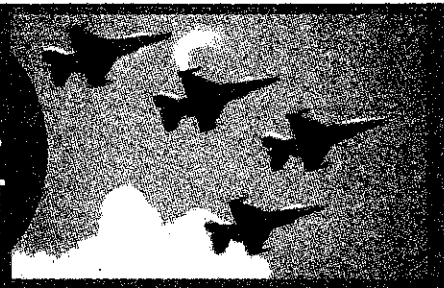




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MEMO

Appreciation

Charlie Johnson, owner of Johnson's Family Restaurant in Canton (42400 Ford Road at Lilley) will host their first Customer Appreciation Day titled "Road Construction Blues," from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26 featuring Monster Truck driver Shelley Kujat of Plymouth and her ride "Aces High." The car is a 1972 Chevy Elcamino that weighs 11,000 pounds and holds the world record for a free standing wheel stand of 700 feet at 45 mph on the rear tires. "This is basically for anyone who gets down Ford Road these days," said Johnson who has been at the Canton location for 23 years. "It's for the kids too. We have a lot of them in on Saturday's and I know they'll enjoy this."

Johnson said they also plan to offer "monster" breakfast and lunch specials. He said other businesses in the plaza may be participating as well. Customers will have the chance to draw an "ACE" from a deck of cards and win their meal free.

Meet and greet

Residents of Cherry Hill Village (Ridge and Cherry Hills roads) are invited to attend a picnic at the development in the playscape park of the subdivision from 2-8 p.m. Saturday, July 26. There will be face painting, water balloon toss, volleyball, and a bubble blowing contest (6 p.m.) The event will be catered and residents are invited to bring a dish to pass. Come and meet your neighbors and have a great time.

Down and dirty

Canton Leisure Services invites residents and their families to Heritage Park Saturday, Aug. 2 and they'll supply the mess at "Grass-Stains Included." A mix of competition and fun from noon to 4 p.m. The free event includes: dizzy bat races, muddy tug-of-war, messy musical chairs, water balloon games, wacky relays, bubble gum art and more.

Sign up the day of the event or call Jen Eubanks for more information (734) 394-5460. Thrill seekers must be at least six years old and are urged to wear clothes that they don't mind getting a little messy!

Chilly and free

The Arctic Edge will offer free ice skating from 5-7 p.m. July 26. Participants only need to bring their skates or rent them when they arrive.

Arctic Edge is located on Michigan Avenue, adjacent to Canton Softball Center.

Legislative hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy will answer questions and discuss current legislative issues with local residents 2-5 p.m. Monday, July 28. No appointment is needed. Residents should call (517) 373-2575 for more information.



Susan Klimek of Canton stands looking at a large stone she found in an overgrown area of her yard. The inscription identifies it as having belonged to the Oddfellows Western Lodge #370.

Odd object

Couple unearths marker

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
 STAFF WRITER

For years Susan Klimek said she and her husband joked that a large stone located in a wooded area on their property was probably a tombstone.

Recently the couple decided to clean up this



A heavy stone nearly 18 inches thick was uncovered in the Klimek yard.

PLEASE SEE MYSTERY, A2

Township, county argue over pond jurisdiction

BY JACK GLADDEN
 STAFF WRITER

A dispute over a detention pond has grown from grumbling among neighbors to a dispute over who has jurisdiction over the ponds — Canton Township or Wayne

County — and whether the pond presents a hazard from West Nile virus.

The argument centers around a required detention pond being constructed as part of a 16-acre

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Robert McEachern, a civil engineer, points out where the retention ponds in question are located in Canton Township.

Plymouth resident's life celebrated

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
 STAFF WRITER

Avis Waldecker was a colorful person, so it seems only fitting to her family that her memorial service be held in a garden. The longtime Plymouth resident, who was known for her green thumb skills, died in February but will be

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Relaxing
 When country singer George Strait relaxes he turns to an interest he's long held - rodeo team roping.



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remembered at a special garden-themed service Saturday, Aug. 2, at her daughter's Plymouth home.

Waldecker, who lived to be 99, was raised on a farm that her father John Blackmore maintained on Canton Center Road. She later married Frank Waldecker, who operated a commercial farm on Warren Road — and together they raised three daughters, Virginia, Doris and Ann.



Mrs. Waldecker

"She was a great gardener," daughter Ann Leland said. "We're all gardeners and we know how much she loved hers, so we thought that would be her favorite spot to have the party."

Leland said she's expecting approximately 70 people to attend the celebration for her mother, which will include a display of Waldecker's art work including acrylics, watercolors, folk art, etc.

A former member of the Three Cities Art Club, Leland says there were very few creative endeavors her mother didn't try.

"She did just about everything," Leland said. "She was very talented. I'm going to display some of the things she painted for me and I know others have said, 'Your mother made this for me' so they plan on bringing those things, too."

Waldecker was also able to express herself creatively in the garden. Her garden at her home in Plymouth on Joy Street, where she resided for more than 60 years, was well-

known by many. "She had so many varieties of beautiful flowers," Leland said. "Everyone knew about her garden."

Waldecker's ties to the Plymouth-Canton community began in the early 1900s, after her family moved there from Ypsilanti. She was a longtime teacher in the South Redford School District and taught at many of the one-room school houses in the community.

Leland said her mother, who was widowed in 1942, received her degree in education from Eastern Michigan University in 1954 and lived in the dorm

during that year as a dorm monitor to help offset the cost of her education.

"That was very gutsy of her," Leland said. "She didn't have any money and we were off to college, so that helped her with tuition."

The Plymouth resident was also a charter member of the Plymouth Historical Society, charter member of the Canton Historical Society and Helping Hands volunteer for the Martin Luther Home in South Lyon.

Waldecker is survived by

daughters Virginia McDoubrey of Concord, Mass.; Doris Carol Noblit of Norwich, Vt.; and A. Ann (Jerry) Leland of Plymouth. She had eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and sisters Mabel Fake of Novi and Amy Bertrand of Livonia.

Friends are invited to attend the memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at 1115 Roosevelt, Plymouth. If you would like to make a donation in her honor, the Canton Historical Society will accept gifts at: CHS, P.O. Box 87362, Canton, MI 48187.

POND

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development, Maben Woods, just north of Maben Road.

Robert McEachern, a civil engineer whose home on Larchmont backs up to the project, told Canton planning commissioners two weeks ago that the pond "does not represent good engineering practices."

McEachern and other residents believe the pond could create an environment for fostering mosquitoes and, by extension, West Nile virus.

Referring to a program recently initiated by the township in which township-

owned ponds are being treated for mosquito control — and a similar program is being offered to subdivisions with required detention ponds — McEachern asked, in a petition to the township board:

"Is it a wise idea to continue on with stormwater management practices that will necessitate a remediation program that may not alleviate the problem? Would it be better and safer to manage stormwater using dry detention basins, which have been engineered and in constant use for many years? If we are to use Canton Township's system of retention basins, should they be engineered properly to mitigate the

threat of pollutants and West Nile virus?"

But township officials say that permits for the basins are issued by Wayne County, which inspects the ponds to make sure they meet the standards of the county's stormwater ordinance. Once a site is completed, it is up to the subdivision and development to maintain the basins.

McEachern maintains that Canton has responsibility because of its own stormwater ordinance.

Canton Township Engineer Tom Casari said the township developed a stormwater management plan years ago and gave a copy to the county, which adapted it into a county plan with a couple of

changes. "They gave it back to us and said you guys will have to change yours because it's no longer in compliance with the county plan," he said.

At the point the township turned over the process to the county.

And Jim Visger, assistant director of engineering for Wayne County, says the county is responsible for approving the basins and the one in Maben Woods is in compliance.

"We looked at it and reviewed it initially and subsequently reviewed it," he said. "It meets the intent and spirit of the county ordinance."

He said one field adjustment had to be made because

a portion of the basin was not exactly 25 feet from a property line and there was a question of the distance of the pond from a county-owned drain.

"But if there were a problem there, we'd be encroaching on our own property," he said.

As far as concerns about West Nile virus, Casari and Visger said ponds with at least three feet of water are not prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. "They tend to breed in shallow, warm water, such as standing water in the back yard or a bird-bath," Casari said.

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Authorities investigate break-ins

Police are investigating two reports of home break-ins in the 8100 block of Orhan on July 18.

In one case a resident said he was away from his home from 4:30 p.m. on July 17 until 3 p.m. on July 18. When he returned home he noticed a light on in a bedroom that he used as a storage room. He said someone apparently had gone through all the boxes in the room. Many CDs, valued at \$1,850, were missing.

In the second incident a resident said she was away from her home from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on July 18.

When she returned home she went to the bedroom and noticed all her jewelry boxes open. Several cans that she kept coins in were open and the coins were missing.

A screen on a window was missing.

CARS DAMAGED

■ A resident of the 8600 block of Walton Boulevard told police their car was damaged sometime between 4 p.m. on July 17 and 6:30 a.m. on July 18.

She said the car was parked and locked in the parking lot. When her husband started to go to work he noticed the driver's door window broken out. A rock was found inside the car.

■ A resident of the 42000 block of Blackstone said the left rear door of her 1998 Mercury Tracer was damaged between 5 p.m. July 18 and 5 p.m. July 19. Police said it appeared to have been shot with some kind of BB gun. Damage was estimated at \$100.

MYSTERY

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portion of their four acres located at Warren and Napier roads when they came across the stone again. Too massive to move by hand, the family used a chain and truck to unearth it and discovered it's more than a large piece of stray concrete.

"We're not really sure what it is so we're hoping someone can tell us," said Klimek. "We've only lived here for six years and have found other things that were dumped on the property at one time. I don't know if it's a headstone or what but it's really big and heavy."

The piece is approximately

36 inches wide, 24 inches tall and 18 inches thick. The inscription clearly reads: Western Lodge #370, I.O.O.F. 1897.

The initials more than likely identify the stone as having belonged to the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Greg King, Canton parks technician and member of the Canton Historical District Commission, said he can only guess, without looking at it, that the object is the cornerstone from a building.

"I'd be interested in taking a look at it," said King who plans on contacting the Canton family.

Rebekah Association of Michigan Assembly Secretary Kathleen Shary of Westland agrees it could be a lodge corner marker from the

Oddfellows.

"I know they also bought groups of graves together so it could be a marker for something like that," said Shary.

The Oddfellows were established in 17th century England and earned its name because it was "odd to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and of pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind."

Those who belonged to such an organization were called "Odd Fellows." Odd Fellows are also known as The Three Link Fraternity which stands for Friendship, Love and Truth.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded on the North American

Continent in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 26, 1819 when Thomas Wildey and four members of the Order from England instituted Washington Lodge No. 1. Odd Fellowship became the first national fraternity to include both men and women when it adopted the beautiful Rebekah Degree on September 20, 1851.

Melissa McLaughlin, Canton trustee said the order previous to the Klimek's had a "significant amount of landscaping" done at one time and the stone may have been brought in as a salvage piece from an area building to be used as part of the design.

"I'm not aware of any building that was in the Canton community. There

may have been something located in Plymouth at one time that was eventually demolished," added McLaughlin.

"Other than that it remains a mystery."

Victor Finch, state of Michigan grand master of the Oddfellows said there isn't a current lodge active under that number [#370] but he found the discovery interesting and intends on investigating further the existence of one in this area in the late 1800s.

"I'll see what I can find," said Finch a resident of Crystal, Mich.

If you have information relating to the Oddfellow marker, dated 1897, please contact the Canton Observer, (734) 459-2700.

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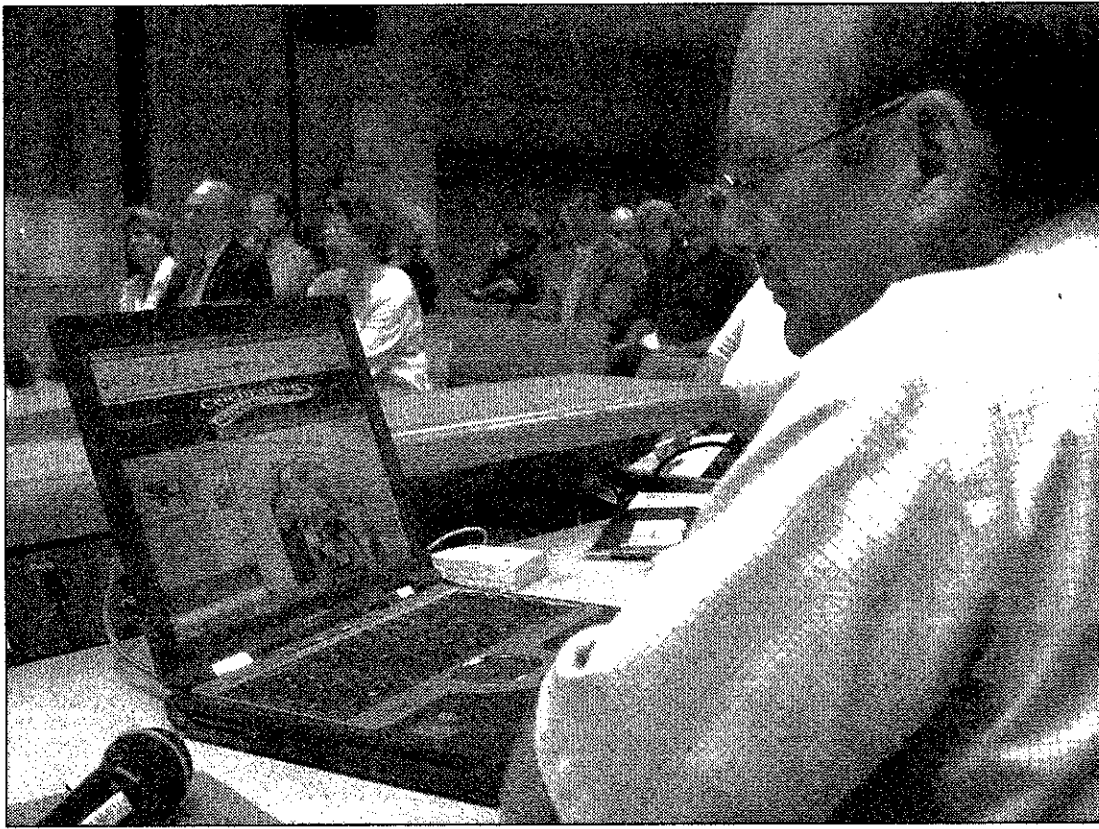
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Mark Even, director of Great Lakes Education Network, designed the new Web site for the Plymouth-Canton school system. Local Realtors will use the Web site and brochure to help families who may be interested in moving to the area. Behind him area brokers listen to the Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations.

Schools buy into location

Web site helps district sell itself to home buyers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Location. Location. Location. It's the realtors' motto in buying and selling homes.

The Plymouth-Canton school district is hoping to capitalize on its school building locations in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township to help real estate agents sell more homes, and in the process bring more students into the district.

Since the state foundation grant for Plymouth-Canton Schools of \$7,025 per student is based on enrollment, an increase in students means more money for the district. So, the district is making it easier for realtors to sell the three communities by adding more sought-after information to the district Web site.

"When they (buyers) talk education, the first thing they ask is scores - where the district ranks in the MEAPs; what the class breakdown is; how many students in every class," said Bart Patterson of RE/MAX Classic in Canton. "If they're looking at a particular house, they want to know where's the closest middle school or elementary."

A new feature on the district's Web site, available Aug. 1, will allow Internet surfers to put in a street address and find which elementary and middle schools are within the boundaries. Conversely, if a potential home buyer has a particular school in mind, plug in the name and the system will find which streets are within the boundaries of that school.

"Right now, we don't have any place to go, unless we buy individual programs that some of us purchase on a monthly basis," said Alissa Nead, of Coldwell Banker in Plymouth.

"Unfortunately, so many of the programs we buy are outdated. One has MEAP scores from 1996." Most realtors agree that a good school district is a top priority for home buyers, and that Plymouth-Canton is generally an easy sell.

"After the price, the biggest question is the school district," said Doug Taylor of Real Estate



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Communication Coordinator Terry Wood (left) and Project Director Martha Giles (right) pass out the new Celebrating Success brochure to area Realtors.

One in Plymouth. "It's easy to sell Plymouth-Canton because of the quality of education."

"The first thing they say is 'I want my kids to go to a good school, I want them to be safe, and I want a good curriculum,'" added Nead.

School administrators see the revamped Plymouth-Canton Web site as an opportunity to promote the district, gain interest from parents and children, and hopefully increase the number of students.

"With Schools of Choice, the very competitive nature of where people invest their money to live, we want to stay ahead of the game in all forms of communication," said Superintendent Jim Ryan.

"We want Plymouth-Canton to be the number one reason they want to move here.

"You can have a great school district, but you can have weak surrounding communities," he said. "We have the whole package here ... surrounding communities that are very strong."

Real estate agents see the newly designed Web site as a way to entice prospective home buyers into the Plymouth-Canton community.

"Statistics are showing that 90 percent of the people buying houses are using the Web in some way, shape or form to find a Realtor, or find their home, in the area they want to be in," Patterson said.

"The Web has become an integral part, and this makes it so much easier."

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Reporter remembered for humor, generosity

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Doug Funke liked to say that he was an ordinary guy doing an ordinary job in an ordinary way.

But to his family, friends and colleagues, he was extraordinary.

Funke, a husband, father, veteran *Observer & Eccentric* reporter and longtime volunteer in the community, died Sunday of a heart attack at the age of 50. He collapsed during Mass at his church and was taken by ambulance to Garden City Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A Redford resident who grew up in Inkster as the oldest of eight children, Funke's newsroom personality was boisterous and outspoken. He had a ready wit and was not afraid to challenge authority.

But he is also remembered as a thorough reporter who took pains to get stories straight, a caring father and citizen who coached sports and mentored young people, and a deeply religious Catholic who volunteered at his parish.

"He liked to tweak people's noses," said his wife of 23 years, Arlene, a former *Observer* reporter. "He was never afraid to speak his mind."

DEPENDABLE, CONSCIENTIOUS

Yet he had a far-reaching loyalty and generosity, she said. "He was a real giving guy," she said.

"If somebody said, 'I need somebody to be there,' he was there," she added.

Funke began his *Observer & Eccentric* career as a sports editor. During his nearly 28 years with the newspaper chain, he covered the communities of Westland, Troy and Plymouth, was a business reporter and, most recently, was a reporter for the Real Estate, New Homes and At Home sections of the *O&E*. His work had won a number of awards.

He and Arlene met through the paper, and they worked in

the same newsroom for a time, until she transferred to another office a few months after they were married.

Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the *Observer* papers, said Funke was a conscientious writer with a straightforward style.

"He always looked for that angle that a consumer or a reader would like to find out about," said Nancy Rosen, president of her own marketing and public relations firm and a friend and business contact.

Funke didn't let technical terms or real estate jargon clog his stories, Rosen said. "He was able to translate it into everyday language," she said.

Funke's newsroom hijinks were legendary.

At least once, he danced on an editor's desk, singing, "Who's afraid of the big, bad boss?" He played "sock puppet," made prank phone calls to colleagues and, in recent months, often spoke of his liking for techno music. Given his appearance - pot-bellied, with glasses, a pocket protector and ever-present suspenders - that seeming incongruity always drew chuckles.

"He had a quirky sense of humor," Gallagher said. "I think he was always trying to make everybody laugh, feel good."

"He was the type of guy who could keep things loose in the newsroom," said Brad Emons, a sports editor who knew Funke for more than 25 years.

'HE CARED ABOUT PEOPLE'

But Funke was constantly reaching out, colleagues said. He strove to make people feel welcome, always ready to talk sports, politics, vacation plans or just about anything. Though his pranks sometimes crossed the line, their targets couldn't stay mad at him.

"He cared about his co-workers and their families, he'd always ask about the well-being of relatives, and his mentoring demonstrated his magnanimous spirit," said Ken Abramczyk, an *O&E* section editor. "All the jokes aside ... he cared about people," Gallagher said.

Arlene Karell, Funke's

youngest sister, remembered a quieter person. For example, she said, he had not even told his family that he was dating until he announced that he intended to marry. But he was a practical joker at the same time, she said.

Caring for family was Funke's signature, Karell said. "Family meant everything," said another sister, Judy Bodner.

And though he might have seemed abrasive at times, "his heart was always in the right place," Karell said.

Funke was a volunteer mentor in the Youth Assistance Program in Westland, and had done similar work in Redford. Earlier this year, he was named Westland's mentor of the year.

Funke was involved with Neighborhood Watch, coached youth athletic teams, helped negotiate the Newspaper Guild's first contract with the *O&E* and was a eucharistic minister and sometime homilist at St. Hilary Catholic Church.

In 1992, he ran for supervisor of Redford Township. He had also been active in the Redford Republican Club.

Funke was a graduate of Cherry Hill High School and the University of Michigan.

In addition to his wife, and sisters Karell and Bodner, Funke is survived by a daughter, Louise; two sons, Christopher and Scott; his mother, Norma; four other sisters, Nancy (Rick) Bagley, Cheryl Funke, Karen (James) Senior and Donna Funke (William Otting); a brother, Bryan (Cathy) Funke; brothers-in-law James Karell and Jack Bodner; and many nieces and nephews. His father, Donald, died in 2001.

Some of Funke's organs were donated to the Gift of Life. There will be no visitation.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday, July 24, at St. Hilary in Redford. Memorial contributions can be made to Westland's Youth Assistance Program. Make checks to city of Westland - Youth Assistance Program. Write "In memory of Doug Funke" in the memo line. Send to Westland Youth Assistance Program, 36701 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

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Malcolm Cunningham
 Services for Malcolm "Mal" Cunningham, 81, of Black River, Mich., were held July 7 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.
 Mal was born Sept. 19, 1921, in Polk County, Tenn., and died July 1 in Black River. He retired in 1978 from the Wayne County Road Commission where he worked as a welder and mechanic. He moved to the Black River community in 1980 from Westland. He was a part-time resident of Lady Lake, Fla. He was a life-time member of the Plymouth Elks Club. He served in the armed services during World War II in the Pacific Theatre.
 Mal was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Louise

Cunningham, in 1980.
 Survivors include children, David (Patricia) Cunningham of South Lyon, Susan (Stephen) Fritz of Westland, James Cunningham of Westland, and John (Catherine) Cunningham of Linden; extended son, Tim Skladnek of Wyandotte; grandchildren, Lisa (Ryan) Drumm of Royal Oak, Leanne Fritz of Westland, Steve Fritz of Detroit, Adam Cunningham of Westland, Derrick Cunningham of Linden, and Ashley Cunningham of Linden; and great-grandchild, Anna Drumm of Royal Oak.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.
 Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Catherine Jones
 Services for Catherine Jones, 90, of Westland were held July 7 at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church with the Rev. Michael Varlamos officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.
 Mrs. Jones was born July 12, 1912, in Memphis, Tenn., and died July 2 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She came to the Westland community in 1986 from Livonia. She was a member of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth.
 Survivors include daughter,

Joan (John) Masson of Plymouth; son, George (Tammy) Lamproff of Hawaii; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.
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Lorraine Ellerholz
 Services for Lorraine Ellerholz, 84, of Plymouth will be held at a later date. For further information regarding the memorial service, contact the funeral home.
 Mrs. Ellerholz was born May 7, 1919, in Detroit and died July 6 after a brief illness. She graduated from Chadsey High School and attended Immanuel Church on Livernois in Detroit for many years. She taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and married husband Howard in 1941. They lived briefly in San Francisco where he was stationed at Camp Pendleton during World War II. They returned to Michigan where they raised their four children in Livonia.
 Mrs. Ellerholz was preceded in death by her sister, Lois; grandson, Nathan; and beloved husband, Howard, who died suddenly in 1969.
 Survivors include children,

Linda Morris of Hinesburg, Vermont; Marcia Miller of Garden City; Paul of Whitmore Lake; and Peter of Detroit; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and devoted daughter-in-law, Janis, Paul's wife.
 Lorraine was an extraordinary wife, mother, and friend who will be greatly missed. The family's thanks go to Angela Hospice in Livonia, where donations can be made in Lorraine's memory. Thanks also go to her many friends at Tonquish Creek Manor, where she resided for the past 13 years.
 Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Donald Joseph Skinner
 Services for Donald Skinner, 80, of Plymouth were held July 21 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim McNulty officiating.
 Mr. Skinner was born Sept. 28, 1922, in Mobile, Ala. and died July 16 in Plymouth. He retired as an engineer for Michigan Bell Telephone after 40 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Canton. He was a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club, where served on the Foundation Board; a member of the Knights of Columbus in Plymouth and member of the Plymouth

Township Planning Commission. He worked with Junior Achievement in Plymouth in the early 1970s. He served on the Little League Baseball Board in Plymouth. He interviewed candidates for the Military Academy for Carl Pursell. He received an award from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce for Community Service. From 1984 to 1985, he was the board chairman for the Plymouth United Way. He received an award from the Community Federal Credit Union for community service. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II. He loved making and painting lead soldiers, and loved to fish and sail.
 Survivors include wife of 57 years, Mary Kathryn Skinner of Plymouth; children, Patricia J. Barry of Canton, John T. Skinner of South Lyon, Kathleen Levi of Hamburg, Donald F. (Joanne) Skinner of Westland, Joseph E. (Beth) Skinner of Hawaii, Dr. Michael P. (Patricia) Skinner of San Jose, Calif., Cynthia (Matthew) Wilkin of Westland, and William T. (Marcela) of Washington, D.C.; 20 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sister, Sarah Ferchaud of St. Louis, Mo.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.
 Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Gary Douglas
 Services for Gary "Gaz" Douglas, 50, of Garden City were held July 11 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.
 Mr. Douglas was born Oct. 20, 1952, in Washington, D.C., and died July 7, 2003. He spent most of his life traveling the world backstage in the rock and roll industry.
 Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Diana; sons, Rory Paul and Ian Michael; mother, Margaret; and siblings, Steve, David, Linda and Paula.
 Mr. Douglas was preceded in death by his father, Paul, and brother, Michael.
 Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Laura Nickel Gadzag
 Laura Gadzag, 41, of Canton died on July 12, 2003, at home. Laura was born Sept. 10, 1961 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She worked as a secretary in the medical field.
 Survivors include sons David, Ryan, and Adam; parents Lawrence and Dorothy Nickel; brother, Bill; and faithful companion, David Taylor.
 Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Sheila L. Wiggins
 Services for Sheila Wiggins, 27, of South Lyon, were held July 21 at the Plymouth Baptist Church in Plymouth

with the Rev. Bill Barber officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.
 Sheila was born March 9, 1976, in Ann Arbor and died July 17 in Pittsfield Township. She was a veterinary technician at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic in Northville. She came to the South Lyon community in 1992 from Canton. She was a member of MENSAs, loved animals, cooking and music.
 Survivors include parents, Gerald and Diane Wiggins of South Lyon; brothers and sisters, Neil (Denise) Wiggins of Hope, Mich., Brian (Robyn) Wiggins of Redford, Lori (Keith) Shade of Canton, and Deborah (Rob) Gardiner of Canton; grandfather, Charles Pace of Clarkston; several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.
 Memorial contributions may be given to Plymouth Baptist Church.
 Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Daniel Michael Saxton
 Services for Daniel Saxton, 38, of Plymouth were held July 17 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim McNulty officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.
 Mr. Saxton was born Feb. 22, 1965, in Livonia and died July 13 in Plymouth. He was a project manager for Exhibit Works of Livonia.
 Survivors include wife, Lee Ann Sexton of Plymouth; daughters, Samantha Sexton, Abigail Sexton, and Elizabeth Sexton; parents, Richard (Patricia) Sexton; brothers, Philip Sexton, Thomas (Michelle) Sexton, David (Cheryl) Sexton, and Stephen (Sarah) Sexton; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and mother-in-law, Mona Ridl.
 Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

John Wayne Etherton
 Services for John Etherton, 62, of Plymouth were held July 22 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Virgil Humes officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.
 Mr. Etherton was born May 28, 1941, in Detroit and died July 18 in Plymouth. He was executive director of Paralyzed Veterans of America until retirement. He served in the U.S. Navy 7th Fleet.
 Survivors include wife, Dianna Etherton of Plymouth; son, Greg Etherton of Paris, France; daughters, Lori (Greg) Greubel of Ypsilanti, Ilene (John) Sullivan of Tallahassee, Fla., and Erica (Terry) Aide of Ypsilanti; mother, Lillian Reaume; sisters, Pat, Mary, Cathy and Tonic; brother, Glenn; and eight grandchildren. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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People who suffer from arthritis may be aware that exercise can help reduce pain and disability, but many still remain inactive. The reason that they may avoid joint-friendly activity is that such exercise may initially increase arthritis-related pain. It may also be that some arthritis patients have been inappropriately advised against participating in regular physical activity. New findings by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, however, show that people with arthritis can not only exercise regularly, but they can also meet national recommendations for the general population. To this end, people with arthritis should aim to engage in moderate physical activity (walking, biking, swimming, etc.) for 30 minutes a day at least three times per week. Partnering with a physical therapist can provide you with the confidence and motivation to become active again even if you have arthritis. **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY** is happy to help our patients regain mobility, decrease pain, and learn about their bodies. We treat a wide variety of conditions to help maximally reduce symptoms, restore the body to its natural functions and improve the activities of daily life (ADL). Basic treatment always includes an hour of manual therapy executed by physical therapists and massage therapists. Please call 455-8370 to set up an appointment. Located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth, we offer easy access and easy parking.

P.S. A water-based exercise program can be particularly helpful in improving arthritis symptoms.

John Domick, PT
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Frederick Oswald Hanson

Services for Frederick Hanson, 92, of Canton, were held July 23 at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with William Scheffler officiating. Burial was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton. Mr. Hanson was born June 22, 1911, in Boston, Mich., and died July 19 in Superior Township. He came to the Plymouth community in 1951 from the Upper Peninsula. He was active as a carpenter, builder and artisan in wood until his death. He was known for his innovative construction ideas in furniture and decorative wooden boxes. His family was most important

to him. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin.

Mr. Hanson was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Hanson.

Survivors include children, Leon (Sandy) Hanson of Plymouth, Liisa (Erik) Salonen of Windsor, Ontario, Madeline (Eero) Salonen of Windsor, Ontario, and Nancy Hanson of Royal Oak; grandchildren, Christie Banners, Karl Hanson, Tom Hanson, Erika McArthur, Stuart Salonen, Elizabeth Salonen, Ingalls Salonen, Stefan Salonen, and Francine Salonen; great-grandson, Elliott McArthur; sisters and brother, Martha

Koskela of L'Anse, Selma Murto of L'Anse, Roy Hanson of L'Anse, and Ruth Hanson of L'Anse. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, 34100 West 8 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Julietta Marzan de Chavez

Services for Julieta de Chavez, 65, of Canton, will be held July 25 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Tony Richter officiating. Burial is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in

Southfield. Mrs. de Chavez was born Feb. 8, 1938, in the Philippines and died July 21 at Henry Ford Hospital. She worked as a registered nurse in hemodialysis at University Hospitals in Ann Arbor. She had previously worked in ICU/CCU at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. She had been married for 39 years. She was a member of the Michigan Nurses' Association and the Joy of the Lord Covenant Community.

Survivors include husband, Rodolfo de Chavez, Sr. of Canton; sons, Julius (Anne) de Chavez, Rudy de Chavez, Jr., and Ferdinand (Arlene) de Chavez; daughter, Arlene (Eddie, Jr.) Dimaguila; sister,

Magdalena Natividad; brother, Virgilio Oledan; and grandchildren, Amanda, Anthony, Adonai, Vincent, Alexis, and Rachel. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Frank Radzikowski III

Services for Frank Radzikowski III, 32, of Canton, were held July 24 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Tony Richter officiating.

Mr. Radzikowski was born June 10, 1971, in Fort Carson, Colo., and died July 19 in Canton. He was operations manager for Kwik Paint Co. in Detroit. He came to the Canton community in 1982

from Garden City. He attended St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. He graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1990. He loved people, reading, music, and cars. He was a member of A.A. He was a loving son, brother, and uncle.

Survivors include parents, Frank (Linda) Radzikowski of Canton; sister, Angie (Kevin) Reina of Redford Township; grandparents, Carl (Theresa) Platte of Brooklyn, Mich.; nephews, Nicolas and Maxwell; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

CAMPUS NEWS**Albion College**

The following local students were named to the Albion College Dean's List at the completion of the Spring 2003 semester. They are: **Kirstin A. Leiby** who will be a senior majoring in psychology, anthropology and sociology and minoring in sociology with a concentration in Human Services. She is the daughter of Clare Leiby of Farmington Hills and Sandra Randall of Plymouth who is a graduate of Southfield High School; **Stephen G. Gordon** will be a senior majoring in economics and management. He is the son of Gregory and Judith Gordon of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School; **Caroline L. Reinhart** will be a junior majoring in anthropology, sociology and chemistry with a concentration in IDV-women's studies. She is the daughter of Fred and Cindy Reinhart of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School; **Aaron K. Schmidt** will be a sophomore at Albion College. He is the son of Richard and Martha Schmidt of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School; **Katherine E. Smith** will be a sophomore at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

The following local students are new graduates of Albion College: **Joseph Cortellini** graduated with a degree in economics and management with a concentration in the Gerstaecker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. Joseph D. Cortellini is the son of Douglas and Deborah Cortellini of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School; **Christine M. Phillips** graduated magna cum laude with a degree in economics and management. Christine M. Phillips is the daughter of Joseph and Vicki Phillips of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Bowling Green State University

Sarah Elizabeth Petersen, daughter of Chris and Cheryl Petersen of Canton has been named to the spring semester Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. She is a sophomore enrolled in Education and Human Development. **Amy Vashak** of Plymouth has been named to the spring semester Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. She is a senior enrolled in Education and Human Development.

Canterbury School

Joshua Belfiore, son of Robert and Cinzia Belfiore of Canton and a freshman at Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn. has been named to the Honor Roll for the fifth marking period of the 2002-2003 school year.

Case Western Reserve University

The following is a list of January 2003 graduates from our area, **Kimberly Louvenia Robertson** of Canton, Bachelor of Arts, Biochemistry, May 2003; **Brian Andrew Ott**, Canton, Cum Laude and Deans High Honors, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, May 2003.

The following is the January 2003 local student named to the Fall 2003 Dean's Lists: **Joel M. Burke**, Plymouth, Deans High Honors, Computer Engineering, May 2004.

Central Michigan University

Sylvia White of Canton Township was recently awarded a scholarship for musical proficiency and excellence from Central Michigan University. She won the R. Cedric Colness Vocal Scholarship, awarded annually to a student who demonstrates both academic excellence and outstanding musicianship. White, who graduated from Canton High School, is a CMU junior studying vocal performance. She is the daughter of Elaine White of Canton Township.

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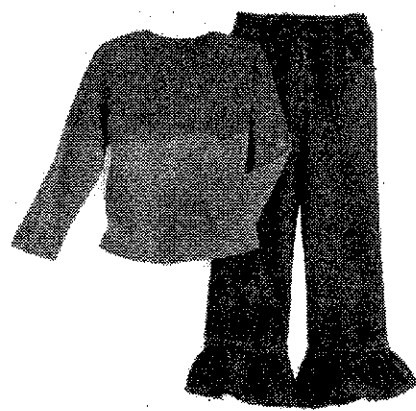
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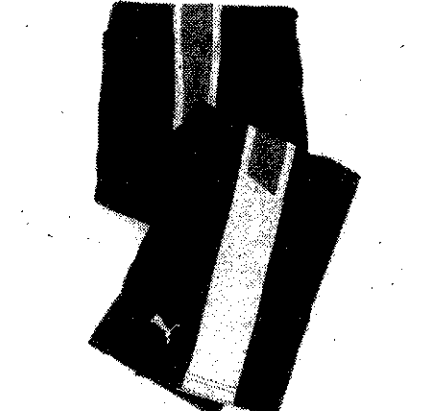
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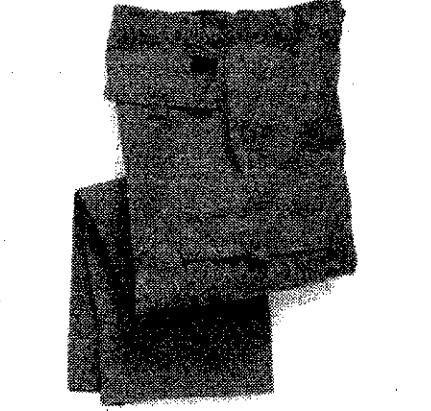
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OUR VIEWS

Ash trees: Be a wise consumer

When Mother Nature unleashes her wrath, human nature can find a way to make a few dollars.

A recent example of that notion is with ash trees, infected beyond recuperation by the emerald ash borer. Everywhere in Canton, homeowners are faced with dying or dead trees. Some homeowners are trying to remove the trees themselves. Others are hiring companies to do the deed.

But confusion reigns. Do you just cut the tree down? Do you get rid of the stump? Do you try to get the root ball out?

Homeowners with trees that have been cut down in the right-of-way by Wayne County are still waiting for the stumps to be ground. Some folks have been told it will be a year before the county has time for that job.

The only safe way to approach the ash tree problem is to learn about it. Before you call professional tree services, figure out what you want to do. Do you want to leave the stump? And if you want it out, do you want the root ball out as well? If you plan to plant a tree exactly where your ash tree used to be, that's going to be a problem if the former root ball remains.

Be a wise consumer. Sure, you need to get rid of the dead trees. But don't take the first service willing to help you. Check out prices. Don't be held hostage. You certainly need a professional if you don't know how to take down the trees yourself. Remember, the tree service needs you, too. Soon the snow will fly and the tree professional won't have any business.

Ask questions. And get it in writing. Be sure you and the service are talking the same language. If you plan to replace the tree with another species, be sure you not only know what you want, but be sure the tree is healthy and that the environment is conducive to a good life.

There is no doubt homeowners are spending a walloping amount of money, thanks to the emerald ash borer. Despite the unanticipated costs and annoyance with this pest, homeowners must still be wise about how they handle the problem.

It's bad enough Mother Nature has gotten the best of us. Don't let the professionals do the same.

Everybody a winner in roads compromise

As the Rolling Stones told us many years ago, you can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you get what you need.

Neither Gov. Jennifer Granholm nor the Republican-dominated state Legislature got what they wanted on the roads issue, but they got what they needed and the state is better for the compromise they worked out.

A few weeks ago, we suggested that the governor veto a bill putting 34 previously approved road expansion projects back in the budget. The projects were delayed by the governor, who favors a Preserve First Initiative to repair all state highways before doing new road projects. We also suggested that as soon as she vetoed the package that she sit down with legislators to work out a compromise to approve those projects that are most justified in this time of financial crisis.

The end result is that the governor's Preserve First Initiative will proceed as the basis for road funding, while 17 of the original road projects will go forward.

Republican leaders had argued that the governor acted outside of her authority by "pausing" the projects. They also argued that many of these projects are necessary for safety reasons.

We believe that the compromise addresses the concerns about going forward with projects that were well along to completion and projects that address serious congestion issues. Four of the approved projects are in Oakland County and one is a reconstruction of sections of the freeways leading to the Ambassador Bridge in Wayne County.

The compromise on the road issue helped break the logjam on other budget issues. As a centrist Democrat, Granholm has shown a willingness to work with Republican legislators without capitulating to their demands. She seems comfortable with negotiating to compromises that allow both sides to claim victory.

Environmentalists were divided on the resolution, but Conan Smith of the Michigan Environmental Council was quoted as supporting the project because "The boondoggles are off the list."

Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said the compromise meets critical needs. Down the road, the governor and legislators will have to decide on the other 17 projects.

We continue to support her plan to repair existing roads first, but last week's agreement is a fine example of politics at its most productive level.



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The path to Rick and Sharon Sovereign's Canton front door is marred by nearly two dozen dead trees. Their yard is an example of the devastation the emerald ash borer is having on local landscape.

LETTERS

Special thanks

The Salem High School Football Team and the Salem Linebackers would like to thank everyone in the community who contributed to our recent Bottle and Can Drive.

A special thanks to the management and staff at Farmer Jack (Morton Taylor and Joy) for accepting the bulk of our returnables. Your generosity helped to make this a successful fund-raiser and your support is truly appreciated.

Linda Sorensen
Salem Linebackers
Fund-raising & Community Activities
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Not too late

Socialist Linda Averill seeking political office in the far west wants a government exception to the rule that the giver of donations to political campaigns be identified. In 1976, an exception for the Socialists was accomplished by the Democrats, between the wails and moans, maintaining that so few thought socialist ideas were of any value that an exception for a socialist candidate wouldn't hurt anybody.

How do we deal with the socialist inventions of a Hillary Clinton? She attempted to mastermind a government care program which would have collectivized 14 percent of the United States' economy. With a little more secrecy and deception, she might have convinced the liberals and others on the left that the federal government as the single payer was the way to go.

Averill may get her exemption, her exception. It likely will do her little good. But vigilance and fairness both must be attended to preclude still another advance on our American way, our culture. We live as free people. Socialism means a planned economy, the government plans for the production and distribution of goods and services, guaranteeing the diminution of man's inalienable rights and the certain march toward a socialist slave state.

It is not too late to rally against this latest gambit to foster and promote the socialist motif.

Neil Goodbread
Livonia

Language not a barrier

We are NOT in Rome, honey! We are in these, here, beautiful United States of America. As such, we live in a MULTICULTURAL society, also known as the "melting pot", where many languages are spoken.

I feel sorry because you take offense to the Spanish that surrounds us. We are way more than a two-language society. Take a closer look around. See the Asian market that has the store name in English first, then in Japanese or Chinese right underneath it. Look at an instruction manual for an appliance, or assembly instructions. They are written in at least eight different languages these days.

I'm sorry that you feel this is a way of "catering." To me it's a freedom.

A freedom to choose to print signs, make labels, offer phone service in a lan-

guage other than English if you so choose to see/hear it that way. I especially love the poster at my children's school that translates "Hello" into about 5 different languages, and oddly enough, Spanish isn't one of them! This poster is the representation of the many diverse cultures of which our community is made.

Don't take offense to those that can't yet speak English. Don't you think they too are trying hard to learn it as you and your siblings had to do? My own mother was rudely thrown into the English speaking world at the tender age of 6 years old.

She always kept such a tight lid on her Spanish speaking ability so well that I never even knew she could speak a second language until I was 10 years old. I took great offense to that! I feel very strongly that a family should always cherish their heritage, and keep the language alive as much as possible, too.

Spanish is not special. It just happens to be the second most spoken language other than English. You didn't say what your first language was. If you don't see or hear it anywhere, it's up to you to help put it out there!

I hope you kept your native language alive with your family, so they can pass it down for generations to come! I for one would love to hear it spoken because it is all music to my ears!

Anita Rivera
Canton

This letter was written in response to a letter to the editor published in the Thursday, July 17 issue of the *Canton Observer*.

Promoting charter schools

I want to express my gratitude to Mr. Quisenberry for providing true and accurate facts which demonstrate the economic advantages of charter schools. As a father of two children in Honey Creek Community School, a thriving and fiscally sound charter school in Washtenaw County, I have struggled to understand why so many people have continually published negative and untrue comments without understanding the facts.

My children have been in Honey Creek for the past six years, and myself, I have been a board trustee and treasurer for the past two years. During the last three years Honey Creek opened up a middle school expanding our curriculum to K-8, started an interscholastic sport program, were one of the recipients of the Golden Apple Award in 2003 and our largest accomplishment is achieving accreditation from the prestigious North Central Association of Commissions of Schools. We are proud of accomplishing these goals on a very limited and tight budget. Accomplishing these goals does not come cheaply. But charter schools are more than this and there are other reasons why they are successful.

Our charter school is one of community, whereby parents are actively involved in the school with one common goal — preparing our children with the best education possible. The parents, as well as staff and administration, do an enormous amount of volunteering to make sure we can achieve our goals as stated in our charter. We continue to push the

school forward, expanding our horizons and I feel accomplishing tasks and goals which many traditional schools hope to accomplish because we are a community with active leadership amongst the board, the staff, the administration but most importantly the parents.

Charter schools are an alternative to the traditional public school. However, it is a public school and as such we must follow the same laws to which every public school is required. We must follow the open meetings act and allow the public to participate in all board meetings. We must communicate openly and honestly with the public as it relates to the spending of their taxpayer dollars as well as achieving the educational standards.

What many may not be aware of, we must provide on an annual basis, a Certified Audited Financial Statement to the state every year. We must also be fiscally sound and annually budget our funds accordingly and make sure our reserves are in place for any financial issue.

Contrary to belief, we are not cheaper to operate, as many want us to believe. As stated above, we are a K-8 school, we pay competitive wages, our technology is second to none and used on an ongoing basis to improve the educational process as well as improve the child's learning experience, we employ holders of Masters of Certifications in Education, we provide special services, and have many specialists on staff. What the truth be told is we unfortunately must demand more from our staff and administration as we do not have the funds available to just increase staff to accomplish the goals and objectives as outlined by both state and federal governments. Charter schools succeed because staff and administration are willing to go the extra mile to accomplish these goals.

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Gerald J. Grady Jr.
Canton

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"This last winter was a pretty bitter one. I was hoping it might have killed the emerald ash borer, but that didn't happen."

— Dennis Crimboli, owner of Crimboli Nursery in Canton

Issues of survival at stake in auto pact negotiations

Contract talks between the UAW and the U.S. auto industry got under way last week. They are coming at a bad time for everybody. The last contract was negotiated back in 1999 when the livin' was easy and the provisions were rich: The UAW got 3 percent annual wage increases (plus cost of living adjustments) for four years, a ban on plant closings and a fat and virtually cost-free health care plan.

Things are different this time around. The Big Three, which collectively made \$18.2 billion in profits in 1999, made only \$1.2 billion in 2002.

Ford is losing money and Chrysler is struggling to stay out of the red. Wall Street analysts are speculating that pension liabilities could push one of the domestic automakers into bankruptcy within a decade, possibly one reason why Ford's stock is down 80 percent since 1998 and even GM's is off 40 percent.

U.S. manufacturer share of the domestic car and truck market has dropped 13.5 percent since 1993, including a frightening 73 percent to 63 percent slide in the last seven years. Declining market share means fewer jobs, especially here in Michigan, where the auto industry is still the mainstay of our manufacturing base. The state has lost 172,000 manufacturing jobs — that's 19 percent of the total — since 2000; the UAW-represented job loss alone is 52,000 since 1999.

The optimists dismiss all this as negative natter from the chattering classes. They point out that Detroit has survived through tough times before and that domestic quality and manufacturing efficiency seem to be picking up. And they say there's nothing like a good dose of good times to revive Michigan's most important industry.

Maybe so, but my old friend and director of the Center for Automotive Research, Dave Cole, makes a good argument that the basic business model of American auto companies is broken. First, the industry's basic manufacturing strategy has always been that it's cheaper per unit to keep factory output as high as it can go and to rely on incentives to keep selling the cars. OK, but in order to sell their cars against competition from Japanese manufacturers, U.S. companies have had to engage in heavy discounting. Buyer incentives now come close to reducing the actual selling price to the variable cost to manufacture. Remember the old saw about selling stuff below cost, but making up for it in volume?

Second, the U.S. auto industry has about 20 percent more manufacturing capacity than it really needs. Faced with substantial structural overcapacity, a normal company would promptly close plants. But the auto industry is not normal

The bottom line: The domestic auto industry has too much capacity that it can't sell without ruinously expensive incentives. It can't shrink output because of union contracts.

because its UAW contracts forbid quick or easy plant closings. And UAW members who are laid off when manufacturers manage to shut a plant get 95 percent of their wages guaranteed.

Third and worse, even if they could downsize, the Big Three's competitive cost disadvantage against foreign-owned U.S. manufacturing plants keeps getting worse. Of course, the transplant plants are non-union, which helps in all kinds of ways. And, being new, the transplants have a younger work force and fewer expensive retirees than the domestics. U.S. auto executives now figure the fringe benefits, health care and pension costs for their UAW-represented work force add up to a cost differential of around \$10 per hour, or something like \$1,000 per car.

The bottom line: The domestic auto industry has too much capacity that it can't sell without ruinously expensive incentives. It can't shrink output because of union contracts. And even if it could shrink, it would still face enormous cost disadvantages against foreign-owned plants.

Which gets us back to the negotiations that started last week. The Big Three need a ton of concessions, but they must bear in mind that whatever contracts are hammered out must ultimately be acceptable to the union rank-and-file. An angry work force is hardly a competitive advantage, especially when many American customers already think U.S.-made cars are below foreign quality standards.

The UAW, for its part, is facing an equally difficult situation made more complex by the fact that the union, unlike the companies, is essentially a political institution: A leadership team that doesn't deliver at contract time is not likely to enjoy a long tenure in office.

Both parties ought to recognize that issues of survival are working this time around. The real question is whether the UAW recognizes a scary parallel: The history of the United Steelworkers union that contributed to the slow, steady strangulation of the domestic steel industry and ultimately to the marginalization of the union itself.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Reporter had many sayings and a kind and caring heart

He was that rare individual who could have a good time and still get the job done.

At least that's what he always said.

Doug Funke was a man of many sayings. And if you were around long enough you'd become familiar with Doug's unique perspective on life.

Doug, a reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for more than 25 years, died Sunday. He was 50 years old and his death was a shock.

This has been a tough time for this editorial department. Earlier this year, two other staff members passed away, Tedd Schneider and Renee Skoglund. But Doug's sudden death was unexpected.

Having a good time was important to Doug. He retained a bit of the class clown. April Fool's Day was a high holiday for Doug who delighted in harmless practical jokes. He loved telling jokes and he loved playing the clown. He was famous around work for turning a sock into a puppet and for crouching down like a tiger ready to pounce.

He had his own unique way of dressing, suspenders and flannel shirts, that had a way of defining Doug as his own man, a style unto himself.

He found wisdom in the strangest places. He even kept a notebook of quotes from people he met. He read his Bible but he also turned to other sources. He loved to quote one of his favorite philosophers, Connie Francis, who warned that "Everybody is somebody's fool."

But all this tomfoolery hid a serious and conscientious man.

He spent years as a youth mentor. Earlier this year, he was recognized by Westland Youth Assistance as their mentor of the year. He often shared his love of sports and the outdoors with his young charges, introducing them to interests and ideas beyond the superficialities of popular culture.

But Doug wasn't one to ignore pop culture. In his usual genial way, Doug declared that he'd become a fan of techno music (though on his desk were a couple Sinatra CDs).

Doug also worried, bragged and wondered about his three children.

Doug volunteered at his church, in other youth programs and in his community. His interest in civic activities finally led him to

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what newspaper people only half-jokingly refer to as the dark side when he ran for Redford Township supervisor. It was a Quixote quest but typical of Doug's determination to get involved when something mattered to him. (Doug thought he offered a lot of good old common sense, but as he always said, "Common sense isn't always so common.")

He also took the time for people. He was a good listener, a patient counselor, a friend.

Doug was also serious about his work, though he was also a grumbler. He was meticulous with his copy. He wrote simple, direct prose. His special gift was an ability to explain complicated ideas in a way that ordinary people could instantly understand. He worked for a while on the copy desk and often needed other writers to emulate his simple, direct approach.

Doug's grumbling can not be overlooked. It went with the high humor, sharp mind and conscientious spirit. When he had a bone to pick, he picked it. He said what he felt needed to be said.

On Friday, as Doug was about to leave, I asked if he was going to the woods, something that he enjoyed. He said he wasn't sure but that there was this bird he'd seen that he wanted to check out again. He often talked about taking long solitary walks in the woods, cataloging birds and other wildlife. Even on cold winter days he enjoyed the beauty and the solitude, which seemed so at odds with a man who also enjoyed noise and companionship.

I was expecting to come back on Monday and be greeted effusively by Doug, as I always was. He'd have asked what I thought about the unknown kid who had swamped the British Open competition.

"Isn't that something?" he would say. I'll miss those mornings.

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Lawyer: 'Islam evidence planted'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The FBI reportedly believes a three-inch hacksaw blade with dried bloodstains on it found in the basement of convicted killer Azizul Islam's Roe Street home was planted by a key prosecution witness whose testimony helped convict Islam in the death of his estranged wife in October 2001.

Defense attorney Michael Schwartz, Islam's trial lawyer, said he's been told by authorities the blood-stained blade found in Islam's basement was put there by Sandra Anderson of Midland, Mich., who along with her dog, Eagle, helped Plymouth police find bloodstains in the Islam basement.

Those bloodstains were used to help convict Islam of killing his wife, Tracy.

Anderson was indicted by the U.S. Justice Department last month for allegedly planting evidence at crime scenes in Oakland County, Oscoda and Bay City. The feds accused Anderson of planting human bones and then pretending, with the help of Eagle, to find the evidence.

"She planted the hacksaw blade," said Schwartz, who was notified by authorities that DNA results indicated the blood matched Anderson's. "She fabricated evidence, and engaged in conduct totally abhorrent."

"The result of her lying ... was damaging to my case ... and was a great part of why Dr. Islam is sitting in jail today," Schwartz added. "This goes to her total credibility and matters that were highly germane to the case."

Islam is serving life in prison after being convicted by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury in the December 2000 murder and dismemberment of Tracy Islam. Testimony in the case included Anderson describing how Eagle found blood samples on the basement floor during a search of Islam's home.

"She (Anderson) did something that was wrong; engaged in a terrible attempt to frame my client," said Schwartz. "We have someone coming in on



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Azizul Islam peers around his attorney, Michael Schwartz, during his preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in this January 2000 file photo. Schwartz now says some evidence in the case was planted.

the prosecution side as a witness who is engaged in planting evidence."

The other blood found in the basement did prove to be that of Tracy Islam; however, the saw blade was never introduced as evidence because neither the prosecution nor the defense, at the time, could match the blood on the blade to that of either Tracy or Azizul Islam.

However, the existence of the blade raised questions in the mind of Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll.

"From the very beginning, we knew there was something wrong there," said Carroll. "But we took enough measures to preserve the proper evidence and preserve the case."

"As soon as we identified what the problem was, we turned it over to the defense," added Carroll. "We didn't try to hide anything."

Officials from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Special Agent Dawn Clenney, of the FBI's Detroit office, would only say the investigation surrounding Anderson's role in the Plymouth case "is a pending matter, and it would be inappropriate to discuss" the situation.

Islam's conviction is currently in the hands of the Michigan Supreme Court, which could rule within the next couple of

months whether the Plymouth man will get a new trial. The claims by the defense are not related to the hacksaw blade and bloodstain.

Schwartz said only 2 percent of the cases that reach the Supreme Court for consideration actually get a day in court.

If the case is denied by the Supreme Court, Schwartz said he is ready to file an appeal in Circuit Court with the new evidence. He's been hired by Islam's sister, who lives in Dearborn Heights, to shine new light on the case.

"They denied my client a fair trial," said Schwartz. "It's intolerable, and must be corrected."

"She (Anderson) tried to get herself great fame and publicity, which she did," said Schwartz. "She doesn't have any credentials other than being a dog handler. But she wanted more."

Schwartz credited the federal government and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for turning over the findings of the hacksaw blade and blood samples when the investigation into Anderson resulted in her indictments.

"That's what they should have done," said Schwartz. "I have a man sitting in jail the last 2-1/2 years who has been beaten by other prisoners and his nose broken. This is just a terrible thing."

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Special Olympians

Sean Bowers of Canton and Kyle Siarto of Plymouth were both standouts in the powerlifting competition at the 11th Special Olympics World Summer Games held June 21-29 in Dublin, Ireland.

A total of 10 Michigan athletes and two coaches participated in the events, together with 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches from around the world, making this the largest sporting event in the world this year. Bowers gained gold medals in the combined bench, deadlift and squat; in the bench press; and in the squat. He earned a silver medal in the deadlift.

Siarto was a bronze medal winner in the bench press; the bench press and deadlift; the deadlift; and the squat.

Holes-in-1

Maybe it was the luster of last week's British Open carrying over to those golfers playing Fox Hills in Plymouth. Five of them must have felt pretty confident, particularly after getting a hole-in-one.

The list:
Jack Bryans of Plymouth used a nine-wood on the 145-yard third hole at Woodlands to get his ace on July 16. Bryans is 80 years old.

At the other end of the age spectrum is Cody Tubbs of South Lyon, who got a hole-in-one on the 71-yard first hole at Strategic Fox on July 12, using a sand wedge. Tubbs is 11 years old.

Chris Fier of South Lyon used a nine-iron on the 124-yard fifth hole at Woodlands and got an ace on July 14. Fier is 49.

Paul King of Canton got a lot out of his pitching wedge, aching the 105-yard 10th hole at Strategic Fox last Thursday. King is 48.

And Jeremy Hyde of Livonia used a pitching wedge on the 90-yard 10th hole at Strategic Fox to get a hole-in-one on July 16. Hyde is 29.

Soccer standouts

The first-ever Plymouth HS girls soccer team, consisting entirely of freshmen produced five Division 4 all-district players. They were Courtney Pickard, Katie Hughes, Colleen Flaherty, Chelsea D'Agostino and Elizabeth Martin.

D'Agostino was also named to the Division 4 all-regional team. The Wildcats lost 2-0 to eighth-ranked Bloomfield Hills Roper.

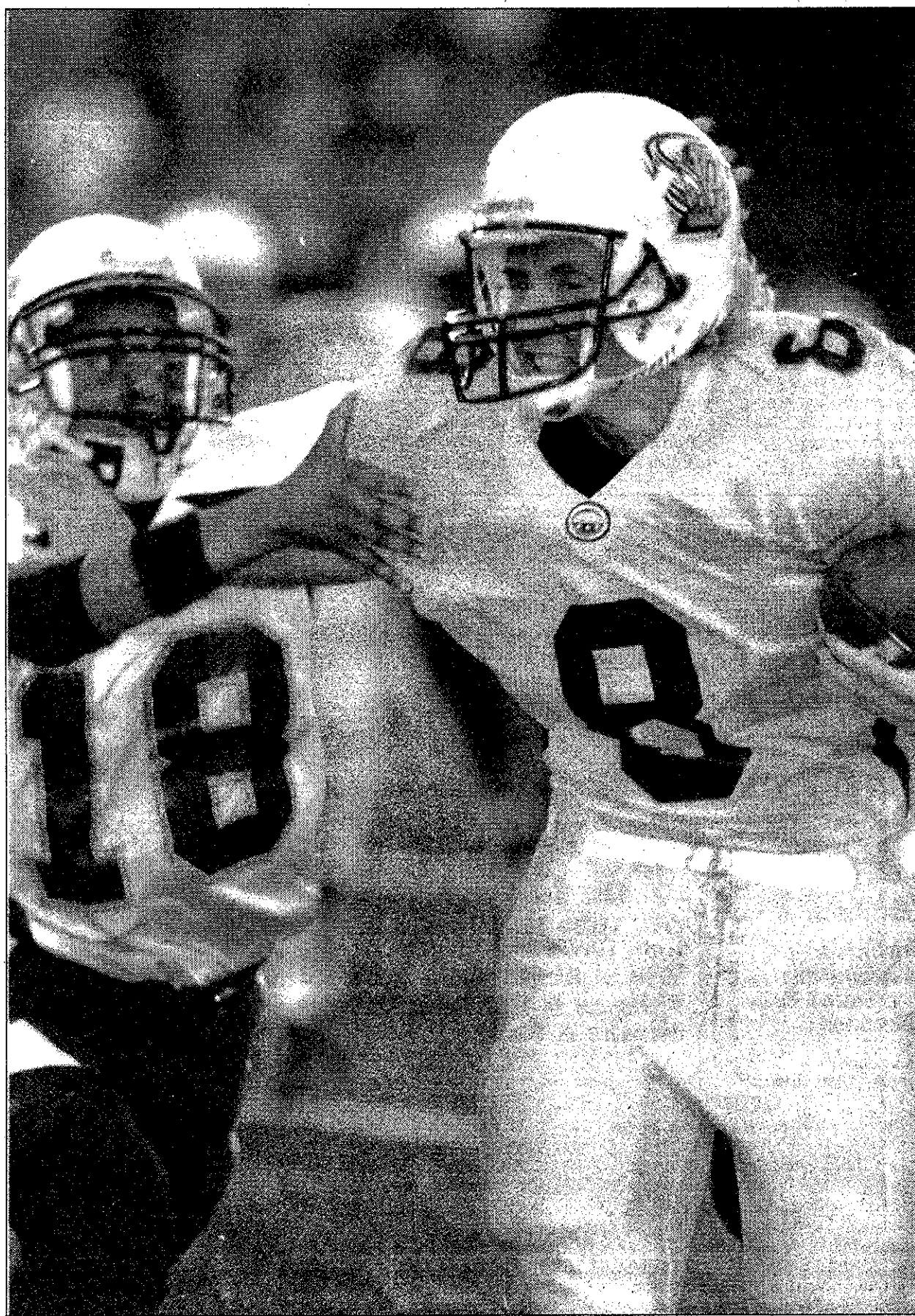
Volleyball camp

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp for girls in grades five through eight will be from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 5-7 at St. John Center, located south of Five Mile and east of Sheldon. The camp will be conducted by certified AAU and OLCG volleyball coaches.

Cost is \$75. For more information, call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

Boosters meeting

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. Parents of all freshmen and sophomore football players are encouraged to attend. There will be information regarding practices, financial reports and upcoming fundraising events.



JOHN STURDY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Demolition quarterback Kim Grodus stiff-armed a Philadelphia defender en route to this second-quarter 3-yard touchdown jaunt that gave Detroit a 34-14 halftime lead.

Demolition advance to title game

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

All season Detroit wanted to prove that last year was no fluke. Well, the time has arrived.

The reigning National Women's Football Association champion Detroit Demolition earned the chance to defend its crown thanks to Saturday's 58-14 whipping of the Philadelphia Phoenix in the Northern Conference title game played before more than 1,500 spectators at Birmingham Groves High School.

Detroit (10-0) will play in its second straight NFWA championship game Aug. 2 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville against Southern Conference champion Pensacola Power (10-0).

"It's a great feeling," said Demolition head coach Tony Blankenship amid all the post-game jubilation late Saturday evening.

"When you win a championship you always want the chance to go defend it. We want to go out and prove it wasn't a fluke and that these girls are for real, and that they do a great job of playing this game of football."

"I think the fans enjoy their play and with the sacrifices they've made and the way they've worked so hard to get here, they deserve a reward like this," he said. "They've put themselves in a position to win another championship. It means a lot to the players, and to me, that we have a chance to defend the championship."

Playoff domination

There was no doubt Detroit was the class of the Northern Conference. The Demolition defeated Cleveland in their opening playoff game July 12 then dominated Philadelphia in a title game they never trailed.

Detroit scored on its first five possessions, charging to a 14-0 lead after one quarter and roaring to a 34-14 halftime advantage. Perhaps the game's key play occurred early in the second quarter just after the visiting Phoenix scored to make it a 14-7 ball game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Detroit's Dawn Adams raced 75 yards for a back-breaking touchdown that restored the home team's two-touchdown advan-

PLEASE SEE DEMOLITION, B5

Spartans stop 'Cats in playoffs

The Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs are always a stage for the upset-minded, and this year's production was no different.

The first big surprise of the tournament was posted by the 10th-seeded Spartans, who used a

SUMMER HOCKEY

4-1 goal-scoring run to end the game and pull out a 9-6 win over the Wildcats in the first round of the tournament Monday night at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The Wildcats left the first period with a 3-2 lead, but couldn't hang on as the Spartans took over the game at the end.

A goal by Jim Stephenson (from Troy), his second of the game, with just :16 left in the second period gave the Spartans a 6-5 lead, an advantage they never surrendered. Stephenson and Canton's Alex Foster led the Spartans, Foster tallying two goals and three assists and Stephenson two goals and two assists. David Commiskey (Plymouth) picked up a pair of assists and Jim Wheaton (Plymouth), the new Canton HS hockey coach, had a goal in the

PLEASE SEE SPARTANS, B3

Bucks to host conference playoffs

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

There won't be a Major League Soccer powerhouse like the MetroStars on hand, but in truth this weekend's tournament at Berkley's Hurley Field will be far more important to the Mid-Michigan Bucks in terms of the Premier Development

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League. The Bucks, first-place finishers in the PDL's Great Lakes Division, will host the four-team Central Conference Championship. The first semifinal of the tournament features the Chicago Fire

Reserve, first in the Heartland Division, against the Indiana Invaders, second in the Great Lakes, at 5 p.m. Saturday at Hurley Field.

The Bucks meet the Des Moines Menace, second in the Heartland, in the second semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. A year ago, Des Moines — unbeaten and host of the tournament — was

upset by the Bucks in the semifinals.

The championship match is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Hurley. The winner advances to the PDL semifinals against the Western Conference champion on Aug. 2.

But first things first. Don

PLEASE SEE BUCKS, B4

All-Stars have strong Observer flavor

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Carter considers this Saturday one of the greatest moments in his long coaching career.

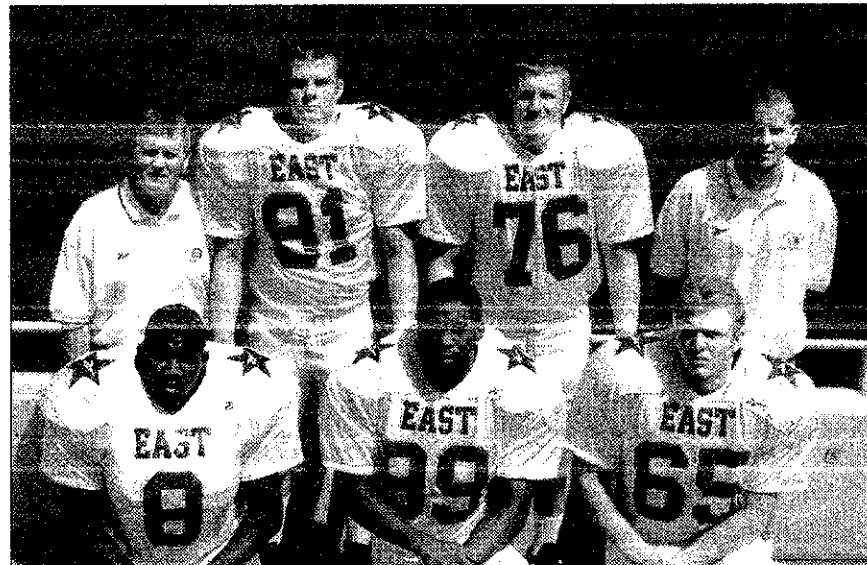
For players like Marcus Woods, Patrick Clark, John Rehberg, Henry Love, Dan Farkas and Quintin McKenzie, they hope it's the next step in a long football career.

The seven, along with assistant coach Mark Carter, will be at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium on Saturday for the 23rd annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game — set to kick off at 2 p.m. "I'm having a ball with this," said Carter, who stepped down as the Wayne Memorial head coach last fall after a 73-89 record in his two stints at the school, but will coach running backs for Churchill this fall.

"We've got a great staff and it's all very exciting. They're all great kids and all very attentive, hard working and enthusiastic. I just can't wait until the game."

Carter, coaching the East squad, is getting a thrill coaching the cream of Metro Detroit's outgoing

PLEASE SEE ALL-STARS, B3



The Observer area has several players and coaches participating in Saturday's 2003 Michigan high school All Star Football Game. They are: (top L-R) head coach Floyd Carter (Wayne Memorial), John Rehberg (Livonia Stevenson), Patrick Clark (Redford Catholic Central), assistant coach Mark Carter (Wayne Memorial); and (bottom L-R) Quintin McKenzie (Redford Thurston), Henry Love (Wayne Memorial) and Dan Farkas (Canton). The game is being played at Spartan Stadium, home of Michigan State University.

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Rain can't stop Observer golfers

Chris Sidor of Redford shot a 70 through 17 holes at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour Tournament Monday at Glacier Club Golf Course, finishing fifth in the 16-and-over boys division and scoring 30 tour points on the 6,800-yard course. Inclement weather caused the tournament to be shortened.

Dan Korybalski of Ann Arbor won the tournament with a four-under 68.

Other Observer-area golfers were Patrick Shaw of Plymouth, 75; Charlie Suder of Canton, 82; Dan Phillips of Redford, 85; Adam Slingwein of Livonia, 89; and Brad Fischer of Livonia, 93.

In the girls 16-and-over division, Rachel Thomas of Livonia finished 11th with a 65 through 13 holes on a course measuring 6,000 yards.

The boys 11-15 division got in seven holes, with Matt Malloure of Farmington Hills placing sixth with a 30 and scoring 25 points on a course of

JUNIOR GOLF

6,525 total yards. Joseph Stefan of Farmington Hills also had a 30, finishing eighth and scoring 15 points.

Last Thursday and Friday at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour event at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Kristen Polanski of Livonia combined rounds of 80 and 77 into a first-place score of 157 in the girls 16-and-over division, played on a course of 5,826 yards.

Rachel McHenry of Livonia shot an 82-81/163 to place fourth. Polanski scored 112 points for her two-shot victory, with McHenry netting 52.

Phillip Marsh of Canton placed 17th in the boys 16-and-over division, scoring three tour points with a 76-79/155 score on the 6,690-yard course.

The Power-Bilt Tour visits

Thornapple Pointe in Grand Rapids today, while the Meijer Junior Golf Tour is at Stonehedge North in Augusta today.

Observer golfers on Top50

Brandon Raymond of Farmington Hills fired an 80 last Thursday at Chemung Hills Country Club in Howell to place first in the boys 15-and-under division in a Top50jrTour.com Tournament.

Justin Ables of Wayne was fourth in the division with an 89 and Ryan Gonzalez of Livonia was seventh with a 121.

Raymond's finish moved him into seventh place overall in the division with 50 points. Ables is first with 242 and Gonzalez is fourth with 184.

In the boys 16-and-over division, Aaron Cheesman of Canton had an 84 to finish fourth. Steve Robinson of

Livonia, tied for the overall division points lead, was eighth with an 87. Ryan Mellas of Brighton won with a 75.

Robinson and Ross Brubaker of Waterford, who was third at Chemung Hills with an 82, are tied for the division points lead with 187. Dru Girard of Livonia is eighth with 97, Jonathan Noble of Farmington Hills is 10th with 89 and Cheesman is 12th with 47.

In the girls open division, Kate Amrhein of Livonia was best among Observer-area golfers, placing fifth with a 104.

Alexandra Martella of Farmington Hills was seventh with a 108 and Kelly Roulier of Livonia was eighth with a 111. Ann Marie Jasieniecki of Milford won the division with an 89.

Amrhein is seventh in the overall points standings with 94. Martella is 11th with 44 and Roulier is 12th with 43. In first is Stacey Goins of Rochester with 199.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will sponsor two golf tournaments in August.

The Men's Open is a 36-hole medal-play tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses in Livonia. The entry fee is \$95 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

The Women's Open will take place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

All participants must have a USGA handicap. Entries are open to the first 200 golfers; entry deadline is 6 p.m. Aug. 3.

For more information, please call (248) 476-4493.

SOCCER CAMP

Grace Lutheran Church of Canton is accepting registrations for its seventh annual soccer camp, open to children 5-11 years old.

The camp will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4 to Thursday, Aug. 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

The camp's aim is to help beginning and intermediate players develop proper skills and a knowledge of the game. Cost is \$25, payable at registration, and includes instruction, T-shirt and a soccer ball to take home.

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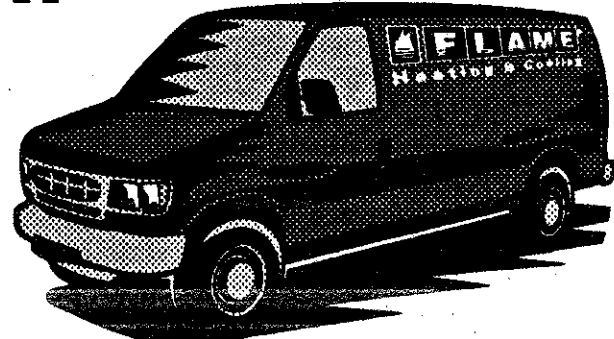
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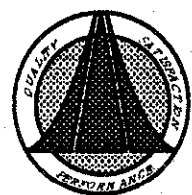
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Bulls put quick end to Rams' winning streak

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The streak had to end eventually. And for the Michigan Lake Area Rams, this weekend was that time.

After dominating the month of July in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, the Rams dropped both ends of a Sunday doubleheader with the Bulls, by scores of 5-4 and 5-1.

During their long winning streak, the Rams had found ways to win, getting solid hitting when the pitching wasn't there, and vice versa. The Bulls turned that formula against the Rams Sunday.

BASEBALL

The Bulls jumped out to a 2-0 first-inning lead and held off a late rally to win the game. The Bulls added single runs in the second, third and fifth innings, withstanding a three-run rally by the Rams in the fifth.

Ryan Rogowski (Livonia) paced the Bulls by going 2-for-2 with a run and two stolen bases.

Brad Leach had two hits for the Rams, while Brian Campbell drove in a run, stole a base and had a hit. Brandon Volas had a two-run double in the team's three-run fifth inning. All of the

Bulls' runs were unearned. Ryan Falconer shut down the Rams in the nightcap, allowing just five hits in the complete-game victory. He struck out six and didn't walk any batters.

The Bulls jumped on the Rams early, scoring four runs on three hits in the first inning. The Rams scored their only run of the game in the first on an RBI single by Brad Leach. Mike Pisha and Leach each had two hits, with Bryan Marulli scoring the team's lone run and getting the other hit in the game.

Rogowski drove home two for the Bulls, and Derrick Peterson went 2-for-4 with a run scored and a run batted in.

ALL-STARS

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football crop - but he's getting a bigger thrill coaching in this game with his son, Mark, who worked with his dad at Wayne but will coach the junior varsity at Walled Lake Central next season.

"It's great coaching with him," said Carter. "As a dad, when you have a son growing up, you want him to play football and all of those things together. When you get older, you start thinking, 'maybe he'll go into coaching with me.'"

Between them, they'll have some outstanding talent on the team - with the Observerland group right there with them.

Perhaps the best of the bunch is Woods, the Farmington Hills Harrison running back headed for Missouri after new MSU coach John L. Smith cut him free of his verbal commitment.

"I've coached some great backs in 35 years and he's right there with them," said Carter. "I faced Tyrone Wheatley at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Rick Rogers as a freshman and Tony Boles at John Glenn and he's in the same mold. I've seen him several times in the Western Lakes and in playoffs and he hasn't had a real chance to show what he can do. He's reminds me of Barry Sanders."

Carter also had high praise for Clark, the defensive lineman from Catholic Central headed for the University of Toledo.

"He's a monster," said Carter. "He's got great size, quickness and toughness. In the first day of pads, he started pushing around the offensive front line and we've got some very big and talented guys up there."

Clark will be joined at Toledo by Carter's prodigy - Henry Love. Love, a six-foot-three-inch 215-pound linebacker, will be able to use his quickness to perform well.

"The defensive coaches are really impressed with Henry," said Carter. "He'll be a great rusher and he's got great quickness. He's a big guy, but ran in our state qualifying 800 relay last year and was a hurdler. If he'd have run this year, he'd have been in the mid 15s in the hurdles."

Rehberg, a tight end from Livonia Stevenson headed for Wayne State, will see a lot of action in this game because of the game plan.

"We plan on throwing to them quite a bit - both John and Josh Powell (from Wyandotte)," said Carter. "He picks up his blocking assignments well and is a tough, disciplined player."

Farkas, a defensive lineman from Plymouth Canton, is headed for Grand Valley State for football. But first, Carter has plans for him.

"He's not a huge kid, but he's got great quickness," said Carter. "Our defensive coaches have been very pleased with him. I was impressed with him on film and when we played them in the past. He's everything I thought he'd be."

McKenzie, headed for Grand Rapids Junior College as an inside linebacker, might be the least known of the group of Observerland athletes. But being the sleeper has its advantages.

"The biggest thing he has is his quickness and ability to get to the ball," said Carter. "We're facing a guy (Lowell quarterback Mark Catlin) who will throw out of the shotgun, send two or three receivers wide and run motion option. We like his size, but we wanted quick linebackers who can go man-to-man and cover a receiver. He's an intense, aggressive kid."

Carter is much more relaxed heading into this game than he was at the beginning of the week, when he and his staff headed up to East Lansing.

"I was nervous. I admit it, I had butterflies," said Carter. "The closer I got, the more I had. But when I got in, met the kids, and finally started to coach, I felt great. These are high school football players and they love to respond."

"With the limitations put on the defense, such as no blitzing and a 50 defense, the advantage is on the offense. These are two teams with a lot of offensive power, and I think it will be wide open."

"It probably means that it will end up 7-6. That's okay, though. I'm at the end of my career and I get a chance to coach these guys. I think it's great."

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SPARTANS

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win.

Chris Conner (Westland) scored twice and had two assists, and Steve Kruszewski contributed two goals and an assist for the Wildcats.

Jason Ryan (Westland) was in goal for the 'Cats, while Rick Marnon (Canton) was in the net for the Spartans.

Huskies 5, Falcons 2: The eighth-seeded Huskies got two goals from Dwight Helminen and three assists apiece from Trent Daavettila and Lars Helminen to upend the fifth-seeded Falcons Tuesday at the Suburban Training Center.

Kurt Kivisto contributed a goal and an assist and Matt Ritz and Asher Hirshberg also scored goals.

Krikor Arman (West Bloomfield) and Frank Bourbonais had goals for the Falcons.

Brent Bocson (Troy) and Brandon Tucker combined to turn in a superlative performance in goal for the Huskies, while Brian Linley (Plymouth) was in the net for the Falcons.

Wolverines 10, Broncos 7: The seventh-seeded Wolverines got three goals and three assists from Josh Langfeld in eliminating the sixth-seeded Broncos Tuesday at the Suburban Training Center.

Charlie Henderson also had

three goals for the Wolves, with Dave Wyzgowski getting two goals and two assists, John Shounyia adding a goal and two assists, Teddy Theodoroff collecting two assists and Joe Hillebrand scoring a goal.

The Broncos got two goals and three assists from Brent Cooper, two goals and two assists from Todd Bentley, one goal and two assists from Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills), single goals from Matt Eurich (Beverly Hills) and John O'Neill (Livonia) and two assists from Steve Silver.

Justin Bolla and Jake Archer (Livonia Churchill) divided time in goal for the Broncos, while Bernie McDonnell (Livonia) and Joseph Rutherford did the same for the Wolverines.

Warriors 7, Whalers 6: The last 10 minutes of this first-round contest were scoreless, and it turned out to be a good thing for the Warriors, who squeaked out a close win over the Whalers.

The back and forth contest featured neither team scoring more than two goals in a row until the Warriors put three straight on the board late in the second period.

Adam Krug (Livonia) piled up a three-goal hat trick and assisted on two others to lead the Warriors in scoring. All of his tallies came in the second period. Matt Krug (Livonia) added three assists in the game also.

Jason Bloomingburg (Canton) handed out three assists and scored the event-

al game-winning goal early in the third period.

Clarkston's Ryan Rathbun played the entire game in goal for the Whalers.

Lakers 10, Buckeyes 5: The Lakers continued their regular-season success in the first round of the MSHL playoffs Sunday night.

The 12th-place Buckeyes hung tough with the Lakers, even holding a 2-1 lead early in the second period. But the Lakers poured it on from there, scoring eight of the next nine goals to win the game.

Mike Vigilante paced the Lakers' attack with four goals and two assists. Bryan Marshall (Livonia) added a goal and two assists and Eric Dolsh (Farmington Hills) scored twice for the Lakers.

Chris Powroznik (Redford) picked up a pair of goals and assisted on another for the Buckeyes. Matt Guibault (Livonia) also scored twice and had an assist in the loss.

Bulldogs 7, Redhawks 5: A 4-1 second-period advantage sparked the Bulldogs to come-from-behind win in Sunday's first round MSHL contest.

Livonia's Ryan Kesler dished out three assists and scored twice, including the go-ahead goal in the second period. Wes Blevens (Westland) scored two third-period goals to preserve the win for the Bulldogs.

Bobby Cahill (Farmington Hills) assisted on two goals for the Redhawks.



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Strong 2nd half gets Bucks a win over Fever

The Mid-Michigan Bucks crammed a whole game's worth of scoring into a half, and that allowed them to finish their regular season with a 4-0 triumph over the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever Saturday in Fort Wayne.

The win gave the Bucks a 14-3-1 record. The Fever, who had a chance to make the Premier Development League playoffs with a win, finished third in the Great Lakes Division with a 10-6-2 record.

SOCCER

Following a scoreless first half, the Bucks broke through six minutes into the second half when Ryan Rzepka (from Oakland University) headed a shot past Fort Wayne keeper Ben Stevens; Erik Nelson (Detroit Country Day) assisted.

Mychal Turpin made it 2-0 six minutes later, fielding a well-aimed cross from Brian Ombigi and netting it. An unassisted goal from Nate Norman (Rochester Adams) in the 72nd minute made it 3-0.

Stephan David closed the scoring three minutes later, converting a pass from Nelson.

Jeff Wiese was in goal for the shutout, his second of the season. He faced 19 shots and made six saves. The Fever's Stevens had three saves, with the Bucks taking 12 shots.

The Bucks host the PDL's Central Conference Championships Saturday and Sunday at Berkley's Hurley Field. The Chicago Fire Reserve, winners of the Heartland Division, will meet the Indiana Invaders (second in the Great Lakes) at 5 p.m. Saturday, with the Bucks facing the Des Moines Menace (second in the Heartland) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The championship is 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Hurley Field. Tickets are available at the gate each night; cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths (under 19 years). Children under five are admitted free.

BUCKS

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Gemmell, the Bucks' coach, knows his team must get past a very good Des Moines side before even thinking about a possible PDL semifinal berth. The Menace posted a 12-5-1 record, scoring 48 goals while allowing 23; against Chicago they split, winning 2-0 in their season opener at home and losing 3-1 July 2 in Chicago.

"They're a very balanced team, with a lot of veteran players," said Gemmell. "Tomas Boltnar, we're going to have to pay special attention to him."

"We could have two tough games, back-to-back. It's going to take more than 11 players."

Boltnar was the Menace's leading scorer with 14 goals and 10 assists (38 points). Gemmell said the task of marking Boltnar will most likely fall to Erik Nelson (from Detroit Country Day).

"If he can deal with (Amado) Guevara, I'm sure he can deal with him," said Gemmell, referring to the MetroStars' all-star midfielder.

Other offensive weapons for the Menace are Joseph Kabwe (nine goals, 10 assists, 28 points) and John James II (six goals, one assist, 13 points). Their likely goalkeeper will be Warren Van Der Westhuizen, who allowed nine goals in nine games, posting a 0.966 goals-against average, with 41 saves and three shutouts.

The Bucks, who defeated the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever 4-0 Saturday in their regular-season finale, will bring a 14-3-1 record into the tournament, having

scored 40 goals and allowed 16. The Bucks have allowed the fewest goals in PDL play of any of the four teams.

Mychal Turpin and Paul Snape (from Oakland University) tied for the team lead in goals scored, each getting eight. Turpin had five assists and Snape got two. Simon Omekanda (Rochester Adams) contributed six goals and one assist.

But Knox Cameron, who collected six goals and two assists for the Bucks, will miss the tournament to participate with the U.S. National team. So, too, will Chicago's Ned Grabavoy, the Fire Reserve's leading scorer with eight goals and three assists.

The Bucks have divided time in goal between Peter Dzuby (0.733 GAA, four shutouts, 31 saves in eight games) and Jeff Wiese (1.0686 GAA, 30 saves, two shutouts in eight games). Gemmell was still uncertain which he would call on this weekend.

"We have two good goalkeepers," he said. "I wouldn't hesitate to go with either goalie."

The Bucks will need defense to succeed this weekend, without question. "We need to defend well individually," said Gemmell, adding, "Speed of play will be a factor. We must be fast."

One advantage for the Bucks, Gemmell believes, will be depth. "We're deep enough," he said. "I really hope at the end of the day that will help us. With us, when we substitute there's no drop-off."

Another element that should help is the home-field advantage, which Gemmell called "a huge, huge advantage. The surface (artificial turf) is faster (than

grass)."

Indeed, although Chicago posted the best record of any of the four squads (15-2-1), the loss of its leading scorer and playing away from home could hurt. The Fire Reserve still have plenty of weapons: Tighe Dombrowski and Alexander Odwell each had seven goals and two assists (16 points), and Kirk Harwat finished with six goals and two assists (14 points).

Keeper Matthew Pickens had a 1.017 GAA, playing in 16 games, with six shutouts and 64 saves. The Fire Reserve scored 60 goals while allowing 17.

The Invaders, 11-5-2 for the season with 31 goals scored and 19 surrendered, were paced by Ignacio Novas-Lomonaca (six goals, one assist, 13 points), Ricky Francis (four goals, two assists, 10 points) and Rafael Garcia (four goals, one assist, nine points). Keeper Alloysius Agu had a 1.2366 GAA, with three shutouts and 87 saves.

Indiana won one of three matches against the Bucks, losing 3-1 at home on May 30 and 1-0 at Canton HS on June 27, then winning 2-0 at home on July 6. The Invaders also had a crossover game against Chicago, losing 2-0 on June 7 in Chicago.

That, too, was something that caught Gemmell's attention. Great Lakes and Heartland division teams each play one crossover match.

"None of our teams have beaten their teams in crossover games (this season)," he noted.

That's something the Bucks hope to alter this weekend.

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Local athletes take aim at Junior Olympics

The AAU Junior Olympic Games are underway, with dozens of local athletes competing and a couple of local sites hosting the events.

Competition in some events began Wednesday and won't conclude until Aug. 2. The Celebration of Athletes will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ford Field in Detroit; admission is \$5.

The Junior Olympics features all sorts of stuff, from baseball and basketball to cheerleading, baton twirling and trampoline and tumbling. In all, more than 20 activities will be contested.

Salem HS will be the site of the tennis competition, Monday through Thursday. Lutheran Westland will host some of the boys basketball games.

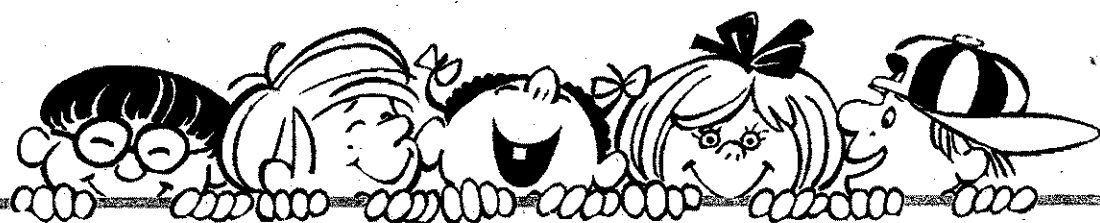
The list of participants is extensive. From Canton alone, there are 16 athletes and coaches; Plymouth has another half-dozen.

From Canton there is Chelsea Brewer, 12 years-old, competing in taekwondo; Matthew Brewer, 13, taekwondo; Ellen Canale, 16, girls basketball; Alexander Covert, 12, taekwondo; Austin Covert, nine, taekwondo; Christopher Covert, 44, head coach-taekwondo; Travis Gamblin, 11, jump rope; Joseph Habib, 13, taekwondo; Rachel Morrison, 11, taekwondo; Nichole Nicholson, 11, athletics; Steven Nicholson, 15, athletics; Nicholas Quenga, 13, taekwondo; Nathan Rzepka, 17, baseball; Carly Schwan, 17, girls basketball; Gary Schwan, 51, assistant coach-girls basketball; and Phaltiel Whitlock, 15, athletics.

From Plymouth there is Katie Cezat, 16, girls basketball; Alyssa Guerin, 16, girls basketball; Kathy Hammerschmidt, 17, girls basketball; Greg Wainwright, 13, taekwondo; Jeff Wainwright, 54, head coach-taekwondo; and Justin Wainwright, 10, taekwondo.

Several ticket packages are available. A daily pass for all sporting events on a specific day costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for kids 7-12 years; those six and under are admitted free.

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DEMOLITION

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tage. Adams, who started returning kicks later in the year, took the ball at her own 25-yard line, deked a player at midfield and out-sprinted three Phoenix players into the end zone as the crowd exploded in excitement.

"That return really was the turning point in the game," said Blankenship. "But our special teams have been big for us all year. We spend hours on our special teams. We know we work and commit to special teams, so we expect to have success doing it."

Philadelphia entered the game with the league's highest-rated defense, having shutout four of its eight regular-season opponents.

However, the Demolition so dominated that the 58 points they scored was more than the Phoenix allowed in their nine previous games. Philadelphia finished with an 8-2 overall record, losing its opening game and engineering an eight-game winning streak before falling to Detroit.

"I'm surprised we scored so many points against them," said Blankenship. "I feel that they were a good, solid football team that was very disciplined. I just think we kind of jumped on them early, they were away from home and that didn't make it any easier."

Super ground game
Detroit, utilizing its superior ground game, was led by speedy running back Heather Alexander who scored a pair of touchdowns (23 and six yards) and finished

with 171 yards rushing. Teammate Laurie Aaron also scored twice (two and five yards), while Anne Yoches (one yard), quarterback Kim Grodus (three yards) and Aisha Thomas (72 yards) accounted for the other touchdowns. Grodus completed four of nine passes for 31 yards, with one interception.

Kicker Misty Findlay booted a 34-yard field goal and five extra points. She also starred defensively at linebacker with eight tackles and one sack. Defensive back Andrea Nugent and linebacker Kim Walters each had five tackles.

"We just played our normal game. You run the football, and mix it up some and you get some stops, win the field position battle and win the turnover battle - all the intangibles of football," said

Blankenship. "If you do those things you're going to win some football games."

"I don't think people give us enough credit sometimes. We are a talented football team. We have people on this football team who can play the game, and until people start recognizing that and understanding that, then we are always going to be sneaking up on you and dominate."

"We have that type of ability, but we have to have discipline," he said.

"If we have that discipline, it's hard for anybody to beat us because we have such a talented group here that we can do a lot of different things to you."

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

WHAT: National Women's Football Association championship game.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.

WHERE: Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee
WHO: Northern Conference champion Detroit Demolition (10-0) vs. Southern Conference champion Pensacola Power (10-0).

TICKET INFORMATION: 1-615-612-4559.

O&E CONNECTIONS: Mitchell Rosen, president and co-owner (West Bloomfield); Erica Desentz, general manager and tight end (Livonia); Mary Gillman, defensive line (Farmington); Sarah Kasichke, wide receiver (Farmington Hills); Chris Kendrick, wide receiver (Southfield); Amy Martin, defensive end (Troy); Beverly McManus, linebacker (Canton); Nicole Randolph, wide receiver (Southfield); Amy Rouse, fullback (Farmington); Miaya Tolbert, wide receiver (Lake Orion); Kristine Vidojevski, wide receiver (Troy); Ruth Vinson, snapper/center (Southfield).

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Believe it or not, more time is spent in the kitchen than any other room in your house. Doesn't it make sense, then, that your kitchen should be functional, attractive and enjoyable. If you are dissatisfied with your kitchen or bath then we suggest that you contact **Mans Kitchen & Bath Design Center**. They have two locations to serve you: 41814 Ford Road in Canton, phone 734-844-2679 and 2836 W. Jefferson in Trenton, phone 734-692-0072. Locally owned and operated, **Mans** has been serving the area for over 100 years. They pride themselves in offering quality products and creative designs. They have the experience to turn your kitchen or bath into the beautiful, functional room that you have always dreamed of. Just stop by their showroom and let them show you what kitchen and bath craftsmanship really means. They feature the latest in traditional and contemporary style cabinetry. They specialize in both kitchen and bath remodeling as well as new construction. They will assist you in selecting the style and type of cabinets and countertops for your individual needs. In fact, they will also help you with your new construction allowance.

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Thomas W. Kolderman, DDS, PC

We would like to introduce ourselves and invite you to meet us. Dr. Tom Kolderman is a graduate of U of D Dental School. He is continually updating his dental education as well as utilizing the newest technology in dental techniques. Our hygienist, Renee, is a graduate of Ferris State University. She loves children and is very caring and gentle with all our patients. Our friendly office staff will be happy to schedule an appointment, answer any insurance questions, or discuss our flexible payment options.

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Approved Mortgages, located in Canton at 5820 N. Canton Center Road, phone 734-455-229, specializes in home mortgage loans. Their professional personnel are highly trained and are leaders in their field with 7 years of experience. From purchasing a new home to simple home equity loans, rental properties, new home construction and credit card debt consolidation, they cover it all. They will carefully explain the benefits of each loan option and will design the loan best suited to your family's needs. Living in the Canton Area, they are involved throughout the community. They sponsored the Relay For Life and are involved in many other community activities.

Approved Mortgages stays on top of current market trends to offer their customers the lowest interest rates possible. In addition, their specialists have successfully received approvals for countless loans of all types. So, when you are faced with the decision of choosing a mortgage company, turn to one so many others have come to know and trust, **Approved Mortgages**. You will appreciate their old fashioned courtesy and their high standards of excellence.

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Alsager Animal Care Center

Dr. Mark Alsager *Dr. Katherine Daigle *Dr. Judi Fleischaker
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Alsager Animal Care Center is becoming more important each day to the veterinary concerns of this community. The reason for this is that they combine a good atmosphere for treatment with all the knowledge and skill of the veterinary medical profession. Dr. Mark Alsager and his associates are dedicated to improving the quality of life for your pets; providing the finest care available. Their philosophy is to work with clients to keep their pets healthy. They encourage regular preventive care which avoids more expensive and serious problems later on.

Alsager Animal Care Center is located at 44262 Warren Road (just east of Sheldon) in Canton, phone 734-459-5070. This full service veterinary hospital is open seven days a week, offering high quality medicine, surgery and dentistry for cats, dogs and exotics. Dr. Mark Alsager has a special interest in feline medicine and is a member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. **Alsager Animal Care** adheres to the standards of the American Animal Hospital Association. They are continually making changes in order to keep up with the rapid developments in the veterinary medical field. They will continue to guard the health and welfare of the animals in our community. We compliment **Alsager Animal Care Center** for its fine service to the animals of our community. Call 734-459-5070 for an appointment.

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When your car or truck breaks down, it's comforting to know there is such a reputable towing firm as **B & B Towing** just a phone call away. Whatever time of the day, wherever you are, if you have trouble just call (734) 453-3860. Located at 934 West Ann Arbor Road, this towing firm offers prompt, 24 hour wheel lift and flat bed towing, heavy duty towing - 60 ton capacity, as well as road service. **B & B Towing** is locally owned and operated by **Jim Haverstick**. He has been proudly serving this area since 1961. **B & B Towing** features state-of-the-art trucks which are fully equipped with wheel lifts to ensure damage free towing. Their equipment is especially designed to handle the transportation or recovery of any vehicle on the road today. For these reasons and many more, we suggest you rely on **B & B Towing**. **Jim Haverstick** and everyone at **B & B Towing** thanks all their customers for their patronage and looks forward to serving you throughout the year ahead!

For your convenience, they are available to serve you 7-24-365.

S&S Homes, Inc.

With the confusion that exists in housing today, it becomes necessary to know more and more about not only the type of home that you want to build, but the builder that you choose. Many people in the area are choosing **S&S Homes, Inc.** for that extra measure of service. Known as "the builder who cares," their homes are not built with tangibles alone. They are built with foresight and planning as well as pride in craftsmanship. These hand-crafted, custom homes provide distinctive residences to reflect your personal tastes and life-styles.

From the initial planning, to complete on-the-job supervision, **S&S Homes, Inc.** maintains their high standards while using only top-grade building materials. This local firm has been building quality homes for over 40 years and is now in its 3rd generation of family ownership. As a custom builder their homes can be altered and enhanced to suit individual tastes and life-style needs. Their emphasis on meticulous planning, quality construction and meeting customer's expectations have been the foundation for every home that they build. Call **S&S Homes, Inc.** located in Plymouth, phone 734-455-2410 for all the details concerning your building needs. We feel once you've seen their homes you'll understand why **S&S Homes, Inc.** has become synonymous with quality craftsmanship throughout the area. **S&S Homes, Inc.** would like to thank their customers. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

Marotta Mechanical

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Recent energy awareness has aroused considerable interest among area homeowners in the field of energy-saving heating and cooling products. Heating and air conditioning systems today must be considered not only in terms of home comfort, but also in terms of providing an energy-efficient investment. We suggest to the people of this area who have heating or cooling problems that you let the experts at **Marotta Mechanical, located at 9177 General Court, phone 734-737-9750**, handle the job. They have enjoyed serving the people in this area and are looking forward to serving you for many more years. This firm specializes in the heating and cooling field and through years of experience has gained an enviable reputation for quality work at reasonable prices.

Specializing in the planning, design and installation of both residential and commercial comfort control systems, **Marotta Mechanical** features a full line of quality furnaces and central cooling systems. With their extensive knowledge and experience, they will be able to recommend a system perfect for your particular space and requirements.

Marotta Mechanical would like to take this opportunity to thank the community. They value your business and look forward to serving your future heating and cooling needs.

Precision Tune Auto Care

Advanced automotive technology necessitates a more professional approach to auto repairs and servicing. Locally, **Precision Tune Auto Care** is a recommended auto repair center. Their shop is located at 725 W. Ann Arbor Road, phone 734-455-6850 and is fully equipped with the tools and machinery to render total auto service. Technicians employed here offer prompt professional service including computerized tune ups, oil changes, electrical service, brake, shock and exhaust system repairs, engine and transmission service, etc. In fact, all of your preventive maintenance, major and minor repairs, can be handled at this one convenient location. With their extensive knowledge and experience, they can perform repairs on all makes and models of foreign and domestic cars and light duty trucks.

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The Old Village Landscaper

Whether you believe it or not, the first thing visitors notice when they approach are your grounds. A dull, uninspired landscape doesn't cast the best reflection on your home or business. Let **The Old Village Landscaper** design and create that especially distinctive look presently missing in your yard. Located at 870 N. Holbrook in Plymouth, phone 734-453-4607, these professional landscapers have an unlimited number of ideas to compliment the beauty of any home or business. From creative design consultation to quality construction and maintenance they can handle it all. Watch as your yard comes alive with healthy shrubs, trees and evergreens, as well as perennials and annuals to accent your patios and walks. As experts in landscaping and horticulture, they can give you helpful tips on what trees and shrubs will thrive in this climate.

The Old Village Landscaper is a design build firm. They have been providing tranquility right outside your door for many years. They specialize in patios, waterfalls, garden ponds, trellises, gazebos and outdoor lighting. From the initial design to the finished product, they can handle it all! Remember, now more than ever before, landscaping is vital, to not only beautify, but to protect our environment. We suggest you do your part in aiding the environmental cause by dealing with their competent staff.

Come Little Children Center

Today's parents are becoming more and more aware of the importance of a quality day care and pre-school. If you want your child to have a planned, active, well-balanced day, enroll them at **Come Little Children Center** located at 45050 Warren in Canton, phone (734) 455-4607. Although, **Come Little Children** is a catholic pre-school and day care, they welcome children of all religions. They are licensed by the State Department of Social Services and are a member of Archdiocese of Detroit school system. They accept children from 6 weeks to 12 years and offer daycare, pre-school and latchkey.

Sending your child to **Come Little Children** at a young age only prepares them better for their later school years and life experiences. Children learn through active participation with hands-on experience through exploration, discovery and learning. **Come Little Children Center** is divided into carefully structured activity areas. Children explore freely while supported and guided by teachers who are trained to help children make their own decisions. Activity is important and planned exercise periods are scheduled throughout the day. If you would like to find out more information or would like to see what this center has to offer just call (734) 455-4607.

Woodhaven

Retirement Community

The **Woodhaven Retirement Community** is Livonia's only full service continuing care retirement community. **Woodhaven's** services and accommodations include Medicare certified skilled nursing, and rehabilitation, Alzheimer's care, adult day services, assisted living, and independent living apartments. Therefore, when your needs change, your home doesn't.

As a not-for-profit Christian organization, **Woodhaven** is committed to providing a high level of service with some of the area's most affordable rates. A beautifully furnished bedroom with meals, housekeeping and 24 hour care is only \$2,200 per month! **Woodhaven** is proud to have a very stable staff (including licensed nurses 24/7) that is both compassionate and skillful. Their blend of stimulation and comfort makes it a place where living to the fullest is truly possible. If you would like a personal visit or FREE literature, please call (734) 261-9000. The **Woodhaven Retirement Community** is located at 29667 Wentworth Avenue in Livonia. Feel free to visit their website at www.woodhaven-retirement.com.



Twisters rip up Steelmen in season opener, 49-0

The Michigan Twisters haven't skipped a beat. After ripping through the competition in 2002, winning the Lakeshore Football League (Class AA) championship, the Twisters made their Mid-Continental Football League (Class AAA) debut with a 49-0 thrashing of the Lorain County (Ohio) Steelmen Saturday at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium. Garden City's Matt Koskie (Redford Thurston) got in on the scoring fun with a 20-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Jeremy Overton (Wayne Memorial) capped the scoring in the win with a 35-yard touchdown strike to tight end Anthony Leighton. Running back Jason Gibson

racked up 99 total yards with two touchdowns, one running and one receiving. Ricki Tutson scored on a 20-yard TD reception from starting quarterback Orlando Wright, and Kimani Chambers added a touchdown run. Defensive back Ray Fleming had five solo tackles and a 66-yard interception return for a TD in the contest also. The Steelmen were held to just 25 total net yards on 39 plays from scrimmage by the Twisters' defense. The Twisters will look to build on their strong start Saturday, Aug. 2 with a game against the Southern Michigan T-Wolves. The contest is scheduled to kick off at 7:25 p.m. at Navarre Stadium.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB
The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

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, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail somefore@aol.com.

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.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS
The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067.

To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314.

BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs will conduct a boys basketball camp for grades 1-12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8. The cost is \$125 per person. Players will be matched by age, size and ability, and will receive both individual and group instruction on fundamentals. For more information, call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4400, Exts. 5564 or 5607. The 22nd annual Championship Basketball Camps for Girls, hosted by Schoolcraft College, will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 28-31 (grades 7-12). Cost for grades 1-6 is \$75 (half-day camp); for grades 7-

12, \$115 (full-day camp). The camp coordinator and lead instructor is SC women's head coach Karen Lafata. She will be assisted by her assistant coaches, Maria Christian and Michelle Jackson. The camp will feature competitive games and drills, contests with awards, a camp basketball (with full-day camp); a camp T-shirt; individualized instruction; and, with the full-day camp, swimming at lunch. For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5249. The ninth annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The one-day camp is free to all children ages 9-14. Lunch

CAMPS

will be provided courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc. The camp is sponsored by the Jeff Suspeck Foundation, which was founded in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child and St. Mary's College player who passed away in 1994. Registration begins at 8 a.m. (the day of the camp) at the Schoolcraft College gymnasium. To pre-register, call (248) 478-0662 or email jsuspeck-camp@hotmail.com.

SOCCER

Schoolcraft College will be staging a series of weekly soccer camps for boys and girls ages 5-16, July 14 through Aug. 4. There are sessions for beginner and intermediate players, along with advanced

players. Each coach will train 10 to 12 players. Parents are invited to observe and participate in the final day of camp. Camp coordinator is Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Dominic Scicluna. For more information, call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4400, Exts. 5564 or 5607.

OTHER

The Livonia Family YMCA, in partnership with Coaches Enterprises, is offering four specialized, week-long sports camps for summer 2003 including basketball, July 28-Aug. 11; and street hockey, Aug. 4-8. For more information, call the YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or Coaches Enterprises at (866) 332-5777.

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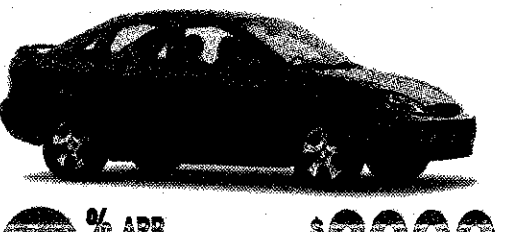
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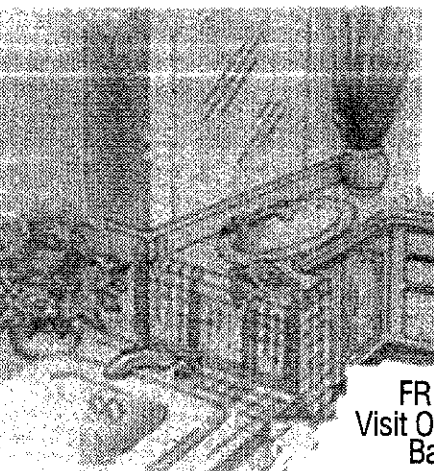
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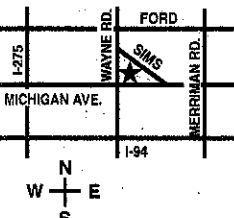
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Cardinal Laboratories, a leading manufacturer of pet products, has created a pet owner Service Support Center on its



Web site, www.cardinalpet.com.

The site features a seven-step guide to choosing the right groomer, which gives tips to help pet owners assess potential grooming facilities.

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The site hosts a Training Talk Forum, where pet owners can post their questions on training matters. The Web site also features contains a national directory of dog trainers by state.

For more information, contact Jan Allio at Fucini Productions, (248) 788-9155, or visit the Cardinal Laboratories Web site at www.cardinalpet.com.

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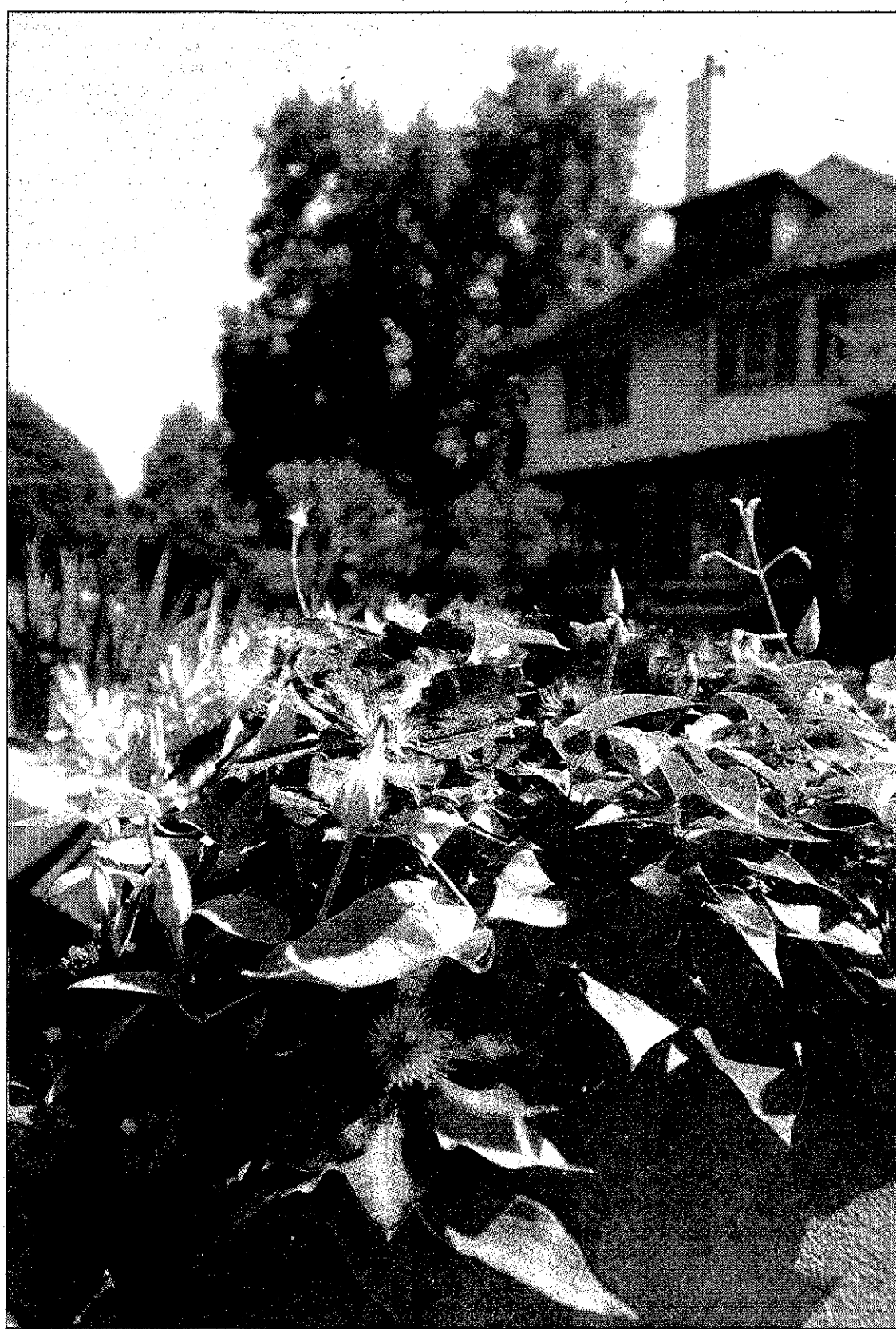
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Cranbrook House and Gardens creates beauty through an array of colors and flowers.

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Glorious gardens enliven historic homes



"Glorious Gardens of the Historic Homes" features the homes and gardens of three Detroit gems — Meadow Brook Hall, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and the Cranbrook House and Gardens. The event runs through Aug. 24.

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

Buds are blossoming in the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall, Cranbrook House and Gardens and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House — three historic treasures that are part of "Glorious Gardens of the Historic Homes."

The unique synergy kicked off July 12 and organizers are hoping for a larger turnout in the coming weeks until it concludes Aug. 24.

"This is a unique collaboration between three homes, we've never done anything like this before," said Judy Lyndstrom, president of the Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary in Bloomfield Hills. "We have three houses and gardens within 45 minutes driving time between them, and I can't think of any other large metro area that has that. These are three jewels of Detroit and they're so historic."

Lyndstrom said the auxiliary consists of 440 volunteers whose

mission is to preserve and maintain the 40 acres of garden. Some volunteers are retired, some work full time, yet all come together for the same purpose.

"We're a community of givers," she said. "We describe this as a labor of love."

The Cranbrook House is known

PLEASE SEE GARDENS, C4



Volunteers are the driving force behind the success of the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall and Cranbrook House and Gardens.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Beth Gotthelf stands in her main staircase.

MS volunteer enjoys her colorful abode

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham is known for extravagant homes, but Beth Gotthelf's abode seems to stand out from the rest.

The five-year-old contemporary creation on Chester Road is definitely something to write home about.

"I used to live in a very small house," said Gotthelf, an environmental attorney and

active volunteer. "A friend that walked through this house early on said to me, 'Beth, you went from accommodation to excess,' and they were right. I used to have two rooms — one for my clothes, one for my bed. That was it."

Since then, Gotthelf has graduated to a colorful, artistic haven with an abundance of character and personality. Although the house has a futuristic design, it manages to be warm and inviting.

"When I come home from work, I feel like I'm on vacation," said Gotthelf, who was influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright when conceiving the design. "This house brings the inside out and the outside in. The design is consistent throughout — it keeps it kind of simple and open. There's lots of direct sunlight and an open floor plan which was very important to me."

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POTTERY AND PAINTINGS

Sculptures, pottery and paintings adorn every corner of the house. Guests are immediately greeted with a hall lined with large black-and-white photographs by local photographer Michael Schwartz. The exterior of the home is wrapped in a soft pink stucco reminiscent of Florida.

"This is a great house for entertaining. My friends often have parties here and if I'm lucky I get invited," she laughed. "It's two houses from downtown Birmingham. It's a great location."

The garden — pungent with the smell of perennials and with three patio tables and modern art sculptures within the plants and flowers — was designed to accommodate guests.

Gotthelf said her favorite room in the home is her walk-in closet, which is spa-

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Pets don't always age so gracefully, but there's help

Few could argue about puppies and kittens being cute. I have debated staff members about whether puppies, kittens, or human babies are cuter, but that's another story.

For years drug companies and veterinary medicine focused on the young 'uns. Over the past number of years, that's changed.

Drug companies have realized pets still exist after being "babies." Now drugs help the aging animal through things like arthritis, incontinence, and even cognitive dysfunction syndrome, the canine version of Alzheimer's. Dental cleanings help keep teeth healthy for years. Senior diets meet the needs of a senior pet.

We can make aging better, but we still can't cure age.

WATCHING THE AGING

Recently I had a day where I saw nine animals over 14 years old. Six of those were euthanized for reasons as varied as



About Animals
Dr. Brad Davis

tumors to arthritis to seizures.

Some had been fine the week before, others had been going downhill steadily for months. With the elderly, small problems can mean a lot.

If I fell off my porch, my neighbors would laugh at me. If my Grandpa fell off his porch, his neighbors would help. That's the difference age makes - the same problem is probably more critical or harmful to the elderly.

A reader named Candace e-mailed me about her cats, both old enough to get their driver's license. Along with being elderly, one of the cats also has diabetes, which she's finding very difficult to control. That's not a surprise.

Diabetes can be next to

impossible to control in a young, healthy animal, and much worse in an older animal, especially this one, who also has renal failure. Her battle will be frustrating at least, as all she can do is keep trying and hope for the best as long as possible.

Many people see pets as their children. Unfortunately, they are children we watch grow old. They mean so much to us, certainly a great blessing in our lives, but the curse that follows is their impermanence. Being with us for far too short a time, the love we feel for them can make losing them all but intolerable.

A DIFFICULT DECISION

One of the nine clients from the other day could not come to grips with making the final, hard decision, saying he felt like he was playing God by saying it was time.

I explained that he was not playing God, but being a good owner, fulfilling the silent

promise made when he took the animal. When taking an animal, you promise to do right by your critter for life, including having the strength to make hard decisions needed at the end. Even when obvious, the decision is never easy, and certainly it will break your heart.

Things can be done to keep this day of decision delayed as long as possible.

I remember visiting my Grandma, and rarely ever seeing her without a bandage on her arm. Human medicine embraces blood work. They monitor what seems normal, like a police undercover operation, trying to find the trouble before it happens.

Veterinary medicine has always tended to be more of a fire engine approach: when there's a fire, we put it out. Traditionally, we would rarely do bloodwork without a darn good reason.

Getting older is a darn good reason. Since we started offering

bloodwork to clients with older critters, we've caught a surprising number of diseases early in their course, helping treatment and prognosis. Routine blood work helps monitor health, a wise choice for everyone, but especially elders.

How about diet? Dietary needs and digestive abilities change. I know for myself, as back in college pizza could be breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week. If I ate like that now, my gastrointestinal tract would pack it's bags and leave me. (Well, maybe just have a tantrum.) Thus I try to eat right (except for the junk food, fast food, and about three gallons of Coca-Cola I have every day).

A quality diet for seniors, not something heavy and chock full of calories, can help keep older animals healthier.

A third idea would be something human seniors experience consistently: routine exams. Too often I see a dog who looks like a skeleton with a fur coat, and wonder how

much more help I could have been if the animal had been brought to me sooner. Routine six-month checkups make sense.

The take-home message would be that aging animals face many of the same problems as aging humans. Ask your vet about what would be right for you to help control the problems you're facing, and how to prevent the problems that haven't happened yet.

By the way, my cuteness rankings: 1) Kittens, 2) Puppies, 3) Babies. (Babies just aren't furry enough!)

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WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- A store that sells Ashley Taylor shoes (formerly sold at Kmart) for Karen of Redford Township.
- A store that sells Red Wing wrapping paper and a Red Stamp hand stamp for Nancy.
- A store that sells the game Bolder Dash for William.
- A Stanley Home Products distributor in the Westland/Garden City, Plymouth and Livonia areas for Nancy.
- A store that sells plastic canvas alphabet letters for Teri of Garden City.
- Diane of Livonia is looking for Tupperware seals #238-32.
- Someone to repair rhinestone and marquise jewelry.
- Someone to repair a spoke on an umbrella for a patio table.
- A store that sells a 2-cup double boiler pot for Nancy.

WHAT WE FOUND

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Sunsets can create mood, too. This dramatic cowboy silhouette was taken at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, Mich.

Mood in your photos takes them to another level

Do you know what the two most important things in photography are? The first is you and the second is your subject.

And there's no better area in photography to optimize this relationship than in making mood pictures. An average photographer will take a picture and say, "this is what I saw." The mood photographer takes a photograph and says, "this is what I felt."

With a little practice, you can develop a sensitivity for moods which will lead you to a new, almost intimate approach to your photography.

First you should take time to examine your environment, looking for the inherent beauty in the smallest of flowers as well as the magnificence of a towering forest. Search out beauty in ordinary things such as a delicate weed or reflection patterns in a puddle of mud.

Study your subjects carefully, getting to know them well, keeping in mind you're building that all-important relationship between you and your subject. Study how light affects



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

form and texture. View your subject at different times of day and in different types of weather.

Nature's elements are among the key ingredients you can capture in making mood photographs. Fog, mist, water, clouds, and soft sunlight all present conditions suitable for obtaining mood in your pictures. Early morning or late afternoon light offers the best opportunity for capturing shadows and textures. Fog and mist will subdue backgrounds and will produce soft, subtle tones and colors.

Water will give you many different moods. Reflections in a still lake will produce a feeling of seclusion and quietness. Splashing waves result in an exciting mood while flowing water captured during a long

exposure (a tripod is a must) gives a peaceful, serene mood.

As always, pay attention to depth-of-field. A wide aperture will produce shallow depth which will isolate your subject by throwing everything else out of focus. A small aperture, of course, will render sharp everything you see through the viewfinder.

While we've been talking mainly about mood in scenic shots, don't overlook other areas such as people's faces. They are fertile fields for capturing moods such as joy, excitement, even pensiveness. Natural light on an overcast day is the best lighting outdoors or filtering in through a window.

Remember, become involved with your subject no matter what it may be. With experience, you'll find your photography shifting from the literal recording of a scene to an artistic expression of mood.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.

Go through your papers daily

How do I eliminate the accumulation problem in my home? The sink is filled with dishes, the laundry basket is overflowing, and paper stacks are growing at an incredible speed. I need more time in my day. Do you have a solution?



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

Messes strike quickly. Many people struggle constantly with this problem. The best solution is to change your thinking.

Little messes take less time to deal with than big ones. Messes are like snowballs rolling down a hill. They gain speed quickly, soon growing to a size that is uncontrollable. If you think prevention, you can keep those little messes from becoming "uncontrollable snowballs."

I have changed my thinking. When one dish is in the sink I see 25! (This thought prevents that one dish in the sink from actually becoming 25.)

Another messy problem that occurs in our home is paper accumulation. It starts with one piece of paper on the counter. One piece of paper is easy to act upon but before

long you have two, three, four...50, pieces of paper. If you act upon each piece of paper as it passes through your hands, you do not waste time looking at the piece of paper a second time.

Take one piece of paper and act upon it immediately. File it, deal with it or throw it away.

It is faster and easier to clean up a small mess than a large one. Sort through the mail when it arrives, immediately filing or throwing away each piece.

This principle is fundamental to success in the area of time management and organization. If you have trouble with messes, readjust your thinking, making this principle a part of your daily routine.

I read a story when I was a little girl that had major

impact on my life in the area of time management. It was a make-believe story about a man who lived by himself:

There was a man who kept a very tidy house, always making his bed, cleaning his house, and washing dishes after he ate. One particular evening after he had a big supper he was tired and decided not to wash his dishes, leaving them until the next day. The next day he was even more tired and again left the dishes. The story continues until he used every dish in the house. In a short period of time there was nothing clean to eat from. Dishes were piled floor to ceiling so he could not sleep or walk or find the sink to wash the dishes. He was hungry and unhappy. Then it began to rain. He piled all the dishes into his truck so the rain could clean them. From that day on he always washed the dishes after he used them.

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for its sculpted bushes, sparkling ponds and opulent statuary. Summer at Cranbrook has been described as a symphony of peonies, roses, herbs, perennial borders and annuals. On the library terrace, one can view mauves, purples, lavenders and pinks.

MEADOW BROOK HALL

The 1908 home of Cranbrook's founders is now the oldest manor home in the Detroit area, while Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills is the fourth-largest historic house museum in the United States. Noted for its architectural detailing and grand scale,

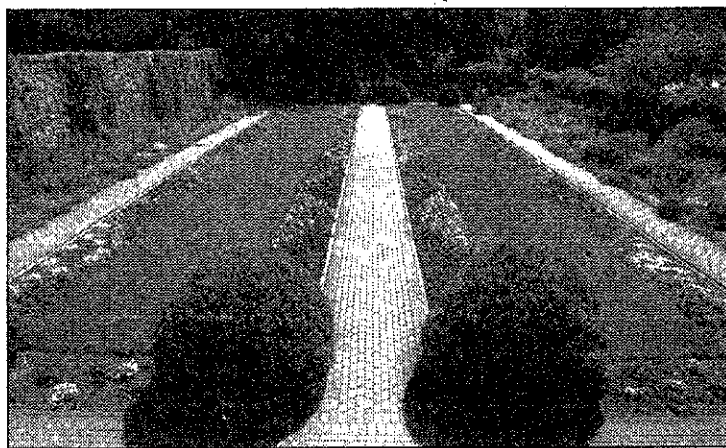
the hall serves as a backdrop for many weddings and private parties.

Roberta Bresette, Meadow Brook Hall's Garden Club president, said the 14 gardens at Meadow Brook are maintained solely by volunteers, who have served a combined 1,900 hours. Over the past three years, the Garden Club has raised \$18,000 in funds for the upkeep of the estate.

"We feel privileged to work on the grounds," she said. "Some of the members have put in 100 hours this summer. This year we planted 90 roses, all pink."

The retired sales representative said the gardens are in tip-top shape this summer.

"We've really worked hard, I tell you," she laughed. "Our gardens are looking the best (they have) ever looked and



The garden features a dramatic walkway.

JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

we're real proud of that." Visitors can experience the home's four historic gardens, which include the famous Rose Garden and the Rock Garden — what officials call the only rock garden of its kind in the state.

EDSEL AND ELEANOR FORD HOUSE

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford

House in Grosse Pointe Shores is also known for its extravagant Rose Garden. This nationally recognized estate stands on 86 acres of lakefront property and combines woodlands, meadows and wetlands.

Featuring a total of seven gardens, the Ford House also boasts a collection of original antiques, art and furnishings. Lyndstrom advised everyone to get out of the house and

GLORIOUS GARDENS

What: Buds are blooming in the gardens of three metro Detroit treasures: Meadow Brook Hall, located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills; Cranbrook House and Gardens, on Lone Pine Road east of Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills; and Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Shores.

When: Through August 24, visitors may purchase a combination ticket that includes garden and home tours of all three historic gems.

Tickets: Available at all three venues, tickets can be purchased for \$20 and allow one admission to each venue. Home and garden tour times vary by venue. For more information, call Meadow Brook Hall at (248) 370-3140; Cranbrook House and Gardens at (248) 645-3147; Edsel & Eleanor Ford House at (313) 884-4222.

view all three homes before August 24.

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained," she said. "People should take advantage of everything Detroit has to offer." Visitors may purchase a

combination ticket that includes garden and home tours of all three historic gems. For more information, call (248) 230-3140.

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Gotthelf's garden is pungent with fragrance and full of modern art sculptures.

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scious and fit for a celebrity. When she wants to relax, she does so in her bathroom, which boasts a large bathtub, shower and television.

Jeff King, of Jeffrey King Interiors in Birmingham, worked with Gotthelf to create her special haven. She hired the builder, architect and designer at the same time and they came up with the concept as a team.

"I think the house is very dramatic, very airy and has open architecture," said King. "We worked closely with the architect, and they wanted a contemporary home with great traffic flow, so I designed it for entertaining. What I love about the house is the way it flows. It has great traffic flow. Beth is a working professional with no children, so she had very specific ideas of what she wanted in the house — an open living room, dining room and kitchen."

Although the state-of-the-art kitchen is every cook's dream, Gotthelf said she spends the least amount of time there.

"I didn't want a kitchen," she joked. "I just wanted a tele-



The dining room and kitchen of Beth Gotthelf's house showcase modern art and has an open feel to it — perfect for entertaining.

phone for reservations, but Jeff said I had to get a kitchen. I try to get other people to come over and cook for me."

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Gotthelf deserves to be pampered every so often; she keeps busy with her volunteer work.

In addition to her demanding day job as an environmental attorney, Gotthelf serves on the executive committee for the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"In 1985 my dad was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis," said Gotthelf. "He thought we should take up biking instead of running because NMSS has a bikeathon. We weren't bikers, but we took up biking and we did it. We've been doing it every year since then."

Gotthelf is a busy woman but delights in the fact that she has a dream house to come home to every night.

"I plan to live here for the rest of my life," she said.

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Natural gas prices raise questions over efficiency of gas versus electric

Natural gas prices raise questions over efficiency of gas versus electric. My son Andrew was chatting with me a few weeks ago on the radio show we do together on Sunday mornings. He said: "It might be wise to invest in four or five sets of a washer and dryer and put them away in storage."

The reason he made this statement was because we had just discussed an advertisement for a washer and dryer for \$1,899. I asked him what was behind his thinking in making such a statement.

"I'm a washer and dryer technician and I fix all kinds of old and new products five days a week," he replied. "I'm 34 years old and I started in this profession when at age 10 you told me to take an old Whirlpool washer apart and put it back together."

Many of those old products were built like a tank and I don't believe that today's new washers and dryers even come close, Andrew said. "At today's astronomical increases in prices for a washer and what I expect the lifespan of these appliances, it might be wise to stock up on a washer and dryer set at the going price of \$499," Andrew said. "In the next 20 or 30 years, a homeowner could save themselves several thousand dollars."

Andrew is probably correct in his assumptions but to purchase four washer and dryer sets is not applicable to our shopping habits, is it?

Between now and 2006,



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when the new front loaders will be mandated, you should give serious thought to Andrew's statements. If you are going the direction of a new front loader, you should do a lot of investigating on who makes the best one. Keep in mind that a lot of these are new in the market and the biggest question should be, "Do they have all the bugs worked out?"

Adding to the woes of consumers, manufacturers are designing these new products with features such as counting the clothes, measuring the weight, computer technology where the washer talks to the dryer and other items which will make repairs more expensive.

It appears that engineers are forgetting a fellow by the name of Einstein who professed that the best design was always the most simple.

For the past 100 years a washer has been a washer. We put the clothes in it with detergent and let it do its job. In the eyes of 99 percent of users, the job is done satisfactorily. Make the whites look white and most people never will complain.

The recently announced gas price increases coming up in Michigan are worth a little

discussion. To understand all of this means you're involved in politics. We all want an economic upturn but it's apparent we don't want our seniors and others on fixed incomes to participate. Take a necessary commodity such as natural gas, scare the hejebbers out of them with increases in heating bills.

We will sell a lot of new windows, insulation, furnaces and other value items, but someone will suffer. We won't buy as many new cars, or spend it on vacations. Instead we will hoard our money for any future increases.

Electric clothes dryer, which has always been less expensive than a gas one, also may face increases in costs. Appliance retailers always promoted a gas dryer by telling consumers it costs more to purchase, but you saved the extra expense in energy costs because electricity is more expensive than gas.

The question is, with the increase in natural gas prices, will the electric dryer of tomorrow still cost more in the long run than a gas one.

Going back to my son Andrew's statement, I might suggest that if you are going to stock up on two sets of washers and dryers that you make two dryers gas and two of them electric.

Joe Gagnon is host of Ask The Handyman on Infinity Radio AM 1270 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and Sundays. You can hear his tips on WWJ 950 on weekdays. You can call him on his show at (248) 356-1270.

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The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. - R.S.V. Song of Solomon 2:12

Not a gray area

Color, other options available for driveways today

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Those long, gray slabs of concrete leading from your front porch to the world outside don't have to be dull and boring anymore.

Homeowners have a lot of options today. About 85 to 90 percent of new driveways are concrete, according to Earl Hall, owner of E G H Contractors in Plymouth.

Brick pavers are the second most popular choice and usually cost about twice as much as a concrete driveway. But in the long run, some developers say, brick pavers are cheaper, because repairs aren't as extensive. "More and more people are going to brick pavers for driveways," Hall said.

Brick surfaces can be extraordinarily durable, said Kit Shay, owner of Associates Construction in Livonia. Just look at how long the roadway on Michigan Avenue in front of the old Tiger Stadium has lasted, he said.

Some communities, like downtown Plymouth and Northville, are recreating that old-time look by adding bricks to the roadway.

Brick pavers are much more popular in Europe than the

United States, said Tom Niebauer, general manager of Unilock Inc. in Brighton.

The demand in Michigan is rising, Niebauer said, pointing to some builders "usually in high-end developments" who have actually required brick pavers in driveways throughout subdivisions.

"Brick pavers have beauty and there are structural benefits," Niebauer said. He said that they come in a lot of shapes including rectangles, squares and large slabs.

Last year, 90 percent of the brick pavers Ryan Smith, owner of R.M. Smith & Associates in Canton, installed were tumbler bricks, which are rolled in large steel tumblers to remove the edges and give them an Old World charm.

Some of the brick paver designs are quilting, which involves using different shapes and colors; squares inside of squares; herringbone; and a random pattern that Smith said is extremely popular because it looks European.

"In Europe, there's almost all brick," he said. "We're finally catching up."

Pavers are easier to repair than concrete, Smith said.

"If you ever do get a low spot, you pull it, replace it and

it's done," he said. "With concrete you save money initially but in the long run you save more with brick pavers."

CONCRETE

A somewhat new technique, stamp concrete, has hit the Michigan building market recently.

The concrete is dyed, poured and stamped to look like brick pavers, real brick, slate, rough stone or even boulders, said Steve Socha, owner of Socha Building Company in Plymouth.

It's not that much more expensive than concrete, he said.

Any color can be used to dye the concrete, but browns and slate colors are the most popular, Socha said.

"It can really make a difference in a driveway, which really sets off the front of the house," he said.

The technique has been popular in the South for more than a decade, according to Shay.

Working on insurance restoration claims in Miami during the 1990s, Shay saw a lot of homes with different colored driveways, he said. Most were various shades of red.

"But I don't know why you couldn't have any color you wanted," Shay said.

Crushed marble and even larger aggregate are also sometimes added to concrete, which gives homeowners another

choice for their driveways. The surface is leveled, yet it changes the texture, Shay said.

"It looks like stones instead of concrete," he said. "There's many different things you can do to dress up a driveway as far as textures, stone and color."

Asphalt is more popular in some communities. It's more commonly used on large driveways and in some rural areas.

The best way to keep a concrete driveway from cracking, Socha said, is to limit the amount of weight on the surface. Large trucks and Dumpsters can easily break the 6-inch-thick cement.

Freezing water pressure under the cement can cause the cement to heave, too.

The temperature should be above 40 degrees when the concrete is laid, because the water in the concrete could freeze and cause the material to weaken.

"If a piece of concrete is laid down that's too large, it will crack," Socha said.

No matter what you decide to do, Socha recommends looking for contractors who have experience.

"Make sure they have a reputable contractor, with good references, to make sure the concrete or pavers are installed correctly and they don't have problems down the road," Socha said.

"If concrete is not installed right, it's money thrown down the drain."

Water gardens, fountains enhance yards

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

No need to travel to a beautiful vacation resort if you've got the right sculptures, fountains and water gardens in your own back yard.

"We've seen a huge increase in the popularity of water gardens," said Jennifer Stansberry, marketing manager of English Gardens, with locations in Dearborn Heights, West Bloomfield, Clinton Township, Eastpointe and Royal Oak.

"People are staying at home more and they want to enhance their gardens and yards," she said.

Water gardens and fountains create a tranquil serenade of trickling water in a place where you can retreat and unwind.

"It's that touch with nature that everyone likes," Stansberry said. "It's a beautiful visual addition to a home landscape, too."

The water garden will require a minimum amount of maintenance if it's installed properly.

Find a sunny location - preferably away from trees and in other areas where a lot of debris collects, or you'll be forced off your hammock and onto another chore: skimming the surface of your pond.

Also, make sure you can run electricity to the pond to run the pump. Check with your local building inspector to determine if permits will be needed.

The pond depth should be at least 18 to 24 inches if you have goldfish and want to overwinter your plants. For koi fish, you should have 2 feet and preferably 3 to 6 feet of water.

"Consider the size," Stansberry said. "Most people start out too small and end up expanding it."

The basic supplies include a filter, skimmer, pump, liner, possibly a fabric to protect the liner, decorative boulders, rocks and gravel, if you like. Inside the pond you'll need plants, fish, and a water conditioner or a water stabilizer.

"It's a nice little ecosystem," Stansberry said. "We actually introduced a new line of water gardening. The parts are interchangeable and it takes you through each step. We have experts available every hour that we're open."

FOUNTAINS

Sometimes fountains are incorporated in the water garden depending on how elaborate you want to get.

No matter where you put them, fountains are another accessory that can be relatively easy to add to your yard. More and more people are buying fountains for inside their

homes in foyers and front entrance ways.

They range in size from handheld portable types that can be moved from place to place to large edifices 7 feet tall with multiple tiers.

The most popular is the classical style with three, four and sometimes five tiers, according to Don Fletcher, who manages A & D Yard Accents in Livonia for owner Andrew Gritka.

"We also have simple urns or pots that people use with water spraying up," Fletcher said.

Style options range from modern deco to Victorian.

Other homeowners prefer themed pieces, like wildlife or bird baths. The weather may be warm now, but it isn't too early to plan for winter.

"One of the biggest things they want to realize and think about is winter care here in Michigan," Fletcher said. "With our weather the way it is they can't leave a fountain out there and not prep it for winter."

The preparation might be as simple as covering the cement with a durable tarp and wrapping it securely around the base. The biggest misconception among customers,

Fletcher said, is that they believe they need a water line leading to the fountain. In fact, all it needs is a pump that will circulate the water, which means an electrical source is needed.

"Like anything there's high quality and there's lower quality, lower end," Fletcher said. "I would definitely think they would want to speak to the retailer about the quality they're getting."

"We carry a wide variety and are able to offer some real high end and at the same time we seek out less costly ones that we know are a good quality."

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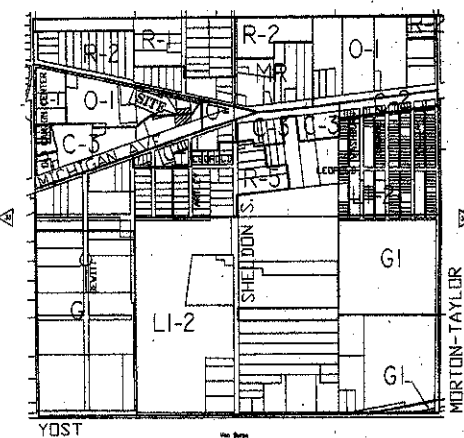
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 4, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

TACO BELL/KFC MICHIGAN AVENUE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02 FOR PARCEL NO. 133 02 0075 306. Property is located north of Michigan between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 31, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP



ZONING MAP
SECTION 34

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JULY 15, 2003

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo, Shefferly Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ann Conklin, Jeff Goulet, Brad Sharp, Dave Horstman, Deb Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Sean Fletcher, Keith Alexander, Jon LaFever Others Present: Sally Elmiger, Carlisle Wortman Associates / Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 1: Resident Cost Sharing and Neighborhood Improvement Tree Programs - Jeff Goulet, Community Planner presented an overview of the existing Resident Cost Sharing and Neighborhood Improvement Tree Programs and explained the proposed changes to the programs. The Board responded with their concerns and suggestions. Mr. Goulet indicated he will submit an RBA containing all the specifics of the program.

Item 2: Leisure Services Update: Parks Division - Director Conklin stated the master plans for Patriot Park have not been adopted yet. She presented two possible plans for constructing Patriot Park asking for the Board's input. Sally Elmiger of Carlisle Wortman Associates, outlined the changes that have been made to the Patriot Park Master Plan in response to the Board's discussion of the plan at their September 17, 2002 Study Session. Brad Sharp presented the estimated costs of the offsite infrastructure improvements and the estimated cost of Patriot Park as proposed. Director Conklin informed the board of the new updates that have been completed at other Canton Parks and the future planning for those parks.

Golf Division - Director Conklin presented to the Board various golf statistics about Michigan and outlined the value of having golf courses within a community. Dave Horstman, Golf Manager, presented to the Board financial charts and comparison charts for Pheasant Run Golf Course. He explained the enhancements that have taken place and the cost saving measures that have been implemented. SEV charts were presented showing a higher value for homes built on golf courses. Board members gave some suggestions for gaining more public awareness for Pheasant Run Golf Course.

Recreation and Facilities - Sean Fletcher, Facility Supervisor, presented the marketing plan for the Summit. There has been a steady climb in membership packages sold. Summit revenue is about the same as last year. Banquet and Conference Center Revenue is down while use is up. Canton Youth Sports Association: Director Conklin stated one of the goals of the Recreation Division is to have a written agreement with all of the organizations participating in Canton. She presented the requirements Canton Township will be requiring for use of its facilities effective January 1, 2004. Benefits Based Programming: Director Conklin stated there are very few places in Michigan that are doing this type of approach. Some of the economic benefits do not come for the next 20 years. A benefits based approach is a focus on outcomes versus process. Benefits-Based Pilot Program: Jon LaFever, Recreation Programmer explained how the benefits-based pilot program got started and gave an overview of the program. Director Conklin noted that the partnership that was formed with public safety has helped the program move forward. Statistics were presented showing the benefits received from this program. Other Program Successes: Director Conklin stated the department's goal is to have a program in every Canton school. • After School Programs • Lunch Time Activities • Character Counts Programs • Summer Camp • Special Events. Upcoming Fall Programs: • Re-vamped after school programs • Continuing lunch-time activities, Character Counts curriculum • Camp-out event at Bartlett-Travis Teen Night Out (TNO) • After Hours at the Summit • 3rd Annual Lock-In for Middle School Students • Christmas Benefit Show. Recware Safari Software: The department is now using the new Safari Software and has resulted in numerous improvements in the registration process, financial reports and improved customer service.

Accreditation - Deb Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Recreation and Facilities Manager updated the Board on the CAPRA Accreditation process. The accreditation would give Canton significant external recognition. The initial application has been made. The status of the application process is as follows: • Completion of Self-Assessment Phase • Submission of Self-Assessment Summary, Summary 2003 • Evaluation and Site Visit November/December 2003 • Appearance before Accreditation Board, February 2004.

Adjourn: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
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Birmingham mayor grows exquisite plants in garden

Seth Chafetz, the mayor of Birmingham, has more on his mind than running a city. His home is surrounded by gardens that are beautiful in every season of the year.

Shrubs such as azaleas, Daphne "Carol Mackie" rhododendrons, and mountain laurel grow along either side of the house. When you reach walled gardens in the back, you will find an eclectic mix, with many rare and unusual plants stuffed into every conceivable place. His orchids all have 'papers' to attest they have been started from tissue culture or seedlings in a laboratory. (It is illegal to gather them in the wild.)

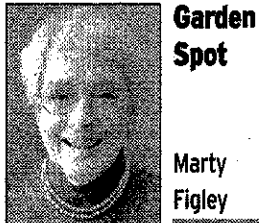
Chafetz especially is drawn to lady's slipper orchids and has quite a collection. The smallest orchid he grows has tiny white flowers, about the size of a dime, and grow only several inches tall. The showy lady's slipper, *Cypripedium reginae*, with big pink and white blooms about the size of a golf ball grows around 24 to 30 inches tall.

ORCHIDS GALORE

There are several other varieties of orchids scattered throughout the beds that encircle this area. Among them a *Bletilla* orchid that has rosy/purple flowers. It grows near the steps and catches the eye immediately, while across the yard, a large bed of the showy lady's slippers revel in their location.

Chafetz learned that orchids like sun and often grow at the edge of the woods in the wild, so if they are not performing as he wishes, he simply moves them to a sunnier spot. Other plants often have to be moved aside for the orchids.

He purchased his first yellow lady's-slipper from Hughes



Garden Spot
Marty Figley

Gardens (which is now closed), and recalls, "They said it'd probably die. At first I planted it in too much shade, so I moved it to a sunnier area and it's still blooming! The roots have now formed a clump and the plant likes where it is. The yellow lady's slipper is probably a good one for novices to start with."

His interest in smaller, interesting collectors plants has to do with space. His garden is packed with all manner of plants, including 20 varieties of trillium, some double ones; goat's beard; primroses, dianthus, foxglove, and wild flowers such as bloodroot, and more.

WILDFLOWERS ADD COLOR

In the spring many tulips and daffodils appear to start the season and add color, along with the wildflowers. A clematis vine grows up a tree and roses climb up other plants to find the sun. A goat's beard stands over 4-feet tall guarding over part of the garden. The plant's great cream plums of minute starry blossoms are quite dramatic.

This gardener is challenged to grow these beauties and is very proud of his exquisite Himalayan blue poppies. Three styrax trees, one with pink blooms, and two with white add an element of height. The back patio steps are full of containers blooming in lively colors.

Chafetz generally plants in the fall, from the end of



MARTY FIGLEY

Seth Chafetz enjoys growing orchids such as this yellow Lady's slipper.

September to early November. He does no cleanup in the fall, but does it all in the spring when he cleans out all the beds, puts them in a pile on the brick patio, and runs the lawnmower over them several times.

This garden mulch is then spread in the beds to enrich

the soil. He uses no fertilizer. He added sand to improve drainage for the orchids; now the soil is sandy and light. "If it's too rich, it encourages problems," he said.

He advises that if roots of an orchid are broken, "they will die because they don't regenerate, so treat them very gently.

Put a new orchid where it will primarily grow; when the dry seed pods of the orchids drop to the ground don't disturb the soil where they fall."

The showy lady's slipper orchid will have a mass of roots which will spread 2 to 3 feet, so when you plant it, spread the roots out with the

plant crown just slightly below the soil. The roots are spread just slightly lower than the crown. Cover it with about 1 to 2 inches of soil.

Chafetz will try a new orchid this year, a naturally occurring hybrid between white and yellow lady's slipper *Cypripedium andrewsii*, which will grow to 6 to 10 inches tall.

A large, metal moose holds center stage in the center of the back garden and provides a whimsical touch, as does a little creature wearing glasses given to Chafetz by a friend.

The Internet is a great resource for rare and unusual plants. The Vermont Ladyslipper company and The Cypripedium Station in Iowa (www.cypripediumstation.com) are two. He sometimes finds them in obscure catalogs and uses the catalog of Heronswood Nursery in Oregon as a source for the blue poppy (360-297-4172).

Good garden tip: Fertilize ground covers, annual, and perennial beds. Water first if soil is dry.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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Side dish

■ Pomegranate

Pomegranate juice, a drink full of antioxidants and touted as important in maintaining a healthy heart, is now available at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market.

POM Wonderful, 100 percent pomegranate juice, comes in several flavors, including mango, cherry,



blueberry, tangerine and pomegranate.

The suggested retail price is \$3.49 for the 15.2-ounce bottle, and \$5.49 for the 24-ounce bottle.

POM Wonderful contains no added sugars or preservatives. According to Information Resources, POM Wonderful ended the month of April 2003 as the No. 1 branded super-premium juice in Los Angeles.

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market is located at 34244 Woodward in Birmingham, (248) 723-9400, and 2025 Rochester Road in Rochester, (248) 853-6263.

■ Ice cream social

Cold Stone Creamery will fulfill more than just ice cream wishes and waffle cone dreams this summer as stores nationwide team up for a monthlong fund-raising effort on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America.

In honor of National Ice Cream Month, all ice cream purchases at Cold Stone Creamery in July will benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation. In addition, for a \$1 donation, Cold Stone will invite ice cream lovers to invent their own signature ice cream creations and have their name and recipe inscribed on a special Make-A-Wish star to be posted on store walls throughout July.

Cold Stone stores also will host their second annual World's Largest Ice Cream Social today.

Guests will be treated to free Make-A-Wish creations 5-8 p.m. to encourage communities to join together and share the simple pleasures of life with free ice cream, family activities and good-natured fun.

Cold Stone has two stores in the Detroit area: Stone 312, 108 S. Old Woodward, in Birmingham, (248) 540-6162, and Stone 476, 44715 W. 12 Mile Road, F-144, in Novi (248) 465-9091.

For more information, visit www.coldstonecreamery.com.

■ Air festival

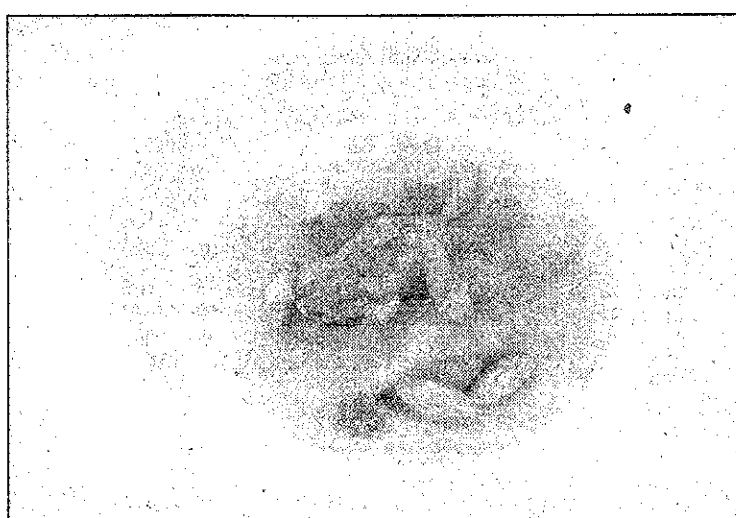
The Selfridge Airshow brings military and civilian performers together for a two-day aerial extravaganza over Anchor Bay Friday and Saturday, July 25-26.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds share the Michigan sky with the historic World War II biplanes flown today by the Red Baron Pizza Squadron.

They fly in formation less than a wingspan apart and perform aerobatic maneuvers such as loops, clover leaves, avalanches and barrel rolls.

Admission and parking are free.

Gates open at 8 a.m. with performances from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.



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Clockwise from top left: Here's the leadoff hitter for the Salon team - poached rainbow trout with watercress mousse and crayfish-filled crepe, hand-peeled fresh peas, and baby zucchini and summer squash created by Jeremiah Brown. Salad features heirloom tomatoes marinated in thyme, basil and olive oil; a farm green salad with a cucumber vinaigrette, a cucumber salad and a fried goat cheese medallion. Brandon Taylor's dessert is peach cobbler with raspberry ice cream, decorated with a pate choux butterfly and a cream anglaise with a touch of sherry. Mark Donovan's entree features a duck breast with a peppercorn crust brined, then sauteed (right foreground, then clockwise) with a pinot noir demiglace; roasted beets, a puree of potatoes and corn; duck liver dumpling; duck skin pizzelle; duck sausage and a turnip and braised greens.

Searing competition

Schoolcraft teams sharpen skills, minds for ACF championships

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

"Five minutes."

David Koshizawa tells his four teammates that that's how much time is left before the team starts to plate the food. They move around the kitchen with a quiet professionalism, on a mission to finish the job.

For slightly more than an hour, the salon team at Schoolcraft College has tried (for the fifth time since they decided on this menu) to get the timing, garnishes and flavors down in time for the American Culinary Federation's Salon Hot Food championship on the weekend of July 26. Schoolcraft's team will be seeking the

school's second national ACF Salon title in three years.

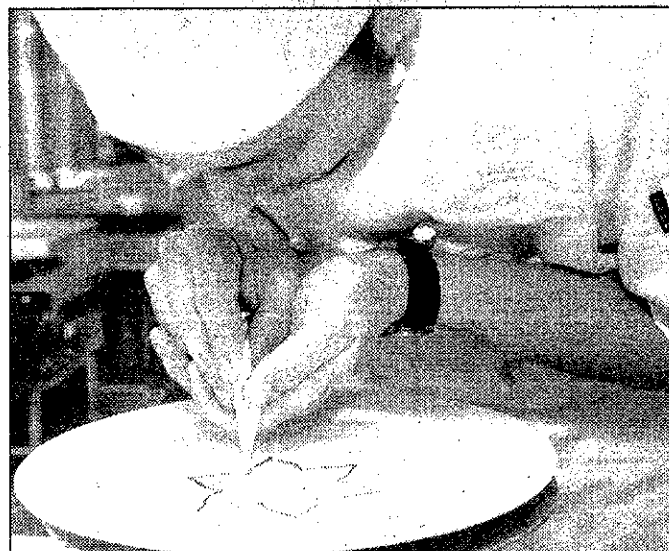
Schoolcraft's Salon team of captain Mark Donovan of Westland, Adam Kline of Charlevoix, Jeremiah Brown of Petoskey, Brandon Taylor of Livonia and Koshizawa of Canton will represent Schoolcraft in the hot foods competition, coached by Kevin Gawronski and Joe Decker, both instructors at the college and certified master chefs.

They will be joined by Schoolcraft's Knowledge Bowl team who will compete that same weekend (July 25-27) at the ACF championships at the Marriott Conference Center in Washington, D.C. (See related story.)

Both teams won the Central U.S. regional title in April in Houston. Since the hot foods competition is based on seasonality, the team isn't resting. They will be scored on kitchen skills, knife skills and hot foods preparation.

A LIGHTER, SEASONAL MENU

Today, the Salon team members are plating a poached rainbow trout made by Brown with watercress mousse and a crayfish-filled crepe with hand-peeled fresh peas, baby zucchini and squash, followed moments later by Kline's summertime picnic plate of heirloom tomatoes marinated in thyme, basil and olive oil;



Brandon Taylor pipes a flower onto a plate that will eventually hold the dessert selection.

baby greens with a cucumber vinaigrette (which includes fennel pollen), and a cucumber salad with dill, and a fried goat cheese croquette.

The main course is Donovan's duck variety

plate, with duck sausage, a peppercorn crusted, brined and sauteed duck breast with a pinot noir demiglace, a dumpling filled with duck's

PLEASE SEE TEAMS, D5

Antinori stays ahead of the Italian wine curve

Keeping pace in the wine industry is not something Marchese Piero Antinori has interest in.

Antinori wants to lead. This was well-recognized in a conversation and tasting we recently had with Massimo Marcja, senior vice president of sales and marketing for Antinori wines.

"We must continually innovate and evolve," Marcja said. "At the same time, our aim is to make wines of personality. Tuscan wines must taste Tuscan."

"We innovate with the latest technology, particularly in our vineyards, to produce better wines at lower cost. Sometimes innovation is the release of a new product."

Such is the case with Antinori's 2001 Conte della Vipera (\$25), an Umbria estate-grown sauvignon blanc with 15 percent barrel-



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

fermented chardonnay.

Conte della Vipera is named after the original owners of Castello della Sala, a well-known estate in the Antinori wine lineup. Not overly aromatic, it is an atypical sauvignon blanc. On the palate, it has multiple layers of citrus and melon with a chablis-like mineral finish that marks it for seafood.

WINE EVOLUTION

Influenced by a number of variables, including increased competition in the premium wine category and the

growing demand by consumers for high-quality wines, Antinori concluded that the only way to consistently maintain and improve Villa Antinori wines, some of the most important in the company's portfolio, was to assume complete control of all production aspects.

Therefore, with vintage 2001, which will be released in late Autumn 2003, Villa Antinori Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva will be re-classified as a red Tuscan IGT wine (Indicazione Geografica Tipica, a relatively new Italian wine category). Under this new classification, the wine will now be made from a selection of grapes grown exclusively on estates, wholly owned by Marchese Piero Antinori in Tuscany, and will no longer have purchased grapes in the blend.

"Without full control of our

vineyards," Marcja said, "it's impossible to incorporate research and technology advancements. But this is not something new for Antinori. In the late 1960s, with development of wines like Tignanello, Piero Antinori embraced new options to continue to improve quality. "Adopting IGT allows for new blends and production flexibility."

Antinori will continue to designate Chianti Classico DOCG for wines produced from the Peppoli and Badia a Passignano estates and for Tenute Marchese Antinori wines.

NEW ANTINORI RELEASES

Ninety percent of Antinori wines are red, but white wines from this producer should not

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WINE PICKS

When area farm markets begin to sell their fresh vegetable crops and fresh herbs, think SAUVIGNON BLANC as an accompaniment.

Pick of the pack: 2001 Chalk Hill (\$30).
Big, bold, oaky and pick of the pack in this style: 2001 Beringer Knights Valley Alluvium Blanc (\$16).

Tops from Central Coast: 2002 Beckmen Vineyards (\$12).

Zesty grapefruit and lime characters: 2002 Dry Creek Vineyard Fume Blanc Sonoma County (\$13), 2002 Markham (\$12) and 2002 Carmenet Cellar Selection (\$8).

Classic Chilean: 2002 Carmen (\$8).

Aussie hit: 2002 Rosemount (\$10).

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Moroccan flair influences recipe

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Read this recipe carefully to draw up your plan of action, and count on having a stylish, robustly seasoned dish on the table, to serve four people, in under half an hour.

The seasoning used for both meat and couscous is influenced by the spicy flair of Moroccan cuisine.

Olives, raisins and yogurt are other Mediterranean-style ingredients rounding out the taste spectrum, with the thick yogurt serving as a cool, creamy garnish.

- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1-1/2 cups reduced-sodium chicken or beef broth
- 1/2 cup julienned or thinly sliced carrots
- 1/3 cup golden or dark raisins
- 1 cup whole-wheat or regular couscous, uncooked
- 1/2 cup pitted ripe or stuffed manzanilla olives, halved crosswise
- 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

To thicken yogurt, place yogurt in a paper-towel-lined strainer; place strainer over a bowl to catch liquid.

Let stand at room temperature 15 minutes while preparing pork and couscous.

Cut pork crosswise into 1-inch slices.

Press down on cut sides of slices to flatten pork to form 1/2-inch-thick medallions.

In a small bowl, combine coriander, paprika, cumin, salt, cinnamon and cayenne pepper; mix well. Sprinkle 2 teaspoons of the mixture over the pork medallions; reserve remaining spice mixture for couscous.

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add pork; cook 4 minutes per side until no longer pink in center.

Meanwhile, combine broth, carrots and raisins in a medium saucepan. Bring to a simmer over high heat. Stir in couscous and olives; mix well. Cover, remove from heat and let stand until liquid is absorbed, about 5 minutes.

Transfer couscous to serving plates; top with pork and garnish with thickened yogurt and cilantro.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 477 cal., 11 g fat, 74 mg chol., 796 mg sodium, 62 g carbo., 9 g dietary fiber, 35 g pro.

MOROCCAN PORK WITH COUSCOUS

- 1/2 cup nonfat or low-fat plain yogurt
- 1 pound well-trimmed pork tenderloin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

White bean toss features Mediterranean flair

Ready to enjoy a cool recipe? Any Southerner knows that warm weather means pimientos.

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MEDITERRANEAN WHITE BEAN TOSS

- 1 16-ounce can white beans,

- drained
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 4-ounce jar pimientos, diced and drained
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup pimiento-stuffed olives, drained
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh basil, packed

In a medium bowl, combine beans with red wine vinegar. Stir in diced pimientos, capers, garlic, salt and pepper.

In a mini food processor, combine olives, olive oil and basil. Process until basil is finely chopped.

Four basil mixture over the bean salad and toss gently to coat.

Serve at room temperature or slightly chilled. Serves 4

WINE

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be overlooked. "White wines," Marja said, "make the perfect aperitif. With fish, they are better than any red, unless the preparation includes tomatoes, and then a red is the better choice." In addition to the new 2001 Conte della Vipera, a light and refreshing white is 2002 Campogrande Orvieto Classico (\$10). Luciano Del Signore, owner of Bacco restaurant in

Southfield, served 2001 Villa Antinori Bianco (\$10) with tuna tartare in a martini glass, showcased with Belgian endive and olive-oil basted crispy toasts. Fabulous.

A departure from heavy, oaky chardonnays and perhaps a hidden treasure is 2001 Tormaresca (\$11).

For Antinori current release reds, try 2002 Tormaresca Red (\$11); the youthful and exuberant 2000 Peppoli Chianti Classico (\$25); rich and fruit concentrated 1998 Tenute Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva (10

percent cabernet sauvignon) (\$39); the accessible and delicious 1998 Badia a Passignano Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva (\$50) (100 percent sangiovese); and 2000 Tignanello (\$85), which is plumper and fuller-fruited than preceding vintages in the 1990s, but with an exceptional, long finish.

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Healthy cooking
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Learn how to prepare your favorite Chinese foods at Chinese Food 2003, taught 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at 30561 Krauter, Apt.3C, Garden City, MI 48135. Class fee is \$25.

Wilson will also offer a four-week beginning cooking series in September. All classes must be prepaid. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit macroval@cs.com for information.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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Afternoon tea party enjoys recent revival

Afternoon tea, usually served between 3 and 5 p.m., was once confined to the aristocracy, offering a peek into one's social standing.

Afternoon tea did not exist before the 19th century - in fact, historians place the first afternoon tea service in 1830 with the seventh Duchess of Bedford, who one afternoon requested to be served tea and light refreshments in her stately home, beginning a cultural trend.

As lifestyles and times changed the popularity of the formal afternoon tea waned, but it has seen a revival in recent years as people once again enjoy its elegance. Celebrating bridal and baby showers, birthdays and other special occasions are made all the more memorable by an afternoon tea party.

Although we tend to associate dainty cucumber sandwiches and scones with afternoon tea, there is no set menu - it really depends on the time of year, the setting and personal taste. Scones and sandwiches are standard fare, but other choices can include muffins, crumpets, bread and butter, cakes, cookies, gingerbread, pastries, fruit and a selection of jellies, preserves, lemon curd and clotted cream.

Taking center stage, of course, is the tea.

Served from fine bone china, the brewing of the tea is very important. First the teapot is rinsed with warm water. Next,

bring a kettle of hot water to a boil and pour over the tea leaves, letting it steep for three to five minutes. If using "loose" tea, the general rule is to use one heaping teaspoon of tea per cup and another "for the pot" - in other words, if you are serving four cups, use five heaping teaspoons of loose tea.

A famous poet once expanded on the theme of naming teas:

"The naming of teas is a difficult matter,

It isn't just one of your everyday games-

Some might think you as mad as a hatter

Should you tell them each goes by several names

For starters each tea in the world must belong

To the families Black or Green or Oolong

Then look more closely at these family trees-

Some include Indians along with Chinese."

- T.S. Eliot

The Townsend Hotel serves a traditional English tea Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, email tea@townsendhotel.com. Following are some of our favorite recipes from the Townsend Hotel's Afternoon Tea.

ENGLISH CREAM Scone

This recipe is for a traditional cream scone that can be served with Devonshire clotted cream and strawberry jam or lemon curd.

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup unsalted butter (chilled)

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1 large egg, beaten

1/2 cup heavy cream

Egg mixture for brushing tops:

1 large egg, beaten

1 teaspoon heavy cream

Preheat oven to 375° F and place a rack in the middle of the oven. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut the butter into small pieces and blend into the flour mixture with either a pastry blender, two knives or your hand and rub in chilled butter. The mixture should look like coarse crumbs.

In a small measuring cup combine the heavy cream, beaten egg and vanilla.

Add this mixture to the crumb mixture. Stir until just combined. Do not overwork it!

Knead dough gently on a lightly floured surface. Roll or pat the dough into a circle that is 7 inches round and about 1-1/2 inches thick. Cut this into about eight triangular pieces or use a round cookie cutter.

Brush the scones with the egg mixture and bake for approximately 15 minutes or until the tops are brown. Transfer to a cooling rack to cool.

Variations: Add 1/2 cup of dried Michigan cherries, 1/2 cup of chocolate chips or 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest. You also can sprinkle the tops after brushing with sliced almonds then bake.

LEMON CURD

Lemon curd is an English specialty and traditionally served with afternoon tea scones. We also use it for filling cakes and tarts, or just as a spread. Limes, grapefruits and oranges can also be used for curds.

3 large eggs

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (Do not

use bottled juice.)

1 teaspoon lemon zest, finely grated

3/4 cup granulated sugar

4 teaspoons unsalted butter, diced and at room temperature

In a stainless steel bowl placed over a saucepan of simmering water, whisk together the eggs, sugar and lemon juice until blended.

Cook, whisking or stirring constantly to prevent curdling, until the mixture just comes to a boil. The mixture will become lighter in color and quite thick.

Removed from the heat and immediately pour through a fine strainer to remove any lumps.

Cut the butter into small pieces and whisk into the mixture until all the butter has melted. Add the lemon zest and let cool. Cover with plastic wrap to prevent a skin from forming.

Refrigerate for up to 2 weeks.

Notes: Let lemons sit and reach room temperature before juicing to provide more juice.

Cold lemons are much easier to zest or grate. Grate lemons just before using, as the zest will lose moisture if it sits too long.

Zest of 1 lemon or lime

Place all ingredients in a bowl and beat with an electric mixer until the mixture holds its shape.

Note: This cream does not hold very well and should be made shortly before serving.

Chef Colin Brown is executive chef of The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Brown studied culinary arts at the Glasgow College of Food Technology and has won several awards, including the Scottish Chef of the Year, and was a member of the Scottish Culinary Olympic team, which won seven gold medals, six silver medals and four bronze medals in Frankfurt. Married and the father of four children, Brown and his family reside in Auburn Hills. Look for his column in Taste on the fourth Thursday of the month. He welcomes comments and questions from readers. You can e-mail him at chef@townsendhotel.com.

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BY J.M. HIRSH
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Dutiful friends that we are, my wife and I have spent much of this summer trudging from one wedding to another as the single stragglers of our circle finally discover marital bliss.

But as we work the wedding circuit, clinking glasses and making inane small talk with strangers, we've noticed that the cost of the catering rarely reflects the quality.

Whether a \$60,000 affair in Mississippi or a more modest celebration in Massachusetts, the food was awful.

Of course, we weren't there to be food critics, and on that level the quality of the meal shouldn't and doesn't matter.

Still, newlyweds fork over considerable sums for catering and have a right to expect better.

Perhaps the instant rice, cold stuffed mushrooms, limp baby carrots and canned cheese hors d'oeuvres (not making this up) would have tasted better had I not known the betrothed paid as much as \$65 a plate.

While it has become a cliché to complain about rubber wedding chicken (full disclosure: Such fowl was served at my own nuptials), we don't hear nearly enough about the atrocious vegetarian offerings.

Then again, we should be grateful there were vegetarian options at all. Too many wedding caterers consider chicken vegetarian. Even when they get the vegetarian part of it right, everything else about it usually is so wrong.

With uncanny accuracy, I will predict what the vegetarian offering will be at the next wedding you attend.

Think pasta, preferably a bit mushy. There will be some tomato substance, but not much, and it will have no flavor.

There also will be mushy chunks of vegetables, usually summer squash regardless of the season. And lots of garlic.

Mouth watering yet? On one account, caterers can be forgiven their lack of cre-

ativity. At most weddings, vegetarians are few in number.

Pasta is agreeable to most people, and it certainly is easy to make.

But who knew it was so easy to make so badly?

At my own wedding we avoided the pathetic pasta option by giving the caterer the recipe for the vegetarian dish we wanted served: roasted tofu with brown rice, steamed broccoli and spicy peanut sauce.

Not every couple will go as far as that, especially if vegetarians aren't well represented in the wedding party. And not every caterer wants to learn how to handle tofu just to serve a few people at one wedding.

But that doesn't mean good meatless meals can't be had while celebrating a marriage. The ideal dish would employ common ingredients, simple techniques and (this is the tough part) taste good.

As luck would have it, the slightly obsessive chefs at *Cook's Illustrated* magazine (these are the wonderful folks who test each dish a billion or so times to get it just right) have just what we need for true wedded bliss.

In the magazine's July-August issue, the *Cook's* crew offers a perfected version of pasta with vegetables. *Cook's Illustrated* writer Elizabeth Germain explains that summer squash and pasta can make a great coupling.

"For most of us, however, this promise of ideal matrimony is likely to end in divorce," she writes.

Don't let it get to that stage. For good vegetarian wedding food, clip this recipe and give to a caterer near you.

PASTA AND SQUASH WITH TOMATOES, BASIL AND PINE NUTS

(Preparation 1 hour)
4 medium zucchini and/or summer squash (2 pounds), halved lengthwise and then cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces
Kosher salt
1 pound farfalle pasta
5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

3 medium garlic cloves, minced or pressed through a garlic press (about 1 tablespoon)
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 pint grape tomatoes, cut into halves
1/2 cup packed chopped fresh basil leaves
2 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup pine nuts, lightly toasted
Parmesan cheese, to serve

Toss the zucchini and/or squash with 1 tablespoon kosher salt in a medium bowl. Transfer to a large colander and set over the bowl. Let stand for 30 minutes to drain.

Spread the squash evenly over a double layer of paper towels. Pat squash dry with additional paper towels and wipe off any residual salt.

In a large stockpot, bring 4 quarts of water to a rolling boil. Add 2 tablespoons kosher salt (or 1 tablespoon table salt) and pasta. Cook until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain and return to the stockpot.

While the pasta cooks, heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over high heat until just beginning to smoke. Swirl to coat pan with oil.

Add half of the squash and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown and slightly charred, about 5 to 7 minutes.

Transfer the squash to a baking sheet or large plate. Heat another tablespoon of oil in the skillet and repeat to cook remaining squash. Transfer to baking sheet or plate.

Return empty skillet to a medium-high flame. Add 1 tablespoon of oil, garlic and pepper flakes. Cook until fragrant, about 10 seconds, then add squash and stir well to combine and heat through, about 30 seconds.

Add the squash mixture, remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, tomatoes, basil, balsamic vinegar and pine nuts to the pasta in the stockpot. Toss to combine. Adjust seasonings, if needed, and serve, passing Parmesan separately.

Makes 4 to 6 servings as main dish.

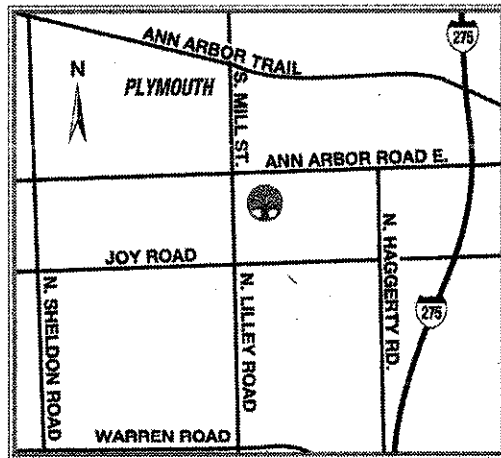
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liver mixed with cherries, along with a puree of mashed potatoes and corn, a roasted beet, braised greens and a fried duck skin pizelle.

The meal is crowned with Taylor's dessert - a peach cobbler with raspberry ice cream, decorated with a paté choux butterfly and sweetened with a cream anglais with a hint of sherry.

While the student-chefs each create their own dishes and are responsible for their work involved, they help each other with preparation when they experience a little "down time."

Koshizawa, who is an alternate, must know all the dishes and step in should one of the chefs become ill or unable to compete.

He also acts as a coach as the actual coaches cannot assist the team, even vocally, at the competition.

Since the competition takes place this weekend, right smack dab in the middle of summer, that meant planning for more produce opportunities. Gone are the pumpkin, cabbage and winter squash from earlier efforts. Sprouting up new on this menu are zucchini and summer squash, corn, heirloom tomatoes, fresh baby peas and even pea tendrils.

"Eighty percent of that (spring) menu has changed," said Gawronski. "We've kept the trout and the trout roux, but we've changed the components that went with it."

PICKING PRODUCE

The team drove to the Chef's Garden, a 70-acre farm in Huron, Ohio, to obtain the baby vegetables, grown organically.

"They've taken a lot of time and energy to do researching of food items," Gawronski said. "We've got greens we're using that grow to a maximum of two inches, romaine, oak leaf and endive. We've got heirloom tomatoes and baby cucumbers that are only one inch long."

And the menu is the entire creation of the team. "They came up with the ideas," Gawronski said. "I advise them and I might tell them, these are the things to consider, the texture of this dish versus that, the color and how the dish interacts with the whole menu."

The team members work on their respective dishes. Donovan cuts up the duck, using the entire bird for several different tastes on his dish. He'll remove the skin to flatten with a pizelle iron and fry for a chip to use as a garnish.

He'll sear the liver, mix it with cherries, and grind the two together, then roll that mix into circle of rye bread, which is then egg-washed, floured and fried.

Donovan will sauté and then simmer the duck's legs, neck and feet to create a duck broth. The sautéed breast will be the centerpiece, but far from the focal point of the dish.

Donovan also will cut off corn from a husk and run his knife along the husk to obtain the milk.

He'll puree the corn and milk, then strain it before mixing it with the mashed potatoes, which he then pipes onto a plate into short rows. The result is a sweeter mashed potato than the traditional one.

Brown butchers his trout and then he'll boil the crayfish, and shock it in cold water. The crayfish shells are broken and the meat is pulled out, then simmered to create a mousse for inside the crepe.

Kline will create his cucumber salad, cut up heirloom Cherokee, cherry and German candy stripe tomatoes for a sweet summer salad. He'll cut up the baby cucumbers, and create a vinaigrette with a special addition of fennel pollen.

Taylor will create a paté choux, then pipe onto a template with parchment paper and bake it for his butterfly garnish. "The batter has to be perfect with no bubbles," Gawronski said. "A little lump screws up everything."

Taylor will need to keep cocoa butter tempered between 79 and 80 degrees. "Above that temperature, it separates, and below it, it sets up," Gawronski said.

Taylor's peach cobbler and raspberry ice cream dessert also will be seasonal, just in time with the Michigan peach season. "You want to give them a 'wow' at the end of the meal," Taylor said.

IT'S 'PRIME TIME'

Donovan, who works at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield, said he looked for seasonality when deciding on his final dish.

"The two previous competitions were held in winter and early spring," Donovan said.

"The third week of July is prime time for all produce that you could possibly want."

The team wanted to "lighten things up" to fit in with the summer's warm months, Donovan said.

The ACF competition brings the experience of developing a menu, working with others and preparing food within a time frame, Donovan said.

"You're working fast, clean and efficiently."

Once the preparation is over, the group plates the dish.

"That's when it's exciting to watch, when it comes to fruition," Gawronski said.

"What it does for them is it gives them an understanding of how to develop menus, it gives them ideas on how it blends together on a menu, and it takes them to a higher confidence level."

Gawronski doesn't tell them what to do. "I'll listen, then I'll tell them what to consider. Before long, they already know what I'm going to say," Gawronski said.

"Critical thinking is a part of that, confidence is another thing and interaction is the most valuable thing."

Chef Joe Decker, who is also a certified master pastry chef, is also a coach. "Joe does a lot of judging in competitions in the U.S.," Gawronski said.

"We have a good cross exchange of information, and he also has a real good eye for hot food." Gawronski likes what he sees.

The team fixes the dishes at this practice in one hour and 15 minutes, then takes 15 minutes to plate the food. All five members assist in plating all four dishes.

"We're at the finesse stage," Gawronski said.

He thought the trout needed to be larger, and that the team needed a few tweaks in technique to remedy everything from a "slightly crunchy" vegetable in one of the dishes and a utensil not quite heated to the right temperature during the process.

"Flavorwise, I'm happy with what's come out so far," Gawronski said. "Now it's just getting the timing and tweaking it."

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Inaugural team seeks ACF title in Knowledge Bowl

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While Schoolcraft College's Salon team prepares for the hot food competition this weekend, the school's Knowledge Bowl team also has practiced for several hours for its competition, too.

In its inaugural year, the Knowledge Bowl team defeated the defending national champion at the Regional American Culinary Federation competition. The team now hopes to add a national ACF title the same weekend the Salon team competes for one in hot foods.

The Knowledge Bowl team is represented by Mark Butcher of Northville, Kathryn Cillick of Livonia, captain Richard Weinkauff of

Farmington, Pam Charney of Grosse Ile and Carolyn Atcheson of Flat Rock and coached by chef Chris Misiak, a certified executive chef and instructor.

The team has practiced for the tournament similar to a Quiz Bowl format against chefs and Schoolcraft alumni in practice rounds at Schoolcraft, according to Misiak.

"We're stepping up the competition," Misiak said recently.

The Knowledge Bowl team competes Saturday at the Marriott Conference Center in Washington, D.C. Schoolcraft represents the Central region, and will face off against regional champion teams from the East Coast, the West and South in a round-robin tournament.

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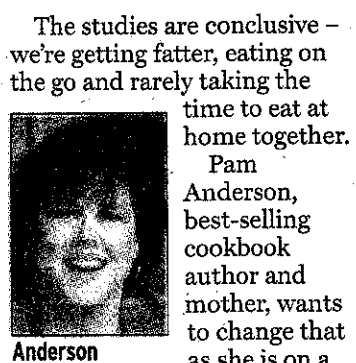
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Author says olive oil versatile and easy to use



The studies are conclusive — we're getting fatter, eating on the go and rarely taking the time to eat at home together. Pam Anderson, best-selling cookbook author and mother, wants to change that as she is on a campaign to bring families back to the table. Anderson says that with just 20 minutes in the kitchen, a pantry stocked with versatile meal components like olive oil, pasta and rice, and 20 minutes at the table, families can reclaim their kitchens and improve their overall health. "Many people are intimidated by the prospect of preparing a labor-intensive meal, but a busy schedule is no reason to abandon home cooking," Anderson said. "I want to convince families they can achieve a healthier lifestyle despite

their stressful lives." According to a 2002 study in the *Journal of Family Psychology*, family routines like regular mealtimes strengthen family relationships, provide a sense of personal identity and ease the stress of daily living. The health benefits stretch into the physical realm as well. An earlier Harvard Medical School study revealed a correlation between the number of meals eaten with the family and the food choices children made. According to the data, children who ate regular family dinners tended to eat more healthfully throughout the day. They consumed more fiber, calcium, vitamins and iron, ate less fried food and drank fewer sodas. Anderson says she understands as well as anyone the challenge of finding time for family meals, so she has focused her cooking career on "cooking smart" — developing simple techniques and using basic foods to prepare quick

delicious meals. "This 20/20 prescription is not only important, it's also easier to follow than parents might think," Anderson says. "Armed with the right ingredients and the right techniques, families can slow down, return to the dinner table and enjoy a few minutes together everyday." Anderson recommends first stocking up on healthful, versatile ingredients that work well with a variety of cooking styles. Non-perishable foods, such as rice, pasta, canned tomatoes and several types of olive oil (pure, extra-virgin and extra light) top her list. "These ingredients can be used with almost any type of

food," Anderson says. "Olive oil for example, is one of those secret weapons I like to use to lower cholesterol and boost the nutritional value of a meal while enhancing the taste of my family's favorite foods — appetizers to desserts. Healthful, versatile and easy-to-use ingredients that work in soups, sauces, marinades and salads are essential to keep on hand." In her years balancing a career and family, Anderson has also developed a series of techniques to help get dinner quickly to the table. She points to a stash of family-favorite recipes that take less time than a half hour to prepare.

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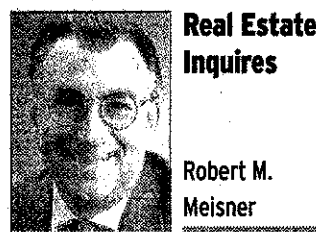
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This is always a difficult legal issue but in the recent case out of Florida, the Appeals Court held that the fact that cats are different from dogs makes no difference as to the obligation to enforce the pet restriction. What does matter, said the court, is neither a cat nor a dog is a fish or a bird, so both should be prohibited. Once the association starts varying from its deed restrictions by allowing some variations and not others, it is opening itself up to a selective enforcement defense that may preclude its ability to enforce its restrictions. The association should review its procedures immediately.

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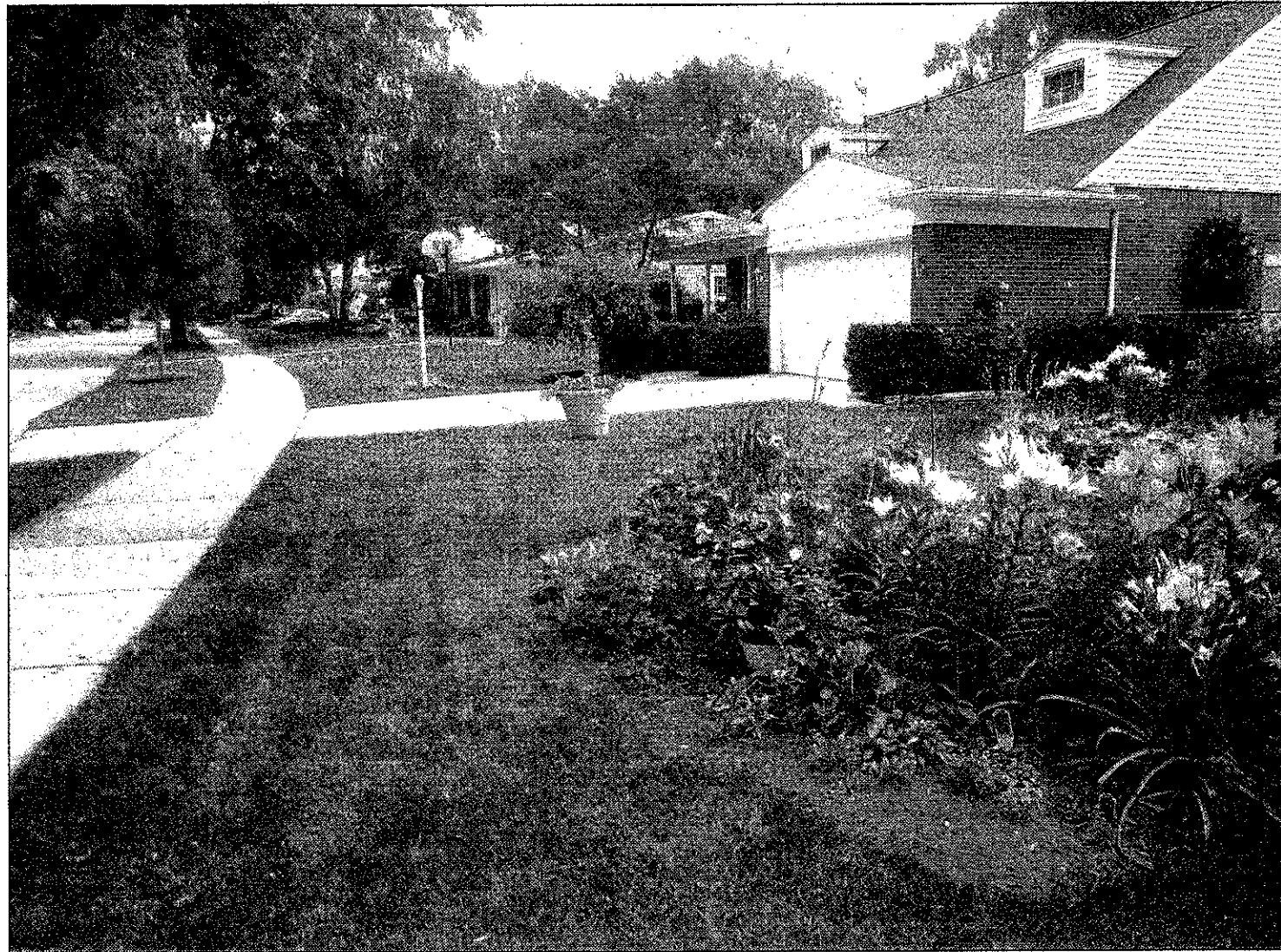
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Median sales prices continued to rise here through the first half of this year.

Sales cool, prices increase

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Fewer sales, but those that sold probably brought more money than a year ago.

That, in a nutshell, describes residential real estate activity in many *Observer & Eccentric* communities through the first six months of this year.

According to figures provided by Realcomp II, a multi listing/tracking service, the number of houses and condominiums sold in Bloomfield Township, Clarkston/Independence townships, Oakland Township, Southfield, Troy, West Bloomfield, Garden City and Redford declined by at least 8 percent January through June of this year compared to last. However, the median (half-above/half below) sales price increased in all eight of those communities. The increase ranged from 1 percent in Garden City to nearly 10 percent in Oakland Township.

Median sales prices increased or remained level in almost every *O&E* community through the first half of this year compared to last.

Here's a breakdown of median mid-year sales prices for 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998 in that order. The number in parentheses refers to sales closed January through June of this year.

The figures include new construction and existing houses and condominiums. They don't include refinancings.

Realcomp II, which services the Western Wayne/Oakland County, Metropolitan Consolidated, North Oakland, Dearborn, Detroit and Livingston County realty boards, provided the numbers.

Caution should be taken interpreting the statistical material, said Karen Kage, Realcomp CEO.

Median figures in

Bloomfield Township and West Bloomfield are averages of three distinct submarkets, which can impact analysis.

Also, some sales prices grossly understated in Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham to maintain privacy may slip through control efforts, impacting median prices.

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- Canton — (655)
\$225,000; \$220,500;
\$220,000; \$196,900;
\$185,000; \$170,000.
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\$124,700; \$121,400;
\$110,000; \$97,750.
 - Livonia — (677)
\$186,000; \$174,900;
\$174,000; \$159,900;
\$150,000; \$140,250;
 - Plymouth/Plymouth Township — (268)
\$231,500; \$216,750;
\$222,900; \$194,950;
\$180,500; \$160,000.
 - Redford — (489)
\$125,450; \$123,500;
\$120,000; \$110,000;
\$98,000; \$89,000.
 - Westland — (479)
\$147,950; \$136,000;
\$134,900; \$125,000;
\$115,250; \$107,750.

- Oakland County:**
- Auburn Hills — (52)
\$155,000; \$147,750; \$149,100;
\$142,250; \$124,250;
\$122,900.
 - Birmingham — (239)
\$269,500; \$260,000;
\$245,000; \$245,000;
\$227,000; \$234,500.
 - Bloomfield Hills — (38)
\$407,750; \$386,250;
\$320,000; \$262,450;
\$320,500; \$361,000.
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\$252,300; \$242,350;
\$263,000; \$223,000;
\$242,200; \$223,950.
 - Clarkston/Independence Township — (212)
\$260,000; \$245,000;
\$228,000; \$230,000;

'People want new now, amenities, so sellers have to take care of older houses, make sure they're in tip-top shape.'

Ronni Keating
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- Lake Orion and Orion Township — (261)
\$224,500; \$216,900;
\$218,500; \$187,250;
\$184,000; \$165,500.
- Oakland Township — (80)
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\$349,850; \$362,500;
\$306,000; \$330,000.
- Oxford/Oxford Township — (115)
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\$213,000; \$198,000;
\$164,000; \$173,900.
- Rochester — (81)
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\$288,900; \$239,900;
\$161,000; \$145,750.
- Rochester Hills — (436)
\$259,900; \$259,950;
\$242,000; \$238,900;
\$231,500; \$204,500.
- Southfield — (354)
\$163,500; \$156,000;
\$155,000; \$142,000;
\$140,000; \$129,900.
- Troy — (387)
\$253,000; \$232,275;
\$234,000; \$215,000;
\$197,250; \$187,500.
- Waterford — (530)
\$167,450; \$158,000;
\$152,250; \$147,400;
\$136,000; \$126,700.
- West Bloomfield — (461)
\$230,750; \$227,900;
\$219,830; \$224,675;
\$241,000; \$213,300.

Many factors combine to determine sales prices of individual homes within a municipality and across community boundaries.

Those include style, size, condition and age of the structure.

Also, location, quality of the public school district, municipal services provided, general reputation, transportation links, nearby recreational amenities, the number of other houses for sale in the neighborhood and motivation of buyer and seller to complete a transaction.

"Sellers have to be much more realistic about pricing ... not pie-in-the-sky ... and getting the house ready for market," said Ronni Keating, a top producer with SKB&K, formerly Snyder Kinney Bennett and Keating in Birmingham. "People want new now, amenities, so sellers have to take care of older houses, make sure they're in tip-top shape."

"Buyers are much more savvy. There's much more to compete with — new, tear-downs," Keating added. "Interest rates are very good. I don't know how much longer they will continue."

John McArdle, broker at Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth, picked up on that theme.

"Never before have we seen mortgage rates so low ... when at the same time there's so much selection of homes," he said. "Buyers are willing to give market rate to sellers who have taken care of the home, updated and created a sale-ready home."

"It might take a couple more weeks to sell," he added. "Prices are holding or going up. The market is proving sellers are getting their money."

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Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Jumbo mortgage 'discounts'

Homeowners with jumbo mortgages typically pay up to one-half percent higher interest rates than do conforming borrowers. This interest rate disparity on a 30-year mortgage of, say, \$400,000 could cost that jumbo borrower almost \$50,000 extra over the loan's life.

The "magic number" is currently \$322,700. Borrowers with mortgages written below that amount are within conforming underwriting limits and typically enjoy premium interest rates. But, "jumbo" borrowers who have mortgages written even a dollar over that \$322,700 limit must pay fiscal homage to the mortgage gods in the form of higher interest rates.

Simply moving from the jumbo category into the conforming zone saves a typical jumbo borrower from \$100 to \$200 monthly in unnecessary interest payments. That's like making \$150 to \$300 more pre-tax money per month. If your stock broker did that for you, you would probably take her out to lunch! (We loan officers usually settle for a sincere "thank you" and perhaps a referral.)

If you have an older jumbo mortgage with a current balance below \$322,700, you should refinance into a conforming loan soon ... like right now. If you have a jumbo loan above that amount, you should still chat with a mortgage loan officer about your options.

Occasionally, I place my jumbo borrowers into "split" mortgages (or "piggybacks") to take advantage of the discounted sub-jumbo interest rates.

This mortgage configuration lets me get them an interest rate much better than their existing jumbo rate. At times, borrowers can take extra cash out and still lower their monthly payments.

Need "jumbo" money for your huge, newly-built home? This split mortgage concept is a slick alternative to the classic jumbo mortgage for purchases, too. You should be able to get most of your purchase money at a conforming rate, and the balance at a small margin above prime rate.

This combo solution makes for a wonderfully discounted "jumbo" package, and should free up your cash flow for more important things in your life — like your portfolio, a family vacation, or new furniture. Interest saved will always look better in your hands than in your lender's coffers.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll free at (866) 369-4516, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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HOME of The WEEK

BEAUTIFUL BRICK GEORGIAN HOME in a lovely section of Bloomfield Village. Hardwood floors, large living room with fireplace, floor to ceiling windows and entry to a garden room that could easily be converted into a large family room. Kitchen with vaulted ceiling, granite island and Cherry cabinets is adjacent to den with built-in cabinetry. Formal dining room, powder room and a laundry complete the first floor. Upstairs the master bedroom offers a renovated bath and connecting study or 5th bedroom. There are also 3 additional bedrooms & 2 baths. The lower level is partially finished with an abundance of storage. \$1,098,500



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BUY HOME CLASS

Standard Federal Bank sponsors a free, no-obligation seminar for home buyers 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, at the Peoples Community Church, 29745 Annapolis, Westland

Topics include setting a budget, credit reports and the mortgage application process.

Participants may apply for a Standard Federal loan program designed to make home ownership more affordable for people with moderate to low incomes.

To register, call (734) 722-1280.

MORTGAGE CONVENTION

The Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association conducts its 25th annual convention, "Celebrating the Past, Planning for the Future," Sunday-Wednesday, July 27-30, at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville.

For details, contact Terry Aiken, (888) 231-7350, or Joanne Misuraca at (586) 226-2823.

OPEN HOUSE

Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke sponsors an open house of dream homes - including seminars on interior design, landscaping, accessorizing and mortgages, plus tours - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at its offices, 298 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

For details, call (248) 644-6300.

BUILDING PROCESS

Oakland Builders Institute and West Bloomfield Recreation & Enrichment Dept. present a 16-hour class, "Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money," 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 5-14, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

The course covers terms and contracts, the construction process, financing, and codes and

permits.

Cost is \$180, plus \$30 for two textbooks. To register, call (248) 865-4488.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan offers a six-hour, state-mandated continuing education class for annual real estate license renewals 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost, which includes continental breakfast and lunch, is \$50 for sales and marketing council members, \$55 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$80 for non-members.

To register, call (248) 862-1033.

CAREER CLASS

Century 21 Hartford sponsors a free, no-obligation class on how to become a Realtor 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at its offices, 32726 Grand River, Farmington.

To register, call (248) 478-6000.

CAREER CLASS II

Keller Williams Realty-Livonia offers a free class on how to get into real estate sales and what you can expect at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13; and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27; at its offices, 31500 Schoolcraft, just west of Merriman.

To register, call (734) 266-9000.

BALLOON RALLY

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan presents its sixth annual Balloon Rally 4-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9, at Groveland Oaks County Park, 14555 Dixie Highway at Grange Hall Road, near Holly.

Activities include tethered balloon rides, climbing wall, inflatable gym equipment and Moonwalk. A massive balloon launch is scheduled for sunset Friday.

Cost is \$5 per car, the park's standard entry fee. All activities are available on a donation basis, with proceeds to benefit the Children's

Miracle Network.

For details, contact Denise Felker at (248) 620-1000.

GOLF OUTING

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors hosts a charity golf outing beginning 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Pine Knob Golf Club in Clarkston.

Cost, which includes use of the driving range, luncheon buffet, golf and dinner, is \$130. Dinner only is \$40. For details, call (248) 879-5730.

MECHANICAL CONFERENCE

The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan holds its annual fall conference Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 18-20, at the Doherty Hotel, Clare.

Conference costs vary. For information, call (248) 649-5443 or visit the Web site at mechinspect@bignet.net.

CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing and information-providing organization, offers annual individual memberships for \$15, family memberships for \$25 and organization/group memberships for \$50.

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office tasks and fund-raising. No experience needed.

Training will be provided. For details, call (734) 459-7744.

'Renaissance retreat' in Little Italy

(AP) - The most expensive home for sale in Baltimore isn't a mansion in Guilford or the city's other ritzy zip codes.

It's a sprawling rowhouse in the middle of Little Italy, the close-knit neighborhood just east of downtown.

Since 1991, John and Angelina Guerriero have lived in the urban palazzo they built in the middle of the 200 block of S. Exeter St. The 6,440-square-foot home is the size of five ordinary rowhouses.

And for \$3.5 million it could all be yours. The Guerrieros' rowhouse has a 40-foot indoor pool, a vast gym, a six-car garage, and at least a dozen skylights. There's even a patch of grass on the roof, planted so a small dog wouldn't have to be walked.

The Guerrieros are sell-

ing the three-bedroom house fully furnished, hoping to find a buyer for what area real estate agents say would be the highest price in memory for a downtown home.

"It's got all the amenities," says John, who grew rich by building Continental Foods into a \$100 million family empire and then selling it in 1995.

This "exquisite Renaissance retreat," as their real estate agent Rita Cook calls it, rose 12 years ago on the site of a gritty commercial garage that housed front-end loaders. The Guerrieros felt some resentment but mostly appreciation from neighbors glad to be rid of the garage.

There's a tradition of investing in the neighborhood on a grand scale, said Roberto Marsili, a friend of the Guerrieros and longtime Little Italy activist.

The Cricchio family, which owns Da Mimmo restaurant, combined more than one rowhouse to make a bigger house. Sabatino's Restaurant started small and has expanded into a culinary behemoth.

"We thought he was a guardian angel, to tell you the truth," Marsili says of John Guerriero.

The garage the house replaced wasn't hideous, "but it was a big commercial garage, right there in the middle of the block."

Still, with area rowhouses going for \$250,000, Marsili wonders whether the Guerrieros can find a buyer: "Who's going to pay that kind of money? I don't say it's not worth it. Would you want to spend that kind of money? It's not Guilford."

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Attn: Keely Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Eric R. Sassak, AIA, an associate with TMP Architecture in Bloomfield Hills, has

passed state licensing exams and received his architectural registration in Michigan.

Sassak, who joined the firm in 1995, acquired master of architecture and bachelor of science in architecture degrees from the University of Michigan. He's a member of the American Institute of Architects and the United States Build Green Council.

Sassak lives in Clawson.

Josh Elling has been named senior marketing consultant for Real Estate Communications Group, a public relations/sales consulting firm in Southfield.

He formerly was a support consultant with CoStar Group, a commercial real estate information services provider.

Elling has a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and is pursuing a master's in urban planning at Wayne State University. He's a

member of the American Planners Association.

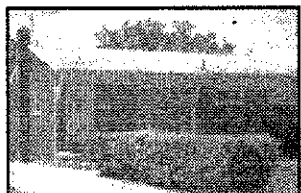
James Shankin, senior project estimator with Skanska USA Building in Farmington Hills, passed the accreditation exam to become a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design professional. Shankin has a bachelor's degree in construction engineering from Lawrence Technological University and lives in Oakland Township.

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REAL COUNTRY CHARM - Newer Cape Cod with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths sitting prettily on 1/3 acres. The master loft includes a full bath. With a full 1500 square feet of living space this home sells itself! Neutral Berber carpeting throughout. 10 ft. basement awaits your finishing touches. Don't wait call today. \$220,000 (8265A)



IT'S PERFECT - Priced right 3 bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen & bath, vinyl windows, newer central air system, 2 car garage, full basement and what a great neighborhood! \$126,900 (868CA)



YOU'LL FANCY THIS DESIGN! - Envyable cul-de-sac location with Plymouth-Canton schools. Beautifully maintained choice featuring large LR/DR, FR w/fireplace, open floor plan & soaring ceilings. Ideal MBR w/dual walk in closets, roomy kit. w/designer appliances. Super sized yard w/gorgeous 2-tiered deck & prof. landscaping. \$319,900 (900FO)



ALMOST NEW 4 BED COLONIAL - Open floor plan featuring a beautiful gourmet island kitchen, 1st floor laundry & library with crown moldings. Home has lots of hardwood floors & many upgrades. Amenities include a common pool & clubhouse. \$419,000 (9700A)



COUNTRY IN THE CITY! - What a find in Livonia sitting on over an acre! All of the updates are done and what a huge yard. Great for a first time buyer. The garage has a workshop. Take a look! \$169,900 (669BE)



GREAT LOCATION! - Hurry on this one! 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a bright, light updated eat-in kitchen, newer C/A, newer neutral carpet, fresh paint, updated windows, partially finished basement with a full bath. Carport. All located in an over 55 community. \$139,900 (858NE)



TURN KEY OPERATION AT ITS BEST! - Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo features cathedral ceilings, formal dining area, office nook, laundry room, neutral decor, garage with lofted storage area and super location at the back of the complex among the trees. \$135,500 (761CA)



READY FOR NEW OWNERS! - Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom, 1 bath Bungalow. New kitchen and bath, hardwood floors, new vinyl on the home and garage. Newer windows, 2.5 car garage with electricity and gas furnace. \$126,900 (543WO)



LIVONIA CONDO SPECIAL - Stunning "open floor plan," white and bright. Doorwall to balcony, off living room, large master bedroom w/walk-in closet, 1 1/2 baths, includes kitchen appliances, utility room in unit. Private entrance, carport and in a great area. \$109,900 (572CL)



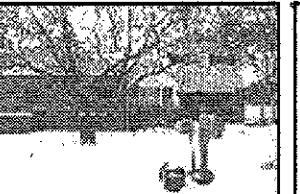
MOVE RIGHT IN! - Very nice and totally updated brick ranch in a great area. 3 bedrooms & 2 baths w/great open floor plan & large dining room. Newer hot water heater, central air, windows & more. \$149,900 (332HA)



GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY - 4 bedroom Cape Cod backing to the woods built in 1995. Immaculate with neutral decor, a spacious kitchen with island, built in desk and triple doorwall to brick paver patios. Absolutely gorgeous professionally finished basement and a side entry garage. \$434,900 (182CO)



COMFORT-PROVIDING! - No more "Maybes" - it's a must! Great Plymouth neighborhood at an even better price! Formal LR, plus FR w/freestanding FP. Handy 1st floor laundry includes washer & dryer. C/A, part fin basement w/bath. Patio, fenced yard, 2 car gar. Super home for the family. Immediately available. \$199,900 (771FI)



LARGE FAMILY HOME - This Romulus home is ready for your large or small family to remodel and move into. \$115,000 (584FO)



COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY - Country living in the city of Livonia on over an acre. Charming 3 bedroom bungalow with 2 full baths. The upstairs could be used as a fourth bedroom. Seller is willing to help with closing costs. \$169,900 (845WA)



CANTON CONDO - Updated galore in this 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse. Featuring: Finished basement, large master bedroom with walk-in closet and newer appliances. Don't miss this one! Call now! \$133,500 (013SO)



LIKE A NEW HOME - Triple lot & gorgeous 3 bedroom brick ranch totally updated & formal dining room too. Attached garage, large kitchen, full finished basement and 1 1/2 baths. Tons of updates. \$99,900 (649HA)



IMMACULATE CANTON HOME! - Move in & enjoy this better than new raised ranch. Awesome Euro white kitchen, new ceramic floor, fresh paint, ceramic baths. Cozy fireplace, oversized garage and drive. Great lot! Call for more details! \$249,900 (740NO)



CHARMING PLYMOUTH COLONIAL - Brand new kitchen, updated main bath and powder room, newer windows, newer roof, super clean, large shed, patio, home warranty and offering immediate occupancy. \$259,900 (440MA)



SHARP DEARBORN HOME - Almost like new 3 bedroom brick Bungalow. New kitchen, windows, roof furnace, A/C, front door and a freshly painted interior. Ready for immediate occupancy. \$147,500 (719PA)



BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA BUNGALOW - Sharp Bungalow on nice residential street. Room addition for added living space. Newer central air, roof, drive & walks, copper plumbing, water heater, 2nd bath, flooring, more! Pine paneled basement and garage. See it today! \$159,900 (929AR)



REMODELED HOME W/FAMILY ROOM - This 2 bedroom home could be converted to a 3 bedroom using the family room. Attached garage & large breezeway. Many updates. Immediate occupancy. Wayne/Westland Schools. \$64,000 (529BI)



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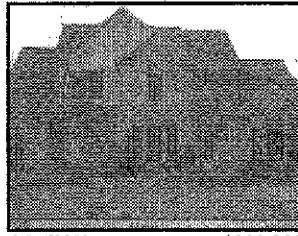
BRIGHTON \$199,000
Pride of ownership abounds.. Large deck across back of home with a huge backyard and you won't believe how quiet. Open floor plan. Many upgrades. The basement has been totally finished. (BGSly30WHI) 888-870-9131



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Exceptional Canton Colonial! "Fairways at Pheasant Run" has this 4 BR, 3.1 BA w/woods & lots of privacy. Prof fin bsmt w/full bath. Lux mstr ste w/vltd clgs. Kit w/dbl oven, WI, hdwd fls. 3 car gar. BGP-18Cou 888-870-9127



CANTON \$399,900
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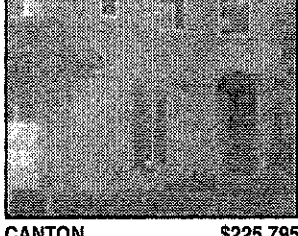
CANTON \$297,500
Super Sharp Colonial. 4 BR, 2.5 BA home on picturesque priv. setting backing to commons w/view of pond. Spac kitchen, nook w/lots of cbnts. FR w/soaring clgs, gas FP. Hdwd flrs kit, nook, FR, pwr rm. BGP-09Con 888-870-9127



CANTON \$258,000
3 bdrm Colonial in River Meadow Sub. Hdwd flrs in Foyer, Kit, Powder Rm & Laundry Rm. Kit W/Center Isl. Upgraded Cabinets & Windows. Recessed Lights. Fr W/cathedral Ceilings & Fp. Lrg Mbr W/vaulted Ceiling. WIC & Mbat. OEL93CRE 888-870-9105



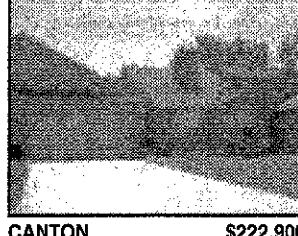
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$156,000
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DEARBORN HTS. \$129,900
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DEARBORN HTS. \$135,900
Brick Bungalow. Updates Inc Lovely Eat in Kitchen, Neut Carpet T/O, Furn, New Garage Door, Windows, Glass Block Windows in Basement And Roof. OEL96POW 888-870-91



DETROIT \$99,900
Hardwood Under Carpets 2nd Floor-living & Dining Rooms W/parquet Floor. 1/2 Bath in Finished Lower Level. Glass Block in All But One Bsmt Window. OEL11SUS 888-870-9105



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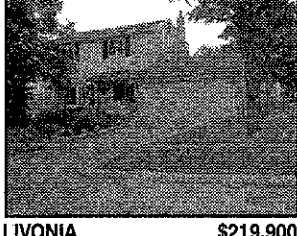
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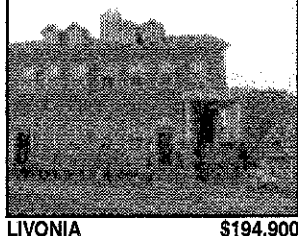
LIVONIA \$219,900
Exceptionally Clean, Well Maintained! 3 br, colonial. Newer windows & roof. Updated kitchen & powder room. Beautiful landscaping. Hdwd & ceramic floors. Quick occupancy. (BGN78HUB) 888-870-9123



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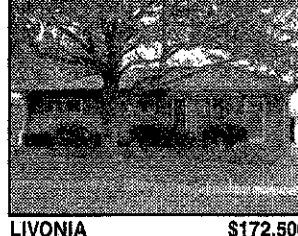
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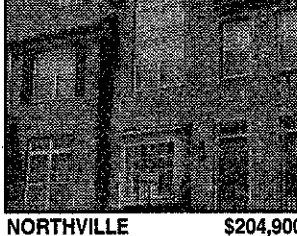
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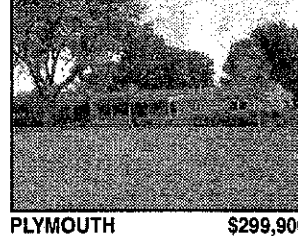
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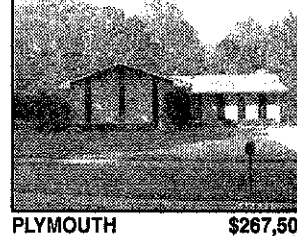
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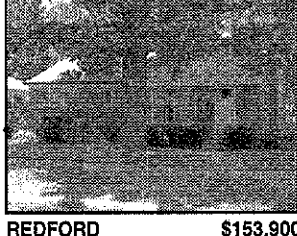
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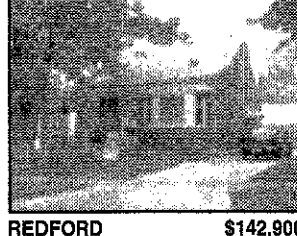
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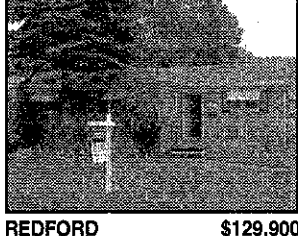
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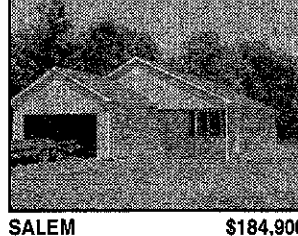
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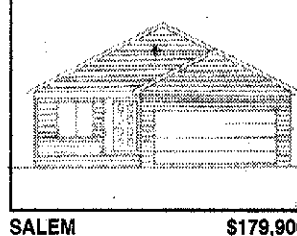
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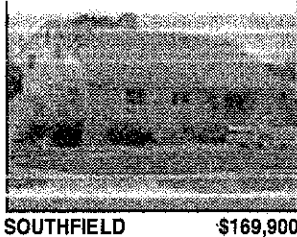
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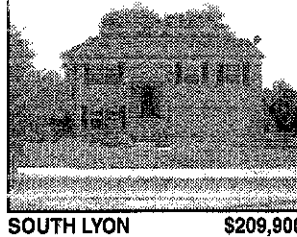
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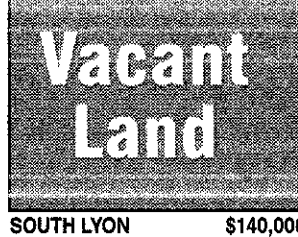
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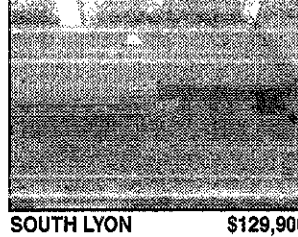
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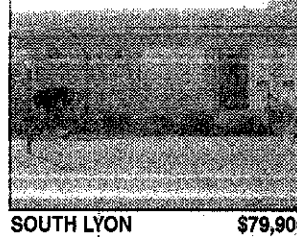
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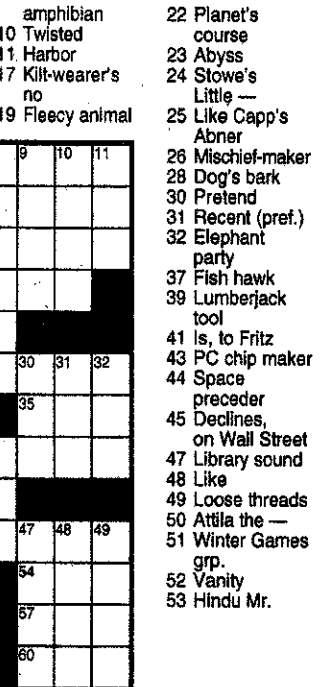
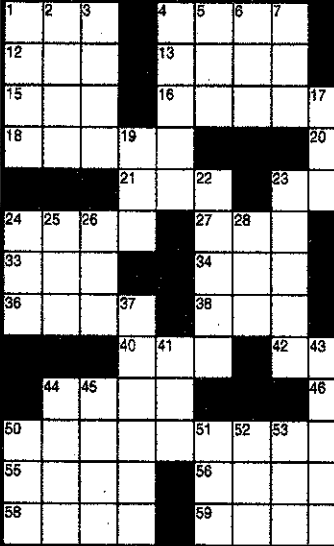
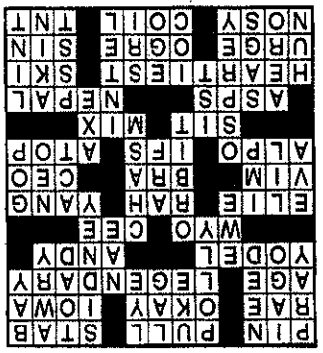
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Hands-on supervisor in charge of two line mechanical, three production lines. Building maintenance, and outside contractors. Must have strong people skills and be well versed in electrical, pneumatics, welding, and fabrication. High paced environment, in business for twenty two years and steadily growing. Fax resume to: 734-326-0170.

MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS KEEPER

We are seeking a full time experienced professional to maintain our grounds for our expanding local retail business. Candidate will also be responsible for grass & snow removal plus routine maintenance inside each location. Basic electrical/mechanical skills & driver's license a must. \$11/hour, 50 % health insurance. Fax resumes to: 313-794-2542 or email to: human-resources@discover.com

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MACHINE OPERATORS

needed for heavy industrial steel forging company. Full time, some exp. needed, benefits. \$9 to start. Milford area. Apply in person: Quality Steel Products, 4978 Technical Dr., Milford. (248) 684-0555.

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MAINTENANCE or GROUNDS WORKER

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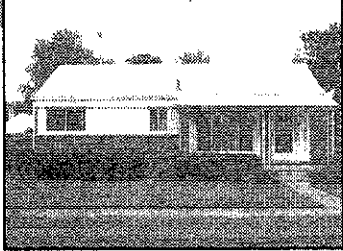
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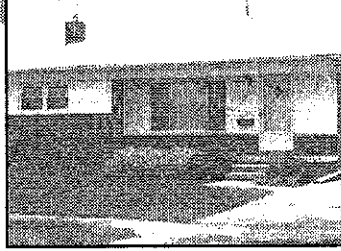
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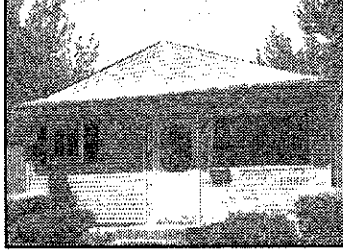
LIVONIA - Cozy Bungalow on treed lot. Great starter home that is freshly painted with neutral colors. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, newer landscaping & patio. Partially finished upstairs could be loft-style bedroom, studio or office. Close to freeways & shopping. \$132,000 (63LAT) 248-349-5600



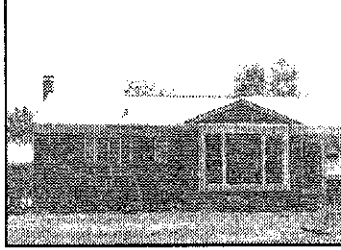
CANTON - Desirable 2 bedroom Ranch unit. Great location. Newer windows, roof & car port. Freshly painted and neutral throughout. Children's play area, spacious living room and pets allowed. Why rent when you can own? \$102,500 (38ORC) 248-349-5600



ROMULUS - Pride of ownership. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick Ranch offers 2 car garage with 220, 60 amp service & finished basement with projector TV. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and doorwall. Newer furnace, central air, windows, driveway & remodeled kitchen and bath. \$149,900 (75ANT) 734-455-5600



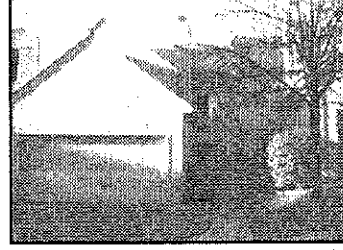
DETROIT - Super updated Ranch. Beautiful open flowing floor plan with updated kitchen, windows, central air, roof, furnace, electric & much more. Spacious open dining room, part finished basement. 2 car garage & most appliances. \$87,500 (71FAU) 734-455-5600



INKSTER - A great beginning. Three bedroom, 2 bath brick Ranch with finished basement, 2 car garage, hardwood floors under carpet and oak kitchen with dishwasher. \$109,900 (25JOH) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Awesome 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch with updates galore. Newer carpet, paint, blinds, Wainside windows with marble sills, glass block windows & vinyl trim/gutters. Updated ceramic bath. Newer kitchen counters, sink & disposal. House has impressive curb appeal & shine. Even more inside. \$159,800 (64SIC) 248-349-5600



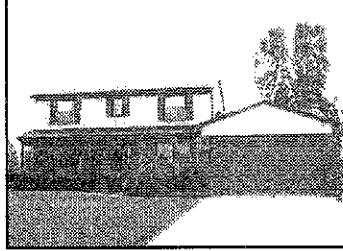
FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautiful Oakcrest Condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, walk-in closet, cathedral ceilings in living & family rooms, fresh paint & carpet, bonus room over 2 car attached garage, same floor laundry, fireplace & balcony. All appliances stay. Water included. \$184,900 (40LAL) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Wonderful family home. Four bedrooms, 2 full updated baths, first floor laundry, fireplace in living room. Partially finished basement. Heated garage, large kitchen & breakfast room. Tree-lined neighborhood. Newer windows, appliances & warranty included. \$129,900 (35BRA) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Enjoy the life of leisure. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Condo with finished basement, 2 car attached garage, updated windows, roof, custom blinds newer kitchen cabinets and tile. Livonia schools. Club house and pool. \$137,500 (58CO) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Freshly painted Colonial. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath large home offers family room with fireplace, doorwall to party deck, private yard, 2 car attached garage and home warranty. \$337,000 (31KNI) 734-455-5600



ROYAL OAK - Brick beauty. Freshly painted, newer carpet and finished basement with cedar closet and half bath. Florida room with electric heat. Gorgeous back yard with gazebo. Fireplace in living room. All appliances stay. \$220,000 (48KEN) 248-349-5600



COHOCTAH - Feels like 2 homes in one. Country home on over 1 acre. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor laundry, finished basement with rec & family room. Second garage with 2 story in-law quarters above. Covered porch, fantastic play-scape & landscaping, hardwood floors & oak kitchen cabinets. \$229,900 (90CHA) 248-349-5600



DETROIT - Great place to start. This well-built 3 bedroom Bungalow has a dining room & appliances! Basement has plenty of space to work with! Newer roof, hot water heater & entry steel doors. Country charm, hardwood floors & archways. A honey for the money! Home warranty. \$60,000 (56ASH) 734-455-5600

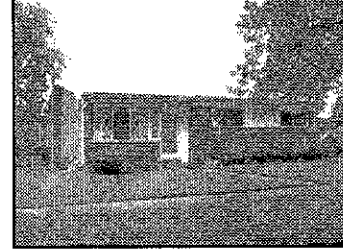


REDFORD - Great curb appeal. Cute 2 bedroom Bungalow with room for upstairs expansion, offers spacious updated oak kitchen and bath, newer siding, furnace, central air, humidifier, hot water heater & more. \$112,000 (50NOR) 734-455-5600

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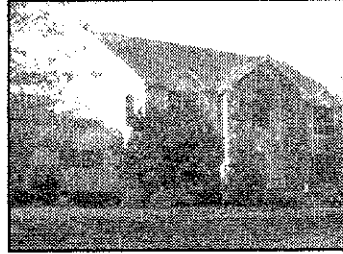
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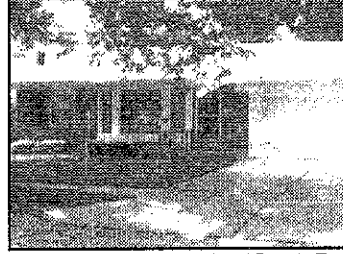
LIVONIA - Just move in & enjoy this spacious Ranch home. You'll love the open floor plan with cathedral ceiling. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, finished basement, 2 car garage & plenty of updating throughout. All appliances are included. \$179,900 (43BAI) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Forest Creek Condo. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 3/2 bath, 2 story with open floor plan & sky lights. Two-way fireplace in great room, first floor master suite with double shower in bath. Fantastic finished lower level with kitchen & media center. Many extras. \$489,900 (11CHE) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any. Foyer, library, dinette & kitchen in hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances, double-door entry to library with built-in book cases. \$639,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



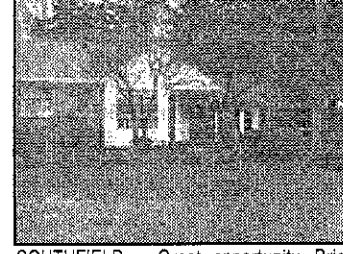
LIVONIA - Wonderful updated Ranch. Two car attached garage, finished basement, 1 1/2 baths, 3 bedrooms, great location. Close to park & rec area. Don't miss out. \$218,900 (25WES) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Great home. Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath family home in nice location, close to schools, shopping and transportation, plus 2 car garage and full basement. \$124,990 (33ARG) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Four car garage. All brick 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Ranch home. The rear covered porch with hot tub, newer baths, Andersen windows. Superbly finished basement with full bath. Four car garage is heated and has 220 line. Don't wait, won't last. \$199,900 (64TRE) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Great opportunity. Brick Ranch on approx. 1 acre with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, family room & large eat-in kitchen. Knotty pine interior for up-north feel. Part-finished basement with built-in bar. Master with walk-in closet & built-ins. Newer roof, furnace, hot water heater, central air & attached 2 car garage. \$184,900 (14FOR) 248-349-5600



HARTLAND - Fine Italian new construction. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, high quality home with embroidered brick, ceramic walls, Pella windows & first floor master suite with glamour bath. Extra high basement with built-in bar. Stunning stone fireplace. First floor laundry. Close to M-59 & US-23. \$289,900 (34COU) 248-349-5600



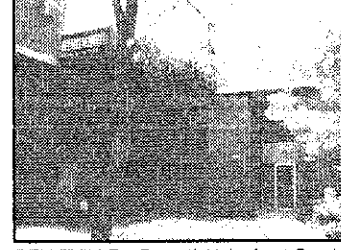
LIVONIA - Unique home. Gorgeous home inside & out, updated carpet, windows & patio. Has central air, huge yard, large master bedroom with wood-burning stove. Second 1 bedroom home on property can be used as rental - pull in some extra income! \$227,000 (89ORA) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Great updated Ranch. Cute 3 bedroom brick home with newer furnace, central air, electric, roof, windows & carpet. Glass block windows in finished basement, doorwall to patio & large 2 car garage. \$139,900 (71CA) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Quiet street, downtown. Walk to Hines Park! Living room refinished hardwood floors, cove ceiling & picture window. Kitchen: newer Terra Cotta ceramic tile & eating area. Most windows, newer crown molding in bedroom. Bath: newer ceramic tile, vanity & lighting. Deck & garage. Home protection plan. \$209,000 (45HOL) 734-455-5600



BELLEVILLE - Beautiful lake front Condo. Move right into this updated Condo on Belleville Lake. Large living room and bedroom. Updated kitchen with Pergo flooring and maple cabinets. A lot of storage, heat and water included in association fees. \$105,999 (50LIB) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE - Bonus Florida room. Upper 2 bedroom Ranch Condo in excellent location with a lot of updates. Newer kitchen & bath. Stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer all stay. Attached garage & large living room. Close to shopping & freeway. Pets are welcomed. Home warranty included. \$119,900 (52LAK) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Great treed lot. This spotless Ranch shines with pride of ownership. Seller hates to leave. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with formal dining room, fireplace, finished basement, 2 car garage & more. You'll love the approximate 6 acre lot & location too. Better hurry. \$187,500 (25HIL) 248-349-5600



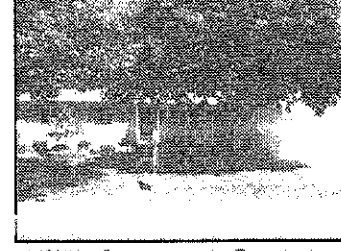
DEARBORN - All brick beauty! Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor-style Colonial with hardwood floors, covered ceilings, old world charm, family room & finished basement. \$214,000 (40WAR) 734-455-5600



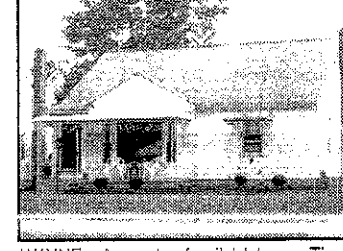
GARDEN CITY - This home needs a family. Charming 3 bedroom Ranch offering new roof, carpeting, floor in kitchen & some newer windows. New driveway in 2002. \$109,000 (21KRA) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Attention builders! Home sits on 4 total lots, possible splits available. Cozy home features central air, fireplace with insert, open kitchen, circle drive & covered patio. Just needs your finishing touches. All appliances stay. \$149,900 (31WIL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Simply delightful. Three bedroom Ranch with 2 full baths (1 in master). A separate dining & family room with fireplace. Two car attached garage & full basement. Oversized lot in country setting. Dynamite kitchen, plenty of other updates: furnace, windows, hot water heater, landscaping & more. \$217,900 (10WCO) 248-349-5600



WAYNE - A growing family's dream. Three bedroom, 2 bath home on a large lot. Newer furnace, central air, tear-off, carpet, updated kitchen & family room addition. Large basement & spacious master bedroom. Mechanics' 2 1/2 car dream garage. Large fenced back yard with deck. \$124,900 (50NIA) 248-349-5600



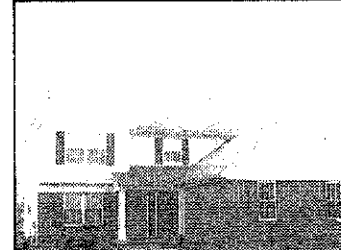
REDFORD - Picture perfect. Better than renting. Three bedroom Ranch with newer white kitchen, furnace, air conditioning, roof, concrete, landscaping and windows updated. Soft neutral colors throughout. Move-in condition \$119,900 (26NOR) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Move-in condition. Three bedroom brick Ranch with bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows and two car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Clean and updated 3 bedroom, finished basement with full bath, new furnace, roof, central air, hot water heater and appliances stay. Move-in condition, beautiful kitchen. \$123,000 (40ZIE) 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN - Wonderful Colonial. Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial offering 2 car attached garage, basement, beautiful landscaping, master suite with walk-in closet, formal dining room & much more. \$247,000 (85ANN) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Spacious Quad home on private wooded, approximate 1.18 acre lot with lake access. Jacuzzi in master. Priced \$60,000 under appraisal value. Pole barn, 3 1/2 car garage, shed, above-ground pool & tree house. Newer carpet, paint, tons of storage and 4 fireplaces. \$324,875 (50FAI) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Wooded views. Well-built 2 year old brick 2 story home with almost every option. Five bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, sun room, dream kitchen, 2 story fieldstone fireplace, enlarged family room and 2-level deck. Three car garage, 6 foot whirlpool, alarm system, sky lights, central air, basement & more. \$859,900 (99ABE) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Priced for quick sale. Driven by a little old lady only on Sunday's. Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom 2 story Condo with full basement. Large living room. Spacious kitchen and dining area with doorwall leading to private patio. Well-located close to malls and x-ways. \$119,900 (85OLD) 248-349-5600

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NORTHVILLE \$1,295,000
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings, gourmet kit w/granite. Magnificent mstr ste, fin'd w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities! (54W002)

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PLYMOUTH \$799,000
PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE on 5.88 acres! Ply/Can schools. 5 BR, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 6534 SF, fin w/o. 1st floor mstr, corral/3-stall horse barn, cedar deck overlooks private pond. (91BRO2)

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NORTHVILLE \$649,900
Exceptional Northville Colonial! Ravines Colonial by Robert Jones. Elegant 2 story foyer & living rm. Spacious kitchen with maple cabinetry and huge island. Two way FP between Kit and Family Rm. (18DEE2)

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NORTHVILLE \$467,500
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed list! 2BRs, 2.5 Baths. Numerous upgrades incl: granite, lighting, carpet & cabinets. Extra Crown midg. Luxury Mstr Bath. (80LYO2)

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SUPERIOR TWP \$395,000
NATURE LOVERS PARADISE! Updated ranch on 5 gorgeous acres! Numerous fruit trees, blue spruce, etc. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Pole barn & garden room with water, phone & electricity. (23R1871)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$375,000
IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED! Transferee perfect! Move right in, 4 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial. Beautiful kit w/accnt tile & isl. Lg FR w/FP & cathedral cell, mstr BR w/his/her closets/spacious BA. (10MAN2)

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NOVI \$329,900
PLEASANT & WELCOMING COLONIAL! Generous room sizes plus maintenance free ext. 4 BR, 2.5 baths, kitchen w/island & breakfast area. LR, FR w/nat FP, DR w/bay window, deck & w/o bsmt. Super buy! (49NEW2)

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LIVONIA \$329,000
IMMACULATE! 4 BR, 2.5 bath Coventry Garden Capecod! Updtd kitchen, fin'd bsmt on .41 acre lot! (43COV2)

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NORTHVILLE \$294,900
VINTAGE NORTHVILLE CHARM WONDERFULLY RESTORED AND UPDATED: NEW ROOF, FURNACE, CENTRAL AIR, KITCHEN AND WINDOWS. PRETTY DECK AND PRIVATE BACKYARD. 2 BA 3 BR, 100YEAR OLD BEAUTY. (46GRA8)

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LIVONIA \$258,500
1753 SF RANCH BLT IN 1994. 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Great Livonia neighborhood. This place has it all. The bells and whistles. Fabulous deck w/2 ponds. (S9173)

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DEARBORN \$249,900
TALK ABOUT CURB APPEAL! Ford & Telegraph area. This one is a charmer! 3 BR, 1.5 bath, part fin bsmt, newer wndws, fl, huge family room, dib closets in master, and 1579 SF. (S22735)

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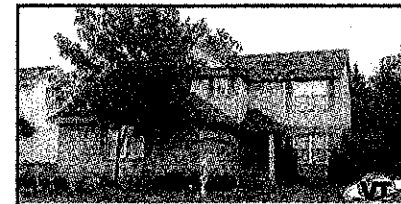
CANTON \$239,900
HURRY! BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL WILL NOT LAST! New updates thru-out including fl, aluminum siding, garage door, & front & back decks. Neutral carpet replaced in 2000. This house shows pride of ownership. (C6562)

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NORTHVILLE \$234,900
GREAT LOCATION! WALK TO TOWN! 2-story home on lg lot, 3 BR, 3 baths, newer roof, bella windows. Was income property, but can be converted to a family home. Never a better time to buy! (15NCV2)

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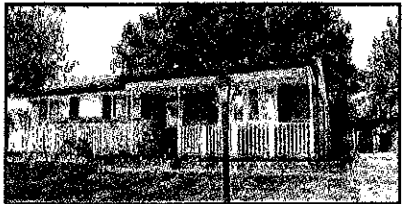
LIVONIA \$231,900
LARGEST PLAN IN SUB Great condition 4 BR colonial w/many upgrades. Raised panel cabinets, newer ceramic tile in kit, mud rm & 1st fl laundry. Mstr Ste w/3/4 bath. Freshly painted. (B28617)

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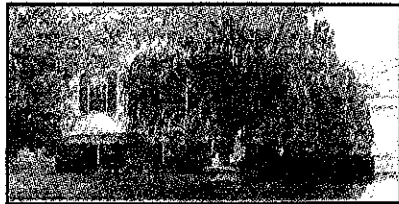
NORTHVILLE \$214,900
CAREFREE & RELAXED LIFESTYLE! 2-story contemporary Condo. 2 BR, 2.5 BA, FR w/FP ceiling fan & doorwall to deck. Cozy kit, lib/sunroom, 2-car att garage & peaceful setting. (64BOU2)

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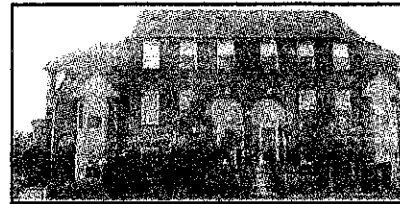
LIVONIA \$211,900
SHOWN WITH PRIDE! 3 BR brick Ranch w/much curb appeal. Updated interior includes: carpet, windows, furn/AC, electrical, BA & more. 2-car heated garage, bsmt & convenient local. (27BLU2)

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CANTON \$199,500
THE SEARCH IS OVER! A house you can move right into! Neut decor, clean & very neat. 3 bdrms up & 1 down. LR, FR, eat-in kit & a huge back yrd. Above ground pool, deck, 2.5 car gar. (23P1404)

734-455-7000



WESTLAND \$199,000
ALMOST AS PRISTINE AS NEW CONSTRUCTION Roomy 3 story condo featuring a 1st fl office/den & lav, 2nd fl bath & 3rd floor bath. Nicely decorated in neutral shades. Lots of storage & an attached garage. (C703)

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LIVONIA \$197,500
HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS! 1753 SF tri-level with large lot. A great opportunity at this price! (C34037)

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WESTLAND \$195,000
CUSTOM DESIGNED KITCHEN W/ALL THE PERKS! 3 bdrm, walk-out, finished LL. Included in Sq. ft. You won't believe how awesome this home is unless you see it for yourself! 2 tier custom deck and more! (L221)

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CANTON \$189,900
THIS HOME IS PRICED TO SELL! Move in condition! Freshly painted interior, all neutral colors, new flooring in all bathrooms & in eat in kitchen as well. Very large fenced in back yard. (R171)

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SOUTHFIELD \$181,900
FABULOUS RAISED RANCH CONDO Large master suite w/walk in closet, ceramic counter tops & many updates throughout. Located in the much sought after Downtown Southfield. (R202)

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REDFORD \$174,900
Country in the city! This brk ranch sits on a half acre lot. New windows in family rm w/FP and separate heat and air. Roof 3 yrs, furn/air 13 yrs, part fin bsmt, all appliances. (M17394)

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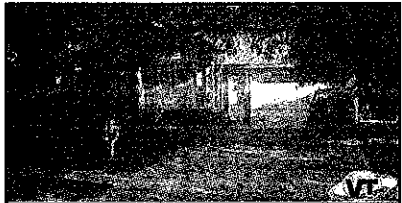
LIVONIA \$168,900
JUST LISTED! 1,026 Sq Ft, 3 Bdr, 1 1/2 Bath Brick Ranch with hard to find Cathedral Ceilings. Offers...open floor plan, neutral colors, knotty pine fin bsmt & much more!! (D17518)

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GARDEN CITY \$167,900
SO MANY UPDATES IN THIS LARGE HOME MBR suite w/bath. 3 BR on 1st fl or 2 BR & den. New bath. New copper plumbing throughout. Newer windows, furn, HWH/C/A, freshly painted. Appliances negotiable. (B289)

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REDFORD \$166,900
ATTRACTIVE 1200 SF, 3 BR, BRK RANCH. 1 1/2 bath, fin bsmt, 10x14 Florida rm, 2 car att'd in Country Club Sub. Living rm fireplace. Location, quality, value, & charm. (D25348)

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LIVONIA \$159,900
LOOKING FOR A HOME where you can move right in without doing any work? If so, I have a beautiful 3 BR, 1.5 BA 1400 SF ranch on a half acre lot! A definite must see! (P20055)

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LIVONIA \$157,900
Extra elbow room inside & out! Updated 3 BR brick ranch w/FR overlooking private 220 ft. deep lot. Large eat-in kitchen, finished bsmt w/full bath, move-in condition. (G15752)

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REDFORD \$154,900
GOOD AS NEW This 3 BR, 2 Bath Ranch is all updated & move-in condition! White formica Kit, new baths, hrdwd flrs, new carpet, FLA rm, fin bsmt & 2 car garage. (96MAC2)

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CANTON \$144,900
AFFORDABLE CONDO! Great condition! Great location! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Townhome in Canton with a basement. Newer carpeting, hot water heater, furnace, central air. Neutral decor. (23F1937)

734-455-7000



WESTLAND \$139,999
3 BDRM TRI-LEVEL - BRICK This home has all new interior doors including front! New roof, central air, family room in lower level, possible 4th bedroom or office as well. Appliances incld. (A308)

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REDFORD \$138,500
SPOTLESS SOUTH REDFORD RANCH. Lg eat in kit w/lots of storage, most wndws replaced, new a/c & electrical panel, new cooktop & stove, immaculate yd w/2.5 car gar, fin bsmt w/bar & xtra rm. (A11430)

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ROMULUS \$129,900
CHECK OUT THIS 3 BDRM RANCH W/ BASEMENT Recently constructed garage. Updated kitchen, newer windows & roof. Stay cool in the central air. Family rm has doorwall leading to nice lot. Needs a little TLC (K301)

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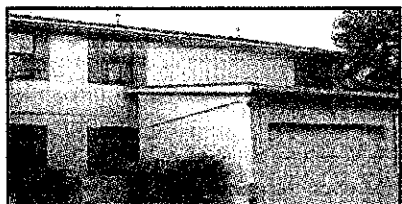
DETROIT \$119,900
WAIT NO MORE! This 3 bedroom brick ranch has it all. New kitchen, roof, windows and doors. Hardwood floors, 2 car garage & partially finished basement. Home warranty. (23D7740)

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INKSTER \$119,900
TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY! Updated roof, siding, windows, furnace, C/A & front porch. 3 bedroom brick ranch. Part finished basement w/dry bar. Hardwood floors, garage w/electricity. (23V135)

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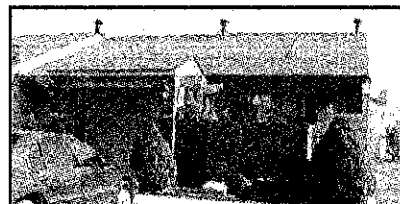
WESTLAND \$117,900
3 WISHES, QUALITY, CONVENIENCE, COMFORT in this well maintained Condo w/ basement & garage. Home has new carpeting, flooring & paint throughout. Features include C/A, copper plumbing, steel entry door. (N590)

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LIVONIA \$115,000
BEAUTIFUL LOT, NICE AND PRIVATE! 3 BR, 1224 SF, updated kit, newer wndws. Home needs repairs and some updating. Hrdwd flrs under carpet, nice flr plan, lg BRs, lg 2 car gar. Yd backs to trees. (W34000)

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SOUTH LYON \$109,000
Unretirement Ranch. In adult co-op 55+. Terrific end unit w/extra windows. Private courtyard entry w/landscaping. Florida room & partially finished basement. Clean- move in ready. (23P25399)

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CANTON \$107,900
EXQUISITE CONDO! Welcome home! This 2 bedroom condo features updated berber carpet, extra large cabinets, newer appliances, crown molding, mirrored doors and more! (23F2033)

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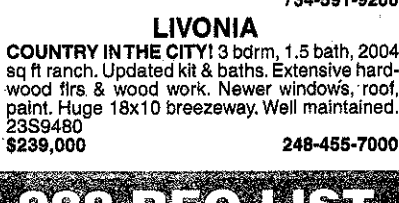
INKSTER \$96,000
A BEAUTIFUL HOME INSIDE & OUT! Great curb appeal along w/a good sized backyard for entertaining. Seller's doing updates now. Newer roof & HWH. Basement finished w/bath & fireplace. (W263)

734-326-2000



NORTHVILLE \$920,000
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VIL-LAGE Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen. Perfect! 900DU2

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LIVONIA \$239,000
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! 3 bdrms, 1.5 bath, 2004 sq ft ranch. Updated kit & baths. Extensive hardwood flrs & wood work. Newer windows, roof, paint. Huge 18x10 breezeway. Well maintained. 23S9480

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LIVONIA \$149,900
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ENJOY LIFE
SWF, 37, 5'7", with blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are with her children, dancing, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. Looking for a SWM, 30-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#:444655

ALWAYS SMILING
SWF, 44, 5'7", with brown hair and hazel eyes. Interests are swimming, shopping, NASCAR, fishing and much more. In search of a SWM, 51-63, 34-50, who is honest and trustworthy. Ad#:468434

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SWF, 56, 5'6", average build with brown hair & eyes. Interests in gardening, dancing, swimming, cooking & romantic evenings. Looking for an honest, faithful SWM, 51-60, who is fun to be around. Ad#:444655

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Fun loving, outgoing SWF, 44, 5'7", brown hair and green eyes, loves to laugh. My hobbies include travel, swimming, boating and shopping. I'm searching for an honest, loving, outgoing SWM, 34-52, 5'11"-6'2", with a husky build. Ad#:489027

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SWF, 48, 5'7", with a slim build and light brown hair. Interests are walking, hiking, dining out, movies, the water and much more. Looking for a tall SWM, 42-57, who is easygoing, with similar interests. Ad#:465565

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SWF, 34, 5'5", brown hair and eyes, 120 lbs., N/S, down-to-earth, humorous and honest. Seeking a SWM, over 34, for a possible relationship. Ad#:421180

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SWF, 49, 5'5", brown hair and blue eyes. Outgoing and shy. My hobbies are outdoors, antiques and cooking. Looking for a SWM, 49-57, honest and enjoys outdoor activities. Ad#:458615

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SWF, 53, 5'4", 114 lbs., with blonde hair. Interests are theater, antiques, shopping, reading, plays and much more. In search of a SWM, over 43, who is honest and sincere, for friendship first. Ad#:451146

PRETTY & PLAYFUL
SWF, 42, 5'4", with short Auburn hair and blue eyes. Enjoys time with her children, biking, walking and much more. Looking for a N/S SWM, 40-46, who is fun-loving, good-natured and enjoys kids. Ad#:450939

EASYGOING & HUMOROUS
SWF, 55, semi-retired, enjoys the outdoors, Florida, concerts, walking, reading, etc. In search of a SWM, under 68, who has time for a relationship, with a great sense of humor. Ad#:450241

DO YOU LOOK LIKE KEN?
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Attractive divorced white female, 50, professional, college degree, petite, 5'11", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, sports. Seeks professional divorced white male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache. Ad#:403954

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SWF, 19, with a good sense of humor, enjoys life, loves to laugh, camping, the beach and is easy to get along with. Looking for a SWM, 31-37, who is fun to be with, honest, respectable, caring and enjoys children. Ad#:449703

DINNER FOR TWO
SWF, 68, 5'5", with blonde hair. Interests are painting, traveling, quiet evenings at home, the outdoors, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 60-72, who is fun-loving and outgoing. Ad#:449628

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Professional, N/S, S/D, DWF, 45, with no children, enjoys dining in/out, movies, concerts, walking, biking, etc. Searching for an affectionate, communicative SM, 35-55, who is honest, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#:449437

FUN & ENERGETIC
SWF, 38, 5'5", blonde with blue eyes and wears glasses. Enjoys walking, reading, bowling, fishing, camping, NASCAR & playing with her cat. Seeking a SWM, 35-45, who is humorous, honest, sincere, energetic, likes to have fun, but has a serious side. Ad#:449267

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SWF, 59, 5'6", stender brunette, with short brown hair and hazel/green eyes. Enjoys sailing, power-boating, golfing, fine dining, tennis and much more. In search of a honest, loyal, trustworthy, N/S SWM, 59-75. Ad#:449205

COMPANIONSHIP
SWF, 47, 5'8", 200 lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes. Interests are music, cooking, yard work and traveling. Searching for a SWM, 40-50, who doesn't play games, is honest, truthful, communicative, loving and warm. Ad#:449182

HAPPY & CHEERFUL
SBF, 37, 5'11", with brown eyes and a beautiful set of lips. Enjoys cooking, dining out, shopping and much more. In search of a SBM, under 50, who is honest, trustworthy, funny, caring and loving. Ad#:449074

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SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 44-60, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous, N/S and honest; for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad#:448774

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SBF, 32, mother of 2, working part-time and going to school part-time. Enjoys reading, writing poetry and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is kind and compassionate. If you are that special guy, leave a message! Ad#:446605

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SWF, 49, 5'6", blonde hair, brown eyes, organized, intelligent and pleasant. Enjoys theater, travel, music and more. Seeking a SWM, over 46, who is loyal, down-to-earth and not into games. Ad#:446995

SUNNY DAYS
Pretty, long brown hair, 37, divorced white woman, employed with two children. Enjoys camping, outdoors and bowling. Looking for white man, 32-45, with similar interests. Ad#:429358

I MAY BE THE ONE
SWF, 52, enjoys gardening, the outdoors, camping, hiking, movies, theater, concerts, cooking and entertaining. Looking for SWM, 48-63, who wants to invest time in building a relationship with me. Ad#:443461

SEEKING A TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBF, 26, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark complexion. Seeking a SM, 22-35, who is humorous, kind, considerate and goal oriented. Ad#:446975

RECIPE FOR LOVE
Attractive WWF, 68, 5'5", blonde hair, N/S, N/D, enjoys my grandchildren, boating, church, flea markets, cooking. Looking for that special SWM, 68 or older, who has similar interests. Ad#:446467

OLD-FASHIONED LADY
SWF, 55, enjoys children, but has none of her own, yard work, etc. In search of an attractive, nicey dressed SWM, 49-70, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#:426634

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SBF, 25, 6'1", 167 lbs., attractive, outgoing and enjoys life. Seeking a SWM who is fun independent and friendly for a friendship first. Ad#:446021

GOOD INNER SOUL
Honest, sincere, 32, SWF, dark hair, brown eyes, 5'2", outgoing, strong willed, caring. Enjoys spending time with my sons, gardening, resivals, walking. Looking for an employed, SM, who is honest, sincere, humorous, looking to settle down and likes children. Ad#:445709

OUTGOING & FUNNY
SWF, 22, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes. Interests are camping, playing pool, nights out on the town and much more. In search of a SWM, 21-35, who is honest, caring, down-to-earth and likes to have fun. Ad#:445038

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COFFEE?
SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, fun and outgoing. Enjoys movies, walking, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is well established, trustworthy, honest and considerate. Ad#:443926

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
SWF, 23 yrs. old, seeking SBM, 20-30, who is not into playing games. If this is something you want, then contact me! Ad#:443897

SOMEONE AWAITS YOUR CALL
SBF, 43 yrs. old, loves to have fun, looking for a long term relationship with SBM, 40-55. If this is what you're looking for, give me a call. Ad#:436294

KIND & SWEET
SBF, 31, with black hair and brown eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, time at home and being with her children. Looking for a sweet and honest, SBF, over 18, who has a good head on his shoulders, for friendship. Ad#:435774

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL-MATE
SWF, 36, tall, professional. Looking for a NS, N/D, well read, well educated, SWM, 27-55, for movies, activities, working out, dining out and other summer fun. Ad#:433014

ARE YOU LONELY
69 yrs. young, white attractive female, 5'3", 119 lbs., blonde looking for companionship. Ad#:428857

READY FOR AN ADVENTURE?
SBF, 43, 5'6", attractive, fun, unique, spontaneous and honest. Looking for a sincere, spontaneous, mature, honest, N/S, SWM, 38-54. Ad#:428474

CUTE & INTELLIGENT!
Funny, happy SWF, 59, 5'2", medium build, red hair, green eyes. Loves sports, fishing and bowling. Looking for an active, communicative, good-humored SWM, 55-70. Ad#:428373

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ELECTRIFYING
Fun, kind, energetic DWM, 54, 5'11", 235 lbs., with dark brown hair and blue eyes. My interests include exercising, dining, karaoke, dancing and more. Searching for a health conscious, slim to medium-built SWF, 40-54, with similar interests. Ad#:443678

FAMILY LIFE
Energetic, SW, dad, 48, 5'10", 170 lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes. Hobbies include hunting and fishing... Looking for a fun, family-oriented, SWF, 32-45. Ad#:473735

NOBODY'S PERFECT
SWM, 54, 5'11", enjoys dining, shooting pool, good movies and quiet times at home together. Looking for an accepting SF, 18 plus. Ad#:473348

NEW TO MICHIGAN
Attractive SWM, 36, 6'2", well-built. Enjoys sports, concerts, movies, travel. Seeking attractive female, race and age open, will answer all. Ad#:407684

I'M HERE FOR YOU...
SHM, 45, slim to medium build, romantic, responsible, financially stable & spontaneous. Loves dining out, theater, carnivals & watching movies with that special someone. Looking for a petite, lively, outgoing SWF, 25-40, who's tired of the bar scene. Ad#:469003

GOD NATURED
SBM, 31, 6'2", 225 lbs., light brown eyes, kind and professional. Enjoys singing, sports, music and more. Seeking a SF, who is kind, loving, humorous, honest, sweet, professional and affectionate. Ad#:472343

LOOKING FOR LOVE
SWM, 53, is looking for a SWF 37-48, who is honest, loving, and looking for someone to be friends with and have an honest relationship. Ad#:472307

COMPANIONSHIP
SWM, 53, good-looking, fit enjoys the outdoors, good conversation and more. Looking for a SWF, 37-48, to share life with. Ad#:472332

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
SWM, 63, 5'8", 147 lbs., shy, honest and faithful. I enjoy wood crafts, fishing, dancing and long drives, and am looking for a sincere, attractive, full-figured, Christian SWF, 55-63, for a long-term relationship. Ad#:471848

SEE WHERE IT GOES
SWM, 29, enjoys hockey, his dogs and boating. Looking for an honest SWF, 23-41. Ad#:471287

FRESH START
SWM, 52, 5'9", 228 lbs., humorous and fun to be with. Enjoys NASCAR, old cars and romance! Searching for a calm, romantic, non-smoking SWF, 38-55, slim to medium build, for a meaningful relationship. Ad#:470795

EASY TO TALK TO!
Single white male, 45, 6'2", 209 lbs., muscular, athletic, brown hair, blue eyes, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys roller blading, working out, etc. Seeks a friendly single female, Wayne County. Ad#:404066

EASYGOING & OUTGOING
SWM, 41, with dark hair and blue eyes. Enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, long walks, movies, time with friends and family. In search of a SWF, 34-45, who has similar qualities. Ad#:470336

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM, 41, 6', brown hair and eyes, outgoing and spontaneous. Enjoys camping, fishing, hiking, travel and more. Seeking a SF, who is warm, friendly, family-oriented and loves life. Ad#:470227

SOMEONE TO LOVE
SBM, 33, never married, with no children. Looking for a SF, 27-43, who is honest, trustworthy, a hombody and affectionate. Ad#:470064

LOOKING FOR LOVE
SBM, 35, 6'1", 210 lbs., with brown eyes, enjoys movies, dining out, singing, cooking, etc. In search of a SF, under 45, who is nice, down-to-earth and caring. Ad#:469844

GOLFING PARTNER WANTED
SWM, 49, new to the area. In search of a SWF, under 45, for dinners together, golfing and much more. Ad#:469698

END MY SEARCH
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LOVE ME FOR ME
SBM, 36, 5'8", 220 lbs., with brown eyes and a bald head. Enjoys basketball, time with that special someone and just having a good time. In search of a SWF, 35-50, who can make me happy. Ad#:469306

1 GOOD WOMAN WANTED:
SNAM, 23, enjoys sports, video games, etc. Looking for a SWF, 28, who will treat me the way she would want to be treated. Ad#:469328

FUN-LOVING & CARING
SWM, 45, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes. Interests are swimming, camping, boating, fishing and more. Searching for a SF, over 40, who is fun to be with. Ad#:468407

A COMPANION
SWM, 45, 190 lbs., affectionate, friendly and romantic. Enjoys the outdoors, golf, fishing, camping and more. Seeking a SWF, 40-50, who is honest, well-mannered and down-to-earth. Ad#:469158

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Honest, caring, respectful, intelligent SBM, 23, 6'1", goatee, beautiful smile. Looking for an attractive, exciting, interesting SF, 18-30. Ad#:460854

LET'S ENJOY LIFE TOGETHER!
DWM, 62, 5'4", brown hair, blue eyes, 110 lbs., smoker, outgoing, friendly and down-to-earth. Enjoys biking, movies, reading cars and more. Seeking a SWF, under 60, who is attractive, down-to-earth, loyal and humorous. Ad#:468474

STOP, LOOK & CALL!
DWM, 49, medium build. Enjoys the outdoors, home cooking and more. Seeking a SWF, 45-52, who is seeking a long-term relationship. Serious replies only, no games please. Redford area. Ad#:411537

DEDICATED
SWM, 46, 5'11", slim, with brown hair & blue eyes. Enjoys running, biking, history, photography and studying the Bible. Searching for a truthful SWF, 30-50, who is not materialistic. Ad#:468271

FATHER OF YEAR
SW dad, 45, 6', 220 lbs., gray hair, fun, easy to get along with. Hobbies include bowling, movies and spending time with his children. Seeking a SWF, 18 plus, who is fun loving and communicative. Ad#:468272

HONEST & CARING
SNAM, 50, 5'10", with dark hair/eyes. Enjoys NASCAR, walking, bowling, collecting Hotwheels and much more. Looking for an attractive SF, 30-45, who is height/weight proportionate, honest, caring and affectionate. Ad#:468068

GOOD HEARTED MAN
SBM, 35, 6'2", 220 lbs., medium build, dark complexion, attractive, college educated, humorous, intelligent and mature. Seeking a SWF, 25-53, who is kind-hearted, pleasant, open and honest. Ad#:467728

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SWM, 29, 5'11", 175 lbs. Seeking a SWF, 18-45, who is attractive and intelligent, for a long term relationship. Ad#:467701

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWM, 43, 6', green eyes, brown hair, laid-back, reliable and loving. Enjoys dancing, genealogy and a wide variety of different interests. Seeking a SF, 30-55, who is easygoing, dependable, caring and giving. Ad#:467486

DEVOTED
SBM, 22, 5'6", dark complexion, interesting, funny and easy to talk to. Enjoys sports, movies, going to college and more. Seeking a SBF, who is interesting, hard-working, responsible, loving and kind-hearted. Ad#:467424

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWM, 23, 5'10", 185 lbs., with a solid build. Interests are romantic dinners, breakfast in bed, sports and more. In search of a SWF, over 18, who is all about having fun. Ad#:465707

LOYAL & COMMITTED
SBM, 32, committed, looking for his soulmate. He is hard-working, easygoing, fun-loving and romantic. Enjoys romantic dinners, time with special someone and much more. She should be a SAF, 24-37, who loves to cuddle. Ad#:465699

GET TO KNOW ME
SWM, 32, 5'4", with blond hair and blue eyes. Interests are reading, playing sports and time with friends. In search of a SWF, 24-32, for a relationship. Ad#:465600

JUST BE YOURSELF!
SBM, 45, 6', 205 lbs., attractive, easygoing, bubbly and open-minded. Enjoys working out, walking my dogs, long drives and more. Seeking a SWF, who is 5'7"-6", attractive, honest, trustworthy and loving. Ad#:465225

LOVER NOT A FIGHTER
SEIM, 50, 170 lbs., hazel blue eyes, blond hair, nice and friendly. My hobbies are cooking, baseball, swimming and walking. Looking for a SEIF, over 40, who is attractive and fun. Ad#:465016

FUN & HUMOROUS
SWM, 39, 5'9", blue eyes, light brown hair, has a great sense of humor, outgoing and honest. Enjoys biking, music, the outdoors, good conversation and more. Seeking a SF, 21-42, who is a N/S, open-minded, spontaneous, outgoing, humorous and loves music. Ad#:464214

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MERCURY - 1993 Grand Marquis, 100k mi, green, good cond. \$2700.

MYSTIQUE 1998 LS - Green, V8, manual, 4 door, 64K miles, loaded, clean, \$5,900.

SABLE 1997, GS wagon, loaded, leather, low miles. 1 owner, clean, like new. \$7000.

Sable 1998 4 door, V-6, ps, ob, windows, air 68K miles \$4800/best.

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SABLE 2000 dark blue, sunroof, loaded, full factory warranty, \$9,980.

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GRAND PRIX 1995 - 4 door, newer engine, front brakes, starter. \$4400.

GRAND PRIX 1997 GTP, black, leather, tint, moonroof, lowered, JL audio, XGTH4 tires, exc cond. 97k mi., \$7600/best.

GRAND PRIX 1998 GT Sedan, 1 owner, great shape, \$8600.

GRAND PRIX GT 1998 very clean, new tires, 63K, \$9000/best.

SUNFIRE 1998 - red, 2dr, auto, 47,500 mi. Exc. cond. \$5500.

SUNFIRE 2000 - 2 dr, red, a/c, am/fm cassette, 50K, exc. cond. \$6995.

Oldsmobile 8640

REGENCY 88, 1994 loaded, good cond., 102k, \$2650.

Pontiac 8660

BONNEVILLE 2002 SE, Sport, highway, clean, non-smoking 41K, \$14,000.

BONNEVILLE 2003 (2) pewter/bronze mist, loaded, full factory warranty, \$16,980.

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Grand Prix 1997 GTP, black, leather, tint, moonroof, lowered, JL audio, XGTH4 tires, exc cond. 97k mi., \$7600/best.

Grand Prix 1998 GT Sedan, 1 owner, great shape, \$8600.

Grand Prix GT 1998 very clean, new tires, 63K, \$9000/best.

Sunfire 1998 - red, 2dr, auto, 47,500 mi. Exc. cond. \$5500.

Sunfire 2000 - 2 dr, red, a/c, am/fm cassette, 50K, exc. cond. \$6995.

Pontiac 8660

SUNFIRE- 2000, auto, air, sun roof, abs, new brakes, 61K, \$5995/neg.

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Salurn 8700

SATURN 1998, SW2, green, great condition, 69K, \$6800.

SATURN 2002 SL1, silver, 11,000 miles, \$9,980.

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SC2 1997 auto, 58K, loaded, red, sharp, tape, \$5400 or best.

SC2 1997 2 door, manual, sunroof, a/c, 95K miles, \$4000.

SL2 1998: exc. cond., new muffler & rear brakes. Air, loaded, security system, regular oil changes, floor mats, reliable. 78K mi. \$4950/best.

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CAMRY 2002 LE, red metallic, loaded, low miles, \$15,980.

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TOYOTA CELICA 1990, 2 dr, red, air cond., \$2800/best.

Volkswagen 8740

JETTA 1998 GLX V6, sunroof, cd, 65k, 5 speed, silver, nice! \$9,500.

Volvo 8750

850 GLT 1995. Fully loaded, exc. cond., 132,000 miles, \$5,900.

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2003 GMC ENVOY XLT

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Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

The 2003 GMC Envoy XL is pleasing to drive and use, but the most interesting thing about it is how the midsize SUV looks. A truly innovative and appealing design is somewhat of a surprise from a truck company that never before has been renowned for its breakout styling. But that's exactly what GMC delivers, with just a bit of extra front-to-rear widening of the vehicle that designers integrated just behind the back doors.

This organic design cue makes Envoy kind of hippy-looking (not 'hippie'), reminding me -- in a nice way -- of a honeybee or some other insect whose body is divided into sections, with a distinct and wider second section beginning at the waist. This design also lends a bit of reassuring bulkiness in what is overall a rugged SUV. And on a wholly practical level, the jog-outs obviously create more interior room in the cargo compartment.

There's plenty to like overall about Envoy XL, of course, which just became available in March 2002. (The Envoy is its smaller sibling; GMC also, of course, offers the mammoth Yukon series of SUVs.) But the clever styling certainly sets the right tone. Other features of the exterior that add to a surprisingly luxurious look for Envoy XL are a rear lift gate, rear privacy glass, roof rails, fog light and cornering lights. A huge front grill and massive headlights add to the look of substance. The Silver Green Metallic color of the vehicle I drove lent a sophisticated sheen to the whole package and was a nice blend with the light oak color of the interior.

Under the hood is where the top-of-the-line XL provides another dose of extra value. For \$1,500, you can get a 5.3 liter, Vortec V-8 engine, newly available this year, which makes Envoy XL remarkably powerful and responsive. GM says it's "the seg-



The Envoy XL is remarkably powerful and responsive.

ment's most powerful V8," offering 290 peak horsepower and 325 pound-feet of torque. I didn't hitch anything to the back of the Envoy XL. But I can well predict that it would take quite a load in the rear to slow this engine down any. With the new 5.3-liter engine, and a 3.73 axle ratio, the Envoy XL provides trailering capacities of 7,200 pounds for two-wheel-drive models and 7,000 pounds for the four-wheel-drive model that I enjoyed. Adding this immense optional engine increased the sticker price of the most luxurious XL to \$42,970, but it's well worth it in terms of the added performance.

Mileage -- naturally, for a medium- to large-sized SUV -- is a disappointing 14 in the city and 18 on the highway. But the 25-gallon fuel tank for the SL is large enough at least to remove some of the pain because fuel stops aren't that much more frequent than with smaller vehicles. GM says the driving range is 425 miles in combined city-highway driving with the Envoy's XL's standard engine -- so a little less, presumably, with the 5.3 liter version.

Handling was quite satisfying for a decent-sized vehicle, with a nice Goldilocks balance for drivers in this segment -- not all too twitchy, nor at all too sluggish. The load-leveling suspension, optional with the XL, also contributed nicely to the vehicle's overall roadability.

Just about as satisfying as the nifty design is the interior of the Envoy XL. The vehicle is large enough for seven passengers, in three rows, to be seated very comfortably; and with the third-row seating removed, cargo space is immense. Leather upholstery is standard in XL. The top-of-the-line SLT version hits all the right buttons as far as luxury amenities go, including rain-sensing wipers, headlamp washers, heated front seats and side mirrors, a content-theft alarm, a Travelnote digital recorder that allows you to utter thoughts and have them recorded on an integrated microphone, and a fancy Bose premium sound system. For another \$1,000 at retail, Envoy XL includes a rear-seat entertainment package with a DVD player.

One last thing: All Envoy models this year feature a new, four-position headlamp switch, allowing drivers to turn off the daytime running lamps and automatic headlamps when necessary. Drivers can defeat the running lamps and auto headlamps for one ignition cycle, simply by reverse-rotating the headlamp switch. The switch is springloaded and pops back. And whenever the ignition is restarted, the daytime running lamps and auto headlamps turn back on.

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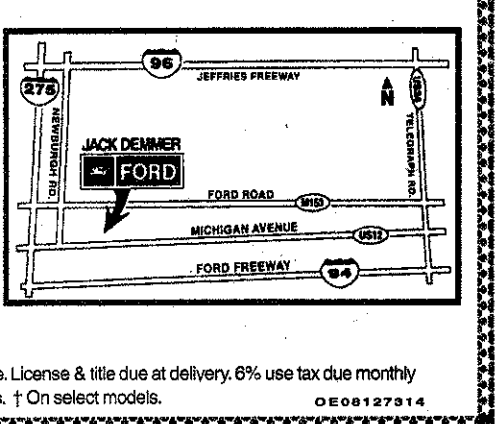
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Hot Ticket

Start your engines

First Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook holds 22-mile motorcade

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Human admirers ogle, peruse, inspect and then pass by, on the move for another idle relic of the road to examine.

That's the custom at ordinary car shows.

The first Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook, July 26-27, has something different to add - a 22-mile, Saturday morning motorcade of classic automobiles.

"You don't often see these cars on the road," said Chuck Little, tour chairman for Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook. "To get them back out there and on the road will really bring them to life."

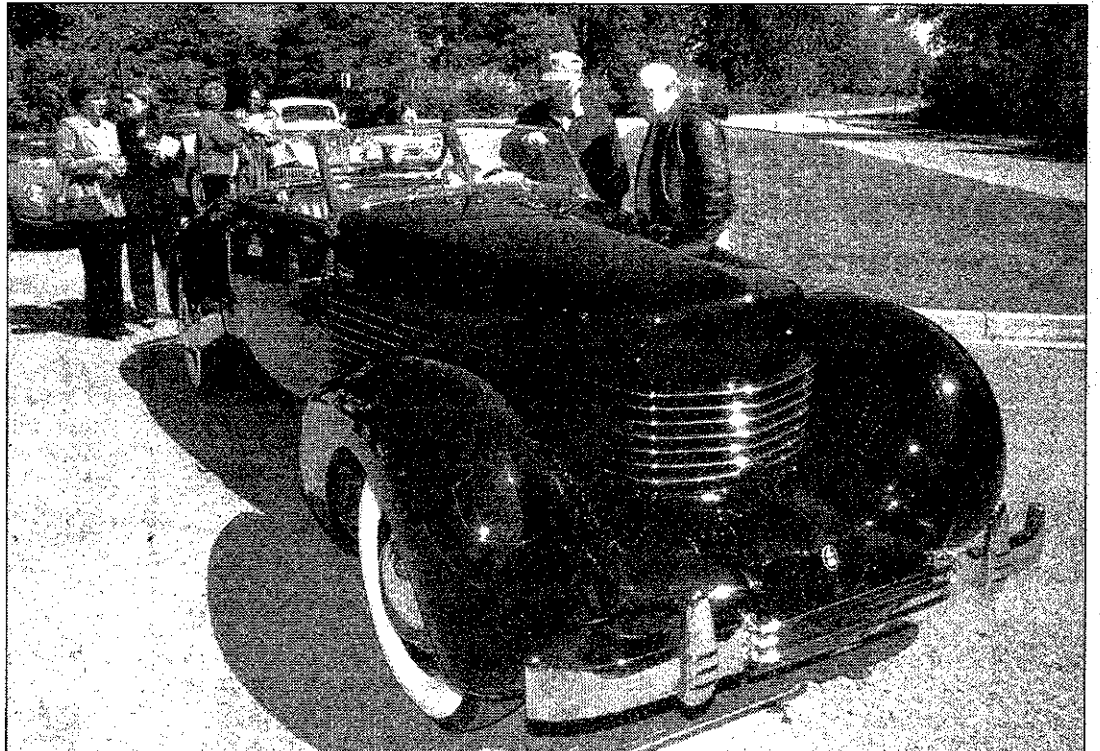
The spectacle, which is only one feature of the event, begins at about 9:45 a.m. near Cranbrook's campus and then heads toward Pine Lake Country Club, originally founded as the Automotive Club of Detroit. From there, the cars - 20 of the show's 166 collector automobiles - motor toward downtown Birmingham's Shain Park via Long Lake, Lahser and Maple roads.

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 26-27.

Where: Cranbrook Educational Community, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: All tickets include admission to all Cranbrook public venues, general, \$30, children under age 12, free; gala auction tickets, which include Sunday show admission, \$175-\$300, call (248) 539-2150.



STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Davis (left) of Beverly Hills and Fred Smith of Rochester look over Smith's 1937 Cord at a press conference announcing plans of the first Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook.

"We have a police escort, and we're working with the Bloomfield Township police," Little said. "We have some very valuable cars."

Cars making the journey are as diverse as they are valuable - from a 1966 Ford GT 40 to a 1927 silver Rolls Royce Phantom 1.

The drive toward downtown Birmingham going east on Maple and into Shain Park is probably the best vantage point for those wishing to witness the motorcade (see chart for estimated route times).

Car devotees who miss the motorcade can take a look at the vehicles in Shain Park where they will go display before returning to Cranbrook. Or, they can attend Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook.

Other planned activities include a Saturday evening gala with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and a live auction and a Sunday afternoon awards presentation.

To build on the car show's

theme - the fusion of art, science and education in the history of the automobile - both original art and technology will be exhibited. Admission to the event, which benefits Cranbrook Educational Community and Women's Committee for Hospice Care, includes access to all Cranbrook public venues, too.

"We have some very interesting cars and we're supporting two very worthwhile causes," said event chairman Larry

Smith, an avid car collector and president of Autometric Collision.

Even Smith has an unusual automobile in the show - a 1936 Stout Scarab. "It's the weirdest looking forerunner to the minivan you can imagine," he said. "It's going to be pretty special. Cranbrook is a magical place and has interesting connections to the Detroit automobile industry."

CRANBROOK CONCOURS EVENTS

■ **Concours Cars on Tour** - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, motorcade through Cranbrook grounds to Shain Park in downtown Birmingham.

■ **Cars Under the Stars Gala and Auction** - 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 26, Cranbrook Institute of Science.

■ **Concours d'Elegance at Cranbrook Awards presentation** - 2 p.m. Sunday, July 27.

Big Screen

'How to Deal' captures those awkward teen moments

HOW TO DEAL

*** (out of four)

That creepy silence you just heard was America's film critics stunned speechless by the new Mandy Moore vehicle *How to Deal*. Yeah, I know what you're thinking. It stars Mandy Moore. It's about "first love." It's called *How to Deal*, for crying out loud. It has to be terrible.

Brace yourselves: *How to Deal* is really

not terrible. That's not to say it's great. In fact, if you happen to be over 21, I'd recommend skipping it.

I never suspected that the title *How to Deal* refers not to petty "Who's going to ask me to the prom" stress-outs but actual five-alarm whoppers - sickness, death, pregnancy and other calamitous facts of life. Moore plays Halley Martin, a high-schooler who cynically observes the life

sprawling messily about her. Her parents are divorced; her dad (Peter Gallagher) is an embarrassing radio DJ and her mom (Allison Janney) is viciously bitter. Her sister Ashley is getting married and her best friend Scarlett has just fallen in love.

Ignoring the multiple (but apparently pointless) *Gone with the Wind* references, it sounds like pretty standard teen stuff, especially when Halley meets Macon (Trent Ford), the kid from the wrong side of the tracks, and falls for him despite her better judgment.

But I knew something was different after the requisite Falling-in-Love Montage. I know you're familiar with this scene: Halley and Macon go to movies, eat ice cream and wear funny hats and it's all set to a bubbly pop song (in this case, Liz Phair's *Why Can't I*). The scene hits every cliché in the book. Yet I didn't roll my eyes once.

Tucked neatly between the vacuum-



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

sealed moments fresh from the Teen Movie Assembly Line are the wonderful details that turn *How to Deal* into something almost relevant.

There's something else going on in these scenes and although I hesitate to use the word "subtext," there's no doubt that the material is being deftly handled by director Clare Kilner.

Despite an ending that's a tad too tidy, *How to Deal* is gloriously random. Bad things happen. Good things happen. People break up. People get back together. It's like a film an adolescent Ed Burns (*Brothers McMullen, She's the One*) might make, only better.

Heavy teen drama is almost impossible to pull off, and at times *How to Deal* feels like an episode of the "Wheel o' Trauma." But there's a payoff. Near the end, a character says, "I hate you" while meaning the exact opposite. This would have been tiresomely explained in a lesser film. But in *How to Deal*, you know exactly what the character means, without adding a single unnecessary word.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, *Ball of Wax*, can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com.

"A Refreshing Movie That Celebrates Life's Wonderfully Messy, Out-Of-Order Moments."

— Joyce Rutlawik, *NOT TICKET*

"'How To Deal' Is That Rarity, A Movie Aimed At Teens That Doesn't Insult Their Intelligence."

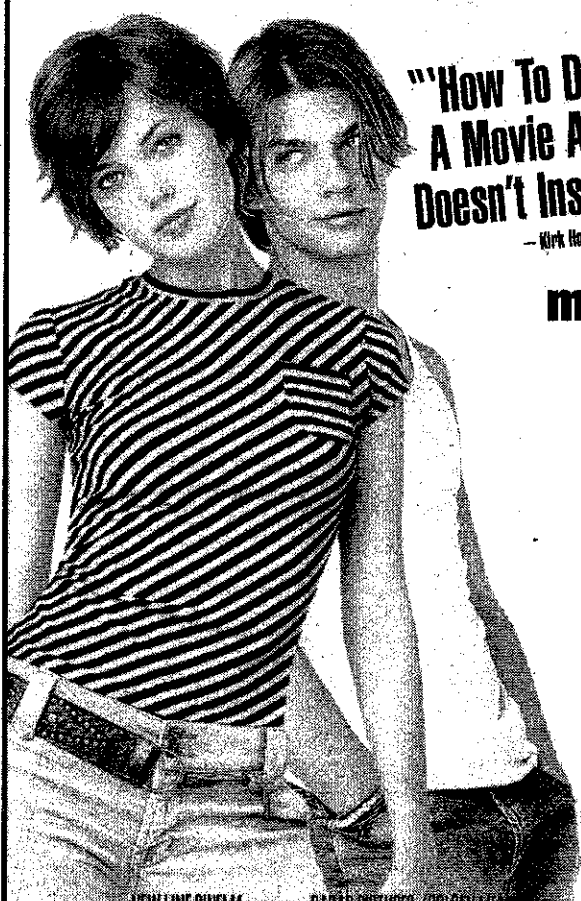
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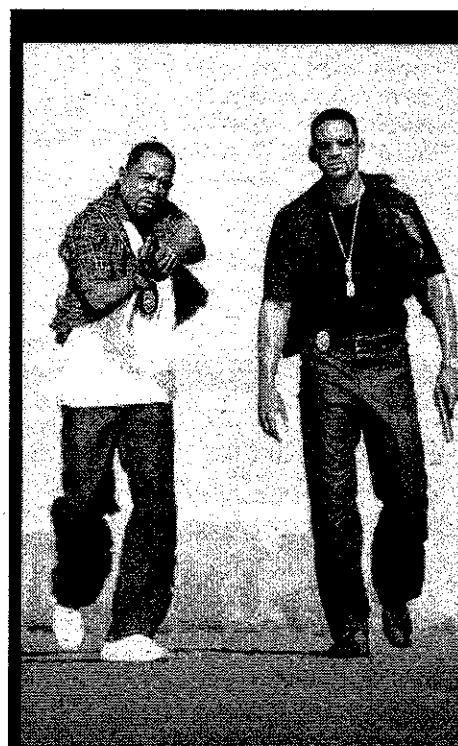
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Small Screen

'Just Married' is a flick that will appeal to both sexes

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

Just Married, a film about young love and all the glory and challenges that go with it, is one of the top video rentals in the country, and it's easy to see why.

The movie that helped launch actors Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy to celebrity status is a charming slapstick comedy reminiscent of the Tom Hanks movie, *The Money Pit*.

But in this movie, the disaster isn't the house — it's the honeymoon.

Blue-collar radio traffic announcer Tom Leezak (Kutcher) and quirky rich girl Sarah McNeerney (Murphy) fall madly in love after a brief romance and decide to tie the knot.

Everything seems to be weighing against them — their backgrounds couldn't be more opposite, and their family and friends try desperately to talk them out of marriage.

Despite it all, the couple is madly in

love and can't wait to get hitched.

Disaster (and uproarious comedy) ensues as the two honeymoon in Italy — from the cockroaches crawling over them as they try to consummate their marriage in a run-down hotel, to spending a night in prison, to wreaking havoc on an airplane.

The honeymoon wears them down and they're on the verge of divorce, but after an inspirational talk with dad, Tom rises to the challenge and patches things up.

Despite all the obstacles the couple face, the power of love wins out.

Their love is convincing, perhaps because the two were dating in real life when the filming took place.

This movie raises the classic question, "Is love enough?" and it answers with a resounding "Yes!"

Kutcher's acting in this film is a little weak for my taste, but Murphy is surprisingly charming and quirky with a talent for comedy.

Together, the two are convincing as

newlyweds in love.

Just Married lacks substance and depth, but it's a cute film that provides hearty laughs.

This movie is perfect to watch with your significant other, and amazingly,

both men and women will be able to find humor in it.

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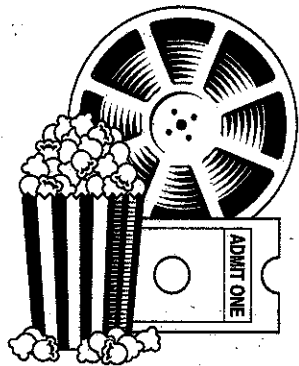
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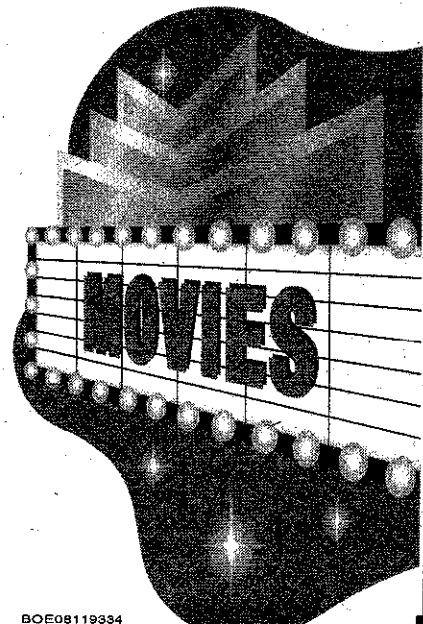
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Big Screen

Plunge into 'Coral Reef Adventure'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Brilliant hues, fast-swimming creatures, cavernous rock formations – the underwater world stuns us with its surreal beauty.

But is the imagery worth the risk of a deep sea plunge?

The film *Coral Reef Adventure*, opening Saturday, July 26 at the Detroit Science Center's IMAX Dome Theatre, might convince you it is.

The movie follows a real expedition of the South Pacific by ocean explorers and two underwater filmmakers.

"It's a topic that we haven't explored in our IMAX theater yet, and it's a great family film," said Kelly Fulford, marketing director at the Detroit Science Center.

Regions explored include Fiji, Tahiti and Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

The film also examines the ecosystem's diversity and interdependence, as well as, current environmental issues.

"The film is a good fit with our life science area," said Fulford. To make the most out of the match, the center is offering "Coral Reef Crusaders," a learning activity during which participants can create coral formations to take home. The activity is scheduled Saturday, July 26.

Coral Reef Adventure, which was directed by Greg MacGillivray, comes from the Academy Award nominated producers of *Journey Into the Amazing Caves* and *Everest*. The film is narrated by Liam Neeson and features music by Crosby, Stills & Nash.

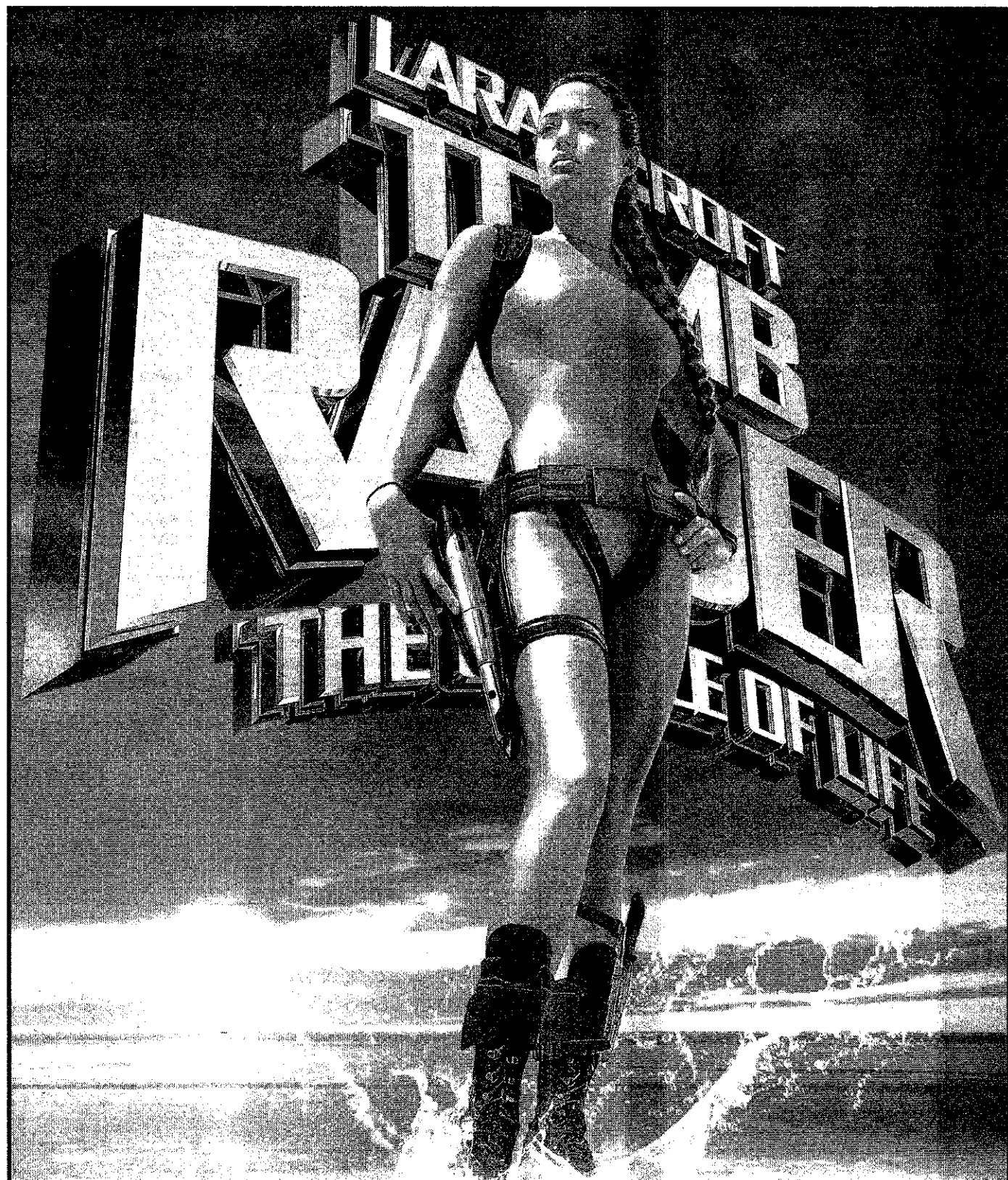
REEFS ON SCREEN

What: Coral Reef Adventure at the IMAX Dome Theatre.

When: Opens Saturday, July 26, shows at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. during opening weekend. After, film shows daily at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. through February 2004.

Where: Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R, Detroit.

Tickets: Theater admission, \$4 for adults, children and seniors; center admission required, \$7, adults, \$6, seniors and children age 2-12, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.



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4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues, underground, industrial, punk, reggae, world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. It's also a place where you can still hear '80s bands like Bahaus. Attire is freestyle, casual and up. Before the night begins stop at the adjacent Majestic Cafe for a gourmet veggie sandwich, mussels or Mediterranean dip. And if that isn't fun enough, stroll over to the also adjacent Garden Bowl. There the lanes and balls glow in the dark and the rock n' roll crowd enjoys a good bowl while the Ramones play off in the background. Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

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1927 Michigan Ave., Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro-Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to DJs and live music. Women wear dresses and high heels and men wear suits or flamboyant clubwear. Strict dress code, no jeans or tennis shoes. This is the place where couples dance. And if you're a woman going stag, it's no problem. You'll be asked to dance by patrons, who are skilled dancers. Expect to be politely spun around the dance floor and thanked afterward before they move on to the next partner. Fridays are occasionally world music night and the Latin music is on Saturdays. Valet parking is available. Call for hours, (313) 313-268-2325.

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Improv Comedy Jamm Night 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, \$5; Mark Sweeney 8 & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, \$8 advance, \$10 door, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

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Country Western Dance

Blackberry Creek Dancers 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26, Italian Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Dr. south of 12 Mile east of Hoover, Warren. Line dance lesson 7:30 p.m. \$10 includes lesson, soft drinks & coffee, (313) 526-9432.

ART

Print Gallery

Posters and Prints of Lincoln Center, July 28 to Sept. 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com

Cass Cafe

Works for Us, paintings and drawings by Sue Carman-Vian and Rick Vian, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 26,

exhibit continues to September, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

Maniscalco Gallery

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Summer classes for adults and children to Aug. 25, 407 Pine St., downtown Rochester. To register, or for information, call (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org

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Collection of historic Detroit photographs from 1880 to 1920 through Sept. 1, 30448 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, (248) 549-5171.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Celebrate the Art of Photography through July 31, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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Emerging Artist Exhibition, through Saturday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 756 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 544-4627.

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, *A Lively Town*, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

Cranbrook Institute of Science

T. rex on Trial, an exhibition featuring a crime scene complete with life-like robotic dinosaurs and hands-on detective activities continues through Monday, Sept. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 10 p.m. Friday, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free with museum admission \$7, \$5 ages 2-12. Call (877) 462-7262 or visit the Web site at www.cranbrook.edu. Free with museum admission.

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum

Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science, 220 E. Ann. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7, \$5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.laa-hom.org

Cranbrook Art Museum

Tours of permanent collection and current exhibitions of art, architecture and design. *Bruce Springsteen: Troubadour for the Highway* to Aug. 31, *Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement* continues to Sept. 28, *Graduate Summer Exhibition* to Sept. 28, at the museum, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361

Detroit Science Center

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit continues to Sept. 7. Advance timed tickets for the exhibit \$16.95, \$13.95 seniors, \$11.95 ages 2-12. IMAX film and plan-

etarium shows \$4 each or \$6 for both. (248) 645-6666. Also a planetarium show recreating the stars the night the ship went down, and IMAX movie on the ghostly ship at the bottom of the ocean. Digital Dome Planetarium Show, weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, at 5020 John R. Detroit. (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org

Detroit Zoo

The Arctic Ring of Life features a 70-foot see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroit-zoo.org. Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile at I-696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541-5717.

Henry Ford Museum

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

Meadow Brook Hall

Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum

New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, *Images of Lincoln*, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940



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Seafood concept clicks at new Moe's on Ten

BY ELEANOR HEALD
 CORRESPONDENT

Owner Moe Leon transformed Leon's Family Dining in Novi to a contemporary more sophisticated, yet casual eatery, called Moe's on Ten Seafood Grill, and opened in June.

Leon has been in the restaurant business for more than 20 years. His success has been a focus on made-from-scratch cooking, using quality ingredients.

"To me," he said, "customers are like my family. When they come into the restaurant, we talk about their family travels, the kids' schoolwork and after-school activities."

Although Moe's on Ten is no longer pitched toward family dining, Leon plans to continue his successful, personalized approach in an atmosphere designed to create a casually sophisticated ambiance with contemporary American flair.

Outside, Leon has completely revamped the building's facade.

A brick pathway leads to the main entrance, surrounded by professionally landscaped grounds.

Inside, earth tones accented with deep hues, the color of Beaujolais wine, set the mood at booths and tables with granite-like tabletops, set with Syracuse china. The bar with dimly lit blue-domed spotlights is located near the wine cellar, housing a selection of wines designed to complement Executive Chef Gary Tottis' dishes.

CHEF KNOWS SEAFOOD

Leon got a fine catch in chef Gary, who most recently spent nine years at Charley's



Char-grilled Atlantic Salmon with Hearts of Palm salsa, Black Bean rice and steamed fresh vegetables.

LAND AND SEA

Top fish dishes include



Dovile Fedorov with a cocktail at the small but cozy bar at Moe's.

Crab preparing exciting seafood dishes.

Counted among chef Gary's early culinary tutors is chef Emeril Lagasse, the popular Food TV network host. They were in the kitchen together at Commander's Palace in New Orleans.

"There," he said, "I learned to create dishes using just a few ingredients that combined, give a dish complex flavors. That's my style of cooking."

At Moe's, Chef Gary has crafted a menu around global regions renowned for seafood and gives some dishes a Southern or New Orleans twist. Available fresh are more than a half dozen East Coast oyster selections.

"It's true," Chef Gary said, "that oysters from southern waters are below par in summer months. We source from colder waters such as Prince Edward Island, northern New England and Nova Scotia."

Other starters include Tuna Sashimi, Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail, Maine Lobster & Gulf Shrimp Spring Rolls, Cherry Wood Smoked Salmon, and Escargot with Warm Goat Cheese Bruschetta.



Executive Chef Gary Tottis presents char-grilled Atlantic Salmon with Hearts of Palm salsa served with Black Bean Rice and fresh, steamed vegetables.

sautéed Lake Erie Perch with sundried tomato butter sauce; broiled Chilean Sea Bass, topped with piquant tomatillos; Louisiana Farm Raised Catfish, blackened and topped with creole sauce, and Louisiana Style Shrimp Creole sautéed with onions, tomatoes, peppers, herbs and white wine.

Soft shell crab lovers can enjoy them at Moe's until Labor Day. Chef Gary prepares them with a Creole Chorron Sauce, made by folding tomato sauce into a Béarnaise sauce.

Diners seeking a turf experience can order choices such as a 22-ounce Porterhouse Steak, served with melted herb butter and crispy onions, Wild Mushroom



The bar is small, but well-stocked, at Moe's.

MOE'S ON TEN SEAFOOD GRILL

Where: 39445 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi; (248) 478-9742.

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday until 11 p.m.; Saturday 4-11 p.m.; Sunday 3-9 p.m. Daily Sunset Menu, 3-6 p.m. featuring a three-course, fixed-price meal.

Food style: Choices of fresh seafood, steaks, chicken and pasta in a casual setting.

Cost: Main courses served with choice of soup, rice or potato and vegetable. Lunch \$9-20, dinner \$11-25.

Reservations: Suggested.

Alfredo or Herbed Chicken, served with asparagus, spinach and a sundried tomato butter sauce.

Since portions are generous, tray presented dessert selections may be over the top. However, the rice pudding is Moe's recipe and he'd like you to try it.

Eleanor Heald writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.

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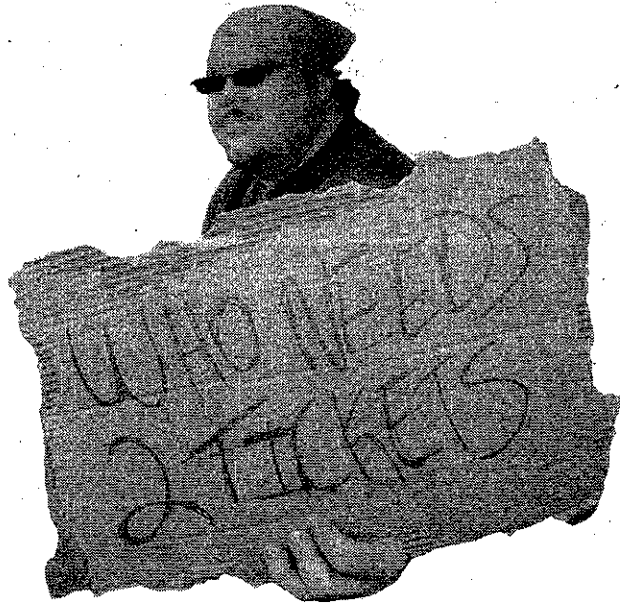
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Sponge returns clearer, stronger and louder



Sponge's frontman Vinnie Dombrowski (in cowboy hat) is the only original band member. Guitarist Joey Mazzola left recently to join the Detroit Cobras. Sponge is playing DTE on Aug. 1.

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's hard to sell out concerts these days — promoters and musicians both admit it. Between festivals and multi-band shows, audiences are savvy about where they spend their dollars.

Despite the competition, Sponge's frontman Vinnie Dombrowski is feeling good about the band's show on Friday, Aug. 1, at DTE.

Sponge is on a quadruple bill with fellow Detroiters Verve Pipe plus Gin Blossoms and Soul Asylum.

"From what I hear, people seem excited about it," Dombrowski said.

Although the show features strong rock 'n' roll from the 1990s, Sponge isn't looking to rest on its laurels. The band just released an album last month and will introduce at least some of it at DTE.

The Gin Blossoms are releasing a new album that will include remastered versions of some of their hits.

The Verve Pipe — whose song, *The Freshman*, spawned its success — hasn't released new material in several years. Soul Asylum released a greatest hits discography; it's the band's first album since 1998's *Candy from a Stranger*.

During the past 11 years, Sponge created solid songs like *Have you seen Mary* and *Plowed* while almost constantly changing band members — always with Dombrowski as its frontman.

Critics try unsuccessfully to label the band: They've been called everything from garage to glam to grunge to indie rock.

Dombrowski has been compared to David Bowie and the Psychedelic Furs' Richard Butler.

Sponge, Gin Blossoms, Verve

PIPE AND SOUL ASYLUM

When: 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 1

Where: DTE Energy

Tickets: \$18-\$32, call (248) 645-6666

There have been more recent band member changes, but Dombrowski, even though he's a bit cynical, remains proud of the strength of Sponge's new music.

Since Sponge's inception, it's always been Dombrowski and guitarist Joey Mazzola as its core writing team.

Mazzola played on the latest album, but then dove into newer waters as a member of the Detroit Cobras, leaving Dombrowski as Sponge's original survivor.

"It feels irrelevant at this point," Dombrowski said about promoting new music without Mazzola.

"But I still think it's a fine record. We stripped it down, not tons of over-dubs and not as thick."

Sponge took a more economical approach to its new music, which Dombrowski said is a good thing.

"It's clearer, stronger and louder," Dombrowski said.

Soon after Mazzola's departure, Dombrowski replaced him to continue the band's scheduled concerts. Sponge will also play at the Woodward Dream Cruise in August.

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Design as art? How novel

British Arts & Crafts Movement more than pretty objects

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Underlying the distinction of Cranbrook and the beauty of its campus are the values and aesthetics of its founder, George Booth.

A new exhibit at Cranbrook Art Museum brings visitors closer to some of the art and design that Booth loved, appreciated and collected.

Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement: George Booth's Legacy continues through Sept. 28.

All pieces represent the British Arts & Crafts Movement and, in particular, William Morris and artisans influenced by him.

"George Booth loved William Morris, and he (Booth) essentially founded Cranbrook on Morris' principles," said the exhibit's curator, Ellen Dodington.

Booth also founded the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts in the early 1900s, and the organization started the school that later became the Center for Creative Studies, said Dodington. "Booth really made Detroit one of the country's major design centers."

The exhibit begins with an introduction to Booth and a display of books and documents exploring the Cranbrook founder's

BRITISH ARTS & CRAFTS

What: *Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement: George Booth's Legacy.*

When: Through Sunday, Sept. 28, museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. fourth Friday of each month

Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: Members, free, general admission, \$6, seniors, teens, and full-time students, \$4, children 12 and under, free with adult admission, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

interest in graphic design. Among the materials are books printed at the Cranbrook Press, which Booth set up in his newsroom.

"That was kind of novel at the time, the idea of design as art," said Dodington.

Booth and Morris also believed in the notion of surrounding oneself with not just art, but beautiful everyday objects. Textiles, wallpaper samples, silver tea sets, furniture and other decorative objects in the exhibit drive home that point.

There's even a cloisonné box purchased by Booth's son Henry to use as a vessel for his wife's wedding ring.

While the exhibit draws on the history

of Cranbrook and Detroit, an interest in the past isn't needed to appreciate the objects it showcases, said Dodington.

"This is pretty art. People can understand it."

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A watercolor by Margaret Macdonald Mackintosh is among the pieces in 'Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement: George Booth's Legacy' at Cranbrook Art Museum.

AT THE GALLERIES

Here's what's showing at local galleries. Send items for consideration in At the Galleries to Keely Kaleski, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, to fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail

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Print Gallery

Posters and Prints of Lincoln Center, July 28 to Sept. 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com

Cass Cafe

Works for Us, paintings and drawings by Sue Carman-Vian and Rick Vian, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 26, exhibit continues to September, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

Maniscalco Gallery

Grand reopening 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 17728 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe, (313) 886-2993, www.maniscalcogallery.com

Creative Arts Center

'A Breeze from the Gardens of Persia: New Art from Iran,' through Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. Take M59 east of Telegraph and west of Woodward Avenue to Williams; go one block south to the center. (248)

333-7849.

Starkweather Art and Cultural Center

Fresh Aire Painters and Auction 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 219 N. Main, north of 32 Mile Road, Romeo, (586) 752-5700.

CPop Gallery

Time Stereo's Noise Camp 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, July 26, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com

David Klein Gallery

Paintings and sculpture by Fernando Botero, Charles Burchfield, Davis Cone, Richard Pousette Dart, John Graham and others through Thursday, July 31, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, (248) 433-3700, www.dkgallery.com

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Summer classes for adults and children to Aug. 25, 407 Pine St., downtown Rochester. To register, or for information, call (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org

Preston Burke Gallery

Collection of historic Detroit photographs from 1880 to 1920 through Sept. 1, 30448 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, (248) 549-5171.

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Family fun

'Artisans on the Green': Learning history by living it

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

While kids are out of school for the summer, it's doubtful that many are thinking about American history. Even in school, it can be a difficult subject to understand - what with all the names, dates and events to memorize.

But when Geoff and Debbie Hoerauf's two sons, Owen, 4, and Brant, 2, reach school age, they'll know quite a lot about what life was like in the 18th century.

That's because the Hoerauf family spends several weekends a year recreating history in places such as the Troy Museum Historical Village's "Artisans on the Green" this Saturday, July 26, and at Kensington Metropark Aug. 9-10.

"I have always been interested in history, especially the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812," said Geoff. "By their participation in the hobby, Owen and Brant as well as our nieces and nephews get to experience history through their personal involvement."

When Debbie, an occupational therapist, met Geoff, an environmental engineer, he had been involved with the Campeau Company group for about a year and was re-enacting events such as



Geoff Hoerauf and his son, Owen, recreate log cabin living for visitors at the Troy Historical Village.

battles. He also plays vintage baseball for the Upton Base Ball Club of Sterling.

Debbie, who had always been adept with crafts, found that she enjoyed period crafts, sewing and cooking. "I instantly gained friends and mentors," she said.

"Now I have a whole closet of clothes that will never go out of style: French and Indian War era, Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and 1820, and will probably have a Civil War era dress soon since the Sterling Upton's Base Ball Club is of that time period."

She also has a French wedding dress with bobbin lace veil, and he, a fancy topcoat, courtesy of their friends in the Campeau Company who helped the Hoeraufs re-enact an 18th century wedding as prelude to their actual wedding in 1995. Jan Gibson of Livonia played the mother of the groom, and others played the bride's family and the priest. "Most of us made gifts, too," said Jan, who made Debbie's dress. "Everything was suitable for re-enactment."

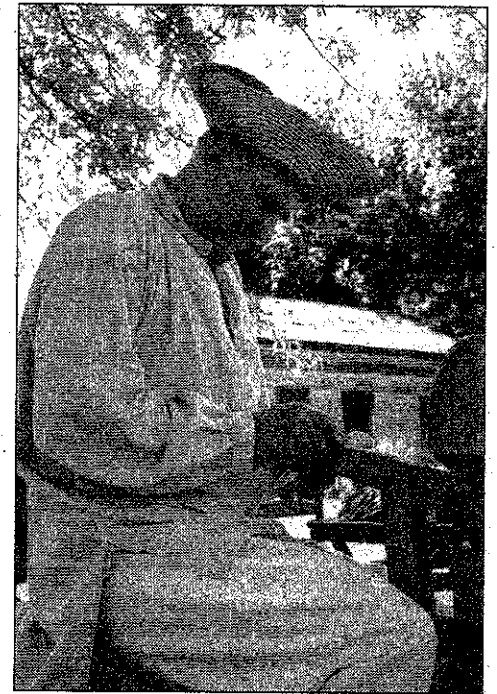
With their own expansion team of Owen and Brant, the Hoeraufs try to maintain as much authenticity with toys and clothes during re-enactments.

Sometimes that may mean putting an authentic cloth diaper over a disposable one, or keeping bottles away from view. But Debbie said, "Our children have toys that they would have had during the time period and do not bring their modern toys. In camp, the children are encouraged to play the games and instruments that were available."

Children also perform chores like carrying buckets of water, and practice wood working, basket making and sewing, all while dressed in period clothing.

"One thing that I want my two sons to benefit from by participating in the hobby of historical re-enacting is an appreciation of history," said Debbie.

"History did not even remotely interest me until I tried to live it. Understanding where we have been helps one to put into perspective where we are and where we



Stan Materna whittles away the hours.

RE-ENACTING EVENTS

- **Troy Museum Historical Village**
2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 60 W. Wattles Road at Livernois, (248) 524-3570.
- **Kensington Metropark - Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 9-10, Martindale Beach, Kent Lake Road or Kensington Road Exit off I-96, Milford, (800) 477-3178**
- **Historic Fort Wayne - Saturday, Aug. 9. The General Henry Thomas Invincibles re-enact the return of the 1st Michigan Regiment after the first Battle of Bull Run in August of 1861. See full-sized company drills, bayonet drills, bayonet demonstrations and much more, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit. Check www.detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-1805 for information.**

are headed."

And getting together as a family within a larger community is something everyone enjoys.

"This slows down our often hectic lives and gives us a chance to enjoy each other's company without distractions," said Geoff. "In all, the weekends marked with living history events or re-enactments on the calendar are eagerly awaited."

Alice Rhein writes about family events and travel for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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AIR SHOW

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■ Twice during every air show, Tucker flies his Oracle Challenger backward at a speed of more than 100 mph.

■ In 1992, Tucker earned professional stunt aviation's most prestigious awards: The Art School Memorial Showmanship Award and The Bill Barber Award for Air Show Showmanship.

Completely different from Tucker's acrobatic shows is the Skywriter flown by pilot Suzanne Asbury-Oliver who is part of Pepsi's Aerial Entertainers.

Asbury-Oliver writes sky mes-

sages in a 1929 open cockpit travel bi-plane.

"I fell in love with the open cockpit flying," Asbury-Oliver said. "Most pilots stare out at the sky through layers of dirty Plexiglas. But in the open cockpit, there is just the sky, the wind, the cold, the ground and me."

Her plane flies at 100 mph, powered by a 350 horsepower Wright Whirlwind engine. It still has the old-fashioned stick control.

"A lot of these antique planes flew a few years when they were new, then they were put in a barn somewhere. But this airplane has been working as a skywriter since 1931 and has been licensed to fly every year of its life."

The show was canceled last year due to renovations at Selfridge and traffic at this year's event is expected to be heavy. Early morning arrival is recommended.

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When: Friday-Saturday, July 25-26. Gates open 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Shows begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

Admission: Free. To get onto the base, drivers must have valid driver's license, current registration and proof of insurance. For more information, call (586) 307-6999.

Where: Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, between Hall and North River Road off I-94

Closed roads: The exit from I-94 East to Hall Road will be closed starting at 7 a.m. to the end of the show on Friday and Saturday. Public access to the base will be through Selfridge's main gate at Hall Road and Jefferson and the Air Show Gate on North River Road west of Bridgeview. Those entrances will be open for incoming public traffic 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

What's allowed on Selfridge: Cameras/videocameras, film and camera batteries, sunscreen, folding chairs, blankets. All carry-in items are subject to search.

What's not allowed: Pets, skates or rollerblades, skateboards, bicycles, barbecue grills, coolers, glass bottles or containers, backpacks, weapons, tents, awnings and cooking equipment. Due to security concerns, RVs will not be permitted.

Parking: Handicapped area is parking is west of Jefferson. Use I-94 exit 241. Use right lane entering Main Gate. Keep to the right on Jefferson and watch for signs marking the designated parking area.

SELFRIDGE AIR SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

- The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon – a fighter aircraft that's highly maneuverable. It can withstand up to nine Gs – nine times the force of gravity.
- Pepsi Skywriter. Pilot Suzanne Asbury-Oliver has been flying since she was 14. She'll fly "Nancy," an antique 1929 Travel Air D4D open cockpit biplane, and write sky messages for the crowds. Each letter can be seen from 30 miles away in any ground direction. Each letter is one-mile high and written across a 10-mile canvas of sky.
- Vintage Thunderbird with Pilot Fowler "Big Dog" Cory will fly at low levels and high speed and perform acrobatic aviation stunts.
- Good Morning Vietnam! A Scout helicopter will search for the enemy under the protection of a Cobra helicopter gunship circling overhead.
- Korea scenario: See a re-enactment of military helicopters transporting injured soldiers. The M*A*S*H* medical evacuation helicopter seen in the movie will deliver wounded soldiers while Klinger and Hot Lips wait.
- World War II Scenario: Demonstrations of artillery spotting and message relays to combat units on the ground.
- The Red Baron - Daredevils fly four red and white A-75 Super Stearmans into one perfect formation through the sky. Everyone knows these old-fashioned wooden, open cockpit, double-winged planes.
- Mad Bomber Rod Gier - Pyrotechnics
- Fighter jets Inc. with pilot Rany Ball, who will be performing stunts in fighter jets.
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- Lone Star Flight Museum with a hands-on tour of the B-17 and other Warbirds.

Festivals

Arts, Beats & Eats closes out summer festival season with flair

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroiters love festivals.

Festivals have it all – food samplings from quality restaurants, free national and local music, and artisans who sell their creations at lower prices because they don't have to mess with store mark-ups.

Even though the 2003 Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats festival isn't until Labor Day weekend in downtown Pontiac, organizers are already announcing plans.

Morris Day & The Time will perform there – you remember *Jungle Love*, don't you?

Jeffrey Osborne will sing his soulful and funky tunes too.

Kenny Wayne Shepherd will play the blues. Marshall Crenshaw, KEM, Jessica Andrews and Norman are also performing.

The top new attraction is a 5,000-square-foot health expo featuring an interactive wellness learning center. For more information, visit www.healthquest.com/monster.

Monster vehicles like The 2003 Dodge Ramintor Monster Truck and Jeep Mountain will be on display. A children's center and fashions stage are also highlights.

Arts du Jour, "appetizer" to Arts, Beats & Eats, is 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Somerset Collection South in Troy.

The event which includes food, music and art raises money for Oakland County-based charities.

Since 1998, the festival has raised more than \$1.25 million for charity. Last year, more than 1.3 million people attended and more are expected this year.

The theme is "quality of life."

"Oakland County is the third wealthiest county in the world and this festival is for our quality of life ... we took the best aspects of Taste of Chicago and various art fairs and blended it into great event," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who was honored with an achievement award for his community work.

"It's good for the City of Pontiac, it's tremendously fun and it benefits some very important charities."

More than 150 juried artists will partake in the festival. Events organizer Jon Witz said the artist waiting list is long.

"The red carpet is being laid out for everyone, we're ready for the festival," said Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne. "We want everyone to tell two friends and so on."

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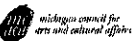
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Pure Picks Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

Album

When music critics look back at the best post-9/11 music, it's probably going to sound a lot like Beck's "Sea Change." **"Shootenanny!,"** the fifth studio album by the **Eels**, is reflective of that sound - part shaky alt-country, part quiet pushing melodies. This is a powerful and moving record that is reminiscent of the Eels' critically acclaimed 1998 "Electro-Shock Blues," then a surprising album from the same person who brought us the massive alternative-hit song *Novocaine for the Soul* in 1996.



Eels' singer-songwriter frontman Mark Oliver Everett has created an

album that's dark at all the right moments and hopeful in all the rest.

The Eels will play at 8 p.m. July 26 at St. Andrews, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from Ticketmaster by calling (248) 645-6666. "Shootenanny!" is available at local record stores. Visit them at <http://www.eelstheband.com>



AUTUMN DEWILDE

Concert

Get out the wood glue, it's time to spike up the mohawk for **Punk Fest 2003**. Local punk legends The Sillies are scheduled to appear along with Gutterpunk, The Jollys, Troubleman, Back in Spades, Walkin' Talkin' Toxins and Without Warning at the outdoor show.

Punk Fest 2003 will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. July 26 at the Old Miami, 3930 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover is \$7. 21 and up. For more information, call (313) 831-3830. Or visit <http://www.detroitpunkfest.com/>

Art

Detroit's Zeitgeist Gallery will

present **"Visual Jam Sessions"** at 7 p.m. July 26. The unique session aims to bring individual artists together to collaborate and create with one another. Panels made in the sessions will be permanently attached to the front of the gallery and other smaller pieces will be shown. The show will run through August 30. A drum circle also begins at 8 p.m. Those interested in participating in the creation are asked to call (313) 965-9192 or e-mail gallery@zeitgeistdetroit.org

The gallery is located at 2661 Michigan Ave. To learn more about the gallery and the sessions, visit <http://www.zeitgeistdetroit.org>

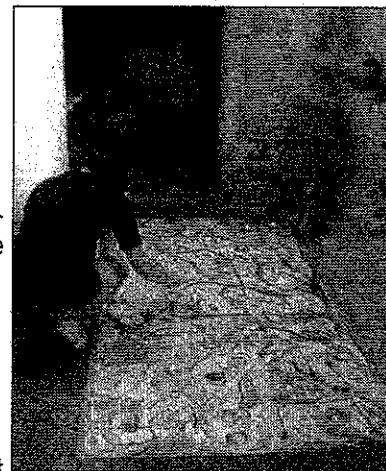


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Local band

If pop music were cigarettes, the hook would be the nicotine - the ingredient that keeps you coming back for more.

Influenced heavily by the Pixies (lead singer Keith Dusenberry has an obvious obsession) and sounding like a mix of the Strokes and Elvis Costello with a slippery lead guitar, **Tenley** is one catchy indie pop band.

Casual and Close, the song any production team would pick as a first single, possesses an infectious, melodic and reverberating chorus that will hold the record for "stuck in your head." Another standout tune, *Siam*, plays line and sinker - Tenley's smart songcrafting will have you addicted.

Tenley plays with Anadonia at 10 p.m. Aug. 1 at Jacoby's, 924 S. Brush, Detroit. A 10-song demo is available at shows for \$3. For more show dates and info, visit [Tenley's smart songcrafting will have you addicted.](http://www.tenleyband.com/)

Pictured from top are: Jason Schymick, Billy Perkins, Dan Bernard and Dusenberry.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TENLEY

Film The disturbing and enthralling documentary, **"Capturing the**

Friedmans," directed by Andrew Jarecki, examines a family's disintegration. The Friedmans seem like any normal upper-middle-class family until father and son are accused of child molestation in 1987. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance 2003, the film includes footage shot by another son, taking a major media case and re-focusing it in the hands of family members.

The film is being shown at Landmark Main Art Theatre, 118 North Main St., Royal Oak. Shows at 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m. 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. on July 24. For more information, call (248) 542-0180.

Free Detroit pop band **Pas|Cal** will play a free in-store performance at 7:30 p.m. July 24 at Tower Records, 250 Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Have something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net.

Tank of gas

Saugatuck serves up the best of summer

BY BARBARA BATTISTILLI
CORRESPONDENT

Remember when summer was simple? Three endless months stretched languidly before you, filled with childlike adventures and memory-making family outings.

Suddenly, you're making all of the decisions and free time seems to be more and more elusive. "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" is now paramount to getting you through the rest of a stress-filled year.

Slow things down a little. Slow things down a lot. Find that perfect little resort town. Settle in; breathe in the cool lake breezes. Take in some of your favorite live music - and relax.

Have you considered Saugatuck?

The picturesque waterways and natural beauty of this southwestern Michigan harbor village, just three hours across the mitten from the greater Detroit area, have made it a summer mecca for more than 100 years. Conde Nast's *Traveler* magazine rated Saugatuck's Oval Beach as one of the 25 best shorelines in the world.

MTV listed this sugar-sand coast as one of the top five beaches in the country. Colorful beach umbrellas and straw-hatted artists painting distant sailboats conjure up images of lovely, turn-of-the-century waterscapes.

Much has changed since the days when high school and college-age baby boomers packed the "Fort Lauderdale of the Midwest" to party. As the now-adult population began to return, either with their own youngsters in tow or as couples seeking an escape, the tiny village flourished. Indeed, more than 30 bed and breakfasts are currently operating in the area.

The Maplewood Hotel, a small "bed and breakfast inn," is a main street landmark in downtown Saugatuck. Constructed in the 1860s, the stately Greek Revival struc-

IF YOU GO

■ The Saugatuck/Douglas Convention and Visitors Bureau, (269)-857-1701 (www.saugatuck.com).

■ The Maplewood Hotel: (800) 650-9790



RAY BATTISTILLI

Whether you enjoy sailing, or painting sailboats, Saugatuck is a favorite destination.

ture stands as a tribute to the area's prolific lumbering days. Overlooking the village park, it is just steps away from the waterfront as well as the wonderfully eclectic shops and eateries of the town. The Maplewood features 15 charmingly comfortable rooms, some with Jacuzzi tubs and fireplaces. The included breakfast at this small inn is a delight - the kind we wish we had time for every day. Drink in the lovely garden view along with that second cup of coffee as you linger in the sun-dappled, glass-enclosed porch.

Saugatuck has long been known as the Art Coast of Michigan. Recently, *American Style Magazine* listed Saugatuck as one of the top 25 art destinations in the country. The only small community to be awarded this designation (alongside cities such as New York and Chicago), this artists' colony still made the list for four years running.

The Summer School of Painting on Ox-Bow Lagoon was established in 1910. Today, the Art Institute of Chicago, approximately 125 miles away, operates Ox-Bow and presents extensive summer courses in visual and performing arts, and in journalism. A profusion of diverse and enticing galleries dot the area, ranging from avant-garde funky to world-class fine art stature. Art 'Round Town (A.R.T.), an ongoing outdoor sculpture exhibit and sale adds interest to your stroll through

the town.

No less than three playhouses offer excellent summer stock live theater.

RESTAURANTS

Dining out is an adventure in this tiny hamlet. Your options will surprise and gratify. Try Chequers for delectably authentic British pub fare, Restaurant Toulouse for incredibly romantic Country French, or the nearby Blue Moon for casual fine dining in an attractive, contemporary art-mosphere.

And that relaxing little summer concert? The Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck runs Thursday and Friday nights through Aug. 15. The Lakeshore Jazz Connection runs continuously through summer.

For a perfect slice of summer, return to Oval Beach at the end of your day. The swimmers and volleyball players have departed. The beach is now your private domain. Spread a blanket among the sheltering dune grasses, sip your favorite beverage and discover why this serene spot is famous for watching the setting sun's dazzling performance.

Barbara Battistilli is an Oxford resident who writes about travel for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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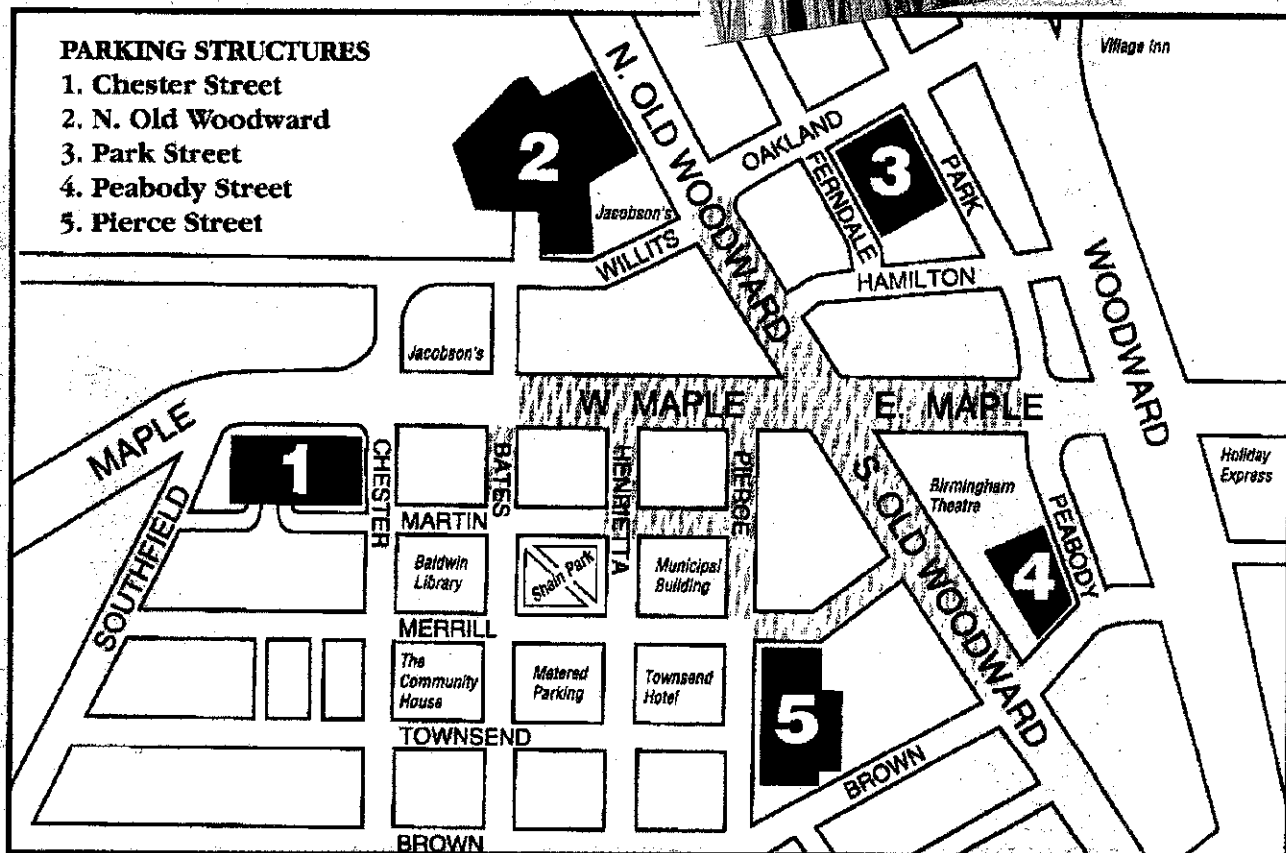


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- 8:00 pm Teen Band Jam

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