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Summer, that is. Canton Township Leisure Services still has three more performances in the Cherry Hill Village Summer Entertainment Series. Here's the rundown:

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 – The Spoonman (family/children's musical entertainer).

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 – into the Freylakh (klezmer, folk and classical Eastern European music).

2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 – Sheila Landis Trio (jazz music trio)

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the one-hour family concerts in the lovely model park of Cherry Hill Village (corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.) Concessions will be available. If it rains, the concert will be cancelled.

Dog days

Get ready to meet and, with any luck, adopt one of more than 100 animals at the "Dog Days of Summer" pet awareness event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at



Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Individuals, rescue organizations and shelters have been invited to bring their dogs – mixed and pure breeds – for adoption opportunities. Animals won't be adopted that Saturday. Checks will be made when an application is received to adopt a particular animal to be sure the animal is heading to a good home. All animals are required by the event organizers to be updated on their shots and leashed when they are out of their cages.

Demonstrations will be offered by the Michigan Technical Rescue Organization. Also on tap are "Ask the Vet" discussions with Dr. Michael Petty of Arbor Pointe Veterinary Hospital of Canton.

Culinary fund-raiser

Tickets are available for the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

The new VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft is the site for this year's event, which will feature food, wine, beer and other beverages from more than 50 area restaurants and vendors in southeast Michigan. Tickets, at $50 per person, are available by calling the Schoolcraft College Foundation at (734) 462-4670. The annual gourmet food and wine event raises money for student scholarships at the college. More than 500 Schoolcraft students receive scholarships from the foundation annually.

Cash will resolve charges

Canton credit company part of $1.5 million settlement

BY JACK GLADDEN AND CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITERS

A Livonia and a Canton credit repair company have agreed to pay more than $1.15 million to settle Federal Trade Commission charges they violated federal law.

The settlement resolves charges against six defendants in a federal court complaint. The complaint alleged the defendants, who sell credit repair services through a multi-level marketing organization, falsely claimed they could remove derogatory information from consumers' credit report, even if the information was accurate.

The defendants include ICR Services Inc., a Livonia-based company, and three of its officers and directors: Bernadino J. Pavone Jr., his mother Gloria Tactac, and Abood Samaan; National Credit Education and Review (NCER), based in Canton, and its president, Todd Renzi of Canton.

Since 1996, the companies have sold their credit repair service to more than 183,000 consumers, taking in more than $53 million on those sales, according to the FTC.

"I am elated by the FTC's admission that these charges have been resolved, as stated in their official press release,"

PLEASE SEE **CASH, A6**

College and schools join for survey

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI AND BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITERS

Officials at both Plymouth-Canton Schools and Schoolcraft College have a vested interest in finding out how they can best serve their students, and the two entities are hoping their combined resources will help them do just that.

P-C Schools and Schoolcraft will partner to conduct a survey next month they hope will tell them what residents in this community want of both educational facilities. The two will partner with the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, which publish papers in all of the communities served by both P-C Schools and Schoolcraft.

The unique partnership should benefit all three parties. More importantly, officials for all three said, the survey will help both P-C Schools and Schoolcraft College provide better educational opportunities for all students.

"We're hoping to use the survey to talk about the future a little bit," school Supt. Jim Ryan said. "I'm hoping the survey will give us another resource and help evaluate what we're doing well and where we need help."

The Plymouth-Canton Community Survey will be taken Sept. 10-11, according to Schoolcraft Dean of Instruction Denise Sigworth. Volunteers provided by Plymouth-Canton Schools will use a phone bank at the school district to ask

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Arctic in summer?
R.J. Martinolli, 4, of Canton gets a frigid splash when he puts his face in a sprinkler that pours cold water in the pool at the Summit on the Park's Aquatics Center. Families braced themselves for the Arctic Expedition, a special program in the center's Seven Seas series. Turn to page A6 for more photos and information.

Board reconsiders weekend bus cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The idea of cutting weekend sports transportation is getting a second look by the Plymouth-Canton school administration after parents and school board members Tuesday voiced concerns about having parents and young drivers transport athletes to sporting events.

However, it appears the $125 pay-to-play proposal given by the three athletic directors at the high school Park will remain intact, raising $200,000 in revenue for the sports budget.

During spring budget talks, trustees ordered the athletic department to cut its $2 million budget by 10 percent. A mix-up by athletic directors concerning an edict from two years ago, requiring a $44,000 cut in transportation costs, was tacked on by athletic directors for a total of $244,000 in cuts presented to trustees.

Board members appeared surprised at the additional $44,000 in cuts, and the administration is expected to iron out the discrepancy by coming back to the board, at its Aug. 26 meeting, with a proposal to reinstate weekend transportation, while moving forward

PLEASE SEE **BUS, A5**

Author turns another page in distinguished career

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

An author and her publisher have to be on the same page.

"They have to live with a book for a long time," said Virginia Bailey Parker of Canton. "They have to be a good fit."

Few know that lesson better than Parker, a well-known published author and historian. In 2000, she turned yet another page in her literary career when she transformed her Snowy Creek Press from writing and editing services to a literary press.

"I believe in the value of what I do as a literary press. I love what I do and believe in that," said Parker, whose first book off the Snowy Creek Press was her own historical novel *The Water's Edge*. She is also known locally for her *Ghost Stories of Canton*.

"I believed in *The Water's Edge*," she said. "I had tremendous endorsements. I had the ability to publish that book because I had a press in place."

In addition to plenty of endorsements for the historical novel set in colonial New England, Parker was recognized with significant literary awards, including Book of the Year, second-place fiction, by *ForeWard Magazine*, which is specifically for booksellers and librarians. Also, she received notice from *Writer's Digest*, the foremost magazine for published authors.

INTRINSIC VALUE

Parker's second effort through Snowy Creek Press is a work titled *Victory Over Depression*, written by Annick Hivert-Carthew of Rochester Hills. Two things drew Parker to Carthew's book, which offers 150 tips to move people suffering with depression toward healing.

"I found a property that has intrinsic value. And the author has the personality and the ability to market her book," Parker said.

One of the first steps toward publishing the book is to reshape it for the market. "Every book involves writing and re-writing." The next step is a graphic layout to determine what the book, specifically the individual pages, will look like. Parker also handles all registrations required in book publishing. And the next is a big thing:

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Police search for robbery suspect

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton Police are searching for a suspect in an armed robbery at Shurgard Storage on Michigan Avenue last week.

According to police a man entered the office of the facility about 4 p.m. on Aug. 6 and asked to see a rental unit.

When a clerk asked the man for a driver's license, he pulled out a semi-automatic handgun and demanded money.

The clerk said he threatened to kill her if she reported the incident.

He left the facility and drove east on Michigan Avenue.

Police said he may have been driving a gold mid-sized sedan.

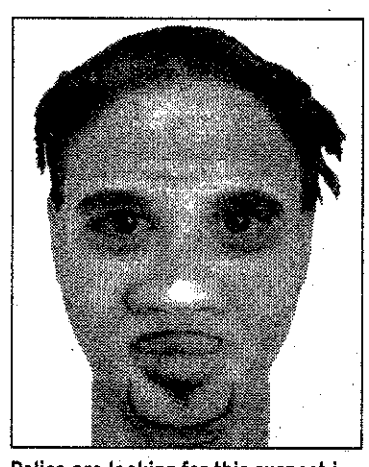
The suspect is described as a black male with a dark complexion, about 20-30 years old, 6-feet-11-inches and 180 pounds.

He had black braided hair and brown eyes.

He was wearing faded blue jeans, a white T-shirt and white Fila tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

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Police are looking for this suspect in connection with an armed robbery at ShurGard Storage on Michigan Avenue.

Canton residents report jewelry thefts

Police are investigating the theft of jewelry from two township homes over the past month.

In one case a resident of the 44000 block of Lee Ann Lane, whose house is up for sale, said his wife wore an expensive diamond pendant to a luncheon on July 17.

When she went to get the pendant on Aug. 9 she noticed her white jewelry box was missing. Along with the pendant, a gold watch and a gold chain were also missing.

The jewelry was valued at more than $9,000.

The husband said there had been two showings of the home since July 17.

In another instance a resident of the 47000 block of Vista told police he had been on vacation between Aug. 3 and Aug. 10.

When he returned home a laptop computer valued at $2,200, a diamond ring valued at $1,000 and three other rings valued at more than $4,000 were missing.

THEFTS FROM CARS

■ A resident of the 1300 block of Manton reported that she left her car unlocked in the front drive of her home between 9 p.m. Aug. 8 and 9:20 a.m. Aug. 9.

Her purse was on the floor of the car. The next morning the purse was missing. It contained $1,300 cash and a cell phone.

■ A resident of the 44000 block of South Umberland told police he parked his car in the driveway of his home on the afternoon of Aug. 8.

On Aug. 10 about 12:30 p.m. he opened the door to the car and found his new CD player missing.

SHOPLIFTING

Police received a call about a shoplifting in progress at the Kroger store on Michigan Avenue about 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 9.

En route to the scene a call went out giving a description of the suspect and a getaway car. A police officer saw a car matching the description and stopped it near Palmer and Sheldon.

Two cases of Miller Beer were in plain sight on the back seat. The two occupants of the car were arrested.

By Jack Gladden

Rector: Episcopal church struggles with gay issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth said he'd rather discuss issues such as poverty, racism and education, than the election of a gay bishop and affirmation of same-sex marriages.

However, he understands the issue of gays and lesbians, and their role in the church, is widespread among many denominations and needs to be addressed.

Delegates to the Episcopalian national meeting in Minneapolis recently completed a 10-day session in which the headline news was the confirmation of Bishop-elect Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, who is gay.

"I think this is a wedge issue, one that tends to split," said the Rev. Bill Lupfer, who has been the rector at St. John's for seven years. "I wish we focused on issues more common to us.

"However, I think it should have been an issue," Lupfer said. "The Supreme Court, everyone, is talking about this. The church has to be engaged with the world today. It's sometimes difficult to take a stand."

Lupfer said the Episcopal church is struggling to find its voice concerning the controversial issue revolving around gays and lesbians.

"This is one issue we need to struggle with; admit it's part of our life, part of our reality," Lupfer said. "Many people are beginning to see they have a direct experience with gay and lesbian people in their families.

"That's why the Episcopal church has dealt with it because, quite frankly, we've been blessed with wonderful gay and lesbian clergy in the church; and people have begun to think of it as appropriate," added Lupfer. "Many people have experienced powerful ministry from people who are gay and lesbian. We all seek to be Christ to each other."

Following Wednesday morning services at St. John's, parishioner Dave Smith of Ann Arbor said having a gay bishop in the Episcopal church doesn't bother him.

"I think we should let people live their own lives," said Smith, "rather than some churches which try to tell people how to live their lives. I wouldn't leave the church because of it."

A Plymouth Township woman, who only identified herself as a longtime church member, said she was open-minded.

"It's my belief that we are all children of God, and the bishop was thoughtfully and prayerfully picked to be their bishop," she said. "If he was called to be a bishop, it must be part of God's plan."

Lupfer said while same-sex marriages received affirmation, "Let's be clear, the Episcopal church said 'no' to same sex liturgies." However, Lupfer said the church does acknowledge marriages among gays and lesbians are taking place on the local level. "It's not ready, as a church, to develop a liturgy for same-sex blessings," he said.

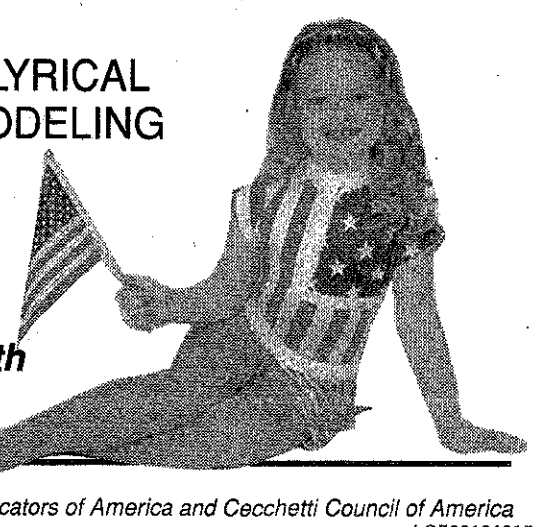
Lupfer said no one has ever asked him to officiate a same-sex wedding, and when asked if he would perform such a service, he said, "As a pastor, you deal with reality. It's never a simple yes or no."

Lupfer believes there are other issues that should be taking the spotlight.

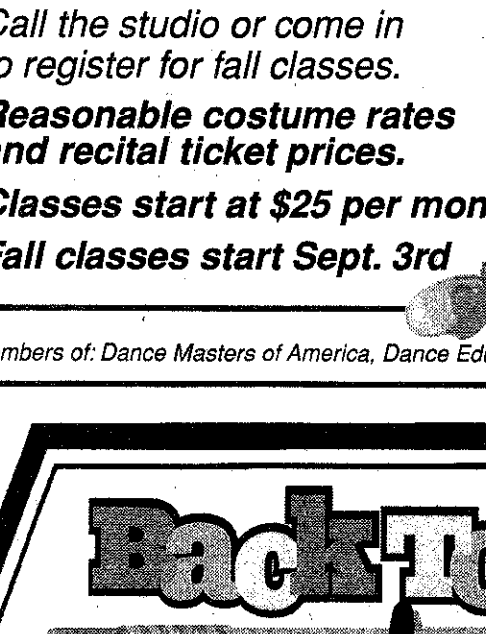
"I'd love to be talking about poverty in Detroit, the racism that's still deep in our communities, hunger, the lack of education," he said. "Those are important issues, and I'd hate to see them move aside in favor of this issue."

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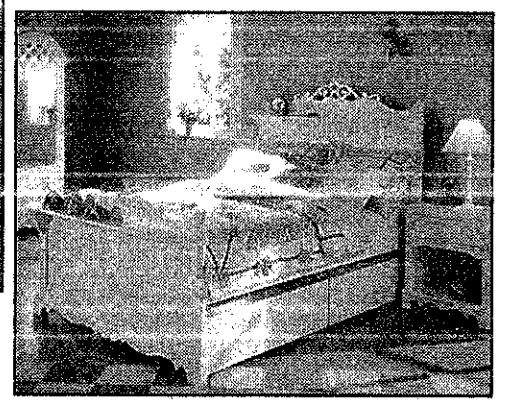
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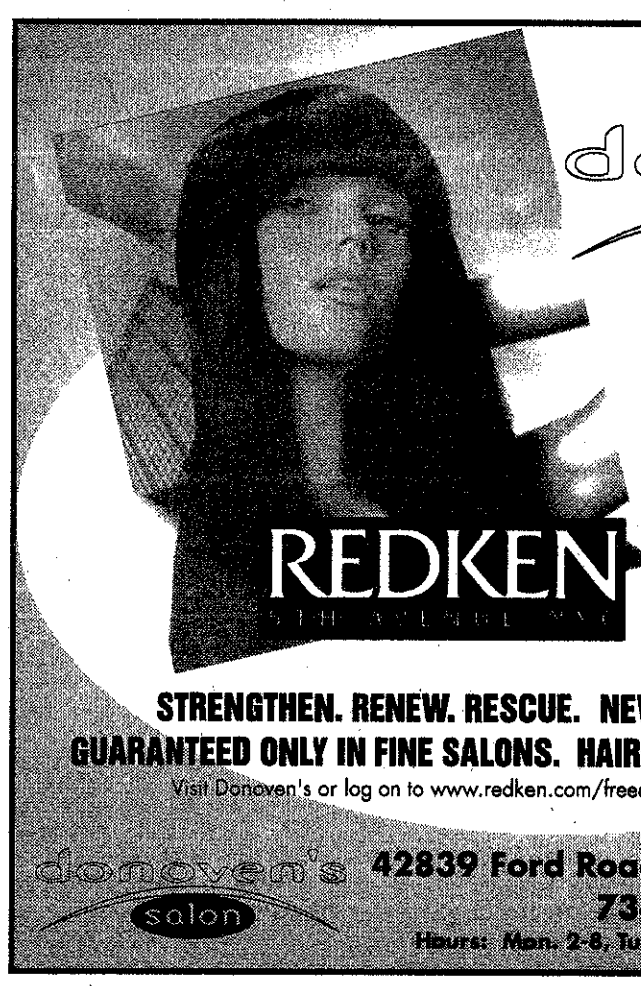
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Whodunit?

Suspects and clues help young detectives solve a mystery

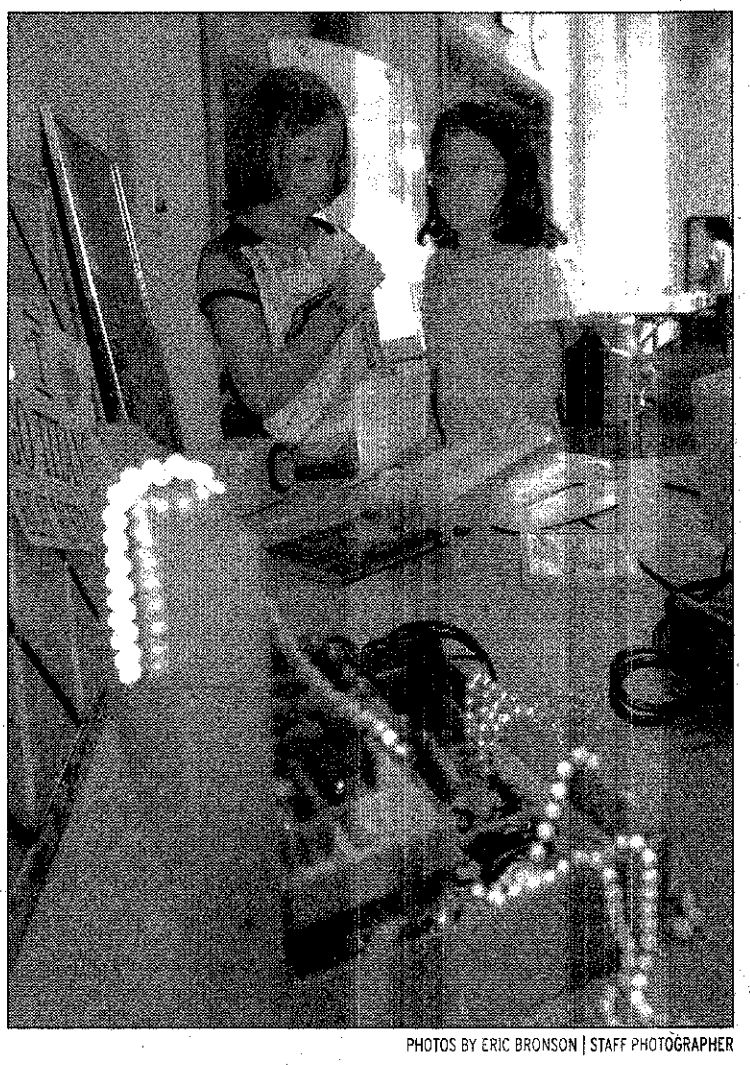
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STAFF WRITER



Muhammad Siwani, 9, (left to right) Jarred Morris, 9, Erick Eichelberger, 9, and his brother, Evan, 9, go over clues together during 'Who's A Fraidy Cat?'



Alyssa Downs, 9, of Canton, listens for clues during the 'Who's A Fraidy Cat?' kids interactive mystery.



PHOTOS BY ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taryne Pagel, 9, (left) and Anjali Martin, 9, look over evidence together during the 'Who's A Fraidy Cat?' kids interactive mystery.

The victim is Kathleen "Kat" O'Leary, an art student and leader of the school Spirit Squad.

The suspects are plentiful. They include a teacher, the Spirit Squad leader, friends, a current boyfriend, an ex-boyfriend.

The crime. Well, there wasn't one exactly. The problem is that someone is sending Kat, a good student and popular girl, threatening notes designed to keep her at home and out of school. That is the cast and the mystery of "Who's A Fraidy Kat?" an interactive mystery that drew some 25 kids in grades 3 through 5 to the Canton Public Library this week.

"There is a solution," said Linda Westphal, Canton children's librarian. "The kids are the unknown factor."

As the kids milled into the community room at the library Monday, they were given the tools they needed to solve the mystery. Divided into teams the kids were given badges and crime notebooks - something to write their clues, their hunches and perhaps even the answer to the mystery.

"Somebody is trying to keep her home from school," Westphal told the young detectives. "You will be investigating a number of suspects."

And so they did. One by one each suspect - six in all - stood before the detectives and told them their side of the story.

"Kat and I don't always get along," Jane Kim, Spirit Squad advisor, told the detectives. And so it went, each suspect telling the kids just enough about themselves and their relationship with Kat for them to form an opinion.

In the next step in unraveling the mystery, kids gathered around two crime or mystery scenes where they could look at evidence and use their deductive powers to develop potential suspects.

"If anyone wrote something, they would have written it in pink," said one of the detectives as she held up a pink pen. Another piece of evidence was a love note from the former boyfriend.

"Are any of these things starting to remind you of one of the suspects?" Westphal asked. Sure enough, one of Monday's teams broke through the mystery and solved it. Each team member walked away with mystery books of their choice. The prime suspect? Can't say. It's a secret until the Thursday group of teams has cracked the mystery.

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Wayne County Fair opens for 57th year

The Wayne County Fair is unique among fairs in Michigan. It is one of only a handful of fairs that are not tax-supported.'

The sights and sounds of a fair are in western Wayne County with the opening of the 57th annual Wayne County Fair in Belleville this past Tuesday.

Put together by the Wayne County Fair Association Inc., the volunteer-run fair includes a variety of animal, youth and adult exhibits as well as adult community art and track competitions and entertainment.

The fair officially opened on Tuesday and runs through Saturday, Aug. 16. However, judging will take place on Monday, starting with the poultry show at 9 a.m., followed by the swine show at 10:30 a.m., horse show at 1 p.m. and sheep show at 6 p.m.

The events for the remaining days include:

■ Thursday Aug. 14 – Horse show at 9 a.m., archery competition at 10 a.m., talent show adult division at 5 p.m., 4-H Livestock Auction at 6:30 p.m. and the main track event, the 4 x 4 Truck Pull, at 7:30 p.m.

■ Friday Aug. 15 – Horse show at 9 p.m., Pocket Pet Show at 4 p.m., talent show open division at 5 p.m. and the main track event, the Demolition Derby, at 6 p.m.

n Saturday Aug. 16 – Fun horse show at 9 a.m., pet show 1 p.m., talent showcase of the week's winners at 2 p.m. an the main track event, Monster Truck Racing, featuring Back Draft, Destroyer, Full Boar, Avenger, Brutus, and Little Miss Dangerous, at 7 p.m. Also appearing will be Mike West with his Jet Powered Jeep.

The Jules and Beck carnival will open for its run at the fair at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The Wayne County Fair is held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road north I-94. Gates open at 3 p.m. each day. Admission is free on Monday and up to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Regular gate admission is $3 per person before 4 p.m. and $5 per person after 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and $5 per person all day Saturday. Main track events are free with gate admission.

The Wayne County Fair Association Inc. is a nonprofit organization run totally by volunteers who dedicate countless hours to ensure that everyone has a great time at the fair.

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Small projects get the nod

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton Trustees approved a number of small development projects Tuesday night with little discussion and no complaints from the audience.

A three-unit condominium project, on Forestview Drive south of Joy Road, received final site-plan approval.

The units are approximately one-acre each and are accessed by a single cul-de-sac private drive.

Also getting approval was a 2.29-acre site east of Lilley Road between Saltz and Cherry Hill.

The Grandover Park Condominiums will have a density of three units per acre.

A request to rezone five acres on the east side of Haggerty between Palmer and Michigan Avenue from office and research park to light industrial got the trustee's OK.

The township-owned property will be purchased by developer J.B. Donaldson, who proposes an office use on the site.

A request to build a new office building on the north side of Michigan Avenue east of Lilley was approved. The new building will match an original building already present on the site.

And a plan to build five residential units, each with a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, was approved for a site on the north side of Saltz Road between Beck and Ridge.

Project sponsor Kevin Chen, who presently occupies a house on the property, proposes to move in to one of the new homes once it is constructed. His present home will remain in place until the new properties are built.

On another note the board approved a $15,000 purchase order to buy mosquito treatment material to treat detention ponds in the township. The purchase is part of an ongoing program to control the mosquito population in the wake of concerns over West Nile Virus.

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■ The Evening Book Discussion at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug 18, is "Not for Ourselves Alone" by Geoffrey Ward? This work of historical fiction details the amazing friendship between two famous figures in the suffragette movement, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

■ The Michigan State Fair runs Aug .19 to Sept. 1 at Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Detroit? Be one of the estimated 450,000 attendees to enjoy free concerts, daily parades, carnival rides and more. Check out www.michiganstatefair.com for more information.

■ The Canton Public Library's new Auto Repair Reference Center will appeal to car buffs and novices alike? The database, available online at www.cantonpl.org includes repair procedures, service bulletins, recalls, wiring diagrams and Chilton repair manuals on 1954-2002 car models.

■ Kids ages 7-12 are invited to join in a fun-filled finish to summer vacation when Duffer presents his juggling and balancing show from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20? Register in person or by calling the library at (734) 397-0999.

■ Homeschooling parents can learn more about the educational resources available to them at the library during a special program from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20? Register now to participate in this informative event and meet other area parents.

New Children's Books

■ "Gorillas of Gill Park" - Amy Gordon (fiction)

■ "Let's do That Again!" - Hiawyn Oram (picture book)

■ "Grandma U" - Jeanie Franz Ransom (picture book)

■ "Wherever I Go, There I Am" - Karen Salmonsohn (fiction)

■ "The Secret Life of Owen Skye" - Alan Skye (fiction)

■ "Oh, Ducky!" - David Slonim (picture book)

■ "Raise the Roof!" - Anastasia Suen (picture book)

■ "Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag" - Sarah L. Thomson (non-fiction)

■ "Scrubba Dub" - Nancy Van Laan (picture book)

New Adult Books

■ "The Awakening" - Donna Boyd (fiction)

■ "Wild Magic" - Jude Fisher (science fiction)

■ "The Vagabond Clown" - Edward Marston (mystery)

■ "And the Shofar Blew" - Francine Rivers (fiction)

■ "Kim Il Sung and Korea's Struggle" - Won Tai Sohn (non-fiction)

New CD-ROMs

■ "Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit 2"

■ "Fisher-Price Rescue Heroes: Lava Landslide" - (Ages 4-7)

■ "Fisher-Price Rescue Heroes" Meteor Madness" - (Ages 4-7)

New Audio Books

■ "Not Even For Love" - Sandra Brown (fiction, cassette)

■ "The Mediterranean Caper" - Clive Cussler (fiction, cassette)

■ "Off the Chart" - James W. Hall (fiction, CD)

■ "Forever" - Pete Hamill (fiction, CD)

■ "Shutter Island" - Dennis Lehane (fiction, cassette)

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Check out these new Web sites

■ "www.healthyfridge.org"

■ "www.scitoys.com"

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CAMPUS NEWS

Boston University

Katherine Heid of Plymouth has received her J.D. in law from Boston University during the spring semester.

Corcordia University-Saint Paul

Derek Klemm of Canton, graduated magna cum laude from Concordia University, St. Paul, on May 17 with a bachelor of arts degree in theology.

Fairfeigh Dickinson University

Sameera Ahmed of Canton has graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with his M.A. degree in psychology-clinical.

Kettering University

Students Michelle Magat of Canton and Michael Ferryall of Plymouth were among those placed on the dean's list for the winter 2003 semester at Kettering University.

OBITUARIES

Leonard Michael Simpson

Services for Leonard Simpson, 41, of Port St. Lucia, Fla. (formerly of Livonia), were held Aug. 9 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mr. Simpson was born Sept. 8, 1961, in Grosse Pointe and died Aug. 6 in Florida. He graduated from high school in Taylor where he competed in gymnastics, winning first place in Still Rings. He was a produce manager. He enjoyed bowling, music, the beach and warm weather.

Survivors include parents, Gaylord and Dolores Simpson of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; brother, James Simpson of Livonia; sister, Roxanne (Kenneth) Lindquist of Plymouth; aunts, Sheila Rose and Ann Driscoll; niece, Jeannette Lindquist; and several cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Teen Challenge, 17667 Pierson, Detroit, MI 48219.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mary Margaret Dorosh

Mary Dorosh, 80, of Canton Township died Aug. 10, 2003, at home. She was born Aug. 15, 1922, in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Mrs. Dorosh had worked as a secretary in the automotive field.

Survivors include son, William (Leola) Dorosh; grandchild, Matthew Dorosh; and great-grandchild, Kashyra.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Dolores Dean Klingbeil

Services for Dolores Klingbeil, 63, of Livonia were held Aug. 14 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Calvin Ratz and the Rev. John Ratz officiating.

Mrs. Klingbeil was born Feb. 21, 1940, in Kentucky and died Aug. 10 in Ann Arbor. She worked in sales for Midwest Medical. She had formerly worked for the *Trading Times* and Aamco Parking Company at Metro Airport. She loved gardening, home decorating and antiquing.

Survivors include son, Kevin (Diana) Chapel of Canton; daughter, Kimberly (Troy) Johnson of Rochester Hills; brother, Roger Bates of Arizona; and grandchildren, Hannah and John-Paul Johnson and Lydia Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Teen Challenge, 17667 Pierson Street, Detroit, MI 48219-9957 or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Phyllis P. Cameron

A funeral Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating for Phyllis P. Cameron, 67, of Pinconning (formerly of Plymouth).

Mrs. Cameron was born Dec. 20, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio, and died Aug. 11 at home. She was a retired cosmetologist, a member of St. Michael's Church and a Eucharistic minister, active in ministering to the residents of Huron Woods Nursing Center. She enjoyed flower gardening, especially tending her rock garden.

Another of her favorite past times was watching the eagles in her backyard.

Mrs. Cameron was preceded in death by her children, Douglas and Alison Pappin; and father, Edward.

Survivors include husband, Robert Cameron; daughters, Judith Scafuri of Florida and JoEllen Pappin of Arizona; mother, Florence Lawler of Kawkawlin; grandchildren, Steven and Elizabeth Scafuri and Ryan Pappin; and brother Edward (Axia) Lawler of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, St. Patrick's Senior Center of Detroit, or Dominican Cloistered Nuns at Blessed Sacrament Convent of Farmington Hills.

Please register in the family guest book at www.leeramsayrivertownfh.com.

Arrangements made by Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home.

Agnes McCraith

Services for Agnes McCraith, 93, of Livonia (formerly of Plymouth) were held Aug. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Ms. McCraith was born Nov. 3, 1909, in Detroit and died Aug. 10 in Livonia.

She was a retired school teacher from the Detroit school system.

She received her B.A. degree from Wayne State University.

Ms. McCraith was preceded in death by her sister, Margaret McCraith.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Matthew Charles Hardy

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia on Schoolcraft Road for Matthew Hardy. who was born and died July 24, 2003.

Matthew is survived by parents, Paul and Wendy; siblings, Rachel and Mitchell; grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

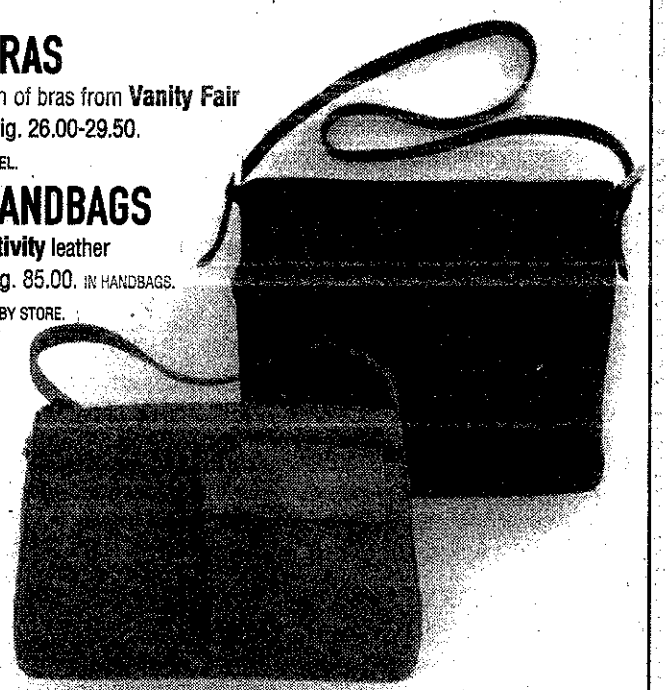
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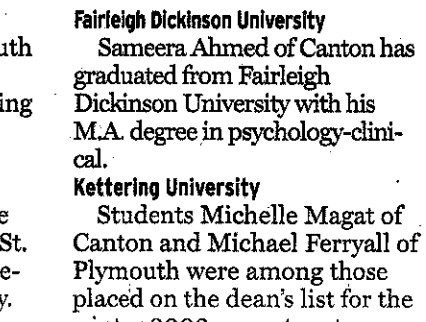
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with the $125 pay-to-play fee.

"I think we're going to recommend reinstating the busing out of a safety concern," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "We've been directed to go back to consider safety issues by the board and parents, alike.

"We'll then have to sit down and look at the long-term plan, what should everyone be funding equally, salaries, entry fees and transportation," added Ryan.

Lynne Grady of Plymouth, whose daughter runs cross country, expressed concerns about the lack of transportation for her daughter's team.

"During the year, my child is not allowed to ride in other parents' cars to activity," she said. "My concern is my child will be in other parents' cars and don't have a lot of say in who's driving with."

Trustee Carol Sorgius said, "The elimination of weekend transportation may hurt certain sports harder than others."

Which was exactly the point brought out by Bill Boyd, a high school girl's cross country coach, who said wrestling, volleyball, track and cross country teams will be the most affected by a cut in weekend transportation.

"This will be devastating to these programs," said Boyd. "In cross country, three-quarters of our season is on weekends. We have no facilities, we have no officials, very little need for uniforms. Our only real costs are entry fees to meets and buses.

"To tell us our kids will pay the same as everybody else, and yet have three-quarters of what they do taken away, screams of inequity," he said.

Tom Willette, athletic director at Salem High School, said the three athletic directors met with booster clubs to discuss options, and the pay-to-play fee and transportation cuts were the easiest cuts to make.

"We knew that some individual sports would be hit harder than some of the team sports," Willette said.

"We were trying to find a potential cut that was fair to all three schools, so we came up with transportation."

Trustee Tom Wysocki said he didn't think the $125 fee to play sports was unreasonable, considering ice hockey and the band pay $1,000 each year to participate.

"There are still groups out there that are paying a lot more than we are talking about tonight to play these sports," he said. "I'd like to continue to look and see how we can make things a bit more equitable."

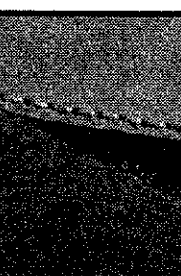
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SURVEY

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questions developed by officials both at the district and at Schoolcraft.

The purpose of the survey fits in well with the *Observer & Eccentric*'s twice-weekly mission:


Yack

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"Our mission is community journalism, and making life better for the people in the communities we serve," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *O&E*. "This survey is an excellent opportunity for us to do exactly that, and we're very happy to be a partner with both Plymouth-Canton Schools and Schoolcraft College."

The survey is a good idea as far as Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack is concerned. With the largest population of the communities covered by the Plymouth-Canton Schools and with a burgeoning housing market, Yack welcomes questions and is equally interested in what residents have to say.

According to Ryan, the questions will probe residents' feelings about everything from the quality of the curriculum to the competence of teachers. Questions will be asked by members of the district's Community Council, made up of a volunteer from each building in the district.

The questions will include queries about residents' feelings on potential bond requests from the district, but Ryan was quick to point out that will only be a small part of the discussion. Mostly, it will focus on what residents want in terms of facilities, curriculum, school sizes and other education-related questions.

"Anyone who thinks we're using this in any way to help get a bond passed is simply missing the point," Ryan said. "The strategic plan (for the district) as I think of it is almost non-existent. This will help us do that."

Yack is interested in the survey and lauds the district for doing it. "They need to see the big picture," he said.

"Generally speaking, Plymouth-Canton has a good perception outside the district and inside the district," Yack added.

No denying it. The quality of Plymouth-Canton schools goes a long way in attracting new homeowners to the township's burgeoning housing market, Yack said.

Ryan confirmed that the quality of Plymouth-Canton Schools brings is a bonus for Canton's housing market. A recent event with real estate agents who sell Canton only confirmed that, as the agents pressed for more marketing materials from the school district to provide customers, Ryan said.

But there's another side, too. Canton students currently are bused to Central Middle School in Plymouth, serving, Yack said, as yet another indication that the district needs more schools.

"We need facilities," Yack said. "Canton residents have been more than patient, more than willing to acknowledge you can't get this stuff done overnight."

According to Sigworth, Schoolcraft benefits in much the same way as P-C Schools. College officials hope to glean from the survey things people in the districts from which the college draws students think should be done to improve the educational environment at Schoolcraft.

"If we identify some things in the survey, it allows us to work on them together," Sigworth said. "It's got us talking about programs, what we do and how we can better service the students. With the location and growth of Plymouth and Canton, that's a big pull for us in terms of students."

Sigworth said Schoolcraft staffers will take the data gained by the survey and analyze it, a process she hopes to complete within three or four weeks.

"We have a system in place to enter the data, run the statistics and analyze it, then write the report," the dean said. "We do a lot of survey work here already, so we have staff trained to work on that."

Sigworth will keep on eye on the success of this project and, if it works, will look to conduct similar surveys in partnership with the other school districts the college serves: Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia and Northville.

"This is our pilot," Sigworth said. "If it goes well and we feel as though it would be something the other districts would be interested in, we'll approach them." Yack admits he not as interested in Schoolcraft's portion of the survey. "I think for our community it is still perceived as a Livonia school, much as Henry Ford is perceived as a Dearborn school," he said.

Canton is also a more diverse community than the others in the Plymouth-Canton district. "I think the survey will give us a start there," Ryan said. "We work with diversity every day." Of the school district's Canton students, Ryan said, the greatest percentage is Asian.

But Yack doesn't believe diversity plays a large role. "Moms and dads still want something for their kids," he said.

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MADD goes to Hell for fund-raiser

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

They've been to Hell and back, and they're going again.

Their Hell isn't the fire-and-brimstone variety, though. They don't carry pitchforks, and they haven't sprouted devilish horns.

This trip to Hell – Michigan, that is – will be a fund-raiser to help the Westland-based, Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

MADD will sponsor a 97-mile motorcycle ride from Westland to Hell and back, starting and ending at the AMVETS 171 Memorial Hall on Merriman Road north of Palmer.

Motorcyclists will leave from the AMVETS hall about 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, although registration will start an hour earlier. MADD will collect $20 for each Hell-bound cycle.

Billed as the fourth annual Angel Motorcycle Ride, this will mark the second year that Hell was chosen as a destination.

"It's true, we did go to Hell and back last year," MADD secretary Carol Nalepka said.

Rain nearly doused the fires of last year's Hell ride, but organizers hope for better weather Sept. 6.

"We're expecting it to be bigger and better this year," Nalepka said.

The Wayne County MADD chapter has had financial difficulties in past years, but supporters keep trying to plan fund-raisers to keep the organization afloat. Events like the Angel Motorcycle Ride also serve as a way to remember those affected by accidents involving drunken drivers.

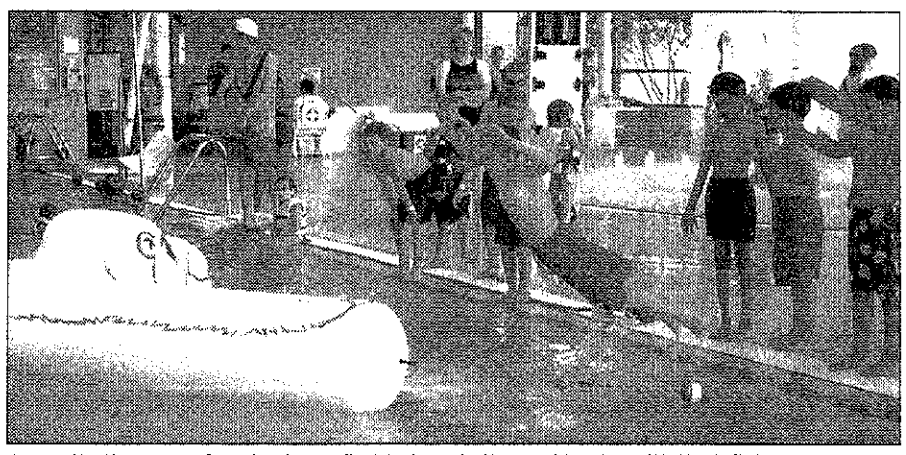
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James Hartinger, 11, of Canton is the first to jump in the pool to play with the inflatable polar bear at Arctic Expedition.

Kids brave the cold for fun, games

It was an Arctic Expedition for about 100 parents and kids at Summit on the Park's Aquatic Center Friday night.

"Everyone had a great time," said Greg Hohenberger, recreation coordinator/aquatics for the township.



Audra Gamble, 8, of Canton, keeps others at bay with high-powered squirt gun.

"We had Arctic type foods like powdered doughnut holes, blue Jell-O, blue punch. Wally the (inflatable) Polar Bear was in the water and the staff was spread out around the center playing games with the kids."

A favorite activity, according to Hohenberger, was a cold water sprinkler ("like Arctic rain") that the kids could run through. They also filled squirt toys with the icy water and squirted their buddies.

It was the fourth in a series of five events called "Sail the Seven Seas."

The fourth and final session, "South of the Border Fiesta," is scheduled for Aug. 22 from 6-9 p.m. at the Summit.

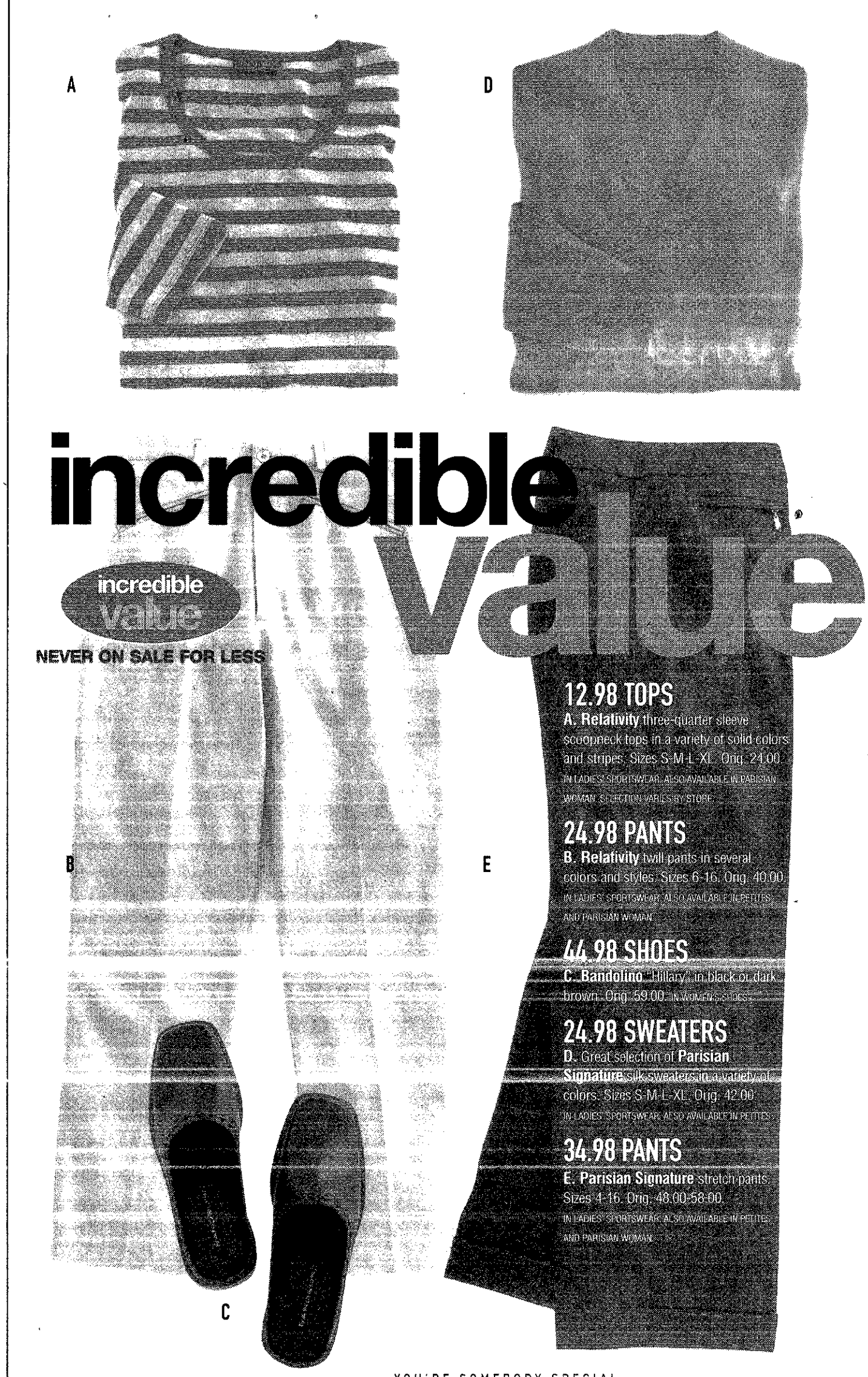
Cost is $4 for individuals, $12 for a family of four Summit members, $16 for non-member Canton residents and $20 for non-residents.



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Canton 7-year-olds, Alyssa Scheehan (left) and Amanda Kline, search for penguin eggs at the Arctic Expedition in the Aquatics Center.

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Pavone said in a statement issued this week.

The statement disputed the FTC charge that the company made claims its services could "remove derogatory information from consumers' credit reports, even if that information was accurate and not obsolete."

"We're excited to have reached this settlement and look forward to providing our valued customers and reps with the best credit repair and education in the marketplace," Renzi said. "I would like to state we appreciate the FTC's efforts and cooperation in reaching this settlement with us."

An FTC report stated the defendants claimed to repair consumer credit reports through the use of a one of a kind computer disc. The commission alleged the representations of the computer disc are deceptive. As part of the settlement, the defendants agreed they would no longer make claims about the disc or software in marketing their services to consumers.

According to the FTC, the defendants and their nationwide network of some 50,000 representatives told customers they were able to remove items such as bankruptcies, foreclosures and late payments from credit reports, using a computer program developed by Pavone.

The defendants told consumers the computer disc is so amazing it had been valued at more than $200 million in an independent appraisal, and once had been insured by Lloyd's of London for $15 million. They allegedly told customers the credit reporting agencies wanted the disc so badly one of them offered $10 million for it, according to the FTC.

The commission's complaint states the defendants have no such disc. According to the commission, the credit repair service simply entails challenging in a dispute letter each negative item that appears on a consumer's credit report, and that no one, including the defendants, can remove negative items from credit reports if they are accurate, verifiable and not obsolete.

Further, the commission stated the defendants violated federal law by requiring customers to pay in advance for the credit repair service, by misrepresenting the terms of their 110 percent money back guarantee, by making untrue statements about their customers' credit standing.

Renzi would not comment on the FTC charges regarding the computer disc.

But he said, "We wholly agree with the FTC's stance on stamping out fraud in the credit-repair industry. We are in the business of helping consumers correct inaccurate, erroneous, or obsolete information, giving them the accurate credit report they deserve as guaranteed under the Fair Credit Reporting Act."

NCER is a nonprofit organization that provides education courses for consumers in such areas as personal finance, debt management and credit reports. In business since 1998, the company has been located in Canton for about two years.

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a marketing plan. Without it no one knows about the book.

"Three hundred to 360 books are published every day of the year," Parker said. "The competition for attention is so intense. Word-of-mouth is one of the most important marketing tools."

LESSONS LEARNED

The switch to a literary press also stems from lessons learned for Parker.

"One of the primary lessons I have learned in the last 15 years is that writing is a business," she said. "This is a very hard concept for writers to grasp.

"There is an altruistic side to writers. They write because they have something important to say. They have the feeling that they should contribute. Writers are artists. Artists are terribly paid. Many writers are having to learn to be better business people."

Parker knows that writers can contribute to the world and still make a living.

"A business in the process of making a profit can still make a contribution to society," she said.

To that end, *Victory over Depression* will be sold to corporations, for example, at a discount to promote quality of life and to get the word out to regular people — who, whether clinically depressed or just having one of those days — it can get better. Parker also has committed a number of the books to literary programs and organizations.

PREVALENT PROBLEM

When it became known that Parker was switching to a literary press, she reviewed a number of manuscripts for her second publishing project.

She chose Carthew's work because she believes in what it says.

"Depression is such a prevalent problem in our society," Parker said.

"I believe it speaks to a social problem. It is written by the survivor of depression so we get an inside look into what it is like to be depressed. It will help those with depression. It will speak to families and friends to help them assist their loved one."

Carthew makes no bones about her problem with depression. A breast cancer survivor, with a number of subsequent cancer scares, the author offers readers simple ways to make a day better.

"It is upbeat. It is about winning the battle," Carthew said, adding her book is easy to read with plenty of short sentences and white space on the page.

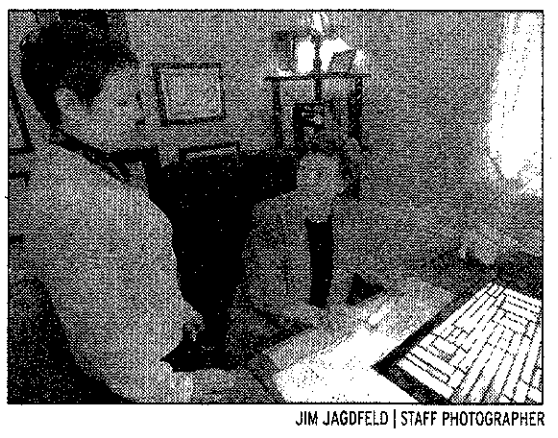
Carthew's book does not deal with the medical side of clinical depression or the myriad of drugs available to address the range of depressions. It offers tips as simple as wearing bright clothes when you feel low, or opening the blinds and letting the sun shine in.

"These are tips that don't cost money," Carthew said.

Feb. 1, 2004, is the tentative publication date for *Victory over Depression*, which means that Parker's work must be complete by Sept. 1 — in a few weeks.

"The book is written in a straightforward, honest manner," Parker said. "It really allows the reader to get inside that experience (depression)."

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Author Annick Hivert-Carthew (left) and her publisher Virginia Bailey Parker of Snowy Creek Press, Canton, work on 'Victory Over Depression.'

Author shares her winning insights

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

■ On a rainy day, keep the lights on.

■ Select your friends carefully. Surround yourself with people who are optimistic.

■ Simplify your life. Take the load off.

■ Choose a champion. A knight in shining armor. A bulldog who will keep your welfare a priority.

Sure, these sound like simple tips, ones we should all know and use when necessary. But when you're in the depths of depression — whether from a chemical imbalance, seasonal disorder, menopause, grief, job loss, or just that plain, yucky feeling — they may not be the first things on your mind.

That's where Annick Hivert-Carthew can offer some help. Already the author of seven books, Carthew is working with Virginia Bailey Parker of Snowy Creek Press in Canton to publish *Victory over Depression*.

"It's upbeat. It's about winning the battle over depression," said Carthew of Rochester Hills. "I offer 150 tips."

Some of the tips may sound simple. Carthew acknowledges that. But as a survivor of breast cancer and depression, she also knows that sometimes you just need a pick-me-up to get you through the tough spots.

"Once you acquire knowledge that can benefit other people, you should share it," Carthew said.

She has done just that with her other books, including *Cadillac and the Dawn of Detroit* as well *Ghostly Lights* and *Ghostly Lights Returned*.

"I love history. I have spent years studying Michigan and Canada," said Carthew, who was born and raised in France and has spent 23 years in the U.S. as well as eight years in England. "I am the perfect mongrel."

This latest book comes after a struggle with breast cancer. That was followed twice by scares that fortunately turned out not to be cancer. "I found that the depression was 10 times worse than cancer," Carthew said, adding the depression was the result of a number of issues in her life, as well as the cancer and the scares.

By the time it was suspected she had cancer for a second time, Carthew said, "I was losing ground." A month later, she found yet another lump — thankfully benign — but the ups and downs made her want to stay in bed. "After a while, I was in a cage."

Her experience and what she did little by little to help bring herself back forms the basis for the book. She discovered new ways of looking at life and the world, and now wants to share those insights.

"It is about giving yourself permission to let go of certain things," Carthew said.

For example, for 15 years Carthew worked at home as a writer and master of Reiki, an ancient Japanese method of healing. Working from her home, she only discovered that people didn't really think of her as actually working. That brought on plenty of stress.

She moved her office out of the house. And she has expanded herself, conducting workshops for Reiki, as well as depression.

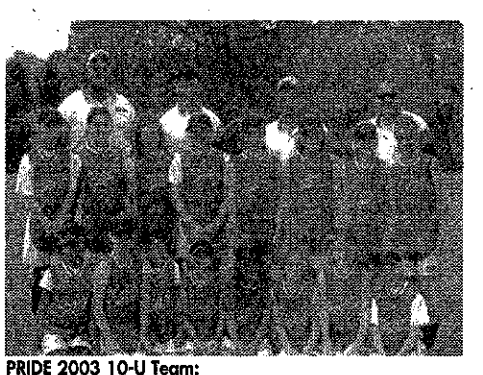
Upbeat is the only way to describe Carthew. She admits she has come a long way. And she's equally optimistic about her book. She has a good editor, a good marketing plan and a good topic.

"The cover is just extraordinary," she said.

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PRIDE Girls Fastpitch Boasts Three Bids to the World Series Tournaments



PRIDE 2003 10-U Team:
Back Row, left to right: Bob Lee, Rick Schmidt, Clint Johnson, Steve Hunley
Middle Row (girls standing), left to right: Jordan Larocco, Carrie MacDonald, Cara Greenwald, Laureen Schmidt, Kaitlyn Mattson, Carol Ann Sexauer, Mary Johnson, Tessa Heidmeyer
Bottom Row (girls sitting), left to right: Brianna Lee, Lauren Roberts, Megan Johnson, Erica Mirth, Heidi Schmidt, Sarah Blue, Jamie Hunley, Jamie Bricker



PRIDE 2003 12-U Team:
Top Row, left to right: Dan Bressler, John McKinley, Jim Rysdorp, David Payne
Middle Row, left to right: Erin Rodes, Kyla Suchy, Amber Gold, Ariel Rohn, Miranda Rysdorp, Hillary Payne, Amanda Emmons, Stacey Klonowski
Bottom Row, left to right: Jessica Feldscher, Alyssa Taylor, Lizzy McKinley
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PRIDE 2003 14-U Team:
Top Row, left to right: Mike Beaudoin, Tony Gould, Claire Ostrowski, Kristen Warnick, Laura Drum, Alyssa Johnson, Melissa Butzow, Russ Warnick, Kim Beaudoin, Rich Rohn.
Middle Row, left to right: Kim Keppen, Kim Klonowski, Katie Downey, Stephanie Sadek.
Bottom Row, left to right: Sarah Anthony, Kait McKinley.

The Plymouth-Canton **PRIDE** Girls Fastpitch Organization proudly announces three of their teams have won bids to World Series Tournaments this season.
Premier Travel Teams in the U-13 division, coached by Rich Rohn, in the U-12 Premier Team, coached by John McKinley, and in the U-10 division coached by Rick Schmidt all secured bids throughout this summer. Teams traveled to World Series Tournaments in St. Louis, MO for the U-13 division; Indianapolis, IN for the U-12 division; and Dallas, TX for the U-10 division.

With the **PRIDE**, opportunities are available to play Fastpitch softball with girls of the same age and ability. Age groupings are: 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, and 18 and under. The **PRIDE** offers three basic levels of competition:

•**Western Wayne County Travel**-These **PRIDE** teams will play in the Western Wayne County League (WWCL). All members of a team play at least two innings per game. One tournament and 14 league games comprise a typical schedule for these teams.

•**Community Travel**-These **PRIDE** teams compete with other travel softball teams from the WWCL and surrounding area. They play 14 WWCL games per year and may play in 2 to 3 tournaments in the Metro Detroit Area, resulting in about 30 games per year.

•**Premier Travel**-These **PRIDE** teams endeavor to play and compete with the best teams in the Great Lakes region. They play in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, and strive to qualify for the World Series each year. Anticipate playing 60-80 games per year, including indoor winter scrimmages and tournaments.

2004 Tryouts
Only girls that attend or live within the Plymouth-Canton school district are eligible to play for the **PRIDE**. Tryouts for team placement will be held at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue between Beck and Canton-Center Road. Attend only one of these dates.

•Saturday, August 16, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
•Sunday, August 17, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.
•Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

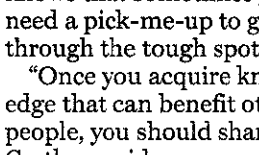
Arrive at least 30 minutes early for sign up. Wear athletic clothing and bring necessary equipment. Parents plan to stay for an informational meeting to be held 30 minutes after the start of tryouts.

For more information visit the **PRIDE** website at www.eteamz.com/pcpride or call 734-254-0421 or 734-981-5989.

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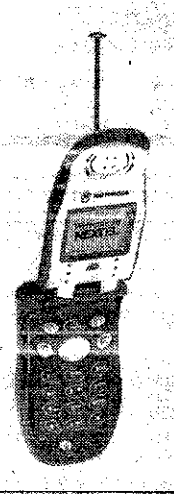


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Manual will help cemeteries

A walk through any of the three Canton-owned historic cemeteries is a walk back through the ages. Nowhere in Canton is history more alive than in the Downer, Sheldon and Kinyon cemeteries.

The stone monuments that fill the cemeteries tell a story. In one cemetery, headstones for five youngsters – all of one family – lay together, a testament to the rigors of raising a family plagued by the elements, hard work and lack of modern medicine. Sprinkled through the cemeteries are headstones of Civil War soldiers, yet another testament to Canton's history and its involvement in the larger world of the 1860s.

Today, anyone who visits the cemeteries will clearly see the difficulties in maintaining them. Township parks employee Greg King and the Canton Historic District Commission, of which he is a member, are to be commended for recognizing the importance of maintaining and restoring these cemeteries. Not an easy task, especially considering that the task requires maintaining the historical integrity of not only the overall cemeteries, but the individual grave sites and headstones.

In each of these three maintained by the township, headstones are in need of repair. King, who single-handedly oversees the cemeteries, is faced with all kinds of problems, even what to do with bushes and other vegetation that have overgrown the headstones they were planted to complement. Do you remove the plant or do you leave it alone to maintain the historical integrity?

These are questions King and historic district commissioners face. Through King's diligence and the commission's support, Canton is the recipient of a Michigan Historic Preservation grant that will be used to develop a manual for cemetery preservation.

There is much more to maintaining the headstones than adding a little airplane glue and string. As King puts it, "you've got to put in inert mortars." In other words, as fast as King works, deterioration of the stone continues. And many of the headstones have toppled, some plunged face first into the ground where they remain.

The manual will go a long way in setting standards for restoring, preserving and maintaining Canton's historic cemeteries. King and the commission are on the right track. It is important to preserve these areas for future generations. To that end, the commission should at long last historically designate the cemeteries – on a local and state basis.

You don't have to be a student of history to appreciate Canton's cemeteries. Each headstone indeed tells a story, ones we should not forget or neglect.

Agriculture mainstay of Michigan culture

In a state whose largest city is best known for the automobiles it produces and whose governor is trying to portray the state as a great place for tourism, it would be fairly easy to forget one of Michigan's best-kept secrets: its agricultural producers.

For years, Michigan has been one of the country's best agricultural providers. According to the 1997 Census of Agriculture (it's the last year for which results are available; the 2002 Census details will be released in 2004), Michigan has some 46,000 farms covering nearly 10 million acres of farmland.

In 1998, net farm income was some $308 million, with a total agriculture output over some $3.9 billion. Farmers harvested 240,000 acres of corn for silage with an average yield of 12.5 tons per acre, and growers planted 120,000 acres of oats. That's a lot of fruit and grain.

And that's just from the professional farmers, who grow the grains and the fruits that help feed not only Michiganders, but people around the country.

That doesn't count the thousands of others who help bring the goods to our tables. There are the farmer's markets in places like Plymouth and Rochester Hills, and roadside stands that crop up in-season all over the state.

People like Mary Hauk-Valdivia of Mary's Farm Market and Ernie and Chris Costantino, of Costantino's Farm Market, are part of this state's agricultural success. Both markets are flourishing in Canton, where a once-burgeoning farm population has begun to dwindle in recent years.

Communities have come to depend so much on produce production they've named local events after them.

It's something to remember when you're hopping into your car and traveling to one of the tourism meccas. On the way, stop by a roadside stand and pick up a symbol of one of the things that really makes Michigan grow.

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Curtis Bragg (right) consults with his attorney, Joseph A. Simon, during his preliminary examination in 35th District Court, Plymouth, on charges stemming from the traffic death of Canton police officer Lewis Stevens July 23.

LETTERS

You know who you are

My husband and I live on North Beck Road between Ford and Cherry Hill. On Monday, Aug. 4, our beloved family pet, a sheltie 2 years old, was hit and killed in the apron area of his own driveway around 6:10 a.m.

I would like to say, if the person who hit our pet whose name was Zip, would have taken a few minutes to come to our door, there is a good chance he may have survived this horrific accident. Instead, I found him all alone and already gone. It's a shame this happened to him and he was all alone. When I looked out my kitchen window and realized this was Zip ... I only hope this never happens to anyone else.

Since the paving on Beck Road, it's driven as though it's a race track. People forgetting there is an elementary school at the end of the street. If you are the person responsible for this hit and run, I hope you realize you not only took my beloved pet, but my toddler's puppy dog and my husband's best friend. Pets are like people, they have their own sense of humor and personality that is precious to only them and can't be replaced.

I hope whomever you are, you made it to your destination on time and the few extra minutes it would have taken to come to our door, made all the difference because you made all the difference in our lives. I hope when people cut into other's circular driveways or pull up into the apron of someone's driveway, you remember on the other side of that fence or gate there may very well be a small child or pet dashing out thinking someone has come to visit them and not realize it's only someone who doesn't care about them, but rather themselves.

Only you know who you are and for that you have to live with for the rest of your life.

Michelle Bradley
Canton

A big thanks

The Salem High School football team and the Salem Linebackers would like to thank everyone in the community who supported our recent Car Wash fund-raiser. Your generosity helped to make this a successful fund-raiser.

A special thanks to Tim Chan for allowing us to conduct the car wash at his Mobil station at Warren and Sheldon. Your support is truly appreciated.

Linda Sorensen, chair
Salem Linebackers
fund-raising and community activities
Canton

Sincere appreciation

On behalf of the police officers, dispatchers, clerical staff, sergeants, and lieutenants of the Canton Police Department, we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to the Canton community and area law enforcement agencies for the outpouring of support during the recent tragic loss of our friend and fellow officer, Lew Stevens. From the time the news of the tragedy was broadcast, citizens and business people either sent emails of condolences or arrived at the police station to drop off cards, food, flowers and monetary donations.

Many individuals and businesses in the community continued to show their support through the days following by sending flowers to the funeral home or stopping by for a short visit to express their sympathy. Just a few examples of how local businesses assisted us include those that donated American flags to be used in the funeral, opening early on the day of the funeral to wash police cars, and posting messages of sympathy on their marquees.

Traffic control for the procession was handled by area police departments, including the Plymouth Township Police Department and Wayne County Sheriff's Department. The Northville Police Department provided officers and supervisors to cover calls in Canton so that our personnel could attend office Stevens' funeral. Personnel from the Summit and Canton Leisure Services provided an incredible amount of support in both the funeral planning stages as well as hosting the luncheon that followed the funeral. The Michigan State Police were also invaluable in their assistance by providing guidance in the proper protocols of funeral and procession planning.

For many years, the department has provided a level of service to the Canton community that we think is second to none. Now, it was the community's turn to return the favor, and you did so in a way that we will always remember.

Police Officers Association of Canton
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Canton Command Officers Association

Doughnut thanks

In this day of dog-eat-dog, pushing and shoving, always striving to be first, I had a very nice thing happen to me.

Tuesday morning, while waiting in a fairly long drive-through lane at one of our local doughnut shops, there was a lady who had come in another entrance and was patiently waiting for the end of the line. I could appreciate her dilemma, so I let her go in front of me. The line was moving pretty well, and when I got to the window to pay for and receive my order, I was told that the lady in front of me had paid for my order.

So, if you are reading this, kind lady, a big "Thank you" for showing your appreciation in such a nice way. It was a great beginning for my day.

Brenda Urick
Canton

Flooding markets

Read with great interest your article, "A trip to Wisconsin ...," and couldn't agree more. Makes me sick to see all the imports flooding our markets. The U.S.A. does believe in free trade but, sorry to say, many of our "trade partners" don't.

My wife kids me about my obsession with checking for "place of manufacture" when I'm shopping. Went into the "American Eagle" store at Laurel Park and was shocked that I couldn't find a shirt made in U.S.A. Wonder why they call it "American"?

Some friends rave about their import cars. Then I tell them about my 1976 Olds that had over 180,000 miles on it when I gave it to my daughter. Still running great. Also I sold my 1991 Dodge Caravan to my other daughter with over 145,000 miles on it. I never had to touch the accelerator when starting. Even in the winter it started right up. In 1984, the Honda Accord (then) cost over $130 for a tune-up. The dealer told them that because it had "solid lifters" that they had to manually adjust each one when tuning the car up.

Also the general public hardly ever hears about the import "recalls." For some reason, recalling imports isn't as noteworthy as domestic cars. Presently I'm driving a 2000 Town & Country Chrysler van with over 60,000 miles on it and it runs and rides great.

Finally, I would recommend the parents of this generation to insist their children learn Japanese and Chinese because that's who will be making their paychecks out in the future.

William Barnard
Livonia

Thankful for home

After arriving in Kuwait, March 15, traveling north into Iraq during the war, then returning to Kuwait for another mission. After the tensions of war, scud alerts, the threat of chemicals, enduring sand storms, extreme heat, you sure come to missing home.

I mean of course my wife, my daughter and beautiful granddaughter, and friends. But also my hometown, Westland. The stores and shops, malls that we take for granted to always be there for our convenience. The many restaurants and fast food places, where someone always greets you with a friendly "hi," "good morning" or "How are you today, can I help you?" and even "Have a good day."

People that you know always greeting you with a friendly smile, wave, or simply tooting the horn of their car as they pass. They always have something to say somewhere, in line at the grocery store, at the drugstore, gas station, at the nursery buying plants and flowers for the spring planting.

It's "Hey, how ya doin'?," "Nice day, huh," or just "God, I hate this weather." Maybe it's a comment about your car or motorcycle, or just a helpful suggestion about what to put on your lawn for grubs or bare spots.

The summer festival, parades and the Fourth of July celebration that brings out all the city to celebrate in red, white and blue. The fire department whose members are always there and concerned. The police department, tough, reliable and fair, what more could you want? City employees and staff, council members and mayor. Even watching the local channel on TV as the city council is challenged by a little old lady who gives 'em hell.

City parks and recreation areas, the sound of the Canada geese flying over to land at the park. You can call it being homesick, but I call it coming to grips with all that I have.

Thanks for your support, Westland, I miss you.

Master Sgt. Sidney R. Morris
U.S. Marine Corps, Kuwait

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"It works for Canton."

– Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, about the optical scan system, chosen by Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, according to Public Act 91 of 2002, which requires the use of a uniform voting system

Recent invasions likely a preview of things to come

Consider what the following things have in common: Japanese beetles, zebra mussels, AIDS, emerald ash borers, West Nile virus, spiny water fleas, purple loosestrife, gypsy moths, bighead carp, round-eyed gobies.

They're all invasive species. In one way or another, each of these now infests our woods or waters or people. More importantly, each is an "exotic" in our Michigan environment. Each originated somewhere else in the world and was transported to our shores, where it encountered no natural enemies or predators and therefore spread very rapidly.



Phil Power

Some examples will illustrate the point. The Japanese beetle and the emerald ash borer arrived in the U.S. from Japan and China via infested wood pallets. Over the 50-odd years it has been in the U.S., the Japanese beetle has decimated the giant elm trees that used to be the pride of our streets, while the emerald ash borer in just a couple of years has killed an estimated 6 million ash trees in southeastern Michigan. Neither bug has any native natural enemies, which explains their prodigious and unchecked spread.

The AIDS virus originally looks to have jumped the species barrier from infected apes to man sometime back in the 1920s, when a West African bush meat hunter butchered his kill and nicked himself. Of course, AIDS is now a worldwide disease with no real cure yet in sight and millions dead and dying. The West Nile virus was once confined to the Nile River valley in Egypt. But mosquitoes carrying the virus wound up in the U.S. (probably on an airplane), where it was transmitted to birds and humans. Just as HIV took root in other species — humans have no evolutionary protection against the disease — native American birds are essentially defenseless against West Nile virus.

Spiny water fleas (a sort of small, spiny shrimp) and round-eyed gobies (a kind of small fish) both were passengers in the ballast water of freighters that came up the St. Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes. When the ships dumped their ballast into Duluth harbor, they also dumped pests that could wipe out the food stock for a whole range of native fish species. So far, neither species has any serious native predators; experts predict they will spread through the Great Lakes just like the zebra mussel.

In a few cases, scientists have discovered biological control agents that differentially attack invasive species without damaging others.

Purple loosestrife, a wetland plant species that blooms in August, came originally to the U.S. as a decorative garden plant sold through nurseries. But it "escaped" the garden and spread invasively through wetlands, choking out native species. Researchers at Michigan State University and the Michigan Sea Grant are experimenting with a beetle, *Galerucella calmariensis*, that feeds on loosestrife growing tips and leaves and nothing else. They've been releasing the beetles on test plots throughout Michigan for several seasons, so far effectively knocking back the loosestrife on 20,000 acres of wetlands with the long-term promise of statewide control.

And the gypsy moth that migrated from its original areas of infestation in the northeast to defoliate acre upon acre of Michigan oak trees appears to have been kept pretty much under control by aerial release of a bacterium that infects and kills the moth's ravenous larvae.

Recently, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has decided to concentrate research on invasive species at its lab in Ann Arbor. The new National Center for Research on Aquatic Invasive Species will house the greatest concentration of scientists doing research on invasive species, especially on pests infesting the Great Lakes. That's a sign of progress, but hardly grounds for optimism.

Successes against invasive species are few and far between. Certainly the spread of species from one part of the world to another will continue apace. Who knows what kind of Asian beetle will infect the next load of wood furniture made in Thailand or what American bacterium will turn up in automobiles manufactured in Michigan but sold in East Africa? International trade and travel will move goods and people — together with their invasive passengers — increasingly from one place to another.

In past centuries, various parts of the world were essentially isolated from each other, allowing unique assemblages of plants, animals and insects to establish local biological equilibriums with each other through the normal processes of evolutionary selection. But in an increasingly interconnected world, environments will no longer be able to evolve in isolation one from the other.

So what's likely to happen? Hard to tell, of course, but I suspect we are on the way to seeing uniform, worldwide assemblages of plants, animals and insects gradually supplanting the diversity of species that now make one place different from another. And anybody who knows about the dangers inherent in monoculture — planting just one kind of potato, for example — knows full well how extraordinarily dangerous that would be.

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.

Expansion of charter schools comes at public school expense

I am the father of two children enrolled in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. I commute to work for the Detroit Public Schools (DPS), so I am a member of the Detroit affiliate of the Michigan Federation of Teachers (MFT). Both of these home/work roles have spurred my opposition to charter school expansion as expressed in SB 393.

I was in the Senate gallery on June 19 when the Senate passed SB 393, (S-1) strictly on partisan lines, 21-16. In this bill Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and the majority caucus raised the cap on charter schools to 450 from the current 150. The bill also includes 15 charter schools for Detroit funded by a $300 million grant from the Thompson-McCully Foundation, headed by Robert Thompson of Plymouth.



Leonard Zabawski

This last provision for 15 charter schools for Detroit is the only part of the legislation which passed the House on July 17. The intent was to use those 15 charter high schools as a vehicle to move the bill and restore the charter expansion cap up to 320 in a conference committee.

The House Fiscal Agency has estimated that it will cost local school districts in Michigan $36.4 million the first year of enactment of SB 393 (S-1). Started as an "education reform" in 1993-94, public charter schools have already come at a high cost to traditional public school systems. These academies divert the per pupil foundation allowance from the neediest school systems. It is illogical to throw out traditional public education en masse (where 90 percent of all K-12 education in Michigan takes place) now during a state budget crisis to subsidize this private/quasi-public (70 percent of the charter schools in Michigan are run by private management-for-profit-companies) charter school industry!

I don't doubt Mr. Thompson's sincerity in wanting to help Detroit high school students. Mr. Thompson, please adopt 15 current DPS schools in 2003-04 and help them to become world-class secondary schools.

If each chosen high school received an award of $13 million, think of the positive effects Mr. Thompson's generosity would produce. A sample "adoptee" list would represent all parts of Detroit (east and west sides), include most ethnic populations and emphasize existing quality programs with a vocational/technical focus.

This investment by the philanthropist Mr. Thompson in existing high schools in Detroit would mean a reduction in dropout rates, a decrease in negative law-enforcement contacts/criminal justice efforts/incarceration resources, reduction in welfare dependency and an increase in employable skills, further lessening the taxpayer burden. These will be measurable outcomes on both a short- and long-term basis.

With minimal administrative costs and with proper accountability mechanisms, there could be immediate results by funding capital improvements, staff training, IT, quality enhancement, school-to-work-readiness and links to institutions of higher learning such as what Cass Technical High used to be to Lawrence Tech, circa 1955. The balance of non-adopted high schools provides a natural, immediate control group for evaluation.

I work as a school social worker and I see children and parents who left DPS to try a charter school. Teachers in charters are generally more poorly prepared. In 2001-02, more than 700 students returned to the DPS system from charters. The foundation grant money did not follow these students back to the public school system. We try to help these students as much as possible, as they actually fell behind their peers academically while in the charters.

Public education in this society is historically the primary democratizing institution for social classes and immigrant groups seeking to live the "American dream," preparing youngsters for the responsibilities of citizenship in a highly pluralistic democracy. Why must each ethnic-special interest community run its own school, inculcating only its language and values?

Sen. Kuipers told me that his bill is necessary because people want "choice" in education. That is an ironic term, for what choice do citizens of Detroit have in education since they have lost their right to vote for their elected school board? There are already 60 charter schools in Detroit.

Returning to Canton, it seems that most parents agree: We want local schools to be safe, accountable and responsive. We want quality education within walking distance. Parents generally seem to want to support resources for local public education. SB 393 assaults local public education in PCCS, a high-performing district where 573 Salem and Canton HS students are set to receive $41,432,500 in Merit (MEAP) scholarship awards in 2003.

Please say no to SB 393. I urge all members of the state Legislature to consider the harmful potential effects of further charter school expansion upon already burdened public school systems.

Leonard Zabawski is a Canton resident who works in the Detroit Public Schools.

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Culinary Extravaganza scheduled for Sept. 21

The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College will be the site of this year's Culinary Extravaganza set for 2- 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

Nearly 60 restaurants and vendors from throughout southeast Michigan will prepare a sampling of food and beverages for eventgoers at the 11th annual event.

The new venue provides a more inviting space for gourmet food tasting, a comfortable setting for a wine tasting class by expert vintner Lee Hershey, along with the new silent auction and a live auction, according to co-chairpersons Suzanne Thomas-Hughes of Flagstar Bank and John Bowen, executive director of the Novi Expo Center.

Thomas-Hughes is passionate about the event. A past-president of the Schoolcraft Foundation, this marks the eighth year she has worked on the event and her sixth year as either chair or co-chair.

In addition to raising more than $100,000 for student scholarships this year, Thomas-Hughes says the VisTaTech setting and other improvements will "enhance the entire event and benefit patrons and restaurateurs."



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Suzanne Thomas-Hughes and John Bowen toast to the success of this year's Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College.

"The committee is working hard to make the Culinary Extravaganza a premiere event," said Thomas-Hughes who owns a net branch of Flagstar Bank in Livonia and is a senior loan officer and branch manager.

Bowen, who has been on the foundation for two years, brings organizational and big-venue experience to the event. As executive director and general counsel of the Novi Expo Center for nearly six years, Bowen has helped plan and/or organize more than 160 major consumer events annually at the Oakland County site.

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He's excited about this year's culinary event and the chance to help Schoolcraft students.

"It's a great event," said Bowen, who's been concentrating his efforts on attracting event sponsors. "This also gives me a chance to give back to the community – something that's very important," he added.

A new silent auction will feature gift baskets and gift certificates to area merchants, restaurants and sporting events. At the live auction, bidders will have an opportunity to purchase a dinner (with wine) for eight prepared by a Schoolcraft Chef. In addition, NASCAR and vineyard trip packages will be on the auction block.

New this year, guests will receive a recipe book prepared with information provided by participating restaurants and beverage vendors.

Guests will also vote the People's Choice awards for first, second and third place among participating restaurants.

A special champagne reception, priority seating at the wine tasting and tours of the new state-of-the-art Schoolcraft culinary kitchens is planned for gold ($1,000), diamond ($2,500) and platinum ($5,000) sponsors.

Tickets, at $50 per person, are on sale for the gourmet food and wine event which raises money for student scholarships at the college. The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which annually awards 500 students with scholarships and grants. For tickets or more information about the event, call Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college offering class in Livonia, Garden city and online. The college serves more than 30,000 students per year in traditional programs, continuing education and business training.

Hospice offers groups to support relatives

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces its fall series of PATHFINDERS Grief Support and Education Groups developed for children, teens, and parents/caregivers beginning Oct. 1, 2003. These support groups will meet for eight consecutive weeks on 6:45-8:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings. All sessions will be held at Gretchen's House, 2340 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, next door to the Arbor Hospice Residence.

PATHFINDERS is a unique program specifically tailored to families so that each member has the opportunity to process individual grief concerns in a group setting. Participants meet in age-appropriate groups in order to gain strength from their peers who have experienced a similar loss. "Our PATHFINDERS program provides education and support to participants as they make adjustments to life without their loved one," confirms Ana Maria Jackson, Bereavement Coordinator. "Being among others who are walking the path of grief can be an invaluable experience, especially for a family when everyone can have their needs addressed in a compassionate and supportive setting."

PATHFINDERS is open to all individuals age five and older who have experienced the loss of a loved one, regardless of type, circumstance, or choice for end-of-life care. There is no charge for this program, although donations are welcome. Interested participants are asked to register by phone and then complete a family assessment prior to the beginning of the program. To register for PATHFINDERS or for further information, please contact Grief Support Services at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999, ext. 113, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on-line at www.arborhospice.org.

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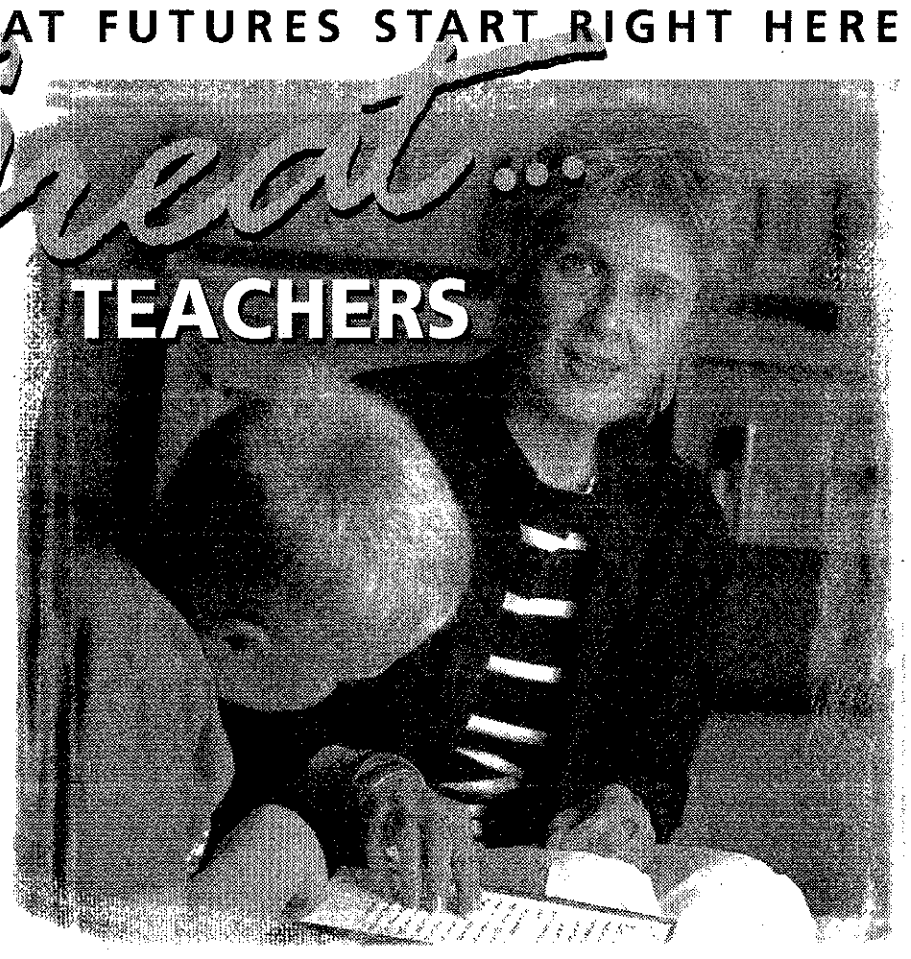
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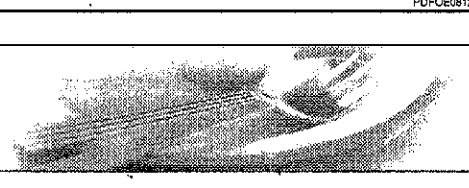
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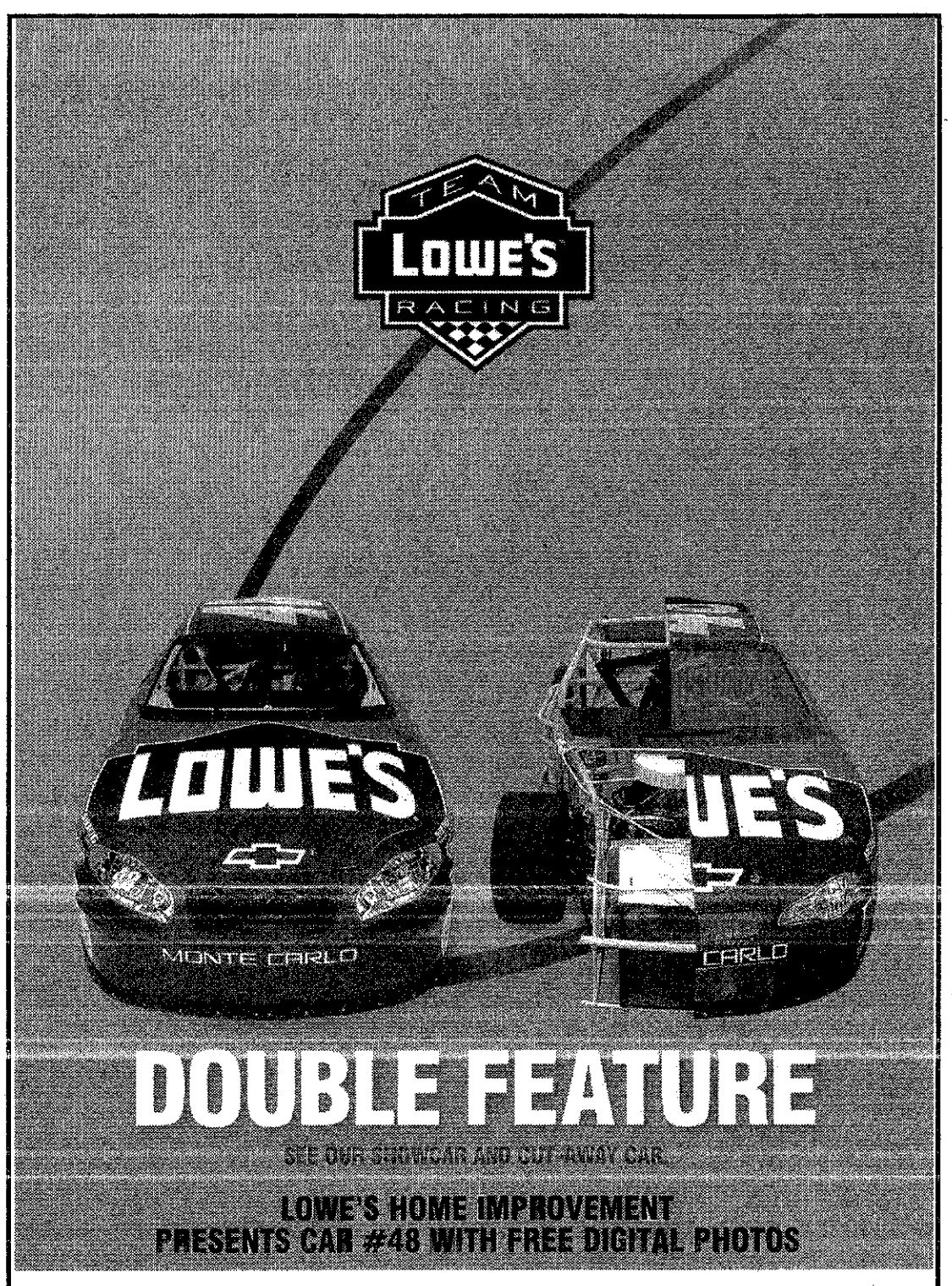
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Sports

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Sidelines

Another win

Jeff Roth, the Plymouth Salem HS graduate who currently serves as the golf pro at Knollwood Country Club, continues to rake in the state's top prizes.

Earlier this year he teammed with Randy Erskine to win the Michigan PGA Align Golf Senior Junior Championships and the $2,000 first-place prize that went with it. Then he joined Josh Mondry to capture the Michigan PGA Pro-Am Tournament.

On Monday and Tuesday in the Michigan PGA Ashworth-Callaway Pro Assistant Championship at Arcadia Bluffs in Crystal Mountain in Frankfort, Roth and Chad Byron, his assistant at Knollwood, added to that list of accomplishments when they edged Erich Kuhlman and Erskine, who were representing Great Oaks CC, to gain top honors.

Roth and Byron posted rounds of 66 and 63 for a 15 under-par 129 total, compared to the 66 and 64, 14 under-par 130 carded by Kuhlman and Erskine. Joseph Pollack and Lynn Janson, from Egypt Valley CC, and Kenneth Allard and Tom Fortuna, from Wabeek CC, tied for third with 13 under-par 131s.

The first-place finish earned Roth and Byron $1,500 each in prize money. Kuhlman and Erskine won $1,200 apiece.

Tourney champs

The Plymouth Premier men's soccer team proved winning the Metro Detroit Soccer League's Premier Division regular-season title was no fluke when it rolled through the double-elimination post-season tournament without losing a match.

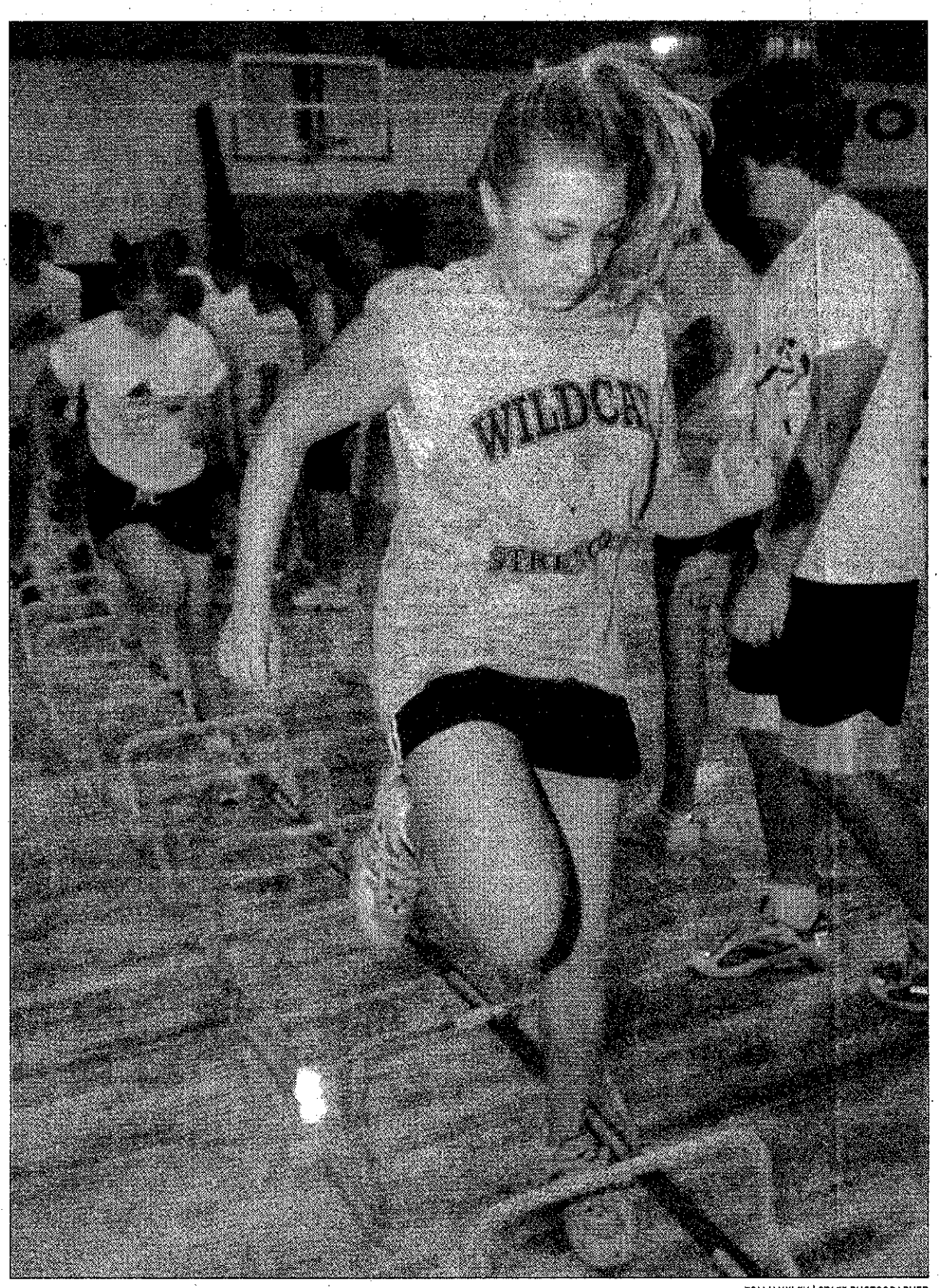
Plymouth posted a 4-0 tournament record, bringing its overall record for the summer season to 17-3-0 against some tough competition. In Sunday's finals of the MDSL Tournament, Plymouth edged the Ann Arbor Hattricks 1-0 on a goal by Canton HS graduate Nick Houdek. Josh Yeager was in goal for the shutout; it was the third-consecutive year Plymouth had played in the MDSL's tournament championship game.

Other team members are Jeff Bennett, Justin Fishaw, Andy Gignac, John Kaczmarek, Scott Kahanec, Brandon Kenneil, Andrew Kogut, Dan Kogut, Chris Lamasse, Chris Longpre, Dan Longpre, Aaron Schmidt, Nick Sczcechowski, Brett Stinar, Anthony Verrino, Brendan Welsh, Scott Wright, Jamie Zdrodowski and Rob Zdrodowski. The team is coached by Paul Kogut; Andy Gignac is the assistant coach and Megan Kogut is team manager.

Cardinals tryouts

The Canton Cardinals 13-and-under travel baseball team will have tryouts from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 24 at Field No. 1 in Griffin Park, located at Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads.

For more information, call head coach Chris Merandi at (734) 729-0489



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Sarah Haskins, a 10th-grader at Plymouth High School who plays volleyball, goes over the speed hurdles during conditioning camp.

Plymouth HS getting set for big year

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It's a schedule that just won't be kept. Anyone interested in athletics at Plymouth HS better understand that right now.

It was all planned out more than a year ago, before the new high school first opened its doors. There would be just a freshmen class and its teams would compete only at that level.

In its second year of operation, once a sophomore class had been cultivated, a junior varsity level would be added. And in its third year — the 2004-05 school year — the varsity would join the program, making Plymouth a full-fledged member of the Western Lakes Activities Association and a school offering athletic opportunity at all levels.

Terry Sawchuk, the Wildcats' athletic director, began to realize early on that this directional design on how to build an athletic program was not going to work. But it wasn't because the kids involved in the new school's programs were lacking in anything.

In fact, it's been just the opposite.

Plymouth's programs are nearly all ahead of schedule. Some teams, such as this fall's boys soccer and girls basketball squads, will play other school's varsities.

"Not in the WLAA," Sawchuk said. No, a school with just freshmen and sophomore classes won't be allowed to compete against athletes in the league who are two years older. The Wildcats will not be official members of the WLAA until next fall.

But they will go against Class C and D teams, even some Class Bs.

How has this happened? There are those at other schools who are filled with suspicions. However, Sawchuk says the formula is really a simple one.

"I think of our athletic department as one team, not 15 different ones," he said.

In fact, the opportunity to build a department from the bottom up was too alluring to pass up for Sawchuk.

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Taormina gets silver at Pan Am triathlon

Livonian Sheila Taormina came away with the silver medal in Sunday's women's triathlon at the Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Canadian Jill Savege finished first in the 1,500-meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 6.2-mile run in 1 hour, 58 minutes, 29 seconds to earn the gold medal.

Taormina, who led after the swim at San Souci Beach and the bike, was second in 2:00:12. American Becky Gibbs Lavelle (Cupertino, Calif.) took the bronze with a time of 2:00:36.

OLYMPICS

The women's race started in the cooler hours of the morning, around 7:30 a.m. However, the swim was still very warm, making it hard for Taormina, a 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games gold medalist (women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay), to take her usual large lead out of the water.

"On the swim, I felt really weak," said Taormina in a USA Triathlon press release. "I felt really hot and queasy. I felt better on the bike."

Taormina, sixth in the inaugural women's triathlon at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, came of the water first, followed closely by Savege and Lavelle. The three

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Swinehart selected as new Glenn A.D.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

SPORTS NEWS

Brian Swinehart, Farmington Public Schools athletic director from 1998-2002, has been hired to replace Ron Targosz as the new A.D. at Westland John Glenn High School.

The 37-year-old Swinehart, who spent the past semester as a principal and athletic scheduler at Bellevue High School, will officially take over duties Aug. 28 at Glenn.

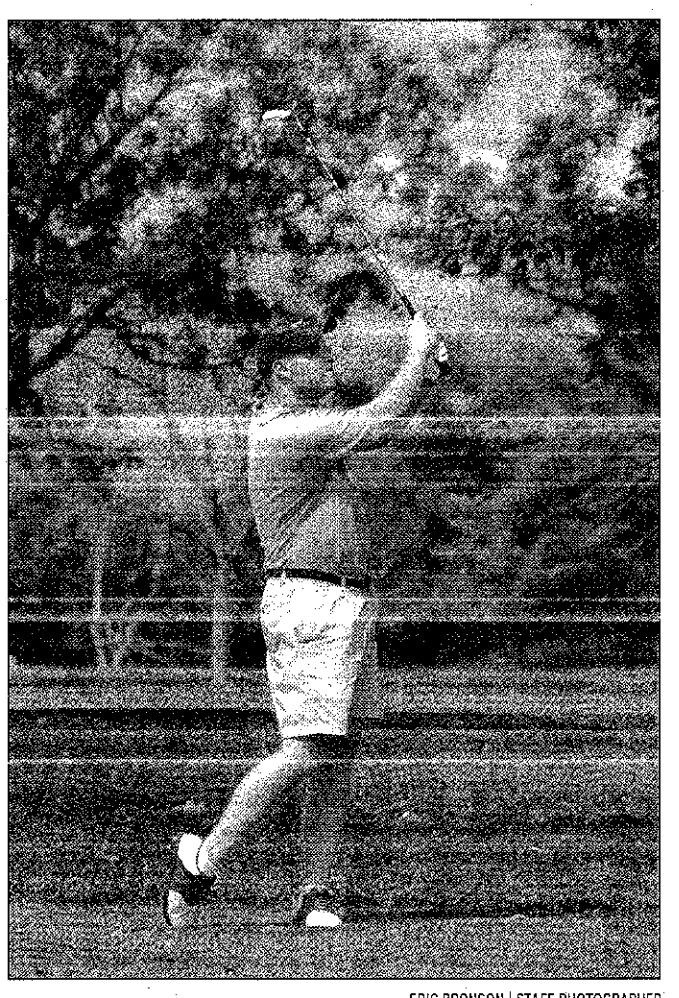
Wayne-Westland Supt. of Schools Dr. Gregory Baracy made the final decision after an interview committee met with "six to eight" candidates from an estimated pool of 45 applicants.

The interview panel consisted of Glenn Principal Joan Sedik; Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of Employee Services; and William Kamp, executive director of Secondary Education.

Targosz resigned from the position in June after just one year to take a teaching and coaching position at Livonia Churchill HS.

"On paper, and in the interview itself, Brian was the top choice of the commit-

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Kevin Wallon of Canton, the O&E champ in 2002, tied for second this year, losing on the second playoff hole to Robert West.

Churchill golf coach wins O&E tourney

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Wow. This is starting to get suspicious.

How many other Livonia Churchill HS graduates are out there that possess more than a passing ability on the golf course? Heavens knows, three of them have surfaced in the last three years, all of them good enough to claim the title as the Observer & Eccentric's best golfer.

Last Sunday, Dave Higham – a Livonia native who not only graduated from Churchill HS but currently serves as the school's boys golf coach – fired a one-over par 71 at Whispering Willows to pull away from the field and capture the title by six strokes.

Higham, who shot a 76 on Saturday at Fox Creek, finished with a 147 total. His nearest pursuers in the championship flight were Robert West of Livonia and the defending tournament champ, Kevin Wallon of Canton (another Churchill graduate), each of whom posted two-day scores of 153. West won the sudden-death playoff for second place with a birdie on the second hole.

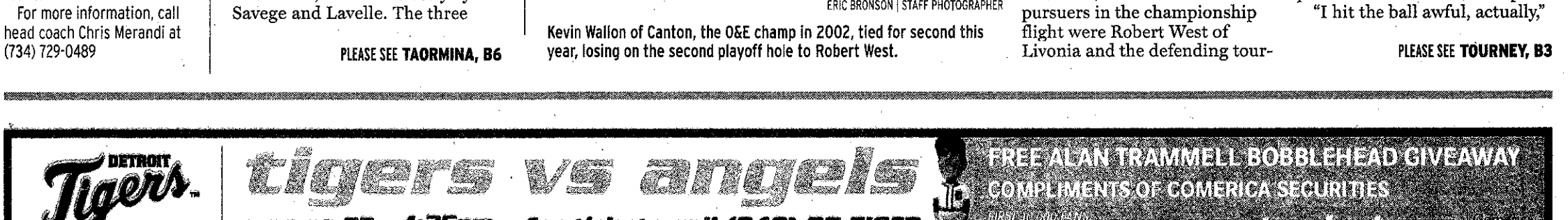
The one who started the Churchill streak, Chris Kiehler, the winner in 2001, had entered to play this year but had to withdraw.

Although Higham's score suggests a certain dominance over the tournament field, he didn't necessarily feel that way in the clubhouse afterward. His play on his final hole of the tournament provided a perfect example of the way his game was going on this day.

His drive on the 394-yard 18th hole went off the fairway well to the right, but he chipped from about 150 yards to within 12 feet of the cup. He two-putted from there to make par.

"I hit the ball awful, actually,"

PLEASE SEE **TOURNEY, B3**



Senior cyclist collects four medals

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

SENIOR OLYMPICS

You could call 66-year-old cyclist Yvonne Constas the Tyler Hamilton of her generation.

Hamilton rode this year's Tour de France with a broken collarbone en route to an astounding top ten finish.

Meanwhile, the 66-year-old Constas earned two gold and two silver medals in the Women's 65-69 age division at the 24th annual Michigan Senior Olympics, Aug. 1-2, in Okemos despite suffering a nasty fall during a training ride just four days earlier in Hines Park.

"I had a third degree concussion, I was unconscious for about a half hour," said the Livonia widow, who clipped the back wheel of a fellow training partner. "I had face scrapes, a black eye, scrapes on my knees and elbows. I got banged up pretty good.

"But I was going to ride and why not? I'm a very spiritual person and I said to myself, 'Why worry?' You have nothing to fear, but fear itself."

Prior to the Senior Olympics in Lansing, Constas came away with eight medals, including two gold in cycling, at the Detroit Senior Olympics held last month on Belle Isle. She also competed in track and field (sprints), the 1-mile walk and the basketball toss.

Although she was a swimmer and racewalker, cycling became her passion eight years ago when she went on a singles weekend sponsored by Ward Presbyterian Church. She rode with her granddaughters on a cross trainer bike and later discovered she could race in the Senior Olympics.

Constas picked up a Trek road bike, but admitted she didn't know how to sit in the saddle. She began to ride out of Plymouth with the Ann Arbor Bicycle Tour Society, which meets each day except Saturdays.

"They tried to send me back on a 50-mile ride, they didn't think I could make it," Constas said.

She participated in her first National Senior Olympics six years ago in Tucson, Ariz. and finished in the "back of the pack." She also went to Orlando, Fla. four years ago for the nationals.

Along the way Constas sought out coaching from the coach of a fellow competitor, and it immediately began to pay dividends.

"I learned you have to keep pedaling, moving even when breaks are supposed to be on," she said. "I learned about shifting gears on the hills and I learned how to draft."

There were a total of seven cyclists in her age group, but her chief rival in the 65-69 division was Peggy Acton of Bear Lake.

"She's been my idol ever since I started racing," Constas said. "She's a wonderful person and has been doing triathlons for 30 years. I hate to say this, but I wanted to beat her."

After breaking out too fast and burning out at the finish a year ago, Constas was determined learn from her mistakes.

This time she was able to finish strong and overhaul Acton to win both the 20- and 40-kilometer events, on courses which were actually measured to be 15 and 27 miles (instead of 12.4 and 24.8, respectively). In the 15-mile event, Constas averaged an impressive 18.4 MPH. Overall she was the third fastest among all cyclists 50 and up in the distance events.

"I pushed through and got the victory," Constas said. "I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it's a matter of doing the work that needs to be done to be a winner."

In the 10K (6.2 miles) and 5K (3.1 miles) time trials, Constas ended up with a pair of silver medals.

"I guess my legs are made more for long distance," she said.

Before she took up Senior Olympic events, Constas was busy raising four children. As a teenager growing up in northwest Detroit, she liked to dance, but had only a slight interest in sports.

"I tried out for basketball and got cut, I was devastated," she said. "I got married at 16, had my first child at 17 and had four children by the time I was 23."

Constas eventually got her high school diploma at age 25 after going to night school.

She did saleswork for 15 years and ultimately earned an undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Arts in Dietetics, from Madonna University. She also obtained a Masters in Social Work from Wayne State.

Constas went into part-time practice as a counselor where she currently serves four clients. She also self-diagnosed herself 10 years ago with Attention Deficit Disorder.

Thirteen years ago her husband Nick died while taking his test for a third degree Black Belt.

"I have no regrets, I've had a wonderful life," she said.

"My husband and I had a good life together. We did a lot of things. We went to Hawaii twice and we spent a month in Greece."

Constas says her six grandchildren have been nothing but supportive of her competitive cycling efforts despite a few major scrapes and bruises.

"They think I'm awesome," Constas said. "I'm also avid about mountain hiking. I've gone out with them."

Constas is an ambassador for Michigan Senior Olympics, which attracted 750 competitors this year to the Lansing area.

She would like nothing else, but to attract more competition.

If interested in being a Senior Olympian, Constas can be reached at (734) 261-7710 for more information.

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Twisters gallop past Mustangs

TWISTERS FOOTBALL

A commanding performance by the running game was the key component in the Michigan Twisters' 35-14 romp over the Indiana Mustangs Saturday at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium.

The Twisters, who improved to 3-0 in the Mid-Continental Football League with the triumph, gained 345 on the ground on 43 attempts, scoring four touchdowns.

Jason Gibson was the top ground-gainer with 159 yards on 19 carries, scoring one touchdown, but he got plenty of support from Jaquan Wright, who gained 119 yards on 10 tries, including a 74-yard touchdown run.

The Twisters also got TD runs from Matt Koskie (from Garden City) from 5 yards out and Kimani Chambers from 6 yards out. Ricky Tutson added another touchdown on a 27-yard pass play, and Pat Gibson was 5-for-5 on extra-point kick tries.

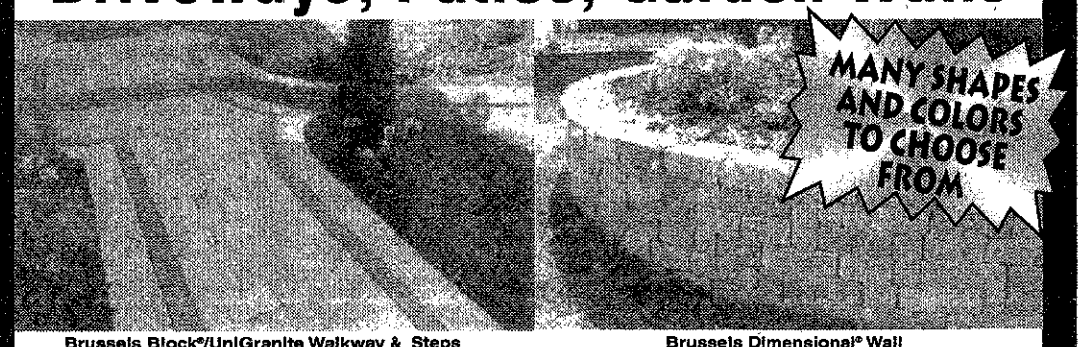
The Twisters' defense was equally effective, with the Mustangs' Erick Harper and Jason Spears, two of the MCFL's top-rated running backs, limited to 75 rushing yards on 26 carries.

Defensive backs Ray Fleming and DeVaughn Smith made their mark, too, Fleming making three solo tackles and adding five assists and Smith posting six assisted tackles and grabbing two interceptions, which he returned for 42 yards.

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The Twisters travel to play the Louisville (Ky.) Bulls Saturday, then return home to host the American Football Association's AAA national champion Cleveland Lions Aug. 23 at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium.

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Judges contemplate new Hall inductees

You won't know the rest of the story for a few weeks, but here's one to think about in the meantime.

The Greater Detroit Hall of Fame electors met last week to select the Class of 2003 for election to this hallowed shrine.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

To get selected, there is a voting process with electors made up from the various segments of the bowling community, including bowling proprietors, journalists, American Bowling Congress hall-of-famers, the Women's International Bowling Congress hall-of famers, manufacturers, and bowling organization executives.

This year's crop was characterized by the great overall talent on the slate, as everyone on the ballot was easily deemed worthy of this honor. That alone made it harder than usual to pick out the one or two among many. To win, the nominee must garner at least 70 percent of the weighted (5-4-3-2-1) votes. The criteria is based on performance.

The results are not yet released for publication.

Meanwhile, you can play a little game: Make your choices and see how that compares to the winners when the press release gets published.

The men's category includes Nick Wissinger, Utica; Tony Dadeppo, Troy, Jerry Penxa, Clinton Township; Lee Snow, Wixom; Doug Spicer, West Bloomfield; and Robert Stempien, Wyandotte.

The women's category features Virginia Austin, Detroit; Tina Mikolowski, Utica; and Crystal Trombley, St. Clair Shores.

The veterans category was comprised of Ron Byrd, Larry Crake, Sr. and Ray Williams.

For the Meritorious Service Award, the criteria is not based on performance, but for service "above and beyond." The nominees include Myrtha Cooper, Detroit; George Zainea, Grosse Pointe Woods; Roland Snodgrass; Al Harrison, Livonia; Robert Schumacher, Dearborn; Mark Martin, Pontiac; and Joe Guotana.

The Judge Watts Award nominees were Joe Guotana, Rick Strobl and Dorothy Thompson.

There is not enough space for the resume, record and qualifications of the candidates, and many of these names are familiar to those who have been around the bowling scene a while. Some of the names may be totally unfamiliar as they had bowled several generations ago and we can only go by their records and the memories of those around back then.

■ The special section on bowling was originally scheduled for today, but it was set back one week, look for it in the Sunday, Aug. 17 edition. This is a once-per-year four-pager dedicated to bowling, two full pages of Ten Pin Alley plus two more pages of advertising copy from your local bowling lanes, pro shops, suppliers and manufacturers. Look for it next week.

■ Lew Saad will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Oct. 26. He is the oldest active registered bowler in Michigan, one of the oldest in the USA and certainly one of the most dedicated to the sport.

You might have seen him year-after-year collecting dollars from everybody to help pay for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association annual yearbook.

He has served many years as a director of the GDBA and is still bowling in the Board of Education league at Oak Lanes in Westland, his 77th consecutive year in a league that he helped back then as one of the original founders.

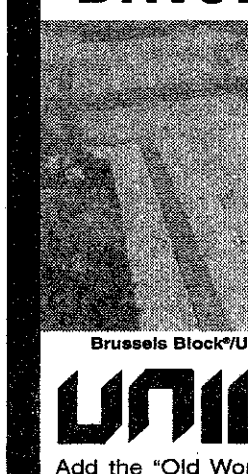
Let's put this into another perspective, Lew was born before the first powered flight by the Wright Brothers.

Hey, Lew! Congratulations and keep it going.

Al Harrison, a resident of Livonia, is a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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TOURNEY

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Higham said. "My chipping saved me. My putting was good and my chipping was great."

His score seemed to indicate a certain erratic style: He had five birdies on the 6,056-yard Whispering Willows course – and three double-bogeys. It was similar on Saturday on the 6,612-yard Fox Creek course, with three birdies, six bogeys and one double bogey.

Still, it was good enough. And although his Churchill team calls Whispering Willows its home course, Higham said he had never taken advantage of that knowledge in the past. The last time he even played in the O&E Tournament was his senior year in high school, in 1995.

Higham's victory earned him the top prize in the championship flight — a $140 gift certificate and a trophy. West's second-place prize was a $110 gift certificate and a trophy, while Wallon collected a $90 gift certificate for finishing third and Kevin Howley of Northville (who led after the opening round at Fox Creek with a 74) and James Omietanski of Livonia tied for fourth, each earning a $65 gift certificate.

Paul Rys of Redford won best low net score and the $100 gift certificate that goes with it, carding a 143. Dave Benham of Novi was second with a 146, earning an $80 gift certificate.

In first flight, Doug Harmala of Walled Lake earned top honors with a 157, collecting a trophy and a $130 gift certificate. Steve Mato of Livonia outdueled Dale Cordes of White Lake in a playoff for second place, each having posted a two-day total of 163; Mato got the $100 gift certificate and trophy, Cordes got an $80 gift certificate. Nick Moutafis of West Bloomfield and Craig Tripp of Plymouth divided the fourth-place prize, each getting a $30 gift certificate.

In the first flight low net category, first went to Darin Albany of Livonia with a 138 ($90 gift certificate), second went to Steve Anton of Canton with a 139 ($70 gift certificate) and third went to Dan Omietanski of Livonia with a 140 ($50 gift certificate).

Clear winner for women

The O&E Women's Tournament returned after a 15-year hiatus and Nancy Rhatigan of Livonia proved to be the best in the field, shooting a 93 on the 5,424-yard Whispering Willows course to win the 18-hole tournament on Sunday.

Rhatigan, who works part-time at Whispering Willows and plays in a league there, finished 10 strokes ahead of her nearest rival, Liz Beyer, who posted a 103.

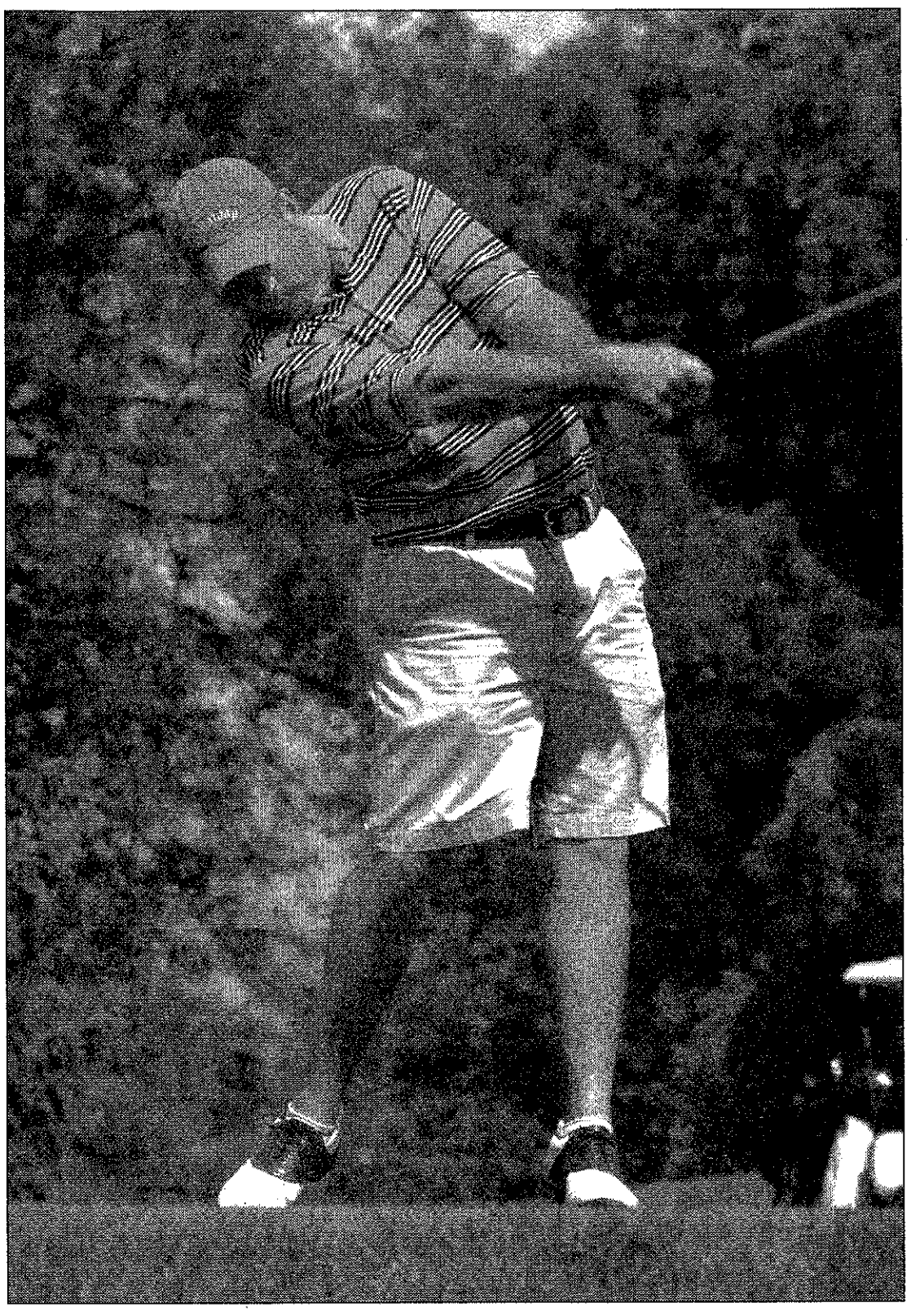
"I didn't really play well," said Rhatigan.

"The greens were running faster than usual. My handicap is 15, and my goal is always to break 90, but with the number of three-putts I had I can't complain."

A 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin HS, Rhatigan played golf for four years at Albion College. She still lives in Livonia, working part-time on the golf course during the summer. In the fall, she'll start a new job teaching special education in the Taylor school district.

Rhatigan's score earned her a $70 gift certificate and trophy. Peggy Stevens of Livonia had the top low net score, worth a $50 gift certificate.

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ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

David Higham displays his championship form during the recent Observer & Eccentric Tournament. Higham is the golf coach at Livonia Churchill High School.

GOLF RESULTS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Men's Championship Flight

David Higham	76-71 - 147
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Norma Cuevas	118

GOLF OUTINGS

■ The two Plymouth-area high school hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Hickory Creek Golf Club in Plymouth.

Cost is $110 per player or $400 for a foursome and includes green fees, a cart, steak dinner, on-course beverages and a silent and live auction.

Check-in is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The dinner and auction will start at 1 p.m. There will be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Anyone who gets a hole-in-one can win a two-year lease on a car courtesy of Hines Park. Contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802 or Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332.

■ The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbird Softball Organization will host their second annual scrambles golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. Cost of the event is $100 per person or $380 for a foursome, which includes greens fees and a cart, unlimited driving range use, buffet dinner, lunch, door prizes and the chance to win a 2003 Chevrolet with a hole-in-one. Check-in is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Contact Mike Burnard at (734) 844-3528.

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Catholic Central's Waterstradt settles on Rutgers

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Because he is who he is, the college recruiting process started very early for Redford Catholic Central center Dan Waterstradt.

But the process also ended very early for the 6-10 senior-to-be from Dearborn Heights as Waterstradt made a verbal commitment to play basketball for Rutgers, and its Michigan-dominated coaching staff, led by head coach Gary Waters.

"I thought it was the right place for me, a good fit," said Waterstradt, who averaged 15.3 points per game and 13.1 rebounds while earning All-Catholic League and All-Observer honors. "I got to see the campus this summer, I've heard good things about the fans and coach Waters is very sincere."

Waters, who led the Scarlet Knights to an 18-13 record and NIT tourney berth, first saw Waterstradt at a summer workout, at the urging of assistant coach Larry DeSimpleare, a Michigan native who also coached at Eastern Michigan and Kent State with Waters as well as Concordia (Ann Arbor).

"After the workout we went into the a classroom and he made an impressive presentation," Waterstradt said. "He told me how the coaches have breakfast with the players every morning, constantly watch the players to know what's going on. It's important to have a coach who cares about the players."

While Waters and

RECRUITING

DeSimpleare, along with assistant Kevin Heck (a former EMU coach) and associate coach Garland Mance (Detroit Southwestern) made a solid impression, not every program did.

"I was getting kind of tired of the process," Waterstradt said. "One week I had 40 calls from the same coaches calling me. After a while, you want to hang out with your friends and we feel you have to stay at home to talk with these guys.

"They want to know the same things — how I'm doing, do I have any questions about their college, where do I have their school in my list, how much do I know about them, do I feel I can contribute right away, do I know much about their school. Not all of them were like that, but a lot of them were."

Several Mid-American Conference schools, with a few in the Atlantic 10, Big East and Big Ten, had talked to Waterstradt, but in the end it came down to Rutgers, Butler and Oakland University.

"I really like (Oakland assistant coach Jeff Smith) and coach (Greg) Kampe," Waterstradt said. "But I am comfortable with Rutgers. They have a lot of different academic courses of study and that's kind of appealing. If I don't know what I want to study, there's such a variety. It's a major decision, but I'm happy I made it."

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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 riverrat122@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.

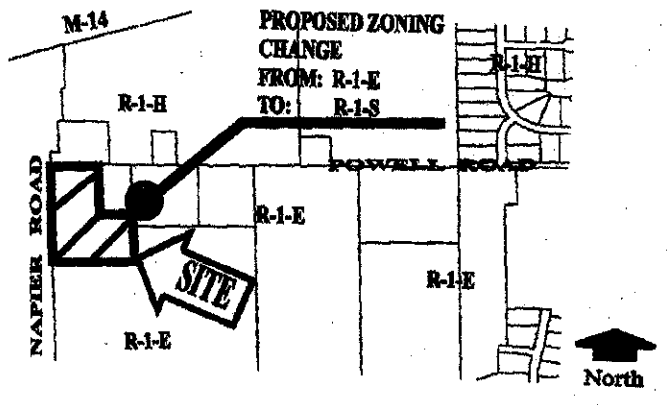
FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishing-club@yahoo.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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM:	R-1-E, Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO:	R-1-S, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, August 20, 2003
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78-046-99-0003 **from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-S, Single Family Residential District. Application 1799/0603**



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 141
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call **734-453-8131**, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (MICHIGAN AVENUE, SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 1,660 LINEAL FEET) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 2003-2 BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue, South approximately 1,660 lineal feet):

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the Lotz Road Paving and Drainage Improvements as described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

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Terry Bennett, Township Clerk

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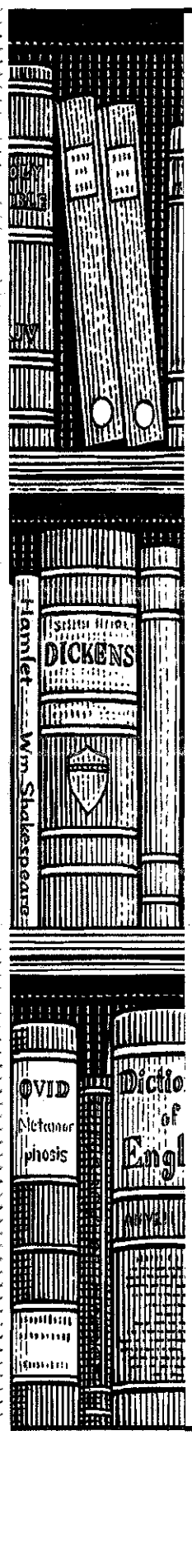
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Address _____ School _____
City _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail _____
Was this part of a class project? ❑ Yes ❑ No

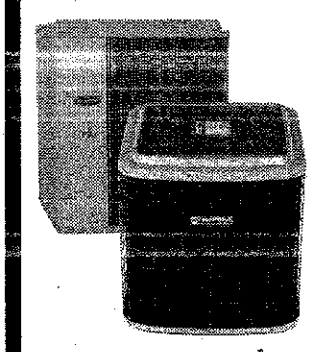
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2003 Oasis 40th Anniversary

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Catholic Central's Waterstradt settles on Rutgers

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Because he is who he is, the college recruiting process started very early for Redford Catholic Central center Dan Waterstradt.

But the process also ended very early for the 6-10 senior-to-be from Dearborn Heights as Waterstradt made a verbal commitment to play basketball for Rutgers, and its Michigan-dominated coaching staff, led by head coach Gary Waters.

"I thought it was the right place for me, a good fit," said Waterstradt, who averaged 15.3 points per game and 13.1 rebounds while earning All-Catholic League and All-Observer honors. "I got to see the campus this summer, I've heard good things about the fans and coach Waters is very sincere."

Waters, who led the Scarlet Knights to an 18-13 record and NIT tourney berth, first saw Waterstradt at a summer workout, at the urging of assistant coach Larry DeSimpleare, a Michigan native who also coached at Eastern Michigan and Kent State with Waters as well as Concordia (Ann Arbor).

"After the workout we went into the a classroom and he made an impressive presentation," Waterstradt said. "He told me how the coaches have breakfast with the players every morning, constantly watch the players to know what's going on. It's important to have a coach who cares about the players."

While Waters and

RECRUITING

DeSimpleare, along with assistant Kevin Heck (a former EMU coach) and associate coach Garland Mance (Detroit Southwestern) made a solid impression, not every program did.

"I was getting kind of tired of the process," Waterstradt said. "One week I had 40 calls from the same coaches calling me. After a while, you want to hang out with your friends and we feel you have to stay at home to talk with these guys.

"They want to know the same things — how I'm doing, do I have any questions about their college, where do I have their school in my list, how much do I know about them, do I feel I can contribute right away, do I know much about their school. Not all of them were like that, but a lot of them were."

Several Mid-American Conference schools, with a few in the Atlantic 10, Big East and Big Ten, had talked to Waterstradt, but in the end it came down to Rutgers, Butler and Oakland University.

"I really like (Oakland assistant coach Jeff Smith) and coach (Greg) Kampe," Waterstradt said. "But I am comfortable with Rutgers. They have a lot of different academic courses of study and that's kind of appealing. If I don't know what I want to study, there's such a variety. It's a major decision, but I'm happy I made it."

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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 riverrat122@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.

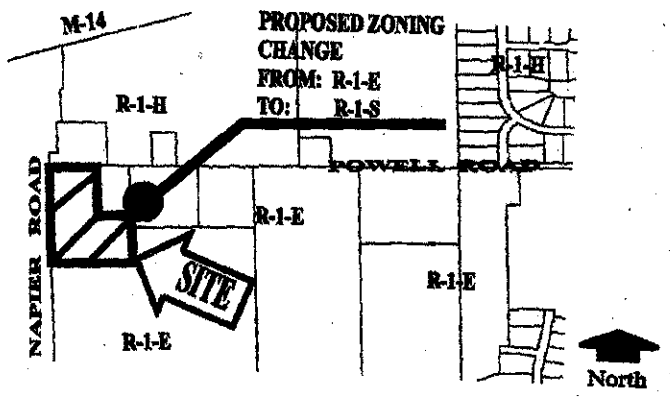
FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishing-club@yahoo.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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM:	R-1-E, Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO:	R-1-S, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, August 20, 2003
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78-046-99-0003 **from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-S, Single Family Residential District. Application 1799/0603**



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 141
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call **734-453-8131**, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
(MICHIGAN AVENUE, SOUTH
APPROXIMATELY 1,660 LINEAL FEET)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 2003-2
BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue, South approximately 1,660 lineal feet):

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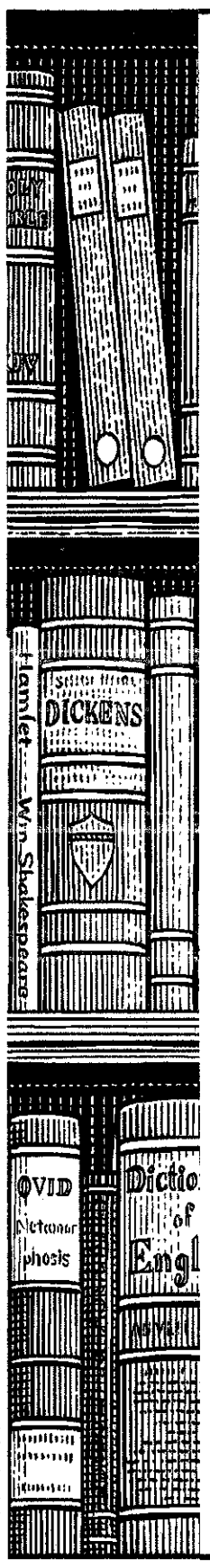
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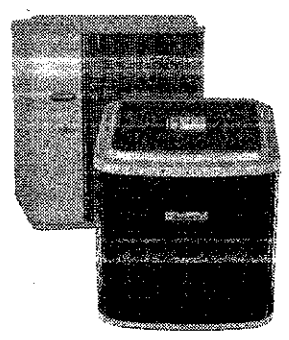
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■ The Canton Cougars, a 14-year-old travel baseball team, will have tryouts for their 2004 season starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, and Sunday, Aug. 24 at Heritage Park in Canton. The Cougars will play around 40 games, including Little Caesar's League play and several tournaments. Persons born on or after Aug. 1, 1989, are eligible to play.

Those interested in trying out for the Cougars should be at Heritage Park by 3:30 p.m. on the above-listed days to sign in. Contact Marc Madias at 207-5424.

■ The Canton Cubs, a Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association 13-and-under travel baseball team, will hold a tryout from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 16 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Players must live in Canton or Plymouth. The Cubs won their WABA baseball division. Call coach Larry Ott at (734) 981-4280 in advance of tryout.

■ The Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will have a second tryout at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the UAW Hall No. 735, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton. The coaching staff has over 30 years of youth baseball experience and specializes training skills and drills. Call Jim Patterson at (734) 207-7793.

ROCKETTES GOLF BENEFIT

A golf outing to benefit the Salem HS Rockettes is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Canton. There will be a shotgun start followed by dinner and door prizes. The playing format is a four-person scramble. Prizes will be awarded for first place, men's/women's longest drive, closest to the pin, and lots of door prizes. Also, on all par-threes, there will be a prize of $15,000 awarded.

Single registration is $100 ($400 per team). Call Bill Friske at (734) 578-5115.

LEARN TO SKATE

Starting Sept. 20, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena will offer a fall learn-to-skate program for various levels of instruction. Classes will be from 10-11:45 a.m. on Saturdays through Nov. 13. There will also be Tot classes from 10-10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 12:15-1 p.m. on Thursdays.

Registration begins Aug. 14. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

First: The Wildcats need a hockey coach for the 2003-04 school season. The head coach is responsible for the entire organization of the sport, including supervision of all varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Also needed: a varsity baseball coach for the 2004 season, who will be responsible for the organization of the sport, varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Other coaching positions that are open are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant. Contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

SOFTBALL TRYOUT

The Canton/Plymouth Thunderbird Softball Incorporated girls fastpitch organization has scheduled a tryout for the 2004 season on Aug. 23 at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Age group times are: 14-and-under, 10 a.m.; 16-and-under, 11 a.m.; 12-and-under, 11 a.m.; 10-and-under, noon. The rainout date is Aug. 24.,

Visit the Web site at http://members.tripod.com/thunderbirdsoftball or call (734) 737-9968 for 16-and-under; (734) 844-2656 for 14-and-under; (734) 397-1355 for 12-and-under; and (734) 981-7280 for 18-and-under and 10-and-under.

FALL SOFTBALL

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor men's slow-pitch and women's slow-pitch softball leagues this fall, with all games at Plymouth's Massey Field.

New teams may start registering until the league is full. The season will tentatively begin the week of Aug. 25.

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

LEARN-TO-SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Mini-Mite instructional program is enrolling new players.

This learn-to-skate hockey program is geared toward beginning players. It emphasizes skill development with instruction by experienced USA Hockey-certified coaches.

The program runs from September through March. Registration forms are available at the Plymouth Cultural Center or on line at www.pchockey.org.

UPDATE MHSAA RECORDS

The Michigan High School Athletics Association is trying to update its all-time records for all of its sanctioned sports.

The MHSAA is calling on reporters, newspapers, coaches, athletic directors or anyone affiliated with high school sports to pass on this information the MHSAA.

Send the MHSAA press clippings, or any other published information about all-area, all-conference, season and career statistics by mail to 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, Mi. 48823-7392.

BICYCLE TOUR

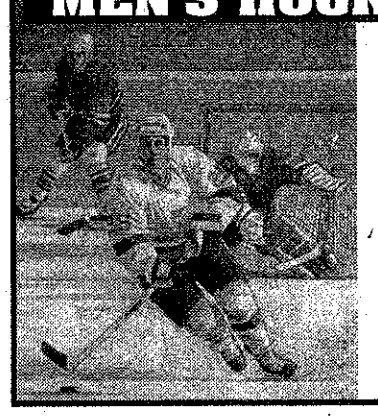
Applications are available for the 33rd annual Dick Allen Lansing-to-Mackinaw bicycle tour, which begins either Wednesday, Aug. 27 or Thursday, Aug. 28 through Sunday, Aug. 31 at the Mackinaw Bridge.

Over 1,600 riders participated in the 2002 tour.

Call (517) 882-3700. Applications are also available at local bike shops.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150

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Player's should have full equipment.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 28th, 2003 for the following:

MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings -
August 5, 2003

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at 4847 S. Sheldon Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Carol Quinn, Lori Poma, Anna Stump, Bill Laird, Melanie Sherwood, Joe Teramino, Todd Zilinck, Jerry Lica, Nick Ferri, Mike Karll Staff Absent: Director Santomauro Other: Robert McEachern

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 1: Tour of the Canton Public Works Building (4847 S. Sheldon Road) The Board of Trustees met at the newly expanded and rehabilitated Public Works Building. The Board of Trustee members individually had time to walk through the building with a staff guide. A sewer camera demonstration was also provided.

Item 2: Tour Of Administration and Community Services Department Location (44237 Michigan Ave.) Following the tour of the Public Works Building the Board of Trustees met at the Community Services location. The building was modified to house the Community Services Department, Administrative Services Director and the Grounds Maintenance Department. The building is a temporary location for these township services, pending completion of the Administration Building addition and rehabilitation.

Item 3: Discussion of 125 Cafeteria Plan for Canton Township. Director Durack described the plan the Canton Township employees presently have. There are generally two type of plans. Employee sponsored benefits and Employee paid benefits. Canton Township has been asked to consider a Employee paid program which would allow pre-tax dollars to be placed in an account and made available for reimbursing either medical expenses not covered by other insurance, dependent care expenses and child care. Additional premiums for dental, vision, accident, death, cancer or group term insurance could be paid from this account. Director Durack outlined the pros and cons of the program. Director Durack indicated that he will spend more time investigation the Plan and come back to the Board with more details of responsibility and costs.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT: Supervisor Yack informed the Board that a Public Art Donation Policy is being developed. There is consideration of development of a Sculpture Park in the triangle at Summit Parkway and Veteran's Way. The Board will see a policy brought forth in the future. Guidelines will have to be established for donations. Trustee Zarbo brought forth the need for consideration of additional property standards enforcement. Noxious weed enforcement needs to be looked at. Perhaps we need to pick an area and target enforcement to get compliance. Ford Road has been a concentration, but other areas of the Township need attention as well. Trustee McLaughlin agreed and indicated the recent Planning Commission meeting brought to light these blight / maintenance issues along the Michigan Avenue corridor. It is important to get the legal system on board by continually bringing the offender in front of the court. Trustee McLaughlin indicated that in the most recent copy of Planning and Zoning news articles related to Mega-Churches brought to light the need to look at Canton's Zoning. She asked that this issue get a re-look.
OTHER: None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:20 pm

Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett -Clerk

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2003. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from E & E Manufacturing, 300/400 Industrial Drive, Plymouth, Michigan, regarding the following property located at 101, 201 and 301 Industrial Drive:

TAX ID #49-007-99-0010-000: THAT PART OF THE SW 1.4 OF SEC 25, T1S, R8E, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT DISTANT S88D 21M 80.00 FT AND S01D 39M W 120.62 FT FROM THE W 1/4 COR OF SEC 25 FOR A POB, TH CONT S 01D 39M W 326.70 FT, TH S 88D 21M E 370.00 FT, TH N 01D 39M E 326.70 FT, TH N 88D 21M W 370.00 FT TO THE POB. 2.78 ACRES; AND

TAX ID #49-007-99-0012-000: THAT PART OF THE SW 1.4 OF SEC 25, T1S, R8E, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT DISTANT S 88D 21M 80.00 FT AND S01D 39M W 447.324 FT FROM THE W 1/4 COR OF SEC 25 FOR A POB, TH S 88D 21M E 400.00 FT, TH S 01D 39M W266.964 FT, TH N 89D 51M 50S W 400.14 FT, TH N 01D 39M E 277.536 FT TO THE POB. EXCEPT THE E 30 FT USED FOR ROAD PURPOSES, 2.32 ACRES.

The Certificate would allow tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment and modifications to existing facilities. The cost of the project is estimated to be $7,454,947. The Certificate would result in abatement of one-half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied on the estimated additional State Equalized Valuation of $3,727,470, for a maximum period of twelve (12) years.

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

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC,
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CANTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
BID PACKAGE #3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will receive firm sub-contractor bids for the Canton Performing Arts Center Project located at the northeast corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads in Canton Township. The work to be released in this bid package will be the CCTV systems.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a $50.00 per set deposit payable to George W. Auch Co., at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248.334.2000, at 12:00 noon on July 29, 2003.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the Bid Category being bid and addressed to the attention of the Township Clerk. It shall be delivered to the Canton Administration Building Business Offices, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, MI 48303, or to the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48341, but must be delivered no later than noon, August 28, 2003. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the project, the name of the bidder and the Bid Category(s) being bid. All acceptable bids will contain a bid bond naming this project executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Canton and licensed to do business in the state of Michigan, or a cashier's check naming this project in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Charter Township of Canton.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Summit on the Park Conference Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI, starting at 4:00 p.m., August 28, 2003.

Successful bidders whose proposals are $50,000 or more will be required to furnish a U.S. Treasury listed Performance and Payment Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the state of Michigan in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept that bid which, in it's opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.
Charter Township of Canton

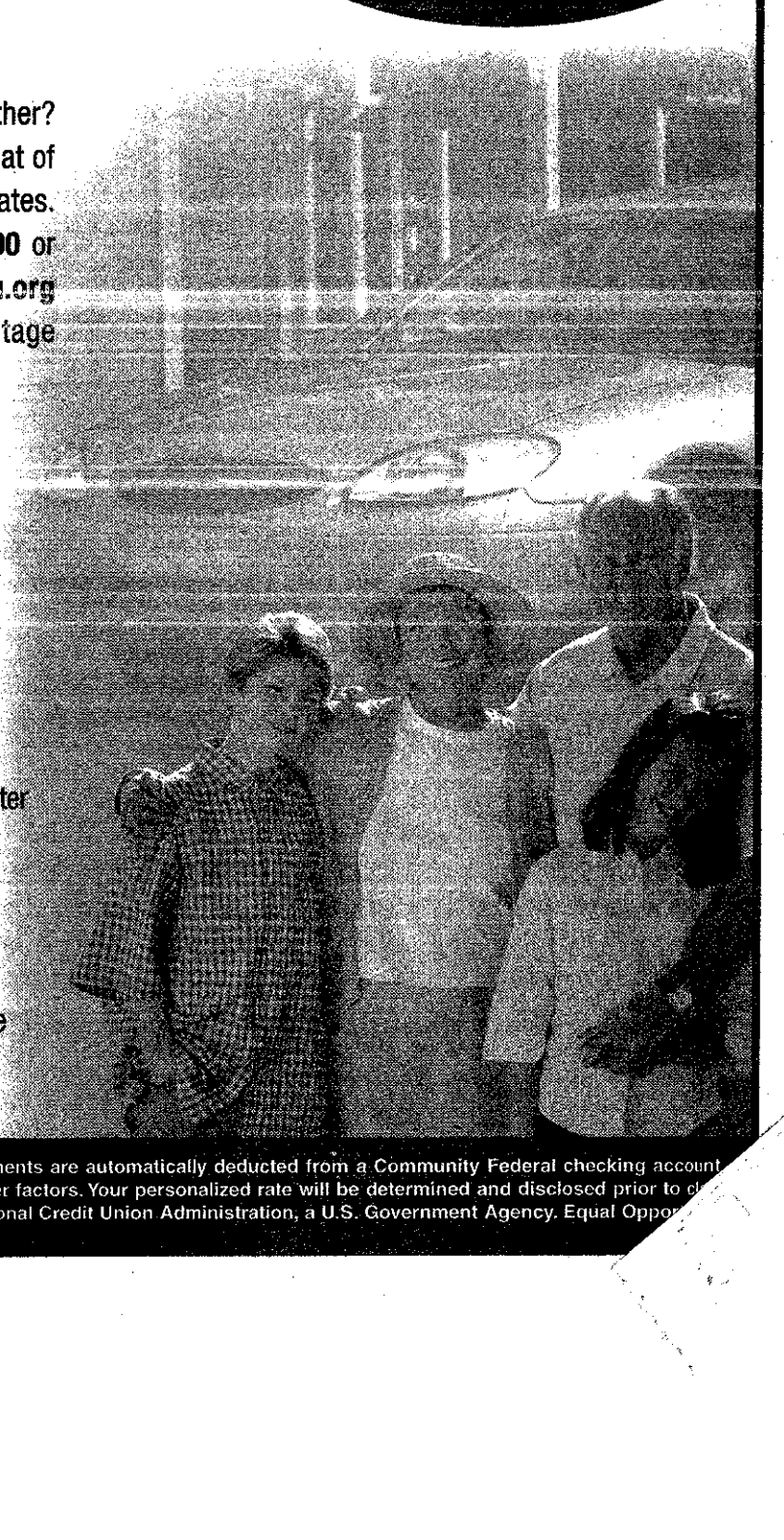
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HIGH SCHOOL

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must deal with all the accrued baggage. Start your own and you can hire all your own coaches, making certain they're on the same page in terms of program goals right from the get-go.

Once Sawchuk had his coaching staff assembled, the program began to take shape. And it started in the weight room.

"The more I got into it, the more I saw the character of our kids, the more I thought they could handle it," he said. "Our mindset was one thing, but once we got into it we saw it could work. Our strength and conditioning program is set up for success.

"We ask a lot of our kids and they've responded."

And just what have they asked? Again, suspicions are rampant about mandatory weight-training sessions, but Sawchuk insists only those on teams that are in-season are required to do weight work three times a week. There is no mandatory weight-training for those athletes not in-season.

"But you know what?" Sawchuk added. "They're here (during the off-season)."

The level of dedication shown by the athletes has surprised even Sawchuk. Certainly the coaches have played a role.

"There are eight to 10 coaches here during summer weight sessions," noted Sawchuk. Those voluntary sessions have benefits for all involved.

"You get so much working with the other coaches," said Jeff Neschich, who serves as the boys soccer coach.

It's something Sawchuk encourages. He wants to see his coaches learn from each other, to gain different perspectives in the physical conditioning of athletes. And he wants to see his athletes compete in more than one sport. When more than one team is working out in the weight room, support for each other is bound to blossom.

But it all must start with the coaches. "The coaches have to buy into it," said Sawchuk. "We will not hire coaches who don't."

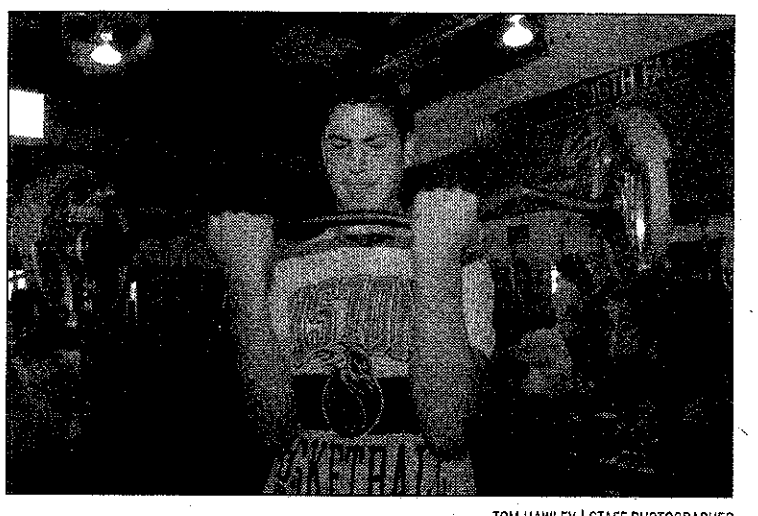
Nor will he judge them on win/loss records.

"What I tell our coaches is we do not judge ourselves on the scoreboard," he said. "If we do things right, that will take care of itself. "We want our kids to be the best they can be, academically and athletically."

Being ahead of schedule — Plymouth's football squad, 6-2-1 in its freshmen season, could be the only team that follows the original plan — hasn't bothered Plymouth's athletes. Most welcome the challenge.

As Sawchuk said: "We're going to be playing against varsity teams, and no one will feel sorry for us."

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Jammoul works out in the Wildcat weight room as part of the Plymouth HS conditioning camp. Jammoul will be playing soccer this fall.

TAORMINA

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took off together on the bike.

Julie Swail (Irvine, Calif.) came out of the water sixth, and joined a second pack that also included three Brazilian women — Sandra Soldan, Mariana Ohata and Carla Moreno — along with Gillian Moody of Canada. The leaders continued to put time on the chasers, and came off the bike 2:50 ahead.

Taormina, the former all-state swimmer from Stevenson High, got off the bike first and led the run for about a lap of the 10K before Savege pulled ahead.

"I tried to match her pace, but I felt the heat coming over me," said Taormina, a former All-America swimmer at the University of Georgia. "I held a pace my body could handle."

SWINEHART

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tee," Baracy said. "I was impressed with his background and his experience. He had all the things necessary for an A.D. It was not a difficult decision because he'll step right in and go. It will not be much of a learning curve for him."

Swinehart, who could not be reached for comment as of Tuesday night, was expected to attend a Western Lakes Activities Association athletic directors meeting Wednesday.

Under Swinehart's stint as district-wide A.D. for the Farmington Public Schools, the three high schools — Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison — opted to leave the WLAA to join the Oakland Activities Association during the 2002-03 school year.

"A.D.'s don't make those decisions, superintendents do," said Baracy, referring to the league switch.

In August 2002, Swinehart was granted a one-semester paid leave of absence by the Farmington Public Schools and did not return to his $92,000-a-year position. He was replaced on an interim basis by Ron Holland, who was the Farmington Public Schools A.D. before retiring in 1998. (Dennis Noe was then hired to replace Swinehart.)

At the time, Swinehart told the *Farmington Observer* that he was looking at a number of options, including working on his doctorate degree at Michigan State.

He said it was time for "new experiences and challenges."

Swinehart also said: "It was a tough job," adding he was responsible for overseeing 254 coaches at three high schools and four middle schools. "It was difficult seeing myself doing that job for 25 years. I would say I was drained from the job. It's very difficult. I didn't understand the scope of the job when I took it. There's a lot that goes on there."

Swinehart, a native of Ionia, was hired by the Farmington Public Schools in 1990. He coached varsity girls basketball at Farmington High; freshman and JV hoops at Farmington; varsity boys basketball at North Farmington; and freshman football at North.

"We got outstanding recommendations from both Bellevue and Farmington," Baracy said. "We checked references at both places. He's the right man for the job. He's well-respected."

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At Home
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Accents

Help for pets

Although most cats and dogs will go through their food as fast as a vacuum picks up dirt, there are other, more finicky, pets that will barely nibble at their kibble.

These dogs and cats, often older animals or those that are recovering from trauma or illness, can actually jeopardize their health by not eating enough.

Now there's help for picky pets. The



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"Some pets are prone to stop eating when they travel or find themselves in a strange environment," Tsengas said. "This can compromise the health of an animal. OurPet's Gourmet Spray can help counter this by stimulating a dog or cat's appetite."

Although OurPet's Gourmet Spray for Cats and Dogs is an excellent aid for all ages of picky eaters, it is especially useful for getting older pets with weaker senses of smell and less receptive taste buds to get excited about mealtime.

Available at leading retailers for a suggested price of $2.49 to $3.99; each 2-ounce bottle of OurPet's Gourmet Spray for Cats and Dogs provides 400 aromatic appetizing spray applications.

For more information, call OurPet's at (800) 565-2695, or visit www.ourpets.com.

Fired up

You're Fired, the paint-your-own-pottery shop in The Boardwalk at 6925 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, is now owned and operated by Sallyjo Levine, the former owner of Scribbles office supply in the Town Center in Southfield.

Levine and the former staff of You're Fired have introduced jewelry making and painting at the shop.

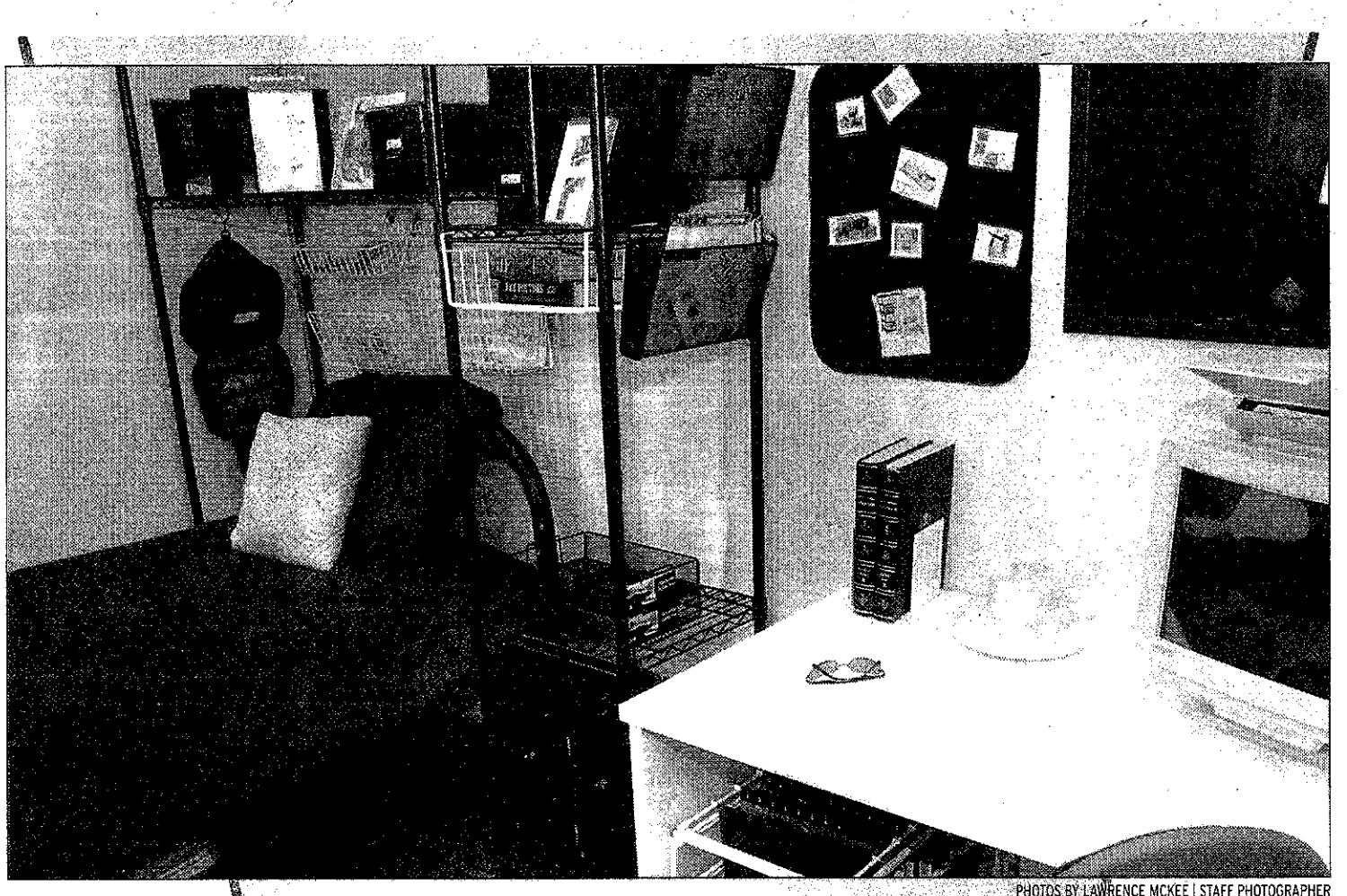
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A dorm mockup at Organized Living in Troy shows how to maximize dorm space. Shelving makes use of vertical space over the bed. A Tac-On™ mat on the wall holds photos and notes in place. Baskets and containers help organize other items.

Lesson in living

Organize to make dorm comfortable, functional

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

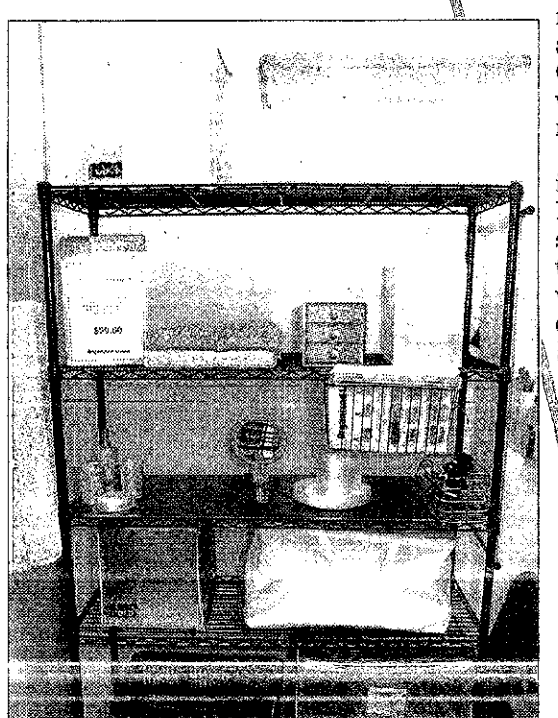
Regardless of his or her major, a student can make the grade when it comes to making the small living space of a dorm comfortable and organized. For many students, going off to college will be the first time they are living independently. Along with the excitement is some anxiety, as parents want their son or daughter to be happy and well-adjusted that first year at school.

Take note: A few basic ideas can help a student make the most of the dorm space. And many items are available to do this in style.

"Make it comfortable, make it functional and make it organized," Stephanie Denton, nationally recognized professional organizer and national spokesperson for Organized Living, said at a visit to the Troy store last month.



Organizing expert Stephanie Denton, national spokeswoman for Organized Living, says there are many ways to create and maximize space in a small dorm room.



Many different items are available to help organize a dorm room, including containers and shelving.

Organized Living stores in Troy and West Bloomfield recently presented College Nights, two Sunday evenings when they were open only to college-bound students and their parents.

Not only is a dorm room small — about the size of two or three parking spaces, Denton says — but a student will likely be sharing it

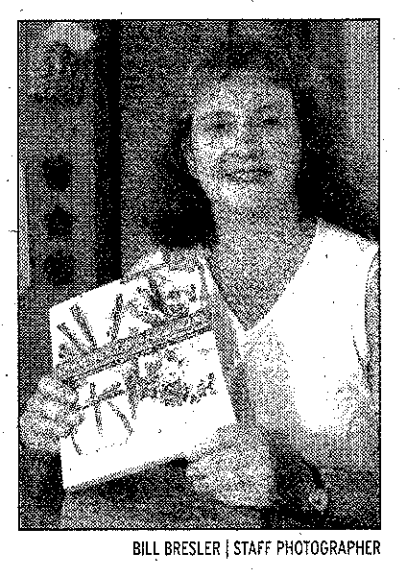
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DORM NECESSITIES

A dorm room checklist includes:

- Clear plastic boxes
- Stacking drawers
- Shower totes
- Under-the-shelf baskets
- Broom and dust pan
- Multi-pant and multi-skirt hangers
- Reusable plastic hooks
- Laundry basket
- Iron
- Drying rack
- Sheets, blankets, pillows, pillowcases
- Kitchen utensils and appliances
- Cordless handheld vacuum
- Cordless phone
- Flashlight
- Surge protectors
- Extension cords
- Picture frames

Sources: Organized Living, Home Depot



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kelly Hovermale co-authored the book 'Homespun Gifts from the Heart' with two friends. The Westland resident encourages readers to give gifts that are meaningful to the giver and receiver.

Co-author writes book on homemade gifts

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Hovermale has always been a believer that it's the "little things" that make the biggest impression.

"I've always found that the gifts that came from the heart or were homemade in some way have been the ones that people have clung to and had a more profound connection with," she said.

One of three authors of the new book *Homespun Gifts from the Heart*, Hovermale says gift giving should focus on "showing your love for someone in small tangible ways."

Hovermale, 39, a longtime Westland resident, collaborated with college friend Karen Ehman, 39, and Trish Smith, 34, to turn what was once a self-published gift-giving idea book with a country flair — into an attractive and creative book that features more than 200 gift ideas, 250 gift tags, recipes and easy-to-follow directions.

"We're so pleased with the look of the book and with the feedback we've already received," Hovermale said. "The ideas came so easy to us, it was just a matter of sitting down and putting them all together before we marketed our idea around to different publishers."

INVENTIVE

Hovermale said the first themed gift idea evolved out of a present she gave Karen's daughter approximately six years ago. The young girl liked Laura Ingalls Wilder, so Hovermale put a basket together filled with items Laura received in the book titled *Christmas in the Big Woods*.

"I gave her red mittens, a rag doll, cup, a penny and some candy just like Laura got for Christmas in the book. She was thrilled," Hovermale said.

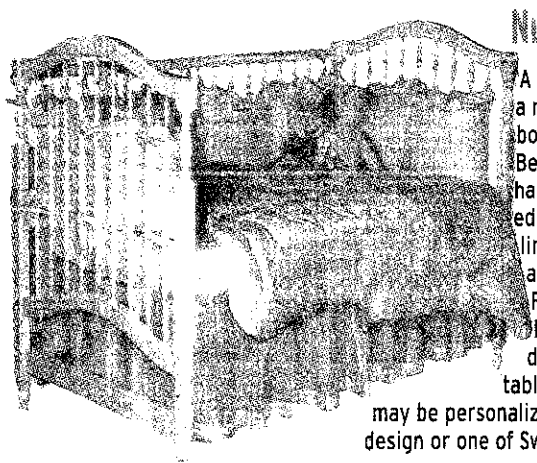
Pooling their creative talents, Hovermale and Ehrman, a resident of St. Johns, began offering workshops titled Homespun Gifts from the Heart in 1997 to women's groups, churches and MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) clubs. The seminars focused on gift giving that didn't require a lot of time, effort or money, but conveyed a message to the receiver that someone truly cared about them.

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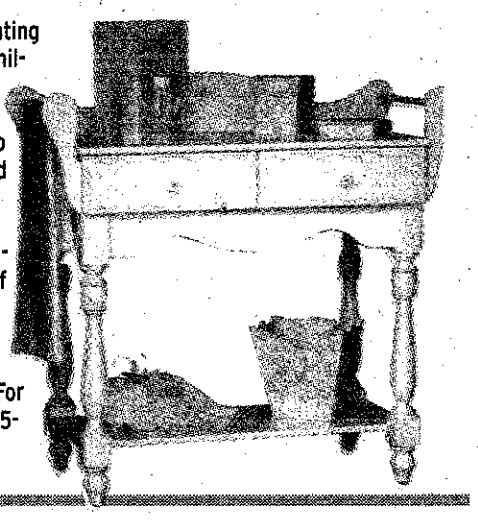
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Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it!
Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



Nursery times

A Touch of Lace has added a new collection to its baby boutique called Sweet Beginnings. This completely handcrafted and handpainted furniture and accessory line can be customized for any nursery theme. Featuring elegant cribs, beautiful armoires, beds, dressers and changing tables, each furniture piece may be personalized with any creative design or one of Sweet Beginning's four signature design selections with coordinating color pallets. Design options include children experiencing a garden of topiaries, butterflies and flowers; playing with magical dragon flies; waking up to the bright smiling sun and going to bed with sleepy moons; or being whisked away on an exploring adventure in an old world map and sailing around in a pirate's ship. A Touch of Lace, 4036 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In-home and weekend consultations available upon request. For more information, please call (248) 645-5223 or visit www.atouchoflace.com.



GIFTS

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"We came up with a lot of ideas that children could do themselves or with some supervision," Hovermale said.

"We also offered people projects they could do as a family or a group like gift mixes and kits, instead of just mom putting the package together," Ehrman added.

While their workshops became increasingly more popular, Ehrman and Hovermale were being barraged with requests for something in writing they could hand out at the seminars.

The result was a self-published book of gift giving ideas they sold at workshops and speaking engagements. Eventually Hovermale said they recruited friend Trish Smith to help them organize and assemble all of their recipe, sewing, craft and themed gift basket ideas into a book they could submit to a publisher.

"It took three days and we heard back from Revelle (a division of Baker Book House Company) that they wanted to publish the book," Hovermale said.

"That's almost unheard of these days," Ehrman said.

In addition to having the same gift giving philosophy, they all homeschool their children and have a strong belief in their Christian faith. Many of the gift giving ideas in the book were based on biblical passages and include inspirational Proverbs and Psalms, plus quotes from Corinthians, Romans, Matthew and Ephesians.

"We used many of our favorite quotes or the words of Christ that were particularly meaningful when it comes to sharing," Hovermale said.

COVER TO COVER

Homespun Gifts from the Heart features 10 chapters, including almost 50 pages of gift tags and labels the reader can copy on cardstock or decorative paper; dozens of recipes from Michigan Dried Cherry Cashew Bars to Cakelike Cornbread and Ready-Reader Alphabet Soup.

Gift ideas include things baskets themed around popular children's books such as *Black Beauty*, *Old Yeller*, *Winnie the Pooh* and *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*; and gifts based on life events such as moving, getting married and having a baby.

"There's really something for everyone and every occasion," said Ehrman a former teacher and cheerleading coach.

While the word homespun might evoke thoughts of glue guns and sewing machines, the authors put readers at ease by explaining things in simple terms and including ingredients you can find every day in your kitchen pantry.

"People think they have to be crafty to give a good gift and that's just not the case," Hovermale said.

Ehrman, who refers to herself as "craft impaired," said there is nothing challenging in the book and that homespun equates to projects that can be done in a short amount of time, without a lot of materials but delivered with a message of love.

"One of my favorite chapters is Let's Leave a Legacy," said Smith, also of St. Johns. "I think it's so important to give things that you pass from generation to generation or from one family to another."

Smith said copying pages of a Bible where your mother may have written notes in the margins makes for creative and personal gift wrap around a small package.

"Take a glass bowl of your grandmother's to a wedding shower with fruit salad in it," Smith added. "The bride gets to the keep the dish that is now passed on as an heirloom."

With eight children between the three authors, the women are taking some time off this summer, despite requests from their publisher to create a sequel to *Homespun Gifts*, to spend time with their families.

"We'll more than likely do another book. We just have a lot going on right now and wanted to take a break," Hovermale said. "We are interested in ideas if people have them for our next book. Particularly gift ideas that children can make themselves. Aren't those the best gifts we give and receive?"

Homespun Gifts from the Heart can be purchased online at Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com. You can also visit www.homespun-hearts.com or write the authors at Homespun Gifts, P.O. Box 484, St. Johns, MI 48879.



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Westland mother Kelly Hovermale, co-author of the book 'Homespun Gifts from the Heart,' suggests several gift ideas that children can do by themselves or with the family. Above, she involves her own kids Jonathan, Steven, Austin and Autumn in making a layered cookie mix in a jar.

WAYNE HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR

Fall landscaping

English Gardens experts conduct free gardening seminars for the public 1 p.m. Saturdays at all five metro Detroit English Gardens stores.

The Aug. 23 program will be Fall Landscaping Ideas. Fall is the best time of year to plant. Bring color into a yard and garden with seasonal favorites, and learn the proper techniques for planting to ensure gardening success.

For more information, call the store in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200.

Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens location, or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Other scheduled topics include Tropical and Flowering Plant Care, Aug. 30; Enhance Your Outdoor Living Areas, Sept. 6; Attracting Birds to your Yard, Sept. 13; Planting Spring-flowering Bulbs, Sept. 20; and Perennial Gardening with Color, Sept. 27.

Fall planting

Fall is a wonderful time to plant roses and work outdoors. Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating fall with a series of fun and educational programs at their nursery.

Fall Rose Planting, a popular demonstration by the Lindleys in the large display garden, will take place 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29. The program will be repeated 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, and 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day).

The programs are free. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, 7 miles south of Belleville.

For information about the roses and nursery, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flier.

How-to clinics

The Home Depot offers free weekly how-to clinics for do-it yourselfers. Experienced associates give step-by-step instructions during the clinics, which last about 30 to 45 minutes each. For more information, contact your local Home Depot.

Scheduled sessions are: You Can Repair a Toilet, 7 p.m. Tuesday; You Can Install Door Locks, 7 p.m. Thursdays; You Can Lay Ceramic Tile, 10 a.m. Saturdays; You Can Install a Ceiling Fan, 2 p.m. Saturdays; and You Can Learn to Faux Paint, 2 p.m. Sundays, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, Sunday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 1.

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, At Home editor, Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail abramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.



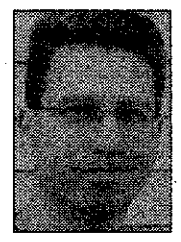






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It's time to put a stop to those annoying pop-up ads



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

I wrote awhile back about software that helps fight junk e-mail, also known as spam. Today I'm setting my sights on pop-up ads, which have tarnished the Web experience in much the same way spam plagues e-mail.

You know pop-ups: those little windows that appear out of nowhere when you visit certain Web sites. And if you're like me, you'd be glad to be rid of them.

For the record, pop-up ads are kind of a necessary evil. Pop-ups are harder than banner ads to ignore, hence their popularity among advertisers.

On the other hand, advertisers help pay for some of the Web's most treasured free sites, so I don't blame them for their efforts.

For instance, ads help support Excite.com, a great "portal site" that gives me customized news, stock reports, weather and other useful information.

Excite serves as my Home page in Internet Explorer, meaning it's the first thing I see when I fire up my browser. And invariably a pop-up ad appears right along with it.

Even Google, the Web's most popular search engine, serves up the occasional pop-up. Of course, given the choice between that and having to pay for it, I think most of us would choose to live with the ads.

Fortunately, we don't have to. For many months I've been using Pop-Up Stopper (www.panicware.com), a Windows utility that, to paraphrase a popular TV ad (ironic, no?), kills pop-ups dead.

Indeed, when a pop-up wants to, well, pop up, the software prevents it from happening.

All you hear is a little sound (which you can turn off if it gets annoying).

Ah, but what about pop-up windows that you actually need, like when you're ordering something online or want to look at a product photo that's expressly designed to appear in a window?

In those instances, you simply hold down your keyboard's Ctrl key while clicking the link that produces the pop-up. It sounds like a hassle, but I must admit it's become like second nature to me.

Now for the really good news: Pop-Up Stopper doesn't cost a cent.

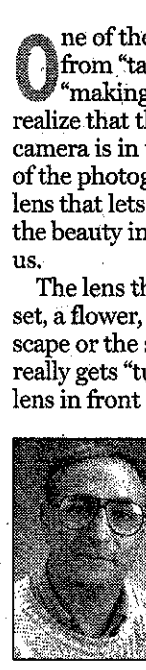
Specifically, the "Free Edition" is free, and that's the one I've been using. However, you may want to check out Pop-Up Stopper Professional ($29.95) as well.

It offers more features, support for America Online (which produces its own, often difficult-to-prevent, variety of pop-ups), and Web-browser privacy.

One final note: I welcome comments and questions at the e-mail address below, but please don't call me at my home. Much as I'd love to chat with all of you, time just doesn't allow.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, has written for computer and technology magazines, and is a co-author of several books on handheld computing. Readers who have questions for Broida can email him at rickbroida1@excite.com

Don't 'take' photos, make them



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

One of the best ways to shift from "taking snapshots" to "making photographs" is to realize that the true lens of the camera is in the mind and heart of the photographer. This is the lens that lets us all appreciate the beauty in the world around us.

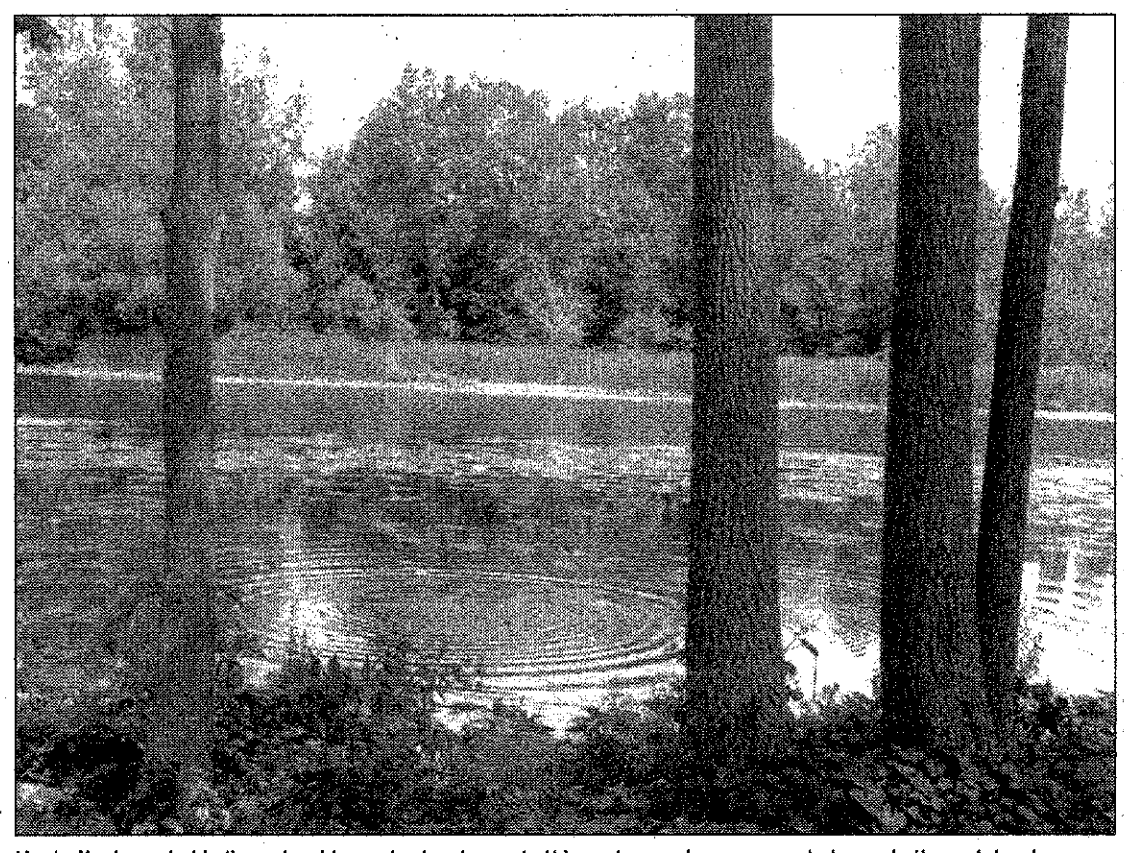
The lens that looks at a sunset, a flower, a dramatic landscape or the smile of a child and really gets "turned on" is not the lens in front of the camera.

Rather, it's the lens inside us.

We all know about grammar in the English language. We know where to place the commas and the periods just as with our cameras we know basically how to set shutter speeds and lens openings.

What is important is to do as the writer does. He is not as concerned about where the comma goes as to the words flowing from his heart. The writer makes a grammar a secondary thing, just as we have to make the mechanics of photography a secondary thing and concentrate on the importance of what we're feeling and trying to "say" with our photographs.

We can all learn to get proper exposure with our cameras.



Monte Nagler puts his 'inner lens' to work when he made this early morning, serene photograph. It was taken in Coldwater.

Now let's work on getting proper exposure with our photographic feelings.

Photographs speak in a strong language. They can bring out a person's raw emotions and can make someone happy, sad, even angry.

A photograph can stir people to action or just make us feel good. In short, a photograph and we as photographers have the ability to reach out and touch the nerves of human emotions that often the spoken or written word cannot.

We have the ability to make visible what others can only sense ... what an exciting concept!

But we can only do this when we learn not to underexposure our feelings. Remember, it's not the brush of the artist that produces the painting ... not the bow of the violin that produces the music ... nor the pen of the poet that writes the sonnets. Similarly, it's not the camera that produces the photograph. . .it's really you!

Put your "inside" lens to work for you and become a poet with your camera.

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

Design program benefits hospital

Sherwood Studios of West Bloomfield will present The Modernmix with *Metropolitan Home* magazine's retail merchandising editor Jo-Anne Pier 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20.

"Jo-Anne's design demonstration reveals insider tips on blending different elements inside your home," said Mark Morganroth, head designer and CEO of Sherwood Studios. "She will teach you how to define your unique style to create an unexpected modern mix."

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Sherwood Studios, 6644 Orchard Lake Road at Maple. The program is free. For registration information, call Sherwood Studios at (248) 855-1600 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Ten percent of any purchases made during the event and throughout the following weekend will be a tax-deductible donation to the Kenneth E. Lewis Fund of Children's Hospital of Michigan.

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with another person.

Showing examples from the dorm mockup in the store, Denton offered three basic suggestions for the transition from home to college.

"First, look for items that do double duty," she said. "A steamer trunk is great because you can store things in it ... (such as) clothing you're not wearing, and it becomes extra seating."

The trunk can also be used as a coffee table or night stand.

"Second, think, 'How can I take advantage of underutilized space?'" Denton said.

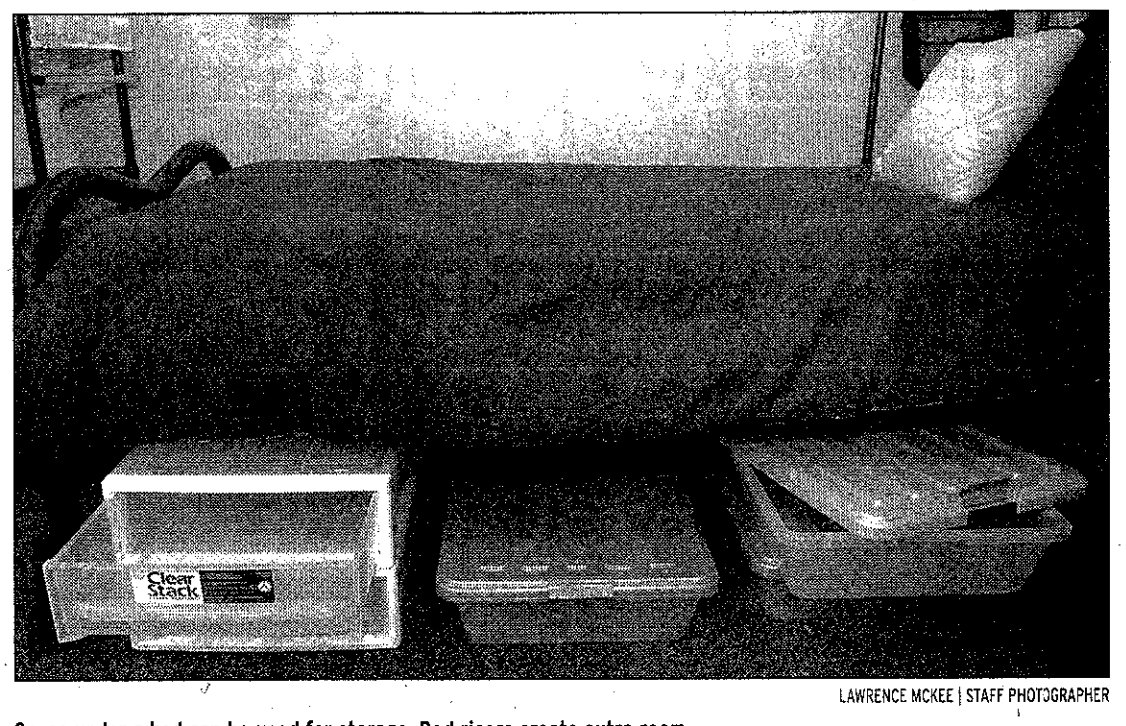
Such over-the-door items as ironing boards, shoe racks, towel racks and accessory organizers put space to use. Bed risers make room for storage containers under the bed.

Look up and find ways to fill vertical space. For example, prepackaged steel shelving can make use of the area above and beside the bed.

Denton's third suggestion is to "get as much information as you can" about the size of the dorm and closet, what the beds are like, what furniture is included and rules about altering the room.

Talk with your roommate as soon as you can about appliances and what each person will bring, to avoid needless duplication.

Along with the items mentioned above, the dorm mockup contained stacking shelves, which are attractive and strong enough to go to a first apartment after college.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Space under a bed can be used for storage. Bed risers create extra room.

"Black stacking shelves are very durable, good looking and easy to put together," Denton said.

Another piece was a Tac-On™ mat, which holds notes and photos in place with an adhesive. The items can be removed and reused repeatedly.

"Fold and hold" objects, including pop-up cubes and collapsible containers that lay flat when not in use, are popular this year, Denton said.

As basics, she recommends bed risers, some sort of under-the-bed storage (drawers or steamer trunk), a shelving unit (on the wall or over the bed) and Double Hang, a wooden rod that hangs from an overhead rod in the closet, to expand use of closet space.

Poor organization can cause stress and make it harder to find things.

Denton said that when she conducts organization seminars for people in business, they tell her, "I wish I learned this when I was going to college ... it would have helped me."

SPRUCING UP

Low-cost items can spruce up a dorm and give it personal touches.

"A dull and dreary dorm room isn't exactly the most welcoming sight," said Karen Thompson, a designer with Home Depot. "Inexpensive products combined with creative touches can help turn a new space into more than just a place to sleep."

Thompson suggests:

■ Have a desk lamp with a hidden data port, and a floor lamp for warmth. For a day or nighttime twilight effect, string miniature lights around the ceiling.

■ If housing officials approve, paint an accent wall in school colors. Garage sale furniture could be revived by painting the pieces, too.

■ Dress up a window with decorative window film that is easy to install and isn't permanent (which landlords will appreciate).

■ Wall and door mirrors are practical and create the illusion of added space.

■ Cinder blocks and 1-by-12s make a sturdy bookshelf or TV stand.

■ If the housing office approves, build a loft for the bed to free up floor space. Home Depot offers a plan for an easy-to-construct loft, and will cut boards for free.

■ Use hooks and knobs for hanging up winter coats, backpacks and damp towels.

■ Use floor fans and smaller desk models to circulate air.

■ Bring nature indoors with a few indoor plants that don't require much attention.

■ Add warmth and create a focal point with area rugs, or use inexpensive carpet remnants to cover the entire floor.

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Keeping areas dry helps curb mold problems



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Mold is now one of the scariest words in the home industry. Though there is much debate on its effects on health, a recent rash of litigation has contractors taking this problem very seriously.

Molds are fungi and there are thousands of known species, with mildew and mushrooms some of the more familiar fungi known to us. Fungi feeds on just about anything that was once living. Fungal spores will germinate and grow in just about any temperature that humans can comfortably tolerate. Fungi also needs high moisture (at 60 percent or more) levels. Most mold problems can be traced back to moisture problems.

Today, we read and hear about more mold problems than in the past. Some of this, of course, can be attributed to media hype. However we are seeing more mold problems because of changes in building techniques and materials.

ENCLOSED SPACES

Homes are built much tighter than in the past. Tighter homes tend to hold moisture more than older homes. Better insulation slows heat flow, which also slows drying.

More and more of the lumber used today is cut from young trees. This lumber has a higher proportion of sapwood, which can promote mold growth. Oriented strand board (or OSB) and other engineered wood products are replacing conventional lumber. These products are easy for water to penetrate and slow to dry. Even drywall, which has all but replaced wet plaster, is paper faced. Paper creates an excellent breeding ground for molds.

If you want to prevent mold, it's mostly a matter of keeping dry in the home.

Houses are not waterproof. Windows, doors and all sealant (caulk) joints eventually will leak. Keep checking all caulk joints, especially those around roof flashing and repair as necessary. Maintain venting as well as drainage weep holes to dry any moisture that gets into the walls. Keep rainwater away from the foundation by maintaining gutters and downspouts.

Install and use a bathroom fan, even if there is a window in the bathroom. Vent this room to the outside air rather than an attic space.

Keep air moving within the house using ceiling fans and continuously using the furnace fan. If you have an enclosed space that often develops mold or mildew problems, keep the doors open as much as possible and direct a fan into them.

Air conditioning and dehumidifiers are great for keeping the relative humidity below 60 per cent in the home.

CLEANING IT UP

The common practice is to use bleach on mold. Bleach, however, will not kill mold spores and is an irritant itself. The Environmental Protection Agency suggests using detergent and water. Dry the cleaned area as soon as possible. If the mold area is large, over 30 square feet, or heavily molded, call a professional.

Go to www.epa.gov and type "mold" in the search box near the top of the page.

Send any questions or comments to **Harry Jachym** at askdad@comcast.net

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'Frankie's Place' is part travel, part love and part food

'FRANKIE'S PLACE,' BY JIM STERBA (GROVE PRESS, $23.00).

The recipes here add some real spice, too, so don't skip past them as you read. This is probably especially true of Frankie's recipe for Steamed Lobsters. (This gal really knows her way around a lobster.)

We follow a pine-needle path that led through ferns and bayberry bushes, ouching our way over twigs and roots and then past a dwarf juniper to a lichen-encrusted granite ledge. . .The path switched back over a series of smooth, descending ledges and down a rounded ridge to massive rocks matted with seaweed. . .and dotted with periwinkles."



Victoria Diaz

Yearning to visit the beautiful coast of Maine this summer? This book may not exactly land you there in the flesh. But it could very well be the next best thing.

Penned by mid-Michigan native, Jim Sterba, *Frankie's Place* turns out to be part travel guide, part cookbook, and part love story – as Sterba introduces us to his wife, Frankie FitzGerald, and the place where they now spend their summers, hiking, mountain climbing, mushrooming, boating, swimming ("an anemic euphemism for the shock therapy...in the icy ocean waters"), shopping, playing tennis, and cooking for family, each other, and any lucky guest who happens to show up for dinner. (Sterba and FitzGerald spend the remainder of the year in Manhattan.)

This is all, of course, when they are not writing. Sterba was first a foreign correspondent for The New York Times and later for the Wall Street Journal.

Frances "Frankie" FitzGerald authored the Pulitzer Prize-winning Vietnam novel, *Fire in the Lake.*

While in Maine, he works on a laptop, while she pounds out thousands of words each day on an old-fashioned standard Remington Noiseless.

After breakfast and newspapers on the front porch, they retire to separate parts of Frankie's secluded cottage on Mount Desert Island, and toil till around 3 or 4 p.m.

Though Sterba tells us that "This story takes place in a summer that was the same as others in many ways, but in many ways not," the statement is a bit misleading, for his story takes place in the past, the present, and even in a sense, in the future (as he sketches a vivid picture of his own burial plot).

He takes us back to his childhood, and the dilapidated dairy farm where he spent most of his years growing up near Owosso. Because his stepfather worked a factory job to make ends meet, it was pretty much left to him and his mother to keep the farm going.

At first intrigued by the woods and the land that made up the place, the young Sterba eventually came to regard the farm as constant drudgery, and was relieved when the family finally gave up on it and moved to town.

Shortly afterward, he left for college, and eventually carved a noted name for himself in journalism.

Briefly, we accompany Sterba on assignments to Vietnam and hot spots like Pakistan in 1972. And, through his present-day research at the local library, we learn something of the early days of colorful Northeast Harbor, Maine.

Then one day Sterba receives a message from his father, a man he hasn't seen since he was about 2 years old, when his parents divorced. The elder Sterba has since remarried and is living in retirement in Florida, and, till now, has reached out to his son only once in the intervening years.

Does Jim Sterba want to reestablish a relationship with is father at this late date? Turns out, he does, and, on these pages, we are witness to their rather awkward, though touching, reunion.

Against a tapestry of ocean, forest, pink granite hills, gulls, ravens, crows, a bald eagle, an osprey, jays, thrushes, cormorants, loons, chipmunks, red squirrels, ships, boats, quaint villages and their inhabitants, fog, deluge, drizzle, sun, humpback whales, a small army of mice, and (of course) lobsters, plus much more, Sterba tells a memorable story.

The recipes here add some real spice, too, so don't skip past them as you read. This is probably especially true of Frankie's recipe for Steamed Lobsters. (This gal really knows her way around a lobster.)

You might want to cover your ears, though, as the hapless sea insects scratch and claw around "inside the pot en route to the Great Lobster Beyond."

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, movies and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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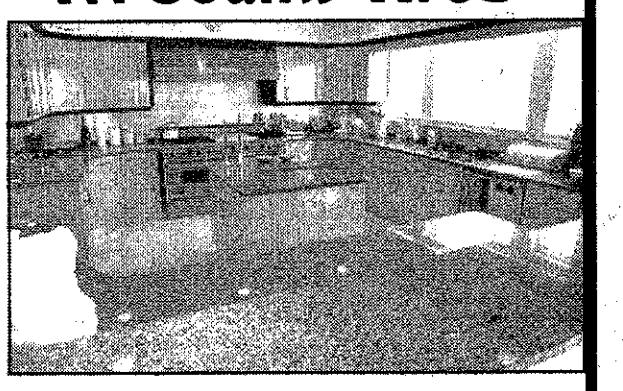
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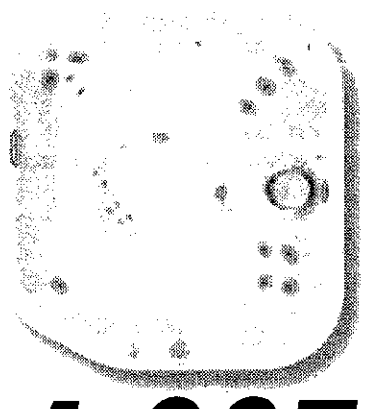
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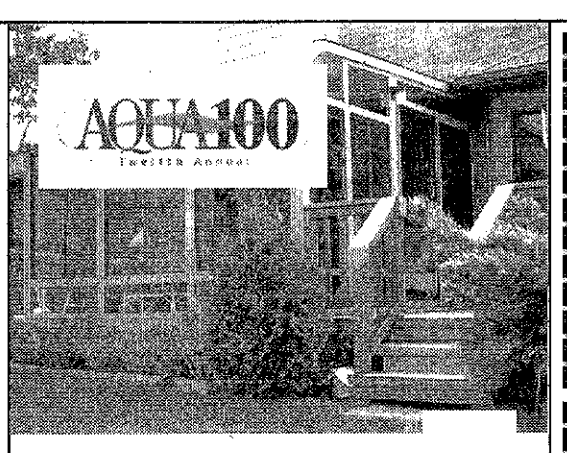


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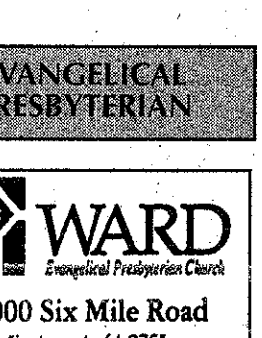
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***The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.* - R.S.V. Song of Solomon 2:12**

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Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Plan your next party with these tips



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

We all enjoy attending parties, but someone has to plan the party, pay for the party and pick up after the party is over.

Why not have fun planning a party? If you are having a birthday party for one of your children, involve them in the preparations.

This not only gives you time to share an important event in their life, but it also trains them in the area or organization.

If you are planning a party for someone other than your children enlist the help of a friend or relative. You will get twice as much done and enjoy the company of someone else.

PLANNING THE PARTY

We have pop-up books – why not a pop-up party?

We need to be able to plan a party that is quick and easy. First make a list of everything you need to do. This list would include the theme for the party, invitations, games, food, entertainment, decorations, prizes, cleanup and thank you notes.

Decide on a theme first and then purchase (or make) invitations, decorations, prizes and goodie bags. If you hire entertainment for the party, call the organization to schedule the date. Make a guest list and fill out the invitations, mailing them two weeks prior to the party.

If the party is a surprise, design a plan to make sure the person is surprised. For children's parties write a schedule for everything you will do so you can maintain control. Plan extra activities so if you finish early you will have something for them to do.

A typical schedule for a 6-year-old's birthday party would include: 10 minutes-guests arrive, introductions; five minutes-group picture; 15 minutes-open gifts; 30 minutes-entertainment; 20 minutes-sing 'Happy Birthday', refreshments; 20 minutes-games or an art project; 10 minutes-read a story, and 10 minutes-hand out goodie bags and good-byes.

Remember to capture these special memories with photos and video.

Take a group picture to make sure you have a memory of each guest.

While your child is opening gifts, write down each gift and who it is from so you will have accurate records for thank you notes.

Each child is given a goodie bag when they leave. Prizes are awarded for the winners of the games: However, for groups of children under the age of seven everyone is given a prize.

Allow plenty of time to shop, prepare food and decorate. Lay everything out ahead of time such as camera, video camera, goodie bags, candles, paper goods, refreshments, pad of paper, pen, games and matches (in your pocket). Prepare a gift table.

Clear a place in the closet to hang coats if it is a fall or winter party.

Try to do some cleaning during the party. Have three paper bags available during the gift time for paper trash, bows and cards and smaller gifts. As each child finishes his refreshments, ask him to throw away his plate and cup while you wipe the table and floor.

Try to plan activities in different rooms so your husband, friend or an older sibling can clean up the activity from one room as you move to the next room and activity.

Thank you notes are a must in our home because I want to teach my children the importance of being grateful.

If someone has taken the time to buy them something they need to thank the person in three ways; when they open the gift, when the person leaves, and with a written note. If they are too young to write, then I compose the note as if they wrote it.

Once they have learned to write, I design a basic thank you note on which they just have to fill in the blanks. For example: 'Dear____, Thank you for the _____. It was nice of you to think of me. Love,____' By the time my children are 8-years-old, they can write their own thank you notes. However, it is my job to either buy the cards on which to write notes or make generic cards on the computer.

THEMES FOR KIDS PARTIES

Possible themes are Western party, slumber party, sports party, dinner party, dress-up party, tea party, carnival party, beach party, 1950s party, ballet party, movie party and detective party.

Some of the easiest parties for boys are sports parties. You can plan a three-hour party. During the first 45 minutes, open gifts and serve refreshments.

The remainder of the time the boys can divide into teams and play an organized game such as soccer. You can watch them from the kitchen window while you clean up refreshments and take an occasional picture.

When the party is over, they leave from the backyard and you have a clean house by the time the party is over.

For my oldest daughter's 9th birthday, we had a formal dinner party with eight girls. The attire was dress-up in your Sunday best.

My husband and I functioned as cooks and waiters. We served a four-course meal on finest china with the beverage served in crystal.

Our daughter was given a dinner bell so we could be summoned. It was a smashing success and the video captured some interesting dinner conversation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Use a storyteller, magician or clown, or have pony rides.

If you are on a limited budget, you can be the entertainment instead of hiring entertainers.

You can dress as a clown, do a few tricks and hand out treats. You'll be a smashing hit with young children.

My youngest daughter wanted a magician, so after checking the cost I bought a magic book and a few supplies.

With the help of my older daughter we had 10 seven-year-old girls in awe at our performance.

PARTIES AWAY FROM HOME

These can be scheduled at the park, pizza place, batting cage, sports complex, bowling, miniature golf, gymnastics and swimming.

Although I have focused on children's parties, you can use the same basic techniques to plan an anniversary party, adult birthday party, graduation party, baby shower or wedding showe0r.

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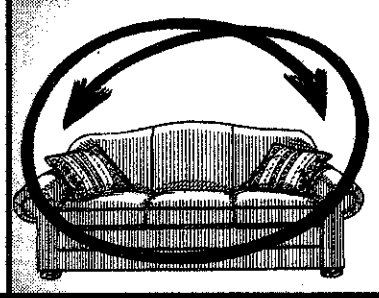
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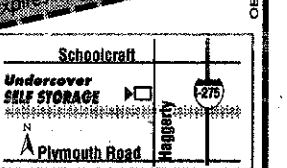


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Garden designed in Victorian style

Time has turned back the clock in the Victorian style garden that Joan Billings of Warren has constructed and designed.

Surrounded by tall solid fencing, this private and quiet place is filled with many different plants and objects that reflect the Victorian era.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Joan began the garden two years ago by placing small rocks about 3 feet from the outer edge toward the middle of the garden. She laid a weed barrier under the rocks and a mowing strip along the edges. The barrier almost eliminates most of the weeds.





PHOTOS BY MARTY FIGLEY

Joan Billings' Victorian garden is a source of delight to her and all visitors. Two seating areas are shown here.

You enter the garden through an arbor that is festooned with realistic artificial flowers. This in no way takes away from the many live plants Joan carefully has planted and nurtured. When a vine clambers up and over the pergola, the artificial ones will be removed.

FLOWERS

Now to the flowers. Joan has used a mixture of colors and plants in shades of blue, yellow, red and white.

Blue clematis grow in two corners, and a fuchsia-colored bougainvillea grows on both sides of the tall fence. A white jasmine adds its clean color to the scene. Blue delphinium grows near purple iris and roses and lilies add their beauty.

Along one wall, a pretty vine is trained up a metal form shaped like a butterfly with a tree rose on either side. Their bloom is light pink.

A butterfly bush near two rustic chairs and a table will soon bloom. Behind it a large fern fills a corner and a deep pink mandevilla grows nearby.

Topiary evergreens are positioned on either side of a large rustic swing. Its counterpart is a sturdy bench that sits across the small lawn area. Each is outfitted with three soft bouncy pillows dressed in pastel colors of cream and rose.

FURNISHINGS

In fact, plenty of seating allows you to sit and enjoy the view from any angle.

In the center of the garden, which is grass, a black wrought-iron table and six chairs take center stage and rest on large, colorful patio blocks. A pretty, flowery tablecloth covers the table and a pair of tall crystal candelabras rests on it.

A friend made wooden frames to hold living pictures, so Joan filled the shallow frames with moss and planted different succulent plants in them.

She then hung them on both the inner and outer walls of the fence.

Many hanging baskets also adorn the fence on both sides. They are filled with an array of colorful flowers such as dark purple lobelia, hot pink geraniums and weeping and yellow geraniums.

The area that abuts the house is now a potting area. Featured is a piece made of large twigs. A lacy white cloth covers one shelf to bring the Victorian idea into that area. It is full of things that are used to keep the garden in tiptop shape, and pretty pottery holds various plants for added texture and interest. Joan also uses it as a buffet for entertaining.

There are delightful surprises everywhere you look – a pot-bellied stove, little statues, etc.

Several birdhouses entice the birds, as do the colorful plants.

Because of the number of flowers and other plants, the garden is a haven for birds, bees and butterflies.

Sometimes Joan is surprised to find a stranger or neighbor enjoying her lovely garden and she welcomes them.

In addition to all this, the front garden is colorful and inviting with clever placement of plants and garden objects.

Joan works full time and devotes the rest of her time to the garden, and it shows. She regularly waters the garden, which helps the plants to grow and stay healthy. It's obvious she is passionate about her special garden.

"My Samoyed dog, Charlie, is always helping when I'm working in the garden," Joan said.

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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.

Balustrades add charm, elegance

(WMS) – The magic of a good porch is truly remarkable.

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AUGUST

Natural Family Planning Classes
Taught by the Couple to Couple League throughout the Archdiocese. The schedule is available at www.ccli.org. Engaged and married couples of all ages are invited. Babies are welcome at meetings.
A complete set of materials is provided with the $75 course fee. Call the teaching couple to register. Upcoming classes include St. Thomas a'Becket (Canton) beginning 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, John and Claire Mueller (734) 729-5407, and Our Lady of Refuge (Orchard Lake) beginning 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, John and Jennifer Rabaey, (586) 264-6819.

Garage Sale
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Prayer Group
Madonna University Prayer Group presents an evening of healing with Bruce Simpson, full time Catholic evangelist with a healing ministry in Florida, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, in the Madonna University Center on ground floor at 14421 Levan, north of Schoolcraft, Livonia. Everyone is welcome to join the prayer group for this evening. For more information, call (734) 422-5611 or (734) 525-5032.

Be an Angel Day
On Friday, Aug. 22, Unity of Livonia will host the 12th annual "Be an Angel Day" with "Be a Healer Day." The agenda includes free hands-on healing 6-7 p.m., group hands on healing experience 7-8 p.m., and Cosmic Dance 8-9 p.m. and an Emissaries of Light Meditation Wheel at 9 p.m. Love offerings accepted. Be an Angel day is a nonprofit, non-denominational event with participants encourage to celebrate anonymously by performing small acts of service or through group activity by holding an angel party where angels are invited to inspire ideas on ways to be of service to the community.
Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. For information, call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

Picnic celebration
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UPCOMING

Labor Day picnic
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Women's Event
Calvary Baptist Church of Canton (43065 Joy Road) will host popular Christian women's speaker Becky Tirabassi through their women's ministries program. The event titled "One Thing," will take place Oct. 25 at the Canton church.
Tirabassi is the author of *Let Prayer Change Your Life*, and several other books and has been heard on the radio and seen on television across the country.
Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and there is a morning session at 8:30 a.m. then after lunch a session beginning at 1:45 p.m. Registration fee is $20. Call (734) 480-4528.

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Chefs cook up ideas for home kitchens

The country's top chefs work in state-of-the-art kitchens designed to feed thousands daily at the grand hotels, luxurious spas and trendy restaurants where they work.

In the privacy of their own homes, however, their personal choices vary concerning the types of kitchens in which they prepare meals for family and friends.

To provide a rare peek at what some of the country's leading chefs consider the most essential cornerstones of their home kitchens, Wilsonart International has gone to the experts to provide their answers:

■ Geoffrey Cousineau, executive chef, The Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Fla. – If you're serious about cooking, Cousineau recommends installing laminate on kitchen walls from floor to ceiling.

"It keeps things sanitary and it looks great," he said. "I like white because it cleans up nicely and enhances the lighting – I like a bright kitchen. Laminate also goes well with stainless steel."

Other things that top Cousineau's kitchen list include stainless steel shelving to attractively house his olive oils, vinegars and pastas; high-quality lighting; a water filter; an 8-inch butcher block on wheels; and his baby grand piano.

"I'm a jazz guy," he said. "I have to play jazz when I'm cooking. When I'm between steps in the kitchen I go to my baby grand piano, which is next to the kitchen, and bang out a few songs."

■ Robert Carter, executive chef, Peninsula Grill, Charleston, S.C. – "I don't want any commercial items in my kitchen," Carter said. "I want it to look like a home kitchen. Therefore, I didn't want granite countertops and opted for laminate. It's easy to clean and it doesn't stain."

Carter also stresses the importance of a good ventilation system to combat the heat and smoke caused from cooking at high temperatures, in addition to a deep sink.

"Pots and pans fit easily into a deep sink, giving you room to maneuver and it keeps the kitchen from looking cluttered," said Carter.

■ Dwaine Clare, executive chef, Our Lucaya Beach and Golf Resort, Bahamas – Like Cousineau, Clare is also a fan of proper lighting in the kitchen as well as jazz.

"I like a kitchen that has music in it. It helps me focus," he said.

Among other must-haves are an oversized island in the center of the kitchen for prepping food, quarry tile flooring, a marble rolling pin and cutting board for pastries, and an oversized freezer and refrigerator.

"I like to have a central area and two full sides," said Clare. "I keeps the fridge looking more organized."

■ George McNeill, executive chef, Marriott Marquis, N.Y. – Considering that McNeill recently complete a $200,000 renovation on his 1,000-square foot kitchen, he has many top-of-the-line kitchen toys, including wall-mounted ovens, two stoves with 16 burners between them, custom-built cabinets and an outdoor kitchen with a spit roast.

When asked to name the three top items that every kitchen should have, McNeill said, "A great stove – spend the money, your baking and sautéing will be better – great pots and pans and most importantly, arrange your kitchen to be user friendly.

"Look at where your drawers and cupboards are, what you do and if you are always in one area. It may be easier to bend down and get something than walk across the room for it. Keep like items together instead of spreading them throughout the kitchen."

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Codes ensure project quality, safety

BY DAVID BRADLEY
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So you think you've thought of all the tools and materials you need for your home improvement project.

Chances are there's a critically important aspect you've overlooked: local building codes.

According to an authority on building codes, do-it-yourselfers are frequently oblivious to code requirements or simply think their project doesn't need an official stamp of approval.

The homeowner could be wrong on both counts, often with unfortunate consequences.

"The consumer needs to know about codes and permits or know someone who does," said Bill Petitta of The Home Service Store. "They run the risk of injury, poor construction results, and can suffer financially, too."

Building codes usually are administered by local municipalities to create "minimum standards" to "protect life, limb, property and environment for the protection of the consuming public," according to Petitta.

The bottom line: Codes are a series of regulations to limit use of certain materials, products and construction practices.

It's obvious new construction or major additions must meet code requirements, but the average homeowner should look into codes and subsequent building permits if even minor renovations will affect the structural integrity of the home or create a safety or environmental problem.

Surprisingly, the United States is the one major industrialized nation without a uniform building code. Cities and counties are free to adopt one of four competing code systems.

Much of the variation owes to geographic reasons, such as earthquake zones or snow loads in mountains. Petitta says such wide swings in building requirements make it a good practice to call local building departments if the homeowner or contractor has a hint of doubt.

But homeowners should think twice if they perceive codes as nothing but bureaucratic red tape.

"What cities want to do is stop the guy who builds a deck on supports too small for the load or runs wiring that could create a fire hazard," said Petitta.

"Codes protect your property and maintain its value."

Codes are an expense for homeowners. The cost of building permits ranges from 9 cents per square foot for new construction to $30 to $50 for electrical or plumbing permits on existing buildings. Contractors typically tack code costs onto their fees. Permits are valid for one year and must be posted on the job site.

Still, some do-it-yourselfers simply aren't aware they need a permit or try to dodge codes in an effort to save a few bucks. This makes building inspectors frequent visitors to job sites. Most visits are scheduled when permits are issued but others are unannounced.

Inspectors must sign off on various phases of construction. If deficiencies are found, the problem must be corrected and re-inspected. Fines of $100 or more can be levied, and, in a worst-case scenario, work must be torn out at the homeowner's expense. Evictions of homeowners for glaring errors or obvious abuse of the code system are not unheard of.

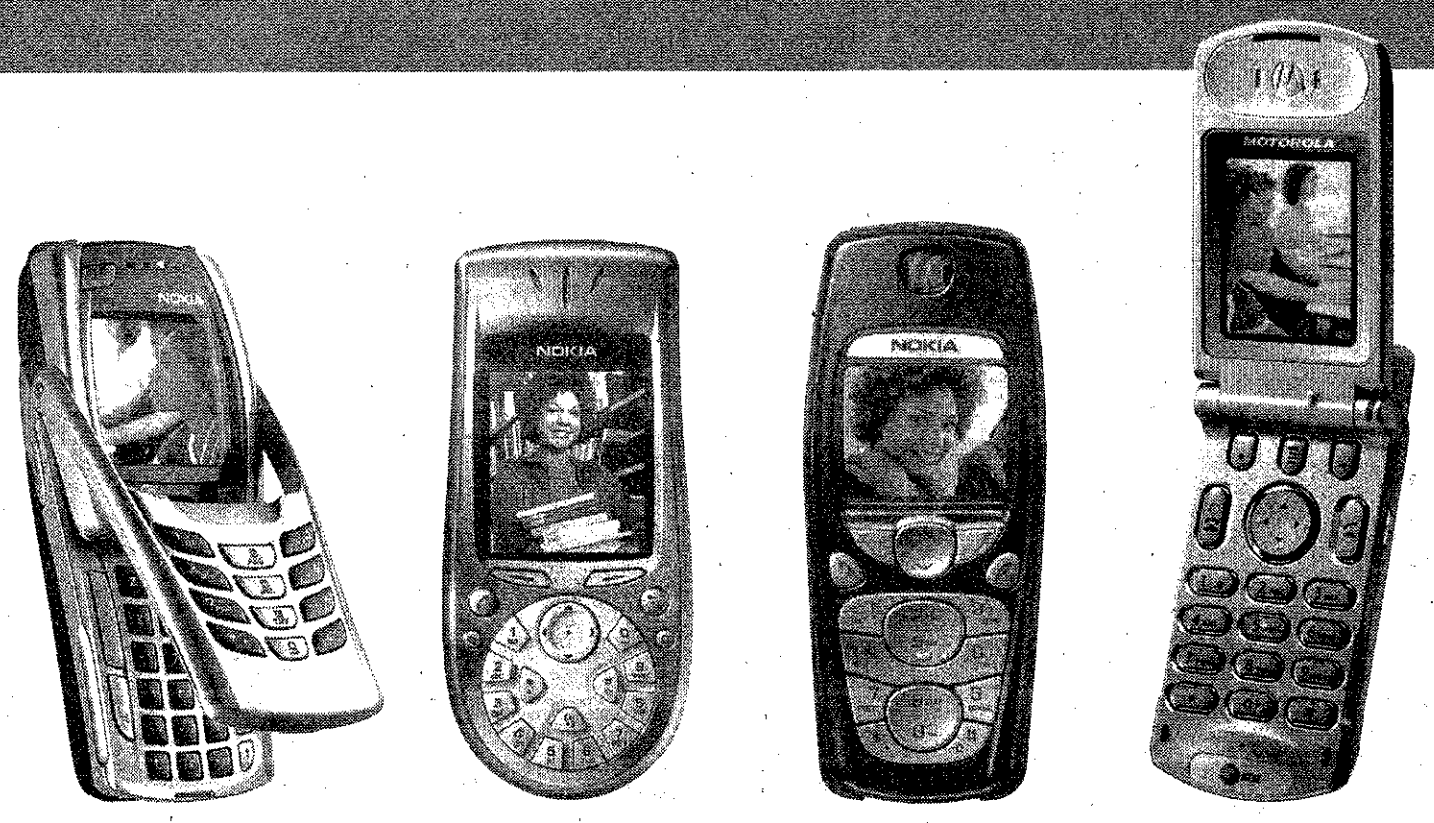
Non-code work can haunt a homeowner when they try to sell their home. If problems are discovered, the would-be home seller must make corrections.

"A good contractor will inform his or her customers about codes and necessary permits," said Petitta. "When in doubt, call your city building department. It's really about safety, and it's the law, too."

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Taste

WINE ■ RECIPES ■ SPECIALTIES

Side dish

Sauce available

The Ristorante Café Cortina, 30715 W. Ten Mile, in Farmington Hills offers the restaurant's line of sauces in



specialty markets throughout Michigan. The sauces include the Pomodoro Veneziana, Sugo Del Veneto, Sugo Con Pesto and Aglio del Veneto. The light tomato basil cream with parmesan in Sugo del Veneto has become the most popular, according to restaurant officials.

Organic and oil-free

While the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced that packaged foods must contain labeling information on trans-fatty acids by 2006, there is a solution today for consumers seeking to avoid these ingredients in their supermarket shopping. Whole Foods Market stores, the country's largest organic and natural supermarket, sells products free of hydrogenated oils, which produce trans fats. Whole Foods Market has stores in Troy and West Bloomfield, providing shoppers with an option now for dealing with uncertainties regarding trans-fatty acids in the food they buy.

Visit www.wholefoodsmarket.com or inquire at the stores for more information.

Check labels

Juices provide many essential nutrients, but consuming untreated juices may not be so healthful, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

When fruits and vegetables are fresh-squeezed, harmful bacteria from the outside of the produce can become a part of the finished product. If these bacteria are ingested, children risk serious illness or even death. In fact, recent serious outbreaks of foodborne illness involving young children have been traced to the drinking of untreated juices.

Warning information about health risks of drinking untreated juice is now on product containers. However, only 2 percent of all fruit and vegetable juices sold in supermarkets is not treated in any way to kill harmful bacteria. These products will carry a warning label noting that the juice is not pasteurized.

While consuming dangerous foodborne bacteria will usually cause illness in one to three days after eating the contaminated food, sickness can occur within 20 minutes or up to six weeks later. If foodborne illness symptoms occur, it's best to see a doctor, who can properly diagnose and treat the specific bacteria involved.

Don't hesitate to ask employees or managers at a specific market or cider mill whether a juice is treated and look for the warning label.

For information, contact the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Food Information Line at (888) SAFEFOOD or visit www.cfsan.fda.gov



Turkish delight

Savory doner kabobs highlight Turkish cuisine

If you have traveled abroad, you may well have seen or sampled doner kebabs. A mainstay of everyday Turkish fare, they have been popularized in many other countries.

Sold from small storefronts or food carts, they are characterized by the large vertical rotisserie on which rotates a layered mix of minced lamb and/or beef, combined with a selection of spices, which is pressed hard into a distinctive conical shape. When the doner kebab is carved up, it produces long, wafer-thin strips of meat which are then stuffed into pita bread and topped off with salad and sauce.

It's called doner — which means "turning" — because the vertical spit is rotated, or turned, in front of the heat source (charcoal, gas or electric). Since the meat is vertical, it is self-basting, which helps to account for its rich flavor. In Greece, doner is often translated as gyro, with which metro Detroiters are very familiar.



Zeynel Aksoy, vice president of the Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan, said it took four days for him to prepare the doner kebabs.

CREATIVE KEBOBS

Rochester resident Dr. William Halacoglu recently invited me to a doner kebab party. Halacoglu is president of the 250-member Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan. The group includes a number of Turkish students, particularly from the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. That may account for why the only area Turkish restaurant is Ayse's Cafe on

PLEASE SEE **TURKISH, D2**

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE | CORRESPONDENT

Shepherd's Salad (Coban Salatasi)

2 pounds medium size tomatoes
3 English cucumbers
4 green peppers
3 bunches of scallions
½ bunch parsley
4 small red radishes
For the sauce:
1 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon vinegar
salt

Peel the tomatoes, remove the seeds and cut into small chunks. Remove seeds of green peppers and cut into cubes. Slice only the white part of the scallion. Peel the cucumbers, cut them into four diagonal pieces and slice them. Cut the parsley leaves. Quarter the radishes. Put everything into a salad bowl and mix. Stir the sauce before you dress the salad. Spoon onto lettuce to serve. Serves eight.

Adapted from Turkish Cuisine by Tugrul Savay.

Key varieties and the best wines of central Italy

About 80 percent of Italy's wine is made in six regions, Tuscany, Marche, Abruzzo, Molise, Lazio and Umbria, known as Central Italy.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

The Apennine mountains to the north, the Tyrrhenian Sea to the west and the Adriatic to the east govern climatic conditions.

Since Tuscany is probably well known to you and not many wines from Molise are imported, we're introducing you to the four other regions.

MARCHE

Marche lies along the Adriatic coast, where the climate is moderated both by sea breezes and the Apennine mountains on its western border.

Historically, the region is famous for production of verdicchio, a crisp white wine, recognized by a green amphora-shaped bottle.

Today, producers in the Marche are revitalizing the image of verdicchio by taking measures to improve quality deserving of the description "Italy's premier fish wine." Red wines from Marche are made principally from sangiovese and montepulciano – sometimes blended, other times not.

The most important wine is Rosso Piceno, which is principally sangiovese.

"There's a lot of excitement about this area," said Leonardo Locascio, founder and president of Winebow, a major importer of Italian wines based on the U.S. east coast. "Many are convinced that Marche is capable of producing wines comparable to Super Tuscans."

Recommended producers in the Marche: Colonnara and Dezi.

ABRUZZO

In this region known for two climates, cool and damp in the higher interior, and warm and dry along the Adriatic, two varieties dominate, trebbiano for white wines and montepulciano for red.

Don't confuse the grape name with the Tuscan town of the same name, known for the wine Vino Nobile di Montepulciano.

Abruzzo's montepulciano grape is deserving of more recognition than it receives. It makes wines in a broad range of styles from light, refreshing roses to robust reds full of character.

These wines pair perfectly with the spicy cuisine of Abruzzo that does not use chilies sparingly!

Recommended producers in Abruzzo: Monti, Valle Reale and Villa Diana.

LAZIO

Lazio touches all five other regions in central Italy "but in reality, shares more traits with Campania in the south," Locascio noted.

"It's home to volcanic soils with vines planted on gentle slopes."

Lazio is home to the capital city Rome and has been linked historically to white wine, Frascati and the fabled Est! Est! Est!

Once slightly sweet, today's improved winemaking has transformed them into crisp, dry wines that match seafood well.

Recommended producers in Lazio: Falesco (which is located on the border with Umbria) and Colle Picchioni.

UMBRIA

Beside a global demand for its famed white wine Orvieto, Umbria with its lime rich soils and cooler climate, may have as great a potential for superior red wine production as Tuscany.

PLEASE SEE **WINE, D6**

WINE PICKS

CHARDONNAY continues to win the palates of U.S. wine consumers. Why? It tastes good.

Pick of the pack: 2001 Hogue Reserve, WA ($22).

Best between $11-20: 2001 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve ($20), 2001 Hanna from Russian River Valley ($18); 2001 La Crema from the Sonoma Coast ($16); 2001 Greg Norman Estates from Yarra Valley, Australia ($15); and 2001 Indigo Hills from California's Central Coast ($12).

New Zealand winners: 2002 Villa Maria Private Bin East Coast ($13) and 2002 Esk Valley ($15).

New bargain from Australia: 2002 Thirsty Lizard ($8).

Wallet friendly: 2002 Rosemount ($10) and 2001 Carmenet Cellar Selection ($8).

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.

TURKISH

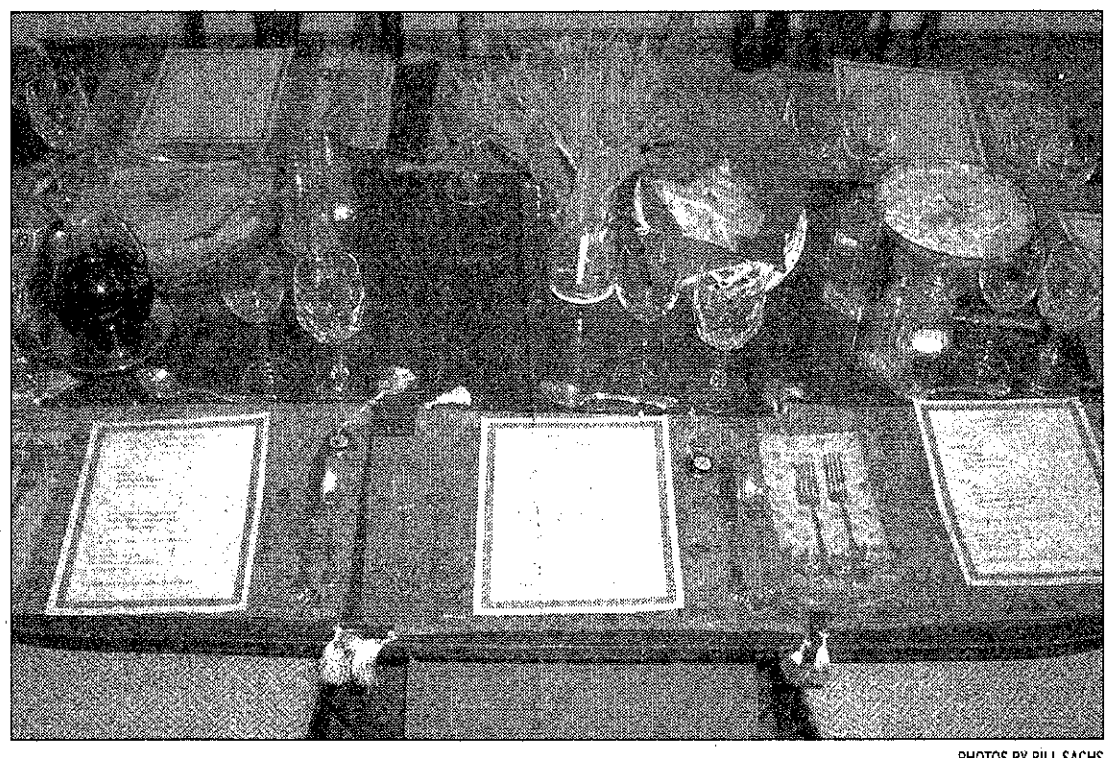
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Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor.

Zeynel Aksoy, who presided over the kebabs at TACAM's modest community center in Wixom, said it took four days for him to prepare them: a day for shopping, a day for grinding the lamb and beef and marinating them in the spices, a day to layer the top sirloin with the ground meat, and a day to cook them.

Aksoy, who lives in Clarkston, is vice president of TACAM and an operations and quality manager for General Electric. He served them up to us in pita bread, into which we spooned plenty of the lovely cucumber-yogurt sauce known as tzatsiki.

Leyla Ahmed, a board member who works in Rochester Hills, seasoned the cucumbers and yogurt with fresh dill, a little olive oil and "lots of garlic." The rice pilaf she made to accompany it was actually orzo that she browns in butter on top of the stove before boiling it in a chicken or vegetable broth. She then adds sauteed slivered almonds.



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Two of the mezes, the eggplant puree (left) and the cucumber-yogurt salad, await the guests arriving for a Turkish dinner.

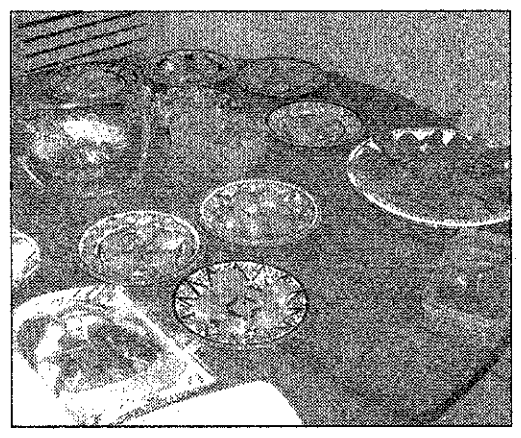
MEZES AND MUCH MORE

Turkey is the only country I've visited that prompted me to return home and invite friends over for a Turkish dinner party – in fact, I did it twice.

I loved the food there, consisting of appetizers, called mezes, delicious soups, fresh vegetables and salads, fresh fish grilled with olive oil and lemon juice, and, of course, kebabs. So did our friends and fellow West Bloomfield residents, Bill and Ellen Sachs, with whom we traveled.

Spurred on by Ellen's purchase in Istanbul of an English version of the *Turkish Cuisine* cookbook and by my successful search for Turkish placemats, we co-hosted several couples.

We made some of the dishes we discovered in Turkey and some that we didn't. And we served ouzo - that was a welcoming gift from a hotel in Athens, Greece – and two different Turkish wines.



Apricots with clotted cream sprinkled with pistachios offer an exciting blend of flavors.

Turkish cuisine seems to revolve around the eggplant. The Ottoman Palace reportedly had more than 200 recipes for eggplant, many of which are still in use. Our mezes included an eggplant puree (patlican salatasi) that we slathered on pita bread, a more salad-oriented form of tzatsiki, and vegetables chopped into a shepherd's salad (coban salatasi).

A cream of vegetable soup (ezm sebze corbasi) was the second course.

As an entree, we served a version of Iskander Kebab, the yogurt kebab that was my favorite food in all of Turkey. Considered "the supreme of doners," it was reportedly created in the 1700s in the Turkish city of Bursa by a famous chef, Iskander (Alexander).

It differs from the doner kebab in that the lamb is roasted a la doner, but then spread atop diced flat pita bread, topped with a savory tomato sauce and browned butter, and served with a dollop of fresh yogurt on the side.

For dessert at the kebab party, our Turkish-American hosts served up an assortment of Mediterranean pastries, including baklava. Turkish desserts tend to be either syrupy pastries like baklava, milk puddings or fruit confections. For our dinner party, Ellen chose to prepare apricots with clotted cream (kaymakli kayisi tatlisi). The dried apricot stuffed with the sweet cream turned out to be an amazing combination.

Since the party, the Mediterranean Market and Bakery has opened up on Northwestern Highway near Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

There, sitting on shelves next to foods from countries along the Mediterranean, are many Turkish products. They include green apple tea, olives, olive oil and stuffed cabbage leaves, as well as many flavors of Turkish Delight, a candy that was the only Turkish food that didn't delight me.

Today, of course, even supermarkets carry a wide variety of ethnic foods. And to think, Ahmed recalls, "Twenty years ago, I couldn't even find an eggplant."

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RECIPES

CREAM OF VEGETABLE SOUP (ESME SERBZE CORBASI)

2 carrots
3 potatoes
2 onions
2 celery roots
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
salt
12 cups beef broth

Peel the onion and cut into small semi-circles. Chop the other vegetables into small pieces. Put the butter in a pan and add the vegetables. Cook at medium heat for five minutes, stirring. Add the flour, stir, add the salt and meat stock and cook for half an hour. When ready, put through a blender and serve with croutons. Serves 10

Recipe from *Turkish Cuisine by Tugrul Savkay.*

YOGURT KEBABS

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
¼ teaspoon coarse salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
3 cups cubed (1/2 inch) roasted leg of lamb, beef or chicken, warmed
4 pita breads (six inch diameter) cut into cubes
3 cups tomato sauce (see following recipe)
1½ cups plain non fat yogurt
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped flat leaf parsley
4 scallions (3 inches green left on) sliced¼ inch thick on diagonal

Place the olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a bowl and whisk to blend. Add the lamb or chicken and toss to cover the cubes completely. When ready to serve, spread the pita squares on the bottom of a large rimmed serving dish. Cover the pita evenly first with the tomato sauce (recipe below) and then with a layer of yogurt. Distribute the meat pieces evenly over the yogurt. Sprinkle the parsley and scallions over the top. Serves four.

TOMATO SAUCE (MAKES 5 CUPS)

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 cup of diced (1/4 inch) onion
3 cans (two 28 ounces each, one 14 ounce) plum tomatoes, drained, but reserving 1 cup juice, tomatoes lightly crushed
1 tablespoon tomato paste
¼ cup honey
¼ cup dry red wine
2 large cloves garlic
2 cinnamon sticks
¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh mint leaves

Heat the oil over low heat in a large heavy pot. Add the onion and cook 10 minutes, stirring often. Add the crushed tomatoes with the reserved juice, the tomato paste, honey, red wine, garlic, and cinnamon sticks to the onion. Simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, for an hour. Remove the garlic and cinnamon and stir in the fresh mint. Serve immediately or cool slightly and refrigerate for up to three days.

Adapted from *Shiela Lukins All Around the World Cookbook.*

APRICOTS WITH CLOTTED CREAM (KAYMAKLI KAYISI TATLISI)

1 pound dried apricots
1 cup sugar
2½ cups water
1 cup clotted cream
Pistachios

Soak the dried apricots in plenty of cold water overnight. Boil up the water and sugar to a syrup. Drain the apricots, place in the syrup and cook for at most 15 minutes.

Set aside to cool. Split open the apricots, stuff with clotted cream and close. Arrange on a service dish. Sprinkle whole or ground pistachio nuts over and serve. Serves 10.

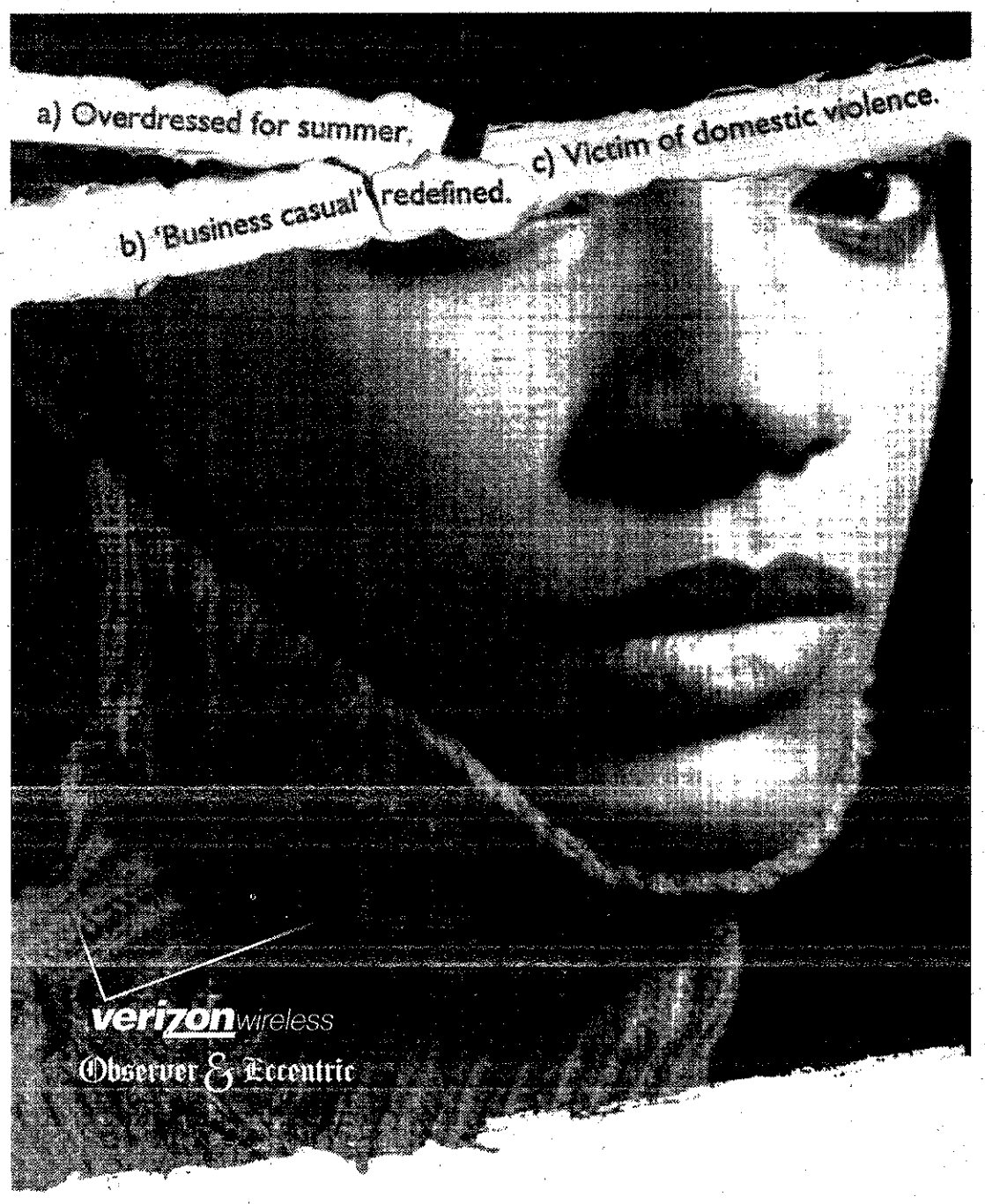
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The signs aren't always obvious. But the devastating impact on employees is clear. Domestic violence also affects every employer – costing Michigan businesses more than $309 million annually in absenteeism alone. To learn why this is a workplace issue and how to address it, VERIZON WIRELESS and the OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS present the second annual "Domestic Violence in the Workplace" breakfast.

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There is no charge for businesses to attend; however, space is limited. For reservations or additional information, please call Beth at (248) 855-6777, ext. 120.

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Fire up grilled pork kebabs with ginger molasses barbecue

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pork with a low fat content can be a good companion for rich sauces, giving fat-conscious cooks the chance to create dishes that taste sinfully good.

This recipe, created by Shelley Wiseman for the Every Day feature in Gourmet magazine's August issue, uses pork tenderloin, one of the leanest cuts available.

The recipe's barbecue sauce takes the summertime backyard favorite and adds an invigorating twist of ginger and chili. Add the smoky flavor from the grill and you have a filling, savory main course that belies its low-fat status.

Grilled Pork Kebabs With Ginger Molasses Barbecue Sauce

For barbecue sauce:
6 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons ketchup
1½ tablespoons molasses (regular or robust; not blackstrap)
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon minced fresh serrano or other small hot green chili (1 or 2), including seeds
½ tablespoon minced peeled fresh ginger
½ teaspoon salt
For pork:
1 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed
¼ teaspoon salt
Special equipment: About 30 8-inch wooden skewers, soaked in water for 30 minutes

To make barbecue sauce:

Stir together all sauce ingredients in a 1- to 1½-quart heavy saucepan and briskly simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until thickened and reduced to about ½ cup, about 3 minutes. Transfer sauce to a medium bowl and cool to room temperature.

To prepare and grill pork kebabs:

Put tenderloin on a cutting board. Starting about 5 inches from narrow end of tenderloin and holding a large sharp knife at a 30-degree angle to cutting board, cut a thin slice (1/8 to ¼ inch thick) from tenderloin, slicing diagonally toward narrow end and cutting through to cutting board. Continue to cut thin slices from tenderloin following same diagonal, starting each consecutive slice closer to wide end. (You will have about 12 slices. Cut any slices more than 2 inches wide in half lengthwise.)

Thread two skewers, one at a time and ½ to 1 inch apart, lengthwise through each slice of pork and transfer to a tray lined with plastic wrap.

If using a charcoal grill, open vents on bottom of grill, then light charcoal. Charcoal fire is hot when you can hold your hand 5 inches above rack for 1 to 2 seconds. If using a gas grill, preheat burners on high, covered, 10 minutes.

Sprinkle pork slices with salt and brush both sides with barbecue sauce, then grill on oiled grill rack, uncovered, turning over once, until just cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes total.

Discard any leftover sauce.

Note: Barbecue sauce can be made 6 hours ahead and chilled, covered.

Kebabs can be prepared 6 hours before grilling (without salt or sauce) and chilled. If you aren't able to grill outdoors, cook kebabs in a hot oiled well-seasoned ridged grill pan over moderately high heat. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 241 cal., 8 g fat.

Menu of tilapia, avocados and margaritas

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Eating well without spending hours in the kitchen is Rachael Ray's specialty and she's more than ready to encourage everyone to enjoy it as much as she does.

"I'm always trying to figure out, what do people really want, what can they really do," she said on a recent visit to Manhattan.

To further her mission to make good, streamlined cooking accessible, besides extolling it on her popular TV food shows on the Food Network, she has a new cookbook out: "Rachael Ray 30-Minute Meals 2" (Lake Isle Press, 2003, $16.95 paperback).

She'd written an earlier book, "Rachael Ray 30-Minute Meals" but points out, "This is the first book in full menus."

Why 30 minutes? She answers her own question: "It's like the Goldilocks of time. Fifteen minutes is too little, an hour is too much."

She doesn't want anyone to imagine this speedy cuisine is difficult, that her level of cooking is beyond ordinary folks' reach. "I don't wear a chef coat, I'm not a chef," she says. "The recipes are set out freestyle. I don't measure a thing, I think it's much more fun to cook that way."

With characteristic energy and high spirits, she runs through reasons why the 30-minute thing should be a breeze for anyone.

Easy shopping, first off, before any cooking begins. "The book's very practical. You'll see a lot of the same flavors overlap across menus. I always try to think of the customer, what can they use again."

Ray lives in upstate New York and has her own routine. "In the country I tend to do one big shopping day, getting the pantry staples, and sturdy things like onions and durable herbs like parsley. Then a couple of times a week you can get fresh supplies, like basil."

Fresh herbs, including parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme and bay leaves are very important, and they all keep about a week, she says, but basil is more delicate.

She always keeps a supply of basics: pasta, olive oil, anchovy, canned tuna, beef and vegetable stock.

Here she interjects a tip: "These stocks are such a great thing. If you add stock and crushed tomato, something tastes like it's been cooking all day. And fresh herbs make all the difference if you're cooking with canned items."

You can tailor the basics, she says, and build a pantry to your individual taste.

"Using adventurous foods is the way I've always eaten. ... I think it's important to invest in the cuisine you love the most. If I loved Tex-Mex, I'd make sure I always have the cumin, coriander and chilies. I love Mediterranean so I always have those things on hand. If I was a meat-and-potato man, I'd have the Worcestershire."

She describes Mediterranean cuisine as "peasant food, really simple food." Many of her recipes are rooted in her family's cooking, often going back a generation or two.

"I try to come up with a new twist, but I still try to honor the tradition. I try to read up on it, figure out what spice or seasoning is at its center — and then I try to make it into what you can do in 30 minutes in real time."

The fast food you cook at home can be healthy, too, she says reassuringly. It can be good for you, the way she learned to make it.

"I write about what I eat in real life and I eat healthy," she says.

"That's why I call for things like the extra-virgin olive oil, oneless, skinless chicken, ground sirloin, not ground chuck. "Every recipe I write is on that principle. I'm a size 4 and I want to stay that way," she adds, laughing.

About budgeting: Processed food may be inexpensive — "but I want to show people that it's still economically sound, and better for you, to make things fresh. You can get more for your money buying a bunch of fresh broccoli or whatever."

Note her kitchen style, too. "I don't spend a lot on gadgets, I don't have fancy kitchen equipment," she says. "I have a processor I bought for about $28 at Kmart." She suggests you get a couple of heavy-bottomed pots, a huge slab of wood for your cutting board, a very sharp knife — "and one big garbage container for all the bits. That's a real time saver."

A tangent to budgeting is her book's "special dinner" category, she explains. Cooking lobster or tenderloin steak at home can make a level of dining accessible to people who can't afford to eat out at restaurants.

"I hope to empower people to eat at home, but to have getaway experiences doing it. That's important to the day-to-day quality of life."

John's Fish: Tilapia With Tomatillo Sauce

4 fillets tilapia (11/4 to ½ pounds)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 tsp. ground cumin (eyeball it)
½ tsp. sweet paprika (eyeball it)
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil (twice around the pan)
The juice of 1 lime
½ medium red onion, chopped
1 jalapeno or serrano pepper, seeded and finely chopped
2 or 3 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
8 to 10 tomatillos, peeled and diced with juice
Coarse salt, to taste

½ bottle pale beer
2 tbsp. chopped cilantro (a palmful), plus a few sprigs for garnish
Avocados With Creamy Maque Choux (Corn and Peppers)
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil (once around the pan)
½ red onion, chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped
1 small red bell pepper, seeded and chopped

4 ears fresh corn on the cob, husked
A sprinkle of sugar
Dash cayenne pepper
Dash salt
2 tbsp. butter
2 ripe avocados
The juice of 1 lime
Coarse salt

Season tilapia on both sides with salt, pepper, cumin and paprika. Preheat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil to the hot skillet and saute tilapia 3 minutes on each side, turning carefully with a thin spatula. Squeeze the juice of ½ lime over the fish, and transfer fillets to a warm serving platter.

Return skillet to the stove over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil, red onion, jalapeno and garlic, and saute 1 minute or 2, then add tomatillos. Season with salt and pepper, and saute another 1 or 2 minutes.

Add beer and the juice of ½ lime, and bring sauce to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, 5 minutes.

While sauce is simmering, get a second skillet hot over moderate heat. Add olive oil, onion, jalapeno and bell pepper, and saute 2 or 3 minutes. Working on a plate to catch the milky juices, scrape corn off the cob. Break up kernels and pour into the skillet. Combine with peppers and onions.

Season with sugar, cayenne and salt. When mixture bubbles, reduce heat to a simmer. Cut butter into pieces, stir into corn mixture, and simmer until creamy, 5 to 7 minutes.

Cut avocados in half lengthwise and remove pits. Squeeze lime juice over the avocados to keep them from browning and season with a little coarse salt.

Back to the sauce for fish: Add cilantro, and adjust salt and pepper to taste.

Spoon hot tomatillo sauce over the fish and garnish with sprigs of cilantro.

To serve, set ½ an avocado per person alongside a serving of fish, topped with tomatillo sauce. Fill the avocado with maque choux, allowing the corn to spill down and over the sides.

The ripe avocado is spooned away from its skin with bites of creamy, warm corn and peppers.

Makes 4 servings.

Margarita Granita

The juice of 2 limes
1 tray ice cubes
1 pint lime sherbet (4 large scoops)
4 shots good quality tequila
2 shots Cointreau, or other orange liqueur

Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend on high 1 or 2 minutes, or until smooth and frothy.

Spoon into glasses and serve.

Makes 4 cocktails.

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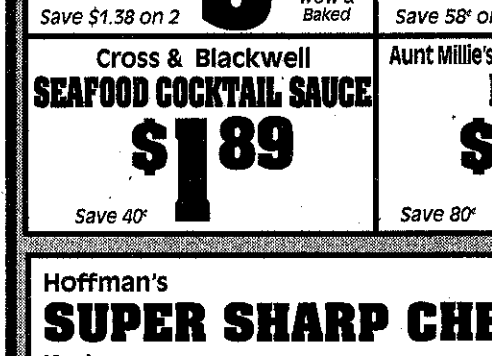
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Tomatoes 101 plus

Chef teaches all-tomato menu

BY JOAN CIRILLO

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — It's a tasty question to face: What to do with all those colorful, juicy, ripe tomatoes growing in your garden, or spilling from farm fresh market stands?

This is the season to explore new ways to prepare the plump fruit, and taste the different heirloom varieties that come in a rainbow of colors, including red, orange, yellow, green, white, purple — and even brown, black and mottled.

"They're powerful flavor bombs," says Paul Klitsie, executive chef and co-owner of Ristorante Fratelli in the fashionable Pearl District here. "You can do so many things with them ... I'll use tomatoes whenever I can."

The 39-year-old Dutch chef sees them as one of the most versatile foods, adaptable to every course of a meal from the simplest uncooked salad to a tomato sorbet.

He even teaches a tomato-themed cooking class here.

Tomato purists argue that nothing matches the succulence and sweetness of a just-picked tomato, eaten uncooked and out of hand. Advocates of fresh tomatoes accompany them with basil, or pair them with the freshest mozzarella or goat cheese, lightly seasoned with salt, fresh ground pepper, and a sprinkling of extra virgin olive oil.

Tomatoes were not always so well liked, though. Indigenous to South America, the tomato was domesticated in Central America and Mexico, and then taken back to Spain by early explorers. But because tomatoes are members of the nightshade family, some thought them to be deadly. (Their leaves do contain toxic alkaloids.) They became popular in this country only in the 1900s.

Ironically, tomatoes also gained a reputation as a powerful aphrodisiac.

The French called them "pommes d'amour" or "love apples." Like the apple, the tomato is botanically a fruit, but in 1893 the U.S. government classified it as a vegetable for trade purposes.

Whether you call it a fruit or a vegetable, tomatoes rate high on the healthy foods scale. Because they're a good source of vitamins A and C, they have gained attention in recent years for their antioxidant value.

In particular, they contain the nutrient lycopene, which gives them their vibrant color and is related to beta carotene. The nutrient is concentrated when tomatoes are heated.

Both hot and cold dishes are the theme of Klitsie's tomato class. He recently demonstrated the recipes and talked about his cooking and use of tomatoes during an interview in his restaurant's open kitchen.

The chef, who grew up eating hothouse tomatoes in his native Rotterdam, describes his cooking as "traditional with a twist ... simple." His kitchen philosophy: Use few ingredients, prepare them perfectly, and bring out natural flavor combinations that work well together.

"It's very unpretentious," he says of his cooking and his restaurant's food, which is often enhanced by the produce from his partner's prolific nearby garden.

Klitsie was trained at culinary school in Germany, apprenticed in European restaurants, and was the executive chef at the acclaimed Italian Restaurant Vasso in Amsterdam from 1989 to 1997 — he wrote the restaurant's cookbook.

The following year, Klitsie came to Portland and opened his rustic regional Italian restaurant with chef Tim Cuscaden, a 35-year-old Culinary Institute of America graduate.

Klitsie had met Cuscaden in Europe and hired him as his sous chef at Vasso. They named their restaurant Fratelli (Italian for "brothers"), Klitsie says, because it typifies their relationship.

For his class menu, Klitsie favors Italian plum (Roma) tomatoes. "They hold up well," he says. Along with eggplant, they are the basis for caponata, the Sicilian dish which he calls a stew.

The dish is typically served cold or hot, as a salad or side dish. Klitsie recommends putting it on bruschetta and serving it as an appetizer. His special secret? Finishing the stew with a half-cup of strong coffee, which he says brings out the acidic flavors of the ingredients.

His Fratelli panzanella, or tomato bread salad, also has a twist.

Traditionally, this salad was the poor man's dinner in Rome and Tuscany because it used stale bread soaked in water.

Klitsie replaces the bread with toasted bread croutons and fresh

breadcrumbs. He substitutes roasted red peppers for the raditional raw peppers, adds Parmesan cheese and mixed greens, and eliminates the capers from the traditional recipe.

The chef demonstrated how he prepares a tomato dressing over sauteed halibut on wilted spinach.

The dressing is made with skinned, diced tomatoes which he prefers to skin with a knife instead of briefly plunging the tomatoes in hot and then cold water to loosen skins. He says the hot water treatment starts to break down the tomato flesh.

The flavorful dressing can also be used on an arugula salad or as an accompaniment to other fish.

The perfect finale to Klitsie's class menu is basil gelato, a complex and rich ice cream with a distinctly pleasing flavor — after all, what goes better with tomatoes than basil?

This fish dish has fresh halibut topped with a salsa sauce of tomatoes, red onions, garlic, lemon zest, orange zest, thyme, Italian parsley, olives and anchovies.

It's served over lightly cooked spinach accented with wine, and it has summer flavors that will taste great all year long.

Sauteed Halibut With Wilted Spinach and Tomato Dressing

For the dressing:
- 8 large Roma tomatoes, skinned and diced into½" pieces (see following directions)
- 2 small red onions, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- Grated zest of 1 lemon
- Grated zest of 1 orange
- 1 tbsp. fresh thyme, chopped
- 2 tbsp. fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- ½ cup pitted sliced olives
- 2 anchovies, minced (optional)
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. fresh ground black pepper
- ¾ tsp. sugar
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 cups extra virgin olive oil

For the spinach:
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- ½ cup white wine
- 1½ pounds of fresh spinach
- ¼ tsp. salt
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

For the halibut:
- Extra-virgin olive oil to coat pan
- 6 halibut filets, about 6 ounces each, skin removed
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

To make the dressing:

Slice off the top and bottom ends of the tomatoes and cut the tomatoes lengthwise into quarters, removing the seeds. Lay the tomato quarters skin side down on a cutting board and filet the skins from the meat. Dice the tomatoes into½-inch pieces.

Combine the tomatoes, red onions, garlic, lemon zest, orange zest, thyme, Italian parsley, olives and anchovies and gently toss in a metal bowl. Add the salt, pepper and sugar. Mix gently. Add the red wine vinegar and stir.

Carefully add the extra-virgin olive oil, making sure that the oil coversthe ingredients. Marinate the dressing for four hours.

To make the spinach:

Heat a large stockpot over medium heat. Add half the onions, half the wine, half the spinach, the salt and pepper. Cook together until the spinach is wilted by half. Add the rest of the onions, wine and spinach. (Half of the spinach will be more cooked; this will add variation to the color and texture). If desired, season with salt and pepper, to taste.

To make the halibut:

Season the fish on both sides with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Bring a large saute pan to high heat. Add olive oil and then saute the fish in the pan with the "skin" side down for about 3 minutes, until this side appears to be crisp and golden brown. Flip the fish to its other side and cook for an additional 3 minutes. The halibut is best served when it is still medium-rare to medium on the inside. Note: Longer cooking may result in the fish becoming dry.

To assemble the dish:

Divide the spinach among 6 plates and place the sauteed halibut over the spinach. Stir the dressing, and then evenly divide the dressing over each portion of halibut. Makes 6 servings.

Chef's Note: The dressing used in this recipe can also be used with arugula to create a flavorful salad.

Bruschetta

- 1 baguette
- 6 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- Salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 450 F, or preheat grill over high heat. Slice six½-inch pieces of the baguette on a 45-degree angle. Coat each slice with about 1 teaspoon olive oil, and salt and pepper. Roast the slices in the oven or on the grill until they are golden brown on each side. Remove from heat.

Cut the clove of garlic in half. While the bread is still warm, rub one side of the bread with the garlic. Top with Caponata, and small dollops of fresh goat cheese, as desired. Makes 6 servings.

Basil gelato, made with a delicate and flavorful basil-infused tomato custard, is a perfect way to finish off a tomato-themed meal.

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A pasta sauce that cooks itself

Labor Day doesn't have to be celebrated with the grill.

Hot weather and an abundant supply of ripe tomatoes create the perfect time for an easy, uncooked Italian pasta sauce called salsa cruda, or raw sauce. The heat from the cooked pasta mixed with it brings out the rich flavors of the ingredients.

If the holiday just doesn't seem right without grilled meats, offer pasta with salsa cruda as a side dish.

Salsa cruda can be varied like any pasta sauce by adding chopped olives, capers, anchovy, sun-dried tomatoes or any other favorite ingredient.

Whatever else goes into it, lush, ripe tomatoes are essential.

Tomatoes without flavor means a sauce without flavor. If they are juicy and flavorful, any type of fresh tomato – regular or plum – works well.

Like other light sauces, salsa cruda goes well with more than pasta. Try it with grilled, broiled or baked fish like salmon, swordfish or halibut. Or use it on slices of grilled or toasted garlic bread to make bruschetta. Add crumbled feta cheese or diced mozzarella to the sauce and sprinkle it over a salad, or add cooked bulgur to make tabouleh.

Summer is the best time to take advantage of fresh tomatoes, not only for their perfect flavor but for their health benefits as well.

Lycopene, the substance that gives tomatoes, watermelon and guava, as well as red and pink grapefruit, their characteristic color, seems to be a powerful antioxidant that neutralizes molecules that would otherwise react with and damage cells. Lycopene seems to reduce growth of prostate cancer cells, for example.

In a large Harvard University study, the risk of prostate cancer was one-third lower in men who ate the most tomato products compared to men who ate the least, and many researchers believe lycopene was the reason.

Later studies also linked greater consumption of foods high in lycopene to a lower risk of prostate and other cancers.

A summer salsa cruda is a good way to get great nutrition as well as the great taste of tomatoes at their flavor peak. The hearty flavor of whole-grain pasta goes particularly well with this sauce.

Although sprinkling grated cheese on pasta seems almost instinctive, salsa cruda is usually served without it.

SPAGHETTI WITH SALSA CRUDA

- 1-¾ lb. plum tomatoes, seeded and diced, about 4 cups
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ cup finely chopped red onion
- 3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped flat parsley
- 2 Tbsp. coarsely chopped fresh basil
- ¾ lb. whole-grain spaghetti
- Freshly ground pepper

In a glass, ceramic or plastic bowl, combine the tomatoes with the salt, the onion and 2 tablespoons of the oil. Set aside for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, boil a large pot of water and cook the spaghetti al dente according to package directions. Drain the spaghetti and turn it into a large, warm serving bowl. Toss the pasta with the remaining tablespoon of oil to keep it from sticking together.

Mix the parsley and basil into the tomatoes. Season generously with pepper. Pour the salsa cruda over the warm pasta. Toss the entire mixture to blend well. Serve immediately. Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 330 calories, 10 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 55 g. carbohydrate, 11 g. protein, 10 g. dietary fiber, 483 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

How to tame your tomato

BY JOAN CIRILLO

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Paul Klitsie, executive chef and co-owner of Ristorante Fratelli, is a great fan of the tomato. Here's some advice from him on how to tame your tomatoes.

How to skin and seed a tomato with a knife:

1. Cut off both ends and slice tomato into quarters.

2. Lay tomato quarters, skin side down, on cutting board. Run sharp knife along flesh to remove seeds and pulp.

3. Gently press tomato quarter flat on cutting board, skin side down, and insert knife between flesh and skin at narrow end of quarter. Run knife along tomato to remove flesh from skin.

Buy tomatoes that are firm and fragrant and give slightly to palm pressure. They should be heavy for their size and free of blemishes and cracks.

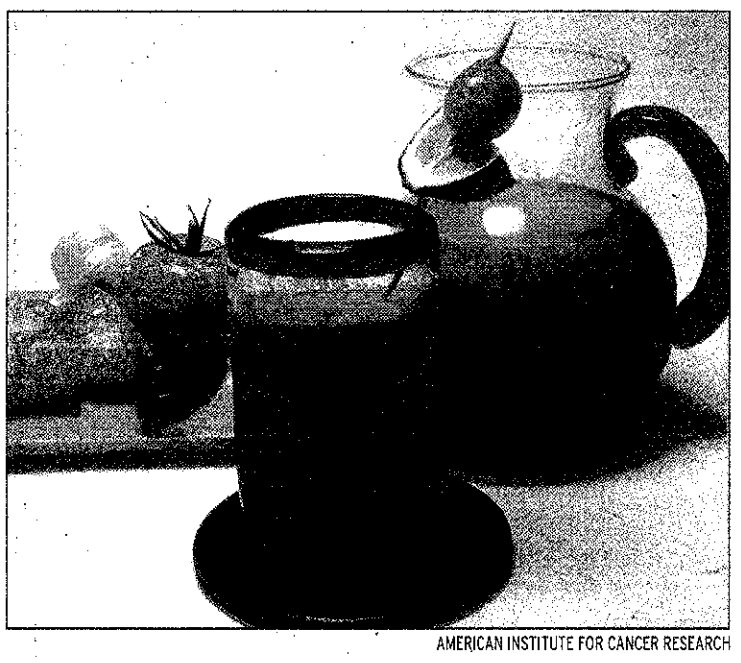
Store ripe tomatoes, stem side down, at room temperature away from direct sunlight.

Never refrigerate tomatoes. Cold temperatures destroy the flavor and create pulpy flesh.

Use ripe tomatoes within a few days. Cut tomatoes with an inexpensive tomato knife or use the tip of a sharp pointed knife to pierce skin and then cut into the skin at the pierced point. Seed tomatoes by cutting them in half horizontally and gently squeezing each half. Squeeze over a strainer and bowl to preserve juice to use in dressings or sauces. Don't use an aluminum pan to cook tomatoes or tomato-based sauces. The aluminum leaves a bitter aftertaste and the tomato will lose its bright color.







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Try this refreshing, savory, salsa-flavored smoothie.

Tempting ways to serve tomatoes

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Tomatoes are rich in so many good things, including vitamin C, lycopene and assorted carotenes, that eating them every day is a good idea – especially now, while local, ripe tomatoes are at their peak.

Here are ideas for serving tomatoes in a variety of ways. Delicious now, they will be even more welcome when out-of-season tomatoes need a flavor boost.

With their thick, sweet flesh, round cherry and oval grape tomatoes can be a better choice than the regular kind because even if bought at the supermarket, they taste good year round. They're great for adding color to a green salad, but they also do well on their own.

Halve these miniatures, then toss them with a light dressing of lemon juice, rice wine vinegar and a few drops of olive oil. This dressing makes it possible to serve them as a salad, heaped on a bed of lettuce that gets bathed with their tangy juices and the dressing.

Fresh salsa is another treat. Think of adding diced mango, jicama, cucumber or other produce when making a salsa.

A freshly made salsa richly textured with many ingredients can be so irresistible that your family members will each eat a whole cup, providing a healthy two servings of the minimum recommended "five-a-day" for fruits and vegetables.

Remember that juice counts, too, toward those recommended servings. Try this refreshing, savory, salsa-flavored smoothie.

GAZPACHO SMOOTHIE

- 1 small tomato, quartered
- ¾ cup tomato juice cocktail, chilled
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 small garlic clove, chopped
- ¼ jalapeño pepper (or to taste), chopped
- ¼ tsp. ground cumin
- Juice of ½ fresh lime (about 1 Tbsp.)
- Small wedge of fresh lime and a cherry tomato for garnish (optional)

Freeze tomato in a plastic bag until hard, about 3 to 4 hours. (They will keep up to one week. Several tomatoes may be frozen at a time.)

Place frozen tomato, juice, cilantro, garlic, jalapeño, cumin and lime juice in a blender. Purée until well blended and almost smooth.

Pour into a tall tumbler filled with ice cubes. Garnish, if desired, with a small wedge of lime and a cherry tomato, speared on a short skewer and added to the glass like a swizzle stick.

Serve immediately.

Makes 1 serving. (Recipe can be multiplied to make more servings, but you may want to cut down on garlic and jalapeño if you do.)

Per serving: 63 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 14 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 444 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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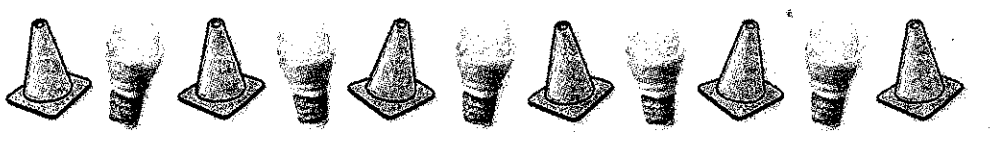
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Making this possible is the prestigious torgiano as well as sagrantino. In contrast to Tuscany, where cabernet sauvignon and merlot are relative newcomers, they have been prominent in Umbria for over a century. Barbera and pinot nero are also promising reds.

The prize of Umbria is Vin Santo, a dessert wine made from semi-dried grechetto and malvasia grapes. If you want a unique and simple dessert for a dinner with guests, buy a Vin Santo and some premium biscotti. Have your guests dip the biscotti in the Vin Santo and enjoy a unique taste treat to end the meal. Recommended producers in Umbria: Galli & Broccatelli, La Carraia, La Fiorita, La Palazzola and Sportoletti (which also makes a wonderful olive oil).

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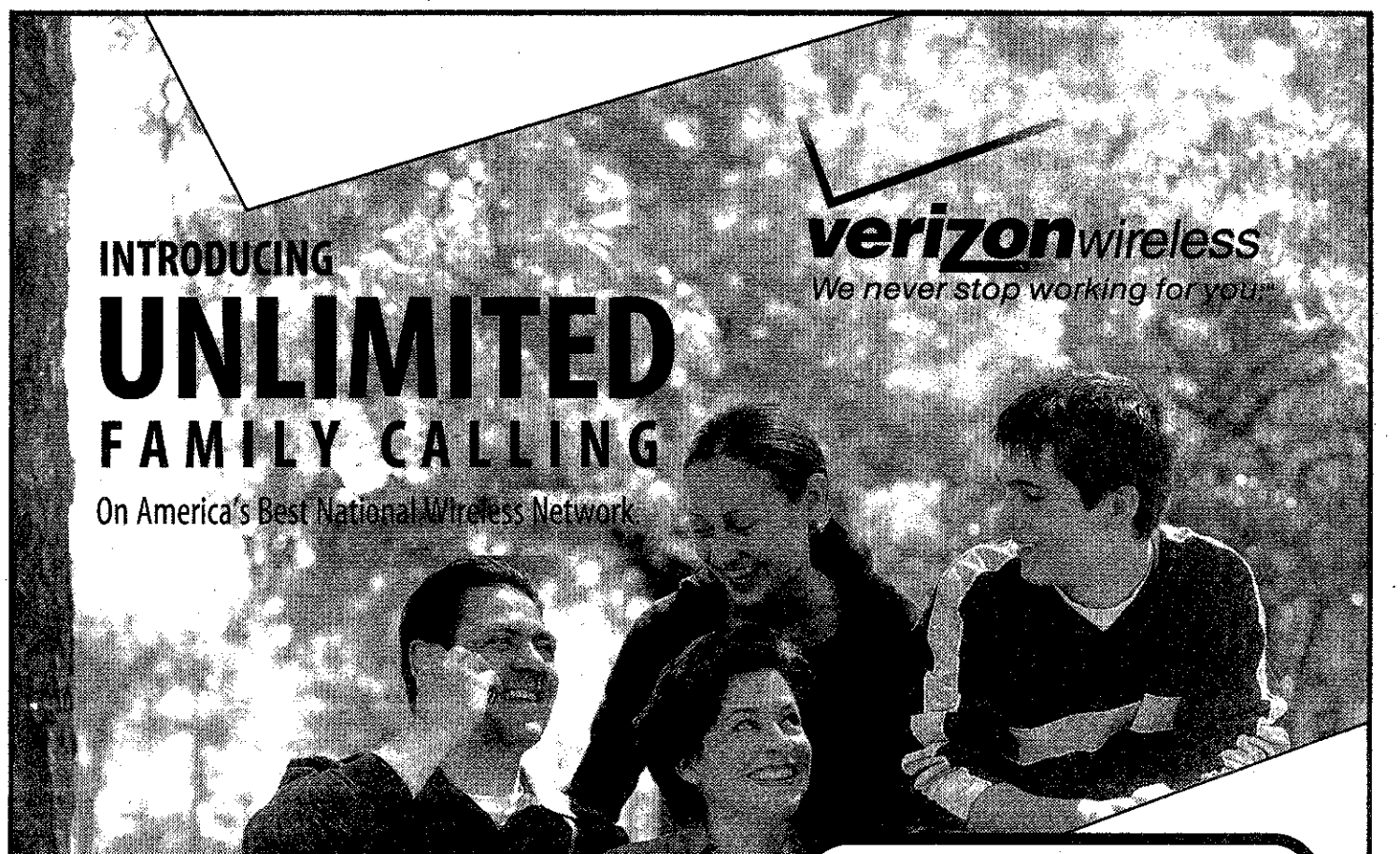
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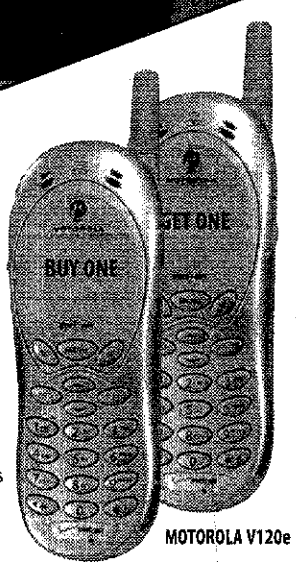
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Board problems require help of an attorney

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Myron and Mimi Singer are packing for their move to southern California.

Make sure everyone agrees on what stays, goes

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

A knob can close the door on a sale.

So can a ceiling fan, a wall mirror or the freezer out in the garage.

These are just some of the things real estate agents have to think about when listing a house or showing one to a potential buyer, said Charlene Lucas, Realtor and part-owner of Century 21 Premier, Canton.

Lucas offered a list of possible troublemakers that includes "things like stained glass windows that aren't really windows but are attached to the front of the windows, swing sets, pools, and some landscaping. Even mailboxes.

"Sometimes the seller thinks that because they put it in, they can take it out. My best advice to agents and sellers is to walk around the house and observe everything and discuss it as being included for sale with the house or excluded."

How about that antique sconce the owner put on the dining room wall? "If that's old Aunt Loretta's heirloom, remove it prior to showing. Let's not make a light fixture a negotiating item.

"You're working on a $250,000 sale and it comes down to one valance in the master bedroom that means something to both the buyer and the seller and the deal falls apart because of something as minor as that."

Seller and buyer, Lucas said, must be careful about anything that is possible to remove from the house or lot. "You can't remove the skylight you put in," she said, "but the blind over it can be taken away."

If the seller wants to keep the fancy ceiling fan in the dining room, "it should be removed and replaced before showing," Lucas said, "or the buyer should be told it will be replaced with a fan up to a certain value."

Lucas knows of backyard playscapes that were removed by sellers, even though the buyers thought something so large and seemingly permanent "must be part of the house." And she knows of drapery rods that were removed, "and then the Realtor is out buying drapery rods."

In another house, the stained glass panels were not on the agreement and the seller hadn't intended to include them, but the buyer had expected them to be there. Lucas said she and the other agent bought the buyer a compensatory gift.

What about that door knob? Yes, Lucas said, the seller replaces antique glass knobs with cheap metal knobs and "who wants to test that in court?"

She recalls a deal that said 'all appliances included,' but the seller had forgotten about the freezer in the garage. Meant to keep it, but had to let it go.

And then there are gray areas, Lucas said, such as the ironing board that's attached to the back of a door or the mirror that's screwed onto the wall instead of hanging from a picture hook.

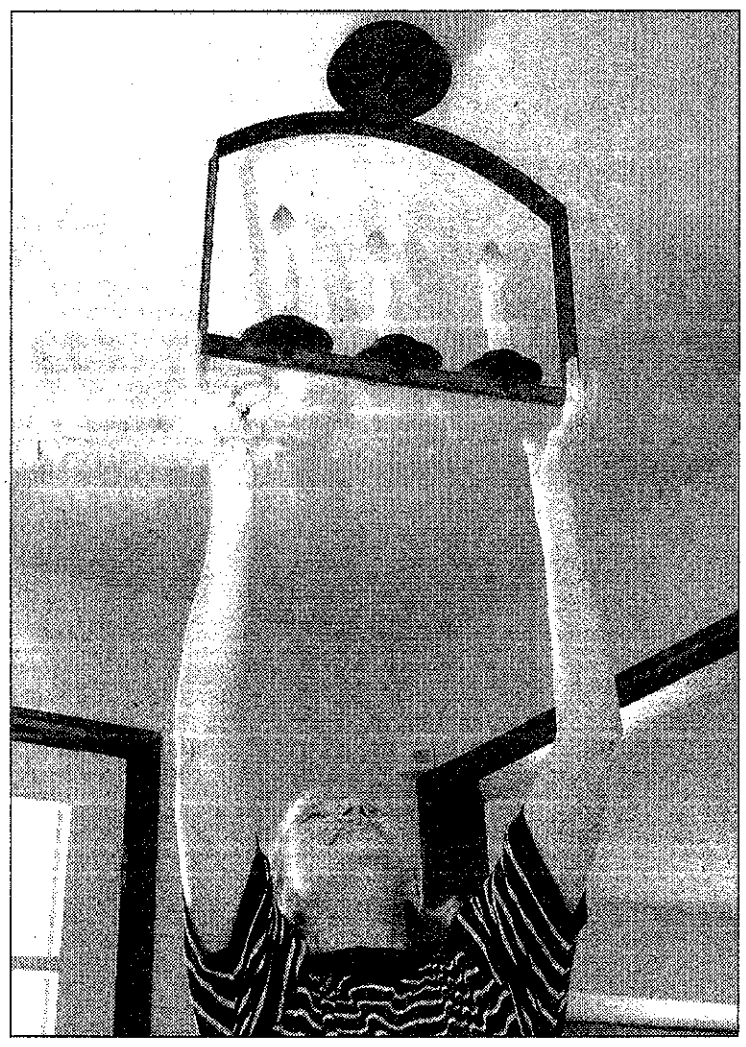
"As an agent," Lucas said, "it's your responsibility to protect your client," whether seller or buyer.

Mary Rettig agreed. Rettig, associate broker, ERA Alliance Realty, Farmington Hills, said, "I make sure my contracts list everything" included and excluded.

But complications still can occur. Retting said she had a deal where the seller was leaving the appliances, but the buyer didn't want them. "The other agent and I scrambled to get them out and donate them to charity."

Even things "bolted in" that are assumed to be part of the house, said Eva Goren, might not be. Things that look too big or too difficult to move might not be included.

Goren, Realtor, Hall & Hunter, Birmingham, was caught in a planter pickle more than once.



Fixtures like this generally stay with the home when you move.

One deal involved a set of very large, very expensive, Italian-made planters near the home's swimming pool.

Armed with her experience of resolving a conflict about large planters at the entrance of another home, Goren put on her psychologist's hat. "You want both parties to feel like winners."

She told the buyer that typically you wouldn't expect these oversize, costly pots to be included.

And the seller was praised for having such good taste and the design sense to use these pots to beautify the house and give it so much sales appeal. The pots stayed.

At Max Broock, Rochester, Brent Cleland, vice president of sales, said last-minute conflicts about what stays/what goes should never happen if you're doing your job.

"There should be no misunderstandings," said Cleland. "We need to be sure that agents are verifying everything [that's on the original listing ticket] at the time of the purchase agreement. There should never be any surprises."

Right, said Michelle Phaup, broker, Clarkston Realty, Clarkston, attributing the absence of those last-minute surprises in her deals to the evolution of the purchase agreement. Much less specific in years past, she said, it now spells out everything.

Okay, but you still might want to check on those door knobs.

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Credit reporting war heats up

I recently wrote a four-part series on the rising hostilities between consumers and the country's major credit reporting agencies. Since then, the war has heated up.

Your consumer credit score more critically defines your financial capability that any other single indicator. A cash-stuffed mattress and a six-digit income mean little if you have a terrible credit score. Your credit score may now be used as the primary — if not the sole — factor in determining whether you can rent an apartment, get a mortgage, cash a check, use a debit card, be insured or even get hired.

These high stakes have consumers more closely guarding this precious commodity. Some have contested inaccurate entries to their credit reports on their own, while others have solicited help from professional third-parties — credit repair companies, mortgage loan officers and attorneys. The resulting onslaught of challenges to credit report entries have the country's three major credit repositories — Transunion, Equifax and Experian — running for cover and sometimes shooting back.

Class-action and individual lawsuits against these credit giants are springing up like wildfires. To date, the three have paid many millions of dollars in settlement charges for Fair Credit Reporting Act violations, but these penalties cannot compare to the negative impact affected consumers have felt. According to the Federal Trade Commission's complaints, the bureaus blocked calls from more than a million consumers who wanted to discuss the contents of, and possible errors in, their credit reports, and kept others on hold for unreasonably long periods of time.

Under fire, the three have returned volley on the consumer credit repair companies who have led the charge against unfair and inaccurate credit reporting. In fact, several of my clients who have worked with me to exercise their consumer credit rights have received letters encouraging them to surrender their efforts.

GET HELP

If you are repairing your credit, stay the course. Do not surrender your right to an accurate credit report without a fight. If you need help, get it. Our country remains strong by balancing power. Inaccurate and unfair credit reporting practices cannot go unchecked lest we all suffer the dreadful consequences.

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Colorado ranch goes on eBay

PRNewswire – One of the largest pieces of property in Southwest Colorado went on eBay Friday, Aug. 8. The ranch is appraised at $3.7 million and the price on eBay is $2.914 million. What is unique to this auction is that the down payment is being auctioned on eBay. The owners have agreed to participate in the financing.

Weber Canyon Ranch is 1,240 acres adjacent to Mesa Verde National Park, BLM land and the Southern Ute Reservation. The ranch is seven miles out of Mancos, Colo. There is a live stream through the property and enough water to build several ponds. Elk, deer, mountain lion, wild turkey and other small game are abundant on the ranch.

For several years, Weber Canyon Ranch has been the home of Rapp Guides and Packers. Jerry Rapp has been described as one of the best outfitters in the country and *Conde Nast Traveler* did a cover story on Jerry, Weber Canyon Ranch and his Pack Trips. Rapp Guide Service and Weber Canyon Ranch has been the site of several movie and video shoots, advertising photo shoots, articles in *Western Horseman*, *New York* and *Cosmopolitan*.

The eBay auction will conclude on Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. PDT. The winning bidder then has 20 days to travel to Mancos, Colo., to inspect his/her purchase. The interest rate will be structured around the credit score of the buyer. The buyer will be able to reject the offer on inspection of the property. The seller reserves the right to reject the winning bidder's offer upon examining the credit score and ability to pay. There will be showings next Saturday and Sunday to tour perspective bidders by appointment.

"Ask any travel agent if the Internet has affected their business," said Jerry's brother Gregg Rapp, who is overseeing the auction. "I see the same thing coming in real estate." Gregg retained Fuller Western, a Denver-based Realtor.

"We are excited to help with this and finish all the detail work," said ranch broker Jack Gallagher. "Gregg thought he was going to get kicked out of our office when he presented this idea last week. We are supporting this new tool and are here to help in any way we can," Jack said. eBay auctions have recently helped sell towns, homes, land and other ranches. Weber Canyon Ranch is listed under Real Estate Ranchland Item: 2339805127 (http://cgi.aol.ebay.com/aol/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=2339805127).

For further information, please contact Gregg Rapp at (760) 323-4848 or Gregg@WeberCanyonRanch.com. There is a 3 Minute Streaming Video on the ranch at www.WeberCanyonRanch.com.

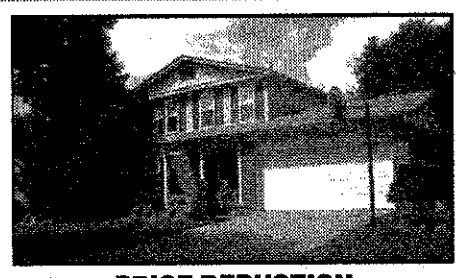
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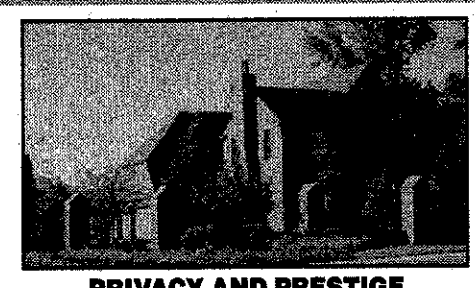
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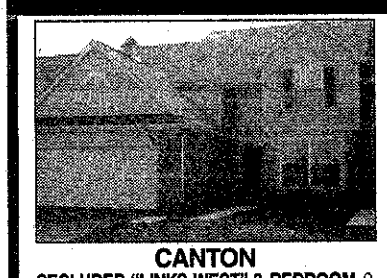
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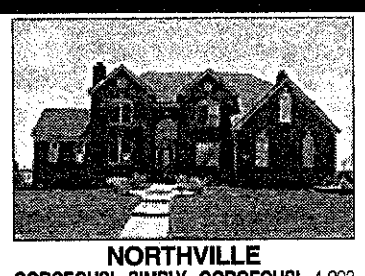
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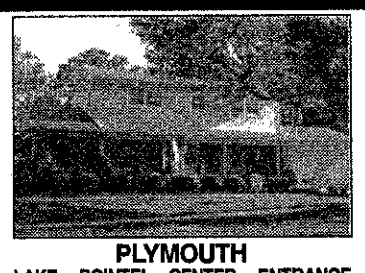
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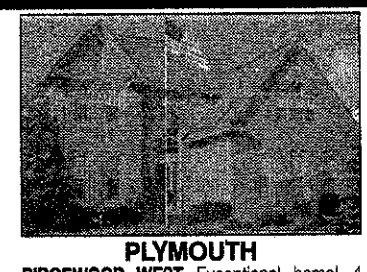
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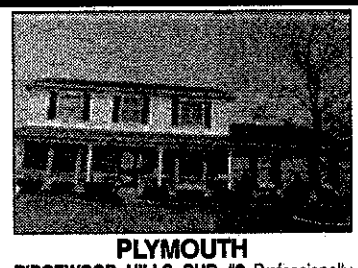
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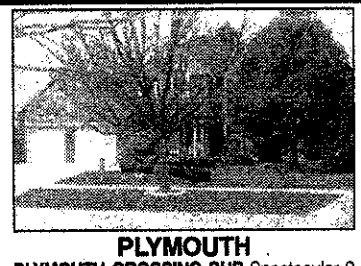
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MAINTENANCE COURSE

Professional maintenance course sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, Building Industry Association of Michigan headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Registration $85, includes lunch, call (248) 862-1004.

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

On Saturday, Aug. 16, Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke Realtors is donating their parking lot to several local charities during the Ninth Annual Woodward Dream Cruise. Nearly 300 volunteers, working in two-hour shifts, will assist over 600 classic cars to their designated areas starting at 6:30 a.m. The list of charities that will host events catered to cruisers of all ages include: Academy of Sacred Heart, ALS of Michigan, Birmingham Optimist Club, Birmingham Rotary Club, Franks Anatra, Make-A-Difference, Queen for a Day. WMSR's parking lot is at 298 S. Old Woodward, at the corner of Brown Street, the main entrance for classic cars entering the show car area.

GOLF PAGEANT

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is hosting its West Oakland/Wayne County Golf Pageant on Wednesday, Aug. 20.

The event is 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Fox Hills, The Golden Fox Country Club (8768 North Territorial) in Plymouth. Registration fees, including 18 holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and golf competitions are $135. Call (248) 862-1033.

RIVER CRUISE

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) is hosting a Detroit River cruise on Thursday, Aug. 21.

The event is from 6:15-9 p.m. at Stroh's River Place Dock, 100 River Place Drive, Detroit. Registration fees, including appetizers are $35 for AAM and PMC members and $40 for non-members and guests. Call (248) 862-1004.

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.

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

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Mortgage rates reach highest level in a year

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages climbed this week to the highest level seen in a year, something that is chilling – but not freezing – refinancing activity.

The average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages for the week ending Aug. 8 was 6.34 percent, up sharply from last week's rate of 6.14 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey.

This week's rate marked the highest since the week ending Aug. 2, 2002, when rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.43 percent.

The recent upward swing in mortgage rates marks a turnaround from the middle of June, when rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades.

Several factors have contributed to rising mortgage rates, economists said. They include: signs that the economy is gaining traction; concern about swelling federal budget deficits; and disappointment on Wall Street that the Federal Reserve didn't make a bolder cut to short-term rates on June 25.

Those factors have pushed bond rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise.

"Signs that the economy is finally improving have generated upward pressure on fixed-rate mortgage rates over these past few weeks," said Freddie Mac's chief economist Frank Nothaft.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates jumped to 5.66 percent this week, up from 5.44 percent last week. This week's rate was the highest since the week ending Oct. 25, 2002, when 15-year mortgages averaged 5.70 percent.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages rose this week to 3.80 percent, up from 3.68 percent last week.

The recent rise in mortgage rates is slowing home-mortgage refinancing activity, which had been on a red-hot roll before the upward swing in rates.

Applications for new financing deals edged down by 2.4 percent last week from the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported.

"The relatively modest drop in refinancing activity despite a rather sharp increase in interest rates indicates some borrowers decided this might be their last chance to refinance before rates went up further," said Jay Brinkmann, the association's vice president of research and economics.

Refinancing has played an important factor underpinning consumer spending, a main force keeping the economy going. Economists are hopeful that fatter paychecks and other incentives coming from President Bush's third tax cut will move in to support spending as refinancing cools.

Economists said rising mortgage rates also probably will dim the vibrant housing market a bit, but they still expect sales to remain healthy.

"Home sales in the second half of this year won't be as robust, but we'll still see an annual record," said David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

Lereah is forecasting existing-home sales to total 5.65 million and new-home sales to come to 992,000 units in 2003. Both would mark all-time highs.

This week's mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.7 point.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. **Send a brief summary including town of residency and 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.

VICE PRESIDENT

Pat Harvey has joined Standard Insurance Services, an affiliate of Standard Federal Bank and ABN AMRO, as vice president of commercial insurance. In this role, she will assist in the strategic development and implementation of the agency's commercial middle market and large corporate lines.

Harvey has 25 years of insurance and risk management experience, most recently at Bosquett & Company in Detroit, where she worked for the past eight years. She will be based in the SIS Sterling Heights office.

"We are excited to add Pat to our team as we continue to develop comprehensive insurance solutions for our clients," said SIS Executive Vice President Tony Curti. "Her expertise will further elevate our commercial business initiatives.

NEW HOME

Telcom Credit Union has opened its new build-to-suit headquarters at Timbercreek, while construction of a Residence Inn there is slated for completion by November.

"The new Residence Inn and Telcom Credit Union are representative of the high quality occupants we envision for Timbercreek, and dramatically enhance its appeal among businesses searching for new, buildable property," said Doug Etkin, Etkin Equities president.

Located at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Cabaret roads, Timbercreek offers premier office and hotel space adjacent to the 760,000 square-foot Fountain Walk retail and entertainment center.

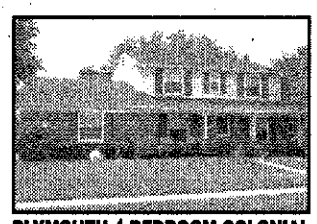
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NEW CONSTRUCTION – 2200 square foot Colonial with 3 bedrooms and 2½ baths backing to a large pond. Large open floor plan with formal living and dining rooms, hardwood floors, 2½ car garage, and a fabulous walkout basement. $319,900 (067BE)


TOP-NOTCH AND ECONOMICAL – 2-bedroom, 1½ bath condo with a full basement and many quality updates. Kitchen and baths are beautifully redone. Full basement, huge master and an attached 1-car garage. In move-in condition. Perfect for a young professional. $126,900 (282CA)


GORGEOUS PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RANCH – Immaculate 3 bedroom brick ranch on a ravened lot. Features include a ceramic foyer & kitchen, spacious family room with a gas fireplace and 2 doorwalls to the deck & private yard. Drywall finished basement with a wet bar and wine room. Totally turn key. $254,900 (073HA)


PLYMOUTH 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL – Beautifully landscaped oversized corner lot in the much sought after Trailwood Sub. 4 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial. 1st floor laundry, kitchen & breakfast room overlooking the family room w/gas fireplace. Spacious room T/O. Wonderful cul-de-sac location. 1 year home warranty included, close to schools. $334,900 (215HI)


WEST DEARBORN – 4 bedroom, 2 full bath home in desirable Divine Child/Levagood park area. Updates galore including a beautiful kitchen with oak cabinetry. Huge master with a full bath. Extra deep 2½ car garage. Meticulously maintained. $189,900 (445NI)

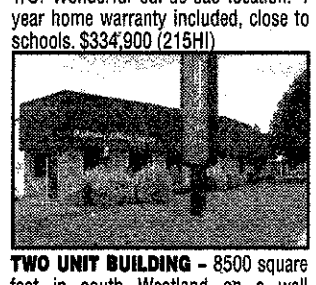

GORGEOUS ROYAL POINTE COLONIAL – Fabulous Canton home with 4 bedrooms and 2½ baths backs up to a beautiful commons area. Family room has a 2-way fireplace to the office. 3-car garage, large master with fireplace and huge closets, crown moldings and lots of extras. $387,000 (100PI)


QUIET COURT LOCATION – Palladian windowed 2 story entry. 1994 build, quiet court setting. Hardwood foyer and kitchen, classic facade, 9 foot ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, cathedral ceiling in master. Convenient to Township Park. $449,900 (730SO)


GORGEOUS VIEW – 24K Condo. Superbly maintained and decorated. Scenic views overlooking a private pond from your own deck! Soaring ceiling great room with a bay window and custom enclosure, fireplace. Bath with jetted tub. 1st floor laundry, and lavish landscaping with ground lighting. $227,900 (470BO)


PICTURE PERFECT! – Immaculate 4 bedroom, 3½ bath Colonial in prestigious Deer Creek Sub with custom features like glass panel doors and custom mirrors, a spiral staircase, large kitchen w/custom cabinetry, an outstanding lower level w/wet bar, office and lav. Freshly painted interior, hardwood floors and 3827 square feet of living space. $649,900 (217DE)


BRING YOUR HORSES – 4+ acres. Horse barn with 3 stalls, fenced paddock. 100 yr. old farmhouse completely updated. 1364 sq. ft. You won't be disappointed. Beautiful setting, sets far back from road. $229,900 (466HA)


TWO UNIT BUILDING – 8500 square feet in south Westland on a well traveled road. All units currently rented. $899,000 (066WA)



MOVE RIGHT IN, ALL THE WORK IS DONE! – Spacious home w/many updated features. Newer windows, furnace and air. Roof, flooring, and much more. Open floor plan w/large rooms. Private fenced yard with hot tub. Well maintained & nicely decorated home. 2 car attached garage, partially finished basement. $229,900 (247NO)


HOME ON THE RANCH – Nifty Lakepointe ranch boasts 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, cove ceilings, hardwood floors under new carpeting, open stairway to finished lower level, replacement vinyl windows and screened in porch. Two blocks to elementary school. $194,900 (120RU)


HANDSOME DETAILING – Pulte Carrington model with 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and 2 lavs! Upscale choice enhanced by 2-story foyer w/dual staircases & hardwood floors. Ultra gourmet kitchen w/walk in pantry. Private study, formal living and dining rooms, luxury master with glamour bath. Your palace awaits! $549,900 (384ST)


EXCEPTIONAL RANCH – Privacy plus – Treed backdrop in this brick ranch w/3 BRs, & 1½ BAs. Features include cathedral ceilings in living & family rms w/raised hearth natural fireplace, exterior painted in 2000, fenced yard, vinyl insulated windows, C/A, updated kitchen, professionally finished basement with recessed lighting and more. $204,875 (529BU)


GREAT HOME - GREAT PRICE – Many quality updates already done in this 3 bedroom brick/vinyl ranch. Finished basement with a bar, detached 2 car garage, above ground pool, deck, gazebo and a hot tub are all added bonuses to this wonderful home. $138,900 (629FL)



WESTLAND COLONIAL – Very nice 3 bedroom, 1½ bath colonial on a quiet tree-lined street. Home features all new maple kitchen, hardwood floors, newer windows, 2 car garage and more. Come and take a look. $154,900 (345HA)


YOUR KIND OF COMFORT! – Your own pleasant palace awaits you in this well maintained 4 bedroom, 2½ bath. Colonial! 2-story foyer with hardwood floors, large family room with fireplace. Formal living, dining & 2nd floor laundry. Cook's dream kitchen with nook. Master with vaulted ceiling. WIC, and glamour bath. 3-car garage. $389,900 (206MA)


AFFORDABLE NOVI CONDO – Safe, secure and enjoyable living in this 2 bedroom Novi townhouse condo. Finished basement, master bedroom with balcony. New wood floors. $126,900 (632OL)


4 BEDROOM COLONIAL – 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 2350 sq. ft. colonial. Large open living room, dining room, kitchen nook, and family room with fireplace. Full garden basement, prepped to finished w/9 ft. ceilings. 2½ car garage. Maintenance free exterior. Backs to woods. $299,900 (9D6SO)


CHARMING PLYMOUTH RANCH – Stop & take a look at this charming Plymouth ranch. Updated kitchen, 1/2 bath, roof, electrical, exterior doors & more. Fourth bedroom & full bath in partially finished basement. All appliances stay. Private backyard to creek. $213,500 (217HA)

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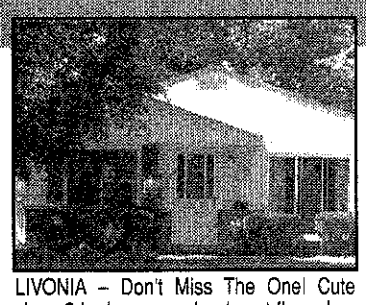
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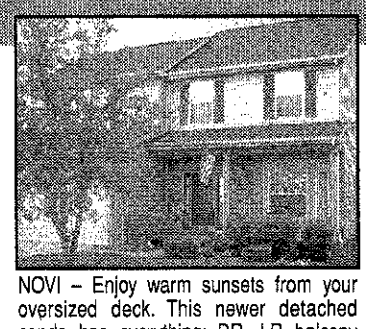
REDFORD – Great Opportunity. All brick cape cod w/3 bedrooms, freshly painted natural throughout, C/A, newer kitchen floor, some updating in kitchen, 3 ceiling fans, newer doors throughout. $115,900 (27WOO) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA – Don't Miss The One! Cute clean 3 bedroom ranch w/great floor plan, freshly painted, updated bath w/ceramic tile, furnace, hot water heater, steel entry doors + 2 car garage. $129,700 (01GIL) 734-455-5600



DETROIT – Move in condition. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offers finished basement w/full bath & cedar closet, garage & a ton of updates. $87,500 (19HEY) 734-455-5600



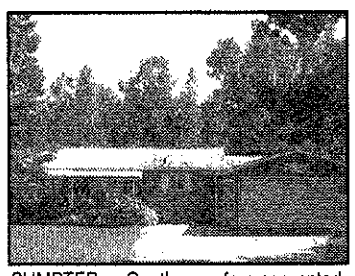
NOVI – Enjoy warm sunsets from your oversized deck. This newer detached condo has everything: DR, LR balcony overlooking FR w/frplc, finished basement w/garden windows & 2 car garage. Short walk to Walled Lake, Golf community. Clubhouse, pool &. more. $285,900 (94CHA) 248-349-5600



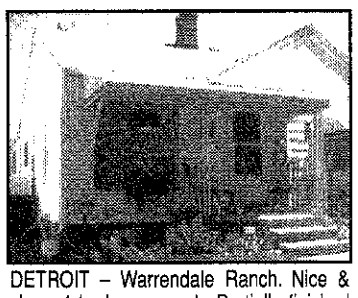
CANTON – Canton's Kimberly Sub. Best location on the pond w/park-like backyard setting. 3 bedroom, 2.5 ceramic baths, LR, DR, FR & first floor laundry. All appliances included. Totally neutral Berber carpet in basement. 2 car attached garage w/storage space. Superl $254,900 (12AMA) 248-349-5600



WHITMORE LAKE – Lakefront home. 3 bedrooms w/newer windows, walk-out basement. Lake frontage with dock. Great vacation home or rental. Live on an all sports lake. $194,900 (77NSH) 248-349-5600



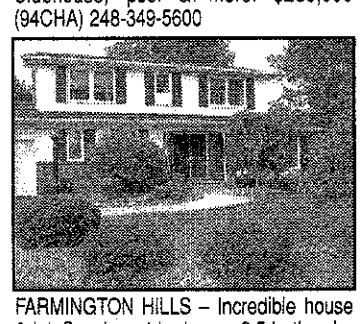
SUMPTER – Gentleman farmer wanted. Large 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage, many updates all sitting on approximately 1.5 acres. $181,900 (43HAR) 734-455-5600



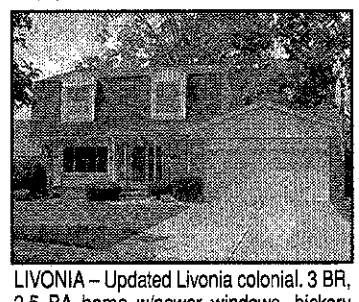
DETROIT – Warrendale Ranch. Nice & clean 4 bedroom ranch. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage, updates include: roof, furnace, C/A, hot water heater. Appliances are negotiable. Some updated windows, 1 year home warranty too! $104.900 (52WES) 734-455-5600



LYONS – Country in the city. Charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath offers 3 car attached garage, full basement, fireplace, family room, dining room, all sitting on approximately 3/4 acre lot. $374,000 (74WAL) 734-455-5600



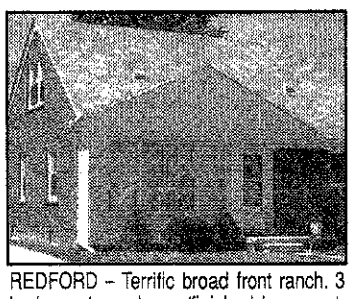
FARMINGTON HILLS – Incredible house & lot. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in Colony Park. Updates include: newer windows & doorwall, granite kitchen, newer tile in baths, oak HW floors & newer decor t/o, finished LL & more. Private setting. $349,000 (31OAK) 248-349-5600



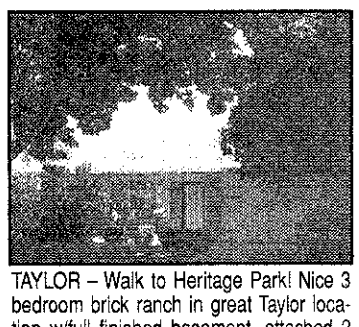
LIVONIA – Updated Livonia colonial. 3 BR, 2.5 BA home w/newer windows, hickory kitchen, oak floor in kitchen & hall. Newer A/C, furnace, roof, garage door. Lovely master BR w/private bath. Lovely landscaping, deck, sprinklers. Near Livonia Y & Frost Middle School. Outstanding. $279,000 (17RIV) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON – Gorgeous custom built home. Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, granite counters, butlers pantry & cherry cabs. Hardwood floors, limestone fireplace, custom window treatments, 9' ceilings & 2-story foyer. Formal DR, master suite, prof landscaped w/brick pavers. $309,900 (23SAD) 248-349-5600



REDFORD – Terrific broad front ranch. 3 bedroom bungalow w/finished basement, huge upstairs bedroom w/tons of storage. Major updating done includes: furnace, C/A, roof, windows & cement. $126,900 (35WOR) 734-455-5600



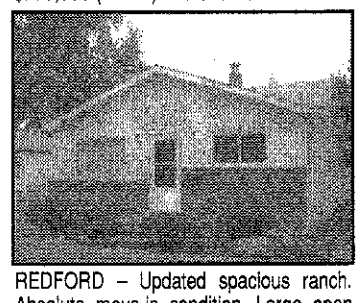
TAYLOR – Walk to Heritage Park! Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch in great Taylor location w/full finished basement, attached 2 car garage, fireplace in family room, new furnace & C/A '98, quick occupancy. Home warranty & much more! Bring offers. $157,900 (81MOR) 734-455-5600

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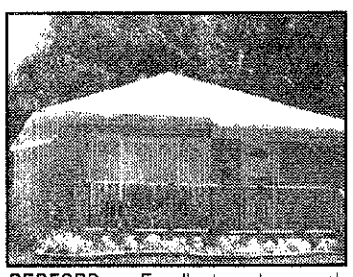
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REDFORD – Updated spacious ranch. Absolute move-in condition. Large open floor plan. Numerous updates including: carpet, flooring, siding, windows & A/C. Freshly painted t/o. Huge first floor laundry w/tons of storage. Formal LR & DR. Fenced yard & deck. Home Warranty included. $98,900 (59NOR) 248-349-5600



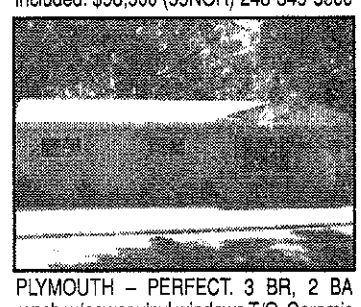
DEARBORN – Great starter home. 3 BR, 1 BA bungalow in west Dearborn. Roof & windows '02. Tub enclosure, updated kitchen cabinets, freshly painted in neutral colors. Fenced yard, close to park & schools. Appliances stay. $124,900 (00UNI) 248-349-5600



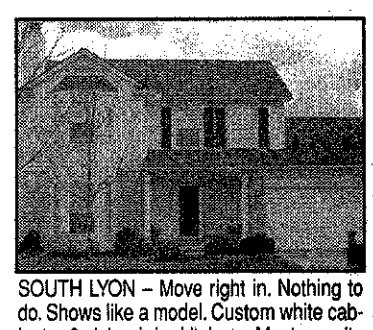
REDFORD – Excellent curb appeal. Beautifully updated ranch offers 2 car garage, finished basement, updated front porch, C/A, furnace, roof on house & garage, windows & more + 1 year home warranty. This home won't last. $119,900 (28GAR) 734-455-5600



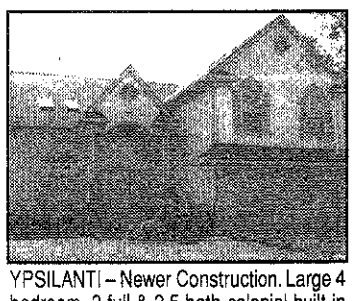
GREEN OAKS – A little bit of country. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath raised ranch w/2 car attached garage, walk-out lower level, 2 fireplaces w/raised hearths, newer windows, ceramic tile in foyer, kitchen & bath, doorwall from master & dining room to 45 x 16 deck. $199,724 (51SOM) 734-455-5600



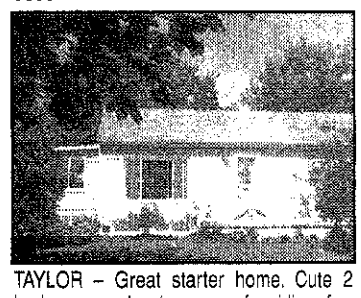
PLYMOUTH – PERFECT. 3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/newer vinyl windows T/O. Ceramic floor in kitchen & breakfast rm. Fresh & neutral interior. Finished basement w/family room, cedar closet, terrific storage & large workshop. Central vacuum system & 6 panel doors. Private fenced yard. $204,800 (38TAV) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON – Move right in. Nothing to do. Shows like a model. Custom white cabinets & island in kitchen. Master suite w/soaking tub. Custom mini blinds on all windows. Lots of upgrades. 1st floor laundry. Paver patio, deck & professional landscaping. $269,900 (62CHE) 248-349-5600



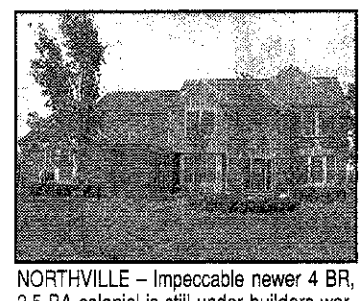
YPSILANTI – Newer Construction. Large 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage, 2-way fireplace in master bedroom & master bath. Special features include: vaulted & cathedral ceilings, skylights, Jacuzzi tub & more. $257,900 (80JUS) 7334-455-5600



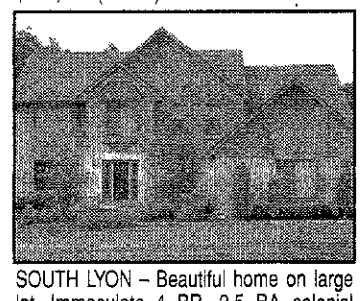
TAYLOR – Great starter home. Cute 2 bedroom ranch w/newer roofs, siding, furnace, driveway & sidewalk + 2 car garage w/workshop & shed in large fenced yard. $119,000 (36WIL) 734-455-5600



COMMERCE – Enjoy sweeping views. Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on lovely Edgewood Park Golf Course. Updated windows, roof, furnace, C/A, appliances, brick paver patio, deck & extensive landscaping + 2 car attached garage & basement. $319,900 (42EDG) 734-455-5600



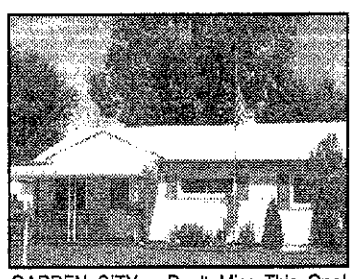
NORTHVILLE – Impeccable newer 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial is still under builders warranty. Awesome cherry cabs, granite counters, hdwd firs in kit, GR & entry. 2-way fireplace in great room & office. Huge master suite w/walk-in closets, Jacuzzi spa & ceramic upgrade. Too many upgrades to list. $589,900 (21WHI) 248-349-5600



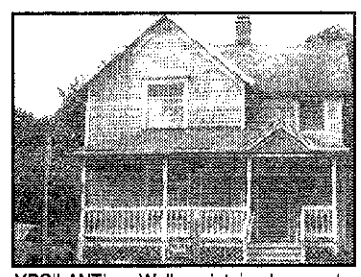
SOUTH LYON – Beautiful home on large lot. Immaculate 4 BR. 2.5 BA colonial w/contemporary flair. Just painted both inside and out. Large bedrooms w/walk-in closets. Hardwood and ceramic floors. newer 20K deck. Park-like setting. Owners are being transferred. $399,900 (82HID) 248-349-5600



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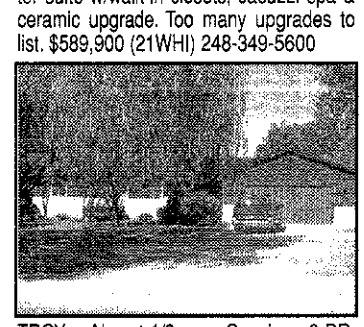
GARDEN CITY – Don't Miss This One! Newer roof, vinyl siding, windows, C/A, front porch & newer appliances + home warranty in this cute 3 bedroom home w/2.5 car garage. $129,900 (38DOV) 7334-455-5600



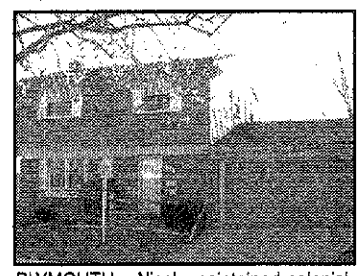
YPSILANTI – Well maintained property, completely re-done, newer kitchens & baths, windows, shingles, furnace. Turn key operation. $189,900 (13PER) 734-455-5600



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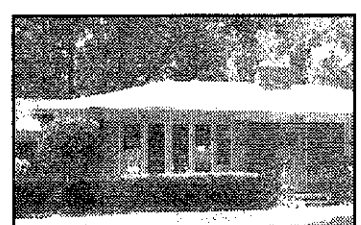
PLYMOUTH – Nicely maintained colonial. Real nice home in Arbor Village sub. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2 car attached garage & basement. Large spacious rooms. Family room with natural Fieldstone fireplace/skylight. Newer windows, some carpet & kitchen floor. Large fenced yard. 1 year home warranty. $204,900 (57RUS) 248-349-5600



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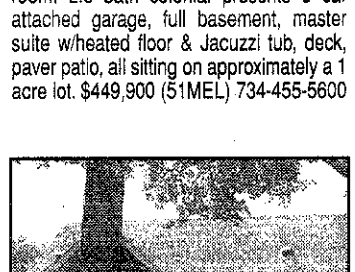
YPSILANTI – Ford Lake front. Beautiful studio condo, boat storage port, 2 carports, updated kitchen w/oak cupboards, newer carpet & freshly painted. Walk out your doorwall to the lake and your boat. $89,900 (67HAR) 248-349-5600



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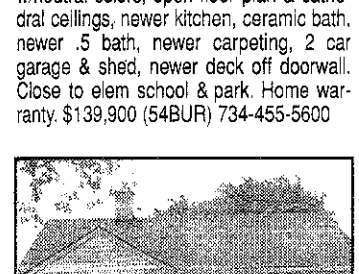
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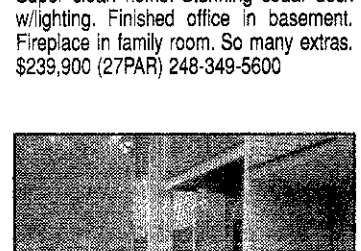
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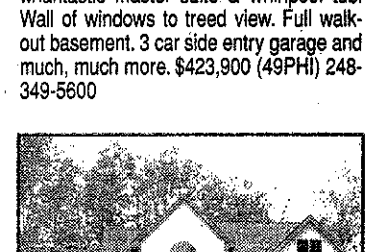
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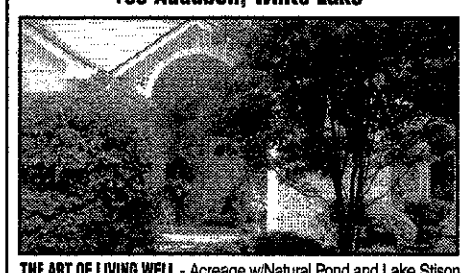
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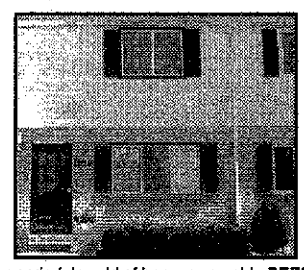
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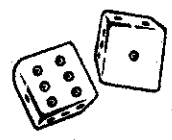
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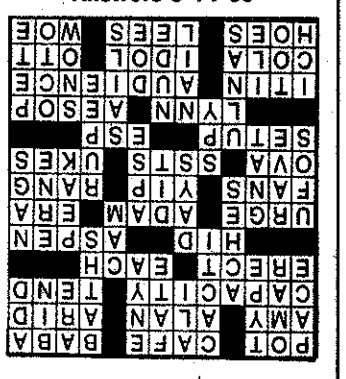
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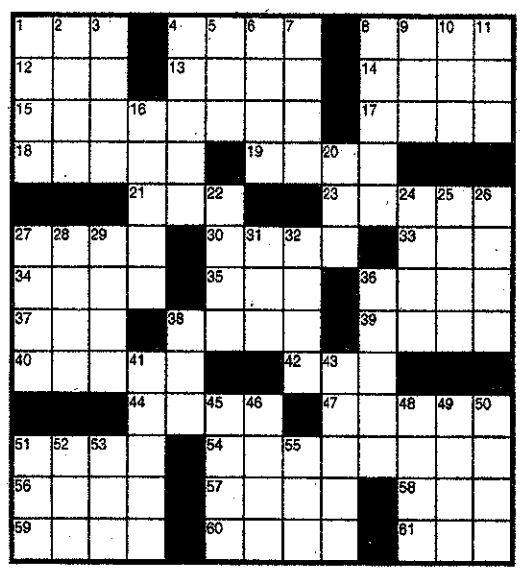
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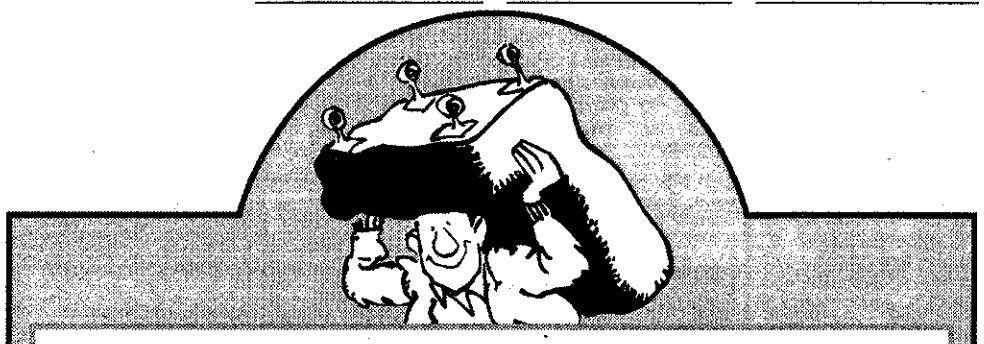
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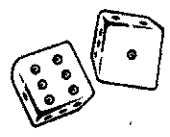
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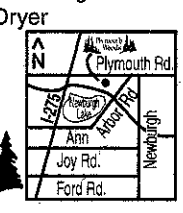
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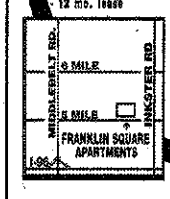
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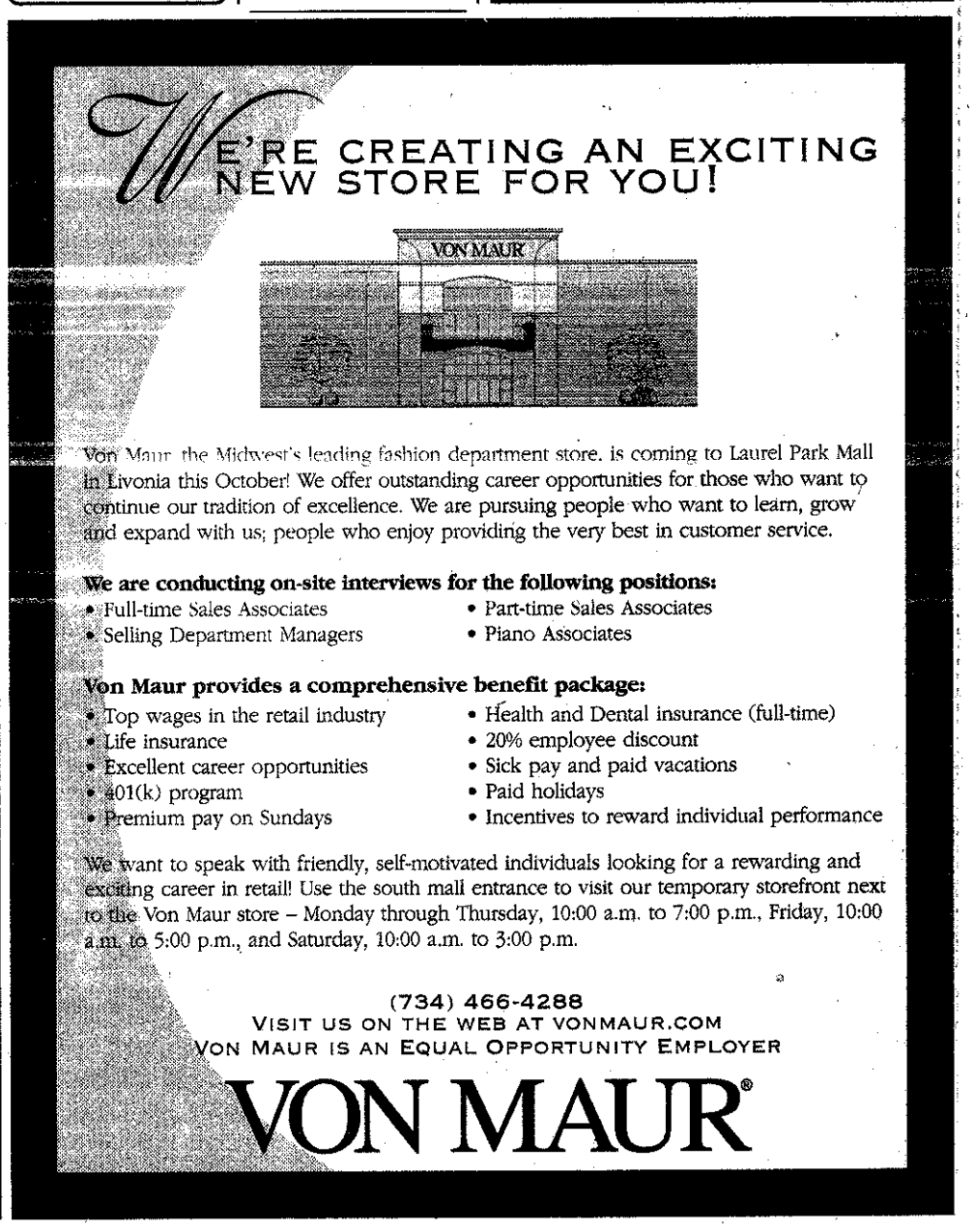
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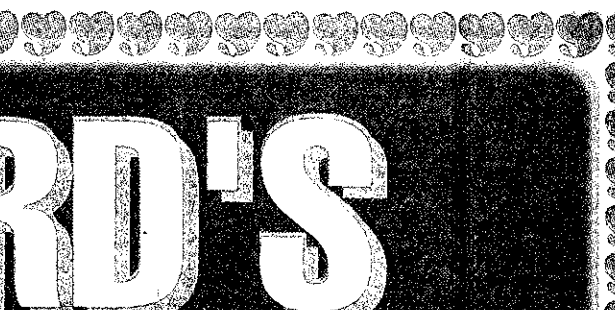
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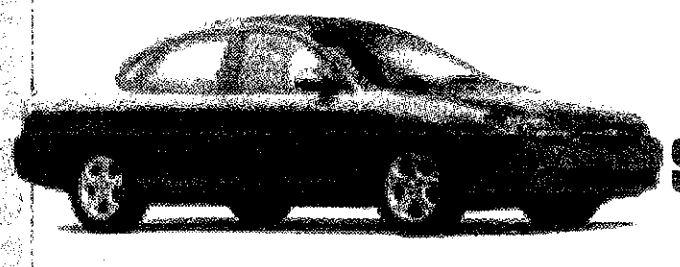
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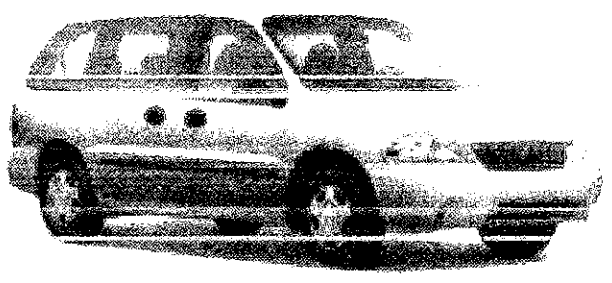
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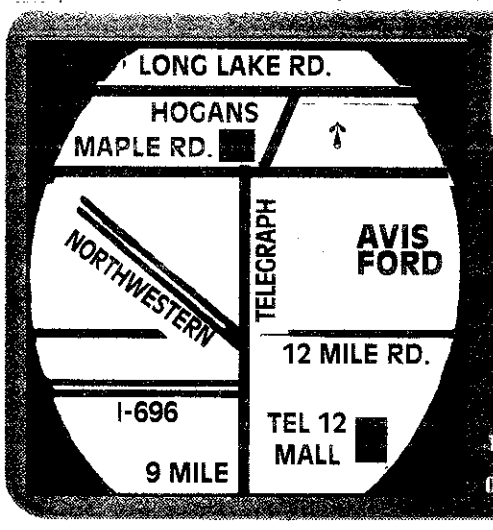


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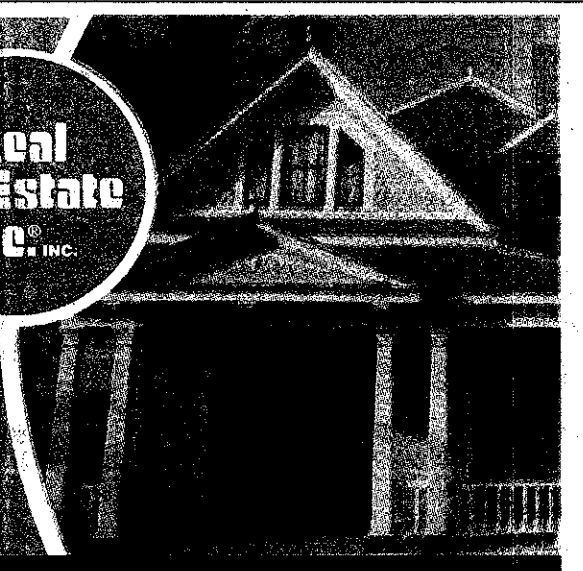
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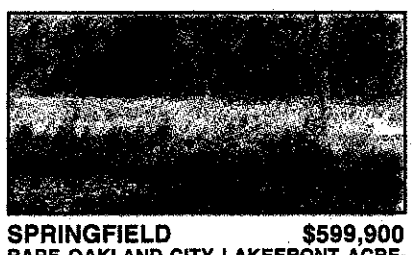
PLYMOUTH $794,000
PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE on 5.68 acres! Ply/Can schools. 5 BR, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 6534 SF, fin w/o. 1st floor mstr, corral/3-stall horse barn, cedar deck overlooks private pond. (91BRO2)
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NORTHVILLE $699,900
SHOWCASE HOME ON BEAUTIFUL LOT! Awesome w/hdwd flrs, granite kitchen, stainless appliances, Corian baths, fin'd bsmt, 3-car garage & paver patio. Yard backing to trees. Must see home! (41WIL2)
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NOVI $579,900
BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED HOME! In a wonderful small sub. Dazzling kit & brkfst area. Ideal FR, Den, heated sunroom, grt mstr dte, fin'd walkout, patio, deck & splendid finishing touches. (95SOU2)
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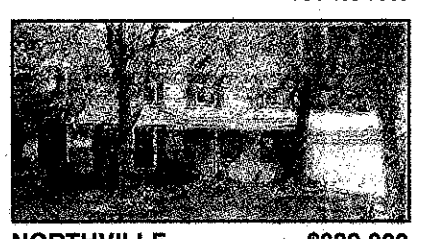
PLYMOUTH $579,900
FAMILY LIVING AT ITS BEST! This lovely col is turn key. 4 bdrms, 3 baths, 2 half baths. Formal liv, din rm, library. Kit w/white cbnts, island, pantry & hrdwd flrng. Full bsmt. 3 car gar. (23F10913)
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NOVI $364,900
GREAT CUSTOM RANCH IN NOVI'S FINEST SUBI 4 BR, 3.5 bath ranch on .39 acre lot, private cul-de-sac location, open flr plan, neutral T/O, Liv Rm, DR, FR w/FP, partly fin bsmt, 2 car att gar & more! (62ROX2)
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NOVI $349,900
GREAT LOCATION IN GREAT SUB! Dunbarton colonial w/light & bright flr plan. GR & LR both w/ FPS, formal DR w/bay, , hdwds in entry, study & 1/2 bath. Northville schools! (agent owner) (32MID2)
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NORTHVILLE $332,000
WARM, INVITING HOME IN NORTHVILLE! Popular neighborhood within walking distance of town. Excellent Northville schools, charming 4 BR colonial w/private backyard, perennial garden & fin'd bsmt. (88CUM8)
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS $289,900
KING-SIZE COMFORT IS YOURS In this 4BR 2000 sq ft colonial, 3 full baths, master suite, formal dining room, 2 1/2 car att'd gar, rec rm, C/A, newer windows, furnace & roof shingles. (R271)
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LIVONIA $279,000
GREAT FAMILY HOME IN COVENTRY GARDENS 4 BR colonial, 3 full baths. Completely updated in past 5 yrs. New roof, most windows, electric, floors & carpet. Beautiful honey oak kitchen. A must see home! (67ASH02)
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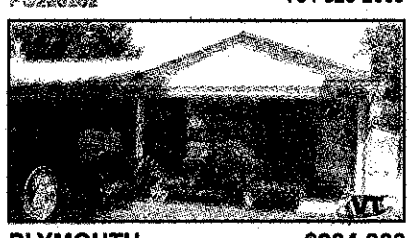
LIVONIA $269,900
SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY. Hard to find 4 BR raised ranch w/newer kit w/Merrilat cupboards, newer wndws, newer carpet in fin bsmt w/glass blk. 3 full baths, lg utility rm, lg lot, & more! (S16184)
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LIVONIA $220,000
SPACIOUS OPEN FLOOR PLAN 1500 SF of quality living area. 3 BR, 2 BA, FR w/FP, 2 car attd garage, fin bsmt. New items incl: rf, drvwy, wndws, furn, hwh. Move in condition. (A14257)
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LIVONIA $215,000
THE BEST YOU'LL FIND! Sophisticated & warm. Don't miss the chance to own this 3.5 bath, 3 bdrm condo. It has hardwood floors, attached 2 car garage, professionally finished basement. (23M31532)
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PLYMOUTH $204,900
UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME! Walk to local elem. school or walk to Hines Park, either way this charming ranch has location all over it. Full base, 2 car det, FR w/a FP & tons of updates. (H11520)
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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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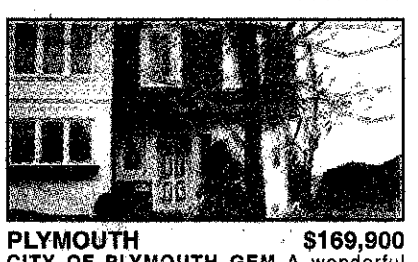
CANTON $197,000
SUNNY END UNIT! 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, basement, deck, loft overlooking great room. Stove, fridge, washer, dryer stay. (H45113)
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DETROIT $184,900
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NOVI $184,900
SPACIOUS AND GRACIOUS CONDO Lots of sq. ft. LR w/frpl & doorwall to patio, Formal DR, charming kit & brkfst area, nice mstr, super rec rm in fin'd bsmt. Exceptional features throughout. (25GLE2)
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PLYMOUTH $169,900
CITY OF PLYMOUTH GEM A wonderful opportunity awaits you in downtown Plymouth. Updated gourmet kitchen, finished walk out lower level with built-ins, wet bar and 1/2 bath. (08MIL2)
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LIVONIA $174,900
A DOLLHOUSE. A PLEASURE TO SEE. Totally updated inside and out. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, basement & garage. Private deck. Beautiful perennial gardens. (S30545)
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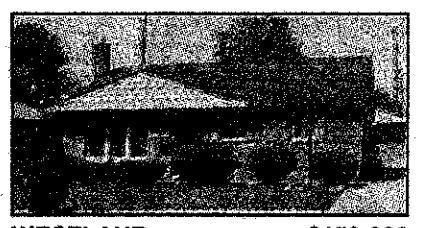
SOUTH LYON $169,900
GREAT STARTER HOME! Sharp 3 BR ranch, open flr plan, neutral t/o, updates incl roof, C/A, furnace, windows & more. 2.5 det garage, full bsmt and South Lyon schools. (00HEA2)
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NOVI $165,000
NOVI CONDO! Best location in Country Place! Beautiful 2 BR, 2.5 BA end-unit. Private fenced patio w/view of woods. Eat-in kit. Fee incls: pool, tennis courts & club house. (80BRO2)
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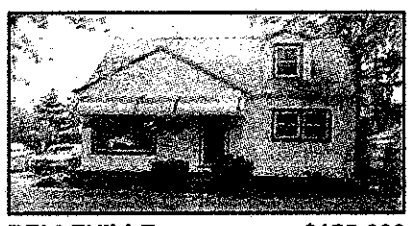
CANTON $164,900
WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st flr laundry, huge 2nd flr ba w/whirlpool, sep shower stall, open to both BRs, c/a, blt 1998. Deck, bsmt, attd gar, & much more! (H4292)
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WESTLAND $159,900
WESTLAND HOME- LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath tri-level. Walk to elementary. Newer windows, furnace, A/C. Excellent starter or empty nester home. Clean & ready for you! (23D8023)
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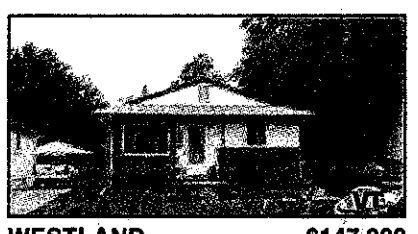
REDFORD $159,900
GORGEOUS 3 BR RANCH W/TOTAL UPDATES. Hickory cabinets in kitchen, warn homey FR w/doorwall to deck. 2 car garage & fin bsmt. All this on a secluded wooded lot in prime Redford area. Come see! (D16544)
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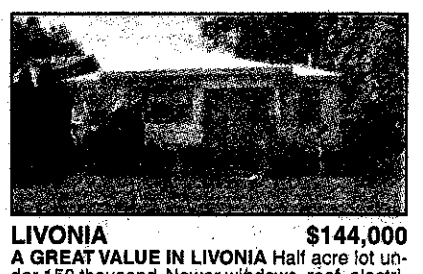
BELLEVILLE $155,000
THIS ONE'S GREAT! Newer roof, windows, furnace & central air. 12x24 deck. Covered front porch. 220 in garage. 10x12 shed w/electricity. Stove, fridge & dishwasher stay. (E100)
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WESTLAND $149,900
SO VERY CLEAN Great eat in kitchen w/new cabinets, sink, counter & floor. Newer windows. Brand new carpets & fresh paint. Some newer cement. All appliances included. (V336)
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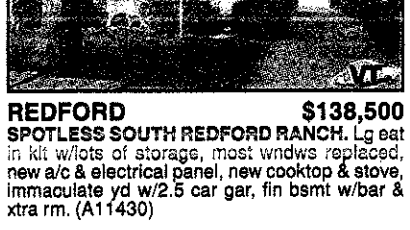
WESTLAND $147,900
ALL DRESSED UP AND WAITING Updates include, gorgeous oak kit, vinyl windows & glass block, roof shingles house & garage, vinyl siding, updated bath, Berber carpet, fin bsmt, CA and more. (F334)
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LIVONIA $144,000
A GREAT VALUE IN LIVONIA Half acre lot under 150 thousand. Newer windows, roof, electrical, & more. Needs some TLC but priced to move. (N29424)
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REDFORD $139,900
3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW New kitchen cabinets - counter tops - flooring - updated electric - plumbing - glass block - vinyl windows - hardwood floors - South Redford Schools. (R11426)
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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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REDFORD $137,900
TOTALLY UPDATED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM! Features sparkling lg eat in kit w/ceramic flr, cntrs, and backsplash, 2 full remodeled BAs, full bsmt, 2 car gar, 3 BR, all big updates done, walk to schools. (L15998)
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CANTON $128,900
COZY CANTON CONDO! Ranch end condo with view of courtyard in great location! 2 bedroom, 2 bath- a must see!! (23L42808)
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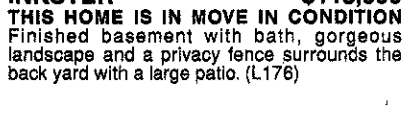
WESTLAND $129,990
TOTALLY REMODELED New kitchen, updated bath, new carpet throughout, new windows, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, finished basement & much more. New garage. Others starting from $74,990. (A277)
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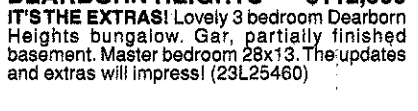
REDFORD $124,500
LOW DOWN PAYMENT NEEDED in this 1347 sq ft, three bedroom vinyl tri-level with full bath & family room. Large country kitchen w/good eating space. Doorwall from DR to multi-tiered deck. (C159)
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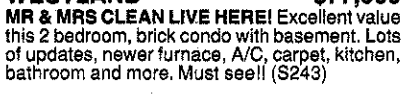
WAYNE $119,900
FANTASTIC 3 BEDROOM RANCH! New within the last year: furnace, CA, kitchen, completely redone, paint, ext. door, carpet, newer windows. Walk to schools, rec center, pools, parks. (A342)
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INKSTER $113,900
THIS HOME IS IN MOVE IN CONDITION Finished basement with bath, gorgeous landscape and a privacy fence surrounds the back yard with a large patio. (L176)
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS $112,500
IT'S THE EXTRAS! Lovely 3 bedroom Dearborn Heights bungalow. Gar, partially finished basement. Master bedroom 28x13. The updates and extras will impress! (23L25460)
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WESTLAND $77,900
MR & MRS CLEAN LIVE HERE! Excellent value this 2 bedroom, brick condo with basement. Lots of updates, newer furnace, A/C, carpet, kitchen, bathroom and more. Must see!! (S243)
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LIVONIA
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA COLONIAL! Home sweet home is this 4 BR, 2.5 bath home. Many updates include oak kit, roof, vinyl trim, oak flooring, HWH, windows, C/A & more. Livonia Stevenson area. 30FON2
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COMFORTABLE 3 BR HOME ON LG LOT! Just over 1400 SF, mostly hardwood floors, new kitchen cabinets & floor, all appliances included, newer furnace & siding, mstr with WIC. Farmington schools! 04GIL2
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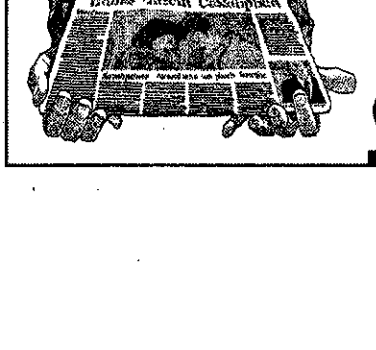
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I would like to say if the person who hit our pet whose name was Zip, would have taken a few minutes to come to our door there is a good chance he may have survived this horrific accident. Instead I found him all alone and already gone. It's a shame this happened to him and that he was all alone. When I looked out my kitchen window and realized this was Zip....I only hope this never happens to anyone else.

Since the paving on Beck Road, it's driven as though it's a race track! People are forgetting there is an elementary school at the end of the street. If you are the person responsible for this hit and run, I hope you realize you not only took my beloved pet but my toddlers puppy dog and my husband's best friend. Pets are a lot like people, they have their own sense of humor and personality that is precious to only them and can't be replaced.

I hope whomever you are that you made it to your destination on time and the few extra minutes that it would have taken to come to our door made all the difference because you made all the difference in our lives. I hope when people cut into others circular driveways/ or pull into the apron of someone's driveway, you remember that on the other side of that fence/gate there may very well be a small child or pet dashing out thinking someone has come to visit them. And not realize it's only someone who doesn't care about them but rather themselves. Only you know who you are and for that you have to live with this for the rest of your life.



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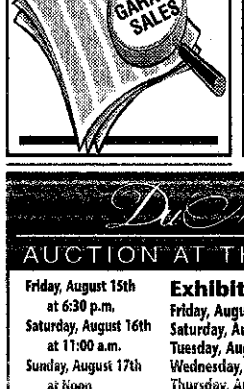
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BIRMINGHAM - Furniture, rugs, electrical appliances, household accessories, etc. Aug15, 9-4. 1153 Washington

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS HUGE!
Thurs-Sat, Aug 14-16. 8-5pm. 4932 Susans Way, off Lone Pine, W/Telegraph. Antique furniture & porcelain, tools, Schwinn bikes, over 100 Beanie Babies, Precious Moments, crystal, jewelry, baby items, golf clubs, vacuum, electric appliances, household items, designer clothing-all sizes including children's, toys, games.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS- 6355 E. Surrey., Foxcroft. Sub N/ off Maple, W/Telegraph. Thurs. 8/14, 9:30-4, Fri. 9:30-12. Multiple household & furniture items- 3 houses down to 1.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS- Aug. 16 th., only! 3070 High Pointe Ct., E. of Telegraph, S. off of Hickory Grove. Hide-a-bed, bicycle repair stand, tv/vcr stand, exer cycle, infant & household items & more.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS: Multi-family. Adult & kids clothes, toys, sporting good samples, furniture, appliances (dishwasher). Aug. 15-16, Fri. 9-3; Sat. 9-4. 6178 Lantern Ln. (Foxcroft Sub), btwn. Quarton & Maple, off Telegraph.

BLOOMFIELD TWP 3 FAMILY
Friday, Aug. 15 8am-4pm. 3248 E. Bradford, N/14 Mile, E/ Lahser.

BLOOMFIELD TWP. - Huge Garage Sale. Fri, 9-6pm. Sat, 9-3pm. Furniture, hospital bed, household items, ladies clothing, shoes, jewelry, & more. Don't miss! 3940 Orchard Hill, W. off Adams, N. of Wattles, Hickory Hts Sub.

BLOOMFIELD TWP. Home Item & Furniture Sale. Cash & carry. Aug. 14 & 15, 8-2pm. 4655 Walnut Lake Rd, between Franklin & Inkster, S. side.

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BRIGHTON - Oak Pointe sub. Remodeling Sale! Many household items, home accessories, artwork & furniture. Aug. 15th-16th, 9-4pm. 4405 Muirfield Dr. No early birds.

CANTON - Huge garage sale. 8684 Congress, E. of Sheldon, S. of Joy. Fri-Sat, Aug 15-16, 8:30 to ? Furniture & more!

CANTON 4585 Shoreview Dr. Meadow Villages Sub Geddes & Beck, tools, furniture, toys, clothes, Sat Aug 16, 7am-4pm.

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CANTON Aug. 14th - 16th, 11-4pm. 42518 Addison. S. of Ford/ W. off Lilley. Pet cages, furniture, bikes, misc. camping and household. Must go.

CANTON MULTI FAMILY- Aug 14 & 15, 9-4pm. 7700 Charrington, off Warren btwn. Sheldon & Canton Center. Antiques, baby items & misc.

CANTON Sat. Aug. 16, 9-4pm 698 Shana, N off of Cherry Hill, E/Lilley. Good household items, furniture, electronics.

CANTON: Huge Garage Sale. Thur-Fri. 9-4. Sat. 9-2. 1660 Manton, S. of Ford, W. of Lilley. Household items!

COMMERCE TWP. Sub Sale. Kids stuff, lots of household, 50's 5 piece bamboo set, wicker chaise, misc. Thurs. & Fri. 9-4pm. Off Oakley Park Rd., W. of Welch Rd.

DEARBORN HGTS Block Sale. Aug. 14-16, 9am. 8200 Block of Hazelton, Joy/E. of Telegraph. Lots of clothes - little bit of everything!

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DEARBORN Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 10-5pm. 24816 Oxford. 4 blocks W. of Telegraph. Bar & stools, furniture, dishes, elect. lawn mower, lamps, sm. appliances, clothes, misc. Great prices everything must go.

FARMINGTON
Fri. & Sat. 8am-?. 23947 Colchester. Bellaire Sub. S. of 10 Mile/ W. of Orchard Lake. 2 Family. Quality items.

FARMINGTON HILLS garage sale. 28144 Harwich Drive. Woodcreek sub. Friday Aug. 15. Books, comics, clothes, bikes, TVs, lamps & more. 8am-5pm.

FARMINGTON - BIG! 20937 inkster, 1 1/2 blks N. of 8. Fri-Sun, 9-7. Vacuums, lamps, furniture, cribs, lots more!

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2 Family TOY SALE
23070 Watt, Middlebelt just S/10, E on Grayfield, left on Watt. Lots of children's toys.

FARMINGTON HILLS -sports equip, household items, good clothes, tools, no junk. Thurs.-Sat., 8-5. 25553 Lynford.

FARMINGTON HILLS 12 Mile btwn Farmington & Drake. Household items, toys, clothes & more! Thurs only, 9-4.

Farmington Hills 28197 Quail Hollow, N. of 12, W. of Farmington. Sat & Sun, 8/16 & 8/17, 9-3. Clothing size 10, misc. household & craft items

FARMINGTON HILLS 28927 Glencastle, E off Middlebelt & S/11 Mile. Friday & Sat, 9-5pm. Antique oak dresser, set of 6 antique Bentwood chairs, 1890's ladies bicycle. Furniture and household misc.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug 14 & 15, 9-5pm. 30024 Woodbrook (Holly Hill Farms Sub) W. off Middlebelt, Bet. 12 & 13 Mile. Furniture, housewares, misc, follow signs.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Aug 14th-17th, 8:30-5:30. 28302 Cypress Ct., 1/2 mile W. of Halstead, N. off 12 Mile, enter on Golfpointe Blvd.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug. 16, 7am. 22185 Heatheridge Lane. Moving out of state & downsizing. Baby furniture, other furniture, ping pong table, kitchenware, tools, seasonal decorations.

FARMINGTON HILLS
Fri, Sat. & Sun. Aug 15-17, 9-5pm. 30254 N. Stockton, S/10 Mile, between Middlebelt & Orchard Lake Rd. MULTI FAMILY, Housewares, clothing, toys, video games & misc.

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Multi House Garage Sales on Rockdale Ave. Fri - Sun. Aug. 15th - 17th, 9-5pm. Off of Orchard Lake/ S. of 10 Mile.

FARMINGTON HILLS-
Kendallwood W.- SubWide Garage Sale. N/12 Mile, W/Farmington Rd. Thurs. 8/14 thru Sat. 8/16. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FARMINGTON- Aug. 14-15th., 9-5, 35455 Tall Pine Rd., 1 blk. S. of Grand River, off Drake Rd. Furniture, misc & more

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GARDEN CITY - Multi family. Thur. thru Sat.; 9-4. 960 Radcliff, between Ford & Cherry Hill off Marquette. Lots of items.

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GARDEN CITY Huge Sale. Fri. & Sat., 9-5pm. 32316 Windsor, off Ford Road/Hubbard/ Merriman. Toys, clothes, etc.

GARDEN CITY- Aug. 14-15-16th., 9-5, 29085 Alvin, Cherry Hill & Middlebelt. Household items.

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LATHRUP VILLAGE Block sale Glenwood between Bloomfield & Santa Barbara. August 14th & 15th 9-4. Household & childrens toys.

LIVONIA - Aug. 15 & 16, 9am-4pm. 3 family. 30129 Minton, S. of Plymouth, W. of Middlebelt. Antiques, furniture, household

LIVONIA - Thrift & bake sale at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 5 Mile. Sat. only 9am-3pm

LIVONIA - Aug 14-16, 8-5. 16697 Golfview, S. of 6 Mile, E. of Levan. Furniture, some antiques, household stuff, books, dishes, tools & other good things.

LIVONIA - Multi House Sales. Little Tikes play house, wading pool, merry-go-round. Kids clothes, toys, screenroom tent, misc. household, lots more. No early sales. Aug. 15th & 16th, 9am-5pm. Louise St. S. of 8 Mile/ W. of Middlebelt.

LIVONIA 3 family garage sale! A little bit of everything, 15743 Hix, N. of 5 Mile half way between Newburgh & Haggerty. Thurs & Fri, 9-4.

LIVONIA a/c, baby items, kid bed set, clothes, misc house items, Aug 15th & 16th, 8-4. 20142 Deering, W. of Inkster N. of 7 Mile.

LIVONIA Aug. 15 & 16, 9-4PM. 14308 Sunbury. E/Middlebelt. N/Schoolcraft. Furniture, pop machine, household & tools.

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE
Aged accumulator. Books, vintage clothes/accessories, crafts/household/fix-it. No early birds! 14282 Blue Skies, W. of Newburgh, 2 blks. S. of Lyndon. Aug. 14-16, 8:30am.

LIVONIA GIANT 3 FAMILY-
Aug. 16 & 17, at 10447 & 10479 Bassett. N/Ann Arbor Trail, 8-4:30pm. Tools, fishing gear, sporting & exercise equipment, lawn equipment, Troy Built Chipper, 1921 Victrola, laser disks, VHS movies, household items & more!!

LIVONIA Thurs-Sat, 9-3. Multi family. 37060 Clarita, S/7 Mi, E/Newburgh. Enter off 7. Household, kids clothes, antiques, books, toys, piano.

LIVONIA Wed-Sun. 10am. 31101 Westfield, N/Joy, E/Merriman. Computer, baby clothes, antiques, furniture.

LIVONIA- 1423 & 1422 Ramblewood, Aug. 14-16th., 9-4, N. of Schoolcraft, S. of 5, btwn. Levan and Stark.

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LIVONIA- Fri.-Sat., 9-4, 36066 Allen, S. of 5, E. of Levan, enter on Martin. Baby/kids clothes, furniture, household, misc.

MILFORD -Garage/estate sale. 170 Marlene St., W. of S. Milford Rd., S. of General Motors Rd. Thurs.-Sat., 9-5.

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Northville- Multi-family sale. 20216 Rippling Lane, S/off 8 Mile, E/Silver Spring. 9-2, 14th, 15th, & 16th.

NOVI - Yorkshire Place @ 10 & Taft. Drums, playhouse, slide, furniture & more. 24906 White Plains. Fri.-Sat., 9-4.

NOVI Aug 13-15, 8-1pm. 47330 Baker St., SE corner of Beck & 10 Mile in Broadmoor Park. Small toys, home furnishings, accessories. Moving

OAKLAND TWP. - 4757 Fawn Hill Ct., E. of Adams, N. of Silverbell. Goodison Place Sub. Fri. Sat., Aug. 15 & 16, 9am-4pm. Muiti family.

ORION TWP AVON, collectibles, household items. 2006 Kinmount, off Joslyn, btwn. Brown & Waldon. Aug. 14-16, 9am-6pm.

PLYMOUTH - Aug. 15 & 16, 10-4. Moving: desks, craft, magazines & things; yard equip. - mower, snow blower, etc.; sports equip. - weights, soccer net, etc. 47219 Stonecrest Dr., S. off Beck, at Ann Arbor Rd.

PLYMOUTH - Garage/moving sale. Furniture, toys, clothes, everything must go. 624 Sheldon. Thur. - Sat. 9-5

Plymouth -Aug. 14-16, 10am. Antiques, furniture, clothes, items out daily. 8832 Gregory Ln., N. of Joy, W. of Sheldon.

PLYMOUTH 1361 Ross. Fri., Aug. 15, 9am-? Gateway computer, many household items, clothes, etc.

PLYMOUTH 44430 Albert, N./Joy, W./Sheldon. Fri/Sat, 9am-2pm. Exc cond boy/girl clothes/toys infant-4T, baby equip & other misc household

PLYMOUTH Aug. 14 & 15, 9-4pm. 9067 Ball St., 1 blk. W. of Main, N. of Joy. Household goods, holiday, linens, garage stuff, books, toys & games, jewelry, flower pots & shells.

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REDFORD Yard/Estate sale. Furniture, clothes, children's misc, etc. 17222 Garfield. Sat & Sun 8/17 & 8/18, 9-5.

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REDFORD Aug. 14-15-16th., 9-5, 11387 Arnold, Plymouth rd., E. of Beech Daly. Great selection of misc.

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Redford- Aug. 15-16, 9-5. 15411 Kinloch, N-5 Mile, W-Beech Daly. HUGE first time multi-family sale: kid stuff, glassware, carpet, maternity, more! Rain date: Aug. 22, 23.

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Aug. 14th, 15th & 16th. 9am-3pm. 4795 Cider Hill, W. of Orion, N. of Dutton. off Gallagher Rd. Clothing, vintage, antiques, jewelry, furniture, misc.

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SOUTHFIELD - Aug. 14-17. Thurs, Fri, 2-7pm. Sat & Sun., 11-4. 25123 W. 10 Mile, btwn Telegraph & Beech. Antique chest, lamps, vases, paintings, freezer, window A/C, tools, misc. housewares & more. No kids' stuff.

SOUTHFIELD 24729 Kinsel, 10 Mile & Telegraph. 3 home yard sale! Aug 15th, 16th & 17th, 9-4 p.m. New & used clothing. Household items, baby items , etc.

SOUTHFIELD Aug 14-18, 10am-6pm. JUST BEFORE SCHOOL GARAGE SALE! Baby, kids and adult clothing, toys and furniture. Great buys at exceptionally low prices! 19402 Silvercrest.

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WESTLAND - HUGE SALE 32045 Hazelwood. Sat. & Sun., Aug 16 & 17, 9am-6pm.

WESTLAND -Yard sale. 37073 Vincent, off Newburgh between Palmer & Glenwood. Sat., Aug. 16th, 9-3pm.

WESTLAND 34033 Blackfoot, Wayne & Warren. 8/15, 8/16 & 8/17, 3 house sale 9-5.

WESTLAND Aug 15th-17th 10-6. Hix, S. of Joy across Johnson Elementary. Family, household, little girls misc.

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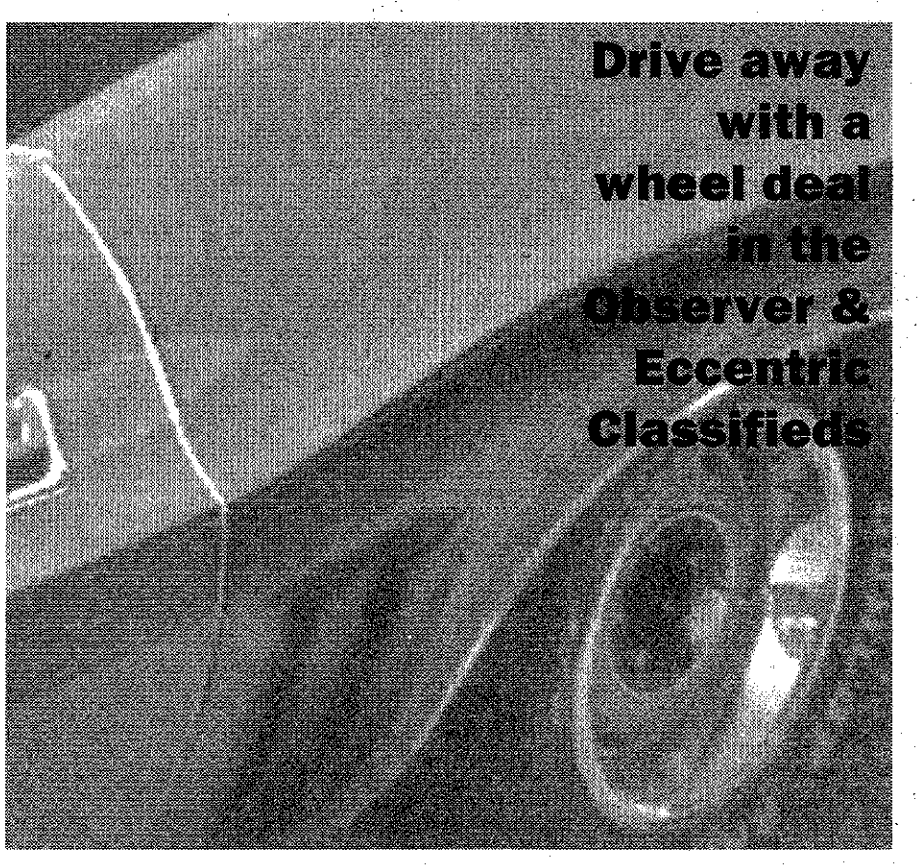
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ENJOY LIFE
SWF, 37, 5'7", with blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are time with her children, camping, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. Looking for a SWM, 30-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#:444655

IT'S GOT TO BE ME!!!!!!!!!!
45 yrs old, female seeking non-smoking male for a break from my full-time college studies. I love nature, so anything that takes me outdoors is the way to win my heart. Looking for that someone 44-52.Christian man is a must!!!!!! Ad#:450813

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES
51 yrs old, Hi! I'm a teacher with the summer off, enjoying my new found spare time. I enjoy hiking trails, traveling in Michigan and abroad, playing flute in local groups, singing in the church choir, going to wine tastings and learning about pairing foods with wines, and just sitting on my back deck, enjoying the breeze, watching the soybeans grow in the farmer's field behind my house Ad#:465509

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49 yrs old, 49 year-old, 5'4", redhead who enjoys many things is looking for an honest, intelligent, & stable man for a long-term relationship. I enjoy concerts, art fairs, gardening, dancing, golf, cooking, fine dining, trips, motorcycles, horses, and almost anything else Ad#:446504

CALL ME!
Single black female, 43, I am a nurse and I love to have fun. Looking for a single male, 18-99, who is mature. Ad#:466602

AN OPEN BOOK
Funny, caring, outgoing SWF, 24, 5'5", 190 lbs. Enjoys drawing, writing poetry, sports and long walks. Looking for a loving SWM, 23-24, 6'+, brown/black hair preferred. Ad#:466472

LOOKING FOR ME, WELL YOU FOUND ME!.
19 yrs old, I am a SWF, seeking a SWM, that is outgoing and caring. I am 5'8", and about 185. I have light brown hair and brown eyes. Ad#:449904

NEW MOM JUST BROWSING
29 yrs old, New mom in March, just kind of browsing to see what's out there. Browsing cuz I'm not sure that there are decent men out there who would be interested in a new mother. Ad#:445753

CHRISTIAN WOMAN
48 yrs old, Christian woman who enjoys going to Church, camping, long walks, bike riding, spending time with family and friends. Ad#:463094

DO YOU LIKE TO WALK IN THE RAIN...
32 yrs old, SWF, 32, hard working, shy at first, dedicated. Likes to spend time reading, working around the house and spending time outdoors. Looking for someone to spend time with and get to know. Ad#:448396

MISUNDERSTOOD
31 yrs old, I love to read, fiction and non-fiction books. Visiting historical places or just going to museums. I love to cook and experiment how to prepare different foods. I also enjoy walks in nature and along beaches listening to nature. In addition, I love to watch movies and to cuddle up on the sofa Ad#:459335

A TRUE ROMANTIC
SWF, 48, 5'3", auburn hair, brown eyes, vivacious, outgoing and bubbly. Enjoys playing bridge, travel, dining, movies, quiet times and more. Seeking a SWM, 48-60, who is tall, well-educated, sincere, and has a great sense of humor. Ad#:466339

NO PLAYERS, REAL MEN ONLY
28 yrs old, Hello, I am a single mother who is looking for that right person to be with. I am a honest, sweet, loyal, loving, caring, thouhtful, creative, intelligent woman. I have a lot of likes. I enjoy being outdoors in warmer weather I enjoy anything t o do with water Ad#:466225

BACK IN THE DATING SCENE
47 yrs old, Hi, I like to do a variety of interests. I like to bowl, go to movies, casinos, karaoke or just spending time at home. What I'm looking for in a man is honesty, sense of humor, hardworking. Someone who has their head on straight and who is not afraid to take a chance and who can commit to one person and who knows what they want out life Ad#:450580

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS!!!!
24 yrs old, Hi, I'm a 24 year-old dental assistant and student. I just moved back to MI after four years in the Air Force. I'm looking for someone to spend my free time with. Ad#:465761

LOOKING FOR RESPECT
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READY FOR SUMMER FUN
32 yrs old, Well, here's the scoop about me... I'm a firm believer that honesty is the best policy and speaking my mind are paramount in any healthy relationship/friendship! I LOVE to have fun and tend to get along with everyone, I'm very outgoing (sometimes a little too) and promise I will do whatever I can to always make you laugh! I consider myself laid back and relaxed Ad#:450845

HELLO
38 yrs old, Hey !! What's up fellows, this is a first for me, but just so that you know, I am a single (never been married) woman looking to meet some new people, hopefully make some new friends and have some fun. I enjoy being out, long walks, movies, sporting events, concerts and such, yet on the other hand I enjoy being inside relaxing with a good book or a good movie, playing cards with friends and/or family having a good time Ad#:447257

CONVERSATIONALISTS
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 easy-going, with similar interests. Ad#:465565

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE!
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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HONEST & SINCERE
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

ANYONE HAVE FUN ANYMORE??
34 yrs old, I love to have fun, have a great sense of humor. Ad#:449439

CONVERSATIONALIST
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, 40-48, 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 SWCM, under 68, who has time for a relationship, with a great sense of humor. Ad#:450241

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62 yrs old, I'm 62 years young and retired. I have a 21 year-old stepson that does not live with me. I work out every day. I like racket sports and canoeing. I bought a set of golf clubs at an estate sale and will be trying that sport. I'm open to new interests, I'm honest, I cook and love kids Ad#:449334

1 GOOD WOMAN
43 yrs old, ...Has the key to my heart. Hi, I'm looking for the woman who has the key to my heart and not afraid to use it. Ad#:461694

TOGETHER FOREVER
SWM, 37, 5'6", with a medium build, short brown hair, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, NASCAR, cuddling, movies and much more. In search of a SWF, 28-45, who is easy to get along with, enjoys kids and has similar interests. Ad#:465587

WHERE HAS ALL THE GOOD TIMES GONE?
51 yrs old, I am a 50 yr old male, soon to be 51. And I am wondering why I can't meet someone who likes to have fun or just hang out watching TV or getting a cup of coffee somewhere. I enjoy football, driving around with the top down on my convertible and just lying by the pool reading a book Ad#:450942

TIME TO GET BACK TO DATING
45 yrs old, well I'm new to this, tired of the club scene and all the games. I think that I have reached a juncture in my life to find a compatible partner. I am an honest man down to earth, looking for the same. Someone who will stand by me as I would them through the good times and the bad Ad#:448075

R U MS. RIGHT?
31 yrs old, Hello, here is a little more on me... I'm very honest and do not play games. I enjoy concerts, movies, bowling, golf, sports, NASCAR and romantic dinners at home. I'm very easy-going and like to laugh and have a good time. Ad#:449700

LONELY MALE-
24 yrs old, in search of a female to love. Single white male, 24 years old, 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes. I enjoy spending time with my son, outdoor and indoor activities. In search of single white female, ages 18-30, who is honest and caring. Ad#:466015

SWCM SEEKS SWCF
42 yrs old, thanks for considering my profile; I'm 42, divorced, 6'3", 190 lbs. and a couple of years or so into mate-searching. If you are a Christian (born-again/true believer), no older than I am, don't have or want children, preferably of athletic build or at least quite fit/without a weight problem (sorry, that's as tactful as I get) I would be interested in corresponding with you Ad#:449025

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 some 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 serious relationship. Ad#:465600

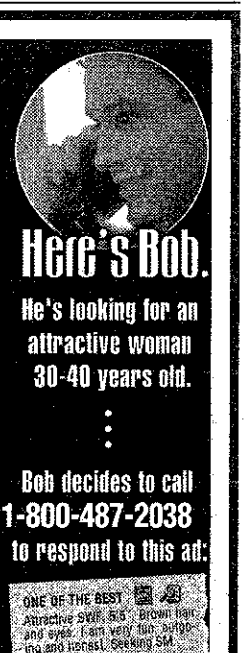
NEED TO BE LOVED
38 yrs old, Hi ladies, I like to play sports like basketball, golf, softball, etc to keep in shape I have many friends that I enjoy to be with I love my family. Someday I'll have one to. To be continued. Ad#:457435

JUST BE YOURSELF!
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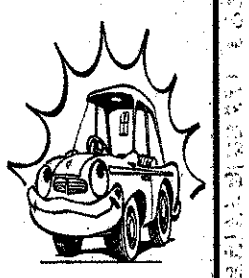
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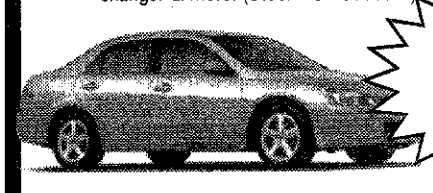
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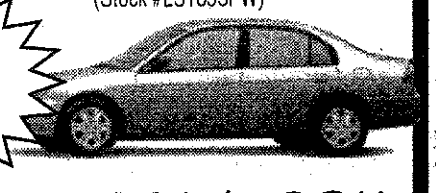
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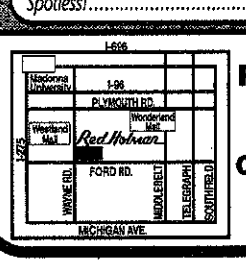
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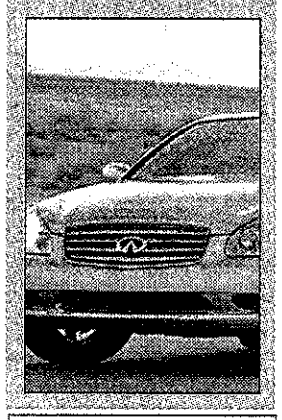
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I'd seen one from afar and at auto shows, but not up close until new. Sitting before you, the TT is an awesome sight in part because of the tremendous harmony of its multicurve design, from the severely rounded front end to the similarly sculpted rear, from the contact-lens-shaped windows to the steeply sloped roof, from air dam to fender flares to tail lights. That perception is shored up by the car's extremely short front and rear overhangs and very raked windshield. I can't think of a more extreme example of rounded styling in a vehicle for sale, not even the original Ford Taurus, which smashed convention with its "jellybean" contours in 1986. And sitting on the huge, 17-inch aluminum wheels as does the premium Quattro MT6 version that I drove, the TT reminds me of an extremely capable g0-kart that begs: Drive me!

The entire appearance of the TT is a reminder, actually, that this model started out as a concept car looking pretty much as it does now. So great was the enthusiasm for this work-of-art design once it started making the circuit in the mid-Nineties that Audi enthusiastically turned it into a production version much more quickly than the industry was used to seeing such things done, in time for the 2000 model year. In both its four-passenger coupe form and the roadster, it has held its own as a favorite of pure automotive enthusiasts since then.

The additional beauty of the TT is that the round design theme is carried forward so completely and in such detail in the interior of the vehicle. Absolutely everything is round and brushed-aluminum and looks riveted, from the cup holders to the heated-seat knob, from the door-grab handles to the glove box, from the audio-system cover to rings around the climate-control vents. Fine, supple leather seats, with just the right amount of bolstering of the thighs and torso for hard cornering, complement the metal-industrial look nicely. Everything else on the inside urges the car to be driven as well, including the black leather shift knob with its six-speed pattern displayed sharply on the top in aluminum; a small-diameter, three-spoke leather steering wheel that has dismissed any control functions; an aluminum dead pedal; and racing-style gauges.

Because space is at such a premium in this vehicle, the designers looks absolutely everywhere for places to put cubbyholes, but they were only mildly successful. They found a nice cylindrical space in the center console that is great for holding a cell phone or sunglasses, and they managed to carve out an area just behind the driver's seat that holds both the six-CD changer and a provided first-aid kit. Yet the glove box is only big enough to hold the owner's manual, and that's about it; and net-covered slots on the insides of the doors can maybe handle a folded-up map or two, but certainly not anything as thick as an umbrella.

Yet despite how pressed for space the interior designers were, the $40,000-plus TT Roadster boasts a number of neat and perhaps unique gizmos. One of them is an electrically operated windbreak that slides up behind the brushed-aluminum roll bars when the convertible top is down; even the windbreak has a nicely curved configuration. The engineers also took their care designing the electrically driven soft top, which detaches and attaches with ease and disappear and reappears in mere seconds.

The 225-horsepower, six-gear, manual-transmission version I drove displayed exciting oomph, especially from a standing stop and in the low gears, and gave away nothing on the highway. Handling with Audi's patented four-wheel drive system was a joy, as was braking. Mileage is 20 mpg in the city and 29 on the highway.

Some critics don't like how the TT Roadster performs in the middle range, complaining that it's not quite the performance beast that you might think. But for just about an application except Lemans, you're going to be more than wildly satisfied driving around in the TT Roadster - the two of you can fit, anyway.

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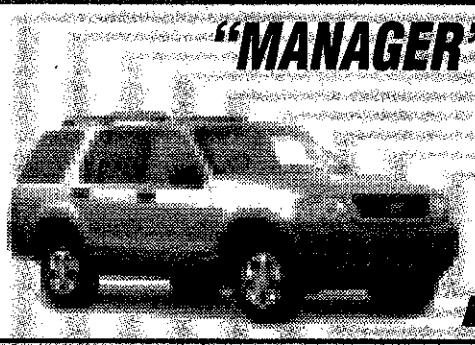
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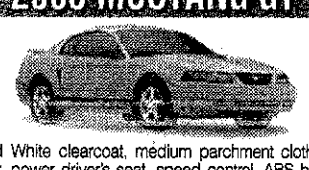
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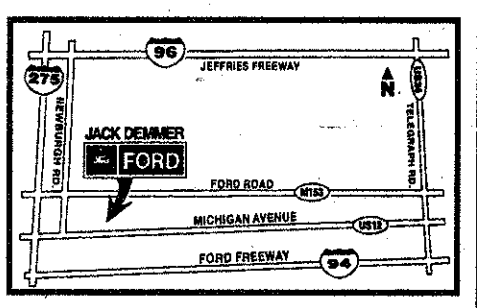
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Hot ticket

Hear ye, Hear ye! It's time for the Renaissance Festival

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Why celebrate the Renaissance period?

Life in England was so primitive then it was hard to determine if a person was dead. Often people presumed dead were buried alive. It happened so much that every "dead person" was buried with a string tied to their wrist. The string hung outside the coffin, above ground, and had a bell on the end. If they awoke, they'd frantically ring the bell. Hence the term "saved by the bell."

Why celebrate the Renaissance?

People only bathed once a year. Most married in June just after their yearly May bath, this way they wouldn't stink much on their wedding night. If the bride had some odor, she'd carry a bouquet of flowers to hide it. Hence the origin of wedding flowers.

Why celebrate the Renaissance?

Perhaps because the fork was introduced during the Renaissance period and manners followed. Or maybe because in those years chivalry wasn't dead. Back then a knight in shining armor could still rescue his saucy princess or wayward wench. Back then bawdy parties with frothy beer and celebratory music were held in dizzy-eyed style.



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Ren Fest Hollygroves' residents playing a game of musical men.

Maybe the allure is the vain clothing and the really uncomfortable corsets.

Perhaps the interest in the Renaissance period is all of the above combined.

Michiganders love their Renaissance Festival in Holly. Celebrating its 24th year, it began on Aug. 8 and runs every Saturday and Sunday through Sept. 28, including Labor Day.

"We expect at least 250,000 guests and more than 50 percent of them will be in costume," said Jessica Land, events coordinator for the Michigan Renaissance Festival. "There's no other festival like it – it's the costumes, the whimsical attitudes – it's more of an Elizabethan festival as many of the costumes are post-Renaissance, actually."

WHAT TO EXPECT

Haven't been there yet? Expect the surreal. Guests and workers alike dress in period clothing (but it's not required). The high-quality clothing is also sold on the grounds. Workers, pretending to be residents of the mythical Hollygrove, speak faux English or with Scottish accents and use words like "thou" "ye" and "half-witted" and "wagtail."

They shout at you, trying to re-enact history.

"A regular fair or festival just has rides," Land said. "When you step into the Renaissance Festival, it's another world."

Employees and patrons mingle on the grounds amid faux castles and artisans. You might witness sword fights, jousting, rogue wars, and tug of wars. Look for Caroline Jett, who portrays Queen Elizabeth Glorianna. She's a Screen Actors Guild member who performs at the festival every year. No pre-recorded music is permitted because that's not medieval. When you're hungry, feast on mammoth roasted turkey legs and wine served in a goblet.

New this year is a smoking and dining section with a buffet and quality ales for knights and peasants. Patrons can make reservations at the main gate for a five-course gourmet feast in the main castle that includes two hours of audience participation entertainment.

Kat and the Fiddle is new this year too. The Witchger Family, a string band, travel the country performing at Renaissance festivals nationwide. They play traditional Irish music, bluegrass and some patriotic American songs.

Returning are classics like the funny and creepy *Dead Bob Comedy Show*, world dancers, soup served in a bread bowl and much more.

Ye might enjoy it.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

When: Every weekend from Aug. 16 through Sept. 28 including Labor Day
Where: From I-75 North: Exit 106 (Grand Blanc). Stay in left lane of exit, travel two blocks. Turn left onto Dixie Highway southbound. The festival is two miles south on the right.
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FESTIVAL THEMES

Every weekend is a different theme at the Michigan Renaissance Festival

■ **Italian Masquerade – Aug. 16-17**
Masquerade Costume Contest, mask-making for kids, Whining Contest, pizza dough toss, Pasta Eating Contest, Great Grape Stomp

■ **Highland Fling – Aug. 23-24**
North American Masters Caber Toss Championship, traditional Highland dancers, Junior Caber Toss for kids, Kilt Rolling Competition, Bagpipe Blowout

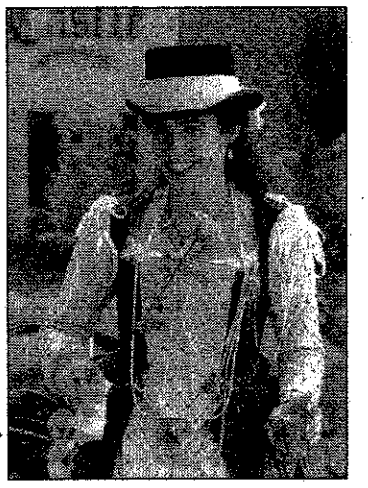
■ **Buccaneer Beer Fest – Aug. 30 to Sept. 1**
Treasurer Hunt for children, beer tasting, Limerick Contest, Wooing Contest, Pepsi Press-A-Wench, deaf interpretation weekend, tattoo/mustache Contest

■ **Wine, Romance & Song – Sept. 6-7**
Pepsi Press-A-Wench Competition, Romancing the Stone game for couples, Grape Stomp, Renewal of vows with punch and cake

■ **Wonders of the World, A celebration of all cultures – Sept. 13-14**
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■ **Shamrocks & Shenanigans – Sept. 20- 21**
Pub crawl on the festival grounds, Hot Potato Toss, Follow the Rainbow Treasure Hunt, Irish Caliegh, Irish dance, Battle of Bartenders, Sing or Jig for your Supper

■ **Chocolate Fantasy Affair – Sept. 27-28**
Wine tasting, pie-eating contest, Death by Chocolate competition, wooing contest, ice-cream sundae building for kids



An Elizabethan spice girl, Junabell Saffron, greets visitors at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

Earnest performances save 'Freaky Friday'

FREAKY FRIDAY
**1/2 (out of four)

Freaky Friday; Like Father; Like Son, Vice Versa – the titles strike terror deep in the hearts of moviegoers everywhere. These films all play off the same uproarious concept: Parent and child swap bodies via mystical balderdash and learn so many life lessons about each other that it almost makes you sick.

It's a lazy concept guaranteed to include all sorts of sure-fire yuks like little Bobby wearing a business suit while his father rocks out on air guitar. The formula is practically foolproof: Kids acting like adults? Hilarious. Adults acting like kids? Super hilarious.

Unable to conjure up even an original title, the new remake of 1976's *Freaky Friday* begins as a colossal boring undertaking.

Dr. Tess Coleman (Jamie Lee Curtis) is a no-nonsense psychiatrist juggling a fast-paced career, an impending marriage to Ryan (Mark Harmon), and the day-to-day nightmare of dealing with Anna (Lindsay Lohan), a sullen daughter who thinks she's Avril Lavigne – she wears T-shirts and army fatigue pants, which, if you didn't know, is like, way totally alternative.



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

Things go from dull to duller when Anna's rock band's big audition falls on the same night as her mom's wedding rehearsal dinner.

As bad luck would have it, the staff of a Chinese restaurant witnesses the family arguing and decides to intervene.

They slip mom and daughter identical tainted fortune cookies. No, the cookies aren't soaked in cyanide, just deadly cliché.

Before you can stand up and scream, "I want my money back," the two selfish women have swapped bods. They paw their own flesh, scream into mirrors and hyperventilate. And then something amazing happens.

The movie gets really funny.

All credit goes Curtis and Lohan who, through sheer force of will alone, turn this piece of disposable plastic pop into a thoroughly pleasant PG-rated farce. For awhile, it is physically painful to see the talented Curtis reduced to making quips like, "You mean we're, like, stuck in this suck-fest?"

But gradually she settles into the role. She plays the character like an older woman who has suddenly remembered what it was like to be young, and there's a bemused look of wonder that is both funny and sad.

There's a subplot involving Anna's teen boyfriend falling for Anna's mom (really Anna inside Tess' body) that comes off as remarkably plausible. Curtis, who is 45, makes the attraction seem natural.

Meanwhile, Lohan is so controlled and mature that her marriage to the 40-something Ryan is just as logical.

Lohan is every bit as convincing as Curtis, barking orders at her school teachers and demanding total abstinence from her "friends" at high school, while her eyes flash sharp and accusatory.

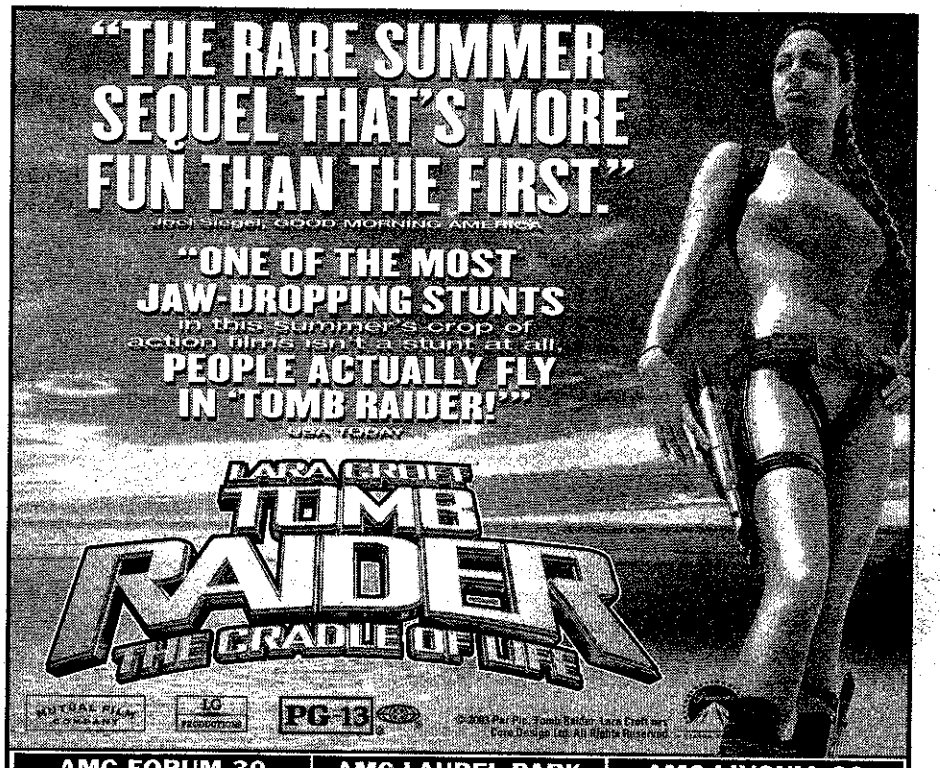
The scenes that pit Lohan and Curtis against each other are the most enjoyable, for they both argue with a passion that feels disturbingly authentic.

The film, of course, has nowhere original to go – Tess screws up life at high school and Anna screws up life at the office, and everybody learns a very special lesson. But, like a good episode of TV's *Saved by the Bell*, just because you know where it's headed doesn't mean there isn't a tremendous amount of pleasure in watching it get there.

Freaky Friday is only noteworthy for being relatively inoffensive. Most live-action Disney films are so blatantly manipulative you feel dirty watching it. This film is just as manipulative (not to mention the material was rotten over a decade ago) but no one seems to have told the actors.

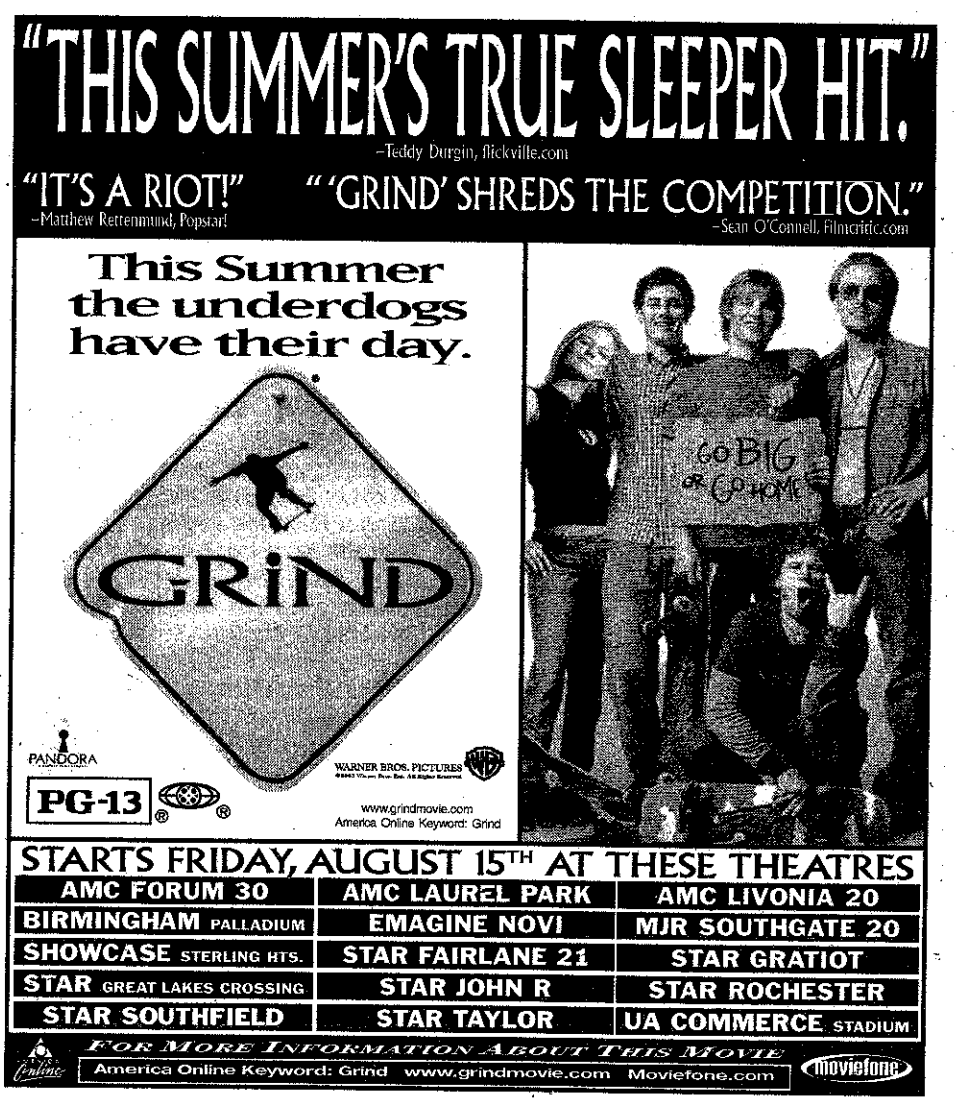
Their earnest performances save the movie, turning *Freaky Friday* into – yes, I'm going to say it! – the best uptight-parent-swaps-bodies-with-out-of-control-teen film ever made.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, 'Ball of Wax,' can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com.



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Small screen

Low-budget stinker 'Ankle Biters' bites

Ever since dwarf tossing fell out of favor, our brethren who must look up to see the top of the yardstick have been largely left out of the entertainment business.

But there's good news tonight on the film scene. Well maybe it's not so good. For what can one say about a film based on the lives of teeny-tiny vampires. Dwarfs, actually.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

It's *Ankle Biters*, and I will resist the comments it cries for, such as this film has risen to new heights of ineptitude or it is long on good intent but short on talent, or... OK you get the picture.

Or rather, you shouldn't, for *Ankle Biters* is an abomination. It stinks in just about every way a movie can stink. Shot in Georgia for about $1.59, all the actors are lousy. Without exception. The fangs are pure plastic and even the music is bad. So is the tagline for the film: "They're 3-feet tall with 2-inch fangs ... and a thirst for blood."

To make a long story short — I'm sorry — it seems the only vampires around these days are little people. Being such, they are not able to attack their victims in the neck, the good old-fashioned way. Instead they go for the ankles, hence the title.

Their goal is to acquire a magic sword that will allow them to create a new full-size version vampire and thereby take over the world. Or something like that. I'm not entirely sure. I watched the film two-and-a-half-times and still couldn't get the whole story.

Part of the problem is the sound. It tends to drift in and out so that some scenes scream at you while others are so low that I had to push the sound button as far as it could go to hear the cast's mumbling.

And part of the problem is the story itself. It's just dumb. After a while of watching it, one tends to get distracted. (Is that a bug or a dust spot on the TV screen? When was the last time I cleaned it? Maybe I should go get some Windex? Wait a minute, what's that screaming? Oh, the little guys are attacking someone. They got a sword...) But I really didn't feel like rewinding the tape to fill the gap caused by the distraction.

Did I mention there also is a fearless vampire hunter in the story who growls his way through his role?

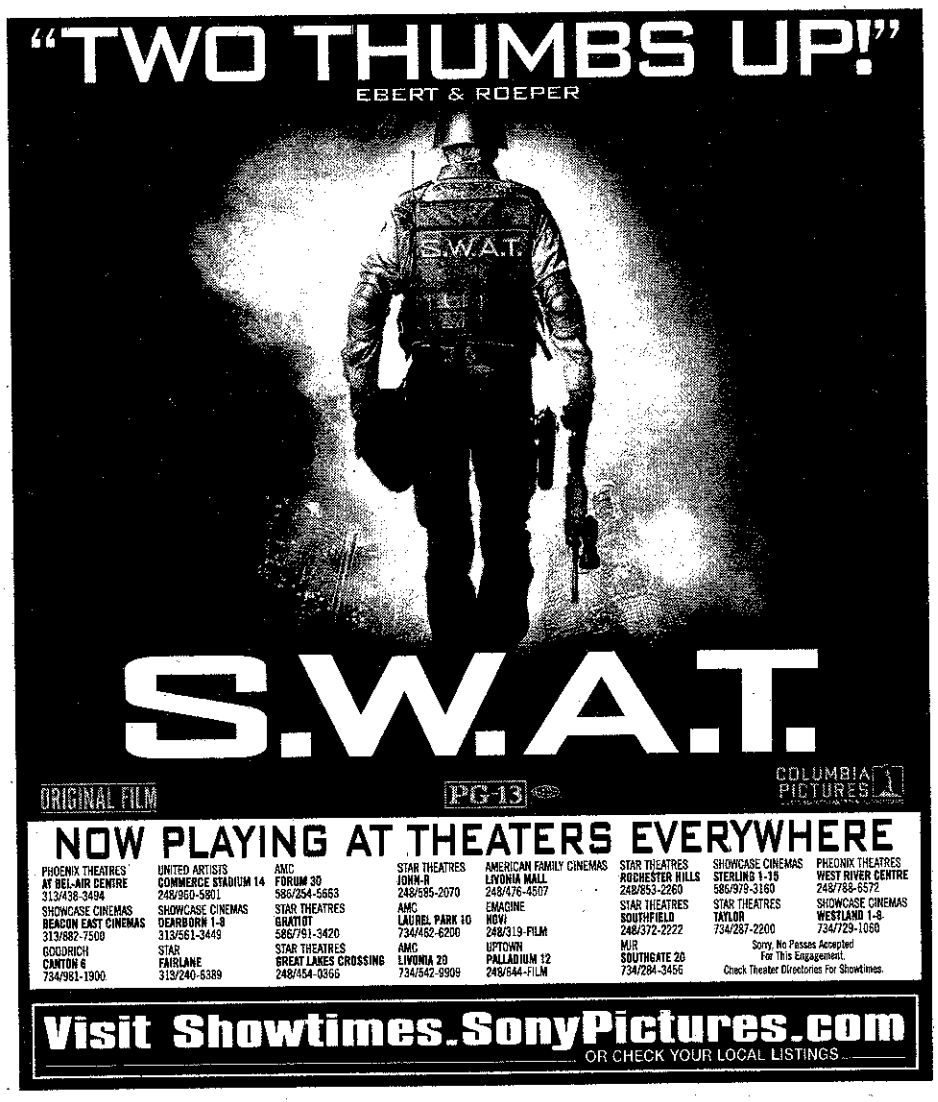
There is a fair amount of blood in *Ankle Biters*, but no special effects to speak of, so I won't.

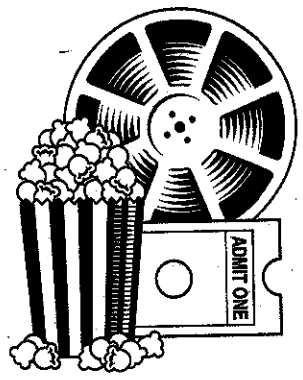
Ankle Biters runs an awfully long 85 minutes and was written and directed by Adam (Who?) Minarovich, who also plays the part of the vampire hunter.

But if you really want to know how to make a bad movie, check out *Ankle Biters*. It's at various video stores.

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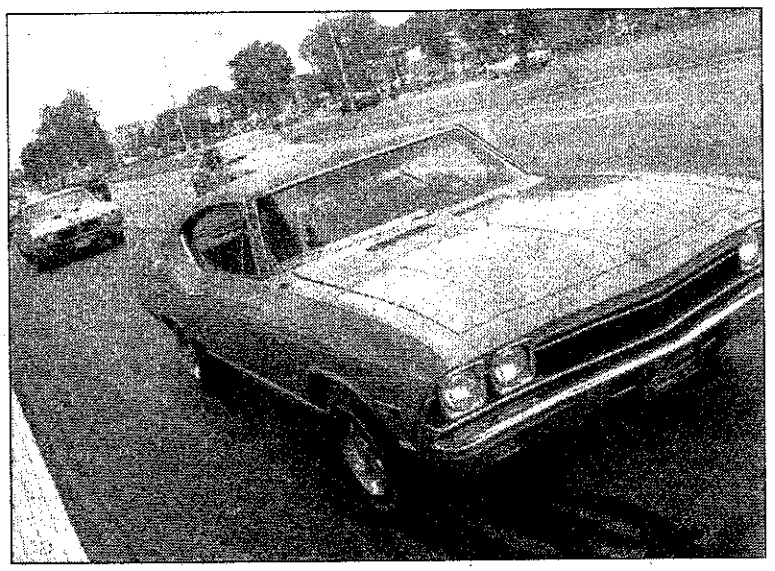
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YOUTH THEATER

Marquis Theatre
Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 14-15, 19-22; 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 23, and Sept. 6, 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 14. $7.50, 135 E. Main St. Northville, not recommended for children under 3. (248) 349-8110.

Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre
The Elves and the Shoemaker, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 15-16, Aug. 22-23; and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson, two blocks south of Warren, $5, ages 12 and under, $7 seniors/students, $9 general admission, (313) 561-1275.

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The ninth-annual Woodward Dream Cruise, a 16-mile cruise of classic automobiles is from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, on Woodward Avenue between Pontiac and Ferndale. Free SMART shuttle buses, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., along Woodward between the state fairgrounds (8 Mile) and downtown Pontiac. For general information, call (888) 4WDC-196 or visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com. For information about local community events related to the Woodward Dream Cruise, call: Berkley (248) 546-2450; Birmingham (248) 433-3550; Ferndale (248) 544-6767; Huntington Woods (248) 541-3030; Pleasant Ridge (248) 542-7322; Pontiac (248) 335-8740.

Broadway Stage
'Under the Yum Yum Tree,' Lawrence Roman's comedy set in the 1960s, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. select Sundays, through Saturday, Aug. 23, 21517 Kelley Rd. at Toepfer, Eastpointe, $15, (586) 771-6333.

AUDITIONS

Broadway Onstage Live
'All's Well in 804' by Ed Thomas 7:30 p.m. Thursday at 21517 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22. Bring prepared monologue no longer than two minutes. Payment upon casting is $25 per performance, (586) 771-6333 or www.broadwayonstage.com

Paper Bag Productions
'Jack and the Beanstalk,' 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17; Livonia Youtheatre, Livonia Mall, 7 Mile at Middlebelt, G Entrance, north side of mall, children 7-18, sing a song, readings from script, registration $25, $100 ticket fee due first rehearsal, (586) 344-7774.

Pontiac Theatre IV
Open auditions for 'Scrooge' are at 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 18-19; Bowen Senior Center, 52 Bagley, one block south of Orchard Lake Road, between Williams and Wide Track. Bring prepared song with music or tape, readings from script. (248) 681-6215.

Bloomfield Players
'You Can't it With You,' auditions 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24; 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25; Barnes & Nobie Bookstore Theatre, 6800 Orchard Lake Rd., south of Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 737-9039.

Ridgedale Players
Auditions for 'Over the River and Through the Woods,' are at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, (248) 584-2345, Ext. 222 or e-mail lennoxmi@earthlink.com. Show dates are in October.

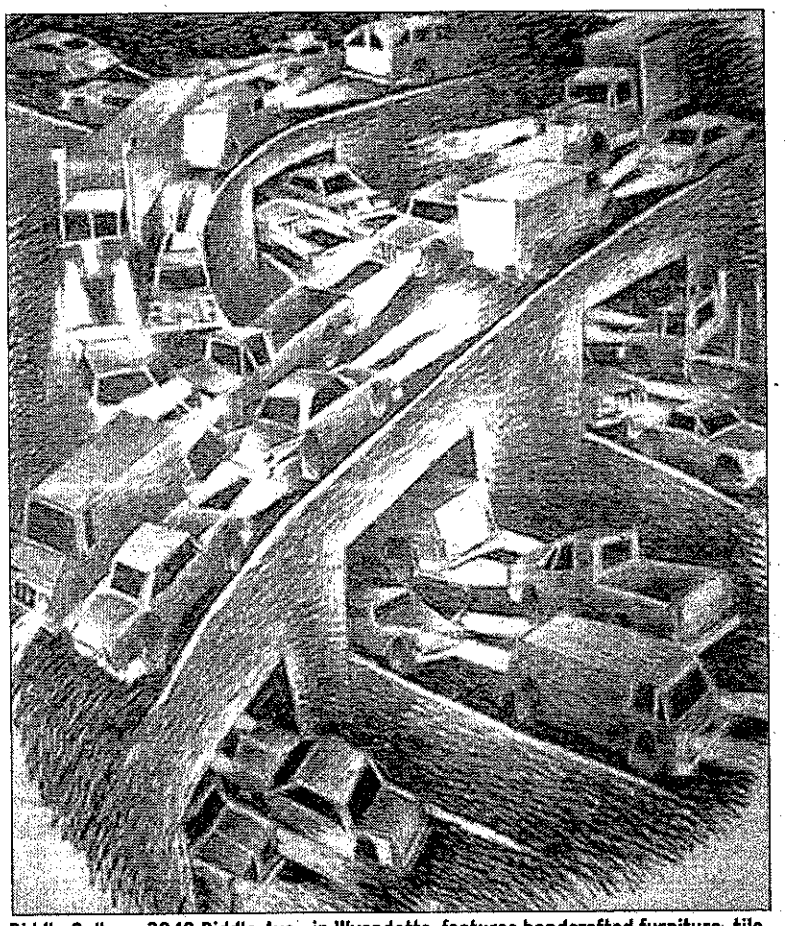
Ars Nova
Auditions for singers for the 2003-2004 concert year. Three concerts will be presented this year, including a performance with the Macomb Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Oak Children's Choir and a cabaret concert in the spring. Rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Royal Oak. Call (248) 414-7242 or visit www.arsnova-mi.org

Farmington Players
Auditions for 'On Golden Pond' by Ernest Thompson, directed by Marge Wetzel, are Sunday, Aug. 24, with 12:30 p.m. registration, 1 p.m. auditions, at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. (248) 553-2955

Madrigal Chorale
Auditions for basses, tenors and sopranos are at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, Southfield-Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Road at Evergreen. Sing brief solo and sight-read a piece of music. (248) 352-9527.

Detroit Concert Choir
Seeking skilled singers, all voice parts; auditions through August. Call (313) 882-0118 to schedule an appointment. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8.

Plymouth Community Chorus
Open auditions at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, Hillside Middle School, 8 Mile Road at Center Street, Northville, by appointment only on Sept. 9, 16 and 23. Call (734) 455-4080.



Biddle Gallery, 2840 Biddle Ave., in Wyandotte, features handcrafted furniture, tile, pottery, glass, jewelry and fine art by over 50 Michigan artists including Rick Pruckler, Kaiser Suidan, Victor Pytko, Steven Blake Miller, Janet Allinger, Tara Hackett, Furnace Hot Glass, David Scherer, Bryce and Kerry Moore and Kevin Radu. Pictured is Radu's pastel on paper. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (734) 281-4779 or www.biddlegallery.com.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Meadow Brook Music Festival
Tori Amos with Ben Folds, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15; Cook, Dixon & Young, classical/opera, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16; k.d. Lang with E.S.T. 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19; Marina in America, piano/world, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20; The Funk Brothers with Vonda Shepard, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21. (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

DTE
Kelly Clarkson with Roxanne, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Mark Chestnutt, Joe Diffie, Tracy Lawrence, 7:30 p.m. Saturday; LeAnn Rimes with Jessica Andrews and Marcel, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17; Aaron Carter with Jump 5, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19; Hall & Oats with Kenny Loggins, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20; 50 Cent with Snoop Dogg, Busta Rhymes, Fabulous, Chingy and Bone Crusher, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21. (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

Freedom Hill
Kenny Rogers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14; Scintas, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Elvis to the Max, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16; Hank Williams Jr., 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. (248) 645-6666 or www.freedomhill.net

POPULAR MUSIC

Magic Bag
Gordon Bennett with Tripper & Stick Arms 8 p.m. Friday, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.

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JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn
Matt Michaels Trio with guests George Benson, saxophone, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20; Russ Miller, saxophone, Aug. 27, Barbara Ware, vocals; 28937 Warren, Garden City, $5 cover with dinner, $10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended. (734) 762-7756.

Edison's
John D. Lamb, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14; Brett Lucas Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, Robert Penn 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150, no cover

P'Jazz
Continues through the end of August at the Hotel Pontchartrain downtown Detroit, 5-10 p.m. Thursday, Back in the Day featuring Larry Lee; Robert Lowe, Aug. 21; Thornetta Davis, Aug. 28, $10, reserved seating $15. (313) 965-2575.

Memphis Smoke
Detroit Women in Rhythm & Blues 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, featuring L.J. Porter and

Kathi McDonald. (248) 543-4300.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Downtown Plymouth
7-9:30 p.m. Friday, 15 Mass Transit, Aug. 22; The Ride, Aug. 29; Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band. Children's concert noon Wednesday, Aug. 20; Zak Morgan, downtown Plymouth in Kellogg Park.

Farmington Hills
7:30 p.m. Thursday: Farmington Community Chorus, Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Livonia 7:30 p.m: Thursday Blues Hammer, Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile Road at Newburgh; Aug. 21: Livonia Symphony, Livonia Community Center, Five Mile at Farmington Road. (734) 466-2540.

Southfield
Rich Eddy's Rockin's Oldies Band, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, Burgh Historical Park Gazebo, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. (248) 796-4600.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, PRime Vocal Jazz, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-8860.

Redford
The Missing Links, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, Capitol Park, Redford. (313) 387-2650.

Birmingham
Alexander Zonjic & the Barbara Ogar Flute Chorale, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham.

Open Mic Night for Youth
7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, Independence Oaks County Park, Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Exit 89 in Clarkson. Aspiring songwriter, musicians and singers share their talents, (248) 858-1486, www.co.oakland.mi.us

Richard Paul & Associates
Children's concert, 2 p.m. Sunday at Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams, St., Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.



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The 15 minutes of fame for 'American Idol' winner Kelly Clarkson is still going strong. She'll perform with special guest Roxanne at DTE 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15. Lawn seats $17, pavilion $35; call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club - Livonia
Jack Sheppard, 8 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 15-16, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. $5 Thursday, $12 Friday-Saturday; Monique Marvez, Aug. 20-23, dinner/show package available. (734) 261-0555, www.joeyscomedyclub.com

Second City-Detroit
'Woodward to Your Muthaa,' 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday ($15), 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday ($20); 'Stars & Stripes,' touring company, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, ($12), 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666.

SOCIAL DANCING

Moon-Dusters
Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road, $5. (248) 968-5197.

Country Western Dance
Blackberry Creek Dancers 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 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 and coffee, (586) 573-0668 or dlj@comcast.net.

Social dancing
Classes for Motown style ballroom start Monday, Aug. 25, City of Southfield Parks and Recreation, 26000 Evergreen, taught by Dr. Karyne Johnson and Dale Lott, call (248) 796-4620 for information.

GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts
'Made in Michigan,' showcasing Michigan artists, through Sept. 20; 7-9 p.m. Friday: artist reception, 407 Pine St., downtown Rochester, (248) 615-4110, www.pccart.org

Avenue Gallery
Hosts Woodward Dream Cruise festivities Saturday; bronze human figure sculptures of Paige Bradley, special exhibit of automotive art, 3-5 p.m. Elvis and Marilyn Monroe impersonators; noon to 8 p.m. live rock band, 167 N. Old Woodward Ave., north of Maple, across from the Palladium Theatre, (248) 594-7600, www.avenuegallery.com

Dual Celebration
'The First 100 Years,' Detroit Society of Women Painters & Sculptors and Pewabic Pottery, opening reception 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, behind the scenes tour of Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Show runs Aug. 22-30, gallery hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, (313) 822-0954.

FESTIVALS

African American Festival
Friday-Sunday at Hart Plaza on Jefferson Avenue, Detroit Riverfront. (313) 494-5860.



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Marina Arsnijevic, an eastern European concert pianist, opens her 'Marina in America' tour at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester Hills. Earlier this year, Marina, who currently resides in Southfield, performed at a luncheon for First Lady Laura Bush. Concert tickets are $15 for lawn and $32.50 for pavilion. Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit Palacenet.com.

CLUBS/BARS

Bull Frog Bar & Grill
Velkro, Thursday-Saturday; West Jefferson, Sunday; Ty Stone, Monday, Aug. 18; karaoke, Tuesday, Aug. 19; Pakistani Tambourine, Wednesday, Aug. 20; 15414 Telegraph, Redford, (313) 533-4477.

Mephisto's
2764 Florian Avenue. Want a taste of the music at Mephisto's? Visit its entertaining Web site www.mephistosdetroit.com. While surfing you'll dance in your seat to the heavy techno beat repeating 'here we go.' Mephisto's is close to both I-75 (off Caniff) and I-94 in Hamtramck (off Mt. Elliott). This 21 & over club where proper attire is mandatory is new to our ever-changing club scene and features three levels including a VIP lounge and terrace; a Tiki Bar, and high energy dance floor. The place looks hot with deep red and purple jewel tones. Music is techno, hip hop, old school and top 40. And when you aren't dancing, check out the very worthwhile art: 1940s glamour girl pinups and much, much more. Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 875-3627.

Reggae
Tropical Hut Lounge, 14925 Livernois, Detroit near Fenkell. This is not one of those suburban nightclubs that pretend to be an island-style bar with fake grass and palm. It's one of Detroit's truly authentic Reggae/roots clubs that attracts the city's island-born residents. If you aren't dancing, you might not fit in. Tropical Hut DJs have the pulse on the freshest music from Africa, the Caribbean and West Indies. Wednesdays, Ladies Night; Thursdays, Reggae Night; Fridays, Friday Surprise; Saturdays, African Night; Sundays, Fun Sundays. Open 4-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday, (313) 861-5340.

Majestic Theatre
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. 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. Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

Parabox Cafe
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 club wear. 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.

Edison's
220 Merrill St. Birmingham. A classy uptown bar with band performances Thursday-Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

GALLERY SHOWS

Cpop Gallery
'Copy Cats' an homage to female artists, through Aug. 31, 4160 Woodward Ave., corner of Willis, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery
Emerging Artists 2003, through Sept. 30, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5448.

Livonia Arts Commission
At the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Linda Sterns, watercolor, mixed media, collage, through Aug. 28, Fine Arts Gallery, second floor. Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington Road, Livonia Artist Club, mixed media, through Aug. 28.

Arnold Klein Gallery
Closed until Sept. 3, 32782 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

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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.rochester-hills.org/museum.htm

Cranbrook Institute of Science
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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 planetarium 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.detroitsciencecenter.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.detroitzoo.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. 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

Davy Jones Monkees around in downtown Birmingham

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

When Davy Jones plays live, it's exactly that, it's play.

The 58-year-old former Monkee is performing at the elegant Revvin' with Ford 2003 Charity Preview that kicks off the Woodward Dream Cruise on Friday in downtown Birmingham.

Jones never tires of singing his old hits. "When I get on stage with a group of friends and sing songs that make people smile, it's not work, it's play," Jones said from his cell phone in rural Pennsylvania.


Jones

"I'm a lucky man that people still want to have fun watching me perform. I guess I'm like Disney World. ... People are familiar with me," he laughs. "I'm somebody's Elvis, how can I ever complain about that?"

Jones doesn't compare himself seriously to the King, instead he places The Monkees in a category with the Marx Brothers and The Three Stooges.

On Saturday, Jones will play again at the Dream Cruise. The second show is free to the public. Friday's Revvin' with Ford is an upscale charity event. Saturday's outdoor show is casual. Both events are expected to attract big crowds.

"It has nothing to do with me. When I'm gone, people will still know those songs," he says. "It's not about me. The Monkees aren't in the Rock Hall of Fame and we don't much care to. It just is what it is."

And the reason he isn't bored of songs like *Daydream Believer*, *I'm a Believer* and *Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You* is because there's more to Jones beyond the music.

PASSION FOR HORSES

Jones, his wife and family have a passion for horses. He currently resides in both Pennsylvania and Florida, and has five horses that he has raised and trained. Gentleness he explains, is the key to understanding the animals.

"I wanted to be a jockey since I was 10 years old," he said. "I couldn't just do the same thing over and over again. The hits will always be special to me and they will always be special to people who love The Monkees, but there is so much more in life to enjoy."

Jones is enjoying a lot. An eccentric person both on and off stage, he wanted to witness the miracle of life. So three weeks ago he was the mid-wife during the birth of his granddaughter.

"I actually participated in the birth process, I helped remove the baby. My daughter wasn't sure she wanted me there, but I'm her dad and it brought us close. I didn't see her as much as I wanted to while she was growing up."

Born 1945 in Manchester, England, Jones first acted in a school production of *Tom Sawyer*.

After an apprenticeship as a race horse jockey, he appeared in two TV programs, *June Evening* and *Coronation Street*, and in BBC Radio's play, *There Is A Happy Land*. Later he moved to the U.S. and landed with The Monkees. From 1966-1968, the TV Monkees became a real musical group, recording nine albums, with 10 top-20 hits.

Years later, Monkee fever struck again with the CD release of *Then and Now: The Greatest Hits of the Monkees*. Monkee marathons followed on Nickelodeon and MTV.

Three of the original Monkees recorded a new album, *Pool It*, and embarked on a 1986 20th-anniversary tour that lasted three years.

Jones continued to work on the road in the early '90s as a solo artist, playing Fagin in *Oliver!* and Vic Fontaine in the touring production of *Grease*.

Aside from singing at events like Revvin' with Ford, Jones rides the occasional race on his horses.

Life is good for the *Daydream Believer*.

DAVY JONES AT REVVIN' WITH FORD

When: Doors open 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15
What: An elegant buffet, the concert, display of concept and classic cars, kid-friendly events, and more.
Where: Downtown Birmingham, under the tent in the parking lot between City Hall and The Community House.
Tickets: $175 per person, available at The Community House, 380 S Bates St. (248) 593-6956. For event information call (800) 4-REVVIN.

SECOND SHOW

Davy Jones will present a second show 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, that's free and open to the public, outdoors near the Community House in downtown Birmingham. For Woodward Dream Cruise information call (888) 4WDC-196 or visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com.

Gerard Smith's music is anything but ordinary

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Go ahead, try and label Gerard Smith's music.

In this pop music era – where it seems artists are easily categorized – comes Gerard Smith to stir up metro Detroit's pubs. The foundation of his music today is strong Irish Celtic ballads ... but there's much more to it as he mixes some of it with punk and heavy metal guitar.

Like good Celtic music should be, Smith is a storyteller with the five songs that he wrote on his 14-track CD titled, *Hamtramck Heaven*. He's also a talented singer and musician, and plays obscure Irish and English songs while also playing the guitar, boyzouki, bodhra, tin whistle, mandolin and concertina.

See him Dream Cruise weekend on Saturday at Dick O' Dow's – right in the heart of auto action in downtown Birmingham. Or escape Dream Cruise the night before and see him perform at O'Halloran's Tipperary Pub in Detroit on Friday. He's at Kildare House in Windsor tonight.

GERARD SMITH

■ Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple, downtown Birmingham - 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, (248) 642-1135, or www.gerardsmith.net
■ O'Halloran's Tipperary Pub, 8287 Southfield, Detroit - 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, (313) 271-5870

Smith's roots are punk. He played in the local band Kuru for years – a band that performed traditional Irish songs with hardcore edge. Later he was involved in Pluto, an avant-garde jazz band. Today he listens to Celtic, heavy metal, gothic, jazz, bluegrass and rock n' roll, and all of it helped form his own creative flair.

"I get bored easily," Smith laughed. "Music is music; I try not to categorize it. I listen to music for the moods that it sets."

His eclectic tastes might best be heard in the haunting song, *Making of A Modern Myth*.

"I had a dream one night that the Earth is a living organism made ill by parasites. You never know," Smith writes about the song in *Hamtramck Heaven's* liner notes.

It's the song of which he's most proud.

At Dick O'Dow's, Smith will play what he calls "straight-up Irish, English and Scottish Celtic ballads." At Kildare House he'll be a bit more daring and might mix it with old punk.

"At Dick's we might throw in something different like *Norwegian Wood* (by the Beatles)," Smith said. "It all depends on the vibe of the audience, every night is different."

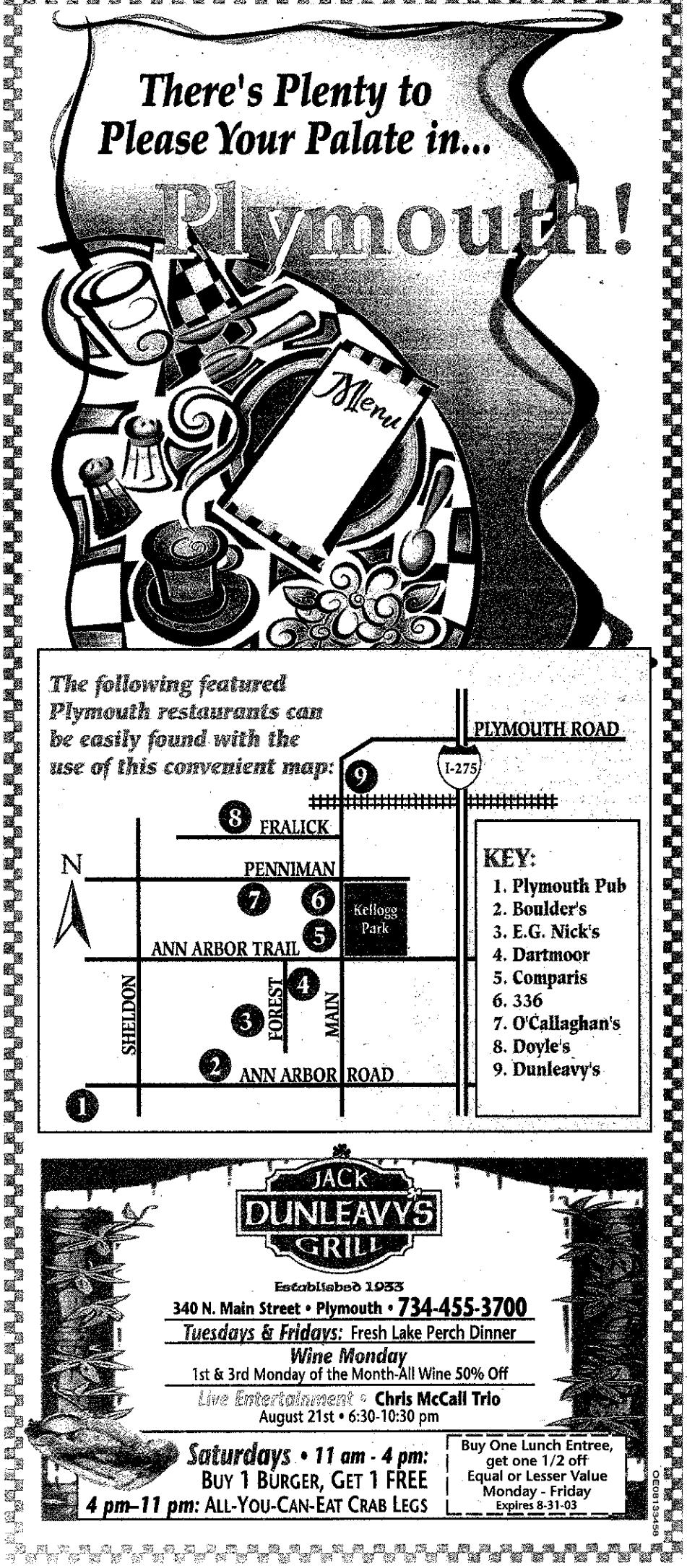
Hamtramck Heaven is a little surprising, in a good way. First, the title doesn't refer to Hamtramck as heaven. The cover photo is simply a family photo of Smith in Hamtramck. The back photo is a bit more heavenly, as he sits on the rocks of Michigan waters – hence the name *Hamtramck Heaven*.

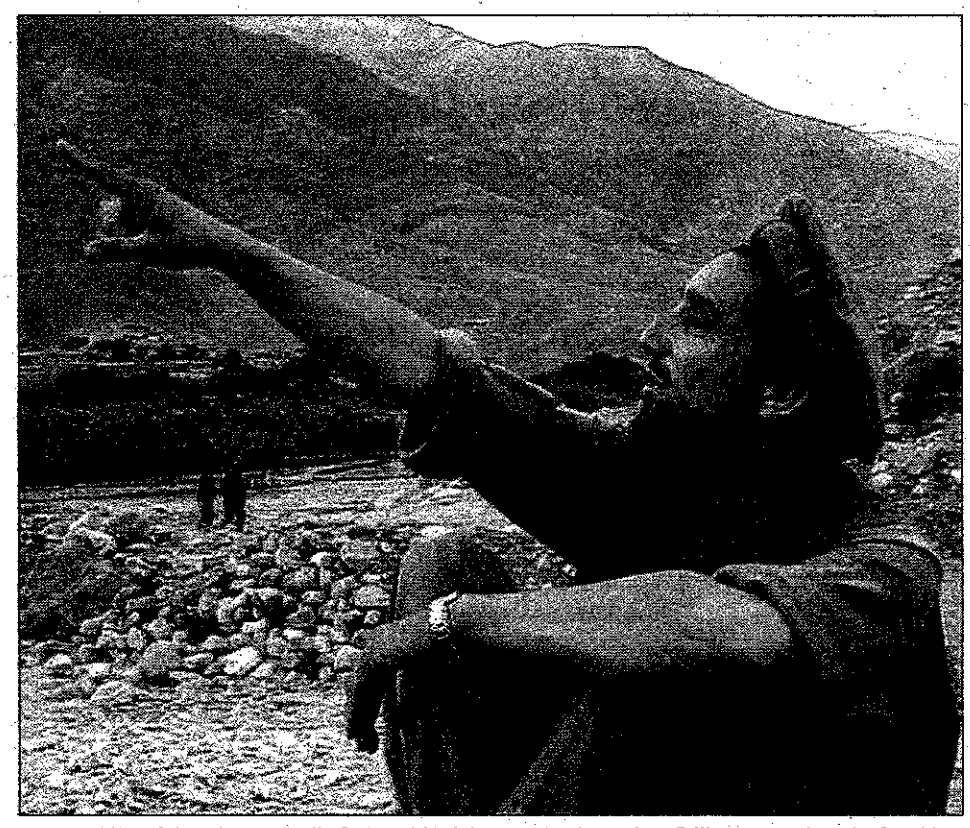
It's the Celtic and rock n' roll that makes Smith's music even more interesting. The raunchy song, *With My Rubber Boots On*, is about a cod fisherman who has sex in his boots, leaves the woman while wearing those boots, and nine months later is unhappily raising the resulting family while wearing those same rubber boots.

Not all the songs are sexual. The more serious working person's song, *Which Side Are You On*, is more political.

Smith's love for music is lifelong. He played piano as a child and at age 15 an aunt gave him a beat-up electric guitar. Today some of his songs are serious, others satirical.

His CD is available online at www.gerardsmith.com, www.amazon.com, www.cdbaby.com





'Massoud the Afghan' is a portrait of Ahmed Shah Massoud, a legendary Tajik commander who fought against both the Soviet Red Army and the Taliban.

In times of war

Foreign films can help us better understand the world

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Grown tired of daily news reports on world events?

Perhaps recurrent scenes of violence overwhelm and sadden you? Maybe news coverage seems incomplete? Or, you're skeptical about the validity of news reports?

You may have overlooked an alternative source of information with a track record – foreign films.

"War is, in a sense, a time when movies are needed much more urgently than before," said Elliot Wilhelm, director of the Detroit Film Theatre, where foreign films are a staple. "Through movies, we can come to grips with our feelings and emotions."

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Tickets: Adult admission is $6.50; senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members is $5.50; call (313) 833-3237 Discount tickets available in book, five for $25. Visit www.dia.org/dft for full DFT season.

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You'll feel cool, not hungry at Starving Artist

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroit needed a restaurant like the Starving Artist in Ferndale.

It's a small, long restaurant with booths and tables. It's hip, yet comfortable with soft periwinkle and muted gold walls, antique moldings, blue chairs, white linen tablecloths and fresh budding flowers on every table.

The large pieces of colorful art make the restaurant truly pleasing to sit in while waiting for a meal. The art changes about every month and right now Mexican weavings and bold red paintings adorn the walls.

The music, of course, also sets the mood with genres like Latin, smooth jazz and the occasional New Age.

You just feel cool sitting in the Starving Artist dining room. There's a pleasant patio for outdoor diners, but then you wouldn't see the art that's for sale, so be sure to at least step inside for a view.

And then there's the food.

Randy Shallow and partner Brad Johnson teamed with Chef Joseph Gordon to develop a menu of interesting, tempting meals. Many of the recipes are either family heirlooms or favorites of Shallow and Johnson; the others were created by Gordon.



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Brad Johnson, co-owner of Starving Artist restaurant in Ferndale, has created a gallery-style atmosphere in the dining room.

FRESH INGREDIENTS



Two of the most popular dishes at the Starving Artist are Nicoise Salad with white tuna filet, green beans, eggs and olives, and Vegetable Napoleon with portabello mushroom, eggplant, polenta and tomato-basil sauce.

"I want people to remember their meals," Gordon said. "Part of the reason I love working here is (the owners) allow me to be creative."

"Our philosophy is to use superb, quality ingredients," Johnson said. "We make meals fresh daily using all-natural chemical-free chicken and Certified Angus Beef Tenderloin. We use only the finest extra virgin olive oil. We avoid processed foods and use organic whenever possible.

"I start every day very early visiting the markets for fresh produce. Our herbs are hand-picked from our own garden. I love this job."

Why the focus on fresh and chemical-free?

"Because Randy and I were tired of the chain restaurants where everything tasted fake and bland and processed," Johnson said. "Even the restaurants that aren't chains felt like a chain. We decided to create a restaurant that's appealing to look at, sophisticated yet with a neighborhood feel. You can wear anything here, it's very European."

The Chicken Matisse is Shallow's own recipe. It's free-range breast of chicken sautéed in a delicate French white wine sauce with shiitake mushrooms, sweet red pepper and onion. The gourmet macaroni and cheese is made with several cheeses, roasted garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, pasta and a parmigiano-reggiano bread crumb topping.

"Our prices might be a couple dollars more than the average meal, but you are paying for quality, chemical-free ingredients," Johnson said.

Those few extra dollars are worth it.

The dishes have fun names with European links such as Shrimp Pasta Botticelli, Fellini Lobster Ravioli and Monet's Garden Lasagna.

Vegetarian and vegan offerings are staples. Rousseau's and Crimini mushroom ravioli with mushroom-filled noodle pillows covered in a delicate light tomato sauce topped with parmesan is an example.

Chef Gordon said weekend specials always include one vegan entree such as a dairy-free alfredo made with pureed walnut. There's also a full bar and well-rounded wine list that offers nine wines by the glass; four half bottles; and 18 full bottle offerings.

SPECIALTIES

Brunch - Bread pudding French toast, vegan apple pancakes, portabella mushroom hash, Hungarian strudel topped with fresh whipped cream. Prices begin at $3.50.

Lunch - Nicoise salad with tuna or chicken mixed with new potatoes, green beans, egg, olives and onion over a mix of fresh spring greens and herb dressing; $8.95 for tuna, $9.95 for chicken.

Dinner - Shrimp Pasta Botticelli, shrimp, diced tomatoes, garlic, onions, fresh basil and fettucini tossed with a Parmesan cream sauce, $14.95.

Vegetable Napoleon, grilled portabello mushroom, eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash and polenta artfully layered and served on a bed of tomato basil pasta sauce, $13.95.

Dessert - Chocolate Volcano Cake, a flourless chocolate fudge torte topped with fresh raspberries, raspberry sauce and whipped cream, $5.75.

STARVING ARTIST

Where: 212 W. Nine Mile Road, just west of Woodward Avenue (on the north side of Nine Mile Road) in Ferndale, (248) 545-5650

Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday brunch

DREAM CRUISE SPECIAL

On Saturday throughout the day, the Starving Artist offers food to cruisers in a hurry. On the patios in both the front and back of the restaurant, grilled sausages will be served. Looking for a Dream Cruise escape? Step inside the restaurant for a relaxing meal off the menu.

IT'S HOMEMADE

Many of the salad dressings are homemade; all the desserts are, too. The Hungarian strudel is made by a friend who uses a longtime secret recipe. Dinner specials include light summertime fare such as quiche Florentine with spinach, served with spring greens and a sweet balsamic dressing. Eggs Michelangelo – poached eggs served on a bed of toasted French bread with imported prosciutto, topped off with a basil-pesto cream sauce. Pecan encrusted grouper, pan-seared risotto cakes with fresh ratatouille and garbanzo beans are other summer specials.

The restaurant is non-smoking. Smoking is permitted outside.

After dinner try the organic coffee and Johnson's favorite dessert: fresh apple cake, a family favorite. He added the housemade caramel sauce to make it the Starving Artist's own.

The menu is seasonal to keep ingredients fresh and organic – which means robust in flavor. This fall the Starving Artist plans to offer an autumn bake. Specials change daily, making this restaurant worth visiting repeatedly.

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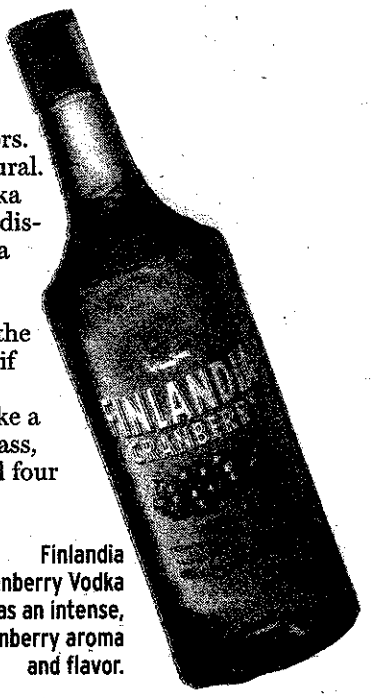
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The Earle Uptown, a new restaurant in Ann Arbor's historic Bell Tower Hotel, is now open for business.

This is the second restaurant for Ann Arbor's Dennis Webster, who has owned and operated The Earle for the past 25 years.

Executive Chef Shelley Caughey Adams brings her unique take on French cooking to The Earle Uptown, 300 South Thayer, offering a wide range of both traditional and modern French appetizers and entrées, complemented by an extensive wine list developed by Executive Sommelier Steve Goldberg. The Earle Uptown is open 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

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At Morels and Shiraz 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22. Menu includes Duet of Chowders, Maryland Crab Cake with Roasted Corn Sauce, Fried Oyster Salad, Steamer Platter – half Maine lobster, shrimp, clam, mussels, crab claw, corn & potatoes with drawn butter and Key Lime mustard sauce, Apricot & Cherry Clafouti with Ginger Anglaise for dessert.

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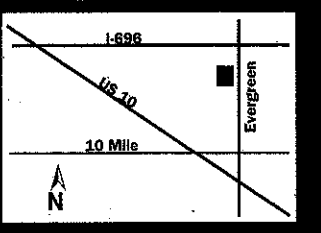
Menu features wood-grilled country sausage, giant shrimp from the barbecue skewer, champagne and mango granite cocktail, barbecue baby spareribs, barbecue baby lamb, barbecue beef Tenderloin, Brazilian rice, black beans with garnishes; Banana, Brazil Nut, Caramel and Chocolate Bombe, coconut ice cream with chocolate sauce.

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Aerosmith walks this way, leads Motor City Madhouse concert

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

It certainly won't be the *Same Old Song and Dance* when "Detroit Rock City" turns into "Motor City Madhouse" Friday night at Comerica Park.

Three of some of the most prolific and ever-adapting bands in rock history – Aerosmith, KISS and Ted Nugent – promise to get this weekend off to a roaring start when they take to the stage for one evening of classic heart-pounding, ear-popping rock 'n' roll.

Making a return to the premier concert city on the planet, all three bands promise Friday's show will leave a definitive mark in the memory banks of the rock-crazed fans of Detroit.

"A very major event will take place," assured legendary lead guitarist Joe Perry of Aerosmith. "We love coming to Detroit. Detroit has always been a fabled place. In the late '60s and early '70s, Detroit was like Rock Nirvana Haven. It was 'Detroit Rock City.' It's always been a great town."

The current Aerosmith and KISS tour will include some 40 venues over four months and signals the continuous appreciation rock bands have for the metro Detroit area since Comerica Park is the lone stadium site on the docket.

"Our tours are shorter now, but just as powerful," Perry said. "The success of the multi-band show, shows people want to be part of it, and we're always looking for ways to give the audience the best shows we can give."

For Aerosmith, doing exactly that has spanned better than three decades. From the outset, Perry, along with band members Steven Tyler, Tom Hamilton, Brad Whitford and Joey Kramer, have always had the mindset to conquer the masses. In the early days, they tried to avoid the customary club and bar scenes of native Boston by winning over high school teens and others seeking a new sound.

With success on the horizon, the band quickly found itself opening for such groups as Edgar Winter and Humble Pie, headlining shows at 60,000 seat stadiums and splashed on the cover of *Rolling Stone*.

But with any phenomenon, the ride to the top can be a brief one. Included on that roller-coaster ride was Aerosmith, which experienced its decline in the mid-'80s.

Fortunately, though, some difficult decisions and MTV were the right ingredients to steady the ship and propel the band onto a decade-long run that has no end in sight.

"We were fortunate enough to get in the middle of the MTV explosion in the late '80s and early '90s and were able to stay with it," Perry said. "We were also fortunate to have some hit records. We're never too snobby to have hit records."

According to Perry, the current tour will include a rotating set of Hall of Fame Aerosmith rock 'n' roll, in addition to several cuts off the band's still-untitled 14th release.

"It hits on every cylinder," Perry said.

As to sharing the stage with KISS and the Motor City Madman, Perry said the band is looking forward to the opportunity of reliving some blowout shows that took place with both groups years ago.

"We knew about them (KISS) in the early '70s in New York," Perry recalled. "And with Ted, we played together several times and that was great."

TRIPLE PLAY

Who: Aerosmith and KISS with special guest Ted Nugent
When: 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15
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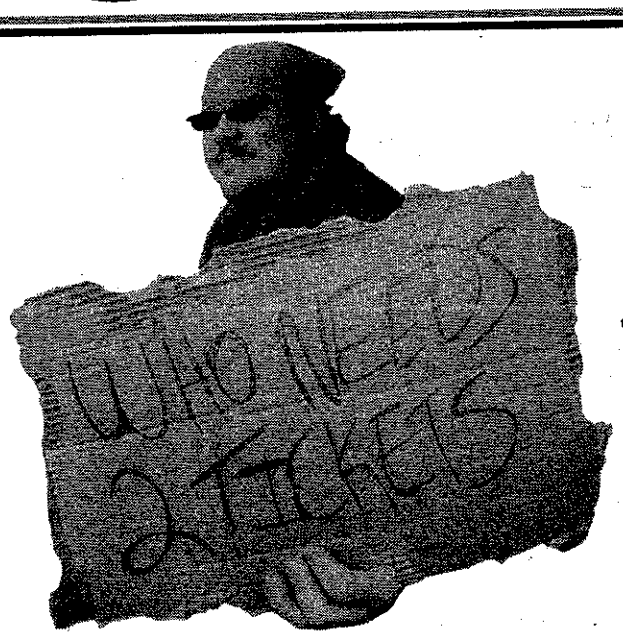
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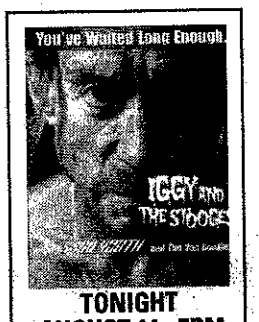
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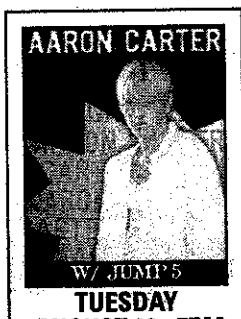
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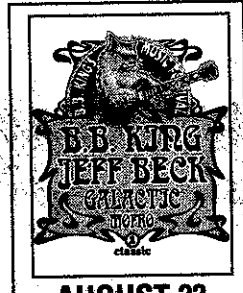
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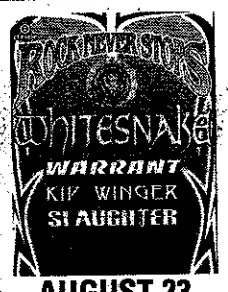
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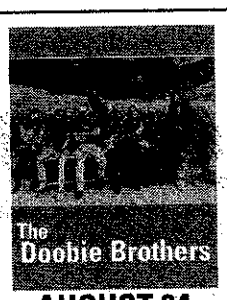
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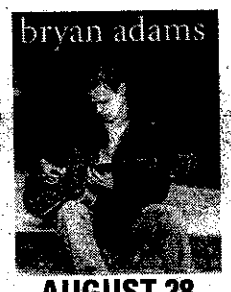
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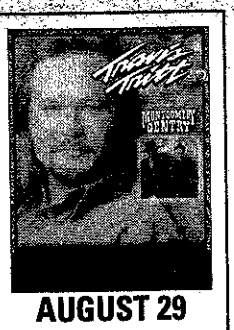
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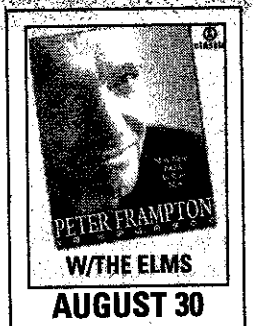
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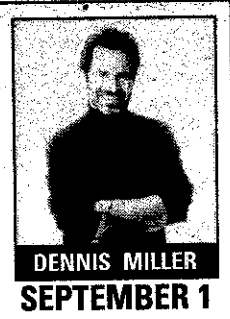
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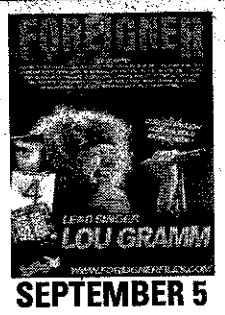
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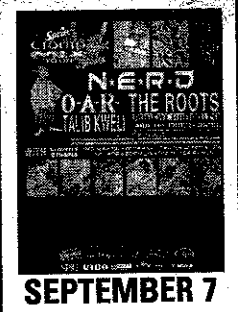
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FILMS

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ent culture's perspective.

For those hungry for alternative points of view, DFT's fall/winter 2003 season, which just began and runs through Dec. 15, won't disappoint.

In addition to a plentiful selection of French, English and Italian films, there are works from Iran, Russia, India, Japan, Thailand, Argentina, Brazil and Belgium.

Films relevant to the United States' current and recent military activities also are among the offerings.

Marooned in Iraq, which was filmed in both Iran and Iraq, follows a group of Kurds who survived Saddam Hussein's attacks after the 1991 Gulf War.

Massoud the Afghan is a portrait of Ahmed Shah Massoud, a legendary Tajik commander who fought against both the Soviet Red Army and the Taliban.

11'09"01 is a compilation of 11 short films relating to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

While foreign films do shed light on world events and regularly serve as an alternative information source for many members of society, increased interest in the genre isn't an inevitability, said David MacGregor, a film instructor and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

"It depends on the general public's attitude toward the war," he said.

During the Vietnam era, counterculture sentiments favored independent and foreign films. "You were being told one thing by your government, so people went looking for another form of information."

Consequently, alternative films flourished, said Philip Hallman, film librarian at the Department of Film and Video Studies, University of Michigan. In fact, there were about seven film societies operating on the University of Michigan campus during the '60s, he said. And, as many as 12 alternative films (classic, foreign or independent) were screened on any given weekend night.



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Bob Dylan and Angela Bassett are among the many stars in 'Masked and Anonymous.' There's much buzz about the movie, which is playing Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28, at Detroit Film Theatre.

Of course, concern about global conflict isn't the only reason people seek out foreign films.

European films first emerged in the United States in the '50s, primarily in big cities. By the '60s, they had influenced American filmmaking and changed the nation's attitude toward the medium.

Foreign films about faraway cultures don't always address current events, either. As with any art form, film strives to speak to the human condition, said Wilhelm.

"The great thing about film is, whether you travel or don't travel, you see the world through others' eyes. You see different parts of the world, and you discover that other people have similar problems and woes," he said.

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This year's Michigan State Fair promises more to do and see

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

There's always something new to see and explore at the Michigan State Fair.

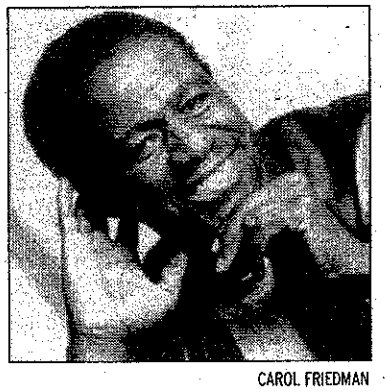
This year, organizers are boasting more than new activities.

The big news is a partnership with the Woodward Dream Cruise and an earlier opening date: Friday, Aug. 15, the weekend of the classic car parade.

"We think it's the perfect melding of two terrific events," said John Hertel, Michigan State Fair general manager.

Indeed, opening weekend events reflect the new association. There's a tire "Burn-Out" Contest with bleacher seating for spectators on Friday evening and a classic car show all day Saturday.

"We thought it would be helpful for the Dream Cruise because it stretches the Cruise into Detroit," Hertel said, adding the state fair's mission is to unite urban, suburban and rural people.



CAROL FRIEDMAN

Al Green is among the big-time musical acts that will be performing at the Michigan State Fair.

As always, the fair continues through Labor Day, so the earlier opening date means an extended run of 18 days.

Another major change comes in the form of new hours of operation. This year, the fairgrounds won't open until 2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.

"The best way to think of it is that we have two sets of hours," Hertel said, adding the change is a response to low attendance mid-week.

Fairgrounds gates will open at 10 a.m. Friday-Monday.

The biggest change in programming is the revival of the demolition derby, which hasn't taken place at the fair for more than 10 years, said Hertel. So numerous were requests for the derby's return that "we're holding two of them," he said.

Other live entertainment runs the gamut from big-time musical acts like Al Green, Willie Nelson and David Lee Roth to local dance troupes, student marching bands and community choirs.

For those looking for something a little more off-beat, consider some of these events: the "Look What Mama Made" fashion show, a "Kick the Shoe" contest or "Cookie Stacking."

Of course, classic fair activities are as numerous as ever. Returning again this year is the ever-popular live animal and birth display, "Miracle of Life." But don't overlook the horse shows, livestock and agriculture displays, pie-eating contests and hog calling.

NATIONAL MUSICAL ACTS

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- Al Green - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, Greektown Casino Band Shell.
- Willie Nelson - 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, Greektown Casino Band Shell.
- Uncle Kracker - 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, Greektown Casino Band Shell.
- Fabolous - 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, Greektown Casino Band Shell.
- David Lee Roth - 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, Greektown Casino Band Shell.
- Temptations' Review/Johnny Rivers - 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1, Greektown Casino Band Shell.

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

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Wayne County Fair has air of nostalgia

BY CHRYSTAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

While thousands clamor for spots on Woodward Avenue during the ninth-annual Dream Cruise, others will retreat to the Wayne County Fair for a more peaceful alternative.

"The Wayne County Fair has the variety that brings you back to what it used to be like in the old days," said Jerry Knorp, fair organizer. "This is what we need to get back to."

The 57th-annual Wayne County Fair in Belleville, which continues through Saturday, is a volunteer-run event featuring youth and adult exhibitors, 23 carnival rides, and Monster Truck Racing.

Monster Truck rallies involve audience participation. The audience votes on what they like and don't like about the show.

Tim Bush will be competing in the Monster Truck race on Saturday and has been racing for 17 years.

"These rallies have a real good response with the crowds," said Bush. "We've done it for the last 15 to 16 years – there's side-by-side racing, drag racing, freestyle, and it's all voted on by the crowd. The audience likes freestyle more than anything.

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4x4 Truck Pull - 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14
Demolition Derby - 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15
Monster Truck Racing - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16

FAIR

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People like to see things get destroyed – if a truck gets smashed or crushed, they love it."

Bush said the fair is unique, but he doesn't get to enjoy it as he would like because he gets stuck on the tracks.

"There are a lot of diverse people there. This is the motor capital of the world so you're not stuck with one type of fan," he said.

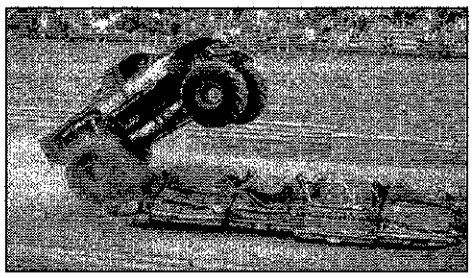
The Monster Truck Rally and the Demolition Derby are said to be the biggest attractions at the fair, along with the carnival that features a double Ferris wheel, roller coaster and 21 other thrill rides. There will be also be livestock displays – horses, cows, pigs and chickens, and horse show.

Karen Slebodnik serves on the Wayne County Fair board and has volunteered at the fair for over 15 years.

"We have people that come from every area of Wayne County," she said. "The fair represents all the people in the county. It's nostalgic - going to the carnival and eating cotton candy and corn dogs."

According to Knorp, the fair is centered around the 4-H Club. Members enter their animals in 4-H sponsored contests to compete for prizes.

"It's nice to have a carnival, but the fair is really about achievements," said Knorp. "These kids are raising animals and working hard. They might get a ribbon or they might get first place, it depends on how hard they work for it, which is something you do all your life. It's a good thing all the way around."



Monster Truck racing is a popular event at the Wayne County Fair.

Randy Dunkelberger of Belleville has been going to the fair since he was a baby. The now 37-year-old said he still hasn't gotten his fill of the fair.

"I've been going since I was 7 years old," he said. "I have two children, so they go to the fair almost every day. You can walk around and enjoy the scenery, and it attracts all ages because of the 4-H club and all the crafts people can participate in."

Dunkelberger isn't the only one that attends the fair religiously – Slebodnik estimates that nearly 25,000 people attend each year.

"Everything is geared for family entertainment," she said. "You've got a whole gamut of people that come – senior citizens, teenagers, families pushing strollers, people in silk outfits and people in blue jeans. People come for a fun day at the fair."





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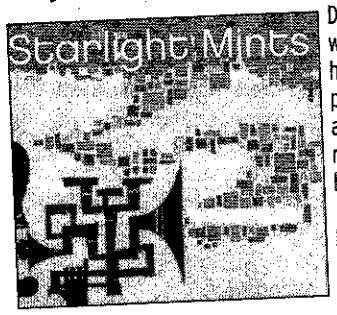
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Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

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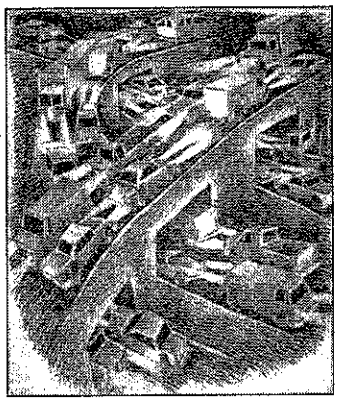
The latest album by Norman, Okla., natives the **Starlight Mints** sometimes feels like you're listening to a spy movie soundtrack. (The Flaming Lips, another oddball group of pop rockers, also are from Norman.) The first track of **"Built on Squares"** ends with tap dancing, another begins with sounds like a cartoon – and I honestly didn't think the sound of bowling pins being knocked over would be so catchy. "Brass Digger" begins with a Mexican horn feel and moves directly to guitar riffs straight from the Pixies' playbook, one of many Pixie-esque moments on the album. The album's strongest and catchiest song, "Pages," includes a mind-numbing synth and drum beat, guitars that screetch in and out, and high-pitched backing vocals.



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'Untitled (freeway)' by Kevin Radu

Film

The Magic Bag will present the soul music documentary, **"Only the Strong Survive,"** on Thursday during Brew & View.

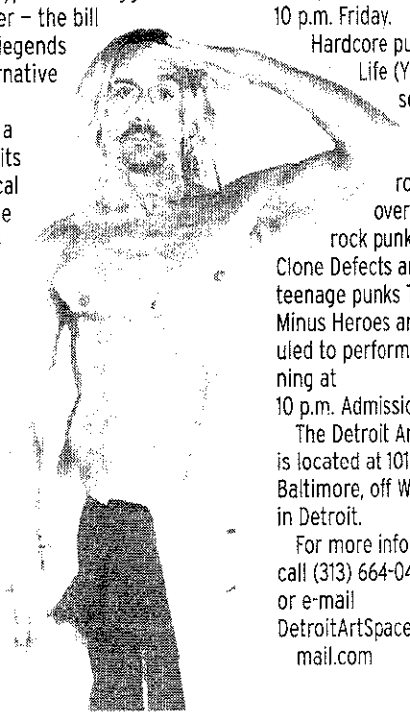
Documentary filmmakers DA Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus, and journalist Roger Friedman, put together a film that includes interviews and performances by the biggest "survivors" of 1950s-'70s Stax Records, and Motown soul and R&B singers, including Isaac Hayes, Sam Moore, Ann Peebles, Wilson Pickett, The Chi-Lites, Rufus & Carla Thomas and Mary Wilson. If you dug "Standing in the Shadows of Motown," don't miss this soul cousin.

Doors open at 8 p.m., film begins at 9:30 p.m. 21 and older. Cost is $2. The Magic Bag is located on the northeast side of Woodward Ave, north of 9 Mile in Ferndale.

For more info, click on http://www.themagicbag.com.

Concert

Iggy and the Stooges are back. Thirty years after their last performance in Detroit, Ypsilanti's most notorious export will plug back in at DTE Thursday. The show is building hype as the biggest concert of the summer – the bill being something legends are made of. Alternative art rockers **Sonic Youth**, which has a loyal following in its own right, and local garage rockers the **Von Bondies** also are slated to perform. Don't miss the "You had to be there" rock show of the summer. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $22 for lawn and $48.50 for the pavilion. They can be purchased through Ticketmaster by calling (248) 645-6666.



Show

DIY promotion has always been a part of the punk music scene, and a major cornerstone of that promotion is the punk rock flier. As computer graphic programs have grown in popularity, the eclectic, hand-drawn fliers popular in the '70s have faded away. Remember what it used to be like, as The Detroit Art Space presents, **"Punk Rock Flyer Art Show,"** a collection of Detroit punk fliers – vintage and current.

Opening reception will take place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday.

Hardcore punks Pub Life (You've seen their stickers in bathrooms all over Detroit), rock punks The Clone Defects and teenage punks The Minus Heroes are scheduled to perform beginning at 10 p.m. Admission is $5.

The Detroit Art Space is located at 101 E. Baltimore, off Woodward in Detroit.

For more information, call (313) 664-0445 or e-mail DetroitArtSpace@hotmail.com

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.

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Tank of gas

Relax, do something or nothing in Union Pier

BY SANDIE PARROTT
CORRESPONDENT

I hesitate to tell you about this place, because I don't want it to change. Union Pier and the surrounding area has the look and feel of the 1950s.

Union Pier, just above New Buffalo, is a small town minutes north of the Indiana border along I-94 in the very southwest corner of the state.

It's perfect for driving vacations – the kind where you pack the kids in the car with bathing suits, sand pails and board games (not video) and maybe a small battery-powered radio – and drive to a comfortable, charming lodge, cabin or inn to just relax for a week.

THE INN AT UNION PIER

The Inn, as owner Bill Jann says, "is an hour-and-a-half from busy Chicago, but in reality it is light years away."

He said guests arrive stiff, stressed, wired and rushed from traffic, jobs and life in the fast lane. When told breakfast is at 9 a.m., many protest, saying they prefer to get up much earlier. According to Bill, the next day they barely make it to the end of breakfast, and their sumptuous breakfasts are not to be missed.

The atmosphere and accommodations make it easy to sleep in, take long walks and watch the sunset. The 16 theme rooms boast down comforters, private baths and antique furnishings.

There is a lot of nothing to do at the Inn. Take a stroll before breakfast and view the large, wonderful vintage cottages along Lake Michigan, spread a blanket on the powdery white sand beach and let your mind go blank, soak in the outdoor hot tub, or take one of the Inn bicycles out for a spin.

BACK ROADS

If you're in the mood for some U-pick fruits and vegetables, this area supports 22 farms growing 50 different agricultural crops. There's everything from Tree-Mendous Fruit Farm, a family-run farm that grows 100 different kinds of apples including antique varieties, to Jollay Orchards, a centennial farm where you can pick pumpkins.



Take a break from sightseeing at the outdoor terrace cafe at the Harbor Grand Hotel, overlooking the marina in New Buffalo, not far from Union Pier.

If you're feeling energetic, hike up the 240-foot hill of sand at Warren Dunes State Park. Mount Randall towers over the lake and provides a great view if you can make it to the top. The park offers other old-fashioned fun like fishing, nice beaches for swimming and picnic areas.

A LITTLE VINO

Take a peaceful drive through the vineyards and picturesque farms and stop at some wineries. Four can be visited in one day, and that includes detours to fruit farms or antique shops along the way.

The Heart of the Vineyard Winery, Distillery and Brewery is probably the most unique winery in Michigan. Rick Moersch was born in Flint and has a loyal following. The e-mail newsletter group is called the Copperheads. The name came from the copper top or "head" of the still.

Tasting uncommon wines like Scheurebe is a real pleasure. The newest achievement is the release of two fruit-infused vinegars – apricot and blueberry. Add to that about 20 types of brandy. The latest brandy releases are elderberry and black walnut liquor.

SHOP AROUND

While you're on the road, check out Patty's Picks on Red Arrow Highway. Patty offers "Good things for the home and soul." Some of her newer wares are Wild Goose Crosses from Ireland, complimentary cereal bowls (they give you positive affirmations as you eat your breakfast); and instant human coffee mugs – just add coffee.

There are 12 art galleries including, photography and stained-glass studios in this small area, along with many specialty shops. One such place is Michigan Thyme Shops and Café in nearby New Buffalo. They offer a little bit of everything under one roof, gourmet foods and candy to take home or try out in the café, "lifestyle clothing with attitude" and unique items for entertaining. The stuffed French toast made with their own cream cheese and orange filling may be why they are rated as the "Best Breakfast in Town."

People from the Chicago area have discovered the Union Pier and New Buffalo area, but Michigan residents from "the other side of the state" don't seem to know it exists. Most restaurants in high season are booked solid, and for good reason. Miller's Restaurant is one of the standards. They have been around for 18 years, and offer a blend of traditional and what they call "New World cuisine."

If you have a hankering for some hospitality, laid-back lifestyle, beautiful sunsets, wide sand beaches with a dash of art and fantastic contemporary restaurants, head to this area.

On second thought, it was really horrible and you wouldn't really want to go there ... (smile).

If you are going ...

PLACES TO STAY

The Inn at Union Pier - Proprietors Bill and Joyce Jann - (269) 469-4700 or www.innatunionpier.com. Prices range from $155 - $230 a night.

Pine Garth Inn, Cottages and Lakefront Villa - Owner Denise Foy (888) 390-0909 www.pine-garth.com. Prices start from $140 for a guest room up to $200 per (week) night for Coryn's Carriage House (a darling romantic cottage, completely private) and weekly rates for the villa.

WINERIES

Heart of the Vineyard - Baroda, Mich. - (800) 716-(WINE) 9463 or www.heartofthevineyard.com. Check out their winemaking classes: Sept. 20, for white and Oct. 4 for red. Two other events are the Harvest Party; Aug. 24 for Wine, Brandy and (Blues) Bands, and a Holiday Open House on Dec. 6, where they will have their Nouveau Wine Release.

Tabor Hill Winery and Restaurant - Buchanan, Mich. - (800) 283-3363 or www.taborhill.com. They are one of the oldest wineries in Michigan. If you can't get to the winery, check out the Tabor Hill Wine and Art Gallery at 115 W. Liberty in Ann Arbor.

Domaine Berrien - Berrien Springs, Mich. - Opened May 4, 2002. The tasting room and an outdoor deck has now been completed - (269) 473-(WINE) 9463 or www.domaineberrien.com.

Lemon Creek Winery - Berrien Springs, Mich. - (269) 471-1321 - A centennial farm with U-pick fruits and vegetables in season - wonderful jams, jellies and preserves along with (of course) wines.

RESTAURANTS

Miller's Country House - Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier - (269) 469-5950 millers-restaurant.com. Traditional and contemporary offerings in a windowed setting overlooking beautiful perennial gardens.

Casey's Bar & Grille - New Buffalo, Mich. - (269) 469-5800 or www.caseysbar-grille.com - Looks like an old style (actually built in the 1920s) bar on the outside with the original art deco bar and "hump on the floor" with neon light sign out front. The surprise on the inside is a Chicago-style casual neighborhood bistro with wonderful pasta, fresh fish and hand-cut steaks. A lovely garden path leads from the front sidewalk to a popular hidden outdoor patio.

OTHER

Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm - (269) 782-7101 or www.treemendus-fruit.com come and pick your own fruits, ride the special wagon.

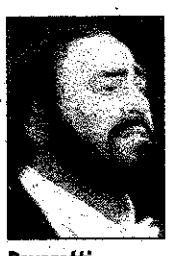
Patty's Picks - Union Pier on Red Arrow Highway - (269) 469-1919

Music

Shower singers, win tickets to see Pavarotti

Is there a good song to sing in the shower?

Tell us your favorite song to sing in the shower, and why it's your favorite, to win two tickets to see Luciano Pavarotti, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Six pairs of tickets will be given away.



Pavarotti

Mail, fax or e-mail your entries by Wednesday, Sept. 9, to Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor for features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net

Winners will be notified by phone and announced in the Thursday, Sept. 18, edition of Filter.

Chamber Music Society tickets on sale

A limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-2004 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season are available. All 630 season subscriptions to the nine-concert series sold out earlier this summer. The 2003-2004 season marks the 60th anniversary for the organization.

In addition to the single concert tickets, a very limited number of reserved donor tickets remain for the Wednesday, April 21 Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk.

This season's concerts will all be held at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

Single concert tickets are priced between $30 and $67. Student tickets are $20. Reserved donor tickets for Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble are $500, of which $380 is tax deductible. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Chamber Music Society of Detroit ticket service at (248) 855-6070.

For additional information, visit the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Web site at www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

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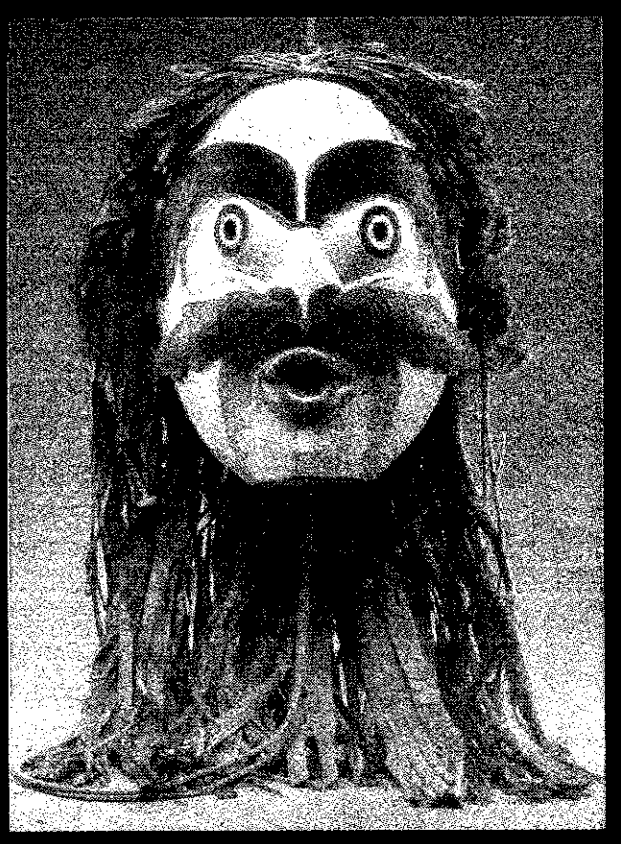


Listen to jazz vocalist Shahida Nurullah and the Larry Nozero Ensemble perform the music of Brazilian composer Antonio Carlos Jobim, draw in the galleries, take a guided tour and make a refrigerator magnet to take home.

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Friday, August 22

Family Friday

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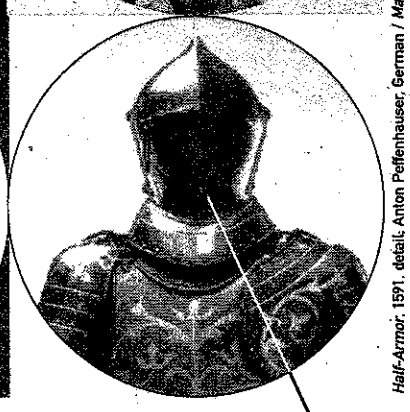


Mask of Spirit of Salmon, made in about 1940, Charlie George

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Half-Armor, 1591, detail, Anton Peffenhauser, German

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