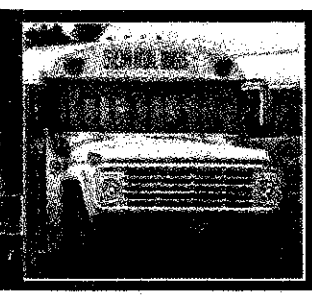
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Get acquainted

Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization designed to acquaint area residents with others in the Canton area, will hold its first meeting of the 2003-04 season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, in the Sunflower subdivision in Canton.

Canton Newcomers holds monthly meetings at the Sunflower Clubhouse on the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, with various themes and speakers throughout the year, and will end the season with a family picnic at Heritage Park in June.

In addition to monthly meetings, members participate in a variety of community relations activities, fund-raisers and social events throughout the year. Monthly Interest Group activities include Book Club, Bunko, Chick Flick, Couples Night, Ladies Night Out, Moms & Tots, Playgroups, Recipe Club and Scrapbooking.

The club, whose members include residents from Canton, Westland, Plymouth and the surrounding area, welcomes new residents to Canton, as well as lifelong residents who are looking to meet new people and get involved in the community. Many members have belonged to the group for more than five years. Membership is $20 for the season.

Canton Newcomers is an organization for area residents interested in civic, social and charitable projects. For more information, call Nancy Patel at (734) 354-8988, or visit the Canton Newcomers Web site at www.angelcities.com/members/newcomers.

On Broadway

David Burtka, a 1993 graduate of Salem High School, is currently starring as Tulsa (All I Need is the Girl) in the musical *Gypsy* on Broadway.



Burtka was nominated for the annual Fred Astaire Award for his role. The production also stars Bernadette Peters as Mama Rose. Burtka is the son of Daniel and Debbie Burtka of Canton.

He was recently visited by Canton junior Clare Selden, with whom he reminisced about East Middle School chorus teacher Shelby Holcomb, who introduced both to vocal music.

His roles have included regional theater, commercials, movies (Woody Allen's *Hollywood Ending*) and an appearance on NBC-TV's *The West Wing*.

First-day jitters common for kids

Mom and son survive first day of kindergarten

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gregory Goodbred didn't want to miss a thing, even if it meant getting up unusually early Monday morning.

The 5-year-old sat on the couch in his Canton Township home; relaxed in his pajamas, watching Rug Rats on television; eating a blueberry donut and drinking milk; just hours before his big day — his first as a kindergartner at Allen Elementary in Plymouth Township.

Gregory and his family visited his classroom during open house the previous week, so he had an inkling of what to expect.

"I met my teacher, Mrs. Passtuh-lon-ic (Barbara Pastalaniec)," said Gregory, not missing a beat on the pronunciation. "I liked the building stuff. That's what I'm going to do when I get there, first. And, then, after that ... I don't know."

Gregory wasn't taking the bus Monday, as classes were only an hour long for kindergartners. But, he was prepared for the next day.

"When you drop papers, don't get off the bus or you could get run over," he said proudly. "No putting your hands out the window or it could get stuck – not the bus. There's more (rules), but I don't remember them. I'm just going to sit down."

His big sister, 9-year-old Jessica, said she'd make sure Gregory learned the ropes.

"I'm going to help him get to the bus line every day," said Jessica. "I'll sit next to him. He needs to know people."

While Gregory showed off his new clothes and shoes — and talked of playing with the computers, the kitchen and blocks in his new classroom — the first-day-of-class butterflies seemed reserved for his mother, Sherrie.

"He's so excited, but I dread it," said Goodbred. "This is my last child, and you get that loss of him not being here.

"It's going to be tough. I don't know how I'm going to do it," she said, as tears welled up in her eyes.

It wasn't any easier a couple of hours later, waiting outside the school.

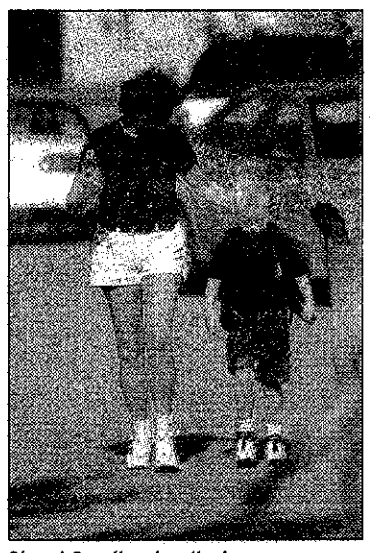
After taking a picture of Gregory in front of the Allen School sign, Sherrie gave Gregory a kiss before leading him into the building.

"You don't want that on you, do you?" she said while wiping lipstick from his cheek. "This is the kindergarten door. When the bus drops you off, go in there."

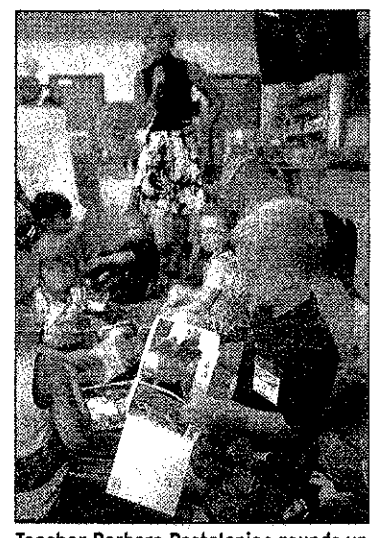


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Gregory Goodbred listens to Barbara Pastalaniec read a Clifford book during his first day of kindergarten.



Sherri Goodbred walks her son, Gregory, toward Allen Elementary for his first day of kindergarten.



Teacher Barbara Pastalaniec rounds up her new class, including Gregory, so she can read them a story.

With his backpack on, and a name tag — just in case — Gregory and his mom walked into RoomK-2

"Good morning, Gregory," said his new teacher. "Mom will help you find where your book bag goes, and then go over to the red rug."

It's at that point where students and parents are split, and the teacher takes over; introducing her self, singing songs with students and reading a book about Clifford, the big red dog every youngster knows about.

It's then outside for the tots. Gregory took a few moments to appraise the situation before climbing the bars and playing in the sand.

"For most kids, it gets easier, and they start getting along with friends," said Elizabeth Smith of Plymouth Township, who supervises the playground.

"We've got the criers who don't want to be separated. But, by the end of the year, they don't want to leave."

"Can I go see my mom?" Gregory asked Cheryl Petersen of Canton, another playground supervisor.

"Your mom is inside, talking to the teacher," said Petersen, urging him to go play for a few more minutes. "No matter how long they're outside, it's always five minutes too long."

While the kids were playing, parents were getting information from Pastalaniec about the curriculum and rules of the room.

"The only problem you might have, which is pretty common with kindergartners, is for them to complain they don't have any friends," said Pastalaniec. "Usually, that means 'I'm a little

PLEASE SEE **KINDERGARTEN, A3**

Job search discouraging, despite signs of hope

HELP WANTED IN A DOWN ECONOMY

This two-part series on unemployment and job prospects was produced by the *Observer Newspapers'* summer college interns.

BY LAURA COLVIN AND KIM KOVELLE
STAFF WRITERS

While most people's minds are set on leaving work at 4 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon, Detrah Moore and her son Stephen are heading out to the Schoolcraft College Career Planning and Placement Center.

Since June 16, the pattern has been the same: Stop by to browse the center's latest computerized job postings, find three possibilities, submit resumes and cover letters. Then wait, possibly interview and repeat.

"I've been very discouraged," said Moore, 39, a computer technician from Canton who has been laid off from two jobs since last year and lost a third due to minivan troubles. "There's no time limit to when you can get a job, but there is a time limit on rent."

Using other agencies, newspapers and word-of-mouth, Moore sent out 24 resumes in July and interviewed five times. She's hoping for a full-time technician position close to home, but as times wears on, clerical and housekeeping jobs are becoming options.

"I haven't found anything in my field," said Moore, jotting down the information for a graphic designer position. "This is a time when you start looking at things you don't want to do."

These days, Detrah is not alone.

NINE-YEAR HIGH

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in July 44,000 more jobs were lost, 556,000 people stopped working or looking altogether and manufacturing employment — long a measuring stick in area — dropped as well.

However, jobless rates actually dropped to 6.2 percent nationally and 7.4 percent in the state; men's, teenagers' and African

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Outside their apartment Detrah Moore and son Stephen laugh over how much each knows about computers. Moore has taught Stephen programs like Flash and 3D Studio, but admits, 'I think he knows more than I do.'

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LOOKING AHEAD

American Profile
As he's done for 18 years, country singer Willie Nelson will take the Farm Aid stage Sept. 7.



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Village Faire offers slices of culture, history, fun

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Where there's food, there's people.

Where there's food, activities and great weather, there's even more people.

"Good food, good social," said Susan Putnam, who enjoyed a corn roast dinner at the Bartlett-Travis House Sunday.

Putnam and her husband, Bill, and son, Kazy, 1, enjoyed a peaceful dinner at the Lions Club annual and famous corn roast, and the Canton Historical Society's ice cream social.

Canton Leisure Services jumped on the bandwagon started long ago by the Lions and historical society with their special events, and added other components to create the first-ever Village Faire in the Cherry Hill Historic District.

"We are pretty pleased with the whole event," said Bob Dates, Canton recreation supervisor. "We actually ran out of parking (spaces) on the grounds."

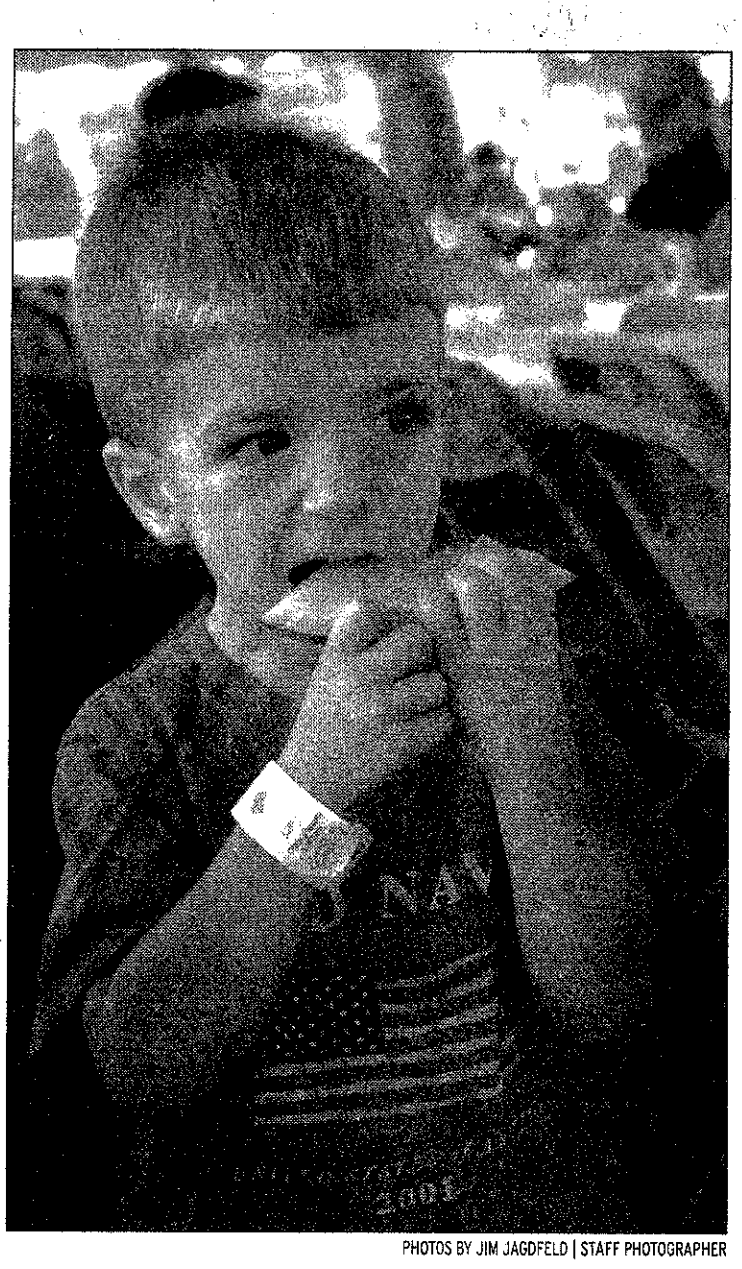
An hour after Village Faire began Sunday afternoon in the Cherry Hill District — the Bartlett-Travis House, Cherry Hill School and Cherry Hill Village — the only parking left was along Ridge Road.

With an estimated 1,200 visitors, the Village Faire was pronounced a success. Ann Conklin, Canton leisure services director, lauded the cultural and historical aspects of the community highlighted by the event.

"The Bartlett-Travis House seemed to be the main focal point," Dates said. Also popular for guests was the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, which featured artists and other activities.

A bit further away from the scene of all of the hullabaloo was the park in Cherry Hill Village. While visitors certainly stopped by, it didn't draw quite the same attention, despite musicians, face painting and other activities.

Distance to the village could have been part of the problem, Dates admitted. Though it appears close, walking the distance from Bartlett-Travis may have been tough for some visitors.



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Tyler Tish, 2, samples the watermelon, provided by the Canton Lions Club at the first-ever Village Faire.

"I am 100 percent sure we will continue with it," Dates said, adding there are plenty of options available for getting people to the village.

At the heart of the afternoon event was the corn roast/ice cream social. "The Lions Club. We always seem to be serving food," said Lions member Linda Shapona, who sliced and served watermelon, donated by member Bob Boyer.

For $5 visitors got the whole package — roasted corn, hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy, drinks, ice cream, hayride and pie eating contest.

"My daughter loves the hayride," Putnam said about 4-year-old Abby.

The corn roast is actually a fund-raiser for the Lions, which divides the proceeds between its own club, Helping Hands and the Goodfellows.

While food did a lot of attracting, there was plenty else to draw the crowds. On the Bartlett-Travis grounds, the Canton Historical Society opened the barn for a look at farm implements used over the centuries by Canton farmers.

Tillers International offered demonstrations of blacksmithing, rope making and woodworking — the old-fashioned trades. "People want custom ornamental work, especially high-end," said Robert Schulz, a proper blacksmith, who demonstrated how he makes links for a chain fence. Nearby, Dan Conklin, also with Tillers International, worked with two five-month-old cows and demonstrated how oxen were yoked for farm work.



Jessica Zhou and her son, Eric Ren, 5½, watch as Dan Conklin works with two calves he is training as work animals for Tillers International.



John Chew (left) and Larry MacLeod tend the grill where sweet corn and hot dogs are cooking.



Rachel Spalding, 4, and her sister, Riley, 2, pet the sheep at the petting zoo at the Village Faire.

At Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, Jennifer Tobin, Canton performing arts coordinator, welcomed artists, who stationed themselves on the school grounds. "They were thrilled," Tobin said, adding jewelry and stained glass artists were selling their works.

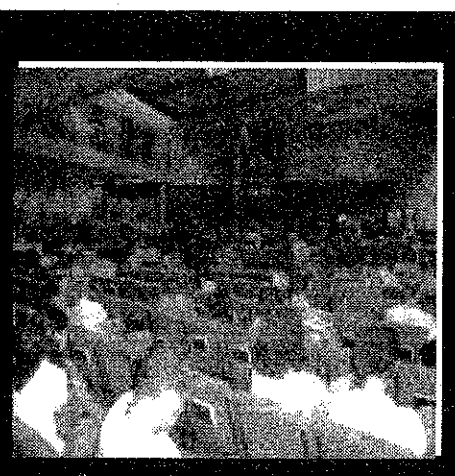
Painter Vince Maiorana started a painting in the morning of the historic schoolhouse, and wrapped it by the afternoon's end. "It is a gorgeous piece," Tobin said. "He has done other Canton significant buildings." His work will be exhibited at the Summit on the Park.

Inside the schoolhouse, adults and kids were walking for goodies. "It was so much fun," said Tobin, who walked away with blonde brownies.

Township employees baked the goodies. "We had four rounds of the Bake Walk. It was so cute. The little kids to the grandmas."

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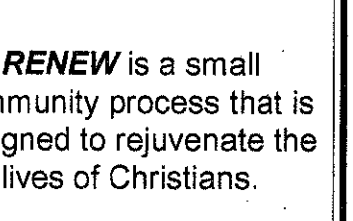
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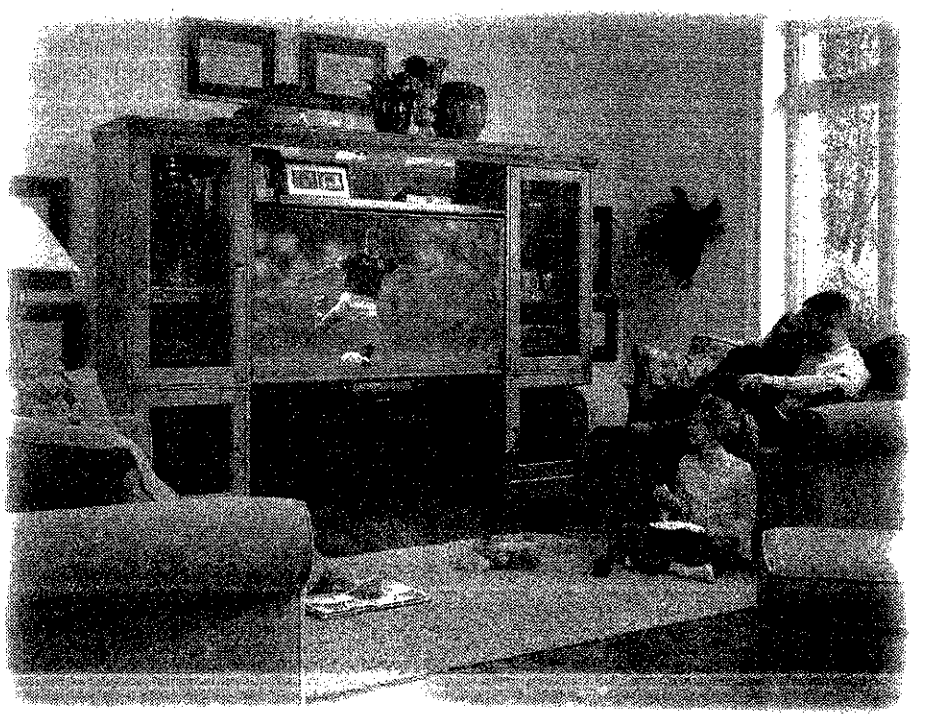


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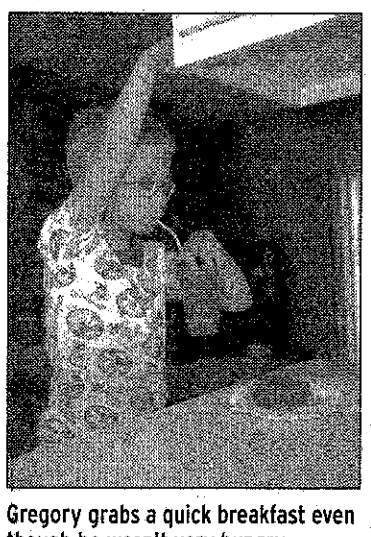
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Gregory grabs a quick breakfast even though he wasn't very hungry.

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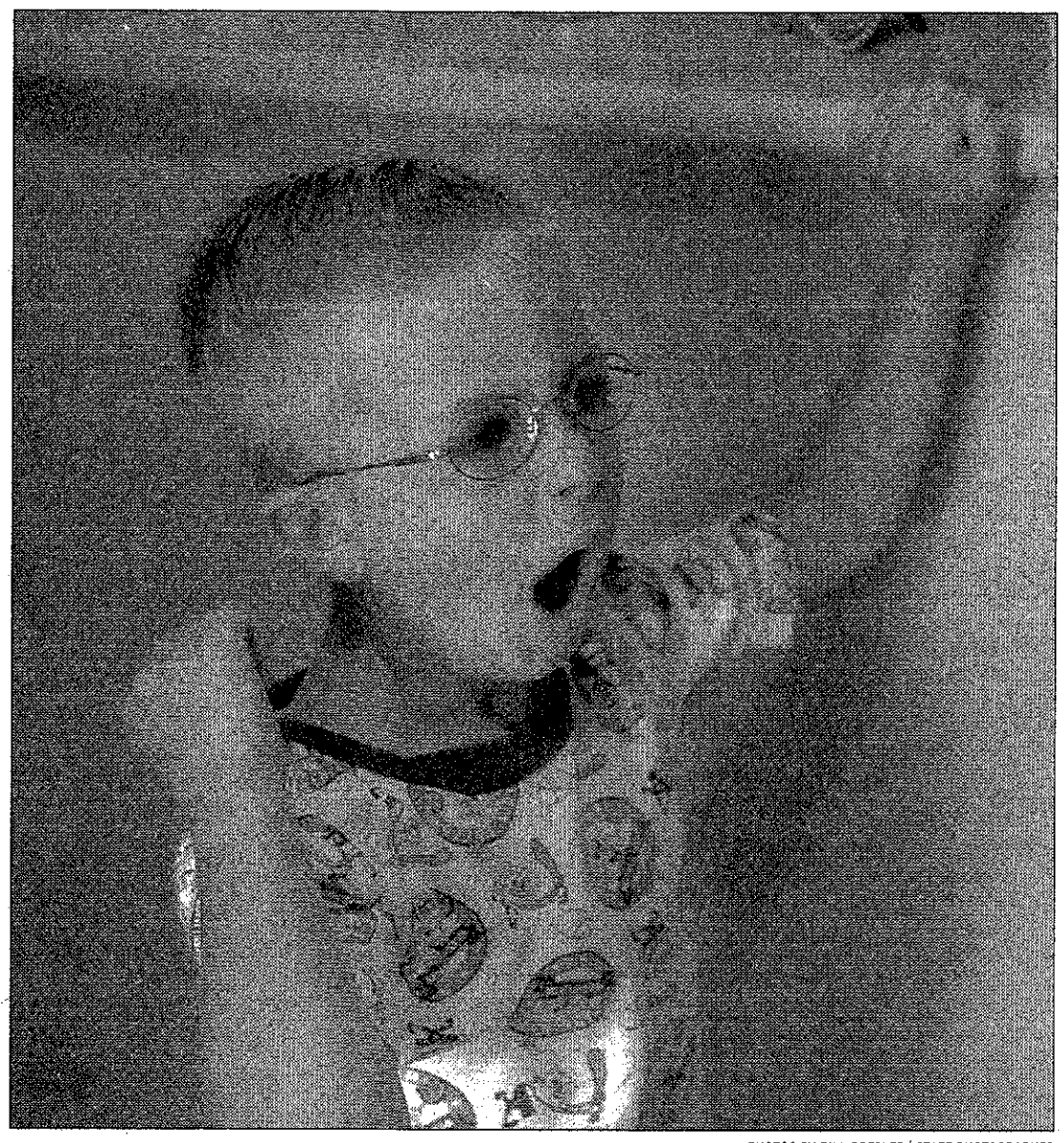
uncomfortable, I wish you were with me.'"

All the assurances didn't stop mom from sneaking peeks at Gregory on the playground, with a look of motherly concern on her face.

Several minutes later, the kindergartners were reunited with their parents, and everyone appeared to have survived the first day — even if it was only an hour.

Gregory pointed out the play stations he was planning to participate in the next day. "I'm going to make things for you and daddy," he told his mom.

Principal Marsha Moore assured parents their children will make it through, and so will they.



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Gregory Goodbred was up earlier than usual on his first day of kindergarten.

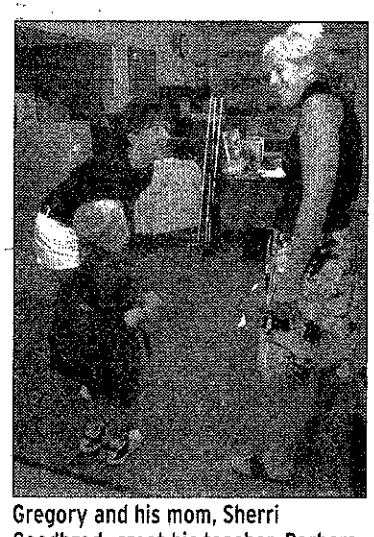
"Especially those who are going through separation anxiety for the first time," she said. "The best thing you can do is to allow your child to walk into the building without you.

"It's probably harder on you than it is them, but it sends a subliminal message that says 'I'm bringing you here because it's safe,'" she said.

With that said, Sherrie Goodbred made up her mind — maybe.

"Tomorrow will be tougher," she admitted. "I'm just going to put him on the bus. But, I think I will drive here to make sure everything is OK. But, I won't go in ... if I could just keep him at home ..."

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Gregory and his mom, Sherri Goodbred, greet his teacher, Barbara Pastalaniec.



Before Gregory's day begins his mom Sherri sends daughter Jessica and neighbor Corey Bellingham off to catch the school bus. It's an emotional moment for Mom.

Schools open with only few glitches

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

From all perspectives, it appears the first day of school was a success, according to those in charge of making certain all goes well for the more than 17,000 Plymouth-Canton Schools students.

"I think all-in-all it was a great start," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "Hopefully all the work we did to prepare was there, and we put it in the hands of a very capable staff. They make magic happen out there."

East Middle School Principal Marsha Hoff agreed with Ryan's assessment.

"The day was wonderful," said Hoff. "You always have a couple of kids who can't remember what bus they came to school on, but students seemed to enjoy themselves.

"The beginning of the year is always exciting," she said, "and the kids are excited to see their friends they haven't seen for a while."

At Tonda Elementary, Principal George Belvitch called the day "awesome."

"You have new kindergartners and other children that move into the community, and we have new parents ... all of it brings new ideas and energy to the school," said Belvitch.

"Opening a school year requires considerable preparation if you want it to go well, and much of that credit goes to secretarial staff and the many teachers who come in throughout the summer," he said. "By the time that first day rolls around, we're prepared. Parents and kids expect us to be ready, and they deserve our best shot."

The one glitch, according to Ryan, was a delay in getting school buses to run on schedule.

"I think our drivers are being extra kind in allowing the kids get to buses," he said. "Sometimes we're running late, and parents get frustrated with us. But, when you run 125 buses and transport over 11,000 kids a day, you're going to have those kinds of problems."

Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, said the first few days of school for his membership went well.

"People are pleased to be back, and the in-service we had (last Friday) and the opening remarks by Jim (Ryan) were very appropriate," he said. "I think we're working well (with the administration), but there's always room for improvement."

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Riley Mundt of Plymouth, 7, watches fellow campers onstage.

Performance camp lets kids hit the stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Like many young girls, 10-year-old Michelle Oleszkowicz tries to emulate her big sister. And since older sister Kristin, 20, likes the theater, so does Michelle.

That's why Michelle was in the performing arts camp sponsored this week by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The reason is a lot simpler for 9-year-old Brandon Waldenmayer. Dressed in his crown and cape, Brandon was ready to play his role in the camp-ending play the students performed.

"I get to be goblet king and boss everyone around," the youngster said.

The occasion was the final PCAC camp of the summer, the group's fifth.

The idea, according to art education coordinator Leslie Greeneisen, is to give youngsters a chance to do some performing and to learn about theater.



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Hannah Mullally of Northville, 8 (from left) Amanda Nilles of Canton, 8, Brandon Waldenmayer of Canton, 9, Clare Porter of Northville, 7, and Dayna Esper of Livonia, 10, pause during a rehearsal to listen to directors Ryan Welsh, left, and Eric Hitchcock at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Performing Arts Camp Tuesday.

That's the part that attracted Michelle Oleszkowicz.

"I really like theater," Michelle said. "My sister, Kristin, does, too, and I like to follow her. It's fun because you don't get to act like that every day."

According to Greeneisen, two dozen kids took part in the camp, ranging in age from 5-11. They broke the class into two groups, each of which performed its own play Friday.

"They learned their lines, learned how to stand in front of a group of people and perform, and they learned theater terms," Greeneisen said. "They did camp games and songs, so they have all of that experience, as well. They had fun."

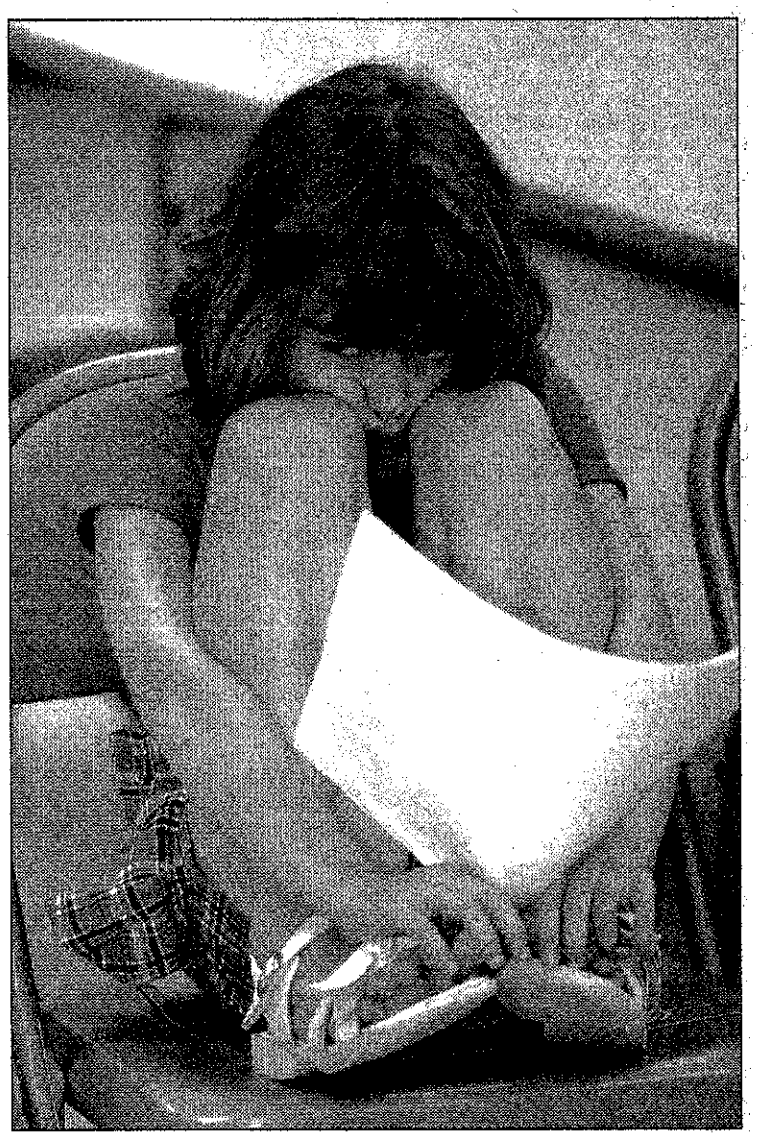
TOM SAWYER

The PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players (formerly the Whistle Stop Players) hold auditions for their production of a musical based on Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer*, under the direction of new director Sharon Belobraidich.

Auditions, which are open to children ages 6-15, take place at the PCAC on Sheldon at Junction from 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15 or Wednesday, Sept. 17. Actors do not have to attend both, but they should plan on being available for the entire 90-minutes on either day.

The youngsters will be required to either read or recite a poem, and they'll do a little song requested by PCAC staff. Greeneisen said the song would be an "easy, popular song that everyone knows."

Call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.



Claire Beaudoin of Northville, 7, scrunches her face between her knees as she listens to director Julie Greeneisen at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Performing Arts Camp Tuesday.



Riley Mundt of Plymouth, 7 (from left) Paige Michel of Canton, 10, Madelyn Degener of Plymouth, 6, Sarah Leeson of Canton, 8, and Jackie Serbay of Plymouth, 8, listen to directors Eric Hitchcock and Ryan Welsh.

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Summer camp brings out the artist in students

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

For 10-year-old Elizabeth Ferrill of Canton, it was her fifth year attending D&M Studios annual Summer Student Art Camp.

Her favorite part?

"I liked the paper maché designs," said Elizabeth, clutching her medal, certificate and a packet of water color pencils and a drawing table – part of the goodies she got to take home after completing the camp.

Elizabeth, a fifth-grader at Isbister, is the daughter of Karen and Joe Ferrill.

"She'll be back again next year," her mother said.

For Julia Balowski, 8, daughter of Carl and Tricia Balowski of Westland, this year's camp was her first.

Her favorite part was painting. Julia is one of a number of home schoolers who took part in the camps, which are held in D&M Studios at Lilley and Joy in Canton, in Canton's Summit on the Park and at Miller's Artists Supplies on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

'This is probably the first year we've done American artists' stuff. But it wasn't red, white and blue. It was just American themes.'

Sharon Dillenbeck
D&M owner

Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D&M, said this year's 13th annual camp was a big success with 657 students attending one of the 36 camps.

Students ranged in age from 3 to 17.

This year's theme was Celebrate America, studying works of American artists from cave painters to op art.



Julia Balowski of Westland, 8, shows off her art work and certificate of achievement with Donna Knight, general manager of D&M Art Studio in Canton.



Julia Balowski of Westland, 8, her dad Carl, sister Rebecca, 3, and mom Tricia check some of the student art at D&M Art Studio. Owner Sharon Dillenbeck is in the background.

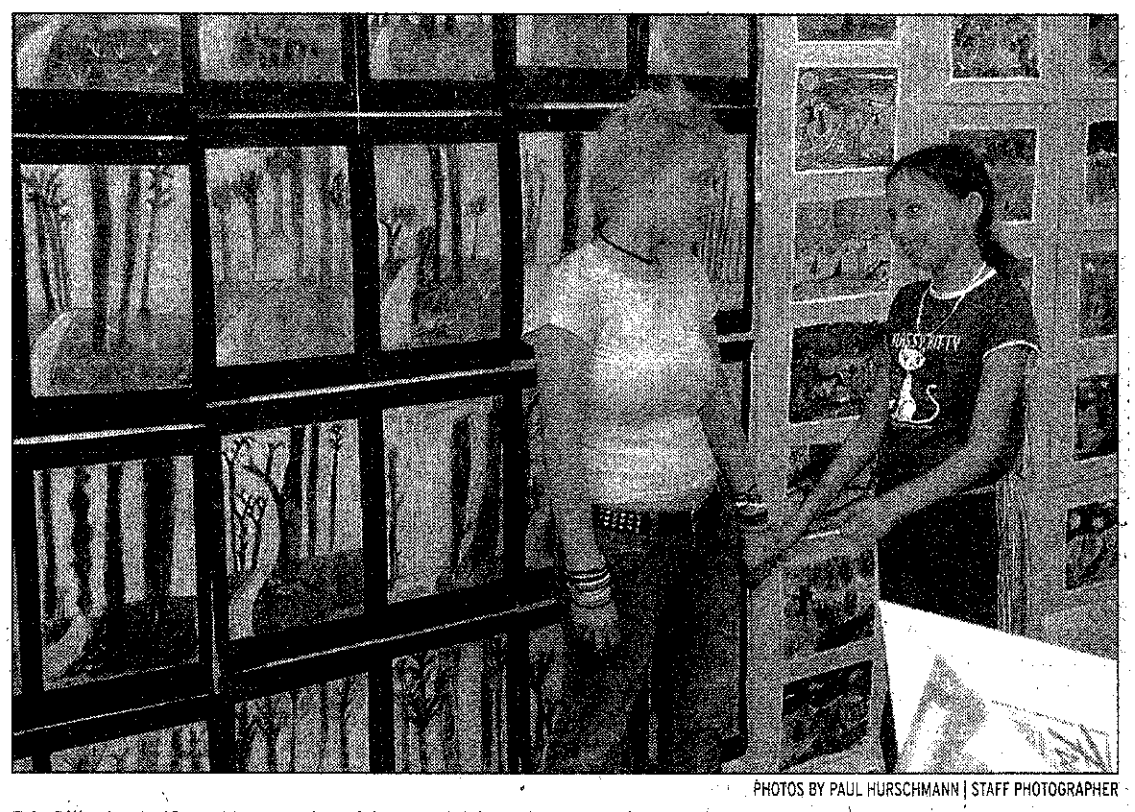
"This is probably the first year we've done American artists' stuff," she said. "But it wasn't red, white and blue. It was just American themes."

Children produced art ranging from Michigan lighthouses to graphics based on Ansel Adams photographs.

For Dillenbeck art is more than just pictures or sculptures.

"For children," she said, "no other medium in the world sets you up better than art. We pose the problem, the children work it out. The answer is in the hearts."

The work of the students was all on display at Dillenbeck's studio in Canton this week.



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Erin Dillenbeck, 18, and her cousin Kaitlyn Geraigiri of Miami, 10, talk in front of some of the student art on display at D&M Art Studio in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza on Lilley, south of Joy.

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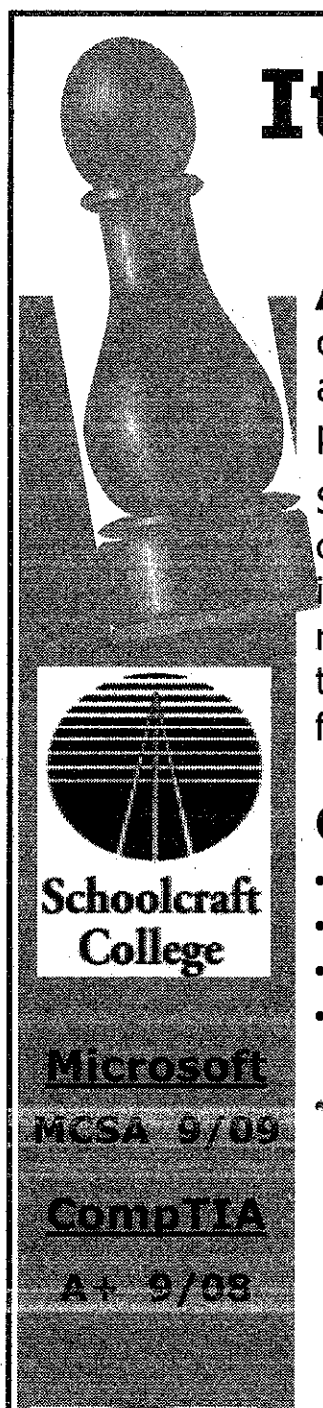
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McCotter to speak at Summit on the Park

U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will speak to area older adults about federal senior issues at the first-ever Canton Area Senior Summit Sept. 3.

The senior summit, sponsored by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R- Canton, features informational sessions and a health fair sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare, workshops and assistance programs geared toward senior citizens. The event also includes food, door prizes and informal discussions on senior issues.

"Congressman McCotter is an engaging speaker who should provide keen insight on the latest senior issues coming out of Washington, D.C.," said LaJoy, R-Canton. "I encourage seniors to attend this event. Participants will get a chance to speak with their state and federal representatives at one location."

The senior day is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission. Seating is limited to the first 400 seniors from LaJoy's 21st House District, which includes the communities of Canton and Van Buren townships and the city of Belleville. Sessions will center on Exercise, Senior Alliance, Making Decisions for Long Term Care, Macular Degeneration, Social Security, Senior Safety, Elder Law and Nutrition.

Registration forms are available through LaJoy's office by calling toll free at 1-866-LAJOY21. Forms also are available at the Canton Area Senior Center, 46000 Summit Parkway; Canton Place, 44505 Ford Road; Waltonwoods at Cherry Hill, 42600 Cherry Hill Road; September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, in Van Buren Township; and Columbia Court, 275 W. Columbia Ave., in Belleville.

Canton man joins Detroit legal firm

Stephen S. LaPlante of Canton has joined the Detroit office of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as senior counsel in the Bankruptcy Group.

LaPlante specializes in troubled automotive supplier workouts and bankruptcies. He also counsels creditors, debtors, creditors' committees and others in commercial bankruptcy and out-of-court workouts including litigation for commercial lenders, banks, finance companies, and automotive manufacturers and suppliers.

Prior to joining Miller Canfield in 2003, he was a partner with the law firm of Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C.

He received his law degree, cum laude, from Wayne State University Law School where he was recipient of the Legal Writing and Research Award and Bigelow-Freed Computer Law Essay Award.

Physical Therapy UPDATE
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BACK TO BASICS

An exercise program for low back pain should include stretching and strengthening and low-impact aerobic exercise. Those with chronic pain may find it takes weeks and months of stretching to mobilize the spine and soft tissues, but the increase in motion does bring meaningful and sustained relief of low back pain. The hamstring muscles merit particular attention, as patients with tight hamstrings tend to have low back pain, and vice versa. It is not known which comes first, but it is clear that hamstring tightness limits motion in the pelvis and can place it in a position that increases stress across the low back. Stretching the hamstrings typically helps decrease the intensity of low back pain and the frequency of recurrences.

Back injury and pain can make you feel helpless and hopeless. But there is hope! A physical therapist can provide individualized treatment options right for your problem, lifestyle, and needs. At HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, we are here for you when you need us. We are a certified rehabilitation agency offering treatment for neck and back trauma, pre- and post-partum back pain. Please call 455-8370 to set up an appointment to speak to a professional. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth and we offer easy access and easy parking.

P.S. A hamstring stretching routine should include the application of pressure to lengthen the hamstring muscle for 40-45 seconds at a time, one to two times a day.

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Johan Comuth, PT


Mark Minasbergen, PT


Bob Schoemaker, PT

OBITUARIES

Carl S. Polonyi

A private ceremony was held in Nevada Aug. 15 for Carl Polonyi, 69 of Las Vegas (formerly of Livonia and Plymouth).

Mr. Polonyi was born Jan. 22, 1934, in Detroit and died Aug. 9, 2003, in Las Vegas after a brief illness.

Mr. Polonyi was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and followed his military service with a distinguished automotive career, working for GM, Ford and Rebman Products, primarily in the field of injection molding engineering and management.

Mr. Polonyi was also owner-operator of the Press Box Tavern in Plymouth prior to his retirement.

Survivors include loving wife, Connie of Las Vegas; mother, Anna Polonyi of Las Vegas; daughter, Ann (James) Firlit of Northville; son, Carl P. (Andrea) Polonyi of Las Vegas; grandchildren, Jarod and Jonhathan Pace of Las Vegas; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice c/o Odyssey Healthy Care, 4011 McLeod Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89121.

Marvel Elizabeth Daines

Services for Marvel Daines, 90, of Plymouth, were held Aug. 24 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Scott Miller and the Rev. David Mair officiating.

Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Mrs. Daines was born Nov. 26, 1912, in Ladoga, Ind., and died Aug. 21 in Plymouth.

She had served on the Board of Directors of the former Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in Highland Park.

Mrs. Daines was preceded in death by husband, Travilla G. Daines; and daughters, Marvel Gail Middleton and Bonnie Jill Daines.

Survivors include daughter, Judy (Robert) Crabb of Canton; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brother, John Winkler of Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Stella Michno Zaydel

Services for Stella Zaydel, 86, of Plymouth, were held Aug. 23 at St. Edith Catholic Church with the Rev. Timothy Murray officiating.

Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Zaydel was born April 4, 1917, in Detroit and died Aug. 19 in Plymouth.

She was the owner of the J.Z. Hardware in Detroit.

She came to the Plymouth community four years ago from Villa Marie in Livonia. She was a member of St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia, the Polish Woman's Alliance, and she was a former member of the St. Edith Church choir.

She was an avid gardener and loved her family.

Mrs. Zaydel was preceded in death by her husband, John; son-in-law, Don Dailey; sister-in-law, Eleanor Michno; sister-in-law, Marie Michno; and brother, Frank Michno.

Survivors include children, Loretta (Hamilton) Robichaud of Grosse Pointe, Aurelia (Tom) Piotrowski of Plymouth, Theresa Zaydel of Detroit and Mary Ann Dailey of St. Paul, Minn.; brothers, Walter Michno, Tony (Josephine) Michno and Ben Michno; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Hendrix Gross

Services for Hendrix Gross, 86, of White Lake Township (formerly of Plymouth) were held Aug. 28 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Gross was born Oct. 27, 1916, in Breathitt County, Ky., and died Aug. 25 in Clarkston.

Mr. Gross was a machinist in the auto industry.

He was a longtime Plymouth resident from 1941 to 1999.

He was a member of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church and the Plymouth V.F.W. and he loved to garden.

Survivors include wife, Ruth Gross of White Lake; son, Milton (Noreen) Gross of Milford; grandchildren, Jennifer Gross of Milford, David Gross of Milford, Scott and Heather Gorny of Illinois and Nels Uutinen of Commerce Township; and sister, Virginia (Ferrel) Cunnigan of Henderson, Nev.

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Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR VISTEON CORPORATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Visteon Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be used within the existing facility. The facility is located at 14425 Sheldon Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Visteon is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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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
RESOLUTION # 4

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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71-142-01-0073-000	71-141-99-0027-705
71-142-01-0063-000	71-141-99-0027-706
71-142-01-0065-000	
71-142-01-0100-000	

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

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on **Tuesday,** the **9th** day of **September, 2003,** at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON **Tuesday,** THE **9th** DAY OF **September, 2003.**

Terry Bennett, Township Clerk

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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, September 11th, 2003 for the following:

FIRE PREVENTION CARGO TRAILER PURCHASE

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST TO TRANSFER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #2003-073 FROM TRAM, INC., TO TGR TECHNICAL CENTER, LLC TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2003-073 from TRAM, Inc., to TGR Technical Center, LLC. This action is requested due to the formation of a joint venture between TRAM, Inc. and TG North America Corporation to provide testing and evaluation of automotive safety systems. The facility is located at 47050 Port Street, Plymouth Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of TGR Technical Center, LLC is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR CH CANTON, LLC THEATER PROJECT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 in the Summit on the Park Banquet Center located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township, Michigan 48188, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for The CH Canton, LLC Theater Project, within which the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed Brownfield property is:

Land situated in the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows: The parcel of property having the address of 39535 Ford Road, southeast of the intersection of Ford Road and Lotz Road, immediately east of Home Depot and south of Gardner White Furniture.

A legal description of the property along with maps and a copy of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

Interested person(s) may also direct written comments concerning this issue to the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188-1699 prior to the time listed above.

Terry Bennett, Township Clerk

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OBITUARIES

Shirley A. Rowe

Services for Shirley Rowe, 51, of Whitmore Lake (formerly of Canton) were held Aug. 23 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rowe was born Oct. 8, 1951, in Princeton, W. Va., and died Aug. 19, 2003. Mrs. Rowe came to the Canton community in fourth grade and later resided in Howell. She was a resident of Whitmore Lake for 16 years.

She was an art teacher for 29 years, 24 years of which were in the Plymouth-Canton School District. Her Plymouth Canton students were active with the Plymouth Arts Council. She loved both being an artist and teaching art to her students. She also volunteered with the Whitmore Lake Schools, working with the Drama Club on costumes and set design, and serving as director of the Water Ski Club. She was a 4-H leader and a den mother and pack leader for Cub Scout Pack 409. She was also a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Whitmore Lake.

Mrs. Rowe was preceded in death by father, Carl L. Thornton, and her grandparents.

Survivors include husband, Dan; children, Tom of Traverse City and Carol of Whitmore Lake; mother, Maxine Thornton of Princeton, W.Va.; brothers, Carl (Cindy) Thornton of Pinckney and Danny Thornton of Ypsilanti; special niece and grand-niece, Kelly and Brooke; and many very special aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Whitmore Lake Public Schools, Shirley Rowe Art Scholarship, 8845 Main St., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Marguerite J. Theakston

Services for Marguerite Theakston, 78, of Canton, were held Aug. 23 at the chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Mack of St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland officiating.

Mrs. Theakston was born April 20, 1925, in Detroit and died Aug. 20 at home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Theakston was preceded in death by her husband, Roy.

Survivors include sons, Ricky (Cynthia) and John (Debbie); daughters, Debbie (Donald) Gentz and Kathy (John) Caton; brother, William Mohr; and 10 grandchildren.

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

Henry Peter Gregorich

Services for Henry Gregorich, 87, of Canton were held Aug. 23 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Mr. Gregorich was born May 20, 1916, in Calumet and died Aug. 21 in Superior Township. He was a mechanic for the automotive industry and was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include wife, Eleanor; sons, Thomas (Lorraine) and Henry (Brenda); daughters, Margie and Nora French; sister, Rose Kitti; and seven grandchildren.

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

Clara G. McMann

Services for Clara McMann, 87, of Plymouth were held Aug. 22 at St. Clare of Assisi Church with the Rev. Frederick J. Klettner officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mrs. McMann was born May 3, 1916, in Caseville and died Aug. 20 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 2001 from Farmington Hills. She was a member of St. Clare of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills. She loved to read and her family was her number one priority in her life. She loved to travel in her early years.

Survivors include children, Frances (Gary) Eisenhauer of Plymouth, Susan McMann of Eaton Rapids, Kathleen McMann of Ypsilanti, and Frederick (Janice) McMann of Novi; grandchildren, Lisa (Larry) Postl of Royal Oak, Karen Eisenhauer of Royal Oak, Michael Orr of Atlanta, Patrick Orr of Eaton Rapids, Caitlin McMann of Novi, and Kelly McMann of Novi; sisters, Lucille Harper of Farmington Hills, Elizabeth McGowan of Grand Blanc, and Jean Talaski of Bad Axe.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Rose M. Rozmiarek

Services for Ruth Rozmiarek, 79, of Overbrook, Kan., (formerly of Canton), will be held at 10:30 a.m., Oct. 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Rozmiarek was born Oct. 8, 1923 in Louisville, Ky., and died Aug. 17 in Kansas. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Joyce (John) Hill and Rose Mary (Gary) Rozmiarek; sons, David (Terry) Rozmiarek, Donald (Cathy) Rozmiarek, and Joseph (Sharon) Rozmiarek; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

Marguerite Poole

Graveside memorial services were held Saturday, Aug. 23, at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne with the Rev. David K. Stewart Sr. officiating.

Mrs. Poole was born Feb. 17, 1914, in East Jordan, Mich., and died Aug. 2 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She and her family were former residents of Dearborn.

Mrs. Poole was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Poole, in 1968.

Survivors include children, Christina (Patrick) Wheeler of Granada Hills, Calif., Connie L. Sheldon of Sebastopol, Calif., Lucy (Carl) Berry of Plymouth, Toni Conflitti of Southfield, Sarah (Alan) Krauss of Franklin, Iola (William) Harkness of Livonia, and Richard (Mary) Poole of Northville; grandchildren, Scott Hirsh, Lisa Beyrooty, Kenneth Matthais, Laura Rzepka, Jennifer Ludwig, Terry Conflitti, Joseph Conflitti, Lauren Romeo, Melissa Poole and Jessica Poole; 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Save the Children Foundation, 54 Wilton Road, Westport, CT 06880.

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Audition for Annie Jr. Sept. 7, 11

Kids 6 and older are invited to attend open auditions for Annie Junior on 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 7 and 11.

Performers should pick one night to come and plan to stay for the entire session. Auditions will be held at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. Participants can pick up an audition packet, which contains audition information, scripts and music, at the Summit front desk.

Annie Jr. is based on the original Broadway production, but has been specially arranged for young performers by Music Theatre International. There are 18 prominent roles and 32 chorus parts. This production is made possible by a partnership between Canton Township Leisure Services and Ever After Productions. For Annie Jr. information, visit the MTI Web site at www.broadwayjr.com.

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Labor Day more than summer's end

This coming Monday, we will end another summer season with Labor Day.

For most people this has become a last chance to spend some time in the sun, have a barbecue, shoot a round of golf and just generally savor the dwindling days of a Michigan summer.

Certainly an important part of this holiday is a chance to take a rest from our labors and restore our minds and bodies for the work ahead. But we are reminded of the real purpose of Labor Day.

The national holiday was enacted by Congress in 1894 following a decade of local and state Labor Day celebrations. Its purpose was to recognize the members of organized labor and the economic progress that had been made by the working men and women unions represented.

In recent years, as industrial jobs have been taken overseas, labor unions have lost some of their influence. Even many of those sympathetic to the labor movement complain that some unions are making unrealistic demands in a time of global competition and rising costs.

Still, as we move into a new round of talks between the Big Three and the United Auto Workers, it's important to understand the important role unions have played in the life of this metro area and the country.

The eight-hour day, overtime pay, vacations and holidays, health insurance, fair wages relative to company profits, safer working conditions, pension programs and much more are among the many benefits fought for and won by unions.

With a few notable exceptions, these benefits were never gladly given by kind employers or individually negotiated one-on-one with employees. They were won by united effort through the process of collective bargaining, each side coming to the table, each with their own interests to protect and each mindful of their common interest in the financial success of the company.

As we mark Labor Day 2003, it's time to enjoy the last days of summer and salute working men and women who have contributed to the nation's economic strength, prosperity and freedom.

Land use report deserves support

When Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed a bipartisan leadership council to explore land use issues and make recommendations to her administration, she said she expected a comprehensive study to be undertaken.

It appears the governor got that, and a whole lot more, when the 26-member council delivered its report last week. Included in the voluminous draft are more than 100 recommendations on issues ranging from curbing urban sprawl to designating high-density urban centers to preserving woodlands and wetlands.

The recommendations include everything from establishing formal statewide land use goals that all state agencies and local governments must abide by to expanding mass transit opportunities, protecting farmland and giving older cities tax incentives to strengthen businesses and neighborhoods.

There is a whole lot to like in the council's recommendations, and in the process used to formulate them. The council, which was co-chaired by former Gov. William Milliken and former Attorney General Frank Kelley, was made up of both Republican and Democratic lawmakers, as well as representatives from environmental and pro-development groups.

While some of the recommendations are fairly easy to implement, others are not. There is no easy fix to curbing urban sprawl, protecting farmland, redeveloping urban centers and preserving greenbelts.

The governor will need legislative support to implement many of the recommendations, so continued bipartisan support is critical. Likewise, some of the recommendations may sound great in theory but may not be realistic given the current economic climate.

And the state must be careful not to trample the rights of individual property owners and the right to local control in the name of land preservation. Council member and state Sen. Ruth Johnson, a Republican who lives in Oakland County's rural Groveland Township, is rightly concerned about a proposal that would designate entire urban counties like Oakland, Wayne and Macomb as high-density housing in an attempt to keep populations in tight rings around existing urban centers.

The council's report is a fine first effort to deal with these complex issues, and deserves the full attention and support of the legislature.

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Parent volunteer Dean Johnson closes the cover on the sign in front of Fiegel Elementary after completing placement of the information for the first half-day of school, which was Monday.

LETTERS

What an oxymoron

I suppose it was with a sense of resignation that I read Sunday's *Canton Observer* article about longtime Canton farmer Duane Bordine and his continuing dispute with the township of Canton. As you recall, Mr. Bordine's family has farmed in the township since the 1800s most recently on Ford and Ridge.

I remember taking my now grown children to his stand to purchase Halloween pumpkins that came with a guarantee of all things. I fondly recall the wonderful display Mr. Bordine would put inside the Community Federal Credit Union lobby each fall reminding all who came that Canton did, indeed, have its roots in agriculture.

According to the article Mr. Bordine has been ordered to get rid of farm equipment that is on his rural agricultural zoning district property and it appears that he is trying to do just that. He has, however, been beset with compounding physical problems in the resent past. He is trying to erect a pole barn on his rural agricultural zoning district property in which to store his farm equipment and animals but needs a 12-foot door so he can drive his combines in and the township won't allow him to put in anything larger than a 9 feet door. Talk about a rock and a hard place.

According to the article, Mr. Yack was quoted as saying, "The developer and builder in Vintage Valley spent $150,000 in landscaping so those residents don't have to look" at Bordine's property. Can someone tell me why those purchasing new homes aren't making themselves aware of neighboring properties before they buy? I remember when Century Farms was built on Haggerty and the very persons who chose the lots behind the then-Truesdell property complained after they moved in about the horses. These were the very horses the parents brought their kids to see while their homes were being built. When Sunflower subdivision was built homeowners complained about the smell from the farms to the west. We should all remember the families who complained when the school district built the new Plymouth High School on neighboring school district property. Did they not think that the district just might build a school on that property?

We continue to have homes built along the I-275 corridor even though homeowners complain about the noise from the traffic. What a coincidence that the same day *The Detroit News* had a front page article on the proactive stance Ottawa County is taking with their brochure *If You Are Thinking About Moving to The Country You May Want To Consider This.*

Perhaps the Township could work cooperatively with each side — agricultural and urban — and encourage developers to inform potential homeowners of neighboring property zoning. Of course, it would be easier to just run out the few remaining farms, tear off the topsoil and build even more homes. That way these same people can sit in a traffic jam on Ford Road and tell their grandchildren that "way back in the 1900s the Bordine family had a farm that was 150 years old and grew really fresh vegetables that you could buy right from them and not have to go to Meijer's for it." What an oxymoron that Mr. Bordine's property rests next to Vintage Valley.

As a lifetime resident of Canton, I apologize to Mr. Bordine for the manner in which he is being treated.

Cindy Bastion
Canton

Dogs don't know

This letter is in response to Michelle Bradley's letter in the Aug. 14 edition of the *Canton Observer*. Ms. Bradley, you have only yourself to blame for the loss of your dog. You should have been outside with your dog keeping an eye on him — not in the house "looking out your kitchen window." I have two dogs that I always go outside with when I let them out. Dogs don't know any better and don't know running into the street could get them killed. I don't live on a busy road like you do, however, people drive like maniacs down my street, also. They could easily get killed if they saw another dog or any other animal and ran after them into the street. Dogs don't know better.

It is imperative that pet owners keep an eye on their pets at all times. I cannot stress this enough. Ms. Bradley, you cannot go blaming someone else for your irresponsibility. This person who hit your dog might not even know they hit him. Maybe, maybe not. Pets are like children. They need to be watched as it only takes a second for a tragedy to occur.

Whether a family pet gets killed in the driveway or the street, keep on eye on your pets. On numerous occasions, I have seen unsupervised dogs wandering around the front yard. Some are even at the curb or in the street. Again, it is crucial to keep a watchful eye on your pet at all times while they are outside "on the loose."

I think now you'll learn from your unfortunate mistake and keep a watchful eye on the next pet you have. At least, I hope you do!

Jennifer Peters
Canton

Thank you

On behalf of myself, the organizations I am involved with and many other organizations as well I would like to take this opportunity to send out a special thank you.

You see, it is common practice for sports teams and students organizations to do fund-raising over the summer. Often, this fund-raising takes place in the form of car washes. I am sure everyone has seen those kids on the weekends standing on the corner in gas station parking lots with signs and towels trying to wave cars in.

Car washing is a lot of hard work for us, but we get paid back through donations. The gas stations that allow us to use their facilities, however, get nothing. They do not charge a fee of any kind, despite the fact that they let us use their water and that having half of their location full of cars waiting to be washed is not especially convenient.

I know from personal experience that the Mobil station on the corner of Sheldon and Warren, the Sam's Club in Canton and the Shell station at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon have been very obliging to both the Salem Girls Swimming and the Salem Senior Class car washes.

I would just like to publicly express our appreciation to these places that provide such a helpful and often un-praised service.

Katy Truesdell
Salem 2004 class president
Salem swim captain

Correct the problem

I can see it is going to be another wonderful year with the Plymouth-Canton school transportation department. Today was the first day of the new school year, and what do you know, the bus for the high school never shows up. I do the normal thing when this happens, drive my son to school, come home, call the transportation department get the usual run around about the regular driver being off and promised this will never happen again.

Last year this happened 9 times out of the 180 days of school. We live in the north western part of Canton near Warren and Beck roads and I was just wondering if this only happens to us (apparently no one complains or so the trans. dept. will tell you). I guess the department does not keep records because if I had someone not doing their job 1 out of 20 times I would have to fire them for being incompetent . If we can't blame the driver perhaps it's time we blamed the supervisors and held them accountable. I have talked to principals, secretaries, administrators and superintendents and no one can seem to get the job done. Maybe if enough people complain there will be an investigation and something will finally be done to correct a long running problem.

Scott Crosson
Canton

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QUOTABLE

"I'm an attractive nuisance. Everybody is attracted to me because they want to come over and see what the hell I've got. But I'm a nuisance to other people who don't like farm equipment and don't like geese and ducks and don't want this and don't want that. Why the hell don't they stay where they come from?"

– Duane Bordine, longtime Canton farmer

Diminishing clout of labor unions a sad sign of times

This coming Monday is Labor Day and, for the first time in many years, there will be no Labor Day parade marching down Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

Traditionally, the parade kicked off the political season, especially for Democrats. I watched a Labor Day parade way back, I think, in 1956 when Adlai Stevenson was running for president against Dwight Eisenhower. In my memory, it was a hot day, with Woodward Avenue jam-packed with sweating, flag-waving workers, marching labor leaders and Democratic candidates making "V" signs under the banners and grinning for the cameras.



Phil Power

No longer. There will be a parade — of sorts — later on, according to the Michigan State AFL-CIO, but it won't be anything like the old days. Which got me to musing about the state of organized labor in Michigan nearly 50 years after I first watched a Labor Day parade.

Certainly, organized labor is no longer the dominating force in the economy that it used to be. Other than public employees and teachers, the percentage of the labor force represented by unions has plummeted over the past decade.

Even here in Michigan, the UAW has lost membership as auto plants have closed and much of the parts supply chain has spun out of the Big Three. Public opinion polls reveal widespread skepticism about the mission and relevance of labor unions, even among union families.

It wasn't always thus. I remember sitting on a hard brown steel chair in a union hall, listening to Walter Reuther, then the United Auto Workers president. His red hair flaming even in the dim light cast by the gray-green fluorescent lamp, Reuther talked about social justice, railed against racial discrimination, urged a fair deal for the workingman. He was truly an inspiring figure.

Afterward, I watched G. Mennen Williams as he campaigned for governor at the plant gates at Ford's — it was always "Ford's," never "the Ford Motor Company." Williams was a big man, at least 6 feet, 3 inches tall, and he straddled over the stair railings shaking hands with both of his big paws as the tidal wave of workers surged down the Rouge Plant stairs.

He drew an enthusiastic response from the workers, and organized labor was a big part of the coalition that elected and re-elected Williams to the governor's office six times.

The UAW's agenda in those days was very broad and socially inclusive.

Last week, I had a conversation with a longtime friend, now retired after a career in UAW leadership. Our talk was mingled with nostalgia, regret and a sad, simmering anger at what had happened to a once-shining institution.

"We haven't changed with the times," my friend started out. "People used to know darn well why we had a union, what is was, what it did for us. But these days, when both parents are working, often on different shifts, they are so rushed in getting the kids from one soccer game to another ... they never talk about where the money comes from.

"What the kids get in school, from the newspapers, from the TV ... it's all negative about labor unions. Even children from union families show a certain animosity toward organized labor. One guy I know brought home his SUB check (Supplemental Unemployment Benefit, which pays 95 percent of wages when a UAW member is laid off) and said, 'Look what GM gave me!' Can you imagine that?"

My friend was concerned about the negotiations now going on between the UAW and the Big Three, especially since labor costs for the domestic manufacturers are substantially higher than for the nonunion transplant factories in the South. "The workers in those plants don't know the slightest thing what we're about. They look at us (the UAW) the way poor people look at rich people."

International trade and globalization may make it tough for American manufacturing, according to my friend, but realities have to be faced and adapted to instead of merely standing against change of any sort. "We're not even urging people to buy U.S.-made cars. In the old days, you had to worry about getting your tires slashed if you parked a Japanese-made car at Solidarity House. But even after 9/11, when we could have talked about America and how important it was to support it, we didn't."

What most troubled my friend was the slow, sad diminution of the UAW from a broad force for social and economic justice to just another economic interest group. "We should be talking, loud and clear, about the good things, the bad things, the hopes, the dreams. We don't seem to have any dreams any more." My friend paused, then burst out, "And it hurts my heart, what's going on."

I venture to say my friend is not alone.

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.

We should consider nuclear energy as source of electricity generation

Please ask yourself when you last heard of a serious, life-threatening nuclear energy generation catastrophe. Please ponder the facts and statistics and determine when anyone's life was lost or even jeopardized in the United States from a nuclear energy mishap.

"Nuclear energy" is a phrase that evokes strong reactions in the minds of many Americans. Even when contemplated in terms of the production of electricity, the phrase nuclear energy strikes a negative chord.

However, in other countries, like France and Japan, the same phrase is considered in a far different fashion. It is their principal source of electricity generation. Why? How is this possible?, some will ask. One answer is necessity. These countries have few natural resources to burn and are therefore dependent on nuclear electric generation.

Chernobyl! Three Mile Island! These are the two most-often recalled incidents related to nuclear power problems that cause Americans to react as they do. But, just below the surface of admitted consciousness there are the vivid images of Hiroshima and Nagasaki lurking and prodding concern, even outrage and suspicion.



Bruce Patterson

Please consider the irony of Japan's reliance on nuclear-generated electricity as residents of these United States struggle to deal with their concerns, or simply choose to ignore them.

- Did you know that approximately 25 percent of the electric energy currently generated in the United States is created using nuclear energy sources?
- Did you know that Michigan has had nuclear energy plants functioning within its borders over the last 40 years?
- Did you know that currently Michigan electric consumers, residential and commercial and industrial alike, draw down from the "grid" many thousands of megawatts annually that were generated using nuclear energy sources?

Please ask yourself when you last heard of a serious, life-threatening nuclear energy generation catastrophe. Please ponder the facts and statistics and determine when anyone's life was lost or even jeopardized in the United States from a nuclear energy mishap. For that matter, when did a nuclear energy generation system fail anywhere in the world?

Electricity is a unique power source. While it can be generated by burning fossil fuels (coal) and limited natural resources such as natural gas, it can also be created by erecting wind generators and solar collection panels and spinning hydro (water) turbines. But electricity is unique because it cannot be "stored" in a container for further use like a gallon of gasoline, or a canister of propane.

Instead, electricity must be put on a "grid" that employs inter-connectivity as a method of supplying sufficient quantities continuously to meet demand instantaneously. Moreover, because of governmental regulation it must do so while being environmentally sensitive, especially from an air quality perspective. So why not use more nuclear materials to create electricity? After all, it doesn't "burn" anything in order to generate electricity.

The answer to why we as a nation have refused to utilize nuclear technology in the generation of electricity can be related to fear factor and a limited level of understanding across our nation's population, resulting in a refusal to modernize and utilize what the experts acknowledge is a safe, reliable, environmentally sound, cost-effective and efficient source of electricity generation.

Why? Don't we need and depend on electricity? Without a doubt we do depend on electricity.

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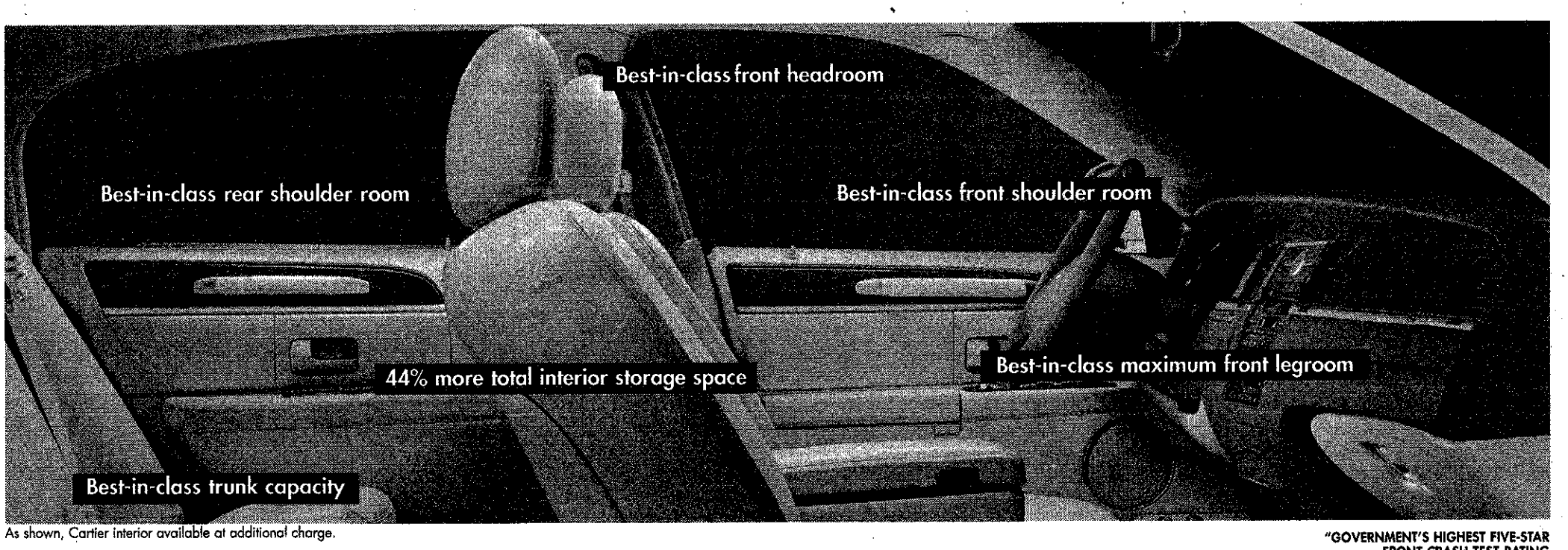
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Budget crunch thinning ranks of municipal workers

BY KIM KOVELLE
STAFF WRITER

Those seeking seasonal city jobs in the northern Wayne County area this summer have been largely out of luck.

Most cities and townships haven't increased their demand for part- and full-time positions, either. In fact, throughout the past several months — or years, for some — layoffs and early retirements combined with hiring freezes have fostered employment lulls.

"This is the lowest point we've been in over 30 years," said David Kocsis, city manager for Garden City, where all part-time and seasonal staffing has been cut through the past year. "Obviously we're down. You can only do so much work with so many people."

Others including Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland have experienced similar cuts and tight times. In virtually every case, cuts in the Michigan state revenue sharing program were mentioned as the reason for stressed budgets.

"We're just seeing bare bones budgets, hiring freezes, general cuts," said Kelly Dunn, Michigan Municipal League legislative assistant. "If it would have been worse than this, it would have been devastating."

Proposed 2004 budget legislation calls for 3 percent, across-the-board cuts in revenue sharing, which comes from Michigan sales taxes and mandated payments. Coupled with former Gov. John Engler's cuts of 3.5 percent last year, the impact has been heavy.

In Plymouth, City Manager Paul Sincock said that hiring has been frozen or delayed in areas such as the police department, while some positions simply haven't been filled. Two municipal services jobs were eliminated.

Within the last year and a half, Redford has seen cuts in approximately 30 full-time positions — all early or regular retirements — including seven in the police department, a fire marshal and maintenance workers. Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley added that when a part-time clerical job was posted, 150 people applied for the spot.

And in Livonia, although the new Recreation Center has created 150 jobs, a hiring freeze and $2 million budget cut instituted about a year ago have hit many other areas. Included are the library's inability to fill 16 positions and voids in public works and safety.

"It has a random quality to it," said Mayor Jack Kirksey, who hopes that a September public safety millage, which would exempt some related positions from the freeze, will pass. "It's going to last for the foreseeable future."

Westland has lost a comparable amount and, like Garden City, has eliminated part-time and seasonal positions. This has led to revamping the city's leaf pickup program and other basic services. In other areas, the pressure is simply greater.

"This has been the busiest that I have ever seen the building industry (because) interest rates are so low," said Sue Dodson, director of Westland's Building Department, which has lost four workers. "Under normal circumstances we would be bringing people in. Everybody definitely feels the crunch."

Even in areas where cut-back numbers have been slightly lower, the waters are rising.

According to Farmington Hills City Manager Steve Brock, there has been a "reduction" of five police patrol positions, and vacancies are being looked at with "great scrutiny," though there have been no early retirements.

Farmington is looking at "deficit reduction alternatives" such as increasing building inspection fees, but has been otherwise holding steady.

"We have not laid anybody off yet," said Vince Pastue, Farmington city manager, adding that more expenditures will soon be evaluated. "It's been a very well-managed organization. We're still able to get by."

On the flip side, rapidly-expanding Canton has had a number of job openings. The next two years hold promise, since a new 70,000-square-foot office space will require a cleaning and general maintenance staff, and a 2005 park development will call for full-, part-time and seasonal staffing.

"We have been very judicious about adding positions (and) we have growth on our side," township Supervisor Tom Yack said.

However, he noted, though residential development has been strong, factors such as Proposal A's capping of real estate tax values may end up hurting.

"All the cookie jars that John Engler used to balance the budget are all gone, and there's no money to be had," Yack said. "The cupboard is bare. There's only so much you can take."

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EMPLOYMENT

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Americans' unemployment fell; and the demand for temporary help rose.

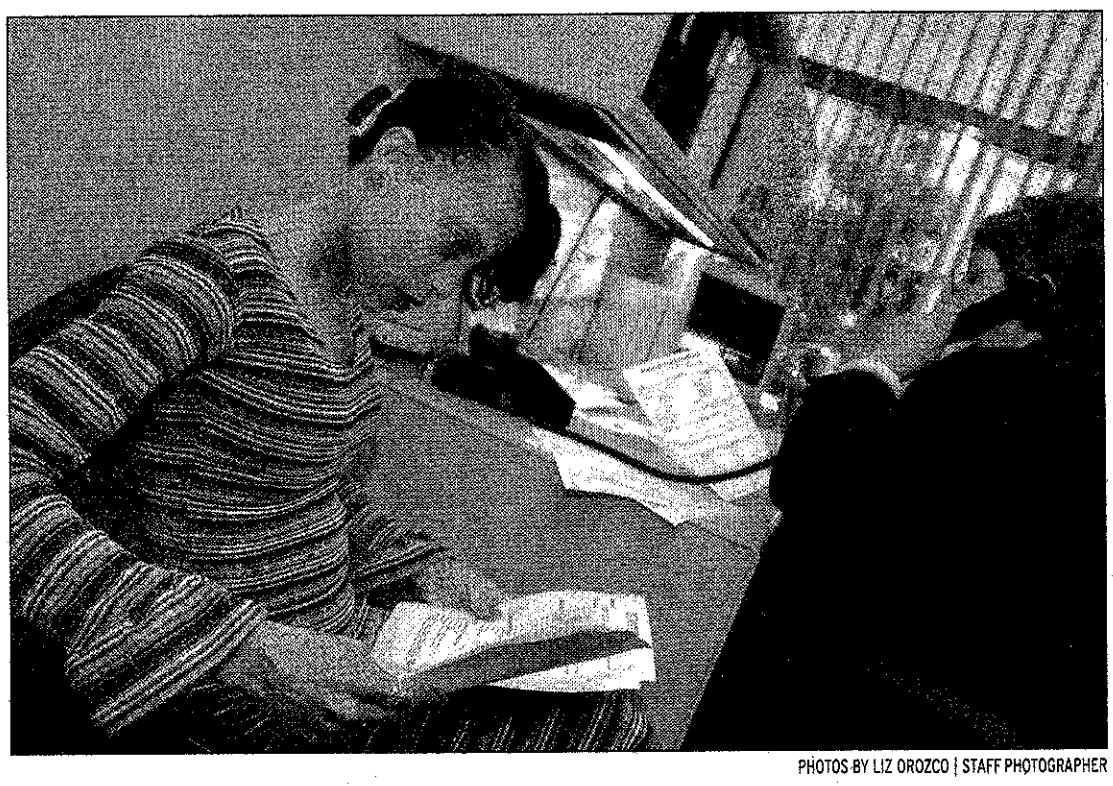
All told, unemployment is holding steady at a nine-year high, and as summer draws to a close, the economic air is a mix of cautious optimism and uncertainty.

"If we get a national turnaround, then our analysis leads us to believe Wayne County will benefit and not be held back," said Don Grimes, senior research associate at the University of Michigan Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations. "Wayne County's structure has improved somewhat and will recover like the nation."

Grimes predicts local employers will begin hiring again by the end of this year or early in 2004. By the end of the decade, he said, the county could have more jobs than people to fill them, when a large wave of baby-boomers begins to retire.

"Right now if there is somebody out there who (an employer) wants to hire and they can take a little bit of a risk, they better hire them now," he said.

Restaurants and retail stores, Grimes said, will be the first place new jobs show up in the coming months.



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Detrah Moore finds information about three jobs she picked out at Schoolcraft College's Career Service Department.



In her home, Detrah Moore calls about a job at Austin Vacations, a new travel agency. Moore was excited after the phone conversation, and said the job sounded 'promising.'



Source: Michigan Department of Career Development

LOOKING UP

At Target in Westland, things are looking up after a hiring freeze last winter left job-seekers out in the cold.

"We're hiring, but we have a limited number of positions available," said Angie Bollan, team leader. "We're only bringing in about five people every couple of weeks."

At a Redford Farmer Jack store, jobs are available, but also limited.

"Business is pretty good," co-manager Stacy Bacon said. "We hire probably five or six people a month."

Historically an indicator of economic and employment trends in the metro Detroit area, industries are more complicated. Automotive manufacturers have been hit by sluggish sales, and now even secondary parts suppliers are starting to feel the pinch as well.

"Since 2001, we've actually been scaling back on a lot of positions," said John Colaianne, CFO for Davis Industries, Inc., an automotive supply company based in Plymouth. "The hourly side we have cut back."

When Davis Tool & Engineering in Detroit closed June 30, 240 people lost their jobs. On the other hand, engineering jobs have held steady for the past three years and, Colaianne added, the Big Three's 2004 models should spur sales and growth.

STRUGGLING

Akebono Corp., an automotive brake manufacturer, may also add new engineering/research and development jobs to the area. The company has received approval for a tax abatement to help fund an expansion this fall in Farmington Hills.

"Manufacturing is very cyclical and it's the (area) that's been struggling the most," said Jim Rhein, labor market analyst with the Michigan Department of Career Development, noting that such jobs have decreased by 23,000 in the past year. "Once the big OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) are hit, then they're going to cut back on their orders."

A hesitant economic turnaround is in progress: The Bureau of Economic Analysis put the gross domestic product (GDP), or the total production of goods and services in the U.S., at 2.4 percent, up from 1.4 percent at the beginning of the year.

"You may have real strength with the GDP, but you're still likely to see the labor market lag behind," Rhein said. "Employers are a little hesitant to start hiring until they see real evidence of an upturn."

Some economists are hopeful that consumers will spend tax cut dollars and further stimulate the local economy.

Fostering GDP growth is spending in federal defense, a sector where jobs have been generally safe. Production there is up 13.4 percent from April of last year.

"Beaver (Aerospace and Defense Inc.) has not experienced any recent layoffs," said Bob Phillips, vice president of marketing at Phillips Service Industries Inc. in Livonia. "We're anticipating bringing in maybe 10 new people over the next year."

Positions, he said, could include machine operators, skilled labor and quality control personnel.

Slowly, job opportunities seem to be sprouting. Count Detrah Moore among those who hope the market improves very soon.

Earlier in the month, Moore interviewed for two "promising" positions with a senior care center and soon-to-open Austin Travels in Livonia. But if she is unable to land a job by month's end, she'll try to return to her pre-technician job involving work with the disabled — at least temporarily.

"The economy is horrible, that's a given," she said. "It's really hard. But I'm still looking."

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LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Observer Cities and Townships (Year Averages)

LOCATION	2003*	2002	2001	2000
Canton	3.2	2.7	2.2	1.4
Farmington	4.5	4.3	3.5	2.0
Farmington Hills	3.3	3.2	2.6	1.5
Garden City	3.9	3.3	2.7	1.8
Livonia	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.3
Plymouth	2.1	1.8	1.4	0.9
Plymouth Township	2.6	2.2	1.8	1.2
Redford	3.6	3.0	2.4	1.6
Westland	4.2	3.6	2.9	1.9

Source: Michigan Department of Career Development
Labor Market Information, (Local Area Unemployment Statistics)
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* 2003 statistics are only for January through June

College grads struggle in employment search

BY LAURA COLVIN
STAFF WRITER

Katie Brown started looking for a job about a month before graduation.

Commencement ceremonies came and went and still, she had no prospects.

"I'm the kind of person who can't sleep at night when things aren't said and done," said Brown, who graduated with honors from Madonna University in Livonia and searched several months for a job in public relations. "I was getting really worried."

She's not alone. Although the job market for college grads isn't exactly dismal, it's not great, either. Students are finding they have to look harder and longer to find employment, and when they do find work it may not be the job they dreamed about in college.

Brown recently landed a job at Franco Public Relations Group — as an administrative assistant. But she's been assured that her education and strong internship experiences will make her eligible for advancement when something opens up.

It's the same all over, and students are doing what they can just to get in the door.

"The job market seems to be picking up, in general, but there are still some students calling me saying they're getting laid off," said Ingrid Kroeger, assistant director of career services at Madonna University. "They're still cutting people, still cutting jobs."

To increase chances of landing a job, she said, students have to expand on traditional job search techniques, and also be willing to accept alternatives.

"Students need to broaden their goals for a while and not expect, necessarily, to get their first choice," Kroeger said. "They have to open up their options."

LONGER COMMUTES

Job-seekers should also be open to the idea of a longer commute, she said, noting that Auburn Hills and Troy are home to some of the major employers in the Detroit area.

Relocating altogether may also become necessary. According to a March release issued by the Employment Policy Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research and educational foundation, the number of jobs available to college grads has increased in recent years. In a separate release, however, the EPF reported that Michigan may not be the best place to find those jobs.

"Recent college graduates would be well-served to look at cities such as Minneapolis, Houston and Dallas that are showing strong demand for young college graduates," EPF spokesman Mike Chittenden said.

Opportunities for college-educated young people to find entry-level positions grew 34.5 percent last year in Minneapolis-St. Paul, the EPF said.

The foundation ranked the 20 largest metropolitan areas according to analysis of labor market conditions for college grads. Detroit-Ann Arbor ranked 18th on the list, which helps explain why grads are having so much trouble locally.

At Schoolcraft College in Livonia, job orders were down 73 percent over the past five years. In 1998, employers posted 3,893 job openings at the college. Last year, only 1,428 jobs were available.

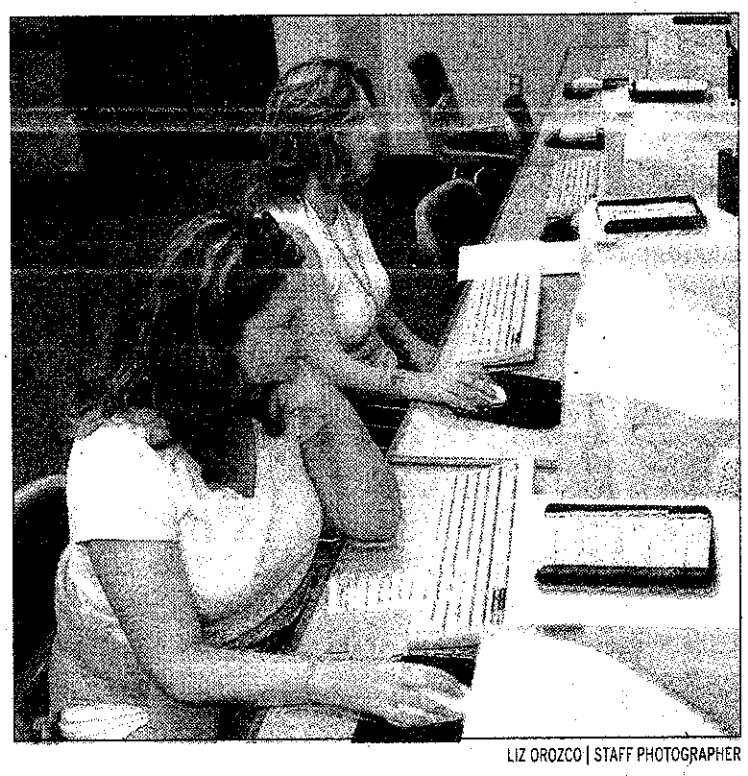
"This office is a direct reflection of the economy," said Judith Kaufman, a counselor at Schoolcraft College's career planning and placement center. "Over the years, we'll see that when the economy is going down that our job orders are going down and the number of students coming back to school is going up."

COMPETITION

And along with fewer jobs, of course, comes stiffer competition. When demand far exceeds supply, employers can choose from the most qualified of candidates.

"They're not going to train you anymore," Kaufman said. "They're looking for a specific skill package because there are so many workers out there that they can define that skill package pretty precisely."

Although many fields are currently experiencing difficulties and cutbacks, others continue to do well. Education and health-related fields are expected to fare well in the coming years, as are careers in financial activities.



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Angelique Carlin of Garden City and Tina Zamm of Farmington Hills look for jobs at Schoolcraft College's Career Service Department.

HELP WANTED IN A DOWN ECONOMY

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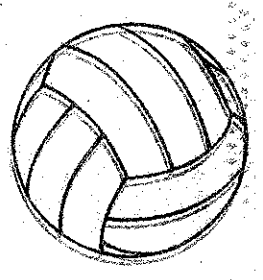
This two-part series on unemployment and job prospects was produced by the *Observer Newspapers*' summer college interns. Reporter Laura Colvin of Redford will graduate from Madonna University in December with a degree in journalism and public relations. Reporter Kim Kovell of Livonia will graduate from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in spring 2004 with a degree in journalism. Photographer Liz Orozco of Livonia will graduate from Central Michigan University in spring 2005 with a degree in journalism. They began their internship in May.

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Is a title run possible?
Ocelots must be rebuilt first. **B2**



Sidelines

Mullet wins

The Mullet Hunters 14-and-under inline hockey team won all eight of their games, including four on the last day, against national competition to win the AAU Junior Olympic National Championship.

The championship game matched the No. 1 seeded Mullet Hunters and the No. 2 seed Roller Rebels from Pittsburgh, PA. The Hunters took control early and never let up, displaying a very disciplined brand of hockey to win going away, 7-2.

The Mullet Hunters won tough games in the round robin and the play-off round over teams from Colorado, Pennsylvania, Kalamazoo, Detroit and Springsboro,Ohio. The Mullet Hunter scoring was powered by Kevin Tollison and Nick Pesant, who combined for 45 points, including 27 Goals. Scott Ozog was stellar in goal, posting a 1.50 goals-against average, earning tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

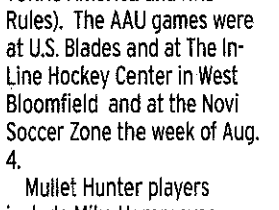
This was the Mullet Hunters third-consecutive national championship in the last three months (the others are TORHS America and NHL Rules). The AAU games were at U.S. Blades and at The In-Line Hockey Center in West Bloomfield and at the Novi Soccer Zone the week of Aug. 4.

Mullet Hunter players include Mike Hargreaves (Hartland), Ryan Lammers (Rockwood), Kevin Etzel (Northville), Scott Ozog (Novi), Adam Beattie (Rochester), and Brandon Egglesfield, Jeff Loos, Nick Pesant and Kevin Tollison (all from Canton). The team is coached by Jay Pesant and Jerry Lammers.

Soccer champs

For the second year in a row, the Canton Oaks U-14 premier boys soccer team won the Cherryland Invitational Soccer Tournament in Traverse City.

Members of the winning



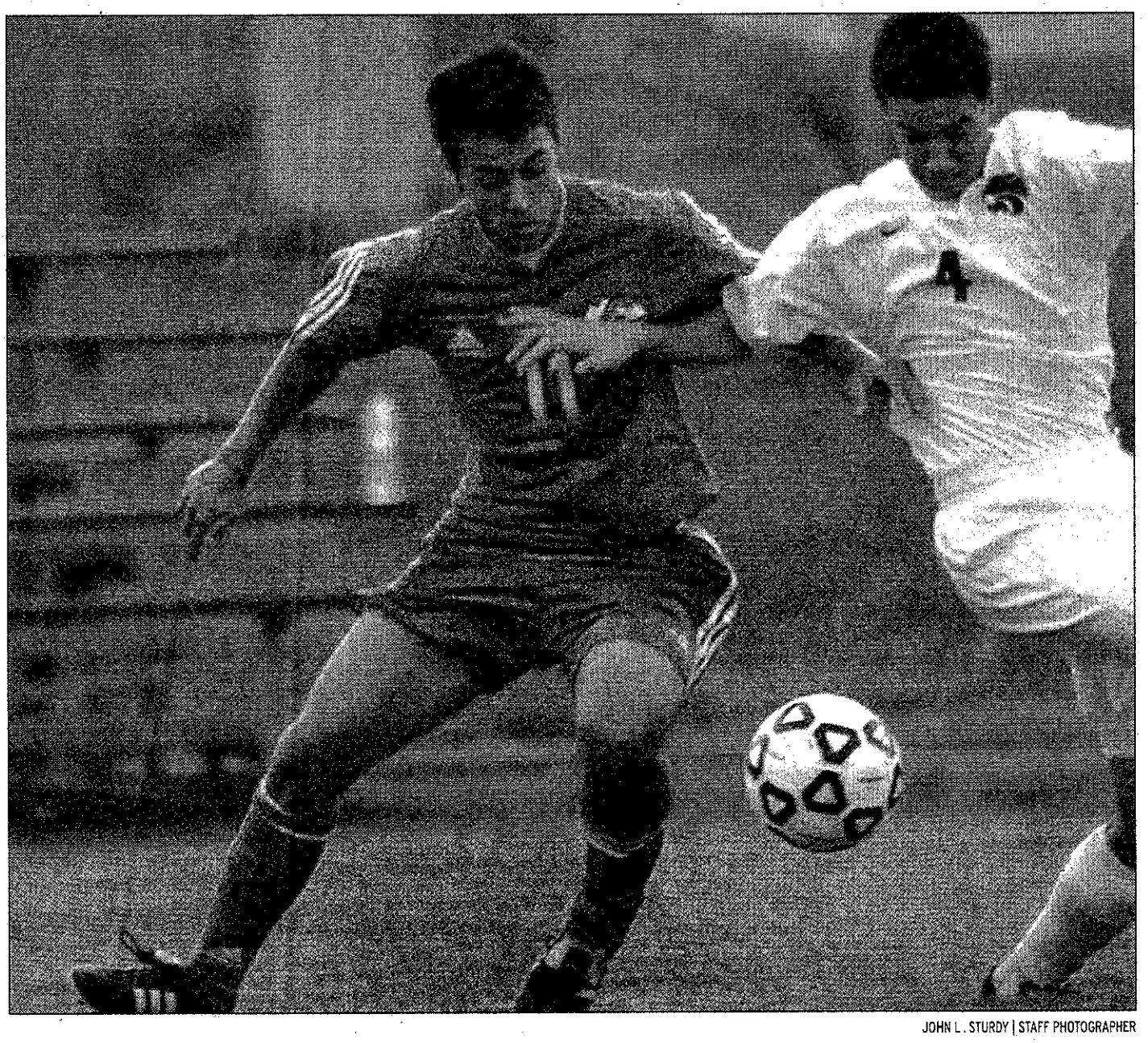
team are: Kevin Krause, Trevor Floyd, Joe Thomas, Mike Korona, Tyler Floyd, Mike Hanchett, Alex Drake, Eric Piwowar, Scott Dreaver, Brad Brennan, Mark Davis, Matt Epelman, Aaron Florn, Nick Plescia and Chris Fry. The team is coached by Drew Crawford and Chuck Thomas.

Oaks finish 1st

The Canton Oaks Premier '93 boys soccer team captured first place in the WSSL Select Division 1 last spring with a 7-0-2 record. The Oaks had an impressive 14-1-3 regular season record for Fall/Spring combined.

In addition, the boys finished the year 13-2-1 during the indoor season and 18-4-1 at tournament play.

Team members include Brett Leary, Tyler Sanders, Connor Smith, Nick Riley, Andrew Yoder, Travis Hall, Mitchell Vaughn, Brock Foster, Joey Klonowski, Tommy Halewicz, Ryan Sistek, Sal Savage and Brett Foster. The team is coached by Bill Joker and John Vaughn.



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Canton forward Matt Tomasso (11) steals the ball from Novi midfielder Tod Janer. The Chiefs controlled the play, but not the scoreboard.

Canton falls in shootout

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

For Canton's soccer team, the weekend could have gone only slightly better. For Salem's, something should have been done before the weekend started.

The Chiefs started their season at the Balconi Invitational, co-hosted by Canton and Salem, with impressive wins over Midland Dow and third-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer.

That put them into the championship game opposite East Lansing, which they lost in a penalty-kick shootout.

All the games played in the eight-team tournament had 30-minute halves. If the score was tied at the end of regulation, the game went immediately to a shootout — however, all games decided by shootout were to be officially recorded as draws.

Canton's record for the day, therefore, was 2-0-1. Of the eight teams participating, six were ranked in the pre-season top

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Madonna starts fast

Crusaders open with tourney win

They lost four games.

The Madonna University Crusaders weren't perfect at the Earlybird Invitational, hosted by University of Michigan-Dearborn last weekend. Yes, they didn't win every single game they played.

But they did win 12 of their 16 — and all four of their matches, beating Doane College (Neb.) 28-30, 30-22, 31-29, 30-25 in the final. The sixth-ranked Crusaders open the

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season at 4-0; Doane, ranked 14th, is 3-1.

In the final, Natalja Tinina paced Madonna with 33 kills and a .406 kill percentage. She also had six digs, two service aces and two blocks.

She got plenty of help. Sharyse Bush contributed 29 kills (.362) and Laura Lesko had 25 kills (.500) and three blocks. Defensively, Amanda Suder (from Salem HS) led Madonna with 21 digs, while Tera Morrill (Westland/Livonia Franklin) had seven kills and 15 digs and setter Ashley Frost totaled 77 set assists and 11 digs.

Earlier in the tournament, the Crusaders defeated Lee University (Tenn.) 26-30, 30-21, 30-27, 26-30, 15-10; Urbana University (Ohio) 28-30, 30-22, 31-29, 30-25; and Rochester College 30-10, 30-7, 30-17.

In the win over 13th-ranked Lee, Tinina had 25 kills (.400), five digs and two blocks; Lesko got 18 kills (.474), 13 digs and three blocks; Bush had 17 kills, three aces, 10 digs and three blocks; Morrill collected six kills, 14 digs and five blocks;

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Chiefs seeking to match last season's success

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

CANTON PREVIEW

Most coaches have relished that experience, putting a team on the floor that comes together so perfectly that at season's end you'd just like to put it in a bottle until the next year.

The Canton girls basketball team of 2002 was like that. The Chiefs lost twice in the first few weeks of the season, then ran off 22-straight victories before West Bloomfield managed to eliminate them in overtime in the state regional final.

Bob Blohm, Canton's coach, knows what he had in last season's 22-3 squad, a team that was unbeaten in Western Lakes Activities Association play. And he knows the bulk of that team is gone.

"Last year was last year," Blohm said. "That team developed over three seasons. And it took some time to develop. I thought the seniors capped off their careers really well.

"This year's team will not be able to play like last year's team. They're going to have

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Agape starts season against Clarenceville at The Palace

BASKETBALL

There were no early-season jitters Monday as Livonia Clarenceville opened its 2003 girls basketball season at the Palace of Auburn Hills with a 49-20 victory over Canton Agape Christian.

Clarenceville, playing a preliminary contest to the Detroit Shock-Washington Mystics WNBA game, jumped out to a 10-2 first-quarter lead and opened up a 27-6 advantage at halftime before cruising home for the victory.

"We came out strong from the start, we got our fastbreak going and we got out quickly," said Clarenceville first-year coach Julie Patterson. "We also handled their press with a lot of poise."

Junior Katie Tuomi led the victorious Trojans with 16 points. Junior center Marissa Martin added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

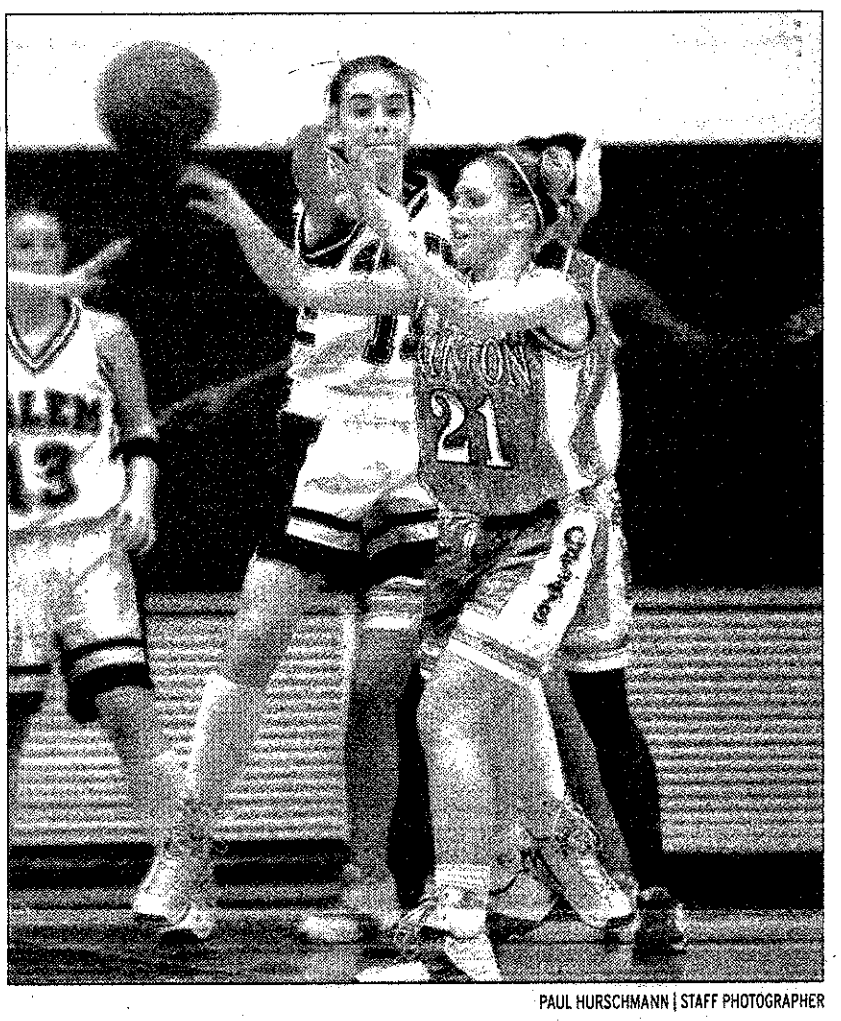
A.J. Creps scored five points for the Wolverines, who were only 4-for-14 from the foul line. Clarenceville was 4-for-6.

Ply. Christian 51, Urban Lutheran 17: Plymouth Christian Academy overcame a slow start to overwhelm Detroit Urban Lutheran in the season-opener for both teams Tuesday at PCA.

Leading 6-2 after one quarter, the Eagles outscored Urban Lutheran 27-6 in the second to take a 33-8 halftime lead.

April LaBenne led PCA with 10 points and seven rebounds. Amanda Saagman contributed eight points, all in the first half, and

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Ellen Canale (15, white jersey) played a lot of minutes for Salem as a sophomore last season, which should make her a more formidable player this year.

Experienced Rocks should fare better this season

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

SALEM PREVIEW

Last year, Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann was faced with rebuilding his team around mostly underclassmen. It took some time, not everything went smoothly, but the Rocks finished the season with a 13-9 record.

This season, Thomann has much the same task at hand —

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Can rebuilt Schoolcraft College repeat last year's success?

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

A work in progress.

Using such terminology to describe a college volleyball team sounds suspiciously like tagging it with a "rebuilding" label. True, initial appearances indicate that's what Schoolcraft College's volleyball team will be doing following its 44-15 season which ended with a trip to the NJCAA Division II Finals.

Gone from that Ocelot team are Noelle Swartz, Kerstin Marshall, Desiree Betts, Meghan Mitchell, Carly Szajnecki, Sheila Gillies and Katie Drews.

That's seven top-notch players. Returning are Holly Soldenski, a 5-foot-9 outside hitter; Stephanie Koslowski, a 5-8 left-side hitter; Emily Sorensen, a 5-6 defensive specialist; and Katrina Napier, a 6-1 middle blocker.

Sure looks like a rebuilding project.

But don't think SC coach Tom Teeters is approaching it like that.

"We lost a good group of kids," he said. Asked if this team can be as good as last season's, Teeters replied, "It can be.

"It can be better, too."

There are a large number of promising newcomers to bolster those hopes.

It starts with redshirt freshman Kathleen Knutson, a 6-foot middle blocker and Westland John Glenn graduate. Knutson spent last year at Eastern Michigan, where she was red-shirted, before transferring to SC. She'll have two years of eligibility remaining.

"She can put the ball away pretty well," said Teeters.

Two other newcomers expected to have an impact include Liz Fredlund and Kelly Sines, both 5-9 hitters in high school who are being transformed into setters. Fredlund is from Warren Tower, Sines from Clinton.

Then there's Meghan McAuliffe, a 5-10 left-side outside hitter from Gibraltar Gabriel Richard who is overcoming a knee injury suffered last winter; Mayssa Bazzi, a 5-5 defensive specialist/libero from Dearborn; Angie Wangler, a 5-11 right-side hitter from Warren Mott; Katie Carluccio, a 5-5 defensive specialist/left-side hitter from Sterling Heights; Caitlin O'Hara, a 5-4 defensive specialist from Monroe St. Mary's, the Class C state champs; Kari McLeod, a 5-9 outside hitter from John Glenn; Christina Southers, a 5-11 middle/right-side hitter from Dearborn Divine Child; Dara Jose, a 5-7 defensive specialist from Manchester; Shannah Jones, a 5-9 left-side hitter from Wayne Memorial who has improved her hitting consistency; and Sara Fensch, a 5-8 defensive/serving specialist from Belleville.

"Liz and Kelly are further ahead in setting than we thought they'd be," said Teeters, adding, "Our serve reception and consistency are areas we can shore up the most.

"Our serving is strong. We have more jump servers this year than we had last year, and we had four of them last year."

Asked his team's strength, Teeters replied knowing what it would take for the Ocelots to turn the corner — and who would have to guide the them there.

"Our coaching staff," he said, naming Dale Hartzell, Debby Betts, Dennis Betts and Mary Barberio.

Asked who among the players was showing the most promise, Teeters said, "Knutson is offering a good, solid middle, and Katrina has improved in the middle.

"We're learning our strengths as we go along, but they are good students."

They'd better be quick learners when it comes to teams like St. Clair County CC, Delta College and Macomb CC. Henry Ford CC, Mott CC, Oakland CC, Alpena and Wayne County CC all figure to be poised for a move up.

What SC will try to avoid with a largely new team is a move down in the standings.

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MADONNA

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Suder finished with 18 digs; and Frost finished with 50 set assists, 11 digs and three blocks.

Madonna, which failed to win the opening game in all but one match, was led by Bush in the win over Urbana; she had 20 kills (.359) and five digs. Lesko totaled 18 kills (.379), three aces and seven digs; Morrill got 11 kills (.733), two aces and seven digs; Tinina had 11 kills (.345), two aces and five digs; and Frost had three kills, 41 set assists and two aces.

Lesko and Suder were named to the all-tournament team.

Madonna is now idle until the Julie Martin Memorial Tournament Sept. 5-6 at Madonna.

Long pass lifts Lions to win over Twisters

FOOTBALL

The kicking game was the difference Saturday as the Michigan Twisters lost for the first time this season, 13-6 to the Cleveland Lions, the American Football Association's AAA National Champions, at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium.

The difference in the game was in the kicking game, with the Lions provided by Joe Lindway, who connected on 26-yard and 39-yard field goal attempts in the first half to give Cleveland a 6-0 lead.

After Twister defensive back Rich Peeples forced a Lions' fumble that was recovered by Michigan's Roy Williams at the Lions' 32, Twister quarterback Orlando Wright threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Donti Hamilton to knot it at 6-all. The extra-point kick was blocked, leaving the score knotted.

The winning margin came with 5:19 to play in the third quarter — a 94-yard Lions' touchdown pass to Rico Franklin and the extra-point kick.

Both teams' defenses dominated most of the way. Linebacker Aaron Brothers topped the Twisters with 10 tackles; linebacker William Wheeler had eight. Linebacker Kam Watson intercepted a pass and returned it 68 yards, but the scoring opportunity slipped away under the weight of several penalties.

Jason Gibson had 47 yards rushing on 15 carries and Jaquan Wright had 46 yards on four tries. Hamilton had four receptions for 71 yards and a touchdown.

The Lions got 44 rushing yards on 17 attempts from Mark Patterson, and Franklin had two catches for 106 yards and a TD. The Twisters are idle until Sept. 6 when they travel to Kokomo, Ind., to play the Indiana Mustangs. They return home to play the unbeaten Detroit Seminoles (3-0) Sept. 13 at Eastern Michigan's Rynearson Stadium.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FESTIVAL RUN

The Plymouth Fall Festival is sponsoring a 5K run, hoping to add some fun and bring in some money to defray costs.

The run is set for Sunday, Sept. 7, with registration at 7:30 a.m. and the run at 8:45 a.m. The 5K walk will follow at 9 a.m. Awards and a raffle are set for 10 a.m. The run is divided into age divisions: 14-and-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-and-over. The top two finishers in each age division, male and female, will receive awards. Also, the top overall male and female finishers will receive awards.

Race-day registration is $20 for adults, $15 for kids 10-and-under. Food and refreshments will be available for all participants.

PCJBA REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will conduct registration for third-through-eighth grade boys and girls from 6:30-8 p.m. on Aug. 28 and again on Sept. 8 at East Middle School. This will be first-come, first-served based on school gym space available.

Registration fees are: 3-6 grades, $110; 5-6 grades, $120; and 7-8 grades, $125. All students in the Plymouth-Canton school district and in Canton Township are eligible. All players will play in each game, but no player will play an entire game. Tryouts will be conducted prior to team selection in order to equalize teams. Players will play approximately 10 games and a tournament, and can keep their jersey.

Parents interested in coaching should register on the same dates.

FALL SPORTS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will offer the following activities this fall:

Adult indoor soccer: The league will run from Sept. 8 through Oct. 26, with a total of eight games. Cost is $65 for individuals, $600 for teams.

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Check www.hvsports.com for dates and times, or call (734) HV-SPORT for more details.

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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ Tryouts for the Pirates' and Cardinals' 11-year-old teams will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday Sept. 6 and conclude at 4 p.m. Sunday Sept. 7. Interested players must report for tryouts on Saturday.

Players must have a birth date after July 31, 1992 and be a resident of either Canton or Plymouth.

The Pirates participate in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation and the Cardinals play in the Kensington Valley Baseball League. Both teams participate in a number of weekend tournaments and expect to play between 30 and 40 games during the season, which begins in early May, 2004.

Call Pirates' coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497 or Cardinals' coach Steve Olevnik at (734) 658-7157 for more information.

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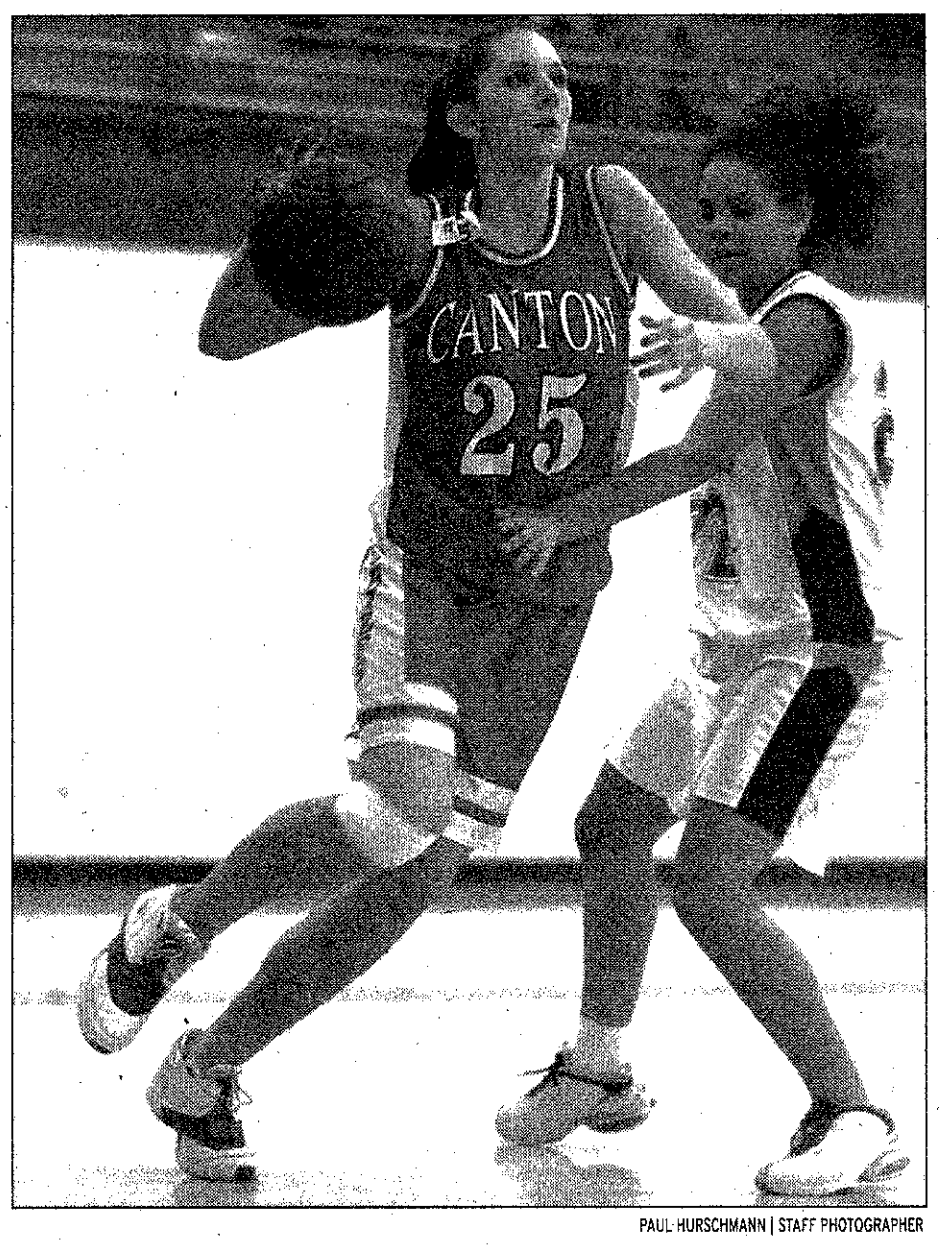
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Katie Cezat (25) led Canton to a 22-3 record in 2002, averaging a team-high 16.2 points and 10.7 rebounds a game.

CHIEFS

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to find their own identity."

And so the search has begun for the identity of the 2003 Chiefs. There will be some carryover, but gone are six graduated seniors in Kristen Lake, Briana Wolcott, Jessica Johnson, Christina Redd, Alana Abdal and Colleen O'Brien. Three of them were starters.

There are two returnees, however, which give Canton hope for the upcoming campaign. Katie Cezat, a 5-foot-11 junior and the Chiefs' leading scorer (16.2 points a game) and rebounder (10.7) last season, is back — which is enough to bolster most team's aspirations.

But there's more. Also returning is starting point guard Rachele Guastella, a 5-5 senior.

Four other seniors who played on the varsity last season are back: Sarah Samulski, a 5-10 forward who missed the season with a torn anterior cruciate (knee) ligament; Jennifer Heldt, a 5-9 forward; Heather Richardson, a 5-5 guard; and Sarah DiMeglio, a 6-3 center whose injured ankle hampered her all last season. Off-season surgery should have corrected the problem, but DiMeglio hasn't played much in the last year.

Four others who were on the junior varsity a season ago will battle for playing time, but a freshman who will play with the varsity and has been impressive thus far is Becci Houdek, a 5-5 point guard. "She's a good player, and she's exceptionally good at seeing the court," said Blohm.

The four former JV standouts are Molly Conlon, a 5-6 junior guard; Anna Quinn, a 5-4 junior guard; Molly Przybylski, a 5-6 junior forward; and Lisa Ealy, a 5-7 sophomore guard.

The Chiefs always seem to put a good, competitive product on the floor, capable of playing with anyone. With the return of Cezat and Guastella, this season doesn't figure to be any different.

Can it match last season's performance? That might be a stretch.

"One plus is having two returning starters, one on the perimeter and one on the post," said Blohm. "What last season's team developed into was a real good rebounding team. They got something like 60 percent of the rebounds, which means we got a lot of second shots.

"That's been our theme in the preseason — rebounding, at both ends of the floor. Will we have the patience to get off a good shot, and can we get a second shot? And can we keep (the opposition) from getting a second shot?"

One factor Blohm always stresses is taking care of the ball and preventing turnovers. "If you're not that big, you have to be able to handle the ball, take care of the ball and get the shot you want," he explained. "You can't turn the ball over more than 10, 12 times a game.

"Experience is going to be a factor. It always counts for a lot. And the only place to get it is on the court."

How good the Chiefs can be with a new cast surrounding Cezat and Guastella is problematic.

"I think Guastella and Cezat will have good seasons," said Blohm. "We'll just get the other kids into the game and see how they respond, how they play."

Blohm picked Walled Lake Western, which returns all five starters, in the WLAA's Western Division and Salem, which lost just two seniors, in the Lakes.

But if history has taught us anything, it's don't ever count a Bob Blohm-coached Canton team out.

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ROCKS

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building his team with mostly underclassmen. Gone are two seniors, Stephanie Philips and Laura Baumgarten.

But this season will be different. Four starters are back, with a total of six players returning.

The core for a successful season is in place.

"We have the makings of a really good basketball team," said Thomann. Because they're more experienced than last season's?

"Yes," he answered, then added, "Plus we're good. We've got some good athletes."

It starts with the four returning starters. Two of them are seniors: 6-foot-2 post player Kathy Hammerschmidt and 5-5 guard Carly Schwan.

They, however, are the Rocks only seniors. Not to suggest the team lacks experience. Ellen Canale, a 5-8 guard/wing player, and Alyssa Guerin, a 5-9 wing, each started last season and played a ton of minutes. Both are juniors. "They've really demonstrated they have great scoring abilities," said Thomann.

Katherine Wheatley, a 5-8 wing, and Jamie Siedlazack, a 5-7 guard, also return; they, too, are juniors and they also played on the varsity last season.

Among several promising newcomers to the team is a freshman who has impressed Thomann: Teresa Coppiellie, a 5-11 post player. "She's very good," he said, adding that Coppiellie "will start on Thursday" when the Rocks open the season by hosting state-ranked West Bloomfield.

Others who are bound to make an impact are junior Justina Youngblood, a 5-11 post player and a transfer from Dearborn Divine Child who has proven to be "very durable, a solid player", and junior Gabrielle McIntosh, a 5-7 wing player who was on the junior varsity last season.

Two sophomores on the varsity are Lauren Price, a 5-10 post player, and Becky Ward, a 5-8 wing.

It's evident Salem will have plenty of size at its disposal this season. The question is, has the experience level risen enough? More directly, can the Rocks score points? Last season, putting the ball in the hoop was a problem. Philips was their leading scorer at nine points a game.

"Our decision-making last season wasn't what it needed to be," said Thomann. "Our defense was good, but we ended up playing a lot of zone to cover up our weaknesses.

"This season we won't have to do that as much."

Thomann is also banking on the defense creating some offensive opportunities, which should help put points on the board and open things up on that end of the court. Indeed, the Rocks overall development in shooting the basketball may be their most obvious improvement.

"A number of our players have shown they can knock down shots," the Salem coach said. "They can score from the perimeter. Our perimeter play will be much better because everyone is back.

"And they work really hard on defense."

If the Rocks have improved as much as indicated, they could be moving up the Western Lakes Activities Association ladder. Walled Lake Western, which returns all five starters from last season's solid team, is among the conference favorites; so is defending champ Canton, at least in the Western Division. In the Lakes, Walled Lake Central "had a good run last season" but must replace several players.

If Salem is to move up, several factors must come together, all centering on how quickly the team matures.

"Maturity — confidence goes hand-in-hand with that," said Thomann. "Every season has its ups and downs. We have to see if this team can fight through the downs.

"Once they get a few games behind them, this team will shape its own destiny."

And it could be quite a promising one.

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■ Hockey registration at Skateland West for those 5-17 years old is Sept. 7. Skateland West is located at 37550 Cherry Hill in Westland. Call (734) 326-2800 anytime or email at www.skatelandwest.com.

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AGAPE

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Holly Johnson had six points and seven steals.

Stevenson 48, N. Farmington 43: Freshman Rachel Desentz scored a game-high 23 points Tuesday as Livonia Stevenson (1-0) held off host North Farmington (0-1).

Danielle Smith contributed 10 points, while Kristen Truszkowski and Katie Armbruster added seven and six, respectively.

Stevenson led 21-12 at halftime, but North closed in during the second half with five 3-pointers.

"They shot the lights out, it was a dogfight the last two quarters," Stevenson first-year coach Tim Newman said. "I thought our guards, Lauren Trosell and Lauren Brodie, did an outstanding job getting the ball down the floor against their constant pressure and getting the ball to our shooters."

Becca Weiss, who hit three triples, led North with 15 points. Lindsay Lawley added 13 points and nine rebounds, while Jamie Hirzel had eight points.

Monroe 59, Wayne 24: Center Ashley Schatzle scored a game-high 15 points and Sarah Howe added 11 Tuesday as the Trojans (1-0) rolled past host Wayne Memorial (0-1) in the season opener for both schools.

Monroe jumped out to a 32-10 halftime advantage.

"Monroe is the real deal," Wayne coach Dan Kaminski said. "They're the quickest team I've ever seen. They also have good size."

Senior guard Renita Price, who played three quarters, led Wayne with 12 points.

Dearborn 57, Churchill 42: Sophomore guard Yvonne Hamood poured in a game-high 20 points and junior guard Chris Falzon added 19 Tuesday as the host Pioneers (1-0) downed Livonia Churchill (0-1) in the season opener for both schools. Dearborn jumped out to a 17-3 lead at the outset and a 19-9 first-quarter advantage before the Chargers cut the lead to 27-21 at halftime.

The Pioneers, getting 13 second-half points from Hamood, pulled away with a 17-9 third-quarter run. Junior guard Robyn Johnson tallied 14 points for Churchill, while senior guard Ashley Cecil and sophomore center Haley Weddle added eight each. Weddle also grabbed 12 rebounds.

"We got outplayed tonight," Churchill coach Rod Windle said. "They out-quicked us and forced 28 turnovers."

RU 49, Franklin 30: A 19-3 fourth-quarter run sparked by Martina Franklin carried host Redford Union (1-0) past Livonia Franklin (0-1) in Tuesday's season opener for both teams.

Franklin, trailing by only three after three quarters, 30-27, had just three free throws and no field goals in the decisive final period.

It didn't help the Patriots that RU's Franklin scored nine of her 22 points in the period. She also wound up with 15 rebounds, five steals and four blocks.

Shantia Brown and Keke Young added eight points apiece for the Panthers. Brown also grabbed 10 rebounds.

"We put them on the line too many times (14) in the fourth quarter," said Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen. "And their post player (Franklin) put shots away. That was the difference."

Carly Muncy led Franklin with 12 points, while Jessica Regner contributed six.

Freshman Robyn Whalen pulled down 14 rebounds for the Patriots.

R.O. Shrine 36, Luth. Westland 24: Junior center Maria Mazzocco scored 12 points as host Royal Oak Shrine (1-0) advanced to tonight's championship game of its own tournament at the expense Tuesday of Lutheran High Westland (0-1).

Junior guard Samantha Wiemer scored 12 for the Warriors, who trailed 19-4 after one quarter. Megan Bahr finished with five, while Elyse Gieschen had seven rebounds and four points.

"We looked very, very tight," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz said. "They outrebounded us two-to-one. They've got size and we didn't box out well. Too many second and third shot opportunities. The first half we rebounded poorly."

Inter-City 53, Huron Valley 11: Sophomore guard Anita Stamps sealed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's fate in the season opener with a game-high 24 points to lead host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (1-0) past the Hawks (0-1).

Inter-City led 20-3 at intermission.

Emily Van Houten added nine for the victorious Chargers.

Huron Valley, which committed 37 turnovers, got eight points from Becky Schultz.

"We looked scared, it was a look of panic," Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth said. "You name it, I saw it."

SHOOTOUT

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10 in the state in their respective divisions.

"We had a really good weekend," said Canton coach George Tomasso, particularly impressed with the two shutouts recorded by his keeper, Steven Mischung. "We started off very well.

"They actually responded and played higher than I expected. They keep adapting and reacting to everything I teach them."

In Canton's opener against Midland Dow, Dutch Morrell got Canton on the board with a penalty kick goal; Brad Marsh contributed an insurance score, assisted by Adam Stanko, to make the final 2-0.

The Chiefs second match had more to offer them, in terms of competition and motivation. The Pioneers were not only ranked among the top five in the state, they were the team that eliminated Canton in the state district tournament last fall.

"It was our most competitive game," said Tomasso. "Pioneer didn't just eliminate them last year, they have to play them again Thursday (5:30 p.m. at Canton)."

Andy Cortellini provided the Chiefs with all the offense they would need, scoring off a corner kick in the opening half to make it 1-0 at the break and then adding a transition goal in the second half to boost Canton's lead to 2-0. Pioneer got one back, but could not get the equalizer, losing 2-1.

The offensive outburst didn't carry over to the title match against East Lansing, a Division 2 state finalist in 2002. Regulation ended scoreless; the Trojans won the shootout.

"It all came down to finishing," said Tomasso. "We just didn't finish our chances. But (Pioneer) had some good chances in the first half, too."

For Salem, it was another story. The Rocks played defending Division 1 champion Rochester, which beat them in last year's state final, in their opening match and lost in a shootout. Salem then defeated Bloomfield Hills Lahser (a Division 2 state finalist last season) 1-0 and state-ranked Troy Athens 4-3.

"Yeah, we found our scoring touch," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy of his team's win over Athens.

However, none of those scores will hold up unless the Michigan High School Athletic Association reverses the self-imposed penalty Salem put on itself. It seems one of the Rocks' players had been declared academically ineligible after last spring and had to take summer school classes to regain both his eligibility and class status — which he did.

But he was not officially reinstated academically until Monday, making him ineligible to play last Saturday. Thinking the completion of his academic work meant immediate reinstatement, McCarthy used the player, which means Salem had to forfeit all three games.

"Ultimately, it's my responsibility and the athletic department's responsibility to make sure he's eligible," said McCarthy. "He shouldn't have played."

Whether or not the statistics from the tournament can be counted is something else the Salem team must wait for a ruling on. The win against Lahser came on an own-goal, credited to Steve Gizicki, in the first half.

In the win over Athens, Chris Conlisk, Thiago Harris, Dave Hall and Brad Zonca each scored goals. Salem led 3-1 with six minutes left in the match; three goals in those final minutes (the Red Hawks never tied it) made the finish exciting.

Unfortunately, it very likely won't count as a win on the Rocks' record.

DeLaSalle 0, Salem 0: In a non-league match Monday at Warren DeLaSalle, the two long-time state powers battled to a scoreless draw. The tie left Salem with an 0-3-1 record officially.

Tom Huls was in goal for the Rocks, making 15 saves, according to Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

"He was the best player on the field," the Salem coach said of his keeper.

Although the three matches played at the Balconi Tournament went down as losses for Salem, Huls did have two shutouts. If he is able to count those statistically, he'll have three in four matches thus far this season.

Novi 2, Canton 1: This is the kind of game that drives a coach nuts.

The Chiefs had the better of the play for almost all of the match. They scored first, with Ross Maltby putting one into the back of the net in the first minute of the second half to make it 1-0.

But Novi, which managed only a couple trips into Canton's end of the field, got the equalizer on one of them and then converted a penalty kick with 5:03 left in the match for the game-winning margin.

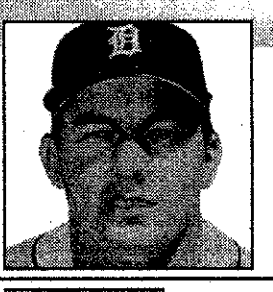
"I give Novi a lot of credit," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "They played hard, defended well and took advantage of their opportunities."

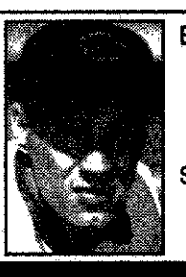
Steven Mischung was in goal and, again, played superbly. "He's playing some of the best goal I've seen in a long time," said Tomasso.

The loss leaves Canton at 2-1-1.

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SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, attractive woman. Seeking all-American guy, 35-43, who would enjoy my company. Ad#:498329

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SBF, 30, 5'8", 175 lbs., with dark skin and a full figure. In search of a down-to-earth SBM, under 45, who is easy to talk with, for companionship and quiet times together. Ad#:496909

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Energetic, vivacious, sweet SWF, 64, 5'1". Interests are the Arts, opera, dancing, good conversations and intellectual discussions. Seeking a caring, fun-loving SWM, 65-75, for a possible relationship. Ad#:496495

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SWF, 60, auburn hair, green eyes, professional. Enjoys travel, weekend get-a-ways, camping, cuddling and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70, who is loving, humorous, N/S, N/D, fun and affectionate. Ad#:405309

I AM FOR YOU
SWF, 66, attractive blonde. Looking for a fun-loving relationship with SWM, under 70. Don't delay. Ad#:495981

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Divorced white female, 37, blonde, blue eyes, 5'3", medium build, great personality, interests include camping, outdoors sports, travel, dining out/in and dancing. Looking for single white male, 37-47, with same interests. Ad#:482787

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Green-eyed, appealing WWWF, 49, 5'7", humorous, homemaker, aggressive. Loves the outdoors, gardening, travel and sports. Seeking a SM, 39-70, compassionate and nice-looking. Ad#:488338

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SWF, 33, smoker, occasional drinker. Enjoys swimming, bicycling, works on aquariums. Seeking SWM, 28-43. Sound interesting? Ad#:485274

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SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes, Enjoys movies, theater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#:473611

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Outgoing, compatible SWF, 19, 5'6", who currently is a stay at home mom, enjoys movies, dining and spending special times with an honest, sweet SM, under 30, who is more of a "thug". Ad#:483283

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I'm 5', 105 lbs., 58, romantic, secure SF, seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, live theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#:403562

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...Fun-loving relationship. 59, 5'2", SWF, brown hair, medium build, good personality. Friendly, compassionate, like to meet a man, 65-72, with the same. No games. Someone that I can be fun-loving with and also serious, pretty versatile with going out. Ad#:444245

SHARE LIFE
SBF, 38, 5'2", medium build, kind, loving and communicative. Enjoys reading, picnics, nature, boating, time with friends and family, good conversation and much more. Seeking a SBM, 35-50, who is handsome, religious, pleasant and has similar interests. Ad#:478614

CUTE
Petite, SWF, 51, loves many activities. Seeking a SWM, under 48. Please call me. Ad#:476478

LET'S SEE WHAT BLOOMS
SWF, 64, 5'2", 118 lbs. Blonde who is happy and outgoing. Interests are the outdoors, movies and gardening. Seeking a lovable and honest SNAM, 60-70, who is outgoing for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#:477392

GRACE AND ELEGANCE
SWF, 50, caring mother, loves life. In search of SWM, 45-55, for friendship possibly leading to long-term relationship. Ad#:476066

WHERE ARE YOU?
50 yrs. old, DWF, 5'2", 110 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. Enjoys music, concerts, outdoors, Harley's, the Red Wings, dancing, etc. Searching for an honest, loyal, SM to enjoy life, someone who wants to casually date and has a sense of humor. Ad#:403942

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SBF, 30, 5'5", dark brown hair/eyes. Interests are fun times, watching basketball and wrestling and cooking. In search of SWM, 30-35, tall, dark hair, enjoys a good chef for possible relationship. Ad#:476002

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CHECK ME OUT
Loving, loyal and down-to-earth SWF, 37, with long blonde hair. Seeking a taller man, 6' plus, secure within himself, over 25. Ad#:474958

FRIENDS TO START
SWF, 47, 5'5" attractive, employed, blonde, is seeking SWM, 42-50, for a fun relationship that may lead to more. Ad#:446329

BROWN EYED LADY
SWF, 5'4", 48, enjoys barbecued ribs, funny movies, page turning books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55, that I can look up to, who can make me laugh, is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self. Ad#:473551

A COMPANION
SBF, 48, professional, full-figured. Enjoys concerts, time with family, travel, walking and more. Seeking a SM, who is open, honest, loving and reliable. Ad#:473235

COMPANIONSHIP
Classy, blonde, WWWF, 65, 5'3", 120 lbs., who enjoys dining out, golf and travel. Searching for a SW, gentleman, 65-72. Ad#:473072

GOAL-ORIENTED
SWF, 29, 5'9", with bluish green eyes and a full figure. Interests are fishing, camping, swimming and much more. In search of a SWM, 26-37, for friendship to start, that can lead into a long term relationship. Ad#:471960

SHY, BUT OUTGOING
SWF, 42, petite, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Interests are the outdoors, working out, gardening, etc. Searching for an attractive, fit SWM, 35-47, who has similar interests, with good morals. Ad#:418148

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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

ALWAYS SMILING
SWF, 44, 5'7", with brown hair and hazel eyes. Interests are swimming, shopping, NASCAR, fishing and much more. In search of a SWM, 5'11"-6'3", 34-50, who is honest and trustworthy. Ad#:468434

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?
SWF, 56, 5'6", average build with brown hair & eyes. Interested in gardening, dancing, swimming, cooking & romantic evenings. Looking for an honest, faithful SWM, 51-60, with great eyes, who loves children and intelligent conversation. Ad#:469108

AWESOME COOK!
Fun loving, outgoing SWF, 44, 5'7", brown hair and green eyes, loves to laugh. My hobbies include travel, swimming, boating and shopping. I'm searching for an honest, loving, outgoing SWM, 34-52, 5'11"-6'2", with a husky build. Ad#:469027

READ THIS!
SWF, 32, 5'7", enjoys long walks, roller blading, biking, good conversation and motorcycles. She is searching for a sincere, attractive, financially secure SBM, 26-37, no drugs and no games! Ad#:469008

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SWF, 45, 5'2", 145 lbs., with brown hair and hazel/blue eyes. Interests are NASCAR, computers, singing, music, playing the guitar and much more. In search of a SWM, 45-52, who wants to enjoys life. Ad#:468132

CALL ME!
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SWF, 49, 5'5", brown hair and blue eyes. Outgoing and shy. My hobbies are outdoors, antiques and cooking. Looking for a SWM, 49-57, honest and enjoys outdoor activities. Ad#:458615

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Fun, full-figured, SWF, 57, enjoy long talks, boating, motorcycles, dancing, love kids. I'm very family-oriented and get along with all types of people. Looking for a SWM, 45-65, to go out to dinner with and see where it goes from there. Ad#:450091

50/50
SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 44-60, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous, N/S and honest for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad#:448774

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SBF, 32, mother of 2, working part-time and going to school part-time. Enjoys reading, writing poetry and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is kind and compassionate. If you are that special guy, leave a message! Ad#:446605

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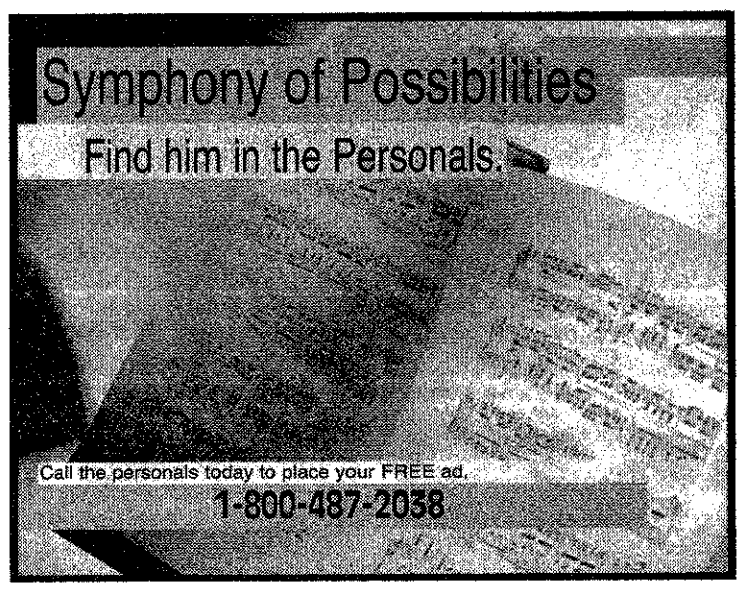
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GOOD NATURED
SBF, 47, 5'3", dark brown hair, outgoing, sincere and fun-loving. Enjoys shopping, travel, dining, concerts, the outdoors, picnics and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is sincere, outgoing, fun-loving, family-oriented and is a kid at heart. Ad#:442747

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ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Divorced professional female, petite, 50, 5'1", active, sense of humor. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, animals. Seeks male counterpart, physically active, easygoing, sense of humor, non-smoker, professional, no beard or mustache. Ad#:403597

PRETTY GOOFY
SWF, 19, with a good sense of humor, enjoys life, loves to laugh, camping, the beach and is easy to get along with. Looking for a SWM, 31-37, who is fun to be with, honest, respectable, caring and enjoys children. Ad#:449703

DINNER FOR TWO
SWF, 68, 5'5", with blonde hair. Interests are painting, traveling, quiet evenings at home, the outdoors, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 60-72, who is fun-loving and outgoing. Ad#:449628

FUN & ENERGETIC
SWF, 38, 5'5", blonde, with blue eyes and wears glasses. Enjoys walking, reading, bowling, fishing, camping, NASCAR & playing with her cat. Seeking a SWM, 35-45, who is humorous, honest, sincere, energetic, likes to have fun, but has a serious side. Ad#:449267

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SWF, 59, 5'6", slender brunette, with short brown hair and hazel/green eyes. Enjoys sailing, power-boating, golfing, fine dining, tennis and much more. In search of a honest, loyal, trustworthy, N/S SWM, 59-75. Ad#:449205

COMPANIONSHIP
SWF, 47, 5'8", 200 lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes. Interests are music, cooking, yard work and traveling. Searching for a SWM, 40-50, who doesn't play games, is honest, truthful, commutative, loving and warm. Ad#:449182

HAPPY & CHEERFUL
SBF, 37, 5'11", with brown eyes and a beautiful set of lips. Enjoys cooking, dining out, shopping and much more. In search of a SBM, under 50, who is honest, trustworthy, funny, caring and loving. Ad#:449074

I MAY BE THE ONE
SWF, 52, enjoys gardening, the outdoors, camping, hiking, movies, theater, concerts, cooking and entertaining. Looking for SWM, 48-63, who wants to invest time in building a relationship with me. Ad#:443461

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SBF, 26, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark complexion. Seeking a SM, 22-35, who is humorous, kind, considerate and goal oriented. Ad#:446975

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SWF, 53, 5'7", slim, auburn hair. Seeking a SM, 45-60, who is handsome, slim, secure, affectionate and enjoys travel, dancing and much more. Ad#:444507

COFFEE?
SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, fun and outgoing. Enjoys movies, walking, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is well established, trustworthy, honest and considerate. Ad#:443926

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Outgoing SWM, 28, easy to get along with. Looking to get to know a SWF, for friendship first, possibly more. Ad#:500109

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SWM, 45, 5'8", fit, light brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for a passionate, compassionate, professional SWF, 28-45. Livonia area. Ad#:449863

LIFE IS BETTER SHARED
White male, dentist, 6', 173 lbs., 54, very successful and attractive. Seeking a white female, 38 to 53, 5'4" plus, slim, non-smoker, very attractive and physically fit, who loves fine dining, travel, cuddling and seeking a best friend. Ad#:403950

COME FLY WITH ME
Handsome, successful, professional, young-looking/acting 57, 6', fit, spiritual, charismatic. Enjoys sports, dancing, the arts, travel and conversation. Seeks an attractive, slim female who's ready to enjoy life to it's fullest. Birmingham. Ad#:417087

WARM WELCOME
Hi! I'm Jim and I enjoy sports, movies, music, going out having some good times. SWM, 36, sincere, likeable guy is seeking earthy, carefree SWF, under 40, to in on some fun. Ad#:499177

MAN SEEKS WOMAN
Not scared to dream and try new things. SBM, 22, high-spirited, good-humored, impressive young guy. I'm seeking an attractive SB woman, under 30, maybe little mischievous. Ad#:498659

ENERGETIC MALE
56, white male, 5'7", medium build, fit, brown hair, hazel eyes, neat beard, teacher. Likes outdoors, fishing, travel, dining out, museums, plays, art shows. Seeks woman, mid 40's to 50's, attractive, fit, intelligent, long-term relationship. Shiawassee. Ad#:403918

IT'S NOW OR NEVER
Nice-looking SNCM, 44, 5'11", 190 lbs., my enjoyments are: NASCAR races, eating out, outdoors, concerts. I am seeking SNCF, 25-40, who enjoys the same. Ad#:491514

NO EXTRA BAGGAGE
SWM, 48, who likes the outdoors, fishing, camping, boating and animals. Seeking SWF, 38-48, for a soulmate, to have some nice times together. Ad#:480941

HELLO THERE!
Nice-looking SWM, 55, looking for casual dating with attractive SF, 30-45. I enjoy romantic walks in the parks, most sports, holding hands, board games, plus more. Ad#:497456

ALL AROUND GUY
SBM, 26, 6'3", 275 lbs., pretty smile, straight teeth, student, with vehicle. Seeking SF, under 40, to spend time with. Ad#:497132

HARLEY WILL TRAVEL
Seeking adventurous woman, under 55, for fun times with this SWM, 54, who has a Harley bike. Ad#:496428

WANNA FALL IN LOVE?
Well-built, 5'9", 185 lbs., 38 year-old SWM, very hardworking, likes to have fun and enjoys quiet times with that special woman. Looking for an honest, trustworthy SWF, 25-45, for dining out, movies and dancing. Ad#:442480

WHY NOT?
Divorced, slim white male, 59, 6'1", enjoys outdoors, gardening, working in the house, the water and much, much more. Searching for a slim white female, family oriented, for friendship and possibly more. Ad#:403951

MILK CHOCOLATE
Charming, outgoing SBM, 25, 6', 160 lbs., light complexion. Interests include basketball, friends and culture. Seeking a SBF, under 32, with a great sense of humor. Ad#:495724

A REAL MAN
SWM, young 53, long brown hair, 5'9", 165 lbs., semi-retired, N/S. Seeking a nice-looking AF, 21-35, who is non-materialistic and marriage-minded. Ad#:495677

GOOD CATCH
Kind, warm, sensitive SBM, 39, 5'9", enjoys many interests. Seeking a well-read, balanced SBF who knows herself. Ad#:495635

YOU AND ME
SWM, 35, 5'11", 175 lbs., outgoing, likes meeting new people in the area. Seeking educated SF, under 55, who knows who she is. For dancing, drinks and much more. Ad#:485057

YOUR OPENING LINE
Amusing, easygoing SWM, 33, 6', medium build, with brown hair and eyes. Likes going places. Desires to meet likeable SF, 18-35, open, and no hang ups. Ad#:484159

BIG HUGS
SWM, 54, 5'11", enjoys dining, shooting pool, good movies and quiet times at home together. Looking for an accepting SF, 18 plus. Ad#:473348

WAITING FOR YOU
Single white male, 29, 155 lbs., blue eyes, self-employed, outgoing, interesting, intelligent. Likes fishing, seeking single female, 24-35, career-oriented. Ad#:481711

TRUSTWORTHY
SWM, 55, tall, financially secure and loyal. Enjoys water skiing, boating, motorcycles and more. Seeking a SWF, under 50, for a possible relationship. Ad#:447049

IN SEARCH OF LOVE
SWM, 52, with brown hair and a mustache. Enjoys dining out, the outdoors, etc. Looking for a SWF, 40-53, who is looking for a long-term relationship. Flint area. Ad#:420370

THE TIME OF MY LIFE
Laid-back SWM, 57, 6', who enjoys video games, sci-fi, art fairs and antiquing. Seeking an energetic, humorous SF, under 50. Ad#:482880

KISSES FROM ME
Athletic, outgoing, energetic and happy SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys sports, working out, animals and more. Seeking an honest, caring, warm and sensitive SF, 35-50, who can carry on an intelligent conversation. Ad#:468065

RELAXING TALKS
Extravagant SBM, 31, who enjoys working out, softball games, music and shooting pool. Seeking a fun and exciting SF, over 31. Ad#:482397

A COMPANION
SWM, 32, 5'9", 170 lbs., brown hair and eyes. Seeking a SF, under 40, for a long term relationship. Ad#:482287

ALL MY HEART
Outgoing, nice, SBM, 27, who enjoys basketball, classic cars and more. In search of caring, sincere, SBF, 21-35. Ad#:482276

EASY TO TALK TO!
Single white male, 45, 6'2", 209 lbs., muscular, athletic, brown hair, blue eyes, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys roller blading, working out, etc. Seeks a friendly single female. Wayne County Ad#:404066

SPECIAL TIMES AHEAD
This quiet and easygoing, SWM, 40, is seeking an outgoing and humorous, SWF, 32-40, who shares similar interests with me, such as sports, traveling and riding motorcycles. Ad#:481989

LOOKING FOR ME?
I am a SWM, 28, 5'9", with dark hair/eyes, outgoing and fun to be around. I like playing guitar, fishing and outdoor sports, and am looking to meet an attractive SF, 18-38. Ad#:481886

WHO ARE YOU INSIDE?
WWWM, 48, 5'10", 200 lbs., with brown hair/eyes, and a mustache. I'm fun to be with and enjoy biking, live concerts and nature walks. I am in search of a SWF, under 65, who is happy with herself and wants to share time together. Ad#:481479

TO HAVE AND HOLD
SWM, 23, dark hair, shy, sensitive, loves outdoors, long walks, shooting pool, fun activities. Seeking SWF, enjoys skyline, holding hands, for companionship, possible relationship. Ad#:481127

SEIZE THE DAY
Energetic SWM, 45, 5'10", 170 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, with varied interests. Seeking talented, fun SWF, 30-40, who likes outdoors. Ad#:481086

EMPTY HOUSE
SWM, 54, 6', 200 lbs. Loves keeping fit and eating healthy. Seeking SF with similar values and loves life for a relationship. Ad#:480753

FIND OUT MORE
SWM, 55, social-drinker. Enjoys theater, fine dining, music, festivals, camping and more. Seeking a SF, under 63, who is gentle, loving, kind-hearted, compassionate and pleasant. Ad#:480488

A NEW START
SWM, 22, 5'10", dark hair, green eyes, 175 lbs., outgoing and humorous. Enjoys sports, music, movies, going out with friends and more. Seeking a SWF, under 26, who is honest, outgoing, kind hearted and fun loving. Ad#:480407

AYE AYE CAPTAIN
SWM, 45, who enjoys golfing, the outdoors and cooking. Spends weekends on his boat fishing and enjoying nature. Seeking SWF, 40-50, with similar interests, for companionship. Ad#:479893

CHARISMATIC
SBM, 18, enjoys college, basketball/football and spending time with that special someone. Seeking SF, 18-21, with a great personality for possible relationship. Ad#:479848

COMMITMENT-MINDED
Secure, hardworking SWM, 34, 6'1", 240 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, nice-looking. Looking for a SWF, 22-34, who is looking for a long-term relationship. Ad#:479705

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
70 year old white widower, divides time between Michigan and Florida when not traveling. Seeking an attractive, slender, SWF, age not important, to share quality time. Residing in NW Oakland County. Ad#:479415

SOFT-SPOKEN
SBM, 18, 5'11", 230 lbs., light-skinned, green eyes, seeking a SBF 18-25, for companionship and a possible relationship. Ad#:479378

I CAN ENHANCE YOUR LIFE
Upbeat, fun SWM, 48, 6'2", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys biking, sailing, gardening and cooking out. Looking for a sincere SWF, 45-53. Ad#:479230

NATURE BOY
SWM, 33, dark hair/hazel eyes, 6', 207 lbs., Athletic build, is easygoing. He enjoys all outdoors, and nature. Seeking SWF, 25-39, who is kind, motivated and has similar interests, for companionship. Ad#:479163

BACK TO THE BASICS
SHM, 33, 5'6", 195 lbs., who has a great sense of humor and is romantic. Seeking SF, under 45, who is kind-hearted, knows what she wants and takes care of herself, for companionship. Ad#:479149

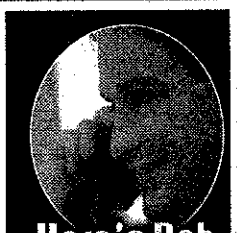
LOOKING FOR MISS RIGHT
SBM, 25, 6'1", looking for a single female, 23-40, who has a good head on her shoulders. Ad#:479038

A NEW START
SBM, 50, handsome, 5'5", 145 lbs. Seeking a SF, 30-40, who is attractive, for a possible relationship. Ad#:478610

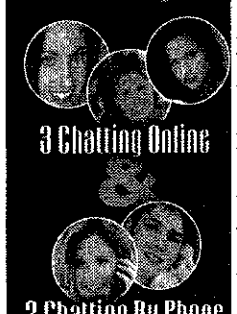
MR. NICE GUY
SWM, 48, 5'10", 175 lbs., N/S, Intelligent, loving. Enjoys outdoors, dining out and quiet times. Seeking long-term relationship with SWF, 45-53, who is looking for same. Ad#:477843

LIKE ME FOR ME
SWM, 23, 5'8", with brown/blond hair and blue eyes. Interests are music, dining, time with friends and much more. Looking for a SF, 18-25, who is honest, sweet, caring and kind. Ad#:476913

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
SWM, 32, 5'11", brown hair, hazel eyes, medium build, mature, funny and interesting. Enjoys sports, fishing, camping, reading and more. Seeking a SF, under 45, who is intelligent, trustworthy, funny, enjoys life and is compassionate. Ad#:475928



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TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWM, 49, hardworking, 5'8", 175 lbs. Seeking a SWF, 45-48, who is easygoing, intelligent and fit, for a long-term relationship in the Redford area only. No E-mails please! Ad#:406401

STOP, LOOK & CALL!
DWM, 49, medium build. Enjoys the outdoors, home cooking and more. Seeking a SWF, 45-52, who is seeking a long-term relationship. Serious replies only, no games please. Redford area. Ad#:411537

TAKE IT SLOW
SWM, 47, 5'9", 180 lbs., employed, fun-loving and outgoing. Enjoys a wide variety of interests. Seeking a SWF, 35-50, who is humorous, petite, educated, loving, open, independent and loves romance and good conversation. Ad#:475828

RESCUE MY HEART
SWM, 54 6'3", 225 lbs., black hair hazel eyes, moustache. Interested in golf and other sports. Seeking SWF, 45-58, 5'4" or taller, height/weight proportionate, who is considerate, and trustworthy for companionship and possibly more. Ad#:474829

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BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

OK, enough of blackouts and Tigers baseball.

Starting tonight, the lights go back on and the best bang for your buck is back.

High school football, nothing like it.

In trying to sort out this extended weekend's openers — while in the midst of doing 54 fall sports previews — it's evident that some things never change.

Let's get something out of the way first.

Redford Catholic Central, gunning for its third straight Division I state championship, is as good as advertised.

Where everybody else in the area falls in line is anybody's guess.

Best matchups this weekend — Ann Arbor Pioneer at Canton; Lutheran Westland at Livonia Clarenceville; Wayne at Livonia Stevenson; Redford Thurston at Southgate.

As for the prognostication race, when you win the overall title, you get to write up the first installment of grid predictions.

That means I'm the defending champion, going 86-14 during the regular season and 6-2 in the playoffs for an overall aggregate of 92-14.

Redford-Garden City sports editor Paul Beaudry jumped into second place with a 7-1 playoff run after going 75-25 in the regular season.

Bringing up the rear, as usual, was Plymouth-Canton sports editor C.J. Risak, who went 76-24 during the regular season and 4-4 in the playoffs.

So the slate is wiped clean for 2003 and it's time to get moving once again. Here is a look at this weekend's games.

THURSDAY GAMES
(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

St. Katharine Drexel-Bishop Borgess (1-7) at B.H. Cranbrook (6-4), 4 p.m.: Cranbrook, a playoff qualifier in Division IV last year, is expected to challenge for first in the Metro Conference. The Cranes return 17 seniors, including eight starters both ways led by quarterback-DB Ryan Karolak and lineman Ed Duke. **PICKS: Cranbrook** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

D.H. Robichaud (0-8) vs. Redford Union (4-4) at Hilbert Jr. High (Kraft Field): The Panthers are moving to the Gold Division and that should help. Robichaud is led by speedy wideouts Maurice Love and David Thomas. **PICKS: Redford Union** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Wayne (1-8) at Liv. Stevenson (7-3): This is a game that could be high scoring. Wayne, under new coach Craig Hnatuk, is led by quarterback Brad Wilson, tailback T.J. Dillard and Terrill Ford. Stevenson also has plenty of skill paced by Dave King, Keith Hearns and linebacker deluxe Jeff Hollandsworth. **PICKS:** Stevenson – Risak, Emons; **Wayne** - Beaudry.

Det. Kettering (6-4) at Westland Glenn (8-2): Kettering, under new coach Bruce Wilson, returns its entire backfield of Daumon Gurley, Leonard Curry and Art Evans, after losing in the first-round of the Division 2 state playoffs to Lincoln Park, 40-15. Glenn will rely on a new quarterback and a new tailback (Matt Smitherman). **PICKS: John Glenn** – Risak, Emons; **Kettering** - Beaudry.

A.A. Pioneer (9-3) at Canton (9-2): Two playoff teams from a year ago meet in an early season showdown. Both teams are hard hit by graduation losses, but Pioneer lost 28 seniors. Scott Martin, a free safety, and Sam Miller, a two-way lineman, both return. Devin Thomas is the trump card for Canton. **PICKS: Canton** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Salem (2-7) at Pinckney (1-8): Nowhere to go but up for these two teams. Pinckney is picked last in the Kensington Valley Conference, while Salem expects to be improved in the Western Lakes. **PICKS: Salem** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Lutheran Westland (4-5) at Liv. Clarenceville (8-2), 7:30 p.m.: The Trojans are unbeaten in the Metro Conference four straight years. Backfield returnees Jeff Fioretti, who gained 1,324 yards, and Bruno Shkreli will be tough to stop. The Warriors are led by fullback-linebacker Dan Haller. **PICKS: Clarenceville** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

FRIDAY GAMES

M.H. Bishop Foley (1-8) at Liv. Churchill (4-5): The Ventures, with no starters returning and a new coach (Mike Shada), are an adventure, picked last in the Catholic League's AA Division. Churchill is led by quarterback Justin Grohoski and a speedy backfield of Patrick McFalls, Erik George and Jon Bunzeluk. **PICKS: Churchill** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Liv. Franklin (1-8) at Northville (2-7): Franklin has a long history of frustration against the Mustangs, who return 10 starters led by quarterback Mark Sorenson. Eric Pacifici gets the call at QB for the Patriots. **PICKS: Northville** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Garden City (2-7) at Allen Park (11-2): The host Jaguars are coming off a state semifinal run in Division I. Back Bryan Brighton, committed to Michigan State, scored 22 TDs last year and rushed for over 1,300 yards. GC is moving from the Red Division to the White. **PICKS: Allen Park** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Red. Thurston (8-2) at Southgate (5-4): Both teams are predicted to win their divisions, Thurston in the Blue and the Titans in the White. Southgate returns eight holdovers on defense, while Thurston is led by quarterback Corey Reid (committed to Colorado) and running back Chaz Bryant. **PICKS: Southgate** – Risak, Emons; **Thurston** – Beaudry

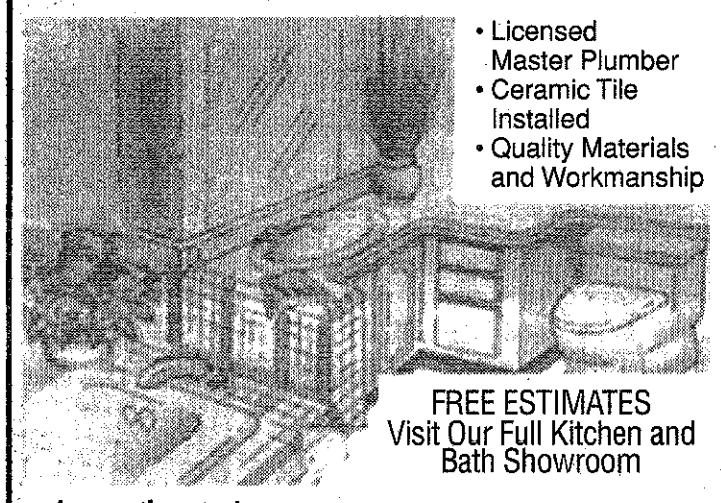
SATURDAY GAME

Redford CC (13-1) vs. Det. Denby (4-5), 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome: There's a reason CC opens its season in Pontiac. The Shamrocks, loaded once again and gunning for their third-straight Division I state championship, usually end up there. Denby, which paid its dues in the Public School League's top division, is led by wide receiver-DB James Bailey. **PICKS: CC** – Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

THE WEEK AHEAD

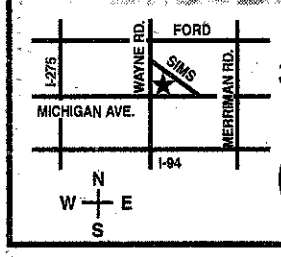
PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 28
St. Katharine/ Borgess at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Redford Union (Hilbert), 7 p.m
Wayne at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Det. Kettering at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29
Bishop Foley at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30
Redford CC vs. Detroit Denby at Pontiac Silverdome, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Aug. 28
Huron Valley at Rudolph Steiner, 5:30 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 7 p.m.
West Bloomfield at Salem, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
(R.O. Shrine Tourney)
S'fld Christian vs. Lutheran Westland, 5:30
Shrine vs. M.H. Lamphere, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 28
Huron Valley at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30
Salem at E. Lansing Invite, 10 a.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 28
Canton at Athens Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Aug. 28
Canton at Athens Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, Aug. 28
Ypsilanti at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29
Crestwood at Thurston, 10 a.m.
Churchill at Berkley, 4 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, Aug. 28
CC vs. U-D Jesuit (Cattails), 4 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Thursday, Aug. 28
Ladywood at Marian, 5:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 29-30
Schoolcraft at St. Clair Tourney, TBA.
Madonna at Fort Lewis (Colo.), TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 27-31
Schoolcraft at Missouri Tourney, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 30 (CLC Invitational – Grayslake, Ill.)
Schoolcraft vs. Iowa Central, TBA.
Sunday, Aug. 31 (CLC Invitational – Grayslake, Ill.)
Schoolcraft vs. Lake County, TBA.
TBA – time to be announced.

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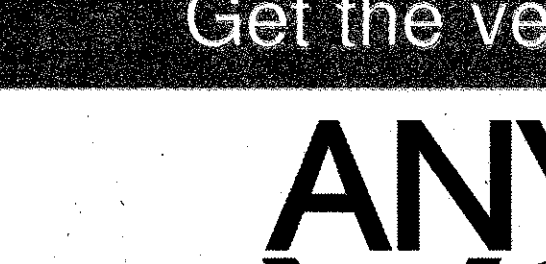


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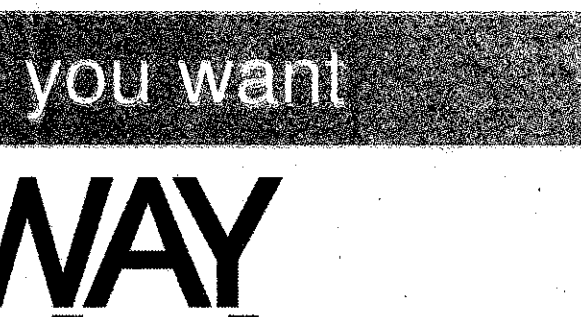
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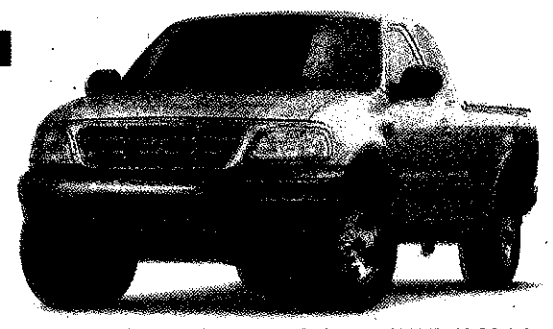


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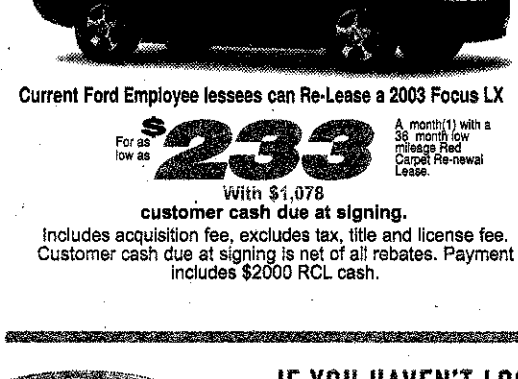
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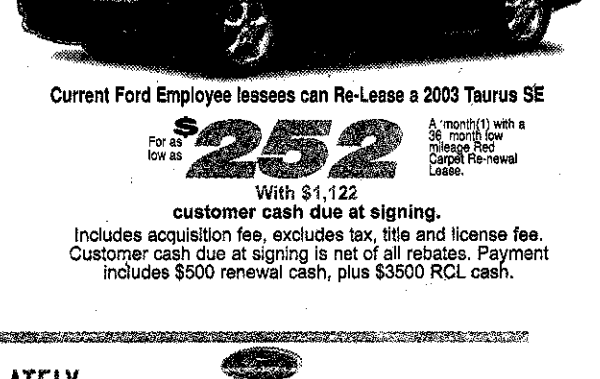
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At Home
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Accents

Call for members

All members of the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary are invited to a New Members' Wine and Cheese Party 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Holmes residence in Bloomfield Hills.

The price of admission is at least one prospective member.

Only auxiliary members bringing prospective members will be eligible to attend and to win the door prize, an original painting by Mary Duncan.

Register your prospective member's name when you RSVP.

Call (248) 645-3149 by Friday, Sept. 26.

Master suite

Studies by Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies show that home improvement has become the national pastime.

In the first quarter of 2003, remodeling expenditures grew 6.1 percent.

The fastest growing area in remodeling is the master suite.

"On average, one-third of your life is spent in your bedroom," said Karen Carter, author of *Move Your Stuff, Change Your Life: How to Use Feng Shui to Get Love, Money, Respect and Happiness.* Tips from Carter on proper Feng Shui for your bedroom include:

Buy a wooden bed if you have the choice. Metal beds can conduct electricity, which can be a health hazard.

Check the lighting level to see it is not too harsh (yang) or dim (yin).

Listen for distracting sounds and try to alleviate or remove them.

Avoid large living plants in the bedroom.

Create a headboard for the bed and place it against the most solid wall in the room.

If your bed is in line with a doorway, hang a crystal between the bed and that area.

Fall violet sale

The Michigan State African Violet Society is having its annual fall display and sale from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Admission is free.

There will be standard African violets, minis, semiminis and trailers for sale.

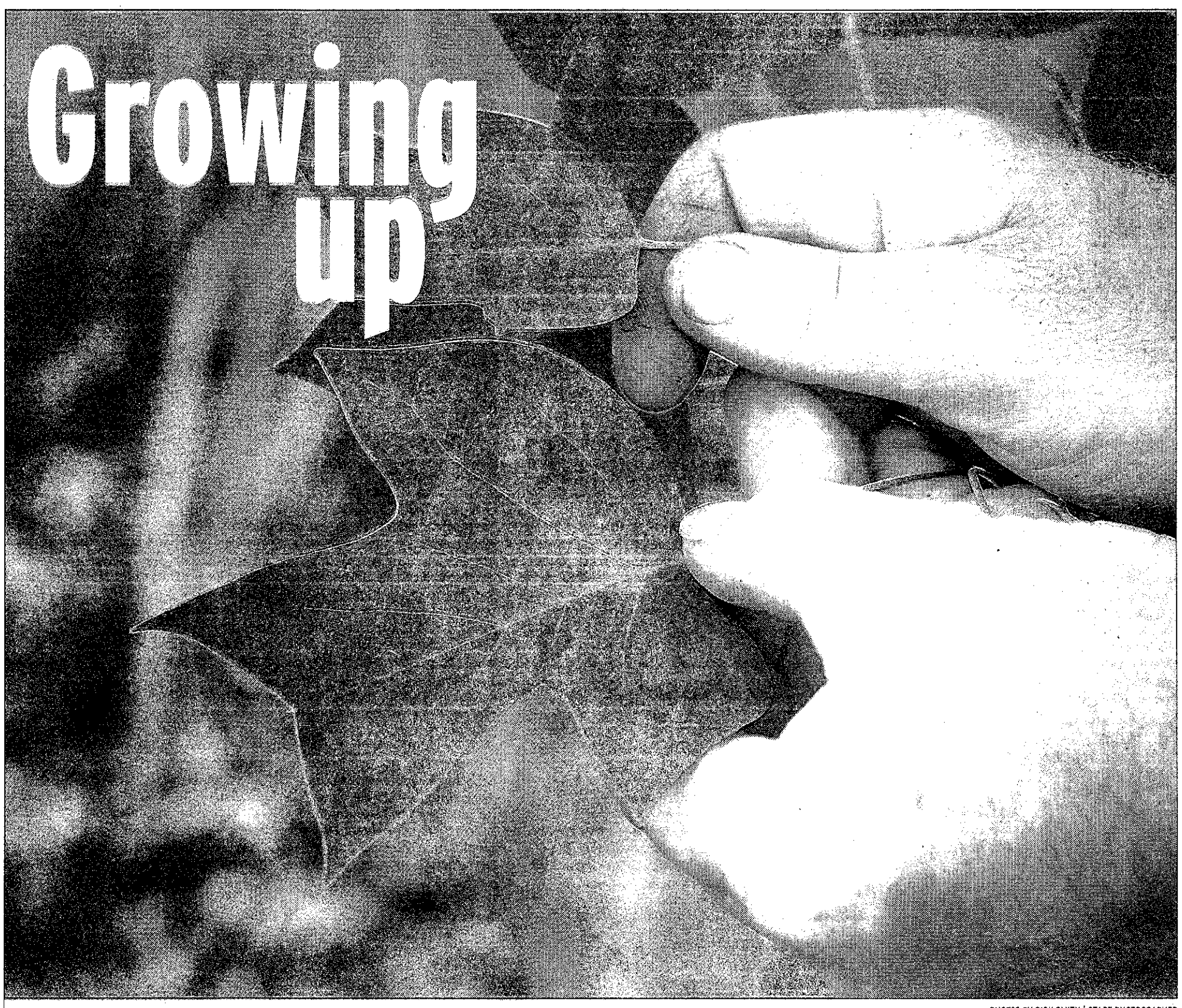
Make home safe

Here are a few home safety tips you can work on this fall:

Install a peep hole in your door.

Light your yard or garden well so that prowlers won't have a place to hide.

If you happen to move this fall, change the locks on the front door immediately.



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Roy Prentice, farm manager at the MSU Tollgate Education Center, shows the distinctive leaves of a yellow poplar or tulip tree.

Fall is ideal season for planting trees

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

It's the time of the season for planting.

The fall climate can be an excellent environment for trees to take root and grow to provide shade and noise barriers for homeowners. Homeowners who plant throughout September can take advantage of cooler temperatures, as the ground won't dry as quickly and retains moisture a little longer than in the blazing August sun.

> **'The later you plant, the less time it has to root and to prepare for winter.'**
>
> Richard Zoner
> Farmer John's Greenhouse owner

Evergreens can be planted in the summer, as long as you take precautions in extra watering and proper preparation of the hole to house the root ball, according to Beth Liskiewicz, master gardener and co-owner of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills.

"But fall is obviously an excellent time to plant," she said.

Richard Zoner, owner of Farmer John's Greenhouse, said: "The later you plant, the less time it has to root and to prepare for winter"

Roy Prentice, farm manager at Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center in Novi, said homeowners should plant when the leaves aren't growing to minimize the stress. "You can get a lot of good root growth when you don't have a lot of stress on the tree," Prentice said. "You want to plant early enough (before November) to get good root growth."

Soil temperatures should be 45 F or above to promote root growth. Holes in which the tree will be planted should be two to three times as large as the root ball with compost or peat moss included with the soil. The mix should be 4-to-1 soil to compost ratio, Prentice said.

The surrounding clay should be mixed with the compost and soil mix, but planters should take care not to create a "bathtub" effect with the tree's root area. All ropes should be cut

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Prentice holds the leaves and reveals the distinctive pods of a catalpa tree, which bloom into large white flowers each spring.



Leaves from a Kentucky Coffee Tree at the MSU Tollgate Ed. Center. One of farm manager Roy Prentice's picks for trees to plant in your yard.

Emerald ash borer devastates

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

In the late 1970s, Dutch elms nearly were wiped out by a fungus that attacked the water conducting system on the tree. Nearly 30 years later, the emerald ash

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MARKET PLACE

Submissions

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,



Take note of In Concert

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design announces the addition of In Concert, one of two sophisticated and handsomely crafted new furniture collections by Henredon, to the company's Novi, Southfield, Troy and Lakeside locations. The new lifestyle collections – In Concert and Courchevel – offer relaxed, contemporary and formal environments.

Shown here are items from the 27-piece In Concert line. The king-sized, wood platform bed comes in two finishes – dark (opera) and light (aria) – and sits 12 1/2 inches from the ground. Complete with support for a mattress, the platform bed retails for $4,999. The coordinating bedside table is available for $569.

The deep chocolate finish has a very uptown, metropolitan feel; the more casual, natural finish that is champagne colored adds depth and character to the furniture.

Featuring chairs, tables, entertainment centers, beds, dressers and mirrors, these contemporary pieces have an Art Deco feel with clean and sleek silhouettes.

Henredon's In Concert and Courchevel collections are now available at all Gorman's showrooms.

For more information, visit www.gormans.com, or call the stores in Novi, (248) 344-0880; in Southfield, (248) 353-9880; in Troy, (248) 649-2070; or at Lakeside, (586) 843-2000.

Find inspiration for in garden, in home



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

The subjects of books for this month are quite varied, but I believe you'll find them most interesting and inspiring.

Troy resident Helen Talvacchio has written just such a book.

Design – The Heart of a Garden (self-published, $25; call (248) 643-9664) takes the reader through her garden and shares her experiences with design and plants. Talvacchio uses parallels of creating a painting and creating a garden.

"The paintings are not specific, they are different from paintings usually seen in garden books because the flowers aren't specific," she said.

The detailed information about the many plants (mostly perennials) is excellent, as Talvacchio relates personal experiences and her thoughts throughout the seasons. A quick look at the index shows the scope of the book.

Here is good, practical advice, eloquently expressed.

TREES AND SHRUBS

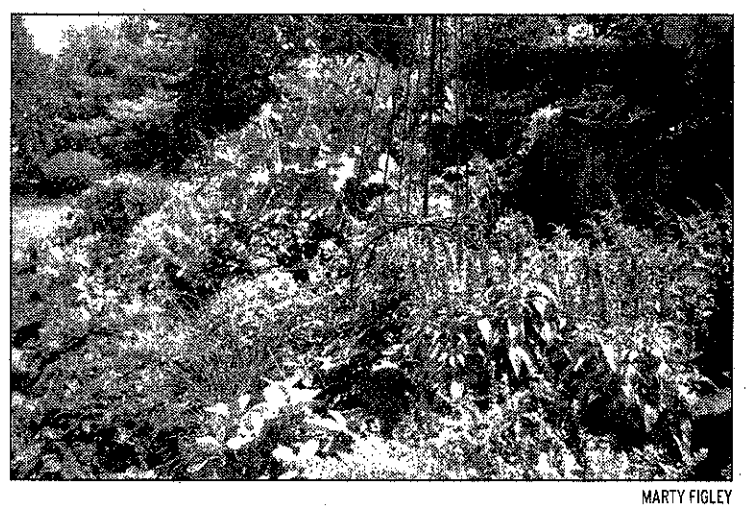
You won't want to miss the excellent information in *Tree & Shrub Gardening for Michigan*, Tim Wood and Alison Beck (Lone Pine Press, $18.95).

This attractive book is user friendly, as Wood describes the features of 500 woody species, hybrids, varieties and cultivars that will perform well in our climate. Photos of each plant are accompanied by personal remarks, growing instructions, problems, tips and recommended varieties. In addition, general information about siting, care, pruning, etc. will help the gardener keep the plants healthy and growing. Keep this in a handy spot; I predict you will turn to it for solid information for many years.

FOOD

From the Garden to the Table: Growing, Cooking, and Eating Your Own Food, Monty and Sarah Don ($22.05, The Lyons Press) is divided into three sections.

Section 1, The Garden, explains how and why the Dons garden. For instance, the vegetable gardens are surrounded with wattle fencing made from hazel wood – quite picturesque. There are also orchard and herb gardens. Monty gently and enthusiastically tells how this couple created the property and gardens. They use organic methods.



MARTY FIGLEY

Gorgeous flower beds can result with good planning.

In Section 2, The Kitchen, we find Sarah, who says, "The food I cook is heavily influenced by the season and is inspired by the garden."

Section 3 is devoted to personal insights about the weather, crops, feelings, etc. Recipes range from lavender shortbread to nettle soup; all are simple to make.

The Dons' writing is very informative as they share all gardening chores from preparation, to seeds, greenhouse to tools. The photos by Simon Wheeler complement this inspiring book. What a privilege to meet this interesting family.

PLANT PARTNERS

Plant Partners, Anna Pavord ($20, DK Publishing), gives "magical planting suggestions" to accompany herbaceous perennials that are the star performers in the garden.

Two perfect partners are recommended for each of the 60 "stars" for each garden season. For instance, combine *Helleborus orientalis* (Lenten Rose) with *Galanthus* 'John Gray' (Snowdrop) and *Scilla siberica* 'Spring Beauty.'

Pavord advises to look at impatiens.

"Prepare yourself for a revelation. They are invaluable plants."

With accompanying mouth-watering photographs, Pavord explains how to really look at the flowers to see their uniqueness.

This is an excellent book that takes the guesswork out of color combinations and opens another way to garden successfully. Take a serious look at this book.

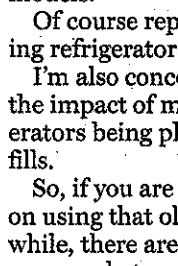
HERBS

There is still much interest in herbs, used for cooking, potpourri, crafts, etc.

The foliage (cilantro) of coriander has been used in cooking for hundreds of years, while the seeds have a nasty aroma until they ripen, then change to a pleasant one. So, in the Victorian language of flowers, the plant means hidden merit. Lavender is a favorite herb of many people and is still used for medicinal purposes, as well as crafts, cooking and perfumes. In the language of flowers, lavender symbolized mistrust. Bergamot (Oswego tea and bee balm) flowers are used to make a lemony tea. Some early bee keepers recommended rubbing hives with bergamot to keep the bees from straying. This information and more interesting facts about herbs can be found in a most attractive book, *The Meaning of Herbs: Myth, Language & Lore*, Gretchen Scoble and Ann Field ($16.95, Chronicle Books). A memorable gift.

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.

Maintain an old refrigerator



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

The single greatest user of energy in most of our homes is the refrigerator. The "Blackout of 2003" showed us just how important this appliance is after a short time.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, refrigerators are the single biggest energy consumer in most households. Replacing a refrigerator bought in 1990 with a new ENERGY STAR qualified model would save enough energy to light the average household for over three months and over 300 pounds of pollution each year.

ENERGY STAR is a program started by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1992, now partnered with the Department of Energy, to promote energy efficient products. Since the ENERGY STAR program started, refrigerators have become considerably more efficient.

According to the EPA, refrigerators over ten years old can use twice as much electricity as new ENERGY STAR models.

Of course replacing a working refrigerator is costly.

I'm also concerned about the impact of many old refrigerators being placed into landfills.

So, if you are like us and plan on using that old ice chest for a while, there are a few things you can do to make if run a little less costly.

Most of these tips also apply to freezers.

Keep the temperature in the fresh food box between 37 degrees and 40 degrees (0 degrees for freezers). Any cooler and you are using too much energy.

Any warmer and you risk spoiled, dangerous food.

In models with manual defrost, don't allow frost to build up more than one-quarter inch. Thick frost increases the running time on the motor.

Close a dollar bill halfway in the door. If it is easily pulled out, the seals probably need replacing.

Cover liquids and wrap foods. Moisture in the box makes the compressor work harder.

Keep the condenser coils clean by vacuuming them a couple times a year.

Try to keep the refrigerator away from heat sources and direct sunlight.

Try to allow foods to cool before placing them in a refrigerator or freezer. Obviously warm foods will make the unit work harder. It should be noted however that many health professionals feel doing this can lead to food borne illnesses.

Mark freezer items for easy identification. This helps minimize the time the door needs to be open.

Chest type freezers hold the cold air inside when the door is open better than uprights.

I found a wealth of energy saving tips and ideas dealing with appliances at: http://www.energystar.gov/ for information on refrigerators at: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=refrig.pr_refrigerators.

Harry Jachym writes about home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

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'Tradition' is full of football fun, memories

"TRADITION"
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Huron River Press, Hardcover, $49 suggested.

BY PAUL BEAUDRY

Until now, I thought that Jim Brandstatter's recent book, *Tales from Michigan Stadium* was the definitive book on the history of Michigan football. (And after knowing him for 15 years, I never thought I'd put Brandstatter and book in the same sentence without using the word "coloring," but that's another story.)


Paul Beaudry

And as he did many times as his coach, Bo Schembechler manages to knock Brandstatter off his perch – or at least gets him to move over and make room.

These two books together merely dwarf all others – including Bo's own biography.

Where Brandstatter's book is an enjoyable read filled with the conspiratorial stories inside tales that only athletes can tell, Schembechler's *Tradition* with Dan Ewald, former public relations director for the Detroit Tigers, is a just-shy-of-coffee-table-size, 221-page compilation of fun, anecdotes and memories.

There are tons of stories on the glory days and players of Michigan football, such as Tom Harmon, the Wistert Brothers, Bob Ufer, Bennie Oosterbaan, the 1950 Snow Bowl with Ohio State, Ron Kramer, and even two pages to Brandstatter.

There are sections on the building of Michigan Stadium, former U-M president Robben Fleming, the installation of the new Field Turf system at the stadium, and cheerleaders over the years.

There's even a section on equipment manager Jon Falk, the one man who knows where all the bodies are buried because, odds are, he helped put them there.

And of course, there are remembrances by Schembechler – on his 1969 team, on what college football's become, his favorite players, the Michigan coaches since he left, how he used to spend football weekends when he coached and what he does now, a large section on Woody Hayes and more.

But what strikes you most about the book are the photos.

There are hundreds of them. Some, you've seen before – such as Tom Harmon's Life Magazine cover – or any one of number of Michigan football players, like Anthony Carter, John Kolesar, Stefan Humphries, Calvin Bell or Charles Woodson.

But there are some you haven't, like Bo as a lefthanded high school pitcher, or my personal favorite – Michigan ball boy Jim Harbaugh, resplendent in checked pants, congratulating Rick Leach after a U-M touchdown.

There are copies of letters from Hayes and Fritz Crisler, a mock cover of Time for Fielding Yost and even a diagram from one of Bo's favorite plays – go figure, a draw play.

After move than 100 years of Michigan football, it's very hard to touch base on every aspect of the program's history. But between the anecdotes, asides, personal remembrances and the photos, Schembechler and Ewald have done a masterful job of weaving years worth of history and stories into the right package.

It's not a book that you'd bring on a plane or sit down with before going to bed – it just isn't the right size for it. But as an enjoyable memory album to show your friends or give to a diehard fan, *Tradition* is the perfect book.

And as Schembechler himself would say, "I flat-out guarantee it."

Paul Beaudry is a sports editor for the Observer Newspapers.

A high-tech hunt for buried "treasure"


Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Here's what I know about the treasure. It's hidden somewhere in the Robert H. Long Nature Park in Michigan. It's encased in Tupperware.

And it may contain a statue of Scooby Doo. My only other clues are a set of coordinates and a cryptic hint that starts like this: "Fgnl ba gur cngu." In place of a tattered piece of pirate parchment, my guide is a Garmin Geko 201 GPS.

This is Geocaching, an engaging new pastime that turns GPS receivers into high-tech treasure maps. You're given a latitude and longitude – coordinates you zero in on with your GPS – and charged with finding the hidden booty – the "cache." It costs nothing to play (except for the GPS hardware, which you can buy for as little as $100), and there's no shortage of caches – all of them created and hidden by other Geocaching enthusiasts.

The hotspot for all things Geocaching is Geocaching.com, where you'll find detailed instructions on getting started, a Geocache search engine, a message forum, and information on what kind of gear to buy (nearly any GPS will do).

The goal of Geocaching is neither riches nor thievery. A cache is usually a box, tin, or some other container filled with one or more bits of "treasure": a spool of thread, a tennis ball, a Smurf doll, and so on. You can claim something from the cache, but only if you leave a different item behind.

Taking the whole cache just isn't done, as it kills the spirit of the game and leaves nothing for the next Geocacher.

So, just how hard is the sport of geeks? Your GPS should steer you to the exact spot, right? Wrong -- GPS receivers are accurate only to within 10-30 feet, and by then you're usually standing in some dense woods. The cache won't be hiding in plain sight, either, so at some point you'll have to stow the GPS and start using your eyes. Getting there is half the fun; the other half is the search itself.

This is normally the point where I'd plug my new book, "How to Do Everything with GPS," which contains an entire chapter on Geocaching. However, it won't be available until December, so I'll have to plug it some other time. Until then, head to Geocaching.com and give the game a try. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Mark your calendars: On Thursday, September 18, I'll be at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill in Birmingham, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss digital cameras – what to buy, how to organize and share photos, and more.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Readers who have questions can email him at rickbroida1@excite.com

WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive column is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find.

If you know where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND

Palmolive bar soap can be purchased at the Big Lots store in Westland.

FIND AND SEARCH

A reader has empty prescription bottles and vitamin bottles to donate.

What we're looking for

A store that sells Dippity Do styling gel for Mary.

A store/catalog that sells Pretty Feet for Babe.

A store that sells Walnetto candy for Sharon.

A store that sells the original Double Bubble gum for Gail.

A store that sells Arperge perfume for Eleanore.

A store that sell a cotton, quilted, two-slice toaster cover for Marlene.

A store that sells Ecco (Echo) Bay women's clothes for Delores.

Sears used to sell them.

A store that sells a half-gallon plastic milk handle (a holder) for a milk carton for Arlene. The carton slides into the holder for easier pouring of the milk.

A store that sells alcohol-free Listermint liquid mouthwash for Marilyn.

By Sandi Jarackas


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Turning off circuits is critical during blackouts

It happened to us just like it happened to just about everyone else.

You probably won't forget either, where you were at that exact moment when the 2003 blackout hit. I had exited off I-96 and drove south on Novi Road. I noticed the traffic lights were off and no lights or signs in buildings along both sides of the road. The radio was on, but suddenly went dead, then it started again in seven seconds or so which is the time it takes for the huge generator to provide internal power to WWJ 950 AM. Figuring out that I was going through Novi and the station is in Southfield, I knew it was a massive power failure.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Upon entering the house my wife asked what we were going to do for dinner. I immediately went downstairs to the main circuit breaker and tripped the main two top switches which stop all power from coming into the house. I did this because I was concerned about any power surges which could happen when the power came back on.

Even though I have a whole house surge protector installed at the main circuit breaker, I wasn't taking any chances. This is also a lot easier than unplugging appliances and other electronical gadgets which can be damaged from surges or brownouts.

After hearing the news on our little battery operated radio, we put out the candles for an evening of romantic dining. Five candles in a small circle on the kitchen table heated the food from a few different canned items. The hardest thing was opening the cans, we only have an electric can opener in the house. A hunting knife did the trick as it does when I am up on the Ivanhoe River in Canada. I slept very little that first night not knowing what to expect the next day.

Friday brought on a surge of telephone calls from television and radio stations asking my advice about food preservation, electric appliances and safety of water. I described what I did with the circuit breaker box and why I tripped all the individual breakers several times each while the main was shut off. In essence, each one of those needs to be tripped a few times a year to keep the contacts clean. I explained that a light bulb which comes on and shows a pale instead of a bright light is indicative of a brownout condition. Motors are made to run on 110 volts, but a brownout condition will ruin the motor.

When power is restored I would flip the main and flip each breaker individually starting with the light bulbs and go from there if conditions felt right.

The power was off for 26 hours in our house and the little chest freezer kept everything solid frozen as I did not open the door once.

The side-by-side refrigerator kept most things frozen especially in the bottom part of the freezer but the poultry, fish and pork had started early stages of a thaw.

These foods are more apt to create problems so we cooked these the next day.

When the water warning was issued with the word bacteria, my mind went into overdrive. I thought about the ice cubes in refrigerators and the water dispenser system that so many people have.

I made it clear not to use these accessories on a refrigerator because of the possible bacteria.

As store supplies of water were dwindling, I knew people would end up drinking melted ice cubes from their refrigerators. I asked listeners whether they knew how pure that ice was. I learned the same lessons you did and I pray another power failure of this magnitude never occurs again. Stay tuned. Here is a link for an appliance forum consumers can use: http://ths.gardenweb.com/forums/appl/nphind.cgi?n=30

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

HOME CALENDAR

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 Install Door Locks, 7 p.m. Thursday; You Can Lay Ceramic Tile, 10 a.m. Saturday; You Can Install a Ceiling Fan, 2 p.m. Saturday; and You Can Learn to Faux Paint, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, Sunday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 1.

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.

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Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile.

In the program, Nature Around Us, Joe Derek will educate on the type of wildlife in our area and give tips on keeping critters out of our gardens.

Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Congregational Church, Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

George Lee will speak on such current concerns as the Emerald Ash Borer and answer questions. Lee is president of the Michigan Forestry and Park Association, a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists, and owner of Branch Tree Service.

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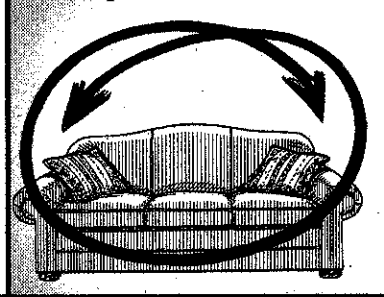
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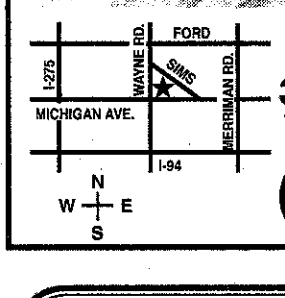


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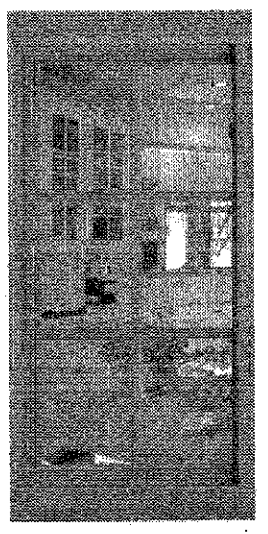


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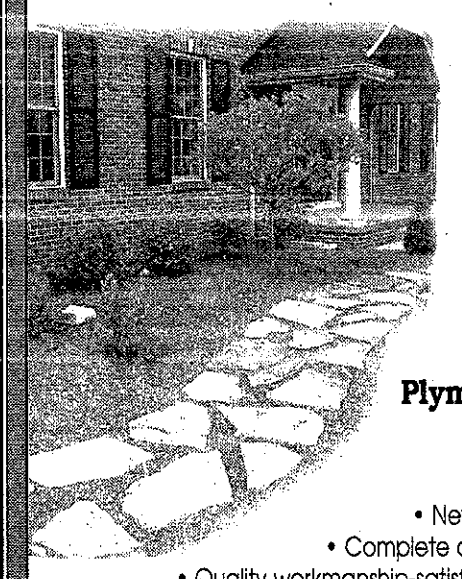
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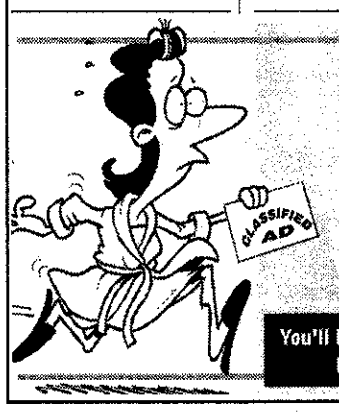
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Reflections are a subject popular to camera club members. This one Monte Nagler took near Kona, Hawaii.

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Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Well, a camera club could be just what you need. . .a place to exchange ideas and to socialize with other photographers. Club dues are minimal and the advantages are maximum. Some clubs are small, some large, and they meet often enough that you're bound to find one that fits your schedule. Clubs are found throughout the metropolitan area and getting in is easy. Watch your newspaper for announcements or talk to the folks at your local camera shop for clubs in your area. A camera club's primary function is to promote a common interest and love of photography. And nowhere will you find more willingness to share knowledge and help others than in a camera club. The camaraderie is inspiring.

Clubs have competitions, slide shows, guest speakers, modeling sessions, even field trips. Whether your interests are in color slides, black and white prints or color prints, you'll find creative outlets in camera clubs.

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Years ago, when I first developed an interest in photography, I joined a local camera club. And I'm sure glad I did! The knowledge I gained, the friends I made, and the encouragement I received all combined to help eventually make photography my career.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message at (734) 953-2047. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Metropolitan Rose Society

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile.

Speaker Thomas Kressbach will present a slide show of rose gardens he saw in Scotland and England this summer, and distribute a brochure on Fall Call of Roses.

Admission is free. The public may attend. Call (248) 689-9529 for more information.

Dahlia show

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will have its 51st annual Dahlia Show Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6 and 7, at Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake Road and Maple (15 Mile) in West Bloomfield.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Sept. 6, noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 7. Admission is free.

Between 600 and 800 blooms will be on display, and several new cultivars will be introduced. SMDS members will be present to answer questions and welcome new members. Literature on how to grow dahlias will be on sale.

For more information, call president Wilson Garner at (248) 373-6275 or show chairman Richard Arrington at (248) 478-2484.

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 kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

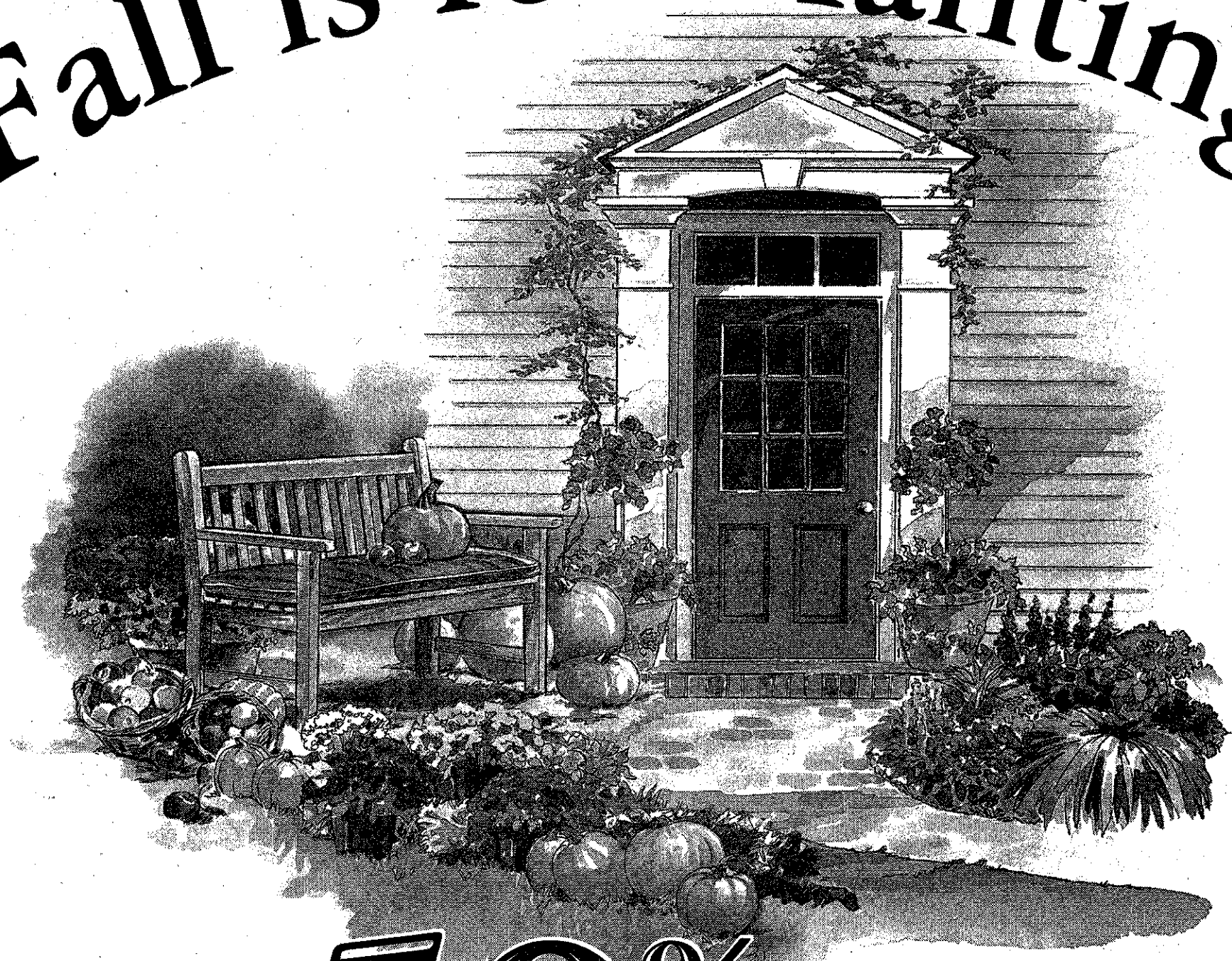








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Diana Koenig

The statement, "Have a place for everything" sounds easy but it is difficult to implement. When we pick up an item, a decision must be made. Where will we put it when it leaves our possession? The most convenient place is not always the best place.

Consider this scene: You have just arrived home. You enter the house with keys in your hands. The kitchen counter is close so the fastest and easiest place for the keys is the counter.

There are a couple problems with using the counter. Counters are usually "collect alls" for items. Finding the keys later could be difficult because they may get buried or pushed aside. Someone may even pick them up and move them to another location. You should keep your keys in a specific place when they are not in use. This prevents loss and time spent looking for them. I keep my keys in my purse. My husband, Paul, hangs his on a hook in a convenient place.

When we need them, we can find them quickly. Paul does not keep everything in his life organized but he is very good about keeping his keys where they belong. He learned this lesson several years ago, the hard way.

Paul was working in pharmaceutical sales. On a particularly cold afternoon he called on one of the pharmacies he regularly visited. While he was talking to the pharmacist, he set his keys on the counter (a habit of his.) During the course of their conversation the pharmacist mistakenly picked up Paul's keys and put them in his own pocket. Upon leaving the pharmacy Paul fished for his keys in his pants pocket but they were not there. He searched his coat pocket only to come up emptied handed. He looked on the ground and all around. He returned to the pharmacy and the pharmacist began helping him look. They could not find the keys anywhere. After a long search, Paul called a locksmith. The locksmith made a new set of keys and he was finally on his way, late of course for his next appointment. It wasn't until a week later that the pharmacist figured out to whom the strange keys in his pocket belonged.

A jacket may be another frequently misplaced item. This is especially true on days when the morning starts out cool and the afternoons are warmer. We may throw the jacket in the back seat of our car in the afternoon. When we go home in the evening, we leave it in the car which causes a problem the following morning. We step outside to a cool morning and wonder where our jacket is.

Send your questions and success stories to : Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702 Manchester, MO 63011. E-mail her at dianakoenig@hotmail.com www.domesticplanner.com

These are a few of tree specialists and nursery owners favorite trees

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Whether homeowners lose ash trees and choose to buy a different species or simply want to buy trees for their homes, they have a variety of species from which they can choose to plant.

Tree specialists and nursery owners have their own favorites.

Beth Liskiewicz likes Easter truncatum (maple), which grows to a height of 20 to 25 feet and 15 to 20 feet wide and is heat- and drought-resistant.

Others are gingko biloba, syringa reticulata (ivory silk) and red sunset maple. The Cleveland select pear reaches a height of 35 feet and a width of 12 feet.

Tree purchasers should look for strong-growing, disease-resistant species, Liskiewicz said.

"Some are valued for fall color," she said, while other trees with needles, like the dawn redwood, are valued for their "low maintenance," ideal for anyone who doesn't like raking leaves and disposing of them in the fall.

"It's fast growing, and it's not a weak wood," Liskiewicz said of the dawn redwood. They grow to heights of 60 to 75 feet.

Roy Prentice has his preferred trees, including the Katsura, which isn't a native plant, but tolerates varied conditions; red maple, which is able to adapt to a diverse environment; and redbud, which grows to 30 feet and is what he describes as "gorgeous in the spring."

Prentice's other favorites, all of which adapt well to various Michigan weather conditions, are the American yellowwood, which grows 35 to 40 feet tall; sweetgum, 45 to 50 feet tall; tulip (or yellow poplar), which hits 60 feet in height; and the swamp white oak with its nice shade, Prentice said. The sawtooth oak, named after the shape of its leaves, and the Kentucky coffee tree, with its coarse branches, provide interesting cover in winter.

Richard Zoner likes the maple, a good slow grower, he says. "October glory is one of my favorites for color, but they're a little hard to find," Zoner said. A bicolored beech gets good size, similar to a maple, and is a good ornamental.

Birch trees are fast growers. "You might want to look at the birch tree to replace the ash," Zoner said.

Fraser fir is his favorite of the evergreens. "It is smoother, and softer with nicer characteristics," Zoner said.

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borer, an Asian exotic beetle, may very well devastate the ash tree in a similar fashion.

Roy Prentice, farm manager of the Michigan State University's Tollgate Center in Novi, believes the emerald ash borer epidemic is strikingly similar to Dutch elm disease. Research is continuing on injection methods and sprays that may help battle the borer.

"It's too early to tell," Prentice said of these methods. "It's an amazing battle and it will be tough to control it. It's a sad situation."

"It's very unusual to have this happen twice in 20 years," Beth Liskiewicz, master gardener and co-owner of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills, said of the demise of the two species. The emerald ash borer was first discovered in southeastern Michigan and identified in July 2002.

Larvae feed in the outer sapwood and phloem, which is tissue in the tree's vascular system, producing galleries that eventually girdle and kill branches and entire trees.

Adults, which are present into August, feed up to nearly a half-centimeter of foliage per day, leaving irregularly-shaped patches of leaf tissue with jagged edges. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, infestations can be difficult to detect until canopy dieback begins on the tree. Infested trees show D-shaped exit holes on branches and the trunk. The tree will show a vertical split in the bark in response to the larval feeding. Distinct larval tunnels etch the outer sapwood and phloem of the trunk and branches. Branches die when they are girdled by these tunnels.

Many trees lose 30-50 percent of the canopy in one year. The tree is often killed after two or three years of infestation. It may too early to tell whether the injection methods will work, but residents who are dealing with the borer may want to replace the dead or dying ash trees with another species.

PLANTING

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around the root ball and around the trunk. "Otherwise they can girdle the tree (cut into it)," Prentice said.

Residents planting trees should develop a good concise plan, but should not overplant, Liskiewicz said.

"You have to look at how large a plant will get," Liskiewicz said.

As an example, a homeowner may plant trees two to three feet apart and too close to the house. Trees should be at least 10 to 15 feet away from the house. Homeowners should look at the projected height of the tree and plan accordingly.

"Planting for the future is the most important thing," Liskiewicz said.

Developing a sketch helps in shopping for trees and discussing what types do well in your particular soil, Liskiewicz said.

A vast majority of homes in Wayne and Oakland counties sit on clay soil, but occasionally a subdivision may be built in an area with sandy soil.

Prentice said trees should be watered to an equivalent of one inch of rainfall a week.

If Mother Nature doesn't provide it, use a soaker hose for a couple of hours, Prentice said. Two inches of mulch should be maintained around the roots, but not around the trunk.

Zoner said fertilizer spikes can be used in the spring as they are less effective in the colder months. "They really don't work until (the tree) is ready to grow," Zoner said.

Zoner said 95 percent of the deaths of shrubbery and trees are caused by either underwatering or overwatering. Leaves on dry trees that are underwatered turn brown, while overwatered trees have leaves that turn black.

New plants and trees need watering, even in the spring. Some homeowners have a false assumption that trees do not need much watering in the early spring after sitting under the snow all winter.

"We had 14 days of no rain this spring, and the plants really struggled," Liskiewicz said. If homeowners wait until late May or June to water regularly, it jeopardizes the tree's survival.

In clay, trees should not be planted too deep and oxygen is needed in the root area. The hole should be made larger than the root ball, and backfilled with a mixture of peat, humus and topsoil.

Homeowners can research trees, their height and soil conditions and tree characteristics using the *Manual of Woody Landscaping Plants* by Michael Dirr, $70 hardcover or $40 softcover.



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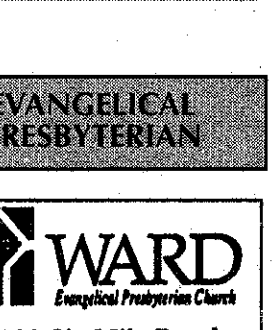
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Slow Down and Enjoy Life!



Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly erected sculpture. My first impulse was to say to myself, "Don't stop to look at it now, you don't have the time." Then I realized that I honestly didn't need to be in such a hurry, and that an extra minute or two to look at this work of art wasn't going to negatively impact my day. On the contrary, slowing down to enjoy this artwork impacted my day in a very positive way. A wise man has said that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. But, we can't enjoy the passage of time if we are forever trying to beat the clock. Today's lifestyle is fast paced; however, slowing down and enjoying God's beauty, such as watching a sunset, or just sitting outside and watching the birds, can be relaxing, and is beneficial to our well-being. There are countless things that we can see or do to make our lives more enjoyable and peaceful. The Bible tells us that God generously gives everything to us for our enjoyment. We should be aware and thankful to God for all the wondrous things in our lives.

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**

RELGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day picnic
Ward Church's Crossing Jordan Labor Day picnic, with games, food, concert, fun, and guest artist Nashville's Todd Agnew, will take place at Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.
Call (248) 374-5934 for information, or send e-mail to lisa.cashero@wardchurch.org.

True Lies Youth Talk
Sara Grivas, youth director at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, examines trends in popular culture in video games, music, TV, movies, and the Internet at a talk for youth (7th grade and up) and their parents 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.
The Detroit World Outreach Choir and other church youth bands will also play. Free will donation to go towards improvements for the church youth room. For information, call (734) 522-6830.

Fall service schedule
Starting Sept. 7, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit goes back to its regular schedule - 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and family Eucharist, nursery provided at 10:30 a.m. service.
For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit the Web site at www.holyspirit-livonia.org.

Birmingham Bible Institute
Birmingham Bible Institute and Marantha Tours Inc. present a visual presentation of walking through the Holy Land of Israel by a licensed guide Sept. 4-7.
The 15-hour program includes interactive lectures, biblical application by institute staff, Communion service at the Garden Tomb, and authentic Israeli breakfast and Middle Eastern dinner.
Cost is $99 per person, $175 for husband and wife. Call (248) 646-2000.

Contemporary worship service
Beginning 11 a.m. Sept. 7, the Sunday Worship Service will have a contemporary format at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton, Rochester Hills.
After much prayer and discussion, plus a year of Sunday evening Praise and Prayer services, a new version of Lutheran worship will be observed.
The Prayer and Praise Team, along with Pastor Scott McKinney, will lead the services in song, the Word and communion.
Members of the Rochester area community are invited to lend their support to those involved with the planning and leading of the service by attending and worshipping using this new version of the Lutheran liturgy.
For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

Women of the Word
Bible studies begin Tuesday, Sept. 9. Bible study, friendship and part are all part of classes including Precept Ministries, Beth Moore and Newcomers Study. Call (734) 455-0022.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Married couples can improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other during weekend Worldwide Marriage Encounters Sept. 12-14, and Oct. 24-26, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth.
Registration fee is $50. For information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic, nonprofit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

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 may attend. 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 Our Lady of Refuge (Orchard Lake) beginning 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, John and Jennifer Rabaey (586) 264-6819.

Come to a revival
Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 13-14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 537-3778. Friday's program is on Making Dedicated Disciples includes evening prayer and reception. Saturday focuses on What Does it Mean to be a Vibrant Church? Potluck at 6 p.m., evening program of music, preaching and prayer at 7:00 p.m. Sunday is Holy Cross Day with Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING

ICEA Convention
International Christian Education Association presents its 57th annual Sunday School & Church Ministries' Convention 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville.
Includes inspiring speakers, informative seminars and workshop, exhibits, children's activities, make and take puppet workshops, music. Cost is $40 if registered before Oct. 1, $60 at door, $30 for one day. Call (248) 557-5526.
ICEA is a non-denominational organization serving churches in the United States and Canada.

Holiday Bazaar
Crafters needed for Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 26431 W. Chicago, Redford. Tables are $30. Call (313) 937-2880.

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 Saturday, 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. 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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Because we value your opinion, we would like your input on a very important contest for all Observer & Eccentric newspaper carriers! Starting April 1st, we'll take monthly nominations for "Carrier of the Month." Our carriers will need your nomination in order to become a candidate for this very important honor. The winning Carrier of the Month from each of our newspapers will receive a plaque, a tour of our offices and 4 movie passes along with receiving his or her name in contention for the coveted "Carrier of the YEAR" award.

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5:30 p.m. Reception in the Upper Deck Lounge at Comerica Park
6:00 Program
7:05 Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians

Meet **Carlos Peña,** Detroit Tigers first baseman, *(scheduled to appear)* enjoy pre-game networking, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes

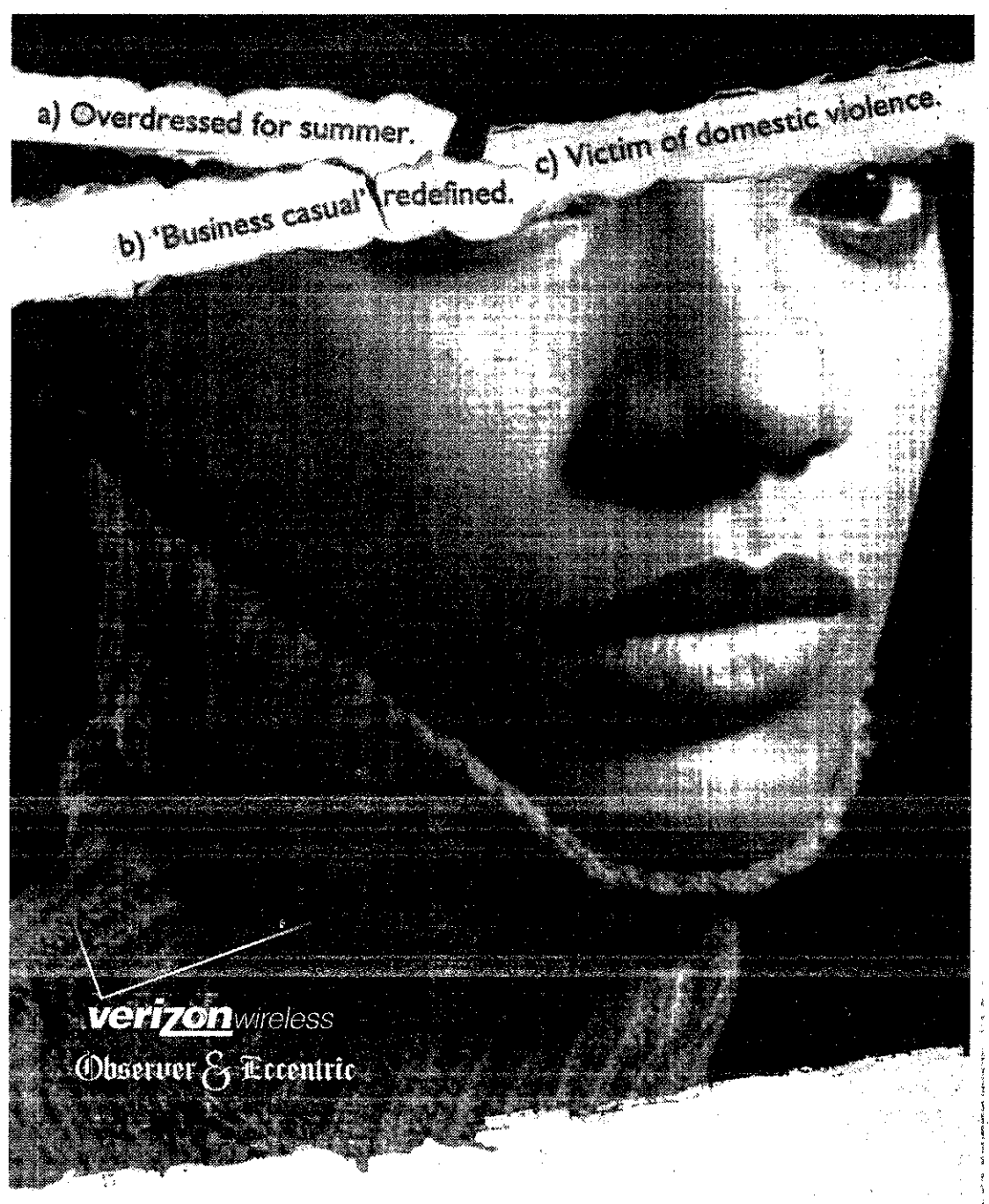
Tickets start at $5. To purchase tickets to the game, please **call 248-25-TIGER, visit the Comerica Park Box Office** or go **online at detroittigers.com**

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WHERE: Skyline Club in Southfield • 2000 Town Center Suite 2800
TIME: 7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

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.

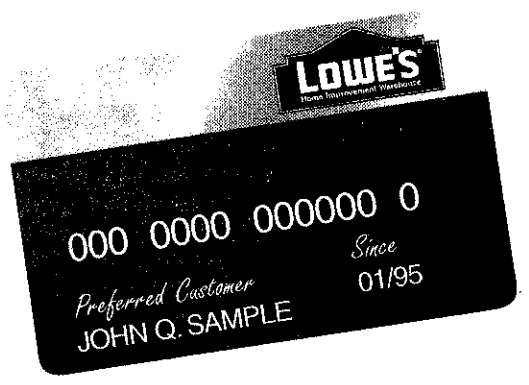
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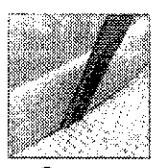
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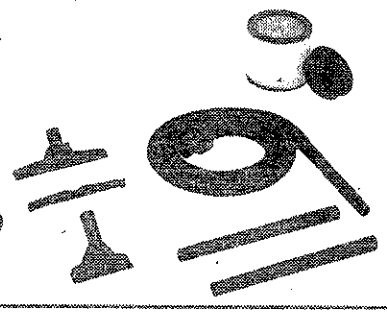



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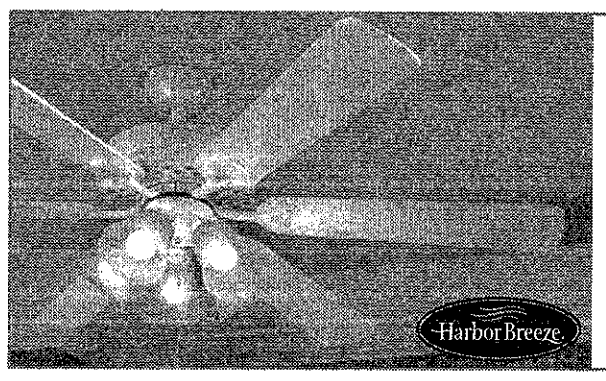
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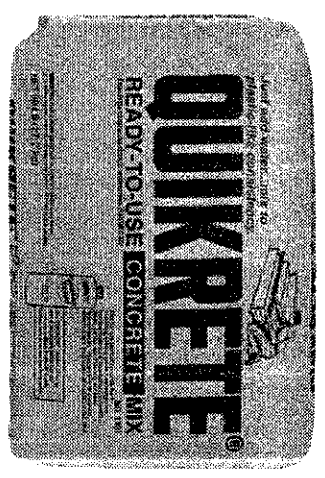
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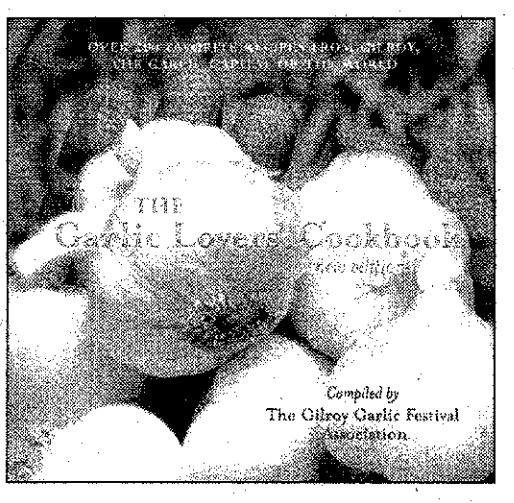
It's a simple bulb, but it adds depth with its warm aura.

Once considered an exotic herb used primarily in a few European and Asian countries and thought to have originated in Siberia, of all places, garlic now has pushed its way onto plates around the world.

Gilroy, Calif., declared itself the Garlic Capital of the World.

Since 1979, the town has thrown the Gilroy Garlic Festival toward the end of July. What began as a simple fund-raiser created by Dr. Rudy Malone to help charities has grown from 5,000 visitors to more than 125,000.

The Gilroy Garlic Festival Association has paid yet another tribute to this wonderful bulb with yet another cookbook, *The Garlic Lovers' Cookbook*, a tribute to these cloves spiked with flavor, adding zest and heart to pasta sauces, grilled meats, marinades, salad dressings, breads and appetizers. The book is now in its third printing, released in 2003 by Celestial Arts Publishing in Berkeley ($14.95).



The book highlights what you already know and maybe informs you about things you didn't. The book is fun in its anecdotal and sometimes whimsical approach to the herb.

Of course, the book features the health claims, about rubbing garlic on one's feet for good health, curing infections and high blood pressure and preventing colds. Whether or not these claims are true matters little to the garlic lovers.

If you love garlic, you want a lot of it.

Soy sauce marinades just don't have the same punch without at least a clove or two of raw garlic. (A clove for each pound of meat is usually a good ratio, depending of course on the size of the clove.)

Then there's pesto with pasta. A rack of lamb can be encased in Dijon mustard, herbs and garlic, while a rotisserie chicken can be cooked to a crispy succulence enclosed in garlic, rosemary and/or thyme. Pork gets a wonderful accent from the pungent little herb — even a rub of a single clove on a pork loin works a little magic.

Roasted garlic gives off a softer, nuttier flavor than when it is raw, and you can spread on Italian or French bread for a wonderful addition to most meals. It's so simple: Just place in one of those terra cotta garlic roasters a bulb split crosswise and topped with extra virgin olive oil and sprinkled with thyme. Cook at 300º F for an hour and it's ready.

Garlic should be plump and firm when purchased. Store in a cool, dry place that is well-ventilated. If garlic is to be kept for a long time, whole cloves should be peeled, then dropped into olive oil and refrigerated for no more than three months. Garlic loses its pungency when stored in open air, according to the book.

"For three cups barbecue, tomato or other sauce, use two or three cloves fresh garlic," the cookbook reads. And don't cook it in hot

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Dish

Walnut is back

Black Walnut Ice Cream is back.

Edy's Grand Ice Cream has returned this "old-time" flavor to grocery store aisles this month to tempt the taste buds of local ice cream aficionados.

Available for a limited time, Edy's Black Walnut Ice Cream blends creamy vanilla ice cream with crunchy black walnuts.

The ice cream is available through the end of 2003. For more information on Edy's ice cream, visit www.Edys.com

Cheesy awards

The state of Wisconsin proved it is still the king of cheese.

Cheesemakers from that state took home 34 awards, including nine for first place, at the American Cheese Society's Annual Cheese Competition in San Francisco in early August.

Wisconsin master cheesemaker Sid Cook of Carr Valley Cheese in LaValle, Wis., led with six first-place honors. He won for his virgin pine native blue, mobay, 8-year cheddar, feta, river bend cheese and gran canaria.

For more information on the competition, visit www.cheesesociety.org or visit the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board at www.WisDairy.com.

Culinary event

The Schoolcraft College Foundation hosts Culinary Extravaganza, a food and wine event, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in the VisTaTech Center.

Tickets are $50 per person. More than 50 restaurants and beverage vendors from throughout Michigan will feature samplings.

Schoolcraft is on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Call (734) 462-4670 to order tickets or for more information.

Jerry's Kids

Ritter's Frozen Custard and The Muscular Dystrophy Association are teaming up to help Jerry's Kids by offering "Jerry's Kids Krunch" premium custard flavor at participating Ritter Custard Shoppes. Ten percent of the top-line sales of Jerry's Kids Krunch will go to the MDA.

Jerry's Kids Krunch flavor is available exclusively at Ritter's Custard Shoppes and was created by Ritter's last year as a way to contribute to the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon.

Jerry's Kids Krunch flavor combines Ritter's signature award-winning frozen vanilla custard with Oreo Cookie Pieces, M&M pieces, and colorful rainbow sprinkles.

Jerry Kids Krunch will be available for a limited time, through Labor Day.

The Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon will be airing Sunday, Aug. 31 to Monday, Sept. 1.

Ritter's Frozen Custard is an ice cream recipe that traces its roots back to a French-style ice cream developed more than 100 years ago.

Ritter's is at 31227 Eight Mile in Livonia. Currently, there are 43 Ritter's Frozen Custard shoppes in eight states, with another 10 scheduled to open this year.

For more information on Ritter's Frozen Custard call (317) 819-0700 or visit www.ritters.com.

Carmenere, the lost wine of Bordeaux region

In the 18th century, although it was difficult to grow, vintners in the Bordeaux region of France touted a red grape named carmenere (carmen-AIR) for its color and flavor. Apparently, it made an ideal blending varietal in the typical Bordeaux mix of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot.



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

After phylloxera destroyed French vineyards in the late 19th century, carmenere was not replanted. Although it produced top-notch fruit, its penchant for shattering, mildew, pest problems and root infections discouraged vintners.

A loss in Bordeaux became a gain in Chile when carmenere was introduced there along with other Bordeaux varieties, somewhere around the mid-19th century. Since Chilean vineyards were never plagued by phylloxera, original plantings continued to flourish on their own roots but along the way began to be confused with merlot. Consequently, the two varieties were planted together in the same vineyards and carmenere appeared destined for extinction.

REDISCOVERED

Viticulturists noticed fruit development and other differences vine to vine in the mixed merlot-carmenere vineyards. Carmenere leaves have denser formations than merlot and near harvest, they turn deep pink to red. Merlot does not. Carmenere has larger berries and ripens two to three weeks later than merlot.

Yet, it was not until 1994 that the French ampelographer Jean-Michel Boursiquot correctly distinguished carmenere from merlot. In 1996, the Chilean government recognized the variety carmenere and permitted the name to appear on varietal wine labels beginning in 1998. As such, carmenere may be cited as a "new" varietal wine in the New World.

Because of Chile's longer growing season, carmenere does better in Chile than it did in Bordeaux. In Chile, it reaches maximum flavor development without the pressures of rain or frost near the end of harvest.

Today, carmenere stands on its own as a varietal bottling or because of its good color, complex characters and ample roundness, it enhances blends of other Bordeaux varieties such as cabernet sauvignon.

CARMENERE ADVANCES

The vision of several California winery owners such as Robert Mondavi, Agustin Huneus (Franciscan) and Jess Jackson (Kendall Jackson) advanced the cause of carmenere in Chile. From the beginning of the joint venture between Mondavi and Vina Errazuriz, it was decided that carmenere would play a part in the wines of the partnership. The 2000 Sena ($70), continues its heritage as the first ultra-premium wine blend from Chile made from cabernet, merlot and carmenere.

The flavorful 2000 Errazuriz Max Reserva Merlot $25 is blended with 12 percent carmenere. Also under the joint venture Arboleda label, there's a carmenere, sourced from the partnership estates in two premium Chilean growing areas, Colchagua and Maipo. The 2001 Arboleda Carmenere is $15.

The 2000 Veramonte Primus from the Chilean interests of Franciscan is a blend of 60 percent carmenere, 22 percent merlot and 18 percent cabernet sauvignon. Under the Calina label from Chile, founded by Jess Jackson, there's a carmenere. Look for it from producers such as Santa Rita, Carmen, Concha y Toro in its Terrunyo line (which may be difficult to find) and Montes, a blend of

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Tuscan-style steak with arugula, parmesan

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Finding the best ingredients often can make or break a recipe. High-quality extra-virgin olive oil in particular can make a huge difference in the flavor of a dish, such as this simple steak recipe.

Using the best extra-virgin olive oil and Parmesan cheese you can find makes this 30-minute recipe a succulent, attractive dish that is appropriate for a variety of occasions.

TUSCAN-STYLE STEAK WITH ARUGULA AND PARMESAN

(Preparation time 30 minutes.)
5 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp. fresh-squeezed lemon juice
2 medium cloves garlic, minced or pressed through a garlic press (about 2 tsp.)
1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley leaves
1 tbsp. chopped fresh oregano leaves
Salt and coarsely ground black pepper
1 tsp. vegetable oil
4 boneless strip steaks, 1 to 11/4 inches thick (8 to 10 ounces each), trimmed of exterior gristle and patted dried with paper towels
8 cups loosely packed arugula, washed and dried
3 oz. Parmesan cheese, cut into thin shavings

Whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, parsley, oregano and a pinch each of salt and pepper in a small bowl until smooth.

Heat the vegetable oil in a large, heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat until smoking. Meanwhile, season the steaks liberally with salt and pepper. Lay the steaks in the pan and cook, without moving, until a well-browned crust forms, about five to six minutes. Using tongs, flip the steaks. Reduce the heat to medium. Cook three to four minutes more for rare (120 F on an instant-read thermometer) or five to six minutes for medium-rare (125 F). Transfer the steaks to a cutting board, tent with aluminum foil, and let rest for five minutes.

Divide the arugula evenly among 4 individual plates. Cut each steak crosswise into thin strips and arrange the steak over the arugula. Drizzle any juices that collected from the meat over the greens. Rewhisk the dressing and drizzle it over the steak and greens. Sprinkle with the Parmesan and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe from "The Quick Recipe" by the editors of Cook's Illustrated magazine, Boston Common Press, 2003, $29.95.)

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cabernet and carmenere.

The French also have gotten into the act. The 2001 Baron Philippe de Rothschild Maipo Chile Carmenere Reserva ($10) is a fun, inexpensive pour that adds an element of decadence to a gourmet pizza. That's the best thing about carmenere, as a varietal wine, it's not expensive. Most bottlings are $20 or less.

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WINE PICKS

In addition to a carmenere, the following are juicy and delicious reds for your Labor Day barbecue:

MERLOT

New Zealand beauty: 2000 Esk Valley Black Label (blended with cabernet), $15

South African hits: 2001 Fleur du Cap, $13, and 1998 Le Bonheur Prima, $15

California fruit forward: 2001 Markham, $21, and 2001 Clos LaChance, $18

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Pick of the pack: 1999 Burgess Cellars Enveiere (Meritage), $70. Great wine from a highly touted cabernet vintage.

Excellent: 2000 Burgess Cellars, $39

Very good: 1998 Uitkyk Carlonet, South Africa, $17, and 2000 Dry Creek Vineyard, Sonoma County, $21

ZINFANDEL

2001 Dry Creek Vineyard Heritage Clone, $15

OUT OF THE ORDINARY BARGAINS

2002 Marques de Caceras White, $7

2002 Marques de Caceras Rose, $7, which bested a dozen roses we tasted

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.

Garlic maintains folklore, legend through history

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Garlic has a long history, according to *The Garlic Lovers' Cookbook*.

Mentioned over 5,000 years ago in Sanskrit, the first written language, garlic was a staple in the Sumerian diet. Herodotus, the Greek historian, is credited with noting that the Egyptian workers who built the pyramid of Cheops refused to work without their daily portion of garlic.

Garlic was found in King Tutankhamun's tomb. Homer (the philosopher, not Simpson) praised it for its health-giving properties.

WHEN IN ROME ...

Romans considered it an aphrodisiac, which may explain why they ate so much of it.

The Garlic Lovers' Cookbook credits the Crusaders for introducing the garlic to northern Europe. Banquet guests there were requested to compose verses saluting it.

In Balkan countries, garlic was rubbed on doorknobs and window frames to discourage vampires.

"But the legend isn't all on the positive side," the authors write. "A Mohammedan folktale explains that when Satan was ejected from the Garden of Eden, garlic sprang up wherever he set down his feet, and in 1330, King Alfonso XI of Castile is said to have founded a knightly order based entirely on the hatred of garlic."

TO GOOD HEALTH

Garlic also maintains its reputation for healing everything from high blood pressure to tuberculosis, and more folklore surrounds this food than perhaps any other.

Greeks and Romans prescribed it for many ailments, and 16th century Parisians would supposedly benefit with good health all year round if they ate garlic with fresh butter during the month of May. A cut clove was thought to cure toothaches or earaches.

Even Chaucer wrote about it in *The Canterbury Tales*: "Wel loved he garleek, onyons and eek lekes." Bernardin de Saint-Pierre reported that garlic cured nervous maladies.

But even today, some cultures believe it is a sign of good fortune to dream about garlic.

GARLIC

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oil, as it burns easily.

The new cookbook will cure you of kitchen boredom with the recipes ranging from Antipasto Aglio to Zesty Zucchini Sauté. Many of the recipes were taken from winners and entrants in the Garlic Festival's recipe contest.

Take the Garlicky Mushrooms Supreme, which can be served as a vegetable side dish at your next dinner party, according to Carrie Cohen of Woodland Hills. Saute one pound of sliced mushrooms in four tablespoons olive oil, covered, about 15 minutes. Add seven cloves of sliced garlic, three tablespoons chopped parsley and salt and pepper to taste and leave uncovered. Simmer until liquid evaporates, but don't let garlic brown. (See related recipes.)

You can make aioli — the French garlic mayonnaise — with one cup mayonnaise and add two or three fresh garlic cloves, finely chopped. Serve as a dip for vegetables or as a sauce for meats or fish.

The cookbook includes quotes about the festival from newspapers, like this gem from the *London Daily Mail*: "You could wash down the garlic sauce on garlic bread and garlic wine."

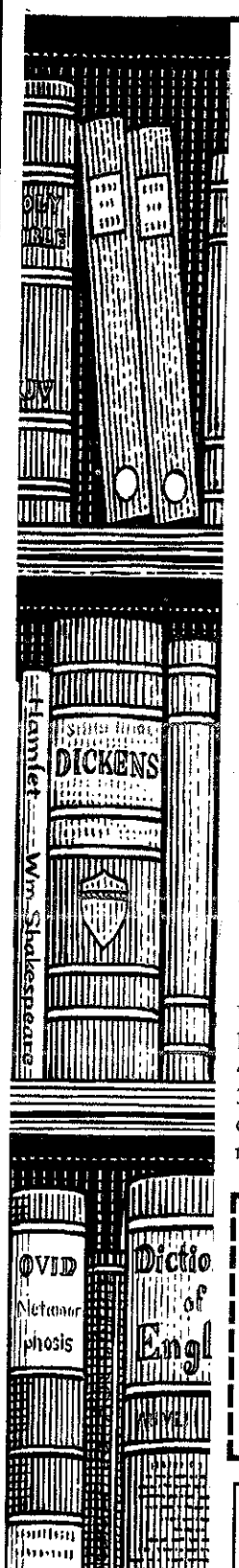
Linda Tarvin's recipe for Garlic Toothpaste for Yellow or Stained Teeth didn't make it to the finals, but she recipe provided a few laughs among the judges as it called for 20 cloves of garlic, according to the *San Jose Mercury*. "Does not remove yellow or stains from teeth, but nobody will ever get close enough to notice," Tarvin said.

Garlic fanciers can participate in the annual Great Garlic Cook-off Recipe Contest, held during the Gilroy Garlic Festival each year. Contest details are available at the Festival's Web site (www.gilroygarlicfestival.com) or by calling the office at (408) 842-1625.

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Students-we know that returning to school consists of a few words that many of you wish you did not have in your vocabulary, but International Literacy Day reminds us that we should be thankful that we can read and write.
International Literacy Day has been held annually on September 8th since 1967 to focus attention on the need to promote worldwide literacy. It is estimated that 875 million of the world's adults do not know how to read or write (nearly 2/3 of this number are women), and that more than 110 million children lack access to education.
To participate in celebrating International Literacy Day, the Oasis Golf Center and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' in Education Program are teaming up to invite you to write a story or submit an editorial cartoon per the subject matter and directions below.

ESSAY: Write an essay about what reading and writing mean to you-for your school work, personal life, future, etc. Please limit this to 250 words or less.
NEWS STORY: Write a special news story about the world losing all of its written documents except for that day's newspaper. Include the who, what, where, when, and why and of course, what the results would be of such a catastrophe. Please limit this to 250 words or less.
EDITORIAL CARTOON: Draw an editorial cartoon featuring no words but which conveys the message of what it means not to know how to read or write. Please use black ink only.

How does the contest work?
1. The contest will have one first place winner per category and one honorable mention per newspaper in each of our 4 categories:
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2. Judging will be based on, but not limited to the following criteria where applicable:
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3. All entries must be mailed to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and received no later than **Tuesday, September 2nd** to:
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Winners' names and contest entries will appear in the Thursday, September 11th issues of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.
4. There will be 4 movie tickets and Oasis Golf Center Mini-golf admission for 4 given to each of the winners in each of the 3 categories-in each of grade groups for a total of 12 prizes. First Place and Honorable Mention winners will each be given a certificate of award. The best overall composition or cartoon will be awarded a $100 Savings Bond in addition to their regular prize.

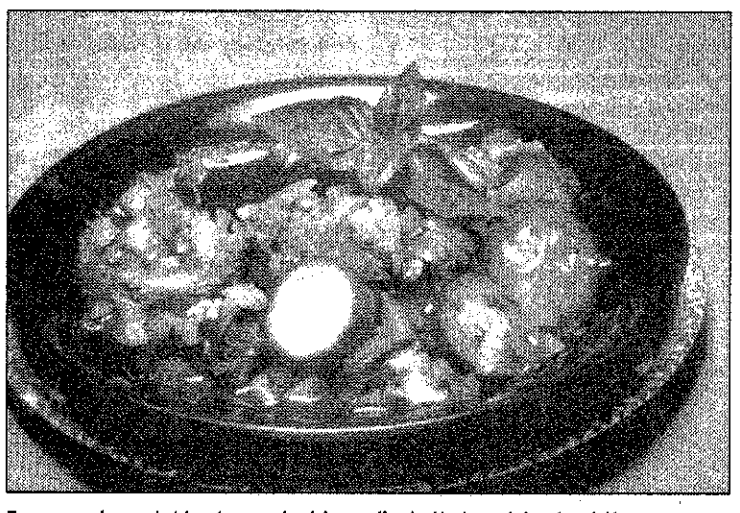
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Attached is my entry for the Oasis Golf Center/O&E International Literacy Day Student Contest. I am submitting:
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Was this part of a class project? ❑ Yes ❑ No
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Blend herbs and vegetables to make this ratatouille

BY DANA JACOBI
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For a good vegetable stew, select ingredients that cook in about the same amount of time, taste good together and have eye-pleasing color.

If stewing brings to mind chunks of meat simmering slowly in flavorful liquid, remember some of the best stews are meatless dishes like ratatouille as well as other European dishes.

As with meat stews, moist cooking helps meld the flavors of the vegetables while they turn tender. While all stews fit the growing popularity of cook-on-their-own dishes, most meatless versions cook in far less time than those made with meat.

Success in making vegetable stews relies on putting together harmonious combinations, and cooking just until the vegetables are tender but still able to hold their shape.

Since vegetables can start to fall apart quickly once they are tender, when making ratatouille, I often undercook it slightly, then let it reach perfection as it reheats for the trip to the table.

Like other stews, meatless versions improve in flavor when allowed to sit, overnight if possible, before serving. They gain even more flavor each time they are reheated, as this concentrates their juices even more.

For a good vegetable stew, select ingredients that cook in about the same amount of time, taste good together and have eye-pleasing color. For example, I combine sliced sweet potatoes, chunky cauliflower florets and diced red bell pepper to make tagine, the Moroccan stew flavored with cinnamon, cumin and other spices. If you want to include quicker cooking vegetables, add them at a later point, so they are not done before those that take more time.

Once you find a vegetable stew combination you like and work out the cooking time and the amount of liquid to use, you can depend on "old reliable" without risking boredom by using a few different types of seasoning.

Instead of the usual basil or thyme for a French accent, I will use oregano and mint for a Greek touch, or a combination of cinnamon, ground ginger and paprika, to give it a North African flavor, as with this version of ratatouille.

Spiced Ratatouille

- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 medium zucchini, 3/4 pound, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 1 small eggplant, 3/4 pound, cut in 1-inch cubes*
- 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 large red onion, diced
- 2-3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

In a deep, medium skillet over medium heat, toast paprika, cinnamon, and ginger until fragrant, about 1 minute, stirring constantly with wooden spoon. Take care they do not burn. Add squash, eggplant, peppers, onions and garlic. Pour in 3/4 cup water. Add lemon juice. Cover, and bring liquid to boil.

Reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes.

Add basil. Season ratatouille to taste with salt and pepper. Cook until eggplant is very soft and stew is thick, about 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cook partially covered if stew is swimming in liquid.

Serve at room temperature or slightly chilled. This vegetable stew keeps, tightly covered in refrigerator, four to five days.

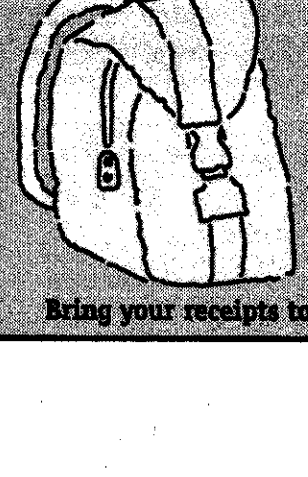
*Eggplant may be used with or without peel. I cut away and discard outermost parts that are nearly all peel, leaving about half the eggplant with peel on it. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 46 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 5 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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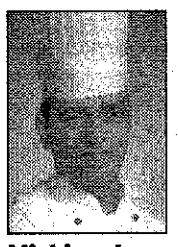

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Michigan's Best

Colin Brown

It was in 1893 that the first commercial tart cherry orchards were established in Michigan. By the 1900s, the tart cherry industry was firmly established in the United States.

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Below I have included some of my favorite and fun cherry recipes:

Sparkling Cherry Juice

This is a nice refreshing drink for those hot summer days.

- 1 pound sour cherries, washed and pitted
- 2 pounds sugar
- ½ pint water
- Sparkling water

Place the cherries in a saucepan off the stove; pour the sugar over the top and let sit for 2 hours. Add the water and stir to mix the cherries, sugar and water until the sugar dissolves.

Bring the cherry mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes.

Strain the liquid into another pan, pressing the cherries with a spoon to extract all the liquid, and discard the cherries. Simmer the liquid over low heat until it is syrupy and coats the back of a spoon.

Remove from the heat and let cool. Pour the syrup in a jar and store in the refrigerator.

To Serve: Place 1-2 tablespoons of syrup in each glass, fill glasses with chilled sparkling water and stir to mix.

Michigan Cherry Clafouti

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 fresh vanilla bean, split
- 1 tablespoon brandy
- 1 cup flour
- 1½ cups milk
- 1 pound stoned cherries

Preheat the oven to 350º F. Grease a 13-inch oval ovenproof dish.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs and half of the sugar. Scrape the vanilla bean and add the pulp to the egg mixture. Stir in the brandy and flour, then whisk in the milk to form a smooth batter. In another mixing bowl, toss the cherries and the remaining sugar.

Place the cherries in the ovenproof dish and pour the batter on top. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until the cake is sponge-like. Remove and let cool for about 5 minutes. Serve dusted with powder sugar. Serves 6-8.

Tapioca Pudding with Grand Marnier Cherries

- 2½ cups whole or 2 percent milk
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 3-4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Fresh cherries
- Grand Marnier
- Mint sprigs, for garnish

In a bowl, pour enough Grand Marnier to cover the cherries and let sit for 30 minutes.

In a heavy saucepan, combine milk, sugar, tapioca and salt. Let stand for 10 minutes and then slowly bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring constantly, for two minutes. Gradually whisk half the pudding into the beaten eggs.

Thoroughly stir this mixture into the remaining pudding. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until you see the first sign of thickening. Remove from heat immediately and stir in the vanilla.

Let mixture cool in the saucepan for 30 minutes. It will thicken considerably.

To serve: May be served warm or chilled. Spoon cherries and pudding into champagne glasses and garnish with fresh mint sprigs. Serves 4-6.

Cherry and Peach Cobbler

Buttermilk Biscuit Crust:

- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 1-½ sticks unsalted butter
- 1 cup buttermilk, milk or heavy cream

Filling:

- 2 pounds fresh peaches, rinsed, halved, pitted and sliced
- 1-½ pounds fresh cherries, sour if possible, rinsed and pitted
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- Buttermilk and sugar for finishing

Preheat oven to 450º F. Set a rack at the middle level.

For the dough, place the flour in a bowl and rub in the butter until fine and mealy, but do not allow it to become pasty. Stir in the buttermilk, adding more if necessary.

Press dough together on a floured surface, wrap and allow to rest while preparing filling.

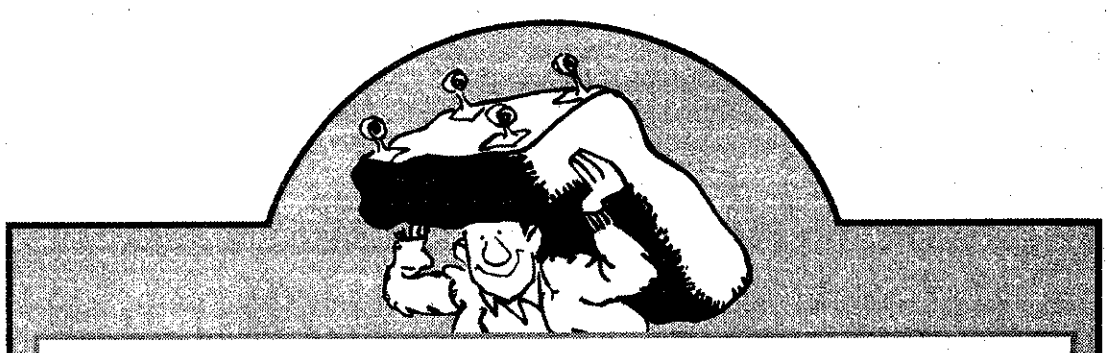
For filling, combine peaches and cherries in a bowl and toss with sugar. Pour into a large gratin dish or 6-8 individual dishes. Dot with butter and sprinkle evenly with the almond extract.

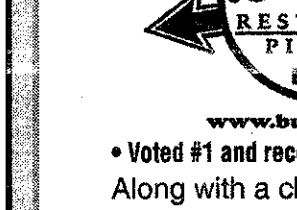
Press out the dough on a floured surface until it is roughly the size of the baking dish (or, if you are using individual dishes, divide the dough into equally sized pieces).

Lift the dough onto the filling using a thin flexible cookie sheet, and cut several vent holes in top. Brush with buttermilk and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake for about 20 minutes, until the crust is well colored and the filling is bubbling. Cool slightly on a rack and serve warm with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Serves 6-8.

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One such finding was when asking women what would help them best balance work and personal life, 55 percent of those polled said flexible hours. A program that easily adapts to the challenges of today's world, Weight Watchers developed an advanced approach that targets this concept for our already proven weight-loss program.

What makes this program different is the 35 FlexPoints assigned to foods provide a buffer zone when life takes them off course with missed meals, eating on the go, dining out with children, sudden cravings and events.

Weight WatChers has integrated healthy nutrition and portion control, behavior and physical activity with simple, user-friendly guides.

FlexPoints provides the framework for healthy eating and then lets people decide what foods to eat.

Applying the principles of good nutrition, Weight Watchers provides an ongoing banking system for simple tracking of individual daily POINTS totals of food and exercise, and a handy booklet of visual aids to help identify appropriate serving sizes (essential given today's 'supersizing').

In a recent American Institute for Cancer Research study, 69 percent of American adults stated they finish their entrees regardless of size, encouraged overeating as much as 56 percent.

Flex Points teaches ways around these ploys of the food industry. It also appealed to individual food preferences, providing a visual pie chart that shows three different wqays to achieve the recommended mix of proteins, carbohydrates and fats.

Weight Watchers knows that healthy weight-loss isn't just about what we eat. How we think and behave regarding food and what we do in terms of physical activity also influence it.

And because research shows that people who go to Weight Watchers meetings are more likely to lose weight than people who try to lose weight on their own, we provide behavioral support more than ever. By attending weekly group meetings members learn and share practical skills for dealing with common weight-loss obstacles, and share what works.

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Frozen fruit soufflés are an, elegant choice to end summer

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Frozen soufflés — much like their steaming hot cousins — offer a dramatic finishing touch to any meal.

Although frozen soufflés resemble their baked counterparts, they are made in a dramatically different fashion. Frozen soufflés are not baked but are instead made on the stove and countertop. Both versions are aerated, however, and have a composition just stiff enough to hold their shapes.

Frozen soufflés are in a category that includes parfaits and bombes (a layered frozen dessert of molded ice cream or sherbet). Frozen soufflés (soufflé glace, in French) contain whipped cream, meringue and a flavoring, such as chocolate, fruit puree or nut paste. The egg whites are whipped to a meringue with sugar that has been cooked.

Frozen soufflés are traditionally served in ramekins (single-serve bowls), as are hot soufflés. To mimic the look and resulting

effect of a baked soufflé, the ramekins used for frozen soufflés are prepared with a "collar."

A collar is a piece of parchment paper attached to the outside of the ramekin that extends an inch or two above its top. The soufflé mixture is then piped or spooned in and leveled off with the top of the parchment paper. The parchment collar is removed before serving, creating the look of a hot soufflé. Because frozen soufflés need to be made ahead to allow for freezing time, they are best prepared at least one day in advance to ensure outstanding results.

"There are many ingredients that can be added to flavor frozen soufflés, including summer berries now in season," says Peter

Greweling, professor in baking and pastry arts at The Culinary Institute of America. "These desserts are easy to make for summer entertaining because, unlike hot soufflés, they are made ahead of time, then unwrapped, garnished, and served in minutes."

The following recipe for frozen fruit soufflé includes two delicious variations. This recipe, along with hundreds of other desserts, is explained and illustrated in "The Culinary Institute of America's Baking and Pastry, Mastering the Art and Craft" which will be available in January 2004.

Frozen Fruit Soufflé

- 2 large egg whites
- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ tablespoon light corn syrup
- 3 tablespoons of water
- ⅔ cup fresh fruit (strawberries, raspberries, etc.), pureed in blender
- 10 ounces heavy cream, lightly whipped

Cut 10 11-by-2-inch strips of heavy duty aluminum foil or parchment paper. Wrap each strip around the outside of a 4½-fluid-ounce ramekin and fasten with tape. Place the egg whites, cream of tartar and¼ cup of the sugar in an electric mixer fitted with the wire-whisk attachment. Combine the remaining sugar, the corn syrup and water in a saucepan and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Cook, occasionally brushing down the sides of the pan with a damp pastry brush, until the syrup reaches 260 F on a candy thermometer.

When the sugar syrup reaches 240 F, begin whipping the egg whites on high speed until soft peaks form. When the sugar syrup reaches 260 F, carefully pour the hot syrup in a steady stream into the egg whites, while continuing to whip. Then whip the mixture until it reaches room temperature.

Gently fold in the fruit puree. Fold in the heavy cream. Fill the prepared molds to the top and smooth the tops. Freeze for 8 hours, or until firm. Makes 10 servings (3 fluid ounces each).

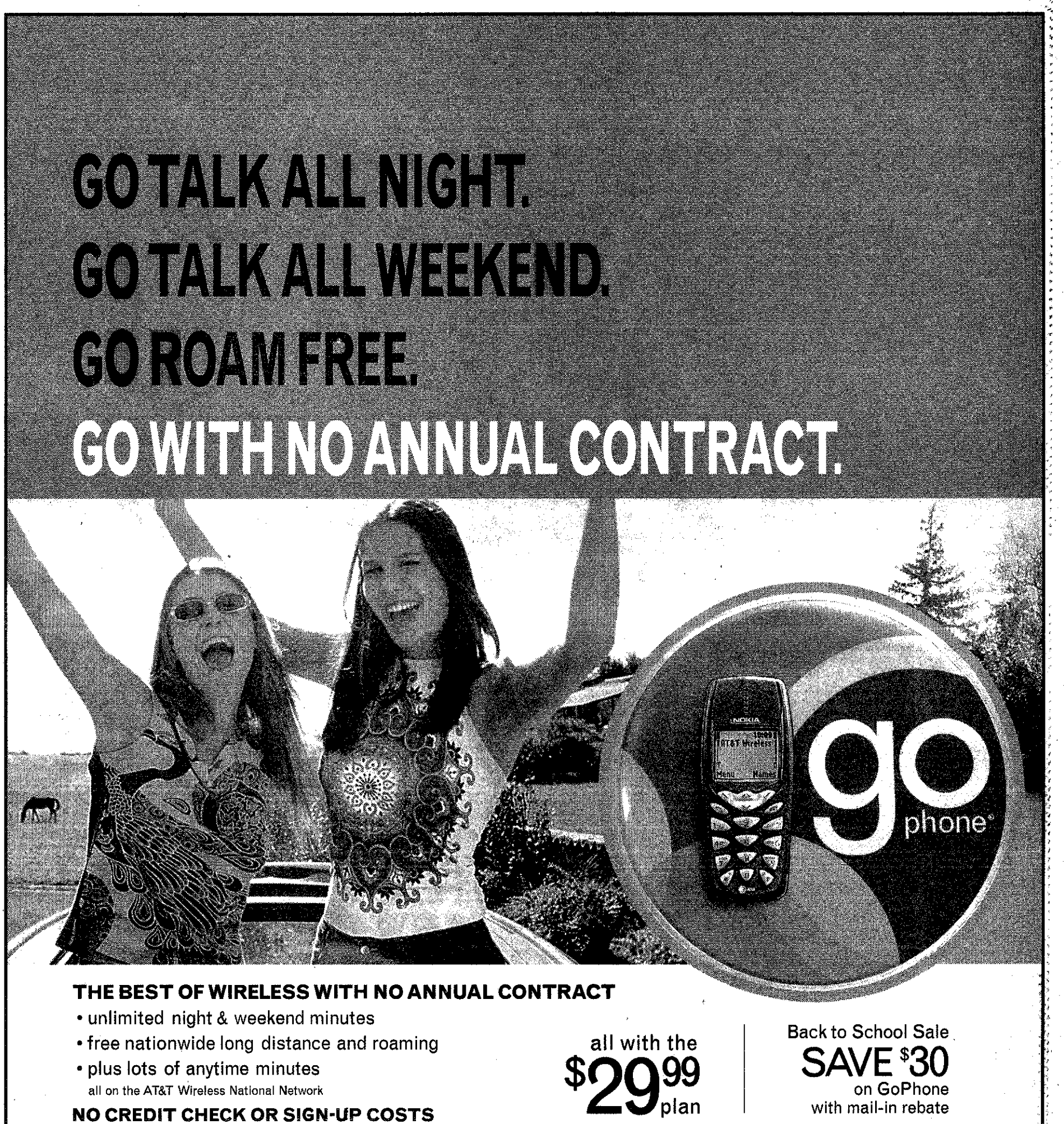
Variations:

Frozen Chocolate Soufflé

Substitute 4 ounces (or¾ cup) melted dark chocolate for fruit puree.

Frozen Pistachio, Almond or Peanut Butter Soufflé

Substitute⅓ cup pistachio paste, praline paste or peanut butter for the fruit puree.



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Robert M. Meisner

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Those restrictions that are illegal may be invalid by operation of law and not enforceable. On the other hand, it depends upon the requirements of your restrictions to determine the necessary vote approval to obtain new documents. You are best advised to consult with a community association attorney to review your restrictions and give you a written opinion as to what the necessary requirements are to update them.

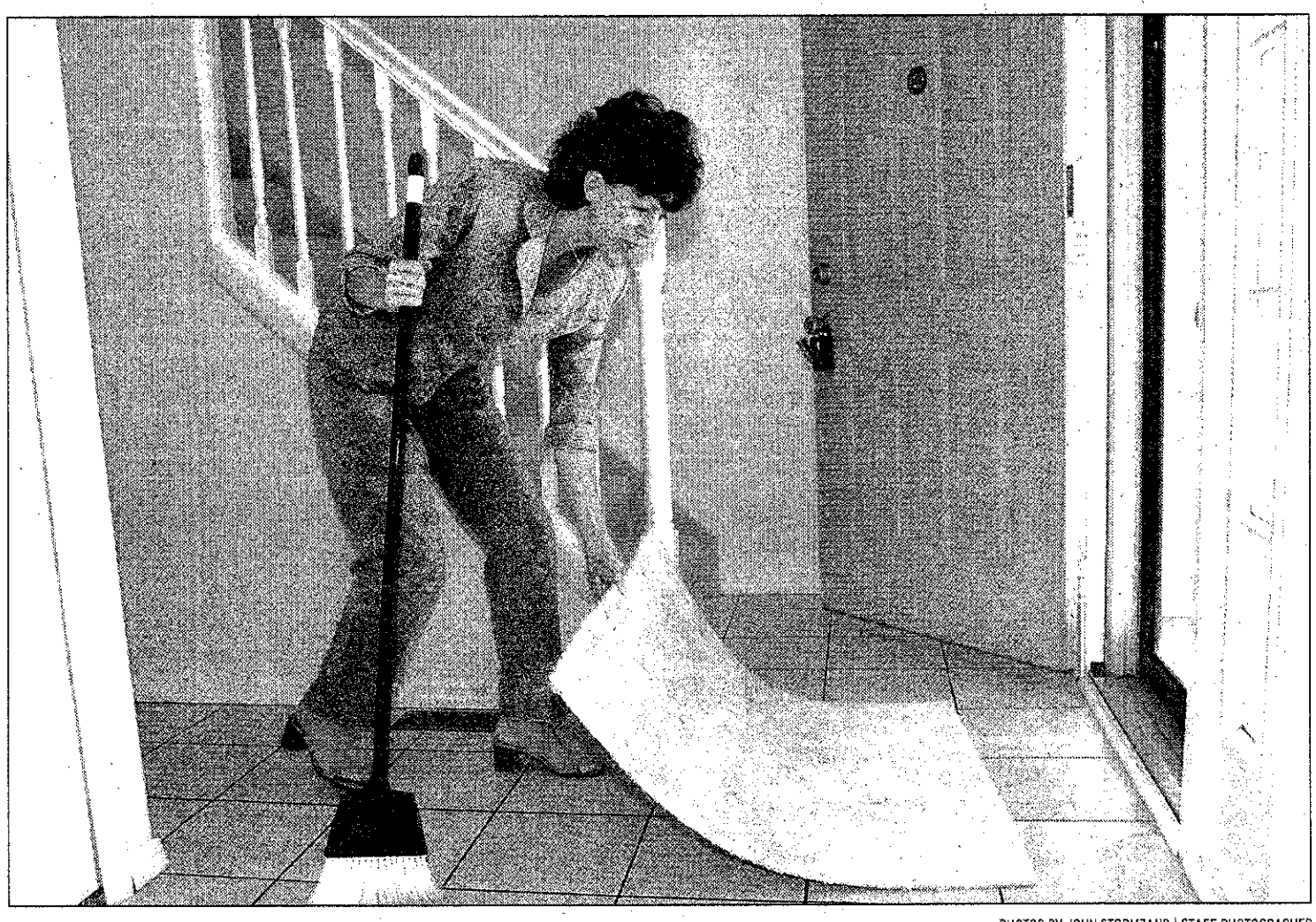
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injured by discriminating housing practices about to occur. The court indicated that a person has to show only that he/she has suffered an actual injury that was caused by the defendant's conduct and that such injuries are likely to be redressed by a favorable court ruling. Therefore, you would have standing to pursue a violation of the Fair Housing Act, although, it's not totally clear whether in fact restricting families with children to various floors in a building would constitute a violation of the Fair Housing Act as the case was remanded for further proceedings regarding that issue.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, Second Edition. It is available for $9.95 plus $2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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Mary Bann, who sells houses for Prudential Chamberlain Steihl in Troy, lifts a rug checking to make sure the room is broom clean for the new owners.

Sweep up before turning over keys

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

If you'd like to make Mary Bann laugh, just say, "Broom clean."

"Oh, the things we see," said Bann, who sells houses for Prudential Chamberlain Steihl, Troy.

"Broom clean" is the requirement stated in the purchase agreement for a house, calling on the seller to sweep it out.

"Not everyone perceives it to mean the same thing," Bann said.

"I've gone to do a final walk-through" before closing the sale "and the house is supposed to be in broom-swept condition but no broom had visited that house in quite a while," she said.

On the other hand, Bann said, "I've even had sellers who were willing to shampoo carpeting and the buyers weren't expecting that.

"And then you have the reverse – buyers who expect everything to be in tiptop condition and sellers who just want to give things a quick once-over. Or sellers who just run out of time and the moving van is here and there's no time to go back in and do it."

When Bann stops laughing, ask her for a reasonable definition of "broom clean," one that can work for almost everyone. She'll give you what she calls her "personal golden rule" that she quotes to sellers: "How would you want the house left for you?"

Bann said her broom experiences include the nice and the bizarre.

NICE GESTURE

"Oh, this is so sweet," she said. "I just had a closing in Waterford. The sellers not only had the carpets shampooed, but they left a bottle of champagne and two glasses in the refrigerator. And a gift basket on the kitchen counter for the newlyweds who bought the house. It had been the sellers' first house three years before."

Then there was the house sale Bann handled for a woman who was very recently divorced. Not only did the seller leave the house unswept, she refused to leave the house.

"She was stressed. Said she wasn't moving out. Hadn't packed anything. Said she didn't have anyone to help her. I got a crew – my buyers, my 12-year-old daughter, myself – we packed her and got her moved."

Kay Betanzos agrees that there isn't universal accord on the meaning of "broom clean."

Betanzos, a sales agent with Cranbrook Associates, Birmingham, said, "My understanding is that the home is to be swept out and things removed. "Usually one person's" idea of that "isn't the same as another's. You might get an extremely good housekeeper who will scrub the floors so clean you could eat off them or someone else who barely vacuums."

But how do you measure clean? It just might come down, Betanzos said, to what your mother taught you. "I take it quite literally. You get rid of all your cobwebs and debris when you move out."

The walk-through, usually about 24 hours before closing the sale, Betanzos said, is a chance to look things over, a time for the buyers to say they want that washing machine removed from the basement and that stuff removed from the garage.

Betanzos said that when she anticipates a problem she insists on withholding some of the money – $300-$500 – due to the seller at closing in case the house is not cleaned out and a cleaning service or hauling company has to be hired.

But the walk-through inspection doesn't help much, Mark Walski said, if the sellers will continue to occupy the house after the closing.

WHAT'S LEFT

Walski, a sales agent with Century 21 Town & Country, Plymouth, said you can't know during the inspection what might be left when the sellers finally move out.

Sometimes, he said, "It's whatever they felt like leaving. Stuff in the basement. Old moldings from remodeling. Paint cans, lumber in the garage. An old pickup truck behind the garage.

"Broom clean means anything that would be caught by a broom should be out of there. A broom would have caught that truck," he said.

But if the house you buy isn't as clean as you'd like it to be, or if you want the house you're selling to be spotless, you might want to consider a professional house-cleaning company. One that real estate agents sometimes call on is Elbows & Derriers Inc., Franklin.

"Even if it looks clean," said Denise Bigelow, area manager, "they want it sanitized." Her company, she said, routinely is summoned by agents, sellers, and buyers to make houses shine. For the seller, she said, "it's important to clean grout; the space where carpeting meets the wall and dust and pet hair collect; and get fingerprints off of furniture, or people looking at your house won't think you're a tidy housekeeper."

And while "broom clean" makes some people laugh, Bigelow just says, "Broom clean is not a good cleaning."



Mary Bann removes an old plant in the kitchen before the new owners move in.

'Even if it looks clean, they want it sanitized.'

Denise Bigelow
Elbows & Derriers Inc.



Mary Bann, who sells houses for Prudential Chamberlain Steihl in Troy, sweeps to make sure the entrance is broom clean for new owners.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Tips from the front line

I often review feedback from military members overseas through my network of fellow service academy graduates. The information is unclassified, of course, but is very enlightening and often entertaining. Most importantly, I glean tons of practical wisdom from the real-time successes and failures of those front-line heroes.

As with any career field, gaining relevant and legal "insider information" can certainly make your life much easier. I have done this type of "front-line" reporting in the past, and such columns usually draw great reviews. I will start to do this more regularly. These "real life" mortgage-related issues are certain to make your life much happier.

Homeowners insurance used to be a simple matter that homebuyers could handle a few days prior to closing. Not so anymore. I am seeing more people – even in light of ample encouragement – jammed at the last minute because they did not secure a policy in a timely manner. Remember that you must normally bring a "paid in full" policy to closing for purchases.

Do not bank on your home being worth as much as you might think, especially for mortgage refinances.

Do not bank on your home being worth as much as you might think, especially for mortgage refinances. You may be adding an emotional value that an independent appraiser will not. I have very few clients during the past year who were surprised with higher home valuations.

Mortgage interest rates changes daily, and we loan officers are not issued crystal balls. If you see a rate you can live with, ask your loan officer to lock it for you. If you wait until closer to closing, you may get a slightly better rate, but I recommend you save gambling for the casino.

During last month's refinance frenzy, I closed a couple mortgages for purchases in three weeks, but it was not easy or fun. When possible, allow at least a month on your signed purchase agreement. To that end, your mortgage loan officer – not your Realtor – will tell you when a file is ready to close. If anybody but your loan officer sets your closing, they may be setting you up for disappointment, too.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll-free at (866) 369-4516, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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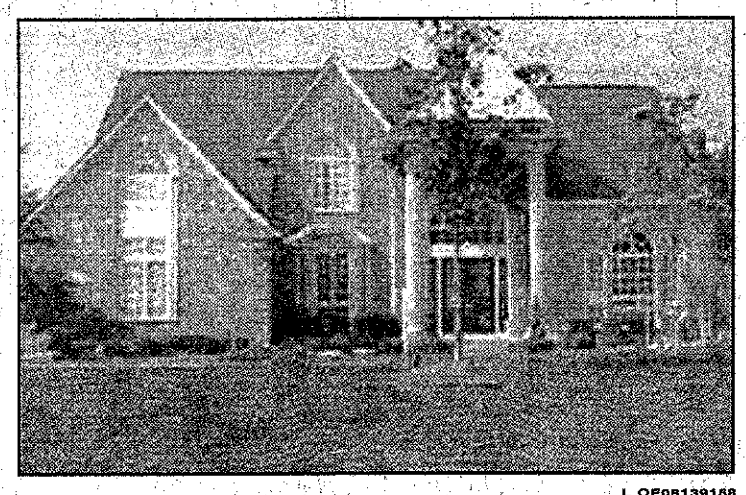
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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of May 5-9 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

2383 Amber	$260,000
49152 Andover	$425,000
43515 Applewood	$183,000
43665 Applewood	$179,000
45432 Augusta	$378,000
43041 Avon	$227,000
1653 Bentley	$325,000
1541 Brookview	$195,000
493 Buckingham	$195,000
556 Cherry Orchard	$247,000
41778 Conner Creek	$332,000
534 Constitution	$193,000
564 Constitution	$193,000
44196 Darthmouth	$265,000
5610 Denton	$153,000
7577 Embassy	$234,000
436 Fairfield	$350,000
7066 Foxcreek	$261,000
2008 Hawks Nest	$186,000
47011 Hidden River Circle	$317,000
45093 Horseshoe	$188,000
8115 Hyannis	$486,000
8125 Hyannis	$521,000
46535 Killarney	$220,000
46539 Killarney	$288,000
2241 Liberty	$112,000
42563 Lilley Pointe	$123,000
42742 Lilley Pointe	$126,000
1943 Manton	$194,000
50407 Monroe	$220,000
50417 Monroe	$185,000
50433 Monroe	$206,000
1789 Morrison	$204,000
2361 N Woods	$275,000
45151 Prestbury	$187,000
820 Queens Way	$185,000
45718 Radnor	$287,000
48421 Red Run	$379,000
3039 River Meadow	$253,000
5861 River Run	$364,000
44437 Savery	$107,000
43880 Somerset	$210,000
2944 Stanton	$225,000
2956 Stanton	$225,000
2963 Stanton	$240,000
1837 Stonebridge Way	$365,000
768 Taylor	$380,000
818 Taylor	$350,000
42322 Trent	$305,000
3340 Wall	$305,000
5782 Wedgewood	$228,000
1112 Wildwood	$215,000
6190 Winter	$190,000
2497 Woodmont	$222,000

Garden City

32675 Alvin	$126,000
30851 Balmoral	$181,000
6870 Belton	$78,000
28641 Birchlawn	$158,000
525 Clair	$100,000
33542 Donnelly	$152,000
2065 Helen	$141,000
2016 Henry Ruff	$95,000
28452 Leona	$145,000
29104 Marquette	$157,000
28452 Pardo	$50,000
28678 Rush	$138,000
836 Venoy	$127,000

Livonia

36731 Angeline	$192,000
36790 Angeline	$170,000
14147 Arcola	$173,000
15411 Bainbridge	$170,000
35165 Banbury	$395,000
29000 Barkley	$106,000
11300 Berwick	$205,000
29505 Bobrich	$72,000
29552 Bobrich	$72,000
37150 Bristol	$180,000
11548 Cavell	$135,000
29115 Clarita	$70,000
18512 Deering	$142,000
18525 Deering	$128,000
20029 Deering	$119,000
36416 Dover	$173,000
36504 Dover	$188,000
14047 Fairway	$166,000
14954 Fairway	$223,000
15707 Farmington	$190,000
16830 Farmington	$183,000
16836 Farmington	$210,000
16840 Farmington	$216,000
16844 Farmington	$209,000
16848 Farmington	$218,000
18700 Gill	$270,000
28906 Grandon	$148,000
16539 Houghton	$260,000
20039 Inkster	$83,000
31144 Mayville	$240,000
17471 Mcnamara	$297,000
33494 Nancy	$177,000
8932 Oporto	$160,000
34091 Orangelawn	$210,000
16813 Park	$259,000
19633 Parker	$170,000
18425 Pershing	$153,000
32830 Rayburn	$188,000
29813 Richland	$163,000
29700 Robert	$164,000
30815 Roycroft	$165,000
8871 Russell	$171,000
10040 Seltzer	$153,000
19383 Shadyside	$142,000
19054 Shay	$330,000
14271 Stonehouse	$188,000
28970 Sunnydale	$308,000
29199 Sunnydale	$68,000

Plymouth

8820 Elmhurst	$184,000
9870 Fellows Creek	$538,000
44816 Gregory	$217,000
13311 Hidden Creek	$330,000
303 Maple	$230,000
9401 McClumpha	$400,000
45716 N Turtlehead	$334,000
574 Pacific	$190,000
49251 Pinehill	$375,000
374 Roe	$207,000
1199 S Sheldon	$73,000
481 Starkweather	$245,000
744 Starkweather	$150,000
48810 W Normandy	$385,000

Redford

9853 Appleton	$126,000
9103 Arnold	$132,000
14230 Brady	$120,000
13992 Centralia	$117,000
9062 Dale	$119,000
15910 Denby	$127,000
19314 Denby	$121,000
26032 Dover	$160,000
17201 Five Points	$98,000
9126 Garfield	$134,000
18715 Gaylord	$119,000
25520 Graham	$133,000
17190 Lennane	$125,000
15708 Lola	$100,000
14078 Mercedes	$104,000
19924 Negaunee	$64,000
19924 Negaunee	$90,000
12956 Norborne	$111,000
19520 Olympia	$104,000
26545 Ross	$236,000
15883 Wakenden	$108,000
9007 Wormer	$165,000

Westland

31506 Allegan	$75,000
31537 Alpena	$106,000
31547 Alpena	$100,000
33120 Avondale	$140,000
37434 Beechwood	$99,000
32042 Cheboygan	$80,000
35125 College	$94,000
2212 Delton	$87,000
360 Dover Crescent	$210,000
38579 Draper	$186,000
2581 Eardman	$175,000
2112 Edgerton	$107,000
1676 Elias	$108,000
32635 Hiveley	$140,000
35130 June	$125,000
7435 Lathers	$127,000
8304 Milburn	$130,000
2594 Muirfield	$212,000
444 N Karle	$118,000
673 Ravencrest	$183,000
35209 Sheridan	$69,000
2611 Stockmeyer	$185,000
8705 Terri	$160,000
333 Van Sull	$144,000
39251 Worchester	$163,000
6226 Yale	$180,000

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MORTGAGE RATE UPDATE

TERM	RATE	PTS.	LOCK	FEE*	APR*
EXECUTIVE MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.					
30yr Fix	6.00	0.00	30day	$260	6.12apr
5/1 Arm	4.875	0.00	30day	$280	5.00apr
Open Sundays No Cost Refinances / Purchase Special					
www.executivemortgageservices.com					
248-545-1666					
PRIME FINANCIAL GROUP					
FHA30yr	6.50	0.00	45day	Low	6.57apr
30yr Jmb	6.125	0.00	45day	Low	6.19apr
3/1 Jmb Arm	4.375	0.00	45day	Low	4.44apr
3/1 Arm	4.375	0.00	45day	Low	4.44apr
LOWEST FEES! OPEN SUNDAY 10-2					
248-581-0600					
A DISCOUNT MORTGAGE, INC.					
30yr Fix	5.875	0.00	30day	$295	5.92apr
5/1 Arm	4.75	0.00	30day	$295	4.81apr
7/1 Arm	5.00	0.00	30day	$295	5.13apr
5/1 Jmb Arm	1.95	0.00	30day	$295	3.62apr
Zero Down Purchase/Cash-out to 100%-Less Than perfect Credit O.K.					
248-822-9700 www.adiscountmortgage.com					
NFC MORTGAGE 586-775-8800					
30yr Fix	6.25	0.00	30day	Call	6.37apr
5/1 Jmb	4.875	0.00	30day	Call	5.00apr
3/1 Arm	4.25	0.00	30day	Call	4.36apr
Ask for: Phillip J. Burghardt, Senior Loan Consultant					
Sat. & Sun. Call 586-246-4729					
BENCHMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	30day	$310	6.27apr
15yr Fix	5.375	0.00	30day	$310	5.52apr
5yr Arm	5.125	0.00	30day	$310	5.27apr
586-463-2255					
A1 MORTGAGES FOR YOU, INC.					
30yr Fix	5.70	0.00	30day	$275	6.06apr
15yr Fix	5.25	0.00	30day	$275	5.60apr
7 Day Cruise With Closed Loan					
Problem Credit OK, Land Contract Refi					
248-658-0511 www.a1-mortgagesforyou.com					
ACCEL MORTGAGE, INC.					
5/1 Arm	5.125	0.00	30day	$300	5.25apr
3/1 Arm	4.50	0.00	30day	$300	4.62apr
20yr Fix	6.00	0.00	30day	$300	6.12apr
www.accelmortgage.com					
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AMERIPLUS MORTGAGE CORP.					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.375	30day	$350	6.19apr
30yr Fix	5.75	2.00	30day	$350	5.97apr
15yr Fix	5.375	0.25	30day	$350	5.46apr
15yr Fix	5.00	2.00	30day	$350	5.36apr
5/25 Bal	5.125	0.00	30day	$350	5.15apr
ASK FOR A NO COST QUOTE					
PURCHASE RATES EVEN LOWER					
Sat., Sun Applications Available					
248-740-2323					

TERM	RATE	PTS.	LOCK	FEE*	APR*
MAINSTREET MORTGAGE, INC.					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	30day	$300	6.16apr
15yr Fix	5.375	0.00	30day	$300	5.44apr
5/1 Arm	4.50	0.00	30day	$300	4.53apr
Open Sunday 10am - 4pm					
248-649-6304 www.mainstreetmtg.net					
RYDER MORTGAGE, INC.					
30yr Fix	5.875	0.00	30day	$275	6.00apr
15yr Fix	5.25	0.00	30day	$275	5.37apr
0 Down, No Income Verification up to $650,000					
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3yr Pay Rate	1.95	0.00	30day	$325	3.24apr
3/1 Arm	4.875	0.00	30day	$325	5.12apr
5/1 Arm	5.25	0.00	30day	$325	5.87apr
Jumbo 1/1	4.75	0.00	30day	$325	5.25apr
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• COMMERCIAL LOAN AVAILABLE					
800-292-7768					
SAVINGS MORTGAGE, INC.					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	30day	$300	6.16apr
15yr Fix	5.50	0.00	30day	$300	5.55apr
3/1 Arm	4.00	0.00	60day	$300	3.66apr
LOW RATES - LOW FEES!! 800-559-0924 savingsmortgage.com					
HOME FINANCE OF AMERICA					
30yr Fix	6.00	0.00	30day	$295	6.15apr
15yr Fix	5.375	0.00	30day	$295	5.63apr
Open Sat. & Sun. 9-3					
www.hfamerica.com					
800-358-5626					

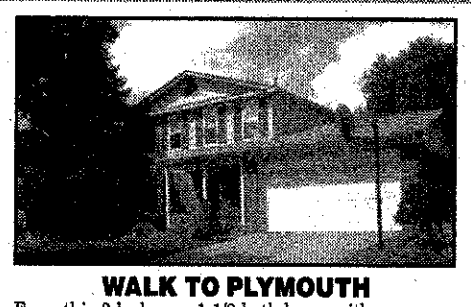
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NORTHLAWN FINANCIAL					
30yr Fix	6.00	0.00	30day	$300	6.03apr
3/1 Arm	3.875	0.00	30day	$300	3.78apr
5/1 Arm	4.375	0.00	30day	$300	4.26apr
RATE & SERVICE					
248-988-8488					
STERLING BANK AND TRUST					
3/1 Arm	4.375	0.00	45day	Call	4.45apr
5/1 Arm	4.75	0.00	45day	Call	4.82apr
3/1 Jmb	4.50	0.00	45day	Call	4.54apr
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Payment rate based upon 2.579 apr, zero points, 30day lock					
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15yr Fix	4.75	1.875	30day	0.00	5.23apr
3/1 Arm	3.75	1.00	30day	0.00	3.87apr
No Application Fee					
800-784-1074					
AMERICA'S PREMIERE MORTGAGE (APM)					
30yr Fix	5.875	0.00	30day	Low	6.07apr
15yr Fix	5.25	0.00	30day	Low	5.57apr
Arm	1.95	0.00	30day	Low	2.97apr
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Call the rest and then call the best APM, Open Sat. 10-2					
800-585-8730					
PRICE FINANCIAL SERVICES					
30yr Fix	5.875	0.00	60day	$300	5.93apr
15yr Fix	5.25	0.00	60day	$300	5.31apr
5/1 Arm	4.50	0.00	60day	$300	4.78apr
No Cost Refinances, No Money Down & No PMI Purchases					
Open Weekends - Call Today pricefinancial.net					
800-401-9091					
FIRST INTERNATIONAL MTGE.					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	30day	Call	6.25apr
15yr Fix	5.375	0.00	30day	Call	5.50apr
3/1 Arm	4.325	0.00	30day	Call	4.50apr
248-540-1065					
PARK AVENUE MORTGAGE					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	Call	Call	6.23apr
3/1 Arm	3.875	0.00	Call	Call	4.16apr
5yr Jmb	4.875	0.00	Call	Call	5.08apr
7/23 Bal	5.125	0.00	Call	Call	5.27apr
7/23 Balloon - No Cost / No fee - 5.375% 0-pt 0-cost Available All Loans Call					
800-308-9909					
NORTHEAST FINANCIAL CORP.					
30yr Fix	6.00	0.00	30day	$300	6.07apr
15yr Fix	5.25	0.00	30day	$300	5.31apr
Low Rates, Low Fees, Low Payments					
800-922-0606					
"Jumbo Specialists"					
CENTURION MORTGAGE CORP					
15yr JMB	5.625	0.00	30day	$250	5.72apr
5yr Arm	1.95	0.00	30day	$250	1.95apr
800-231-1337					
AMERICAN FIRST RATE					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	45day	$350	6.19apr
15yr Fix	5.375	0.00	45day	$350	5.41apr
3/1 Arm	4.125	0.00	50day	$350	3.91apr
Imperfect Credit O.K. With Equity					
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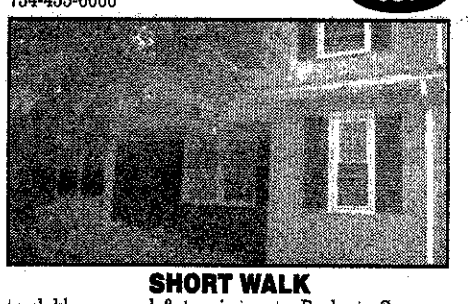
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CALLING ALL BUYERS
Seeking mint condition, neutral décor and most structural updates at an affordable price. Popular Livonia schools a plus. Updated kitchen includes all appliances. Bright living room with vaulted ceiling and family room with fireplace. $169,900 (31/SAN) 734-455-6000

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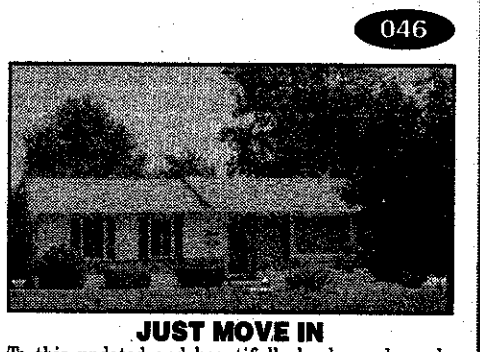
PRIVACY AND PRESTIGE
Quality and custom detail throughout this fully renovated condo in gated community. Luxurious master suite with marble bath and adjacent laundry. Cherry and granite kitchen and family room open to large deck area. 3 car garage. $499,000 (85/LOR) 734-455-6000

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OUTSTANDING COLONIAL
in the Lakes of Northville. Detail personified. This 4 bedroom, 2½ bath beauty has it all. Formal living room and dining room. Casual family room with fireplace and skylights. Library and expertly planned kitchen. Open floor plan. Take the first step to better living – call us now. $359,900 (96/PON) 734-455-6000

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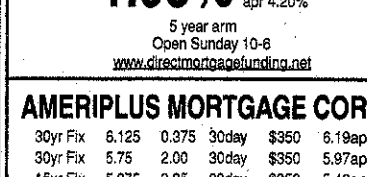
JUST MOVE IN
To this updated and beautifully landscaped ranch. Neutral decor throughout. Inviting kitchen opens to patio area. Fully finished lower level with rec room, workshop and exercise area. Mechanics garage. $217,000 (30/BUN) 7334-455-6000

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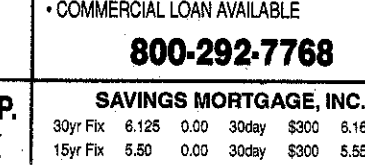
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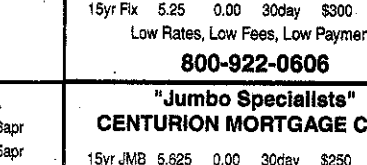
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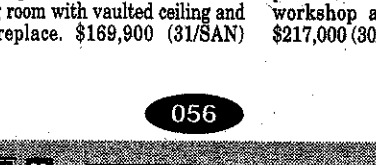
CANTON
SUPERBLY DECORATED, IMPECCABLY CLEAN Must see this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, large kitchen, living room, family room and dining room. Recreation room and library/den in professionally finished basement. Park-like, private backyard with large deck backs up to woods and stream. (P20HAN) 269,000



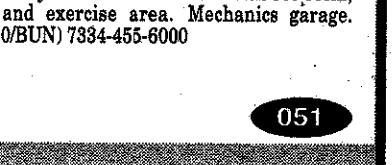
CANTON
WANT LAND IN CANTON? Want an older home on valuable property in Canton? 3.33 acres popular growing area. This is the ticket. (P51LOT) $270,000



NORTHVILLE
GORGEOUS! SIMPLY GORGEOUS! 4,293 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home with granite, marble, huge walk-in closets, 3 fireplaces, finished walkout with wet bar, family room, game area, 5th bedroom, full bath with steam shower. Located on highly-rated 8 hole Arnold Palmer Golf Course overlooking 9th hole and pond. (P89TOU) $1,120,000



PLYMOUTH
QUALITY THROUGHOUT! Premium location for this superbly appointed condo. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 1st floor master suite, natural maple and granite kitchen. Fully finished walk-out with family room. 2 car garage. This home will exceed your expectations! (P41BEA) $445,000



PLYMOUTH
PLYMOUTH CROSSING SUB Spectacular 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial! Crown molding freshly painted. New kitchen with island and granite countertops, new baths, new furnace, new air conditioning, new roof. Huge 2 tier deck with gazebo. (P01PLY) $329,900

CANTON
BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL Glengarry colonial stunning 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath classic! Pride of ownership is reflected throughout! (P77MID) $382,000

PLYMOUTH
LAKE POINTE! CENTER ENTRANCE Colonial with great location. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal living room & dining room. Family room with corner fireplace. Freshly painted & updated throughout. Beautifully landscaped, deep backyard. Call today! (P25IVY) $287,500

PLYMOUTH
CLASSIC LAKEPOINTE RED BRICK RANCH 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, family room with fieldstone fireplace. Hardwood floors under carpet, bow-window in living room. Two car attached garage. (72THO) $222,000

WESTLAND
INCOME PROPERTY. TOWNHOUSE DUPLEX One unit for lease. Total of 2680 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, large kitchen, stove & refrigerator. Large lot w/fenced backyard. Very nice neighborhood. Close to shopping. Good investment opportunity! (P43/42PAR) $199,900

WESTLAND
COUNTRY IN THE CITY... Great house, 2 bedrooms w/possible 3rd, all natural doors-woodwork. Built-in glass china cabs, furnace, CA & windows replaced. Great potential for adding on or up! Need to park a trailer or RV, how about a boat? (P33GLE) $129,800

PITTSFIELD TWP.
ASHFORD VILLAGE SUB COLONIAL This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial reflects pride of ownership. Hardwood floors, large kitchen, formal dining room, living room. Full basement, large deck. (P02ASH) $249,000

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REAL ESTATE INVESTORS ASSOCIATION

Ralph Roberts, "Making Millions by Investing in Single Family Homes," 7 p.m. registration, 7:30 p.m. meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 2, Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road (I-75, Exit 37), $20 per person. For more information, and a free newsletter, call (313) 386-7228. Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

HOME BUILDING SEMINAR

Walled Lake Community Education with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a 16-hour seminar on Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 9-18, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail. The instructor, a licensed builder, will discuss the basics of buying property, building codes and permits, getting bids for labor and materials, insurance requirements and more. The cost is $205, plus $30 for two textbooks. Preregistration required by Friday, Sept. 5. Call (248) 956-5000 Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE CLASS

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive course offered by Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills Community Education with Oakland Builder's Institute.

The seminar is scheduled 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 9-18, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills; 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 15-24, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road; and Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 23 to Oct. 2, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. The cost of the seminar is $180 plus $20 for the course textbook and sample question.

Registration for the Sept. 9-18 course is required by Friday, Sept. 5, call (248) 203-3800 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday. To register for the Sept. 15-24 course, call (248) 865-6633 by Thursday, Sept. 11, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Register for the Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 seminar by calling (248) 433-0885 no later than Friday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Oakland Builders Institute offers building courses in 38 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771. On the Web, go to www.buildersinstitute.com.

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 nonprofit 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?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

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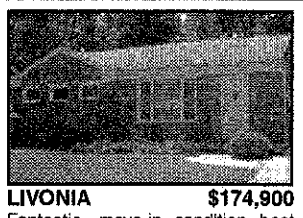
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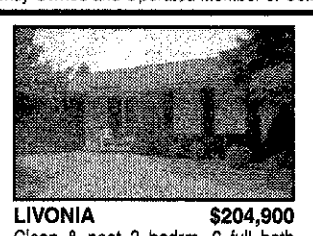
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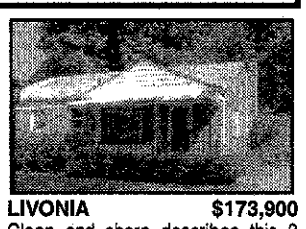
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LIVONIA $174,900
Fantastic, move-in condition best describes this 3 bedrm, 1.5 bath brick Ranch. Beautiful updated kit. w/oak cabinets, counters & all appls. Remodeled baths, Excellent family-room like fin. bsmt w/bar. 2.5 car vinyl sided gar. Vinyl windows, copper plumb. & more. Must See.



LIVONIA $204,900
Clean & neat 3 bedrm, 2 full bath brick 'Renaissance' Ranch. Brick foyer overlooks liv. rm. Lge open kit. w/some appls. Pretty family rm w/FP & doorwall to patio. Excellent fin. bsmt w/possible 4th bedrm, washer and dryer. 2 car garage. Vinyl windows T/O. Central air and more.



LIVONIA $173,900
Clean and sharp describes this 3 bedrm, 2 full bath brick Ranch. Very nice eat-in kit. with all appliances. Excellent finished bsmt w/full bath, glass block windows and possible 4th bedrm, washer and dryer. 2 car garage. Vinyl windows T/O. Central air and more.
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SOUTHFIELD. This well maintained brick & vinyl trim 4 bedrooms, 2 bath cape cod is situated on mature 100x300 treed lot offering full basement & newer Wallside windows. Family room with bay could be den or 5th bedroom, hardwood floors, 14x12 shed w/loft, electric & water, mud room or breezeway attaches 2 1/2 car garage & tons more. $244,900 (D05 Nan)



SOUTHFIELD. Country living in the city! Huge, private & beautifully landscaped yard. Stunning, well maintained home with hardwood floors & large closets. Updates include: kitchen, roof, heating, 4 car garage, deck, newer addition with family room & sunroom with door wall to deck. $209,900 (D50 Car)

REDFORD. Move in condition. Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch has many updates. New kitchen floor, full partly finished basement with bar, newer rugs, & hot water tank. Complete with nice fenced yard. Lots of storage! Stove, 2 fridges, washer & dryer all stay! $144,900 (L15 Dix)

YPSILANTI. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch built in 2000. This home has a spacious open kitchen design with plenty of storage space, dining room, master bath and central air. The basement has 9-foot ceilings giving many options for finishing. $135,000 (L22 Ore)

GARDEN CITY. Awesome bungalow, check it out! This charmer offers 2 big bedrooms & huge combo kitchen/dining area. Owners have been working hard to give you new (last 3 years): 12 x 13 utility/mud room, vinyl siding, roof, patio, windows, bathroom & kitchen appliances also newer. $124,900 (L50 Don)

DETROIT. Well cared for 4 bedroom colonial. Updates include: electrical with box, copper plumbing, roof, gutters, and security doors with dead bolts. Front and side doors plus French doors to patio, security system and front steps, all within last 10 years. One year home warranty. $140,000 (L41 Out)

FARMINGTON HILLS. Spectacular 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial offering finished walk-out w/wet bar, work & workout room. Stunning custom kitchen w/maple cabinets, island & quartz countertops, porcelain tile floor, and stainless steel hood fan. Brazilian cheny hardwood floors in living, family & dining room & much more! $448,900 (L73 Bea)

DETROIT. This lovely 2 bedroom with 3rd bedroom or office in finished basement is ready to move into. Large kitchen includes: fridge, stove, dishwasher, and disposal. Newer windows and glass block in basement. Newer furnace and H2O tank. Large porch in front and walkout deck in rear. $87,900 (L92 Fen)

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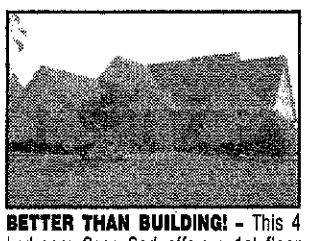
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COLLECTORS EDITION CONDO - A rare find! Spectacular detached ranch condo with 2 bedrooms and 3 baths that backs to the woods. Gorgeous floor plan with a generous 1900 square feet of living space and super clean! Features include an ultra luxurious master suite, hardwood floors, walk-out basement, 1st floor laundry and so much more! $359,900 (796AR)



QUALITY HOME - PARK LIKE SETTING - Wonderful 4 bedroom ranch with over 2500 square feet of living space located in a park like setting. Meticulously maintained with a full basement and a long list of amenities. Don't miss a great opportunity! $279,900 (332LA)



BETTER THAN BUILDING! - This 4 bedroom Cape Cod offers a 1st floor master suite with dual walk in closets and a Jacuzzi tub. Large kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, island cooktop and built-in oven. 2 sliding glass doors overlooking paver patio. Private den with French doors. One of a kind! $419,900 (957PO)



DOWNTOWN LIVING - Just a short walk to concerts, ice show, art fairs, parades and farmer's market. Specialty shopping galore!! $217,900 (392AN)



LIVONIA RANCH - Gleaming hardwood floors, updated baths and kitchen. Finished basement, 2.5 car garage, fenced yard, 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Very clean, Central air! $176,000 (239CA)



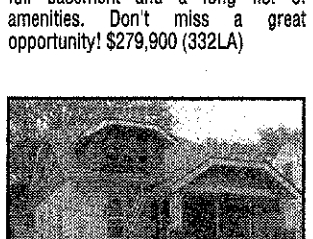
NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS - VACANT LAND - Rare opportunity to build in area known for towering trees, winding streets, wildlife. Established neighborhood with Northville Schools/mailing. .68 acre. Your builder. $120,000 (000CO)



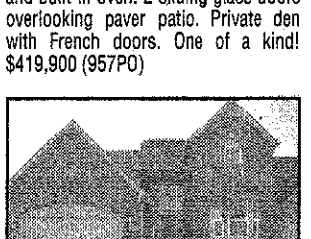
S. LYON'S FINEST GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo on golf front property, 2,669 sq. ft. & walkout lower level. Hardwood floors in kitchen, foyer, study, ceramic on 1st floor laundry & master bath. First floor master w/large walk-in closet & master bath w/Jacuzzi tub. Two-tiered deck overlooks 3rd hole & ravine. $414,900 (480SA)



WHEN SETTING IS PARAMOUNT - Serenity in a setting cradled by trees, graceful exterior, distinctive interior with architectural details, gleaming white master bath, 2 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, loft retreat overlook, corner-windowed library, opportunity laden walkout lower level. A truly luxurious and rare find. $489,900 (503AR)



CHARMING & ROOMY - Gorgeous and very clean, this home boasts many updates. Newer carpet, kitchen floor, windows, roof, glass blocks, electric and copper plumbing. Nicest street in Wayne must see! $137,900 (429NE)



MILLION DOLLAR VIEW - Affordable 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath Cape Cod close on the course. Very nice and nearly new with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, and a large view deck. 2 car garage, freshly painted interior, ceramic baths, main level laundry, modern kitchen and formal dining. Clubhouse, pool and tennis courts. $269,900 (550SC)



LOWER MAINTENANCE-FREE LIVONIA CONDO - Private entry. Brick 2 bedroom townhouse condo. Refinished hardwood floors, new steel doors, window treatments and hot water heater & bathtub liner w/lifetime warranty. Newly painted, full basement, central air and all appliances included. Quiet courtyard setting. $87,900 (278MI)



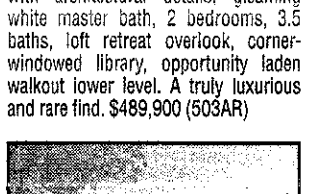
RARE FLOOR PLAN! - Newer paint and carpet make it easy to move right in to this 2 bedroom ranch condo. Large kitchen with window and table space. Very open layout. Updates in kitchen and bath. Carport. Over 55 only! $119,900 (138NE)



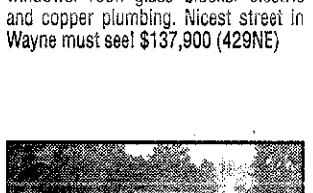
CANTON RANCH - Sharp all brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home is ready for immediate occupancy. This one has a family room with fireplace, central air, finished basement, 2.5 car garage and much more. $182,500 (647HO)



A PARTY GIVER'S PRIDE - Entertain in intriguing 4 BR, 2.5 BA 2-story in a cul-de-sac. Formal DR, patio, plus deck, 3 car gar, security sys, 3,934 sq. ft., 2 frplcs, LR, den, sun room & FR. Hdwd flooring, cust blinds, master suite w/sitting rm, H/H walk-in closet w/granite countertops. Zoned htg/colg, professionally lndscpd. $584,999 (644BE)



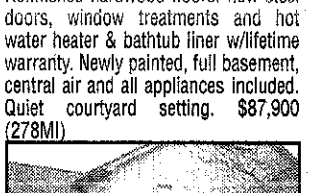
STUNNING LIVONIA RANCH - Built in 1990, this beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has it all. Cathedral ceilings in the great room and master. Huge bedrooms, spacious oak kitchen, a finished basement, attached 2-car garage, and great landscaping. $270,000 (764CL)



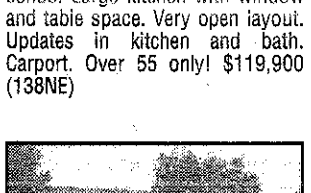
DREAMS DO COME TRUE! - Cape Cod/Colonial with 2796 square feet of living space! 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths with a walk-out basement for additional room. Beautiful great room with cathedral ceilings, huge kitchen, 1st floor master, side entry garage, professionally landscaped and so much more! $379,900 (887PA)



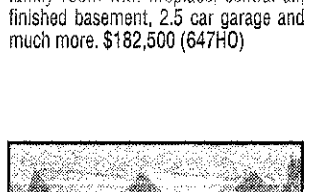
SUPER CLEAN CONDO - Quiet community, open floor plan and immediate occupancy. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style end unit condo features a gas fireplace in large living room. Dining room, full basement and 2 car attached garage. Neutral decor t/o. Only 6 years old. $219,900 (154TO)



LIVONIA - "LAUREL PARK" CONDO - Move right into this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath home! Cathedral ceiling, "bridge" overlooks spacious GR w/fireplace. Adjoining formal dining room, 24' kit w/all appls, FF laundry, basement and attached 2 car garage. Master bedroom & bath w/soaker tub, separate shower & walk-in closet. Walk to Laurel Park Mall, movies! $224,000 (932LA)



BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA COLONIAL - Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a 2.5 car garage. Finished basement workshop, some newer carpet, ceramic floors in foyer & kitchen. Breakfast nook w/Pella door leading to deck & nicely landscaped backyard. Exterior siding painted '02. Very well loved home. $309,900 (540MA)



PRESTIGIOUS EATON ESTATES - This lavish condo offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 powder rooms, a luxurious 1st floor master, large island kitchen, soaring great room ceiling, a loft overlook and a finished walk-out lower level that backs to nature. Sub boasts 13 acres of commons! $375,000 (600EA)



GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY - 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit condo in outstanding condition. Both bedrooms have private baths. Great room with a fireplace, double door entry, private study, large kitchen with most appliances and a pantry. Dining room with new Andersen doorwall to the deck. Professionally finished daylight basement. $289,900 (329BR)

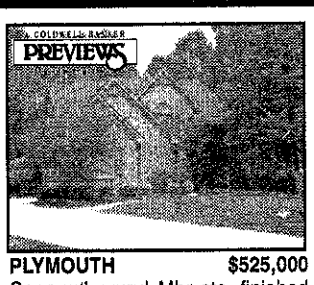
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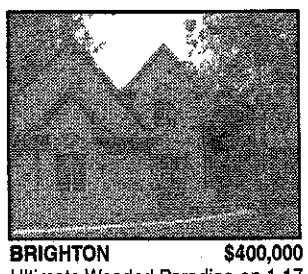
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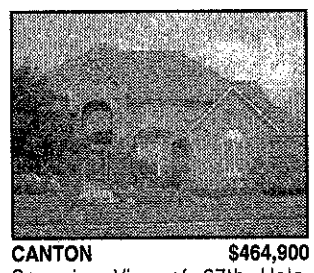
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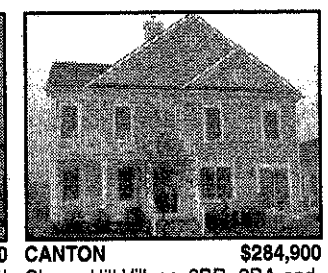
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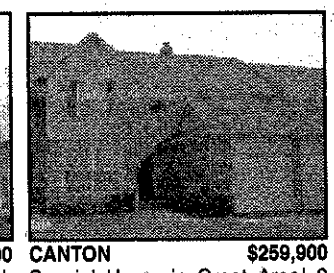
CANTON **$464,900**
Sweeping View of 27th Hole. Exceptional 4BR, 2.1BA brick colonial on a fab lot. Gourmet kit/nook w/granite cntrtops, dbl conv oven, Jenn-aire downdraft range & custom hdwd flrs. 2-story Gr Rm. BGP-68Cro 888-870-9127



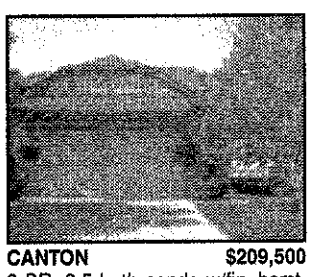
CANTON **$397,900**
Spectacular Fairways Colonial! Shows like a model! 4 BR, 2.1 BA w/grmt kit, Corian cntrtops & island. New Berber crpt & paint. New blinds & window treatment. Vinyl deck, full awning & paver patio. BGP-08Gle 888-870-9127



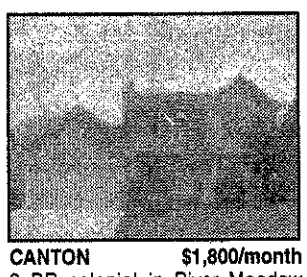
CANTON **$284,900**
Cherry Hill Village. 2BR, 2BA end-unit ranch. 9ft clgs w/8ft doors. Gourmet kit w/xtra long prem maple cbnts & granite island. Rich looking maple flrs in kit, nook, floyer, walkway. Neutral. BGP-48Han 888-870-9127



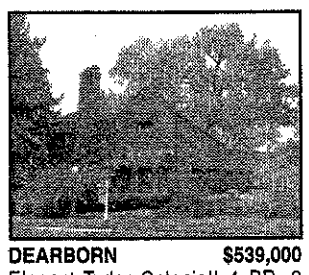
CANTON **$259,900**
Special Home in Great Area! 2 story unit in golf course sub. Tranquil setting on pond. East facing deck. Close to pool & clubhouse. Like new-only 2 yrs old. Very private. 2 BR, 2.5 BA. BGP-27Hog 888-870-9127



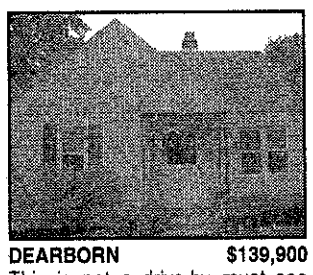
CANTON **$209,500**
3 BR, 2.5 bath condo w/fin. bsmt, many original upgrades & recent updates. Including: dishwasher, garage door & refinished deck. Nicely finished bsmt w/wood paneling. (OEL42SAR) 888-870-9105



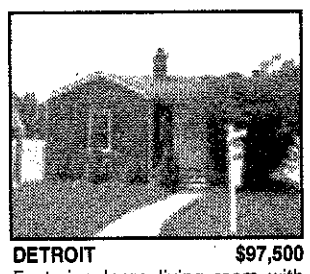
CANTON **$1,800/month**
3 BR colonial in River Meadow Sub. Hdwd flr in foyer, kitchen, powder room and laund room. Kit with lg center island. Upgraded cabs & wind. WIC & bath in mstr bdrm. (OEL93CRE) 888-870-9105



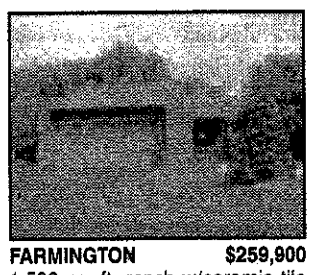
DEARBORN **$539,000**
Elegant Tudor Colonial! 4 BR, 2 BA, frml LR & FR both w/FP. Huge grmt kit w/granite counters. Subzero, Gaggenau plus nice breakfast rm. Maytag Neptune washer in 1st flr laundry. Beautiful grnds. BGP-24Fai 888-870-9127



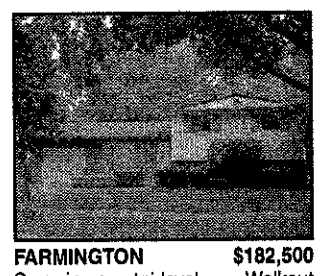
DEARBORN **$139,900**
This is not a drive-by must see inside! Attractive open floor plan. Kitchen opens to beautiful family room w/new woodburner, plus 3 season sunroom. 1st floor master bdrm. Partial finished basement. (BGSLY36UNI) 888-870-9131



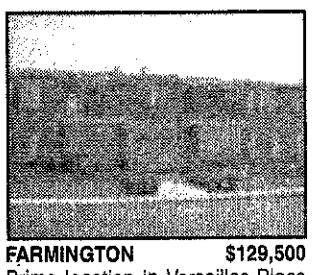
DETROIT **$97,500**
Featuring large living room with lovely fireplaces. Finished basement with 1/2 bath and another room perfect for a guest suite. Central air and alarm system. (OEL09WIN) 888-870-9105



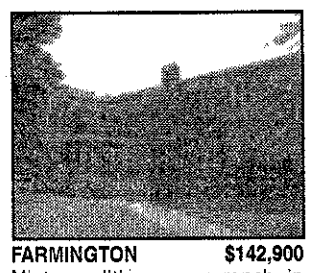
FARMINGTON **$259,900**
1,500 sq. ft. ranch w/ceramic tile foyer & open flr plan. Vaulted ceiling, GR w/tiled hearth FP & leads to private deck. Mstr BR ste w/2 closets, bath & large line closet & sep door to deck. 1st flr lndry & formal DR. (OEL56LAR) 888-870-9105



FARMINGTON **$182,500**
Spacious tri-level. Walkout basement, fenced backyard. Close to stopping, freeway, restaurants, entertainment, churches and schools. Appliances included, low price to sell fast. (BGSLY28BIR) 888-870-9131



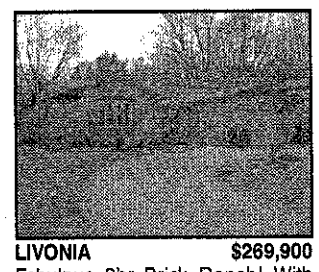
FARMINGTON **$129,500**
Prime location in Versailles Place w/deck overlooking trees & commons area. Designer decor t/o. Bath w/limestone counter & flooring. Kit w/ceramic flr, granite counters, stone & marble backsplash, open flr plan w/formal DR. (OEL57SHI) 888-870-9105



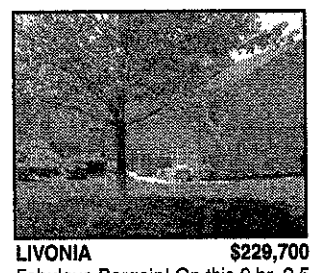
FARMINGTON **$142,900**
Mint condition upper ranch in desirable Echo Valley. Beautiful kit w/newer maple cabinets, counter, sink & flooring. Upgraded cabinets, sink, mirrors and fixtures in both baths. Newer vinyl wndws & doorwall. (OEL53ECH) 888-870-9105



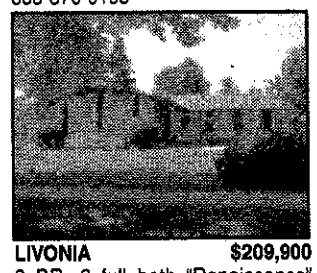
HOWELL **$119,500**
Beautiful ranch in lake community. This home backs to wooded 5 acres. Vaulted ceilings, walk-out basement newer carpet & blinds. 3 bds, 2 baths, 2 prvt beachs, trails all-sports lake. Move in condition. (BGSLY10SHO) 888-870-9131



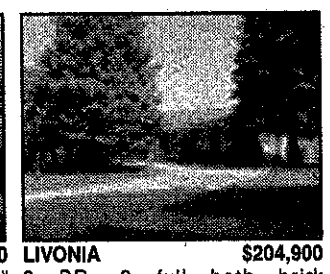
LIVONIA **$269,900**
Fabulous 3br Brick Ranch! With loads of updates including kitchen baths, windows, roof. Home also has huge 21x12 sun room and gorgeous hot tub room all on a half acre. (BGN61PUR) 888-870-9123



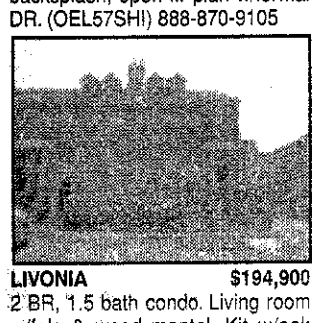
LIVONIA **$229,700**
Fabulous Bargain! On this 2 br, 2.5 bath townhouse w/finished basement & 2 car attached garage. Clean & move-in condition. Great room w/fireplace. Eat in kitchen & formal dining room. (BGN20LAU) 888-870-9123



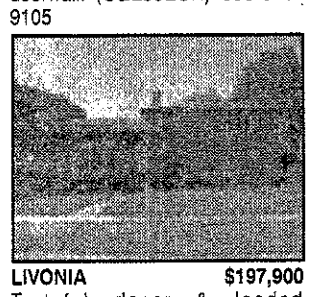
LIVONIA **$209,900**
3 BR, 2 full bath "Renaissance" ranch in desirable "Beatrice Gardens". Beautiful open floor plan. 18'x18' Florida room. Bedroom sizes larger than most ranches. Full bsmt. 2 car att gar. Must see! (OEL27GOL) 888-870-9105



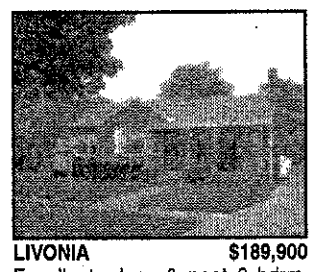
LIVONIA **$204,900**
3 BR, 2 full bath brick "Renaissance" ranch. Lg foyer. Open klt w/oven/range. Pretty FR w/brick fplc & doorwall to double tier concrete patio. Excellent fin bsmt w/possible 4th bedroom. 2 car att. garage. (OEL22RAM) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA **$194,900**
2 BR, 1.5 bath condo. Living room w/fplc & wood mantel. Kit w/oak cabinets & hdwd floor. Formal dining area. Finished basement w/possible office and/or 3rd bedroom. (OEL62FAR) 888-870-9105



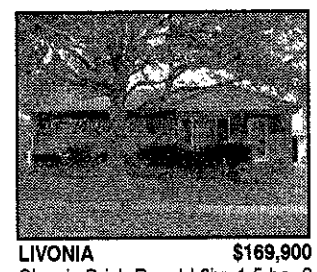
LIVONIA **$197,900**
Tasteful decor & loaded w/updates. Newer vinyl floor in kitchen/breakfast nook. Basement has finished room with closet. 2 car detached garage w/newer door. All appliances included. (OEL96RIC) 888-870-9105



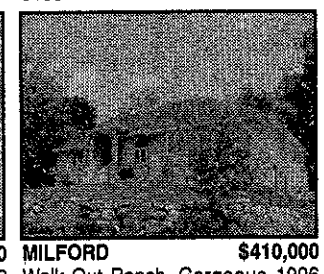
LIVONIA **$189,900**
Excellent, clean & neat 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Features living room w/natural fplc & bay window. Kit w/eating space & stove. Formal DR. Large deck and landscaping. (OEL28ARD) 888-870-9105



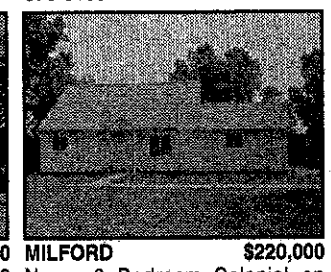
LIVONIA **$173,000**
Going, Going, GONE! Liv. ranch w/Liv.Schools, formal dining, living w/bay windows, totally updated kitchen that you have to see to believe! Corner lot w/large fenced yard! Hurry! (BGN32ROU) 888-870-9123



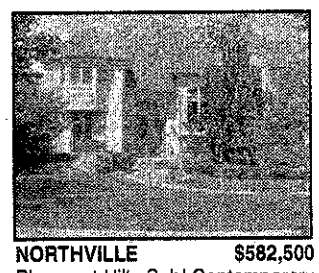
LIVONIA **$169,900**
Classic Brick Ranch! 3br, 1.5 ba, 2 car garage, full finished basement. Updates include: roof, furnace & CA, windows, kitchen, carpet & paint. Hdwd floor in bdrms. (BGN36DEN) 888-870-9123



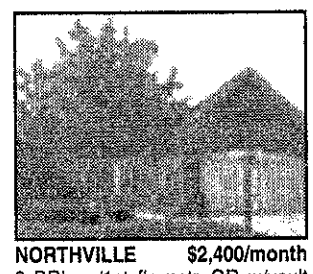
MILFORD **$410,000**
Walk-Out Ranch. Gorgeous 1996 custom home on 1.2 acres offers 2847 ft & 1100 sq. ft. Fin bsmt, 4BR, 3BA, Great Rm w/FP, Master suite. Huge 2 car gar. Neutral decor, Florida Room. BGP-33Ann 888-870-9127



MILFORD **$220,000**
Newer 3 Bedroom Colonial on Almost an Acre. Open Floor plan, neutral and ready to move into. Great room with cathedral ceilings - fireplace, sprawling kitchen, 2 car garage. full basement. (BGSLY57OLD) 888-870-9131



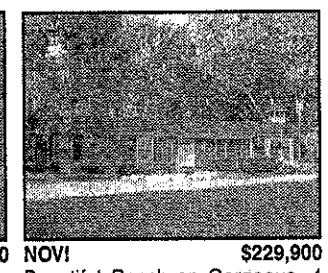
NORTHVILLE **$582,500**
Pheasant Hills Sub! Contemporary style that must be seen. Neutral t/o. 2 story foyer (marble entry) Great rm w/cath clgs, crown mlds, fp & entrance to deck. Fin w/o w/fp, wet bar, heated spa. BGP-03Mcd 888-870-9127



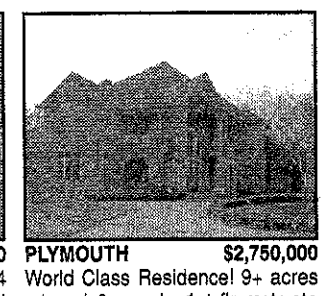
NORTHVILLE **$2,400/month**
3 BR's w/1st flr mstr. GR w/vault ceiling, fplc & doorwall to deck overlooking golf course & pond. FR on upper level. Fin LL w/4 rooms. 1 year min lease. (OEL85VIL) 888-870-9105



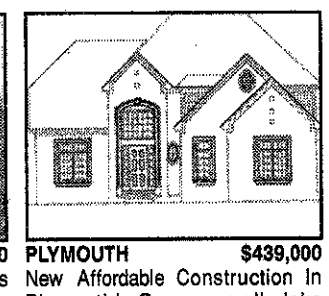
NOVI **$410,000**
Build your dream home in the heart of Novi. Builders take note. Land is splittable! City sewers, water and utilities - area of $500,000 homes. Survey and split now in process.(BGSLYVLELE) 888-870-9131



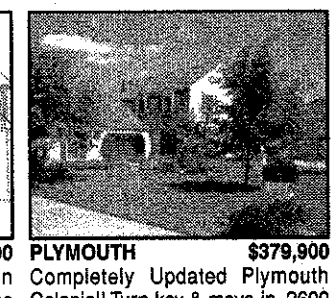
NOVI **$229,900**
Beautiful Ranch on Gorgeous .4 Acre Lot. Mature trees and landscaping. Extra large family room, Great location and neighborhood. (BGSLY66WOO) 888-870-9131



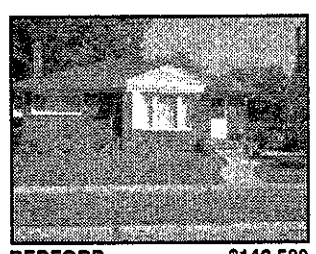
PLYMOUTH **$2,750,000**
World Class Residence! 9+ acres w/pond & woods. 1st flr mstr ste w/lg wic & jac tub w/waterfall. Granite tops in both kits. French drs to 5 balconies. Add'l 10 acres available for $250,000. (BGP31ANN) 888-870-9127



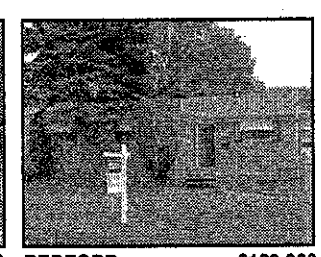
PLYMOUTH **$439,000**
New Affordable Construction In Plymouth! On a small lake w/stonecast FP, cherry cbnt, granite cntrs. Custom mlds & trim. Brazilian hdwd flrs. Ceramic BA & laundry. 4BR, 2.5,daylight bsmt. Available in late Sept. BGP-00Elm 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH **$379,900**
Completely Updated Plymouth Colonial! Turn key & move-in. 2600 sq.ft, new kitchen, baths, roof, HVAC, windows, caqrpet, paint, paver patio etc. Must see! (BGN50GLE) 888-870-9123



REDFORD **$143,500**
3br, Brick Ranch! Finished bsmnt, large living rm & family rm. Quiet subdivision, newer windows & paint. Great starter home. Some appl.stay. 1 yr.home warranty incl. (BGN20ROY) 888-870-9123



REDFORD **$129,900**
Priced To Sell! Brick Ranch w/Quick Occup! 3bdrm, 1 full bath & 2 half lavs. Beautiful eat-in kitchen, newer furnace, CA, hwh, most newer windows. Large enclosed porch off back. Part. fin. basement. (BGN82BEE) 888-870-9123

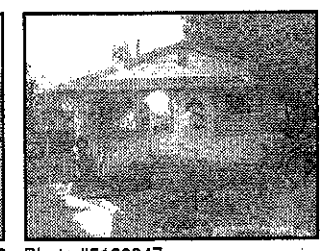
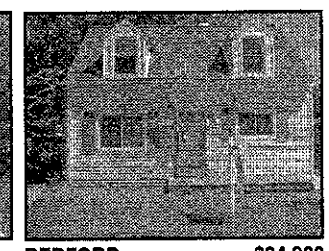
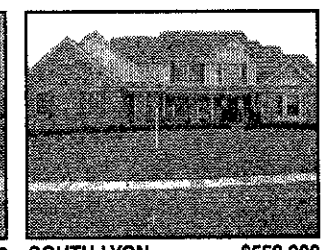


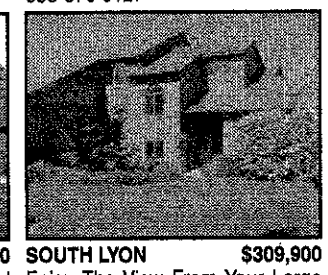
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REDFORD **$111,900**
Ameridream Home - Move in With $0 Down! 3 BR, 1 bath built in 1970. Newer roof, air conditioning - huge 24x24 garage w/ workshop - motivated seller wants offer - will look at all offers! Show and Sell! (BGSLY01KIN) 888-870-9131



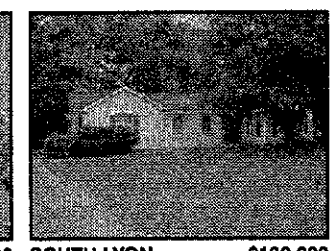
REDFORD **$94,900**
Charming Bungalow! This offers so much! Newer roof, siding, windows, elec service, cute front porch & fabulous 25x14 rear deck w/6 person hot tub. Plus a 2.5 car gar. 3BR w/newer bath. BGP-56Ink 888-870-9127



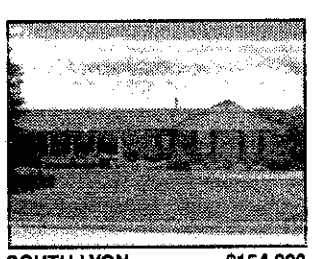
SOUTH LYON **$559,900**
Belmont Model - Executive Home! Gourmet kitchen w/island, granite cntrtops, butler pantry w/glass drs, Hearth Rm w/2-way FP. Master ste w/granite cntrtop, jac tub & views of golf course. Prem elevation. BGP-75Poi 888-870-9127



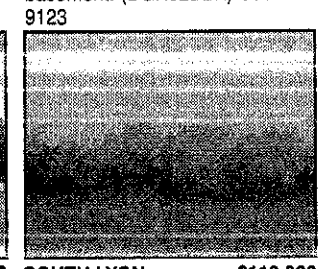
SOUTH LYON **$309,900**
Enjoy The View From Your Large Deck. Large deck over looks .82 acre. Large kitchen, 1st floor laundry, finished lower level with second kitchen. (BGSLY74RUS) 888-870-9131



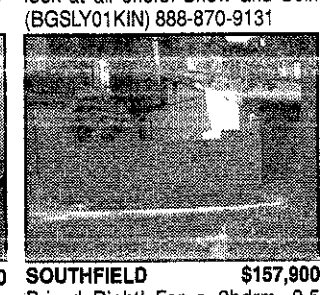
SOUTH LYON **$189,900**
Location Stays it All. 3 BD ranch on 1/2 of mature trees. Close to Novi and Metro area. Golf facilities are very near. New homes and schools around. (BGSLY90TEN) 888-870-9131



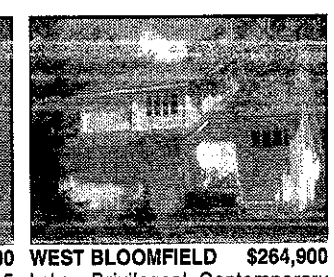
SOUTH LYON **$154,900**
55+ Walk-out Condo. 3BR, 2 Ceramic baths, large patio overlooking stunning wild life. Very neutral decor w/ceramic entrance way. Club house and beach for fun activities. (BGSLY70CAM) 888-870-9131



SOUTH LYON **$119,000**
Excellent location for your dream home. 10 acres in area of farm and fine homes. Township says no splits available. Engineered septic system expected.(BGSLYVLSIX) 888-870-9131



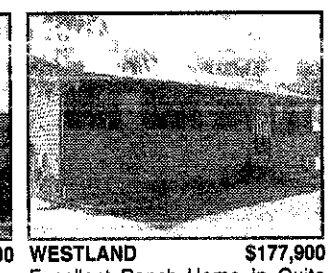
SOUTHFIELD **$157,900**
Priced Right! For a 3bdrm, 2.5 bath townhouse. Full bsmnt w/attached garage & courtyard. All appliances stay. Neutral decor. Very clean. Beautful mirrored closets. Home warranty. (BGN48SUM) 888-870-9123



WEST BLOOMFIELD **$264,900**
Lake Privileges! Contemporary West Bloomfield colonial boasts impressive great rm w/vaulted ceiling, hdwd floor, new Berber carpet, freshly painted, & ready for imme.occupancy. (BGN48RIC) 888-870-9123



WESTLAND **$197,900**
Spacious Cape Cod on Premium Lot! 3bdrm, 2.5 bath, basement & lovely deck w/beautiful wooded view of wetlands. Neutral decor plus extra insulation make for quiet atmosphere. (BGN84RAV) 888-870-9123



WESTLAND **$177,900**
Excellent Ranch Home in Quite Neighborhood. Well maintained 3BR home, 3 car garage and large fenced yard. Livonia schools and home warranty included. (BGSLY71HAL) 888-870-9131



WESTLAND **$166,900**
This One Is Sharp! 1990 Built! Exceptional 3BR brick ranch. Large kitchen & nook. Wallside wndws. Neutral decor t/o. Large deck w/covered awning. Oversized 2-1/2 car gar. Move in condition. BGP-27Wil 888-870-9127



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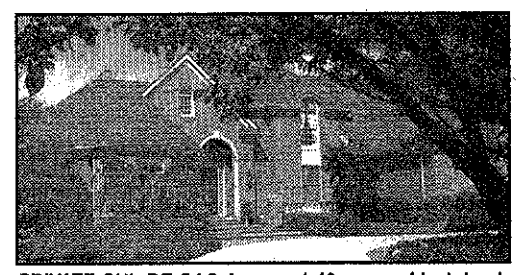
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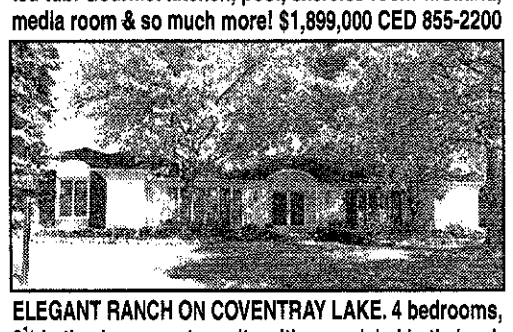
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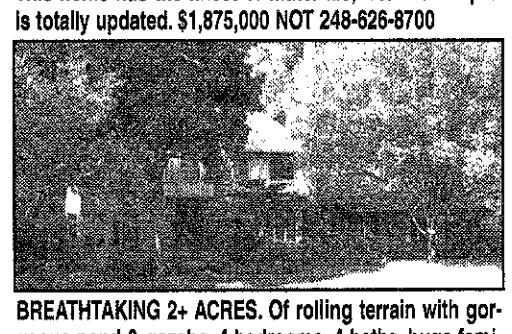
PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC Approx. 1.42 acres of lush landscaping. Designed by Tringali w/the finest materials & custom millwork t/o. 4 BR's, 4 full & 2 half BAs, including a 1st flr master, wonderful granite kitchen w/island, fin lower level w/5th BR/office, 2nd wet bar & Florida rm off kit. $1,499,000 23050587LON 248-626-8700



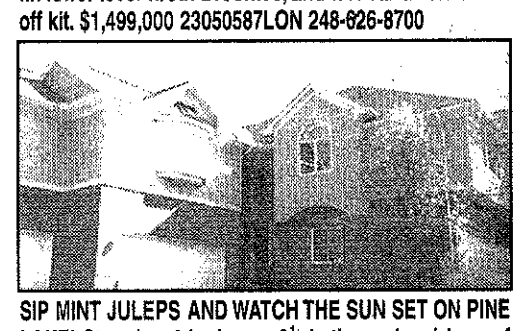
PINE LAKEFRONT. Most rooms overlook the lake & fabulous pool, spa & deck. Large rooms & high ceilings. Kitchen w/island & skylights, huge master bedroom suite w/2 WIC & doorwall to pool. 4 bedrooms, 5 full & 2 half baths. Finished walk-out lower level. $1,299,000 23082730LON 248-626-8700



ELEGANT RANCH ON COVENTRAY LAKE. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, huge master suite with remodeled bath, hardwood floors, family room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace, newer furnaces and roof. Wonderful floor plan. $950,000 23072923SCO 248-626-8700



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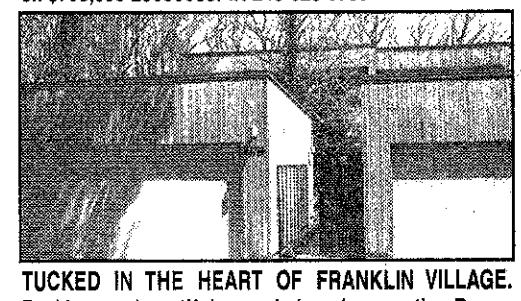
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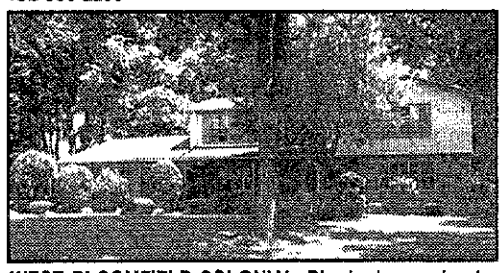
PINE LAKE JUST STEPS AWAY! Summer is finally here. Enjoy the lake & your private dock. 1st floor master suite w/marble bath & extensive closet space, gorgeous kitchen w/Pewabic tile accent, GR w/FP, Albert Kahn stair rail & mahogany banister. 3 bedrooms, 3½ baths. $639,900 23057927MAP 248-626-8700



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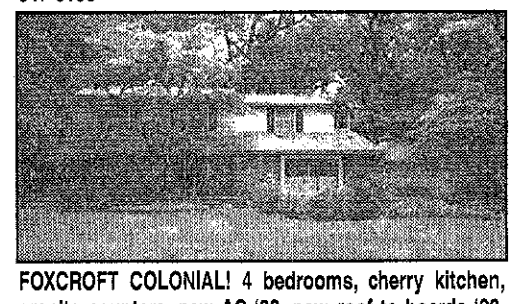
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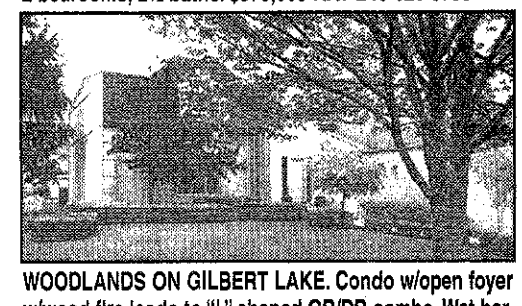
WEST BLOOMFIELD COLONIAL. Birmingham schools. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, hardwood floors, master bedroom suite w/dressing area, WIC & bath. New within the last 5 yrs: roof, AC, furnace, HWH & dishwasher. On a beautiful lot w/wonderful patio & gardens. $475,900 23070615KNO 248-626-8700



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FOXCROFT COLONIAL! 4 bedrooms, cherry kitchen, granite counters, new AC '02, new roof to boards '03. Spacious great room, wet plaster, hardwood floors. Basement has finished room for office, play room, exercise room. 3 fireplaces. Home in move-in condition. $419,000 WOO 647-0100



WOODLANDS ON GILBERT LAKE. Condo w/open foyer w/wood flrs leads to "L" shaped GR/DR combo. Wet bar, fireplaces in the GR, DR, MBR & LL, center island kitchen, paneled lib/den, 1st floor master suite w/dressing area, 2 bedrooms up w/Jack & Jill bath. 1st flr laundry & partially fin LL $414,000 WOO 248-626-8700



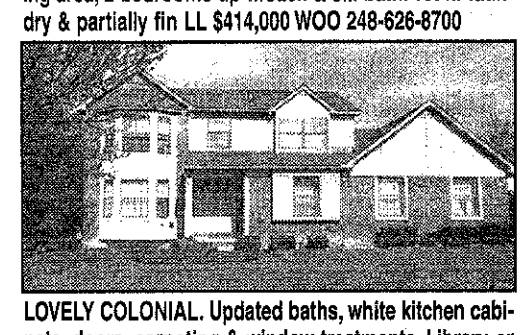
PRIVATE LAKEFRONT on private dead-end road. Walk-out lower level with granite 2nd kitchen. Three fireplaces, wet bar and lots more. High ceilings & 8 foot doors. Custom built delight! Private dock too. $372,000 LAK 855-2200



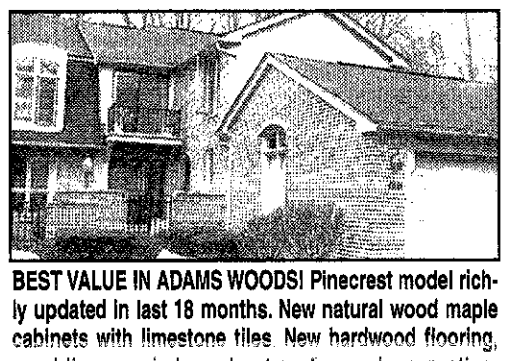
CUSTOM BUILT FOXCROFT RANCH! Sits on a private wooded ravine lot. Well maintained with a new roof. Huge living room with fireplace has massive windows which overlook rear yard. Terrific storage in basement and attic. Well located in subdivision. $369,900 VAL 647-0100



WESTCHESTER VILLAGE. Hardwood flrs, cherry kitchen w/Corian, slate floor & stainless appliances. Slate FP in LR & newly added FR overlook the yard & new deck. Master bath has been updated in marble. Most new windows, new blinds & newer roof. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. $365,000 23064076MID 248-626-8700



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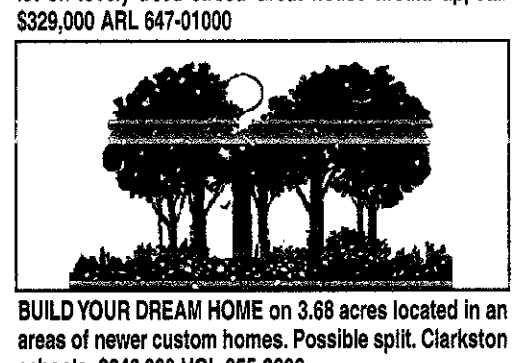
CHARMING HOME! Located on a beautifully treed and landscaped lot and surrounded by many gardens. Sharp kitchen remodeled by Lenore & Richards has teak cabinets, corian counters. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, basement, plus 2 car attached garage. $299,000 KEN 647-0100



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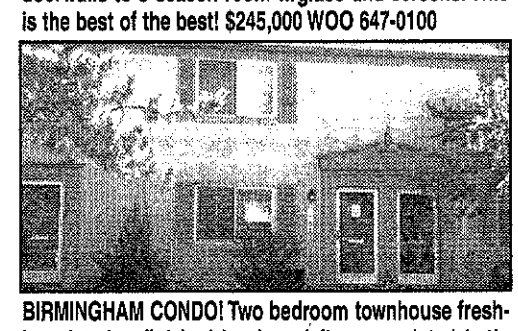
CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION! Updated 2 story move-in ready. Nice sized bedrooms. Brick fireplace in family room with pergo floors. Hardwood floor in living room and dining room. Lots more! Home protection plan. $194,000 THO 855-2200



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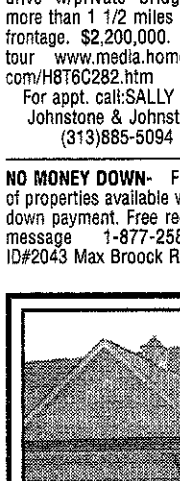
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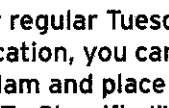
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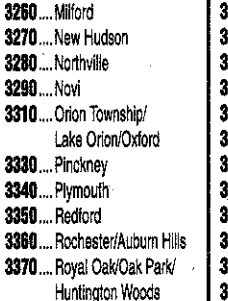
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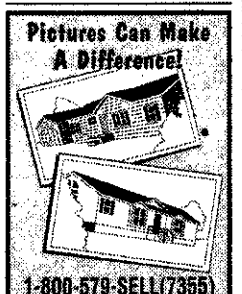
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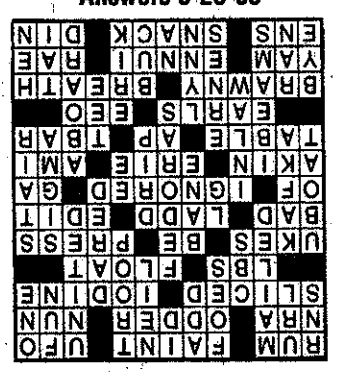
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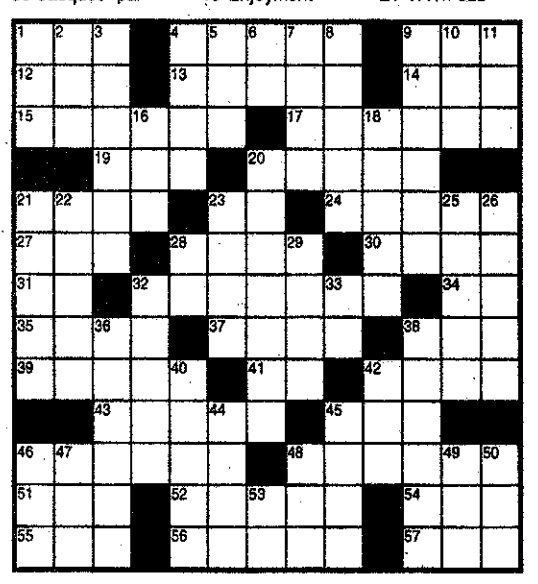
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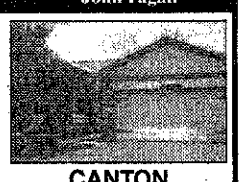
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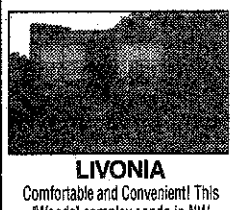
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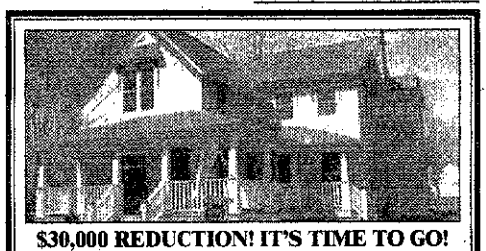
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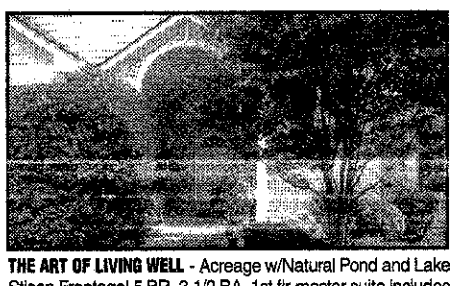
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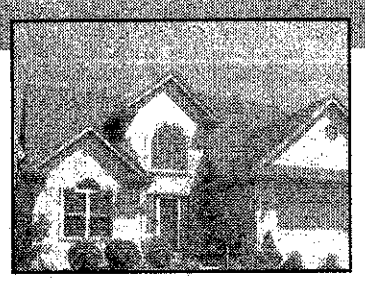
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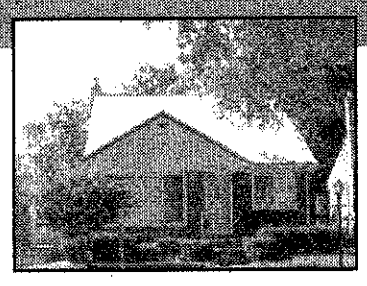
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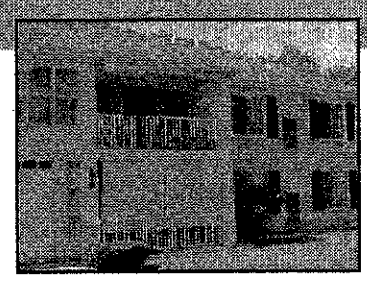
SOUTHGATE – A perfect 10! 4 bedroom cape cod w/2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, basement w/glass blocks, mstr bedrooms w/full bath & Jacuzzi tub, GR w/fplc, DR, cedar deck, brick paver walkway, CA, sprinklers. Gorgeous, gorgeous t/o! $262,500 (25MOR) 734-455-5600



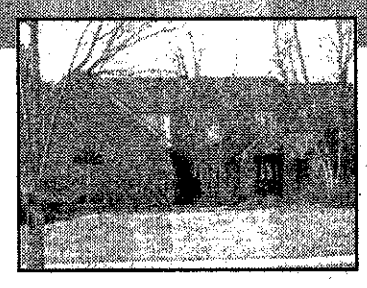
REDFORD – Move right in! Updated 3 bedroom bungalow w/newer roof, furn, A/C, windows, kit flr, sink, disposal, counter top & newer appl. Part fin bsmt, private yard w/patio & garage. Great location. $133,899 (23ELM) 734-455-5600



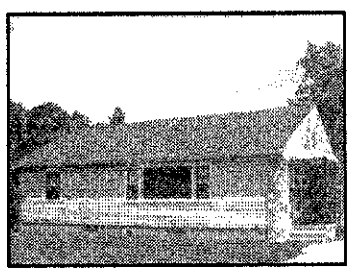
WALLED LAKE – Wow! Totally updated 2 BR, 1.2 BA townhouse. Newer Wallside windows & some hdwd flrng. Neutral carpeting & baths. Finished lower level w/wet bar & additional half bath. Can be home office or media room. $139,900 (25MAR) 248-349-5600



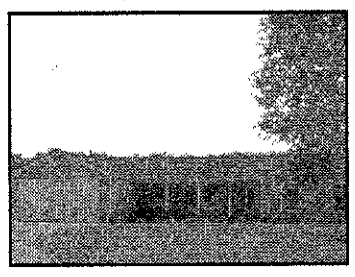
LIVONIA – Make the discovery. Carefree living. 2 BR, 2 full BA. Living room w/doorwall to private balcony. DR, great kitchen, in-unit laundry. Too many updates to list. Heated pool & carport. Ready & waiting for your offer. $129,900 (68ANN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA – Wonderful family colonial. Close to all amenities and Stevenson High School. Many custom features and extensive use of wood. Wrought iron fence enclosed backyard. 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/2.5 side entry garage. More appliances included. $359,900 (41ELL) 248-349-5600



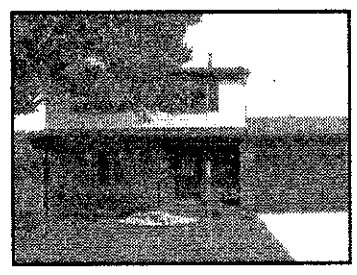
DEARBORN HTS – Need fast sale. Ranch w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, part fin bsmt, 2 car gar, CA. Updates: furn, roof, windows, HWH, circuit breakers. FR & Florida room. All appl incl. Hdwd flrs & lg lot. Home warranty. Bring all offers. $149,617 (75MAY) 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN – Feed the deer at home. Approximately 14.5 acres offering 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, ranch w/2.5 car attached garage, pole barn, lots of closet space, beautifully tiled foyer. Built in 2001. Custom kitchen & cabinets. Walk to Belleville Lake. Great location. $327,900 (65MAR) 734-455-5600



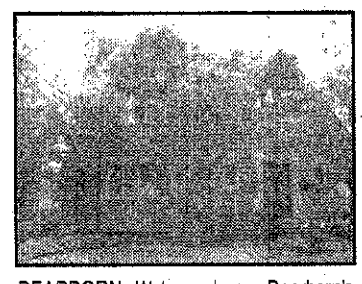
PLYMOUTH – Great curb appeal. Professionally renovated 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath, fin bsmt w/bar, GR, DR, master ste, maple kitchen, oak banister, 2 car heated garage, large covered porch, appliances & home protection plan. $284,999 (04JOY) 734-455-5600



CANTON – Updated Colonial. Clean and neutral 3 BR, 1.5 bath with 2 car att garage. Updates include: newer roof, windows, furnace & C/A 5/02. Great landscaping, paver patio & beautiful newer pool & equipment - '99. $207,500 (26BER) 248-349-5600



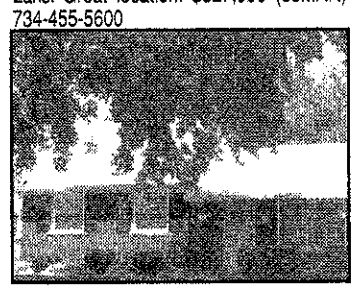
FARMINGTON HILLS – Incredible 5 BR, 3 baths, 2 lavs, 2-story home. Remodeled thruout and looks like a $1 million + new construction. The approximately 1 acre lot features a beautiful in-ground pool with bar and entertaining area. Trees & gardens. Wow! $645,000 (21WEL) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN– Welcome home. Dearborn's prestigious Golfview 3-story English tudor w/3.5 car garage. Commercial design kitchen. Hardwood floors, newer windows, great room, formal dining and finished basement. Old world charm would be hard to duplicate. $480,000 (35WIL) 248-349-5600



CANTON – What a beauty! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath colonial w/large cozy family room w/fireplace, doorwall to deck & pool, partially finished basement, 2 car attached garage. $216,900 (45MOR) 734-455-5600

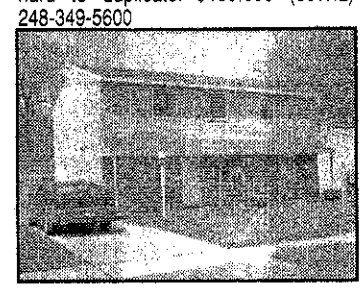


DETROIT – Charming updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with 2 car garage, basement and updated vinyl windows, furnace and central air, hot water heater, glass block windows, and steel doors. (78BRA) $136,000 734-455-5600

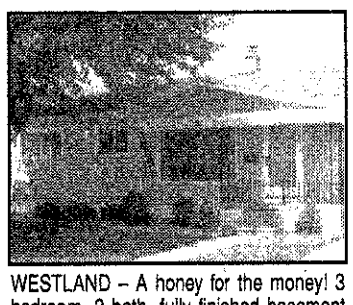
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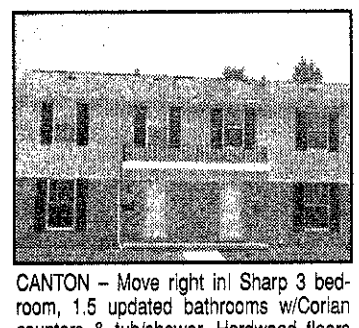
SOUTH LYON – Quick occp. 2-story foyer & family, spacious grmt kit w/cherry wood cabs & granite counter tops. Oversize eating space. Extensive wood flrng. Lavish mstr ste w/g tub, shower & huge walk-in closet. 9' bsmt w/grdn wndw. Loft overlooking FR. $437,555 (56SHE) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND – Spacious colonial. Well-maintained 5 BR, 2 BA home w/newer furnace, C/A, hot water heater & carpet. Huge master bedroom w/full bath & WIC. One year home warranty included. $149,900 (14WAL) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND – A honey for the money! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fully finished basement w/bar, updated oak kitchen w/Pergo floors. Large 2 car garage & fenced yard. $144,000 (14HAZ) 734-455-5600

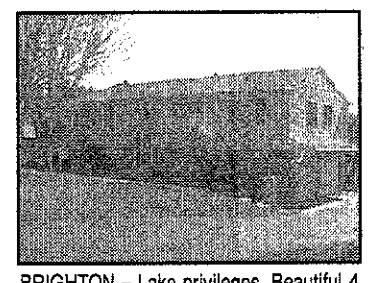


CANTON – Move right in! Sharp 3 bedroom, 1.5 updated bathrooms w/Corian counters & tub/shower. Hardwood floors thruout & most appliances. $132,000 (58HAR) 734-455-5600

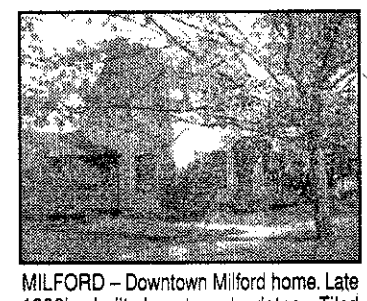
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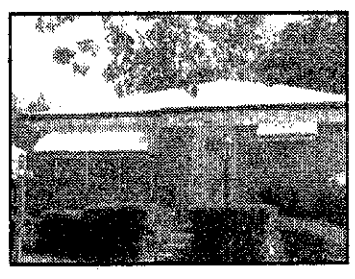
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BRIGHTON – Lake privileges. Beautiful 4 BR, 3 BA home w/updated kit w/island & doorwall to deck. Mstr bedrooms w/full bath & French doors to deck. FR w/gas fplc and doorwall to patio. 2 car garage and privileges on Lake of the Pines. $249,900 (11RED) 248-349-5600



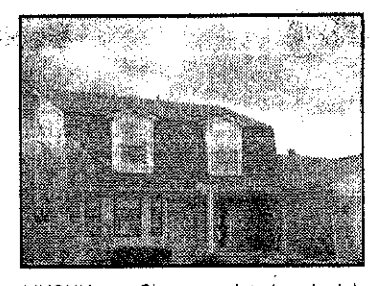
MILFORD – Downtown Milford home. Late 1800's built beauty w/updates. Tiled kitchen, family room w/fireplace, LR, formal DR, 1.5 baths. Cozy home in great condition. It even has a picket fence. Short walk to Downtown. $187,500 (20HIC) 248-349-5600



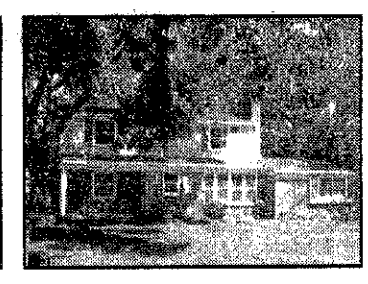
REDFORD – Move right in! Very clean & well maintained home that's bright & airy, offers 3 bedrooms, partially finished basement w/workshop, garage + newer roof, furnace & CA. $119,000 (42NOR) 734-455-5600



CANTON – Located on premium lot! Charming 2 story condo overlooking scenic pond. Offers upgraded Pergo flr in kit, all kit appl, fplc in GR, fin bsmnt w/drywall, recessed lights & carpeting. Also, lovely deck for entertaining. $179,900 (75HUN) 734-455-5600



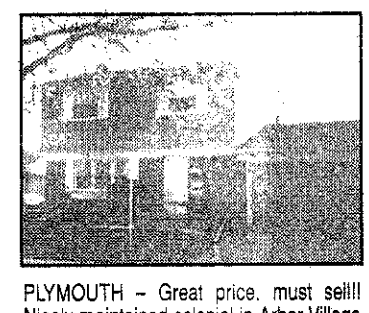
LIVONIA – Sharp updated colonial. Nestled in Windridge Village Sub, Livonia Schools. Remodeled kit w/bay windows, formal dining room, att 2 car garage, finished rec room, doorwall to deck off family room, 1st floor laundry. Stone fireplace. $259,900 (90NOR) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS – All this home needs is you. Updated Briar Hill colonial with 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Family room with fireplace. All kitchen appliances stay, separate breakfast room. First floor laundry. Large yard and walk to schools. $264,900 (06NOR) 248-349-5600



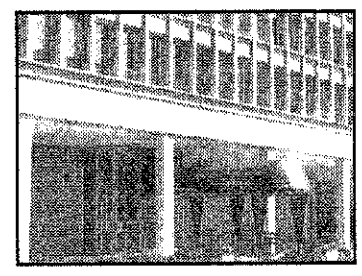
GREEN OAK – Picturesque wooded lot. Approximately 1 acre with 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths & custom thruout. Private deck off master suite. 2-story great room with fireplace. Finished walkout basement. Extensive landscaping with lighting. $424,900 (61SIL) 248-349-5600



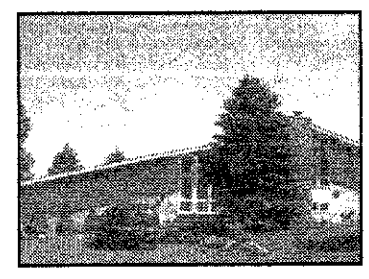
PLYMOUTH – Great price, must sell!! Nicely maintained colonial in Arbor Village sub. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car att. gar & bsmt. FR w/nat. fieldstone fplc/skylight. Newer windows, some carpet & kitchen floor. Large fenced yard. Home warranty. $200,900 (57RUS) 248-349-5600



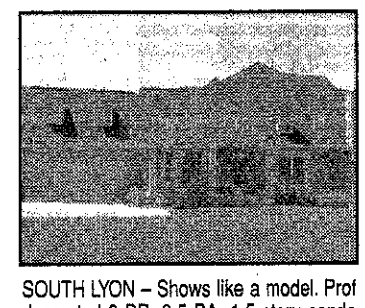
REDFORD – A winner! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath open flr plan ranch w/lg rms, hdwd firs, 2.5 c gar, CA, completely updated T/w/3 season Florida rm, fin bsmt, maint-free ext, extra deep lot w/sprinkler system, lg shed, S. Redford schools on a dead-end st w/park. $174,900 (60SAL) 734-455-



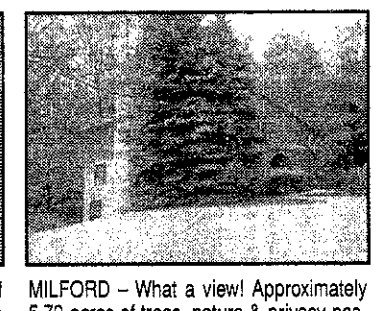
DEARBORN – Best location in Dearborn. Close to everything, private entry to this beautiful one bedroom condo with closet galore. $95,000 (00GAR) 734-455-5600



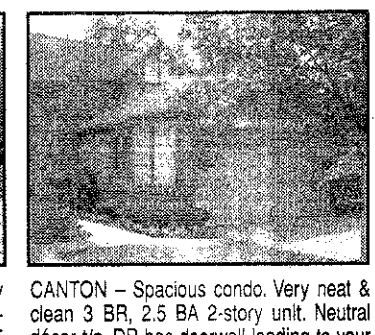
SALEM TWP. – 13+ acres of rolling meadows. Clean & updated 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home w/FR, GR, DR, 4 car heated garage, inground pool. For the horse lover, 21 box stalls, wash rack w/cement flr, covered arena w/observ room, lockers & tack room. $549,000 (80PON) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON – Shows like a model. Prof decorated 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 1.5 story condo w/open flr plan. 1st flr MBR. Vaulted ceilings, hdwd flr, fin LL offers 4th BR and ent room w/wet bar & exercise room. Too many upgrades to list. Immaculate home. $399,900 (39SAW) 248-349-5600



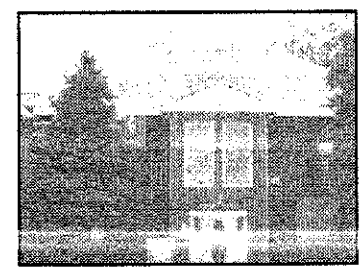
MILFORD – What a view! Approximately 5.79 acres of trees, nature & privacy nestled into Kensington Metro Park. 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/many updated amenities such as: white island kit, updated BAs, hdwd stone flrng & many more. Finished walkout. $464,900 (00VAL) 248-349-5600



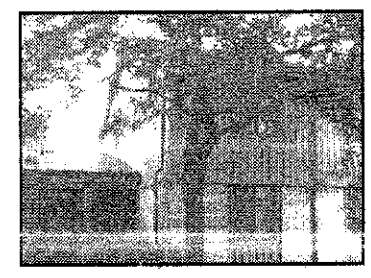
CANTON – Spacious condo. Very neat & clean 3 BR, 2.5 BA 2-story unit. Neutral décor t/o. DR has doorwall leading to your large deck. Partially fin bsmt w/rec rm & add'l rm for office or extra storage. Large kitchen w/breakfast nook. The list goes one & on. $209,900 (79SAR) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA – Location, Location, great Livonia ranch. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, part fin bsmt, 2 car garage, newer hickory kitchen cabinets. Close to schools, expressway & shopping. Sub pool! Bring the kids, a picnic basket & bask in the sun! $229,900 (13KNO) 734-455-5600



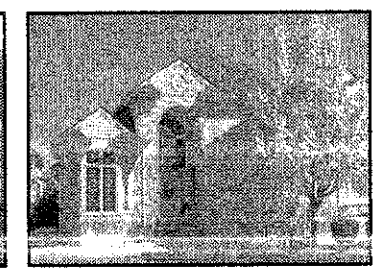
WESTLAND – Move in condition. Great buy on this 2 bedroom condo offering vaulted ceilings in living room w/skylights, open floor plan & appliances stay + 1 year home warranty included. $107,500 (36SHO) 734-455-5600



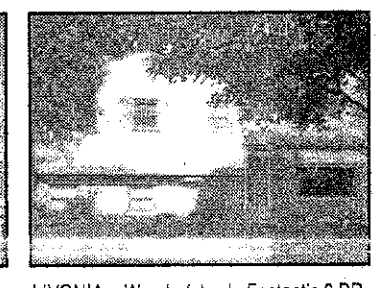
CANTON – 3 bedrooms townhouse. Great location offering 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, basement, attached gar. Newer windows, H20, roof & siding. Kit appl, spacious master ste w/a wall of closet. Area pool & club house. Great parking & quiet community. $147,700 (64BED) 734-455-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD – Eastbury flr plan is one of Chelsea Park's most sought after. 4 BR, 3.2 BA, 2 staircases, FR is 2-story w/gorgeous view of the woods. 2-story Fieldstone fplc. Finished w/o w/kitchen, bathroom, workout area, playroom & TV area. $685,000 (48PEM) 248-349-5600



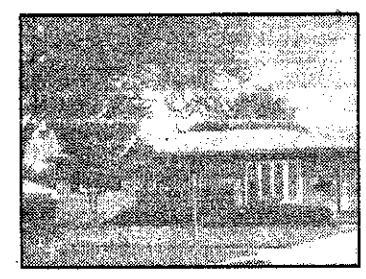
LIVONIA – Ultimate elegance describes this dramatic cape cod. Gourmet kitchen features double oven, ceramic backsplash & upgraded cabs. Sunny 2-story breakfast room with French door to deck. Spacious dining room. 2 story great room with custom mantle. Custom lighting & upgraded carpet. $339,900 (48VIS) 248-349-5600



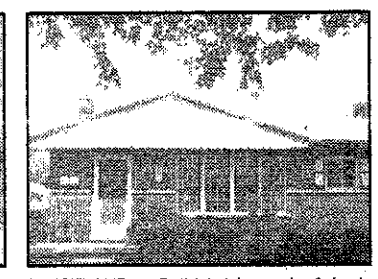
LIVONIA – Wonderful sub. Fantastic 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick home w/loads of updates. Newer roof, windows, furnace & C/A. Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms. Oversized heated 2 car garage. $174,900 (44SUN) 248-349-5600



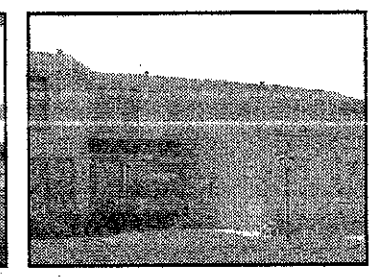
DEARBORN – Plenty of potential. Home has plenty of sweat equity, already has updated windows & vinyl siding. Home being sold "AS-IS". (109,900 (54COL) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND – Wonderful court setting. Just move in & enjoy! Beautiful hdwd flrs, updated kit w/oak cabs, newer windows, roof, furn, C/A, cement. Part fin bsmt w/full bath, 2 car garage. Fenced yard. This home is very clean & well cared for! $170,500 (45BAL) 734-455-5600



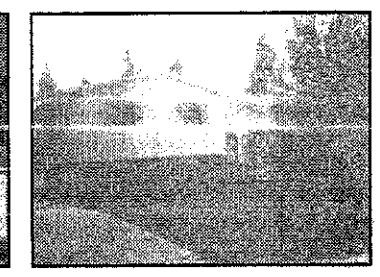
WESTLAND – Solid brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fin bsmt, newer kit & foyer flrs, kit appl, freshly painted, hdwd flrs, newer windows, steel entry doors, H20, bsmt blck windows, garage door, vinyl garage, 29x19 deck + 2.5 car garage. $134,700 (11HUB) 734-455-5600



NOVI – Wow! Come see for yourself, 2 BR, 1.5 BA 2-story townhouse in Lakewoode Park homes. Full basement, garage w/extra parking. Neutral décor w/custom chandeliers. Novi Schools. $149,500 (17CRA) 248-349-5600



CANTON – Fantastic colonial. 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/lots of oak & welcoming colors. Mstr BR has cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet & 2 person whirlpool tub. Extra large deck in quiet surroundings. 2 car attached garage & so much more to see. $240,000 (87PAR) 248-349-5600



BRIGHTON – Brighton Schools close by. Lots of living space in this 4 BR, 1.5 BA quad level. Family room with fireplace. Large backyard with large deck. Extra large 2.5 car garage & shed. Home warranty included. $219,900 (44HOL) 248-349-5600

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NORTHVILLE $1,890,000
BOUNDLESS AMENITIES, EXQUISITE ESTATE! Located in SW Oakland county on private wooded 10 plus acres w/6000+ SF. 6 BR, 6 baths, 2-lavs, w/o LL w/au pair ste, exercise/ spa room & indoor heated pool! (71HUN2)
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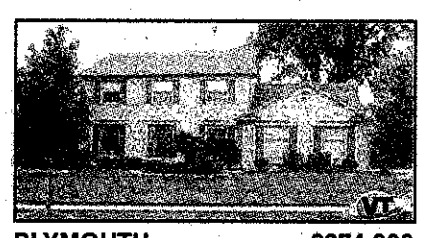
PLYMOUTH $489,000
VALUE IN THE LAND! Over one acre! Best use is commercial or office. All utilities! Perfectly located! (95FIV8)
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WIXOM $420,000
BEAUTIFUL HOME CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN MILFORD and Proud Lake Rec area. Bit in 2001, 4 BRs, 2.5 bth, gourmet kit w/Corian & cherry cabinetry, w/o LL, 3 car gar & more! (83DEL2)
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PLYMOUTH $374,900
COLONIAL ON 1/2 ACRE! 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2nd attached 2 car garage. Finished walk-out basement. Updated; roof ('02), carpet ('03), Jenn-Aire kitchen, 1/2 acre. (23S47023)
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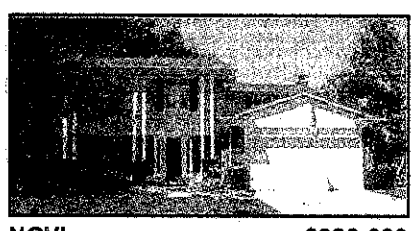
PLYMOUTH $374,900
BEAUTIFUL RIDGEWOOD WEST COLONIAL 4 BR, 2.5 BA, imm. poss., 2451 SF, mstr & FR has vaulted ceilings, stained deck w/blt in hot tub, and more. Top notch schools, great location - don't miss out! (Q48921)
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NORTHVILLE $320,000
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen. Perfect! (90COU2)
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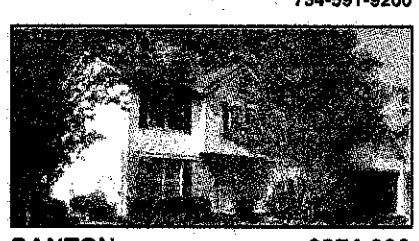
CANTON $299,900
GORGEOUS CUSTOM 1994 BUILT 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial loaded w/upgrades in Plymouth Canton school dist. 2 stry foyer w/recess lts, mstr ste w/skylgt, WIC, sep shower & jetted tub, gourmet kit. (S576)
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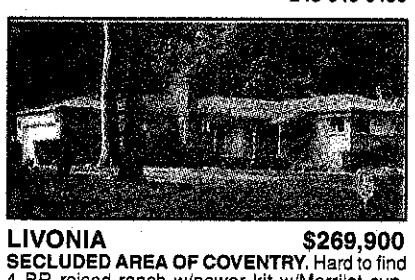
NOVI $290,000
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN WHISPERING MEADOWS Spacious 4 BR home w/large master suite & bath. Wooded yard and front sidewalks a real plus. Newer roof, furnace & windows. Home warranty provided. (09SUN2)
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CANTON $286,900
COUNTRY FEELING ranch in Canton. 1.38 fenced acres, borders golf course. 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, newly crptd. Heated Florida rm, minutes from 275, 3.5 car gar. Immed occupancy. (23H2344)
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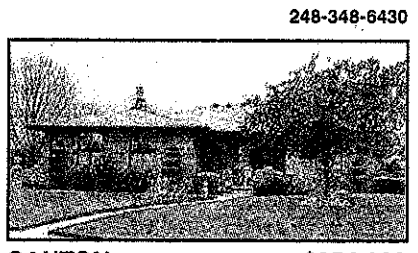
CANTON $274,900
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN MAPLE RIDGE SUB Great open floor plan. Family room has cathedral ceilings and a skylight. Spacious kitchen w/large nook area. Dining room has a large bay window w/wooded view. (M419)
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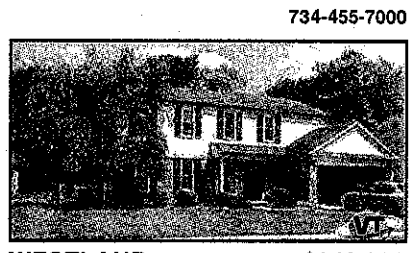
LIVONIA $269,900
SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY. Hard to find 4 BR raised ranch w/newer kit w/Merrilat cupboards, newer wndws, newer carpet in fin bsmt w/glass blk. 3 full baths, lg utility rm, lg lot, & more! (S16184)
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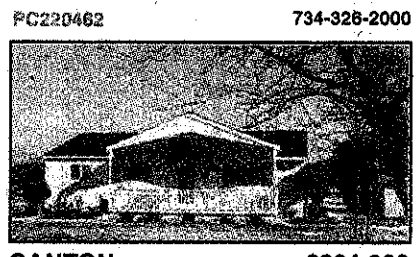
DEARBORN $257,500
GROWING FAMILY SPACE IS YOURS IN THIS 2 story brick colonial almost 2000 sq ft throughout w/3 full baths, remodeled kitchen w/dw, custom cabinetry & marble floor, full fin basement w/ office & more! (D172)
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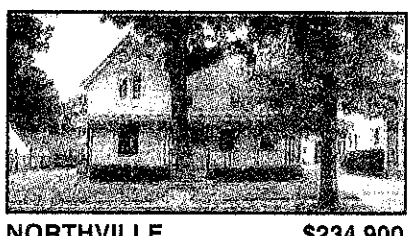
CANTON $254,900
HARD TO FIND RANCH! Plymouth-Canton schools. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, eat-in kitchen. Huge family room & enclosed sun porch. Beautifully landscaped. (23C7627)
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WESTLAND $249,900
ABSOLUTLY GORGEOUS HOME IN BEAUTIFUL SUB Aside from the lush landscape & beautifully maintained exterior, this home is mint & ready for you to move right in! Large deck leads to submerged pool and more (S727)
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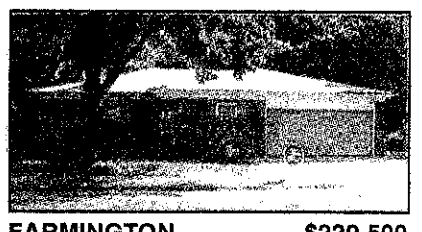
CANTON $234,900
PERFECT FOR ENTERTAINING is this 3 bedroom ranch on 1.38 acres in Canton. Formal dining rm w/doorwall to beautiful lg deck & hot tub. Remodeled kit & bath w/oak cabinetry & more! (D270)
PC220592 734-326-2000



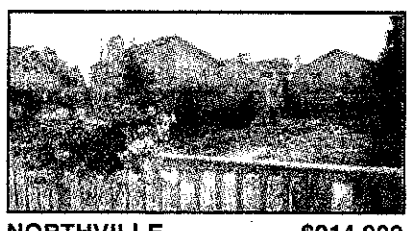
NORTHVILLE $234,900
GREAT LOCATION! WALK TO TOWN! 2-story home on lg lot, 3 BR, 3 baths, newer roof, Pella windows. Was income property, but can be converted to a family home. Never a better time to buy! (15NOV2)
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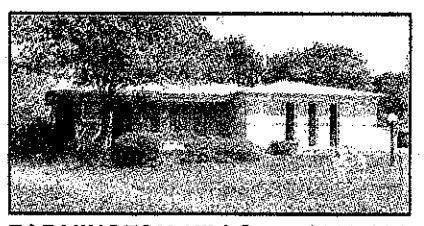
CANTON $229,900
HURRY! BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL WILL NOT LAST! New updates thru-out including rf, aluminum siding, garage door, & front & back decks. Neutral carpet replaced in 2000. This house shows pride of ownership. (C6562)
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FARMINGTON $229,500
NOT A DRIVE-BY! MUST SEE! Farmington 4 BR, 2.5 bath ranch! FR w/frpl, full bsmt, some hdwd flrs, over 1,500 SF, 20 foot covered patio, 2-car attached garage & gorgeous private backyard! (02MAP2)
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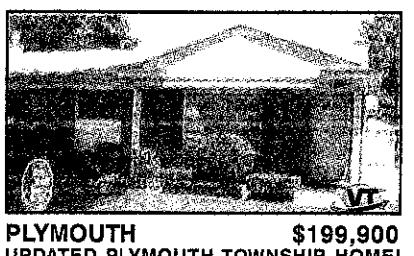
NORTHVILLE $214,900
CAREFREE & RELAXED LIFESTYLE! 2-story contemporary condo. 2 BR, 2.5 bth, FR w/fp, ceiling fan & doorwall to deck. Cozy kit, lib/ sunroom, 2-car att garage & peaceful setting. (64BOU2)
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FARMINGTON HILLS $209,900
FARMINGTON HILLS! Spacious Camelot Courts ranch! Beautiful lot, 1,592 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, FP, bsmt, lg yard & close to shopping & highways. 1-yr home warranty. (46HYS2)
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CANTON $209,900
CANTON BRICK RANCH! Lovely 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch on a private cul-de-sac with a beautiful wooded view from deck. Spacious bright kitchen opens to family room. (23R6556)
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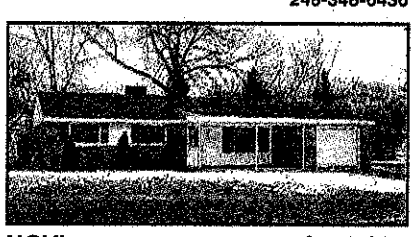
PLYMOUTH $199,900
UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME! Walk to local elem. school or walk to Hines Park, either way this charming ranch has location all over it. Full base, 2 car det, FR w/a FP & tons of updates. (H11520)
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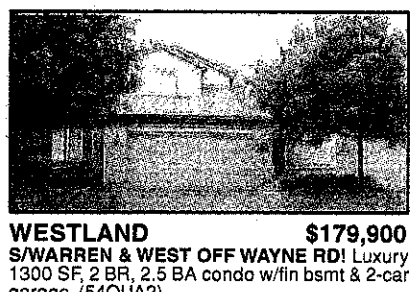
LIVONIA $197,500
HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS! 1753 SF tri-level with large lot. A great opportunity at this price! (C34037)
PC070032 734-591-9200



LIVONIA $194,600
OVER AN ACRE! Beautiful grounds, brick ranch with fireplace in living room, garage, & basement. Lot is 165x299. Call to see! (P19127)
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NOVI $185,000
ALL THE WORK IS DONE, SPARKLING NOVI RANCH! 3 BR, 2 baths, fresh paint & all new moldings. Kitchen remodeled, mstr bath updated, windows, HWH & carpet in 2001. Lg yard & close to school/park. (40WIL2)
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WESTLAND $179,900
S/WARREN & WEST OFF WAYNE RD! Luxury 1300 SF, 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/fin bsmt & 2-car garage. (54QUA2)
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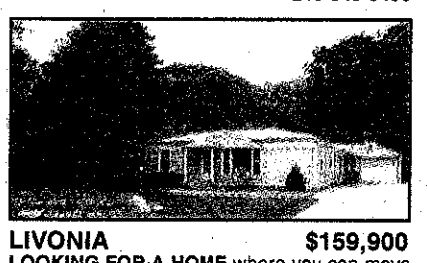
WESTLAND $169,900
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS, WELL MAINTAINED Tri-level. Anderson windows throughout, 2 car att. garage w/door to backyard. Florida room off dining room overlooking backyard & wooded area. A must see! (S400)
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LIVONIA $169,900
A DOLL HOUSE. 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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WESTLAND $163,900
ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE! Well loved 3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch in Westland. Updates include large deck, bathroom beautifully renovated, refurbished hrdwd firs. Bsmt living space w/storage. (23S38304)
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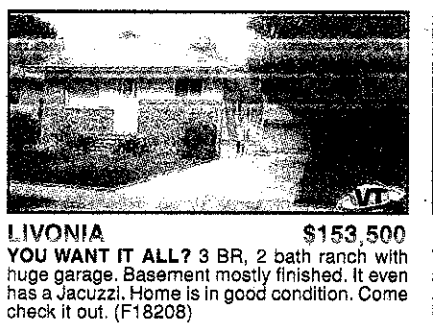
LIVONIA $159,900
LOOKING FOR A HOME where you can move right in without doing any work? If so, I have a beautiful 3 BR, 1.5 BA 1400 SF ranch on a half acre lot! A definite must see! (P20055)
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WESTLAND $159,900
THIS IS IT! ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED! Family friendly 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, den/library, large eat-in kit & large family room w/gas fireplace all on one main floor. Whole house attic fan. (P323)
PC220492 734-326-2000



WESTLAND $154,900
BRIGHT & SPACIOUS 4 BR colonial, 1.5 baths, C/A, full basement, 2 car att'd gar. Newer windows & entry door. Nice & clean. (H345)
PC220332 734-326-2000



LIVONIA $153,500
YOU WANT IT ALL? 3 BR, 2 bath ranch with huge garage. Basement mostly finished. It even has a Jacuzzi. Home is in good condition. Come check it out. (F18208)
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DEARBORN $148,900
THIS HOME IS CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Over 1000 sq ft & shows extremely well. Close to park, school, tennis & swimming. Nice garden patch behind 2.5 car gar. Too many updates to list! (21UNI2)
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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 $139,900
NOT A TYPICAL BUNGALOW Cathedral ceilings, skylights, 3 BR, 2 bath, fin bsmt, gourmet kit, vinyl wndws, recessed lts, 90+ eff. furnace, hrdwd flrs, 2.5 car garage. (K15595)
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GARDEN CITY $137,000
WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bdrm ranch makes a great start for some lucky buyer. Hrdwd flrs in bdrm & under carpet in LR. Newer furnace & c/a. Deck off back. 2.5 car gar w/opener. (23R30955)
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ROMULUS $115,950
ROOM TO ROAM! LARGE LOT Ranch w/ attached garage, barnstyle shed w/loft. Home has 2 or 3 bedrooms, large family room w/woodburning stove, newer windows and home warranty. (G114)
PC220442 734-326-2000



SOUTH LYON $112,900
SOUTH LYON RANCH CO-OP! 55+ adult co-op. 2 bdrm, 2 bath end unit w/extra wndws & part fin bsmt. Open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings. Private courtyard entry, Florida rm. Move in ready! (23P25389)
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INKSTER $96,000
A BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR THE GROWING FAMILY A 4 bedroom Cape Cod waiting for you personal touches. Nice backyard w/2 car garage. Basement partially finished. Home has some newer windows plus a new roof. (S268)
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LIVONIA
RARE FIND! Altered flr plan offers mstr BR addtn w/4 closets & bath w/sep Jac. tub & shower, kit. nook addtn overlooks prvt yd, fabulous fin drywalled bsmt. 3 BR, 3.5 BAs. C14147
$227,500 734-591-9200

CANTON
SPACIOUS END-UNIT CONDO! Small, private complex, GR w/cathedral ceiling, mstr w/lg bath & WIC. Full, partially fin'd bsmt w/full bath, pantry & extra storage. 2-car attached garage. 91MEA2
$225,000 248-348-6430

DEARBORN HEIGHTS
CLEAN, COZY KINGSWOOD ESTATE RANCH! 3 BR, new cement drive, carpeting w/wood flrs under, LR windows, furn, AC & paint. Part fin bsmt w/wet bar & great bckyd w/patio. Home warranty! 52KIN2
$219,900 248-348-6430

WESTLAND
THIS COULD BE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR! 4 BR colonial features hrdwd flrs on main floor and thru-out 2nd flr, nice, flowing open flr plan, neutral decor, all big tickets are done. Over 1500 SF! A36672 PC070992
$184,900 734-591-9200

CANTON
GREAT LOCATION! Backs to commons area & only a 2 unit! All appl stay! 3 bdrms, newer kit & flooring, C/A, furnace, carpet. Located in the heart of Canton. Very neutral decor. 23F1938
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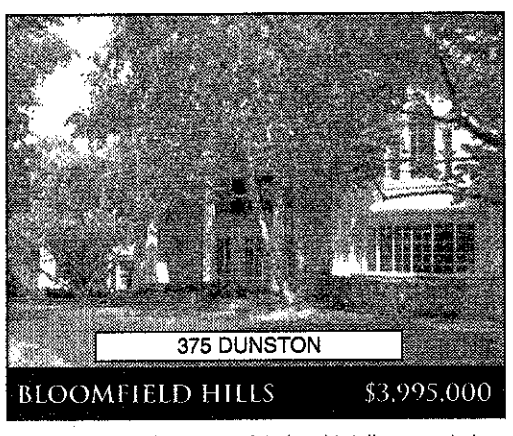
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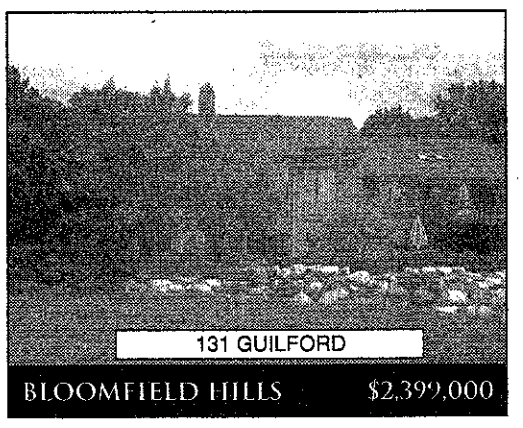
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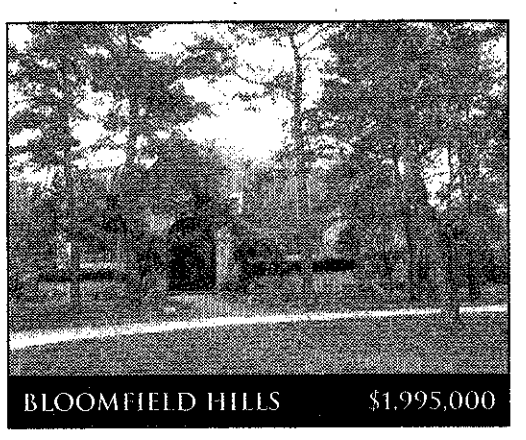
Custom designed home, updated and totally renovated on premier street in City of Bloomfield Hills! Home has been architecturally changed to fit the lifestyle of those buyers wanting high end new amenities. Master suite w/his & her baths & walk-in closets plus four bedroom suites. Marble foyer, hardwood floors.

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Fabulous private estate in Vaughan Road area. Soft contemporary Lubin design w/open floor plan for great entertaining. High ceilings, wonderful views, serene master suite w/sitting room. Great 4-5 bedroom walk-out. Just reduced!!

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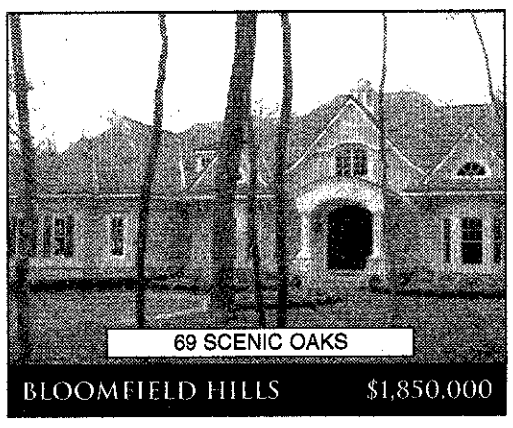
Wonderful David Lubin contemporary. Beautifully done in every way. Large spaces, ideal for entertaining along with lovely grounds w/pool. Five bedrooms, 5 full & 1 half bath, gym off master bedroom.

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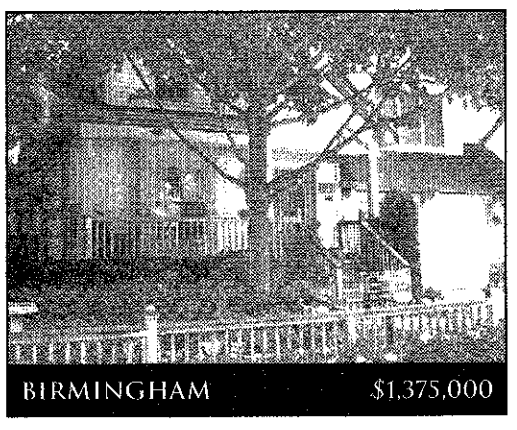
Phenomenal executive home on a private lot. Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabinets and top end appliances. Four bedrooms, 4 full & 2 half baths, library w/judge's paneling & bookcases. Lower level walk-out w/kitchen.

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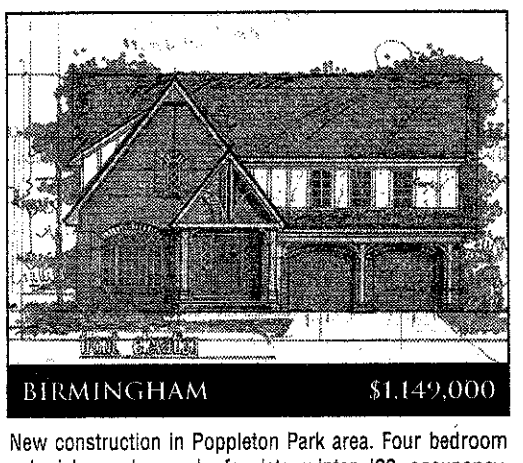
Fabulous 4,000 sq. ft. ranch in a very private development. Three bedrooms, 3 full & 1 half bath, double story marble foyer. Gourmet kitchen w/bay windowed breakfast room and fireplace. Serene master suite w/2 fitted closets & luxurious bath.

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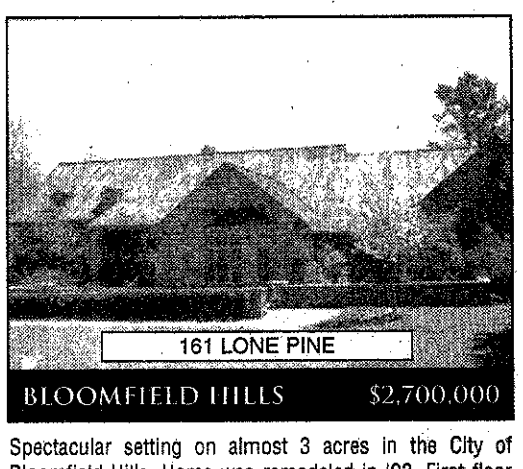
Complete, well located in town renovation. Four bedrooms, 4.5 baths, wonderful yard with pool and patio. Dining room and library. This home has it all. $1,375,000

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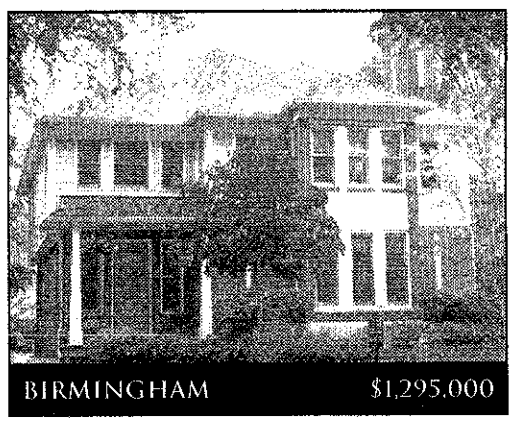
New construction in Poppleton Park area. Four bedroom colonial can be ready for late winter '03 occupancy. Beautiful kitchen w/granite countertops & custom cabinetry. Master bedroom w/fireplace.

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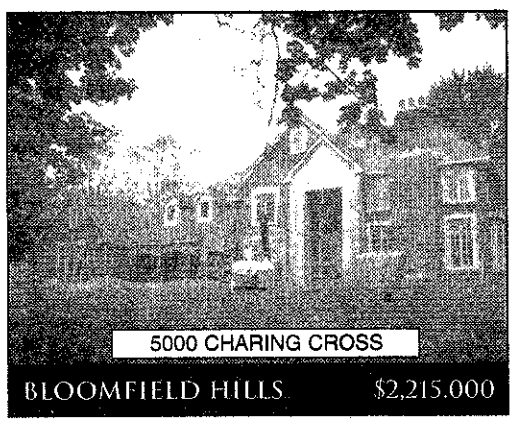
Spectacular setting on almost 3 acres in the City of Bloomfield Hills. Home was remodeled in '93. First floor guest suite, master bedroom w/fireplace, living room, his & her baths, 2 large walk-in closets. Beautifully landscaped yard.

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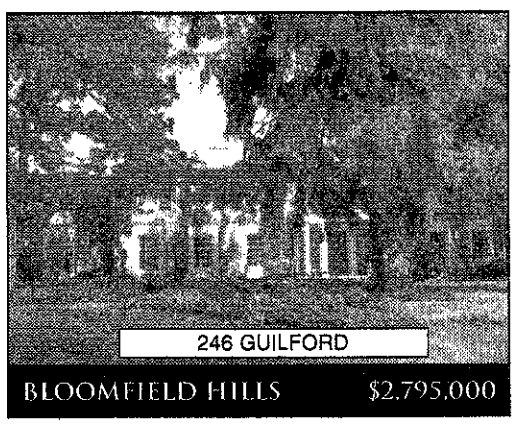
Large open floor plan, better than new. Gorgeous kitchen w/hardwood floors, built-ins. Huge master suite w/tray ceiling, his-her closets & jetted tub. Professionally finished lower level w/home theater. Very private backyard.

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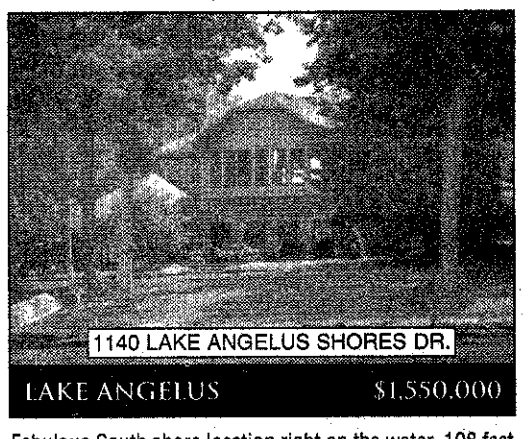
Custom quality built home. Situated high on a beautiful wooded, private 1.4 acres overlooking a tranquil pond.

23007006-C



Gracious center entrance colonial with marble foyer. Totally renovated and remodeled estate on private acreage with pool and cabana. Cabana features changing room, kitchen and two baths. Open floor plan with large rooms, warm and charming w/many updates. Two garages.

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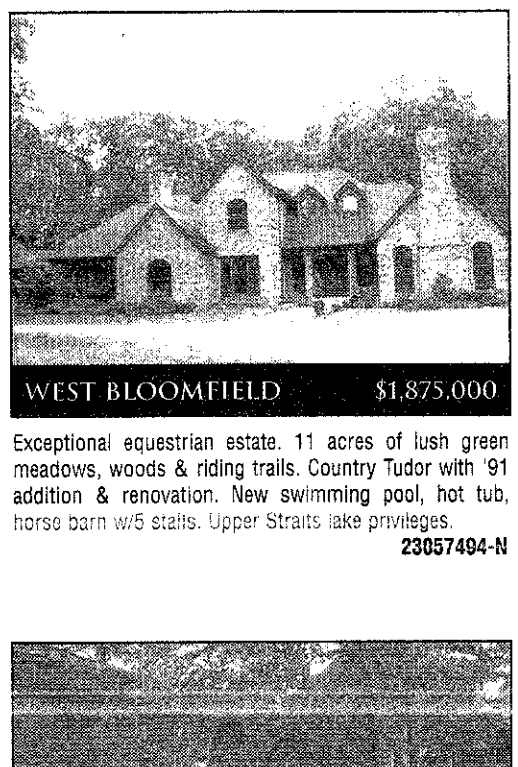
Fabulous South shore location right on the water. 108 feet of all sand lakefront. Beautifully renovated and updated 4,000 sq. ft. family home. Panoramas from every room. Three bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths, gourmet kitchen. Owner says bring offer! Huge price reduction!

22103088-L



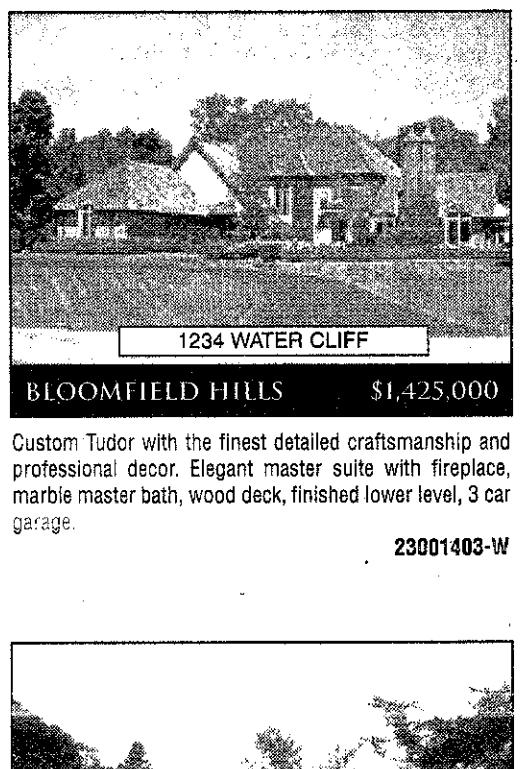
Quality construction & custom workmanship in this unique home. Four bedrooms, 2 full baths and one half bath. High ceilings, hardwood floors, custom trim & cabinets throughout. Third level finished w/library/office.

23031513-F



Exceptional equestrian estate. 11 acres of lush green meadows, woods & riding trails. Country Tudor with '91 addition & renovation. New swimming pool, hot tub, horse barn w/5 stalls. Upper Straits lake privileges.

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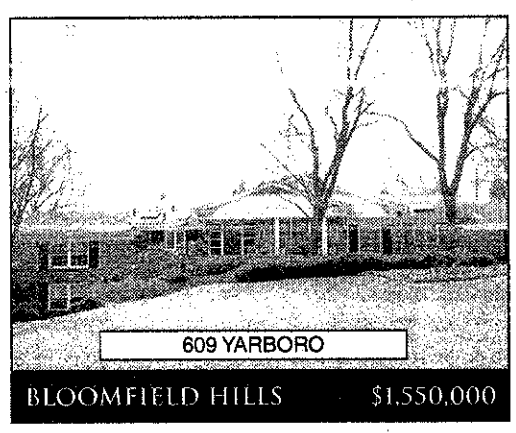
Custom Tudor with the finest detailed craftsmanship and professional decor. Elegant master suite with fireplace, marble master bath, wood deck, finished lower level, 3 car garage.

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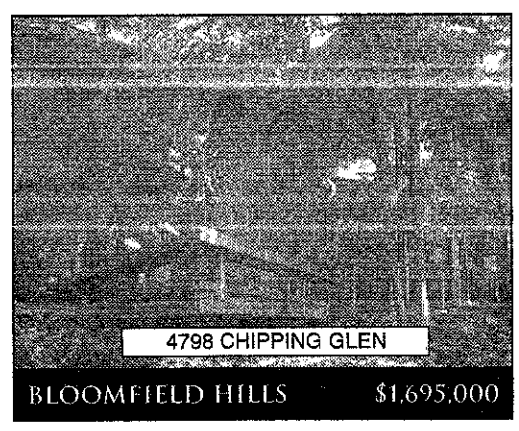
Panoramic views of sweeping lawn & Kirk In The Hills with Island Lake 1.9 acre frontage. Beautiful updated, sophisticated ranch. Cherry and granite kitchen w/coffered ceiling. First floor master suite includes sitting room.

23081164-K



Spectacular setting and location with lovely landscaped private grounds and a free formed pool. Great floor plan for entertaining. Walk out lover level.

23027272-Y



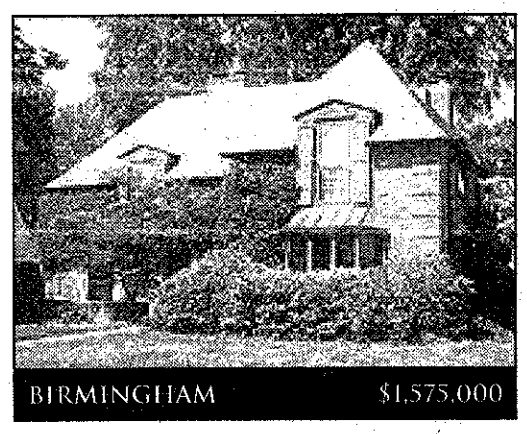
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Duplexes 4030

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LIVONIA- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, brick, 1 story w/basement, 2.5 garage, large lot, deck, C/A, all appliances. Plymouth & Levan area. $1300 mo. (734)-216-4460

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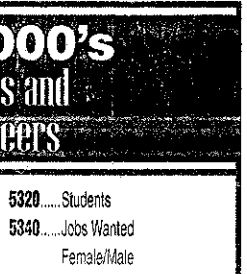
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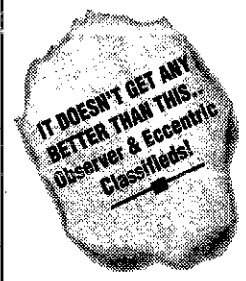
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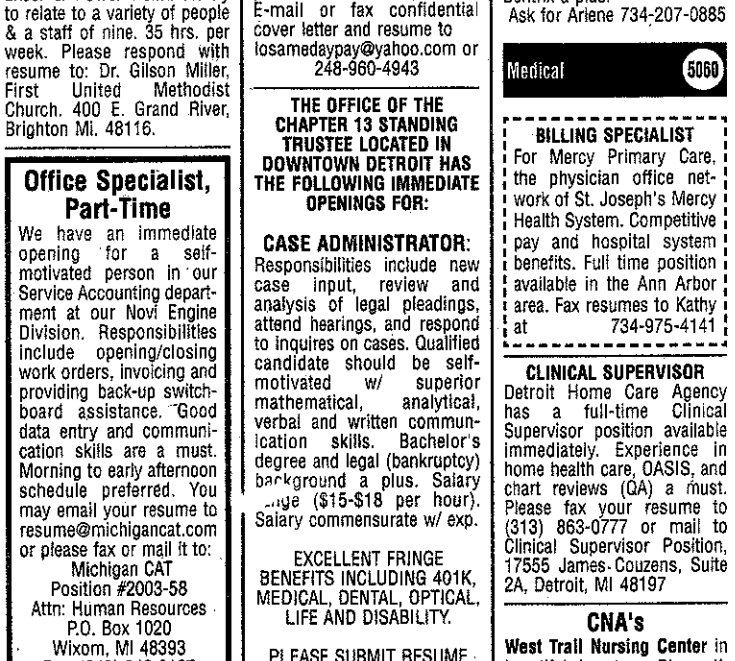
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LOOKING FOR YOU
I am a 56 year old, love to have fun, with friends, family or a partner. I enjoy walks, dancing, theater, music, movies, concerts. Love to sit by a campfire or watch a sunset. I have a lot of love to give to the right person. Please your name/number. Ad#:406107

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Brown hair/eyes, fun-loving SWF, 39. I like sports, trying new things. Seeking SM, over 32, good friend, a love, someone with similar interests. Ad#:499946

THE RIGHT ONE
Seeking a kind, caring, real SWM, 48-68, with great sense of humor. I have the same characteristics. I am a SWF, 57, with same the characteristics, plus more to offer that wonderful person. Ad#:496616

BE YOURSELF
I'm a SWF, 27, 5'9", with dark hair/eyes, who's caring, honest and an understanding person. Seeking a handsome, special SWM, 29-35, family-oriented. No games. Ad#:498396

SOMEONE YOU WILL LOVE
SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, attractive woman. Seeking all-American guy, 35-43, who would enjoy my company. Ad#:498329

LOVING & HONEST
SBF, 30, 5'8", 175 lbs., with dark skin and a full figure. In search of a down-to-earth SBM, under 45, who is easy to talk with, for companionship and quiet times together. Ad#:496909

ARE YOU FOR ME?
Very attractive SBF, 34, seeking financially secure, generous gentleman, over 35. Talk first. Ad#:496880

OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER
Are you interested in meeting a sweet, classy gal, early 60's, beautiful brown hair and eyes, who is looking for a tall, mild mannered, 58-70 year old, gentleman, emotionally and financially secure. Ad#:403303

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SWF, 65, 5'2", 130 lbs. She is adventurous, loves to travel, dine out, stay active and much more. Seeking a SWM, 55-70, who does not take life for granted and has similar interests. Ad#:496508

WINK AT ME
Energetic, vivacious, sweet SWF, 64, 5'1". Interests are the Arts, opera, dancing, good conversations and intellectual discussions. Seeking a caring, fun-loving SWM, 65-75, for a possible relationship. Ad#:496495

PATIENTLY WAITING 4 U
SWF, 60, auburn hair, green eyes, professional. Enjoys travel, weekend get-a-ways, camping, cuddling and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70, who is loving, humorous, N/S, N/D, fun and affectionate. Ad#:405309

I AM FOR YOU
SWF, 86, attractive blonde. Looking for a fun-loving relationship with SWM, under 70. Don't delay. Ad#:496981

STARTING OVER
Divorced white female, 37, blonde, blue eyes, 5'3", medium build, great personality. Interests include camping, outdoors sports, travel, dining out/in and dancing. Looking for single white male, 37-47, with same interests. Ad#:482787

MY IDEAL MAN
SWF, 36, 5'7", sexy mom, sincere, with some college. I like kick boxing, exercising, swimming, and much more. I can offer honesty, sincerity, dedication to an educated, family-oriented SWM, 30-43. Ad#:494134

SHARE A MOONLIT NIGHT
Bubbly SWF, 55, 5'4", 135 lbs, reddish/blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, sports and exercise. Looking for a sincere, good-humored SWM, 50-62. Ad#:493215

A REAL GEM
Green-eyed, appealing WWWF, 49, 5'7", humorous, homemaker, aggressive. Loves the outdoors, gardening, travel and sports. Seeking a SM, 39-70, compassionate and nice-looking. Ad#:488338

CALL ME
SWF, 33, smoker, occasional drinker. Enjoys swimming, bicycling, works on aquariums. Seeking SWM, 28-43. Sound interesting? Ad#:485274

GOOD FRIEND
Semi-retired SWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair, stays busy. Like home life, family gatherings, dances, fitness. Seeking reliable, good-hearted SM, any age. Ad#:484727

HOLD MY HAND
SWF, 43, 5'5", with a wonderful personality. My hobbies include camping, walks on the beach, bowling, horses, sports and sunsets. I would like to meet an honest, caring SWM, 35-55. Ad#:481648

GOOD-NATURED
SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 6'3" plus, 53-62, who is well-groomed and professional, for friendship first. Ad#:470261

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT
SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes, Enjoys movies, theater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#:473611

FAITHFUL
Outgoing, compatible SWF, 19, 5'6", who currently is a stay at home mom, enjoys movies, dining and spending special times with an honest, sweet SM, under 30, who is more of a "thug". Ad#:483283

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Professional SWF, 50, who enjoys socializing, the outdoors, cooking and more. Seeking a compassionate, caring SWM, 43-52. Ad#:482898

INTERESTED?
SBF, 44, enjoys church, plays, good conversation, singing and more...Looking for a SBM, 40-46, with similar interests. Sincere replies only! Ad#:482616

ALL MY LOVE
SNAF, 37, who is hoping to meet a SNAM around the same age. If this is you, call me! Ad#:482471

SOMETHING REAL
SWF, 25, blonde hair, blue eyes, bubbly, friendly and easy to get along with. Enjoys computers, movies, good conversation with friends and more. Seeking a SM, who is honest, trustworthy, humorous and open. Ad#:482193

NOT PERFECT
SBF, 38, with two teens, physically challenged, walks with cane. Seeking relationship with SM, 38-58, understanding and special. Ad#:473738

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
SWF, 61, medium height, with blue eyes and blonde hair. Enjoys staying active and having fun. Looking for a N/S, SWM, 58-66, who doesn't play head games. Ad#:420010

CUTE BLONDE WIDOW
I'm 5', 105 lbs., 58, romantic, secure SF, seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, live theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#:403562

LOOKING FOR...
...Fun-loving relationship, 59, 5'2", SWF, brown hair, medium build, good personality. Friendly, compassionate, like to meet a man, 65-72, with the same. No games. Someone that I can be fun-loving with and also serious, pretty versatile with going out. Ad#:444245

SHARE LIFE
SBF, 38, 5'2", medium build, kind, loving and communicative. Enjoys reading, picnics, nature, boating, time with friends and family, good conversation and much more. Seeking a SBM, 35-50, who is handsome, religious, pleasant and has similar interests. Ad#:478614

CUTE
Petite, SWF, 51, loves many activities. Seeking a SWM, under 48. Please call me. Ad#:478478

LET'S SEE WHAT BLOOMS
SWF, 64, 5'2", 118 lbs. Blonde who is happy and outgoing. Interests are the outdoors, movies and gardening. Seeking a lovable and honest SNAM, 60-70, who is outgoing for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#:477392

GRACE AND ELEGANCE
SWF, 50, caring mother, loves life. In search of SWM, 45-55, for friendship possibly leading to long-term relationship. Ad#:476066

WHERE ARE YOU?
50 yrs. old, DWF, 5'2", 110 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. Enjoys music, concerts, outdoors, Harley's, the Red Wings dancing, etc. Searching for an honest, loyal, SM to enjoy life, someone who wants to casually date and has a sense of humor. Ad#:403942

RECIPE FOR LOVE
SBF, 30, 5'5", dark brown hair/eyes. Interests are fun times, watching basketball and wrestling and cooking. In search of SWM, 30-35, tall, dark hair, enjoys a good chef for possible relationship. Ad#:476002

IN GOD I TRUST
SWF, 45, 5'5", brown hair/eyes. Interests are Church, afternoon strolls and good conversation. Seeking SWM, 30-65, Christian, enjoys children, who is honest and caring, for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#:475986

ROAD TO HAPPINESS
This family-oriented, outgoing SWF, 32, enjoys scary movies, carnivals and long walks. She is seeking SWM, 28-40, who is caring, likes children, down-to-earth and is sincere for a relationship. Ad#:475521

CHECK ME OUT
Loving, loyal and down-to-earth SWF, 37, with long blonde hair. Seeking a taller man, 6' plus, secure within himself, over 25. Ad#:474958

FRIENDS TO START
SWF, 47, 5'5" attractive, employed, blonde, is seeking SWM, 42-50, for a fun relationship that may lead to more. Ad#:446329

BROWN EYED LADY
SWF, 5'4", 48, enjoys barbecued ribs, funny movies, page turning books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55, that I can look up to, who can make me laugh, is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self. Ad#:473551

A COMPANION
SBF, 48, professional, full-figured. Enjoys concerts, time with family, travel, walking and more. Seeking a SM, who is open, honest, loving and reliable. Ad#:473235

COMPANIONSHIP
Classy, blonde, WWWF, 65, 5'3", 120 lbs., who enjoys dining out, golf and travel. Searching for a SW, gentleman, 65-72. Ad#:473072

GOAL-ORIENTED
SWF, 29, 5'9", with bluish green eyes and a full figure. Interests are fishing, camping, swimming and much more. In search of a SWM, 26-37, for friendship to start, that can lead into a long term relationship. Ad#:471960

SHY, BUT OUTGOING
SWF, 42, petite, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Interests are the outdoors, working out, gardening, etc. Searching for an attractive, fit SWM, 35-47, who has similar interests, with good morals. Ad#:418148

NEW TO THE ADS
Loving, reliable SBF, 21, 5'2", 150 lbs., caramel complexion. Enjoys basketball, football and more. Looking for a confident SBM who knows what he wants out of life. Ad#:471866

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

ALWAYS SMILING
SWF, 44, 5'7", with brown hair and hazel eyes. Interests are swimming, shopping, NASCAR, fishing and much more. In search of a SWM, 5'11"-6'3", 34-50, who is honest and trustworthy. Ad#:468434

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?
SWF, 56, 5'6", average build with brown hair & eyes. Interested in gardening, dancing, swimming, cooking & romantic evenings. Looking for an honest, faithful SWM, 51-60, with great eyes, who loves children and intelligent conversation. Ad#:469108

AWESOME COOK!
Fun loving, outgoing SWF, 44, 5'7", brown hair and green eyes, loves to laugh. My hobbies include travel, swimming, boating and shopping. I'm searching for an honest, loving, outgoing SWM, 34-52, 5'11"-6'2", with a husky build. Ad#:469027

READ THIS!
SWF, 32, 5'7", enjoys long walks, roller blading, biking, good conversation and motorcycles. She is searching for a sincere, attractive, financially secure SBM, 26-37, no drugs and no games! Ad#:469008

ONE DAY AT A TIME
SWF, 45, 5'2", 145 lbs., with brown hair and hazel/blue eyes. Interests are NASCAR, computers, singing, music, playing the guitar and much more. In search of a SWM, 45-52, who wants to enjoys life. Ad#:468132

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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

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

LOOKING FOR RESPECT
Trustworthy SWF, 35, 5'1", red hair, hazel eyes. one daughter. Enjoys biking, swimming, boating and long walks. Looking for a sincere, fun-loving SWM, 30-45. Ad#:466064

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 easygoing with similar interests. Ad#:465565

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE!
SWF, 34, 5'6", 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

ROMANTIC WALKS
SBF, 30, 5'8", sexy and attractive. Interests are basketball, football, playing pool, the beach and more. Looking for a SBM, 28-40, who is honest, romantic, funny and open-minded. Ad#:459756

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

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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

DO YOU LOOK LIKE KEN?
Fun, full-figured, SWF, 57, enjoy long talks, boating, motorcycles, dancing, love kids. I'm very family-oriented and get along with all types of people. Looking for a SWM, 45-65, to go out to dinner with and see where it goes from there. Ad#:450091

50/50
SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 44-60, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous. N/S and honest for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad#:448774

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SBF, 32, mother of 2, working part-time and going to school part-time. Enjoys reading, writing poetry and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is kind and compassionate. If you are that special guy, leave a message! Ad#:446605

2 IS BETTER
SWCF, 49, 5'6", blonde hair, brown eyes, organized, intelligent and pleasant. Enjoys theater, travel, music and more. Seeking a SWCM, over 46, who is loyal, down-to-earth and not into games. Ad#:446995

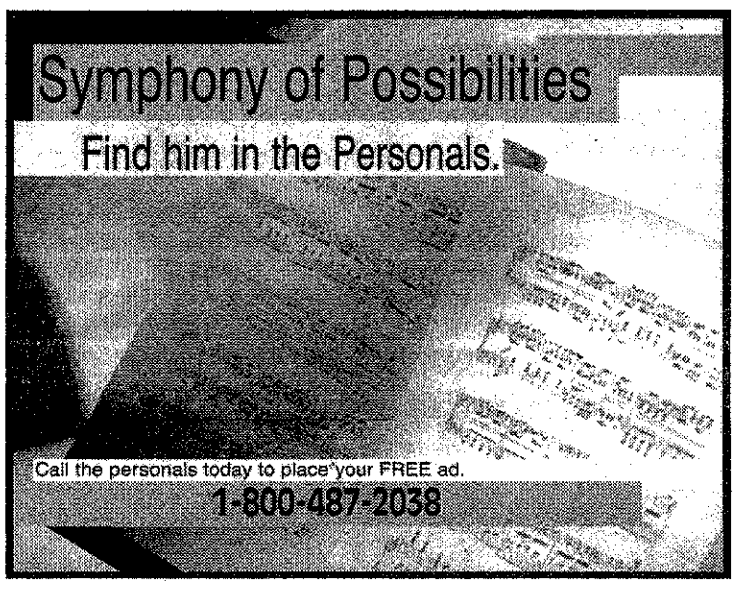
SUNNY DAYS
Pretty, long brown hair, 37, divorced white woman, employed with two children. Enjoy camping, outdoors and bowling. Looking for white man, 32-45, with similar interests. Ad#:429358

GOOD NATURED
SBF, 47, 5'3", dark brown hair, outgoing, sincere and fun-loving. Enjoys shopping, travel, dining, concerts, the outdoors, picnics and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is sincere, outgoing, fun-loving, family-oriented and is a kid at heart. Ad#:442747

WANT TO HAVE FUN
Petite, very honest, SBF, 42 yrs. old, 5'2", enjoys long walks, theater, traveling, jazz concerts. Looking for giving, open, SBM 39-55 yrs. old who wants to enjoy each others' company and have fun. Ad#:442180

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED
SWF 62 yrs. old, very active and likes to be on the move. I enjoy my family and friends. Looking for SWM, close to my age who is also active and wants to hook up and talk. Ad#:442050

SPONTANEOUS & BUBBLY
SWF, 39, 5'5", with blonde hair. Enjoys theater, the outdoors, reading and more. In search of a SWM, 32-59, who is spontaneous, humorous, adventurous and loving. Ad#:442019



CONTACT ME A.S.A.P.!
Attractive divorced white female, 50, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, sports. Seeks professional divorced white male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache. Ad#:403954

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Divorced professional female, petite, 50, 5'1", active, sense of humor. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, animals. Seeks male counterpart, physically active, easygoing, sense of humor, non-smoker, professional, no beard or mustache. Ad#:403597

PRETTY GOOFY
SWF, 19, with a good sense of humor, enjoys life, loves to laugh, camping, the beach and is easy to get along with. Looking for a SWM, 31-37, who is fun to be with, honest, respectable, caring and enjoys children. Ad#:449703

DINNER FOR TWO
SWF, 68, 5'5", with blonde hair. Interests are painting, traveling, quiet evenings at home, the outdoors, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 60-72, who is fun-loving and outgoing. Ad#:449628

FUN & ENERGETIC
SWF, 38, 5'5", blonde, with blue eyes and wears glasses. Enjoys walking, reading, bowling, fishing, camping, NASCAR & playing with her cat. Seeking a SWM, 35-45, who is humorous, honest, sincere, energetic, likes to have fun, but has a serious side. Ad#:449267

FIND OUT MORE TODAY!!!
SWF, 59, 5'6", slender brunette, with short brown hair and hazel/green eyes. Enjoys sailing, power-boating, golfing, fine dining, tennis and much more. In search of a honest, loyal, trustworthy, N/S SWM, 59-75. Ad#:449205

COMPANIONSHIP
SWF, 47, 5'8", 200 lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes. Interests are music, cooking, yard work and traveling. Searching for a SWM, 40-50, who doesn't play games, is honest, truthful, commutative, loving and warm. Ad#:449182

HAPPY & CHEERFUL
SBF, 37, 5'11", with brown eyes and a beautiful set of lips. Enjoys cooking, dining out, shopping and much more. In search of a SBM, under 50, who is honest, trustworthy, funny, caring and loving. Ad#:449074

I MAY BE THE ONE
SWF, 52, enjoys gardening, the outdoors, camping, hiking, movies, theater, concerts, cooking and entertaining. Looking for SWM, 48-63, who wants to invest time in building a relationship with me. Ad#:443461

SEEKING A TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBF, 26, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark complexion. Seeking a SM, 22-35, who is humorous, kind, considerate and goal oriented. Ad#:446975

RECIPE FOR LOVE
Christian WWWF, 68, 5'5", blonde hair, N/S, N/D. Enjoy my grandchildren, boating, church, flea markets, cooking. Looking for that special SWM, 68 or older, who has similar interests. Ad#:446467

OLD-FASHIONED LADY
SWF, 55, enjoys children, but has none of her own, yard sales, movies, dining out and more. In search of an attractive, nicely dressed SWM, 49-70, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#:426634

A GOOD FRIEND
SBF, 25, 6'1", 167 lbs., attractive, outgoing and enjoys life. Seeking a SWM, who is fun, independent and friendly, for a friendship first. Ad#:446021

GOOD INNER SOUL
Honest, sincere, 32, SWF, dark hair, brown eyes, 5'2", outgoing, strong willed, caring. Enjoy spending time with my son, gardening, festivals, walking. Looking for an employed, SM, who is honest, sincere, numorous, looking to settle down and likes children Ad#:445709

OUTGOING & FUNNY
SWF, 22, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes. Interests are camping, playing pool, nights out on the town and much more. In search of a SWM, 21-35, who is honest, caring, down-to-earth and likes to have fun. Ad#:445038

EASYGOING & HONEST
SWF, 53, 5'7", slim, auburn hair. Seeking a SM, 45-60, who is handsome, slim, secure, affectionate and enjoys travel, dancing and much more. Ad#:444507

COFFEE?
SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, fun and outgoing. Enjoys movies, walking, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is well established, trustworthy, honest and considerate. Ad#:443926

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
SWF, 23 yrs. old, seeking SBM, 20-30, who is not into playing games. If this is something you want, then contact me! Ad#:443897

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COMMITTED
DWM, 45, professional, tall, slim, with brown hair. Enjoys the outdoors, hiking, camping, picnics, galleries, etc. Looking for a fun SWF, 35-45, for friendship first, that can develop into a long-term relationship. Ad#:443620

LIKE DRAG RACING?
You just found your way into my heart! SWM, 37, looking for a fun, outgoing, outdoorsy, attractive, fit SWF, 35-40, who knows how to be herself. Ad#:500162

GIVE ME A CALL
Outgoing SWM, 28, easy to get along with. Looking to get to know a SWF, for friendship first, possibly more. Ad#:500109

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL
SWM, 45, 5'8", fit, light brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for a passionate, compassionate, professional SWF, 28-45. Livonia area. Ad#:449863

LIFE IS BETTER SHARED
White male, dentist, 5', 173 lbs., 54, very successful and attractive. Seeking a white female, 38 to 53, 5'4" plus, slim, non-smoker, very attractive and physically fit, who loves fine dining, travel, cuddling and seeking a best friend. Ad#:403950

COME FLY WITH ME
Handsome, successful, professional, young-looking/acting 57, 6', fit, spiritual, charismatic. Enjoys sports, dancing, the arts, travel and conversation. Seeks an attractive, slim female who's ready to enjoy life to it's fullest. Birmingham. Ad#:417087

WARM WELCOME
Hi! I'm Jim and I enjoy sports, movies, music, going out having some good times. SWM, 36, sincere, likeable guy is seeking earthy, carefree SWF, under 40, to in on some fun. Ad#:499177

MAN SEEKS WOMAN
Not scared to dream and try new things. SBM, 22, high-spirited, good-humored, impressive young guy. I'm seeking an attractive SB woman, under 30, maybe little mischievous. Ad#:498659

ENERGETIC MALE
56, white male, 5'7", medium build, fit, brown hair, hazel eyes, neat beard, teacher. Likes outdoors, fishing, travel, dining out, museums, plays, art shows, Seeks woman, mid 40's to 50's, attractive, fit, intelligent, long-term relationship. Shiawassee. Ad#:403918

IT'S NOW OR NEVER
Nice-looking SNCM, 44, 5'11", 190 lbs., my enjoyments are: NASCAR races, eating out, outdoors, concerts. I am seeking SNCF, 25-40, who enjoys the same. Ad#:491514

NO EXTRA BAGGAGE
SWM, 48, who likes the outdoors, fishing, camping, boating and animals. Seeking SWF, 38-48, for a soulmate, to have some nice times together. Ad#:480941

HELLO THERE!
Nice-looking SWM, 55, looking for casual dating with attractive SF, 30-45. I enjoy romantic walks in the parks, most sports, holding hands, board games, plus more. Ad#:497456

ALL AROUND GUY
SBM, 26, 6'3", 275 lbs., pretty smile, straight teeth, student, with vehicle. Seeking SF, under 40, to spend time with. Ad#:497132

HARLEY WILL TRAVEL
Seeking adventurous woman, under 55, for fun times with this SWM, 54, who has a Harley bike. Ad#:496428

WANNA FALL IN LOVE?
Well-built, 5'9", 185 lbs., 38 year-old SWM, very hardworking, likes to have fun and enjoys quiet times with that special woman. Looking for an honest, trustworthy SWF, 25-45, for dining out, movies and dancing. Ad#:442480

WHY NOT?
Divorced, slim white male, 59, 6'1", enjoys outdoors, gardening, working in the house, the water and much, much more. Searching for a slim white female, family oriented, for friendship and possibly more. Ad#:403951

MILK CHOCOLATE
Charming, outgoing SBM, 25, 6', 160 lbs., light complexion. Interests include basketball, friends and culture. Seeking a SBF, under 32, with a great sense of humor. Ad#:495724

A REAL MAN
SWM, young 53, long brown hair, 5'9", 165 lbs., semi-retired, N/S. Seeking a nice-looking AF, 21-35, who is non-materialistic and marriage-minded. Ad#:495677

GOOD CATCH
Kind, warm, sensitive SBM, 39, 5'9", enjoys many interests. Seeking a well-read, balanced SBF who knows herself. Ad#:495635

YOU AND ME
SWM, 35, 5'11", 175 lbs., outgoing, likes meeting new people in the area. Seeking educated SF, under 55, who knows who she is. For dancing, drinks and much more. Ad#:485057

YOUR OPENING LINE
Amusing, easygoing SWM, 33, 6', medium build, with brown hair and eyes. Likes going places. Desires to meet likeable SF, 18-35, open, and no hang ups. Ad#:484159

BIG HUGS
SWM, 54, 5'11", enjoys dining, shooting pool, good movies and quiet times at home together. Looking for an accepting SF, 18 plus. Ad#:473348

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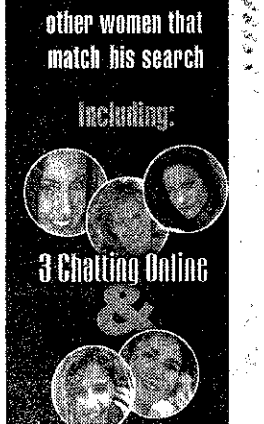
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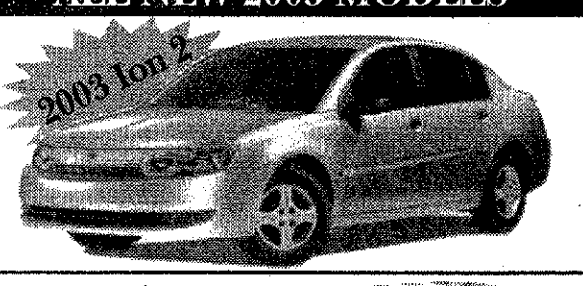
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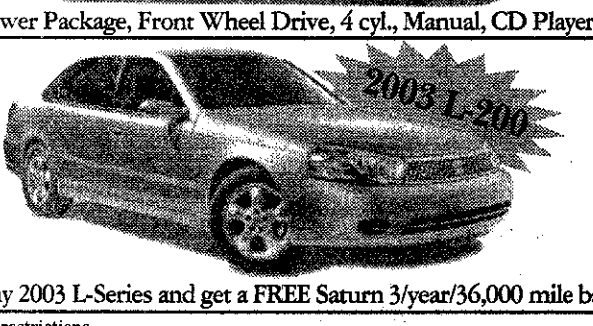
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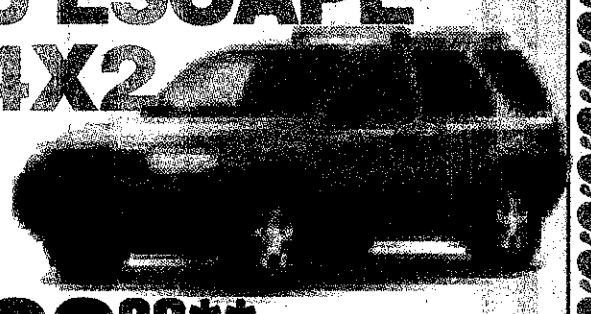
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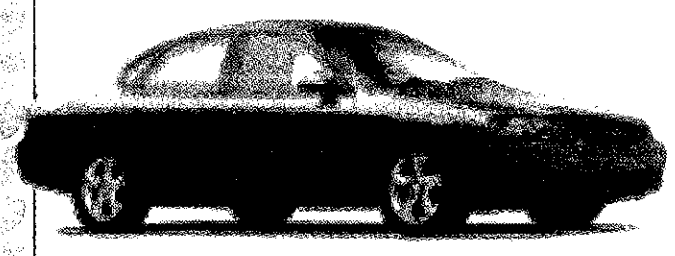
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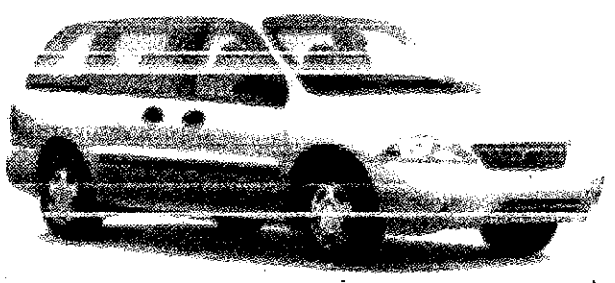
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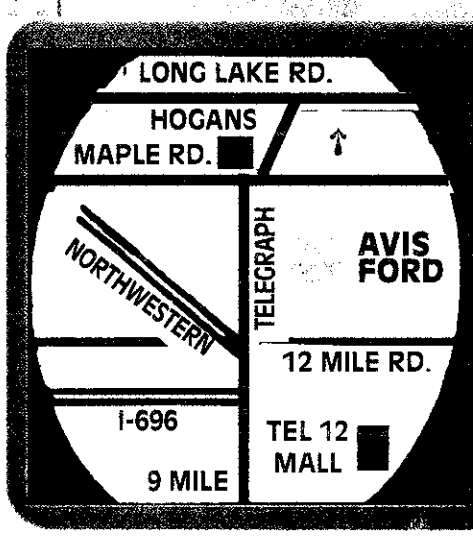
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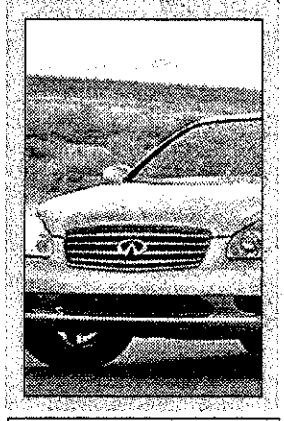
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With the XL-7, Suzuki apparently encountered something that was rather in evitable in the sport-utility-vehicle market, given how so many new players have jumped seriously into this segment in the last several years; a rather ordinary entry. The large, luxury-appointed 2003 Suzuki does nearly everything adequately but nothing extraordinary.

On paper and even in practice, there actually is much to recommended XL-7. Its styling is restrained and rather boxy, making it a nice choice for consumer who want something different than the usual Explorers and Envoys but don't want to be marking themselves as too unconventional. Standard features include rear privacy glass, 16-inch aluminum wheels, heated driver- and passenger-side power mirrors and roof rails. The Limited version I drove also offer a rear spoiler, running boards in some versions and fog lights.

Performance is an example of where the vehicle's iffiness comes into play. Suzuki, a General Motors affiliate, could find nothing larger than its 2.7-liter, V6, 24-valve dual-overheard cam engine to drop into the XL-7. So it provides only a maximum of 183 horsepower. That kind of power pulling a large SUV is alright at cruising speeds. But XL-7 definitely suffers from it in acceleration onto a highway or merging - and even sometimes with just keeping up with fast-paced traffic. Even though XL-7 is listed as being able to tow up to 3,000 pounds, there's also a noticeable strain on the engine even when just carrying several adults in the passenger compartment. In a segment where XL-7 must compete with more-than-adequate powerplants provided by the domestic Big Three and Toyota and Honda, this is a major black mark against XL-7. On the flipside, however, XL-7 posts among the best fuel-efficiency marks in its class, at 17 mpg around town and 20 mpg on the highway.

Moving inside, XL-7 also demonstrates the plusses and minuses of middling execution in this segment. It builds on the basic virtues of its predecessor Grand Vitara model with a 12.6-inch longer wheelbase and an overall length that is 19.1 inches greater. Either trim level can include a third-row option that ups the total head count to seven passengers from five. But seven-passenger seating is almost a sine qua non in a serious luxury SUV these days, so its inclusion doesn't raise the XL-7 above the crowd of competitors. It's also worth noting that the third-row seat formerly was standard but now costs extra. And when the third row is in use, cargo capacity is very limited. Furthermore, the unlatching mechanism for dropping the third row seat into place isn't simple to operate; nor does the third row drop flush into place with the cargo floor, and that creates some crevices and other spaces into which items inconveniently can fall.



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Similarly, in the quality of its ride, XL-7 performs well with minor bumps, and other imperfections in the road. But it doesn't handle large disturbances nearly as well as a vehicle of its class should. Handling is adequate at lower speeds, but it has difficulty handling higher cornering speeds. And cross-winds and bump seem to have a pronounced effect on XL-7's ability to hold its course.

Suzuki attemps to make up for some of this with a load of interior amenities, which include on all editions such things as rear air conditioning, second-row split folding seats, power mirrors and door locks and remote keyless entry. On lusher versions, buyers can upgrade to alloy wheels, a nicely sized power tilt and slide sunroof, leather seating, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, two-speed intermittent wipers and a six-disk stereo system.

Safety and security are an arena where Suzuki does poke its head above the crowd. Safety features are competitive, including second-generation dual front air bags, daytime running lights, a child-seat latch system and optional ABS brakes. And with prices ranging up to $26,000, XL-7 - like all Suzukis - is covered by what some believe to be the best warranty in the business, its new seven-year, 100,000-mile powertrain limited warranty. Unlike the 10-year 100,000-mile warranties offered by Kia and Hyundai, Suzuki's is fully transferable to succeeding owners and free of deductibles for covered items.

Nevertheless, XL-7 overall doesn't provide enough compelling reasons to purchase it over the bevy of competitors.

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True Blue clearcoat metallic, med drk flint cloth/vinyl buck, power mirrors, remote keyless entry, power side windows, 3.0L duratec V6 engine, 4-speed auto O/D trans, step bars, roof rack w/2 crossbars, 15" cast aluminum wheels, convenience group. [Stock #34819] WAS $21,905
NOW $17,075.09*
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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	$1500 DOWN
	$251.81** mo	$209.85** mo

2003 Explorer XLS



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Mineral Gray cc, med parchment cloth captain chairs,floor mats, c/k carpet, air, XLS Sport Group, glass, privacy, 4.0L SHC V6 Flex fuel eng, 5-speed automatic o/d trans, P235/70R16 A/S Owl Tires, 3.55 ratio regular axle [Stock #34931] WAS $28,105

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$18,044.21*		$211.92** mo	$172.08** mo

2003 THUNDERBIRD

Torch Red cc, black ink accent, removable top, htd driver/pass seat, AM/FM stereo, 6 disc CD, 17" 7 spoke chrome cast alum, audiophile sound sys, 3.9L DOHC V8 eng, 5-speed auto trans. [Stock #32649] WAS $40,850
NOW $35,458.57*
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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	$1500 DOWN
	$448.71** mo	$407.77** mo

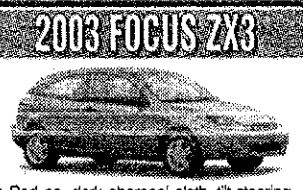
2003 WINDSTAR SE WAGON



Light Saphire Blue, medium graphite cloth, luggage rack, aux. climate control, rear radio controls, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4 spd. auto O/D trans, P225/60R-16 BSW all season, floor console, elec AM/FM stro/6, disc/clk, adjust brake pedal, cargo net. [Stock #31850] WAS $29,950
NOW $19,024.68*
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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	$1500 DOWN
	$231.10** mo	$191.41** mo

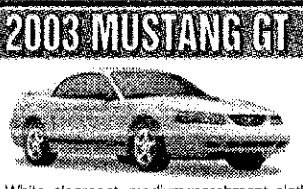
2003 FOCUS ZX3



Sangria Red cc, dark charcoal cloth, tilt steering, speed control, 1-disc w/MP3/clock, 16" alloy wheels, 16V Zetec eng, automatic transmission. [Stock #32076] WAS $15,505
NOW $11,146.60*
FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	$1500 DOWN
	$202.74** mo	$159.87** mo

2003 MUSTANG GT



Oxford White clearcoat, medium parchment cloth, rear spoiler, power driver's seat, speed control, ABS braking sys/traction ctrl, air, AM/FM stereo, 17" painted alloy wheels, auto O/D trans. [Stock #33910] WAS $24,785
NOW $18,552.36*
FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	$1500 DOWN
	$340.31** mo	$298.47** mo

2003 F150 XLT S.C.



Bright red cc, med. graphite, prer. equip pkg. 507A, overhead cons, AM/FM stereo w/CD, 4.2L EFI V6, elect. 4-spd auto O/D, P255/70R-16 OWL all season, 3.55 ratio lim slip axle, 6050# GVWR pkg., sliding rear wind, pow. black mirrors, cast alum wheels (4), cloth capt's chairs. [Stock #34224] WAS $27,575
NOW $16,175.08*
FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	$1500 DOWN
	$197.98** mo	$129.82** mo

2003 CONVERSION VAN
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NOW $23,503.01*
FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	$1500 DOWN
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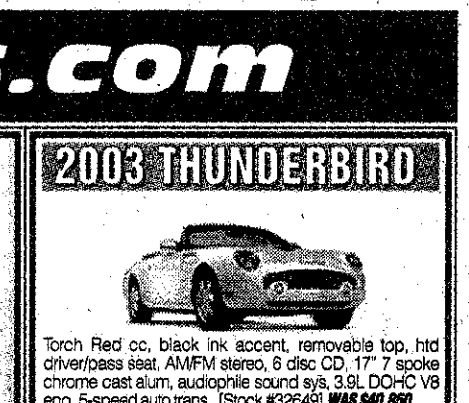
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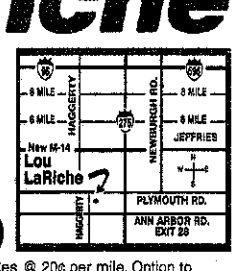
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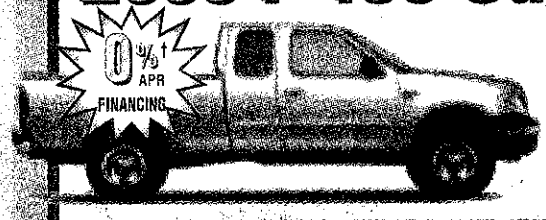


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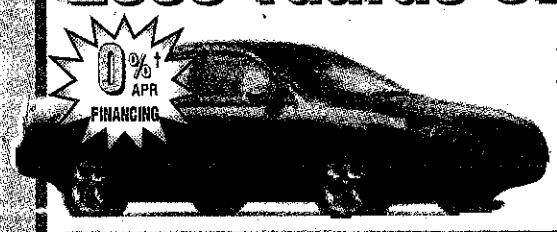
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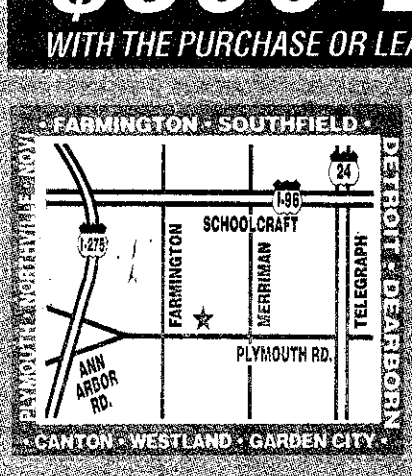
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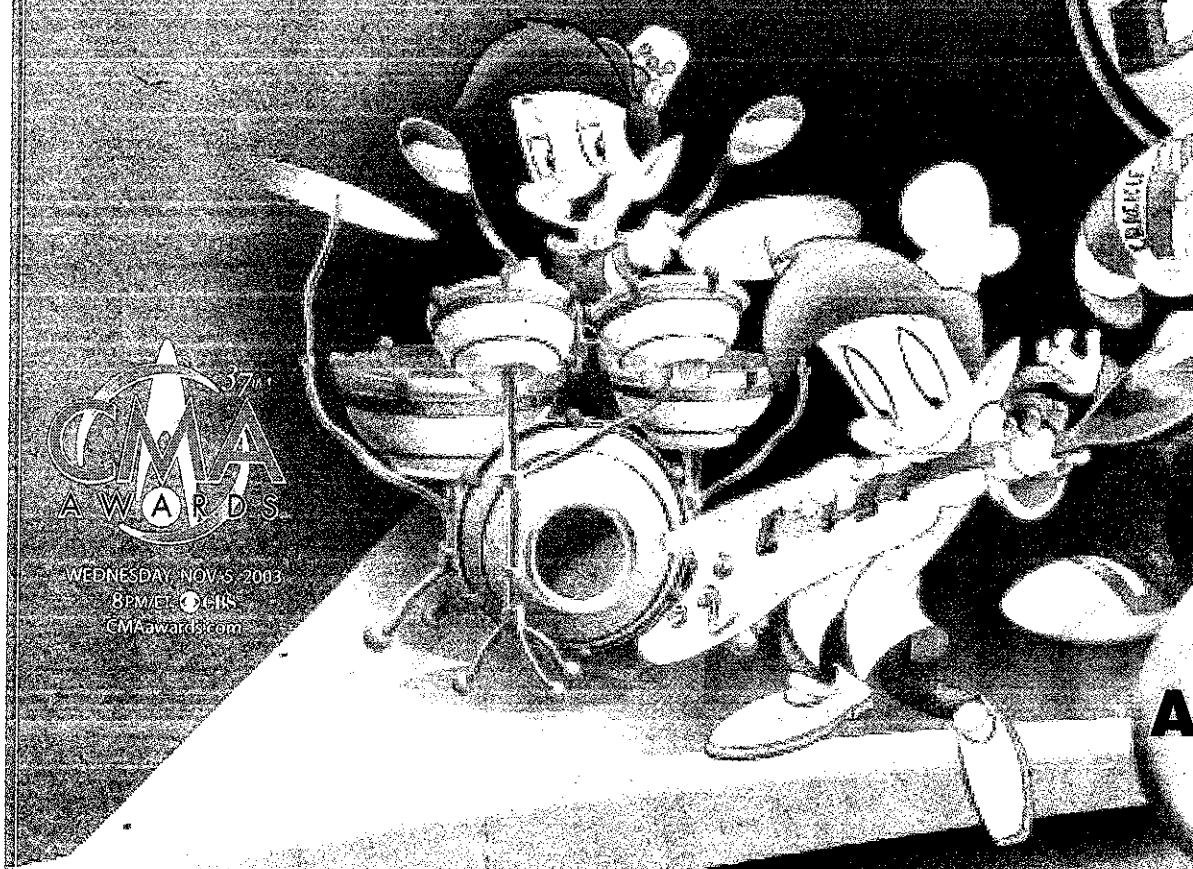
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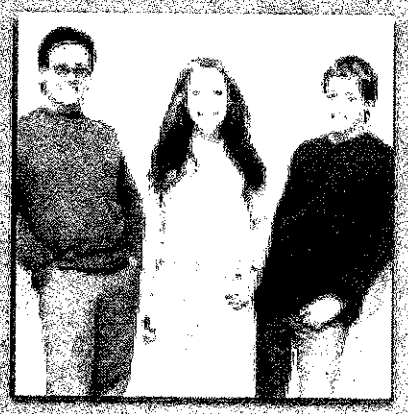
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'Dally' is a big neighborhood party

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER


The Electronic stage gets the crowd energized at last year's event.

DALLY IN THE ALLEY
What: An art and music festival.
Where: In brick alleys between Second and Third streets and between Forest and Hancock Avenue bordering Wayne State University and Detroit's Museum district
When: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

Art made from garbage can lids, an eclectic mix of live music, and good food – it's all part of Dally in the Alley on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Start with its hip, urban location: through the winding brick alleys of Detroit in the Cass Corridor area on Second and Third streets, between Forest and Hancock Avenue near Wayne State University.

Organizers call it a huge neighborhood block party and everyone's invited. Dally in the Alley originated in 1977 as an inner-city art fair organized by the North Cass Community Union, a nonprofit residential group aimed at preserving historic parts of the neighborhood and revitalizing neglected areas.

Today, Dally has grown into a multi-faceted festival with a 1960s rebellious yet positive energy. It's organized by a team of about 30 volunteers; even the entertainment donates their own time.

"It's completely a homegrown event," said Allen Schaerges, a co-founder of Dally decades ago. "It's not corporate sponsored and you can feel that...it's become a performing arts festival with very strong musical line-ups."

The volunteers have a pure goal: to improve the city and create a vivaciously cool event.

"We attract all kinds of people, being in Detroit. All races, all demographics come," said Connie Mangilin, Dally's publicist. "It's situated in a good area to attract a diverse crowd. We're bordered by the museum district, Wayne State and the eclectic North Cass area."

Park on any side street and you might be invited to one of the many outdoor house parties hosted by students, professors or hipsters who live there. The event draws a mix of artists and art lovers, yuppies, students, political activists, music lovers and musicians, and families.About 30,000 people attended last year, more are expected this year.

If it's anything like last year's, families will stroll the alleys during the day to view the edgy art while children play organized, creative games.

When the evening summer air cools, the environment changes as people move from stage to stage, dancing to the music. Throughout the day they sample foods like gourmet sandwiches, kabobs, rice dishes and more. There's also live entertainment throughout the day and night – everything from electronica to Flamenco, jazz, reggae, folk, rock, funk and punk. You name it, Dally has it.

It's a friendly, laid-back atmosphere. Join in intellectual conversations with strangers; socializing is embraced here.

You can bring lawn chairs, beverages and snacks for the long day, or visit one of the booths featuring food from local restaurants including Mario's, Carl's Chop House, Olympia Cafe, Mediterranean Cafe, Small World Cafe, Music Menu Cafe and Om Cafe. Motor City Brewing Works is supplying the beer, other beverages will also be available for purchase.

Each stage focuses on different genres of music – folk and rock, electronica and world beats. Some bands worth checking out are Blackman & Arnold, Cass Avenue Ramblers, Twilight Babies, Bloom, Ara Topouzian ensemble, DJs Dan Immediately and Eugene Machine, plus many more.

"This is our 26th year," Mangilin said. "The Dally is actually a fund-raiser for the North Cass Community Union."

Event profits are used for many projects including building restoration, to support local soup kitchens, and provide music scholarships for neighborhood kids.

There are plans to reconstruct the historic Horace Dodge Garage, at 4753 Second St.

The garage was where the Dodge Brothers, John and Horace, first started designing automobiles.

It's all about rebuilding Detroit, and it seems to be working.

Festival schedule

■ Dally Gallery, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Features the artwork of Mark Arminski, Tony Gomez, Rachel Reed, Gwen Joy, Justine Gira, and John Spivey.

■ Art Auction, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: More than 40 garbage can lids were given to local artists to decorate as they please. .

■ Kids' Fair, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Mural and face painting, sock puppets, kites, and hats. Games include ring toss, the treasure chest game, board games. Prizes for all children.

■ Fashion shows, noon: Detroit clothier, Spiral Clothing, displays hemp and organic cotton wearables on the Forest Stage. The Urban Electronica show will flaunt the styles of Liquid Silver.

Music Schedule

Some of Detroit's best will play on Dally's four stages from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The Forest Stage features Afro-Cuban, funk, blues, world jazz, reggae, gospel and more. The Alley Stage has a rock n' roll flavor with hints of indie, punk and garage. The Garden Stage features mostly acoustic with soft rock, country, jazz and blues.

■ Forest Stage - 11:30 a.m.: Pathe Jassi; 1 p.m. Ara Topouzian ensemble with Amara's Middle Eastern Dance Tribe; 2:30 p.m. West Side Quartet; 4 p.m. Czards; 5:30 p.m. Brazil and Beyond; 7 p.m. Layabouts; 8 p.m. Brett Lucas Band; 10 p.m. Black Bottom Collective

■ Alley Stage - noon: The Riots; 1 p.m. The Ruiners; 2 p.m. Ultimate Lovers; 3:15 p.m. The Nice Device; 4:30 p.m. The Elevations; 5:15 p.m. The Thing Escapes starring DJs Danton Immediately and Eugene Machine; 5:45 p.m. Thunderbirds are Now!; 6:30 p.m. The Thing Escapes starring DJs Danton Immediately and Eugene Machine; 8:15 p.m. PAS/CAL; 9:15 Jawbone; 9:45 p.m. The Paybacks

■ Garden Stage - 11 a.m.: Gretchen Wolf; 11:30 a.m. Randy Changler; noon Don't Look Now Jug Band; 12:45 p.m. Ernie Douglas; 1:15 p.m. Beta-Rays; 2 p.m. Bloom; 2:45 p.m. Third Street Jazz Band; 3:30 p.m. Soul Rhythm; 4:30 p.m. Witch Doctors; 5:30 p.m. In Door Park; 6:30 p.m. Cass Avenue Ramblers; 7:30 p.m. Maruga; 8:30 p.m. Twilight Babies; 9:30 p.m. High Flyin' Bird

■ Urban Electronica Stage - 11 a.m.: Lumar & DJ Shortround; 11:30 a.m. Innerphonic; 1:15 p.m. Matthew Dear; 2 p.m. Miz Corona; 2:45 p.m. DJ Mink; 3:30 p.m. Twonz & Traxx

'The Medallion' delivers what Jackie Chan fans expect

THE MEDALLION
** (out of four)

The Medallion may be a bad movie, but it delivers the general sameness that Jackie Chan fans want. Therefore, fair warning: Jackie Chan fans stop reading now.

As with most Chan films, the flimsy, spotty story of *The Medallion* feels as if somebody is making it up as they go along (which apparently isn't the case – six different writers are credited with the screenplay). Inspector Eddie Yang (Chan) joins up with two Interpol police, Nicole (Claire Forlani) and Watson (Lee Evans), to catch the evil Snakehead (Julian Sands).



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

Yang and crew must stop Snakehead from finding "The Chosen One" – a young child born every 1,000 years capable of binding both halves of a sacred medallion. Once joined, the resulting amulet gives the possessor the power to regenerate life.

For example, if you are shot dead, another version of you walks in from the next room while the original version of you disintegrates into a cloud of supernatural vapor.

Few things make sense – for example, if the child is "The Chosen One," then why is he never under guard?

And steal him the bad guys do, over and over, all the while shouting "Find him!," "Shoot him!" and "Get the boy!" Meanwhile, Sands walks around in long robes, his lip quivering in demented anticipation.

Chan, for whatever it's worth, seems sleepier than usual. The only genuine fun of *The Medallion* occurs when Yang first returns from the dead to discover that he's impervious to injury. Fascinated, Watson can't help but stab the freaked-out cop again and again, to Yang's increasing dismay.

Unfortunately, the downside to gaining superhuman strength is that it makes you, well, less human.

Chan has always been the working man's movie hero. He's not good-looking and is often unintelligible, but he still does most of his own stunts. When he glides up the side of a building like an insect, that's really Chan – he still has the ability to amaze.

But once bestowed with the powers of the Medallion, Chan enters the world of improbable, *Matrix*-style CGI animation. He flies, he floats, he rabbit-kicks somebody in mid-air for five minutes. People go to Chan movies to see his acrobatic physical talent.

My interest – and I'm guessing yours, too – pretty much evaporates when they start hooking up Chan to invisible wires.

Other disappointments in *The Medallion* include record-scratch sound effects whenever something unexpected happens. But if you're a Jackie Chan fan and this sounds acceptable – or even exciting – then ignore everything I just said. I'd hate to ruin your fun.

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Watch 'Blade Runner' – then watch it again

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
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What makes this a film worth watching is not only its thought-provoking story line, but its stunning cinematography and a lyrical, elegiac soundtrack provided by Vangelis. It's one of those rare films in which each separate component comes together to merge seamlessly into a luminescent whole.

Much was expected of *Blade Runner* when it was released in 1982. Starring Harrison Ford, directed by Ridley Scott, and based on the work of acclaimed sci-fi writer Philip K. Dick, it seemed like the kind of film that couldn't miss.

And yet, miss it did, pulling in a paltry $14 million at the box office (production costs had been nearly $30 million). However, the past two decades have been extremely kind to the film. Books have been written about it, a Director's Cut was released in 1992, and it has become easily one of the most influential films made in the past 25 years.

The dark, trashed-out urban landscapes seen in the various *Batman* and *Terminator* films are straight out of *Blade Runner*, only they are not done nearly as well.

In large part, *Blade Runner's* popularity can be attributed to the miracle of videotape, laser discs and DVDs, because this is a film that reveals new facets at every viewing. Ridley Scott once remarked that a film should be like "a thousand layer cake," and *Blade Runner* epitomizes this ideal.

HEROES AND ANTIHEROES

Taking place in a futuristic Los Angeles, the story involves a group of androids who were created to serve as slave labor in distant galactic colonies, but this particular group has returned to Earth to seek out their corporate maker and to extend their lifespans. It is the job of Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford) as the eponymous "blade runner" to "retire" these androids by any means necessary.

While he begins his mission with little doubt that these androids are dangerous creations that need to be eliminated as quickly as possible, he gradually comes to realize that the androids are, in fact, not all that different from him.

Indeed, as the film draws to its conclusion, it's difficult to say whether Deckard or Roy Batty (the lead android played by Rutger Hauer) is the real hero of the movie.

This ambiguity troubled many preview audience members who found the story confusing, and for the original theatrical release producers tacked on a voice-over and a happy ending (with footage borrowed from Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining*) in a last-ditch effort to help clarify the story.

The subsequent Director's Cut returned the film to its original form, eliminating the voice-over and new ending, and also inserting a dream sequence that hints at an entirely new layer of this particular cake.

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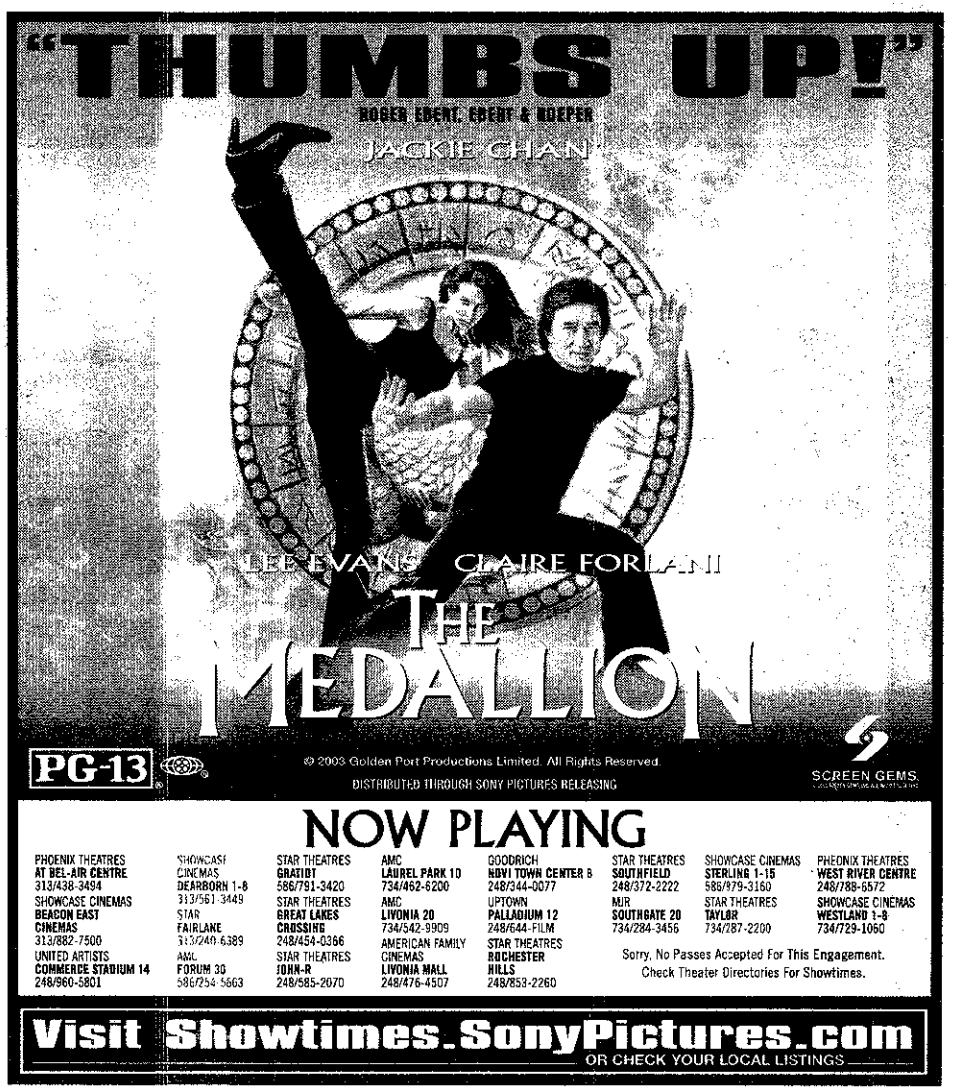
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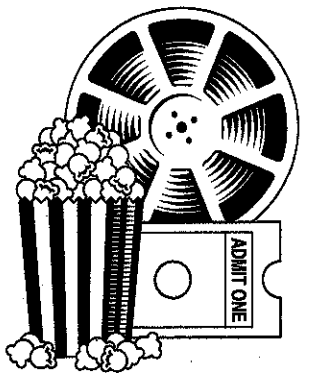
As noted, some preview audience members didn't care for this film that combines the best of sci-fi and film noir, but as one viewer wrote on his preview card, "I am glad I lived to see this movie." So, watch it once to get the story. And then watch it again to appreciate the beautiful way in which the story is told.

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Harrison Ford portrays Rick Deckard in 'Blade Runner,' a 1982 release based on the work of sci-fi writer Philip K. Dick.





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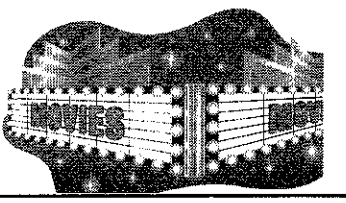
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'My Boss's Daughter' good for a few laughs

MY BOSS'S DAUGHTER
** (out of four)

In a movie that will do nothing to advance his career, in which he's asked to do little but transfer his goofy, good-natured persona from *That 70's Show* onto the big screen, Ashton Kutcher gives it his all, and scores a few big laughs and plenty of chuckles.

Given that he's supposed be playing straight man to a zany supporting cast with solid credentials in *My Boss's Daughter,* it's impressive to see him shoulder the burden of making the thing work.

This modest little movie – which wasn't screened for critics before opening day – is almost enough to make you forget about Kutcher the celebrity, who's so famously dating Demi Moore.

Instead, *My Boss's Daughter* presents Kutcher as the affable, too-pretty comic actor with a few solid, sitcom-honed skills. He falls down and breaks furniture, he gets caught with his pants down, and he provides about a dozen variations on the incredulous reaction shot – all funny.

Kutcher is Tom Stansfield, a frustrated employee of a huge publishing company lorded over by the imperious Jack Taylor (Terrence Stamp).

He's smitten by Jack's seemingly unapproachable daughter, Lisa (Tara Reid), and he's thrilled when she seems to be asking him out – but really she just wants him to house sit so she can go to a party.

Oh, and both Jack and Lisa think Tom is gay.

Let the hilarity begin – sort of.

Jack is more than a bit uptight about his house, and he has an owl named O.J. that requires regimented feeding and medical care.

Of course, as soon as Tom is left alone there, people start showing up and wrecking things, including Lisa's drug-dealing brother (Andy Richter) and a goon (Michael Madsen) he's doing business with; Jack's unstable former secretary (Molly Shannon), to whose firing Tom unintentionally contributed; and, for no discernible reason, Carmen Electra.

Director David Zucker was part of the team that made two of the funniest movies of the 1980s, *Airplane!* and *The Naked Gun*, so you'd think he'd have things under control – or, better yet, let them descend into gleeful madness.

But his good-humored style doesn't jive with the barely-there script by Dave Dorfman (*Anger Management*), who seems influenced by the crueler comedy of the Farrelly brothers.

Jokes about race and the disabled fall flat, in part because they're poorly executed, in part because they seem out of place in what wants to be a madcap romp.

The spectacularly unfunny supporting cast — including Dave Foley, Jeffrey Tambor and David Koechner – doesn't help either. But luckily Kutcher is there to try to clean up the mess.

My Boss's Daughter, a Dimension Films release, is rated PG-13 for crude and sex-related humor, drug content and language. Running time: 85 minutes.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Here's a preview of new films, and tentative opening dates.

Friday, Aug. 29

Jeepers Creepers 2 – The sequel to the 2001 film centers on a group on a group of basketball players, coaches and cheerleaders who find themselves attacked by a winged, people-eating monster on their way home from the state championship.

Featured players include Jonathon Breck, Ray Wise, Nicki Lynn Aycox, and Marieh Delfino. Directed by Victor Salva. (MGM/UA) Rated R

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Thirteen – Winner of the directing prize at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival, *Thirteen* tells of the sometimes-harsh world of preteen L.A. girls who grow up much too quickly.

The story centers on 13-year-old Tracey (Evan Rachel Wood), who falls under the influence of popular bad girl Evie (Nikki Reed).

Tracey's quiet life begins to spin out of control, as she is radically transformed under Evie's Svengali-like spell. Featured players include Holly Hunter, Jeremy Sisto, and Deborah Unger.

Co-written by director Catherine Harwicke and 14-year-old Nikki Reed. (Fox Searchlight) Rated R

Friday, Sept. 5

The Order – For centuries, a secret order has existed within the church. Following a series of unexplained murders, a renegade priest (Heath Ledger) begins an investigation that hurls him into a maelstrom of unimaginable evil and, ultimately, murder – and the knowledge that there is a fate worse than death.

Directed by Academy Award winner Brian Helgeland. Starring Shannyn Sossamon, Mark Addy, Benno Furmann, and Peter Weller. (Twentieth Century Fox) Rated R.

Friday, Sept. 12

Once Upon A Time in Mexico – Antonio Banderas stars in the third of a trilogy, which started with *El Mariachi* and *Desperado.*

The story centers on a drug lord (who's planning to assassinate the Mexican president and assume power) and the men who try to stop him. Other featured players include Mickey Rourke, Willem Dafoe, Salma Hayek, Johnny Depp and Cheech Marin. Directed by Robert Rodriguez. (Columbia) Rated R

Cold Creek Manor – An urban couple (Dennis Quaid, Sharon Stone) and their family move to a recently repossessed mansion in the country, but their idyllic family life is threatened when the original owner (Stephen Doriff), recently released from jail, will do anything to take it back. Directed by Mike Figgis. (Touchstone Pictures) Rated R

Friday, Sept. 19

Anything Else – This is the story of an aging struggling artist (Woody Allen) who takes a younger artist (Jason Biggs) under his wing. That includes helping him sort out his messy romantic life. Also starring Christina Ricci, Danny Devito, Stockard Channing and Jimmy Fallon. Directed by Woody Allen. (DreamWorks SKG) Rated R

Lost in Translation – Bill Murray and Scarlett Johassen star as two Americans in Tokyo who go on a soul-searching journey together. Also starring Giovanni Ribisi and Anna Faris. Directed by Sofia Coppola. (Focus Features) Rated R

Secondhand Lions – Set in 1960s Texas, this is the story of a timid teenager, Walter (Haley Joel Osment), forced to spend the summer with his eccentric (and recently rich) great-uncles (Michael Caine and Robert Duvall) on their farm. Once there, he learns about their mysterious and dangerous pasts. Directed by Tim McCanlies. (New Line) Rated PG

Underworld – Described as "Romeo and Juliet" among vampire and werewolf clans, this action/horror story stars Kate Beckinsale as a vampire warrior who falls in love with a werewolf. (Scott Speedman). Directed by Len Wiseman. (Screen Gems) Rated R

Friday, Sept. 26

The Clearing – A wealthy couple (Robert Redford, Helen Mirren) has their perfect existence shattered when the husband is kidnapped and held for ransom by a disgruntled employee (Willem Dafoe). (Fox Searchlight) Not yet rated

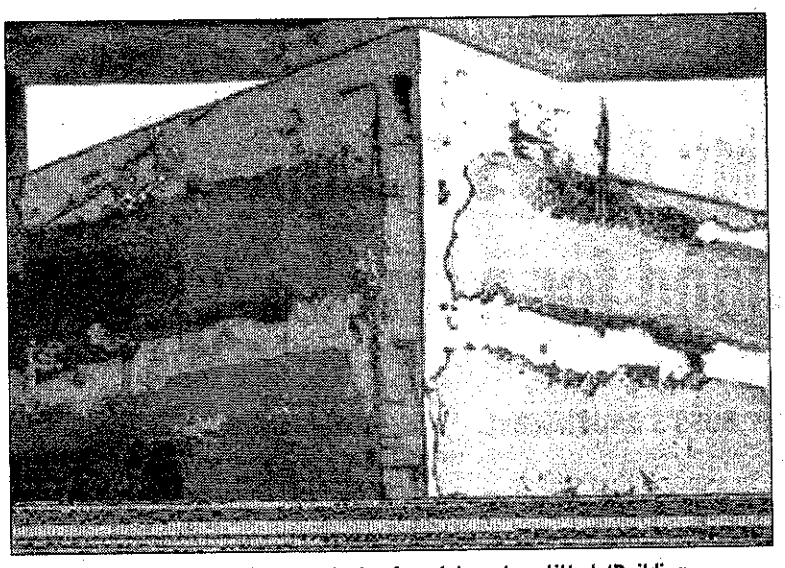
Under the Tuscan Sun – Diane Lane stars in this adaptation of the memoir by Frances Mayes, which details the author's decision to buy and restore a villa in Tuscany. Also starring Sandra Cho and Raoul Bova. (Touchstone Pictures) Rated PG-13



'American Splendor' chronicles the life of noted comic book writer Harvey Pekar, who is played by Paul Giamatti. The film, which opens Friday at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak, incorporates original film, footage and animation.

Get Out!

Your Guide to Entertainment



Steven Blake Miller exhibits a new body of work in a show titled, 'Building Perspectives,' Monday through Sept. 30 at the Biddle Gallery, 2840 Biddle Ave. in Wyandotte. Meet the artist during Wyandotte's 3rd Friday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. For more information visit www.biddlegallery.com or call (734) 281-4779.

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YOUTH THEATER

Marquis Theatre
Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 13-14. $7.50, 135 E. Main St. Northville, not recommended for children under 3. (248) 349-8110.

THEATER

Clarkston Village Players
Grace and Glorie by Tom Ziegler, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-14, Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre. $10 Thursday & Sunday, $12 Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811, www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

THEATER AUDITIONS

Schoolcraft College
Fall production of Dracula, based on Bram Stoker's novel, 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 2-3 Liberal Arts Building Theatre, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia,
between Six and Seven Mile roads, just east of I-275. Scripts are available in Bradner Library, and actors are encouraged to read the script before their audition. Auditions are open to all students and community members. The play will be presented Oct. 24-25 and Nov. 7 and 15 in a dinner theater setting, and Nov. 8 and 14 as a theater performance only, (734) 462-4400, Ext. 4596

Village Players
Stage Door, comedy. 7 p.m. register, 7:30 p.m. audition, Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 29-30, 21 women, 7 men (some roles doubled), 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Performances weekends Nov. 14-23, (248) 244-2666

Marquis Theatre
Halloween Patch, 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, children 8-16, must sing *Do, Re, Mi* from *Sound of Music*, read poem no longer than 90 seconds, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville, (248) 349-8110.

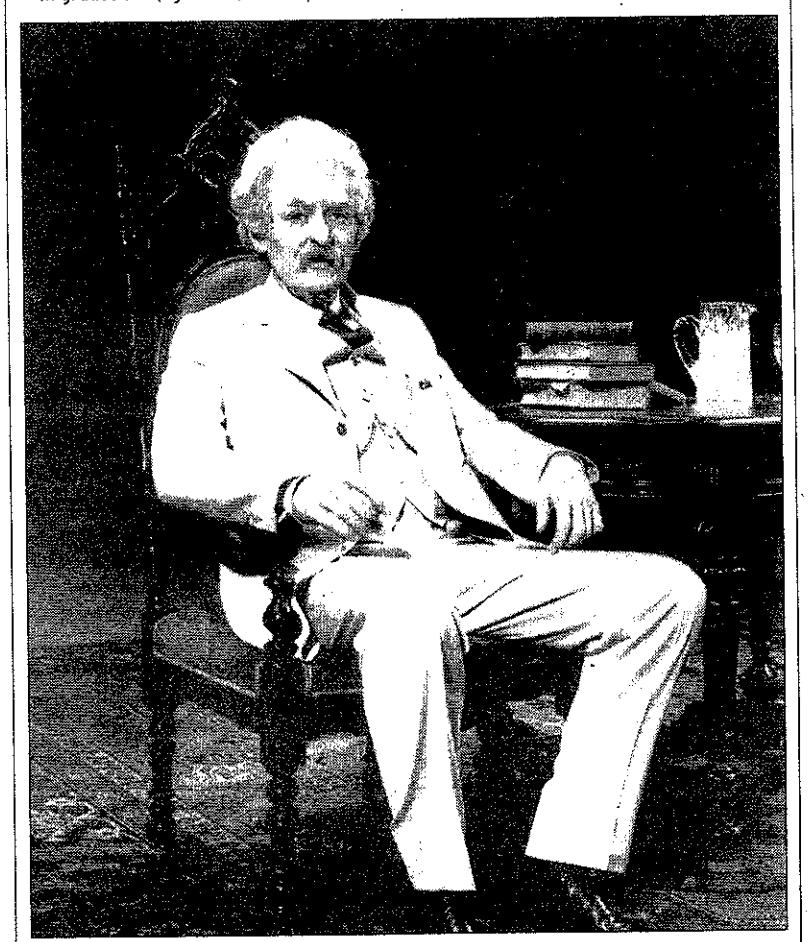
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Plymouth Community Chorus
Open auditions at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, Hillside Middle School, 8 Mile Road at Center Street, Northville, by appointment only on Sept. 9, 16 and 23. Call (734) 455-4080.

The Livonia Youth Choir
Civic children's auditions for girls and boys (boys must have unchanged voices) in grades 3-8 (ages 8-13) 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road (west of Middlebelt), Livonia, (734) 425-1749.

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. Rehearse 7-9 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Royal Oak. Call (248) 414-7242 or www.arsnova-mi.org

Detroit Concert Choir
Seeking skilled singers, all voice parts; auditions through August. Call (313) 882-0118 to schedule an appointment. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8.



Actor Hal Holbrook will bring his 'Mark Twain Tonight' show to Dearborn's Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Tickets cost $43, $39 and $33. Call the center at (313) 943-2354. Proceeds will help support a Westland-based community foundation called SPARK (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids).

DANCE

Michigan Classic Ballet Company
Auditions for company positions and the Nutcracker Ballet, 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, dancers 7-10; 2:15-3:30 p.m. dancers 11 and older; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, dancers 11 and older. There will be a $15 fee, bring pointe shoes, arrive 30 minutes prior to audition to register. Scholarship Auditions 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. No previous dance experience is necessary and the winner(s) will get a chance to perform on stage in The Nutcracker Ballet Dec. 13-14 at Mercy Auditorium in Farmington Hills. Dancers must be 12 years and older, two letters of recommendation are required, must bring their last report card. The Geiger Classic Ballet Academy is in Bloomfield Hills at 782 Denison Court, (248) 334-1300 or www.geigerballet.com

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble
New dance program at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, starts in September, classes in jazz, tap, ballet, modern and ballroom for students of all ages, preschool classes on Thursday afternoons, (248) 852-5850.

Polish
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Wieliczka Dancers, registration through October, children 4-16, dancing 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Sgt. Romanovski VFW, 28945 Joy Road, Livonia, (734) 591-2079.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Arts, Beats & Eats
Festival featuring art, music, food and more, Friday, Aug. 29, though Monday, Sept. 1; 4-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, downtown Pontiac, near Woodward and Saginaw streets, www.artsbeatseats.com

Michigan State Fair
Through Monday, Sept. 1. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Monday and 2-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Woodward Avenue at Eight Mile Road, Detroit, adults $9, children age 2-11 $2, children younger than 2 are free; (313) 369-8250 or visit www.michiganstatefair.com. Fairgrounds parking is $5. David Lee Roth performs 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, The Temptations Review 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1.

Historic Fort Wayne
Closes for the season on Sunday, Aug. 31. The Fort is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Celebrate Americana by wearing patriotic colors and enjoying special children's activities. Picnic lunches and coolers are permitted on the Fort grounds, which offer a nice view of the Detroit River, the Ambassador Bridge and Canada, 6325 W. Jefferson Ave. (at the foot of Livernois), Detroit, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.

Art & Apples Festival
Benefit for Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7, Rochester Municipal Park, west of Rochester Road, north of University. More than 340 artists, entertainment, food, children's activities and more. 4-7:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Suggested donation of $5 per person. Parking shuttle service is available for $3/roundtrip at Rochester High School, southwest corner of Livernois and University. www.artandapplesfestival.com.

Over the Rainbow
Colors of Music, presented by the Farmington Musicale, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, Hammell's Music, 15630 Middlebelt, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia. Classical, opera, popular and jazz selections by pianist Chris Rakoczy, soprano Connie Randall; pianist, Elaine Vermiglio and mezzo

soprano Suan Nuckolls accompanied by pianist Jim Nuckolls. Light refreshments. $3.

Planet Ant
10-year anniversary party 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, Garage soundtrack CD release, Park tour documentary DVD release, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, Garage DVD release, screening of the movie Garage: A Rock Saga, Hastings Street Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit, (313) 365-4948, www.planetant.com

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Meadow Brook Music Festival
Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman*, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 10-14, (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

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Bryan Adams, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28; Travis Tritt with Montgomery Gentry, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29; Peter Frampton, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30; Poison with Vince Neil and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31; Dennis Miller 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1; Foreigner with Lou Gramm 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

Freedom Hill
Beach Boys, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29; Lone Star 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30; Aretha Franklin 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, (248) 645-6666 or www.freedomhill.net

Ford Field
Downtown Northville off Hutton St., five teenage bands, second Skruff Concert 5-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, $5, rain date Sept. 7, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411, www.skruffmusic.url4life.com

GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center
Dr. Sheldon D. Stern will be the featured artist of the month, Tuesday, Sept. 2 through Sept. 30. His work is currently represented at Quarters Gallery in Harbor Springs, and the Crooked Tree Arts Council Gallery in Petoskey. Reception to meet the artist 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, (248) 644-8060.

Washington Street Gallery
Alvey Jones, *The Mystery of Flight*, mixed media, paintings, assemblage, Tuesday, Sept. 2 to Sunday, Sept. 28, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 120 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2287.

NIGHT SPOTS

Magic Bag
Mark Pazzman's Supersession, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, $7, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag

Blue Martini
Souistice, Thursday, Aug. 28; Simon Vitale, Friday, Aug. 29; Stacia Saturday, Aug. 30; Blackman & Arnold, Sunday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight, 201 Hamilton at Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, (248) 258-3005.



Comedian Norm Stulz, who has appeared on HBO Comedy Central, Nightshift, and Evening At The Improv, will be performing his one man show "Life it's all about Laughter' at the Farmington Players Barn 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6. Tickets $16, seniors, $13, call (248) 553-2955. Farmington Players is at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads on the north side of 12 mile Road.

Edison's
John D. Lamb, Thursday, Aug. 28; Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones, Friday, Aug. 29; Groove Daddy, Saturday, Aug. 30, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150

Silky Martini & Music Cafe
Diamond Dukes, R&B, Friday, Aug. 29; The Warren Commission (jazz) Saturday, Aug. 30, Pakistani Tambourine (acoustic rock) Tuesday, Sept. 2, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 21931 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, $5 cover weekends after 8:30 p.m. (313) 565-6278.

JAZZ/BLUES

P'Jazz
Hotel Pontchartrain downtown Detroit, 5-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, Thornetta Davis, $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.

Ron's Fireside Inn
Ron Kischuk, trombone with Jerry McKenzie, drums, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3; Judie Cochill, vocals, Sept. 10; Chris Collins, reeds, Sept. 17; , Barbara Ware, vocals, Sept. 24; 28937 Warren, Garden City, $5 cover with dinner, $10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended. (734) 762-7756.

The Winard Harper Sextet
With Joshua Nelson, vocals are performing in support of Wayne State University's Jazz students 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. Admission $50, (313) 567-8367 or www.music.wayne.edu

Alexander Zonjic/Bob James
Orchard Lake Jazz on the Lake 2 p.m. (food and wine tasting) 4 p.m. concert Sunday, Sept. 7, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Campus. $60, (248) 683-1750, www.orchardlakeschools.com

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Downtown Plymouth
The Ride, Aug. 29; Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band, downtown Plymouth in Kellogg Park.

Livonia
Michigan Opera Theatre 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, Livonia Community Center, Five Mile at Farmington Road, (734) 466-2540.

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Elmo Thumm A-Capella Quintet, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28; Steve King & the Dittilies, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham.

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club - Livonia
J.R. Remick, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 29-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. $5 Thursday, $12 Friday-Saturday; Ty Barnett, Sept. 3-6, dinner/show package available. (734) 261-0555, www.joey's-comedyclub.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Improv Comedy Jamm Night 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28; Stunt Johnson Theatre 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

FILM

Uptown Birmingham 8
College night every Monday beginning Sept. 1. Students who present student ID at box office receive a $5.75 ticket to film of their choice, complimentary small popcorn. Live poetry readings on the second level of the theater 8-10:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 8, 211 S. Old Woodward, downtown Birmingham, (248) 644-FILM.

CLUBS/BARS

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. And if that isn't fun enough, stroll over to the also adjacent Garden Bowl. There the lanes and balls glow in the dark and the rock n' roll crowd enjoys a good bowl while the Ramones play off in the background. Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

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.

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

Cranbrook Institute of Science
T. Rex on Trial, an exhibition featuring a crime scene complete with life-like robotic dinosaurs and hands-on detective activities continues through Monday, Sept. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 10 p.m. Friday, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free with museum admission $7, $5 ages 2-12. Call (877) 462-7262 or visit the Web site at www.cranbrook.edu. Free with museum admission.

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum
Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science, 220 E. Ann. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $7, $5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.laahom.org

Cranbrook Art Museum
Tours of permanent collection and current exhibitions of art, architecture and design. Bruce Springsteen: Troubadour for the Highway to Aug. 31, Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement continues to Sept. 28, Graduate Summer Exhibition to Sept. 28, at the museum, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361

Detroit Science Center
Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit continues to Sept. 7. Advance timed tickets for the exhibit $16.95, $13.95 seniors, $11.95 ages 2-12. IMAX film and 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. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541-5717.

Henry Ford Museum
Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $8.50-$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

Meadow Brook Hall
Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is $12.50, $8.50 seniors over age 62, $6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday $35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

O.U.'s theater season opens with two 'Lovers'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Oakland University's theater season is opening on a different note this year – with a one act to raise funds for students.

Faculty will join student performers in the show to raise money for the theater department.

The performance, a single act from the two-act play, *Lovers,* by Brian Friel, is slated Saturday, Sept. 6, and Sunday, Sept. 7.

'We've never done this before," said Karen Sheridan, head of the university's theater division and one of the faculty members appearing in *Lovers*. "But we thought, shouldn't we fund-raise doing what we do?"

Proceeds partly benefit student participation in the American College Theatre Festival, a national competition held annually.

At last year's festival, two university students, Catherine Lutz and Blair Mellow, presented a scene from *Lovers* and made it to the final round.

"Which is very unusual for a couple of sophomores," said Sheridan.

Appropriately, Lutz and Mellow are featured in the fund-raising production.

Lovers' two acts are essentially two complementary plays.

Each follows a different destiny for a pair of lovers. One act is entitled *Winners*, the other is *Losers*.

"It's a very sweet play," said Sheridan. "It's a comedy but also has a little sadness."

Friel is one of Ireland's most lauded contemporary playwrights. He wrote the original play, *Dancing at Lughnasa,* which garnered three Tony Awards and became a movie.

LINEUP

- 'Great Expectations,' Oct. 9-19.
- 'Starting Here, Starting Now,' Nov. 6-16.
- 'Love Letters,' Jan. 9-11, 2004.
- 'The Miss Firecracker Contest,' Feb. 5-15, 2004.
- 'Into the Woods,' March 18-28, 2004.

THE SEASON

The university's regular theater season commences Thursday, Oct. 9, with a production of Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.

The musical theater revue *Starting Here, Starting Now,* a story about young love, modern relationships and growing up, begins Nov. 6.

Faculty and professional actors then present *Love Letters* by A. R. Gurney Jan. 9-11.

The play, which is part of the university's Professional Artist Series, follows the lifelong correspondence between a staid lawyer and a lively artist.

The Miss Firecracker Contest, a comedy about a young woman who decides to enter a beauty contest, runs Feb. 5-15 and is followed by the Stephen Sondheim musical, *Into the Woods,* starting March 18.



JEAN PARKER

Catherine Lutz of Howell and Blair Mellow of Huntington Woods perform in Brian Friel's 'Lovers' to raise funds for Oakland University's theater department.

TAKING THE STAGE

What: Oakland University opens its theater season with a fund-raising event featuring a selection from the play *Lovers* by Irish playwright Brian Friel.
When: 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7.
Where: Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills.
Admission: Donations appreciated, for future shows or information, call the Varner Hall Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or visit www.oakland.edu/mtd.

"We try to create variety with our program, so our audience has reason to come back and not just see one show," Sheridan said, adding university productions have a growing non-academic audience.

"Typically, we get at least one letter or two from someone in the community saying, 'I'm so glad I came.'"

Fans are 'Grateful' that 'Dead' lives on

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

What a short, strange trip it's been.

The Grateful Dead survived the end of flower power, the rise of disco, the Reagan presidency, '80s synth-pop and early-'90s grunge.

Now, it appears that even leader Jerry Garcia's death on Aug. 9, 1995, isn't enough to kill them.

Enter Dark Star Orchestra, a Chicago-based Grateful Dead tribute band. Together just six years, the band's been declared "the hottest Grateful Dead tribute act going" by the Washington Post. It's also one of the most popular tribute acts in the country, playing 170 shows a year.

The band performs Friday at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Drummer Rob Koritz agrees with the notion that music fans either get the Grateful Dead's music or they don't.

"I think most people who say they don't like it haven't given the music a chance. They just see the hippies and the enthusiastic following and decide that's not what they're into.

"My parents weren't into them, and after they actually heard the music they said, 'I had no idea; there's country, there's blues, there's jazz there.'"

John Kadlecik, a guitarist who sings like Jerry Garcia, and keyboardist Scott Larned formed the band. "They did it one week for fun and 40 showed up. The next time 100 showed and the next week they sold out," Koritz said. "They realized they had something going."

Koritz is one of two band members from St. Louis. He played in a Dead tribute band called Schwag before joining Dark Star Orchestra.

GOING A STEP FURTHER

The band doesn't just recreate the Dead's music. They go one step further by recreating the actual set lists from historic Dead shows. Lisa Mackey, who recreates Donna Godchaux's part with the Grateful Dead in the 1970s, sits out simulated shows from the '60s, '80s and '90s.

The stage configuration also changes, depending on the era of the set to be performed. Dark Star has two drummers but sometimes uses just one, to recreate Dead shows when the band was down to one drummer.

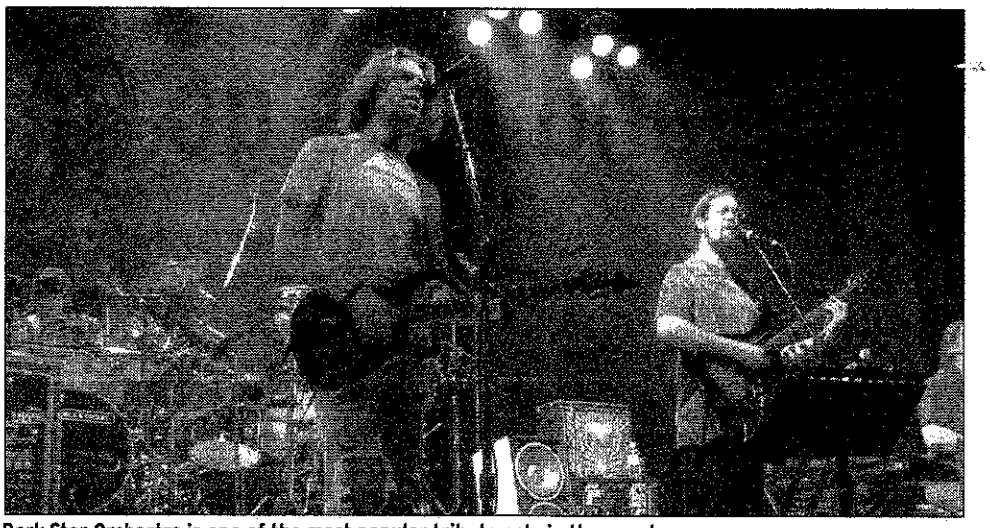
Is this format confining for a creative musician?

"The beauty is that because the Grateful Dead's music is totally open to creative expression, we get to go out there and create, although we have to work within a vocabulary," Koritz said.

The band was thrilled when Grateful Dead members Bob Weir and Bill Kreutzmann actually performed with Dark Star Orchestra. After the show, Weir told Rolling Stone, "A couple of times when I had my back to John (Kadlecik) and he started to sing, I had this weird sense that it was Jerry. This is a great band, and I had a great time."

"It was surreal," Koritz recalled. "I was looking in front of me and seeing Bob Weir's body moving as he's playing and my bass drum is pounding him in the back."

With Weir, the band performed the Dead standards *Little Red Rooster, Tennessee Jed, and Let It Grow.*



Dark Star Orchestra is one of the most popular tribute acts in the country.

ONLINE

Through its Web site,www.dark-starorchestra.net, Dark Star Orchestra has recruited 150 fans around the country to put up fliers and publicize shows when the band comes to their respective hometowns.

A typical fan response after the show is to thank the band. "You hear, 'We were really hesitant to see you, but we're really glad we came to the show,'" Koritz said.

The band hopes to tour Canada and Japan. Between tours, they perform in side projects. "Everyone has gigs on the side, everyone needs to take a break," Koritz said.

CHANNELING THE DEAD

What: Grateful Dead tribute band Dark Star Orchestra, performing an authentic show from the Dead's history.
When: Doors open 8 p.m. Friday
Where: The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., at Nine Mile Road, Ferndale
Tickets: $20, available in advance at the Magic Bag box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 544-3030 or www.themagicbag.com





Dixieland fans go 'marchin' in' to Shield's

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER



Musicians jam Dixieland style at a Windsor Detroit Jazz Club gathering.

Tom Shipley, 79, of Birmingham, hates rap. But he has something in common with most Eminem fans.

His parents hated the music he and his friends loved when they were young.

"Basically it was black music," he said.

The music was jazz. In the 1920s and '30s, the upbeat raucous rhythms and bold horn screechings were likely more jarring to adult Anglo-American ears than hip-hop is today.

As jazz has morphed over the years, the original jazz Shipley loved has become known as Dixieland or traditional jazz.

"I like the rhythm and I like the fact there is a melody there. It's very danceable music; my wife (Rickie) and I danced a lot during our lifetime," the semi-retired engineer said.

That's why he's a regular at twice-monthly Dixieland jazz sessions organized at Shield's Restaurant in Southfield by The Windsor-Detroit Jazz Club.

"You watch the audience as you play. Their seats start to move, their hands start to move, you see the smiles," said band leader and trombonist Chuck Moss of Rochester.

Up to 70-80 fans show for the 2-5 p.m. first and third monthly Saturday sessions. The tradition started at Lee's Imperial Tavern in Windsor in the '70s, then moved to a succession of Detroit restaurants after Lee sold his building. The sessions landed at Shields in June 2002.

Fans tend to be mature couples. Sometimes they sing along with favorites including *When the Saints Go Marching In*, and *Bill Bailey*. Some bring grandkids and family members to the sessions.

FUN MUSIC

"Louie Armstrong is the king; he is responsible for a large part of the style – not to take anything from (Bix) Biderbecke," Moss said. "It's the kind of music I have the most fun with.

"It's the small group improvisational thing. It all depends on who's in the group. You're trying to be aware of the tune and what the other guys are doing. Sometimes you try to inject some humor, blue notes – volume comes into it, different tone productions, like growling. Sometimes I'll pick up a beer glass or coffee cup to use as a mute."

MUSICIANS

The group is sometimes joined by singer/pianist Kerry Price of Royal Oak, performing songs by Bessie Smith and others.

Moss has more than 50 musicians to choose from, but he tends to stay with a core group of six on bass, piano, clarinet, drums, trombone and trumpet. The players have ranged in age from 14 to older than 80.

"Sometimes I just have to make five calls. I'm waiting for three to call me back today. Sometimes I have to make 15 calls. I've never had a bad set of six," Moss said.

"I'll spend a couple of hours choosing the tunes and getting the music ready so I'll have a copy of the melody and chord changes in case anybody needs them. Basically we're trying to remain faithful to the early jazz style."

"It's happy music, toe-tapping," said Bill Knowles, a retired lumber salesman from Farmington and club director. He has been attending the sessions since their Windsor origins.

"I think the two most important things are the piano and the clarinet. I really can't explain it. It's very vital, the subtleties of a clarinet.

"In Dixieland, the core of the band is the rhythm section. If you don't have a good rhythm section you don't have a good band; that's all there is too it."

"These guys are some of the best musicians I've seen in a local setting," Shipley said.

"When the group happens to be clicking, you can tell – they all smile," Moss said. "When that happens, everyone is aware of it and they're savoring that moment."

Knowles praised Shield's owner Judy Valdez and son Jeff Valdez for supporting the series.

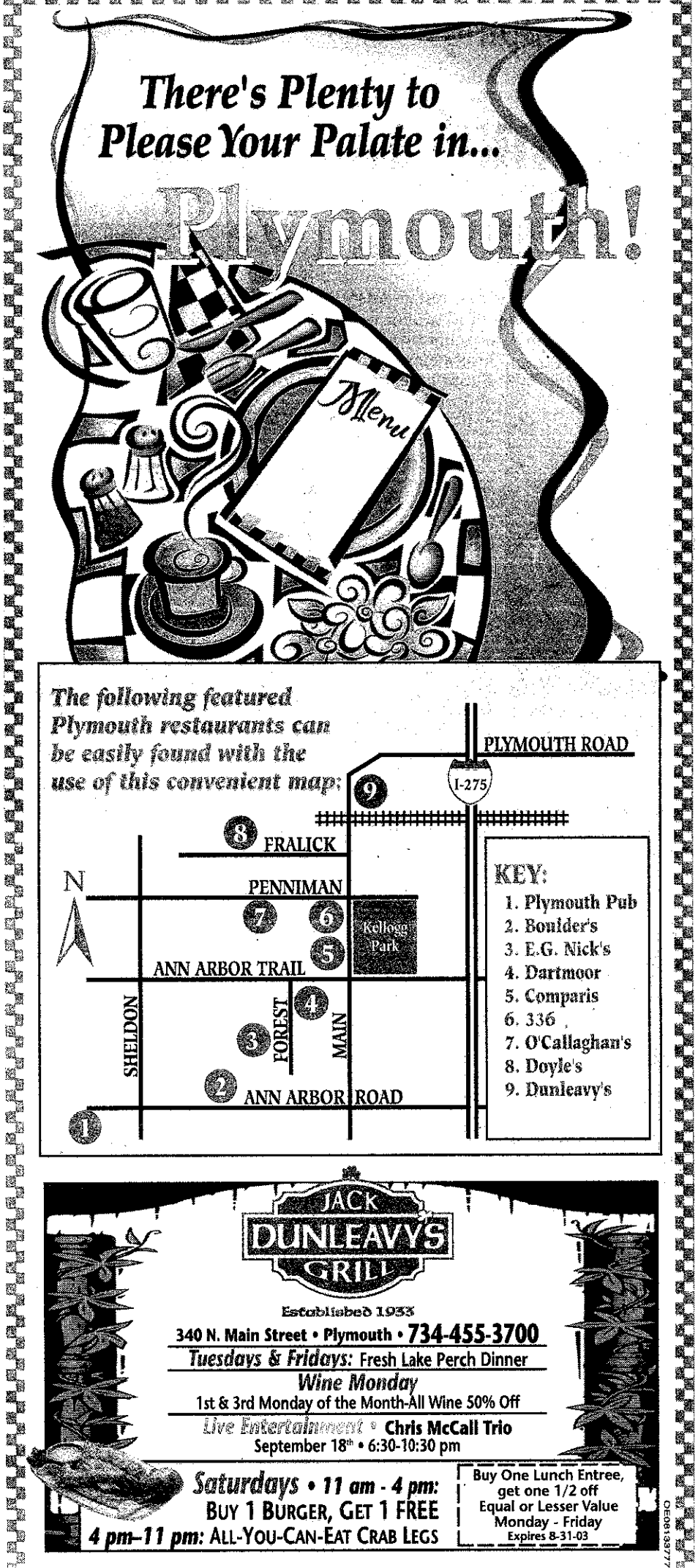
"People recognize good stuff when they hear it," Shipley said. "I love it."

WINDSOR-DETROIT JAZZ CLUB

DIXIELAND JAZZ SESSIONS

Where: Shields Restaurant Bar Pizzeria, 25101 Telegraph, on the northeast corner of 10 Mile Road, Southfield.
When: 2-5 p.m., first and third Saturday of each month starting Sept. 6.
Cost: $8 cover.
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Cover story

Three voices rising

Headlining divas seek crossover audience for Detroit Jazz Fest

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Their voices soar and take us places we can only feel.

That's why we call them divas.

Three of these goddesses of song – Natalie Cole, Roberta Flack and Chaka Khan – are coming to Detroit to perform at the 2003 Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

Slated to run from Saturday through Monday at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit, the annual event draws about a 500,000 people.

This year's headlining performers – all of whom enjoy mainstream notoriety – mark a new direction for the event.

"Jazz is facing some stiff challenges in terms of audience. We're reaching a niche audience, but we need to reach a broader based one," said the festival's producer and director Frank Malfitano, who views jazz entertainment and jazz education as one in the same.

"So I deliberately selected three artists who are high-profile, crossover and radio-friendly, but also very conversant in the jazz idiom."

Natalie Cole is the daughter of the late Nat "King" Cole and sings pop, R & B and jazz. While many consider Roberta Flack an R & B artist, her work spills over into pop, soul and jazz. Chaka Khan began her career in the early '70s as the lead singer of Rufus, but has worked in virtually every musical genre, from disco to jazz to classical.

Malfitano hopes those who come only to see a headline act, stick around and tune into jazz.

"There are three divas, but there's a whole lot more," he joked.

To be exact, 74 scheduled performances, 71 of which are pure jazz.

Performers include stars Branford Marsalis, Regina Carter, Pete Fountain and Joey DeFrancesco. Local artists and lesser-known jazz musicians from out-of-state round out the program.

In some cases, these acts may astonish even seasoned jazz aficionados, said Malfitano.

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Chaka Khan headlines the 2003 Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

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Extras: Food vendors, student jam sessions, Jazz Fest merchandise and meet-the-artists clinics.

HEADLINE PERFORMANCES

(Ford Motor Amphitheatre Stage)

- Chaka Khan, 9:30 p.m. Saturday
- Roberta Flack, 9:30 p.m. Sunday
- Natalie Cole, 8 p.m. Monday.

Drinkology

Snap-frost grapes to vodka

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS



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Today, the tradition continues in a small hillside vineyard, outside the medieval village walls of Cordes-sur-Ciel in the Gallic region of southwest France. There, the grape varieties mauzac blanc, len de l'el and the popular sauvignon blanc are carefully selected for the production of Ciroc Vodka $30, which rolled out in Michigan earlier this month.

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Shower singers, win tickets to see Pavarotti



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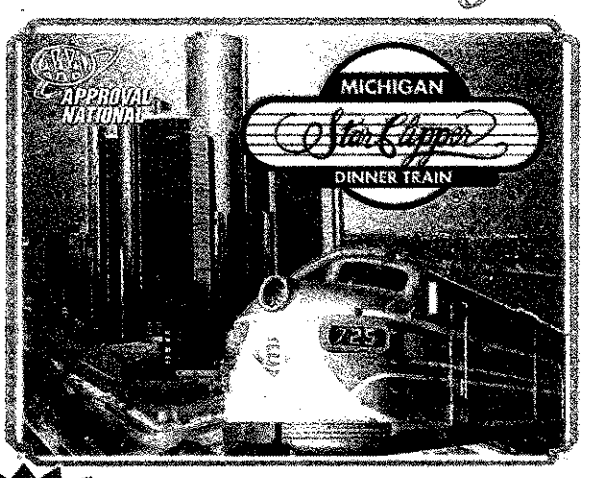
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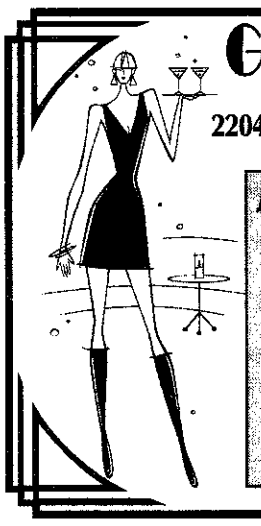
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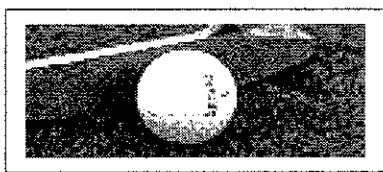
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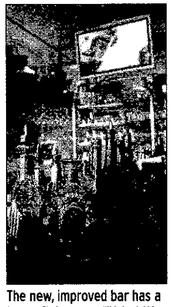
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Birmingham's Midtown Cafe goes cosmopolitan

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Since the success rate of new restaurants is somewhere in the range of 10 to 20 percent Midtown Cafe in Birmingham, which boasts more than a quarter century of operation, must be doing something right.



The new, improved bar has a large, flat-screen TV, but it's still stocked with the best spirits.

Taking care to retain Midtown Cafe as a popular and exciting downtown eating out destination, owner Bruce Cameron recently gave Midtown a major $250,000 facelift and Chef Edward Kim-Houghton some state-of-the-art kitchen toys.

A daily menu is among the elements Cameron cites as reasons for Midtown Cafe's long and successful run. To it he added an upscale-yet-casual atmosphere, patio seating for 50 in warm months and his own on-premise supervision.



The Midtown Cafe sits in the heart of downtown Birmingham

"Over the last 25 years, I've owned 12 restaurants in Oakland County," Cameron said. "This is the only location that I've kept because I believe Birmingham is the only true downtown community in the metro area. It compares well to La Jolla, Calif., for example. I like being a restaurant owner because I enjoy the people part of the business."

NEW COSMO FEEL

Aleksis Lahti of Ann Arbor, who designed Midtown Cafe originally, was involved in the recent re-creation of a more modern, sleek and minimalist appearance with a cosmopolitan feel.

The new look stresses light and air with stainless steel, beechwood and Lahti's eclectic, energetic artwork.

Reached by way of an open staircase, enclosed with glass panels and an artistically curved steel-pole design, the open, second-floor dining area sports colorful backlit wall art.



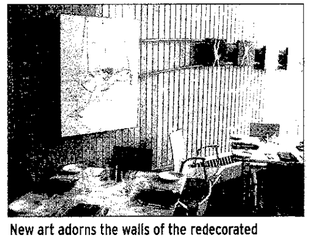
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Jim Voorheis, general manager, with honey-glazed salmon and asparagus dish prepared by chef Edward Kim-Houghton.

Splashes of color in this now-updated 150-seat eatery add just the right touch of eye candy without detracting from the main attraction: the food of Chef Ed.

CHEF'S STYLE

A Boston native and Auburn Hills resident, Chef Ed has worked for 15 years in the restaurant industry, three of them at Midtown Cafe. "I view my work as a creative outlet," he said. "The daily-dated menu allows me to order what's freshest from our purveyors and build dishes around these."



New art adorns the walls of the redecorated Midtown Cafe in Birmingham.



Delicious honey-glazed salmon with asparagus served up by Midtown Chef Edward Kim-Houghton on new masculine white marble tables completes the new look at the Midtown in Birmingham.

Although the menu changes daily, some items, such as Oysters Rockefeller with spinach Sambuka sauce, parmesan cheese and hollandaise are standard.

Among other core starters are PEI Mussels Provencal with red pepper flakes, tomatoes, white wine, butter, marinara and crostinis and portobello mushrooms with hard salami, spinach, mozzarella and crostinis.

Toppings for the popular thin-crust pizzas change regularly but if you've had a particular one and it's not on the list, ask the server and it most likely can be made for you.

The "Just for Tonight" section of the menu includes a fresh catch item. "But, I really like my cashew and parmesan crusted whitefish that's on the menu every day," Chef Ed commented. "It's a bland fish but the crust takes it to another level."

Meat lovers can choose the 10-ounce filet of Certified Angus beef tenderloin, and if you're in a casual mood at dinner, the 8-ounce Certified Angus beef burger with lettuce, tomato, bacon, swiss and cheddar cheese goes down easy.

BAR SCENE AND WINES

A horseshoe-shaped full bar with 18 stools energizes the first-floor eating area.

Wine selections are conveniently listed on the back of the daily-dated menu. Nice, because every person at the table can view the list and comment. A dozen whites and reds, ranging $6 to $9.50, are offered by the glass. The brand-recognizable selections by the bottle push upwards from $24.

As it has been for 25 years, Midtown Cafe continues as a comfortable place to hang out. Only now, it has cosmopolitan pizzazz, not over the top but hitting the all-important comfort target right on.

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The guys just wanna have fun



The musicians in Blues Hammer have been friends for years and would rather play music instead of worrying about record sales.

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Guitarist Paul Corte stopped worrying about getting famous years ago.

He played in well-known local bands like Jugglers & Thieves and spent years touring, recording and trying to sell records.

He played with big guys like former Rolling Stone Mick Taylor, but as time passed, he grew tired of record deals and marketing talks.

Music was all he wanted to make.

Two years ago on Halloween, Corte and five friends – like-minded musicians from various Detroit bands – created Blues Hammer, a blues/rock band with three guitarists.

Blues Hammer plays cover tunes at swanky clubs like Birmingham's Blue Martini, but has the most fun at outdoor shows where they can relax onstage. They're playing Sunday in Northville and Sept. 4 in Livonia.

"I've played the Northville gazebo for years. People here come out to see us, they know the songs and they crave good music," said Corte.

"The whole band has the same passion – first it's for our wives and families and also for the music. We decided we weren't interested in rising above Detroit, we want to be part of Detroit."

BLUES HAMMER SHOWS

- 8 p.m. Sunday – Northville Gazebo on Main Street, downtown Northville
- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Greenmead Historical Park, 8 Mile Road at Newburgh, Livonia

More information: www.blueshammer.us

Blues Hammer is known for its triple guitar dynamics with Corte, Tom "T-Bone" Backus and Matthew Sage.

Pete Goodwin plays subtle harmonica riffs, Larry Black lays the foundation on drums and Donnie Hopps drives the bass groove. Sage is also the lead vocalist.

"Members of this band have had the honor of jamming with rock luminaries like Eric Burden of the Animals, Chicago, Buddy Guy, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Harmonica Shaw and others," Corte said. "And as a band we're now interested in giving people what they want to hear: the best of the best."

Blues Hammer plays songs by Eric Clapton, B.B. King, Johnny Winter, Led Zeppelin, Robin Trower, Van Halen, Stevie Ray Vaughn, ZZ Top, Robert Johnson and Jimi Hendrix.

"If people yell out *Freebird* we might do it," Corte said. "But I'd rather play *Call Me the Breeze.*"

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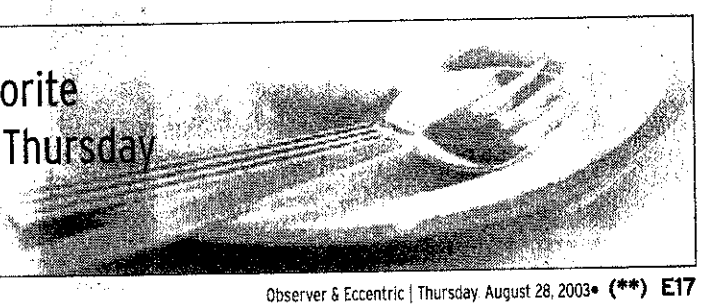
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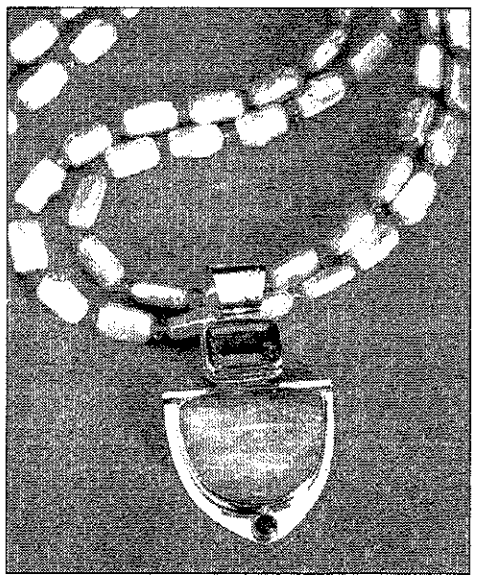
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Get that small town feeling in Franklin



Look for jewelry designed by Mary Ann Archer at Art on the Green fine art show in Franklin.

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

Sipping lemonade, watching a parade, rubbing elbows with artists, visiting a cider mill – these are old-fashioned pleasures that you can enjoy on Labor Day in Franklin Village.

Lori Seltzer and her husband, Michael, are working with volunteers to present the 59th annual Franklin Labor Day Round-Up.

Meanwhile, Peggy Kerr and the Franklin Arts Council are getting ready for the 23rd annual Art on the Green held the same day. Franklin Cider Mill opens on Saturday.

Lori is vice president of the Franklin Community Association, which presents the Labor Day Round-Up. Michael is president of the organization.

"Everything is bigger than life, this brings you back to that small town feel," said Lori.



Mia Pearlman explains how a pottery wheel works at the Art on the Green fine art show in Franklin.

Festivities include a parade at noon with floats, bagpipers, clowns, rescue dogs, classic car show, midway with games of chance, giant slide, Orbitron and other attractions.

Eighty artists from Michigan and across the country including Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia are participating in Art on the Green.

They'll be exhibiting textiles, mixed-media, clay, wood, precious metals, watercolor, oils, photography and other original work.

"Art on the Green has developed a reputation as one of the best art fairs in metro Detroit due to our limited, intimate space," said Kerr, president of the Franklin Arts Council, which is presenting the show.

"It's easy to get around, very people-friendly, and there's something for everyone. The artists selected must be of the highest caliber."

This year, The Franklin Arts Council is sponsoring featured works of Wylie E. (Birmingham) Groves High School 2003 graduates from the ceramics department. Mia Pearlman, head of the Fine Arts Department for the Birmingham Public Schools, and a Groves High School art teacher, will be demonstrating on the pottery wheel.

Local folk musicians Rennie Kaufmann, Blackman and Arnold will be performing, and kids can try their hand at art projects.

"The art fair is great, the food is good, and the Franklin Cider Mill will be open. It's just a really grand event," said Lori.

"There will be a petting zoo and pony rides."

Quench your thirst at one of the lemonade stands. Feel like a kid again and buy yourself some cotton candy.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa, veggie burgers, water and other beverages will also be offered for sale.

"It's kind of a reunion," said Kerr. "I see a lot of former classmates from Groves there. It's a lot of fun."

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FRANKLIN LABOR DAY ROUND-UP

What: Art on the Green fine art show, featuring more than 75 select artists from across the country exhibiting works and children's activities, as part of Franklin's annual Labor Day Round-up. Festivities include a parade at noon, classic car show, midway games and entertainment.
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday
Where: Downtown Franklin, Village Green on Franklin Road, south of 14 Mile Road
Admission: No charge; for information, call the Franklin Arts Council (248) 594-3093

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Festival

Hamtramck Festival 2003 is not for the mellow

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Ask anyone who's ever attended the Hamtramck Festival about its atmosphere and words like "crazy," "diverse" and "festive" will probably come out.

This is the street festival where handmade pierogi plus rock and polka are the trademarks. It's the festival with a big parade on Labor Day.

Expect the interesting at Hamtramck Festival 2003 including a blend of the Polish families who have resided in the city for generations; the musicians who rent the flats and buildings for band practice; and the hipsters and artists who find affordable housing.

At the festival they mix with suburbanites who come for a taste of all Hamtramck has to offer, especially the scores of neighborhood pubs

"It's the craziest festival in the area," said Mary Restrepo of the R&B rock band the Detroit Cobras.

"It's such a weird mix of people, with wild music ... and driving the narrow streets of Hamtramck is part of the kookiness."

The Detroit Cobras are headlining the event Sunday night at 9 p.m.

The festival shows off Hamtramck's offerings: cultural diversity, clubs, ethnic foods, antique shops, clothing and jewelry stores and hard-to-find import items.

The Twistin' Tarantulas, the popular Detroit rockabilly swing band, is also sure to attract crowds of anyone who wants to dance. The band is playing at 7 p.m. Monday.

"This is a great festival, you get people dancing in the streets ... senior citizens and the teenage punks together. ... They all can appreciate the music we play," said Twistin' Tarantula stand-up bass player Pistol Pete. "We play this festival a lot, it has a great energy."

The festival has been a Labor Day weekend tradition in Hamtramck for more than 20 years.

HAMTRAMCK FESTIVAL 2003

When: 5-10 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.Monday.
Where: The intersection of Joseph Compau and Holbrook in Hamtramck, off I-75.
Information: Call (313) 875-7877

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5 p.m. Kilebasa Kings
7 p.m. Immigrant Suns
7 p.m. Twistin' Tarantulas
8 p.m. Black Bottom Collective



Polka Boosters entertain the crowd during the Polish Day Parade on Labor Day in Hamtramck.

A carnival with games and rides is offered for families. Music is offered on stages with rock, R&B, jazz, blues, polka, Detroit garage, and of course, polka. There's also a car show that includes many metro Detroit auto clubs and even live wrestling.

Topping it off on Labor Day is the Polish Day Parade that begins at 1:30 p.m. Citizens and business owners and those who love Hamtramck take joy in crowding the streets for a magnificent, music-filled parade.

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JAZZ

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Russel Gunn, for instance, combines jazz and hip-hop. In contrast, Ilona Knopler presents her renditions of songs by the Beatles and other non-jazz groups. "She's doing what I call the new standards," said Malfitano. "She's bringing a new sound and style to the music and the art form."

The point is, jazz comes in many forms — you don't need to understand the schools and styles to appreciate it.

"I'm trying to lessen the intimidation factor," said Malfitano. "Jazz is not all academic or for a small segment of the audience. It's a lot of different, great stuff."

JAZZ FEST FUN RUN

Who: Standard Federal is sponsoring the inaugural Fun Run to kick off the 24th Annual Jazz Fest.
When: 8:30 a.m. Saturday
Where: Beginning at Hart Plaza and looking through Corktown.
Info: Entry forms are available at www.detroitjazzfest.com or by calling the Music Hall (the Jazz Fest's nonprofit presenting organization) (313) 963-2366.

Run kicks off Jazz Fest

Not since the Emily and Pooh Run has Detroit seen such a big summer party race.

Runners will kick off the 24th-annual Jazz Fest with a four-mile race beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The event will begin at Hart Plaza and runners will follow the Riverfront Promenade, looping through Corktown, then back for a jazz-filled party at the Jazz Fest's main stage.

Run Director Doug Kurtis has designed the course and teamed up with Music Hall (the Jazz Fest's nonprofit presenting organization) to produce this inaugural event.

Run sponsor Standard Federal is "banking on runners and volunteers to spread the word that this will be an event to remember" and one they'll want to mark on their calendars from year to year.

Jazz Fest 4 Miler entry forms are available at all the local running stores as well as online at www.detroitjazzfest.com. Click on <Enter Flash Site> to get to the Fun Run registration or call Music Hall (313) 963-2366.

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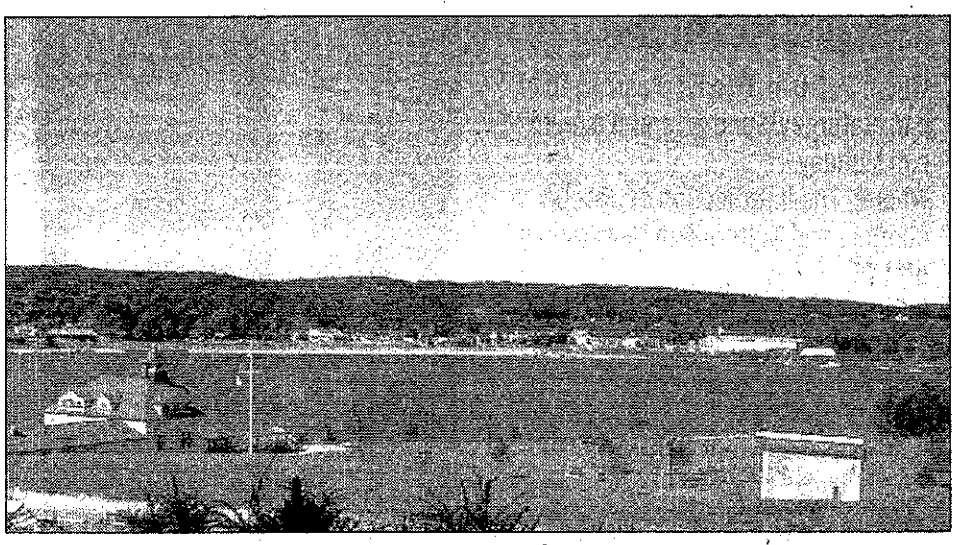
Hold up your left hand to make Michigan's mitten. Now, extend your little finger just a tiny bit. The first joint on your little finger is where ThreeOlBags recently visited what seemed more like Hawaii than northwestern Michigan. More like Hawaii because of its miles and miles of beaches, turquoise-colored water, art, art and more art, fishing, hang-gliding, sailing, swimming, biking, shopping, and on and on.

About five hours from metro Detroit, we found fun, relaxation and inspiration. So much of it, we couldn't possibly fit it all into the one day we had scheduled, so we planned a return trip.

In particular we wanted to tour a little hideaway business that's a museum, store, nature area and an historical printing factory all in one – Gwen Frostic Prints/Presscraft Papers.

Frostic (1906-2001) founded the shop located on River Road between Frankfort and Benzonia. The business continues to print original block-print note paper, books, pictures, greeting cards and more.

Lots of little girls dream of being able to talk to animals like Cinderella did, but some believe Frostic accomplished that dream. Don't laugh, you might too after you step through the walkway adorned with hanging vines.



The view of Crystal Lake from Trick Dog's Art Gallery & Café in Elberta is awesome.



Antique printing presses produce original Gwen Frostic prints at the shop on River Road between Frankfort and Benzonia.



Whimsical, larger-than-life rustic lawn art, decorates the grounds of Trick Dog's Art Gallery & Café.

Light filters into the shop from out back, where visitors enjoy nature walks. Inside colored glass blocks are placed here and there in the natural stone-walled cavern, catching glints of sunlight.

Antique printing presses, including two Guttenberg presses, still click and clatter out original Frostic prints. Frostic was as dedicated to Michigan's natural plant and wildlife as she was to expressing her passions through simple art renderings.

Another interesting stop was Beedazelled Candleworks in Benzonia, just down River Road from Frostic's. The cottage industry grows, harvests and produces handcrafted beeswax products, like soap, aromatherapy items and of course, honey. Tours through their elaborate gardens are also conducted.

A little farther down River Road, then West on 22 a mile or so, we were pleased to find Trick Dog's Art Gallery & Café in Elberta. Here we peered at shelves of imaginative artwork, admiring the unique designs. We also enjoyed the grounds, where larger-than-life rustic lawn art made bold artistic statements, and fish-shaped patio blocks locked together to form an inviting area out front.

To top it off Trick Dog's gallery is on a hill overlooking one of the most breath-taking scenes of our trip. Just out front is over 15 square miles of deep turquoise-colored water, making up Crystal Lake.

The city of Elberta got its name from the Elberta peach, which originated there. Another historical tidbit is found at Elberta's harbor, where the *S.S. City of Milwaukee*, one of the old ships that hosted ferry service to Wisconsin, still sits.

Somewhere on the trip you'll need to eat, and Brookside Inn comes highly recommended. The fine dining restaurant is close by Trick Dog's at 115 N. Michigan in Beulah. Overnight accommodations are also offered here.

Historic Lighthouses dot the shoreline as you drive along Highway 22 into Leelanau County. One of the more famous lighthouses and one worth visiting is the Point Betsie Lighthouse, near Frankfort. Built in 1858, it's the oldest operating lighthouse in Michigan.

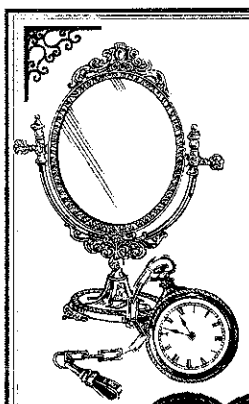
Ever wonder where the top of the world is? It's in Empire, at the end of Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, on the top of the dune there. The view is unparalleled – in every direction. We hopped into a dune buggy with tour guide Jim for a thrilling ride at Mac Wood's Dune Rides in Mears, south on Highway 31, near Pentwater.

The whole trip left us wondering why we're just now discovering this part of Michigan, the part our forefathers rightly called the "land of delight."

Threeolbags are three creative 50-ish women from Garden City who collaborate on travel articles for the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. You can find out more about them at www.threeolbags.com.

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Pure Picks

With so many great musical performances and free festivals this Labor Day weekend, it's hard to figure out what to catch. Fill your ears and weekend with this special music edition of pure picks, "Filtered" just for you.

Album

They say parenthood changes you, and **Clem Snide**'s frontman Eef Barzelay has transferred the joy of a wife and a new baby into the quietly creeping, melodic love songs on the band's latest release, ***Soft Spot.***

The twangy alt-country band has gone sentimental on fans, creating quiet music that's perfect for swimming holes, summer country drives and a glass of lemonade.

But beneath the sentimental is a resonance of melancholy that allows Clem Snide to reach the delicate balance of writing love songs without falling back on tired clichés.

Available at local record stores.

For more information on the band, check out http://www.clemsnide.com.



PETER KAYAFUS

Local music

The best place to catch a wide variety of Detroit rock sound this weekend is the **Hamtramck Labor Day Festival** taking place Friday through Monday.

Over 40 bands are scheduled to appear on the free festival's two stages, including local artists: Audra Kubat, The Elevations, The Rioteers, Eric Weir and Tiny Steps, Saturday Looks Good to Me, Pas|Cal, The Fags, Jim Roll, Detroit Cobras and Twistin' Tarantulas. The festival also features ethnic food and a carnival. The festival is located in downtown Hamtramck on Joseph Campau Avenue, near the corner of Caniff.



The Detroit Cobras

Show

Meat meets metal music at the fourth-annual **"Save the Vegetables"** slated for Saturday at the Detroit Contemporary. Local bands Downtown Brown, 45 Cents, The Amino Acids, The Jollys and many others are scheduled to perform.

The Detroit Contemporary is located at 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd. in Detroit. Tickets are $10. 18 and over. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Lights on

When the lights went out, so did the sound on Detroit garage band **The Go**'s record release show. The show has been rescheduled for Saturday at the Magic Stick in Detroit. The show is also your chance to pick up *Supercuts*, a vinyl-only, full-length LP of unreleased tunes for $5. The Witnesses will also perform. Doors open at 9 p.m. 18 and over. Cover is $5. The Magic Stick is located at 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

For more information, check out http://www.majesticdetroit.com or call (313) 833-9700.

Festival

Your best band bet for this weekend's **Arts Eats and Beats**, Oakland County's summer festival of music, art and food, is **Sloan**.

The Canadian pop band, which is on the road to support its recently released album *Action Pact*, is slated to perform at the free festival at 10:30 p.m. Friday on the National Stage.

For more information on the festival, click on http://artsbeatseats.com or call (248) 975-8850.

For more information Sloan, check out http://www.sloanmusic.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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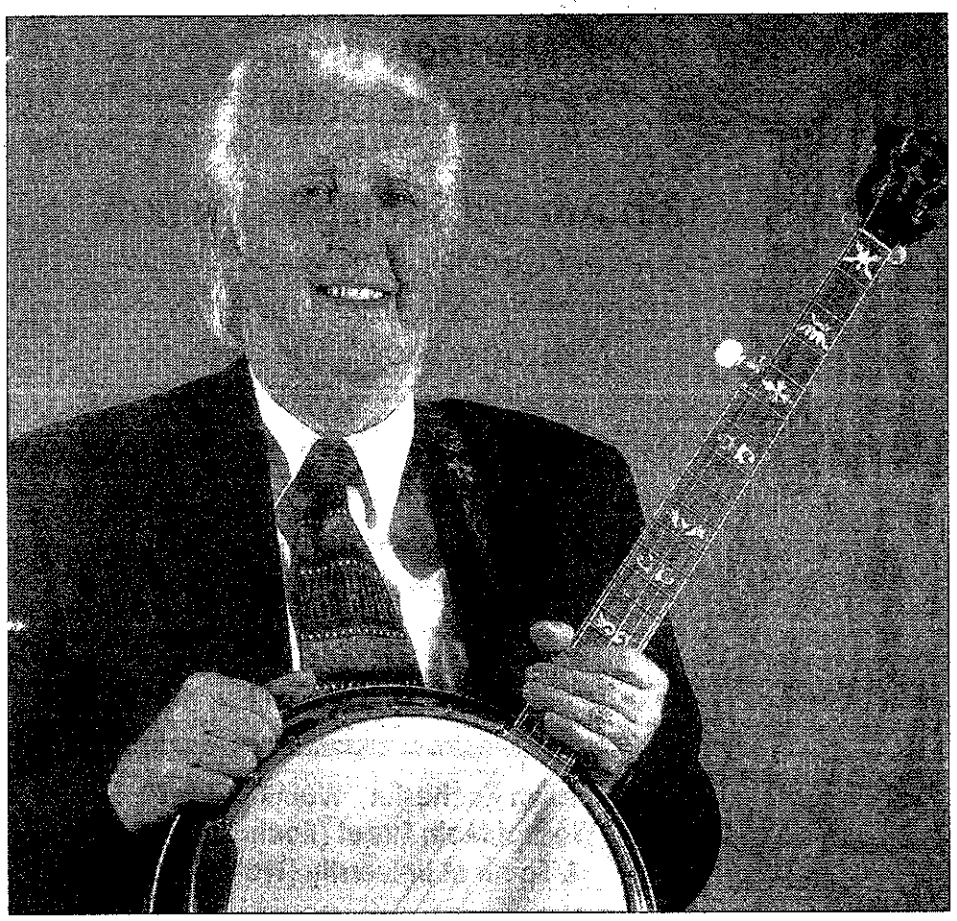
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Bluegrass legend J.D. Crowe headlines the Bluegrass Festival VII.

'Oh Brother,' these are good days for roots music

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

These are good days for American roots music — bluegrass, folk and blues.

Just last year, the roots-laden *Oh Brother Where Art Thou* film soundtrack won Best Album at the Grammy Awards, shocking many popular music devotees. The album also sold in buckets, and bluegrass music festivals saw a spike in attendance.

"It probably jumped us double," said Bluegrass Festival VII promoter Tom Laing of Waterford, adding that enthusiasm remains strong.

The premiere local bluegrass festival returns Sept. 6 at Civic Center Park in Auburn Hills.

Bluegrass legend J.D. Crowe & The New South headline the show. Joining Crowe on the bill are multi -award winners IIIrd Tyme Out, The Special Consensus, The Chapmans and Groundspeed.

While traditional styles of American music have always drawn fans, the music is sometimes dismissed as unimportant or backward.

But during the '50s-'60s, roots music was revered by intellectuals and college students. They embraced acoustic guitars, mandolins and banjos as vehicles of uncorrupted pure expression, free from the clutches of un-hip suit-wearing dudes who care more about money than music.

So lovers of bluegrass music – a main focus of *Oh Brother* – are still reveling in the continuing upsurge of interest in roots music.

"That's called the Oh Brother phenomenon," notes bluegrass music promoter Tom Laing. "Basically it introduced to younger generations, high school and college students, kind of a return to roots music."

Nearly 2,000 attended the festival last year. "We could easily do 3 or 4,000 if we needed to," he said.

"Every year they love the lineup, the talent that's here," said Brian Marzolf, Auburn Hills recreation director. "The setting is good and being free doesn't hurt."

"It's such a great variety," said Debra Berry of Waterford, a bluegrass fan who grew up loving Detroit rock. "There's the modern contemporary bands and some from back in the Opry days. It's just good old sentimental music, a beautiful campus. It's an easy thing to get to and an easy day to spend."

Bluegrass music is "folk music in overdrive," folklorist Alan Lomax wrote in the 1950s. The genre was founded in the 1940s by Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys, which featured Lester Flatt on lead vocals and Earl Scruggs on rolling, three-finger banjo.

This first bluegrass band took old folk songs and string band music and started speeding them up, often pitching songs in higher keys.

Of the featured performers, J.D. Crowe is considered a pre-eminent bluegrass banjo player. His band over the years has been a training ground for future bluegrass stars, including Tony Rice and Ricky Skaggs. While Crowe represents tradition, IIIrd Tyme Out offers a younger take on bluegrass, sometimes covering Motown and other newer music.

Hosting the one-day festival is Special Consensus, a twice Grammy-nominated band from Chicago. Laing got the idea for the festival after booking the group for a summer concert series in Auburn Hills. "Greg Cahill from the group talked them into considering a one-day bluegrass festival, and he's been the host band every year."

Some of the top bluegrass talent booked in past years have included Rhonda Vincent and The Lonesome River Band.

Each band rotates two 40-minute sets. There is free parking, and food and drink concessions. The festival is presented by The city of Auburn Hills and DaimlerChrysler.

In case of rain, there is a covered tent for festival-goers. The stage is also covered.

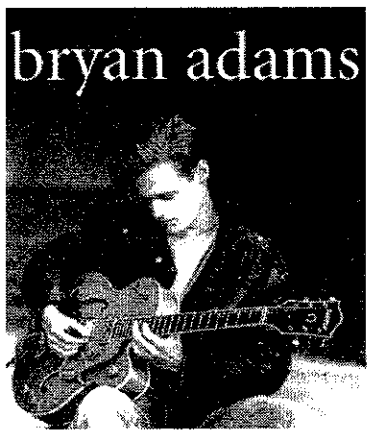
BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL VII

Who: The performers are J.D. Crowe & The New South, IIIrd Tyme Out, Special Consensus, The Chapmans and Groundspeed.
When: Noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6
Where: Civic Center Park, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills.
Admission: No charge
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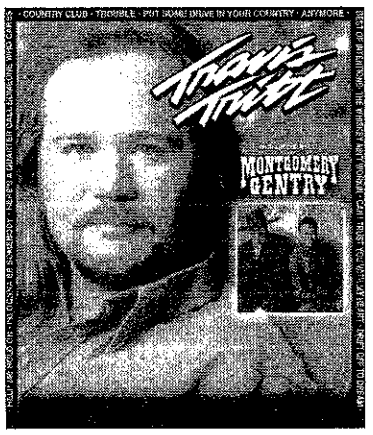


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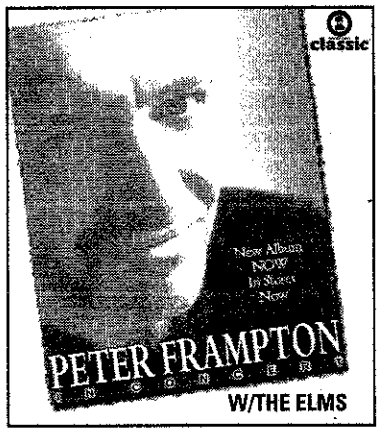
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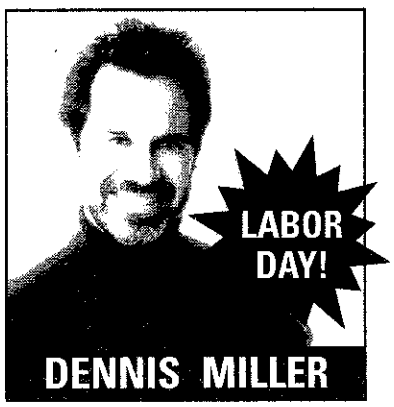
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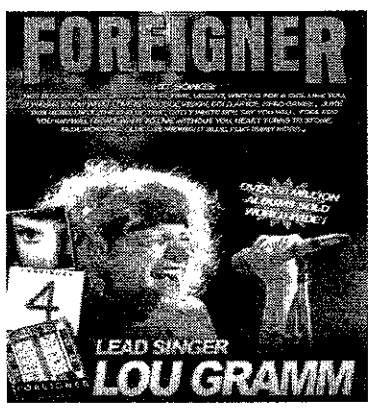
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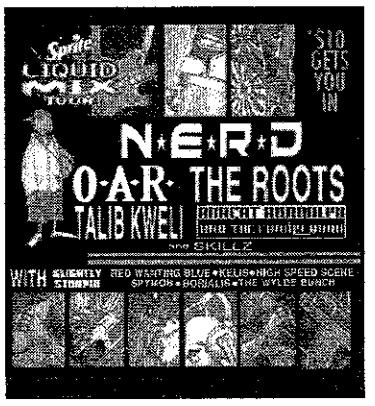
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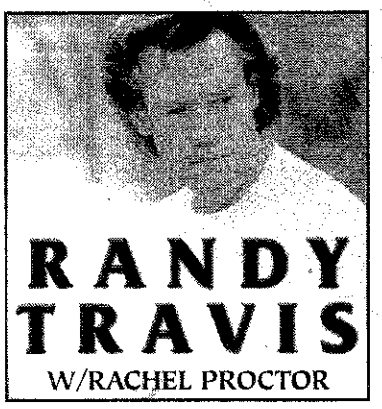
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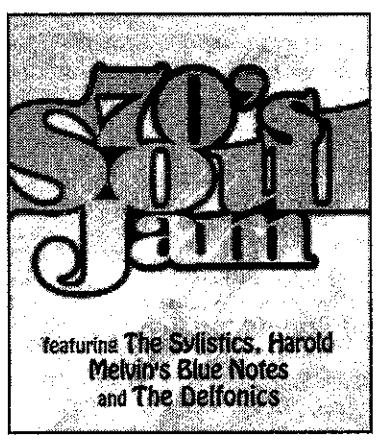
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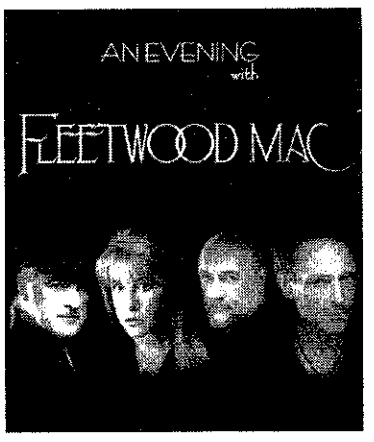
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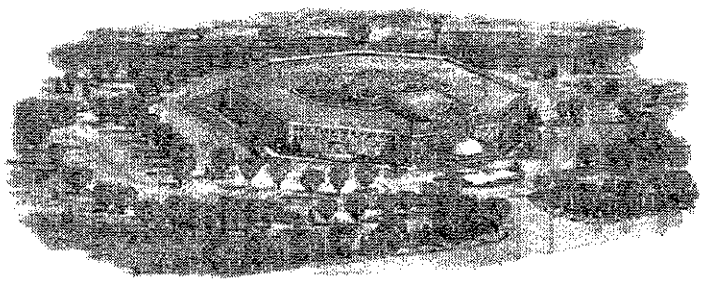
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