g; sodium, 250 milligrams; carbohydrates: 7 g; percent of calories from fat: 40.

Rice plays center stage in nutritional dishes

Although rice was once consigned to a minor role, today this wholesome grain often takes center stage in dishes like pilaf, paella, risotto, or stir-fried rice. Versatile and nutritious, rice can also star in soups, salads and even desserts.

September is National Rice Month, a great time to widen your rice horizon to include a variety of tasty grains. Aromatic rice, for example, is a long grain with natural aroma and taste somewhat like roasted nuts or popcorn. Basmati, Jasmine and Texmati are the best known of the aromatic rices.

Smart choice

Processing of brown rice (the ideal choice for best nutrition) removes only the hull, so the bran layer remains intact, providing more fiber, folate, riboflavin, iron and magnesium than white rice. Enriched long-grain rice is fortified with thiamin, niacin and iron after milling to replace nutrients lost

in processing.

Converted or parboiled rice, a favorite of cooks who prize extra fluffy, separated grains of rice, is steam pressurized to ensure a firmer grain. Wild rice is not a rice at all, but rather a grass seed with a rich, nutty flavor and about twice the protein found in a true rice.

The popularity of rice has been fueled by interest in ethnic cuisines. A staple in the cooking of Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America, rice goes well with a wide assortment of vegetables and seasonings. Team rice with beans, bell peppers, tomatoes, winter squash, herbs and leafy greens.

It's a natural with assertive ingredients such as ginger, garlic, curry, soy sauce and chili peppers.

Add rice to a vegetarian chili or simmer it in a risotto with asparagus and artichokes. Make a pilaf with brown basmati rice, mushrooms, carrots, onion, red bell pepper, garlic and pecans.

Sauté the vegetables in a bit of oil, then add rice, broth, nuts and some black pepper, salt and dried thyme and oregano. Simmer until the liquid is absorbed, then fold in blanched broccoli florets.

In this salad, rice and beans make a tasty duo that is filling yet light - a perfect main dish for the Indian summer days of autumn.

RED BEAN AND RICE SALAD

- 2 cups cooked brown rice (basmati or Texmati)
- 1 15-ounce can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 3/4 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup fresh mango cut in 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup salsa
- salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro leaves

- 1 minced jalapeno or serrano pepper (optional)

In a large bowl, use a fork to combine rice, beans, bell pepper, mango and onion. Drain salsa well and mix it into the salad. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper.

Just before serving, sprinkle with cilantro. This salad keeps 2 to 3 days. The rice gets hard when refrigerated but can be revived by sprinkling the surface with water and briefly microwaving while still cold.

Nutritional information: Makes four servings, each containing 235 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, this free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian your questions regarding diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Internet Web address is www.aicr.org.

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China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Southeast Asia.

Rice is cholesterol and gluten free, low in sodium, contains only a trace of fat and is an excellent source of complex carbohydrates. Enriched or converted rice also contains calcium, iron and many B-complex vitamins.

There are over 7,000 varieties, but they fall into a few basic classifications. Long-grain rice is available in brown and white and when cooked, produces light, dry grains that separate easily.

Short-grain rice has almost round grains that have a higher

starch content than long or medium. This rice becomes moist and clumps together after cooking. It is preferred in the Orient because its easier to handle with chopsticks. The Italians use the variety called Arborio Rice to make creamy risottos. Japanese Mochi is another variety.

Medium-grain rice is moister and shorter than long-grain and not as starchy as short-grain. It's fluffy right after being cooked but clumps after cooling.

Brown rice is brown because it includes the whole rice grain minus the outer husk. The bran

coating is high in fiber and gives the rice its nutty flavor and chewy texture, however it has a limited shelf life because the bran is subject to rancidity.

Chicken and rice together
Chicken and rice pair up well together, since both are mild in flavor and easily adaptable to many different cuisines and the spices of many different cultures.

For our recipes, we asked Lynn Lineberger of bd's Mongolian Barbeque to provide us with a few of the restaurant's favorites. We've included two that you can make at home.

At Mongolian Barbeque, they serve these dishes with flour tortillas and simple white rice. For a nuttier flavor, substitute brown rice.

Get a little creative. Use the

basics from these recipes and experiment! Make them spicier by adding more red or black pepper. Alternate vegetables according to what is in season or on hand in your kitchen.

See recipes inside Taste.
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Apples vary in taste, texture

Apples have such versatility that no matter how many millions are consumed each year, people just don't get tired of this sweet, crunchy fruit.

Once a harbinger of fall, apples are now available year-round in a range of hues, textures and tastes. All are wholesome sources of fiber, with some vitamin C, A and several of the B complex, as well as potassium, iron and phosphorus.

Cultivated since the beginning of the Stone Age, the apple is popular throughout the world. In this country, more than 7,000 varieties are grown, but only a few are found in the supermarket. Red Delicious provides nearly half the American apple crop.

The best cooking apples include Rome Beauty, Granny Smith, Jonathan, Empire, McIntosh, Winesap, Golden Delicious and Courtland. Serve glazed apple rings with roast chicken.

Pair tart Granny Smith apples and red cabbage in a braised dish made by sautéing slices of peeled apple and minced onion in a bit of butter and brown sugar. Then add shredded cabbage, raspberry vinegar and chicken stock, and cook until the cabbage is soft. Just before serving, stir in a little apple jelly.

Many options

Another delicious side dish is risotto made with porcini mushrooms and slices of Golden Delicious apples.

An apple dessert is a nutritious finale to any fall meal. Instead of the traditional apple pie, try an apple-blueberry crisp or an apple-oatmeal crumble.

Baked Rome Beauty apples are simply heavenly, seasoned with maple syrup, brown sugar and cinnamon, and stuffed with raisins and toasted chopped walnuts.

America's most popular apple, the Red Delicious, is great for eating out of hand



Apples and beans: The American Institute for Cancer Research urges combining apples and beans. The mixtures in a tangy salsa provides special health benefits.

but not for cooking. That doesn't mean, however, that it can't be used in prepared dishes. Add it diced to salsas or salads. For a light main dish, combine chopped apple with cooked chicken or fish, fresh pineapple, celery or capers, and toss with a dressing made with low-fat mayonnaise, ketchup and Tabasco sauce.

Combining apples and black beans in a tangy salsa provides special health benefits as well as great taste. Both apples and black beans are rich in phytochemicals, the natural substances that have been linked to cancer protection.

APPLE BLACK BEAN SALSA

- Lemon juice for dipping apple slices
- 2-3 red Delicious apples, peeled, enough to make 2 cups diced fruit
- 3 tablespoons lime juice, preferably freshly squeezed
- 3 tablespoons orange juice, preferably freshly squeezed
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained

- 3 tablespoons diced green chili pepper (canned version)
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro leaves
- salt and pepper, preferably white

Place lemon juice in wide shallow bowl. Peel and slice apples, then dip slices into juice to prevent browning. Dice slices to make 2 cups.

In a mixing bowl, place apples, beans, chili pepper, cilantro, lime juice and orange juice. Mix thoroughly. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Refrigerate 6 to 8 hours before serving. (Salsa can be prepared up to one day ahead.) Before serving, drain off excess liquid.

Serve with chicken or fish. **Nutritional information:** Makes 8 servings, each containing 28 calories and 0 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline 800 843-8114. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, this free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian your questions.

Quinoa grain is high in protein

For centuries, natives of the Andes have eaten quinoa (pronounced KEEN-wah), a super-nutritious grain that is high in protein, iron, calcium and potassium. Its chewy texture and nut-like flavor are gaining popularity, and, today, quinoa is available in most health food stores and many supermarkets. It's a great way to boost dietary fiber to the 20 to 35 grams a day recommended to reduce your risk of cancer



and other serious health conditions.

Quinoa is well suited to a variety of culinary uses, and it can replace rice or couscous in many recipes. The grain's delicate flavor makes a distinctive contribution, and its texture lends itself well to pilafs, salads, stews and chili.

Quinoa's short cooking time makes it perfect during warm weather, when you don't want to spend hours in the kitchen.

For a wholesome breakfast, combine quinoa with fruit juice, fresh and dried fruit, maple syrup and sweet spices, such as cinnamon and cardamom. For savory dishes, pair the grain with spices such as cumin and coriander and fresh herbs - rosemary, for example. Toasting quinoa until lightly brown in a dry sauté pan gives it a richer flavor.

Use quinoa in a substantial summer salad. Cook the grain in vegetable stock and cool. Toss with shredded romaine lettuce, halved cherry tomatoes, chopped green onions and peeled, chopped cucumber. Serve with a creamy mint dressing made by processing minced garlic, Dijon mustard, fresh lemon juice, chopped fresh mint, silken tofu and plain low-fat yogurt until smooth. Slowly add olive

oil until well blended. Season with salt and pepper. Prepare a nutty pilaf by sautéing shelled, chopped pistachios in a bit of oil until lightly toasted. Add cooked quinoa and dried currants and heat until warm throughout. Serve hot or at room temperature.

QUINOA WITH VEGETABLES

- 2 cups water
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped red and/or green bell pepper
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables
- 1/4 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper or to taste
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

Rinse quinoa well in a strainer under running water and drain. Place quinoa and 2 cups of water in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally until quinoa is translucent, about 10 minutes.

Let stand 10 minutes. Drain, if necessary.

Meanwhile, heat oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Add onion and peppers and cook, stirring often, until crisp-tender, about 4 minutes.

Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add mixed vegetables, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, until vegetables are tender-crisp, about 5 minutes. Add cilantro and cooked quinoa. Heat and serve.

Nutritional information: Makes 6 servings, each containing 166 calories and 3 grams of fat.

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Find out what cancer experts have for lunch

When researchers who study the link between diet and cancer get together for lunch, what do they eat?

If they attended the 10th Annual Research Conference of the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), they ate a large variety of fruits, vegetables and grains, in dishes with proportions specifically devised by AICR for fighting cancer.

About 350 leading cancer researchers from across the country were on hand for AICR's conference, which focused this year on "The Role of Nutrition in Preventing and Treating Breast and Prostate Cancer." The conference took place Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The menu for conference meals was supervised by Dr. Ritva Butrum, AICR's vice president for research.

"A meal that's both tasty and cancer protective should have three characteristics," according to Butrum. "It should contain a high proportion of foods, like fruits, vegetables and grains, that are rich in cancer-fighting substances, and a much smaller proportion of meat."

"And ideally, it should offer small servings of a wide range of foods, because the greater the variety, the greater the combined power of their cancer-fighting ingredients - and the

greater the pleasure."

The final conference luncheon featured family-style informality, with a main course of four dishes. For this year's luncheon, Butrum chose grilled Tuna Niçoise with hard-boiled eggs, new potatoes, haricot vert, black olives and balsamic vinaigrette dressing; Israeli couscous salad with marinated asparagus and oven-dried tomato; cucumber salad with sliced onions and red tomatoes and wild and brown rice salad with dried cherries, raisins, apricots and walnuts, and fresh fruit tartlets with low-fat pastry cream.

Healthy choices

Butrum's selections reflect AICR's dietary recommendations for reducing the risk of cancer: two-thirds (or more) of plant-based foods like vegetables, grains and fruits, and one-third (or less) of animal meats.

This approach to eating was endorsed following a review by a recent AICR panel of experts who examined 247 studies on the link between cancer and eating fruits and vegetables. An impressive 78 percent of those studies showed vegetables and fruits to be protective.

This benefit is in part attributed to their rich supply of vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals (anti-cancer substances found only in plant foods) that

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protect the body's cells from damage by cancer-causing agents.

As with fruit and vegetables, grains are also rich in antioxidants and the phytochemicals that work in different ways to combat cancer. Through complex interactions, phytochemicals, vitamins and minerals regulate and enhance each other in ways that cumulatively boost our defenses against chronic disease.

According to Butrum, the Grilled Tuna Niçoise represents the ideal of 2:1 proportion of plant foods to animal meat. Fatty fish like tuna might be the best choice of all animal meats because of their rich supply of omega-3 fatty acids.

Research studies show that this group of polyunsaturated fats protects against heart disease and may also fight breast, ovarian and colorectal cancers.

Butrum says, "Israeli Salad

works well as a main course for several reasons. Its light texture and delicate taste make couscous a popular form of grain, and "its fiber helps make a filling dish. Most people eat far less than the 20 to 35 grams of dietary fiber a day that health experts recommend, but this salad goes far to meet that goal."

The many vegetables in Israeli Couscous Salad contain a wide variety of phytochemicals. Two of the vegetables, asparagus and tomato, are especially well known for their abundance of cancer-protective phytochemicals and other healthful qualities.

Asparagus contains an impressive amount of dietary fiber (3.6 grams per cup), more folate than an orange and a rich supply of phytochemicals called saponins, which help protect against heart disease as well as cancer. Tomatoes are especially rich in the phytochemical called lycopene, which has been linked to reduced prostate cancer risk and is believed to act as a breast cancer preventive as well.

To your benefit

Commenting on the salad containing dried fruits, Butrum says, "Both dried and fresh fruit can play a major role in our meals - and not just in desserts. There are many ways to take advantage of the powerful antioxidants and phytochemicals in fruits and berries, especially now that it's easy to find dried versions of them out of season."

Cherries contain quercetin, an even more potent antioxidant than vitamin E, because it appears to block carcinogens as well as slow the growth and spread of cancer cells. Strawberries contain two compounds, ellagic acid and ferulic acid, with anti-cancer functions. Grapes are rich in flavonoids, which fight heart disease and strokes as well as cancer, and resveratrol, a phytochemical that is both heart and cancer protective.

Butrum believes no one appreciates the link between diet and cancer more than cancer researchers. "But when it comes to eating, they're like everyone else - they want food that's good tasting, not just good for them."

The following recipes were created and adapted for home kitchens by Chef Norman Wade of the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

ISRAELI COUSCOUS SALAD

8 ounces Israeli couscous (see note)
2 cups chicken stock, preferably low-fat

- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 3 tablespoons herb-flavored virgin olive oil
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 8 fresh asparagus spears, peeled and blanched, for garnish
- 2 ripe tomatoes, sliced, for garnish

Place couscous and stock in a saucepan, bring to a boil, then cover and reduce heat. Simmer for 20 minutes, or according to package instructions, until couscous is tender. Let cool.

Meanwhile, sauté zucchini, peppers and dried tomatoes in canola oil.

Turn couscous into large bowl. Mix in sautéed vegetables. Toss with herbed olive oil and salt and pepper to taste.

Place mixed salad on a serving plate. Garnish with sliced tomatoes and asparagus spears.

Note: Israeli couscous, which is sold in specialty food stores, consists of large, round grains about the size of baby peas that require more cooking time than other types. If another type of couscous is substituted, follow package instructions for cooking.

Nutritional information: Makes 8 servings, each containing 202 calories and 7 grams of fat.

WILD AND BROWN RICE SALAD WITH DRIED FRUIT AND WALNUTS

- 1/2 cup brown rice
- 1 cup wild rice
- 1/2 cup chopped dried cherries
- 1/2 cup golden (Sultana) raisins
- 15-20 dried apricot halves, chopped
- 6 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 3 tablespoons herb-flavored virgin olive oil
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 head of radicchio

Cook each rice in separate pots with water and a small amount of salt, following package instructions. (Wild rice takes longer to cook than others.) Remove from heat and let cool.

Meanwhile, remove enough inner leaves of the radicchio to

form a bowl-like container for serving the salad.

In a large bowl, combine the two rices by mixing lightly with a fork. Add dried fruits and nuts and combine with light strokes. Slowly add oil, tossing lightly until well combined, followed by salt and pepper to taste.

Turn the salad into the hollowed-out radicchio and serve.

Nutritional information: Makes 8 servings, each containing 248 calories and 7 grams of fat.

FRESH FRUIT TARTLETS WITH LOW-FAT PASTRY CREAM

- 2 egg yolks, lightly beaten
- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups skim milk
- 1/2 cup plus 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 12-15 3-inch pastry tart shells (see note)
- 2 cups (approximate) mix of fresh fruit: assorted berries plus grapes and slices of kiwi and banana
- 1/2 cup clear apricot jelly

In a bowl, combine egg yolks and cornstarch and lightly beat until well mixed.

Combine milk and sugar in large saucepan. Heat over high heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved and mixture comes to a boil. Using an egg whisk, immediately stir in egg mixture, whisking rapidly. Continue whisking vigorously until mixture comes back to a boil. (Mixture will thicken as this occurs.)

Immediately remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Let stand until cool, stirring occasionally. Refrigerate until ready to assemble tartlets, with plastic wrap adhering to the surface of the cream.

Shortly before serving, fill tart shells halfway with cold pastry cream. Use one of each variety of fruits to fill each tart shell. Heat jelly until melted and hot to make a glaze for the fruit. Using a pastry brush, lightly coat tops of fruit with melted jelly.

Let stand a few minutes to allow glaze to set. Serve immediately.

Tartlets may be assembled and left at room temperature up to 5 hours before serving. If they must be stored, lightly cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Note: Several types of ready-made pastry crust tart shells are available in most markets.

Nutritional information: Makes 12 to 15 tartlets, each containing about 210/7 grams of fat.

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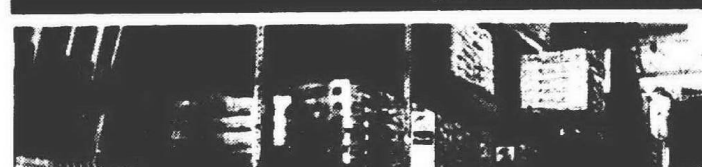


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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Road safety for seniors

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in conjunction with AARP, will offer "55 Alive/Mature Driving," a driver's refresher course, to experienced motorists 50 and older 8:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, and Friday, Sept. 15, in the West Addition, Room B.

Participants sharpen their driving skills; develop strategies for adjusting to changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time; learn about the effects of medications on driving performance; and learn ways to prevent accidents.

There is a \$10 fee for the course. Checks should be made payable to AARP. Enrollment is limited. Please contact St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Community Outreach department at (734) 655-8940 to pre-register. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road in Livonia. Use the Levan Road entrance. For additional information, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Hospital affiliate

Oakwood Healthcare System's Cancer Center and the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center have entered into an affiliation agreement to collaborate on programs that Oakwood offers to cancer patients in all areas on oncology.

"To now provide unique cancer treatments and other resources primarily available only at academic medical centers such as the University of Michigan, will only enhance the quality of our existing services," said Dr. Omar M. Salazar, interim director of Oakwood's Cancer Center and director of the Department of Radiology Oncology.

Lyme disease survey

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Lyme disease is now the fastest growing infectious disease in the United States. The CDC has very strict criteria for reporting Lyme disease, therefore many cases are not included. Your doctor may not have reported your case to the health department, hereby causing Lyme Disease to be vastly underreported.

To help find a more accurate count, the Michigan Lyme Disease Association is conducting an informal statewide survey. We urge all those who have been treated or are now being treated for Lyme disease to please obtain this survey by contacting the Michigan Lyme Disease Association, 53001 Baker Road, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047, (1-888) 784-5963.

Senior Health Day

Senior Health Services of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System-Ann Arbor will sponsor Senior Health Day 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at SJMHS's Health Stop in the Briarwood Mall, just off I-94.

The day will begin with cholesterol and blood pressure screening, followed by a health and wellness presentation "Exercise + Diet + Supplements = Total Wellness for the Older Adult" by Nancy Kaatz, a nurse practitioner with Senior Health Services. The event is capped off with a heart healthy lunch and interactive cooking demonstration, "Knock Your Cholesterol Down and Eat Well, Too."

Cost varies based on participation. For costs and to register, call Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Health Stop at (734) 827-3777.

Mending Hearts

Former heart surgery patient mentors newly diagnosed

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Sometimes open-heart surgery makes a good man even better. After surviving quadruple by-pass surgery two years ago this November, Mark Michener, 54, of Plymouth wanted to help others facing the same situation. He decided to become a volunteer for "Mended Hearts," a new program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor that teams former cardiac patients with current inpatients with cardiac diagnoses.

"I am now of the mindset to give. I started by mentoring new engineers at work. Then I started working with my church. When I heard about the Mended Hearts program, it seemed like another opportunity to give," he said.

Developed by the American Heart Association, Mended Hearts is a group of volunteers who have had some type of cardiac episode such as a heart attack, by-pass surgery, valve replacement or angioplasty. At St. Joseph, once volunteers have completed their training, they are paired with experienced Mended Hearts volunteers for three patient visits. After passing an evaluation, they are ready to meet with patients one-on-one.

"I think the doctors and nurses at St. Joe's did a great job of telling me the medical aspects of what would happen. But since I've been through the procedure, I can tell a patient the mental aspects, something you probably won't know unless you've been through it," said Michener.

Experience

Michener has a family history of heart disease. His father died of a heart attack, as did his grandfathers and several uncles. Compounding the genetic component, Michener smoked, seldom exercised and had dealt with hypertension since age 16.

"I really didn't take care of my life. That's the bottom line," he said.

About four years ago, he began experiencing chest pains, especially after walking up a few flights of stairs. A roofing consultant used to climbing ladders and stairs, Michener was alarmed. "I was used to high places," he said.

Two painful ecchymia attacks soon followed, and a heart catheterization revealed a completely blocked main artery and 50 percent blockage of the other arteries. Doctors suggested a drastic lifestyle change and medication as the first line of defense. Michener quit smoking, started walking and dropped 25 pounds. The pain continued, and he ended back in the emergency room one Sunday afternoon. He had surgery the following Tuesday.

"I didn't get a lot of mental preparation for this," he said.

Michener still ponders the awesome realization that doctors actually stopped his heart during surgery, that a heart-lung machine sustained his life while the by-pass was being performed. Tears



Heart to heart: Mended Hearts volunteer Mark Michener (right) of Plymouth and Floyd Lindsey, a heart patient at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, talk on a personal level about Lindsey's medical procedure.

"...since I've been through the procedure, I can tell a patient the mental aspects, something you probably won't know unless you've been through it."

—Mark Michener

still come to his eyes.

"That organ that keeps us all alive stops ... That is a death experience," he said.

Michener now counsels heart patients awaiting surgery or recovering from surgery about "what's not in the book, the things doctors can only visualize." He tells them what it's like to wake up from surgery attached to a maze of tubing. He talks about the frustrations of recovery, the limitations of healing muscles. He tells them that post-operation depression is normal.

But most of all, his very presence is a testimonial to survival. There is life after surgery.

Feedback

After Natalie Palay's husband underwent by-pass surgery eight years ago, "there was nothing to help him put the pieces back together," she said. So Palay, a social worker, began a support group at Saline Community Hospital, where her husband was rehabilitating.

Soon she was asked by Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute to start a support group at St. Joseph. Today she is the hospital's Mended Hearts program coordinator.

"We have received positive feedback from our cardiac patients because they like having the option to speak with someone who has actually gone through the same procedure they are about to go through," she said. "And it's so rewarding for our volunteers. It gives them a chance to turn a serious situation into a positive outcome."

Dr. Bobby Kong, a thoracic surgeon at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, is a big supporter of the program. He sees its positive effects on patients. "For them to talk to someone who has come through it, it means a lot. It gives them a lot of hope," he said.

Kong acknowledges the limits of doctors' and nurses' perception of what a pre-op or post-op patient experiences.

"Even as a surgeon of 10 years, I have not gone through it myself," he said.

Getting started

One of Michener's first visits as a Mended Hearts volunteer was with a gentlemen in pre-op, preparing for by-pass surgery. During the 20-minute visit, Michener became "spiritually attached." A few days later, on Father's Day, he stopped by again. The man's entire family was with him and had brought champagne. Michener answered many of their questions.

"It was the only visit I made that day. It was meant to me. The man's son stopped me as I was leaving and said everybody feels a lot better."

Today, Michener is doing well. He no longer smokes, watches his diet, exercises regularly ... and gives more of himself to others. He continues to mend his own heart - physically, emotionally and spiritually.

"I've accepted the fact that I have heart disease," he said. "However, my quality of life is better. When you don't have to walk around with nitroglycerin in your pockets, that's an improvement in the quality of life."

When asked if being a Mended Hearts volunteer has helped in his own healing process, he hesitated before answering. "I don't know," he said. "I don't think I have the answer to that ... yet."

If you are interested in becoming a Mended Hearts volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, contact Natalie Palay at (734) 712-5204.



Team work: Mark Michener (left), a Mended Hearts volunteer, reviews a patient roster with nurse Rachel Gluck and Mended Hearts program coordinator Natalie Palay.

Don't ignore heart disease in young people

Teenagers and young adults who have risk factors for heart disease have fatty plaques in their arteries that indicate varying stages of atherosclerosis, from the earliest signs of blockage to the more dangerous advanced stages, according to a study in today's *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

"The major strategy to prevent heart disease has been controlling risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol," said the study's lead author Dr. Henry C. McGill, Jr., of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research in San Antonio, Texas.

"However, there is still much controversy over the age at which such efforts should begin," he continued. "If our results hold true for larger populations, our in vivo work between the ages of 25 and 34 has some significant damage to his heart arteries that has probably developed over the past 20 years due to one or more risk factors for heart disease."

"This would indicate the need to tailor prevention messages to younger people."



Revealing autopsies

McGill and his colleagues studied portions of left coronary arteries - one of the pair of large blood vessels that supply blood to the heart - taken from the autopsies of 700 men and women ages 15-34 who had died from an accident, homicide, or suicide. They measured the amount and type of fatty deposits in the arteries and determined the heart disease risk factors - such as smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, and high cholesterol - for each person.

The researchers report that individuals who had high blood levels of low-density lipoproteins, or LDL cholesterol (the "bad" cholesterol), were about two-and-a-half times more likely to have "advanced" plaque blockages in their heart arteries than people who did not have high LDL levels.

Advanced grade plaques are deposits on blood vessel walls that have a fibrous cap and a soft, fatty core. These plaques are more likely to rupture, causing a blood clot that would block blood flow, thus leading to a heart attack or sudden death.

"It's not too surprising that high blood cholesterol is associated with the advanced plaque," said McGill. "But to show that it has an effect as early as age 15 gives strong support to the idea that nutritional guidelines for the prevention of heart disease should be recommended for children as well as adults."

Other risks

McGill also said that obesity seems to have a very strong effect on the development of atherosclerosis regardless of an individual's cholesterol levels or other risk factors. The young people who were obese were over two-and-a-half times more likely to have advanced grade plaques than those who were not obese.

Researchers found that about 2 percent of the 15- to 19-year-old men and 20 percent of 30- to 34-year-old men in the study had advanced plaques. Researchers did not find advanced plaques in women aged 15 to 19, but they did find such plaques in 8 percent of 30- to 34-year-old women.

"Notice that the difference between percentages of men and women between age 30 and 34 with advanced plaques is similar to the difference in rates of heart disease between men and pre-menopausal women in middle age," said McGill. "This similarity indicates that early risk factors may be a significant predictor of a person's chance of developing heart disease later in life."

In addition to certain risk factors contributing to advanced plaques, risk factors such as low blood levels of high-density lipoproteins, or HDL cholesterol (the "good" cholesterol), and smoking increased the likelihood of "intermediate" grade plaques, which indicate the earliest stages of atherosclerosis.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail rka@lund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

AA & ALANON
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road. Call (248) 641-6565 or (734) 778-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

IMPOTENCE
The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

FOOT SCREENINGS
Foot screenings for all ages are held 8:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Friday at Botsford Hospital, South Professional Building, Suite 200. For an appointment, call (248) 473-1320 weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 877-345-5500.

HEADACHE SUPPORT GROUP
Meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Providence Medical Center, 30055 North-

western. Free. Family members welcome. Call (248) 647-0614.

CAREGIVERS
The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8940.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE
The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association of Metro Detroit meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi, MI 48375. Call (248) 980-1288.

MON, SEPT. 11

THYROID DISORDERS
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. The speaker will be Dr. Al-Kassab, an endocrinologist from Rochester Hills. Visit <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>.

SEPT. 11, 18, 25

QUIT SMOKING
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 34675 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will hold four weekly two-hour sessions on smoking cessation 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Pavilion A. These sessions will cover the effects of smoking, what to expect when quitting, coping techniques, and strategies for remaining smoke-free.

Participants are asked to pre-register by calling 734-655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650 (out-of-area callers). Please use the Levan Road Entrance. For directions or additional information, please visit www.stmarymercy.org.

WED, SEPT. 13

IMPOTENCE
Dr. John Harb, a urologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will present a lecture on erectile dysfunction 1-3 p.m. in the Auditorium. Call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650 (out-of-area callers) to register. For additional information, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

THURS, SEPT. 14

YOGA
Yoga classes resume at Unity of Livonia, 28660 5 Mile Road, Livonia. Class will meet every Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. Classes offered on a love offering basis. Call (734) 421-1760.

SAT, SEPT. 16

RHEUMATOLOGY
The Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, 36555 Warren Road, will offer two sessions of an Ayurvedic Medicine Workshop that focuses on health promotion and rheumatology 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$50 per person. Pre-registration required. Call 800-543-WELL.

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE
The Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, 36555 Warren, will offer two sessions of an Ayurvedic Medicine Workshop focusing on health promotion and rheumatology 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Special attention will be given to fibromyalgia and arthritis. Cost: \$50 per person. Participants must pre-register by calling 800-543-WELL.

SEPT. 19-OCT. 12

DIABETES
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer a program titled "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes" for those age 18 and over with diabetes. The series deals with self-care and successful management of diabetes. Classes are held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 19, 21, 26, 28, October 3, 5, 10, and 12, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36425 Five Mile Road, Pavilion A. Use the Levan Road entrance. The series is \$85, or \$76.50 for people 55 and over. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940.

WED, SEPT. 20

DYSLEXIA
Learn about the Orton-Gillingham Approach at the Dyslexia Support Group meeting 6:45-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute-Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite #130. Call (248) 737-0044.

SAT, SEPT. 30

DON'T DIET, THINK TRIM
"Think Trim," an alternative to dieting, will be presented 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Room LA 470, Livonia. The fee is \$57. To register, call the college at (734) 462-4413.

SEPT. 20 TO OCT. 4

ARTHRITIS
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 34675 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will offer a three-week course, "Arthritis Self-Help," 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Participants will learn the proper use of exercise and nutrition, facts about medications, and strategies for decreasing pain and dealing with depression and stress. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$20. Call (734) 655-8948 or 1-800-494-1650 (for out-of-area callers). Use Levan Road entrance.

THURS, SEPT. 21

NATURAL HORMONES
The Women's Workshop on Natural Hormone Replacement will be held 7-9:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. Cost is \$25 for the first person and \$20 for the second. Make checks payable to: Health Dimensions Inc., 32985 Hamilton Ct., G200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Call (248) 489-1573.

THURS, SEPT. 28

HEADACHE
The Henry Ford Headache Clinic will sponsor a lecture, Headache 101, 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Henry Ford Medical Center, 9401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. Discussion will focus on diagnosis and treatment, including alternative therapies and research updates. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

DIABETES SCREENING
Oakwood Hospital is offering a free diabetes screening at Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D, in Canton at the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilly Road. Call (734) 981-1086.

THURS, OCT. 19

BLOOD PRESSURE
Oakwood Hospital is offering free blood pressure screenings at Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D, in Canton at the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilly Road. Call (734) 981-1086.

TUES, OCT. 24

JOINT PAIN
The Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center-Dearborn will offer "Joint Pain Prevention and Relief," a free seminary presented by Dr. Eric T. Silberg, orthopaedic surgeon, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Kalman Auditorium. Pre-register by calling 800-543-WELL.

Buckle up your child for driving safety

Parents of youngsters 40 to 80 pounds (roughly ages 4 to 8) can take one simple action to help ensure their child's safety this back-to-school season as they travel in the family vehicle - properly buckle their children in booster seats and lap and shoulder safety belts.

Autumn Alexander Skeen, a "Boost America!" safety ambassador who lost her 4-year-old son in a car crash when his seat belt failed to keep him inside the vehicle, is educating parents about the importance of booster seats and providing additional lifesaving child safety tips.

The federal government estimates that only about 6 percent of the nearly 20 million children in this age group are restrained in booster seats, which offer more secure restraint than lap/shoulder belts alone.

Sponsored by Ford Motor Co., in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Nickelodeon and others, Boost America! is a \$15 million, multi-year child booster seat education campaign that will

reach out to every daycare, preschool and elementary school in the nation. It will distribute one million booster seats, half of which will go to families in need.

Sparing the pain

"No parent should ever know the pain of losing a child, especially if death or injury is easily preventable. As millions of Americans take to the roads this Labor Day weekend and back-to-school season, we owe it to our children to ensure everyone is buckled-up and kids who weigh from 40 to 80 pounds ride in booster seats," said Skeen.

Skeen offered the following child safety tips:

- Infants should ride in the back seat in a rear-facing safety seat until they are one year old and at least 20 pounds.

- Children 20 to 40 pounds should ride in the back seat in a forward-facing safety seat.

- Children 40 to 80 pounds should ride in the back seat in a booster seat and lap/shoulder belt.

- Shoulder belts are critical

to use with booster seats because they provide the child with upper body protection. Never use a booster seat without a shoulder belt.

- The back seat is the safest place for children ages 12 and under to ride.

- Children should never place the shoulder belt behind their backs or under their arms. Doing so will greatly increase the risk of severe injury in a crash because shoulder belts provide needed upper body protection in the event of a crash.

- Parents should always set the example by buckling-up themselves and ensuring all their passengers are wearing safety belts, and using booster or child seats as appropriate.

Activist

"Booster seats are inexpensive and easy to use," Skeen said. "In a car crash they can save your child's life."

Advocacy

Since the loss of her son in 1996, Skeen has led the charge to warn others of the need for booster seats. Residing in Walla Walla, she is also responsible for Washington becoming the first state to enact a booster seat law. Named in honor of her son, "Anton's Law" was signed last March. Her moving story has been featured on ABC's 20/20, CNN, in Readers Digest and in newspapers across the country.

Boost America! is one of the most extensive public/private child passenger safety partnerships ever created. The U.S. Department of Transportation's NHTSA is the lead partner, joined by some of the nation's leading health, safety, education and law enforcement organizations.

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College students need to update immunizations
As college students return for the fall semester, at the top of their checklists should be up-to-date immunizations. That list may include one that helps prevent meningitis, a rare but deadly disease that flourishes in close quarters such as dormitories.
After recent isolated outbreaks of bacterial meningitis on college campuses, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of Michigan Health System are recommending students consider getting the meningitis vaccine. Bacterial meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans each year - including about 125 college students - and kills about 300 people annually.
"Meningitis is an inflammation and infection of the lining surrounding the brain and spinal cord," says Dr. Cary Engleberg, professor and chief of the Infectious Diseases Division of the University of Michigan Health System. "Viral meningitis is relatively mild with fever and headache but bacterial meningitis is a very dangerous disease because the immune system cannot effectively remove bacteria from spinal fluid. If untreated, bacterial meningitis is usually fatal."
Symptoms
Along with fever and headache, other symptoms (of both kinds of meningitis) often include a stiff neck, particularly in adults. "In children, meningitis may present with a change in behavior, inconsolable crying and irritability," says Engleberg.
The infection may also affect consciousness - the ability to think clearly or stay awake, he says. The problem, says Engleberg, is distinguishing between viral and bacterial meningitis. Anyone experiencing the symptoms described earlier should go to the emergency room as quickly as possible to be evaluated.
The disease is spread through person-to-person contact, and most cases are in young children or the elderly. And although college students don't fit the usual age profile, they might increase their risk three- to five-fold by living in a dormitory, says Engleberg. Typically, people living in close quarters, such as dormitories, military barracks and institutions, are especially vulnerable to infection. Still, he notes, the risk is minimal.
"The likelihood that an incoming freshmen class is going to have even one case of (bacterial) meningitis is very small. There are probably many more cases of viral meningitis, but they haven't been counted."
Vaccination
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Windows ME may not be right for you, computer



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The much awaited Windows ME Update to Windows 98 officially goes on sale this coming week and will be accompanied by a multi-million dollar advertising campaign complete with a coast-to-coast series of demonstrations in shopping malls across the U.S.

Although three semi-tractor trailer Windows ME trucks start crisscrossing the country on Thursday, the official release date, one won't end up in South-eastern Michigan until the following week, where its due to spend some time at Ann Arbor's Briarwood Mall.

The software will also be heavily featured in television ads. But before you get taken in by the hype, understand that Windows ME (for Millennium Edition) may not be for you.

It's aimed strictly at home users. And new ones at that. If your machine is more than two years old, you may encounter some upgrade issues with your older software and hardware.

The Windows ME upgrade for Windows 98 will cost \$59 and offers easier home networking, new digital camera and video editing features, as well as improved "PC Health" options to keep the system running without glitches.

I've installed it directly over Windows 98 on two of my machines and, despite a spate of unflattering reviews in industry publications, the only frustration I have encountered has been with a balky Web cam that doesn't seem to work. Microsoft says a handful of devices need updated drivers to work with the system but most will be available online by the Sept. 14 release.

Still, I'm not sure I'd recommend that most people upgrade just yet. Frankly, I haven't been all that impressed with the new features and, if anything, I'd have to say it seems to work a

little slower than Windows 98 on two of my machines.

My advice: Wait a couple of months until the inevitable patches and updates come out to correct the early bugs.

Chip does wonders

They call it the Crusoe Chip and it's about to make life on the road for laptop-carrying execs a lot more comfortable than the fictional Crusoe made his desert island.

The microprocessing chip is only the size of a postage stamp, yet it conserves battery power on laptops so much that the average user should be able to fly coast-to-coast without needing a spare battery.

Made by a startup company called Transmeta, the 500 to 700 MHz chip is seen by some as a potential rival to Intel and its Pentium line. Tests show it lasts an average 5.5 hours between charges.

Sony says it will be available in its Vaio PictureBook by mid-October. At only an inch thick and weighing in at 2.2 pounds,

the Sony Vaio PictureBook is emerging as one of the most popular laptops on the market because of its light weight.

Other manufacturers, including IBM, Gateway, Hitachi and more, are also expected to adopt the Crusoe chip in their laptops as computer manufacturers try to meet the growing demand for ultra-thin portable machines that don't throw your back out when you lug them around.

Broadband wars

If you think the political campaign ads are dirty, wait until you see the ads from the campaign to bring fast Internet access to you house.

DSL companies will claim cable Internet is destroying peace in neighborhoods by making everyone share a network connection. Cable Internet companies are calling DSL wimpy.

The competition is heating up as the number of broadband customers approaches 4 million nationwide, double the number at this time last year. Although

dial-up Internet service is still the way most of America's 144 million Net users log on, broadband is booming and as it spreads across the country cut-throat competition between the different companies and services is resulting.

Companies are offering free installation and delayed payments. But despite the hype, the reality is that in most places in the U.S., broadband remains elusively unavailable. And DSL service, perhaps the most aggressively advertised these days, is plagued by turf wars with the existing Baby Bells that result in installation delays that stretch into months in many places.

Still, the public is clearly sold on broadband and clamoring for service to the point that Congress now has several bills pending that would require local exchange carriers to streamline their deployment. At the current rate of growth, an estimated 20 million Americans will be broadband subscribers by 2004 ... not fast enough for a surfing public

still largely stuck with slow dial-up access.

Advanced seminar

Want to learn more about using the Internet? Then join me for "Advanced Internet," my next PC Mike/WXYT Computer seminar, to be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 23, at the MSU Management Center at Square Lake and Crooks in Troy.

The seminar is absolutely free but you do need reservations. You can do that through the WXYT Web site at www.wxyt.com or call the PC Mike Seminar Hotline at (248) 455-7343.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV NewsChannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at www.pcmike.com and hear him Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m. on NewsRadio 950, WWJ, and on Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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TUES, SEPT. 12

NAT'L ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host their monthly luncheon meeting 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. For more information or to make a reservation, call Tracey Huff at

(248) 347-3355. Guest speaker will be Molly Keep, exercise physiologist.

ANN ARBOR IT ZONE
Hi-Tech Tuesday resumes its fall programs with Gartner Dataquest IT market analyst Michael Haines discussing "Contacts and Pricing" for IT service vendors. Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the IT Zone Launch Pad, 330 E. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. Founded in 1979 and headquartered in Stamford, Conn. For more information, call (734) 623-8286 or register for the program by emailing their name, company, address, phone number and

session date to mail@annarboritzone.org. Cost is free for members, \$25 for non-members and \$5 for students.

THUR, SEPT. 21

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
WBO of SE Michigan is hosting the second annual "Celebrate Women in Business" dinner. 6pm networking, 6:45 dinner. Keynote speaker is Katherine Farrell of Katherine's Catering, who was recently honored by the National Association of Women. For more information or to register, call 734-332-9300.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New Vice chairman

Robert P. Heinrich, president and chief executive officer of Metrobank in Farmington Hills, was elected vice chairman of the Michigan Bankers Association. He is a director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority and past president of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. In 1997, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Farm-

ington Jaycees.

Financial advisor

Michigan Financial Companies, a full-service financial and estate planning firm in Farmington Hills, announced the addition of David T. Nanes as a financial advisor for business owners. He is a registered representative offering securities and financial planning through WS Griffith and Co., Inc., a registered broker/dealer and invest-

ment advisor. He can be reached at (248) 626-9000.

Freudenberg-NOK VP

Freudenberg-NOK of Plymouth announced the appointment of Phillip A. Damaska as vice president and general manager of Latin and South American operations. Prior to joining the company in 1996, Damaska spent four years with AlliedSignal in Providence, R.I. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting

from Albion College and a master's degree in finance from the University of Detroit.

Associated Food Dealers

Phyllis DeSmet of Canton, office manager for the Plymouth distribution center of Spartan Stores, Inc., has been elected to the board of directors of Southfield-based Associated Food Dealers of Michigan. She has been with Spartan 28 years and will represent the interests of

retailers on the AFD board.

Wonderland Mall

Mark Voydanoff has been promoted from marketing assistant to assistant marketing director of Wonderland Mall. In his new position Voydanoff will oversee all advertising and public relations for the center. Prior to joining Wonderland Mall, he was the office manager at Jacobson's in Ann Arbor.

Bosquette & Co.

Linda Husulak has joined the Livonia office of Bosquette & Co., the largest independent insurance agency in the City of Detroit, as personal lines manager. The company recently celebrated its 100-year anniversary. A graduate of Hillsdale College, Husulak is a licensed agent in property, casualty, life and health.

Employers to hear about major employment insurance change

Michigan's unemployment insurance program will undergo a major change this fall that will affect the way the state determines how much and for how long a jobless worker will receive unemployment benefits.

Employers in western Wayne County will have an opportunity to learn more about these changes at a seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Holiday Inn-Laurel Park, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North (I-275 and Six Mile Road). The two-hour meet-

ing gets under way at 8 a.m. with doors opening at 7:30 a.m.

There is no charge to attend the seminar, which includes a continental breakfast, but employers are asked to preregister for the meeting by Friday, Sept. 8.

The Western Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Employer's Council and the state Unemployment Agency are co-sponsoring the meeting. Three speakers from the state's Unemployment Agency will conduct

the seminar: Sadie Conner, director of UA offices in southeastern Michigan; Tim Clinton, director of the Office of Program and Policy Administration; and Leon Marlow, manager of the Sterling Heights UA office.

"Our presenters will tell employers about the conversion of Michigan's unemployment insurance program from a wage request to a wage record system," said Todd LaJoy, president of the LaJoy Group and MEC chairman. "They will explain

how the new system will operate and the advantages it will offer to employers, claimants and the state."

Wage record will use quarterly wage information supplied by employers to determine an unemployed worker's potential benefit amount and duration of benefits. The current wage request system requires UA to send written requests for wage information to employers whenever any of their employees file claims for benefits.

Wage record will save Michigan employers many hours and resources in completing approximately one million UA forms annually. It will also let jobless workers know immediately upon filing their claims how much and for how long they may receive unemployment benefits. Currently, they may wait up to 14 days before learning about their benefits.

Finally, wage record will save taxpayer dollars by reducing administrative costs to other

Michigan and local government agencies by nearly \$5 million annually.

For more information about the meeting, employers can contact Linda Nadon with the Canton UA office at (734) 453-3520 Ext. 21.

The Michigan Employers Council is a group of local employers who advise the Unemployment Agency about the needs and concerns of area businesses.

New Livonia investment advisory firm quickly hits its stride

When MeadowBrook Investment Advisors, LLC, opened its doors in Livonia late last year, the founding partners expected that the experience and contacts they had developed over many years would open doors — and hopefully portfolios — for them.

In the eight months since, MeadowBrook Investment Advisors has succeeded well beyond their projections. As of July 1, the company manages more than 40 portfolios with combined assets of nearly \$150 million. They've achieved an outstanding low business closure rate and are being included in numerous searches by investment consultants.

George Abel, CFA, joined with four former NBD, First Chicago NBD and Banc One colleagues to launch MeadowBrook. Each partner brought specialized expertise in one or more investment disciplines to the new firm. Able was chief investment officer and co-head of FCNBD Investment Management Co. He managed NBD's largest equity mutual fund for over 10 years.

Dale Embry, responsible for MeadowBrook's portfolio management, was managing director of the National Institutional Management Group for Banc One Investment Advisors, FCNBD Investment Management Co., and NBD Bancorp.

Bob Grabowski, head of fixed income management, was manager of the Municipal Bond Group for FCNBD Investment Corp. and NBD Bancorp.

Marty Bernstein, CFA, senior portfolio manager for high net worth individuals, was senior portfolio manager in the Private Banking and Investment Division of Banc One Corp., FCNBD, and NBD Bancorp.

Ron Doyle, CFA, who is responsible for equity management, was director of equity funds management at FCNBD and NBD.

Hella invests significantly in local setup

Hella North America plans to invest more than \$20 million for a new assembly line to produce electronic throttle-control systems at the company's North America headquarters complex in Farmington.

Joseph V. Borruso, Hella's North American president and CEO, said the new line will begin operation next summer and create up to 50 new jobs. The production facility, he added, will occupy an approximately 1,500 square-foot space currently used for storage and warehousing.

"We're making this investment to support a growing demand from major auto manufacturers for electronic, 'drive-by-wire' accelerator and braking control systems," Borruso said. "Electronic throttle-control systems produced at the Farmington facility will incorporate new, non-contact position sensors developed and patented by Hella in Europe."

Hella is Europe's leading producer of electronic throttle control systems with a 70 percent market share. Borruso said Hella sales to OEM customers in Europe are expected to grow by 60 percent from more than 2.5 million units in 1999.

Embry attributes the firm's quick client acquisition to MeadowBrook's customized attention to clients' specific needs, as well as the extensive investment history of the partners.

"Among the five of us, we have over 90 years of investment and portfolio management experience, and we are each well-known for providing the highest level of service. At Meadow-

Brook, direct access to decision makers with proven track records is the backbone of our business proposition," he said.

"What we're doing is both avoiding hidden fees and really

taking responsibility for our equity selection and management," said Doyle. "We literally don't ask our clients to buy anything we wouldn't buy ourselves, so our interests are directly

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When you visit www.mbaa.org/consumer, you will find a variety of home buying information, including homebuying and refinancing tips, an extensive glossary of mortgage terms, easy-to-understand yet authoritative articles by mortgage experts, and one of the finest interactive financial calculators available anywhere on the Internet. In addition to basic issues like "How much house can I afford?" with our online financial calculator, you can accurately weigh options like:

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And like all good Web sites, there are plenty of links to other valuable mortgage lending and home buying resources.

Margaret Feshorn is president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan and a senior vice president at Standard Federal Bank in Troy.

Homes are luxurious in Goodison Place

Vito Anthony Homes offers a half dozen new plans, two geared especially for empty-nesters, in its final construction phase at Goodison Place.

Thirty-seven homes will complete the platted community of 108 lots off Silver Bell about a mile and a half east of Adams in Oakland Township.

"There's an ever-growing empty-nester market," said Vito Pampalona, president of Vito Anthony Homes. "They want a custom home but don't want a huge home. The idea of a luxury condo doesn't seem to do it. Privacy is what we're hearing and ownership, too."

"What we're seeing is people wanted the quality of a big home but not a big house," said Lynn Baker, sales director.

"What people keep saying to us is, 'You listen to us.' We move with the times. We keep a timeless look but also innovate," she said.

Both of the new houses designed for empty-nesters are story-and-a-half with first-floor master.

The Lochmoor III, 3,775 square feet, contains four bedrooms and 3½ baths. The plan features a large casual living area consisting of family room, kitchen and nook. It also showcases a formal dining room with butler's pantry, large media room/office and covered porch off the master suite.

Base price is \$649,900.

The St. Clair II, 3,800 square feet, features a gathering room as part of the kitchen/nook in addition to a great room. The four-bedroom home also contains four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

Base price is \$659,900.

The other four new plans range in price from \$689,900 for a story-and-a-half of 4,106 square feet with four bedrooms and 3½ baths to \$799,900 for a two story of 5,200 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

All Vito Anthony Homes at Goodison Place include at base price three-car garage, fireplace, first-floor laundry, basement and 20-year warranty water-proofing in the basement.

Kohler plumbing fixtures and Pella windows also are standard, as are energy efficient furnaces, separate tub, shower and make-up sitting area in the master, hardwood floors in the foyer, hallway, breakfast room, and double oven, cooktop, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen.

The model, the Jefferson, is the two story of 5,200 square feet. It contains two front entrances, two staircases leading upstairs and a pair of stair-



Goodison Place: This large story-and-a-half with four bedrooms, including first-floor master, and 3½ baths is among several new plans offered by Vito Anthony Homes for its Oakland Township development.

ways to the basement.

The home showcases a living room with two-story ceiling, open, formal dining room and a library off the foyer, and a step-down family room with two-story, pan ceiling.

One half bath is off the library, the other off the laundry.

The master contains a pan ceiling, two walk-in closets, two-sink vanity and compartmentalized commode.

Two bedrooms upstairs share a jack-and-jill bath, while the fourth bedroom has its own bath with shower. A bonus room can be added for \$25,000.

Base price of the Jefferson is \$799,900. The model, loaded with upgrades, runs about \$1.5 million.

"A Vito Anthony home is well known for quality, investment and for resale," Pampalona said. "With our plans, we can create an individual house for everybody."

"We've been here five years," Baker said. "We set the tone for quality and price. People have confidence in us. Buyers get hands-on, personal service."

Residents in Goodison Place have easy access to the Paint Creek cider mill and walking trail, downtown Rochester, I-75 and the Palace of Auburn Hills and Pine Knob, Pam-

palona and Baker said.

Goodison Place is served by a community water well, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Rochester school boundaries.

The property tax rate currently is \$24.60 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$675,000 house there would pay about \$8,300 the first year.

All lots in the final phase, at least a half-acre in size, have premiums ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

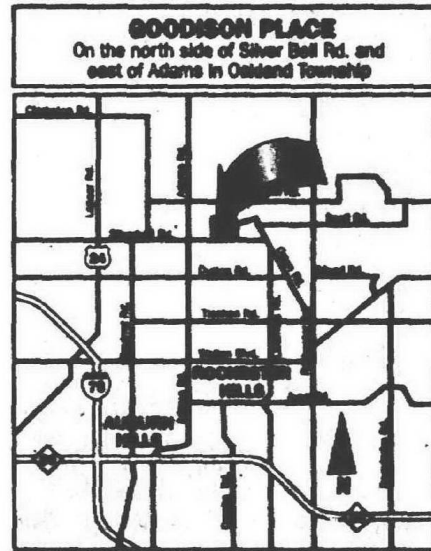
The annual association/maintenance fee is \$500.

Bill and Susan Luther are building a Jefferson for themselves and daughters, Amanda, Breana and Kyra.

"We looked around and he had the best quality," Susan said. "We liked the two-story living room, bookcases (on upper level). I liked the two front doors. Kids can use the back and never have to traipse through the house with the bathroom floor and closet there. It has a big laundry room."

"What really caught our eye was quality and detail," said Andy Denny, who's building for wife, Diane, and daughter, Rachel.

"Everything seemed to be first class



from a construction standpoint. We changed our plans, made it more custom and he (Pampalona) had no problems doing it," Andy said.

The sales office/model at Goodison Place, (248) 650-4742, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily and Thursdays by appointment.

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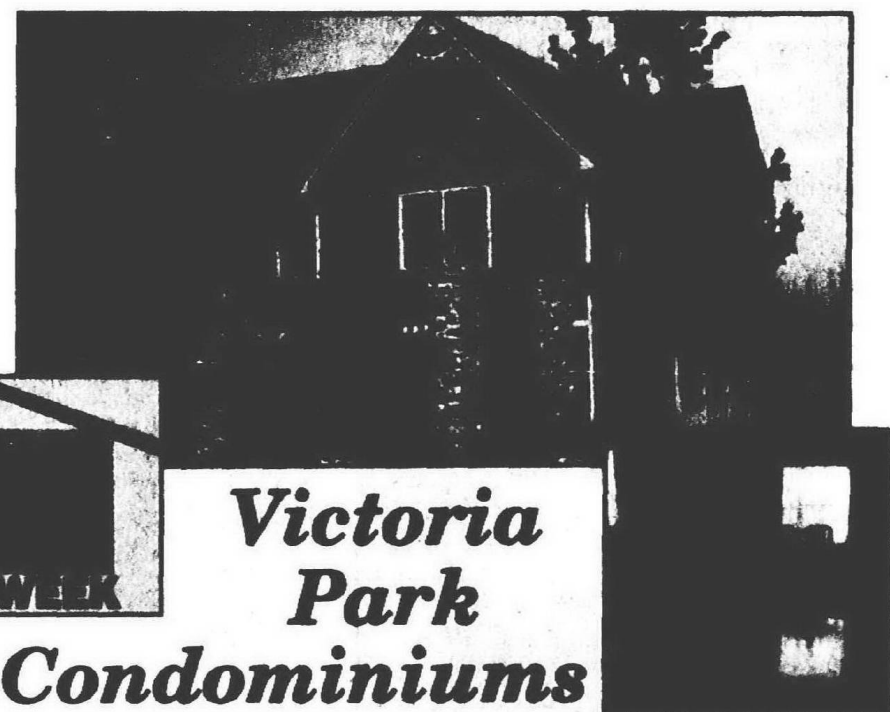
the option of upgrading to elevations with stone or brick, as well as upgrading to a 3-car garage. Many additional options are also available.

Our models are open from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. weekdays, 12:00-6:00 weekends, and closed on Thursdays. Now is the time for you to stop in to see which one of these lots and floor plans is perfect for you. The community has already sold 14 homes in the past three months. For more information, please call:

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These homes are truly magnificent and lots are going quickly, so be sure to visit us soon!!!

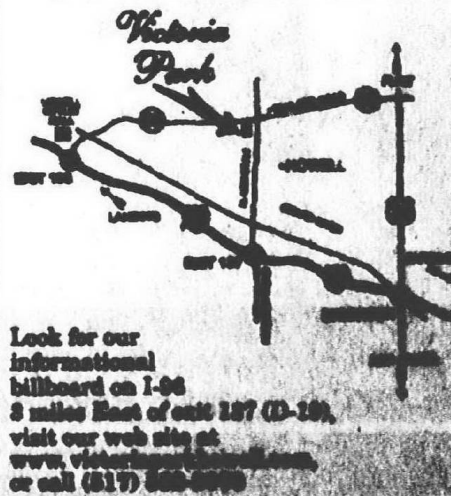
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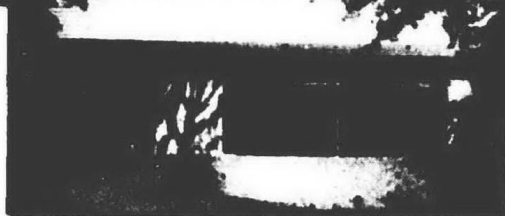
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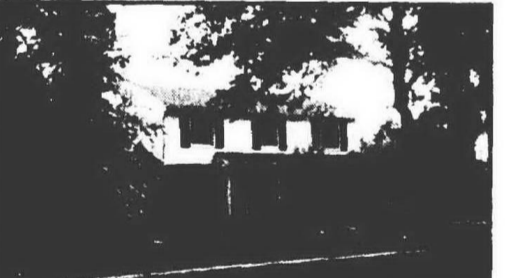
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Living area defies space

The Saginaw 1 (409-08) would be ideal for the lots of today's subdivisions as it is narrow and deep. This gracious home has packed an enormous amount of living area into an economy-sized package.

The entry of the Saginaw 1 is from a covered porch into the vaulted living room. Large windows on the two outside walls provide an extra amount of light for this formal area.

Between the living and dining rooms is a half bath. The dining area

has patio doors opening onto a deck, convenient for evening barbecues.

The kitchen is situated between the dining room and the family room. A long eating bar provides an ideal area for those after-school snack parties.

Across from the U-shaped kitchen is a large, elongated pantry. Storage of canned food as well as special items for holidays would have ample room in this great area.

The family room also has a set of patio doors opening onto a second

deck. There is ample space here for a hot tub.

In the front of the family room is a large utility room housing the freezer and washer/dryer. A long bench has been included for changing shoes or clothes if needed. A door opens on the end to a small porch, as well as in the front into a two-car garage.

Upstairs is a huge master suite with an entertainment center down one side. The private bath has a large walk-in closet, his-and-her sinks and an oversized shower.

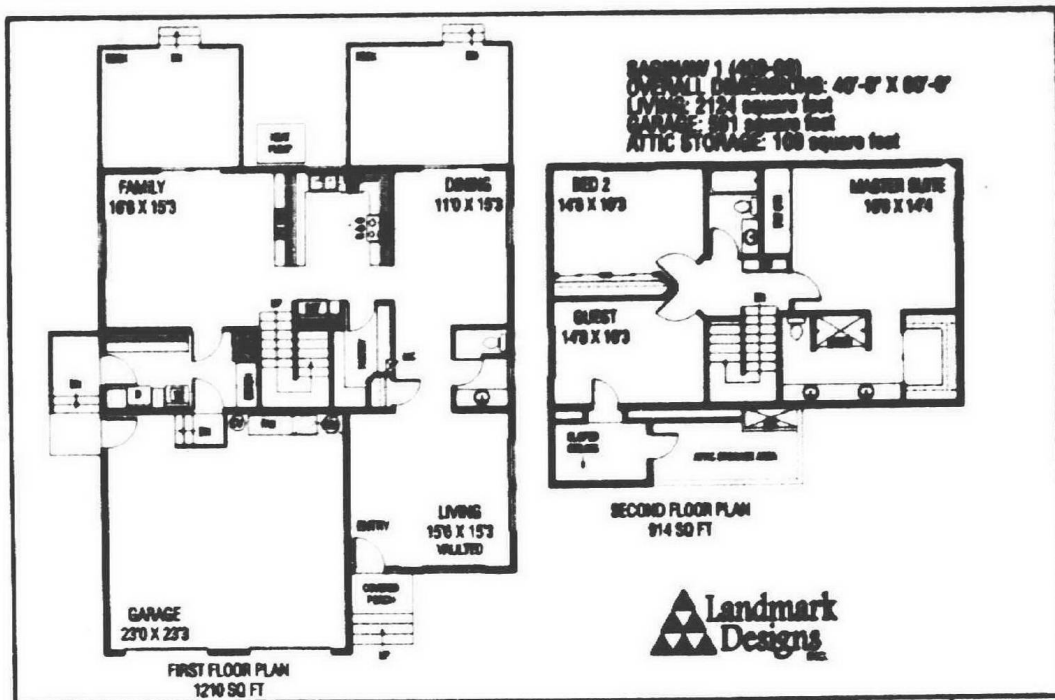
Handy for all the bedrooms is a large linen closet in the hall. A full bath with a tub is between bedroom 2 and the master suite.

The other room on the second floor is a guest suite. It is large and has a door into a sloped ceiling closet/storage. Off this area is an attic storage area.

With all the numerous amenities in this home, the best is the built-in vacuum system. It has outlets throughout the home, making the cleaning easier and faster.

For a study plan of the Saginaw 1 (409-08) send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 (specify plan name and number for study plan). For a collection of plan books, send \$20 or save by ordering the study plan and collection together for \$34.95.

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Redwood fence has nice look

(NUE) - Besides promoting neighborliness, a good redwood fence can bring both beauty and utility to your property.

As the California Redwood Association experts point out, a good fence is durable as well as functional and beautiful.

It's resistant to pests, and it is able to weather harsh environmental conditions. The stability and elegance of redwood make it the logical choice when building a fence, the experts say.

But check with your deed restrictions or local building department first just to make sure fences are permissible.

If you're O.K. in that regard, the California Redwood Association offers these tips on building a

good fence:

Whether you are building the fence yourself or contracting the work out, there are questions to ask yourself.

What is the fence's primary purpose? Is it to mark a property line? Should it be decorative? Does the fence need to block wind and sunlight?

Once you have defined the fence's role, choose the right redwood for the job. Garden grades are probably your best choice. The knotty texture

and beautiful color accent the natural setting of a garden. Durable, pest-resistant Deck Heart or Construction Heart are the right

grades for posts or portions of the fence close to the ground.

Once you've picked the right redwood grade, you need to pick the style of fence you want. There are four basic fence designs - lattice, picket, board-on-board and panel.

The lattice style is a light and delicate design that can be readily prefabricated in a square or rectangular frame nailed to supporting posts. A picket fence is usually four feet

high, with plenty of air space. Picket fences are best used as decorative boundary markers or as barriers for pets and kids.

A board-on-board fence is an excellent "good neighbor" fence because it looks the same from both sides. A panel fence has good solid barriers with a limited amount of design flexibility.

For general redwood information, check out their Web site at www.calredwood.org

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Save money on plumbing services

A visit from the plumber can be a big drain on your bank account whether you live in a newer or older home.

"Consumers should ask lots of questions before hiring a plumber over the phone," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association (AHA). "Otherwise, fixing one leak might start another leak in your budget."

Despite popular belief, there are ways to save money on professional plumbing repairs.

First, many plumbing ser-

vices start with a \$50 to \$75 house visit or "mobilization charge." This flat fee usually only covers the first hour of labor. To get more for your money, you may want the plumber to look at more than one problem.

Be sure to get an accurate estimate by explaining the problem as thoroughly as possible. Ask how it will be fixed, how much it will cost and how long it will take.

Whatever you do, do not give your phone number or address

before getting your estimate. Some plumbers will automatically raise the price if you live in an affluent neighborhood.

Always get more than one bid. If your job is larger or more complicated, ask the company to inspect the job before providing an estimate. Some older homes may require more work than you expected in order to meet building codes.

If you have flooding or another emergency, negotiate a flat rate to find out what the problem is first, then get an esti-

mate to fix the actual problem. Ask your plumber what grade of parts he is using before he begins the job.

Insist on the best grade, K or L grade copper piping that can last 15 to 20 years, instead of the cheaper M grade. Make sure that your plumber isn't cutting corners by using 1/2-inch pipe instead of 3/4-inch.

For more information on any aspect of home ownership, go to <http://www.realhome.com>, the web site for American Homeowners Association.

The Weekly Do-It-Yourselfer



Cape Cod apartment garage

Have you been looking for a set of plans for an apartment garage? This one-bedroom plan may be just the ticket. You will have room for a semi-independent student or you can use the space for a studio or office separate from the home yet still within reach of problems at home. The apartment has 544 square feet of living space. The attractive Cap Cod style offers curb appeal. Two complete sets of the plans are included: one for you or your builder and one for the

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Southfield firm to develop shopping mall in Toledo area

New homes need stores nearby to provide goods and services.

Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust of Southfield has closed on the purchase of a 78 acre parcel of land in Rossford, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, for the development of its newest shopping complex, Crossroads Centre.

This 650,000 square foot development will be on US-20 adjacent to the I-75 and I-80/90 expressways.

The center will be anchored by Home Depot, Target and Giant Eagle supermarket. Additional anchors are slated to include a craft superstore, a home furnishing store and an office superstore. Complimentary retail uses and freestanding restaurants are planned. It is expected that a number of merchants will open in the spring of 2001.

The development site is in one of the most significant growth corridors in northwest Ohio.

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Garden City OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 5 6818 Dearing Move-In Condition! Adorable 3 bedroom ranch, neutral decor, freshly painted thru-out, eat-in kitchen w/dishwasher leading to deck, all appliances, full finished basement. Home Warranty. \$127,900. Call ERA Country Ridge Realty (248)474-3303

Garden City, Sat. Sun., 10-6 31226 Krauter, N. of Ford, E. of Merriman. 1200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom. New kitchen, bath, finished basement, hot water heater, furnace central air, walk-down, copper plumbing, electric. \$118,000. 734-513-5003

LIVONIA - OPEN SUN. 1-4PM 2984 Edward, off Buckingham, 2 blocks W of Middlebelt & 2 blocks N of I-96. Colonial 4 bedrooms, corner lot, 2 1/2 bath, 2.5 car attached. Many updates. Porch enclosure, large patio, finished basement. \$228,000. (734) 427-7108.

LIVONIA - Open Sun. 1-4pm 2 story colonial, 2700 sq.ft., 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, large treed lot (10x280), finished basement, detached garden house. Completely updated. Call many entries, must see. 31469 Myra (N or S Mile, 2nd house W of Merriman). (734) 428-8471.

LIVONIA - OPEN SUN. 2-5 36111 Vargo (N. of S. W. of Wayne) 3 Bedroom brick ranch on beautiful over 1/2 acre lot. \$239,900. KATHY SMITH call phone: 312-818-2512 Realtor Great Lakes

NOV OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 47840 EDENBOROUGH W. of Beek, S. of Ten Mile Stunning 5300 sq. ft. 4 bedroom colonial on over 1/2 acre lot, island kitchen, large master suite. New schools. \$484,900. MARIANNE PROKOP (248) 316-3540 COLDWELL BANKER Schwetzer Real Estate 41860 Six Mile, Northville

NOV OPEN SUN. 1-4, 140 Parth. Well-lit Late access. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, finished basement. 2 car. Call 189,900. Pager: (248) 992-9988 COLDWELL BANKER Schwetzer Real Estate

NOV OPEN SUN. 1-4 22245 Meridian 5/9 Mile, Edgewoodbrook 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with large rooms. \$304,900. Jeff Kwartler: 248-347-3050 COLDWELL BANKER Schwetzer Real Estate

ROCHESTER OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 1740 Washington Road. Cute home with lots of character. Here are just a few of the many updates: central air, new roof, windows, plumbing, heating. Located in charming historic district. E. of Rochester Road to Thimbleton. Call Lisa Howard. Asking \$284,900. Myfair Realty. Call Ann Reese 734-822-8800, ext 242

ROYAL OAK - Vintage Tudor Open Sun. 1-4 3 bedroom, hardwood floors. New windows/turnover. 2888 Woodlee, S. of 13 Mile, E. of Woodward. \$219,000. 248-613-0387

SOUTHFIELD - Open Sun. Sept. 10, 11-4. By owner. 28789 Fairfax, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, totally renovated, air, 2 story A frame, call eve. 7-10 pm 248-689-5393

Waterford OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4 Beautifully maintained home in Waterford's Elizabeth Lane Estates. 4 bedroom, new kitchen, finished lower level, walk-out to lovely patio. Full bath. Call W. to Cass Lake, S. to Elizabeth Lane, W. to 5888 Annette Park. (248)851-4100 CALL KAY CLINE (248)65-0850

WEST BLOOMFIELD OPEN SUN. 2-5, 3076 Moon Lane Drive, S. of Long Lake Rd., W. of Middlebelt. Moon Lake Condos, 2 bedroom 2 bath townhouse, 1st floor den., partially finished basement, garage, immaculate, reduced to \$179,000. Call Lisa Howard at 248-651-8900. Ralph Manuel Associates - W.

Westland OPEN HOUSE Sat. & Sun., 9-9 & 9-10, 8425 Paddock, S.W. of Wixom. Updated Ranch, Livonia schools. Move in condition. For Sale by Owner. Call (734)427-8841 for more details.

OPEN HOUSE 1-4 29446 Hampton Ct. 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath Colonial in much desired South Lyon area sub. Basement w/wc room. Professionally landscaped. Neutral decor. Backs to 5 acre park \$195,900. Pontiac Trail SW to Martindale, S. to Barkley. W. to Hampton Ct. Lee Ann Tolinski 810-534-2830

SOUTH REDFORD BURGALOW 28770 Southwestern Charming 3 bedroom brick burglar, updated kitchen & bath, finished basement w/full stock windows. Bath in basement. Open Sunday 1-4. ASK FOR JOE NEMMO (313)201-5857 - Pager

TROY - By Owner. Open Sun. 1-4pm. 4470 Harold, S. of Long Lake/E. of Rochester Rd. 4 bedroom brick colonial, 2017 sq.ft. \$230,500. (248) 689-1880

TROY - BY OWNER. Open Sun. 12-5. 4315 Leigh W. of Crooks, N. of Wixom, Superb 4 bedroom colonial w/den., 2 1/2 baths, 2700 sq.ft. walk to Troy High. \$379,000. 248-641-7781

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ROCHESTER HILLS - Open House Sun. 1-5, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial, many updates, including windows, paint and carpet. Move In Ready! \$254,000. 1528 Grandview Dr. N. on Thimbleton, 1.4 mile E. of Adams (248) 651-5463.

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CANTON OPEN SUN 1-5. 2300 sq. ft. home by owner, popular For Meadows Sub. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, \$264,900. 6771 Norwood Dr. 734-254-0786

CANTON NORTH OPEN SUN. 1-4PM 7865 SHELDON Immediate Occupancy - 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath brick colonial. Gorgeous kitchen, huge basement. Lots of extras, large lot, landscaping. (734) 459-3600 Realty Executives West

CANTON - Open Sun. 1-4. 45068 Fair Oaks Dr. (S. of Ford, W. of Sheldon) 1905 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial, by owner. \$192,900. Call toll free 888-487-4336 ext. 78539.

COMMERCIAL TWP: Open Sun 1-5. Custom home, built 1998, on cut-de-sac. Large deck w/BBQ course view. Neutral decor, many upgrades. Must see! 8965 Campbell Creek Dr. E. off Weich, N. of Pontiac Trail. \$295,000 (248) 624-7856

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LIVONIA LAUREL PARK SUB OPEN SUN. 1-4PM 18287 Houghton S. of 6 Mile/W. of Newburgh. Mint condition Colonial. 2 1/2 Baths, Great Room Concept, library, basement, attached garage. Best lot in the sub. CENTURY 21 HARTFORD SOUTH 734-464-8400 www.c21-hs.com

LIVONIA - Open Sun. 1-4pm. 14050 Hubbard, E. of Farmington/N. of I-96. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial, C/A, many updates, new roof. Priced to sell \$229,800. (734) 425-8983

HOWELL, OPEN 9-10, noon-4pm. 322 Browning, 2 blocks S. of W. Grand River. \$188,900, 1986, 1/4 acre, 1500 sq. ft., 3 bed room, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage. (313) 418-0710 www.homanetonline.com

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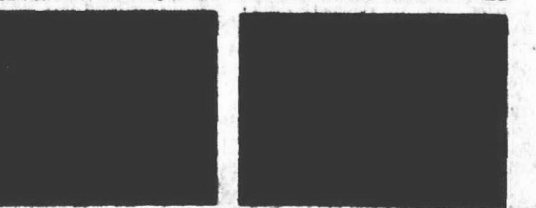
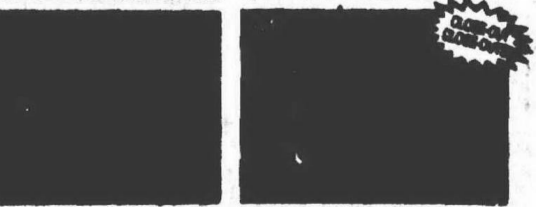
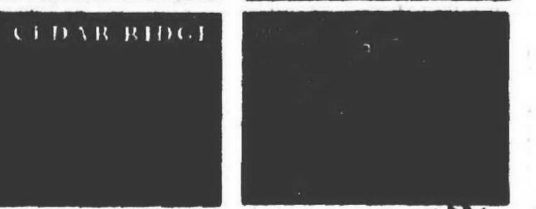
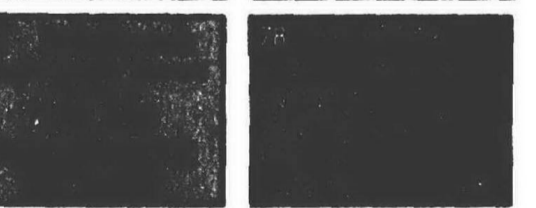
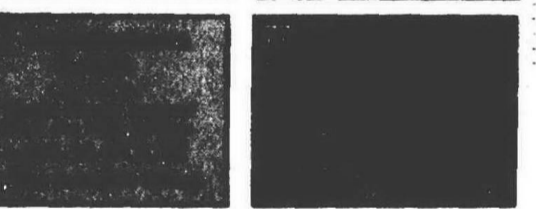
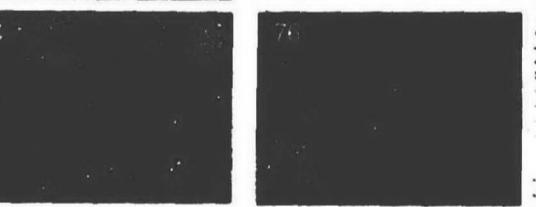
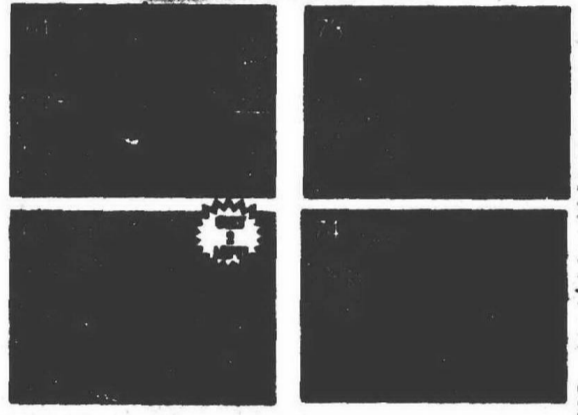
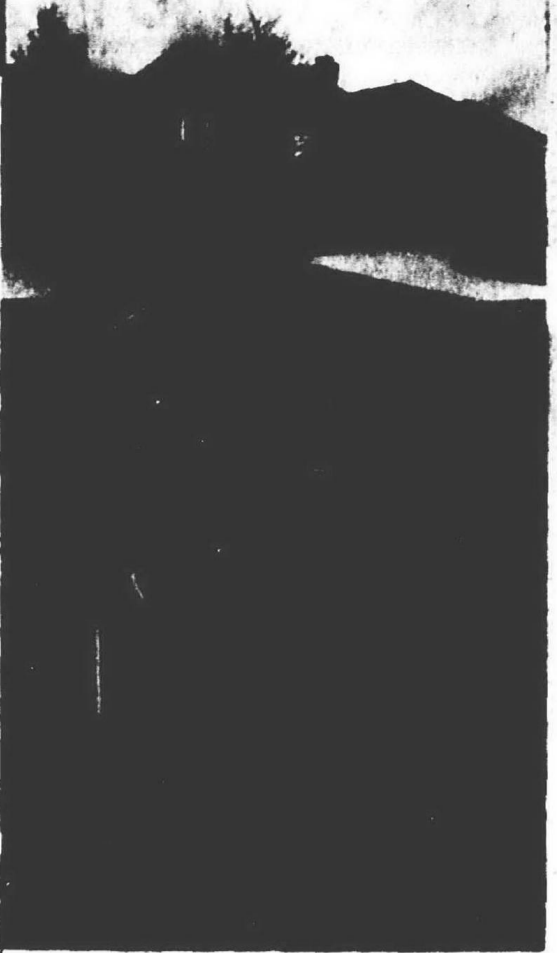
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 15375 Dixie, 4 bedroom, Colonial, tons of updates, appliances, front deck. \$114,900. HELP-U-SELL (734) 454-9535

REDFORD-Open Sun. 1-4
 20534 Garfield, 3 bedroom bungalow, 1/2 acre, 1378 sq. ft. many updates. \$149,900. HELP-U-SELL (734) 454-9535

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 Lovely, 4 bedroom brick home, c/a, heated Florida room, large treed lot, finished basement. \$187,500. (313) 537-0313

336 **Bedford/Warren**
 OAKLAND TWP - Open Sun. 12-5, 3183 Bridlewood, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial, 2200 sq ft brick 1.5 stories, finished basement, cathedral ceilings, greatroom, 1st floor master suite & laundry, hardwood floors, 2 car garage. Rochester Schools \$239,500. 248-377-9830 or http://members.house.com/kentaylor/housemate

ROCHESTER HILLS - 4 bedroom
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ROCHESTER HILLS - 4 bedroom
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ROYAL OAK - OPEN SUN. 1-4
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339 **Southfield-Lathrup**
 BY OWNER: 2 bedroom w/ large yard, living room w/ fireplace, sunroom, attached garage. 21213 Indian St. \$80,900. (248) 356-9508

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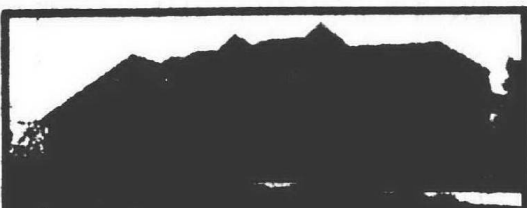
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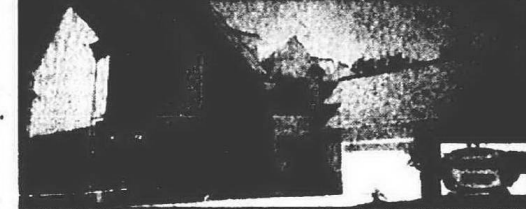
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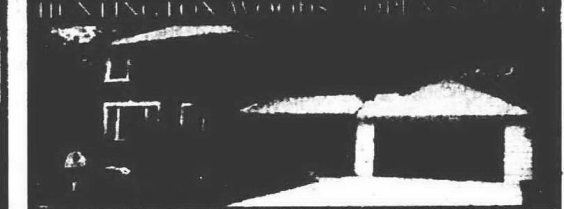
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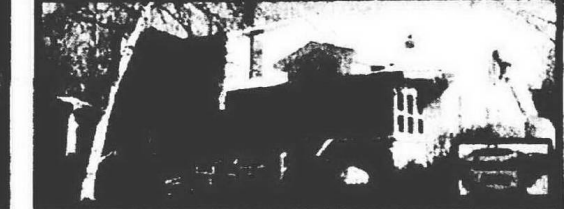
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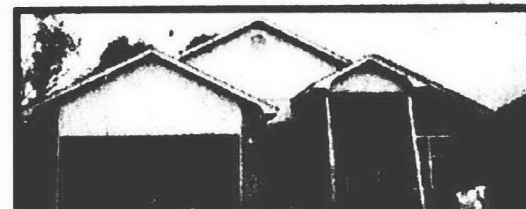
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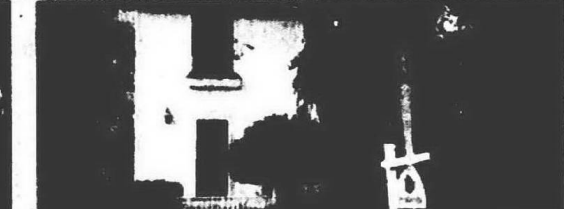
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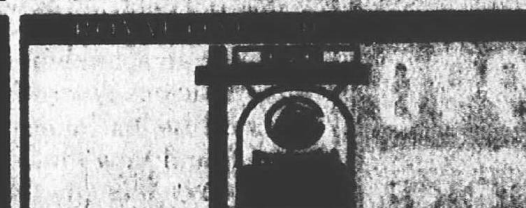
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