



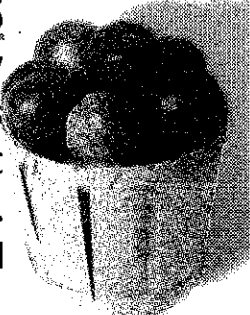
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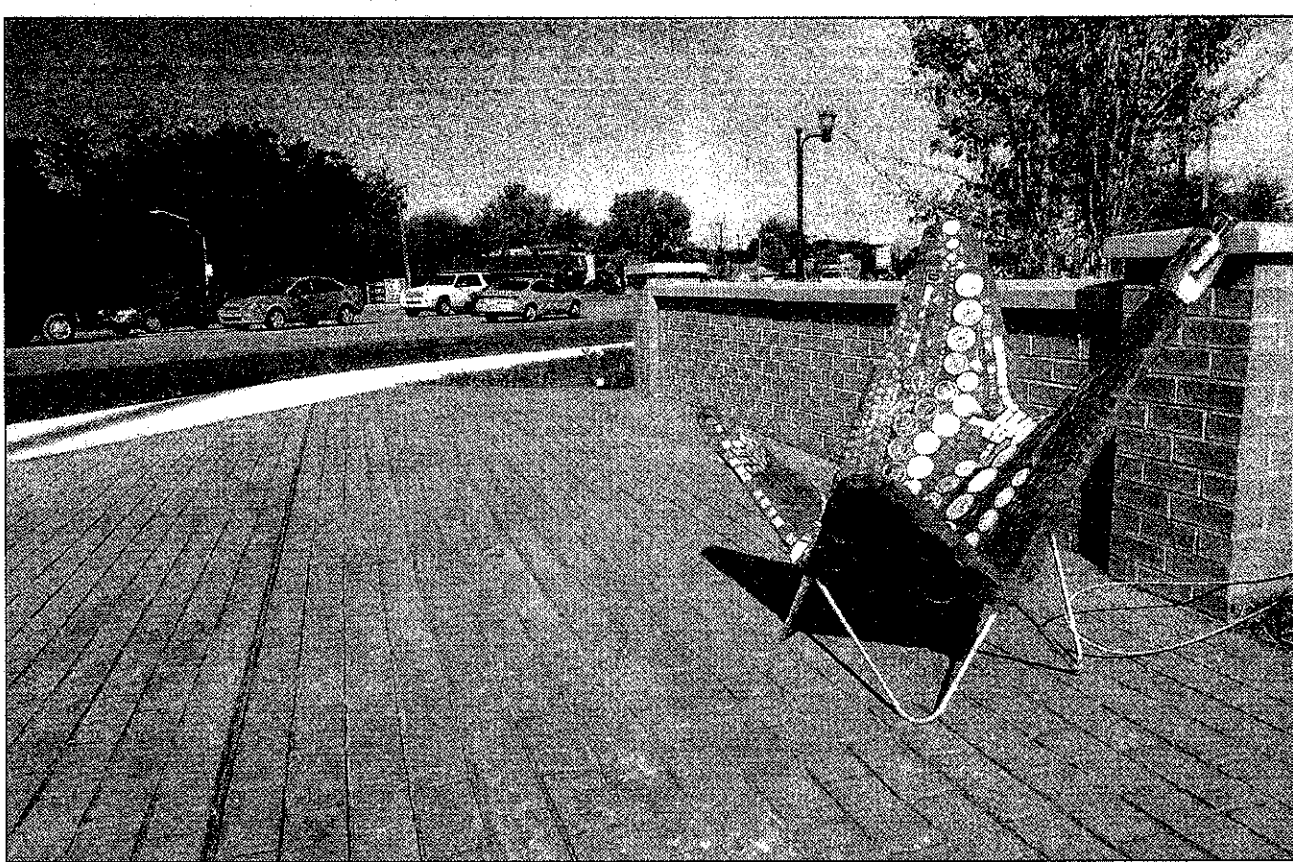
What a winner

Nan Washburn is beginning her fifth season as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor and



music director. The winner of a number of awards, Washburn received a bachelor of music degree with highest honors from the University of California and her master's degree in performance from New England Conservatory of Music. She is a professional flutist, who began studying conducting in 1984. She continued her studies with Harold Farberman at the Conductors' Institute in Bard and the Aspen Music Festival. Just this past summer, Washburn served on the faculty at the Conductors' Institute at Bard College in New York. Washburn is the winner of 15 awards from the American Symphony Orchestra League for adventuresome programming and the 1992 Distinguished Service Award from the New York Women Composers and the 1998 Sonoma County Independent Indy Award. She has distinguished herself as one of the imaginative and dynamic conductors in California. She is also the artistic director and conductor of the symphony in West Hollywood, Calif. Washburn has served as principal conductor for the Channel Islands Symphony Orchestra and recently completed her four-year tenure with Orchestra Sonoma. She also has formerly directed the Acalanes Chamber Orchestra, the American Jazz Theater, the San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra and was for six years the music director of the Camelia Orchestra in Sacramento.

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This is one of two butterfly chairs, designed by Detroit artist Karl Schneider, in the TCF Bank plaza. It is the start of Canton's effort to display public art in the Downtown Development Authority district on Ford Road.

Public art arrives in Canton

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

When Betsy Ford learned of Detroit artist Karl Schneider and his work, she volunteered her bank as a Canton showplace.

"I said, 'Well, how about my branch?'" said Ford, manager of TCF Bank on the southeast corner of Canton Center and Ford roads.

It didn't take long before Schneider's butterfly chairs decorated the plaza that faces the busy intersection. "I think we have to do something that will draw attention and cause people to slow down," said Ford, who was appointed to the Canton Downtown

Development Authority in February.

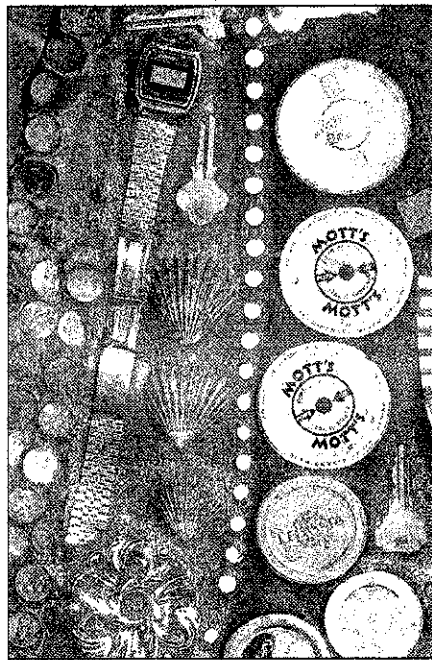
The butterfly chairs are the first pieces of public art displayed in the DDA district, which spans the north and south sides of Ford Road. "We've been talking about the concept of public art for quite a while," said Kathleen Salla, DDA director.

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Kathleen Salla
DDA director

"Ideally, we would like to see public art sprinkled throughout the DDA."

A great idea, according to Schneider. "With public art we are trying to make art less pretentious, more interactive," said the artist, who works closely with Greening of Detroit. "I did benches



Artist Karl Schneider puts details into the butterfly chairs, which he says are a good first step to introducing public art into Canton.

PLEASE SEE ART, A4

Times are golden for shopping center

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

When Vicki and Jim Chilcoff opened Memory Lane Scrapbooks & Stamps in the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road just south of Joy, it was a dream come true for Vicki. She had her own store, where she sold supplies and taught classes in scrapbook making.

That was Nov. 12, 1998. Exactly two months later the

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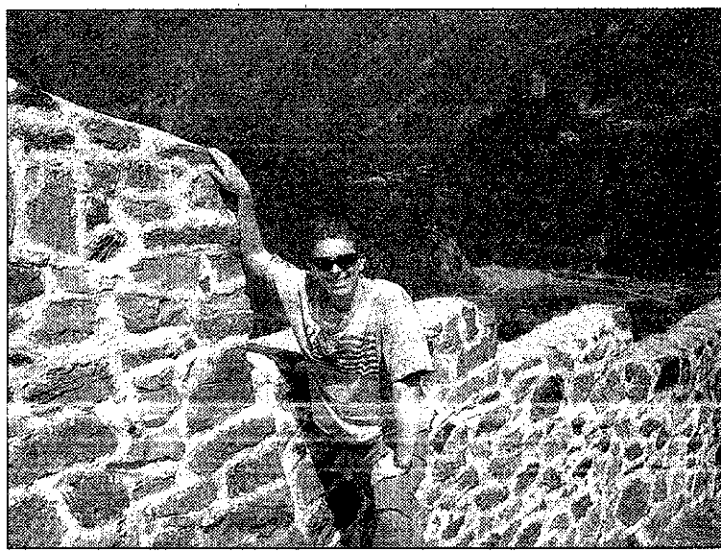
'Lao Wai' suits this traveling teacher

Brian Franz is a Canton resident who is spending a year in China teaching English to Chinese students. He is reporting periodically for the *Observer* on his experiences.

BY BRIAN FRANZ
CORRESPONDENT

On Aug. 17, 2003, I left Canton, my family, my friends and my entire life behind, moving to Tianjin, China. I came to China to serve the Chinese by teaching their children how to speak the English language. Even though I have only lived in China for less than a month, it is becoming immediately obvious that I will learn more from the Chinese than I can teach them.

Harbor View school, where I teach, is located in the TEDA district of Tianjin, China, the third largest city in China. It employs approximately 30 Canadians and Americans and



Brian Franz of Canton stands by the Great Wall of China. He is writing for the *Observer* while he spends a year in China teaching.

over 100 Chinese workers. The TEDA (Tianjin Economic Development Area) is one of the most modern areas in Northeast China, filled with

skyscrapers and even including the 2008 Olympic Soccer Stadium. In short, it is overwhelming. The Chinese are extremely friendly to foreign-

ers, due mostly to the fact that there are so few. Unlike the mixing pot of America, there is little ethnic or racial diversity in the area of China I live in. Everywhere I go, I hear the Chinese yell, "Lao Wai," which is a term of affection meaning, "Old Foreigner." On some level, it's like being a minor celebrity in town, with every business wanting you to come in and try their product or service.

Speaking of their products, their food is incredible. Imagine seeing a fish alive when you enter a restaurant, ordering it, seeing it killed, and eating it within the hour. This is dining in China. Imagine buying what would be considered fine China in America for only two dollars a dish. Imagine a 30-minute taxi ride costing a grand total of five dollars. This is life in China.

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Volunteers being sought for 2003 Red Kettle campaign Weekend of food, fun at Fall Festival

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Mudczynski has tunnel vision. She's focusing all of her energies on launching the Salvation Army's Red Kettle volunteer campaign more than six weeks ahead of the annual October kick-off.

As the new Plymouth Salvation Army public relations director and full-time Red Kettle campaign coordinator (of which she was recently named), Mudczynski wants to get the word out that volunteers who wish to ring the bell this year don't have to wait until the Oct. 3 Kick-off Breakfast to sign up.

"We have a core group of

volunteers that I sent a letter out to but I want to make sure everyone knows we're doing something different this year and you can sign up now," said Mudczynski.

While she's already received a lot of positive feedback from annual kettle volunteers, Mudczynski said last year 50 percent of the kettles were covered, 50 percent of the time and that was with 695 volunteers. "That was about half of what I really needed," said the Red Kettle coordinator.

Another new addition will be the sponsorship program called Kettle-for-a-Day. "There may be a business with four to five employees that can't give a full day's worth of bell ringing.

We're offering that for \$100 they sponsor a kettle, at any one of our 23 locations, and the kettle will feature the name of their business. You can't beat a day's worth of advertising for \$100," said Mudczynski.

A third option is for businesses to be a host-site for a "Counter Kettle." These miniaturized versions of the well-recognized Red Kettle sit on the countertop of a business (usually near the cash register or check-out counter) where people can drop loose change in to benefit the Salvation Army. Mudczynski said she's trying to place 20 kettles at locations that traditionally have a high percentage of foot traffic.

"People can call in if they want one and we'll deliver it. We take care of everything relating to the kettle so there's nothing for the business owner to do except provide counter space for it."

Of her new position as PR director and Red Kettle volunteer coordinator, Mudczynski said she has the "absolute best job."

"People say they have to go to work. I say I get to go to work," said the longtime Canton resident.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information about the new Red Kettle sponsorship programs, call (734) 453-5464, Ext. 32.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The most important person for this weekend's 48th annual Plymouth Fall Festival isn't Mark Baldwin, the Fall Festival president; or Tim Joy, chairman of Sunday's Rotary Club barbecue chicken dinner; and not even Jim Vermeulen, who is working hard to get ready for the Kiwanis Foundation pancake breakfast on Saturday.

In fact, all three agree the success of their fund-raising activities this weekend will be the weatherman, who is promising sunshine and temperatures in the 70s for all three days - Friday, Saturday and Sunday - of the event.

"If we could control the weather, we'd have it made," said Joy, who is preparing for the Rotary Club's 48th annual chicken dinner. "That's what really controls our success."

Joy said a number of improvements have been made to protect volunteers, and those waiting in line for their dinners, from the elements. But, no matter what the weather, Joy said the community always responds.

"What makes me feel good about the Plymouth community is that in good weather or bad weather, the community comes out and supports us," said Joy. "It's become a tradition in which people plan their family gatherings around the chicken dinner. Generations of people have helped support and volunteer at the barbecue."

Joy said if the weather cooperates, the Rotary Club will sell 10,700 dinners Sunday in Kellogg Park. The pits, with more than 30,000 pounds of charcoal, will heat up about 8:45 a.m., cooking 13,000 pounds of chicken until about 3 p.m., with the last dinner sold about an hour and a half later.

Last year, the Rotary collected \$50,000 in advertising and ticket sales for its foundation, which is spent on a number of community activities and scholarships throughout the year.

HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE

Vermeulen, who has been a Kiwanis member for 25 years, said he's seen the annual pancake breakfast grow over the years.

"The grills always used to be put on tables; now we've built three special trailers with two grills on each so we have a total of eight grills," he said. "That way we keep from having long lines."

"We're doing the sausage differently than in the past, too," Vermeulen said. "We're deep welling them. Instead of getting raw sausage, we get pre-cooked sausage and cook it for about a minute and 15 seconds in vegetable oil, which is less fattening. It takes less time, and we can serve pancakes hot off the grill much faster."

The pancake breakfast, now a tradition more than 40 years old, is put on by three clubs - Kiwanis Plymouth-Canton Breakfast Club, Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club.

Last year, the foundation raised enough money to buy defibrillators for each of the three Plymouth-Canton high schools.

GUEST FLIPPERS

The group is expecting to serve thousands of breakfasts in the Gathering Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guest pancake flippers will include Plymouth Mayor Bill Graham, Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Michigan Sen. Bruce Patterson, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan, and Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll.

Baldwin said if the weather holds up, this year's festival will be a success.

"I think everything is going to go off better than it's ever been," said Baldwin. "When it's all said and done, we can't control or worry about the weather. We can't put a tent over downtown."

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The library will reopen on Sundays beginning Sunday, Sept. 7?

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This week marks the 89th anniversary of the opening of the New York Post Office Building at Eight Avenue, between 31st and 33rd streets in New York City. On the front of the building is the inscription, a translation from Herodotus, that reads: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." While popular belief mistakenly identifies this famous phrase as the official motto of the United States Postal Service, in truth the U.S.

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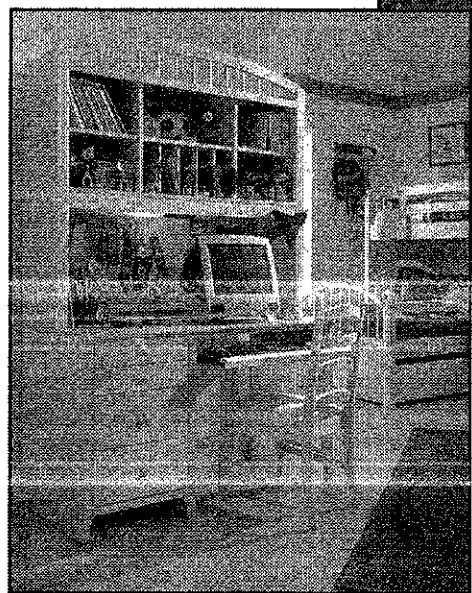
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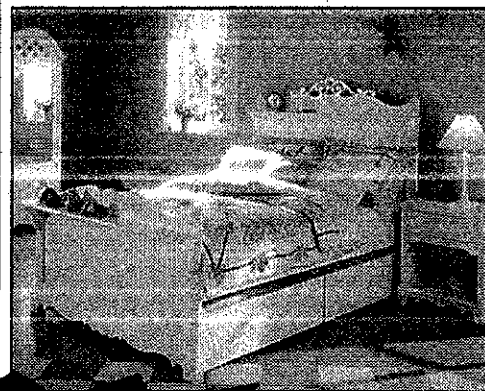
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Marching band readies for 2003-04 season with new director, new style

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The northern Michigan woods were filled with Middle Eastern melodies and the loud echoing clang of the mechanical metronome a week ago, not to mention the exuberant voices of 170 talented teens as the nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band swung into full production of their 2003 season at band camp on Lake Ann near Traverse City.

Several hundred family members, friends, locals and vacationers were treated to the first performance of this year's show entitled "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan" on Aug. 23, the last day of the weeklong camp.

"This, by far, was the best band camp I have attended," said Gerry Olexsey, who has served for two years as booster president and as a camp chap-erone for five of the six years he has had children in the band.

"The students are always great and our new band director, Marc Whitlock, is absolutely fantastic," added Olexsey. "As parents, we are thrilled to watch him in action. He strikes a balance between establishing his authority as teacher and director while getting to know each of the kids as individuals. We've definitely got the right person for the job."

THE RIGHT MAN

The new music man at P-CEP, a Kentucky native, stepped into the position of Director of Bands at the Park last spring to fill the opening left by Clay Wachholz, who is pursuing further education after serving two years in the position and directing the band to state championships and top-ten national spots both years.

Whitlock comes with an impressive array of educational and job-related accomplishments. He has served as a director and percussion director of Illinois' Marian Catholic High School, another national top contender, and, most recently, as director of bands at Hebron High School in Carrollton, TX. Both bands received numerous regional and national awards under his direction. He also was a brass manager and still serves as the musical advisor for the Tony and Emmy award-winning Broadway production of "Blast!"

As Director of Bands at the Plymouth-Canton complex, Whitlock also oversees the day band program. "I'm very excited about the vast possibilities the future holds here at P-CEP," said Whitlock, "for the simple fact that I have high expectations as a teacher of the students and the program has a reputation of having high expectations for itself. I believe this is going to be a great marriage."

It appears the marchers have mutual feelings.

"Mr. Whitlock has brought so much to the table," said Salem senior Brittany Summers. She shares the drum major position this year with fellow Salem senior Ashley Spohn, and juniors Elizabeth Schellbase of Salem and Kavita Srivastava of Canton. "There is so much more cohesiveness among band members, color guard and drum line."

Canton senior and saxophonist Panin Ofori-Mensa, a band

Band set to perform

The 2003 P-CEP Marching Band Competition Schedule:

- Sept 13 - Novi Fanfare Invitational at Novi High School
- Sept 20 - Michigan Invitational at EMU's Rynearson Stadium
- Sept 27 - Bands of America Regional at the Pontiac Silverdome
- Oct 04 - Great Lakes Invitational at the P-CEP stadium
- Oct. 25 - Huron Valley Invitational at Milford or Lakeland High School
- Nov. 01 - MCBA State Championship at the Pontiac Silverdome
- Nov. 13 - 15 Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis

member all four years, appreciates Whitlock's work ethic. "This year we've worked a lot harder than in past years," said Ofori-Mensa. "Mr. Whitlock is strict, but in a good way. He keeps people in line and we don't mind working harder because we accomplish so much more."

Added Summers, "We also have an amazing staff."

This year's staff includes design team long-timers Don Hill, Jonathan Ovalle and Mitch Rogers as well as newcomer color guard instructor Jennifer Leseth who worked for years with Whitlock at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago.

New Assistant Director Brian Miller started as a trumpet coach at P-CEP in 1999 while completing graduate work at the University of Michigan. He served as interim director until Whitlock arrived for the first at-school weeklong camp in the spring.

"This is a very, very exciting show and a big shift from what we have done in the past," said Miller of this year's production.

TIMES ARE CHANGING

One highly noticeable change is the lack of props - a trademark of the Plymouth-



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Flutes (from left) Maura Zakem, Kimmy Suchyta (hidden), Jennie Jansen, Shelly Dwenger and Brigid Fitzgerald practice in the shade near Lake Ann with Ryan Murray and Blake Belden on tubas.

Canton productions for many years. "We're going proless this year," Miller said. "Plus, this show is faster than we've played in the past and we've played some pretty fast pieces."

That's part of the reason why the entire show won't be completed by the first few competitions according to Whitlock.

"When you're moving at such fast speeds, there's an element of danger," he said. "So we don't put anything onto the field until it's ready and we know they're going to be OK with it." The first movement "Pilgrimage," in which the

marchers move en masse diagonally across the field with a multitude of intricate moves to the intriguing gypsy music, was ready for Saturday's performance.

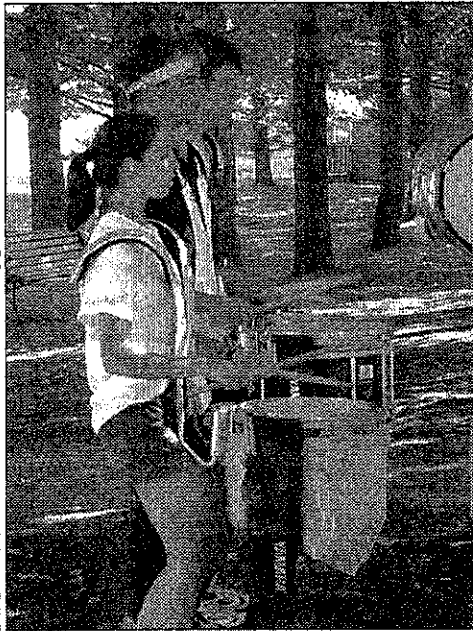
Whitlock said the second movement, "Mirage," will be difficult to coordinate with two songs - one played from the front field and one from the back - going at the same time. The third movement "Revelry" will be a huge party, he added, with very fast tempos - up to 200 beats per minute.

"It is going to take us awhile to get that one under our

belts," he added.

"I look at us as music athletes," explained Whitlock. "I think marching band is the sport of the arts." Plans are to have about two-thirds of the show on the field by the first competition at Novi High School on Sept. 13.

And from all accounts it is shaping up to be a real crowd-pleaser. "When I'm conducting up there, I just want to smile at every single part," Summers said. "Everybody loves the show. It is so magical looking and there's not a single part of the show I don't like."



The beat of percussionists Rebecca Gorzalski, Matt Hurley and Joel Ciesiak echoes through the woods during band practice.

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Hans C. Hansen

Hans Hansen, 78, of Ortonville, will lie in state at the Sherman Wilk Funeral Home, 135 South St. Ortonville 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4.

Mr. Hansen, a World War II veteran, was an electrical design engineer with General Motors for more than 30 years.

He was an avid ham radio operator and a member of the Troy Elks for many years.

He also enjoyed bowling and roller skating with his wife.

Mr. Hansen is survived by sons Hans (Joyce) of Canton and Eric of San Diego, CA; daughters Cassie (Doug) Patterson of Clarkston, M. Karla (John) Begovich of Hadley; and sister, Margo Liebeau, as well as grandchildren, Charina, Christin, Cassandra, Ben, John P. and Stephan.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ionia Kramer, and friend Tippette.

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ART

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for them. They find city lots to place art. They want to make people happy."

A master plan, developed in 2002, for the DDA features the use of public art throughout the district that was expanded in 1996 to incorporate all of Ford Road, from the Westland boundary to just west of Canton Center Road. The master plan also designates where bricked walls, street lights and stamped concrete walkways will be used in the corridor when property is developed or redeveloped. That was the case when the TCF bank branch was built.

"The planning commission and DDA worked with TCF to allow for a plaza with the thought that public art would be placed there," Salla said. "The purpose of the art is to achieve a sense of place that we know we are in Canton."

From that starting point, Jeanne Poulet of the Wayne County Council for Arts, History and Humanities and Schneider met with the DDA, thanks to new member Greg

Greene. "She works with a number of artists and will come back with other artists' works," Salla said.

Right now, Schneider's work is in Canton on a contingency basis, meaning it isn't costing the DDA. Township officials, meanwhile, are developing a public art policy. As far as funding the use of public art, Salla said the policy, when done, should outline creation of a committee to jury art and to find funding sources. "There are a number of different ways to fund public art."

Schneider says he plans to develop a proposal for public art in the Canton DDA. His butterfly chairs at TCF Bank speak to the 1960s. "The design is aesthetically pleasing to the eye," Schneider said. Poulet had butterfly chairs in her back yard.

"I thought they would be good in Canton. It eases people into public art."

The artist believes public art should make people happy and at ease. "In our society we don't have a lot of creative outlets," he said. "Even if you have to experience it through someone else. People need an outlet. They need to experience creativity."



Brian Franz visits the world-famous Tiananmen Square.

TEACHER

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The predominant mood in China is one of hope. There is an entirely undeterred hope in the eyes the Chinese people. As their economy continues to expand (nearly quadrupling in the last 20 years), the people here believe that they are participating in the start of a new China. In 2008, when the Olympics will be in Beijing, the Chinese are planning on displaying their great country to the world, both through the television audience and the thousands of foreigners who will spill into the country at that time. It is the most eagerly anticipated moment in recent Chinese history. I love being in the midst of eager anticipation and China is packed with it.

Despite all of this, it does not mean that my relatively short time here has not been without difficulties. Riding in the aforementioned expensive taxis is an experience one must have for themselves. Let's just say that the seat belts are decayed beyond use and the drivers here seem to believe that all laws are mere guidelines. Drivers will go around a stopped car by swerving into the left lane, simply honking their horn a few times to warn oncoming traffic. After awhile, you stop gasping at every turn and convince yourself that everything happening through the windshield is just on television. After all, it can't be real, can it?

Public restrooms here also must be experienced to be understood. Imagine my shock to learn that public restrooms here do not provide toilet paper. No, you must either bring your own or pay an attendant the equivalent of a dime for a



Brian Franz never leaves home without it: his Canton Public Library card.

small roll. Let's just say I gladly paid the money and have learned to carry some paper with me. I have no idea what happens if you don't have paper and are out of money. On second thought, I don't want to know what happens.

In my short time here in China, I have experienced a lot. I've been to the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Mao's Mausoleum, and the Temple of Heaven. While these experiences have been amazing in themselves, it is life in China that is the true adventure. Every time I order a meal off an entirely Chinese menu, it is an adventure as memorable as the Great Wall. Every time I make the human connection with a Chinese person who does not speak English, it is more fulfilling than walking through the Forbidden City. It is the everyday events in this amazing country that I will carry with me forever. It is the people of China, not the sites, that have made my experience so far one of the best of my life. I hope it continues to be so.

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CENTER

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dream collapsed, along with the roof on the nearby Canton Coney Island. The date was Jan 12, 1999.

Although Memory Lane was not damaged by the heavy accumulation of snow that caused the roof to cave in on the Coney Island, other businesses in the south end of the mall were not so lucky.

In addition to the restaurant, Bob's of Canton, the butcher shop/market that had served as the small mall's anchor store for years sustained damage and closed down — as it turned out, never to reopen.

"We were closed for just a day," Jim said. "They cordoned us off to check the roof. But the perception was that the whole mall was closed."

It took 11 months for the rebirth of the south end of the mall to begin. That was when Fred and Mohamad Hussein, owners of Canton Coney Island, opened up a new and expanded version of the restaurant.

"I had to borrow money to open up," Fred said.

"We were closed for 11 months. It was very hard to recover. But I have a lot of faith in this area, so I decided to come back and continue doing business."

One of the things that was troubling Fred was the fact that Bob's was not going to reopen as an anchor store.

"We helped each other out," he said.

"But he had already opened another store in Westland and he couldn't even find a butcher for the Canton store, much less 50 more employees. We became the anchor for the center."

Still, the Bob's location remained vacant and most of the smaller businesses in the damaged south end of the mall either closed down or moved to new locations.

Those in the north end, including Discount Beverage, a dry cleaners and Memory Lane, depended on a big anchor store to generate walk-in traffic.

Jim Chilcoff said people have come into their store in recent months and said, "Oh, we did-



Vicki Chilcoff of Memory Lane Scrapbooks & Stamps stands outside her store in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza on Lilley, south of Joy.

n't know you were still here. We thought you were closed."

But in the last year, the mall has added 14 new stores and has only one vacant spot. And that's going to be filled soon by a cellular telephone store, according to Nick Tufenkjian, a jeweler in Bloomfield Hills, who owns the Golden Gate property.

"We lost a lot of tenants when the roof collapsed," he said. "We lost at least half of the tenants. Now we are 95 percent occupied. And we're getting a lot of phone calls from other people looking for space."

Another grocery store, House of Choice, opened for a short time in the Bob's location, but was not able to make a go of it.

But about a month ago that site became the home of Tuesday Morning, part of a nationwide chain of high-end discount stores. And the other tenants are hoping that serves as a drawing card to the mall itself.

The growing Tuesday Morning chain advertises prices of 50 to 80 percent off normal retail and restocks its stores eight times a year, coinciding, according to store literature, with the retail industry's peak selling seasons.



For Fred Hussein (left) and his brother, Mohamad of the Coney Island, are serving some 3,000 customers a week, including 700 Sunday in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza on Lilley, south of Joy.

And at the southeast end of the mall, Blue Willow Auctions, which opened in 2001, draws large crowds to its weekly auctions. It's also open during the day for potential auction buyers to examine the items that will be going up for sale.

Frank Hussein said business at the Coney Island has increased to the point that he is now serving 3,000 customers a week, including 700 Sunday.

With traditional Coney fare and a limited Greek menu, Hussein touts his Friday fish fry as one of the biggest draws. "In Lent we sold 5,000

pounds of fish in seven weeks," he said. "It's the biggest fish fry in the township."

Hussein and Chilcoff say the small mall with lots of mom and pop stores is almost like family.

"We help each other out," Chilcoff said. "We look out for each other."

And Tufenkjian agrees. "They're wonderful people," he said of his tenants.

"I work with tenants like family. I'm there to support them. It's like a family-oriented community center."

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Students walk between buses at Salem High School. To maintain safety, school officials plan to construct a fence around the bus loop.

STUDENTS

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Latnie was informed of the situation by Alice Horstead, who not only drives a high school bus route, but is also the drivers' union representative. At a November 2002 Safety Committee meeting, Horstead brought up the concerns of drivers. "(Drivers were) deeply concerned with the serious safety problems we are facing daily loading and unloading at the high school," Horstead said. "We really need to work together to provide a safe zone so no students get injured."

BRAINSTORMING

The drivers union gave some suggestions, and Latnie hired the free services of AAA of Michigan to conduct a study. Latnie said while the original plan called for laying more asphalt, drainage problems and the cost to correct them forced the temporary measure.

"Our hope is to get funding through a bond issue for a permanent solution," Latnie said. "Right now, the designated crosswalks and the fence separating the buses limit students to specific areas to cross. But it doesn't address the issues as we grow and expand."

"Now the drivers know where the students are, and their attention can be focused to those areas for any potential problems," he added.

Latnie called the fence "a

passive safety measure to redirect students to where we want them to be and where we know they are."

Bus driver Angela Johnson likes it that way.

"Usually, the kids don't care, but now they have to use the crosswalks," Johnson said. "Kids will dart out in front of you, and you have to stop abruptly. They're fearless, and they don't care."

For some students, getting around the fence isn't much of a concern. "I don't know why they even put up the fence ... now the kids stand more in between buses than when they used to stand in the grass," said Ashley Olszewski, a senior from Canton Township. "It's more of a detour when kids are trying to get to their bus and they're running late."

For senior Valerie Butler of Plymouth, the fences aren't much of a deterrent.

"They're going to cross in front of the buses anyway," she said. "I don't understand why they put it up there because we're going to do what we're going to do anyway."

However, for drivers, the fence does make a big difference.

"We were concerned we would be the ones injuring the students," Horstead said, "so it takes stress off the driver and makes it much safer."

Brice concurred with Horstead.

"You may question the cost of putting up the fence, but what's the cost of a kid's life?" he said.

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OUR VIEWS

Education should be primary focus

Once again the Michigan Educational Assessment Program results issued by the state Department of Education came in late. Obviously, the opening day of school has come and gone.

This year the reasons are different than last year's excuses from the state. Each year, the delay in results affects local districts, such as Plymouth-Canton. Officials use the scores to determine weaknesses in the curriculum for the new school year.

From a planning point of view, it is easy to understand why Plymouth-Canton school officials are upset. School districts are judged by the state according to the MEAP results. It is equally likely that parents are waiting to see how their kids fared on the statewide proficiency test.

Curriculum and its quality is the backbone of public education. From the teeth clenching and anxious waiting for MEAP results comes the appearance, however, that the finer points of a well-rounded curriculum are secondary. Since the inception of MEAP, public education critics and supporters alike have questioned the tendency to teach for the big test.

MEAP is a guideline. If Plymouth-Canton officials are certain the district's curriculum is educating its students well, preparing them for college, community college, technical school and the work world, the focus should be on a good education, and one that keeps pace with the changing world. Perhaps then the lesser focus should be on a test that even state education officials can't guarantee is the answer to all that ails public education.

Certainly, as stated by Lon Rutkofske, Plymouth-Canton director of secondary education, the delayed results only put the school district further behind in completing required reports and standards to the state and federal governments. Indeed, school districts should be given some leeway to meet these deadlines, considering the state is at fault in delayed results.

Guidelines, standards and proficiencies that need to be met are one thing. It appears, however, that school districts such as Plymouth-Canton are strapped so much by these requirements that it is easy to wonder if the educational world is missing the forest for the trees.

The state should move forthwith to provide individual districts with necessary planning tools. The emphasis here is on planning tools. The MEAP is not the end all. Nor should it be.

Create jobs by improving state

News reports measure the nation's jobless rate in percentage points, but the collective impact of today's high unemployment rates affects our communities in ways that mere numbers can't define.

Yes, things seem to be looking up. According to the federal government, first-time claims for unemployment benefits have dropped slightly, and leading economic indicators are showing fractional increases. However, statistics don't tell the whole story here.

Experts in the field expect the job market to open up sometime next year, but that's not much comfort to anyone who has a rent payment due next month.

It's crunch time for families hard hit by today's economy. Ask Detrah Moore, whose teenage son has helped her look for work, or Jim Coury, recently laid off from a part-time job he picked up to help pay the bills during his yearlong search for full-time employment.

Extending unemployment benefits another 13 weeks has given their families an important break, but chances are people standing in line to receive those benefits will have to begin moving in other directions.

"This is a time," Moore said, "when you start looking at things you don't want to do."

It's time for state and federal officials to start looking in other directions as well. It's not enough to provide more money to workers, when what's really needed are more jobs and help with re-careering. Every month, hundreds of people become discouraged and simply stop looking for work. After unemployment runs out, all that's left to them is public assistance, poverty, even homelessness.

What can government do to create more jobs? Local tax abatement incentives work. Just ask the 150 or so people who will be out of the job market and working for Akebono's expanded Farmington Hills facility.

But it's time to take a closer look at Michigan's bottom line to ensure businesses large and small have a fighting chance to keep the people they hire.



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Meryl Davis and Charlie White, junior dance competitors, skate during an exhibition at Arctic Ice. Skating coach Igor Shpilband moved his students to the Canton facility.

LETTERS

Stop the madness

There is enough money in the federal budget to cover next year's national debt and prescription drugs for all, if the Congress rescinds the tax cut for the wealthiest citizens and eliminates the unnecessary pork from the military budget.

The military budget for next year is \$399 billion, contains expensive pork that the Pentagon does not even want, and the budget does not include costs of the war in Iraq. Make the military accountable to do what the military is designed to do.

The National Missile Defense project in Alaska is costing \$9 billion for a system that has not been tested and probably will never work, according to experts.

Insanely, the government is refurbishing and maintaining nuclear weapons in Tennessee, and doing research to build more nuclear weapons, even though we have more than 10,000 nuclear weapons and are pledged to reduce that number.

The U.S. government has pledged \$7 billion for new nuclear weapons.

The national debt reached \$6.8 trillion and is growing. That is about \$23,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States. About 12 percent of the national budget goes for interest on that debt.

When will this military madness stop and the dollars go to unmet human and environmental needs? Cutting entitlements further just shifts the burden to the people least able to pay.

Fern Katz

National Board member, Women's Action for New Directions

Save our jobs

When will the politicians in this country do something to stop the export of jobs to China and other low-cost countries? This disturbing trend started under Clinton and Bush has done nothing to curb it. How many more jobs will be lost before they wake up? One million, two million, maybe even three? Our manufacturing base is being decimated and not just large inefficient companies, we are losing hundreds and hundreds of small to medium-sized companies every month. I see auction fliers by the dozens every week and frankly, it is really starting to worry me.

We have been told that we are to achieve "QS-9000" (which has been changed multiple times) now we are being told we have to be ISO-14000 certified and the list goes on. All this costs lots of money but we are expected to absorb those costs and then offer cost reduction after cost reduction or lose our work to sweat shops in China, India and Mexico.

We are competing against companies that are subsidized by their governments and do not have to worry about being compliant with anything. Their countries' environmental rules are non-existent and their filthy air and water reflects this ugly fact. Their people (and workers) are forced to exist on incomes so low that most of them live in shacks with dirt floors, sleeping alongside pigs, cows and chickens.

These companies have hideous accidents in their operations because they

have poor or no safety rules, and those who are maimed and crippled are fired with no workmen's compensation, which gives them even more cost advantages over American factories. They have no Social Security retirement system to fund and if we keep losing jobs at this rate, we won't either. And as for schools and hospitals, more than one billion Chinese live in communities that have few or none of these.

The Communist Party that rules China with an iron fist lives in fear of its own people, worried they will rise up and demand some of the things workers in other nations take for granted. But the 100 giant U.S. corporations like things just the way they are in China and that is why they are moving factories, technology and even white collar jobs there.

You may think you are getting great deals at Wal-Mart, but the jobs that have been lost because of the buying tactics of these "global" companies will end up costing you your job eventually and then what will you buy with? We are being sold down the river and we are giving them water to do it with and this MUST change now. Is it time to boycott those companies who transfer jobs and work out of this country? Yes, it is! Wal-Mart and General Motors would be two good examples to start with. One has built 12 or more factories in China and the other has put many American companies out of business because they cannot compete with the slave wages in China. You can do this now or wait until your job is affected. The choice is simple. We can wait until another million jobs disappear or we can act now and start demanding that these jobs be brought back! We owe that to our kids and our grandchildren.

Greg Richardson
Berkley

Don't regret decision

My life changed drastically, once again, about two years ago. My wife told me that she was pregnant. With the four kids growing up, we looked forward to the day when we could spend time together.

We were devastated. Shocked and upset.

At the age of 44, I did not want to change diapers and warm bottles again. My wife was heartsick. The pain and energy to have another child is beyond any man's comprehension.

We discussed abortion. We have very mixed emotions about abortion. For weeks, we tugged at the issue. We should. We cannot. We need to. What about the other kids? What about the expenses? What about child care? We're married. We're overwhelmed.

What an agonizing decision and painful road to venture. It was not that clear-cut for us. I called Planned Parenthood to get information. Still, we were undecided. Again, back and forth.

One day I said, "Honey, we need to make a decision. We need to make a decision and never look back." Somewhere deep, deep down inside we were knew we were in conflict because the moral law written in our hearts knew differently. A few days later, she called me and said she could not have an abortion. It is not our decision, she said. We cannot destroy the life of a child for reasons of economics and inconvenience.

It is not the baby's fault. We cannot end this pregnancy because it is a burden on us. It is just simply wrong. The child has a right to be born.

I said OK.

The time came to have the child. It was a beautiful little girl. As the weeks and the months went by, I sat with this gorgeous blue-eyed blond-haired little girl grasping at life. To eat. To sneeze with food in her mouth. To grab her blanket and dig her face into it when she's tired. Rubbing her eyes when she is sleepy. Peeking around the corner of her crib when I am coming up the stairs. Pulling on my pant legs when she wants me to pick her up. A tear running down her cheek when she stumbles while trying to walk. Patting me on the back when she is content.

We cannot help but to look back and examine what we had almost done. I am now convinced that abortion is not a choice and should have never been. Yes, it is hard to manage all this, but it is not our decision as human beings to destroy the life of a child. And that fetus is a child.

I am now convinced that this is an evil choice that has been marketed upon society by our politicians and the marketing department over at Planned Parenthood and that they have fostered this notion that this blob of tissue is not life. It is not about choice to them; it is about money.

Every time I look into the eyes of my little girl we feel a surge of guilt that we both are having a very, very difficult time dealing with, guilt that we had the power to decide if this child lives or not. Neither of us can envision life without her.

I also asked those who support abortion to explain to us how we can handle this guilt because they are the ones who had offered this choice. How do you suggest that those who have gone down this road deal with this sort of condemnation? Supporters of abortion have wreaked havoc on the emotions of society and to us it seems that it is against the law of nature for a female to abort its offspring.

I am not writing this for a political statement, but as a letter to all those who may be faced with this decision. Let your heart guide you. Children are so precious, and are the shining light of our future. By the grace of God may we be forgiven for a wrong that we almost committed. Please forgive us. Jennifer. Your mother and I dearly love you.

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QUOTABLE

"People have been willing to work with me and find a solution to suit everyone. It's a great facility. A lot of great coaches work here. I hope bringing skaters like this will draw more interest for the local area."

— Igor Shpilband, skating coach, who has moved to Canton's Arctic Edge

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Auto contract talks need to address \$10 wage gap

I don't want to be apocalyptic about it, but the contracts the UAW will be negotiating with the Big Three this fall could go a long way to determine the fate of the domestic auto industry, the union and the entire economy of Michigan.

How come? To put it bluntly, the foreign-owned "transplant" manufacturing plants, mostly located in the South and entirely nonunion, are eating the domestic automakers' lunch. And, if present rhetoric is to be believed, neither the companies nor the UAW seem much inclined to get serious about addressing their basic mutual problems this time around.

First, consider what has happened in the auto market in recent years. Time was, the domestic auto companies dominated the market; virtually all their employees were UAW-represented. But the Big Three market share started dropping in the 1970s. By the time Honda opened the Marysville, Ohio, plant in 1982, the domestic market share was down to around 80 percent. The slide has only accelerated, with the Big Three market share plummeting from 73 percent to 63 percent in the past seven years.

Of course, declining market share translates to fewer UAW-represented workers. In 1991, GM announced a plan to cut 74,000 jobs and 21 plants, including six assembly facilities; in 2002, Ford announced plans to close two assembly plants. Today, about one in seven autoworkers are not UAW members, and some experts are talking about 25 percent of the total auto workforce being nonunion by 2010.

Why is this happening? You get different takes, of course, but a good place to start is with labor costs. Most experts calculate there is a \$10-per-hour labor cost difference between the union domestic plants and nonunion factories.

As direct per-hour wages are roughly the same between transplant and domestic plants, a big part of the cost gap has to do with health care costs. The labor force of the transplant plants is, by and large, younger and therefore somewhat healthier than that at the domestic plants. Moreover, the UAW labor contracts offer very generous (and very expensive) "first dollar" health coverage.

Is the UAW willing to bargain about health care costs? Not if you listen to UAW President Ron Gettlefinger: "We are not going to pick up premiums. We're not going to pick up co-pays. We're not going to pick up deductibles."

Another part of the labor cost gap has to do with pension costs. Pensions are complicated matters, but in essence the foreign-owned plants have "defined contribution" pension plans. The companies put in 'X' dollars per week, which is invested; the employees get the money when they

retire. Pensions at the domestic auto plants, on the other hand, are "defined benefit" plans; retirees' income is based on a formula that includes wages, years of service and age.

Because the value of the stocks that most pension funds use as investment vehicles has dropped so much in recent years, the rules governing pension accounting are requiring the Big Three to contribute billions of dollars just to top up their pension plans. Will the UAW consider shifting pensions from defined benefit to defined contribution? "No, we won't look at that," according to UAW President Gettlefinger.

The UAW says lots of other factors are involved in the slide of domestic auto fortunes, most of them the responsibility of management. They point to poor design and weak investment in new domestic models, saying it isn't their fault that domestic automobile products sell so badly. They say American companies wasted lots of capital in buying expensive foreign brands such as Volvo, Jaguar and Saab, rather than investing in the productivity of U.S. plants. And they point to badly deteriorated relationships with companies in the supply chain.

Regardless of which side is right in the argument — and I'm inclined to believe there is merit on both sides — neither union nor companies look as though they are gearing up for a full-blown effort to overcome the disadvantages domestic automakers face against the foreign-owned transplants. Best guess by experienced observers is that this year's talks will wind up with the UAW allowing the automakers to close some plants, but doing little dramatic to close the \$10 per hour cost gap, thereby leaving the really tough issues to the next generation of auto executives and union leaders. By which time it may be too late.

In a good piece previewing this year's negotiations last week, the *Detroit Free Press* quoted Comerica chief economist David Littman to the effect that to assure their mutual survival both the automakers and the UAW need to find ways to cut at least \$2,000 in cost per vehicle, improve quality and increase the resale value of their cars and trucks. "Instead of using this period to really even the playing field in terms of cost and better product," Littman said, "we continue in a time warp of the '50s. It's getting away from them. They are talking to themselves and the wall."

I suppose it's only human nature for this generation of UAW leaders and auto executives to want to duck really tough issues this time around. But if the consequence is the steady downward slide for all of Michigan's core industry, sometimes I wish there could be representatives of all of us sitting at the bargaining table holding both company and union feet to the fire.

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Phil Power

School lunches, good education among things districts supply

Congratulations, Detroit Public Schools! I am happy to see that the media picked up your A+ report card for school lunch menus issued by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

This accolade comes after a summer filled with more school-bashing articles than you could "shake a French fry at." At one point, I wanted to stick my head out the window and yell, "I'm mad as h--- and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

Actually, I am not exactly mad, but I am amazed at the flawed logic that underlies one school-bashing story after another. One news item cited a study in which the researcher claimed that schools which offer a la carte lunch choices to kids encourage high fat eating after school.

Just as McDonald's and Oreos are fending off the blame for our insatiable American appetites, the schools are now implicated in children's poor eating habits at home!

I'm sorry, but I miss the causal relationship. Children eat 1,095 meals per year (if fed a proper three meals a day). They may eat only 16 percent (or 180) of those at school.

Rather than research, this study smacks of the recent trend toward simplistic criticism of American schools which are asked to be all things to an increasingly diverse and demanding people.

Oh, yes, the researcher also implied that schools serve a la carte lunches in order to make money. Get a grip! Let's remember that school lunch programs have been developed as a service to children and parents.

Would it be less costly (not to mention easier) for schools if kids walked home for lunch, or brought a packed lunch, as was once the norm in American society? Darn right it would. No costly cooking kitchens, commercial freezers and food trucks. Fewer employees to cook, serve, clean lunchrooms and transport food.

It would be a lot less costly, but it's not what parents want. They want the schools to pro-

vide lunch, with hot and cold choices at the lowest possible prices, so that is what the schools deliver.

So much for the perils of school lunch programs. Do I really think the school bashing is going to stop? No. Not today. In recent years it has become entirely too fashionable.

But I do hope that one day soon moms and dads and grads will recognize this wholesale condemnation is not about some nameless, faceless entity called "America's schools."

It's about the school down the street that they call their own. It's about Mrs. Roth who taught them to add and subtract. It's about Mr. Robinson who brought American history alive. It's about Jefferson Elementary School, Challenger Middle School, Anytown High School — their school.

Maybe that's when everyone who knows darn well that they got an excellent education in an American public school will stick their heads out the window and yell, "I'm a graduate of an American public school, and I'm as glad as h--- about it!"

Maybe they'll even want to mention that they ate 180 school lunches per year and lived to tell about it.

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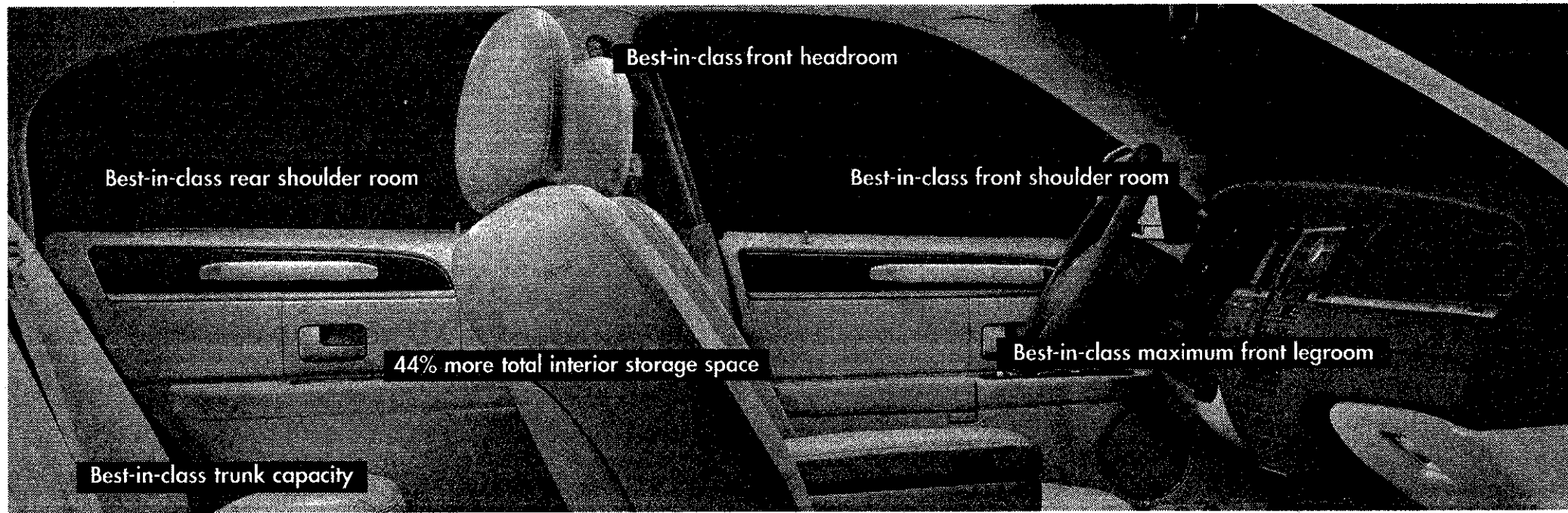


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Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center ready for debut

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

On a scale of 1 to 10, Schoolcraft College's new VisTaTech Center is a 20. A grand opening, invitation-only celebration is Friday and last week college administrators and event organizers were putting the finishing touches on ceremony activities before the much-anticipated debut. Technology and versatility are two of the strong design features of the 85,740-square-foot building situated on Haggerty Road in Livonia. The open floor plan of the building will be the new home to a business development area that boasts a 270-seat theatre-style presentation room and state-of-the-art culinary arts kitchens/classrooms, in addition to a restaurant and multi-use room.

BELLS AND WHISTLES

The building was designed by Ghafari Associates, L.L.C. of Dearborn, with project management by Barton Malow of Southfield. With distinctive curved bays and a clock tower fronting Haggerty Road, the VisTaTech Center will undoubtedly be an icon that leaves its mark on the history books of the college.

According to Marty Heator, director of marketing at Schoolcraft College, the union of the business development center and the highly-regarded culinary arts program positions the college to serve a broader market in the arena of both business and education.

"This building creates a new front door or a gateway to the campus that we never had before," Heator said. "We brought together the latest computer and audio-visual technology to better serve business and industry and to provide customized training through the business development center."

Advanced audio-visual and telecommunication equipment throughout the building allows events, training sessions or competitions to be broadcast anywhere in the world.

John Walsh, Schoolcraft's executive director of development and government relations, said the square footage devoted to instruction and training for business and corporate events is both impressive and functional, but it serves as a learning tool for students as well.

"A great deal of consideration went into the design, function and furnishing of this building," Walsh said. "We have been operating the Business Development Center for nearly 20 years, providing customized training for businesses who require technical instruction both on- and off-site. We will still provide off-site services in addition to the wide array of opportunities a company could use the new VisTaTech facility for."

The area devoted to business development includes the innovation, computer and strategic bays that are areas for instruction, meetings, brainstorming and staff development sessions. The furniture and equipment in these areas, including digital whiteboards, are mobile and can be assembled according to the user's training or learning needs.

Walsh added the BDC will occupy space there for export, government procurement and small business staffers — another popular program the college maintains.

The night of the grand opening, guests — according to Heator — will be able to freely move about the facility to see active demonstrations by area businesses which plan on using the facility in addition to meeting rooms that will be arranged to illustrate the myriad ways the furniture, computer stations, lighting, technology and space can be used.

MULTI-PURPOSE

One of the three "bay" areas that face Haggerty Road fea-

tures a Polyvision Smart Board. The equipment is a large, flat screen that can be used as a computer monitor, DVD player and digital whiteboard from which writing on the screen can be downloaded and e-mailed to workshop participants or outside parties.

The new home of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Art Department features six teaching kitchens equipped with state-of-the-art, convection, conventional and steam-injected ovens, some of which are computer-controlled; smoking and drying rooms for curing

meats; and multiple overhead cameras and flat-panel monitors to view up close chef instructors' techniques.

The student-operated American Harvest Restaurant seats almost 100 diners. It boasts slate floors, custom-made tables and service armoires, glass sculptures, a walled patio and herb garden for outdoor dining, plus a 50-foot food line, visible to diners, where meals are prepared and assembled.

Bruce Konowalow, culinary arts department director, said grand opening night will allow them to show how students are

making use of the technology in the kitchen, how the culinary arts department can serve the community at-large as well as businesses by their culinary offerings and how students are best served to learn in an environment where the kitchen is open to the public.

Organizations or businesses interested in renting the educational/meeting/training facilities in the VisTaTech Center, or persons who would like a tour of the facility or a packet of materials that includes details on room capacity, space capabilities, technology support, on-site amenities and rental rates, call (734) 462-4610.

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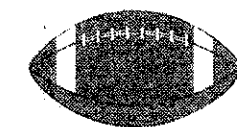
Sidelines

Punt, Pass, Kick

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will be staging the 2003 NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition (ages 8-15) 5-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Bentley Football Field, located on Hubbard between Farmington and Merriman roads.

There is no fee. Age classification is as of Dec. 31, 2003.

Registration will be the day of the event. A parent or guardian must present to sign a permission waiver. No



football/turf/cleat shoes allowed. Only gym shoes permitted.

The top finishers from each of the eight age groups at the local competition will advance to sectional competition. The winners of sectional competition will have their scores compared with sectional champs. The top five scorers from the pool of sectional champions advance to the 17th annual Detroit Lions team championship to be held at Ford Field.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Race results

Canton's Vern Okopski Jr. had a fine showing Saturday at Flat Rock Speedway.

Okopski was second in his head in the Figure 8 race and came in seventh in the 25-lap feature, while Livonia's Chuck Pankow was 19th. Okopski was also 13th in the 50-lap main feature.

In the street stocks, Wayne's Tim Murphy was third in the C-Main, while Livonia's Stephanie Pankow was fourth.

Booster meeting

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Room 401 at Plymouth High School. All parents of current football players are asked to attend this meeting.

Financial reports, fund-raising activities and updates from the coaches will be among the items up for discussion at the meeting.

Softball tryouts

The Compuware girls fast-pitch softball program will have tryouts Saturday, Sept. 6, and Sunday, Sept. 7, at Shell Park in Waterford.

Tryouts for the 14-and-under team will be 8-10 a.m., 16-and-under from 10 a.m. to noon, 18-and-under 1-3 p.m. and 10, 11 and 12 3-5 p.m.

Registration starts an hour before the posted times. For more information call Al Land at (248) 666-1492.

Rec classes

The city of Plymouth is now accepting registrations for its fall 2003 recreation classes.

Youth programs range from gymnastics to ceramics and cooking. Adult and senior programs are also available and include activities like scrapbooking and gardening, among others.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

Shamrocks open title defense with thrashing

Detroit Denby loses 41-6 at Silverdome

Catholic Central scored the first six times it got the football Saturday night and wound up with an easy 41-6 win over Detroit Denby at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Shamrocks rolled up the offense, winding up with 356 yards in all, while holding the Tars to just 127 in the season opener for both schools.

CC FOOTBALL

Senior running back Derek Brooks led the Shamrocks with 145 yards on 15 carries and had two touchdown runs of 5 yards each. Quarterback Dave Thomas had five carries for 37 yards and also threw for 98 yards on 5-of-6 passing.

Eric Vojtkofsky gave CC the lead on the first drive, capping an eight-play, 42-yard drive with a 3-yard run. It became 14-0 on the next drive with Brooks ending a 48-yard, six-play drive

with the first of his two TDs.

In the second quarter, Thomas' quarterback sneak from the 1 gave CC a 20-0 lead, then Brooks made it 27-0 on his second score. Just before half, CC got the ball back and Nick Barrett ended a 60-yard drive by going in from the 1.

The Shamrocks ended their scoring on the second play of the second half as Brooks went 65 yards on the first play from scrimmage for CC's last score.

Denby got on the board in the third quarter as Terrance Blevins got an 11-yard TD. Drew Amble and Alex Wojcik caught two passes each for CC with

Amble gaining 20 yards and Wojcik 52. Barrett also rushed for 28 yards on six carries before hurting his knee in the second half.

Kevin Horal led the defense with eight tackles, Vojtkofsky had six solo tackles and half a sack, Dave Herberholz recovered a fumble, Ryan McKee had five tackles and Kyle Smith had two sacks, a solo tackle and four assists.

The Shamrocks open their home season Friday night against LaSalle (Ont.) Sandwich at Kraft Field at Redford's Hilbert Jr. High.

2nd-half surge sparks Chiefs

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

A glance at the scorebook from Tuesday's Canton-Howell girls basketball game reveals two very different halves. But the Chiefs were able to put enough good plays together in the second half to win their second in two tries.

After being outscored 28-18 in the first half, Canton (2-0) rallied for a 29-14 edge in the second half to notch a 47-42 win over the Highlanders at Canton High School.

Howell falls to 0-3 with the loss.

Coach Bob Blohm said his team played a "sluggish" first half, but rebounded with a more lively defensive and rebounding effort in the final 16 minutes to win in front of the home fans.

"This team is pretty inexperienced, so I think there was some of that going on," Blohm said. "We played with more purpose and intensity in the second half. In the first, we pretty much let Howell do whatever they wanted."

In these tough early-season games, teams often look to their experienced leaders to get them through the rough spots. Canton's



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore guard Lisa Ealy (32) drives past Howell defender Brittany Pannecouk during Tuesday's non-league game, won 47-42 by the Chiefs. Ealy scored 8 points and played a key role in the team's rally from a 10-point halftime deficit. Canton, now 2-0 on the season, hosts Dearborn Thursday.

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B3

Canton golfers swing into new year

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

For the past two years, the Canton boys golf team has played well into the October chill, winning back-to-back regional championships. A third straight extended season would make this season perhaps the most surprising success of all.

The Chiefs enter the 2003 campaign having lost five key performers from last year's team that won the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. But with a core of seven players returning, coach Tom Alles said he feels his team can be competitive with anyone in the conference.

"We don't feel the pressure to live up to what the other teams have done, these guys are just thrilled to have the opportunity to compete," Alles said. "The schedule is really stacked against us, with having three trips to Walled Lake this year. But a .500 record is definitely something we can shoot for."

Senior co-captains Mike Yates and John Palmer lead the returning golfers. Both had limited varsity

PLEASE SEE GOLF, B6

First week of football teaches some old lessons

The greatest lessons a team can learn come between a team's first and second game.

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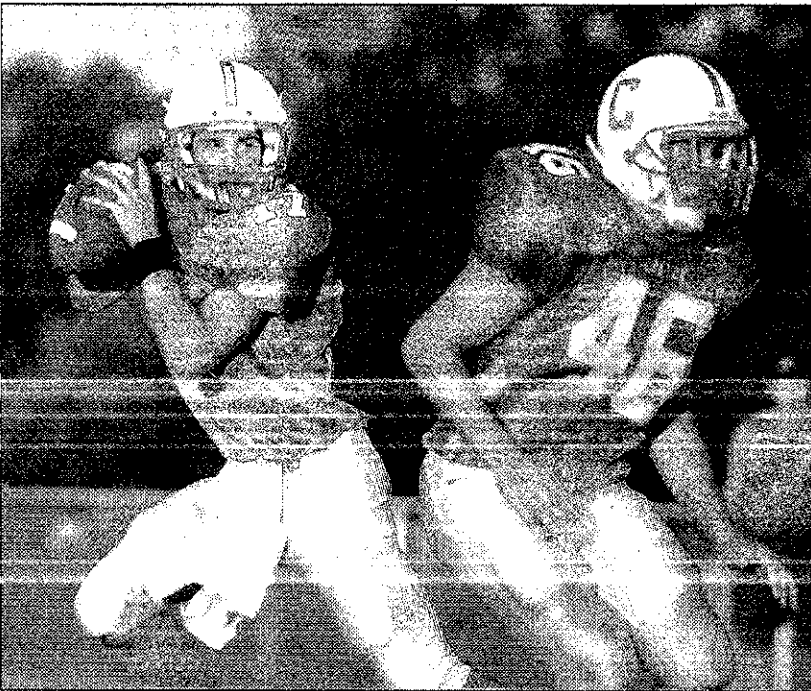
■ Catholic Central is still the best team in the area, but there were a whole lot of teams intent on closing the gap.

■ CC's Derek Brooks is the most recruited player in the area since Clarenceville's Tim Shaw. But there's a slew of other running backs who are just as solid and maybe even mean more to their team such as Wayne's T.J. Dillard, John Glenn's Matt Smitherman, St. Katharine's Kenny Smith and Canton's Devin Thomas.

■ Need to cut down on penalties? You betcha: Redford Union had 11 for 85 yards and Clarenceville had 12 for 85.

■ Want to find a quarterback who can throw? Try Thurston's Corey Reid, CC's Dave Thomas or Canton's Shawn Little, who threw a whopping four times — for 197 yards.

■ The biggest surprise? Northville's collapse against Franklin, Wayne's stunner over Stevenson and Plymouth's JV win over Jackson Lumen Christi, a group that hadn't lost a game together since junior high. Could



JOHN L. STURDY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton QB Shawn Little drops back to pass in the team's opening game against Ann Arbor Pioneer. Little and the Chiefs face a stiff test this week with a showdown against Westland John Glenn.

make the 2004 season interesting when the Wildcats start playing varsity football.

As for other lessons learned in the first week of the season, yours truly was the leader of the pack

with a 10-2 record, while C.J. Risak, the Plymouth-Canton sports editor, and Brad Emons, his Livonia-Westland counterpart, were both 9-3.

PLEASE SEE FOOTBALL, B6

MU netters improve to 8-0 with tourney win

The Madonna University women's volleyball team continued its undefeated season and earned the Fort Lewis College Tournament title Saturday in Durango, Colo.

MU (8-0) defeated four teams at the tournament, including host Fort Lewis, which suffered its first loss against the Crusaders.

Junior Laura Lesko said MU was mad after losing the momentum and the first game, 33-31. She said she decided the Crusaders would hold Fort Lewis to less than 20 points and that's exactly what they did, winning 30-15, 30-14, 30-17.

MU head coach Jerry Abraham said Lesko was not playing at her full caliber the previous day, but did Saturday.

"She's our feature player, our go-to player," Abraham said. "We need her to play good every night. She shined here on both sides of the ball — offensively and defensively. As a result, it helped us big-time to win the match."

Lesko finished with a match-high 20 kills, 10 digs and two service aces. Natalja Timina (Riga, Latvia) added 17 kills, while Sharyse Bush had 16.

In the final game, the Crusaders beat the University of Colorado-CO Springs, 3-1. Bush, a junior, had a match-high 24 kills and 10 digs.

The first day of the tournament, MU defeated Biola (Calif.) University, 3-1, and University of Michigan-Dearborn, 3-0.

Sophomore setter Ashley Frost had her weekend high of 57 sets and senior Amanda Suder (Salem) contributed 14 digs against Biola. Bush led the Crusaders with 16 kills and nine digs in the win over U-M Dearborn. MU is ranked sixth in the latest poll by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

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Schoolcraft wins Illinois tourney for 3rd time

Two out of the past three years the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team has won the College of Lake County Invitational Tournament in Grayslake, Ill. This year, over Labor Day weekend, it secured the title with wins over host College of Lake County Lancers and South Suburban College.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

"On a cool, overcast and breezy (Saturday) morning we surged to a 4-1 victory in what turned out to be the decisive game of the tournament," head coach Bill Tolstedt said about defeating CLC.

Sarah Plymale scored two goals and Andrea Gay and Arelle Bryant each had one. Sunday, Schoolcraft dominated South Suburban in a 12-0 win. "We needed a shutout to assure the tournament championship as ties are decided by the number of goals against," Tolstedt said.

"We not only denied S. Suburban a goal, we did not give up a shot on net." Michele Kitta had two goals, including the game-winner, and Gay had a hat trick. SC also had four players selected to the All Tournament team -- Kitta, Bryant, Gay and Liz DiPonio.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PLYMOUTH HOCKEY

There will be a meeting for all those interested in being Plymouth HS hockey players at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Plymouth HS gymnasium. If you plan on playing hockey at Plymouth, you must attend the meeting. For more information, contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

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 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.

GIRLS TENNIS

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 6 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 2

Aug. 28 at Farmington Harrison
No. 1 singles: Mary Atallah (FM) defeated Katie Brennan, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Kall Blanchard (FM) def. Monica Majcher, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Sarah Rudzinski (FM) def. Kelsey Judd, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Natalie Arguello (FM) def. Renee Forma, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: 1. Ashleigh Worford-Melissa Domoli (FM) def. Lauren Dickerson-Danielle Holowecy, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Kerry Muldowney-Alex Martella (FM) def. Laura Kempa-Liz Kuzawinski, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Halle Doenitz-Katie Sandison (LL) def. Marissa Hughes-Brooke Borio, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Maribeth Fisher-Ashley Kott (LL) def. Hillary Maly-Rebecca Nikodem, 7-5, 6-0.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 11 overall. LIVONIA LADYWOOD 7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1 Aug. 26 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Katie Brennan (LL) def. Kristen Tomasic, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; No. 2: Sophia Luong (LC) def. Monica Majcher, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); No. 3: Kelsey Judd (LL) def. Amy Vomastek, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Renee Forma (LL) def. Sandra Shabb, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Lauren Dickerson-Danielle Holowecy (LL) def. Lindsey Paszko-Karyn Tomasic, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Laura Kempa-Liz Kuzawinski (LL) def. Amy Vinson-Wendy Targus, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Halle Doenitz-Katie Sandison (LL) def. Julie Foresta-Rachel Saatio, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Maribeth Fisher-Ashley Kott (LL) def. Mo Schram-Megan Stachura, 6-1, 6-2.
Dual meet records: Ladywood, +10 overall; Churchill, 0-2 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PEEP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 5
St. Katharine/Borgess vs. Mt. Carmel/Ecorse (Wyandotte), 4 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Whitmore Lake, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. LaSalle (Ont.) Sandwich at RU's Kraft Field (Hilbert), 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Thurston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 4
LPS Tourney at Franklin, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
Salem at Novi Tourney, 5:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Notre Dame Prep at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Bethesda, 7 p.m.
Newport Lutheran South at St. Katharine, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Thurston at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
Huron Valley at Westside Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Salem at Novi Tourney, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 4
Clarenceville at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian Aca. at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Rochester Adams at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley Tournament, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Mich. Lutheran at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Brother Rice at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Redford Union (Hilbert), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Salem at E. Lansing Invit., 10 a.m.
Mich. Lutheran at Luth. Westland, 11:30 a.m.
Redford CC at Divine Child, 2 p.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 4
Wayne, Redford Union at Ypsilanti Inv., 4:15 p.m.
Annapolis, PCA, S'Field Christian at Luth. Westland (Nankin Mills), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 9 a.m.
U-D Mercy Invitational, 10 a.m.
Dearborn Invitational, 10 a.m.
W. Bloomfield Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 10:30 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 4
Wayne, Redford Union at Ypsilanti Inv., 4:15 p.m.
Annapolis, PCA, S'Field Christian at Luth. Westland (Nankin Mills), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
U-D Mercy Inv. at Cass Benton, 9 a.m.
Dearborn Invitational, 10 a.m.
Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 10:30 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Sept. 4
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
G.P. North at Stevenson, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Mega Relays at EMU, noon
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, Sept. 4
Ladywood at Divine Child, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
R.O. Kimball at Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
Redford Union at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.
Monroe Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 4
CC vs. DeLaSalle (Cattails), 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
Wayne at Gab. Richard Inv., 8:30 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 3-7
Schoolcraft at Florida CC Tourney, TBA.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6
Martin Invitational at Madonna, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 5
Madonna vs. Rio Grande (Ohio) at Tiffin (Ohio) University, TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Madonna at Tiffin (Ohio), 1:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 5
Madonna at Lindenwood (Mo.), TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 6
S'craft at Jr. College Cup (Cincy), TBA.
Madonna at Lindenwood (Mo.), TBA.
Sunday, Sept. 7
S'craft at Jr. College Cup (Cincy), TBA.
COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 6
U-D Mercy Inv. at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.
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CC harriers eye more success

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

There's rebuilding and reloading.

Some teams rebuild; Redford Catholic Central reloads.

True, the Shamrocks lost three of their top five runners from last year's team that finished fourth in Division 1. And they'll be replaced by runners without varsity experience.

But there's a nagging feeling that things will work out OK for CC, even if coach Tony Magni is fretting about it.

"It's very difficult to replace your No. 1-3-5 runners because you're replacing them with kids who never ran on the varsity," said Magni. "We did it last

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year because the kids stepped up. Hopefully, they can do it again."

The cupboard is far from bare for the Shamrocks. Dave Lucas was 10th in the state as a sophomore, but battled injuries last year and finished 32nd. Senior Dan Horgan was a solid fit last year and junior Maxwell Working also was a steady performer.

"Hopefully, Dave's ready to go," said Magni. "Dan's really worked hard this summer and put in miles, and Working will have a good year if he stays healthy."

There are plenty of newcom-

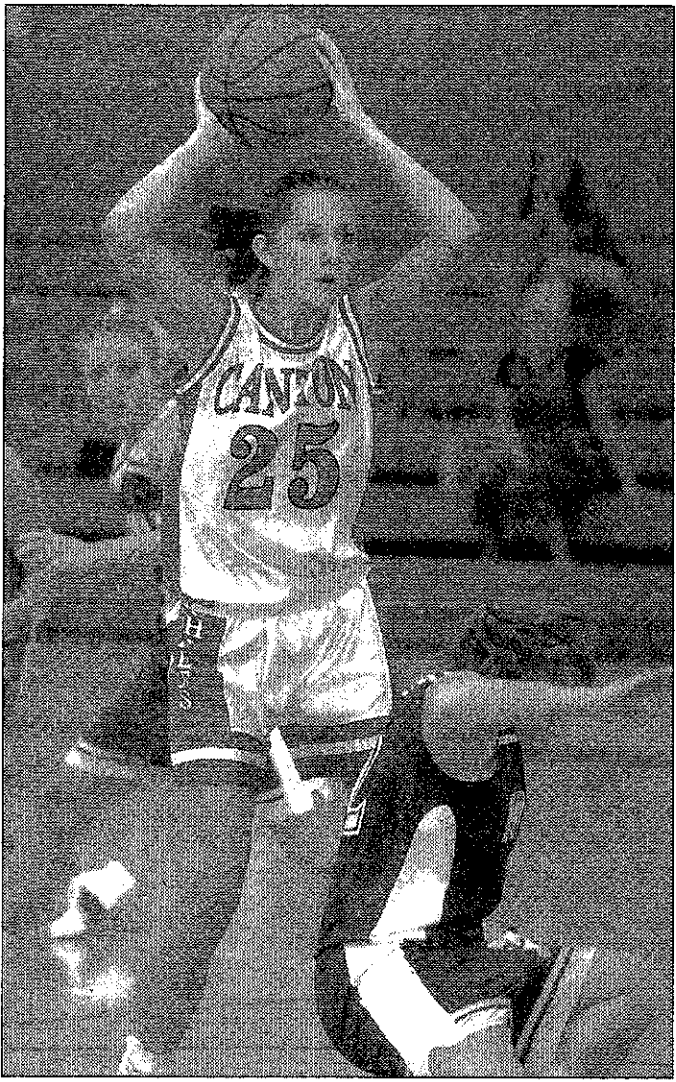
ers to the varsity with senior Derek Zawislak, juniors Greg Rost and Dominic Piro and sophomores Mike Nienhaus and Jason Morad. Senior Mike Rossiter ran on CC's 3,200 relay in track and could be solid in cross country.

"I'm hoping for some good things with him," said Magni. "Piro was a sprinter, but we decided he's more of a distance

runner. Nienhaus was a football player who decided to come out and we're hoping for good things from the rest.

"We've got a solid top three runners, but what we have to do is have our fourth and fifth men close the gap on the top three."

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Canton junior Katie Cezat holds court and the ball in the closing moments of Tuesday's 47-42 win over Howell. Cezat picked up where she left off last season, turning in a 19-point, 14-rebound effort for the Chiefs.

CHIEFS

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two returning starters from last year's 22-3 team did just that against Howell.

Junior forward Katie Cezat tallied 19 points and 14 rebounds, topping her team-leading averages from last year.

Senior point guard Rachele Guastella added 13 points, six rebounds and four steals in a steady performance for the Chiefs.

Sophomore Lisa Ealy and Heather Richardson also played key roles in the team's second-half turn-

around, Blohm said.

Ealy, a first-year varsity player, contributed eight points and six rebounds, much in the second half. Richardson played her role of playing active defense very well according to the coach.

"She did exactly what we need her to do," Blohm said. "She did a great job defensively and gave us a lot of energy at a time when we needed it."

The Chiefs continue their trek through non-league opponents Thursday with a home game against the Dearborn Pioneers. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

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Sunday, September 7th is **National Grandparents Day**. Take a few minutes to make up a classified ad describing the perfect grandparents-real or not real.

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Fall signals the start-up time for area bowling leagues

It was in June 22 edition when I said, "Don't look now, but summer is almost over."

Now at the start of September, we can ask, "Where did summer go and why don't winters go by so quickly?"



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

know it, scheduled for Nov. 29.

We are looking forward to a banner year in bowling.

We all survived the "Blackout of the Century" recently and it was so bad that even the bowling centers had to close shop.

It is start-up time for the bowling leagues and many are already underway. If you are looking for a league to bowl in, there are lots of openings for teams or individuals all over the area.

Just call your local centers and they will fill you in. If you are a beginner or novice bowler, the next item should be helpful to you.

■ These are helpful hints on joining a league for the first time.

Make sure the league is sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress (ABC) or the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) or both. Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) handles the youth bowlers through age 21.

You might hear a few folks complaining about the mem-

bership dues, but these are the perpetual complainers about everything. They are people who are uninformed as to what these associations do for its members.

The fees are very low and amount to a few cents per game.

Try to join a small league of 12 teams or less. League bowling is a great way to meet new friends when there is an intimacy about the league:

Make sure the league bowls a split season (half seasons). Nothing is worse than falling behind early (example: Detroit Tigers) with no chance to catch up later in the season. It adds excitement in having the first and second half champions involved in a roll-off for the league overall championship.

Try to find a league that has little or no prize money.

When too much money is involved, fun and friendship quickly become secondary. Don't agree to bowl on a team without first meeting the other members. Get together somewhere for a coffee, perhaps.

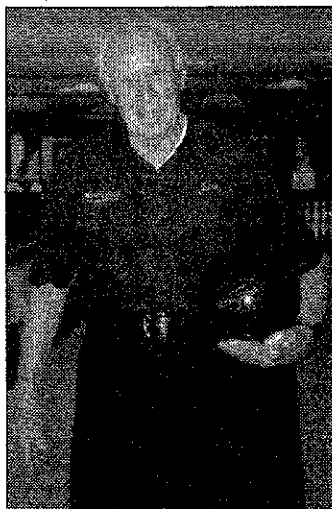
Sometimes people get placed on teams where there is a personality clash and that can make for an unhappy experience. Try to bowl with friends, perhaps even forming your own team.

There are always leagues looking for complete teams. If you consider yourself "not bad," it would still be a good idea to take a couple of professional lessons before you start and try to practice at least once a week.

That alone will help your game, make it more fun and keep those muscles loose.

League competition gives you a whole new perspective on the sport of bowling, give it a try.

■ It was a big surprise for the venerable Jarvis Woehlke, as his daughter, Betty arranged a surprise birthday



Jarv Woelke carried a 182 average last year at the age of 89.

party to help him celebrate his 90th on Aug. 16.

It was a huge success and a complete surprise for Jarv. Nicknamed the "Mechanic," for his precision style delivery, he is still well on top of his game, having averaged 182 last year while only 89 years of age.

Jarv has long been an inspiration to other senior citizens as he has been a fine role model for the younger kids in their 1960s and '70s.

It was only few years ago that he became the only bowler at his age of 86 (or anywhere near it) to bowl not just one, but two ABC sanctioned 300 games in the same season. All of his success on and off the lanes can be attributed to his lovely wife, Ida, who stood behind him and encouraged him all the way ever since they were high school sweethearts.

When asked about future goals, he said, "I just want to be remembered as a gentleman." He will also be remembered for being a championship caliber bowler for all these wonderful years.

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

Madonna men open with 4-0 win

The Madonna University men's soccer team began its season Labor Day at home by defeating Indiana Wesleyan University, 4-0, earning head coach Tino Scicluna his first career victory.

"I'm happy with it," Scicluna said. "We had a good start of the season."

Junior forward Worteh

Sampson led the victory with two goals in the first half. They were his first career goals at MU.

Sophomore Derrick Mudri and junior Zach Wilkes also scored and junior Eric Sicilia (Livonia Churchill) earned the shutout with four saves.

Scicluna said he was relieved to see everybody contribute

after much worrying during preseason.

"I didn't really know who I could rely on exactly, and I know after seeing today's game that every single player on this team can come off the bench and contribute and be a part of a win," he said. "I can make substitutions and the level does not drop at all."

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Ann Arbor challenges you to participate in the return of the MI BIG 10 Run through campus, the Nichols Arboretum with its great hills, and finish on the U of M Outdoor Track.

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FOOTBALL

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This week, wait and see.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(7 p.m. unless noted)

St. Katharine/Borgess (0-1) vs. Mt. Carmel/Ecorse (0-1) at Wyandotte, 4 p.m.: OK, I know it's a way for teams to keep going with low numbers, but all of these combined/merged teams are just bugging/annoying/irritating me. As for the game, pick the Baggies. Carmel/Ecorse scored just six points last week and that's worse/more worse than St. Kate/Borgess. Got it/Understand? **PICKS: Baggies - Beaudry; Mt. Carmel - Risak, Emons.**

Salem (1-0) at Churchill (1-0): Hey, here's something you don't see every day. Salem and Churchill both undefeated. And not only that, both teams won in a rout. What gives? Something does. I just want to see Katie Welch kick another extra point. **PICKS: Salem - Beaudry; Churchill - Risak, Emons.**

W.L. Central (1-0) at Franklin (1-0; 1-0): Hmmm, Franklin rolls up 312 yards on Northville and Central squeezes out a win over Milford. What in the name of Gil Thorp is going on? I don't think that the Pats can run up that many yards again this week, but they'll get their share. Will it be enough? **PICKS: Central - Beaudry, Risak; Franklin - Emons.**

Stevenson (0-1, 0-1) at Northville (0-1, 0-1): Geez, both of these teams are coming in with a loss to teams they've owned over the years? I'm floored. But after hearing about Northville's pass-happy offense,

Stevenson's offense should get more chances to run the ball. **PICKS: Stevenson - Beaudry, Risak, Emons.**

John Glenn (1-0) at Canton (1-0): Fool me once ... Word was that Glenn could struggle in its opener and it goes out and blows out Kettering. And Canton came out and hit Ann Arbor Pioneer hard enough that instead of footballs, the Pioneers saw all stars. Last year, both games were a blowout - once each way. This year, it will just be once. **PICKS: Canton - Beaudry, Risak, Emons.**

Wayne (1-0; 1-0) at W.L. Western (1-0): I was impress by Wayne's win on Friday night over Stevenson (that's why I was the only one to pick the Zebras.) And not only was I impressed by the way T.J. Dillard ran, but the way the offensive line opened holes. But you really want to impress me? Then stop Western, a winner over Belleville. **PICKS: Western - Beaudry, Risak, Emons.**

Luth. Westland (0-1) at Whitmore Lake (0-1): Both teams struggled in their openers against good teams. The Trojans struggled a lot more. **PICKS: LW - Beaudry, Emons; Whitmore Lake - Risak.**

Redford CC (1-0) vs. LaSalle (Ont.) Sandwich at RU's Kraft Field (Hilbert): This one is more predictable than Comcast's quarterly bump in unregulated cable rates. **PICKS: CC - Beaudry, Risak, Emons.**

Redford Union (1-0) at Taylor Kennedy (1-0): RU looked pretty good Thursday in beating Robichaud. But Robichaud isn't Kennedy and the Eagles have a solid

backfield. Can the Panthers stop them? **PICKS: Kennedy - Beaudry, Risak, Emons.**

Garden City (0-1) at Monroe (1-0): Former coach Ralph Carducci is back and the Monroe fans couldn't be happier. The Trojans shut out Temperance-Bedford. The Cougars were shut out by Allen Park. I don't think things will get any better this week. **PICKS: Monroe - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.**

Ypsilanti (0-1) at Thurston (1-0), 7:30 p.m.: Ypsilanti was flat out awful in losing to Jackson, while the Eagles looked pretty darn good in beating Southgate. The Braves always manage to come up with a few good players, but this year even the return of Walt Church, Eric Ball and Rodney Holman wouldn't save them. **PICKS: Thurston - Beaudry, Risak, Emons.**

SATURDAY'S GAME

Clarenceville (1-0) at Cranbrook (1-0), 1 p.m.: Actually, this is going to be the best game of the weekend and, even though it's Week 2, should decide the Metro Conference title. Both teams looked good in games that weren't as close as the score indicates.

And both teams made more than their share of mistakes. My first instinct was to take the 'Ville. But there were a lot of mistakes ... geez, just too many.

PICKS: Cranbrook - Beaudry, Risak; Clarenceville - Emons.

Paul Beaudry is the Redford-Garden City sports editor for the *Observer* and can be reached at (734) 953-2106 or by e-mail at pbeaudry@oe.homecomm.net

RUN LIKE THE WIND RACE RESULTS

Aug. 30 at Nankin Mills

WOMEN'S 5-KILOMETER RESULTS

Overall: Alyssa Daichendt, 19 minutes, 24 seconds.
Masters: Joanie Rogucki, 23:09.
14 and under: 1. Erica Hopf, 20:11; 2. Megan Macerati, 20:58; 3. Bianca Guardiola, 21:57.
15-19: 1. Dayna Pihoresky, 19:41; 2. Britt White, 21:49; 3. Laura Jackson, 22:18.
20-24: 1. Monica Czerwinski, 19:42; 2. Cheryl Cunningham, 26:35; 3. Elizabeth Pachnik, 28:15.
25-29: 1. Shana Houghton, 23:03; 2. Emily Kottya, 31:24; 3. Michelle Westenhof, 38:04.
30-34: 1. Susan Tatigian, 20:13; 2. Nanette Martin, 21:22; 3. Beth Luttrell, 26:23.
35-39: 1. Amy Rochette, 28:23; 2. Hironi Kawanshi, 30:13; 3. Kelly Savage, 32:11.
40-44: 1. Chris Thom, 25:59; 2. Cynthia Cook, 27:52; 3. Lawrence Moncznik, 29:34.
45-49: 1. Betty Raab, 26:29; 2. Bonnie Keenmon, 26:37; 3. Tina Bartkowiak, 44:29.
50-54: 1. Wendy Paton-Beaupre, 25:39; 2. Kathy Tucker, 35:40.
55-59: 1. Merry Joseph, 26:44; 2. Linda Scherd, 51:05.
65-69: 1. Joann Keyandwy, 41:29; 2. Dorothy J. Brooks, 51:05.

WOMEN'S 10K RESULTS

Overall: Amy Wolfgang, 41:57.
Masters: Donna Olson, 45:55.
14 and under: 1. Kathleen Bohrer, 44:05; 2. Jackie Sulkowski, 50:35; 3. Kim Koterba, 55:10.
15-19: 1. Nicole Schmidt, 47:00; 2. Nicole Renaud, 47:00; 3. Kylen Cieslak, 47:01.
20-24: 1. Michele Athay, 1:00:05.
25-29: 1. Erin Wallace, 50:04; 2. Jung Park, 54:04; 3. Michelle Schnurstein, 1:01:59.
30-34: 1. Karen Eekhoff, 46:04; 2. Leza Rebera, 52:26; 3. Dana Lewis, 53:11.
35-39: 1. Lemon James, 44:02; 2. Connie

Madison, 18:27; 3. Jeremy Fabris, 19:30.
20-24: 1. Dustin Norton, 21:20; 2. Nickolas Bensley, 22:09.
25-29: 1. Steve Darmofal, 17:29; 2. Justin Commes, 20:57; 3. Dave Downer, 22:56.
30-34: 1. Carl Lowe, 18:10; 2. Gary Credit, 21:30; 3. Sam Bailo, 22:58.
35-39: 1. Vincent Jesudowich, 17:47; 2. Andrew Tucker, 20:41; 3. Rick Matovina, 22:59.
40-44: 1. Kevin Sherwood, 19:18; 2. Dean Johnson, 20:42; 3. Wright Wilson, 21:10.
45-49: 1. Jim Surano, 22:41; 2. Tom Brown, 23:31; 3. Douglas Bargerstock, 24:29.
50-54: 1. Florenzo Fabris, 19:46; 2. Randy Fielder, 21:55; 3. Michael Glass, 22:43.
55-59: 1. Dave Blough, 24:12; 2. Dennis Beaupre, 25:03; 3. Douglas Bradley, 25:57.
60-64: 1. Freddy Standaert, 22:27.
65-69: 1. Bill Hill, 23:13; 2. David Miller, 28:16; 3. George Douglas, 28:55.
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50-54: 1. Sandra Larson, 1:03:58.
55-59: 1. Shirley Torrance, 1:00:51; 2. Kathleen Taverner, 1:01:50.
65-69: 1. Dee Crowe, 1:11:25.

MEN'S 10K RESULTS

Overall: Ryan Molloy, 34:52.
Masters: Glen Miller, 36:09.
15-19: 1. Bryan Seymour, 36:33; 2. Sean White, 42:42.
20-24: 1. Michael Lemons, 42:59; 2. David Pfafchan, 43:15; 3. Robert Tooze.
25-29: 1. Todd Germana, 34:52; 2. Erik Schnurstein, 52:03.
30-34: 1. Marvin Nieman, 35:56; 2. Jason Brake, 42:24; 3. Jon Pankley, 44:13.
35-39: 1. Eric Barr, 40:19; 2. Eric Pahl, 41:03; 3. Chris Womack, 42:00.
40-44: 1. Rick Armes, 36:28; 2. Ioan Froman, 41:30; 3. Paul Mays, 43:07.
45-49: 1. Larry Barnett, 43:58; 2. Dave Bastien, 45:41; 3. Richard McCarter, 48:30.
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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Canton Cardinals 13-under travel baseball team will have tryouts from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at Heritage Park's Field No. 2.

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

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.

Tryouts for the Michigan Indians 11-and-under team will be at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 6 and 3 p.m. Sept. 7 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads. Those interested in trying out must not be 12 before Aug. 1, 2004.

Call (313) 838-3658 or email at gomiindians@hotmail.com.

GOLF

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ty experience last year, but will be counted on to be consistent scorers this season, Alles said.

Senior Chad Johnson, a first-year performer, has emerged in the team's early-season practices as a contender for a starting varsity spot.

Junior Bryan Wionsek has the most experience of any returning player, according to the coach. He's already off to a

solid start this season, carding a pair of 76 scores at the prestigious East Lansing Invitational last week. He was also named to the all-tournament team at the Saline Invitational thanks to a score of 75. Junior Garrett Hyman also netted all-tournament honors there with an identical score of 75.

Juniors Dominic Gallo and Derek Trospier will also figure prominently in the team's scoring this season. Gallo saw some varsity action last year and

Trospier has been improving every day in practice, according to Alles.

"We need to build some experience and confidence with this team," Alles said. "My philosophy has always been to carry young players on the varsity so that when we lose seniors, they have some experience. We just try to make it competitive in practice, playing with different formats. We also schedule some of the best teams we can."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public Acts 33 and 181 of 1951, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections to defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment Levy to be spread on the tax rolls effective December 1, 2003.

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2003
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Summit on the Park Community Center Chestnut Room 46000 Summit Parkway Canton, Michigan 48188

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton unanimously approved the creation of a Fire Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

The 2004 estimated Fire and Police budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director and the Administration are as follows:

| FIRE DEPARTMENT | | POLICE DEPARTMENT | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries & O/T | \$4,292,725 | Salaries & O/T | \$6,715,200 |
| Fringe Benefits | 1,707,350 | Fringe Benefits | 2,684,080 |
| Capital Outlay | 1,953,450 | Capital Outlay | 430,089 |
| Operations | 1,074,675 | Operations | 2,517,457 |
| Bond Debt Service | 214,257 | Bond Debt Service | 71,419 |
| Total | \$9,242,457 | Total | \$12,418,245 |

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

| | 2002 | P.A.5 Limit | 2003 | Increase (Decrease) over 2002 |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Fire Millage | 2.7400 | N/A | 2.6000 | (0.1400) |
| Police Millage | 4.4000 | N/A | 4.2500 | (0.1500) |
| Charter Millage | 1.7100 | 1.4466 | 2.0000 | 0.2800 |
| Total | 8.8500 | | 8.8500 | 0.0000 |

The Charter Millage is more than what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). **The property tax Charter Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed 2004 General Fund budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

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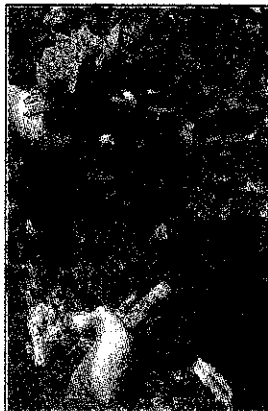
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Accents

Let it rain

Home gardeners now can learn how to plan and plant their own rain garden.

Rain Gardens & Rainbows



... Enhancing Rouge River Water Quality One Garden at a Time will be held 8:45 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, in the community room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road (1/4 mile north of I-696). Native wildflowers suitable for rain gardens will be available for sale.

Rain gardens are "dish gardens" that capture and use rain water to grow wildflowers, grasses and shrubs. The rain water may come from the roof, driveway or street - filling the garden with a few inches of water after a storm.

The rain water filters into the ground rather than running off into a storm drain - helping to protect local rivers and streams.

Rain gardens have substantial compost in the soil mix and are dry for most of the year. Rain gardens often eliminate standing water and add biodiversity to urban communities. When native wildflowers and shrubs are used, butterflies and birds may be attracted to the garden.

It is hoped that rain gardens throughout the Rouge River watershed, including southeast Oakland County and western Wayne County, will contribute to the ongoing work to reduce the flush of storm water flowing to the Rouge River.

SOCWA (Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority) is sponsoring the symposium in cooperation with the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office and Rouge River municipalities in Oakland County.

The seminar fee is \$5 for a continental breakfast. Register weekdays at (248) 288-5150 and request a copy of the rain garden program flier.

Paint by numbers

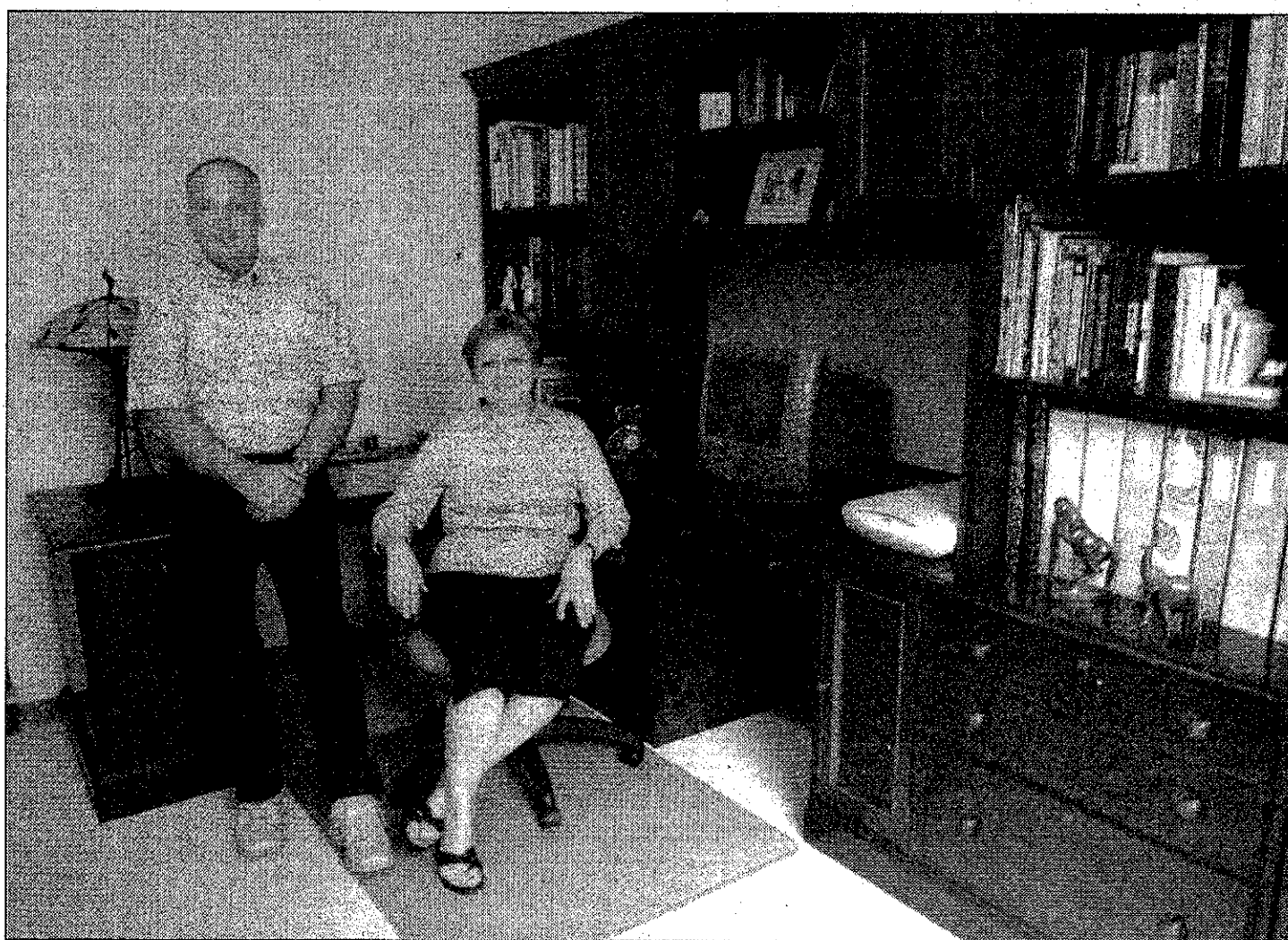
If you're looking for a colorful and unique way to decorate your child's room, you can paint a wall mural that will live it up.

Home Design Alternatives, a design firm in St. Louis, has introduced Wall Art, a wall mural kit that can be traced and painted on a wall using any one of more than 90 designs created by professional artists.

Wall Art enables anyone to create an imaginative wall mural by using special sheets of tracing paper to transfer mural designs to a wall and then paint-by-number.

The designs come in three sizes: 3-by-5-feet, 9-by-5-feet, and 11 1/2-by-6 1/2-feet. Murals range in price from \$49.97 to \$99.97. Paint colors can easily be substituted to accommodate taste and decor. Wall Art also can be used on fabrics and furniture.

To view the designs, visit www.wallartdesigns.com or call toll-free (877) 925-5687 for information.



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ken and Lorraine Boore's new den is a model of order - with linen-painted walls, a cherry desk and matching bookshelves, and trellis-patterned carpet.

No more junk

Order restored in new office space at Livonia home

BY KEVIN BROWN | STAFF WRITER

If you've ever had a junk drawer, you can relate to Lorraine and Ken Boore's dilemma with their junk room, which the family once dubbed "the black hole."

While raising three daughters in their tidy Tudor-style home on Fairfax Drive in Livonia, the 10-by-13-foot room off the downstairs hallway served alternately as a nursery, nap room, play room and computer room.

Over time, stacks of the girls' school papers, from elementary classes on, were stored in the room along with everything else - tax records, photos, books and lots more.

"We called it the 'black hole' because everything got sucked in there," Lorraine said.

Then came July 1, 2002. That's when Ken, a material handler at General Motors' Hamtramck plant, retired. The girls, now older, no longer required rides to Girl Scouts, track or other activities. That freed up time for Ken and Lorraine to tackle the long-desired room renovation.

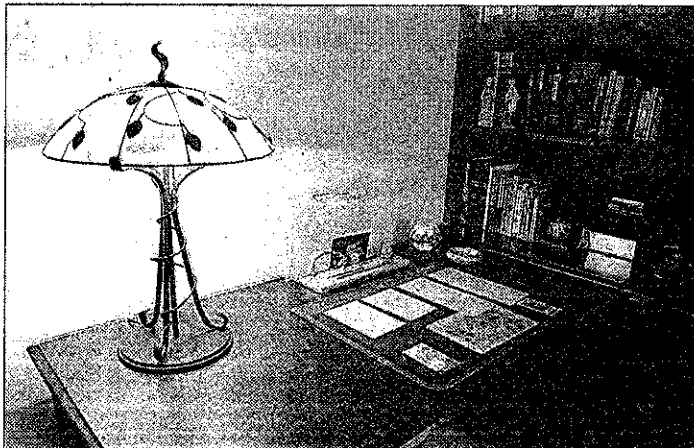
Six weeks later, after plenty of sorting, panel removing and painting, the room was transformed. Gone were the stacks of papers and dark paneling. In their place were linen-painted walls, a cherry desk and matching bookshelves, and trellis-patterned carpet.

The family's new den is a model of order - even vacation and birthday party photos are filed in photo albums, marked by year on the spines and filed neatly on shelves near a row of garden books.

"All that disaster, all that mess is in order," Ken said.

THE BLACK HOLE

"When we moved in, it was a first floor



A lamp illuminates the top of a new desk.

nursery with a crib and a dresser with clothes," said Lorraine, a retired General Motors administrative assistant who works part time as a secretary at Ladywood High School.

The couple's three daughters, Laurie, 23, Marianne, 20, and Karen, 16, used the crib in turn when they were babies. "There was a bookshelf. I had a C-section so there was a twin bed in there; I couldn't go up and down." All three girls were delivered by C-section.

As the girls were growing up, an old kitchen table in the room served as a place to paint, or to play with other things.

"That became the room their school bags went in, their Rollerblades, their helmets - it was a catch-all room," Lorraine said.

When the family got a computer in the mid-1990s, the

table served as a computer stand.

"I did tell them to keep a path to the window open so I can close the shutters," Lorraine said.

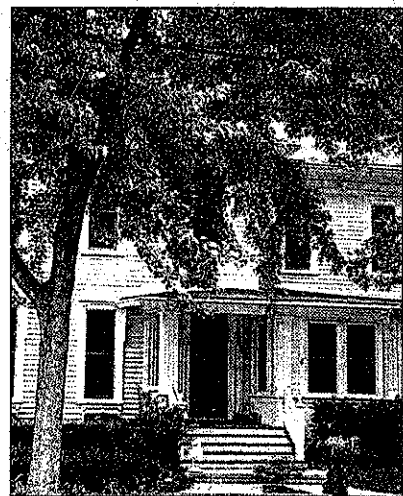
Guests never saw inside. "People thought it was the door to the garage, it was always closed."

CREATING A DEN

As Ken's retirement approached, the couple started getting busy planning a room renovation. Lorraine identified some cherry bookshelves and a desk from their Consumer's Club catalog and ordered them. "I was looking for office furniture and finally found something I liked."

But before the new furniture could go in, "I had to get everything out of the room," Lorraine said. This included

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This home is one of four featured on the Ninth Annual Northville Historic Home Tour 2003, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

Northville's history revisited on home tour

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Historic home tours may lack the thrill of, say, a NASCAR race.

But for some, 177-year-old wide-plank floorboards and real plaster make the pulse quicken.

For the latter group, the Ninth Annual Northville Historic Home Tour 2003 happens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Featured during the three-hour tour will be four homes in Northville's Historic District.

The annual tour is so popular that 1,000 \$15 tickets sell out each year. Proceeds go toward a scholarship fund for needy women seeking to return to college.

"The historic district of Northville is attractive to a lot of people," said event chairwoman Leanie Bayly, of the Novi-Northville American Association of University Women.

"We have busloads of people from far away going on tours," she said, adding that the Northville district is unique in suburban Detroit.

HISTORY ON DISPLAY

The historic home tour also gets attention because it coincides with the annual Victorian Festival in

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NORTHVILLE HISTORIC HOME TOUR 2003

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

What: Tour of four homes in Northville's Historic District.

Tickets: \$15, available at Gardenview, 202 W. Main, and Salutations, 115 E. Main, both in Northville. For advance tickets and more information, call Julia Hobbie-Low at (734) 420-2114.

Other: Tour takers typically walk from house to house. Street parking is available, but can be limited during the Victorian Festival. Upon entering homes, participants are asked to remove shoes. Pets and children under 12 are prohibited.

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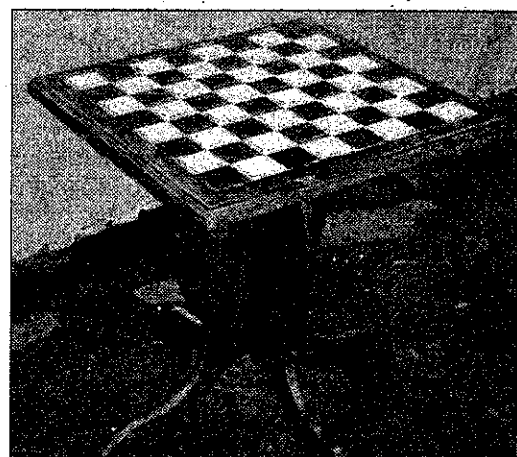
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Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it!

Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Creative works

Florin Pop, owner of Euro Innovations in Detroit, has refined his skills in working with marble, granite and fine woods. Much of this craft he learned from his father, Mihai, who was dedicated to this art since the 1960s. Florin's family has been working in the Detroit area for more than 22 years. In that time, the family has been creating kitchens, vanities, entertainment centers, countertops, coffee tables and fireplaces for homes as well as creating pleasant atmospheres for businesses in Michigan. Florin is now discussing projects with developers of restaurants and hotels to welcome the 2006 Super Bowl to Detroit. As a result, Euro Innovations has relocated next to the old Tiger Stadium in Corktown. Florin plans to keep his father's old-world craftsmanship alive in Detroit. A Web site is available to see some of the inspired projects Florin helped create over the past few years at www.euroinnovations.org. Florin can be reached at (734) 231-7034. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The shop is located at 1375 E. Michigan Ave. in the Corktown neighborhood in Detroit.



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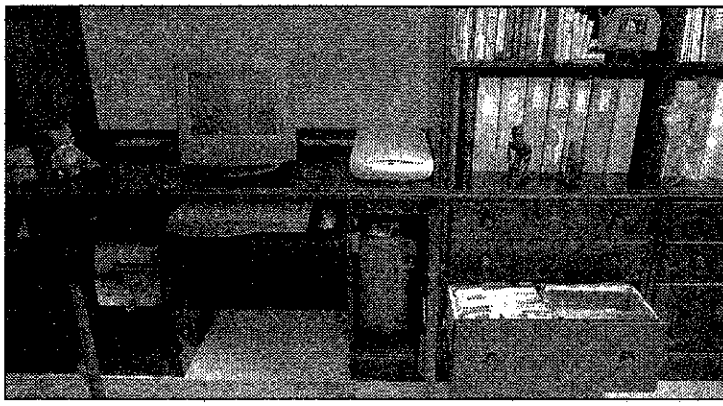
the girls' school papers. "They liked to save them," she said. But when she approached them to sort through their papers, "they insisted none of the stuff was theirs," she said.

Lorraine stacked their papers in three separate piles. "I said, 'Go through this, sort out what you want to save and throw out the rest, but it's not going back in the den.' Most of it they threw out, there was very little they saved." Ken recalls that 10 large plastic leaf bags of stuff from the room was hauled to the curb.

Next, the dark wall paneling had to go. "They had a million nails," Ken said. To remove the paneling, he would cut small sections with a box knife, rather than try to pull off 4-by-8-foot sheets. "The hard part was around the window," Lorraine said. "The window frame was put over the paneling. He had to use a circular saw to cut behind that."

To repair nail holes in the drywall, the areas were sanded with wire mesh gauze. "That works the best because you don't want to scuff the paper on the drywall," Ken said. Next came painting: Two coats of primer and two coats of linen paint. Off-white Berber carpet was the only item installed by a contractor.

"We measured the room, and got the measurements of the furniture," Lorraine said. They



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Files helped organize the den and keep the computer area clean.

initially planned to put a book case on either side of the one room window. "When the furniture came, we decided it would look better along one wall."

FINISHING TOUCHES

The off-white walls set off dark wood trim along the top of the walls, and the nearly matching cherry desk and bookshelves.

"I didn't want a traditional desk lamp," Lorraine said, adding she chose a two-way table lamp spotted at Brose Electric in Livonia. A desktop globe was spotted at a garage sale. A rocker from the family room was moved to the new den.

Cost of the project was around \$4,000.

"It's beautiful, it's functional," Lorraine said.

"All my papers are filed, all the books are grouped together by subject, all the diskettes and

computer paper are in one place. When I do the bills, everything is at the desk."

The computer rests on a desk section that melds into the bookcase. The computer hard drive is hidden in a lower cabinet, and power cords and wires are out of sight. "That's what we were looking for; there was no organization," Ken said.

Lorraine said some fine-tuning may be needed: "I have to get rid of some of the books and go through the files."

In the meantime, oldest daughter Laurie attends Wayne State University's School of Medicine, middle daughter Marianne studies mechanical engineering at Wayne State, and youngest daughter Karen attends Ladywood High.

Ken said he's hiring a contractor to build the next home improvement project - slide-out kitchen shelves.

TOUR

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downtown Northville.

Northville's first historic homes were built in the 1820s, when the farming community was founded. Featured on this year's tour is the second oldest structure in Northville, the Keys Home on West Main Street, built in 1826.

The original structure consisted of the kitchen and half of the dining room.

It was essentially a small cottage with a loft that faced Linden Street.

The facade is now presented in Italianate-Victorian style, which features elongated windows and a generally elegant look.

Mary Keys, a business analyst, and husband Chuck, who owns an insurance agency, have been in the house nearly 16 years. "I had lived in the Ford historic home district in Dearborn before," Mary Keys said. "We liked the Northville community and the old-fashioned family-focused neighborhoods with sidewalks, big trees, and old substantial homes. There's just a lot of quality workmanship that is not found today."

Some features Keys loves about her home include walnut pocket doors that slide into the wall, built-in walnut china cabinets, and hearts of pine floors with wide boards. "When the wood is that old, it gets a beautiful glowing patina," she said.

The couple, with two grown children and cocker spaniel named Joe Cocker, replaced plumbing, electrical, duct work and heating.

Because the home is in a historic district, upgrades must follow guidelines.

"There are some responsibilities that come with living in a historic home district," Keys said. "You cannot put in vinyl windows."

USING INTERNET

On the Internet, Keys found a wood-resin compos-

ite window that met guidelines, and was cheaper than all-wood replacement windows. "If you live in a historic home you get pretty savvy about products that make life a little bit easier," she said. "Technology is our friend."

A major renovation project involved removing a porch added in the 1920s. Its half-wall and plain posts were a mismatch to the Italianate-Victorian house style, which calls for more ornate columns.

The couple continues to renovate the home, one room at a time. Contractors are called in for the big jobs like replastering or other construction, while the Keys handle wallpaper removal, window treatments and landscaping. "We fix it completely and do it in a way that honors the history in the house."

"The great thing about Northville is there's lots of wonderful contractors that understand historic homes; a good supply of talented wet plasterers and electricians who understand the challenges of old houses."

Other homes featured on the tour are:
 ■ The Presley Home on Dunlap Street built during the Queen Anne Period, circa 1900. This period is marked by ornate construction and is one of the more elaborately embellished historic homes in downtown Northville. It features a wrap-around porch with two entrances, one originally used as a carriage entrance. An original carriage house remains on the property. The home boasts flow glass, paneled pocket doors, 9-foot ceilings, and original trim.
 ■ The Kerns Home on Horton Street built in 1887 in "Poor Man's" Victorian farmhouse style.

A recent renovation included a new garage, wrap-around porch and turret.

■ The MacKinnon Home on Rouge Street was built in 1984, but the entire interior is executed in reclaimed antique artifacts from Northville and other parts of Michigan.

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

A two-slice toaster cover can be purchased through the Brylane Home Kitchen catalog (800) 784-8006 or on the Internet at www.brylanekitchen.com.

Arpege perfume can be purchased through the Beauty Boutique catalog at (800) 497-7463.

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Pretty Feet can be purchased at the Sav-Mor store on Ford and Wildwood roads in Westland. Pretty Feet also is sold at area CVS stores, as the pharmacy can order it for you.

Dippity -Do can be purchased through the Vermont Country store.

Arpege perfume can be purchased at Sephora at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A store that sells a pattern to make clothes for a 14-inch Madame Alexander baby doll for Velma.

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By Sandi Jarackas

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Gardener grows more than 60 varieties of garlic

Have you ever wanted to grow your own garlic and just didn't know how or when to start?

Bill Pioch of Ferndale has the scoop on the whole process. He grows 60-plus varieties of garlic, and over 2,000 plants each year.

His favorite is Leningrad. "When roasted, it tastes a little sweeter," Pioch said. "When eaten raw, it has more bite to it. This variety has some purple coloring and usually with the purple, the garlic is better."

Others include Rocambole, Spanish Rojo, and Purple Stripe, all hard necks, and Artichoke, and Silverskin, soft necks. Silverskins are most often found in supermarkets because they have a very long storage life; they can be grown in home gardens.

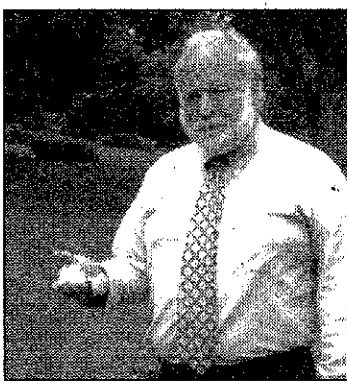
Ten percent of his crop is the soft neck variety. Garlic cloves can be pure white, streaked with purple or reddish/brown. Color doesn't affect the flavor.

The difference in hard neck garlic, *Allium sativum* ophioscorodon, and soft neck, *Allium sativum* sativum is that the soft necks are like an onion and can be braided. Hard neck garlic resembles and is a relative of the daylily with the foliage gently reaching out off the stem. The stem comes from the center of the bulb and is hard. As this stem, or scape grows up and begins to curl, generally in early July, it can be cut just above the last set of leaves and cooked like asparagus by gently sauteing.

Pioch has been growing garlic for ten years and says, "It just evolved. I like to cook and use a lot of garlic."

Here's his recipe for growing garlic:

Around Oct. 15, break the bulbs into cloves and plant the biggest cloves for big bulbs.



Bill Pioch may be the garlic king of Michigan with his more than 60 varieties of garlic and 2,000 plants per year.

Garlic needs good, fertile, well-drained soil to which compost has been added. Plant the cloves 2 inches deep, root end down, pointy end up, 6 inches apart.

In the spring, when you see growth and when frost leaves the ground, use a foliar feed of fish emulsion or another organic product. Repeat every month through the end of June. "Hard necks really need the freeze," Pioch said.

Mulch the beds with straw when growth begins in the spring. Keep the beds weed-free as garlic doesn't like them.

In late June or early July, the scapes will start to grow straight up and start to curl. Cut them so all the energy will go to the bulb in the ground, not the little seed bulbs. At this time reduce water dramatically. As the leaves start to brown, stop watering all together. At the end of the season the scape is very woody and can grow three feet or more tall.

When 50 to 60 percent of the leaves are brown, pull the bulbs.

Keep them out of the sun as soon as possible. Tie bunches of 8 to 10 plants and hang in a cool, dark, dry place to cure. They should be ready to eat in late July/early August. Squeeze the bulb for firmness and when hard, enjoy!

Pioch says that garlic doesn't store well and to use it up by Thanksgiving; he gives much of the garlic away to friends, to

Plant a Row for the Hungry, and of course, he eats a lot of it.

He grows the garlic at his farm in Bellaire, where he has a small shed with a little fan in it to keep the air circulating to dry it. He also runs a dehumidifier.

He saves the biggest bulb to replant from, and uses the biggest cloves. It takes 3 to 5 years of replanting saved cloves before garlic will bulb up to a nice size and acclimate itself to the garden conditions, soil and weather. He likes the bulbs to reach a little more than 2 inches in diameter. He watches for extra little bulbs, which he calls spring garlic and plants them one inch apart and harvests them like spring onions.

He also grows heirloom and open pollinated plants, 72 different varieties of tomatoes, dozens of different eggplant and pepper plants and lots of different old lettuces. He likes the colors and textures and also grows other salad greens.

In addition to all the growing and harvesting, Pioch has invented a bulb planter that produces 25 holes at one time. He became involved with garlic when Dr. James Duke, formerly of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, influenced him to grow this crop.

Garlic sources are: FilareeFarms.com (find 'Growing Great Garlic' site); Southern Seed Exposure, Johnny's Select Seeds; Territorial Seed Company; and Seed Savers Exchange.

GOODGARDEN TIP:

What a coincidence! I just received a lovely book, *Garlic, Onion, & Other Alliums*, Ellen Spector Platt (\$19.95, Stackpole Books). Platt goes into detail about the different species and varieties of garlic, their tastes, place in the garden and whether they are decorative, edible, or their use as medicinals.

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.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Hill & Dale Club

The Hill & Dale Club of Farmington Hills will conduct the Hill & Dale Junior Gardeners Workshop at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, featuring "Nature's Gift" for 5-12 years old at the Farmington Library. Workshop is free. For information, call (248) 553-0300. The club will discuss entering an artistic craft with Pauline Flynn from the Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 at the club's general meeting at Heritage Park Visitor's Center in Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 356-2915.

The club and the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission will have a perennial plant exchange starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at Farmington Hills City Hall, located at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. For information, call (248) 656-4374.

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.

Herb study

The Evening Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in Room 125 at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Nancy Kern of Kern Farms (Ann Arbor Farmers Market) will discuss the techniques used in preserving herbs and herbal foods. Refreshments will be provided.

Visitors and new members are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, e-mail Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aol.com or call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

Outdoor living

English Gardens experts conduct free gardening seminars for the public 1 p.m. Saturdays at all five metro Detroit English Gardens stores. The Sept. 6 program will be Enhance Your Outdoor Living Areas. Learn how to make the best use of your outdoors with plants and outdoor décor, as well as spaces for entertaining, recreation and relaxing. Tips to develop a plan, select plants and trees according to environmental conditions, and for proper planting procedures, will be featured.

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Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200. Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens location, or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Rugosa roses

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.

Wonderful Rugosa Roses, a slide lecture and garden tour by Nancy Lindley, exploring the world of the fragrant, disease-free rugosa roses, will take place 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5. The program will be repeated 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, and 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8.

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

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, 7 miles south of Belleville. For information about the roses and nursery, visit

www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flyer.

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 Care 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.

Mushrooms

Classes in the Adult Education Program at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens include Michigan Mushrooms, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 9, and including four Saturday field trips. Fee is \$175 (\$160 for members). Call (734) 998-7061 for information.

African Violet Sale

The Michigan African Violet Society will have their annual fall display and sale 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Standard African violets, minis, semi-minis and trailers will be for sale, along with some gesneriads and supplies.

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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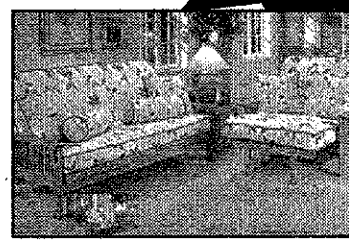
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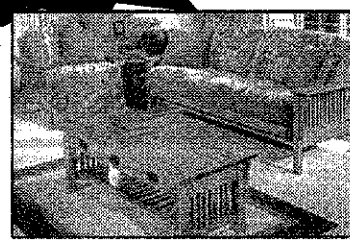
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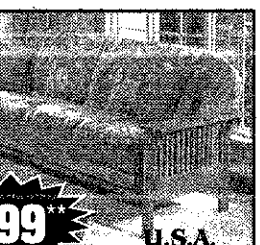
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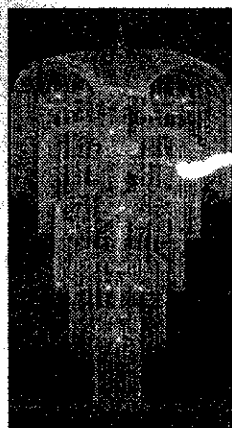
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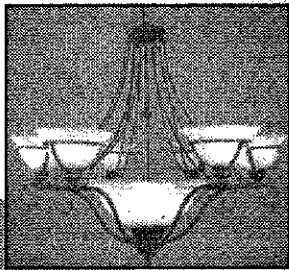
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SEPTEMBER

Single Point Ministries

Ken Mansfield speaks on "The Beatles, the Bible and Bodega Bay" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. Single Point Ministries is for ages 30 and older. Activities include speakers, coffeehouse (7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, cost \$5), and walking club (4:30 p.m. daily except Wednesday). SPM has a program and activity for every age group. Classic Senior Singles host Sgt. David Fendeleit of the Northville Police Department, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9 in Room C317, who will speak about scams, con games and methods people use to steal identities.

Block Party and Open House

To showcase their new facilities including an education wing, pre-school department, gymnasium, glass atrium, and remodeled sanctuary 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Merriman

Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The parking lot south of church will be filled with circus tents, carnival games, inflatable bouncing games, pony rides, face painting, Free lunch and live bands and entertainment. For more information, call (734) 421-1859.

Family Fun Fair

Begins with a free pizza lunch 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre, north of Big Beaver, Troy. Activities include games, face painting, crafts, moonwalk, music, and a giant slide. Come learn about what the church has to offer children. Call (248) 689-4713, ext. 288.

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.

Sunday worship schedule

Resumes Sunday, Sept. 7, at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service is held on the fourth

Sunday of the month. On Sept. 8 and 9, Antioch Lutheran Preschool begins its 2003-2004 program for 3 and 4-year olds. For more information, call (248) 626-7906. Visitors welcome.

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.

Faith Formation Class

Want to know more about the Catholic religion and church? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly called the Conversion Class) begins Sept. 10, at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

Youth program kickoff

South Redford Christian Church kicks off its youth program, Kids of the Kingdom, with an evening of games and food 6:45-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 26505 W. Chicago, east of Inkster. Kids can bounce around on a moon walk or get dirty in a mud pit. Open to all children ages 3 to fifth grade. No charge. For more information, call (313) 937-2050.

Women's Spiritual Retreats

"Come to the Quiet and Know That I Am God" Sept. 12-14, "Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread" Sept. 19-21, and "Unfinished Understanding of Vatican II" Sept. 26-28, at St. Mary's Retreat House, 775 W. Drahn Road, Oxford. Cost is \$100 per retreat. Call (586) 977-8993

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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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.

Fall Blast-Off Fellowship

The day begins with a 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 14, at Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, Plymouth, followed by a gathering at the picnic

pavilions at Heritage Park off Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Picnic includes food plus fun and games for all ages. For information, call (734) 453-7630.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Begins Sept. 15 and runs through Nov. 10. Bring a coffee cup, Bible and a friend to journey through some of the most important parts of the Bible, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia. No charge. Child care available for \$1 per child by calling (734) 422-1470.

Jillybean returns

Jill Bryan (Jillybean) communicates God's truths with fun and laughter. There are 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, at the picnic following the 10 a.m. service Sunday, Sept. 21, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

Fall Flea Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church parking lot, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Sellers welcome. \$15 per table to go to church missions. For more information, call (248) 476-0908.

Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, until 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, east of Telegraph, Redford. For information, call (313) 538-1142.

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Clean the coil in your air conditioner

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Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The room air conditioner is still used by many people today and it is a pretty simple unit that needs yearly maintenance.

The biggest obstacle to proper operation is dirt that accumulates inside the unit. You can't see it. If you look at the outside coil, it looks nice and shiny but if you could see the other side of the coil on the inside, that's where the dirt is. It forms a blanket which will not allow air to move through the coil and as a consequence can cause the unit to not cool properly or even burn out the compressor. If you want a long life out of your room air conditioner, it is imperative that the coil be cleaned and I don't mean with a solution of soap and water being sprayed on the outside of the coil. You can remove the casing on many of these units, spray the inside of the coil with an automotive degreaser, then scrub it with a brush. You will need a garden hose or a compressor to blow out all of the loosened debris. Be careful that you don't cut your fingers because the condenser coil is very sharp.

Any electrical components should be dry before you plug in the unit so let it dry for a few days. You also can purchase a little can of compressed air from the hardware store to

blow dry the components.

A few years back I owned a service shop where we cleaned room air conditioners and during hot summers we couldn't handle the work load. I would put six of them in the back of a pickup truck and go down to the local car wash. Directing the pressure wand on the rear coil and through the side vent openings, I was able to remove the majority of all dirt inside the unit.

Letting the unit dry in the hot sun was all it took to finish the job and the homeowner ended up with a fine operating room air conditioner. You can do the same thing.

The front evaporator coil will sweat during operation and that water will move towards the outside, provided you have a slight tilt in the unit when you install it in the window. The drip system is nothing but a hole under the unit which allows water to flow from the back bottom section. Never drill additional holes in this area. If water fails to flow freely, it means that dirt is built up in the inside and plugging up the tract system.

Some units have no drain hole at all and use a slinger system. Water builds up in a little tract which allows the fan blade to pick up this water and sling it through the condenser coil. If you drill a hole in this system, you will ruin its efficiency. If the drill bit should hit any part of the refrigeration coil, you have just caused an expensive repair.

A final note of extreme caution—Never use a typical extension cord to plug in a room air conditioner. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon now can 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.

Stop laundry accumulation by following these tips

How do I keep up with all the laundry? Just as I declare "Victory in battle," the basket is full of dirty laundry again.

Keeping up with laundry is a dilemma for most people. If you have a house full of active



Domestic Planner

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people like I do, you may need to do several loads of laundry each day. Empty laundry baskets seem to fill up again in just a few hours. If you let a day go by without doing a load of laundry, you could be dealing with a mountain of dirty clothes instead of a small pile.

In the kitchen, I treat one dirty dish as if it were 25 dishes.

This mindset helps me to keep dishes from piling up. In the laundry room, I try to apply this same principle. It is important to diligently attack the laundry so that it doesn't bury you.

In tackling the laundry efficiently and quickly, you should remember:

- Laundry is a task that can be done in between other projects or at the same time as another activity. For example; it is possible to wash a load while getting ready in the morning. You can fold laundry while talking on the phone or watching the news.

- Enlist the help of your children or your husband. Make sure you train them thoroughly first. Teach them to properly separate clothes, explain what types of clothing should be washed using a delicate cycle, and which articles should be hung or laid flat to dry. If your children have

regular chores that do not include the laundry, hire them (pay them) and train them to do it right. You will find that some members of your family may not be cut out for helping with the laundry. Assign them to something else.

- Purchase a divided laundry basket. I like the one that is divided into three sections so clothes can be separated into colors; dark, medium and light.

The family must be trained to put the clothes in the appropriate section. Use a separate basket for hand washables and dry cleaning.

- Let each member of the household put away their own clothes.

You can fold the clean clothes and put them on each person's bed. This will teach your children to be responsible and equip them with valuable skills later in life.

- If you have a regularly

scheduled cleaning day, attempt to have the laundry basket empty the night before. This will make it easier to wash bed and bath linens the following morning.

- Keep a drying rack in your laundry room to hang wet clothes. Knits last longer if you air dry them and fluff them in the dryer for a few minutes.

- Make sure you keep a back-up supply of laundry soap. There is nothing more inconvenient than having to interrupt your cleaning day to run out and buy more soap.

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In Saugatuck, Minnesota, Matthew Lindstrom receives a strange telephone call one day from a man identifying himself as Sheriff Cliff Brandt of Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

It seems that a car belonging to Lindstrom's estranged wife, Gwen, has been found abandoned by the side of a road within Brandt's jurisdiction.

Blood stains are on the inside of the car, and there are signs of a struggle.

Lindstrom can explain nothing. He hasn't seen his wife in two weeks and, as far as he knows, she has never been to Wyoming.

Soon, the story leaps ahead 14 years, and hundreds of miles away. Lindstrom, now living in Port Regis, British Columbia, receives another out-of-the-blue call in regard to the never-found Gwen. An unidentified caller reports that she is "very much alive," and living in California, "near a place called Cyanide Wells."

"Check it out, Mr. Lindstrom," the mysterious caller advises. "Check it out."

Matt Lindstrom does check it out, and not just because he's curious.

In the years immediately following Gwen's disappearance, his life was nearly destroyed, since almost everyone he knew — including members of his own family — suspected him of her murder.

Now, having moved to Canada and trying to begin a new life as head of a charter boat business, he perhaps has a chance to find his ex-wife, prove his innocence, and clear his name.

But is she really alive, as the caller reports? And, if so, what's the story behind her years-long disappearance? If she was alive, surely she knew something of the turmoil surrounding Matt. Why didn't she ever come forward, and set the record straight?

Matt, as he sets out to track down the answers to these

questions, hatches a plan to try and avenge the life he "lost" in Minnesota. In the days before Gwen's disappearance, he enjoyed a respected career as a topnotch professional photographer. Now, examining the old Nikon F he hasn't touched in years, he feels a little unnerved by what he is about to do: "He stared at it, afraid to take it into his hands because if he did, it would work its old magic, and then what he now realized he'd been subconsciously considering would become a reality. . ."

As we will see, he is on his way to another new kind of life.

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

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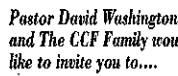
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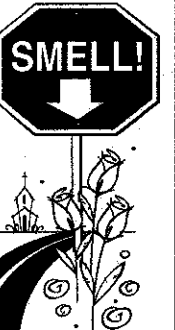
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EVANGELICAL COVENANT

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 turtle dove is heard in our land. - R.S.V. Song of Solomon 2:12

Slow Down and Enjoy Life!



Eclectic avenue

Tour features Asian, traditional influences

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Anne Damman loves her living room.

Dijon mustard colors soothe in the vacuous room, leading up to the 18-foot tall ceiling. A French advertising poster from the 1920s purchased from an art dealer peers over the fireplace. Thai art sits just a few feet away from a rooster lamp from a grandparent's farm in Oxford. All this, and the chairs are simply traditional furniture. "I'm East meets West, definitely," Damman said.

The Damman home in Bloomfield Hills is eclectic all right, and it's on the Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills home tour, which benefits the Community House in Birmingham.

CREATIVE DESIGN

Anne and husband, Archie, the former mayor of Birmingham, share the home with children Drew and Dylan.

They've only lived in the house two years. In fact two years ago at this time, Anne designed and she and Archie hired contractors to get the home in shape. And it was all done within three weeks, she said. "It was always a landmark house, but it sat empty since 1989," she said. The owner of the property built the house, but the house remained unoccupied, she said. That home had replaced a 1950s ranch that had occupied the site, which had been razed down to the basement.

"The Dammans wanted the home for its 'offbeat' appearance. The house sits on three acres, enclosed with a berm filled with evergreens and shrubs which creates a sound barrier from traffic nearby, and an English garden featuring trimmed boxwoods and several other plants.

"We wanted to create downtown Birmingham," she said. The home also gave their two daughters their own privacy, too. On the first floor, a library basks in warm paneling. That room is Archie's private space, Anne said.

Down the hallway, past a half-bath is Anne's home office, then you walk into the kitchen with its ash cabinets, mossy green walls, granite and brick floors. A center table with a rooster purchased from a garden center sits in the middle of the kitchen floor. Old dining room chairs sit at a wooden table.



The Dammans' living room is awash in Dijon mustard paint on the walls, while the reds and blacks of sofas and chairs add drama and warmth.

The Dammans did some rearranging of the rooms. The old dining room is now a family room, while the dining room is now at the rear of the home.

The master bedroom with its own Chinese influences in small figurines of Buddha leads out to the veranda.

"This house is just a lot of fun," Anne said. "I love it."

A LITTLE PRIVACY

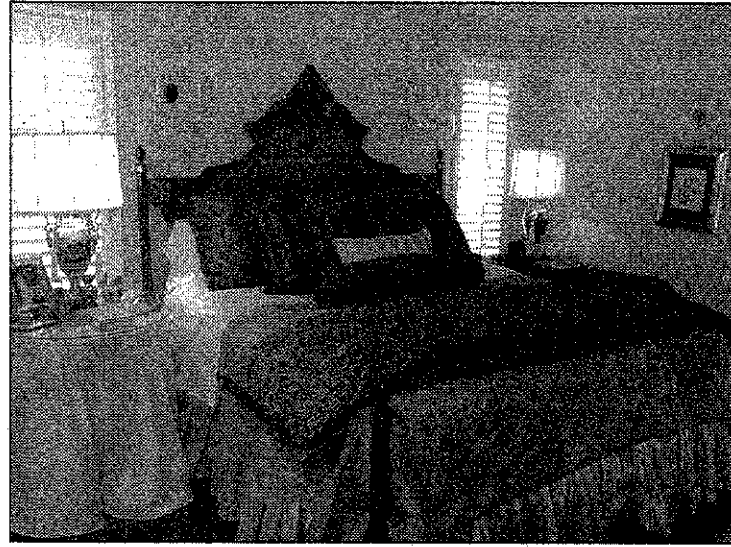
The upstairs is daughter Dylan's area. She has her own "family room" where she can relax and watch television, enjoy her karaoke machine or a perpetual Christmas tree in the corner. Several pieces from different bedrooms in the old house are used in her bedroom. A guest room has a day bed that centers perfectly against a short wall.

Downstairs daughter Drew has her own living space. "We wanted to make it comfortable for teenagers hanging out," Anne said. "This is just a great place. It keeps the noise in the lower level."

A pool table and a large television sit downstairs adjacent to Drew's room. "We made it so both kids really have their own private space," Anne said.

The fifth bedroom is used by Archie. It has an recumbent stationary bicycle, cable and a stereo. Framed favorite albums from the Beatles, Bob Dylan and Mahavishnu Orchestra line the wall.

Anne's favorite room is her living room. "I'm in there all the time," she said. "It has great light, high ceilings and the veranda. My husband loves the garden, and the kids have their own, so the adjustment (the move into the house) hasn't



Rich colors add elegance in the master suite.

been awful," she joked. She loves her eclectic mix. "There's Thai there, and a French poster, but there's no rhyme or reason to it," she said. "I just like it."

Anne loves being on the tour, as this year is the Dammans' second time, but represents the first in this home. She's thrilled that Festivities in Birmingham will re-create place settings for the tour, while Blossoms will

complete the fresh florals on display. The Dammans believe it's all about doing something to help others.

"It's an easy way to give something back to Community House," Anne said.

Visitors on the tour can enjoy the variety of the homes. One of the homes is a sophisticated bachelor pad. The owner has a very large collection of antique toy soldiers.

PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Duct cleaning helps indoor air quality

Indoor air quality becomes an important concern during warm weather.

Questions are often asked about cleaning HVAC (Heating, Ventilating, Air



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Conditioning) ducts. Is it a necessity, or a high priced come on. After doing some research, I feel there is reason to consider having your ducts cleaned. It's a well-known fact that our building materials and techniques are producing much tighter homes. This tightness, of course increases energy efficiency, but it comes at the cost of less fresh air in the building.

The HVAC ducts that circulate air in the home tend to gather dust, dirt, animal hair and other pollutants. These contaminants are ideal breeding grounds for mold spores, bacteria and for holding pollen.

Having your ducts cleaned will greatly reduce these contaminants, which in turn will improve the interior air quality of your home. In addition, EPA studies show that clean ductwork helps your HVAC equipment operate more efficiently. This helps reduce your energy costs and prolong the life of your HVAC equipment.

There are many duct cleaning contractors in the area. By and large, they all use the same technique to clean the

ducts. The ducts are placed under negative pressure (in other words a big vacuum cleaner is placed in the ductwork). Tools and devices are used to help dislodge stuck debris. A vacuum alone is not enough to clean the ducts, there must be some sort of agitation for a complete job.

The NADCA (National Air Duct Cleaning Association) suggests cleaning should be done as often as necessary. Since every home situation is different, this frequency is difficult to specify. Smokers and pets in the home will cause the need for more frequent cleaning. Having people with allergies and asthma living in the home require a higher air quality. Cleaning should be considered after major construction or renovation projects.

As with all contractors, get several quotes, check their certifications and insurance and check with the Better Business Bureau. Ask around for referrals and ask the contractor for their most recent references. I can't stress enough, if you don't feel comfortable with the contractor, walk away before you sign.

For more information, visit: www.epa.gov/iaq (EPA site), www.nadca.com (National Air Duct Cleaners Association). I have a more complete list of information available. Just send an email to me requesting this.

Harry Jachym 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.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

"RESCHEDULED FROM AUGUST 14, 2003" ITEMS 1-7

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, September 11, 2003 AT 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agendas will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Robert Randall of Tony V's Sunrooms & Spa, 20330 Hall Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48038 representing Ronald and Ruth Kacic, 44687 Westminister Way, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 44687 Westminister Way, southwest side of Section 10. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00 Section 26.02, relative to rear yard set backs in the R-1 district. Parcel #039-01-0764-000 (Building) (TABLED FROM JULY 10, 2003 MEETING)
- Todd and Patty Green, 1825 Delaney Circle, Canton, MI 48188. Property located at 1825 Delaney Circle, Canton, MI 48188, east side of Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02, minimum rear setback. Zone R2, Class 401. Parcel #079-02-0463-000 (Building)
- Terry E. Ulch of Aver Sign Co., 359 Livernois, Ferndale, MI 48220 representing T. Mobile, 1753 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188. Property located at 1753 N. Canton Center, south side of Ford Road between Ford Road and Cherry Hill Road. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 9, 9.1, sign square footage. Parcel #061-99-0003-703 (Building)
- Robert Breach, 1300 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 1300 N. Beck Road, east side of Beck Road between Ford Road and Saltz Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Nonconformities Article 3.00, Section 3.03 F, expansion of existing porch in front yard set back Zone R3. Parcel #062-99-0023-000 (Building)
- Dean Madsen and Mary Kratzer Madsen, 2030 Rector Ct., Canton, MI 48188, requesting a variance to Fence Ordinance 103, Section 8, D2, allow a fence to be located in back yard. Property located at same address, south side of Palmer Road between Rector Drive and corner of Rector Drive and Rector Court. Zone R5. Parcel #106-01-0117-000 (Building)
- Cherry Hill Investors LLC & Uptown Investors LLC of Cherry Hill Village Planned Development & Uptown Planned Development, 2025 West Long Lake Road, Suite 104, Troy, Michigan 48098. Property located at Ridge & Cherry Hill. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 6, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, Section 8, 8.1A, Section 9, 9.4A, regulates setbacks for signs. Parcel #067-99-0011-000 Parcel #072-99-0003-000 Parcel #072-99-0004-000 Parcel #072-99-0015-000 Parcel #072-99-0016-000 Parcel #072-99-0017-000 Parcel #072-99-0022-000 (Building)
- Kevin J. Kwiatkowski of Pulte Homes, 26622 Woodward Ave., Suite 204, Royal Oak, MI 48067 representing Ben Grosse of Pearl Sounds LTD, 2940 W Burbank Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505. Property located at 47360 Ford Road, north side of Ford Road and east side of Beck Road. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 6, 6.2, off premise temporary sign requirements. Zone R1. Parcel #062-99-0044-701 (Building)
- Robert Randall of Tony V's Sunrooms & Spas, 20330 Hall Road, Clinton Township, MI 48083 representing Gary Polen, 45434 Michael Ct., Canton, MI 48188. Property located at 45434 Michael Ct., northeast side of Section 33, Lot 45 between Canton Center Road and Geddes Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 2.00 Section 2.02, relative to rear yard setbacks in the R-4 district. Parcel #129-01-0045-000 (Building)

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Canton, MI 48188
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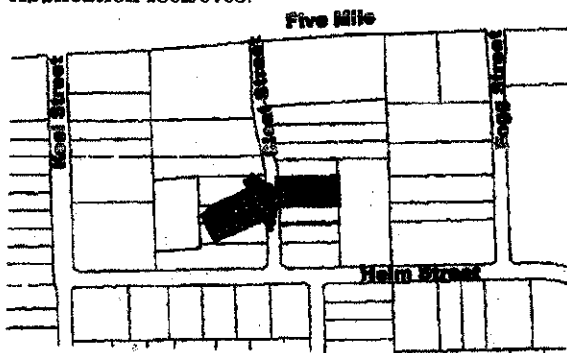
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Use Subject to Special Conditions
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 17, 2003
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an Application from Stallings Tirey and Sons, L.L.C. requesting Approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions for an Indoor Recreation Facility at 15000 Cleat Street, Parcel 009-01-0013-000 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83, Section 15.2. The property is on the east side of Cleat Street, south of Five Mile and north of Helm Street. Application 1802/0703.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-009-01-0013-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone No. (734) 453-8131, ext. 37. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone (734) 453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept proposals up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 2003 for the following:

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION # 3

Proposal forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. 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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Western Township Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:11 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of the study session of July 28, 2003 - approved.
Minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2003 - approved.
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$848,030.10 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for July 2003 - received and filed.
Director's Report for August 2003 - received and filed.
Financial Statements For The Nine Months Ended June 30, 2003 - received and filed.
WTUA Proposed Budget; Fiscal year 2003/2004 - approved as presented and authorization to submit the budget for approval during the September 2003 meetings of the member townships.
Capital Improvement Program - adopted as presented and authorization to update the document at least twice annually for Board approval.
Proposed WTUA Schedule of Meetings; Fiscal year 2003/2004 - approved as presented and authorization for WTUA staff to have the schedule posted within the three member townships.
Award of Contract; Infrastructure Management System - approval to accept the proposal furnished by GBA Master Series, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri in an amount not to exceed \$25,990.
SBC Ameritech Complete Link Agreement Revision - approved.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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Antiques show to share history, beauty

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

There is the cedar monk dating from around 1880, with a gentle smile on his face, and his robe enveloping him in folds. The object in his hands is a jewel of Buddha representing enlightenment.

There are the two fellows, their cheery, open-mouthed grins dimpling their faces. Dating from 1910, they are ceramic renderings of two of the seven Japanese lucky gods — Daikoku, the god of wealth, and Ebisu, the god of business-

men. To Jake Costello, these Japanese antiques aren't just examples of different styles of craftsmanship and moods, but also of how the antiques can tell stories.

Costello has been living in Kyoto, Japan, for the last 22 years.

He has a business, Kodo Japanese Antiques, in Kyoto.

He and his wife, Yuko Ado, have brought the above figures and other pieces for their third annual Kodo Japanese Antiques Show at the Antiques Centre of Troy.

"We have quite a selection," said Costello, a native of Birmingham who graduated from Seaholm High School and the University of Michigan.

The show will take place Sept. 12-20. The Antiques Centre of Troy is on the northeast corner of Maple (15 Mile) and Coolidge. For more information, call Judy Frankel at (248) 649-4399.

The event is an opportunity for people to learn about as well as buy antiques, Costello says.

Antiques at the show will include traditional furniture, decorative pieces, dolls and figures, ikebana flower baskets, scrolls, screens, kimonos, textiles, ceramics, lacquerware and garden items.

Many of the antiques can take on new uses today. For example, an old jar can be made into a lamp; a lacquer serving tray can be transformed into a stand.

"I shy away from pieces that can't be used," Costello said.

Among the pieces will be items that are difficult to find, such as types of chests and dolls. Books and other resources will be available.

Antique Japanese furnishings have distinctive features, Costello says.

Artistry in craftsmanship, and such elements as secret drawers, are part of their beauty and interest.

"The joinery is a distinguishing feature," Costello said.

"And the finishes were an art in themselves."

Lacquer finishes heightened the sheen and brought out the grains of such woods as zelkova, mulberry and cherry. In the early Edo Period (1615 to 1750), only the samurai and aristocratic classes were allowed to have furniture finished in lacquer, Costello says.

Wheeled chests called *kuruma* enabled people to move their belongings easily. After the streets of old Tokyo were jammed with the wheeled chests during a fire in 1657, the wheeled trunks were prohibited by law in the late 1700s, Costello said.

"It is a rare find to get one today," he said.

The most common type of chest was the clothes chest, usually made from *kiri* (paulownia) wood. Kimonos were always folded flat for

storage, instead of hung.

When a daughter was born, the family planted a seedling so they would have a full-

'I shy away from pieces that can't be used.'

Jake Costello
Kodo Japanese Antiques

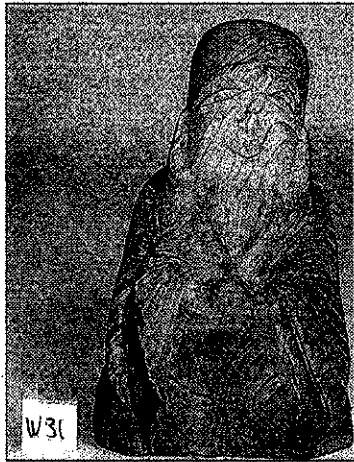
grown tree from which to make bridal furniture when she was old enough to marry.

Costello wants to give Japanese antiques more exposure in the Midwest. "I know the East and West Coasts are well saturated," he

said.

"We really want to establish a presence here."

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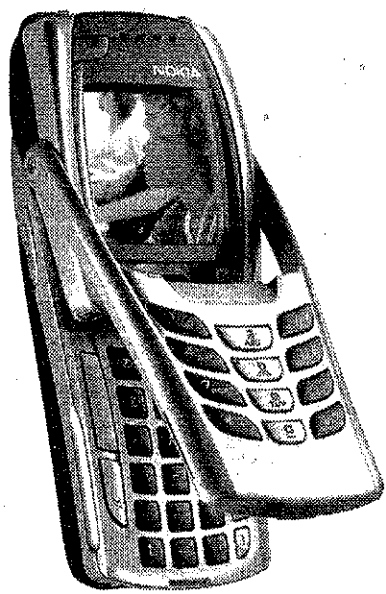
This cedar monk, circa 1880, is an example of the types of Japanese antiques Birmingham native Jake Costello will bring to a show in Troy.



These ceramic figures from 1910 are renderings of two of the seven Japanese lucky gods. They are examples of the antiques that will be featured at the third annual Kodo Japanese Antiques Show next month.

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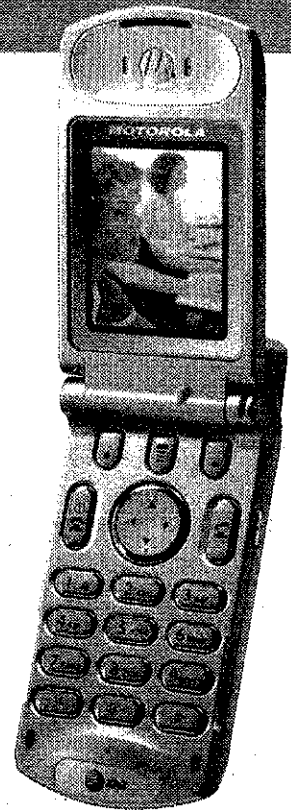
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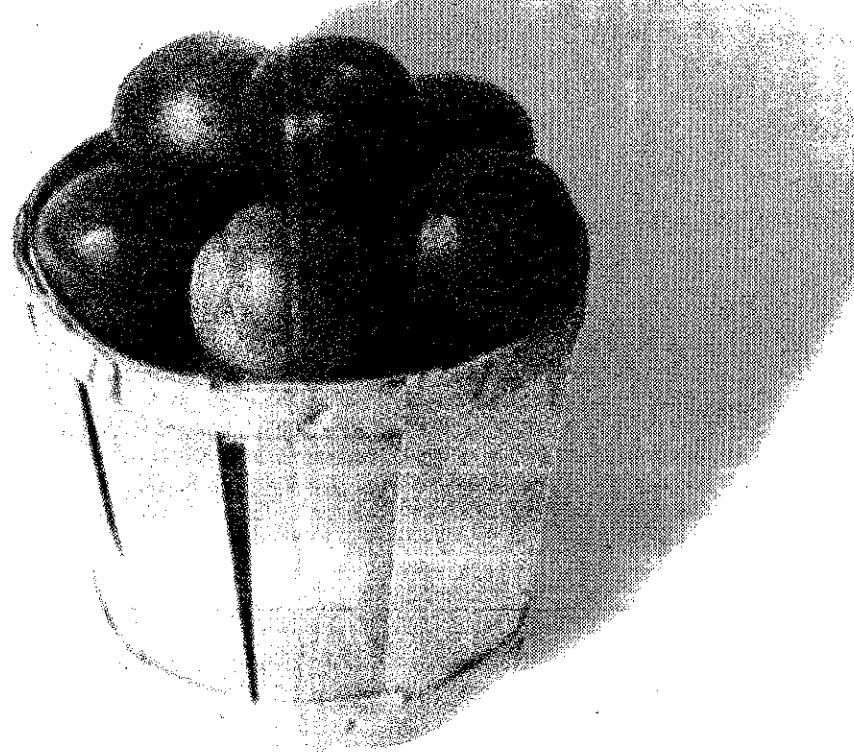
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Apple pie is just one dessert made with the delightful fall fruit. Pies served by members of the Older Persons Commission will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at the Arts & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park.

Flavor by the bushel



Fall fruit bursting with tartness, texture

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Simple and sweet. That's what Mike Trombley loves about apples.

The certified executive chef at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor and Northville resident uses them in pies, strudel and sauces. His sous chef has entered a tart tatin in a competition at the upcoming American Culinary Federation's fall show at the Novi Expo Center.

"The tartness has an appeal," Trombley said. "That tartaric acid on the tongue really stimulates the saliva. And the crunch of the apple gives it texture."

And when apples are cooked, you're creating two flavors, Trombley said. "They'll be more tannins, especially if they are caramelized, then it becomes soft and you mix that sweetness and tartness," he said. "When you have a cream or a sauce mixed in, you're really blending all the flavors at once."

"That's what I enjoy about them, I enjoy all the flavors and textures."

Strudels are so simple, he said, with just phyllo dough and apple mixture. "You let them cool and the pectin will absorb some of that liquid," he said.

Apples aren't just for dessert, either. Trombley also uses an apple-horseradish compote for salmon and a stewed apple-raisin-brown sugar mixture over pork loin.

For baking, Trombley said Granny Smiths are the best. "That apple is pretty universal, and easy to find," Trombley said. Jonathons and Fujis also work well and golden delicious isn't bad for baking.

Rochester Hills resident Marye Miller has seen her share of apples, to be sure.

She's the director of the Elder Persons Commission in Rochester Hills. As you read this story today, she's helping oversee the baking of 3,006 apple pies to be sold at the Arts and Apples Festival this weekend in Rochester.

Why 3,006 pies? "That's how many

Apple facts, pies, turnovers and many other recipes can be found beginning on Page D2.

pie plates there are in the cases," she said.

The pies will be created by 50 volunteers who've peeled, cored and sliced more than 200 bushels of apples. Two

APPLE TART (TART TATIN)

4 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and quartered

7 ounces granulated sugar

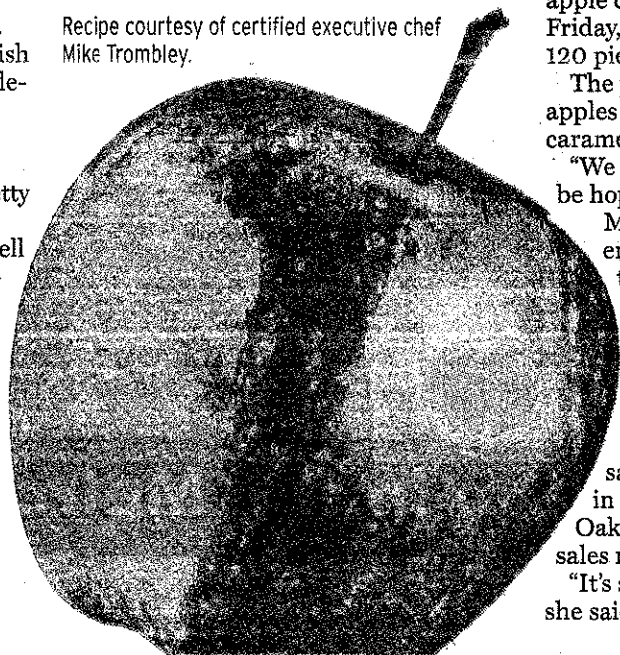
3.5 ounces unsalted butter

1 large sheet of puff pastry

Tools: a medium sized heavy gauge skillet with oven proof handle, a chef's knife, vegetable peeler and paring knife

Pre-heat oven to 350° F until hot. Measure puff pastry to fit inside skillet and reserve in refrigerator. On stove top, heat skillet to medium and melt butter. Sprinkle sugar to melted butter and distribute evenly. Add apples and cook until light brown. Top with puff pastry and bake until done when puff pastry is crisp and apples have softened (about 25-30 minutes). Let cool at room temperature and serve with vanilla ice cream.

Recipe courtesy of certified executive chef Mike Trombley.



machines help core and slice apples, but some are done by hand.

The bakers use 900 pounds of flour, 102 ounces of cinnamon, 32 ounces of nutmeg, 72 pounds of brown sugar, 324 pounds of shortening, six boxes of salt, 625 pounds of white sugar and 90 pounds of margarine, along with 10 pounds of ice for the crust.

Miller believes the key to a good pie is the crust, of course. "The crust should be flaky and the texture is important," Miller said. "And the apples you use should be great apples."

She likes Paula Reds for the baking. "They are the only ones that are ripe at this time of year, and they're great for baking. The others aren't ready. You also have to have sugar, cinnamon and the nutmeg."

Brown sugar helps add a sweet crumb crust, too. The festival uses ice cream from Knapp's in downtown Rochester. "You just have to have ice cream on apple pie," Miller said.

The volunteers also bake apple cake and Grandma's pizza cookies. In all, 300 volunteers assist in the various aspects of creating all the baked goods.

On Tuesday, volunteers cored, sliced and peeled the apples and baked the apple cake. On Wednesday and through Friday, pies will be baked. "We'll bake 120 pies an hour," Miller said.

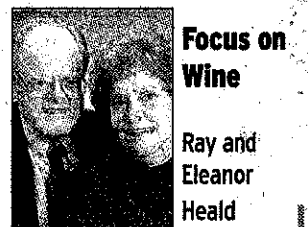
The pizza cookies feature chopped apples baked in an oatmeal cookie with caramel sauce, ice cream and nuts.

"We have some great cooks and they'll be hopping," Miller said.

Miller loves apple pie, but she enjoys the camaraderie she'll see this week. "The volunteers really get into it," Miller said. "They'll bring their own apron, they'll bring their own paring knives. It's such a great community thing."

Proceeds from the baked goods sales benefit the minibus program in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. Last year, the sales raised \$20,000.

"It's such a great fund-raiser for us," she said. "It's a lot of work, but it's great."



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Host your own wine tasting party

With Labor Day passed, thoughts begin to center on autumn entertaining. If you've always wanted to host a wine tasting but didn't know how to organize one or thought it might be difficult, read on.

Your wine tasting will be a success if invited guests have fun, taste good wines and learn something that they did not know before.

GETTING ORGANIZED

First, choose a topic. If you prefer white wines and believe your guests will, then taste a variety of white wines (use our suggestions if you need help) in this tasting order:

■ Riesling: Dr. Fisher Bocksteinhof Kabinett, about \$10

■ Sauvignon blanc: Carmenet Cellar Selection, about \$8

■ Viognier: Bonterra, about \$19

■ Chardonnay: La Crema, about \$16

Appropriate red choices:
■ Pinot noir: Anapamu, about \$16

■ Merlot: Chateau Souverain, about \$18

■ Zinfandel: Rancho Zabaco Dancing Bull, about \$12

■ Cabernet sauvignon: Penfolds Bin 407 about \$26

We've not supplied vintages for the above because independent of vintage, these wines are true to a style. Or you may wish to explore the different styles of one of the white or red varieties. In which case, choose four different sauvignon blancs or four different cabernets.

For wine purchase, plan that each person will consume about 1/2 bottle total. Per person, you will need four wine glasses, a blank sheet of white paper and a pencil.

IMPRESSIONS

Without identifying the wines, pour about one ounce of each wine into the glasses for each person. Direct your guests to look at the color of each of the wines by holding the glass, tilted at an approximate 45 degree angle, over the sheet of white paper. Then direct them to hold the glass by the stem and swirl the first wine, then quickly bring it to the nose to discover aromas.

Then taste the first wine, holding it in the mouth for a few seconds before swallowing. Impressions can be written on the sheet of paper for wine 1.

Follow this procedure for each wine. Don't belabor the process. First impressions are usually the best. Share your impression of each wine then ask other guests to do the same. Citrus (lemon, lime or grapefruit), melon and floral are frequent descriptors for sauvignon blanc. Blackberry, black currant, dark cherry, cedar, mint, chocolate, coffee and vanilla often describe cabernet sauvignon.

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WINE

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Sensitivity to aroma and flavors vary from person to person. There are no rights or wrongs. But the suggestion of an aroma or flavor by one person may aid another to discover the same pleasure. A tasting

allows participants to clarify their personal wine preferences. Remember, the most important things that can be said about a wine are "I like it" or "I don't like it." It's an opinion to be respected.

AVOID INTIMIDATION

Earlier this year, Beringer

Vineyards introduced "No Wine Fear," an entertaining and informative DVD that looks behind the scenes at how wine is grown and made. Former stand-up comedian turned wine educator Kim Caffrey does an outstanding job of presenting wine information without intimidation. "Every day I speak to people

about wine and have found that many are afraid to ask questions because they're so intimidated by the subject," Caffrey said. "In the No Wine Fear DVD we present wine as an endless source of pleasure and we show people why."

Start your wine tasting with this DVD, available for \$10 through www.beringer.com. Also, Cakebread Cellars offers "A Virtual Visit from Vine to Wine" CD. It's available for \$20 on the www.cakebread.com Web site. To pair wines with appropriate cheeses, order the Beringer Progressive Wine & Cheese Pairing wheel for \$10 on the Beringer Web site.

WINE PICKS

In 2002, Americans consumed 53 percent more Australian wine than in 2001. It will not be surprising to learn of even higher consumption in 2003.

The likes of the new Annie's Lane wines from Australia's Clare Valley will no doubt help fuel interest. Located about 80 miles north of Adelaide, Clare Valley is a conundrum, with both full-flavored, robust reds and deliciously delicate whites being able to be grown. The reason? Searingly hot summers are blessed by cooling sea breezes in the afternoon.

From Annie's Lane, we recommend: 2001 Cabernet-Merlot (\$13), 2001 Shiraz (\$26), and 1999 SGM (lingo for a blend of shiraz, grenache and mourvedre) at \$22. A 2001 Chardonnay (\$13) will arrive in the market soon and although the delightful 2002 Riesling has limited availability, if you find it, buy it.

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.

BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL

On Aug. 28, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in the matter of Heald v. Engler that Michigan's ban on direct-to-consumer shipments from out-of-state wineries is unconstitutional.

This unanimous and momentous decision by the Court of Appeals overturned the district court's decision made earlier in the suit that we, several Michigan wine consumers and Domaine Alfred, a Central Coast wine producer, brought against the state of Michigan for its law banning the direct shipment of wine from out-of-state wineries to Michigan consumers.

Attorney Robert Epstein of Epstein & Frisch in Indianapolis, Ind., and James A. Tanford, professor at Indiana University School of Law, represented the plaintiffs.

In their decision, "the Court confirmed that states do not have the right to discriminate against out-of-state wineries under the guise of the 21st Amendment," said Tracy Genesen, legal director for the Coalition for Free Trade, a non-profit organization seeking judicial relief from laws prohibiting direct-to-consumer

shipments of wine.

The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a similar ruling overturning Texas' ban on June 26, 2003.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The state of Michigan has 14 days to request a panel rehearing or a rehearing en banc (from the full Court). If it does not, the state has 90 days from the date of entry of the judgment to petition the Supreme Court.

The Coalition for Free Trade recommends that wineries wait for further information from the State of Michigan, as well as instructions from the common carriers, prior to making wine shipments.

Eighteen years ago, no states allowed interstate, direct-to-consumer wine shipments. This year, the number of legal direct shipping states jumps to 26. Favorable rulings in the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals led to legislative solutions in North Carolina and Virginia. The June 26, 2003 ruling in the Texas lawsuit is anticipated to open up that state to such shipments in a matter of weeks. Additionally, South Carolina passed favorable legislation this year.

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2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup ice water
2 eggs
1 package active dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water (115 to 120 degrees)

Filling:
6 to 7 large apples (Jonathan, or Northern Spy), peeled, cored and diced
Butter or margarine (1 teaspoon for each turnover)
Cinnamon-sugar mixture

To make the dough, cut the shortening into the flour. Add the sugar, salt, water and eggs. Dissolve the yeast in the warm water and combine with the flour mixture. Mix the ingredients thoroughly and form into a ball. Cover and chill 8 hours. When ready to make the turnovers, roll out 1 tablespoon of dough at a time on a sugared, not floured surface. Roll pastry into a circle about 5 inches across. Roll out the number of turnover circles desired (the pastry keeps up to 2 weeks in the refrigerator, so make only the number you wish to have fresh, or freeze the turnovers).

Place 1 to 2 tablespoons diced apples on half of each circle. Top with 1 teaspoon butter or margarine and sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar mixture.

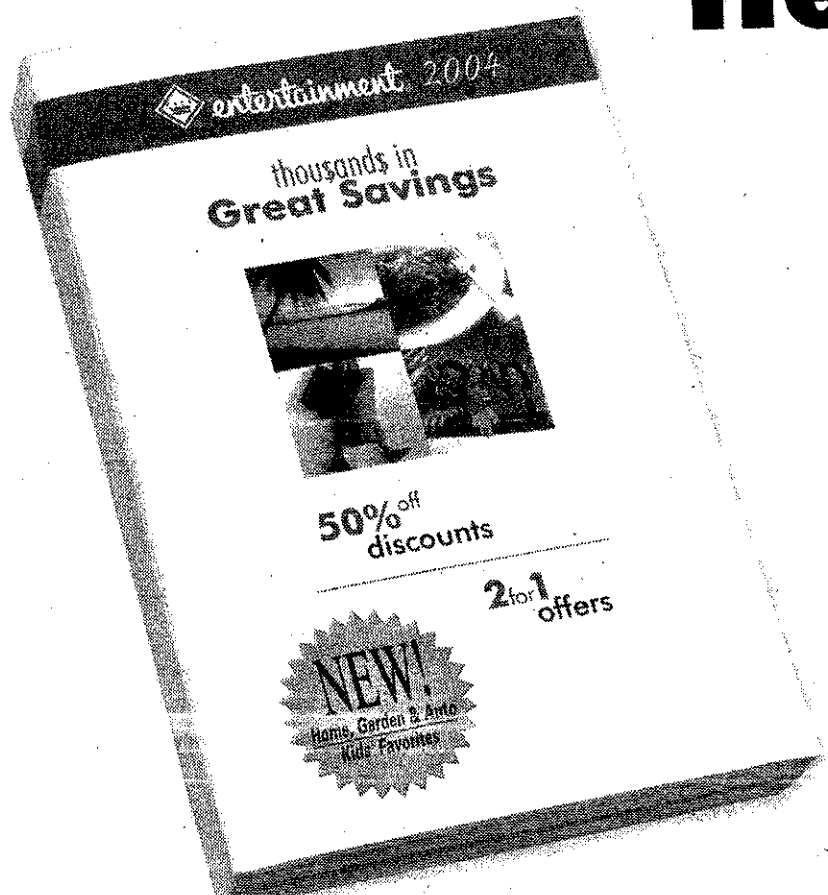
Fold pastry up over filling and press edges together with a fork to seal. Trim crust. Poke the center of the turnover with the tines of the fork to vent. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 400° F for 8 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve warm or cold. Makes about 5 dozen turnovers.

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Simple pleasures of a garden enhance meal

BY ERIN HANAFY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Take your basic late summer meal, add the smell of flowers, the sound of rustling trees, the light from the moon and stars, and maybe even the feel of grass between your toes under the table, and you have the makings of a magical evening.

Being surrounded by flowers simply makes people feel better. A garden soothes," says Suzy Bales, gardening writer and author of "Garden Parties" (Clarkson Potter, 2003, \$27.50).

"Garden Parties" offers glimpses at gatherings in New York's Adirondack Mountains, Long Island and even a Manhattan rooftop garden. The book's menus cover everything from a luncheon to a cocktail party, and it is filled with ideas for making the most of an outdoor setting.

For those of us who only dream of dining at home amid flowers and herbs, the book's lush photos indulge the fantasy of lolling about in gracious gardens.

These pleasures need not be confined to fantasy life, Bales says, even if the setting for your outdoor meal is a cramped balcony with a view that is more "Raising Arizona" than "Enchanted April."

"On a terrace or in much smaller space, a container garden with clusters of potted flowers or several large pots dripping with flowers is enough to set the mood," she says. "Flowers can even be cut from the pots to put on the table. Something as simple as a few individual bud vases, each with a single flower, dress up a table."

Fresh produce, picked from your own garden or bought at a farm stand or farmers market, enhances an outdoor meal and bridges the gap between the garden and the table.

"Tomatoes and basil are the top garden treat for August," according to Bales. "If you can get your hands on some of the heirloom varieties from a farm stand or your own garden — brandywine, yellow pear, sweet 100 plus or beefsteak — you are the luckiest of cooks. Their flavor is so much better."

Using flowers as part of a recipe is another way to incorporate a garden theme into an outdoor meal.

"The easiest way to use flowers is to sprinkle them in a salad," Bales says. "With the pungent flower buds of lavender or the petals of marigolds, a little goes a long way. Rose petals can be sweet, fruity or spicy, nasturtium peppery, and borage is reminiscent of cucumber."

Be careful not to use poison-

ous flowers such as foxglove, daffodils and sweet peas, Bales warns. In addition, flowers from a flower shop or nursery cannot be used in food because they have been sprayed with poisons. Bales suggests sticking to homegrown flowers or packages of edible flowers sold in gourmet food markets and some supermarkets.

For a cool finish to an outdoor meal, granitas are a fresh, versatile choice. With the texture of icy snow, a granita is grainier than sorbet and more intensely flavored than a snow cone, its down-market cousin that is commonly sold on corner stands in the summer. Granitas are made with fresh ingredients rather than the syrup used in snow cones, and the ingredients give each flavor its own texture, says Nadia Roden, author of "Granita Magic" (Artisan, 2003, \$15).

The simple, icy dish can be a dessert, appetizer or part of a main dish, depending on the flavor. Sweet granitas, made with fruit or chocolate, are obvious choices for dessert. Roden also suggests using an herb granita as a palate cleanser between courses or filling the hollow of an avocado with chili granita for a cool, spicy appetizer.

Roden grew up loving her mother's granita recipes, and her appreciation deepened on trips to Italy. Years later as she wilted in a New York City loft without air conditioning, her passion resurged.

"Each time I made one, I said, 'God this is so good!'" Roden says.

Granitas can be made by freezing the mixture into ice cubes and grinding them in a food processor, but the classic method requires only a tray, a freezer, a fork and some elbow grease.

This process appealed to the artist in Roden, a painter and animator who created the fanciful illustrations that accompany each recipe in her book. "It's so satisfying. It's really magical when they start to flake up," she says. "They sort of glitter. Every one of them has a different texture."

A rack of lamb encrusted with a mixture of chopped gar-

lic and parsley is a hearty main dish for an outdoor feast. For a picnic, it can be prepared ahead, chilled and French-trimmed so it can easily be cut into pieces that can be eaten with your fingers.

PERSILLADE-CRUSTED RACK OF LAMB

2 racks of lamb
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
4 large garlic cloves, minced
3 tbsp. olive oil
1 cup chopped fresh curly parsley
1 cup plain bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Pat the lamb dry and season with the salt and pepper. Place the lamb in a roasting pan.

In a medium skillet, saute the garlic for 3 minutes in 2 tbsp. of the olive oil, until soft and translucent but not brown. Remove from the heat and mix in the parsley and bread crumbs. It should have the consistency of a paste; if it is too thick to spread, add a little more olive oil. Set aside.

Roast the lamb for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and pat the paste on all sides. Return to the oven and roast until a meat thermometer reads 150 F for medium-rare, or 160 F for medium; lamb has the most flavor at medium-rare. Let it rest for 10 minutes before carving it into separate chops, serving two per person.

Makes 8 servings.
(Recipe from "Garden Parties," Clarkson Potter, 2003, \$27.50.)

Tomatoes from a farm stand or your own garden make a huge difference in this salad, Bales says. Supermarket tomatoes are bred with thick skins so they will ripen during shipping while garden tomatoes ripen on the vine.

SIMPLY TOMATOES

4 large tomatoes or a mix of large and small (about 3 pounds)
1/4 cup small basil leaves
1/8 cup balsamic vinegar, plus more for serving
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Thinly slice the tomatoes and

arrange them on a large platter. Evenly distribute the basil over the tomatoes and drizzle a few drops of balsamic vinegar on each tomato. Season with salt and pepper. Set a small pitcher of balsamic vinegar beside the dish for guests to add more to taste.

Makes 8 servings.
(Recipe from "Garden Parties," Clarkson Potter, 2003, \$27.50.)

BLOOMING SALAD WITH SAINT ANDRE CHEESE

3 heads Bibb lettuce
3 heads endive
24 small nasturtium leaves (see note)
8 nasturtium flowers, one for each salad plate
32 Johnny-jump-ups or violets
24 fragrant rose petals
3 tbsp. chopped chives
1 batch vinaigrette (recipe follows)
1 small wheel (about 1/4 pounds) Saint Andre cheese

Rinse the lettuces and flowers in several changes of cool water. Spin them dry in a salad spinner. With a sharp knife cut the white tip (the place where the petal was attached to the stem) off the bottom of each rose petal; it can be tough and bitter.

For the most attractive presentation, arrange the salad on individual plates with the Bibb and endive lettuce on the bottom and the nasturtium leaves, chives and flowers on top. Dress the salad with the vinaigrette immediately before it is served, and add a sliver of cheese on the side of each plate.

Makes 8 servings.
Note: Always check whether a flower is indeed edible before tasting it. Never eat flowers that have been sprayed with chemicals such as pesticides or fungicides. Flowers from a florist fall into this category. Many gourmet food markets and some supermarkets now sell packages of edible flowers. (Recipe from "Garden Parties," Clarkson Potter, 2003, \$27.50.)

VINAIGRETTE

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice (from about 1/2 lemon)
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 tsp. Dijon mustard

1 large garlic clove, minced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Place the lemon juice, olive oil, mustard and garlic together in a screw-top jar and shake vigorously until it is blended thoroughly.
Season with salt and pepper and shake again. This dressing will keep in the refrigerator for several days. Makes 3/4 cup.

1/2 to 3/4 cup sugar
Juice of 4 ruby grapefruits (5 cups)
9 tbsp. Campari
Gently heat the water, zest and sugar in a saucepan until the sugar has dissolved.
Take the pan off the heat, mix in the grapefruit juice and the Campari, and set aside to cool.
Freeze the granita using one of the methods described in the Coffee Granita recipe.
Makes 4 to 6 servings.

RUBY GRAPEFRUIT & CAMPARI GRANITA

1 1/4 cups water

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Glaze and Crust

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
1 tablespoon corn syrup
1/2 cup pecan halves
1 (15-ounce) package refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on package

Filling

1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
4 cups (4 medium) thinly sliced, peeled apples

Topping

Whipped cream, if desired

Heat oven to 425° F. In 9-inch glass pie pan, combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup; mix well. Spread evenly in bottom of pan. Arrange pecans over mixture in pan. Make pie crust as directed on

package for two-crust pie; place bottom crust over mixture in pan.

In small bowl, combine sugar, flour and cinnamon; mix well. Arrange half of apple slices in crust-lined pan. Sprinkle with half of sugar mixture. Repeat with remaining apple slices and sugar mixture. Top with second crust; seal edges and flute. Cut slits in several places in top crust. Place pie pan on sheet of foil on over rack.

Bake 8 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350° F. Bake 35-45 minutes longer or until apples are tender and crust is golden brown. Immediately run knife around edge of pie to loosen. Carefully turn pie upside down onto serving plate. Serve warm or cool with whipped cream.

Recipes courtesy of Pillsbury.

APPLE FACT SHEET

■ Apples are grown in every single state. Top-producing states include Washington, New York, Michigan, California, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

■ The United States was the world's second-largest producer of apples in 2001, just behind the People's Republic of China. Turkey, Poland and Italy round out the world's top five list of producers.

■ In 2001, the average U.S. consumer ate an estimated 16 pounds of fresh-market apples, and 29 pounds of processed apples.

■ Apples are naturally good for you. They are a rich source of antioxidants and fiber, and are free of fat, cholesterol and sodium.

■ When purchasing apples, look for those that are blemish-free and firm to the touch for the best flavor and crispness.

■ Store apples in the refrigerator to slow ripening and maintain flavor. Properly refrigerated apples will last up to 90 days or more.

■ Nearly 100 varieties of apples are grown commercially, but these 15 varieties are the most popular with consumers and account for more than 90 percent of the annual production: Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Fuji, Granny Smith, Gala, Rome, McIntosh, York, Idared, Jonathan, Empire, Cortland, Stayman, Newtown Pippin, and Rhode Island Greening. Information courtesy of the U.S. Apple Association, www.usapple.org.

We're No. 3 in apples

More than 850 million pounds of Michigan apples were picked in 2000, ranking the state number three in apple production in the nation.

Apple growers produced more than 15 varieties including Red and Golden Delicious, Jonathon, Northern Spy, McIntosh, Empire, Rome and Ida Red.

Some growers now specialize in producing "antique" apples, the varieties many of our grandparents and great-grandparents enjoyed when they were children.

Michigan's glacial history offers unique and ideal growing conditions for apples. The northern winter provides apple trees with a dormant period necessary for optimum yield.

Apples are a high quality fruit chosen by many Americans as a snack food. The apple has essential vitamins and minerals including pectin and dietary fiber. An average-sized apple has 80 to 90 calories, is high in complex carbohydrates, low in sodium and has no cholesterol. A

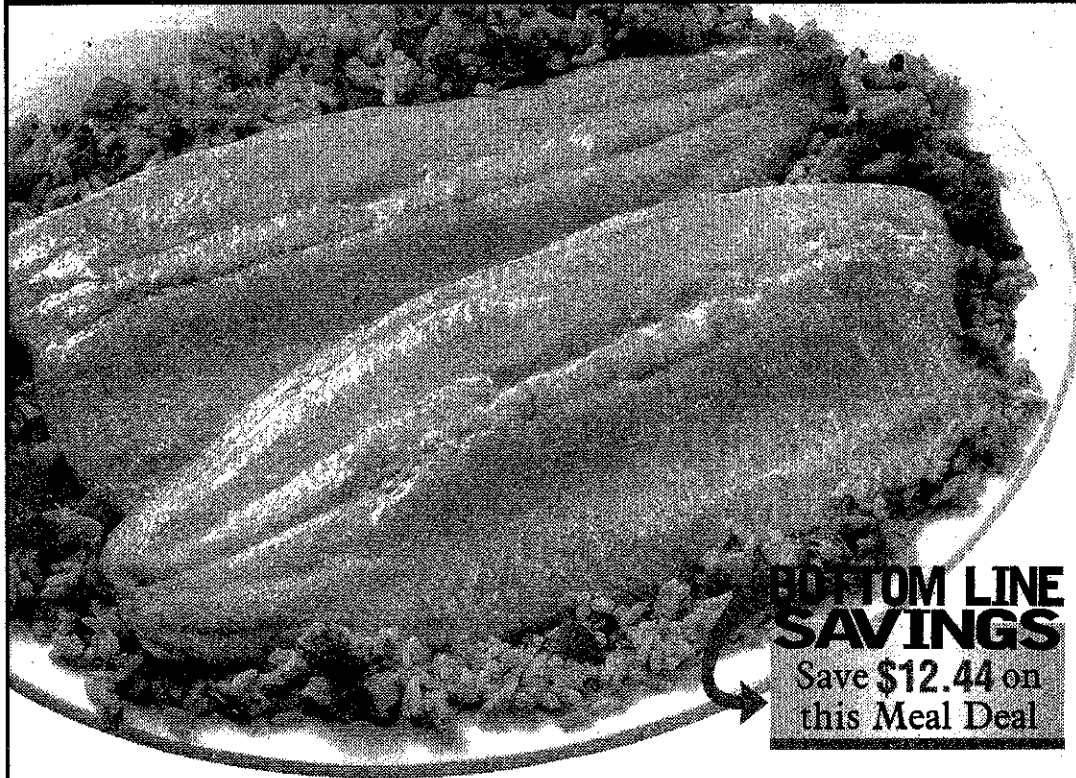
recent Michigan State University study revealed that apple eaters have fewer respiratory infections and tension-related complaints. The United States Department of Agriculture found that the mineral boron in apples can curb calcium deficiencies in people over fifty and keep brain functions alert in toddlers.

Michigan apples are processed in several ways. An important Michigan apple product is pure and natural apple cider. Michigan produces over 50 percent of the nation's apple slices and is the largest supplier of apple slices used in commercially prepared apple pies. Also, Michigan apples are a main source for applesauce.

For more information about Michigan apples, contact: Michigan Apple Committee, 12800 Escanaba Drive, Ste. B, in DeWitt MI 48820. The phone number is (517) 669-8353 or you can visit www.michiganapples.com

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - August 26, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 26, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway...

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Regular Board Minutes of August 12, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Mr. Jay Sallam, 44970 Fox Point Drive in Canton, appeared before the board and presented his concerns regarding his driveway. Director Minghine informed Mr. Sallam the problem in the driveway is not in the sanitary sewer but is in the storm sewer...

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Financial statement table with columns: General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, Summit Operating, Cable TV Fund, Twp Improvement, E-911 Utility, Auto Forfeiture(wwa), Federal Grants Fund, Expenditure Recap 8/26/03, Auto Theft Grant, Downtown Dev Auth, Cap Proj-Summit Const, Cap Proj - Road Pav, Golf Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Post Employ. Benefits, Total - All Funds.

PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. Consider Adopting Resolution Number 4 to Schedule the Public Hearing on the Roll for the Reduced Lotz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District 2003-2, South of Michigan Avenue. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:09 pm to consider adopting Resolution Number 4, supported by Zarbo. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION NO. 4 - LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2003-2 MICHIGAN AVE TO PALMER ROAD

A Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 26th day of August 2003, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan in said Township at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. PRESENT: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly ABSENT: Members: McLaughlin

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member, Bennett and supported by Member, Kirchgatter.

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted June 10, 2003, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton determined to acquire and construct the improvements more particularly hereinafter described as assess the cost thereof to the property benefitted by said improvements, all in accordance with Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has prepared and reported to the Township Board a special assessment roll assessing the cost of said improvements to the property benefitted thereby, with the Supervisor's certificate attached thereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Said special assessment roll shall be filed with the office of the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular working hours on regular working days.
2. The Township Board shall meet 7:00 p.m. on September 9, 2003 at The Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to review said special assessment roll and hear any objection thereto.
3. The Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of the assessment roll to be published twice in the Canton Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, prior to the date of the hearing, and shall cause notice of such hearing, which first such publication shall be at least ten (10) days before the hearing, and shall cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all record owners of or persons in interest in property in the special assessment district, as shown on the last Township tax assessment record of the Township, at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing. Said notice as published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

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: SIDWELL# 71-142-01-0078-000; 71-142-01-0100-000; 71-142-01-0076-000; 71-141-99-0027-711; 71-142-01-0073-000; 71-141-99-0027-708 71-142-01-0069-000; 71-141-99-0027-705; 71-142-01-0065-000; 71-141-99-0027-706.

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 inclusion 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.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly NAYS: Members: None ABSENT: McLaughlin RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Set Public Hearing for the Adoption of a Brownfield Plan for CH Canton, LLC Theater Project. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the Public Hearing date for September 23, 2003 to consider the approval and authorization 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, and further authorize the Township Clerk to publish notice in the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper. Furthermore, a notice of public hearing shall be sent to each affected tax jurisdiction. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Second Reading of the Ordinance No. 158 Repeal of Ordinance 66 (Uniform Traffic Code) and Repeal of Ordinance 47 (Motor Driven Vehicles, Snowmobiles, Etc.). Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and adopt Ordinance 158 - Repeal of Ordinance No. 66 and Ordinance No. 47 to become effective September 30, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. 158 - ORDINANCE REPEALING

THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 66 AND ALL AMENDMENTS, AND REPEALING THE OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 47 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 66 AND ALL AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 47 AND ALL AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. REPEAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 66 AND ALL AMENDMENTS. The Charter Township of Canton Uniform Traffic Code being Ordinance No. 66 and all amendments be and are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to implement the intent of this Ordinance but all pending actions written thereunder be and are hereby preserved.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 47 AND ALL AMENDMENTS. The Charter Township of Canton Off-Road Vehicle and Snowmobile Ordinance being Ordinance No. 47 and all amendments be and are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to implement the intent of this Ordinance but all pending actions written thereunder be and are hereby preserved.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect on September 30, 2003, provided it shall have been published as required by law.

Item 3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 159 - Adoption by Reference (UTC/MVC) of the Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Township and Villages and Adoption by Reference Provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and adopt Ordinance No. 159 - Adoption by Reference the UTC/MVC of the Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages and Adoption by Reference Provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, to become effective on September 30, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - ORDINANCE NO. 159 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES AND ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES AS PROMULGATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PUBLIC ACT 306, AS AMENDED (MCL 24.201, et seq.) AND MADE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 30, 2002, AS PROVIDED IN AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 23 OF PUBLIC ACT 359 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947, AS AMENDED (MCL 42.23) AND TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE PROVISIONS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, PUBLIC ACT 300 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1949, AS AMENDED, ALSO AS PROVIDED BY AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 23 OF PUBLIC ACT 359 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947, AS AMENDED (MCL 42.23) AND TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE PROVISIONS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT DEALING WITH SNOWMOBILES AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, BEING PARTS OF 1994 PUBLIC ACT 451; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC, MOTOR VEHICLES AND RELATED ITEMS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES. The Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages as promulgated by the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 Public Act 306, as amended (MCL 24.201, et seq.) and made effective October 30, 2002, is hereby adopted by reference. All references in said Uniform Traffic Code to a "governmental unit" shall mean the Charter Township of Canton.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE CODE BY REFERENCE AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT BY REFERENCE. The following provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, 1949 Public Act 300, as amended (MCL 257.1 et seq.) and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended (MCL 324.81101-324.81147 and MCL 324.82101 - 324.82158) are hereby adopted by reference:

- A. Chapter I (Words and Phrases Defined): MCL 257.1 n 257.82.
B. Chapter II (Administration, Registration): MCL 257.223, 257.225, 257.226b, 257.228, 257.243, 257.244, 257.252a-g, 257.255, 257.256.
C. Chapter III (Operator's and Chauffeur's License): MCL 257.310e, 257.311, 257.312, 257.312a, 257.315, 257.319d, 257.324, 257.325, 257.326, 257.328.
D. Chapter VI (Obedience to and Effect of Traffic Laws): MCL 257.601-257.601b, 257.602-257.606, 257.610, 257.611-257.616, 257.617a-257.622, 257.624a-257.624b, 257.625 (except felony provisions), 257.625a, 257.625c, 257.625m, 257.626-257.626b, 257.627-257.627b, 257.628, 257.629b, 257.631-257.632, 257.634-257.645, 257.647-257.655, 257.656, 257.656-257.662, 257.667-257.675d, 257.676-257.682b, 257.683-257.710e, 257.716-257.724, 257.726, 257.726a.
E. Chapter VII (License Offenses): MCL 257.904-257.904a, 257.904e, 257.905.
F. Chapter VIII (Snowmobiles and Off-Road Vehicles): Subchapter 6 of Part 811 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended, pertaining to off-road vehicles (MCL 324.81101-324.81147) and Part 821 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended, pertaining to snowmobiles (MCL 324.82101-324.82158).

SECTION 3. PENALTIES. The penalties provided by the Uniform Traffic Code, the pertinent provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and the pertinent provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act herein above adopted by reference are hereby adopted as the penalties for violations of the corresponding provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall at the same time publish a supplementary notice setting forth the purpose of the said Uniform Traffic Code and of the fact that a complete copy of the code is available at the office of the Clerk for inspection by the public at all times.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect on September 30, 2003, provided it shall have been published as required by law.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Item 4. Consider Authorizing Northwest Consultants, Inc. To Provide Construction Staking for Lotz Road Paving, North of Palmer. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to increase purchase order for Northwest Consultants, Inc in the amount of \$3,200 for

a total not-to-exceed the amount of \$8,100. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Set Millage Rate Limits for December 1, 2003 Tax Levy and Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rates and FY 2004 Budgets. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve setting the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 2003 as follows:

Table with columns: 2002 Millage Rate, Proposed Millage Rate, Increase (Decrease). Rows: Charter Mills (General Fund), Fire Protection Spcl Assessment, Police Protection Spcl Assessment, Total.

and further move that a Public Hearing be held on September 23, 2003 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2004 budgets. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Consider Willow Creek Preliminary Planned Development District. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Bill Madden, to grant approval of Willow Creek Preliminary Planned Development District, based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Consider Special Land Use Approval for Taco Bell/KFC Restaurant. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Eric Rauch, to conduct the special use for the proposed Taco Bell/KFC, subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Consider Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (Proposal to Permit Licensed Massage Establishments in the O-1 District). Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the changes to Section 20.02 of the Zoning Ordinance which would add "Licensed Massage Establishment" as a permitted land use in the O-1 District, as follows:

ARTICLE 20.00 - O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT - 20.02 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

3. Medical and Dental Clinics, offices or laboratories; and Licensed Massage Establishments.

Motion carried by all members present.

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Item 5. Consider Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (Automobile Filling and Mixed Use/Service Stations). Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the amendments to Section 1.03, 4.01, 6.02, 17.02, 18.02 and 22.02 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to automobile filling, multi-use stations, and off-street parking requirements as stated, excluding changes made in Article 602(C)(8). Motion carried by all members present.

ARTICLE 1.00 - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

[Amend Section 1.03, DEFINITIONS, as follows:]

AUTOMOBILE: Unless specifically indicated otherwise, "automobile" shall mean any vehicle including, by way of example, cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles, pick-up trucks, vans, motorcycles, and the like.

AUTOMOBILE FILLING STATION: A place used for the retail sale and dispensing of fuel or lubricants together with the fixed equipment from which the fuel is dispensed directly into motor vehicles. Automobile filling stations may also incorporate additional uses as permitted and regulated by this Ordinance, include sale of convenience items similar to a convenience grocery store and include an automobile wash, but shall not include a restaurant or other uses of a retail nature.

AUTOMOBILE FILLING/MULTI-USE STATION: A place used for the retail sale and dispensing of fuel or lubricants together with the fixed equipment from which the fuel is dispensed directly into motor vehicles. Automobile filling/multi-use stations may also include the sale of items similar to a convenience grocery store, standard restaurants, fast food and/or carry out restaurants, uses of a retail nature, an automobile wash, and/or an automobile service station.

AUTOMOBILE REPAIR GARAGE: An enclosed building where the following services may be carried out: general repairs, engine rebuilding, reconditioning of motor vehicles; collision services, such as frame or fender straightening and repair; painting and undercoating of automobiles; and, similar repair activities.

AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATION: A place used for the retail sale and dispensing of fuel or lubricants together with the fixed equipment from which the fuel is dispensed directly into motor vehicles, including the sale and installation of minor accessories (such as tires, batteries, mufflers, brakes, shock absorbers, window glass), quick oil change and lubrication, and the servicing of and minor repair of automobiles.

AUTOMOBILE WASH ESTABLISHMENT: A building or portion thereof where automobiles are washed. Such facilities shall include: -AUTOMATIC WASH: Any facility, its structures, accessory uses, or paved areas used wholly or partly to wash, clean and dry the exterior of automobiles, using conveyors to move the vehicle, or equipment that moves over or around the vehicle, or other automated equipment intended to mechanically wash such vehicles.

-SELF-SERVICE WASH: Any facility, its structures, accessory uses or paved areas used wholly or partly to wash, clean and dry the exterior of automobiles using hand-held equipment.

ARTICLE 4.00 - OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

[Amend Section 4.01, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, Subsection D, as follows:]

D. LAYOUT AND CONSTRUCTION

6. Curbs, Wheel Chocks. A curb of at least six (6) inches in height shall be installed to prevent motor vehicles from being driven or parked so that any part of the vehicle extends within two (2) feet of abutting landscaped areas, sidewalks, streets, buildings, or adjoining property. In lieu of a curb, wheel chocks may be provided to prevent vehicles from extending over grass areas, setback lines, or lot lines.

ARTICLE 6.00 - SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES

6.02 SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USES

[Subsection C, amend as follows:]

C. AUTOMOBILE FILLING STATIONS, AUTOMOBILE FILLING/MULTI-USE STATIONS, AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS, AUTOMOBILE REPAIR GARAGES

4. The following regulations shall apply to Automobile Filling Stations, Automobile Filling/Multi-Use Stations, and Automobile Service Stations, and Automobile Repair Garages:

- 1. a. Minimum Lot Area. The minimum lot area shall be one (1) acre, of a lot covered by Aell buildings, including principal and accessory buildings and canopy areas, shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the net lot area, provided the following minimum net lot area requirements for such uses shall be met:
Automobile Filling or Service Stations 1 acre
Automobile Filling or Service Station with a single bay car wash 60,000 sq. ft.
2. b. Minimum Lot Width. The minimum lot width required for such uses shall be as follows: 150 feet. Automobile Filling and/or Service Stations 155 ft.
Automobile or Service Station with a single bay car wash 150 ft.
3. c. Minimum Setbacks. Minimum setbacks required for such uses shall be as follows:
Front - From any right-of-way line 40 ft.
Canopy Building 95 ft.
Side or rear setback abutting residentially zoned property 25 ft.
(a) Front setback measured from any right-of-way line:
(1) Canopy 40 ft.
(2) Pump and/or Pump Island 50 ft.
(3) Building 85 ft.
(b) Side or rear yard setback:
(1) Canopy 30 ft.
(2) Pump and/or Pump Island 40 ft.
(3) Building 30 ft.
(c) Side or rear yard setback abutting residential zoned property:
(1) Canopy 40 ft.
(2) Pump and/or Pump Island 50 ft.
(3) Building 40 ft.
4. d. Ingress and Egress. Ingress and egress drives shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet and a maximum of thirty-six (36) feet (40) feet in width. Curb radii shall be adequate to accommodate the turning radii of delivery trucks. There shall be a clear unobstructed driveway area provided to the loading area which is not in conflict with other vehicular patterns on the site. No more than one (1) such drive or curb opening shall be permitted for every seventy five (75) feet of frontage (or fraction thereof) along any street. The nearest edge of any such drive shall be located at least twenty five (25) feet from the nearest point of any property zoned or used for residential purposes. Curb openings for drives shall not be permitted where the drive would

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Mix wild rice in a variety of ethnic cuisines

The onset of September and its cooler temperatures beckon home cooks across the country to try a wild rice dish. The following recipes present a golden opportunity to sample various cuisines and explore the many uses for wild rice.

If cuisine derived from south of the border is preferred, Wild Rice Azteca adds texture, striking color, and a smoky, nutty flavor to traditional Mexican rice. This recipe provides a spicy side dish to complement any Southwestern meal.

Wild Rice Athena is a delicious Mediterranean-inspired dish that functions as either a tasty complement or else a light, meatless main dish.

Wild Rice Bangkok converts a traditional Thai side dish into an updated treat, combining California's treat with tangy Far Eastern flavors.

For more information or recipes, please send a SASE to California Wild Rice Recipes, 3539 Bradshaw Rd., Suite B 212, Sacramento, Calif. 95827. Otherwise, log on to www.cawildrice.com

WILD RICE ATHENA

- 3-1/2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup California wild rice
- 3/4 cup jasmine or other long-grain white rice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 16.5 ounce jar marinated artichoke hearts, chopped, reserving liquid
- 1 tablespoon minced, fresh oregano or 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon peel
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions

In a 4-5 quart saucepan, bring broth to a boil over high heat. Add wild rice; reduce heat to low, cover tightly. Simmer until grains begin to open and feel tender to bite, about 45 minutes.

Stir in white rice. Cover tightly, and simmer until tender to bite and liquid is absorbed, about 20-25 more minutes.

While wild and white rice cook, heat olive oil in a 10-12 inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, garlic, artichoke hearts, oregano and lemon peel. Stir often, over medium heat, until heated through, about 5 minutes. When rice is done, remove from heat and gently stir in onion-artichoke mixture, 1/4 cup reserved marinade, feta cheese and green onions. Serve immediately. Makes 6-8 side-dish or 4 main dish servings.

Nutrition per serving: 247 calories; 8.1g protein; 34.2g carbohydrates; 2.3g fiber; 9.1g fat; 19mg cholesterol; 565mg sodium

WILD RICE AZTECA

- 3-1/2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup California wild rice
- 3/4 cup jasmine or other long-grain white rice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 114.5 ounce can diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 or 2 canned chipotle chiles, minced*
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/3 cup minced, fresh cilantro
- Avocado and sour cream (optional)

In a 4-5 quart saucepan, bring broth to a boil over high heat. Add wild rice; reduce heat to low, cover tightly. Simmer until grains begin to open and feel tender to bite, about 45 minutes.

Stir in white rice. Cover tightly, and simmer until tender to bite and liquid is absorbed, about 20-25 more minutes.

While wild and white rice cook, heat olive oil in a 10-12 inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, garlic, diced tomatoes, chipotle and cumin to oil. Reduce heat to medium and stir until heated through, about 5 minutes. When rice is done, remove from heat and gently stir in onion-tomato mixture and cilantro until blended. Garnish each serving with a dollop of sour cream and avocado slices. (Optional) Makes 6-8 side-dish servings.

*Additional chilies can be added to increase spiciness.

Nutrition per serving (excluding optional ingredients): 193 calories; 5.4g protein; 34g carbohydrates; 2.2g fiber; 4.4g fat; 0mg cholesterol; 318mg sodium.

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create a safety hazard or traffic nuisance because of its location in relation to other ingress and egress drives, its location in relation to the traffic generated by other buildings or uses, its location near a vehicular or pedestrian entrance or crossings, or similar concerns as provided more specifically below:

(a) **Driveway Spacing.** Driveway spacing will be determined as a function of operating speeds of the adjacent public road. Spacing will be determined according to the following minimum standards or to standards adopted by the appropriate governing road jurisdiction, whichever is more stringent:

| Speed Limits (mph) | Minimum Spacing (feet) |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 25 | 105 |
| 30 | 125 |
| 35 | 150 |
| 40 | 185 |
| 45 | 230 |

Spacing is based on average vehicle acceleration and deceleration rates and is considered necessary to maintain safe traffic operation. Spacing will be measured from the midpoint of each driveway. In the event that a particular parcel or parcels lack sufficient road frontage to maintain adequate spacing, the applicant shall have one of two options:

- (1) A modification from minimum spacing can be sought from the Planning Commission, but in no case can the variance be greater than that which is necessary to provide safe and efficient access to the site.
- (2) The adjacent landowners may agree to establish a common driveway. In such cases, the driveway midpoint shall be the property line between the two parcels and shall meet standard specifications. The Township may require maintenance agreements between owners of a common driveway to cover such issues as snow plowing, resurfacing liability, etc.

(b) **Number of Driveways Per Parcel**

- (1) A maximum of one (1) two-way driveway opening or a pair of one-way driveway openings shall be permitted to a particular site from each adjacent public road.
- (2) Based on the recommendation of the appropriate governing road jurisdiction and/or the Township Engineer that an additional driveway is in the interest of good traffic operation, the Planning Commission may permit one (1) additional driveway entrance along a continuous site with frontage in excess of three hundred (300) feet or two (2) additional driveway entrances along a continuous site with frontage in excess of six hundred (600) feet.
- (3) Common driveways, as set forth in Section 6.08.F.2.b.2 shall be considered to be one driveway.

(c) **Ingress and egress for drives** shall be designated and located in a manner that does not create a safety hazard or traffic nuisance because of its location in relation to other ingress and egress drives, its location in relation to the traffic generated by other buildings or uses, its location near a vehicular or pedestrian entrance or crossings, or similar concerns.

- (1) Driveway design and placement must be in harmony with internal circulation and parking design such that the entrance can absorb the maximum rate of inbound traffic during a normal peak traffic period.
- (2) There must be sufficient on-site storage to accommodate at least two queued vehicles waiting to enter or exit without using a portion of the public right-of-way obstructing existing vehicle sight distance, or otherwise interfering with street traffic.
- (3) Provisions for circulation between adjacent parcels are required when possible through coordinated or joint parking systems.
- (4) Driveways shall be designed to accommodate all vehicle types having occasion to enter and exit the site, including delivery and refueling vehicles. There shall be clear delineation and/or separation, where appropriate, of entry and exit lanes within driveways.
- (5) Loading and unloading and refueling activities shall not hinder vehicle ingress or egress.
- (6) All gasoline pumps shall be arranged so that motor vehicles do not park on or extend over abutting landscaped areas, sidewalks, streets, buildings, or adjoining property while being served.

5. e. Curbs. A concrete curb of at least six (6) inches in height shall be installed to prevent vehicles from being driven onto or parked with any part of the vehicle extending within two (2) feet of abutting landscaped areas, sidewalks, streets, buildings, or adjoining property.

6. f. Surfacing. The entire lot, excluding areas occupied by landscaping and building, shall be hardsurfaced with concrete or plant mixed bituminous material. The site shall be graded and drained so as to dispose of surface waters.

7. e. Layout. All lubrication equipment, automobile wash equipment, hoists, and pits shall be enclosed entirely within a building. All buildings must be oriented so that service by doors face away from any abutting residentially-zoned or used property and shall be oriented and/or screened to eliminate and/or minimize views of the doors from adjacent public roads. All gasoline pumps shall be located not less than fifteen (15) feet from any lot line, and shall be arranged so that motor vehicles do not park on or extend over abutting landscaped areas, sidewalks, streets, buildings, or adjoining property while being served.

8. h. Outside Storage. Where outside storage is permitted, used tires, auto parts, and other material shall be enclosed with a masonry wall, not less than six (6) feet in height. The enclosure shall be equipped with an opaque lockable gate that is the same height as the enclosure itself. Inoperable, wrecked or partially dismantled vehicles shall not be stored or parked outside for a period exceeding two (2) days.

9. i. Vehicle Sales and Storage. The storage, sale, or rental of new or used cars, trucks, trailers, and any other vehicles on the premises is prohibited.

10. j. Off-Street Parking and Loading. Required off-street parking for automobile filling or service (Multi-Use stations offering additional services shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 4.01 and shall be computed on the basis of each separate use as set forth in the Schedule of Off-Street Parking. Off-street loading shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 4.02 and the Schedule of Loading Space Requirements.

11. k. Site Circulation. Automobile filling and service stations, particularly those which offer additional services, shall be designed in a manner which promotes pedestrian and vehicular safety.

11. l. Canopy Structure. Canopy structures shall be designed and constructed in a manner which is architecturally compatible with the principal building. The canopy structure shall be attached to and made an integral part of the principal building, wherever possible. The Planning Commission may approve an alternative design where it can be demonstrated that the design of the building and canopy in combination would be more functional and aesthetically pleasing if the canopy was not physically attached to the principal building. Support columns of any proposed canopy structure shall be covered with brick to match the principal building. Required fire protection devices under the canopy shall be architecturally screened so that the tanks are not directly visible from the street. The screens shall be compatible with the design and color of the canopy.

12. m. Fueling operations designed to accommodate tractor trailer trucks shall be prohibited except on sites adjacent to property zoned LI-1, LI-2 or GI.

13. Pedestrian Circulation.

(a) Automobile filling/mixed use stations shall be designed in a manner which promotes pedestrian and vehicular safety.

(b) The parking and circulation system within each development shall accommodate the safe movement of vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians and refueling activities throughout the proposed development and to and from surrounding areas in a safe and convenient manner.

(c) Pedestrian walkway patterns shall be considered as an integral component of site design and shall be located to connect areas or points of pedestrian origin and destination. Where it is necessary for the pedestrian access to cross drive aisles, crossings shall

emphasize and place priority on pedestrian access and safety. The pedestrian crossings must be well-marked and clearly visible, using pavement treatments, signs, striping, signals and lighting.

(d) Clear identification and delineation between the drive-thru facility and parking lot shall be provided. Drive-thru facilities shall be designed in a manner which promotes pedestrian and vehicular safety, and do not interfere with access to parking and maneuvering lanes.

2. The following regulations shall apply to Automobile Repair Garages:

a. Minimum setbacks. Automobile repair garages are subject to the minimum setback requirements set forth in Article 26.00.

b. Ingress and Egress. Ingress and egress drives shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet and a maximum of forty (40) feet in width. No more than one (1) such drive or curb opening shall be permitted for every seventy-five (75) feet of frontage (or fraction thereof) along any street. The nearest edge of any such drive shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from the nearest point of any property zoned or used for residential purposes.

c. Curb openings for drives shall not be permitted where the drive would create a safety hazard or traffic nuisance because of its location in relation to other ingress and egress drives, its location in relation to the traffic generated by other buildings or uses, its location near vehicular or pedestrian entrances or crossings, or similar concerns.

d. Curbs. A concrete curb of at least six (6) inches in height shall be installed to prevent vehicles from being driven onto or parked with any part of the vehicle extending within two (2) feet of abutting landscaped areas, sidewalks, streets, buildings, or adjoining property.

e. Surfacing. The entire lot, excluding areas occupied by landscaping and building, shall be hard surfaced with concrete or plant mixed bituminous material. The site shall be graded and drained so as to dispose of surface waters.

f. Layout. All lubrication equipment, automobile wash equipment, hoists, and pits shall be enclosed entirely within a building. All gasoline pumps shall be located not less than fifteen (15) feet from any lot line, and shall be arranged so that motor vehicles do not park on or extend over abutting landscaped areas, sidewalks, streets, buildings, or adjoining property while being served.

g. Outside Storage. Where outside storage is permitted, used tires, auto parts, and other material shall be enclosed with a masonry wall, not less than six (6) feet in height. The enclosure shall be equipped with an opaque lockable gate that is the same height as the enclosure itself. Inoperable, wrecked or partially dismantled vehicles shall not be stored or parked outside for a period exceeding two (2) days.

h. Vehicle Sales and Storage. The storage, sale, or rental of new or used cars, trucks, trailers, and any other vehicles on the premises is prohibited.

i. All garage bay doors shall be oriented and/or screened to eliminate and/or minimize views of the doors from the adjacent public roads.

ARTICLE 16.00 - C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT 16.02 PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

B. SPECIAL LAND USES

8. a. Automobile Filling Stations (limited to redevelopment of existing stations), subject to the provisions in Section 6.02, sub-section C.

b. Automobile Service Stations, subject to the provisions of Section 6.02, subsection C.

ARTICLE 17.00 - C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT 17.02 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

B. SPECIAL LAND USES

13. a. Automobile Filling Stations (limited to redevelopment of existing stations), subject to the provisions in Section 6.02, sub-section C.

b. Automobile Service Stations, including quick oil change or lubrication stations, subject to the provisions of Section 6.02, sub-section C.

ARTICLE 18.00 - C-4, INTERCHANGE SERVICE DISTRICT 18.02 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

B. SPECIAL LAND USES

8. a. Automobile Filling Stations, subject to the provisions in Section 6.02, sub-section C.

b. Automobile Service Stations, subject to the provisions of Section 6.02, subsection C.

c. Automobile Filling/Multi-Use Station, subject to the provisions of Section 6.02, sub-section C.

ARTICLE 22.00 - LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL - 2 DISTRICT 22.02 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

B. SPECIAL LAND USES

2. Automobile Filling Stations, Automobile Service Stations, Automobile Filling/Multi-Use Stations, and Automobile Repair Garages, including quick oil change or lubrication stations, subject to the provisions in Section 6.02, sub-section C.

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Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. Authorize Easement for Detroit Edison along Beck Road on Pheasant Run Golf Course. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Detroit Edison easement for Pheasant Run Golf Club. I further move to authorize the \$7,500 expenditure and approve the following budget amendment for this expenditure: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance # 101-000-699-0000 \$7,500

Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services-Parks #101-270-818-0000 \$7,500. This budget amendment increases the Parks Division budget from \$2,033,794 to \$2,041,294, and the General Fund budget from \$24,586,425 to \$24,593,925. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. Approval of Reimbursement Payment for Township Entryway Sign. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve reimbursement payment to Bob Evans Restaurant for entryway sign installation work at Ford Road and I-275 for \$6,597. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 8. Request to Approve the Purchase of Five Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of five self contained breathing apparatus from PVT Pressure Vessel Testing for an amount not to exceed \$19,550.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. Request to Purchase a Rescue Squad. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of one rescue squad from Wheeled Coach, Niles, Michigan for a total cost of \$74,936. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 10. Consider Issuing Water Debt Certificates to Heron Ridge Associates LLC to Reimburse the Costs Associated with Design and Easement Procurement for the Napier Road Water Main Project. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the issuance of water debt certificates to Heron Ridge Associates LLC in the amount of \$38,903.31. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 11. Consider Proposal to Complete Flow Monitoring For The Township's Sanitary Sewer System. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the services of Wade Trim & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$133,100.00 and the services of Martin Control Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$239,825.00 to provide Sewer Flow Monitoring, analysis and sewer model updating of the remaining portions of the Township's sanitary sewer system for a total amount not to exceed \$372,725. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 12. Authorize Easement for Detroit Edison Along Proctor Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Detroit Edison easement for an easement on Township owned property along Proctor Road adjacent to Independence Park. Motion carried by all members present.

OTHER: Supervisor Yack indicated it has not been determined yet, but there may be a study session meeting for the Board next Tuesday. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

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

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

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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 18th, 2003 for the following:

PRGC ASPHALT REPAIR / REPLACEMENT

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.

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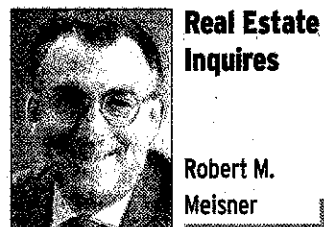
The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Confirm error to correct assessments

I live in a small condo and determined that there are errors in the manner in which the percentage of value calculations were made which impact on my obligation to pay assessments. Am I bound to the arbitrary percentage of value numbers in the master deed? Can a change be made?

It is best to have a condo attorney look at your condominium documents to confirm your concerns. If in fact there were errors in the calculation of the percentage of value, you should bring it to the attention of the Association, and hopefully, a correction can be made. It may be necessary, however, to obtain an amendment to the master deed which may require the co-owner's approval unless the developer reserved the right to do so based upon an error in the calculation. In some instances there may also need to be mortgage approval depending upon the circumstances.

We have a dispute in our homeowner's association which is going to mediation. I am concerned, however, that the statements during the settlement may come back to haunt us as an association. Do you have any comments?

Most facilitators or mediators will advise the parties prior to the commencement of the mediation or facilitation that the statements made during settlement negotiations are privileged and protected from third party discovery. That principle was recently upheld in a 6th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals ruling and is generally a matter of contract entered into by the parties before going into case evaluation or facilitation. This would also apply to litigation where there are settlement discussions.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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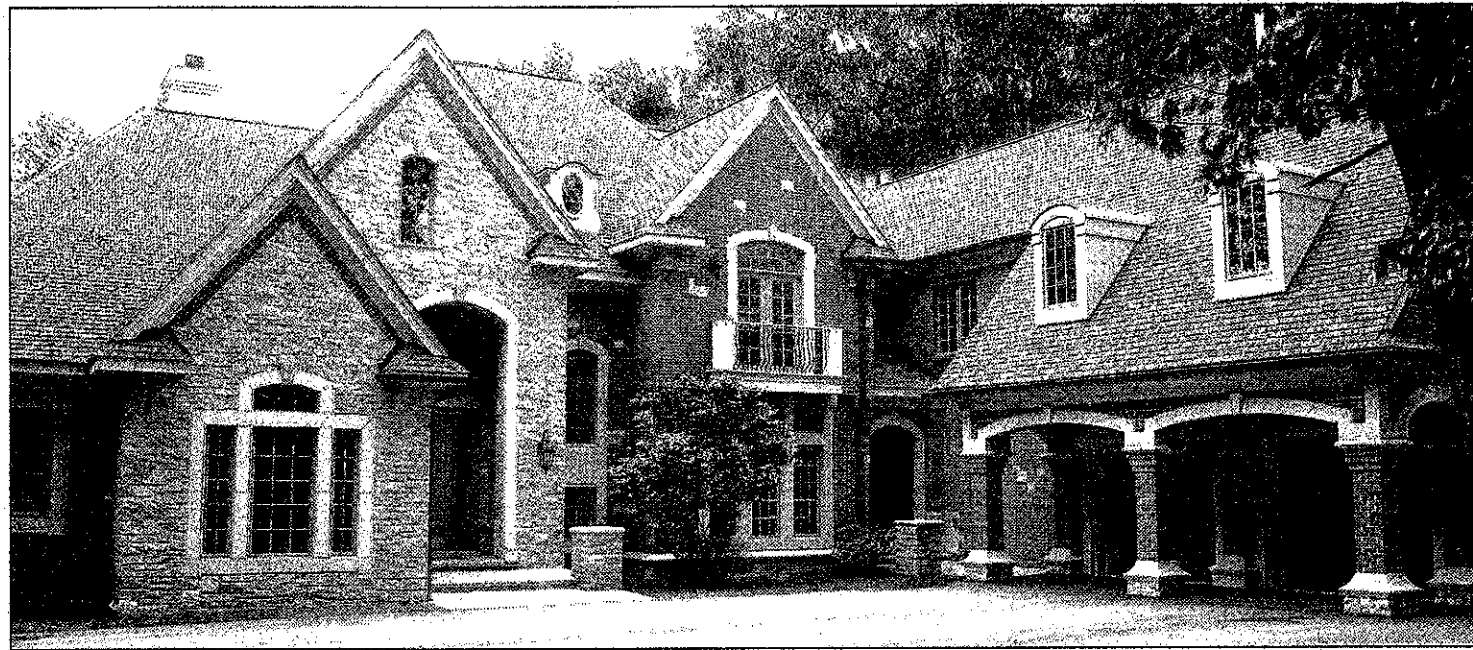
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A luxury home at 1890 Huron Ridge.

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Luxury home market is unique

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The luxury home market is like a newborn baby. No two are alike and each requires special attention.

No one knows that better than Nancy Browning, associate broker for Coldwell Banker-Schweitzer Real Estate in Bloomfield Hills. Browning was an agent for 11 years, for what she describes as a "mom and pop" or "boutique" agency, before she began working for a national firm which specializes in the luxury home market.

Coldwell Banker maintains a program titled Previews International - a system of selling, based on the concept of international, distinctive home marketing. The idea originated during the Depression era by entrepreneur Henderson Talbot. He understood the need for a specialized program for marketing high end properties that were sure to flood the market during such a significant and widespread economic crisis like the Depression.

To reach the buyers for such extravagant properties, Talbot believed a unique approach must be developed. He realized the reach must expand beyond the local buyer and a company called Preview Properties was born. In the late 1970s, Coldwell Banker acquired his company with hopes to further the luxury home market. The byproduct of this was Coldwell Banker Previews International. "One-third of million dollar-plus properties are now handled through our Coldwell Banker Previews International. We have mastered the art of distinctive home marketing," said Browning. "It's very exciting for us as well as for our network of buyers and sellers." One such seller is President and CEO John Shekerjian of John Richards Homes. Shekerjian, a luxury home builder who just celebrated his 20th anniversary in the industry with his wife and business partner, Janet, has teamed up with Browning to "embrace the attraction of the current world-wide luxury home buyer market."

Shekerjian said he was familiar with the success Browning commands in the market and knew she was a good associate to help sell the distinctive properties John Richards Homes is noted for building.

IMPRESSIVE



A sweeping two-story staircase adjacent to a formal living room is one of the highlights of this luxury home on Heron Ridge Drive in Bloomfield Hills. Below, this room was created with a view for all.

One such property Browning currently has listed for Shekerjian is located in Heron Park - the final element of the exclusive Heron Bay enclave. The 7,800-square-foot manor located on Heron Ridge Drive in Bloomfield Hills features a sweeping two-story staircase adjacent to a formal living room, 10-foot-high ceilings, a casual large family room with fireplace and breakfast area both of which adjoin the gourmet kitchen.

"This home is an exquisite example of the attention to detail John is known for," said Browning from the gourmet kitchen of the Heron Ridge property that features granite countertops, Brazilian cherry hardwood floors and custom cherry cabinetry. "This home illustrates perfectly what it means to be listed amongst our Previews International properties. The properties are awe-inspiring." Shekerjian said he and his wife entered the "high-end" home building market "from day one."

"It has always been interesting and exciting for us to work with customers who appreciate the attention to detail featured in our homes," said Shekerjian. Other unique features of the Bloomfield Hills John Richards Home include a lower level walk-out encompassing 2,200 square feet overlooking a private terrace and nature preserve which offers the future homeowner canal access to Forest Lake; a first-floor master suite with fireplace, bay, large walk-in closets and a well-



appointed marble bath.

Browning pointed out that John Richard Homes are distinguished by special window designs, curved ceilings and molding detail.

"This is a property that requires special attention," said Browning who received certification through Coldwell Banker to be a Previews International property broker. "There are a lot of really exciting things happening in the market right now and I really enjoy working with buyers and sellers in this market."

FAR AND WIDE

The Bloomfield Hills broker said she works in a global market selling luxury homes rather than just focusing on local sales. According to recent real estate industry reports - "54 percent of over million dollar

home buyers are not local buyers." The reach extends to national and international clients who transfer or relocate from every region of the globe. Linda Urban, Coldwell Banker-Schweitzer Real Estate's Bloomfield Hills office manager, said years ago it was challenging for luxury home buyers to prepare, in advance, for housing options when they were considering a cross-continent move.

"Today, Coldwell Banker has the means and the network to not only reach this market, but to assist builders and home sellers with a venue to promote luxury living," said Urban.

For more information about Coldwell Banker's Previews International program, visit www.coldwellbanker.com or contact Nancy Browning at Coldwell Banker-Schweitzer Real Estate, (248) 646-1800.

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Knowing game helps first-time home buyers

Last week, I cheered from a hopeful and anxious sideline gallery as my son's JV football team, at Plymouth High School, sought to derail an opposing team that had not lost in five years. It was a true cliffhanger, but I can proudly declare that the Wildcats emerged with the victory.

The components essential to this young team's triumph are similar to those needed for young home seekers to emerge as new homeowners. Success is largely based on belief in achieving a specific outcome, and on tackling fear if and when it exists. Of course, knowing the rules of the game and having great coaching also help immensely in scoring big.

My younger mortgage clients are almost always a bit jittery about buying homes until they begin to understand the process. After a little exposure to basic mortgage concepts, I see them start to develop belief that just maybe it is possible to own a home of their own. Like young athletes, it's their belief system that opens the doors to all other possibilities.

Coaches, mentors, and family members can play a huge role in building (or destroying) this critical building block.

Once the "possibility factor" is in place, acquiring a basic education can build confidence very rapidly. The notion that knowledge is power is as true for home buyers as it is on the gridiron. Athletes study playbooks and train with coaches. First-time home buyers can get helpful information from government agencies, like HUD, or by simply chatting with a competent Realtor or mortgage loan officer.

TAKE ACTION

However, even with the best information and superior coaching, there's no chance of winning if you don't take the field. Hundreds of potential future homeowners remain sidelined because they are afraid of taking action. The solution: Have faith in your cheerleaders. God bless the cheerleaders who put banners on the front of players' homes saying, "You Can Do It!"

Come on, you are not cracking helmets with a 200-pound lineman. You are making a positive move toward your future. You can do it. Action negates fear. Just take a first step.

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. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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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 & 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 & Thursday, Sept. 9-18, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills; 6-10 p.m. Monday & Wednesday, Sept. 15-24, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road; and Tuesday & 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, lunch 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 mehinspect@bignet.net

Life changes motivate new home purchase

PRNEWswire

Only 4 percent of Americans who plan on buying a home in the next two years cite low mortgage rates as their biggest motivating factor.

That's the finding of a new survey from lawyers.com, the online consumer and small business legal resource from LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell. The survey assessed Americans' attitudes about and plans for buying and selling primary-residence homes.

Despite rate increases in the past weeks, current mortgage rates still remain lower than the yearly average rates since 1972, according to data

from Freddie Mac.

"In the past year, mortgage rates have been at levels never before seen," observed attorney Alan Kopit, lawyers.com's legal editor. "Yet this new survey shows that despite all the headlines, the vast majority of Americans who want to buy a home have reasons other than simply achieving relatively low monthly housing payments."

The survey, conducted for lawyers.com by market researchers Harris Interactive, found that one out of four Americans in the market for a new home cite a life change (either retirement, relocation, or a new baby/divorce etc.) as their primary motivation.

Eighteen percent want a bigger house or more property. Sixteen percent want a home as an investment, and twelve percent want to rid themselves of the restrictions that come with renting.

Yet only seven percent of those looking to buy a home say deriving tax benefits is their biggest motivating factor.

The recent boom in home buying does not mean the process is easy for those going through it. More than one half of current homeowners found at least some of the legal elements of the home buying process hard to grasp. Fifty-two percent said they had trouble understanding why they

had to pay various charges and fees to close the transaction. Fifteen percent had difficulty unraveling closing documents. Eleven percent said they had a problem comprehending how the deed best serves their needs, and another 11 percent found understanding how to draft a purchase agreement difficult.

Among those in a home buying mood are young adults. More than one-in-three (34 percent) Americans aged 18 to 24 say they will buy a home within the next two years, and 26 percent of those want the home as an investment.

Other survey findings include: America is a land of homeowners. More than 2 out of

every 3 (67 percent) Americans own the home in which they live.

Homeowners are both newbies and long-terms. Nearly one in four (24 percent) homeowners have owned their current homes five years or less. Twelve percent have owned their home a mere 2 years or less. But long-term homeowners still abound. Thirty-one percent of homeowners have owned their home for more than 10 years, and nearly one in five (18 percent) have owned their home for 20 years or more.

Homeowners plan to stay put. Just 10 percent of current homeowners plan on selling their homes in the next two years.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Attn: Keely Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (248) 644-1314.

WINNER
Shalamar Norris of Detroit won

\$500 in Sofin Mortgage's monthly mortgage raffle. Sofin, a mortgage banking firm specializing in providing solutions for home finance, is at 39555 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 170, in Novi, (248) 305-8346. The company is headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz. Win a free mortgage payment up to \$2,000.

Homeowners do not have to be a client of Sofin, Mortgage to participate. There is no

purchase necessary to enter or win. For complete rules and regulations visit www.sofinmortgage.com. To enter by phone, call (866) 677-6346.

EXPANSION

Behr America, a global supplier of automotive engine cooling and air conditioning systems, is expanding its North American headquarters with the addition of a 10,000-square-foot office facility in Troy. The new

offices will house human resources, purchasing and accounting activities for the company's North American operations. Located north of the company's main headquarters building east of I-75 near Big Beaver and Rochester roads, the \$1.5-million office center will employ nearly 60 people.

Designed by the architectural firm of Landry-Newman in Birmingham, the

new facility will include state-of-the-art audio-visual-training and video-conferencing equipment. Landry-Newman also designed the company's \$34 million, 80,000-square-foot headquarters building, which recently received a "Best of Troy" award for its aesthetic contribution to Troy's "cityscape."

Additional company information is available at www.behrgroup.com.

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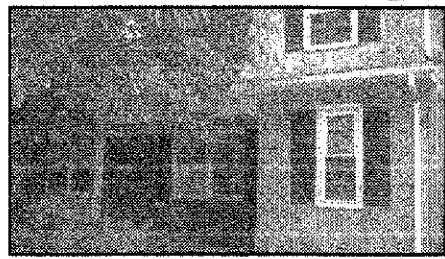
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PRIVACY AND PRESTIGE

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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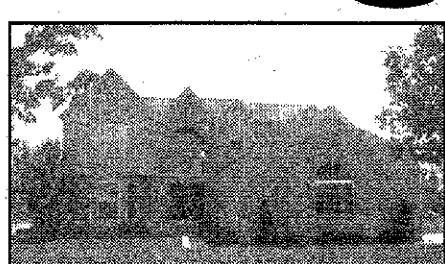
to clubhouse, pool & tennis courts. Backs to Common area for privacy and lake close by. Has many updates including C/A, carpet and interior paint. Move in with no work to do. Easy access to expressways. \$169,900 (62/BRY) 734-455-6000

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1635 HIGHLAND PARK DR., HIGHLAND State land on three sides. Great views of lake from both levels. Huge deck around back and one side. Only five homes on lake. Lots of privacy. Boat dock. Custom ceilings in great room. Berber carpet. Pella doorwall. Newer paint inside and outside. Oak staircase. Close to shopping. \$290,000 (35/HIT) 734-455-6000

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2500 BRAMBLE, CANTON

Must see this outstanding home in South Canton. 30x14 brick paver patio with lights. 150 sq. ft. loft w/view to foyer & family room. Hardwood in foyer, kitchen, hallway & powder room. 3 car side entry garage. Outside painted in '02 & inside painted neutral colors in '03. \$349,450 (00/BRA) 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) 734-455-6000

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of April 21-25 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton
46650 Cherry Hill \$230,000
1771 Christopher \$160,000
7598 Claremont \$250,000
41500 Cumberland \$182,000
7750 E Claymore \$262,000
43603 Geri \$175,000
1231 Heritage \$184,000
7334 Hillsboro \$212,000
1514 Morrison \$185,000
8108 N Canton Center \$240,000
1230 N Cavaller \$231,000

Garden City
29062 Alvin \$162,000
6606 Arcola \$143,000
30415 Barton \$163,000
28914 Birchlawn \$75,000
29880 Cambridge \$140,000
30471 Elmwood \$185,000
31044 Elmwood \$85,000
29444 Florence \$146,000
33111 Kathryn \$120,000
30415 Marquette \$140,000
32305 Marquette \$130,000
32210 Pierce \$170,000
318 Radcliff \$138,000
Livonia

9900 Arden \$199,000
11035 Auburndale \$225,000
11324 Berwick \$245,000
10001 Blackburn \$225,000
29535 Bobrieh \$99,000
31639 Bretton \$154,000
15658 Brookfield \$140,000
20664 Chestnut \$100,000
27850 Fargo \$117,000
9301 Gillman \$154,000
10020 Harrison \$147,000
30295 Hoy \$189,000
14210 Katie \$258,000
15624 Levan \$245,000
30122 Mason \$225,000
20502 Melvin \$111,000
15990 Merriman \$130,000
13175 Newburgh \$380,000
16034 Noia \$283,000
8926 Norman \$242,000
9750 Norman \$180,000
15058 Norman \$170,000

20287 Oporto \$87,000
20010 Purlingbrook \$190,000
16160 Ronnie \$305,000
9805 Roseland \$166,000
17123 Roupegay \$152,000
32267 Scone \$226,000
14615 Susanna \$98,000
18233 University Park \$133,000
31201 Westfield \$168,000
9924 Westmore \$116,000
14323 Westmore \$199,000
Plymouth
500 Ford \$104,000
13440 Glenview \$285,000
42123 Hill Race \$154,000
40837 Newport \$105,000
8869 Northern \$142,000
49409 Plymouth Way \$188,000
50464 Waterstone \$304,000
Redford
26522 Cathedral \$165,000
9215 Dixie \$129,000

18315 Garfield \$122,000
18596 Glenmore \$100,000
20113 Kinloch \$100,000
15857 Lenore \$104,000
9330 Louis \$150,000
9173 Lucerne \$160,000
24319 Lyndon \$120,000
18309 MacArthur \$137,000
11339 Marion \$137,000
14025 Marion \$171,000
11416 Norborne \$124,000
14057 Sarasota \$124,000
26305 W 7 Mile \$49,000
15840 Wakenden \$125,000
12851 Wormer \$75,000
12939 Wormer \$110,000
Westland
8520 Aiper \$166,000
7690 August \$150,000
32062 Avondale \$123,000
36636 Avondale \$152,000
35724 Castlewood \$128,000
34412 Decatur \$93,000
2264 Delton \$97,000
1026 Edwin \$167,000
28950 Eton \$52,000
8214 Flamingo \$133,000
6751 Geronimo \$173,000
35731 Hunter \$111,000
8226 Huntington \$59,000
1680 Lillian \$116,000
38478 Lori \$178,000
32877 Mecosta \$82,000
471 N Sybold \$170,000
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SUPERBLY DECORATED, IMPECCABLY CLEAN Must see this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, large kitchen, living room, family room and dining room. Rec room and library/den in professionally finished basement. Park-like, private backyard with large deck backs up to woods and stream. (P20HAN) \$269,000



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SECLUDED "LINKS WEST" 3 BEDROOM 2 1/2 bath condo with pond - view location. 1st floor master suite, 2 story great room, 1st floor laundry, 2 bedrooms, bath and sitting room upstairs. (P11HOQ) \$285,900



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LINKS OF PHEASANT RUN CONDO! Ranch end unit with 2 bedroom, 2 bath immaculate condition! 1st floor laundry. Better than new! (P72WEN) \$249,900



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 18 hole Arnold Palmer Golf Course overlooking 9th hole and pond. (P87TOU) \$1,120,000



PLYMOUTH

RIDGEWOOD WEST Exceptional home! 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial. Meticulous throughout! Spacious floor plan. Formal living room and dining room, family room with fireplace. Fabulous master suite. Professionally finished basement with wet bar and 3rd bath. Picturesque setting with circle drive! Call today! (P12QUA) \$439,900



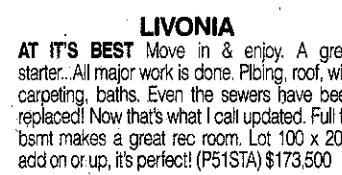
CANTON

CANTON CONDO! Great view in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse style condo. Features finished basement, newer Berber carpet, updated furnace & HW/H. Private brick patio & carport. Faces south & is close to freeway, Clubhouse & pool. (P48NOR) \$122,000



CANTON

THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN! Freshly painted 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Home sits on a nice sized lot with large backyard. All bedrooms are pleasing in size & have plenty of closet space. Mstr bedroom has his & hers closets, cathedral ceiling & master bath. (P87SAM) \$248,900



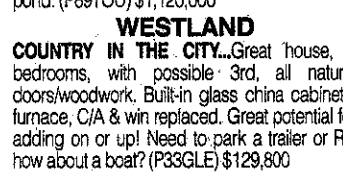
LIVONIA

AT ITS BEST Move in & enjoy. A great starter... All major work is done. Piping, roof, win, carpeting, baths. Even the sewers have been replaced! Now that's what I call updated. Full finished bsmt makes a great rec room. Lot 100 x 200, add on or up, it's perfect! (P51STA) \$173,500



PLYMOUTH

CLASSIC LAKEPOINTE RED BRICK RANCH 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, family room with fieldstone fireplace. Hardwood floors under carpet, bow-windowed in living room. Two car attached garage. (727HO) \$212,000



WESTLAND

COUNTRY IN THE CITY.. Great house, 2 bedrooms, with possible 3rd, all natural doors/woodwork. Built-in glass china cabinets, furnace, C/A & win replaced. Great potential for adding on or up! Need to park a trailer or RV, how about a boat? (P33GLE) \$129,800



WESTLAND

COMPLETELY UPDATED! Start packing. All major items have been updated. Beautiful kitchen with white cabinets, updated bath, central air, furnace, windows, roof, finished basement and 2 car garage and MORE! (P30RAH) \$145,000

Record increase in existing home sales Truman district revitalized

PRNewswire - Existing homes sales rose to a record monthly rate in July. Sales increased 5.0 percent according to the National Association of Realtors, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.12 million units, up from 5.83 million in June. Today's record is a 13.8 percent increase from July 2002.

"The record increase in existing home sales for July, coupled with the announcement last week that new home construction reached its highest level in more than 17 years, shows that housing continues to boost eco-

nomie recovery," said Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez. "This Administration is committed to closing the 'minority homeownership gap' by adding 5.5 million minority homeowners by the end of the decade."

Earlier this year, the Administration announced several 2004 budget proposals aimed at increasing the production of affordable housing, combating regulatory barriers, and helping more low-income, minority families become homeowners. These proposals include: \$113 million increase

for the Department's HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which will boost the supply of housing that is affordable to low-income families, as well as an additional \$200 million for the American Dream Downpayment Fund to help low- to moderate-income families become first-time homeowners and an added \$2 million for research to help reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing.

Additionally, HUD is requesting an additional \$10 million toward housing counseling to help thousands more

low-income individuals and families find and maintain homes.

HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities, creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans, supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. More information about HUD and its programs is available at <http://www.hud.gov>.

(AP) - Seven years ago, Harry S. Truman's old Independence, Mo., neighborhood was in such bad shape that the National Trust for Historic Preservation put it on its annual list of "most endangered" historic landmarks.

Repairs frequently went begging, and in one instance, the front facade of a home just across Truman Road from the former president's home collapsed.

This summer, city officials received a report stating that 1,224 housing units in the Truman district were considered in "sound" condition, compared to 544 units in 1995.

The document was filed by the Midtown/Truman Road Corridor Redevelopment Corp., a tax abatement program aimed largely at Truman district homeowners.

Since 1995, the program has offered homeowners 25 years of property tax relief when their homes are upgraded to city and national standards.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation now lists the Truman district's status as "saved."

Kara and Matt Bruner are among those who took advantage of the abatement offer, investing almost \$80,000 in renovating their home.

"It made me a lot more comfortable to make that investment when other people in our neighborhood were trying to fix up the neighborhood," Kara Bruner said.

Independence's revitalization

concept coupled tax increment financing with the state's Chapter 353 redevelopment law.

A key player was the church now known as the Community of Christ, the Independence-based denomination formerly known as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Some older Truman district properties had been acquired by the church while it had prepared to build a new temple.

Then, in 1994, the church sold Independence Regional Health Center to the for-profit Columbia Healthcare Corp. The sale placed the hospital on the tax rolls, and the hospital now generates more than \$300,000 annually for the revitalization program.

That money financed the program's operating expenses, said Norman Swails, former presiding bishop of Community of Christ.

When the program was proposed in 1995, some residents circulated petitions against its adoption. But Dean Ferguson, who helped collect petition signatures, said that his principal objection was the method of independence code enforcement.

Now he thinks the program has been effective.

"Some of the houses have been fixed up and look real good," Ferguson said. "I would have to say, by and large, it has improved the city."

Find a home that fits your individual lifestyle best

(NAPSI) - Economists call it the "housing industry" but everyone buying some place to live knows that they are looking for more than just a "house." They also want a "home," a way of living that is far more than just four walls with a roof. And that lifestyle is a vision probably as unique as every proud new homeowner.

Buyers might see themselves sitting in front of the fireplace in their cozy den. Or tending to the best garden in the neighborhood. Or entertaining friends in their formal dining room. Or getting caught up in the energy of a thriving metropolitan center. There's just no limit to how buyers see themselves in their new home.

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home buying process-including the "soft skills" that help them locate available properties that are compatible with the buyer's lifestyle ideal.

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"housing industry" should never be regarded as commodities. They are all unique. So are homebuyers. ABRs understand this, and they know that "to see one is definitely not to see them all." And this applies equally to buyers, their lifestyles-and the dream home they're looking for.

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NORTH GARDEN CITY BEAUTY - Super updated bungalow with a basement, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. New concrete drive, newer garage, roofing shingles (tear-off), thermal windows, copper plumbing, H2O filtration system and more. Close to neighborhood playscape. Quick occupancy. \$149,900 (919DE)



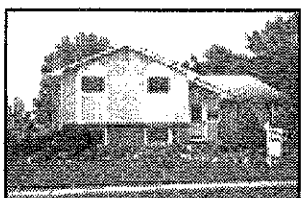
PRETTY VIEW! - From this 2 bedroom ranch condo in Plymouth. Newer windows and carpet. Partially finished basement with cedar closet. Pretty court setting. Carport. 55 and over community. \$133,500 (312NE)



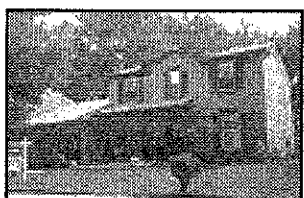
FIVE BEDROOMS - Wow! Five bedrooms, 2.5 baths are the great features of this home. Home also offers updated kitchen, newer roof, furnace, central air, basement and garage. Price is right. \$181,000 (561BE)



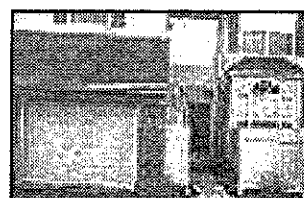
MOVE IN AND ENJOY! - Spacious and 4-bedroom Colonial with over 2300 square feet. Formal living and dining rooms. Updated kitchen, family room has a fireplace and French doors to the patio. Den with built-ins, 1st floor laundry and a finished basement. Side entry garage and a circular drive. \$269,900 (740WE)



IS IT COMFORTABLE? YOU BET! - Finished basement adds livability to this updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath quad-level backing to parkland on a big, w/fenced lot. Shed w/workshop, security system, den or 4th bedroom, fresh interior paint and laundry room. New kitchen w/appliances, new windows, furnace & A/C. Large trees. \$219,900 (227AP)



READY FOR YOUR APPROVAL - This delightful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial offers a spacious kitchen w/fireplace, formal living and dining rooms, newer windows and roof. Nice sized bedrooms w/walk-in closet. Home warranty package. Finished basement, fenced yard w/patio, deck & satellite dish. \$214,900 (712AB)



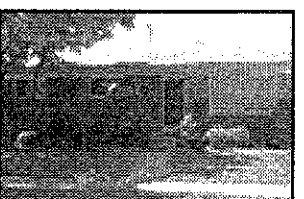
WHAT DO YOU WANT? - This 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo features a gas fireplace in living room, dining room, skylights, WIC in the master bedroom, private entry, full basement, 2 car attached garage, pool, tennis courts, clubhouse and more. \$167,900 or \$1,450 lease. (852PO)



WORK'S ALL DONE! - Updates include - roof, furnace, windows, siding, central air, remodeled bath with ceramic tile flooring in the bath & foyer. Freshly painted throughout. Cove moldings, utility room & shed. All appliances stay. Super 3-bedroom in Wayne. \$112,000 (121HU)



WESTLAND - LIVONIA SCHOOLS - Located on a pretty tree-lined street deep within the sub. Completely redone maintenance free exterior brick ranch w/3 bd. News include maple kitchen w/oak floor, appliances, main bath w/marble tile, Kohler fixtures. 6 panel doors t/o, Comfortmaker furnace and ac. Vinyl windows, concrete drive & brick paver. \$179,900 (327RA)



SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOLS! - Just walk in and say WOW to this 3-bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with 2.5 car garage. Updates include the entire kitchen, French doors, hardwood floors, windows, furnace, A/C, fireplace and much, much more! \$174,900 (877ME)



NEW LISTING! - 3-bedroom Colonial with 2.5 baths. Family room has new carpet, a fireplace, plus vaulted ceilings, a skylight and a large window with a view. Beautifully landscaped yard that backs to a park-like commons area tucked back in the sub. Formal living and dining rooms. \$287,000 (005FD)



WALK TO SCHOOL - From this 3 bedroom ranch in a great location. Family room with a fireplace, 2 full baths, central air and 2 car attached garage. One year home warranty. Quick Occupancy. \$219,900 (534HA)



A TRUE WINNER - Three bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with 2.5 car garage. Over 1,800 sq. ft., updated kitchen floor, updated paint, furnace & central air. A must see. Call today for more information. \$204,900 (329KI)



LOVELY GARDEN CITY HOME - Plenty of room with 3 bedrooms and 1444 square feet of living space! 2 car garage. If you can think of it, they remodeled it! Lots of great extras, just too many to list! \$143,500 (924MA)



CUTE REDFORD RANCH - Cute starter home in Redford Twp. Walk to elementary and high schools. Finished basement. Nice fenced yard, new carpet, new roof, updated kitchen with all the appliances. A Must See. \$129,900 (235LE)



WESTLAND CONDO - Nice updated brick ranch condo with a full private basement. New roof, windows, electrical, furnace and A/C. Tastefully decorated with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. You can truly just move in! \$78,900 (490ST)



SUPER, SUPER SHARP! - Full brick with alum/vinyl trim. 3-bedrooms, family room with natural fireplace, oak cupboards, glass block in the basement with pool table & entertainment center, dream garage with heat and electricity. Beautiful back yard. Clean and beautifully decorated. \$178,500 (515SE)



AWESOME COLONIAL! - Island kitchen w/doorwall leading to deck. New dishwasher '03, new hot water heater '03, master bedroom w/private bath, partially finished basement w/playroom & office. Central air, family room w/gas fireplace and 1st floor laundry. \$239,900 (406AA)



ATTRACTIVE 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL - Quiet court location with low traffic, backing to community park with pool, playground, tennis, basketball courts and more. Finished walkout basement and 2 car attached garage. Great room floor plan with fireplace. Formal dining room. A lot to like! \$224,999 (232AB)



HILLSIDE ESTATES IN FARMINGTON HILLS - Brings you this wonderful ranch condo. Neutral throughout w/newer carpet & fresh paint. Open & airy living area has living room w/fireplace & door to private deck. Formal dining for entertaining. Spacious master, 1st floor laundry, full basement & 2 car attached garage. \$204,900 (205HI)



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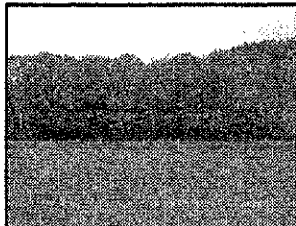
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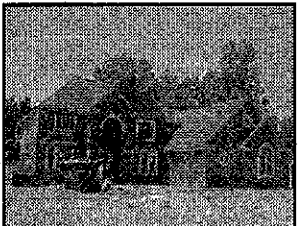
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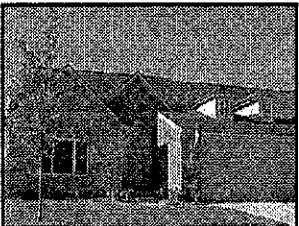
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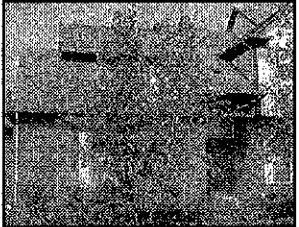
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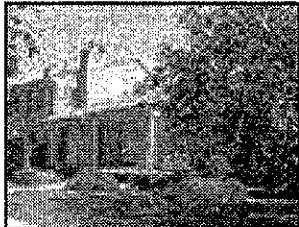
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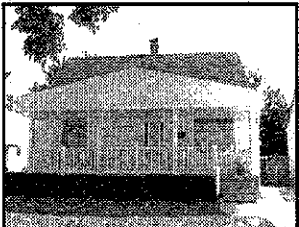
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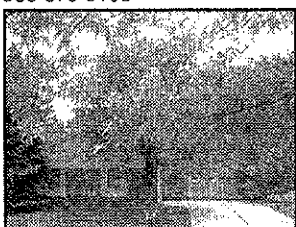
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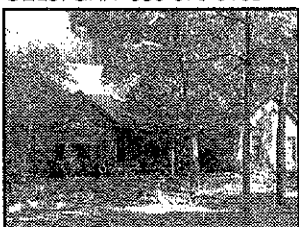
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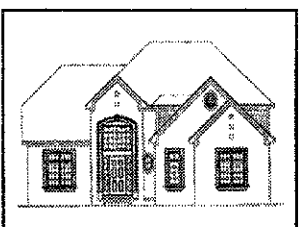
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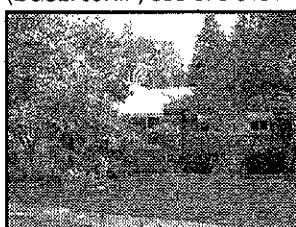
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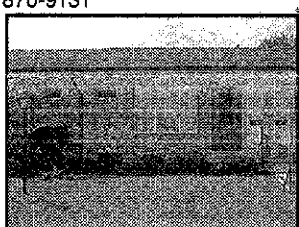
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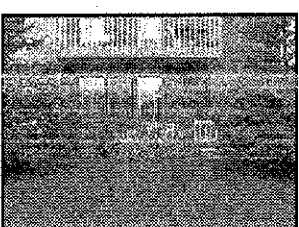
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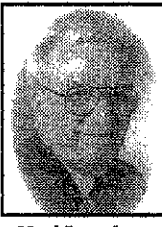


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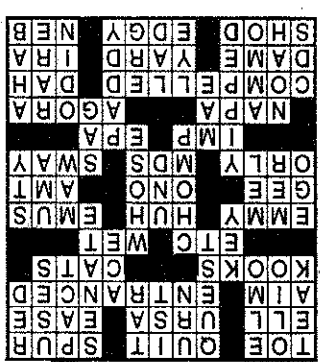
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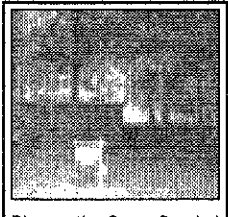
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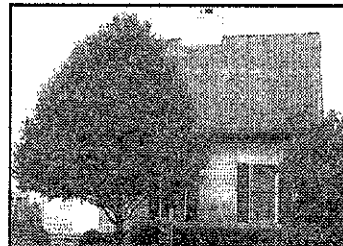
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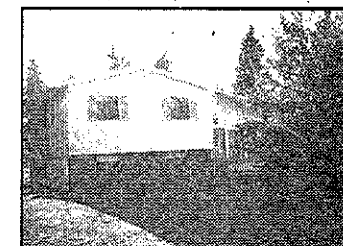
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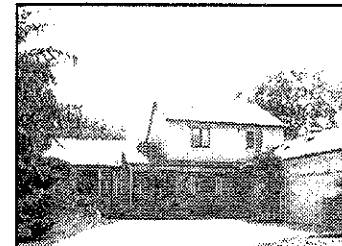


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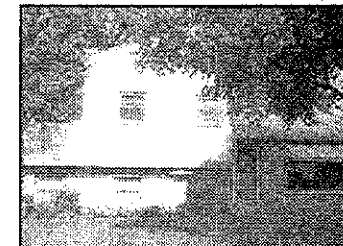


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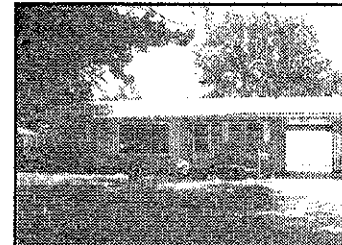


WEST BLOOMFIELD - A once in a lifetime home. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/spacious floor plan on large lot. Master suite w/2 walk-in closets, family room w/fireplace, cathedral ceilings, finished basement & 2 car attached garage. \$398,855 (36SIL) 734-455-5600

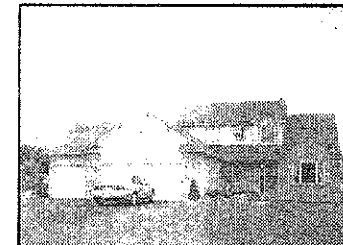


DEARBORN - Totally updated with class. Quality & attention to detail inside & out. Professional landscaping. 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, partially finished basement, hardwood floors t/o, Pergo in kitchen & large formal dining room. Remodeled baths w/Jacuzzi. Home Warranty. \$159,900 (32BOS) 734-455-5600

PLYMOUTH - Walk to Downtown Plymouth. Classic bungalow offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, fenced yard, partially finished basement, beautifully maintained. \$254,900 (05EVE) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Great ranch. 4 bedroom ranch w/all year round sunroom for sunny days, 2 years newer, gas heated. Large oversized extra deep garage. Baths updated w/ceramic. Hardwood floors t/o. Newer windows, glass block too, attic fan, newer furnace, C/A. \$174,900 (89AUB) 248-349-5600



WHITE LAKE - 2 story 1996 built contemporary, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on over an acre of land. Many updates amenities. Hardwood floors, ceramic foyer entry, huge newer deck w/stairway, white bay island kitchen, panoramic windows, formal dining room and the list goes on. \$284,900 (29WEB) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Pride of Ownership. 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow completely renovated inside & out. 2.5 car garage, finished basement w/glass block windows & full bath, family room w/gas fireplace, remodeled kitchen w/appliances. \$194,500 (54MAY) 734-455-5600



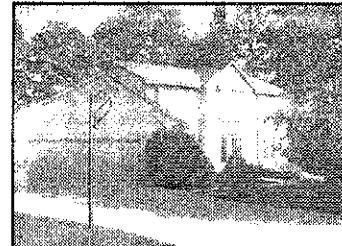
DEARBORN HGTS - Old world charm abounds. Beautifully updated. Refined hardwood floors, LR w/frpic, oak kit, DR, updated bath, 1st floor laundry, large 80 x 135 lot, 2 car garage w/attached screened in room. Beautifully landscaped & flower beds. Basement. Walk to public & private schis. \$139,900 (69MAY) 734-455-5600



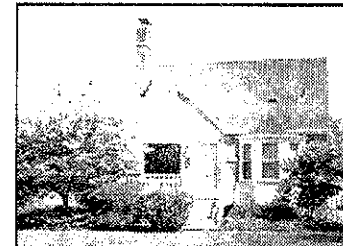
GROSSE ILE - Grosse Ile Ranch. Nice ranch on large lot, updates include: windows, siding, roof, furnace, C/A, garage door. Very nice brick paver patio. Appliances stay. All this in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. \$209,900 (50MER) 734-455-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Lake living at its best. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath 2-story home in a quiet bay location on Walnut Lake. Spacious master suite w/his & hers baths & WIC. Great room w/Travertine marble fireplace & great view of lake. White kitchen & sun-filled breakfast room. \$949,900 (85COM) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Outstanding house & lot. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 story home on a prime approx. .53 acre heavily treed cul-de-sac lot w/finished w/o basement. Huge family room w/fireplace. Upgraded island kitchen w/Sub Zero. Natural setting with beautiful decks, paver patio & hot tub. \$385,000 (53DAV) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY - Pride of Ownership. Old world charm and character galore. This turn-key cape cod shines from front to back. Beautiful decor t/o & plenty of updating. Just move in and enjoy. Large living room w/fireplace, dining room, finished basement, deck, brick paver patio, garage & more. \$154,900 (46KRA) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Desirable 1.5 story end unit. Open floor plan & great location in complex. Features neutral decor, leaded glass entry door, spacious kitchen w/white cabs & white appliances included. Large deck, attached garage & basement all in this 2 bedroom beauty. \$153,900 (51HUN) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Spectacular views all year. Cul-de-sac location backing to woods presents this wonderful 5 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half bath brick Quad in beautiful gated gated community of Ramblewood. Family room w/gas fireplace & wet bar, living room w/full length windows w/great view of nature. \$519,900 (26APP) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Spectacular wood location. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath quad w/2 car attached garage, basement, updated kitchen & baths, living room w/fireplace & windows across one wall overlooking deck & patio w/built-in pool. All this sitting on a lovely ravine lot w/creek & woods. \$319,900 (35SOU) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Northville schools & great neighborhood. Recent updates include: furnace, A/C, hardwood floors t/o, Pella windows, sprinkler system. Freshly painted interior, finished basement and much more to make this a terrific buy. \$379,900 (90SPR) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - It's hard to believe... that you can still buy a sprawling 4 bedroom brick ranch on almost 1 acre of treed property in Wood Creek at this price. Offers four bedrooms, finished w/o lower level guest suite, FR w/wet bar, fireplace in living room & family room. Updated kitchen. \$324,000 (46WES) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Perfect mint move-in condition. This 1999 built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial shines like a model. Many upgrades. Perfect brick paver patio setting. Professionally landscaped front & back yard with sprinkler system. \$252,900 (47MIC) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - What A Beauty! Move into this 3 bedroom bungalow, unfinished basement, vinyl windows, roof '99, furnace '96, hardwood floors, ceramic tile in updated bath & kitchen, C/A & a large lot. \$134,871 (83PEM) 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN - Country in the city. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/large 3 car garage w/workshop. Lovely flower gardens & large covered patio. Remodeled baths, master w/hirpool tub. Newer steel doors, fresh paint & more. See through fireplace in living room & family room, large shed w/lot. \$184,900 (27OLD) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Premium location on large lot. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick bungalow offers character & charm w/covered ceilings & hardwood floors, spacious room & Florida room. Large master bedroom w/2 walk-in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. \$264,900 (42PEN) 734-455-5600



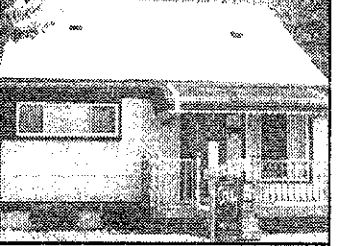
NORTHVILLE - Location! Location! In town! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Living room w/gas fireplace, library and lots of storage. New carpet '02, garage '01, sliding & gutters '99, roof tear off '98, windows '96-'02. Steps away from library, parks, parades, cedar mill & schools. \$215,000 (44EAS) 248-349-5600



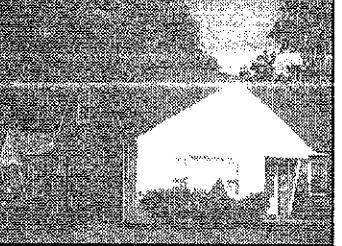
WALLED LAKE - Hard to find ranch condo. Enjoy carefree living just minutes from freeways & shopping. 2 bedrooms w/in bsmt w/built-ins. Spacious open floor plan. Kit w/oak cabs & bar area. Attached gar w/direct entry. Master bedroom w/warce closet. 12 month warranty. Short walk to lake. \$137,900 (83MAR) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Premium location. Beautifully upgraded 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Kitchen offers oak cabinets w/ceramic backsplash & ceramic floors. Fireplace in living room. Recessed lights, plush carpet, 2-story tower, master bath, walk-in closets & all appliances. \$227,000 (56LYN) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Wow! What A Steal. Home appraised for \$117,000. 3 bedroom bungalow w/extra large desirable lot. Across from school & park. Partially finished basement, new front deck, newer windows, C/A, ceramic tile in bath, newer shed & home warranty. Bring all offers. \$105,900 (02BRA) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HGTS - 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. Extra sharp broad front bungalow w/fireplace, updated kitchen, bath, windows, coors, newer carpet, deck off back, 2 car attached garage. Shows well, neutral colors. \$131,000 (01WES) 7334-455-5600



DETROIT - Delightful bungalow. 3 bedroom home w/large upper master bed room, newer roof, windows, carpet & partially finished basement. Home warranty. \$69,900 (95HOU) 734-455-5600



MILFORD - Downtown Milford Home. Late 1800's built beauty with updates. Tiled kitchen, family room w/fireplace, living room, formal dining room, 1.5 baths. Cozy home in great condition. It even has a picket fence. Short walk to downtown. \$187,500 (20HIC) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON - Affordable Condo. Well cared for condo ideal for singles or 1st time buyers. Ideal area of complex with view of stream/natural setting. Newer floors in kitchen, bath & vinyl windows. Clubhouse has pool & separate storage area. \$59,900 (3:GRA) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Walk to park. Beautiful updated 3 bedroom colonial. Oak kitchen, cozy family room & 2 garages. Updates include: windows, furnace, roof, baths, kitchen. Neutral decor. Large private backyard with mature trees. \$209,900 (27LIN) 248-349-5600

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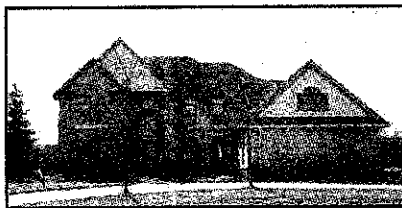
NORTHVILLE \$699,900
SHOWCASE HOME ON BEAUTIFUL LOT!
Awesome w/hdwd flrs, granite kitchen, stainless appliances, Corian baths, fin'd bsmt, 3-car garage & paver patio. Yard backing to trees. Must see home! (41W12)

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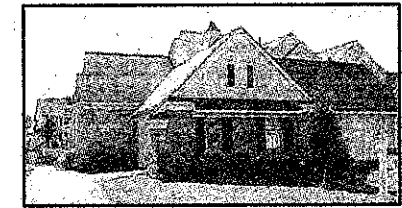
NORTHVILLE \$639,900
EXCEPTIONAL NORTHVILLE COLONIAL!
Ravines colonial by Robert Jones. Elegant 2 story foyer & living rm. Spacious kitchen with maple cabinetry and huge island. Two way fp between kit and family rm. (18DEE2)

248-348-6430



NOVI \$630,000
TRANSFEEER READY - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Custom built & mint condition! 4 BR/4 Baths, First Flr Mstr w/Spa tub, FP & great WIC. Bonus rm over garage. Terrific home for entertaining. Prof landscaped. (19PAD2)

248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$467,500
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed list! 2BRs, 2.5 baths. Numerous upgrades incl: granite, lighting, carpet & cabinets. Extra crown mold. Luxury mstr bath. (80LYO2)

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CANTON \$409,900
JOB TRANSFER FORCES SELLER TO PART WITH THIS 4 BR, 3.5 bath colonial built in 2002. Custom mstr ste w/jetted Roman tub, designer ceiling & sitting rm/nursery option, maple hrdwds, gourmet kit, & more! (A3648)

734-591-9200



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)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$359,900
IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED! Transferee perfect! Move right in, 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Beautiful kit w/accnt tile & isl. Lg FR w/fp & cathedral ceil, mstr BR w/his/her closets/spacious BA. (10MAN2)

248-348-6430



NOVI \$349,900
4 BDRM, 2.5 BATH DUNBARTON PINES BEAUTY! Well maintained and neutral T/O. HDWD flrs in Foyer, Nook, Hall & Powder Rm. Crown molding in Foyer, Hall, FR & Baths/. Extra deep BSMT. Extra wide driveway. (24FOR2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$339,900
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA COLONIAL! Home sweet home is this 4 BR, 2.5 bath home. Many updates include oak kit, cool vinyl trim, oak flooring, HWH, windows, C/A & more. Livonia Stevenson area. (80FON2)

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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/skytgt, WIC, sep shower & jetted tub, gourmet kit. (S576)

734-591-9200



ROMULUS \$299,900
PRIVACY LOVERS ONLY! 3.5 acres, entry level master suite, walk-out basement. Home borders on Huron Metro Park & it's near the river! Priced to sell! (23C16640)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$298,900
WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2.5 BAs fantastic! 1100 SF addition, FR w/FP, pool, many updates - rf, wndws, gar, sun rm, furn, brk pavers, gutters, baths, mstr BR has cathedral ceiling. 2868 SF! (P30542)

734-591-9200



DEARBORN \$289,000
4 BR, 3.5 BA, 2100+ SF HOME! All natural birch & oak woodwork, bright kit, lg pantry, some hrdwd flrs, immediate occupancy. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Neat, clean, & well cared for. (C321)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$269,900
SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY. Hard to find 4 BR raised ranch w/newer kit w/Merillat cupboards, newer wndws, newer carpet in fin bsmt w/glass blk. 3 full baths, lg utility rm, lg lot, & more! (S16184)

734-591-9200



NOVI \$259,000
OVER 1/2 ACRE IN NOVI! Almost 2000 SF, 2001 blt, 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/formal DR/sunken LR, den, FR, open flr plan & Novi schools. Must see! (36CLA2)

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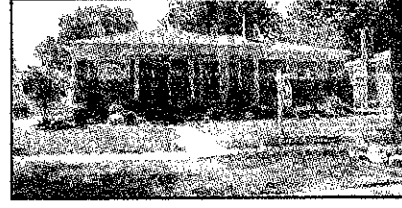
YPSILANTI \$246,900
BETTER THAN NEW! Upgrades & extras done! Professional landscaping, deeper bsmt, extd hrdwd flrs, C/A, upgraded cbnts. Sitting rm or 4th bdrm. Kit appl included. Move right in! (23H7629)

734-455-7000



SOUTH LYON \$239,742
3 BR, 2.5 BA, APPROX 1855 SF 1st flr mstr w/bath & lg closets, lg stylish kit w/bkfst bar & loads of cupboards, GR w/cath clng & FP, fin daylight bsmt w/rec rm, office, 1/2 bath. Much more! (F742)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$227,500
RARE FIND! Altered flr plan offers mstr BR addn w/4 closets & bath w/sep jac, tub & shower, kit, noo addn overlooks prvt yd, fabulous fin drywalled bsmt. 3 BR, 3.5 BAs. (C14147)

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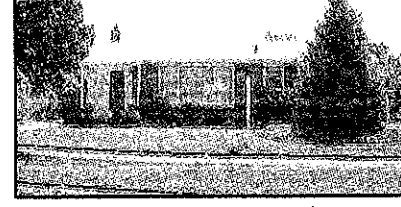
WESTLAND \$219,900
LARGEST OF THE BROWNSTONES CONDOS
Plenty of room to enjoy. Your new home has a fireplace in the living room w/vaulted ceilings. 3 Floors of comfort. Close to shopping & entertainment. (C704)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$205,900
REFRESHINGLY UNIQUE! 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch condo overlooking 2 ponds! Leaded doors to library. Skylights, cathedral ceilings, jacuzzi tub. 6 months paid association dues! (23C41635)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$203,900
WOW! WHAT A HOUSE! Maintained & updated to perfection. Beautiful FR addition off kit overlooks xtra deep park like yd. Fin bsmt w/office, dry bar, many updates, appl incl, & more! (L35853)

734-591-9200



WIXOM \$199,900
PRICED TO SELL! This home is a must see. Located in Walled Lake School District. Newer carpet, and kitchen floors are just a few of the many updates. Home warranty included.

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CANTON \$198,900
READY TO MOVE INTO! 3/4 bedroom model w/stunning finished basement. Cell fans, C/A, security sys, shed, patio, desirable open floor plan, covered front porch, nat fpl and more! (G497)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$184,900
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)

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LIVONIA \$177,777
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME IN LIVONIA. Open flr plan w/lots of natural light & neutral decor, oak flrs, super kit, fin'd bsmt, lg stone patio, great landscaping, perennial gardens & lots of updates. (04SUN2)

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WESTLAND \$172,900
HURRY TO THIS WELL POLISHED 3 BR RANCH. Full brk, wide open flr plan, many expensive upgrades, impressive kit w/oak cabinetry, ceramic flng & granite counters, remodeled bath, FP in FR, & much more! (C36255)

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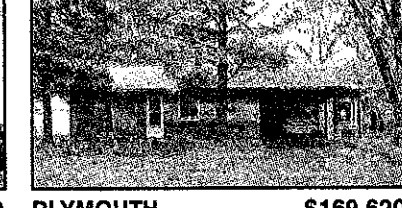
GARDEN CITY \$169,900
SWEEPING LOT CONVENIENTLY CLOSE TO TOWN! 3 BR alum farmhouse w/basement & 2 car gar. Great investment. Fix it up or build new. Has been split for 2 lots. 94x179 (H569)

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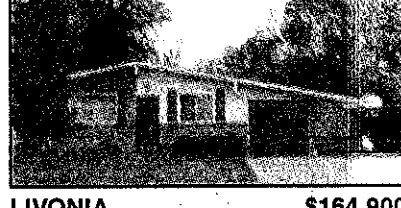
PLYMOUTH \$169,900
CITY OF PLYMOUTH GEM A wonderful opportunity awaits you in downtown Plymouth. Updated Gourmet Kitchen, Finished Walk Out Lower Level with built-ins, wet bar and 1/2 Bath. (08MIL2)

248-348-6430



PLYMOUTH \$169,620
SWEET RETREAT! Tranquil 3 bdrm ranch. Wonderful kit w/tons of oak cbnts. Cathedral ceilings in liv rm & kit. Fam rm could be in-law or teen suite. Wide lot. Take a peek & see! (23P620)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$164,900
ALL BRICK RANCH WITH FINISHED BASEMENT! Big kitchen, hardwood floors that need refinishing, 3 windows left to replace, furn & C/A 4 yrs old, bathroom has double sinks, patio in back is brick & more! (1150)

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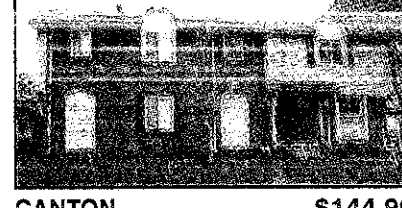
ROMULUS \$160,000
OVER 1700 SQ FT OF SPACE! Updated kitchen & bath. Lots of cupboard space, fam rm w/fp, Florida room off master bedroom is plumbed for a Jacuzzi, fin basement w/kit & full bath & more. (A158)

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)

734-591-9200



CANTON \$144,999
FULLY UPDATED 3 bedroom Townhome! Updates include new furnace, windows, H2O, glass block bsmt wndws, fresh paint, new storm door & more! Upstairs fridge & washer/dryer nego. (23P1967)

734-455-7000



AFFORDABLE CONDO! Great condition! Great location! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhome in Canton with a basement. Newer carpeting, hot water heater, furnace, central air. Neutral decor. (23F1937)

734-455-7000



GARDEN CITY \$139,900
NOTE THE SIZE OF THIS 1300 sq ft 4 bdrm brick & aluminum home in G.C. w/full fin, basement & gar. Newly remodeled inside w/hardwood floors, new windows, roof shingles & more. (M276)

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INKSTER \$127,000
ONE OF A KIND HOME FOR THIS AREA
Spacious master loft w/soa-like master bath w/sunken tub. Remodeled basement is great for entertaining. Kitchen has been beautifully updated and more! (L184)

734-326-2000



SOUTH LYON \$120,000
IMMACULATE CONDO IN GREAT LOCATION!
Spacious LR, 2 nice sized bdrms, mstr w/WIC, kit & DR. Neutral decor & move-in-condition. Close to x-ways, walk to town. Pool in complex & one pet allowed. (25GRE2)

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SOUTH LYON \$109,000
UNRETIREMENT RANCH, in adult co-op 55+-. Terrific end unit w/extra windows. Private courtyard entry w/landscaping. Florida room & partially finished basement. Clean- move in ready. (23P25939)

734-455-7000



WESTLAND \$82,900
MAY BE BEST IN SUB! Fantastic! 2 bedroom brick condo w/partial fin. basement, lots of updates: kit, bathroom, windows, carpet, deck & more. Appliances stay. Won't last. Hurry! (A215)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$78,500
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN! Cute 2 bedroom brick condo w/full basement and lots of updates. Newer furnace, A/C, flooring, bathroom, entry doors and deck. (S238)

734-326-2000

PLYMOUTH FAMILY HOME! 3 bedroom home close to elementary school. Updated kitchen, large master bedroom with french doors. Home warranty. 2378821
\$219,900 734-455-7000

WALLED LAKE DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH This updated 1200 sq ft raised ranch is located on a private lot w/ docking & swimming on all sports Walled Lake and includes all appliances. 15CHE2
\$159,900 248-348-6430

LIVONIA A GREAT VALUE IN LIVONIA Half acre lot under 150 thousand. Newer windows, roof, electrical, & more. Needs some TLC but priced to move. N29424 PC0710012
\$144,000 734-591-9200

REDFORD WELL MAINTAINED, almost all updates done 3 BR, 1.5 BA, fresh paint & carpeted in neutral colors thru-out. Lg bsmt ready for finishing. 2.5 car gar, new fr on house & gar, new drwry, furn, elect, hwh. 19178
\$139,900 734-591-9200

WESTLAND WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN! Affordable 1 BR, 1 bth condo w/freshly painted interior. New carpet, kit fir, dishwasher & blinds. Newer roof, huge walk-in closet. Patio faces beautiful pond! 95W002
\$75,000 248-348-6430

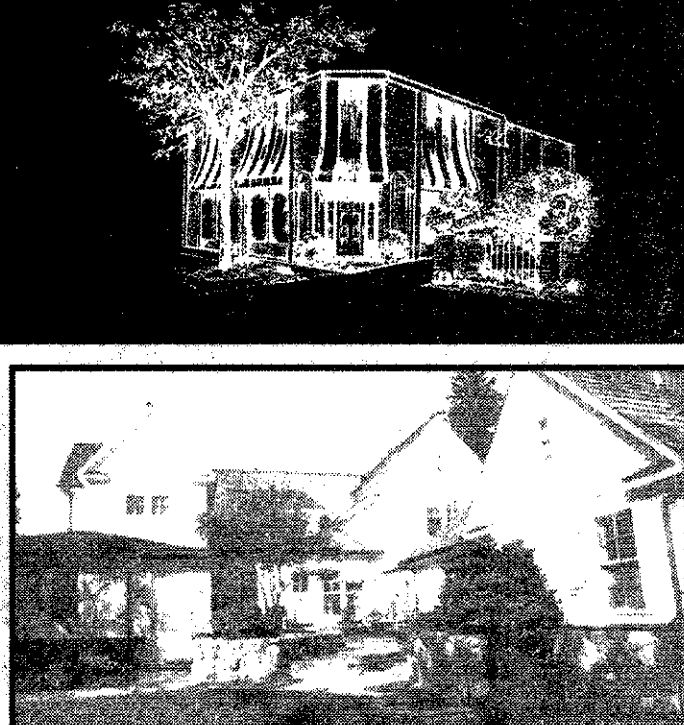
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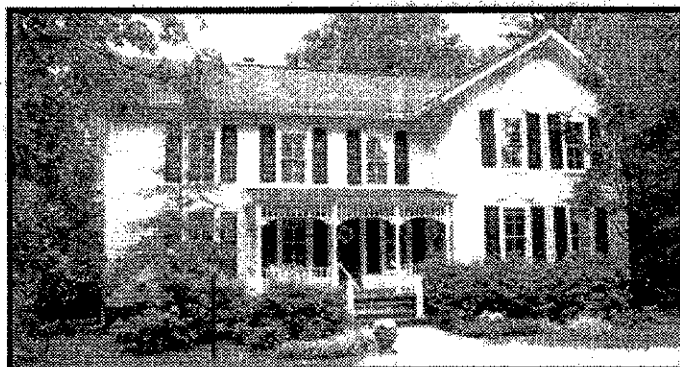
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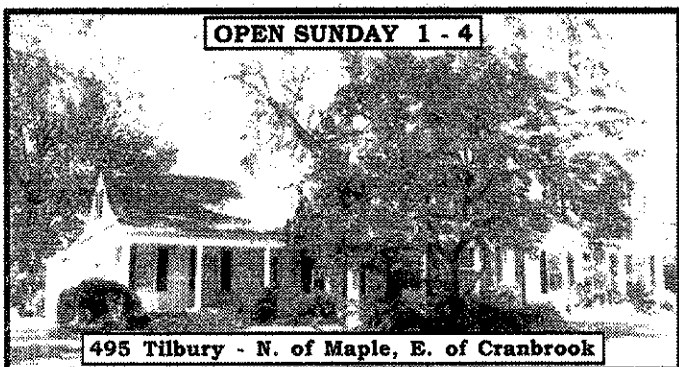
PRIME UPTOWN BIRMINGHAM LOCATION \$2,895,000

Impressive construction by Mosher Dolan & Cataldo. Spacious 1st floor master bedroom suite and fabulous walkout lower level with an additional 1796 sq. ft. of living space. 7 bedrooms and baths. Meticulous attention to every detail! Oversized attached 3-car garage. GRE23025242



AUTHENTIC CENTENNIAL HOME IN BLOOMFIELD \$1,499,000

Marvelous home situated on over an acre with mature landscaped gardens plus a detached guest cottage. New hand-finished kitchen with granite counters and butler's pantry. Stone fireplace in large family room. French doors from dining room to stone porch. QUA23078019



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CLASSIC BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE HOME \$1,085,000

Fieldstone and brick beautifully accent this 1931 colonial on 2 lots. Charm and comfort are apparent with updates to make this 4 bedroom home perfect. Kitchen with granite, 1st floor laundry, 3 fireplaces, hardwood floors, crown moldings plus elegant patio and pool. TIL23085558



CHARMING CAPE COD IN FRANKLIN \$859,000

Beautiful and updated on 1.3 acres backing to the Franklin River, the views and sounds of the river provide tranquility and privacy. Fireplaces in master bedroom, living and family rooms. Lovely brick floor in kitchen with French door to walled patio. RIV23083924



PRIME BLOOMFIELD LOCATION ON 3.15 ACRES \$1,200,000

With 140 feet of frontage on Mirror Lake, this home offers a rare opportunity to renovate or build new on incredible wooded property with ravine and lake views. Home includes 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, formal living, dining and family rooms and library. CL123086098



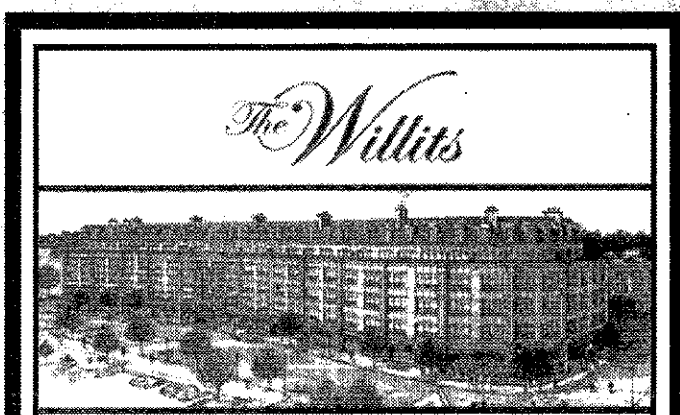
SOPHISTICATED STYLE IN BLOOMFIELD \$1,549,000

In private Whispering Pines you will find this recently built French colonial condo of outstanding quality. The grand foyer with open iron staircase leads to a charming living room. Custom designer kitchen and luxurious master suite plus an incredible walkout lower level. PIN23020441



CHARMING TUDOR IN BIRMINGHAM \$799,000

Enchanting home on a desirable street in established older neighborhood. Meticulously maintained with large room sizes and finished 3rd level with possible 5th bedroom. Updated plumbing, electrical, windows and more. Enjoy lush landscaping from backyard patio. DOR23089598



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SPECTACULAR FOURTH FLOOR VIEWS \$1,195,000

Absolutely exceptional! Custom amenities with bright kitchen with dramatic black granite and premier appliances. Enjoy city and park views day and night. Neutral decor accented with plantation shutters. Also for lease \$5,400 a month. WIL22098967

GRAND LIVING AT ITS FINEST \$995,000

Grand entry to the gorgeous formal living and dining rooms with panoramic Birmingham views. Private den, spacious gourmet kitchen with center island and granite counters. Elegant master suite with marble bath. WIL230730

FABULOUS SUN FILLED EXPOSURE \$645,000

Exquisite on the 3rd floor offering a versatile plan with beveled French doors to second bedroom or den, hardwood floors and marble bath. Large master suite features jetted tub and the sensational kitchen features stainless appliances. WIL23024407

LEASE OPPORTUNITY:

Lovely northeast views from the arched windows of this 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 luxury bath condo with gourmet cherry kitchen with granite counters. \$3,100 a month WIL23063020



EXCELLENT BIRMINGHAM LOCATION \$749,000

Walk to Quanton School, the lake and nearby conveniences from this totally renovated and enlarged home. Decorator perfect with premium upgrades including granite, hardwood, Subzero and master suite with large bath with jetted tub. Priced to sell! Also for lease. PIN23055762



TOTALLY REDONE IN BLOOMFIELD \$749,000

2002 renovation on a spectacular 1 acre lot in golf course community, this 4 bedroom home features maple and granite kitchen, great room, family room and marble floors in elegant living room. Beautiful in-ground pool and 3 car garage. Also fully furnished lease. MAC23084094



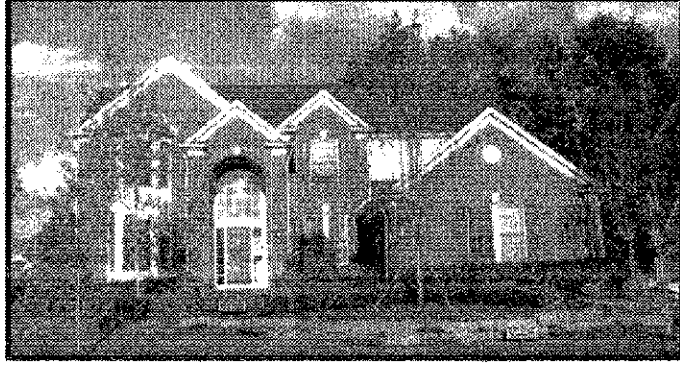
CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$699,000

Conveniently located near Covington School, this 4 bedroom colonial has 1st floor laundry, living and dining room and family room with fireplace. Hardwood floors, finished basement and 3 car garage are only some of the attractive features. Birmingham Schools. DUN23083211



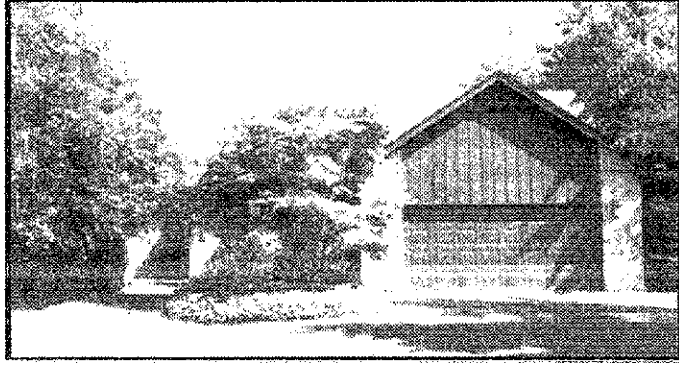
A GEM IN BEVERLY HILLS \$407,000

Beautiful Nottingham Forest is the setting for this great 5 bedroom family home. The kitchen includes a breakfast room and fireplace in family room. Mature trees and a creek in the back yard, a 2 car attached garage and Birmingham Schools. RED22050866



TRANSFEREE PERFECT IN OAKLAND \$461,900

Gorgeous 4 bedroom home in popular community. Built in 2002, the home features neutral decor with 2 story foyer and great room, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors and so many upgrades. Exceptionally landscaped large front and back yards. Rochester Schools. WOO23075591



ELEGANT BLOOMFIELD CONDO \$460,000

The 2 story marble foyer with curved staircase creates a lovely entry for the elegance throughout. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths and library with built-ins and paneled ceiling. The master bedroom has generous closet and balcony. Beautifully finished walk out lower level. PIN23081889



UPPER CONDO IN BLOOMFIELD \$169,900

Why rent when you can have a spacious condo in a great location with a parklike setting. Large master bedroom suite, 2nd bedroom and 2.5 baths. Washer/dryer in oversized laundry room plus the advantage of an underground heated garage. WOO23070193



REMODELED IN BERKLEY \$269,900

Appealing inside and out! Very spacious, updated colonial with bright kitchen with eating area, overlooks the desirable Florida room. Living room features a gas stove and built-ins. 1st floor laundry and finished basement with 5th bedroom and 3rd full bath. CAT23086642



EXCELLENT BIRMINGHAM LOCATION \$375,000

This attractive colonial offers 2150 sq. ft. of open living space and is in immaculate condition. All new siding, roof, windows and landscaping. A brick hearth is dramatic in the family room and the home features hardwood floors. Patio and fenced yard. FAI22090377

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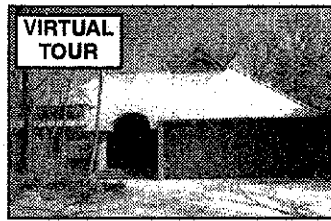
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,350,000

Classic Bloomfield Village colonial on 3/4 acre lot. Five bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 lavs, 5 fireplaces. Cedar shake roof. Paver brick circle drive. Beautiful landscaping. **23079841-M**



BIRMINGHAM \$1,695,000

Fabulous new construction by the Deneweth Company. Center entrance colonial w/large marble foyer, large kitchen w/oak floors, sunroom, family room w/fireplace, library. Master bedroom suite w/2 walk-in closets, large master bath, 3 car garage. **2106670-S**



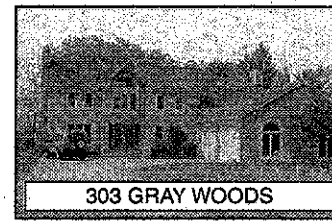
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$999,000

Exclusive condo in the heart of Bloomfield Hills. Very private w/easy access to all your needs. Four bedrooms, 2 master baths, one with spa and steam shower. New shake roof and new furnace. **23082526-S**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,495,000

Elegant 6,000 sq. ft. colonial. Four bedrooms, 4 full & 1 half bath. Fully paneled library w/fireplace & cathedral ceiling. Double story great room w/bar alcove. Master which includes sitting area. **22105945-P**



LAKE ANGELUS \$1,299,000

Great 1980's colonial all remodeled in the late 90's. New white kitchen w/hardwood floor & granite. New master suite w/marble bath & walk-in closet. Possible expansion over garage for 2 more bedrooms. **23019905-G**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$3,750,000

City of Bloomfield. Magnificent estate property. Privately tucked away on 2.3 acres. Updated to perfection without compromising its original Tudor revival architecture. **23081343-H**



TROY \$699,000

Oak River Tudor at end of cul-de-sac. Recently updated kitchen and nook, very spacious w/new cabinetry & Corian countertops. Finished rec room in basement w/full bath. Family room w/fireplace. **23024172-R**



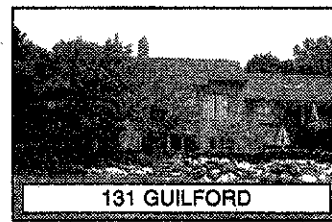
BIRMINGHAM \$1,150,000

Charming Birmingham home that has been restored and updated. Three levels of living! Master bedroom suite is all of third floor! Features built-ins, hardwood floors, 2 driveways. **23080851-S**



LAKE ANGELUS \$1,550,000

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. **22103088-L**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$2,399,000

Fabulous 2.83 acre private estate in Vaughan Rd. area. Soft contemporary Lubin design w/open floor plan for great entertaining. High ceilings, wonderful views, serene master suite w/sitting room. Screened porch. **23054319-G**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$574,900

Beautiful new construction just completed '03. Kitchen w/granite counters, Jenn-air opens to great room w/fireplace & wet bar. Master bedroom w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Four bedrooms, 3 full & 1 half bath. **23043643-F**



ROCHESTER HILLS \$469,900

Stunning 4-5 bedroom, 3.5 bath Tudor with finished walk-out in Pine Trace Village built in 1996. Family room with Palladian windows and custom built-ins. Hardwood floors. **23066301-G**



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$364,900

Nice 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on a beautiful large wooded lot. Designer eat-in kitchen/family room. Newer Pella windows, new A/C in '99. Wood floors throughout (under carpet on 2nd floor). Wonderful screened porch. **23064510-H**



BIRMINGHAM \$1,695,000

Walk to Birmingham from this just completed English cottage style home. Gracious and comfortable, it has a luxurious master suite w/sitting room w/wet bar. Working chef's kitchen w/top end appliances, 3 car garage. **23007141-B**



TROY \$249,900

Larger Bungalow home sitting on almost 1/2 acre lot. Well maintained & nicely decorated and features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large kitchen and family room w/natural fireplace. Large lower level rec room, 2.5 car garage and huge patio. **23075062-B**



BIRMINGHAM \$999,000

This charming Norman style country home is one of Quarton Lake Estates treasures. 13 foot living room ceiling, hand hewn chestnut beams, floor to ceiling brick fireplace. Screen porch w/slate floor. Exquisite English gardens. **23058064-L**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$525,000

This home is ready to raise another family! Four bedroom colonial with full basement. Many updates and extras. Huge lot with extensive garden and Bloomfield Hills schools. Just lovely. **23080158-F**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$424,000

A rare opportunity to experience lakefront living in Bloomfield Hills w/Birmingham schools. Well cared for ranch w/walkout to the lake. Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 patios and attached deck. Tile and hardwood flooring throughout. **23083975-H**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$304,500

Swimmers and entertainers delight. Outstanding pool and Jacuzzi comes with this immaculate brick ranch with basement. Close to schools and freeways. Minutes to Birmingham. **23087494-C**



HUNTINGTON WOODS \$279,900

Cute English Tudor with charm to spare. Many updates, finished basement, nice back yard. Three bedrooms, 2 baths. **23087361-K**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$549,000

Sprawling ranch on a spectacular 2.27 acre lot. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac, home could be expanded in any direction. Well brick ranch with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished walk-out. **23078528-G**



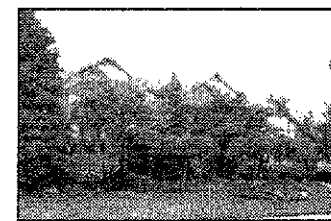
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$324,900

Birmingham schools. Knollwood Heights Ranch on 3/4 acre lot. Numerous updates. Fabulous kitchen with granite island opens to family room and breakfast atrium. Hardwood floors. Over 2,600 sq. ft. w/abundant storage. **23066042-K**



BIRMINGHAM \$1,650,000

Victorian home custom built by Derocher on large private yard in downtown Birmingham. Wrap around porch, large room w/high ceilings, hardwood floors & built-ins. Spacious kitchen opens to family room. **23048762-S**



TROY \$579,500

All the comforts of home! Open hardwood floors, crown moldings, six paneled doors, skylights. Island kitchen w/wood mode cabinets, walk-in pantry. Four bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths. Deck, patio privately landscaped yard. **23064243-C**



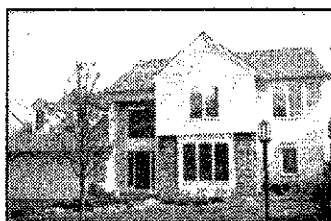
ROYAL OAK \$183,500

Quality built brick ranch in great North Royal Oak neighborhood. Beautifully refinished hardwood floors, plaster walls, large living room w/natural fireplace. Great finished basement, new roof to boards 2 years. **23064592-C**



BIRMINGHAM \$945,000

Private setting overlooking a ravine. A short distance to downtown. Totally renovated & landscaped. Timeless elegance enhanced w/cedar roofing, copper gutters & hardwood floors. **22075154-H**



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$850,000

Wonderful site condo in sought after Boulder Park. Four bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Traditional decor with hardwood flooring, marble master bath. **22029457-B**



CLAWSON \$199,999

Fantastic value on a four bedroom home in Clawson on an extremely quiet street. Home is updated and priced to sell fast. Dry basement, hardwood floors, new kitchen, vaulted ceilings. A real wow! **23085542-K**



WHITE LAKE \$357,000

Golf community, 3945 sq. ft. living area includes finished walk-out, nature preserve at your back door. Great room, library, formal dining room, first floor master. Five bedrooms, 2 full kitchens, 3 car garage. 4 years old. **23042278-S**



FERNDALE \$149,000

North Ferndale updated bungalow. Larger than typical, new bath and kitchen, hardwood floors, large master w/dormer, fenced yard w/new designer patio. Alley access w/plenty of room for a 2 car garage. **23086080-L**



ROYAL OAK \$129,000

Clean, North Royal Oak ranch. Two bedrooms, 1 bath, 813 square feet w/2.5 car garage. Air conditioning, fenced yard and large front porch. New vinyl windows, new lower kitchen cabinets & new countertops. **2307051-B**



SOUTHFIELD \$158,900

Cute, updated brick ranch on beautiful tree lined street. Newer kitchen w/newer appliances, newer roof, Wallside windows, copper plumbing, hardwood floors under carpet. Breakfast room opens to large deck overlooking big back yard. **23080928-A**



FARMINGTON HILLS \$149,900

Charming bungalow with many updates. All new in 2003, siding, deck, hot tub and gazebo, central air, new roof '01, refinished hardwood floors in living room. Newer kitchen appliances. Extra large fenced lot. **23081253-A**



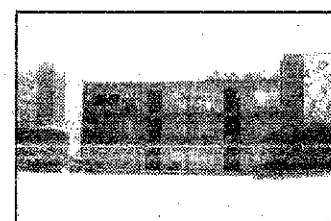
BIRMINGHAM \$435,000

Great location, Holy Name area. Enclosed front porch could be heated. First floor master. Large open living and dining room. Upstairs bedroom is used as an art studio. Attic could be opened up. Basement w/bedroom.



BIRMINGHAM \$579,000

Brand new! Beautifully built by Lewand Custom homes. Kitchen and finished items in a couple of weeks. Three bedrooms, 3 baths, dining room and library. A great location. **23064205-C**



ROYAL OAK \$89,900

First floor condo with fresh paint and neutral decor throughout. Newer carpet, new kitchen flooring, some new windows. Comes with carport and assigned space. Great location in complex. **23082518-C**



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$169,900

Lake privileges on all sports Upper Straits Lake. Very charming bungalow with finished basement. Two car garage & 3 seasons sunroom. Many updates including kitchen, windows, furnace, ca and bath. **23042505-G**



REDFORD \$139,500

Lots of updates including windows, roof, copper plumbing, painting and landscaping. Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, new appliances, refinished hardwood floors, 2.5 car garage w/workshop & a fenced double lot. **23074278-C**



STERLING HEIGHTS \$320,000

Pulte built (2000) brick colonial in Villa Fontana sub. Custom built oak library wall w/rolling ladder in family room. Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, hardwood floor in kitchen, nook & foyer. Side entry garage. **22072617-S**



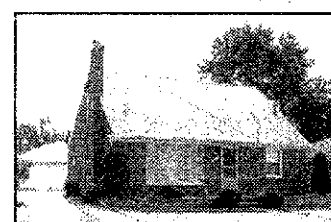
SOUTHFIELD \$147,800

Warm and comfortable with wonderful features. Three bedrooms, living room w/built-ins & doorwall leading to deck and hot tub. Some hardwood floors, great updates in kitchen w/appliances & flooring. **23032612-S**



PONTIAC \$144,900

Charming, immaculate home in Seminole Hills. Hardwood floors in living room, fireplace, new windows throughout, newer eat-in kitchen w/white wood cabinets. Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement has finished room with closet. **23014958-C**



ROYAL OAK \$199,900

Solid oak bungalow in all brick neighborhood. New roof in '03, updated windows, plumbing and hot water heater. Fireplace in living room, hardwood floors throughout. Coved ceilings. Basement and 2 car garage. **23079508-H**

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WEST BLOOMFIELD

Spectacular 6,600 sq. ft. home. Finished walkout with 3,500 sq. ft., five bedrooms, five full and two half baths. All bedrooms have jetted tubs. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and marble floors.
 248-851-5500 85KN-23040363 \$1,499,000



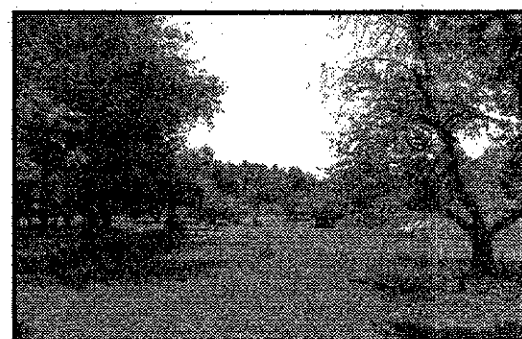
BIRMINGHAM

The charm of yesteryear with the space and amenities of today. A large formal foyer on this center entrance home. The gourmet kitchen features granite counters and island, quality cabinets and premium appliances.
 248-644-6300 72WE-23053555 \$1,299,500



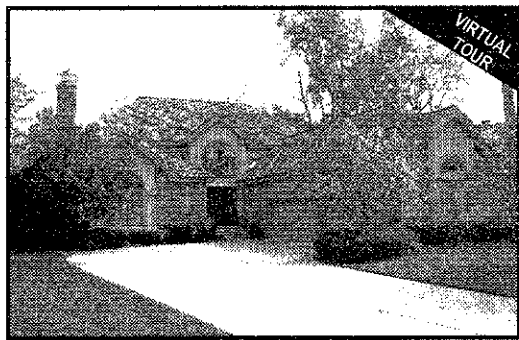
BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Picture yourself in this luxuriously appointed custom colonial that has over 6,000 sq. ft. This home is situated on 1.4 acres of privately landscaped grounds in the heart of the Hills, and close to Cranbrook.
 248-644-6300 35BE-23072754 \$3,200,000



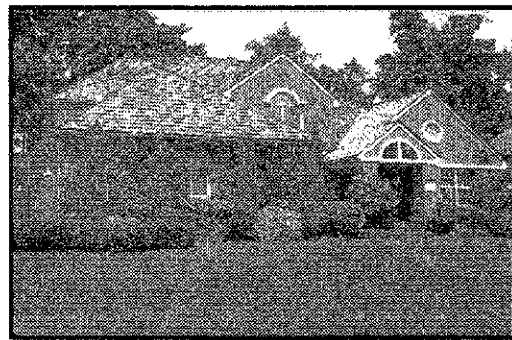
ORTONVILLE

A beautiful, hilly, wooded parcel that overlooks Traux Lake. The 10 acre lake is part of the property and an option is available for splits/clusters. Buy for yourself or develop the land for investments.
 248-644-6300 60HA-23016174 \$1,399,000



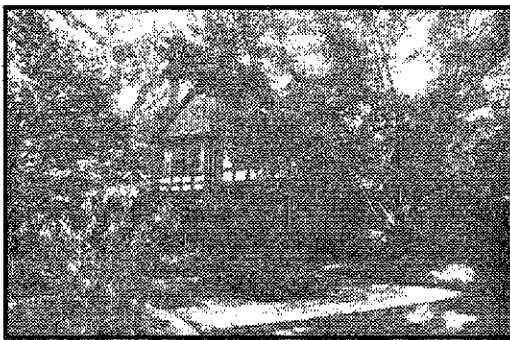
DEARBORN

Gorgeous executive home overlooking TPC of Michigan golf course. Former model home enhanced with many updates including granite kitchen, marble floors, Pella windows and luxurious master suite. Gated community.
 248-644-6300 8GL-22082210 \$849,000



BLOOMFIELD

An absolutely gorgeous site condo with a great, open floor plan and beautifully decorated. The exquisite living and dining rooms have hardwood floors and 18' ceilings. The 1st floor master suite is wonderful.
 248-644-6300 52LO-23065353 \$799,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS

An impressive Tudor, in the heart of the Hills, that will leave you speechless. Located on a wooded cul-de-sac setting that is beautifully landscaped. There are custom features throughout and 5 bedrooms.
 248-644-6300 75CH-23077387 \$1,069,000



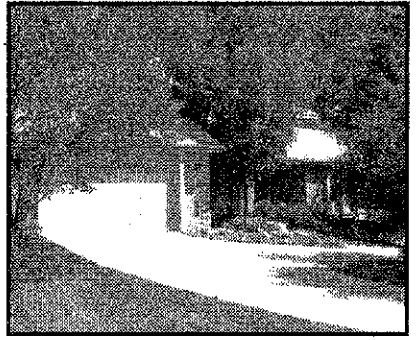
BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE

This gracious Village colonial, on a large corner lot, has been extensively renovated with an enlarged family kitchen, grand master bath and much use of marble, granite and other high quality products.
 248-644-6300 43IN-23004699 \$1,239,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD

Pine Lake privileges allow you to sail away from this updated ranch condominium that has also has a dock. A marble foyer welcomes you and your guests. Finished lower level rec room. Community pool and clubhouse.
 248-644-6300 32MA-23018548 \$795,000



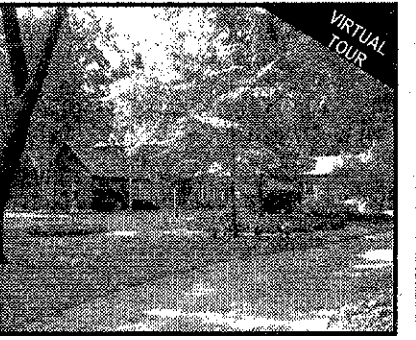
WEST BLOOMFIELD

A David Lubin contemporary that offers quality, detail style and is located on a spectacular private lot that opens to a park. The superb house has a luxurious 1st floor master suite and so much more.
 248-644-6300 60CH-23090205 \$618,000



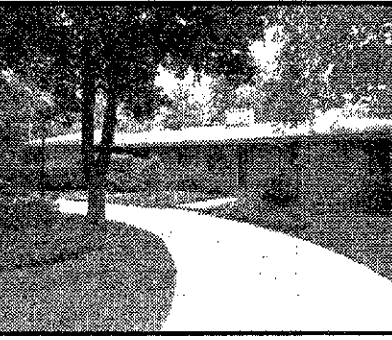
BRIGHTON

Drastically reduced! Beach and boat privileges. Beautiful home on private setting. Two story foyer. Custom kitchen. Fabulous sunroom with 7 skylights. Has a library and family room. Basement with full kitchen & bath.
 248-644-6300 86LA-23033401 \$749,900



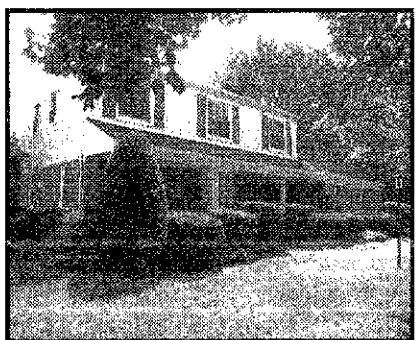
BINGHAM FARMS

Enter on a red brick drive to one of the Larson Estate elegant homes designed by Bob Swanson in historic Bingham Farms. Slate roof, brick courtyard, brick foyer, updated kitchen and great room with a cathedral ceiling.
 248-644-6300 45BI-22009754 \$775,000



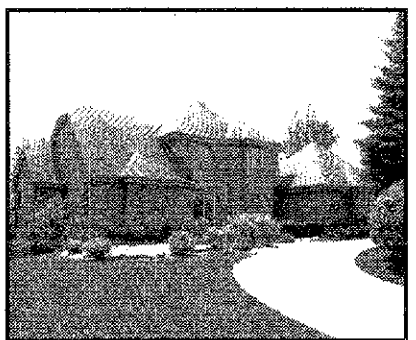
BLOOMFIELD

A California contemporary that was totally remodeled and offers Wing Lake privileges and Bloomfield Schools. The home is great for entertaining and has a fabulous master suite, screened porch and a large deck.
 248-644-6300 81IN-23089662 \$519,000



BLOOMFIELD

This home, with Birmingham Schools, is a great place to raise a family. The home offers hardwood floors, a nice floor plan on both levels, 1st floor laundry and a large kitchen that opens to the family room.
 248-644-6300 04HE-23089240 \$349,900



ROCHESTER

Exceptional home with an open floor plan! Fresh and neutral. Gourmet kitchen, 2-way fireplace, split staircase, sun room/family room. Loft/reading area. Hot tub. All 3 bedrooms have private bath.
 248-651-3500 56ST-23091596 \$519,900



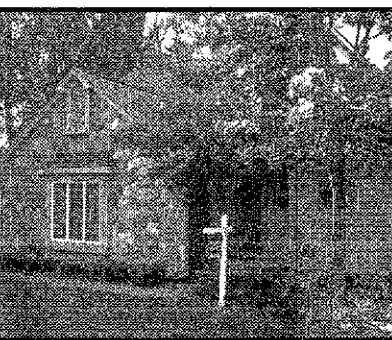
LAKE ORION

Stunning traditional residence on a private cul-de-sac! Many upgrades throughout. Mature trees and plantings to enjoy from the brick paver patio. Spend precious family time in the oversized breakfast room.
 248-651-3500 41HI-23086002 \$329,900



BIRMINGHAM

Quality new construction with a great floor plan and attention to detail. Has hardwood floors and a finished lower level. The white kitchen has granite counters and opens to family room. The master suite is huge.
 248-644-6300 39FO-23044447 \$479,500



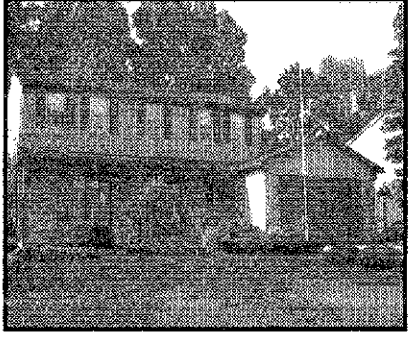
ROYAL OAK

A fabulous end-unit condo in a desirable complex that offers a wooded privacy and that "up-north" feeling. The floor plan is open and light and has a 1st floor master and laundry, and is great for entertaining.
 248-644-6300 09HE-23089253 \$339,000



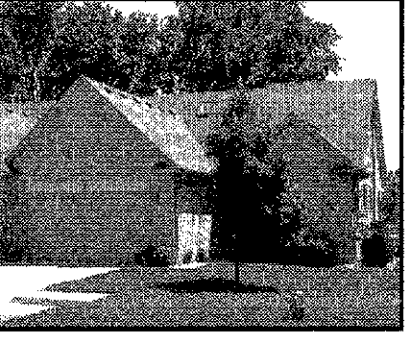
SOUTHFIELD

Invite the friends over and entertain on the 2-tiered deck from this large family home in a sought after neighborhood. The home has crown moldings, recessed lighting and newer ceramic floors in kitchen and foyer.
 248-644-6300 10PO-23078574 \$240,000



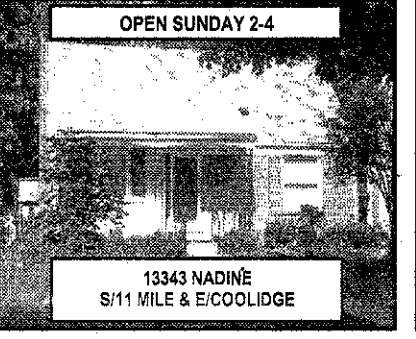
ROCHESTER HILLS

Lovingly cared for classic Colonial with secluded tree-lined back yard. Close to schools, shopping and expressways. Sit and relax on the private picturesque patio. Beautiful updates.
 248-651-3500 33IN-23089576 \$269,900



CLINTON TOWNSHIP

End unit Ranch condo-sides to woods. View of pond wrap around deck, building up grades, sky-lights and ceramic tile, window breakfast room. Fireplace in the great room. Gorgeous and spotless.
 248-651-5500PE-23060242 \$214,900



HUNTINGTON WOODS

A custom built home that has been well maintained. Come and see the newer eat-in kitchen that has loads of storage and an island. Also has a marble enclosed fireplace in the living room and newer items like the roof.
 248-644-6300 43NA-23084123 \$285,000



BIRMINGHAM

A lovely brick ranch that is located in a nice neighborhood and is close to schools. The home features some hardwood floors, a master bedroom with a large closet, 2 full baths and a living room with a coved ceiling.
 248-644-6300 88BO-23089731 \$229,900



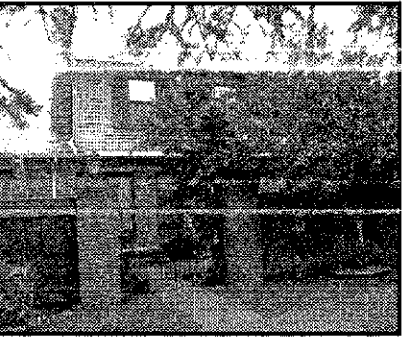
BLOOMFIELD

Elegance best describes this spacious ground level condo that has a flowing floor plan. Crown moldings enhance the living and dining rooms décor. The newer deck overlooks the courtyard with lovely plantings.
 248-644-6300 33MU-23062930 \$149,900



BIRMINGHAM

A desirable Buckingham Village condo that has been updated throughout. The interior has a maple kitchen and lovely warm colors throughout. Step out to the porch through the living room doorwall and enjoy the outside.
 248-644-6300 75ET-23089761 \$149,900



FARMINGTON HILLS

Value added townhouse boasts updated kitchen with oak cabinets and newer Pergo floor. Other features include fireplace, master suite with a walk-in closet, great pro-finished. Private courtyard. Pool and tennis in complex.
 248-644-6300 60CO-23035575 \$152,500



FARMINGTON HILLS

A spacious upper ranch condo in sought after Woodcreek Village. It is very neutral with a large master bedroom that has a bathroom. Also has a porch, excellent floor plan and all of the appliances.
 248-851-5500 28MI-23085762 \$147,500



FARMINGTON HILLS

Located well in the complex is this desirable 1st floor end-unit. Enter through the large foyer that opens to the living area. In the separate dining area hangs a crystal chandelier. Also has a porch.
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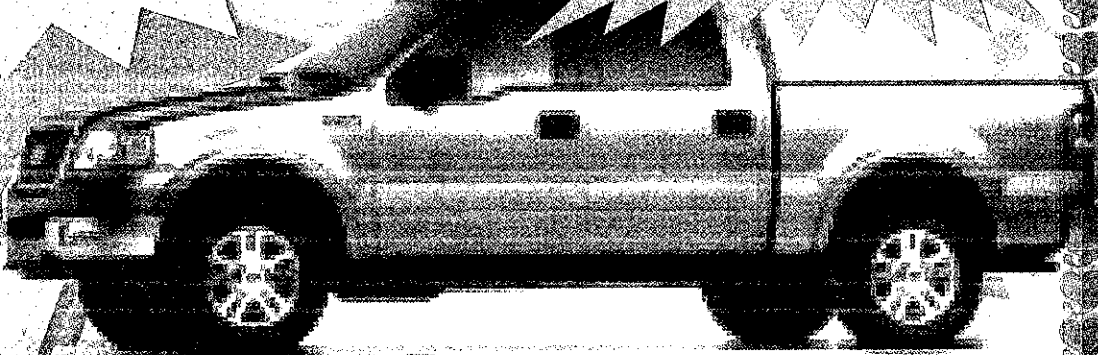
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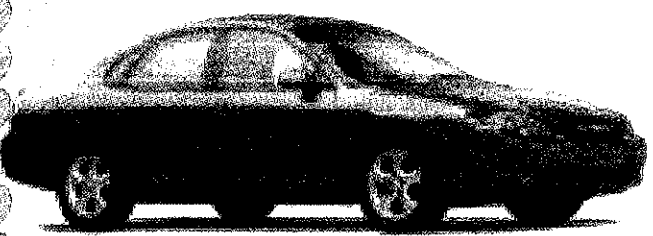
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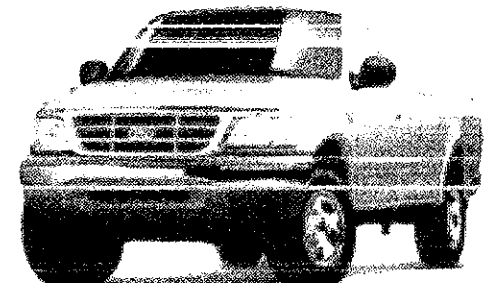
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2003 Volkswagen GTI

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Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

The Volkswagen GTI is what a small, sporty-looking car should be: a pocket rocket. Manual transmission and all, the 2003 GTI VR6 is about as fun to drive as can be, and it's got some utilitarian features that also recommend the vehicle to consumers.

For all the Volkswagen fans who've been getting used to the newfangled Beetle and other new models over the last several years, the GTI offers a bit of a nostalgic experience. That's because the GTI dates way back to 1983, when it was called the Golf GTI and debuted as a widely anticipated new automobile. It ended up becoming VW's bestseller. In fact, to celebrate its 25th European anniversary this year, Volkswagen produced a funky version called the GTI 337 and shipped 1,750 of them to American shores.

Actually, however, the GTI VR6 is special enough. What largely makes it so is the 200-horsepower, 2.8-liter, V6 engine. For a car whose curb weight isn't all that much greater than that of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, a six-cylinder engine provides an extreme helping of horsepower. And with a six-speed manual transmission, GTI makes the absolute most of its robust powerplant.

Fun to drive actually is an understatement. GTI VR6 demonstrates a pop from the starting line that clearly startles others on the road, and it's exhilarating to the driver because you feel as if it's really just you and the engine -- not you, the engine and enough chrome-plated, leather-swathed amenities to make anyone from the country club set happy. The extra, sixth gear helps you make the most of the joy of piloting a manual transmission, because the gear ratios are such that the VR6 can come through wonderfully in first through fifth as well.

The car also handles very nimbly, thanks to power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering, adding to its sporty feel. The sport suspension -- plus an independent, track-correcting torsion beam rear axle



Saying the Volkswagen GTI, VR6 is fun to drive is an understatement.

with an integrated stabilizer bar -- and 17-inch wheels are clearly in evidence in helping the VR6 to max out its capabilities, and the leather-wrapped, three-spoke steering wheel underscores the fact that the driving is to be enjoyed. Road grip is terrifically smooth. Moreover, the VR6 offers an antiskid system, which is a laudable rarity in a subcompact vehicle.

A bonus is that, even with the highly capable power plant owned by the VR6, because the car is so light, gas mileage is tremendous: an average of 21 miles a gallon in the city, and 29 on the highway. At a time of record-high gas prices, those are the kinds of numbers that consumers really ought to note.

Frankly, the GTI isn't much to look at: Its shape and overall appearance rather scream "Eighties hatchback." But certainly VW has managed to refine and modernize the design enough over the years that the car doesn't seem out of place in the Twenty-first Century. Nifty features such as halogen headlamps certainly help, and the size of the 17-inch alloy wheels makes a design statement of its own on a car as small as the VR6.

What's more commendable about the GTI VR6 is what VW has done with the interior of the car, optimizing the small space available. For example, it's

always a challenge in a two-door like the VR6 for passengers to get into the rear seats, right? Not in this car -- the front seats surge ahead with the simple tripping of a lever, creating an opening plenty wide enough for all but the most ample rear passenger to slip through easily. Similarly, the car makes the most of its rear cargo well: It is very deep, providing more overall space back there than the casual observer might assume is available.

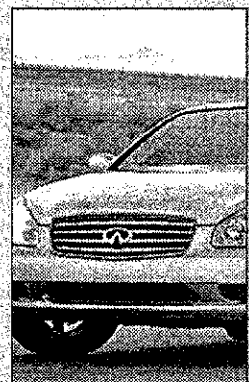
Standard features include air conditioning, cruise control, and all the usual amenities of today's automobiles. VR6 also offers a 60/40-split folding rear seat, power windows and a serviceable audio system. One slight drawback is that illumination of the instrument panel and other interior controls is in VW's trademark garish bright red and blue, which at least takes some getting used to. The car gets only middling marks for the clarity of its audio, climate and other controls.

One other caveat: This pocket rocket doesn't come cheap. Suggested retail prices begin at under \$16,000, but the GTI VR6 version I drove came in at the pricey level of just a few hundred dollars short of \$25,000. You've really got to enjoy riding the rocket for that kind of moola.

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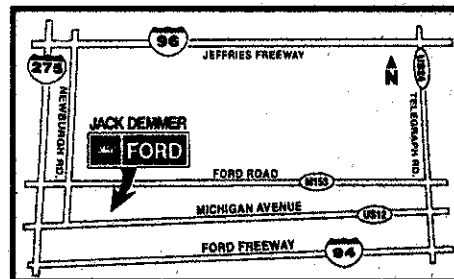
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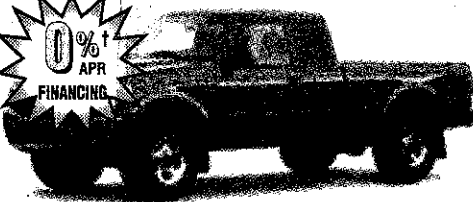
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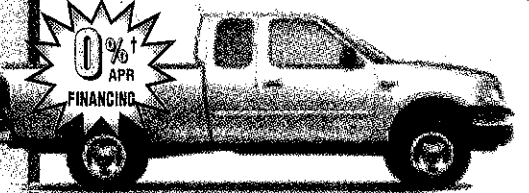
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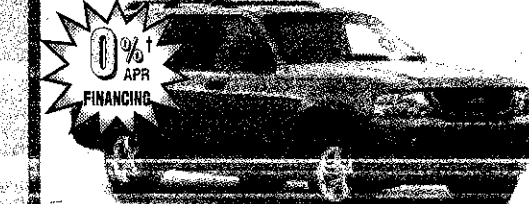
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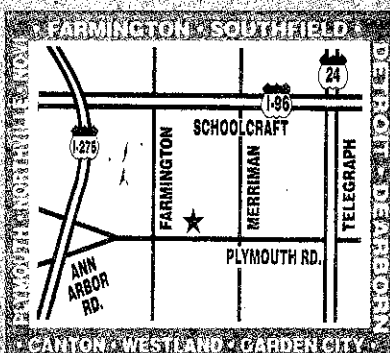
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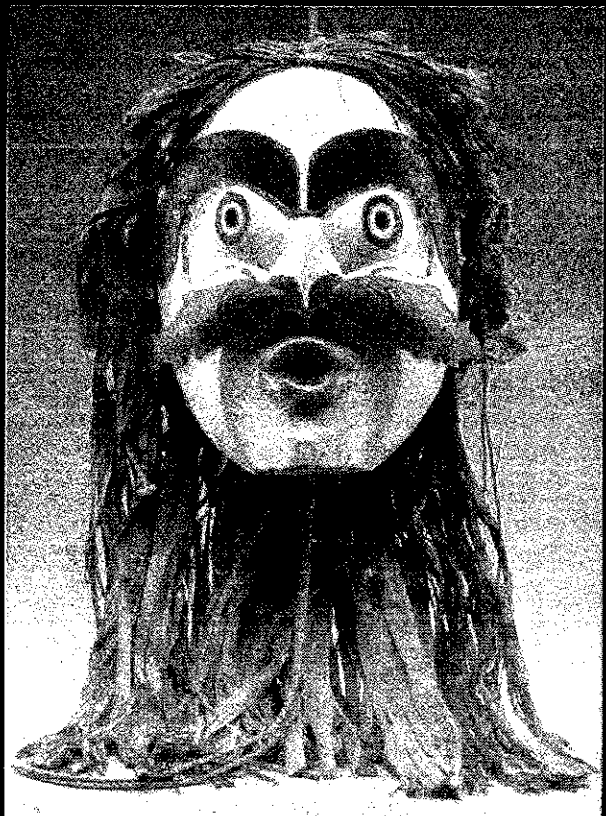
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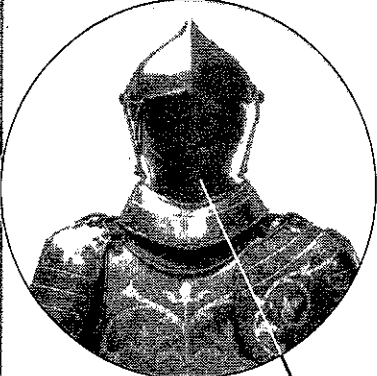


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Hot Ticket

In the art of Motown

Detroit Festival of the Arts entertains from the streets

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Warning: Performers may suddenly appear, rendering services from pedestrian surfaces.

That's the trouble with street performance, and the beauty of acts so seemingly spontaneous.

Like it or not, the Detroit Festival of the Arts, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14, in the city's midtown University Cultural Center, features several brands of street performance.

One example: The Natural Theatre Company, a 30-year-old troop from England whose specialty is turning ordinary street activity into theatrical entertainment.

"It's not totally improvisation. But often, you won't notice that these people are actors right away," said Maureen Riley, director of the festival, which is in its 17th year and presented by the University Cultural Center Association and Wayne State University.

Members of the aerial dance



The Detroit Festival of the Arts brings together fine arts and street performance.

troupe Project Bandaloop – a crowd favorite at last year's festival – spin and jump and

stretch from vertical surfaces like rock formations and buildings, or, in this case, Detroit's Scarab Club facade. Based in San Francisco, the dance company performs choreography modern in style.

Another twist on taking it to the streets comes in the form of an artistic tradition. In Italy, artists in need of work used to replicate masterpieces on the street in hopes of obtaining commissions from wealthy patrons.

Look for a familiar rendering of Diego Rivera's work, along with chalk paintings by numerous high school and college students, on John R during the festival.

HOME COMING

Other performances and activities take place in more traditional settings, including the homecoming of Detroit's own Funk Brothers, the studio

musicians who played on Motown's hit recordings. The Funk Brothers are the focus of the recent hit documentary, *Standing in the Shadows of Motown*.

"It's very rare to see them perform live," said Riley. "There are six of the original members in this group, and they made a great contribution to the Motown Sound."

Hands-on arts and crafts activities round out the festival's entertainment offerings. New this year is the first Detroit Crochet-Knit Out and Stitch In, where patrons can get help on abandoned projects, take lessons and watch demonstrations.

Field's GO READ Garden, literacy-focused activities for kids on the lawn of the Detroit Public Library, is also new this year.

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TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

What: 17th Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts.

When: 4-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14.

Where: Midtown Detroit's University Cultural District, 20-block area that encompasses the Detroit Institute of Arts and Wayne State University, between Warren and Kirby, and Brush and Anthony Wayne.

Admission: Free, for information, call (313) 577-5088 or visit www.detroitfestival.com.

PERFORMANCES

■ Funk Brothers, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, MASCO Metro Times Stage.

■ Project Bandaloop, 6 p.m. Friday; 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Scarab Club facade.

Music, mayhem blend in tasteless 'Cannibal'

Perhaps nothing can inspire one to song like cannibalism does.

The point is made in *Cannibal: The Musical*, a diverting 90 minutes or so of slashing, stabbing, chewing on various body parts and, of course, songs.

The prologue tells us that this film actually was made in 1954 but was pulled

from theaters when it was eclipsed by *Oklahoma*. The print was recently discovered, cleaned up and presented to us, minus the original violent scenes.

I don't think they're telling the truth. For one thing, no one in the history of movies has ever had such bad fake mustaches and beards as do the folks in

Cannibal: The Musical. And as for trimming the violence, well, the sanitized ver-



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

sion presented here is bulging with scenes of throats being torn off, heads being smashed and hacked, and dining scenes that would turn the stomachs of the Iron Chefs — all of them.

Plus, this is a Troma production. If you know the Troma team, then you know that anything goes with them, including setting cannibalism to music. And it actually isn't bad, the music that is. There are endearing songs about building a snowman, seeking a better life and the love of a horse.

Sure, it isn't as tuneful as *Mama Mia* or even *Paint Your Wagon*, but I've heard worse. I think.

The story concerns Alfred Packer, who leads a group of would-be miners from Utah to Colorado to seek gold. But Alfred doesn't really know the way, so they get upset in the snow.

With nothing to eat, they turn on each other. Ultimately Alfred is the only one left and when he makes it to town, he is accused of murder, convicted and sentenced to hang.

This leads to an impressive song and dance number the likes of which have not

been seen since *The Music Man*.

The townsfolk dance in the street singing:

Hang the bastard, hang him high, hoist his body to the sky.

It's as nice as a day can be, would you come to the hanging with me...

But Alfred doesn't hang. He gets off on a legal technicality, since Colorado was Indian territory when the supposed crimes were committed.

All of this is spiced up with some bizarre trimmings. The prospectors run into a Japanese Indian tribe, hand puppets join in the singing and Tiny Tim adds his famous line, "God bless us, everyone" when Alfred is freed.

And so what if they misspelled "Alferd's" name in the tagline. But you can appreciate the warning at the end of movie that "Due to the graphic nature of this film, it should not have been watched by young children."

Cannibal: The Musical is directed by *South Park* co-creator Trey Parker, for whatever that is worth.

In all, this is a rather tasteless film, which is exactly what one should expect from a musical based on cannibalism. You won't find this video on the shelves of Kroger, but check out Thomas Video in Clawson.

Greg Kowalski swears he only dines with people, not on them. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570, gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

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Big screen

Pontiac Silverdome kicking off drive-in movies

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Aaaah, drive-in movies.

Perfect for families. Let the kids lie on the hood of the car and give mom and dad silence to enjoy the flick.

Even better for new romance, right? We won't even go there.

The Pontiac Silverdome will open Movies at the Drive-In on either Friday, Sept. 12 or 19 — the date's still pending. This spring, five screens will run different movies, but this month the new drive-in will kick off with three screens.

It's the first drive-in to open in Michigan since 1963.

The last new outdoor theater was the now-defunct Galaxy Drive-In in Madison Heights. The Ford-Wyoming in Dearborn is the only operating metro Detroit drive-in.

"Some of my best childhood moments were spent with my family at the local drive-in," said Joseph Cobb, a partner of Movies at the Drive-In, LLC, a parent company of the Silverdome Drive-In. "I think we're filling a real gap in today's entertainment market by providing an inexpensive and memorable way to enjoy a movie."

Like a good drive-in should be, the Silverdome will host double features. Every night a new first-run movie will play, followed by a second, newer movie. Show times will always depend on the sunset; when night sets in, the movies will begin.

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For now, patrons will use their vehicle heaters when the weather is brisk. However, plans are in the works for

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'Dickie Roberts' tries too hard to gain our love

DICKIE ROBERTS: FORMER CHILD STAR
** (out of four)

Early on in *Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star*, it is revealed what Dickie's famous catchphrase was when he was a young superstar: "This is nucking futs!" In that brief instant, *Dickie Roberts*



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achieves everything that it yearns for. It is surprisingly funny, shockingly lewd and offers some shrewd commentary on the basic grotesquerie of childhood stardom. "This is nucking futs" might be a lame joke, but much like "Whatchoo talkin' about, Willis?", it is nevertheless treasured by nostalgia-hungry Americans long after they've discarded the replaceable young man who said it.

But Dickie (David Spade) is determined his star will rise again. His *Eight is Enough*-style show, *The Glimmer Gang*, was canceled about three decades ago and he's now a parking valet with a cell phone, a two-bit agent (Jon Lovitz), and enough bitterness to satisfy all of his Thursday night poker buddies — a motley crew

including Barry "Greg Brady" Williams, Danny *Partridge Family* Bonaduce, Dustin "Screech" Diamond, Leif *Surfin' USA* Garrett and Corey "Goonie" Feldman.

COMEBACK OPPORTUNITY

His big comeback opportunity comes in the form of a plum audition for a new Rob Reiner film. The big problem: It requires Dickie to draw upon his "ordinary" childhood memories, of which he has none. So Dickie hires a normal suburban family to treat him like a child for a month.

Dickie Roberts incorporates *E! True Hollywood Stories*, *Celebrity Boxing* and the tabloid press into its story, which is clever but begs a pretty obvious question: This is the age of *The Surreal Life*, a TV show in which "Dickie" co-stars Emmanuel Lewis and Corey Feldman lived together in a house for the pure sake of voyeuristic ogling, so isn't a comedy about screwed-up former child stars kind of passé?

There's a couple of scenes that try to make a point about celebrity, how it's not about the money, women or drugs, but the love — love from an adoring public that they never received from their money-grubbing parents. That's all fine and dandy, but an emotional scene delivered

His ill-conceived stab at poignancy aside, Spade is a natural for this kind of role. With his scrawny build, longish hair and delicate features, Spade looks like a little kid with a hormone problem.

by Spade is just plain hilarious — and by "hilarious" I mean "painful."

His ill-conceived stab at poignancy aside, Spade is a natural for this kind of role. With his scrawny build, longish hair and delicate features, Spade looks like a little kid with a hormone problem. And ever since his corrosive *Hollywood Minute* segment on *Saturday Night Live*, Spade has always possessed an unusually deep well of spite against the Hollywood elite.

But if you really think about it, Spade has never been laugh-out-loud funny. His comedy is the sort you roll your eyes and groan at. Which is great when it's the *Hollywood Minute*, but what happens when Spade hits the big screen for the "Hollywood 90 Minutes"?

Here's what happens: a sustained mid-

dle-ranged chord of discord that borders on funny for a really, really long time.

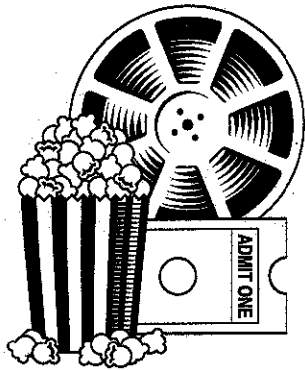
Unlike his pal (and *Dickie Roberts* producer) Adam Sandler, Spade simply does not possess "star power." He cannot own a scene. This is fine — I happen to like my David Spade in small, spicy doses anyway — but Spade seems dead-set on overcoming his *Adventures of Joe Dirt* debacle. (Then again, who can really blame him?)

Dickie Roberts sets up a funny, Sandler-style situation — a man reliving his childhood — but then kind of abandons it as Dickie instead becomes a father figure to his new family's children. Granted, Spade is funnier than Eddie Murphy was in the similar *Daddy Day Care*, but the result is just as irrelevant and wishy-washy. Murphy, at least, seems at home in a PG environment. Spade's performance in *Dickie Roberts* feels downright pandering, and you can almost feel his tongue lapping at your hand like an ingratiating dog.

Much like Dickie Roberts, David Spade seems to be at a point in his career when he's ready to do anything to gain our love.

But I just wish he would just concentrate on being his sarcastic, nasty, rotten, abusive self. And by "sarcastic, nasty, rotten, abusive," I mean "funny."

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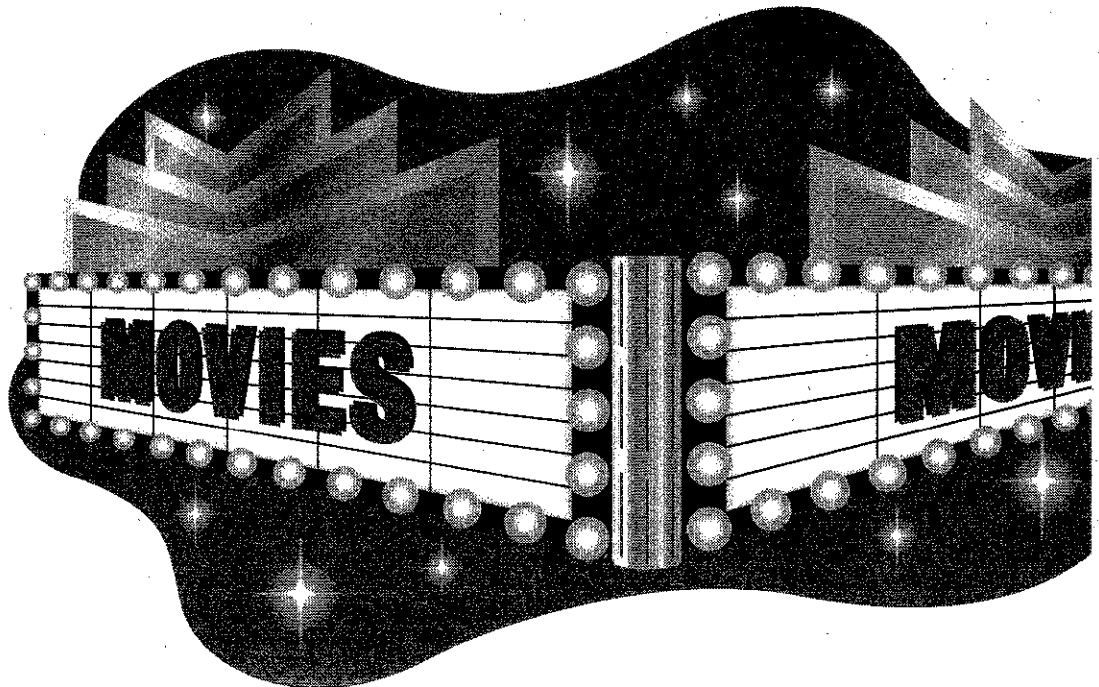
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Very 'purse-sonal'

A Gina Alexander bag is something to brag about

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

They've been on the shoulders of singer Macy Gray, XMen star Kelly Hu, and TV personality Kelly Ripa.

Now they've made their way to just one store in Michigan: Parisian.

Gina Alexander of Hollywood is the must-have purse of the moment. Customers actually create bags adorned with images taken from their own photographs.

Want a picture of your wedding party on a golden sepia tone cosmetic bag? How about your child's beautiful face on a diaper tote bag?

Or maybe a collage of your happy dog wrapped around a purse?

Gina Alexander of Hollywood is not about tacky iron-ons placed on canvas. It's a structured leather bag with a bucket shape and metal feet. Clients choose bamboo or leather handles. They use their own photos that are

imprinted around the whole purse. Customers also choose the color and bag style.

For example, if you love your poodle, you can get a purse in the style of Andy Warhol. Imagine a photo of your poodle imprinted four times on the bag. Behind each image is a different color like pink, blue, yellow and green.

"But the most popular purse is the bamboo-handle bag," said Jill Engel, events coordinator at Parisian.

And the most desired image customers want on their purses?

"Children is by far the most popular," she said.

Gina Alexander of Hollywood arrived at Parisian in June. Baby boomers are the biggest customers, but in Hollywood it's stars like Vivica Fox, Tori Spelling, Leeza Gibbons, Sharon Stone, Adam Sandler, Cameron Crowe, Rose McGowan and Elizabeth Taylor.

Actresses Christina Applegate and Minnie Driver have hosted purse parties similar to Tupperware parties.

Engel said the popularity is skyrocketing through word-of-mouth. Customers are stopped on the street when they see the bags.

A percentage of proceeds from each purse benefits HOPE for Children, Inc., a group that works to place homeless children into permanent homes.

Parisian in Livonia and Rochester Hills carries several styles, including an 8-by-6-inch cosmetic bag, an 8-by-9-by-4-inch tote bag, a 12-by-10-by-4-inch large bag and 16-by-12-by-4-inch diaper bag. For information, visit www.ginaalexander.com or www.parisian.com.

The bamboo-handle purse is the top-selling Gina Alexander bag at Parisian. Clients create individualized bags with their own photographs.



Singer Ashanti personalized her Gina Alexander of Hollywood bag with a picture of herself.



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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.

Flint Youth Theatre

The Guys by Anne Nelson, staged reading, 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Elgood Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., \$5, (810) 760-1018.

PuppetArt

Detroit Puppet Theatre, grand opening of sixth season, 7 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. performance, Saturday, Sept. 6, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. Season opens with *Turtle Island*, 2 p.m. every Saturday. \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777.

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

Fisher Theatre

Kiss Me Kate, through Sept. 21, curtain 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, \$32-\$59.50, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000 or www.nederlanderdetroit.com

THEATER AUDITIONS

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.

Youth Theatre, Farmington Hills

Annie, open auditions, grades 1-12, 6-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, Costick Center, Sharon Hall, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, show dates: Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23, \$115 registration fee. (248) 473-1800.

CHORAL

Schoolcraft Community Chorus

New member auditions Tuesday, Sept. 9 and 16, Room F-310 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435 for an appointment. Choir rehearses 7:30-10

p.m. Tuesday and includes students and members of the community.

Jackson Chorale

New season begins 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, music room, Rochester High School, 3200 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 651-3085.

Ars Nova

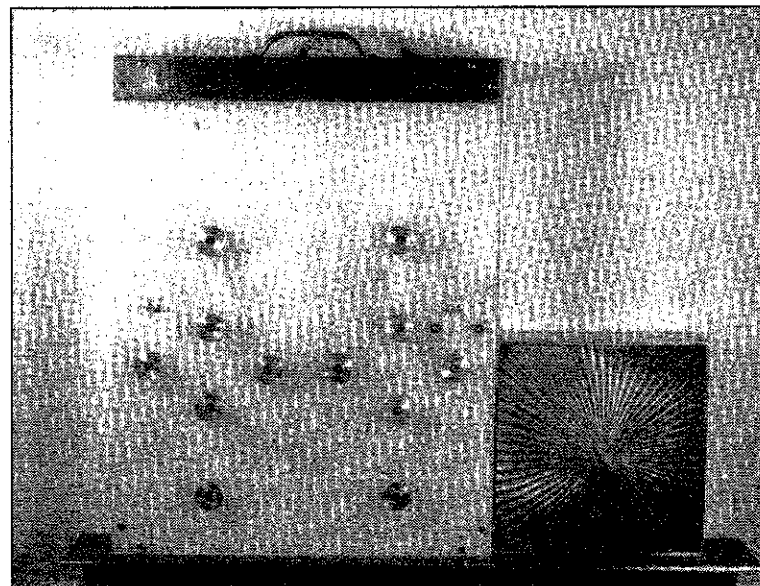
Auditions for singers for the 2003-2004 concert year. Three concerts will be presented this year, including a performance with the Macomb Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Oak Children's Choir and a cabaret concert in the spring. Rehearse 7-9 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Royal Oak. Call (248) 414-7242 or www.arsnova-mi.org

Detroit Concert Choir

Seeking skilled singers, all voice parts. Call (313) 882-0118 to schedule an audition appointment. Rehearsals begin Monday, Sept. 8.



Join the party as Chuck Moss and other musicians play Dixieland-style jazz 2-5 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting Saturday at Shields Restaurant Bar Pizzeria, 25101 Telegraph, on the northeast corner of 10 Mile Road, Southfield. Cover \$8. Presented by the Windsor-Detroit Jazz Club. For more information, call (248) 356-2720.



Retrofit, works by Sharon Que, are on display Saturday through Oct. 5 in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. Reception to meet the artist 6-8 p.m. Saturday; artist's talk 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. For information, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag

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.

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

Village Potters Guild

Third annual pottery tent sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, behind Dunleavy's Grill. Holiday show, Nov. 21-22, at Plymouth Arts Council, (734) 207-8807, (734) 454-4122.

Plymouth Fall Festival

Downtown Plymouth, noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

Variety of events including live entertainment, food, carnival rides, classic car and craft show. For details go to www.plymouthfallfestival.com

Heritage Days

On the waterfront in Bishop Park, Wyandotte, 3-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, entertainment, living history encampments, bagpipers, arts & crafts, museum exhibits, and food, (734) 324-7297.

Spotlights market

Sponsored by Meadow Brook Theatre Guild, 100 juried artists, downtown Rochester, between Walnut and Fourth Streets, 4-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, (248) 651-8681.

Autumfest

Fair and country music concert 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, south of the Southfield Civic Center. Fair activities 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., performance by Gravel Road 5-6 p.m., the Forbes Brothers 6:30-8 p.m. (248) 796-4620.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Bluegrass Festival VII

Auburn Hills, Civic Center Park, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, J.D. Crowe and the New South, the Chapmans and more. Bring lawn chairs, (248) 370-9353.

DTE

Foreigner with Lou Gramm 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5; Festival-N.E.R.D., O.A.R. The Roots, Kelis, Skillz, Talib Kweli and Robert Randolph & the Family Band, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7; Randy Travis with Rachel Proctor, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

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

Freedom Hill

Aretha Franklin 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6; Tony Bennett, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, (248) 645-6666 or www.freedomhill.net

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman*, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 10-14, (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Sculptor Sharon Que, Sept. 6 to Oct. 5, opening reception 6-8 Saturday, Sept. 6, next to the Meadow Brook Theatre, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester; artist's talk 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/mbag.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

The Art of Fun, Sept. 5 to Friday, Oct. 10. A collection of humorous work by Jerome Ferretti, Stephen Goodfellow, Jim Pallas and Ronald Pavsner, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, gallery talk by Ronald Pavsner, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, (248) 644-0866, www.bbartcenter.org

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.

Au Courant Interior Design

Studio/Gallery

Selective Memory, Andrea Eis, Sept. 6 to Oct. 11, opening reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, MI, (248) 548-3770.

Revolution

James Chatelain and Anne Wilson, Sept. 6 to Oct. 11, opening reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444, www.revolu.tn.com

POPULAR MUSIC

The Majestic Theatre

Tom Tom Club, husband-and-wife Rock'n'Roll Hall of Famers Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth (formerly of Talking Heads) and their potent brand of danceable funk, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700, \$15 Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag

Trinity House

Jen and Scott Smith from the AAA band Naked Blue, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn

Judie Cochill, vocals, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, 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.



Gerri Leiter and Dominic Lucca are members of the Livonia Civic Chorus. The chorus is an eclectic group of individuals who love to sing. They have performed at a variety of venues and recently presented an all-Andrew Lloyd Webber production titled, "Wonderfully Webber," at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Join them as they begin their 39th season. The first rehearsal is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark, Livonia. An open audition will be held for all vocal parts, Sept. 9, 16 and 23. The ability to sight-read music is not required, but beneficial. If you are a shower soprano, a bathtub baritone or simply yearn for the spotlight, there's a spot waiting for you. Call (248) 543-2946 for information.

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 CONCERTS

Birmingham

Steve King & the Dittillies, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham.

Birmingham-First Concert Series

Launches its new season 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, collaboration of organists, Jeremy Tarrant and Tom Trenney, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Freewill offering.

COMEDY

Norm Stulz

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.

Joey's Comedy Club -Paisano's Dearborn

Sal Demilio, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885.

Joey's Comedy Club - Livonia

Ty Barnett, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$5 Thursday; \$12 Friday-Saturday, dinner/show package available. (734) 261-0555, www.joey'scomedyclub.com
Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
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. 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 Livornois, 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

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

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).

Village Players dare to be different; Stagecrafters choose tradition

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

This tale of two theater groups is messed up.

One group is Stagecrafters, in trendy Royal Oak. The other is The Village Players, in conservative Birmingham.

You'd expect to see the avant-garde group in Royal Oak and the traditional one in Birmingham, right?

Wrong.

Birmingham's Village Players opens its 81st season Sept. 12 with *Chess-The Musical*, a Cold War parable. On the same night, Stagecrafters continues its 48th season with the musical *Godspell*.

KEEPING IT INTERESTING

The Birmingham-area backers of The Village Players decided in recent years to present more edgy plays to keep the theater series interesting for patrons. In searching for a word to describe the play selection, publicity chairwoman Joan Reddy considers "daring," then rejects it.

"It has become in the last two years more eclectic," she says. "It's not the typical musicals or straight plays. Our play-reading committee and our board of directors wanted to do things different, more challenging; things that the audiences would love and wouldn't be bored because they've seen it before."

Chess features music by Abba alumni Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Anderson, whose music was also used in the Broadway hit *Mama Mia*.

The Village Players are believed to be the oldest continuous community theater group in metro Detroit, according to Reddy. Replacing the traditional folding chairs this season are 210 nearly new theater seats, purchased on eBay and former-



Russian chess star Jamie Richards (from left), an American assistant, Kelley Janney, and the American chess genius, Kurt Bowen, battle at an international chess tournament in a scene from 'Chess-The Musical.'

ly used in a company auditorium. "They're much more comfortable and it's air conditioned this year," says Reddy.

Celebrate the American Experience is the theme of this year's theater series. To help push that theme, a lecture series at the Birmingham Baldwin Library has been tied to each play. Each lecture will be scheduled at the library roughly two days before the corresponding play opens.

"I love to see productions take form, all the people come together and contribute their talents and in the end there's a great production," says Reddy, who has also acted at the theater.

Unlike some theater groups who have their own acting troupe, the Village Players hold open auditions for plays.

SEASON OF HOPE

Stagecrafters 2003-2004 community theater series is being called the "Season of Hope." "There's an element of hope in each play," explains director Carol Mastroianni.

Evita and *South Pacific* will be presented this season, along with a play that has generated some buzz among the Stagecrafters faithful, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

"We've had a lot of positive response to *Kill a Mockingbird*, it's definitely a favorite among many people," Mastroianni says.

Originally staged in member basements, the community theater series has in recent years been presented in the Baldwin Theater, established circa 1922 on South Lafayette. While it looks like a warehouse on the outside, some consider it the grandest vaudeville house in the Midwest.

The theater, once nearly ruined from water damage and neglect, is now elegant in blue, gold and cranberry. The main theater seats 372. The balcony can be sectioned off to create the Black Box theater, for smaller plays seating 100. The entire theater sells out for some productions.

"I consider theater to be the house of all arts," Mastroianni says. "It has all the artistic disciplines under one roof - dancing, singing, visual arts, performing arts; there's something for everyone."

The Guys is a highlight. The story centers on Joan, a New York editor who in the days after 9/11 meets Nick, a fire captain who seeks her help to write eulogies for his fallen comrades.

Both Mastroianni and Reddy say that part of the fun of community theater is the odd things that can happen. For instance, when she was acting, Reddy once opened a door to exit the stage. "The doorknob came off right in my hand, I just kept going."

Mastroianni recalls the time a production of *Singing in the Rain* featured water. "The first time they tried, it rained so hard



DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Patricia Raney (from left, standing), Reynaldo Arceno, Jr., Scott Forney, Coleen Latella, Annie Reinholz (from left, kneeling), Rebekah Crowley and Scott Nader are performing in the Stagecrafters production of 'Godspell.'

VILLAGE PLAYERS

What: Opens its 2003-04 season with *Chess-The Musical*, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Additional performances, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 19-21; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Where: 34660 Woodward Ave., two blocks south of Maple, on the east side of Woodward, Birmingham

Tickets: \$15, season tickets \$60, call (248) 644-2075

Season schedule

- *Stage Door*, Nov. 14-23
- *Swingtime Canteen*, Jan. 23-Feb. 8
- *Night and Her Stars*, March 12-21
- *Rags*, May 7-23

STAGECRAFTERS

What: Opens its 2003-04 season with *Godspell* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12. Additional performances Sept. 13-14, Sept. 18- Sept. 25-28, Oct. 3-5. Curtain 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

Where: Historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak

Tickets: \$16 Thursday; \$18 Friday-Sunday; seniors and students pay \$16 for Sunday tickets, call (248) 541-802

Season schedule

- *Boyz n the City: The Musical*, Oct. 17-Nov. 1
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Nov. 7-23
- *King Midas and the Touch of Gold*, Dec. 11-14
- *Evita*, Jan. 16-Feb. 8
- *The Guys*, Feb. 20-29
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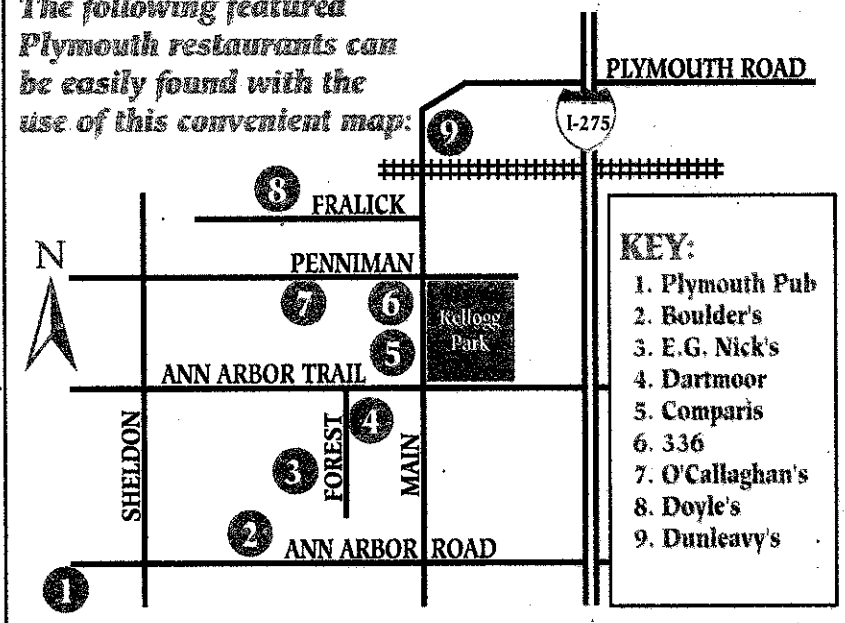
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Cover story



'11'09'01' defines the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks through the eyes of 11 filmmakers from different countries.

Remembering 9/11

DFT film shows terrorist attacks from a global perspective

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

It's been almost two years since Sept. 11, 2001.

Long enough for Americans to widen their perspectives on the event.

The film, *11'09'01*, which runs Sept. 5-7 at Detroit Film Theatre, offers such an opportunity.

The film is a compilation of 11 short films created by 11 directors, each from a different nation, about the terrorist attacks.

"This is such a unique and unusual project," said Elliot Wilhelm, director of Detroit Film Theatre. "It is less a group of short films and more chapters that tell a part of the story."

The list of countries from which participating directors originate include Iran, France, Egypt, Bosnia, Mexico, Israel and Japan.

Actor/director Sean Penn represents the United States.

GUT RESPONSE

Ultimately, these varying perspectives are "more interesting than the film itself," said Wilhelm.

Filming took place soon after the attacks, so each work offers not only a different culture's perspective, but a measure of another human being's gut response to the event.

Alain Brigand and Jacques Perrin, creators of the Oscar-nominated documentary, *Winged Migration*, produced *11'09'01* and offered the directors complete freedom except for one condition — a running time of exactly 11 minutes, nine seconds and one frame.

All the directors integrated the occurrence of 9/11 into their films, and most of the films directly speak to the event.

Israel's Amos Gitai puts the viewer in the middle of a terrorist car bombing on Jerusalem Avenue just minutes before planes hit the World Trade Center.

The United Kingdom's Ken Loach relates the events of Sept. 11, 1973, when the Chilean government was overthrown in a bloody coup by General Augusto Pinochet with American involvement.

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Table hopping

Short, yet tantalizing, define Jeremy Restaurant menu

BY ELEANOR HEALD
 CORRESPONDENT

Chef Jeremy Grandon and his wife, Paula, believe that neighborhoods making up the communities of metro Detroit are eclectic. "In our choice of foods, so are we," the couple said. "We attempt to capture diversity with our bistro-style menu."

In late June, the Grandons opened Jeremy Restaurant & Bar, only a few blocks from Cass Lake in Keego Harbor. After months of researching contemporary, casual cafes in Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Toronto, they made a deliberate decision to "keep it small and accessible."

Tuned in well to a trend preferred in modern venues of cosmopolitan cities, they decided to offer a short, snappy, exquisite and tantalizing menu.

"We believe that in the Detroit area, there's nothing that compares to what we're doing," Chef Jeremy said.

SETTLING IN

Design and decor influences came from Jeremy's parents, Barbara and Dr. Stanley Grandon, Bloomfield Hills residents and partners in the venture, who have collected art for over 30 years.

Elegant chandeliers shed light on dark wood tabletops with comfortable upholstered chairs. The harmony of contemporary and past eras is expressed by century-old dark wood wall accents that also double as table dividers.

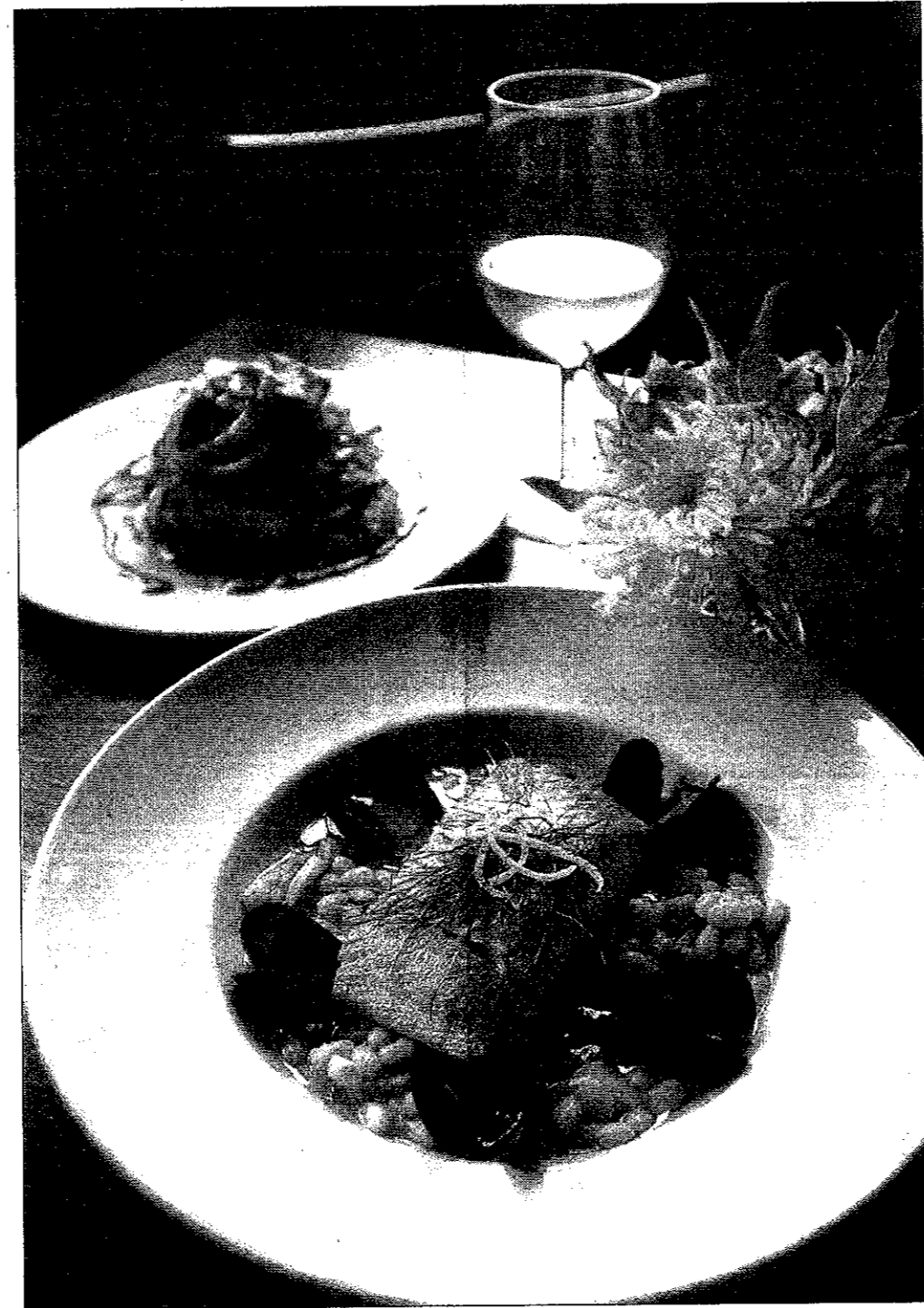
Classic and offbeat come together to create a mellow mood in this 70-seat casual yet intimate neighborhood restaurant, which will be attracting area diners looking for a new destination dining spot.

Waits for a table are made pleasant at the wood bar near the entrance. If you aren't hungry, simply stop in for a drink.

WHO'S JEREMY?

When he was about 10 years old, Chef Jeremy, now 29, loved to cook Chinese meals for his family and neighbors. Yet, after high school he did not head directly to culinary school. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan prior to earning a degree from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, in 1998.

For five years following, he polished his skills as station chef under Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi at Tribute in Farmington Hills. The intricacy, textures, color and attention to details in his preparations are evidence of working under the area's 2003 James Beard Foundation Best Chef in the



Salmon with mussels, white beans and red pepper broth is accompanied by a spinach and arugula salad with peaches, grilled red onion, blue cheese and port-balsamic vinaigrette and a glass of white wine.

Midwest, whose eye to food presentation is exceptional.

Chef Jeremy credits Chef Takashi for honing his skills and Tribute as the place where he met his wife, Paula, who was the then-sole front female waitperson on the staff. Today, Paula fills the role of general manager and maitre d' at Jeremy Restaurant & Bar.

"I had a great teacher in Mickey Bakst (former Tribute maitre d') who even on his worst day was a showman," Paula said. "He knows how to make people feel special and that's also my aim."

"From Takashi," Chef Jeremy said, "I learned execution to perfection, solid food preparation techniques and the fact that



Chef Jeremy Grandon and his wife, Paula, at Jeremy Restaurant & Bar. Only a few blocks from Cass Lake in Keego Harbor, Jeremy's is a casual yet intimate neighborhood restaurant, with a bistro-style menu.

JEREMY RESTAURANT & BAR

Where: 1978 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor (248) 681-2124.
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there are no short cuts to making flavorful and colorful dishes."

Except to give an outline of the menu, it's difficult to describe exactly what a diner might find on Chef Jeremy's menu. It's small and changes at his whim since he's bent on serving his creations from the freshest possible ingredients.

Typically, there are three appetizers, a daily soup, two salads, five main courses and three desserts. With all, one finds originality and a harmony of simple, pure flavors showcasing top-quality ingredients.

EXTRAS

Paula Grandon's skills at matching Chef Jeremy's food to wine is illustrated in the small, carefully selected wine list. Starting from "bubbles," the selection expands to "fresh, soft and luscious" whites and moves on to "juicy, smooth and big" reds. Wine aficionados will enjoy the "Jeremy's Stash" section that includes some heavyweights such as the highly touted Paul Hobbs Hyde Pinot Noir and Plump Jack Cabernet.

Eleanor Heald writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact her at (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

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Drinkology

Delights from 'The Elephant Tree'



Amarula Cream Liqueur hails from sub-Saharan Africa.

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

Amarula Cream Liqueur (\$10) hails from sub-Saharan Africa. A blend of fruit from the marula tree and fresh cream, it is truly a *creme de la creme*.

During the height of the African summer (February around here), the olive-green fruit of the marula tree ripens to a golden yellow and its intense tropical fragrance lures various species of wild animals, in particular, herds of trumpeting elephants, who walk for days to gorge themselves on the fruit.

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Music

Paris in Ann Arbor at Kerrytown soiree

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Chill, Lady Marmalade.

Kerrytown Concert House organizers know how to throw their own Paris-style party.

So for as little as \$15, you can "coochie coochie yaya" here.

The traditional Parisian Soiree Sept. 12-13 opens the 20th season of the eclectic Ann Arbor concert series. It features regulars accordionist Peter Soave, pianist Michele Cooker and guitar-vocal duo Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo.

The event is an appetizer of sorts. "The Soiree focuses on all the things we usually do at the concert house," said founder/director Deanna Relyea.

"At intermission we serve champagne from the lawn. By the time they reach the second half of the program

they're pretty well ready for it."

The Soiree traditionally features the unexpected - like the time Soave came on stage with eight other accordionists and blew the roof off the 110-seat concert house. "He's a virtuoso; he plays with orchestras all over the world," Relyea said.

Hepler and Ramo, who performed in Detroit in recent years before moving from Livonia to New York City, are returning for the event. Their act features Hepler on adventurous soprano vocals and Ramo on guitar. "They are fun and lively and can also bring you to tears."

Ramo's fingerstyle gypsy-Brazilian-jazz style has drawn attention around the world, including praise from jazz greats like fingerstyle jazz guitarist

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Charlie Byrd: "Michèle Ramo is a very fine musician and his guitar playing is outstanding. He is also a composer to be reckoned with."

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

For the intelligentsia, the Andy Kirshner science-fiction oratorio, *The Museum of Life and Death* Sept. 25-26 tells the story of an immortal human from the future, trying to understand today's mortal predicaments on cloning and related research.

The sixth-annual Edgefest, an international creative music festival, returns Oct. 3-5. "It concentrates on avant-garde, edgy jazz and we bring people from all over the world," Relyea said. Featured is the Trevor Watts Celebration Band.

"They have all sorts of sax and percussion, crazy wild stuff anyone would love." The six-piece band's repertoire ranges from wild arrangements of standards to improvisation.

WolfFEST Oct. 10-12 celebrates the centennial of the death of classical art song composer Hugo Wolf. "We've got singers from all over coming in, doing master classes on art songs."



Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo will help kick off Kerrytown Concert House's 20th season at a Paris-style party.

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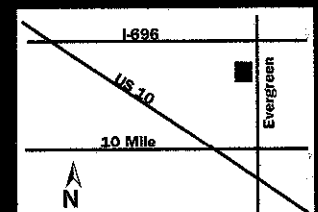


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Popular music

Twilight Babies' music danceable, dreamy

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

"I'm more of a straight-up rocker, Alison is a folk singer and Adam really digs on electronica," said guitarist Mikey Brown.

Bring the three musicians together and the end result is the Twilight Babies, a band whose evocative music is as dreamy as its name.

Call it down tempo, ambient, electronica, trip-hop, or lounge - the Twilight Babies attract college electronic-pop fans, and people with a more "trained ear," (i.e., older folks).

"It's really cool the college kids in Bowling Green and Michigan are into the music," Brown said. "But it's also cool that we can tone it down and play restaurants like Dino's in Ferndale, where older couples listen to it as background music."

The Twilight Babies are comprised of Brown, who plays an array of instruments, the soulful and dreamy voice of singer Alison Lewis, and Adam Walker on drums, synthesizer, bass, programming and more. The trio regularly plays throughout metro Detroit. At 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, they'll perform at the Dally in the Alley festival.

"For Dally we'll play a larger audience and bring it in harder than when we play the lounges," Brown said.

Part of what makes the Twilight Babies a special electronic band is that they go beyond programming - they play instruments and have a singer. The varying musical tastes of each member comes into play in songs like *Forlorn*. It starts strangely, but when the guitar kicks in, Brown's rocking edge comes out. Lewis' voice mixed with Walker's tracks makes it danceable, yet mellow enough for dinner party music. It's interesting as a jazz/rock/folk combination because it still manages to maintain down-tempo. The music's tone is layered with subtle turns,



The Twilight Babies are a melodic electronic-pop/jazz/folk combination playing at Dally in the Alley this weekend.

throbbing bass and beautiful, sultry emotion. Fans and critics both call it perfect for a David Lynch movie.

HISTORY

The Twilight Babies formed two years ago. Last year, the band earned two Detroit Music awards for outstanding electronic group and outstanding electronic recording. The band's album, *If You Want Me To I Could Write It Down*, sells well at stores like Record Time in Ferndale and Dearborn Music in Dearborn. Brown said the Babies are completing another CD expected for release this year. Until recently, the band played regularly at the Buddha Lounge in Detroit, now they tour throughout Michigan and the Midwest.

Brown and Walker worked together prior to the Twilight Babies. They formed

NPFC (Nineteen Point Five Collective), an experimental electronica collaboration of musicians, arts and producers. It scored music for skater Tony Hawk and Detroit Public TV. Lewis joined in after jumping on stage with them during a show at Seven Brothers in Hamtramck.

Dance clubbers and lounge lizards alike should appreciate *If You Want Me To I Could Write It Down*, or play the CD in your car and get ready for an intoxicating ride.

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Art

Detroit art icon invites you to 'A Day at the Beach'

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Conceptual artist Carl Kamulski is all about creating magic.

So when someone rejects the Detroit art icon's work - a handful were critical after his recent Livonia show - he's curious, yet accepting.

"If that's their gut feeling, that's right for them," said Kamulski, 61, with a quiet smile.

"The public hates a lot of public art. Really great art is always years ahead of the current direction. If the artist is not the soothsayer, there's no purpose in doing it."

Kamulski's art is the focus of *A Day at the Beach - Recent Mixed Media Work by Carl Kamulski* Sept. 8 to Oct. 11 at the River's Edge Gallery in Wyandotte.

In 1970, Kamulski founded the non-profit Michigan Gallery at Michigan

Avenue and 20th Street in downtown Detroit. It was the premiere avant-garde gallery in the state, featuring exhibits, life-drawing and mural-drawing classes, bronze-pour sculpture classes and even drink and draw sessions.

"We brought in a bar," Kamulski explained.


At its peak the gallery had 1,000 members. "It was always a big meeting place for artists to support each other as well as to congregate," said Patt Slack, owner of the River's Edge Gallery. She and her late husband, Tim Slack, were among a generation of Detroit artists mentored by Kamulski.

Sold in 1997, the Michigan Gallery continues as Zeitgeist Gallery.

"I think that any major artist in Detroit will trace their roots back to him somehow," Slack said. "He was one of the first

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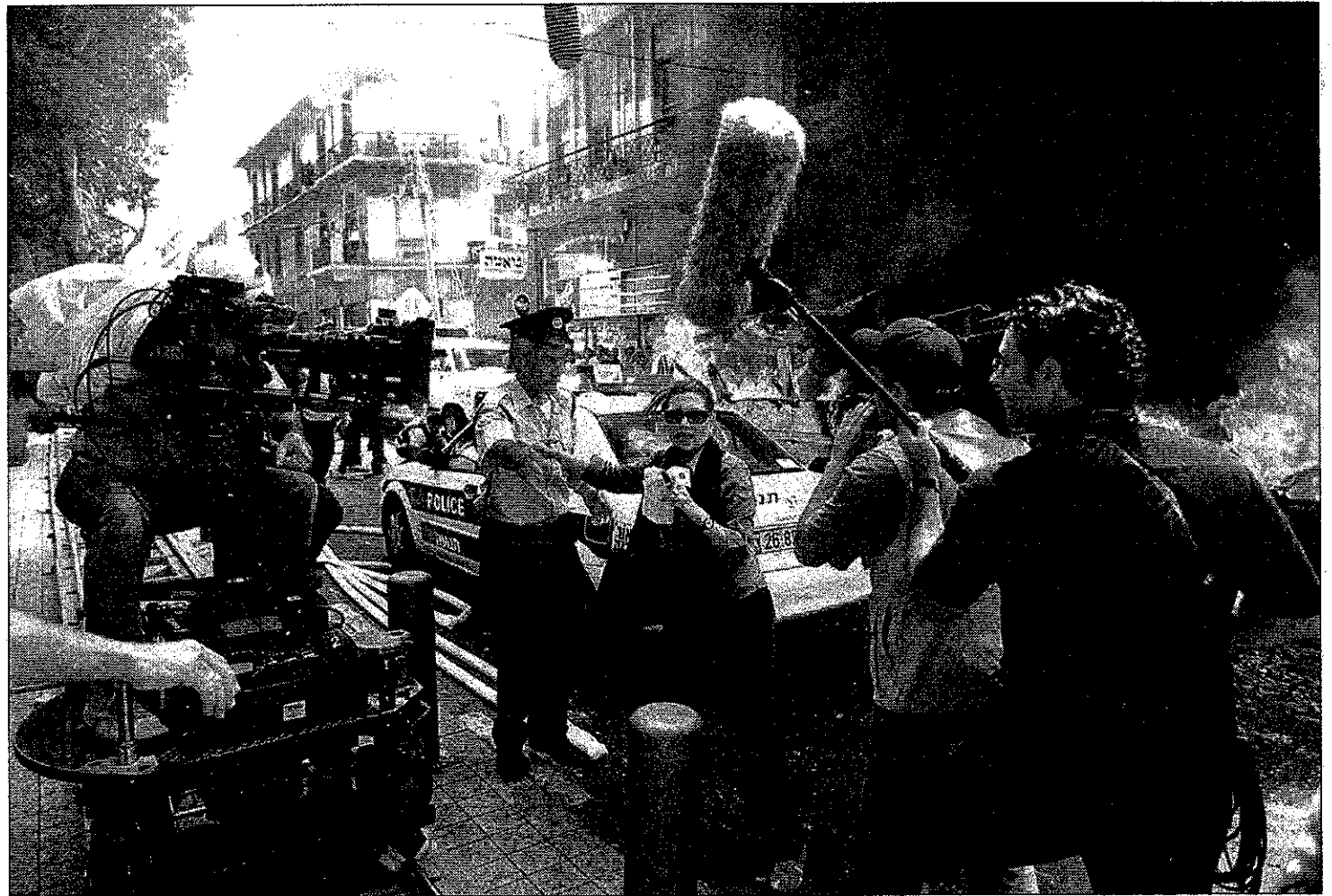
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Ernest Borgnine stars in director Sean Penn's short film in '1109'01.'



Director Amos Gitai's short film depicts a terrorist bomb attack on Jerusalem Avenue in Israel just minutes before planes hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

FILM

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seemingly unrelated to the event. For instance, Japan's Shohei Imamura gives us a man who has returned from war so traumatized he believes he is a snake.

Sean Penn offers another metaphor – a lonely, widowed man who has yet to fully grasp his wife's death.

Often times, such responses – works that transcend the event with removed subject matter – bring out the best in art, said David Magidson, professor of theater at Wayne State University and chair of Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival.

"Art creates a common experience for us, a second-level experience. We didn't have a common experience of the event

(9/11) per se. Some of us were in Birmingham buying expensive shoes, and some of us were fishing up North and so forth."

The same is true with World War II and the Holocaust, said Magidson. With film, "suddenly we have a standard reference point," he said. "And in a sense, this is what art does best. It helps us to understand, to make sense, to know what it means to be a human being."

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REMEMBERING TRAGEDY

What: *11'09'01*, a compilation of 11 short films relating to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by 11 filmmakers from different countries.

When: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts (theater in back of building), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: Adult admission, \$6.50, senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members, \$5.50, call (313) 833-3237 or visit www.dia.org/dft.

NANKIN MILLS

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door, you sense you're in a special place with realistic recordings of chirping birds and rushing water providing a relaxed setting.

The first floor is devoted to natural life on the Rouge River flood plain. Interactive displays show challenge visitors to find out which animals can still be found in the area, match bird species with their nests and identify insects found in nature by blind touch.

Families with real young kids would especially get a charge out of this section with taxidermic bobcat, red fox and mink, plus live frogs, turtles and garter snakes.

The second floor is devoted to Henry Ford's village industries era along the Rouge River starting with Nankin Mills in 1918. A large locator map pinpoints all 20 sites

developed by the auto magnate with pictures and brief descriptive summaries.

The second floor also presents a developmental history of Hines Park as a recreational venue and puts pictures to famous local names like John Haggerty, Edward N. Hines and Cass Benton.

A display highlighted by an eerily realistic mannequin of Henry Ford gives visitors a sense of Ford's thinking and philosophy of developing village industries here.

The third floor of the interpretive center is devoted to displays on the great Native American era along the Rouge River hundreds of years ago, Nankin Mill's gristmill heyday 1819-1918 and the Underground Railroad connection here 1829-1865.

Specific local sites with special meaning are pinpointed.

Again, a couple of interactive displays, including gristmill phraseology in modern life and use of plant and animal parts in days gone by, entertain as well as inform.

Realistically, you probably can't get the full benefit of a complete tour with one visit, especially with young kids in tow. Several shorter stops would be more meaningful.

SIDE TRIP

One more thing: Consider a short side trip to the Oak Grove Recreation Area in Hines Park off Ann Arbor Trail south of Hines Drive about a half mile from the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Picnic tables are available for snacks. A recent 15-minute visit yielded sightings of Great Blue Heron, mallard ducks, cardinals, mourning doves and robins.

An insect repellent is strongly advised if you enter the wooded area along the Rouge River impoundment at Oak Grove.

This article was written by Doug Funke, a longtime Observer & Eccentric staff writer who passed away July 20.

IF YOU GO

■ The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail in Hines Park, Westland, is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is free.

■ You must enter off Ann Arbor Trail then a short jog east on Hines Drive when the parkway is closed to traffic on Saturday May through September.

■ The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center often schedules special workshops and activities for the public and for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts to meet badge requirements. Call (734) 261-1990.

Tank of gas

It's time for 1830s fun in Roscoe Village

BY MARY BARBERIO
CORRESPONDENT

A visit to Roscoe Village allows you to step back into an era when time crept by at a much slower pace.

You'll see innkeepers and blacksmiths, broom and pottery makers - all sorts of costumed craftspeople and shopkeepers re-enacting life as it was in the 1830s.

Roscoe Village, in the scenic hills of Ohio's Appalachian country and once a thriving port on the Ohio and Erie Canal, is now home to many quaint shops and historic buildings.

There you'll find various and sundry items including hand-woven baskets, leather, soap, candles, Christmas ornaments, books and cheese. In case you're in the market for a mandolin, banjo, dulcimer or autoharp, look no further.

To really appreciate this restored village, take the self-guided tour. If you time it right, you'll be able to sit in on a class in the old red-brick schoolhouse.

Learn to spell, write and act properly. Don't misbehave or you'll be in trouble. After class, watch the typesetter at work on his newspaper, then climb aboard the canal boat, where you'll wonder how it could have been home to a family of five or six as they worked while riding up and down the Erie Canal.

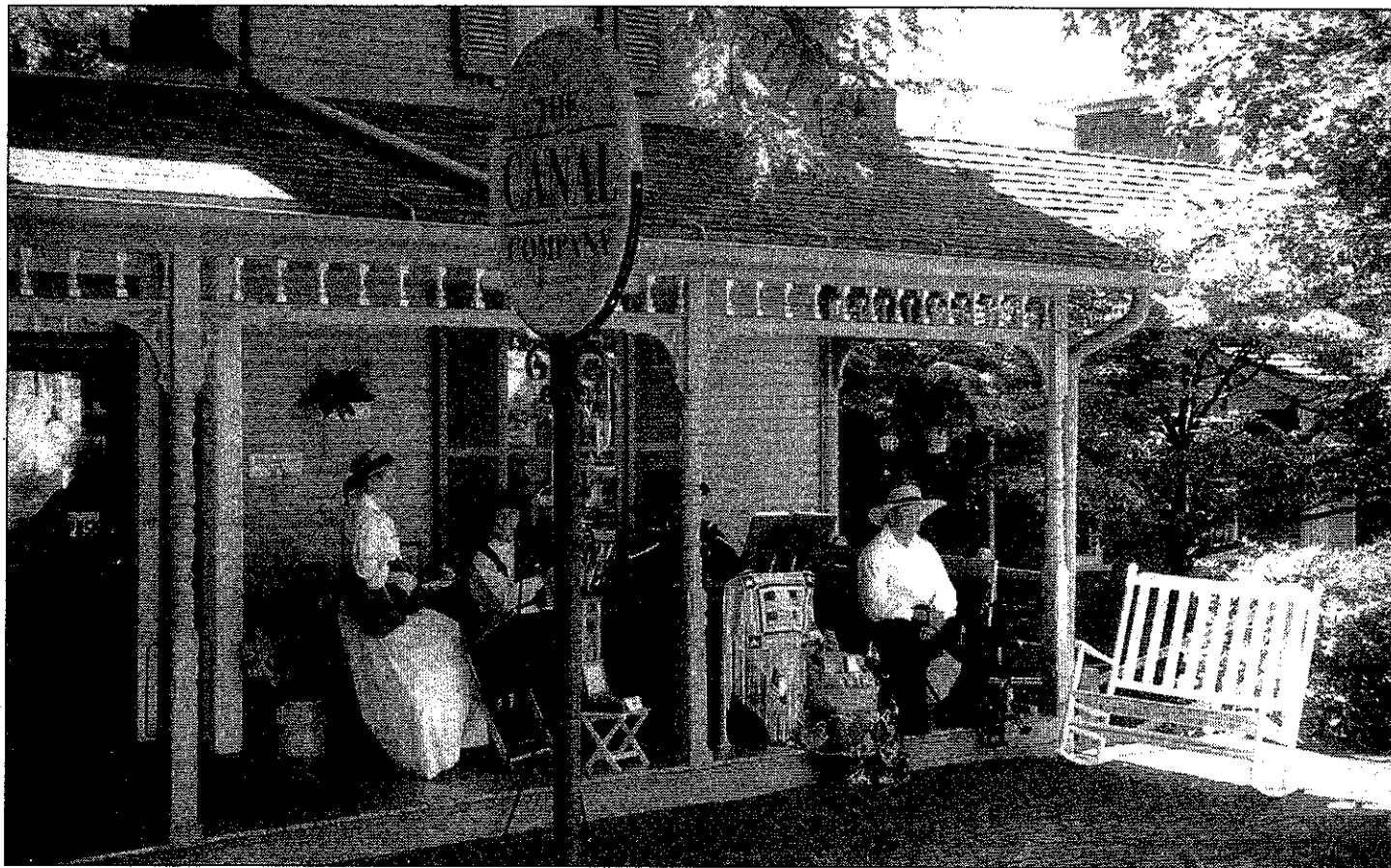
Tour the doctor's house and step down to the kitchen in the "cellar" and sample interesting staples of the times: hardtack (if you dare, for it was really hard), Johnny Cake and Spider Corn Bread.

Looking for something for the kids? Walk the trail along the river (the tow-path follows the original Ohio-Erie Canal route) and you'll be at the Lake Park - with its huge heated pool that includes waterfalls, slides, tunnels and sprinklers. The kids I talked to assured me it was a fun place.

You can also fish for trout or rent a paddleboat, small sailboat or canoe. Nearby, you can enjoy a float down a section of the restored canal on the Monticello III, pulled by a team of draft horses.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Roscoe Village is close to The Longaberger Company, Basket Village U.S.A., The Wilds (North America's largest conservation facility with wild safari tours), antique malls, Zanesville potteries, wineries, golf courses and the world's largest Amish community. Check out the small towns along Route 39 for quilts, collectibles, gadgets, furniture outlets, antique malls and delightful Amish family-style restaurants.



Historic re-enactors and costumed shopkeepers welcome visitors to Roscoe Village, a place where time stands still.

IF YOU GO

- Roscoe Village, general information - (800) 877-1830, www.roscoevillage.com
- Inn at Roscoe Village - (800) 237-7397
- Coshocton Lake Park - (740) 622-7528, www.coshoctonlakepark.com
- Coshocton Chamber of Commerce - (740) 622-5411

Since most of the shops in these Amish towns are closed on Sunday, plan accordingly. The Football Hall of Fame in Canton is approximately 50 miles north of the village on I-77.

If you need a place to stay, try The Inn at Roscoe Village.

It's cozy, it's shaker-style and it's right in the village.

Enjoy your stay.



Civil War re-enactments and other special events make Roscoe Village an educational and fun weekend destination.

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.



Album

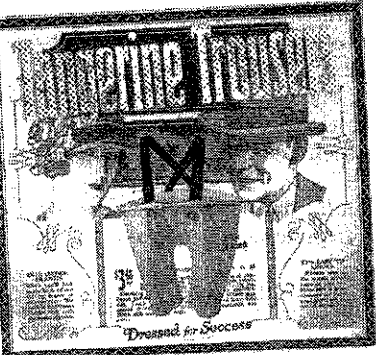
For those of you who cannot bear the *Oh Brother Where Art Thou?* soundtrack in your CD player, let me recommend the **Tangerine Trousers** as a solid replacement.

Rootsy Americana meets pop music sensibility in the Tangerine Trousers' album *Dressed for Success*. The Union Station of local music, the album's harmonies and jazz influences make it easy to see why they were nominated for "Outstanding

Acoustic/Folk Recording" at the 2002 Detroit Music Awards. The album also features contributions by Caitlin Cary of Whiskeytown fame, Thad Cockrell and John Keane.

Tangerine Trousers will play at the Taste of Fenton Sept. 13. For more information, call (810) 629-5447. A show is also planned at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

The CD is available at Harmony House, Woodward Avenue and 11 1/2 mile; Tower Records, downtown Birmingham; Street Corner Music, 13 mile and Southfield. For more on the band, click on <http://www.tangerinetrousers.com>



Local band

Formed in 1998, the girls of **Slumber Party** play moody, guitar-driven '60s pop rock. The band, which once included The Von Bondie's Marcie Bolan among its ranks, is set to release its third full-length album, *3*, on the Kill Rock Stars label on Sept. 9. To celebrate, Aliccia Berg, Gretchen Gonzales (also of Terror at the Opera), Julie Benjamin and Leigh Sabo will play a record release show on Friday, Sept. 12 at the Magic Stick, 4120-4140 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. The group will perform with soulsters The Elevations and DJ Scott Craig. Cost is \$8. Doors open at 9 p.m.

Film

Comic books come to life in New Line

Cinema's *American Splendor*, in theaters now.

The film's plot follows the true story of file clerk Harvey Pekar, who struggles to become a successful comic book writer. The film was a Grand Jury Prize Winner at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival. Rated R for language. The film will be shown at 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Main Art Theatre, 118 North Main St., Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 263-2111.

Street fair

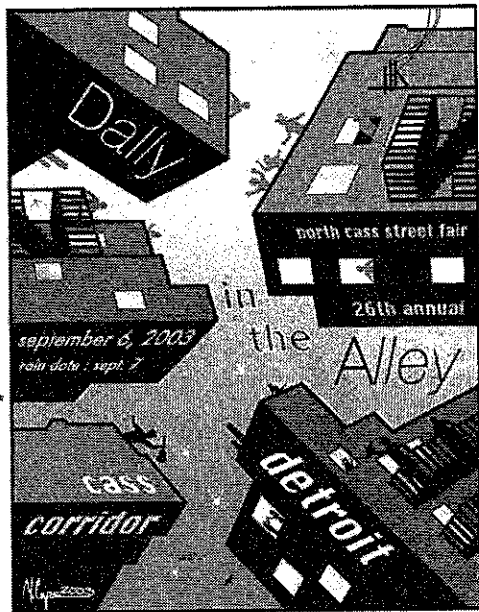
Labor Day may be the official end of summer for most folks, but **Dally in the Alley** has always been my marker that fall weather is upon us. The all-day street festival features art, music and food.

Some of the musical artists - who play everything from country to world to electronic genres - slated to perform include: Black Bottom Collective, The Ultimate Lovers, The Nice Device, The Elevations, The High Strung, PAS|CAL, Jawbone, Twilight Babies, The Paybacks and Matthew Dear.

The Dally Gallery will feature works by Mark Arminski, Tony Gomez, Rachel Reed, Gwen Joy, Justine Gira and John Spivey. The CPOP Gallery will also exhibit works from various artists.

Forty garbage can lids were given to local artists and a silent auction of these pieces will benefit the North Cass Community Center.

The street fair also includes belly dancing, a kid's fair with art activities, games and special music, fashion shows and food and shopping vendors. The Dally will take place from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. Rain date is Sunday. The Dally takes place in the block encompassing Third and Second streets, and Hancock and Forest avenues in Detroit. For more information, click on <http://dallyinthealley.net>.



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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Are you game?

West Bloomfield opens pool for pooches

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Summer's ending. Cities are closing their pools.

But in West Bloomfield, pools won't close before first letting in the dogs.

Dogs of all sizes can spend an afternoon swimming under the sun on Sept. 6 to benefit the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society's homeless animals program.

Jim McNellis, center facility manager, said the pool will be drained and closed for the season after the dog swim.

"West Bloomfield recognizes that families with companion animals should reap the benefits of recreation services and this event is designed to do that," McNellis said. "And it helps a much-needed organization, the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society."

West Bloomfield joined other progressive cities nationwide and also opened a dog park to residents and their canines: Karner Farm at Halsted north of Maple Road.

For the swim, there's a few rules.

First, registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 5. No registration on the day of the

DOG DAZE

What: A dog swim to benefit the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society

Where: West Bloomfield Family Aquatic Center, 6200 Farmington Road

When: Saturday, Sept. 6. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 7

Times: 1-1:45 p.m. for small dogs up to 25 pounds; 2-2:45 p.m. for medium-sized dogs 25-49 pounds; 3-3:45 p.m. for dogs 50 pounds and up. (The large-dog session is already sold-out, but call to see if your larger dog might be "small" enough to swim with medium-sized canines).

Cost: \$6 per dog.

Registration: Deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 5. No walk-in registration on the day of the event permitted. Call (248) 738-2500 or visit the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Center, 4640 Walnut Lake Road. Request event number #1271.

Requirements: Proof of vaccination and current dog license. Unruly/aggressive dogs not permitted. No refunds as donation benefits the shelter.

swim. All dog owners must bring canine proof of vaccinations and dog license.

Humans are not allowed in the pool that day.

"Owners may only wade in the water up to their ankles to get their dogs in or out of the pool," McNellis said.

All dogs must be supervised by an adult

18 years or older, and owners must clean up any accidents. The aquatic folks reserve the right to deny admission for any reason.

Before bringing your pooch to the pool, give him or her a brushing and make sure they have plenty of time outside to relieve themselves.

Toys like large tennis balls and Frisbees are allowed. Flotation devices aren't encouraged, chances are they will pop anyway.

The smallest dogs get first dibs in the water as they bring in the least amount of dirt.

Large dogs swim last.

McNellis hosted a dog swim in Canton before he joined the West Bloomfield Aquatics family.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, he said. There, most dogs jumped in the pool on their own without needing encouragement. Some owners played fetch with their pets, some dogs competed for the balls.

"It was really great," he said. "The dogs were let in to go nuts. They loved it."

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Plymouth's pet show spotlights the usual, not so usual

There are a lot of traditions associated with the 47-year-old Plymouth Fall Festival, Friday-Sunday, and the Optimist Club's Pet Show is one of them.

The show, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth, always draws a wide variety of pets, primarily cats and dogs.

Some of the more exotic pets are caterpillars, turtles, rabbits, ferrets, peacocks, pheasants, parrots, goats and snakes.

All children will walk away with ribbons — either participatory ribbons or first-, second- or third-place ribbons. Big kids can win ribbons, too.

Felix Rotter, past Optimist Club president, said he has a lot of fond memories about the pet show.

One such memory is of an older woman bringing a very tiny toy poodle to the show a few years ago, only to learn she

was too late for the dog judging. She had the diminutive canine tucked under an arm.

Instead of turning her away, however, a new category for "smallest dog" was created, and she walked away with first prize.

"She literally floated off the stage," Rotter said. "These things seem to leave a mark in your memory."

Another fond pet show memory involves two giggling little girls, whose "pet" was a caterpillar they'd just picked up in Kellogg Park.

When asked how long they had their pet, they said, "Oh, about five minutes." They walked away with a blue ribbon for most unusual colored pet.

The event is especially popular with children — of all ages.

"We can expect to see 150 little kids, anywhere from (age) 3

to 35," Rotter said jokingly.

Sometimes the children put him in his place. Rotter recalled telling a joke to a 12-year-old girl, who promptly dissed it.

"Why did the turtle cross the road?" Rotter asked. The punchline was, "To get to the Shell station on the other side."

The girl was not amused. "That's dumb," she told Rotter, who in turn, retired the joke.

Judges will include Karen Ochman, who, as a child, showed a pet goat in the pet show; Terri Bennett of Specialty Pet Supply; and Jill Andra Young, Plymouth's pet photographer

The Plymouth Fall Festival features carnival rides, food, a craft show, and live entertainment. For more information, go to <http://www.plymouth-fallfestival.com>



Optimist Club's Pet Show is at 9 a.m. Saturday in Kellogg Park, and will include pets of the traditional and exotic varieties.

KAMULSKI

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who gave artists the opportunity to show things that were not commercially viable."

BREAKING GROUND

The Michigan Gallery was the first local place the public could see performance art or "found objects" - works made of items not naturally associated with art. This approach was championed by the 1960s Fluxus movement. Devotees included Yoko Ono and singer Beck's grandfather, Al Hansen.

The beach theme of Kamulski's show stems from his fascination with installation pieces, pioneered by Javachef Christo at the New York Museum of Modern Art. Kamulski's beach-themed piece is the show's focus. Viewers are invited to sit on two vintage chaise lounges, against a beach background with sand at their feet. A cool drink glass rests on a table.

"I got it at the Dollar Store. I'm trying to create an environment people can project themselves into," Kamulski said. The piece was inspired by his own trips to the region. "The Caribbean is such a change from the Midwestern way of life. The waters are really beautiful. It really clears your mind."

Kamulski said he's moved by installation art "because it comes off the wall. It's



'Larry, Moe and Curley in Heaven' is Carl Kamulski's 6-by-4 wood and aluminum sculpture appearing in front of River's Edge Gallery during his show.

not just a piece of sculpture that you walk past. It actually intrudes in your life. It's something you can become part of rather than just view."

ART IN A BOX

Another focus of the show are 26 7-by-7-inch wooden boxes, each displaying a letter of the alphabet. The box concept comes from artist Joseph Cornell. The viewer looks through a screen or Plexiglass into the box, to see a three-dimensional scene.

"His mostly dealt with dreams," Kamulski said. Cornell would include a father's pocket watch or cloth from a baby crib to evoke a particular feeling.

In Kamulski's version, each letter gets a

theme. The "N" box portrays anger, as red nails pierce the walls and invade the space held by the red N. "No" is scrawled repeatedly around the letter. "N stands for 'no,'" Kamulski explained. "Nobody likes to be told no, and N stands for 'negative' - it's very intense."

Many boxes include found pieces. The J is brass, salvaged from a demolished Detroit house. "It's so curious as to what it is. There's just something magical about it," Kamulski said.

"Some of the things I used came from the (Grand Central) train station. When I owned the Michigan Gallery there was a street derelict who would bring something in once in awhile and I'd give him a few dollars. There's something just sentimental about finding things that were part of other people's lives. There's a mysterious connection there."

In a work room smelling of paint, letters dried on newspaper before they are fixed to boxes. A nearly finished bag of pork rinds shared table space with an empty diet Vernors bottle, on its side. The artist tipped the yellow-themed "Y" box for a visitor, to show how see-through marbles change color in the light. The boxes will be offered for sale individually.

"I hate to have them separated, but that's what's going to happen," Kamulski said.

He accepted it. "I'm totally infatuated while I'm doing a piece. But immediately after I'm done, it ends. I sell everything. My infatuation is with the next piece I'm

A DAY AT THE BEACH - RECENT MIXED MEDIA WORK BY CARL KAMULSKI

Where: River's Edge Gallery, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte.

When: Show runs Monday, Sept. 8 through Saturday, Oct. 11. Gallery open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; closed Sunday.

Meet the Artist reception: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, in conjunction with downtown Wyandotte's third Friday celebrations, which feature carriage rides downtown and boat rides on the Detroit River. For more information, call (734) 246-9880 or go to www.riversedgegallery@wyan.org

working on."

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