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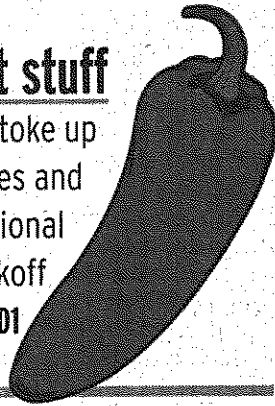
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String auditions

Students ages 8-14 are invited to audition individually for cello, viola, violin and bass for the first phase of Celebration Strings Youth Orchestra. Call the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112 to set an individual audition date and time. Rehearsals will be 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road. The entrance is off Gottfredson. Celebration Strings is sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony and Celebration Advisory Committee.

Checkmate

You're invited to sign up to learn to play chess with Ben Finegold, international master and Michigan's highest-rated chess player, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Canton Public Library.

The program is part of the Friends of the Canton Public Library's "Learn to ... with Friends." Register for the program by stopping at the library or call (734) 397-0999.

Hang out

Just for teens, Canton Public Library's The Teen Place is where you can come to just hang out with friends for fun, games, crafts and snack 3-5 p.m. every Tuesday.

Fireworks

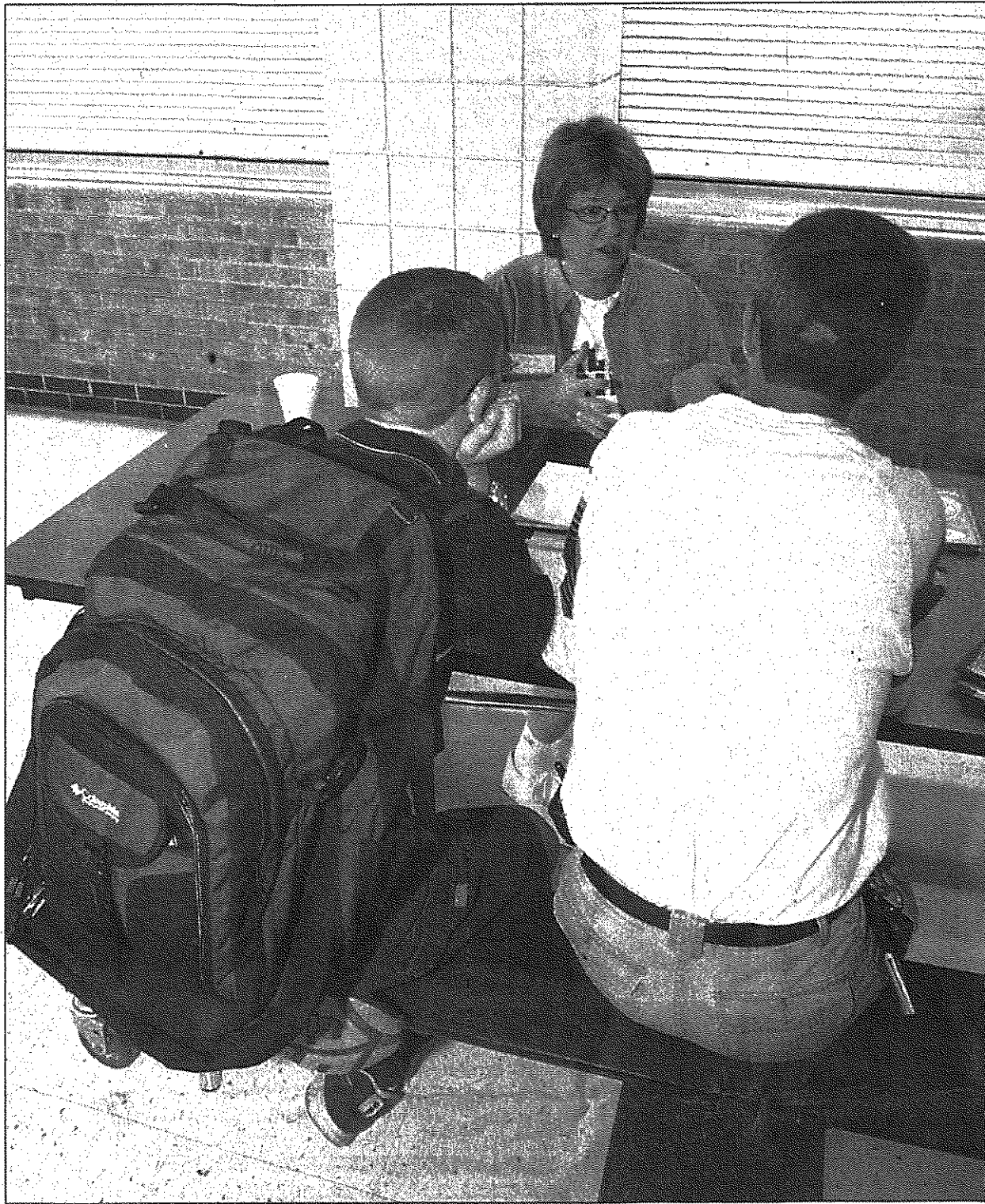
The skies will light up over Canton and Salem high schools next month as the two schools celebrate homecoming. Fireworks displays will be part of the celebration as Canton hosts homecoming at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 and again at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 when Salem plays its homecoming game. Wolverine Fireworks Display provides special effects at the start of the games, and through the half-time activities. Fireworks will mark the pregame, help celebrate touchdowns and the announcement of homecoming king and queen.

Admission to the game is \$3 for students, \$4 for adults.

Senior party

Parents and friends of the Class of 2004 at Canton and Salem high schools meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Salem cafeteria to plan this year's Senior Party.

The party's theme will be made at this meeting. Party chairperson Elaine Lenart said anyone interested in helping organize the party is welcome to attend. Ticket sales for the party have begun and will continue through the school year. For more information call Lenart, (734) 451-0935, or Lauren Treadwell, (734) 454-0722.



Michael Johnson of Canton, 14, (left) listens to Salem English teacher Pamela Dean as his father Tom sits in during freshman orientation last month. Michael's backpack was nearly empty that day but has since been filled with books and other materials for classes.

PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Backpacks becoming a weighty subject

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When the bell rings at 2:50 p.m., hundreds of teenagers at East Middle School rush to get home or to extra-curricular activities, many with backpacks full of books, homework and other "stuff" strapped around their shoulders.

Jeanette Perkovich of Canton Township is no different than many of those students, carrying a backpack stuffed with everything and anything. And, while backpacks are a popular way for students to carry everything from books to sports gear, many teens and their parents are unaware of the dangers in carrying one that's too heavy.

"When I have to carry my math books or social studies books, then it's hard on my shoulders," admitted Perkovich, an eighth-grader. "Those, along with other papers, books, binders and my baseball mitt, can make it heavy."

The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., suggests on its Web site (www.aota.org/backpack/index.asp) that a loaded backpack should weigh no more than 15 percent of a student's body weight. For someone like Perkovich, who weighs less than 100 pounds, that means no more than 15 pounds. In the school office, Perkovich put her

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Permits tell the story

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

No one needs statistics to tell them that construction is part of Canton life. The clanking of cranes, banging of hammers, construction equipment slowly moving down roads and dust is enough to tell you something is going on.

Believe it or not, the number of building permits issued throughout August this year lags behind the same months in 2002, particularly with a decline in single-family residential construction.

"We still have a lot of projects," Community Planner Jeff Goulet said.

So far this year, Canton has

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Be ready to dig deeper into your wallet

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The bad news is your taxes may go up this year, due to increased assessments. The good news is the rate

will stay the same. Canton trustees approved millage rates for December tax bills Tuesday night, levying a total of 8.85 mills, the same overall rate that has been levied since 1999.

For the owner of a \$200,000 home that equals \$885 in taxes. That rate does not include county or library taxes, which are reflected in the winter tax bill.

As always, the bulk of the

millage is for police services, followed by fire and then the general charter millage.

For the 2003 millage rate for police is being reduced from

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Dogs, cats tug at their heartstrings

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It was a day for dogs and cats and all the humans who wanted to be rescued. "Once you have a boxer, you'll never get another dog," said Kristy Dillay of Canton, a member of the Mid-Michigan Boxer Rescue.

Dillay and Stephanie Spellman of Royal Oak were among those from a variety of dog and cat rescue organizations who participated Saturday in Dog Days of Summer at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. "This is great. It is exciting to see all this take place here," Pastor Alexander Whitfield said. "Dogs are being helped and people are getting good pets."

The event, which drew some 500 people, is being called a success as organizers anticipate that some 20 pets will be adopted. "We got the first one back Sunday morning," organizer Kim Marquette said about adoption applications.

Families seeking a pet to adopt did not leave the event Saturday with a four-legged friend in tow. This is serious business. The rescue groups accepted applications and will inform those who applied whether they will receive an animal. Each family who adopts will receive a gift from organizers.

"We should give these rescue

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cindy Acker of Canton hugs a yellow lab/huskie mix, a 10-week-old puppy that she was adopting at the Dog Days of Summer event at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Acker, who is adopting through Mutts and Mutts Rescue League, is thinking of naming her Shelby.

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Symphony, PCAC benefit from grants A Knight with Sir Morgan teaches chivalry and loyalty

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Arts groups in Plymouth will have a bit of an easier time financially now, thanks to a pair of state grants that went to Plymouth entities.

The Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs announced a \$15,900 grant that went to the Plymouth Symphony Society and a \$6,000 grant to the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The money makes up a significant portion of the symphony's budget, and will allow them to continue with programs symphony officials think are important to the community.

'If we didn't have these grants, we just couldn't do the things we do. Something would have to give.'

Linda Alvarado
Plymouth Symphony Society

The symphony is trying to put together a youth orchestra, "Celebration Strings," for kids 8-14 years old, along with maintaining its Side-by-Side program, which allows middle schoolers to be trained by symphony members.

The symphony also makes in-classroom visits and con-

ducts mentorships, all of which are funded at least partially by grants like this one.

"(The grant) makes it possible for us to do all the things we do," said Linda Alvarado, president of the Plymouth Symphony Society.

"If we didn't have these grants, we just couldn't do the things we do. Something would have to give."

The money will also help the symphony put on its five-concert season, as well as continue educational concerts and its educational program in the school district, Alvarado explained.

The symphony, with music director and conductor Nan Washburn, begins its 55th season — Taking Flight: Music to Make the Spirit Soar — with an 8 p.m. concert Oct. 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Meanwhile, the PCAC will also benefit greatly from the state grant. The \$6,000 award came as the result of a \$12,100 request the PCAC made to enhance its outreach program.

According to executive director Stella Greene, the PCAC hopes to reach out to groups it traditionally struggles to reach, including seniors and aspiring young artists.

The PCAC will also use it to do some artist-to-artist outreach, as well as mentoring programs and the Cultural Initiatives Alliance newsletter.

"The thrust of our request was to do outreach to make the arts more accessible to the community," Greene said.

With economic times being what they are, Greene said she was surprised a community like Plymouth got included to begin with.

"There were very few grants in the Wayne County area," Greene said.

"We consider ourselves very fortunate to be included in such a tight (economic) cycle."

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BY JACK GLADDEN
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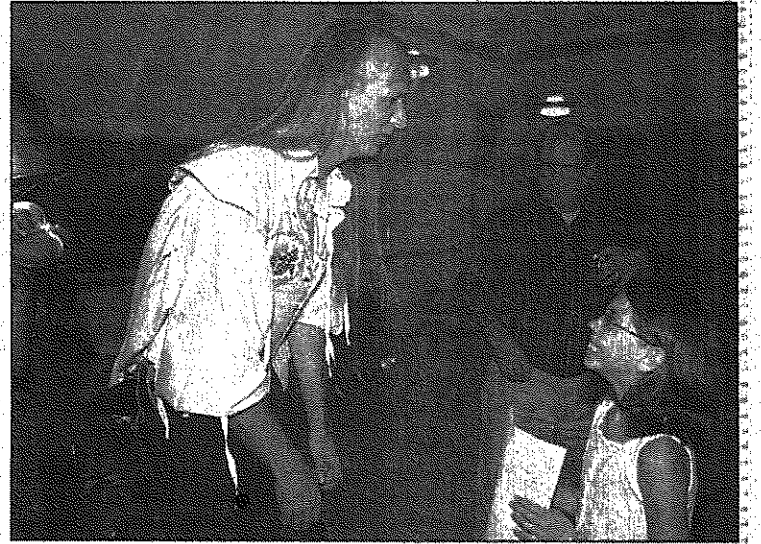
Most of the 20 or so kids who attended a Knight With Sir Morgan at the Cherry Hill School last week, said they had never seen a "real" knight before.

"I have lots of toy knights though," said Jordan Montagno, 5, of Canton who attended the event with his mother, Dawn Montagno, and a friend, Ryan Apley, 5, also of Canton.

Sir Morgan, a member of the New Riders of the Golden Age who also performs at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly, teaches kids about how past generations lived and talks about the importance of chivalry, loyalty and respect.

The program was a surprise for Shawn Hyde, 6, who was escorted by his father, Ed, and stepmother, Francine, of Canton. He grinned as she stared at the suit of armor on display.

Brian Kingsley, 9, came with his father, Stephen Kingsley, of Canton.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sir Morgan hands Amber McAdoo an honorary knight certificate when she visits him at the Cherry Hill School House.

"I've never seen a real knight before," Brian said. "But I've seen real armor at the Detroit Institute of Arts."

Tom McAdoo of Canton brought his daughter, Amber, 12, and her friend, Sean Brown, 12, both seventh-graders at Discovery

Middle School. "I've never seen a real knight," said Amber, "but we've been to the Renaissance Festival a few times. I love the old-fashioned clothes and all the colors."

The Knight with Sir Morgan was sponsored by Canton Leisure Services division.

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POTENTIAL BASKET CASES

Research of injuries incurred by college basketball players shows that the risk of injury varies according to the player's position and where the injury occurs on the basketball court. Injuries most often occur in the key players and are most commonly suffered by players playing the position of center. Player-to-player collisions accounted for 79.8% of contact injuries and 34.9% of all injuries. The majority of these injuries occurred within the three-point line. Moreover, researchers found that, regardless of their position, players who suffered knee, elbow, shoulder, hand, and lower spine/pelvis injuries were at significant risk of repeat injuries to those regions. This finding points out the long-term value of proper rehabilitation under the guidance of a physical therapist.

Sports enthusiasts certainly qualify for physical therapy assistance, but they are not the only ones! Anyone can benefit from physical therapy from a doctor who has personalized treatment for that specific individual. At HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, we are happy to share information about physical therapy's value in proper health care. Our clinic's goal is functional improvement of motoric and neurological systems by means of application of manual therapy; including techniques such as myofascial release, triggerpoint release, muscle energy, strain counter strain, cranial release, and joint mobilizations. Located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth, we can be reached by calling 455-8370.

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- This is the last week to take advantage of our buy two, get one free special on "classic literature" during Classics Month at Secondhand Prose, the library's used bookshop?
- Fifty-seven percent of children aged eight and older have a television in their bedroom?
- In a recent study of the most and least literate cities in the U.S., Detroit ranked 61 out of 64? The most literate city was Minneapolis.

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- www.travelpets.com
- www.moderntimes.com
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- "Anna the Bookbinder" - Andrea Cheng (picture book)
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Feather Your Nest Antiques owners Jan Poe of Westland and Sandy Vartoogian of Livonia opened their doors recently on Ford Road. The store offers an eclectic mix of vintage accessories and antiques.

Feather your home with antiques

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

To some, antiques and antique shops might bring to mind images of dust-covered furniture and knick knacks sitting all jumbled in a musty-smelling hole-in-the-wall shop.

Friends and kindred antique-loving spirits, Sandy Vartoogian and Jan Poe are out to change the image antiques might have - at least in their neck of the woods.

"We're not just selling antiques, but a mood," said Vartoogian, a Livonia resident, and longtime antique collector and seller.

The friends, who over the years worked close by when each set up booths in antique malls, finally joined forces this year and opened Feather Your Nest Antiques, 10970 Ford Road, just a smidgen west of Napier, and the Canton border.

The store, open just five weeks, is a newly refurbished building on the south side of Ford Road that has long housed antique shops of one kind or another. But something is different. It's that mood.

"We redid it top to bottom. We used lots of paint," Vartoogian said.

Customer Sheila Raker of Canton couldn't disagree with the atmosphere. "I like it because it's not old and it smells nice. It's got an old and new feel to it."

The building had been in both their sights for quite some time. They had often talked of banding together and opening a shop. This particular building was always occupied. Two years ago, the building was up for sale. "We were too late," Vartoogian said.

"This time we were lucky," she continued. "We've had a ball. It's been great. Everything just seemed to fall into place."

Poe, a Westland resident, compliments her husband, Paul, and Vartoogian's husband, Don, for their help in getting the building up to the cozy, inviting state it is in now. "We couldn't have done it without them," she said.

They are inviting all who are



Feather Your Nest Antiques offers a cozy environment with antiques displayed so customers can get an idea of how to use a piece in their homes.

interested to stop by the store at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26 for a grand opening celebration with the help of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The grand opening will be celebrated throughout the weekend with refreshments and a free gift with a purchase.

Vartoogian and Poe were bitten by the antique bug as kids. "I have it in my blood," Poe said, adding she got it from her parents. Vartoogian bought her first antique when she was 14. "It was a secretary, which I still have."

The opening of Feather Your Nest was not an overnight decision. The friends discussed it for at least two years with the thought of doing it sometime in the future. Then Poe, a human resources manager, became part of a corporate downsizing effort. "I called Sandy three days later."

As they prepared to open, the friends were sure of at least one thing. They wanted the store to be inviting, a fun place to be, and a place where customers could not only find the antiques they wanted - or didn't know they wanted - but also how to use them in their homes as part of an overall decor.

"Our store is relaxed. You can visualize where you would put something in a room," Vartoogian said. "We are always trying to work with them so people can take things home and use them."

Antiques - ranging from

hunting clothes to Victorian furniture to Depression glass, baby items, leaded windows and antique doors - are artfully assembled throughout the store. Instead of an old, musty sense about the place, the front door opens to soft scents and plenty of sunlight for the eclectic mix of antiques from a host of periods.

What's big these days with antique aficionados?

Italian - the romantic mood. Garden/outdoor living for cottages and lake homes that allow customers to buy antique lawn furniture and what are called primitives - furniture that was built by a homeowner long ago.

"We try and leave things the way they come in," Vartoogian said. In other words, if something is rustic - don't paint it - or you will lose the antique and aesthetic value of the item.

With all the home building in Canton and surrounding areas, Vartoogian and Poe believe their store is appropriately located. "People are doing a lot of interesting things, especially in their gardens with household items," Vartoogian said.

Also popular are collectibles from the 1970s, as well as clothes and other personal and household items from the 1950s, an incredibly popular era with the younger generation. But Feather Your Nest also has toys, such as the old Tonka shovel, or personal items like a First-Aid kit.

"I like anything that fits under the category of antique," Poe said. She will admit that her personal favorite is Victorian, especially furniture and prints. Vartoogian's favorite is Depression glass.

While both love antiques, each has a self-trained specialty that complements the other. For example, Vartoogian loves to shop for antiques. Poe prefers the customer side of

the business. "She has a pretty good eye," Poe said of her partner.

Both are pretty well-schooled in the antique business. They have learned by doing, by buying and by selling. Of course, there's also plenty of reading that goes along with the business.

"You're usually good at what you love," Poe said. "I like anything that fits under the category of antique. I would never pass an antique store and not go in."

In just five weeks of business, Poe and Vartoogian said customers' reception to the new store and its antiques has been overwhelming. They also offer a wish list book in which customers can list what they are looking for. Poe and Vartoogian will keep an eye out and call when they locate the item.

"It's amazing how many times we found what they are looking for," Vartoogian said. "We try to cater to our customers' needs."

Vartoogian and Poe also have a Website for customers at www.FeatherYourNestAntique.com

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Parents air school concerns

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the most part, the crowds at the four Plymouth-Canton Schools town hall meetings Monday night were small. Nonetheless, parents were vocal in expressing to school board members their concerns and wants for the district and, ultimately, their children.

The handful of parents who showed up at Dodson

Elementary to talk with board President Judy Mardigian and Trustee

Richard Ham-Kucharski expressed concerns about transporting

and educating their children in buildings away from their neighborhoods.

"I measure the quality of life my kids maintain by how many hours a day they spend away from home," said Bert Kozlowski of Canton Township, who lives near Dodson, but whose first- and third-graders are bused to Miller Elementary. "My 6-year-old gets on the bus at 8 in the morning and gets home at 4:10 in the afternoon. That's too long."

"There's no reason in the world any child should be away from his home school," added Therese Kelly of Canton, who has two children at Gallimore Elementary. "Specialists should be at the school supporting students. Families and neighborhood children shouldn't be split up."

Parents expressed concern over the fact that, while student population is growing, space at current schools is getting thin, and no new school buildings are expected soon.

Many believe builders such as Pulte Homes, who they sense make a lot of money selling homes, should provide land for school buildings. That would help relieve overcrowding, reduce the number of students being bused, and save the district money it uses to purchase land.

"We need to build a new elementary in Canton, but also put in additions or other resources at other schools (to relieve overcrowding)," she said.

Marta Hampel questions the need for her fourth-grader at Farrand, and other students, to take the mandatory MEAP tests.

"We're twisted up in knots trying to figure out what the state wants, what they're going to give us back, develop the curriculum, only to have them (the state) move the page again," she said. "I don't see it as a positive influence in the district."

Mardigian said the results of all four meetings will be discussed by the school board and put into a future plan of action.

"I'm hearing they like our schools and they want more; but they want less busing and they want some new schools and planned growth," Mardigian said.

"What I hear loud and clear is they don't want to be bused hither-and-yon. They want neighborhood schools."

"Those things require the type of planning we're embarking on for our families and the programs in the district," she added.

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Family needs time to mourn

Following is a prepared statement issued by the family of Army Sgt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton who was listed as killed in action in Iraq on Sept. 14. The family asks that no attempts at contact with family,



friends and loved ones be made at this time.

On Sunday, September 14, our beloved son and brother, Sergeant Trevor A. Blumberg, age 22, was identified as having been killed in action while serving our country in Iraq. We are very proud of our son, brother and friend; but we are also concerned for those young men and women who served alongside him in this

conflict. Therefore, we will not make any statements that might jeopardize their security. And, until we understand fully what happened, we will not conduct any interviews.

This situation has been tragic for Trevor's family, friends, and loved ones. His family and friends have been focusing on his honorable return home. We ask that you respect our right to privacy. Please understand our sorrow. Please pray for our cause. Hold your children close, hug them, and let them know how very precious they are.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Details will be released when that information becomes available.

BACKPACKS

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weighty backpack on the scale. "Wow, 18 pounds," was her response.

"You'd be surprised, I see a fair number of kids who have back problems from backpacks," said Dr. Dave Atiyeh, a chiropractor who practices on Main Street in Plymouth. "The problems generally are from the lower neck to the mid-back and low back, and even the feet. Because the backpack is pulling backward, the kids have a tendency in rolling their shoulders forward."

"In the long term, their posture would change dramatically," Atiyeh added. "It can cause long-term lower back and lower neck discomfort, loss of cervical curvature, and could lead to headaches."

Perkovich's mother, also named Jeanette, said she's well aware of the problems associated with backpacks that are too heavy, especially from her two high school students.

"My high schoolers' backpacks are heavier because they carry all their textbooks; they walk longer distances and don't have time to go to their lockers," she said. "I always try to buy the better backpacks so

they won't be such a strain on their backs... the ones with better padded shoulders that will disperse the weight more equally."

In fact, her 10th-grader, Shayne, has complained of back pain from time to time from carrying his backpack.

"Last year it was really heavy, and I noticed a slight pain in my lower back," Shayne said. "My mom told me to carry a lighter load, and the pain started going away."

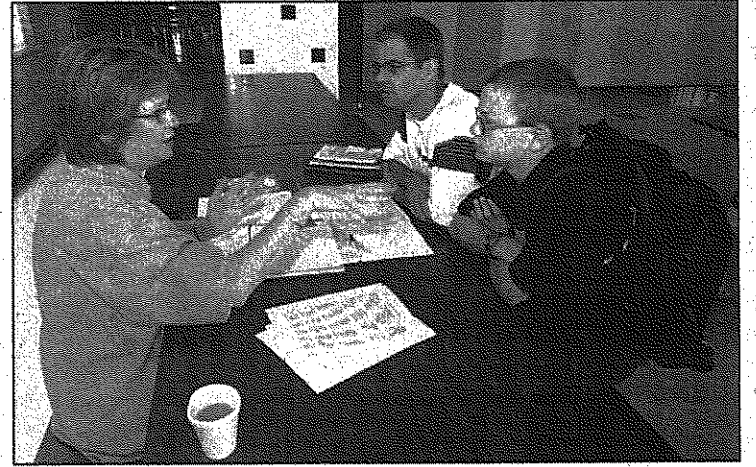
"Ever since then, I don't put all of my stuff in my backpack. But it's hard because I don't want to have to keep going back to my locker and be late for class," he added. "A lot of kids complain about how heavy their backpacks are."

According to the AOTA, more than 7,000 emergency room visits in 2001 were related to backpacks and book bags. Approximately half of those injuries occurred in children 5-14 years old.

Michelle Burke of Canton, a thinly built eighth-grader at East, weighed her backpack, finding it was 12 pounds.

"If you play sports, then you have extra pressure on your shoulders, especially after a tough practice," she said. "You need books for both home and school, so you have to carry them back and forth."

For Cam Smith, 13, of Canton,



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Michael Johnson of Canton, 14, (right) listens to Salem English teacher Pamela Dean as his father Tom sits in during freshman orientation last month. Michael's backpack was nearly empty that day but has since been filled with books and other materials for classes.

a lot depends on the amount of homework assigned by teachers. "It depends on how much homework you have, and sometimes it can weigh down your backpack," Smith said.

"Sometimes when I get home my back hurts, but not for long."

Atiyeh said he suggests students purchase an air pack, "that will help hold the backpack up and closer to the body so it doesn't pull the child's backpack backward. We sometimes recommend one of those small suitcases with wheels so students can pull their books."

Mrs. Perkovich is hopeful technology will bring some relief in the future.

"Maybe in the future, textbooks will become obsolete and there will be more online homework," she said, "and kids will only have to carry laptop computers. I think it's a matter of time." And, according to Verna Anible, executive director of instruction services for Plymouth-Canton schools, that day may not be too far off.

"When we purchase books from a publisher, we try to stay in touch on how they are coming along with technology," Anible said. "Some may eventually go with a CD that would be available for students, which could help resolve some of those backpack issues."

Physical Therapy UPDATE

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WIDENING OPPORTUNITIES

The condition known as "spinal stenosis" is caused by a narrowing in the vertebral canal or vertebral foramina of the spine that leads to compression of either the spinal cord or the nerve roots that exit the spinal cord. As a result, patients most often experience pain and numbness in their extremities, usually the legs and feet. This condition is most often seen in men and women over the age of fifty, particularly among those who perform intensive manual labor. The most common cause of this disorder is degenerative disease of the spine. Initial treatment consists of aggressive physical therapy that places an emphasis on strengthening the muscles of the back. Stretching the back muscles, and improving posture.

October is National Physical Therapy Month, dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of the role of physical therapy in health care. At HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, we hope our columns help the public to see its relevance in health and happiness. We are a certified rehabilitation agency offering treatment for neck and back trauma, chronic, pain, work and sports related injuries, bone and joint problems, TMJ dysfunction, and pre- and postpartum back pain. If you would like to personally discuss your health, please call 455-8370 for an appointment. Located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth, we offer easy access and easy parking.

P.S. Problems associated with lumbar (low back) spinal stenosis may be helped with wearing a brace to support the spine.

Johan Comuth, PT

Mark Mijnsbergen, PT

Bob Schoemaker, PT

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NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the Charter Township of Plymouth, County of Wayne, Michigan, who is not already registered may register for the special election to be held on the 6th day of November, 2003 in said Township.

The Township Clerk will be at the Clerk's office in the Township Hall on each working day during regular working hours until and including Tuesday, October 7, 2003, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors of the Charter Township of Plymouth not already registered.

On Tuesday, October 7, 2003, which is the last day for receiving registrations for said election to be held on Thursday, November 6, 2003, the Township Clerk will be at the Clerk's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the Charter Township of Plymouth at said election:

Township Hall Bond Proposition

Shall the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000), payable in not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from the date of issue, and issue its general obligation limited tax capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new township hall and site improvements and appurtenances related thereto? The principal and interest of the bonds shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional tax rate limitations.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003, WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2003.

MARILYN MASSENGILL
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 102

ACTION: AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, SECTIONS 23.35, RECREATION VEHICLES OR CAMPER PARKING, TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY PARKING

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, October 1, 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 proposes on its own motion to amend Section 23.35 as follows:

Section 23.35.1, presently ends with item a(4)

Section 23.35.1 is hereby proposed to be amended to add a new item "b" to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements above, temporary parking of recreational vehicles, campers, motor homes or other recreation apparatus, such as snowmobiles, boats and trailers, is permitted in the driveway of a single family residence prior to or after a trip for the purposes of loading or unloading, or cleaning provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The item(s) must be parked wholly within the driveway of the single family residence of the person owning or leasing the parked item(s).
- (2) Parking of the vehicle or other recreational equipment shall not block any sidewalk or other vehicular or pedestrian way.
- (3) Parking of the vehicle or other recreational equipment shall not exceed forty-eight (48) hours within a seven (7) day period.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Application 1809/0903. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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: 1-800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z 03-21 324 Arthur Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback for Accessory Structure
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Paul & Amanda Offer

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

IBRAHIM REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 064 99 0006 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Saltz between Canton Center and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, October 16, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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(Donald) Timothy Ralston
Services for Tim Ralston, 36 of Livonia, were held Sept. 19 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Bernie Callahan of First Baptist Church of Livonia officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Ralston was born Jan. 15, 1967 in Harlan, Ky., and died Sept. 16 in Livonia. He was a Cad-Cam computer operator.

Survivors include daughter, Amanda Ralston of Westland; parents, Bill Ralston of Livonia and Virginia Flick of Livonia; and brother, Ralph (Kathryn) Ralston of Canton.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

William "Bill" Johnson

Services for Bill Johnson, 94, of Plymouth were held Sept. 18 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. C. Carson Coonce officiating. Burial was at Lutheran Cemetery in Suttons Bay, Mich.

Mr. Johnson was born March 26, 1909 in Sibley, Ill., and died Sept. 16 in Plymouth. He was a resident of Plymouth for over 30 years. He retired to Traverse City but eventually returned to Plymouth.

Mr. Johnson was a power plant engineer until his retirement in 1973. He worked for Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth (now UNISYS). He attended the Lutheran Church in Traverse City. He belonged to the Masons and the Elks, both in Plymouth.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Johnson.

Survivors include his former wife and mother of his children, with whom he was reunited, Ella Betty Johnson, and who will miss him dearly; children, Sharlene (Jerry) Finnegan of Plymouth, Patricia (Bill) Rucker of Beckley, W.Va., and James (Dar) Johnson of Brighton; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Adeline E. Box

Services for Adeline Box, 88, of Silverdale, Wash. (formerly of Plymouth) were held Sept. 23 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Peter Berg officiating. Burial has taken place in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. A memorial service will also take place at Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bremerton, Wash., on Sept. 27, 2003.

Mrs. Box was born Sept. 2, 1915 in Paris, Ill., and died Sept. 17 in Washington. She was a resident of Plymouth from 1941-1956. She attended the Barres School of Nursing at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and graduated in 1936. In 1938 she married Theodore Box, founder and owner of the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. She was employed as a registered nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital from 1957 until her retirement in 1970. She was a member of Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bremerton, Wash.

Survivors include children, Linda (Hartsell) Andrews of Fallbrook, Calif., Rachel (Don) Schuessler of Silverdale, Wash., Theodore Parker Box of Milan, and Jesse Neil (Kathlyn) Box of New Durham, N.H.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, Music Program or Elementary School Education Fund, 8059 Chico Way Northwest, Bremerton, WA 98312.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Lucinda Alband

Services for Lucinda Alband, 96, of Plymouth were held Sept. 20 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Wungrelso Valul and the Rev. John Jeffrey officiating.

Mrs. Alband was born June 18, 1907 in Stark, Mich. and died Sept. 16 in Plymouth. She resided in Livonia her entire life. She went to Eastern Michigan University for two years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. She enjoyed crocheting, poetry and reading.

Mrs. Alband was preceded in death by husband, Norman Alband; husband, Andrew Jeffrey; and son, Andrew Alband.

Survivors include children, Arlene (James) Richardson of Plymouth, Ardith (Gene) Epperson of Plymouth, and Muriel (George) Stinson of Fla.; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sis-

ter, Margie Clark of White Lake; and special friend, Lucy Bohuszewicz.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

John Covach

Services for John Covach, 81, of East Tawas (formerly of Plymouth) were held Sept. 24 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Tawas City and the Rev. Michael Zuberbier officiating. Burial was at Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Tawas City.

Mr. Covach was born Aug. 5, 1921 in Gary, Indiana and died Sept. 20 in Tawas. He was retired from the U.S. Postal

Service in Plymouth. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Tawas City and was a former member of the Church Council and the Board of Elders. He was also a member of the building committee during the planning and construction of the new church.

Mr. Covach was preceded in death by his wife, Janet, in 1999.

Survivors include son, Rev. John William (Marge) Covach of Winneconne, Wisc.; son, David Michael Covach of Sarasota, Fla.; daughter, Suzanne (John) Doberstein of Saginaw; daughter, Mary Kathryn (Hans) Schuller of Zillah, Wash.; 12 grandchil-

dren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emanuel Lutheran School in Tawas City or Michigan Lutheran Seminary Foundation in Saginaw.

Arrangements made by Jacques and Kobs Funeral Home.

August Louis Mollenkamp

Services for August Mollenkamp, 73, of Farmington Hills (formerly of West Bloomfield and Livonia) will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at Covenant Community Church in Redford with the Rev. Dalton Myers officiating. Burial will be at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Mollenkamp was born Jan. 11, 1930 and died Sept. 21 in Farmington Hills. He was a CPA with Arthur Andersen and partner in a Detroit firm from 1953-1973. He attended Kamper Military School and the University of Michigan. He had M.S. for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include wife of 50 years, Catherine; son, David (Rebecca) of Plymouth; Brian (Lisa) of Livonia, Kenton of Chicago and Kent of Milwaukee; daughter, Janet (David) Wagner of Farmington Hills; and 12 grandchildren.

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groups a place to come. We have 10 acres here at the church," Marquette said. Plans are already under way — at the urging of the rescue groups — to host two adoption events annually. Get ready for spring.

Marquette, who took in a white, deaf boxer, said there is nothing better: "They are potty-trained, people-oriented and (have) better social skills."

Money raised from Saturday's event goes entirely to helping rescued dogs and cats. The money will be used for food, grooming and medical bills, as well as to buy toys and other needs of the rescued animals. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans of Western Wayne County (Chapter 30021) agreed to match dollar for dollar the first \$800 raised at the event, which was postponed from Aug. 16.

The event also featured demonstrations by the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team, which just sent help to East Coast areas hit by Hurricane Isabel. Visitors also had "Ask the Vet" discussions with Dr. Michael Petty of Arbor Pointe Veterinary Hospital of Canton, as well as games for the kids, food for everyone and vendors offering all sorts of pet supplies.

"It's all about finding dogs a home," said Ellen Davanzo of Taylor, with the Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan rescue group. Since 2000, the group has placed 300 greyhounds in new homes.

Spending a day with the dogs isn't unusual for the group. Margaret Bytner of Westland said most Saturdays are devoted to the greyhounds and the adoption process.

"They are all ex-racers. That's all we deal with," Bytner said. But this particular greyhound rescue group remains neutral on the racing issue. For them, it is about finding homes.

"I just tell people, if you're going to bet, go to the casino.



Janine Robinson and her daughter Anna, 12, of Canton, enjoy the company of DaisyMae, a two-year-old tree walker hound. The family was considering the dog at the Dog Days of Summer event.

Don't bet on dogs' lives," said Debbie Mosier of Wayne.

Not far from the greyhounds were the Chinese shar-peis.

"We're here to let people know we exist. That we are out here," said Amy Cox of Belleville. "We rescue quite a few. We have a big area."

With 18 dogs of her own, Cox admitted she gets a bit too attached: "I am trying to work on that." Marcy LaFrambois of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue lauded the event organizers. "They are doing a wonderful job for us," she said.

She reminded visitors of Petfinder.com — a free pet adoption Web site that she works with. Animal Crafter organizer Donna Dunn had

cages full of rescued cats and kittens. The group started with women who made crafts to sell to raise money for dog and cat spaying and neutering.

Dunn said she receives a number of calls daily from families who are moving and want to drop their cats off with her because they can't or won't take the pets. "Education is the answer."

To reach some of the organizations at the event:

- Animal Crafters, (248) 889-9328; mjmitton@aol.com
- Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, (734) 332-9459
- Home Fur-Ever, (313) 271-6993 or HomeFurEver@yahoo.com
- Mid-Michigan Boxer

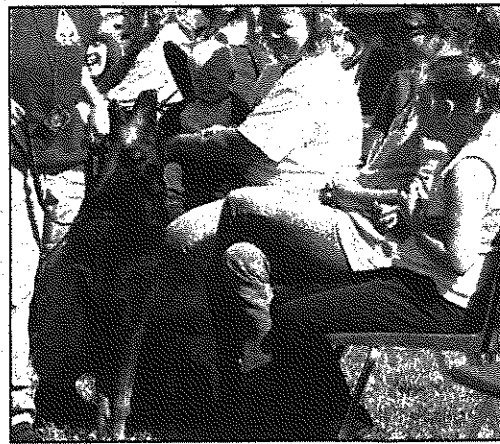
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■ The Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue of Michigan, (734) 697-1137 or (734) 697-7780

■ petfinder.com (This Web site includes links to more than 100 pet and rescue groups).

■ Dearborn Animal Shelter, FFDAS@yahoo.com

■ Critter with Paws and Claws, doolittle8967@yahoo.com
Web site: <http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/MI152.html>



Raven (dog), a member of the Madison Heights Fire and Rescue and the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team Search Division, barks aloud as he finds the person owning a piece of article he found. At right, taking part in the demonstration were Cameron Veresh (baby from left), BethAnn Pilotto, Marilyn Veresh (who owned the article) and Sammi Walsh.

vb-petlover@comcast.net

■ Animal Rescue Connection, ROCKYjade@juno.com

Canton soldier is deployed to Iraq

PFC Martin F. Smith of Canton was deployed a week ago as a military police officer with the elite 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq.



Smith is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School. He completed basic training and graduated from military police school in January 2003 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He went to airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga., where he received his paratrooper wings in February 2003. Smith was promoted to PFC in August 2003.

He is the son of Martin and Sue Smith of Canton.

Wayne 11th GOP Committee 'Barn Dance' tonight

The Wayne 11th Republican Committee will host its 2003 Barn Dance from 5-9 p.m. today, Sept. 25, at the Wilson Barn in Livonia.

The event is presented in preparation for the 2004 election. Organizers hope people will "come eat, drink, and meet your fellow Republicans, local candidates, and elected officials."

The family event features music, food, with soda, beer and wine served. Cost is \$15 per person, or \$25 for a family for up to four — with an additional cost of \$5 for each extra family member.

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issued 267 permits for single-family houses; 77 for multi-family (condos and apartments); 35 for new commercial, industrial and office buildings; and 46 for commercial, industrial and office additions or renovations.

Last year during the same time frame, 499 single-family permits were issued; 59 (for 268 units) for condos and apartments; 15 commercial/industrial/office new construction; and 37 for commercial/industrial/office renovations and additions.

"We are seeing less single-family and more attached (as in condos and apartments)," Goulet said. "We had no apartment development for years and years."

Newly built houses at higher prices and on larger lots tend to be on the market longer, therefore fewer are being built. Construction of these homes tends to go in cycles and planning and building staff are seeing more development of infill subdivisions or smaller projects. "It goes in cycles," Goulet said.

John Weyer, Canton building official, also has witnessed the fluctuations. "The single-family market has been steady, but has not been booming in the last two years," he said.

Canton is competing with the likes of Northville's less expensive housing of \$450,000 to \$500,000, Supervisor Tom Yack said. "I think when you get into the price ranges that are available in Canton, you have a smaller market."

Houses in the Plymouth-Canton school district are higher priced generally than those in Canton in the Van Buren and Wayne-Westland districts.

"We are trying to raise the bar in the southern end," Yack said. "But you can't tell the builders what to build. Then, we aren't the ones taking the risk."

In the commercial sector, growth has come in steady spurts, plus redevelopment, Weyer said.

In the multi-family residential industry, condominiums still lead apartments. Money available to finance apartment buildings is tighter today than in the past few decades, Yack said.

The Cambridge project by developer Dick Lewiston is an example. At the start, plans

COMPARISON OF BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits issued January through August, 2003:

- Single-family residences: 267
 - Multi-family (condominiums and apartments): 77 buildings with 427 units
 - Commercial/industrial/office new construction: 35
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were to build apartments until it became evident it was more cost-effective in the long run for the development company to build condominiums, Yack said.

But that's just fine with township officials. Canton earns more tax revenue from condominiums than apartments. "Also, people who live in condos are more likely to be committed to the community," Yack said.

To accommodate building activity in the community, the building department has added some inspectors, particularly to address compliance of codes and ordinances, Goulet said.

"We've stayed on top of it," Weyer said. "We've done really well."

The township has four building inspectors — two mechanical and two electrical — and two plumbing inspectors. Canton also lends a hand to Plymouth Township for plumbing and mechanical inspections.

The size of houses, complexity of building materials and floor plans, as well as site and architectural requirements, has placed demands on inspectors, Goulet said. "It's becoming far more technical," he said.

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Wayne-Westland school board faces yet another vacancy this month

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Less than three months after filling a vacancy among its ranks, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education faces a similar prospect, following Richard Eisiminger's announcement that he will leave the board on Sept. 15.

School district residents had until Monday, Sept. 15, to submit letters of intent, resumes or other information they felt pertinent to their request for consideration for the position to the Board of Education Office at 36745 Marquette, Westland.

"I will be leaving the district, I'll be leaving the community I was raised in, went to school in, been a part of 43 years," Eisiminger said, in making his announcement at a recent school board meeting. "I'm really sorry I can't continue on with the last year of my term."

A 43-year resident of

Westland, Eisiminger and his family will be moving to Canton where work on a new home went "better than expected."

An associate broker with ReMax Crossroads in Canton and owner of RJ Title company, Eisiminger had been appointed to the school board in 1999, replacing David Cox, and was elected to a four-year term in 2000.

Initially, he had planned to build on property in Westland, but said he became disheartened watching the turmoil in city government that eventually led to the resignation of two city council members and the recall of two others, including Cox.

"I had a parcel in Westland and was going to stay in town. I had aspirations of going on to the council," he said. "That and the (poor) grade the district got from the (Detroit) News was very disheartening."

Eisiminger is a licensed contractor and has been building

the home himself. It's situated on a one-acre parcel. It's woody, a beautiful area, he said. "I've lived in a subdivision all my life, so this is exciting," he said.

Shunning the idea of any recognition from the board on his leaving, Eisiminger said he will likely not attend the Sept. 15 school board meeting.

"I'd like to go out quietly, but I'd like to say thank you to the community for all of the support I've received," he said.

In acknowledging his announcement, school board President Skip Monit said Eisiminger "will be sorely missed."

The school board, which has 30 days after Eisiminger officially leaves to fill his seat, will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, to screen the applications, conduct interviews and select a new member.

Last Tuesday, former school board member Deborah

Fowlkes indicated she intended to apply for the vacancy. Fowlkes had been among 10 candidates considered by the board in filling the vacancy created when Mathew McCusker died in April and had run an unsuccessful write-in campaign in the June school election.

"I will submit my name again," Fowlkes said in an e-mail. "I think that anyone who wants to be considered for the position should apply."

Once appointed, the new school board member will file an acceptance of office and affidavit of eligibility and will be sworn into office.

The new board member will complete the remainder of Eisiminger's term which expires on June 30, 2004.

More information about the selection process is available by calling the superintendent's office at (734) 419-2010.

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4.4 mills to 4.25, the rate for fire service from 2.74 to 2.6, and the charter millage is increased from 1.71 to 2.0.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the shift in rates reflects the fact that real estate values in the township are on the rise.

The actual dollars brought in for police and fire increase, while the cost of doing business also rises.

He said last year the increased property values translated into about

\$350,000 in new revenue.

"But with the increase in liability insurance and medical coverage, that revenue is gone," he said.

No residents showed up for a public hearing on the millage rates.

Canton taxes peaked in 1985 when the rate was 9.99 mills. From 1983 to 1998, the rate was above 9 mills. It dropped to 8.85 in 1999 and has remained at that rate since then.

Winter tax bills go out Dec. 1 and are payable from Dec. 1 to Feb. 14 without penalty.

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OUR VIEWS

Arts are indeed alive in Canton

Arts are Alive is a perfect name for an Oct. 17 showcase of Canton arts, music and theater hosted by the township's Leisure Services. It is a name that aptly describes the emphasis placed on the cultural arts in the community.

Ensuring that the arts take a permanent hold in Canton is in large part attributable to Jennifer Tobin, the township's relatively new performing arts coordinator. Her enthusiasm and energy, not to mention her interest in involving as many kids and adults as possible in the spectrum of arts, goes a long way in making culture an everyday happening in the life of Canton and its residents.

But there are others as well who are making headlines for the arts. The Downtown Development Authority is working to introduce public art along Ford Road. The first effort is butterfly chairs by Detroit artist Karl Schneider, on display on the plaza in front of TCF Bank on the southeast corner of Ford and Canton Center roads.

Work is under way on a Canton public art policy that will serve as a guideline. We trust that the authors will keep an open mind and allow art to be truly in the eyes of the beholder.

Throughout the summer, Tobin has worked tirelessly to bring art, music and theater to the Cherry Hill Village — near the Village Theater of Cherry Hill which is under construction. Leisure Services staff also decided to try special events, called Open Mic Nights, to let Canton talent do their thing. It worked.

On Oct. 17, Tobin will introduce the first arts expo, similar to a business expo, in which artists, musicians and actors will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the public. Tobin has received an overwhelming response from the art world.

Art has no boundaries and that is proven daily as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra continues its efforts, most recently with a Strings Camp at the Summit on the Park. Creation of the Celebration Youth Orchestra is designed to include interested students from Canton.

The symphony and the Plymouth Community Arts Council recently received state grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Canton Project Arts is about to open its annual Fine Arts Exhibit Oct. 3-10 at the Summit. The exhibit is juried and for the past 10 years has drawn rave reviews.

The arts are indeed alive. The public is encouraged to immerse themselves in the offerings. Nothing could be better for making the community a home.

Backpack Day holds important message

You may not have known it, but yesterday was National School Backpack Awareness Day.

While the special observance may have gotten by you, the message from American Occupational Therapy Association should not: Backpacks that are too heavy or are worn improperly can harm children's posture and developing spines, causing them neck, shoulder and back pain.

Consider these facts:

- More than 7,000 emergency room visits in 2001 were related to backpacks, with half of the injuries occurring in children ages 5-14.

- In one U.S. study, six out of 10 students ages 9-20 reported chronic back pain related to heavy backpacks.

Fortunately, parents and other care-givers can help prevent these injuries by doing the following, according to the American Physical Therapy Association:

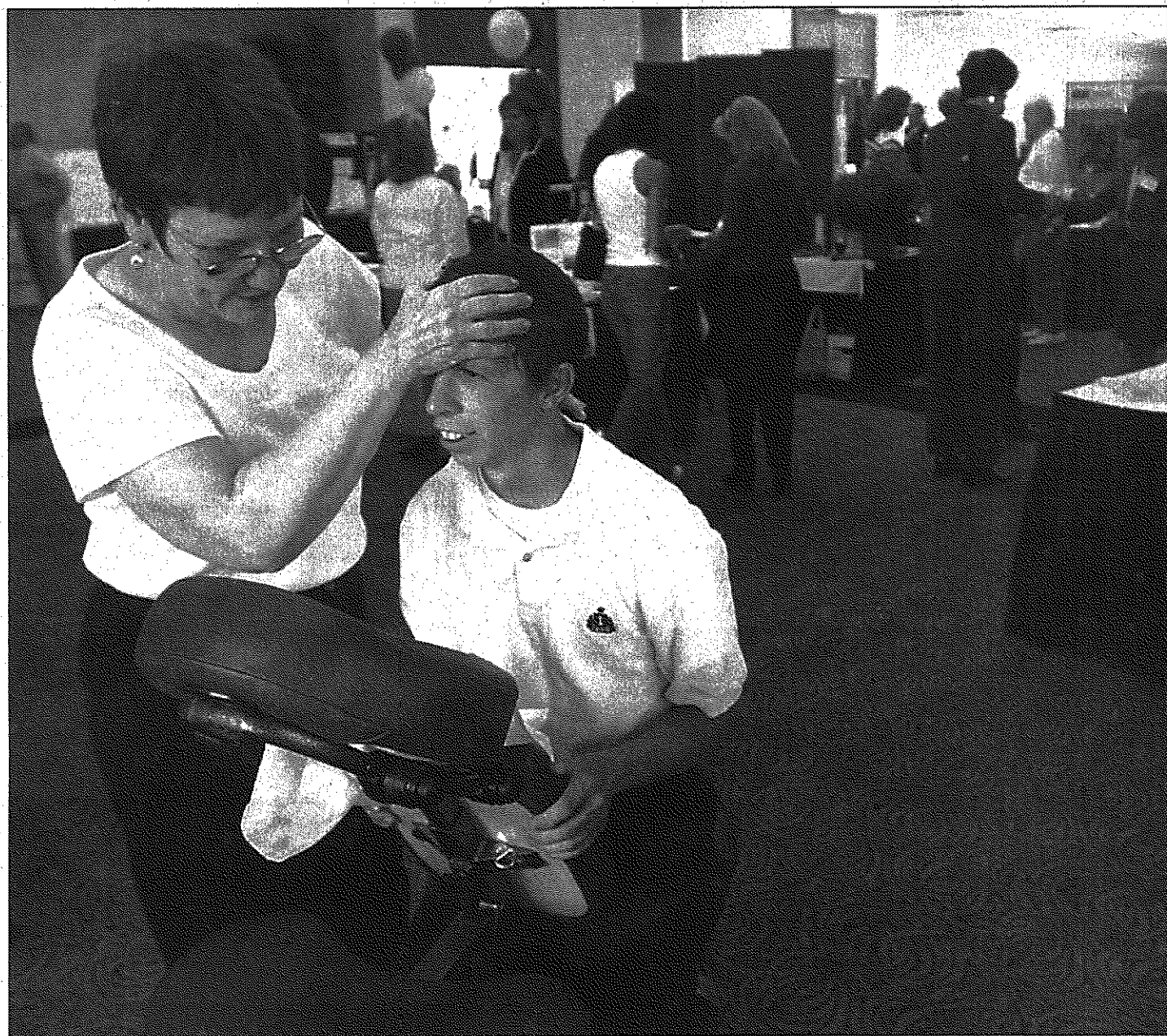
- Make sure your child's loaded backpack weighs no more than 10-15 percent of his/her body weight. If your child has tingling or numbness in the arms, red marks across the shoulders, changes in posture when wearing the backpack or struggles to get the backpack on and off, it is too heavy.

- Instruct your child to wear his/her backpack properly — over both shoulders with straps adjusted properly. Backpacks should cover the midback and rest on the contour of the lower back.

- Purchase backpacks that have padded and contoured straps and multiple compartments to distribute the weight more evenly. Place heaviest objects closest to the spine at the back of the backpack. Or, purchase a rolling backpack with a handle high enough that your child doesn't have to bend over to reach it.

- Ask your local school district to give students more time between classes so they can make it back to their lockers. That way students won't have to carry all of their books at once.

- Ask your local school district to add the proper use of backpacks to the health curriculum and to consider using lighter weight course materials, such as workbooks, whenever possible.



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Rosemarie Glasser of Rosemarie's Healing Massage Therapy works on Raymond Mahaffey at the Canton Chamber of Commerce Expo at the Summit. The expo is growing slowly, but surely, with more businesses joining in and more residents attending.

LETTERS

Had to laugh

I had to laugh when I read about Canton's traffic congestion problems in the Sept. 18 edition of the paper. One of the suggestions was an access/egress ramp on Cherry Hill. That might have been a possibility when I moved here almost eight years ago, but not anymore.

The new housing developments on the west side of I-275, on the north and south sides of Cherry Hill, clearly prohibit any such idea or plan, not to mention the existing apartment complex on the southeast corner. Has Cameron Priebe visited that intersection to make an adequate assessment of the problem?

I also recall reading soon after I became a resident that Cherry Hill was going to be widened, maybe in the June 2008 timeframe. Considering the developments that have encroached on Cherry Hill between Lotz Road and Haggerty since 1995, I can't see how this can ever be a realistic possibility. And seeing how the residents on south Lotz Road are beefing about the tax burden for the surfacing project, I guess I can scratch the paving of Lotz Road from Cherry Hill to Ford, as well.

Canton is much more ready to accept the tax revenues from the upscale residences on the west side of the township than to take care of the needs from the existing ones.

John Alaniva
Canton

No more, please

What makes the Canton Planning Commission think that we need, or want, another building supply store in the Canton area? By my count we already have four building supply super stores within a five-mile radius (Ford and Lotz, Warren and Newburgh, Canton Center and Michigan, Beck and Five Mile.) Two of them are in Canton. This does not include Sears Hardware store, N.A. Mans or the other small hardware stores in the area. Let's not split hairs between Home Depot and Lowe's. They are exactly the same stores.

When is the planning commission and the Board of Trustees going to stop thinking of only the tax revenue and start thinking of the community? How many banks and drug stores and home stores does one community need? Is there some kind of law against leaving some land empty? Do we have to fill it all with concrete?

By my last check there were two huge stores on Ford Road that are already vacant and looking for tenants. Why do we have to build another one that the community doesn't even need? Doesn't Ford Road have enough congestion already?

Even though this new home store

would be closer to my house than any of the others, I can guarantee that I will never go there. Maybe if another big box store goes out of business on Ford Road, the planning commission will finally take notice and say "hey, maybe we don't need five home stores in the area."

Chris Clemens
Canton

Split district

I couldn't agree more with Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member Mark Horvath in his being "surprised there's an effort to split the school district by a leader in Canton." Canton Supervisor Tom Yack states not only would he not personally support middle school bond issue if it included renovating Central Middle School, but he would work very, very diligently to make sure Canton Township would not support it.

Granted, the majority of student growth within the district comes from Canton, but I didn't hear Mr. Yack refusing previous bond money from Plymouth residents for the construction of Discovery Middle School, or the new high school, which primarily serve "new" Canton students.

A few years back Canton took over the Plymouth-Canton Little League. Then they built the Arctic Edge Ice Arena and initially charged Plymouth hockey players more than Canton skaters, despite the fact that Canton skaters had used the Plymouth Cultural Center for years at no additional charge.

Does Mr. Yack want a separate Canton School District? One funded solely from a Canton bond issue?

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

Hockey thanks

On behalf of the players, parents and coaches of the boys Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school hockey teams, we would like to thank those that made our recent golf outing a huge success. The high schools' hockey program is 100 percent pay-to-play. The players pay about half and the other half is raised by various fund raisers, the golf outing being the largest.

We had great support from the community businesses in sponsoring holes with cash donations and offering gifts and gift certificates for our silent auction. Only with the support of the community can the high schools continue to have varsity hockey.

Again, thank you to all who supported us and everyone who worked so hard to make the golf outing a success.

Chris Wolf
Plymouth

Opinionated tripe

I have noticed something very peculiar and quite disturbing in the "Opinion" section. One person in particular is constantly featured by printing his letters every single week. The person I am referring to is a man who signs his name, by the name of Neil Goodbred of Livonia.

I have been a paying subscription reader for over 20 years and frequently read your comments and opinions, which are indeed very intelligent and thoughtful commentaries, regarding politics and various other matters concerning our state and local community.

I generally agree with Mr. Power's commentary because it is thought-provoking and, in general, your editorial opinions speak in a positive attitude, reflecting comments that are not incendiary, nor inflammatory to any one person, place or thing.

What I do not understand is why the *Observer* continues to be a mouthpiece for Mr. Goodbred's negative and mean spirited letters, which are back-biting, untruthful and inflammatory to any person, place or attitude that has a moderate and positive outlook on life.

His most recent letter was the Thursday, Sept. 11, letter, which bashes our previous president, Bill Clinton, and his administration relative to Chinese diplomacy. He makes personal comments that have no value or truth. He is an extremist, and he frankly scares the heck out of me with his constant barrage of bashing of Democrats, former President Bill Clinton and women's rights issues.

I really appreciate a local newspaper which has been very helpful to me personally, and newsworthy. The letters submitted by Neil Goodbred have no positive value.

Please make certain whoever is responsible for the editing and printing of response letters featured in your "Opinion" column gives other people a chance to have their opinions and feelings printed, not just Mr. Goodbred's opinionated tripe on a weekly basis.

Dorothy Vega
Garden City

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"Trevor was raised in the church and confirmed with us. We were all proud of his willingness to serve. Many people loved him and knew him. It's a great loss."

— The Rev. Jerry Yarnell, St. Michael Lutheran Church, about the death of Sgt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

New Von Maur fills niche for more personal touch

I used to be a board member of Jacobson's Stores Inc., and I can tell you from personal experience that retailing is a tough way to make a living.

At the same time, there is something deeply satisfying to many, many people to shop in a warm and pleasant environment, staffed by attentive and knowledgeable sales people who know their inventory and have a sense of the customer's needs. It is not an experience that is offered either by surfing the Web or by visiting one or another of the giant box stores that have sprung up in recent years.

Which is why the opening of two Von Maur stores — both occupying former Jacobson's premises in Livonia at Laurel Park Place and in Ann Arbor at the Briarwood mall — is so interesting. Von Maur, a family-owned company with headquarters in Davenport, Iowa, opened its first store back in 1872. It now has 18 locations, all in the Midwest, and the two new stores are the company's first in Michigan.

I went over to the Ann Arbor store last weekend to have a look around during the "soft opening;" the Livonia store will have its "hard opening" Oct. 18. I was pleasantly surprised at what I found. Von Maur plainly has spent a ton to renovate the store: Floors are marble, with pleasing pastel carpets; lighting is bright and warm; furnishings and fixtures are bright and crisp; merchandise is displayed in low racks; a piano plays in the background; sales associates, many of them former Jacobson's employees, are welcoming and attentive.

Von Maur offers a very large range of merchandise, mostly apparel, with emphasis on mid-price items up to "bridge" (no "designer") and an enormous selection of shoes. Signs throughout the store urge shoppers to "Please touch the merchandise ... You'll love it!" The company offers an interest-free credit card, free gift wrapping (you can choose from 12 different wraps!), free simple alterations and an emphasis on personal service. Price points are mid to upper; the company believes in regular "fair" pricing and will not be heavily promotional or sales-oriented.

Several people I spoke to remarked on how sad they were that Jacobson's closed and how hopeful they were that Von Maur would succeed. "Now I won't have to go all the way over to Somerset," said one well-dressed woman as others in the group nodded in agreement. "People are thirsting for us — it's our emphasis

on personal service," says Lori Abel, the Von Maur Ann Arbor store manager.

I've always felt the slot that Jacobson's used to occupy and that Von Maur is trying to fill was very important, but threatened by forces beyond its control. First to feel the pressure were the downtown merchants who contributed so much to the ambiance of hometown communities. Companies like Wal-Mart took dead aim at downtowns in small cities across America; as a practical matter, when a Wal-Mart goes in at the outskirts of a small town, you can expect the downtown to be seriously damaged in short order.

Next came the malls, often with big department stores as anchors at either end. What the malls really did, however, was provide enough shopper traffic so the various specialty stores in the middle could thrive. After the malls, of course, came the box stores with everyday low prices. And on top of it all arose retailing on the Web offering 24/7 access and a vast range of items — all at the click of a mouse. And pervading everything has been the phenomenon of every day discounting; most people won't buy stuff these days unless it's "on sale" (whatever that means).

Retailing keeps getting tougher and tougher. As Adam Gopnik writes in the Sept. 22 issue of *The New Yorker*, "The choice is now between Kmart and Prada, and the institutions that joined them together (i.e. old-fashioned department stores) are finished. We've gone from shopping through trust to a culture of discounting and edge."

That said, I'd guess that retailing will continue to evolve rapidly. The generic box stores are going to discover that mere vastness of size and range of low-priced goods isn't going to cut it — witness the recent success of Costco, where you can buy \$30 cymbidium orchids in full bloom in addition to giant quantities of paper towels or boneless chicken breasts. And I think there will be an increasing proliferation of very tightly niched small specialty stores, often operating in downtowns, that offer a well-edited selection of goods and attentive service.

It is this emphasis on the human touch that motivates my hopes that Von Maur will succeed in occupying the niche that was filled for so many years by stores like Jacobson's and that a sense of community will contribute to a rebirth of so many downtowns across Michigan.

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



Phil Power

World peace starts at home by hosting exchange student

On our block, my house is affectionately known as the "International House." Over the years, we've been fortunate to have the opportunity to host many different international visitors for various periods of time. Most recently, we have been hosting Rotary Youth Exchange students, who stay in the U.S. for approximately a year while attending high school.

These kids are absolutely amazing and we've really enjoyed getting to know them and learning about their cultures, as well as sharing our culture with them. I have two teenagers already, so what's one more?



Marry Anne Demo

So many people have asked me, "What's it really like to be a host family?" I have to admit that it's not all smooth sailing; there are some challenges that perhaps other families might not have to face, but I can say that the good outweighs the bad by such a wide margin!

Ryohei (pronounced Yo-Hey) from Japan is living with us this year, and he is such a joy! When he was leaving from Japan, he took a digital photo of himself and sent it to me via e-mail so that I would know what he looked like when I went to pick him up at the airport.

I didn't have the heart to tell him that as a young Japanese person, on a flight in from his connection in Chicago, he might stand out a bit in the crowd!

Well as luck would have it, we spotted him right away, loaded up his luggage (which was much larger than he was!) and off we went. As we were riding along across town on our way home, he was staring out the window and not saying too much.

After a while he turned to me with a huge smile and said, "Ah, this is just like the movies!" (substitute 'r's for the 'l's and you can get the full effect!)

He was so cute I just wanted to hug him!

Our experiences with international visitors and exchange students over the years have taught me and my family a lot about our own culture, and it's really interesting to view things through another's perception.

One of our fondest memories was when our first Rotary Youth Exchange student from Brazil, Joao, experienced snow for the first time. On that morning we had gotten a little bit of snow on the ground and it was still coming down all picture postcard like, and I looked out the window to see Joao running around in the front yard playing in the snow in his pajamas! It was just one of those moments that you never forget.

If you have ever considered opening your heart and your home to a Rotary Youth Exchange stu-

dent, be sure to contact your local Rotary club to volunteer. Families typically host a student for about three months, and the secret is to treat the students just like a member of your family.

Many people think that you can only host a student if you have high school students at home, but that's really not the case. I know when my own kids were younger, they really enjoyed getting to know people from other cultures, and I think it helped them to understand a bit more about diversity.

For the exchange student, it gives them the role of the "big brother or big sister" and they usually like that, plus little kids give them a chance to be a little bit silly, which is always fun!

I've also heard from "empty nesters" and families with no kids that have really enjoyed hosting students. As long as you're open-minded and willing to help the student visit local attractions and learn more about our culture, have a little bit of space for them to stay, and can provide some love and a supportive environment, you've got what it takes.

Plus you will begin to have friends from all over the world, and if you get the opportunity to visit their home country, you have a wonderful tour guide that knows English!

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about hosting exchange students, in addition to local students that might be interested in participating in the youth exchange program 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Contact me at (248) 588-7005, ext. 231, or by e-mail at maryannedemo@wowway.com to register.

Some additional resources are www.rotary.org (there's a link where you can locate the Rotary club nearest to you), www.studentexchanges.org for Rotary Youth Exchange specific information, and www.detroitrotary.org/youthexchange for information about a special scholarship program that will be available to assist prospective youth exchange students with their travel expenses.

The Rotary Youth Exchange program is one of the most affordable out there, because the students live with Rotarian-sponsored host families so they don't pay room and board. Also the local Rotary club provides a monthly stipend amount, and usually helps the student with any other expenses that might come up.

It's such a wonderful opportunity for our kids to get a chance to study abroad, they call it "the best year of my life!" Rotary has been offering youth exchange opportunities since the seventies, and it's been one of Rotary's most successful endeavors to help foster world peace through understanding.

Marry Anne Demo is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Detroit and the Rotary Youth Exchange recruiting coordinator.

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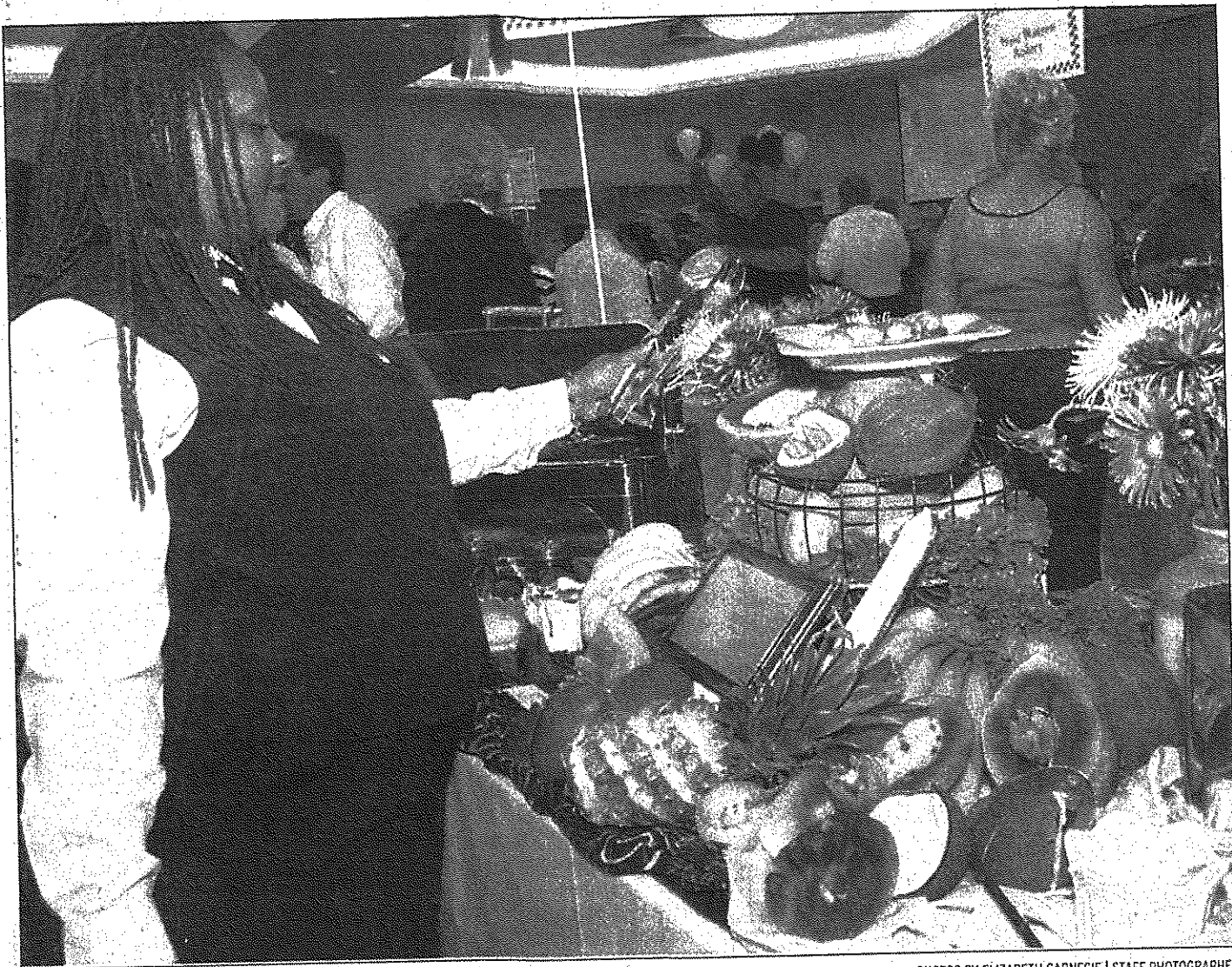
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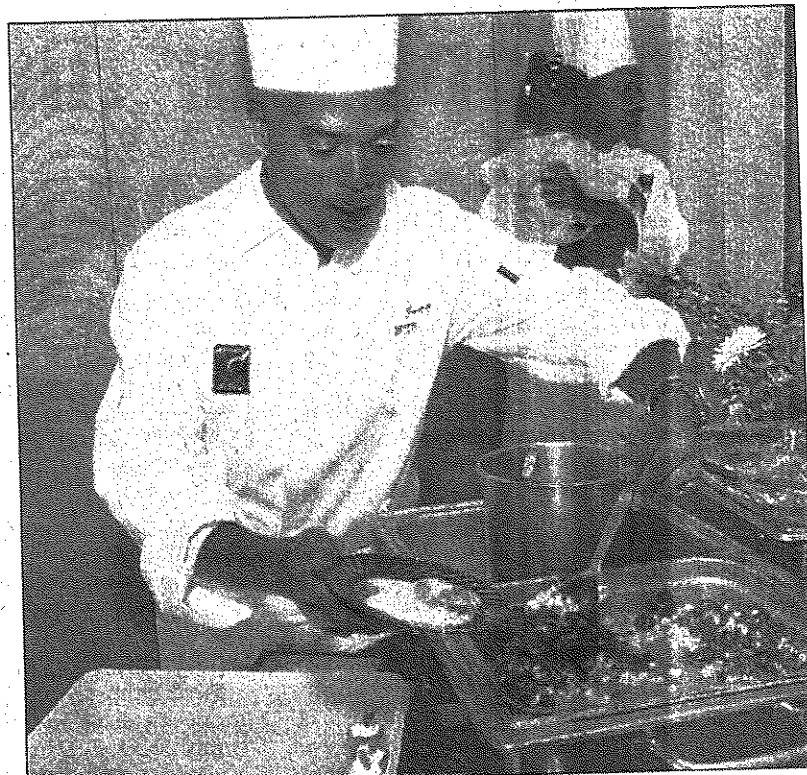
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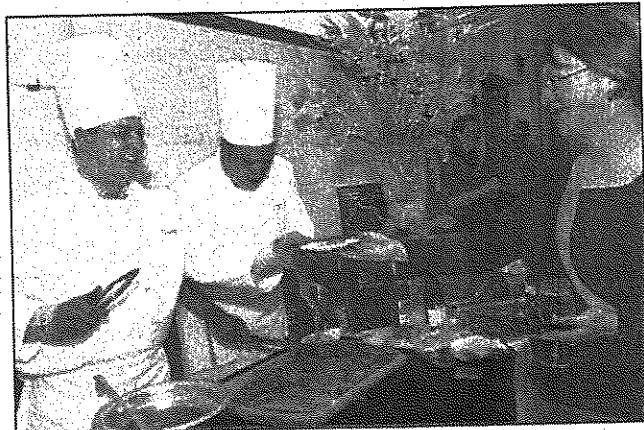
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Jeanetta Phelps puts out more food at the Sodexho table. Sodexho won Best Table Display with their mixture of fresh fruits and flowers.



Shawn Loving, a former culinary student at Schoolcraft, won second place in the People's Choice Awards for his restaurant, Loving Spoonful.



La Bistecca owner, Jerry Costanza, serves Katie Durling of Westland. Executive Chef, Giuseppe Arella, is on the right. La Bistecca won first place in the People's Choice Awards.

Culinary Extravaganza raises \$130,000

Schoolcraft College's new VisTaTech Center was the site of this year's Culinary Extravaganza Sunday.

More than a thousand patrons paid \$50 a person to sample the gourmet delights from 60 metro Detroit restaurants.

This annual event raised \$130,000 for student scholarships. The final figure includes \$75,000 from corporate sponsors.

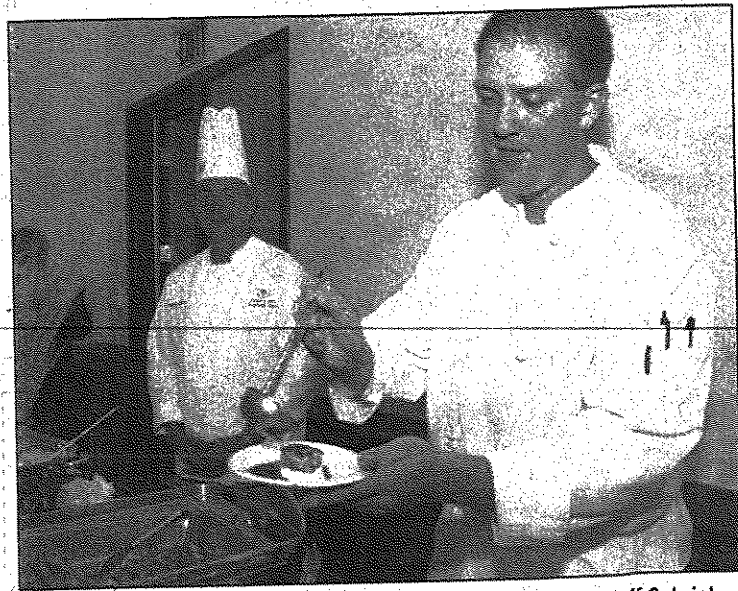
John Walsh, Schoolcraft's executive director of development, said the event served three important purposes.

"It generates the largest funds for our student scholarships, for which we're very grateful. It brings people to the campus, especially this year to see the new VisTaTech Center. And, third, it's an opportunity to enjoy the food and wine from our area restaurants,"

Walsh said. "It's really a way for us to promote our community."

The program included a wine-tasting seminar and a live auction featuring food related packages and a raffle drawing for a pearl ring, a flat-screen TV, a tour of the Pelee Island Winery and other items.

Participating restaurants included the college's own American Harvest Restaurant, Tom's Oyster Bar, Zumba Mexican Grille, La Shish, Station 885 and Bonfire Bistro. Patrons cast votes for People's Choice and Best Table Display. A combination of fruits and flowers won Sodexho the award for Best Table Display. La Bistecca took first place for People's Choice. The Lovin' Spoonful took second place. The Farm place third.



The Farm's Executive Chef, Aaron Cook (foreground) and owner Jeff Gabriel received third place in the People's Choice Awards. Gabriel is an instructor at Schoolcraft.

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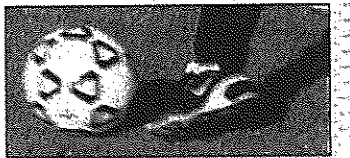
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Showdown looming

Salem, Canton
lead divisions
in soccer. B4



Sidelines

Steelers excel

Zero. That's a number the Plymouth-Canton Steelers are getting used to seeing, in particular their defense. The Steelers' varsity ran its record to 2-0-1 with a 31-0 rout of the Farmington Rockets Sunday at Farmington HS.

The varsity Steeler defense has yet to surrender a point this season.

The Steelers' freshmen also got a victory, and they, too, got it by shutout with a 20-0 win over the Rockets. Tommy Rodriguez scored all three touchdowns for the Steeler freshmen, thanks to the blocking of Jeff Heuer, John Randle and Mark Wallath. The defense was paced by Brennen Beyer, Tony Rhoades, Jacob Bolz and Tyler Goble. The Steeler freshmen are 2-1 for the season. The junior varsity Steelers were not so successful, suffering a 20-7 loss to the Rockets to fall to 1-2 for the season.

The Steelers will celebrate homecoming against the Westland Meteors at 5 p.m. Saturday at Central Middle School.

Lions tumble

The Canton Lions' varsity squad was stopped by the Westland Comets 21-6 Sunday, dropping its record to 1-2 for the season. One of the few highlights for the Lions was a 65-yard kickoff return for their only

touchdown by Chris Fischer. Fischer also blocked an extra-point try.

Erik Wright intercepted a pass for Canton.

The Lions' freshmen did get a win, outscoring Westland 34-13 to stay unbeaten at 3-0. But the junior varsity Lions suffered their first defeat of the season, losing 18-6 to the unbeaten Comets' JV. The JV Lions are 2-1.

WHAC honors

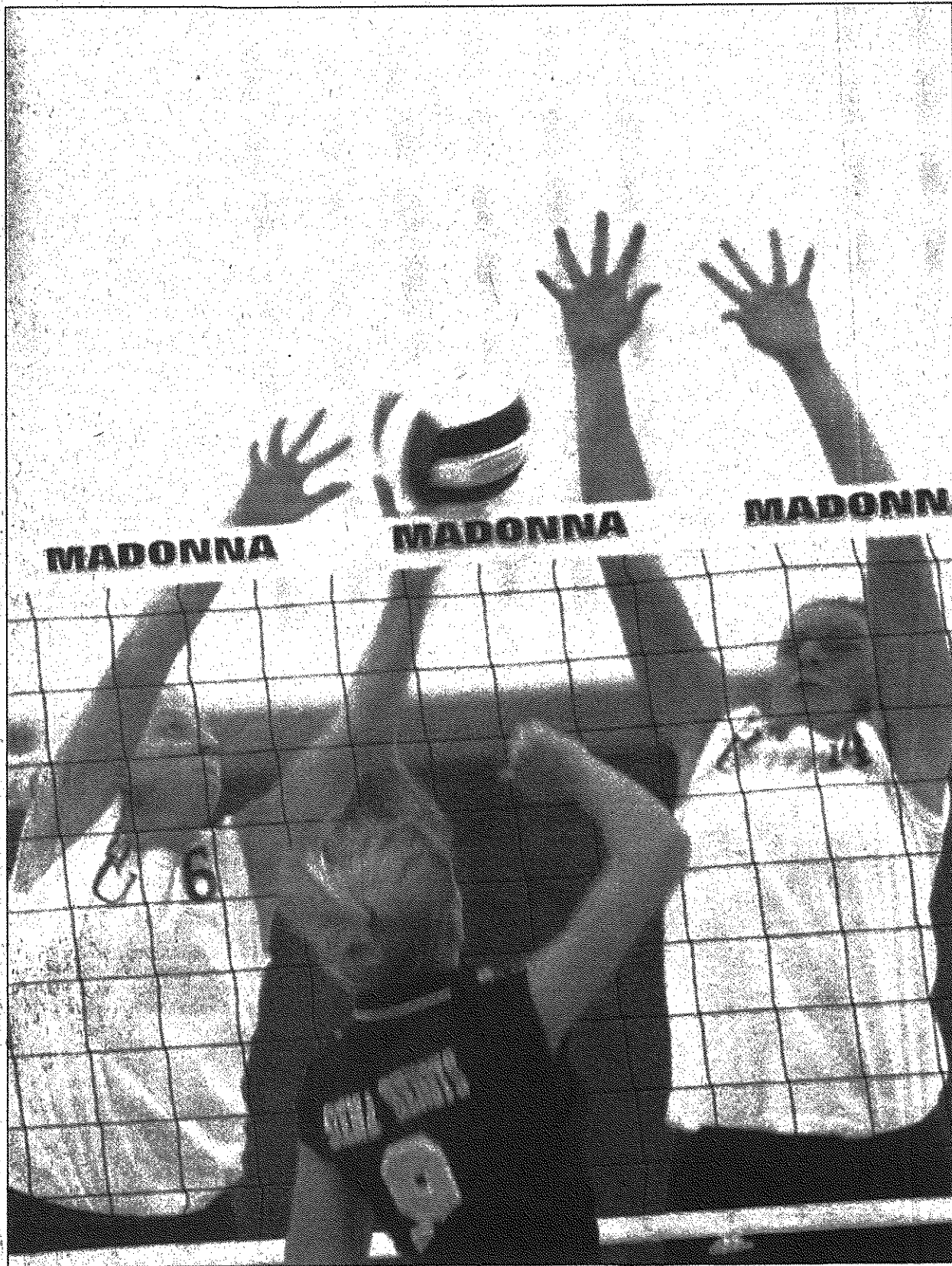
Sarah Pack, a junior forward for Madonna University's women's soccer team from Westland (John Glenn HS), was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week for the second time this season following a six-goal, one-assist performance in a three-game stretch.

All three games were victories for the 10th-ranked Crusaders, who defeated WHAC rivals Concordia 11-0, Spring Arbor 5-1 and Aquinas 3-1 to improve to 5-1-1.

For the season, Pack leads Madonna with 11 goals and one assist (23 points) in seven matches.

Ashley Frost, a sophomore setter for Madonna University's volleyball team from Lake Odessa, was named NAIA Region 12 and WHAC setter of the week after helping the Crusaders stay unbeaten through 15 matches this season with wins over the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Cornerstone University.

For Frost, it was the second time this season she was honored. In the two three-game sweeps, she collected 87 set assists. In 55 games played this season, Frost has 761 set assists, an average of 13.84 per game. Madonna's 15-straight wins is the best start to a season in school history.



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Madonna's Heather Spooner (left) and Laura Lesko (right) combine to block the kill attempt of Siena Heights' Abbie Riddle (9).

Extending the streak

Madonna keeps winning

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

How dominating is dominant? Madonna University's volleyball team is redefining that, match by match. On Tuesday the Crusaders overwhelmed Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Siena Heights 30-12, 30-17 and 30-18 at Madonna.

That made it 16-straight match wins to start the season without a loss, extending the Crusaders' school record. Ah, but why stop there?

Madonna has also won 15-consecutive games; the Crusaders lost the first set of their match with Olivet Nazarene Sept. 4, then won the next three games to win the match — and they haven't lost a game since.

That includes winning six-straight games (and two matches) against WHAC foes.

Is that dominant? Before answering, factor this into the equation: In their win over Siena Heights Tuesday, the Crusaders did have to mount a comeback — they trailed 3-2 in the third game. That was the only time they trailed.

Now that all that's been said, understand it means absolutely nothing to Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. Last season, Abraham guided the Crusaders to the NAIA Final Four before losing to Houston Baptist in the semifinals. He lost several key members of that team to graduation, but so far it hasn't been noticed.

At least in the won-loss record.

So is this team as good as last year's? "I don't think we're there yet," he said after Tuesday's win. "It's hard to compare, this is a different team. And Shellye (Stanton, last year's All-American hitter) was so experienced."

"We've had kids pick up the slack, but it's going to take us a little longer to get that cohesiveness. We are playing well, but I want us to play a little faster defensively. I do like our chemistry."

The array of weapons at the Crusaders' disposal

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B6

Rice can't stop CC express

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The city of Pontiac has played host to some of the best moments in Redford Catholic Central football history.

Sunday afternoon ended up being another one.

Under a sun-drenched sky, a packed crowd at Wisner Stadium

FOOTBALL

watched the Shamrocks defeat the Birmingham Brother Rice Warriors, 35-7, in the 59th annual Boys Bowl and the Central Division opener for both schools.

CC coach Tom Mach said he was pleased with the way his team responded mentally and physically to its loss the week before to Detroit DePorres.

"We talked about mental toughness this week and our kids responded really well that way," Mach said as his team moved to 3-1 overall. "That was the typical way we've responded to a loss in the past."

The game started off well for the Warriors, who recovered a fumbled snap on the first play from scrimmage. The team drove down to the CC 5 on the subsequent drive, but a missed field goal halted any momentum the team built.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Shamrocks built and sustained plenty of momentum of its own, thanks to the running of senior running back Derek Brooks.

PLEASE SEE CENTRAL, B3

Victory puts Salem atop Lakes Division

BASKETBALL

The end of Tuesday's girls basketball game at Livonia Stevenson left a bad taste in Salem coach Fred Thomann's mouth.

Too bad, because the first three quarters were pretty darn good for the Rocks.

Salem put 28 points on the board in the first half against its Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival, opening up a 14-point lead, then withstood a 17-9 fourth-quarter rally to post a 46-34 victory.

The win kept the Rocks

unbeaten in the division at 2-0; they are 3-4 overall. Stevenson is 5-3 overall, 1-1 in the division.

"We did too much reaching in that fourth quarter," Thomann said, obviously not happy that his team allowed the same number of points in one quarter as it had in the previous three.

"Still," Thomann said, "overall our effort was excellent, and our perimeter play — that was

good. We shot the ball better, but really, for us to be successful it comes down to defensive intensity. For three quarters, it was really good."

Salem led 12-7 after one period and 28-14 at the half. By the end of the third quarter, the Rocks' advantage had grown to 37-17.

Ellen Canale's 14 points paced Salem. Alyssa Guerin contributed 11.

Lauren Trossell had 14 for Stevenson and Lauren Brodie scored seven. They combined for 13 of the Spartans' 17

fourth-quarter points.

The Rocks travel to Walled Lake Western, a favorite to win the WLAA's Western Division, for a WLAA crossover tonight, and that figures to be a difficult challenge.

"This will be a good game for us," Thomann said. "We're really going to have to step our game up."

Oak Christian 45, Ply. Christian 43: A 3-pointer by Auburn Hills Oakland Christian's Kristen Osmond with less than a

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B5

Lineup shuffle is no detour for SC

Talk about stepping up your play when a key teammate is lost. Liz Fredlund, one of two setters in the Schoolcraft College volleyball system, found herself as the Ocelots' only one when setter Kelly Sines was sidelined with tendonitis in her wrist.

Fredlund responded to the adjustment in SC's match Tuesday against Delta College, leading the team in set assists with 29, in kills with 10 and in kill percentage at .500 as the host Ocelots rolled to a 30-14, 30-27, 30-19 victory.

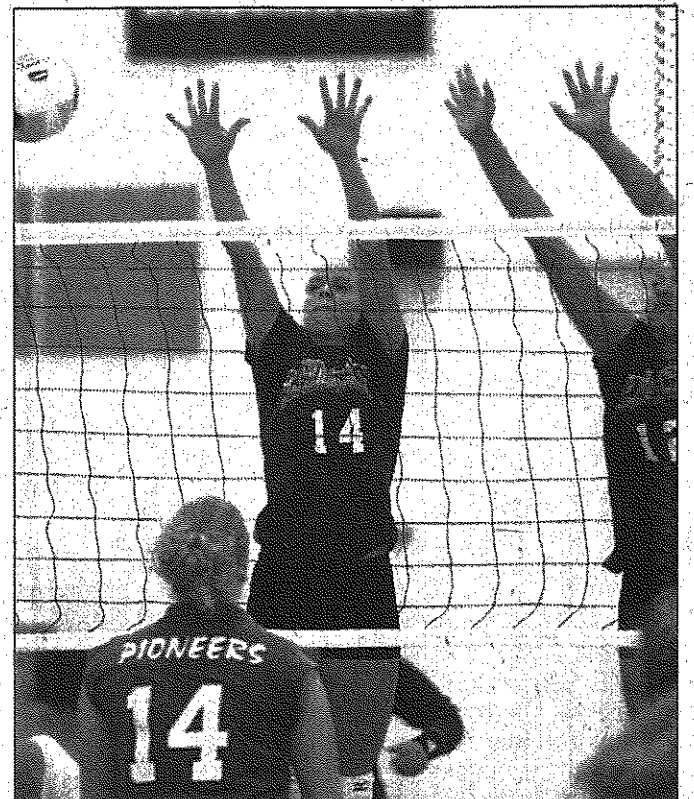
The win gave SC an 8-6 overall record. The Ocelots are 2-0 in the Eastern Conference. It was their fifth victory in a row and sixth in seven matches.

In defeating Delta, it wasn't just Fredlund who stepped up her play. Three other Ocelots had at least seven kills and the team had 12 service aces.

Holly Soldenski finished with nine kills (.353), Stephanie Koslowski had seven kills (.333) and 11 digs, Mayssa Bazzi contributed five aces and seven digs, and Caitlin O'Hara totaled 11 digs.

According to coach Tom Teeters, Sines was expected to return to practice this week. The Ocelots play at Henry Ford CC at 7 p.m. tonight.

PLEASE SEE LINEUP, B6



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Liz Fredlund (top, left) and Katrina Napier (top, right) team up for the block against Delta College.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 5 CANTON 3
 Sept. 23 at Stevenson
 No. 1 singles: Ashley Moccia (LS) defeated Hitomi Shinoda, 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 2: Amanda Khoury (LS) def. Beth Treadwell, 6-3, 6-4.
 No. 3: Julie Waggener (LS) def. Lauren Kazmierczak, 6-2, 6-2.
 No. 4: Sara Gonzalez (LS) def. Natalie Stupek, 6-1, 6-1.
 No. 1 doubles: Amanda Moccia-Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Chelsea Darouie-Sarah Galante, 7-5, 6-2.

No. 2: Ji Mimlim- Meena Hasan (C) def. Angelina Chan-Val Buxton, 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 3: Laura McKendry-Julia Fabiszewski (C) def. Lily Tran-Lauren Kelly 6-1, 7-5.
 No. 4: Caitlin Staples-Renee Gregor (C) def. Theresa Sherub-Jenn Mannisto, 7-5, 6-3.
 Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-1 overall, 6-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 PLYMOUTH SALEM 1
 Sept. 19 at Salem
 No. 1 singles: Ashley Moccia (LS) defeated Alex Ware, 6-1, 6-0.
 No. 2: Missy Nelson (PS) def. Amanda Khoury, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.
 No. 3: Julie Waggener (LS) def. Maranon Swasey, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.
 No. 4: Sara Gonzalez (LS) def. Katie Waldeck, 6-2, 6-3.
 No. 1 doubles: Amanda Moccia-Corinne Pasley (LS) def. Mo Bohr-Sarah Jose, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
 No. 2: Kristen Weiser-Karen Dimopoulos (LS) def. Katie Girsakis-Jordan Falcusan, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
 No. 3: Angelina Chan-Val Buxton (LS) def. Reeve Patel-Shalee Patel, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.
 No. 4: Monica Fershtman-Kristen Cady (LS) def. Stacey Ward-Amy Yu, 6-3, 6-3.

A kids-eye view of what to expect in Week 5

Hey football fans, we're midway through the football season and we've learned some wondrous things.

We've learned that Redford Catholic Central can be beaten - and with games against Country Day and Orchard Lake St. Mary, beaten more than once is a possibility.

We've learned that Clarenceville can survive and thrive without any of the Shaw brothers - and is still the class of the Metro Conference.

We've learned that the stingiest defenses in the Western Lakes doesn't belong to Canton or Wayne, but Stevenson and John Glenn.

We've learned that the field at Redford's Hilbert Junior High is holding up well, and that the grounds crew is doing what it can to keep it intact for its most important tenant - CC and its usual run deep into the playoffs.

We've learned that some teams can come back strong after some losses, like Glenn, Garden City, Stevenson and Wayne. We're going to find out if others - such as Thurston - can bounce back.

We've learned that the usual cast of characters seem to be headed for the playoffs like CC, Canton and Glenn with a newcomer in Wayne. Thurston needs a little more help. And this could be the make or break week for teams like Redford Union, Stevenson, St. Katharine/Borgess and even Garden City, Lutheran Westland or Churchill.

We'll learn more this week. As for last week, I went 10-1 for a season record on 35-12. Brad Emons, the Livonia-Westland sports guy, went 9-2 and is also 35-12, while Plymouth-Canton sports journalist C.J. Risak went 9-2 and is 34-13 overall.

As for this week, we've picked up a little help from students who were at the Livonia Stevenson-Plymouth

Salem game on Friday night. We asked them who they thought would win. Their answers appear below (along with a little help from me in parentheses) and we'll tell you how they did next week.

One pick, however, did not get in. Despite his best attempt, I refuse to follow the lead of Stevenson baseball coach Harvey Weingarden and pick Detroit Salesian over Wayne St. Mary's.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Liv. Franklin (1-3, 1-1) at W.L. Western (2-2, 0-2), 7 p.m.: Patrick York, 13, Livonia: "I think Franklin because Walled Lake Western, I believe, lost to Stevenson but it was a close game. Franklin? I heard their tailback was good so I think they'll beat Walled Lake." (Actually, Western beat Stevenson in overtime, so it was a close game. Half credit for that. But close won't be in the description of this one.) PICKS: Western: Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Salem (1-3, 0-2) at W.L. Central (4-0, 1-0), 7 p.m.: Austin Bussare, 9, Walled Lake: "Walled Lake Central because I'm from Walled Lake and I have confidence. I don't watch much football, I've only seen a couple of games." (You aren't going to need to see many games to know who to pick in this game.) PICKS: Central - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 (All games at 7 p.m. unless indicated)
 Churchill (2-2) at Wayne (3-1), Brendan Ankofski, 13, Livonia: "I don't really watch much Churchill football, but I'll pick them. My friend goes there and she says her team is pretty good." (That may be, Brendan. But your friend is wrong. Wayne is really, really good.) PICKS: Wayne - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.
 Stevenson (2-2) at Canton (4-0): Michael Hoover, 7, Canton: "Stevenson, because I'm here at this game tonight. No other reason." (I admire Michael's answer, but geez. Sometimes it pays off to stay true to your school, even if you won't be going there for another six years.) PICKS: Canton - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Northville (1-3) at John Glenn (3-1): Mary O'Donohue, 12, Livonia: "Northville, because I've only seen Northville play this year and because they score a lot of points, I guess." (A couple of year's ago, one of us had problems separating Garden City running back Mike Sparks from Detroit Tigers' pitcher Steve Sparks. The same thing is happening again, sort of. One of us had a temporary brain cramp and mixed up Glenn running back Matt Smitherman with his older brother, Dan. This has no bearing on the game, which Smitherman we like the best, nor on Mary's pick. It won't matter which Smitherman runs, or for that matter, Waylon Smithers from the Simpsons. Glenn rolls.) PICKS: John Glenn - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.
 Trenton (3-1) at Garden City (2-2): Sara Schroeder, 12, Livonia: "I think Garden City because I heard that Trenton wasn't all that good from people. My friends told me." (Your friends lied to you, Sara. You might think about trading up if they keep telling you lies like this. Trenton is real good. They put a whuppin' on Thurston last week and this

week, the Trojans take the Cougars to the woodshed.) PICKS: Trenton - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

D.H. Annapolis (1-3, 1-2) at Redford Union (2-2, 2-2): Traci Cauchi, 15, Livonia: "Dearborn Heights Annapolis, because they sound cool and they have a good quarterback. He's a hottie." (OK, I know what you're thinking. I am too. I don't think that Traci's ever met Annapolis quarterback Bryan Alley. But I think that RU's defense is going to get up close to him several times during the night. The only question is if RU's offense can put points on the board. If Annapolis wins, someone will have to send me an autographed picture of Alley to forward on to Traci. If RU wins, I doubt she'd settle for the 8 x 10 glossy of Panthers coach Miles Tomasaitis.) PICKS: Annapolis - Risak; RU: Beaudry, Emons.

Thurston (3-1) at Taylor Truman (1-3): Kyle Mehall, 15, Livonia: "Taylor Truman because Thurston has a bad defense. I went to the Thurston game one time last season and they don't have the same defense." (Actually, Thurston has a pretty good defense. It just had problems dealing with Trenton. And Truman is nothing like Trenton.) PICKS: Thurston - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Clarenceville (4-0, 4-0) at Hamtramck (0-4, 0-4), 7:30 p.m.: Erica Myrold, 15, Livonia: "Hamtramck because Clarenceville has had running backs and Hamtramck's kicker is good." (Myrold is right about one thing. The Cosmos have to have a good kicker - or at least a good punter. When you've been outscored 150-0 in four games, you tend to get a lot of practice. As for Clarenceville, while the backs - and everyone else - are pretty good, this team's success comes from coaching. Anyone who doesn't believe that is crazy.) PICKS: Clarenceville - Beaudry, Risak, Emons.

Grosse Pte. Wds. Liggett (1-3, 1-2) at Lutheran Westland (2-2, 2-1), 7:30 p.m.: Jonathan Pauley, 11, Livonia: "Lutheran Westland because they have a better team. I heard they were better from someone. Yeah, I'm making it up. I don't know." (He should have found out who he heard it from instead of making it up. Lutheran Westland is the better team.) PICKS: LW - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

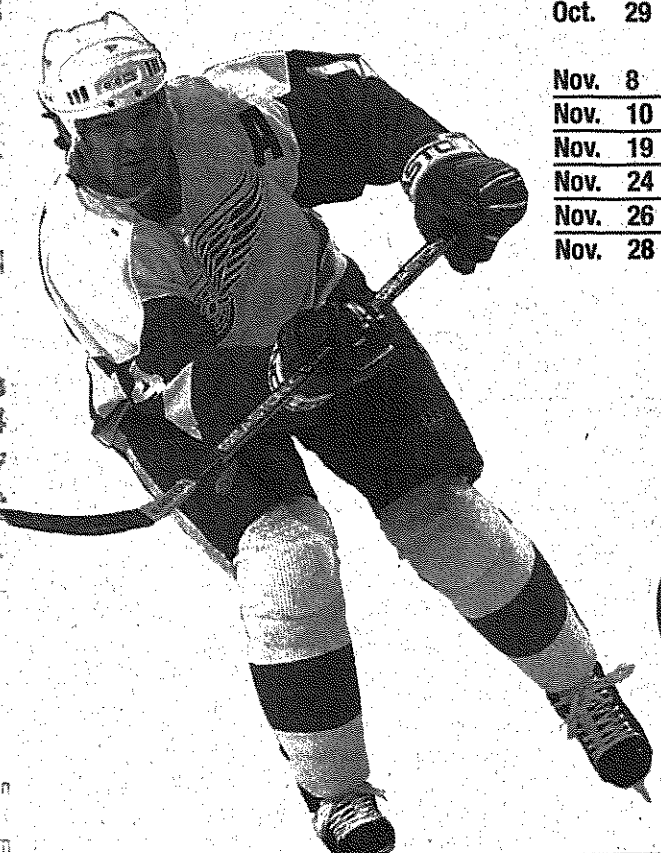
SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Marine City Cardinal Mooney (0-4) vs. St. Katharine/Borgess (2-2) at Hilbert Jr. High, 1 p.m.: Natalie Flanagan, 14, Livonia: "I say (St. Katharine) because they have a good team. They're record was good." (Compared to Mooney, it's an outright brilliant record. And the Baggies' record gets better this week.) PICKS: Baggies - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Redford Catholic Central (3-1) vs. Detroit Country Day (3-1) at Hilbert Jr. High, 7 p.m.: Megan Bilkie, 15, Plymouth: "Catholic Central, because they're really good and they're the defending state champs. But they could be good this year, even though they lost." (They could be real good. In fact, the second half of the day-night doubleheader at Hilbert could be the best game in the area over the weekend. At least as long as the Shamrocks' defense can clamp down on DCDS quarterback Ernie Jackson.) PICKS: CC - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

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Brooks galloped for 186 yards on 16 carries, including a 53-yard scoring run midway through the third quarter that made the score 28-0. He also racked up runs of 41 and 37 yards in the second quarter, helping to set up CC touchdowns.

"They were a powerful force today," said Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa. "Brooks was a strong runner and they've got a lot of meat up front."

Rice (2-2) moved the ball effectively on its first drive after the fumble, with senior quarterback Doug Pickens completing three passes for 32 yards. But the drive stalled at the five.

"If we score there, it helps us keep some momentum going," Fracassa said. "But give CC credit. Their defense is very tough to move the ball against."

The Warriors recovered another CC fumble on the second drive, but couldn't generate any yards off the turnover.

Junior fullback Eric Vojtkofsky scored on a one-yard touchdown plunge with 6:45 left in the first half to put CC ahead, 7-0. He ran for tough yards inside the entire game, finishing with 51 yards on nine carries and two touchdowns.

Brooks' 41-yard sprint set up a five-yard scoring run by senior Drew Amble, making it a 14-0 game just two minutes later.

Vojtkofsky scored his second TD of the game from five yards out with 2:11 left in the first half. While CC's ground game was running smoothly, it was the defense that stepped up in the second quarter.

After generating 35 yards on its first drive of the game, Rice was held to minus-6 yards of total offense for the rest of the first half. For the game, the Warriors ran the ball 28 times for a total of minus-1 yard.

"Our defense played very well today," Mach said. "We ran to the ball well and were able to bottle up their quarterback, which is something we knew we had to do coming in."

Senior running back Darnell Tyson finished off the scoring with a Brooks-esque 45-yard touchdown run with 3:26 left in the third quarter. He broke two tackles and almost went down, but regained his footing and



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outran the defense to pay dirt.

Rice has now played the two Division 1 state finalists from last year, CC and East Kentwood, and suffered losses of 35-7 and 44-7 to those teams, respectively. Fracassa said it would be a toss-up as to which was the better team.

"They're both very good teams," he said. "Both teams are so big up front, it's hard to compete with their size."

Pickens completed 5-of-20 passes for 57 yards with three interceptions. Rice's lone score came with 45 seconds left in the fourth quarter when junior Dominic Charlot caught a TD pass from backup QB Jason Scimeca.

CC quarterback Dave Thomas didn't attempt a pass the entire game, and Brooks threw the only CC pass, an incomplete halfback option play.

The Warriors, a Division 2 state finalist last year, need to go 4-1 in their final five games

to clinch a playoff spot. They take on Warren DeLaSalle this weekend, while the Shamrocks host Detroit Country Day at Redford's Kraft Field.

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard had a simple game plan for St. Katharine/ Bishop Borgess on Saturday night - play defense for the run and dare the Aggies to throw.

It worked to plan as the Fighting Irish hung a 20-0 loss on the host Aggies at Hilbert Junior High.

"They kept eight or nine guys in the box and dare us to throw," said Aggies coach Werner Blakely. "Wherever (running back Kenny Smith) went, they said 'We're all going.' They shut us down and they had more than 300 yards of offense."

The Aggies had 186 yards in total offense, with Smith gaining 91 on the ground on 21 carries. Brandon Lee added 18 more on the ground and the Aggies mustered only 37 yards

passing. T.R. Ellis helped out on defense by causing two fumbles, while Antoine Hollifield had an interception and Kelvin Brown blocked an extra point.

St. Kate/ Borgess fell to 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the Catholic League's C-D Division, while the Irish improved to 3-1 overall and 3-0 in the division.

SOCCER CHAMPS

The Canton Oaks, a U10 boys soccer team, were out of this world the weekend of Sept. 12-14 when they captured top honors in the Gold Division at the Global Soccer Tournament, hosted by Oakland University.

Team members are Tyler Stewart, Brandon Duschl,

Evan Lewandowski, Scott Chatfield, Ethan Walsh, Steven Murphy, Mikey Payne, Robbie Galanty, Joshua Maxam, Nathan Bergeson, Austin Covert, Jacob Pascarella, Tyler Winningham and Christian Bryant. The team is coached by Jim Lemley and Bob Pascarella.

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SC gets OT victory over Cincinnati State

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team extended its winning streak to seven-straight, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Andrea Wright scored the game-winning goal five minutes into overtime to lift the Lady Ocelots to a 2-1 victory over Cincinnati State Saturday at SC.

The win keeps SC unbeaten at 7-0 and, just as important, gives the Ocelots an edge over Cincinnati State in the hunt for the NJCAA's Region 12 championship.

Wright's game-winner came on assists from Michele Kitta and Erica Ahrens (from Canton HS).

For Wright, the goal was her second of the match. Her first, in the first half, gave the Ocelots the early lead, with assists from Ashley Gay and Casey Hoover. SC continued to dominate play in the second half, but could not score. Cincinnati State managed just one shot on goal in the second half, and it went in to tie it and force OT. SC hosts Central Michigan Saturday.

Madonna men in 1st

The Madonna University men's soccer team sits atop the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings Tuesday after knocking off host Cornerstone University, 4-1. The Crusaders, ranked No. 17 in the latest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) poll, are 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC. The second place Golden Eagles fall to 4-5 and 2-1.

MU put up the first three goals courtesy of Worth Sampson, Derrick Mudri and

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James Miller, the latter who also added the Crusaders' final goal. Matt Placek, Zach Wilkes, Justin Fishaw and Mudri each had an assist for the Crusaders. The Golden Eagles lone goal was scored by Tom Skilling (unassisted). MU's Eric Sicilia (Livonia Churchill) and Cornerstone's Justin Breckan each made three saves in net.

SC men dominate

Not quite there yet, but as Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Dominic Scicluna described his team's progress, "It's starting to come together."

Against Cuyahoga (OH) CC Saturday, the Ocelots scored twice in the first half and got three more in the second to post a 5-2 triumph. SC improved to 4-2-1 overall.

"We played some of the most creative soccer I've seen," said Scicluna, then added, "But it wasn't as solid (as it should be). There are still holes in our defense."

Although the Ocelots dominated offensively, the SC coach wasn't too happy that his team surrendered two second-half goals. With nothing on the schedule until Oct. 4, they'll have time to correct that. Will Friend scored two of SC's goals in the win over Cuyahoga and Leo Moya had three assists. Jamie Miller, Rob Marinkowski and Paul Johnson also netted goals, and Rod Asllani collected an assist. Liam Curran made 10 saves in goal for SC.

Rocks wreck Glenn; Chiefs whip Western

There was a pounding awaiting Salem's soccer team when it played at Western Lakes Activities Association rival Westland John Glenn Tuesday. But in the end, it was the Rocks who delivered the punishment, beating the Rockets 4-1 in a Lakes Division match that was originally scheduled for Monday but was rained out.

Salem, 6-3-3 overall and 2-0 in the Lakes, scored twice in each half in subduing John Glenn. Two of the Rocks' goals came on penalty kicks after they had players knocked down in the box.

Salem's first goal came in the

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seventh minute on a penalty kick by Eric Vanston, awarded after Jake Bennett was taken down in front of the Rockets' goal. The Rocks made it 2-0 a minute later on a goal by Dave Hall, with Ross Heidenreich assisting.

John Glenn trimmed the deficit to 2-1 by halftime with a score by Dave Wood with less than 10 minutes left in the half. Kyle Gismondi assisted.

But Salem got its two-goal advantage back 15 minutes into the second half on a Chris

Conlisk penalty kick, awarded after Matt Adsit was taken down in the penalty box.

Adsit got on the board himself five minutes later, with an assist from Vanston.

Tom Huls was in goal for the Rocks.

Canton 7, W.L. Western 0: Canton coach George Tomasso knew how to get his team ready for Walled Lake Western Monday, a WLAA Western Division rival.

Tomasso made certain the Chiefs knew this was the team that played Northville, a co-favorite with Canton to win the division title, to a scoreless

draw two weeks earlier. "My guys were pumped," said Tomasso.

That showed in early going as the host Chiefs scored three goals in the first 12 minutes of the match. They carried that lead into halftime, then repeated it early in the second half in leveling the Warriors.

Canton improved to 7-2-4 overall, 2-0 in the Division.

Dutch Morrell and Andy Cortellini each scored two goals for the Chiefs. Jason Houdek, Brad Marsh and Ben Krause added one goal apiece.

Steve Mischung and Vimal Patel divided time in goal for Canton.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 25
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7:30 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Redford CC vs. Country Day at RU's Kraft Field (Hilbert), 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 25
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Sfield. Christian at Pky. Christian, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 25
Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
Redford CC at U-D. Jesuit, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Sfield. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Zoe Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at D.H. Crestwood, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Saginaw Heritage at Salem, 12:30 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept. 25
WLAA Jamboree at Cass Benton Pk., 3:45 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Wayne Co. Inv. at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
Alpena Invitational, 10 a.m.
Haslett Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept. 25
WLAA Jamboree at Cass Benton Pk., 3:45 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Salem at Haslett Invitational, 9 a.m.
Falcon Inv. at Dbn. Ford Field, 10 a.m.
Wayne Co. Inv. at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
Center Line Invitational, 10 a.m.
Alpena Invitational, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 25
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Wayne Invitational, 1 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday, Sept. 25
W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Canton at Athens Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Salem at Essexville Invitational, TBA

BOYS GOLF

Thursday, Sept. 25
Western Wayne Invitational at Huron Meadows, 9:30 a.m.
Divine Child vs. CC (Caltails), 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26
John Glenn vs. Salem at Fellows Creek, 2:45 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Pinewood, 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. Plymouth High at Fellows Creek, 2:45 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.
Univ. Liggett vs. Pky. Christian at Hickory Creek, 4 p.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Friday, Sept. 26
Mercy at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 25
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27
Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.) Tourney, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Sept. 27
Madonna at Indiana Tech, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 25
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
CMU Club at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Sept. 26
Whalers at Kingston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
Whalers at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.

Improvement shows for Rocks' runners

For Salem's boys cross country team, it's starting to come together.

No, the Rocks won't be setting lofty goals, such as a Western Lakes Activities Association title challenge or a state meet berth. Those wouldn't be realistic.

But they are improving, as shown in Saturday's trip to the Jackson Invitational at Sharp Park.

The Rocks finished 11th in the 18-team meet, scoring 252 points. Saline was first with 56, followed by Howell (112), Ann Arbor Pioneer (126), Traverse City West (135) and Milford's B team (138).

The Rocks' finishers were Adam Warner, 24th (16:54); Jimmy Walsh, 46th (17:16); Dan Kapadia, 49th (17:18); Scott Fysh, 63rd (17:40); Adam Kosteva, 70th (17:49); Brian Kutnick, 88th (18:21); and Brian Barnes, 95th (18:32).

Salem split its squad, sending the team's other half to the Redford Catholic Central Invitational.

"Our top five were within 55 seconds of each other," noted Salem coach Geoff Baker. "Actually, we're running better than last year's team. We just don't have that No. 1 guy to knock down our score."

All seven Salem runners posted personal bests at the Jackson Invitational.

The Rocks will run in the sec-

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ond Western Lakes Activities Association Jamboree of the season is today at Cass Benton.

Salem girls 3rd

Pretty good placing. Salem's girls cross country team, with all five of its scoring runners among the top 33 finishers, managed to place third overall at the 18-team Jackson Invitational Saturday at Sharp Park.

Saline was first with 59 points, followed by Milford (62), Salem (126), Ann Arbor Pioneer (149) and Ann Arbor Huron (166).

Depth of talent was the key for the Rocks. Their top finisher was Danielle Malone, 14th overall (20:03). Next best was Lauren Kane, 18th (20:08); Hannah Cavicchio, 30th (20:36); Laura Friedman, 31st (20:38); and Amanda Kassem, 33rd (20:44). Lauren Medley was 35th (20:52) and Katy White placed 46th (21:27).

At the 12-team Monroe Jefferson Invitational Saturday at Sterling State Park, the Salem girls B team also finished third, behind Dearborn's A team (29 points) and Saline's B team (36 points). Salem scored 89, followed by Canton with 120.

Monica Prezienda was the Rocks top finisher, placing 14th (21:15). Alyssa Mastic was 17th (21:26), Marisa Carpinelli was 18th (21:35), Lianne Griffiths was 19th (21:56) and Chelsea Baldwin finished 21st (22:03). Cindy Edwards was 25th (22:24) and Allison Janda placed 43rd (23:12).

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **District-Wide Trash Bags**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Gerry York in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2955. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 3, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Plymouth: September 28 and 25, 2003

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THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Plymouth: September 18 and 25, 2003

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 for the following:

ANNUAL CONTRACT - SNOW REMOVAL SIDEWALKS IN DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROLA A. STONE
Admin. Services Dir.

Plymouth: September 25, 2003

OE0814749

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, October 9th, 2003 for the following:

ACRY-TEK 4200 ROOFING SYSTEM

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Plymouth: September 25, 2003

OE0814760

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing road and related facilities.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk, Charter Township of Canton

Plymouth: September 25, 2003

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- COLD CREEK MANOR (R)
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is certainly awe-inspiring. Against Siena Heights, Sharyse Bush — a transfer from Flint Mott CC — had 14 kills with a .414 kill percentage and five digs; Laura Lesko had 13 kills (.387) and nine digs; Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin) got eight kills (.350), two service aces and eight digs; and Natalja Tinina finished with eight kills (.294), three aces and six digs.

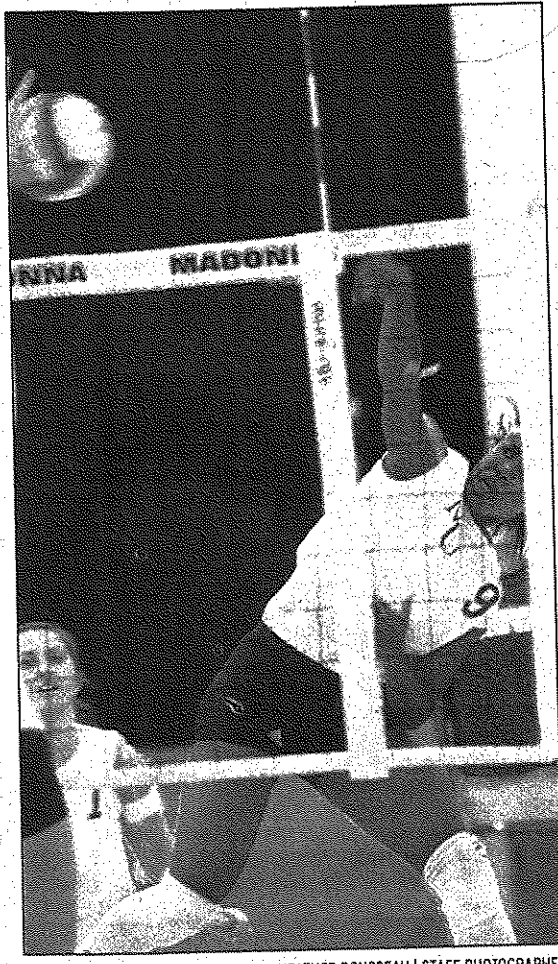
Four players with at least eight kills, only one with a kill percentage under .350. Leading the team's defense was Libero Amanda Suder (Salem HS), Madonna's only senior, with 21 digs. Setter Ashley Frost added 41 set assists, three aces and 10 digs, and defensive specialist Becci Crane had 10 digs.

Patty Horal, a senior outside hitter from Livonia Ladywood, paced the Saints (6-8 overall, 1-2 in the WHAC) with 11 kills and 23 digs.

The fourth-ranked Crusaders will clearly dominate the WHAC once again. Indeed, they've already cleared perhaps their biggest obstacle: They won last week at 23rd-ranked Cornerstone University.

But if what they've accomplished so far doesn't seem particularly impressive, remember that they have not yet reached their peak. As Abraham noted, "We're still getting better."

Which means Madonna will no doubt continue to set new standards for success.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sharyse Bush led Madonna with 14 kills in a three-game sweep of Siena Heights.

Bush led Madonna with 18 kills, with a .556 kill percentage.

Laura Lesko contributed nine kills (.500), four aces, five digs and three blocks, and Tera Morrill had seven kills (.462), two aces and a team-best 11 digs.

Amanda Suder had eight digs and Ashley Frost collected 36 set assists, eight digs and two blocks.

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Problems persist at Whalers' Saturday home opener

Well, at least it was better than Friday night's season-opener at Kitchener.

Not much solace for the Plymouth Whalers there, however. In their home-opener Saturday against the Oshawa Generals, the Whalers gave up half as many goals as they did the previous night against Kitchener — and it was still too many.

The Generals scored three times in the third period to pull away to a 5-2 triumph. The loss left Plymouth at 0-2 in the Ontario Hockey League. Oshawa is 3-0.

The Whalers got on the board first, Mike Martinelli

OHL HOCKEY

getting the goal at 7:09 of the opening period with assists from Tim Sestito and Nick Vernelli.

Oshawa tied it at 5:49 of the second with a goal from Ryan Kitchen, Adam Berti and John Neal assisting, then took the lead when Ben Eager scored the first of his two goals in the game at 19:34 of the second. Kyle Raftis and Neal assisted.

Eager's second goal at 3:17 of the third period pushed the Generals' lead to 3-1 (Bret Nasby assisted), but the

Whalers answered with a power-play goal from Gino Pisellini at 5:46 of the third (John Mitchell, James Wisniewski assisted) to make it a one-goal game again.

Paul Ranger's power-play goal at 12:05 (Chris Petrow, Chris Hult assisting) gave Oshawa a two-goal lead once again. Tobias Whelan scored into an empty net with :42 to play to secure the victory.

Jeff Weber was in goal for Plymouth; he had 19 saves. Ryan Gibb had 25 stops for Oshawa. The Whalers are on the road this weekend with games at Kingston Friday and Belleville Saturday.

Crusaders sweep UM-Dearborn

Madonna University kept its school record for wins to start a season alive with a three-game sweep of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 30-21, 30-28, 30-15 Friday at Madonna.

The loss left Michigan-Dearborn at 6-15.

Natalja Tinina and Sharyse Bush led the Crusaders' attack, Tinina collecting 16 kills in just 17 attempts without an error, a .941 kill percentage. Tinina also had five digs and a serving ace.

LINEUP

FROM PAGE B1

SC stops Michigan-Dearborn

It took a while — one game Monday, to be precise — for Schoolcraft College's volleyball team to adjust to the loss of injured setter Kelly Sines when the Ocelots took on the University of Michigan-

Dearborn.

SC lost that first set, 30-20, but with Liz Fredlund taking over all the setting duties the Ocelots recovered to win the next three, 30-26, 30-27, 30-18.

The loss left UM-Dearborn at 6-16.

Stephanie Koslowski led SC's attack with 16 kills (with a .303 kill percentage). She also had 12 digs and two blocks.

Kathleen Knutson

(Westland John Glenn) contributed 10 kills and a team-best .368 kill percentage, with five digs.

Katrina Napier had seven kills and three service aces; Mayssa Bazzi had six kills, two aces and 17 digs; Caitlin O'Hara had 17 digs; Meghan McAuliffe had six kills and 11 digs; and Fredlund finished with nine kills, 10 digs and 35 set assists.

SC improved to 7-6 overall.

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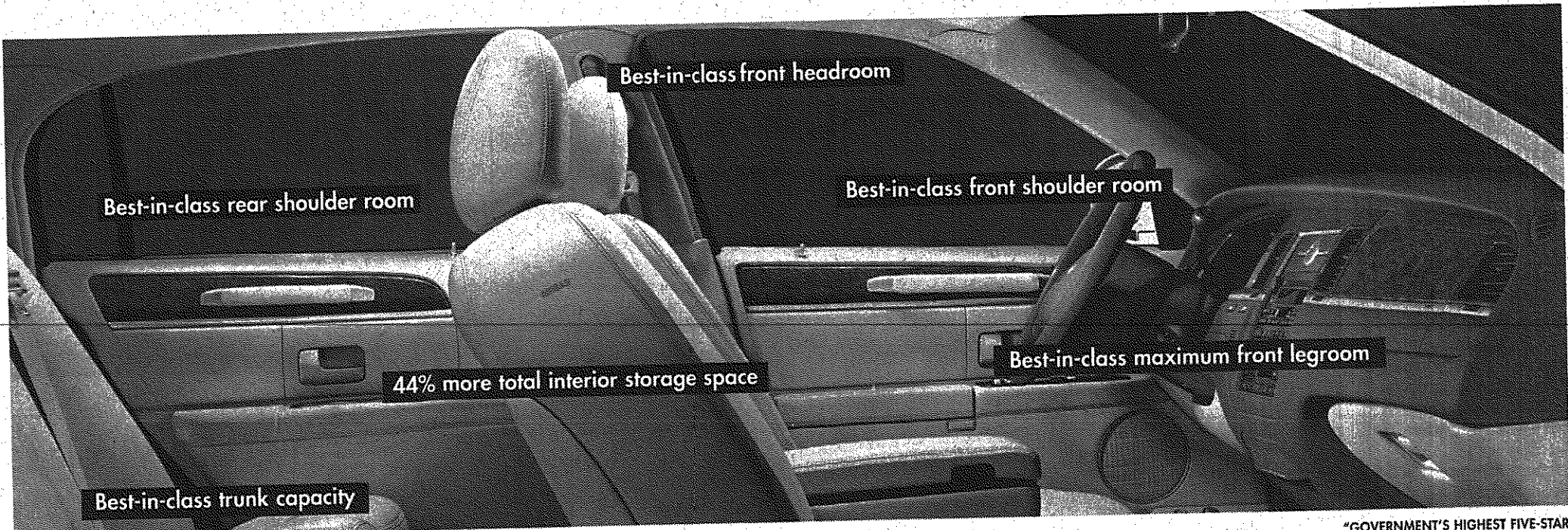
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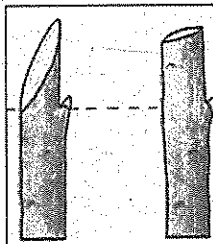
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Chair Affair

Chair Affair, a gala auction to benefit the Furniture Bank of Oakland County, will take place 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at 30 North Saginaw in Pontiac.

For the event - now in its ninth year - interior designers, architects, artists and other notable personalities turn ordinary household



chairs and other furniture into original art pieces.

The works are then auctioned.

The evening will also feature a silent auction of art, sports items, Red Wings tickets, golf and entertainment packages, a Disney vacation, and unusual home and gift items. Guests will enjoy a strolling buffet of spectacular food by area restaurants, and music by DJ Eyedaddy. Pallas Hupé of WJBK-FOX TV will be emcee. Charlie Marcuse, Detroit Tigers singing hot dog vendor, will be auctioneer.

Shown here is a chair by Robin Rich. Other designers this year are Karen Bowman, Canterbury Glass, Chez Nous, Donna and Carol Chisholm, Cole Street Salon and Spa, Julie Dawson, Lee Drankiewicz and Amy Getten, Anne Duffey-Leo, Anne Farnen and Merrill Anderson, Kate Gladchun, Barbara Grundeman, Karen Halpern, Dorian Hayes, Michelle Henning, Lawrence Hoefflein, Imelda's Closet, Jones-Kenna and Co., Peggy Kerr, Jeffrey King Interiors, Lisa Knoppe-Reed, Jeannine Krause, Kathleen McInerney, Michael Nellenbach, Padded Cell, Diane Plaskon Koory, Lois Primeau, Greg Raft, Bryan Ritter, Kathy A. Rosenau, Ann Smith, studio b41, Studio Jewell, Vogue Furniture and Barbara Winkelman.

The site of Chair Affair, 30 North Saginaw, is a beautifully restored architectural venue in downtown Pontiac.

Tickets are \$100 per person (reserved table for eight, \$800), and include hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and martini bar. Make reservations by Friday, Oct. 3.

The Furniture Bank is a nonprofit organization that provides gently used furniture to families in crisis. It is based in Pontiac. Chair Affair is its annual charity fundraiser. Call the Furniture Bank (248) 332-1300 for tickets or more information.

Call for members

All members of the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary are invited to a New Members' Wine and Cheese Party 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Holmes residence in Bloomfield Hills.

The price of admission is at least one prospective member. Only auxiliary members bringing prospective members will be eligible to attend and to win the door prize, an original painting by Mary Duncan. Register your prospective member's name when you RSVP. Call (248) 645-3149 by Friday, Sept. 26.

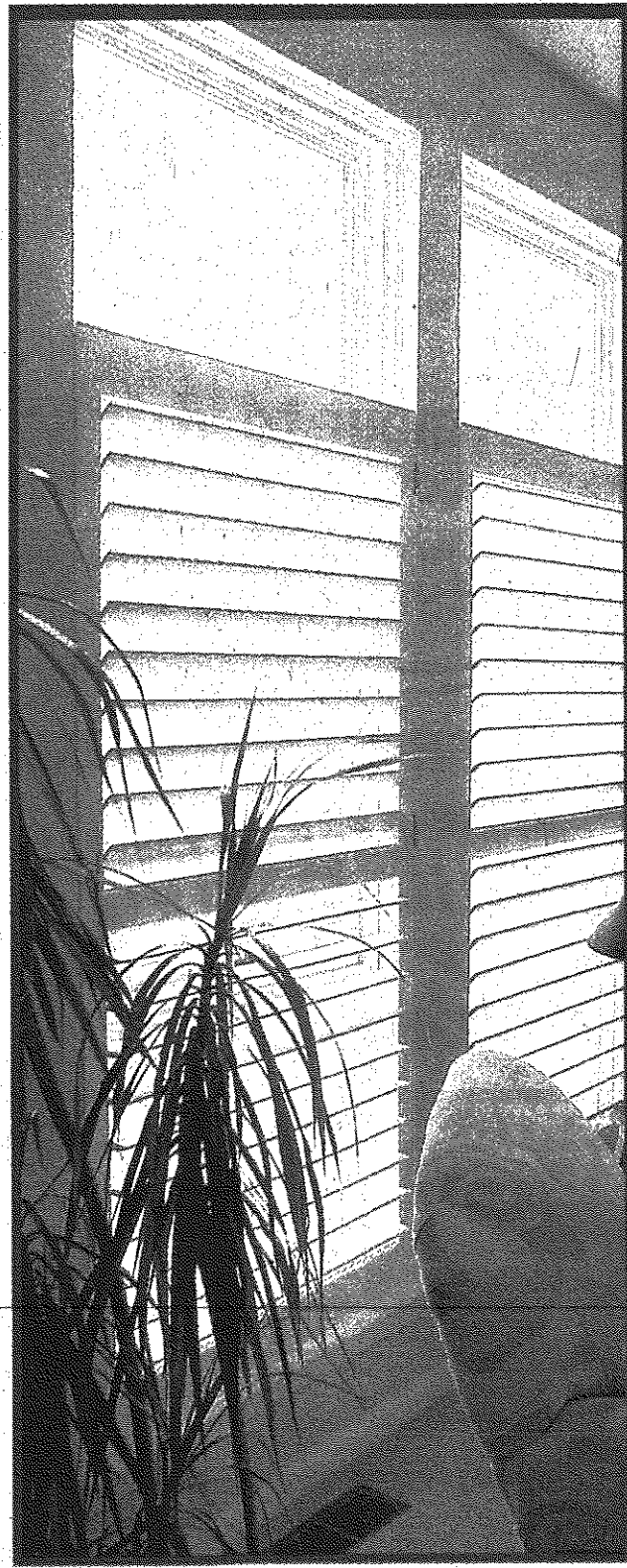
Eyesight



RICK SMITH | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Zenon Tomyn and luminette shades in his White Lake home.

Make a fashion statement in your windows



Story by Kevin Brown | Staff Writer

Are your curtains, shades, shutters, and blinds uninspired and out of date, and shouting for a makeover? Or would the fashion police erupt in spirited applause for your tasteful window coverings, revealing the sensitive *artiste* within?

If your window treatments lack flair, there are a variety of newer window treatments that are catching the eye of the home fashion conscious these days.

Dealers agree that tops on the list are the Silhouette shade, and its cousin, the Luminette. Silhouettes feature two sheer layers of fabric separated by horizontal shade slats that can be opened or closed. They are high-end window treatments, costing \$250-\$300 for a normal window. Luminettes, the vertical version, cover the typical doorway for around \$1,200.

"They've probably been on the market four to five years," said Steven

Katzman, president of American Blinds and Wallpaper Factory in Plymouth.

"It takes the functionality of a horizontal mini blind and combines it with the softness of a sheer curtain. You can rotate the vanes and see outside. It's somewhat of an elegant window treatment."

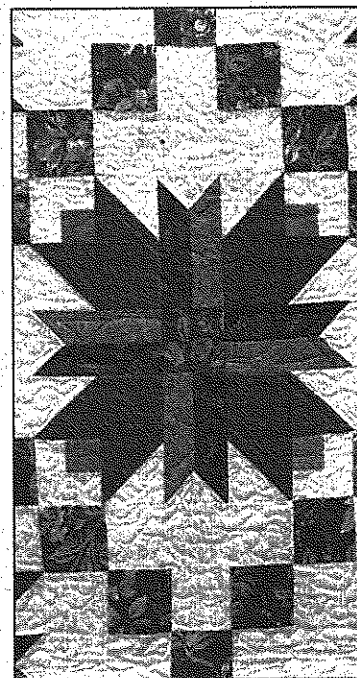
Michigan Design Center of Troy sales consultant Jeanie Toquigne concurs that people seeking high-end fashionable shades are going for Silhouettes and Luminettes. "There are a variety of textures. They can have totally sheer fabric or a filigree design, or textured shear. There's also a wide array of neutrals (colors)."

These shades also tout 98 percent ultraviolet sun protection when the vanes are closed.

ESCAPE FROM PIER ONE

Another type of shade that has grown in

PLEASE SEE WINDOWS, C10



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The colors and detail show on the Thimble Berries Meadow Lily quilt that will be raffled at an exhibit presented by the Cameo Quilters Guild.

Quilters set Autumn Splendor exhibit

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The rich colors — an arrangement of purples and greens — displayed in Christine Herfurth's back yard one day last week weren't on the trees and bushes.

They were on a special quilt that will be raffled at A CAMEO Appearance: Autumn Splendor, a quilt exhibit taking place Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 18-19, at International Academy in Bloomfield Hills. The event, the second show presented by the CAMEO Quilters Guild of Troy, offers something for everyone.

"We have been working on this (show) for about two years now," said Herfurth, a Bloomfield Hills resident. She and Barbara Gerard of Royal Oak are co-chairs of the event.

This double-size quilt features a Thimble Berries Meadow Lily pattern. It was pieced and quilted by Chantal Anderson of Rochester Hills and Nancy Avery of Wolverine Lake.

"It's traditional and contemporary, a contemporary (work) of a traditional pattern," said guild president Carol Fetso of Troy.

Was it a special labor of love? "Is there any other kind (of project) for a quilter?" Avery replied.

Autumn Splendor will include speakers, special demonstrations and displays, a merchants mall, and door prizes.

Quilter, author and teacher

PLEASE SEE QUILT, C10

A CAMEO APPEARANCE: AUTUMN SPLENDOR

What: A quilt exhibit and show presented by the CAMEO Quilters Guild.
When: Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 18-19.

Where: International Academy, 1020 E. Square Lake Road, between Squirrel and Opdyke roads in Bloomfield Hills.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18, noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 19.

Admission: \$5. Raffle tickets for a double-size quilt will be available at the show for \$1.

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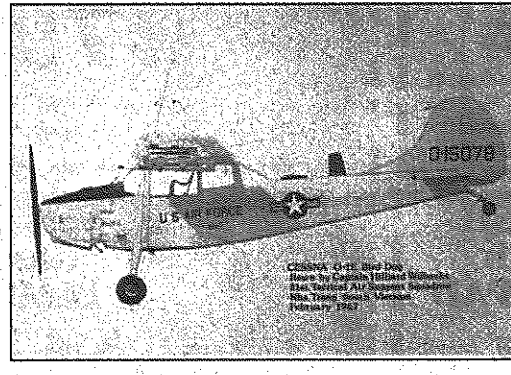
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Banner daze

David Mark Toysa of ArmWood Studio in Detroit paints banners for all occasions.

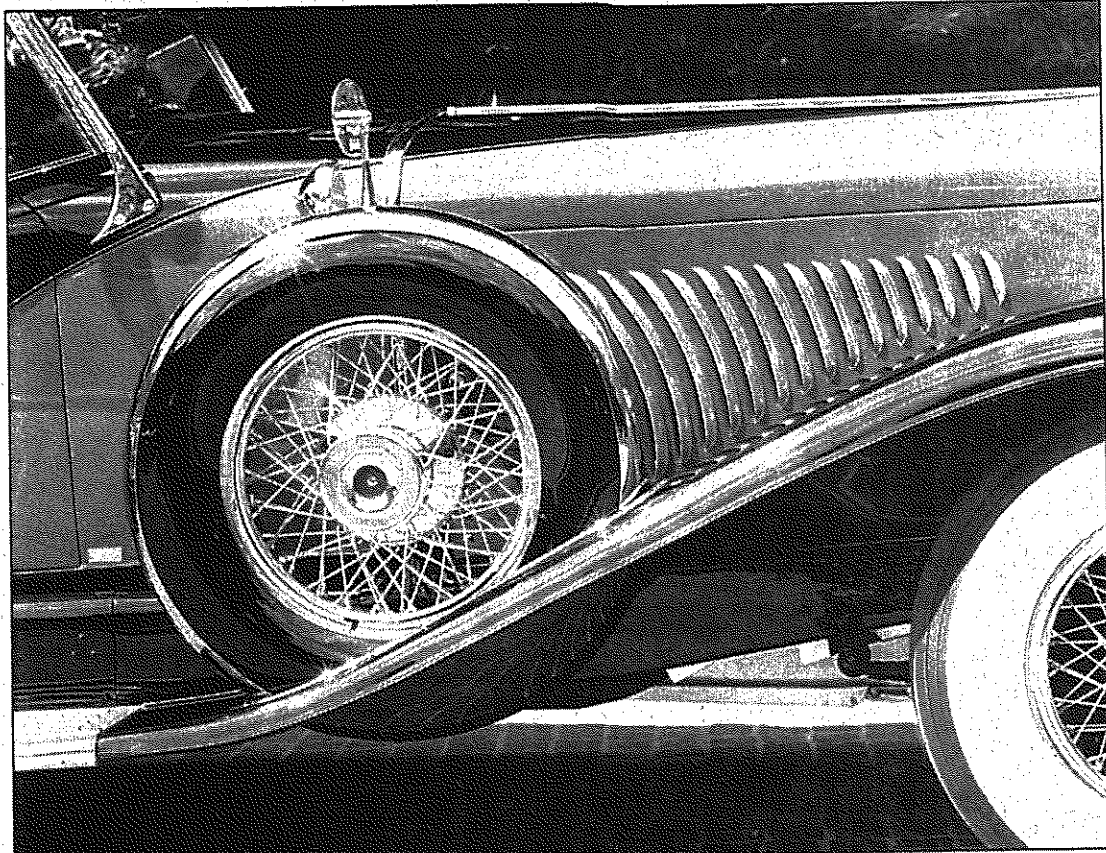
The artist used acrylic on bond paper to make this durable hockey banner for Divine Child High School in Dearborn. The banner shown here - 3 by 20 feet with two school colors - was priced at \$30. Smaller, vertical and horizontal hanging banners are \$10 to \$15,



depending on the design and colors.

Toysa also airbrushes aircraft profile paintings, using enamels on acrylic plastic panels.

The work shown here measured 3 by 4 feet; a 2-by-4-foot size is also available. Prices start at \$200 to \$300, depending on subject, color scheme and research. Visit LT525@aol.com or call (313) 336-6177.



This 1932 Duesenberg Phaeton is one of a series of photographs shot by Monte Nagler.

A series of photos tells a story

Most of us rely on a single picture to record an event or happening. And if it is done well, this shot would "tell" a lot about that particular circumstance.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

But a picture series or photo essay can add much more information and convey an entire story. A sequence of pictures for your photo album can be as few as four or five shots. For example, imagine the children going for a walk in the woods on a blustery day. You could start with a shot of them putting on their boots and windbreakers. The next picture could be of them entering the woods along a leaf-strewn path. Halfway through the series could be a shot of them at the top of the hill showing them in an excited state, but windblown. Your series can be completed with a photo of the kids emerging

'Travel offers excellent opportunity for photo essays. Yet it can often be more interesting and sometimes more effective to produce a series of pictures which combine to create a record of a particular occurrence.'

from the woods with smiles on their faces.

Do you see the impact a series of photographs like this can have rather than just a single shot?

There are numerous other possibilities... a family member's birthday party, going to the zoo, heading out to the beach or a Sunday barbecue. Linking together pictures with a common theme will "tell a story" about a meaningful event in your life.

Travel offers excellent opportunity for photo essays. In most cases when we are looking for a way of photographing a particular place, we tend to look for the definitive picture which sums up our impression in one shot. Yet it can often be more

interesting and sometimes more effective to produce a series of pictures which combine to create a record of a particular occurrence.

I recently photographed a number of Duesenbergs at the Concours D'Elegance in Detroit.

What a perfect opportunity to produce an essay of photographs of this classic of all classic automobiles. One of the pictures is shown here.

A picture series provides a more complete view of experiences in our lives. Doing them is a lot of fun, too!

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

Woolworth's history revisited in book

"F.W. WOOLWORTH AND THE AMERICAN FIVE AND DIME: A SOCIAL HISTORY,"

by Jean Maddern Pitrone (McFarland & Company, Inc., \$30.00)

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
CORRESPONDENT

Most of us remember Woolworth's stores, with their eye-catching, red-and-gold signs out front. Go inside, and you found a treasure trove of cheap, diverse goods to browse through or, possibly, to buy.



Victoria Diaz

Here was everything from bobby pins to clothespins, games to goldfish, candy to canaries, yard goods to yo-yos, perfumes to percolators, and much, much more.

At those stores equipped with a lunch counter, hungry shoppers could invest in a sandwich or even a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Up until 1932, not a single item in a Woolworth's Five-and-Dime was priced higher than 20 cents.

I can remember my mother and father singing the lyrics to an old tune called, "I Found a Million-Dollar-Baby in a Five-and-Ten-Cent Store."

As it turned out, F.W. Woolworth's venture turned out to be worth much more than any million dollars through the years, though.

In its heyday, Woolworth's profits were counted in the billions.

And then, something happened.

In her book, appropriately sub-titled "A Social History," Detroit's Jean Maddern

Pitrone illustrates what that "something" was.

Though occasionally a little dry and heavy on numbers and statistics, "F.W. Woolworth and the American Five-and-Dime" should make invaluable reading for many historians, sociologists, and those involved in business careers.

Frank Winston Woolworth was a hardscrabble farmer's son who loathed the farm, and all the "dirty work" it entailed. Born in 1852, he grew up near Great Bend, New York, not far from the Canadian border.

After leaving school at 16, he worked on neighboring farms and at a nearby grocery store until he had stashed away a grand total of \$50.

Picture this \$50 as the beginning of what would become one of the greatest American success stories of all time. With this money, Woolworth moved to nearby Watertown, where he took a job at a dry goods store to gain experience in the retail business. The job paid \$3.50 a week.

After several false starts (which included an extended, serious illness), the young entrepreneur opened his first successful store in Lancaster, Pa., in the summer of 1879.

Though primitive and little more than a hole-in-the-wall, "The Great Five-Cent Store" flourished from the very first day, when customers stripped the shelves of nearly one-third of Woolworth's inventory.

Literally paying cash for everything, refusing to invest in advertising, and hiring women to manage a few of his stores, the astute businessman had built and acquired hundreds of five-and-dimes by the time he died in 1919.

The company's lavish

headquarters - New York's famed Woolworth Building - had been erected from the ground up in 1913 and, according to one of the speakers at its grand opening, "without a mortgage on it or a dollar of indebtedness."

This book does not end with Woolworth's death, but goes on to trace the history of the business itself within the context of its times.

These dynamic years included the Great Depression, wartime, the political unrest of the '60s (one of the most noted events of the era took place at Woolworth's when four African-Americans requested sit-down service at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., and were refused), suburban sprawl, the growing popularity of shopping malls, the consequent "fading" of Main Street, U.S.A. and the eventual rise of giant discounters such as Wal-Mart. Perhaps there's too much on these pages about the personal escapades of Woolworth heiress, Barbara Hutton.

Perhaps Pitrone's prose style at times can leave readers groggy (e.g. "She had, in fact, everything except personal, loving attention from her father, without which the motherless only child would, in her lifetime, never be able to fill the void of an inner loneliness that continued to gnaw at her like an insatiable hunger in the midst of a whirl of parties for the elite, world travels, and myriad love affairs.")

Otherwise, this book is a worthwhile investment, though.

And it's doubly enhanced by a generous number of photos and illustrations.

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

Jane Seymour to visit Rochester Hills

Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning actress, artist - and now home and children's clothing designer - Jane Seymour will be in Rochester Hills in October to launch her new collections.

Seymour will appear at

Parisian, at The Village of Rochester Hills, Adams and Walton, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

Seymour will conduct a seminar on design, after which she will sign autographs (as time permits) for those who have

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Students should maintain their appliances, too

The leaders of tomorrow left for college a few weeks ago. You may not have slept a night since that day.

The phone bill is jumping with joy, but now the calls are getting shorter and less frequent. Soon you will get a call asking you how to defrost the little dorm refrigerator which will be full of unintentional frosted ice in the freezer section.

This could be the first time in your child's life where they become involved with maintenance of a major home appliance. You could even call your instructions, Appliance 101. Of course, these warnings are good for anyone, not just college students.

Start off with the WARNING - Never use anything sharp or metal to scrap off the accumulation of snow inside or around the little freezer compartment!

That little compartment is made of paper-thin metal and can be punctured very easily. Using a metal object is a sure way to ruin the refrigerator and turn it into a foot-locker.

The fool-proof method is to unplug the refrigerator, open the door and lay a large bath towel in the bottom. While your child (or you) are in class from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., it will be completely defrosted when you arrive back at the dorm.

You can defrost it much quicker, but you'll need to use more care.

Unplug it and open the door and again place a bath towel in the bottom. Use a hair dryer and heat up the inside compartment until all the snow has melted. Wipe it dry, shut the door and plug it in.

For those students deep into mathematics let me tell you that the build up of frost should never exceed 2 inches in thickness. Do not tip it upside

down to get the water out of it or you will ruin the compressor when you turn it on. This word of caution is being sent to all students across America from someone who cares about your parents (and their pocket-books).

I know you care about them as well, so how about showing a little care for their washer and dryer.

You know you're going to come home some weekend soon and the car trunk is going to have this huge plastic bag of dirty clothes in it. Do you realize that a washing machine should only wash about 18 pounds of clothes at a time?

You should be able to equate the weight to the amount of books you have been carrying in your book bag around campus. Our daughter came home the first year and loaded 42 pounds into the washing machine. (Thank goodness the old man knew how to change the belt or he would have removed \$100 from her allowance.)

Take a look at the hair dryer. You already know that your parents have purchased several for some of you, but I think you want this one to last a long time.

I know the trick to make that dryer last. Every few weeks, take a hair tweezers and pull out all the hair that is covering the air holes on the end. If this thing has plenty of air moving through it, it could last a full four years. My father once said to me that the mistakes we make in life from inexperience seem stupid because they are. They are lessons we often look back at and wonder how we used to think.

Until the major appliances of the future actually thinks for you, you will be the person in control. Take care of them and they will take care of you. Stay tuned.

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

HOME CALENDAR

Remodeling expo

More than 200 exhibitors will offer the latest technology, products and services for the home at the 2003 Fall Remodeling and Design Expo, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 10-12, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 12. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, free for under age 12. For information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit www.builders.org.

Special features will include the Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, presented by the National Kitchen and Bath Association, Michigan Chapter, and the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers' (ASID) Designer Sample Sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Among other special attractions will be Peter Fallico, host of HGTV's This Small Space; ASID designer vignettes displaying the latest in home decor; WJR's home improvement expert Murray Gula; Showcase of Distinctive Homes, a pictorial display of 73 new homes built by the professional master builders of the Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan; and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes. Visitors may enter WNIC's Fall Home Face Lift contest to win thousands of dollars' worth of home improvements.

Modernism show

The second annual Great Lakes Modernism, a show benefiting the Detroit Area Art Deco Society (DAADS), will take place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 19. Weekend admission is \$8, good for return entry both days.

An early buying preview and gala to benefit DAADS is scheduled 7-10 p.m. Oct. 17. Preview tickets are \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door, and include readmission to the show all weekend. For preview tickets, call (248) 582-DECO.

Seventy exhibitors from 10 states, Canada and Europe will present furniture and objet d'art from Art Nouveau, Mission, Art Deco, Streamline, Art Moderne, '50s and '60s and Contemporary.

A wide range of 20th century design items will be featured, including lamps and lighting, art glass, porcelain, bronzes, jewelry, paintings and prints, pottery, silver and books.

For more information, call Jacques Cassin at (248) 613-8388 or Dolphin Promotions Inc. at (954) 563-6747.

Organize your decor for the holidays

I enjoy celebrating the holidays. How can I decorate my house for each holiday with minimum effort and money?

New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween,

Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas - decorations are part of the celebration of all of these holidays. Each year it is a challenge to know how much time and money to devote to each holiday. Use some of the following suggestions, and be selective about holidays for which to decorate your home. Use handmade items when possible. If you buy decorations, do so a day or two after the holiday. You will often enjoy discounts of 50 percent or more.

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Diana Koenig

As you find new decorations, be willing to get rid of others. Give the outgoing items to a friend (a friend may have commented on how much she likes a decoration), sell at a garage sale or give to a charity.

Decorate your house anytime from two weeks to one month before the day of the holiday, allowing time to enjoy the festive mood created. Return decorations to their storage box the day after the holiday.

Decorate walls, shelves, counters and tables.

Choose the easiest way to decorate a room. A year-round item is exchanged for a holiday decoration. The process is simple. Remove the year-round decoration and replace it with the holiday decoration. Temporarily store the year-round decoration in the holiday storage box.

Here are some examples of decorations you could use; kitchen towels, pot holders, fingertip towels, wall plaques, music boxes, small quilts, candles, pillows, dishes, glasses, serving platters and bowls.

Limit your decorating to a few rooms such as the living room, dining room, hall bath, family room and kitchen.

You can decorate the outside of your home with a doormat, wreath, flag and mailbox arrangement for each holiday.

Store your decorations in clear plastic containers in your basement or attic. Separate on shelves by holiday and label each container. Exchange year-round decorations for the holiday decor, putting them in the plastic containers.

THEN THERE'S CHRISTMAS

I can decorate for some holidays such as Easter and Thanksgiving in about an hour. Christmas decorations take me about eight hours. I break-up my Christmas decorating into several sessions:

1. I exchange my china and stemware in the dining room hutch with my Christmas dishes and glasses.
2. A large percentage of wall

decorations are removed and replaced with wreaths, quilts and flowers. Christmas towels are hung in the kitchen and bathroom.

3. Outside lights are hung from trees, bushes and the house. The mailbox is decorated with greenery. A lighted wreath is hung by the door. A holiday doormat is placed on the porch. Finally, the flag is hung from the flag pole.

4. Putting up the Christmas tree is an event for the entire family. It is a tradition for the six of us to decorate the tree together. Each of our four children have his or her own box of ornaments labeled with his or her name. We give each child a new ornament in December. As each leaves home, he will have enough ornaments for his first tree. Everyone helps put the tree together, untangle the lights, test the lights and hang the ornaments.

The younger children take turns each year putting on the tree topper. We play Christmas music, drink hot chocolate and eat cookies. We capture these moments with photos and video. My goal is to complete my Christmas preparations by the first week of December.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "Keep your decorations simple, affordable and enjoyable!"

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

WHERE CAN I FIND?

trystore.com. For the Northwest blue jeans, Sears sells similar jeans called Classica Elements.

FIND AND SEARCH

A reader has Big Band 78 records to donate to a charitable organization.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A store that sells men's terry cloth socks for Karen of Redford. Montgomery Ward used to sell them.

A store that sells toaster covers, any size, for Dawn of Livonia.

A store that sells a light bulb for a Singer sewing machine for Evelyn of Birmingham.

A business that buys old used records for Mary.

A store that sells ground poppy seed.

A store that sells red denim for Jenny of Westland.

A store that sells styptic

powder for cuts when shaving for Ollie of Garden City.

Someone to repair marquise jewelry.

A store that sells the family game called Pass the Pig for Nancy of Redford.

Someone to refinish an old wooden trunk.

A book from the 1920s or 1930s called *Nip & Tuck*. The book was used in schools back then for a reader, who is now 79 years old.

A store that sells Baby Morgan blankets (18-by-20 inches) for Annette.

A store that sells chrome tips to put on the ends of an umbrella for Ed of Westland.

A company that would sell something to test lead on very old china dishes from China for Frances of Farmington Hills.

A bakery that makes small miniature hamburger buns for Jan of Livonia.

By Sandi Jarackas

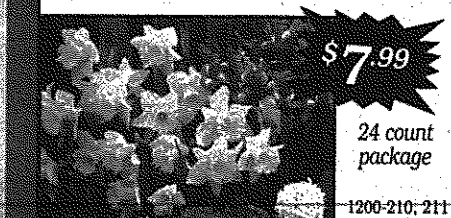
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Garden books inspire in many ways

Helen Talvacchio of Troy is the author of *Design - The Heart of the Garden* (\$25, self-published. Call (248) 643-8664).

Included are many of her lovely water-color paintings and drawings. She shares her experiences with design and plants, using parallels of creating a painting and creating a garden.

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

The detailed information about the many plants (mostly perennials) is excellent, as Helen relates personal experiences and her thoughts throughout the seasons. A quick look at the index shows the scope of the book. Here's good, practical advice, eloquently expressed.

Seeds, The Ultimate Guide to Growing Successfully from Seed, Jekka McVicar (\$22.95, The Lyons Press), is encyclopedic in style with much pertinent information from zones to descriptions.

Included are: alpiners and

rock plants, annuals and biennials, aquatic plants, cacti and succulents, climbers, ferns, grasses, herbs, palms and cycads, perennials, shrubs, trees and vegetables.

General information is given for each entry; interspersed throughout are detailed "recipes" for sowing, planting and growing specific plants.

CONTAINERS

Contain Yourself: 101 Fresh Ideas for Fantastic Container Gardens, Kerstin P. Ouellet (\$24.95, Ball Publishing), will inspire readers to try something new and different.

The ever-popular container period is in full bloom and the ideas abound.

Ouellet takes each step, one at a time, to make this a very user-friendly book, beginning with the basics such as containers, designing, planting then caring for the design.

The bulk of the book deals with the plants with individual photos and descriptions.

"recipes" are the detailed planting diagrams and ideas, with a photo of the finished pot. A list of the plants and varieties takes the guesswork out of the project, what to do and what to use. Ideal containers are suggested.

I especially like the Plant Personalities as Ouellet

explains the characteristics of, and why certain plants were used.

Front Yard Gardens: Growing More Than Grass, Liz Primeau, with photos by Andrew Leyerle (\$24.95, Firefly Books), will grab your attention with the colorful cover.

Primeau discusses several types of these gardens so you can follow her guidelines to create the perfect garden for each property.

There are more than 200 photos of successful gardens.

Case histories of front yards that contain many suitable plants for the style most appropriate for each front yard prove Primeau's point. She realized that the environmentalists were right about using chemicals so popular years ago, so she transformed her "barren" front area into a lush garden.

Her designs aren't a quick-fix and will take some time to fruition.

From formal to casual, the gardens described are inspirational.

This Organic Life: Confessions of a Suburban Homesteader, Joan Dye Gussow (\$16.95, Chelsea Green), is the story of her home and garden as they developed.

The ups and downs she and her husband experienced

would be daunting to most people, but they kept on going until the house (that is a story in itself) and garden "worked."

As she writes about the garden that was their main source of food, she includes great tips for organic gardening. Mixed into the text are wonderful sounding recipes for using produce straight from the garden. The fresh tomato Panzanella is great!

EVENTS

■ *Bananas you can Grow, Vol. 1, with "Quick Views" of 66 Bananas*, James W. Waddick and Glenn M. Stokes (\$19.95, Stokes Tropicals Publishing Co.), will be available at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Cost is \$15.

Reservations are required; call (248) 332-6430, Ext. 233.

Co-author Glenn Stokes will present *How to Winterize Tropical Plants in Michigan*. With a slide presentation, he will share interesting stories about his world travels searching for new plant material. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The book covers all necessary information, and color photos show the variety that's available.

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MARTY FIGLEY

Many old containers grace the grounds at Cranbrook.

features recipes and sources for the bananas.

■ Cranbrook House & Garden Auxiliary, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, will have a special sale, Gifts from the Garden, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 (\$10 donation), and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 (no charge).

The greenhouse is bursting at the seams with houseplants - including the ever-popular orchids -

to please the most discriminating.

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

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Chrysanthemum show
The Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society will have its 42nd annual show Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 11-12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 W. Five Mile at Farmington Road. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Oct. 11, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 12. Call (734) 522-0067.

Farmington Garden Club
The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Oct. 6, at Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The topic will be Fall Is For Planting Spring-flowering Bulbs. A speaker from English Gardens will focus on creating a spring and summer garden by planting bulbs and other perennials in the fall.

Hill & Dale
The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Mary Abick of Mrs. Gray's Greenhouse will present Fairy Gardening and Exhibit of Miniature Designs. Admission is free. For information, call (248) 356-2915.

Rose program
Roses in England and Scotland, a slide program of the 2003 Rose Show and gardens by Tom Kressbach of Grosse Pointe, will take place 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile (phone (248) 347-0400). Admission is free. A social hour will be featured. Call (248) 449-4626 for information.

African Violet Sale
The Michigan State African Violet Society will have its annual fall display and sale 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Standard African violets, minis, semiminis and trailers will be for sale, along with some gesneriads and supplies. Admission is free.

Herb Study Group
The Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will meet Monday, Oct. 20, at the Gardens auditorium, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Lunch will be at noon and a presentation by Joan Wysocki, Edible Wild Herbs and Foods, will begin at 1 p.m. The program and lunch are free. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or call (248) 349-5310, or call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

Gardening study
District IIA of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan announces the first of four gardening study courses designed to stimulate interest and understanding in the growth of plant material. The general public may attend. Garden club membership isn't required. Course I will take place 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 13-14, at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road in Ann Arbor. Cost, which includes instruction and lunch, is \$55 for both days or \$30 for one day. Registration deadline is Saturday, Oct. 4. For more information, call (734) 426-5736 or (734) 429-3996. Topics to be studied are Basic Botany for Gardeners, Soils, House Plant Basics and Plant Propagation.

Winterizing 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. Winterizing Roses, a garden demonstration by Nancy and Roger Lindley featuring techniques to ensure winter survival of all roses, even the most tender, will take place 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

This program will be repeated eight times due to its huge popularity: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28; 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29; 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3; 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5; 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6; 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10; 1 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12; and 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13. The programs are free. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, 7 miles south of Belleville. For information about the roses and nursery, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flier.

Colorful perennials
English Gardens experts will conduct Perennial Gardening With Color, a free gardening seminar for the public, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at all five metro Detroit English Gardens stores. Create a colorful, beautiful garden using perennials. This program will discuss the basics of design, care and planting of perennials in the landscape. Information will be given on selecting plant materials, combining color and varieties of plants, and caring for perennials during and after the growing season. For more information, call the store in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200. Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens location, or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Hardy Plant Society
The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, on Woodward just south of Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Donald Mansfield, a member of the Greater Detroit "Mum" Society, Michigan Orchid Society and Detroit Metro Hosta Society, will speak on Chrysanthemums - the many varieties, where and how to plant, and general care. Guest fee \$3. Call (248) 589-2286 for information.

Michigan Orchid Society
The Michigan Orchid Society will have a general meeting 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits in Birmingham.

Metro Detroit Hosta Society
The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. C.H. Falstad, past president of the America Hosta Society, will speak. Falstad works at the Walter Garden lab in Holland, Mich., doing fusion cultivars.

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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Be prudent when you prune in garden

BY MARTY FIGLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Pruning is one of the most important gardening chores

you can do to keep your trees and shrubs in tip-top condition.

Not only does it improve the looks of your landscape, but it

can increase fruit yields. Proper pruning prolongs the life of the plant. Traditional pruning improves the plants' looks, and can be quite artistic as you train a plant into an espalier, topiary or bonsai.

A wrong pruning cut can ruin a tree for its life. Don't just take a pruning tool and start whacking away.

Before you make your first cut, study the shape and structure of the plant and learn when it's the best time of year to prune.

For instance, plants that bloom before July, such as rhododendron and forsythia, need to be pruned right after they are finished flowering because these plants form flower buds for the following year over summer and fall.

Pruning just after the current year's flowers fade allows plenty of time for the next year's flowers to develop and avoids taking away any of the current year's blooms.

Those that bloom around July or later, such as Pee Gee hydrangea and rose-of-Sharon, need to be pruned early in the year.

They form flower buds on new as the season progresses, and pruning in spring just before or as the new growth begins to develop will encourage the best growth and flowering.

If you are unsure about what to do, if the tree is very large and could fall and damage a building, fence or car, or hurt a pedestrian; or if it's growing near a power line or other hazardous area; contact a professional such as an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.

Thinning helps rejuvenate shrubs

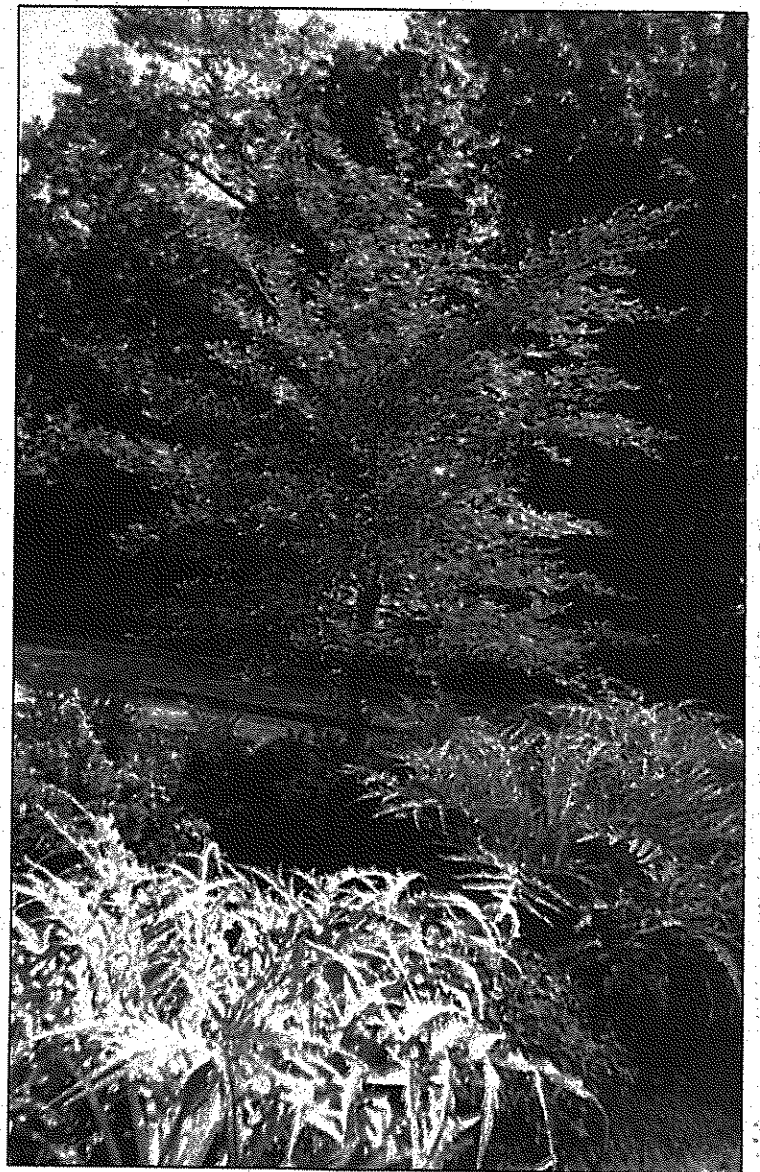
Thinning is a rejuvenation process that maintains the shape, health and productivity of shrubs. It opens up space for air and light to penetrate and provides room for younger, healthier branches and selected suckers to grow. Follow these steps to thin most multi-stemmed shrubs:

1. Remove all the dead, diseased, damaged, rubbing and crossing branches to branch junctions, buds or ground level.

2. Remove about one-third of the growth each year, leaving a mix of old and new growth, and cutting unwanted stems at or close to the base. Don't cut stems below ground level because many disease organisms are present in soil.

3. Thin the top of the shrub to allow air and light penetration and to balance the shape. This step isn't always necessary because removing one-third of the stems generally thins out the top as well.

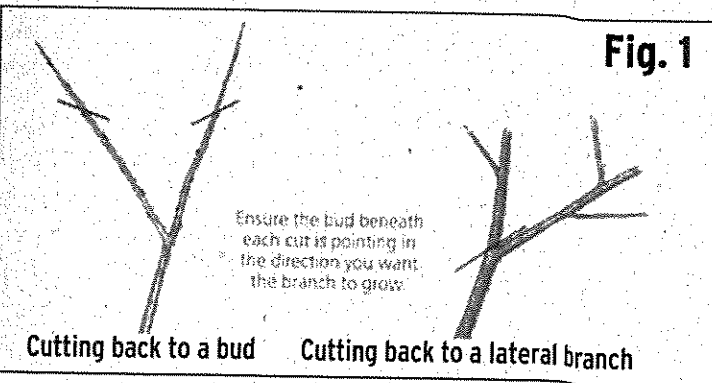
4. Repeat the process each year on established, mature shrubs. Regular pruning of shrubs will keep them healthy and productive for many years.



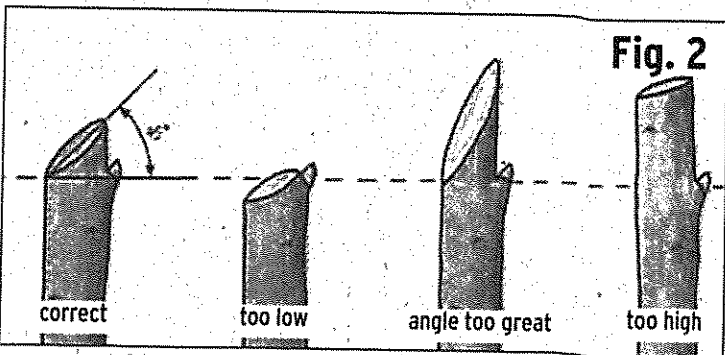
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This tri-colored beech tree has been carefully pruned to keep its shape.

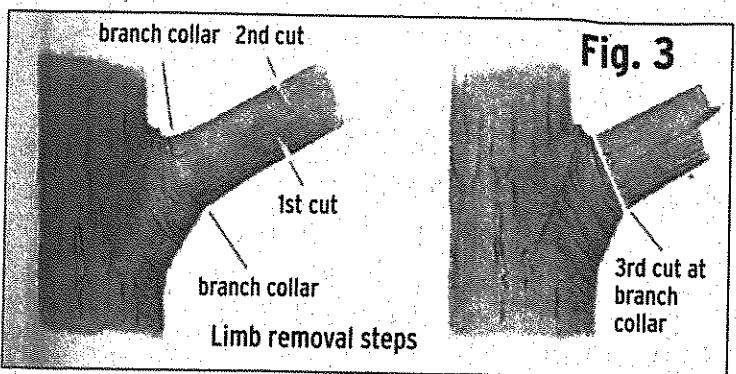
PRUNING TIPS



Ensure the bud beneath each cut is pointing in the direction you want the branch to grow.



Cutting back to a bud



Limb removal steps

TIPS

A few tips: Don't prune for the first year after planting a tree or shrub.

When you prune the first time, leave all branches that have a wide angle at the crotch, because these branches are the strongest. Prune out those with narrower crotches. Leave an even distribution of the main branches.

Be cautious when pruning trees in early spring or fall, when the weather is cool and plants are fairly inactive, making it difficult for them to fight off invasion.

Always remove dead, diseased and damaged branches as soon as you discover them, at any time of year.

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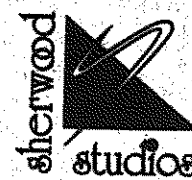
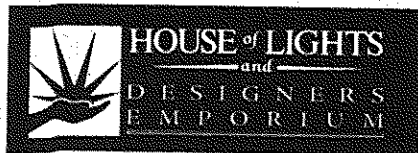
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Woman's home maintenance consists of picking flowers off roof

BY A.M. KELLEY
THE MINING JOURNAL

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — Lorana Jinkerson was cutting her grass when the lawn mower sailed off the roof. That's when she decided to make some changes in her underground home.

First she had the sod removed from the roof. Then she installed a drip irrigation system and planted daisies and Black-eyed Susans. The lawn-mower problem was solved — no more rooftop grass to cut.

Needless to say, Jinkerson doesn't have a conventional home.

"I just don't like what everybody else does," she said.

The house's differences didn't have to grow on her. When the real estate agent showed her the house in 1993, she was immediately smitten.

"This is my home," she said.

At the time she was a new arrival from the Lower Peninsula, divorced and house

hunting in Marquette. She had just been hired by Northern Michigan University to teach education technology.

The house was at least 10 years old then. It was built in the 1980s by local contractors Charles, Sanford and David Drury, who called their business North Country Terra Dome.

The homes Jinkerson had owned with her ex-husband were also very contemporary, but nothing like living underground.

Without any other information, just the sound of life in such an environment usually makes people cringe. They think dark. They think damp.

"It's not a cave," Jinkerson said. "It's not a den. It's not dark."

Indeed, it's just the opposite. The main entrance, a wall of glass, opens to the south.

Visitors walk into a bright room. The ceilings are arched domes without sharp right angles. The living spaces are

soft and welcoming.

There are only two rooms without windows or skylights — a utility closet and an interior guest bathroom.

It's very energy efficient. Jinkerson turns off the heat at night in the winter and the temperature never drops below 60 degrees. On the hottest summer days, even without fans, the warmest the house has been is 74 degrees.

She is very happy living underground and is puzzled when people say: "I like your house, but I couldn't have one."

They're concerned about two things, Jinkerson said: "First of all, people are afraid of being different."

That has never been a problem for her. Growing up in a small town in a large family on a farm, there was one certainty: She was determined to be different.

"I did not want to be a farmer's wife," she said. "And I said, 'I'm getting out of this place.'"

New homeowners: Get ready for winter

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

So, you took advantage of low interest rates to jump into the housing market.

Get ready to jump again — into seasonal home repairs. As you gushed and doted over your new home, summer heat and moisture quietly took a toll.

Rain and humidity made a forced entry in and around wood, drywall and concrete. Once these twin opportunists gain a toehold, even minor problems can exert major pressure on your fix-it skills — and checkbook — as winter picks up the attack on vulnerable portions of your home.

As David Steed of Lowe's sees it, there's a big difference between the words "repair" and "replace."

"If you can fix a problem now, do it. Repair is cheaper than replacement. Winter will accelerate the damage of summer."

He suggests a thorough examination of the house from the top down. Roof and gutters first, followed by windows and siding. Last, but not least, are sidewalks and driveways.

Most roof damage is caused by poor attic ventilation. Daytime attic temperatures can spike above 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Trapped humidity and stifling heat effectively "cook" shingles, plywood and support timbers.

Steed says one solution is easily installed power roof ventilators from \$39 to \$99. High temperatures trigger the ventilators automatically.

Replace warped and cracked shingles before icy temperatures force frozen water through cracks and under shingles.

Steed says new technology "offers hope against persistently clogged gutters."

Severe Weather Gutter systems, about \$1.60 per running foot, prevent accumulation of debris and can handle up to several inches of rain per hour. The system, which tucks beneath the first layer of shingles, staves off formation of ice dams.

Otherwise, clean gutters repeatedly of debris and mud with a power sprayer or brush.

Gutters often pull away from soffits because of the weight of ice and snow. Take a look at new gutter hanger systems to address this problem.

Shut out cold air and moisture around windows with a fresh application of caulk.

Installation of new windows to replace leaky, pre-thermal versions is surprisingly easy.

Summer moisture can cause fiber or wood siding to swell, warp, split and blister. This moisture can also migrate to interior walls if not held in check. Replace entire boards that are beyond repair. Use a good primer before you brush or spray a final coat, or two, of latex house paint on new boards.

Another new product — with a rocket-science sounding name of XYPEX HD-150 — seals concrete sidewalks, porches and driveways. Fill cracks to avoid winter freeze-thaw-freeze cycles. Small crevices quickly become chasms or cause concrete to heave or crumble.

Quikrete Mortar Repair mixes with water and sets up in 30 to 40 minutes to replace eroded mortar between bricks or masonry.

"There's a lot of truth to the idea an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure," says Steed. "Virtually every exterior surface of a home needs attention."

PRUNING

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ing cuts and use the proper, sharp tool.

Use hand pruners, or secateurs, to cut branches up to 3/4-inch in diameter. Loppers are long-handled pruners used for branches up to 1-1/2 inches in diameter.

Pruning saws have teeth specially designed to cut through green wood and can cut branches up to 6 inches in diameter.

Hedge clippers, or shears, are intended for shearing and shaping hedges.

If the plant is diseased, sterilize the tool before using it again. A solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water is effective.

Hand pruners and loppers must be properly oriented when making a cut. Place the blade to the plant side of the cut and the hook to the side being removed.

BRANCHES

Cutting back to a bud is used to shorten a branch, redirect growth or maintain the size of the plant. Make the cut slightly less than 1/4-inch above a bud. Cut back to buds that are pointing in the direction in which you want new growth to grow.

Cutting to a lateral branch is used to shorten limbs and redirect growth.

The diameter of the branch to which you are cutting back must be at least one-third of the diameter of the branch you are cutting.

Cut slightly less than 1/4-inch above the lateral branch and line up the cut with the angle of the branch. Make cuts at an angle whenever possible so that rain won't sit on the open wound.

Removing limbs can be a complicated operation for large branches.

It's critical to cut in the correct place — at the branch collar — to ensure quick healing. It is done in steps to avoid damaging the bark.

Cut number 1 is on the bottom of the branch a short distance from the trunk of the tree.

This should be 12 to 18 inches up from the crotch and should extend one-third of the way through the branch.

The purpose of the first cut is to prevent bark from peeling down the tree when the second cut causes the main part of the branch to fall.

Cut number 2 is made a bit farther along the branch, from the first cut and is

made from the top of the branch. This cut removes the majority of the branch.

Cut number 3 should be made just above the branch collar.

The plant tissues at the branch collar quickly create a barrier against insects and diseases.

Don't make flush cuts and don't leave stubs; both may take longer for the tree to heal.

It isn't necessary to use pruning paint or paste; the tree will heal itself.

Informal hedges need little trimming, while formal ones are trimmed more severely and more often (generally a minimum of twice per growing season).

Make sure all sides are trimmed to encourage even growth.

The base of the hedge should always be wider than the top to allow light to reach the entire hedge and to prevent it from thinning out at the base.

The practice of tree topping should never be used.

It's much better to completely remove a tree and start again with one that will grow to a more appropriate

size, than to attempt to reduce the size of a large, mature specimen.

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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly erected sculpture. My first impulse was to say to myself, "Don't stop to look at it now, you don't have the time." Then I realized that I honestly didn't need to be in such a hurry, and that an extra minute or two to look at this work of art wasn't going to negatively impact my day. On the contrary, slowing down to enjoy this artwork impacted my day in a very positive way. A wise man has said that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. But, we can't enjoy the passage of time if we are forever trying to beat the clock. Today's lifestyle is fast paced; however, slowing down and enjoying God's beauty, such as watching a sunset, or just sitting outside and watching the birds, can be relaxing, and is beneficial to our well-being. There are countless things that we can see or do to make our lives more enjoyable and peaceful. The Bible tells us that God generously gives everything to us for our enjoyment. We should be aware and thankful to God for all the wondrous things in our lives.

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

SEPTEMBER

Aerobic Class
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering a light Aerobic Class 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 25 to Oct. 30, and Nov. 6 to Dec. 18, at 14175 Farmington Road, south of Ford Field, Livonia. Cost is \$18 per 6-week session. To register, call (734) 522-6830. The public is welcome.

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.

Mom to Mom Sale
Maternity through infant-preteen clothes, toys and furniture 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149. Table renters get free lunch and child care. Also, bake sale.

Marian Rally
A public prayer and pilgrimage honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, on the grounds of the Felician Sisters, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated at noon. Ample parking at the Felician Sisters Provincial House lot off Newburgh Road. For more information, call (734) 591-1730.

Revival
Grace Baptist Church of Livonia holds special revival and evangelistic meeting Sunday to Friday, Sept. 28 to Oct. 3, at 28440 Lyndon, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Guest evangelist is Steve Pettit and his ministry team. Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday meetings begin at 7 p.m. Special teen and children program held throughout the week. Public welcome. Call (734) 425-6215 or visit the Web site at www.GBCofLivonia.org.

Grief Support Workshop
7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 to Nov. 18, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington, south of West Chicago, Livonia. Call (734) 421-0749.

UPCOMING

Fall Speaker Series
Begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, with

William Ross, president and CEO of the Booker T. Washington Business Association, on the topic of Making Your Vision a Reality, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Series continues each Wednesday through Nov. 19. Love offerings accepted. For more information, call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unity-oflivonia.org.

Blessing of the animals
5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. All pets are welcome. Donuts, cider and treats provided. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit the Web site at www.holyspirit-livonia.org.

Rummage & Bake Sale
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Donations needed: deliver to church the week of Sept. 29. For more information, call (248) 626-7906.

Fall Rummage Sale
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, until noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Global Religious Trends
Philip Jenkins, history and religious studies professor at Pennsylvania State University, is featured at a conference the coming upheaval in global Christianity 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, Livonia. \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Pre-registration recommended. Call (734) 425-2800.

Archiglas
The Singers from St. Petersburg, Russia perform a night of cultural music 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, and liturgical music 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26355 West Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford. A goodwill offering will be taken for the singers.

Annual Life Chain
On Sunday, Oct. 5 (2:30-3 p.m.), thousands will line the sidewalks of seven routes in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. Churches and groups planning to participate must register in advance. Individuals also welcome. For registration information, call (248) 777-9090. The Life Chain is sponsored by Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit and co-sponsored by more than 100

churches and groups.
From Grief to New Hope
Grief workshop presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. For registration information, call (734) 422-0149. Open to the community.

Right to Life - Lifespan
Holds its general meeting breakfast and legislative update 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 11, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Life Stories, an informative and entertaining new pro-life program, will be presented. Cost of breakfast is \$18, \$7.50 students 21 or younger. Advance reservations required. Call (248) 777-9090 or (734) 422-6230.

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, at St. Genevieve School, 28933 Jamison, two blocks east of Middlebelt, two blocks south of Five Mile, Livonia. Tools, clothing, furniture, toys, housewares, books, electronics, sports and exercise items.

Celebration of Voice
Lucille Lowery Memorial Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth. Freewill offering. Call (734) 453-0190.

Speaker
Dr. Warren Wiersbe will be speaking 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Married couples can improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other during weekend Worldwide Marriage Encounter Oct. 24-26, and Nov. 14-16, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$50. For information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic, nonprofit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

ICEA Convention
International Christian Education Association presents its 57th annual Sunday School & Church Ministries Convention 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Includes inspiring speakers, informative seminars and workshop, exhibits,

children's activities, make and take puppet workshops, music. Cost is \$40 if registered before Oct. 1, \$60 at door, \$30 for one day. Call (248) 557-5526. ICEA is a non-denominational organization serving churches in the United States and Canada.

Holiday Bazaar
Crafters needed for Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 26431 W. Chicago, Redford. Tables are \$30. Call (313) 937-2880.

Women's Event
Calvary Baptist Church of Canton (43065 Joy Road) will host popular Christian women's speaker Becky Tirabassi through their women's ministries program. The event, titled One Thing, will take place Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Canton church. Tirabassi is the author of Let Prayer Change Your Life, and several other books, and has been heard on the radio and seen on television across the country. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. There is a morning session at 8:30 a.m., then after lunch a session beginning at 1:45 p.m. Registration fee is \$20. Call (734) 480-4528.

ONGOING

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries
Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multimedia, and a relevant message that can change lives, Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball, and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus, 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph, Redford. For more information, call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org.

Redford Church
Detroit World Outreach, a non-denominational church for all colors at 23800 W. Chicago in Redford, has Sunday services 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. It also offers Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday night is family night at 7 p.m. Tuesday night it offers a young adult services for ages 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Jack C. Wallace is the senior pastor. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.dwo.org.

Hot tubs: See how they run

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

There are some interesting misconceptions concerning spas (hot tubs). First, they aren't "most comfortable" during the summer months or other hot times of the year.

We equate water-related recreation with hot days. Spas are water-related recreation devices all right - except they run at high temperatures, about 99 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit. This makes them most functional on colder days. And we love getting in ours when it's raining.

Some assume that spas and swimming pools are similar forms of water recreation, but they aren't anything alike. A swimming pool is ideal for cooling down and getting exercise. A spa, on the other hand, is for warming up the musculature and getting a massage.

There isn't a lot of moving around in a spa. The jet system in most high-end spas is capable of massaging deep into the tissue, reducing muscle aches and joint soreness. Drinking wine in a spa is a dangerous proposition. Getting the blood to be slightly thinner in viscosity is a good thing for a short time - as long as the thinning process isn't exacerbated by intoxication.

A spa is a lot less expensive than a swimming pool, but don't be surprised when you end up paying somewhere between \$8,000 and \$13,000. That's what you'll pay for a good one. The key to a good spa is the number of different stations (seats, positions, etc.) it has and how many pumps are included with the unit. Less expensive models have only one pump. Upper-end spas have as many as three for churning water. We know of one spa company that offers a spa within a spa.

Another misconception: "A bench (bed, couch, etc.) in a spa is great for relaxing." Wrong. Some spa companies would like you to believe that you can lie down in water and not float to the top. When you lie down in water, you do, indeed, float. The problem is that when you float in a

spa you can't enjoy the massage as much. Floating in the water takes you away from the real action - up close and personal contact with the water jets.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Look for a spa with lots of seating and no bench. Each seat position in a good spa has a different jet configuration, and, therefore, a different massage. And the one most important thing that you will be looking for once you own a spa is variety of massage.

Look closely at what you are getting ready to buy. One station may be set up for neck and full spine, whereas another might be designed for hips and legs or feet or calves. Look at where the jets are located and study how you will be massaged.

Also, look for innovations in jet configuration. Some jets pulsate and others rotate.

Once you pick your spa, you will have to get it installed. You will need 220-volt power if you expect to get a unit that is worthwhile.

In our opinion, the 110-volt units are woeful. They take days to heat up and the pump motors are nearly useless.

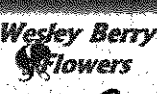
Most spa companies perform their own installation, so be careful. Make them get a permit.

With a spa you are dealing with electricity and water in the same container. You don't want an amateur putting it all together and leaving out an important part - like a ground wire.

Getting a permit forces the spa company to be on their best behavior, and, thus, your safety is better protected.

Be sure to get a very good cover when you buy a spa. Better covers will create an airtight seal and save you on your energy bill. Also, the top should have a lock on all four corners - you can't endanger little ones in your neighborhood.


Also, look into a high-quality cover lift. Good-quality covers are heavy and, thus, getting them off of the spa is hard work, even for a burly guy. If you aren't powerful, a cover lift is essential.



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— Terri Cafcalas —

Congratulations to Terri Cafcalas, a founding member of the International Academy and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Teacher of the Month for September.

The International Academy, based in Bloomfield Hills, is the only public high school in the country that offers an International Baccalaureate curriculum. It is the only graduation document that is nearly universally accepted at colleges throughout the world. The school accepts students from 11 Oakland County school districts including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Troy and Rochester.

"Her contribution to our community and particularly our students has been exceptional," wrote Sue Cavalli, attendance secretary at the academy and Mrs. Cafcalas's nominator for this month's Feature Teacher recognition.

"Students flock to her room as a safe haven from the stress of their lives and an opportunity to enjoy artistic expression. Late into the evening she can be found in her art room working with her students on the challenges of her latest assignment."

"Our halls and showcases are ample testimony to the creativity and artistic expression she inspired," wrote Cavalli.

"Her students' International Baccalaureate examination results confirm the quality of their achievement. They have consistently exceeded national and international standards in adjudicated shows."

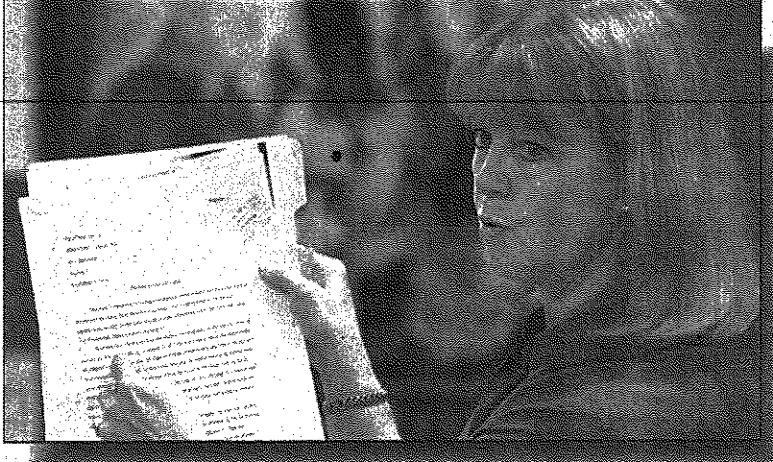
But, as her nominator points out, Mrs. Cafcalas's contributions go well beyond the confines of her art room.

"She is a tireless champion for struggling students and an effective spokesperson for student centered teaching," said Cavalli.

"She is not bashful in reminding colleagues and administration to return to our mission when making policy decision. She also serves as a member of our Humanities Department in order to match her curriculum to both our literature and history courses. Students frequently comment on the benefits of the connections between these three programs."

"Mrs. Cafcalas is loved and admired by both student and staff. She is a core component of our school's supportive, collaborative and challenging environment," wrote Cavalli.

The International Academy was rated best in the nation earlier this year by Newsweek Magazine. That reputation is only enhanced by top-rated teachers like Mrs. Terri Cafcalas, the O&E Teacher of the Month for September.



— Cynthia Burnstein —

Congratulations to Cynthia Burnstein of Plymouth Salem High School, September Teacher of the Month for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Mrs. Burnstein was nominated by students.

"I'm a freshman. Today is my first day of high school. I step in a room full of movie posters, peculiar hand-painted masks and new faces. She pranced in wearing a long black coat, a green fleece scarf, shoulder length blonde hair and the most calming of smiles on her face," wrote one nominator.

"That was three years ago. Mrs. Burnstein was my English 9 teacher and has been someone I've looked up to and tried to model after ever since."

That message echoed throughout the many nominations of Mrs. Burnstein for the O&E's Feature Teacher Award.

Cindy Burnstein, of Plymouth Township, has been teaching English since 1973, the entire time at Plymouth Salem High School. On the same floor. She worked full-time until 1979 then took a year off and has been teaching part-time ever since while raising her family.

She studied at Kalamazoo College for two years before transferring and graduating from the University of Michigan, majoring in English, with a minor in psychology.

Mrs. Burnstein said she loves teaching English. "It never gets boring. My favorite is Shakespeare. He's the best writer ever. And, there's always something about his writing I learn from my students. I've taught Romeo and Juliet a hundred times, and every single year there is some kid who notices something I haven't, and that's fantastic."

And, she enjoys teaching at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"There's always some new challenge, something going on that's interesting and needs a lot of creativity and hard work. That's fun for me. I never cease to be challenged and entertained by the job."

Her love of teaching is noticed by students.

"She is the most passionate teacher I have had the pleasure of knowing," wrote one student.

"An aura of energy surrounded her. She seemed unbelievably happy from the second she walked in that door and began to teach. Her love for teaching rubbed off on me."

One student offered this quote as testimony to Mrs. Burnstein's passion for the job.

"A teacher affects eternity; she can never tell where her influence stops." - Henry Adams.



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CAMEO Quilters Guild members (from left) Chantal Anderson of Rochester Hills, Christine Herfurth of Bloomfield Hills, Barbara Gerard of Royal Oak, Nancy Avery of Wolverine Lake and Carol Fetsco of Troy present the quilt that will be raffled at the guild's Autumn Splendor show next month.

QUILT

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Kathleen Bisset, past president of the Canadian Quilters Association, will be featured, along with the Michigan Quilt Artists Invitational East Meets West - Japanese Influenced Quilts Exhibit, and the Chitra Publications Miniatures from the Heart Contest Exhibit.

More than 100 quilts will be displayed, showcasing the talents of members of the guild.

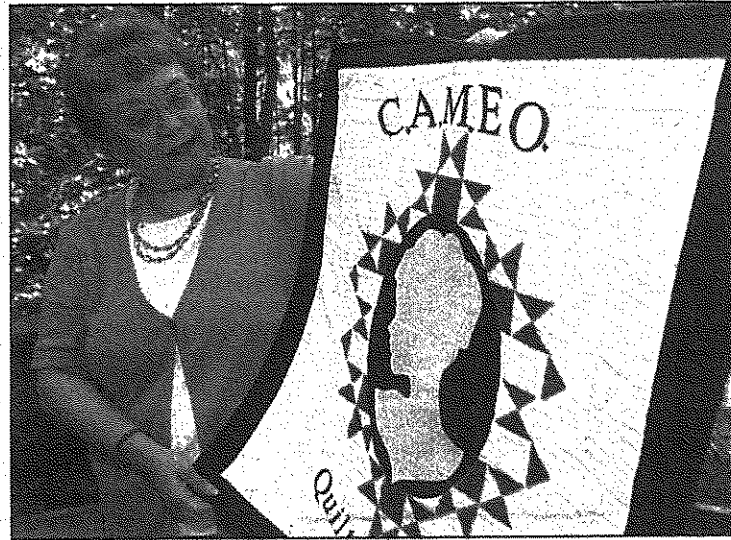
CAMEO stands for Come And Meet Each Other.

The group, whose 44 members include a resident of England (Jenny Dukes, who came up with the organization's name), was chartered in 1994. It consists of quilters of all skill levels.

Since 1995, it has given more than 500 handmade quilts, pillows and supplies to charities, organizations and agencies, including HAVEN women's shelter, the Family Independence Agency, Orchard Children's Services, Children's Hospital, Gilda's Club and the Ferndale Police Department.

Among CAMEO's current projects is making quilts for the log cabin and other structures of the Troy Historical Society. A new charity of CAMEO this year is the Macomb Oakland Regional Center for the Disabled.

Members are actively encouraging, teaching and promoting the art of quilting, hosting workshops as well as "sit and stitch" sessions in homes to work on projects. They also make quilts and quilt-related items for charity.



Carol Fetsco of Troy, president of the CAMEO Quilters Guild, holds up the logo.

CAMEO meets 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month, September-June, at UAW Local 771 on northbound Stephenson Highway, just north of Maple (15 Mile) in Troy.

Meetings feature a variety of activities, such as guest speakers, door prizes and fabric exchanges. The December and

June meetings are business sessions for members only. Membership fee is \$30 per year, which includes a monthly newsletter. Guest fee is \$5 per meeting.

For guild, meeting or membership information, call Sandy at (248) 546-8531.

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WINDOWS

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popularity is the woven wood shade, also known as woven grass. "They're typically made of bamboo and grasses. They fold up like a Roman shade," Toquigne said.

The shades, once available only at Pier One and similar specialty stores, have gained popularity after appearing in some films. Made from natural materials, the colors are typically green and brown earth tones. Some bamboo incorporated in these shades reveals striking grain patterns.

"It's a more casual look. It wouldn't go with your Queen Anne furniture," said Susan Singleton, American Blinds and Wallpaper Factory spokeswoman. The cost for these shades is in the \$113-\$150 range for a typical size window.

But there are other popular trends.

"The new look with window treatments is the layered look," said Barry Balbes, president of House of Blinds of Novi, Southfield and Shelby Township. "They're not just doing blinds by themselves anymore. They're adding various treatments - cornice boards, fabric valances, side panels (drapery along the side of the window) and fabric shades."

Fabric shades are made of actual drapery fabric, to more exactly match couches, chairs, pillows and bedspreads. "It's just a new look. It's a little heavier," Balbes explained.

Fabric shades are often coupled with treatments including cornices or side panels, valances and side draperies, made more elaborate with bead work. The combined cost for this type of window treatment ranges around \$300.

"Everything gets reinvented in draperies as well as in fashion," said Amy Sarafian, owner of Window Dressers of Canton. "People are adding

trims and things and putting beadwork into the trim." She said it's also trendy to cover cornice boards with fabric, in various shapes and cutouts, sometimes with soft folds added.

TWISTS ON TRADITION

Traditional wood blinds and shutters, and honeycomb or cellular shades remain popular. Balbes said custom wood shutters are growing in popularity. "Store-bought shutters generally don't fit on peoples' windows," he said.

Customers have been going for wider shutter slats, ranging from 2 1/2-3 1/2 inches. For a typical window, wood blinds can cost around \$150, while shutters go for around \$300 for a typical 36-by-48-inch window. A new twist on this tradition is the faux wood or imitation wood shutter. "It has the look and feel of a wood blind but is made out of a composite of vinyl and wood," said Katzman.

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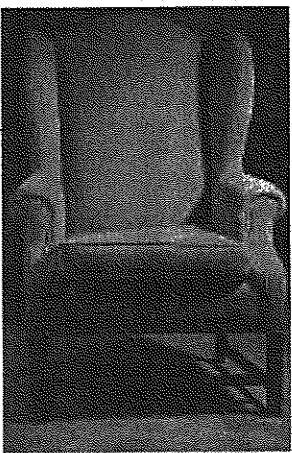
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Side Dish

A new look

Bella Sun Luci, which encompasses a number of sun-dried tomato products,



now features an elegant new logo and label that better portray its food line's health benefits. Mooney Farms, the family-owned business that has produced the Bella Sun Luci brand for over 13 years, made the change to more accurately illustrate the company's old-world quality and fresh California tomato feel. The three products adopting the new look are Bella Sun Luci's Sun-Dried Tomato Halves in Olive Oil & Herbs, Julienne Cut Sun-Dried Tomatoes in Olive Oil & Herbs and Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto.

Founded in Northern California in 1987, Mooney Farms currently supplies 60 percent of all sun-dried tomato products in the country under its own name and two house labels (Bella Sun Luci and Summer's Choice), as well as 40 other private labels. Mooney Farms Sun-Dried Tomato products are available nationally in the produce departments of your local grocery stores and in Costco club stores. The Basque Norte and Carne Asada Marinades will be coming soon to a local meat department near you.

For more information or recipes, call (530) 899-2661. Otherwise, log on to <http://www.mooneyfarms.com>, or write Mooney Farms at 1220 Fortress Street, Chico, California 95973.

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Hot stuff

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Annette Horn knows what it takes to run a successful chili cookoff.

Horn credits the participants (who she's affectionately dubbed chili-heads), who cook up a batch of bean-less competition chili with the event's popularity. The event has grown from 5,000 to 20,000 visitors, said Horn of Plymouth.

"It's a successful event because the participants have so much fun at it," Horn said. "It's a combination of the spectators, and the interaction between the cooks and the spectators that make it so much fun. The cooks really like to put on a show."

Horn is the chili chairperson for the 8th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 in Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The event also includes a Ride-In Motorcycle Bike Show with 15 classes of competition. More than 3,000 bikes will line the streets of Plymouth.

The cooks create wild and fun booths: Leo Buk of Trenton creates a booth with flashing lights and hazardous materials signs, along with him inside a haz-mat outfit. His chili is Leo's Nuclear Chili, which won the competition one year.

Then there's the Mad Cow Chili with a group of women dressed in cow outfits.

While these booths reflect on the zaniness of some of the contestants, there is some serious chili stewing.

Georgia and Jim Weller of Bloomfield Hills compete every year in the chili cookoff.

"A lot of people say it is the American food," Georgia said of chili. "Everybody likes that dish with its ground beef and tomato base."

Georgia, who won the World Championship in 1996, won last year's Great Lakes Regional. Jim won an Illinois competition in January, so both will be advancing to the World Championship next weekend for their respective recipes. (The 2003 Plymouth cookoff winner advances to the 2004 championship.)

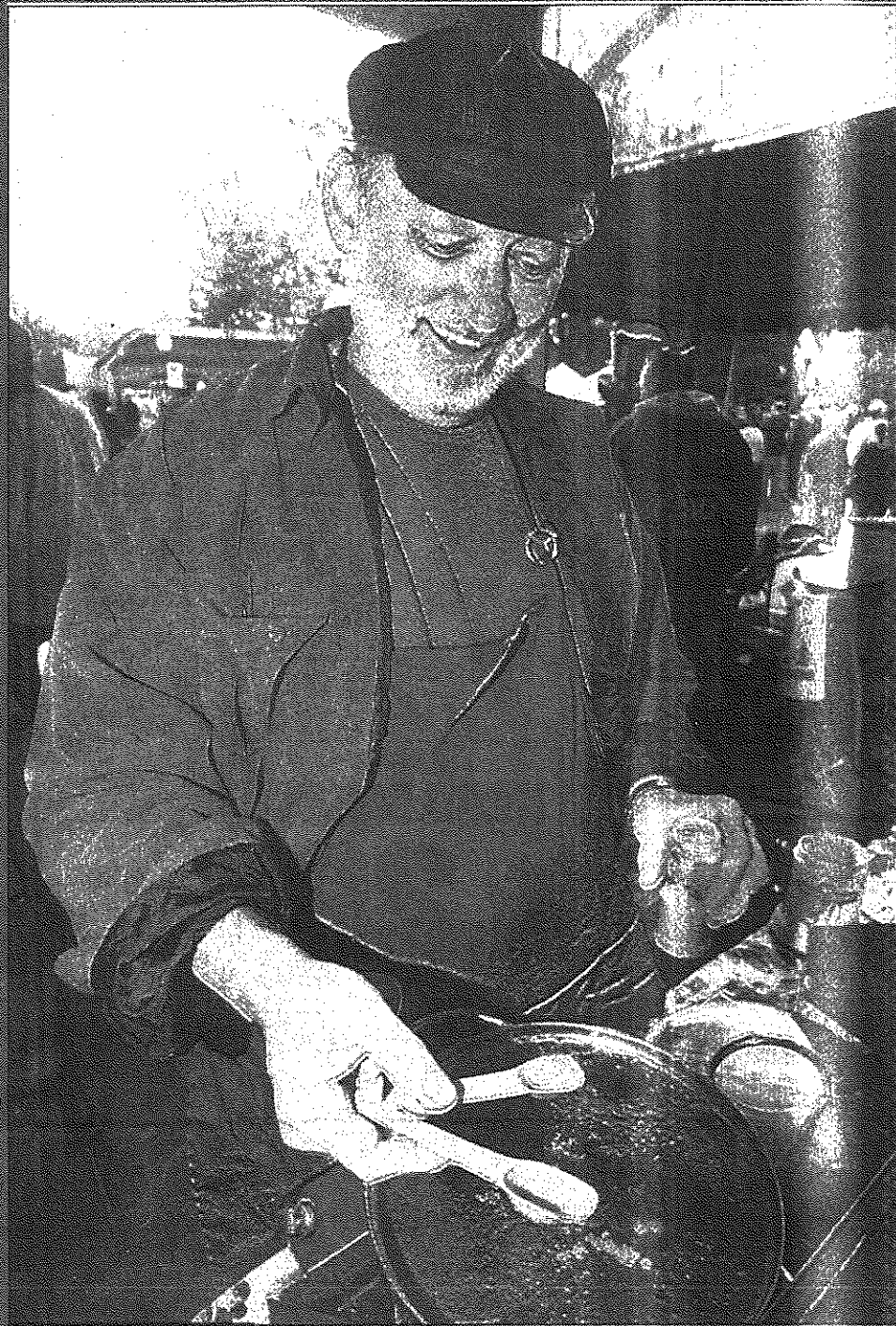
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CHILI COOKOFF

What: The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Ride-In Motorcycle Show

When: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Bike registration is 10:30 a.m.-noon. Chili cooks will prepare red chili, green chili or salsa for competition that morning, and judging is in the afternoon. (Chili and salsa applications will be accepted through Oct. 7.) Restaurant chili is served at 11 a.m. while competition chili is available after 3 p.m. for \$1 a bowl.

Where: Kellogg Park in Plymouth
For information, call chili chairperson Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838.



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Ray Kaczor of Farmington Hills spices up his 'Red Rak Chili' at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff last year.

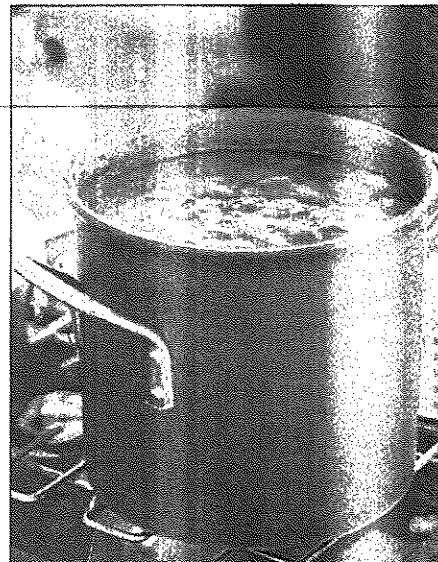
CHILI RECIPE

GEORGIA WELLER'S SOUTHERN CHILI GEORGIA STYLE

3 teaspoons Wesson oil
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4 tablespoons Gebhardt Chili Powder
1/2 tablespoon New Mexico Hot Chile Powder
1/2 tablespoon Chimayo
1/2 tablespoon Pasilla
3-1/2 tablespoons cumin
1 tablespoon granulated garlic
4 teaspoons onion powder
1/2 tablespoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon Tabasco
3 pounds beef chuck, cut in chunks
1 can beef broth
1 can chicken broth
1 (8 ounce can) Hunt's Tomato Sauce
1 can green chilis, chopped

Brown meat and add to chili pot along with chicken and beef broth, tomato sauce and green chilies.

Add 2/3 of the spices. Cook for 2 hours.



Add remaining spices. Cook additional hour or until meat is tender.

Add salt to taste.

There's a lot that's new in California wine country

Each time we go to California wine country, we discover a new winery, restaurant or tasting room. Since many readers have asked us to make suggestions for wine country trips, we're passing along ideas to make a trip more enjoyable and informative.

Even with all of the wine country regulations concerning hillside vineyard planting and restrictions on building new wineries, it is amazing how things change. In the Napa Valley, directly across from the Robert Mondavi Winery in



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Oakville, is the new and unique winery project Nickel and Nickel, the latest endeavor of Gil Nickel, owner of Far Niente Winery, and his son Erik.

A modern winery housed in 19th century buildings is the theme of the \$25 million proj-

ect, offering the feeling of visiting a homestead from that era. The Queen-Anne style house on the property, built by John Sullenger in 1884, has been restored as the hospitality center and tasting room.

Nearby is the Gleason barn, a 1770 hay barn that Nickel and Nickel had shipped, board by board, from New Hampshire to Napa Valley and rebuilt it to house winery offices.

The winery contains state-of-the-art equipment, housed in a barn constructed of recycled, 100-year-old beams, joined

using wooden pegs; no nails. Cost to visit Nickel and Nickel is \$25 per person and you'll need an appointment. Call (707) 944-0693. The price includes a tour and tasting of the single vineyard wines that have become the focus of the winery.

TASTING CREATES HUNGER

For a quick bite to eat south of St. Helena, stop at Taylor's Refresher on Highway 29. It's owned by winemaker Joel Gott who has his own eponymous label. Order lunch at the win-

dow and enjoy eating outside at the picnic tables.

For lunch or dinner indoors the Market is new at 1347 Main Street, St. Helena (707) 963-3799. Order of the day is comfort food and a great wine list. Another place to relax and eat inside or out is Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen at 1327 Railroad Avenue, one block east of Main in St. Helena (707) 963-1200. Proprietor Cindy Pawley also owns Mustards Grill on Highway 29 in Yountville.

PLEASE SEE WINE, D6

Healthy, versatile poultry enjoys a new popularity

While working in Europe I had the opportunity to work with a very famous 2-star Michelin Chef Ian Mc Andrew on his best selling book Poultry and Game. With the hunting season in Michigan almost upon us, I thought I would share some interesting facts with you.

The term "poultry" is applied to all types of domesticated fowl, whether bred for the table or its eggs. These include chicken, duck, goose, turkey and guinea fowl. Poultry has enjoyed a revival over the past decade or so, thanks mostly to modern farming methods and the trend toward healthier eating habits. On the whole poultry has less fat content than other meats and is therefore easier to digest.

The best poultry is genuine free-range birds. The flavor and texture will compensate for the higher price paid. All poultry is extremely versatile, none more so than chicken.

Chicken

The chicken is a direct

descendant of the jungle fowl of the Indian sub-continent and has been bred and cross-bred to produce the bird we know today - a far cry from what it was.

Now, sadly, it has become a factory-produced tender and often flavorless with the bird bearing very little resemblance to its ancestors, except in shape. It is important to seek out good quality birds, free-range wherever possible.

Duck

Duck is probably the most universally praised member of the poultry family. The term "duck", like that of the chicken, covers many different types and qualities.

In Europe we have always considered the Aylesbury duck to be the finest, where areas of France prefer the Nantes or Barbury. In America the Long Island duck is held in great esteem.

Great care is needed when buying a duck. At first sight a well-presented duck may appear very large and meaty.



Michigan's Best

Colin Brown

Test it for fat covering by pinching the skin along the breast just behind the legs.

This will show you how much fat the bird is carrying. Ducks are at their best up to six months old.

Wild Duck

Although the term "wild" encompasses Mallard, Wigeon, Teal and pintail, it is more generally used to describe the Mallard. All these species are to be found throughout Europe and North America and as far North as Iceland, and during severe winters, as far south as North Africa.

Goose

Its popularity seems to have declined and Goose seems to be difficult to find nowadays, probably because it is widely thought to be too greasy to eat or digest. This, I would say, is really the result of poor cooking rather than the fault of the goose. The greatest claim to fame for the goose however has to be its liver - foie gras - once described by a great French gourmet as "the supreme fruit of gastronomy" which it undoubtedly must be.

Turkey

Americans enjoy over 270 million turkeys each year, making it one of the top five

dishes served in the country. That certainly shows that turkey is not just for holidays anymore!

Guinea Fowl

The Guinea fowl is a member of the pheasant family and originated in West Africa, but has been reared in Europe since the 15th century.

The domestic Guinea fowl tastes like a cross between chicken and pheasant with a slightly gamey flavor, and a texture more like the pheasant.

Pheasant

Pheasant can be readily found in North America, China and from Norway to New Zealand. The culinary qualities of the pheasant are well known, with a gamey poultry flavor but a meatier, slightly drier texture than that of domestic fowl.

I believe pheasant to be at their best during December/January, once the winter weather has really set in and the birds take on a little more fat.

Venison

There has been a great upsurge in venison farming in recent years. The most frequently found is under the banner venison of red and roe deer.

In America the elk, moose and reindeer are also classified as venison. There are different schools of thought when it comes to which deer are best for the table. The French prefer the roe to the red, for instance.

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Personally I have no worthwhile opinion on this but would say the smaller the better.

Venison is sold in cuts similar to that of lamb: saddle, shoulder, fillet, chops, neck etc. When using venison I tend to stick to the saddle.

Apart from being the most expensive cut, it is also the best - It requires less cooking and marinating and is much more tender and succulent than other cuts.

Its dark red, finely grained meat easily identifies good quality venison, and when covered with fat, the fat should be white and very firm.

Wood Pigeon

Most people probably give very little thought to the humble wood pigeon, found in gray flocks around our most famous landmarks and ravaging the farmers' crops in spring. Pigeon is sold in late winter after game season is over and in my opinion is a great piece of eating. Yes, it can be dry or even

tough but like anything else; it will only be so if it is over cooked.

Squab Pigeon

The squab or pigeonneau is different again.

This is a pigeon which is especially reared for consumption, a practice that has been pursued as far back as the early Egyptians, as well as in Britain, especially during the 16th and 17th Centuries.

They are much more succulent and tender than their wild cousins and also smaller because they are much younger 4-6 weeks.

Quail

Although quail is not strictly poultry - more like domestic game really - it has been bred domestically for 4,000 years.

All that time ago in Japan they were kept as songbirds. (If you have ever heard a quail's song you would understand my misgivings).

They are still to be found wild in some countries - Spain, Southern France, North Africa and the Middle East - but it is only in North America that they are found in ant numbers and are still regarded as a quarry species.

In my next article I will provide some interesting recipes for the above mentioned species. All of these products are to be found at specialty food stores. So next time you are planning a fall occasion, why not think about game?

Chef Colin Brown is executive chef at the Townsend Hotel. Email him at www.chef@townsendhotel.com

TASTE CALENDAR

Andiamo chefs create

Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Chef of Andiamo Osteria Rochester, will demonstrate his Italian-Asian creations. Appetizer - Temaki - Zushi Starch - Fettuccine; Main Course - Chicken Cacciatore; Dessert - Zabaglione. The demonstration will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 at Specialties Showroom (2800 West 11 Mile Rd in Berkley). The class fee is \$30 per person. Pastry Chef Karen Krol of the Andiamo Restaurant group will demonstrate her award winning creations from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 15. For information call (248) 548-5656 or visit our Web site at www.specialtiesshowroom.com click on Cooking Classes.

Cooking with whole foods

Learn how to cook with whole foods such as tofu, ground flax, who wheat pastry flour, and much more. Meals such as creamy mac and cheese (the healthy version, of course), meatloaf, sloppy Joes, spinach gnocchi, banana pie, Shepard's new pie, and much more. Sign up for one class or two. The class will be instructed by Dawn Vassel, owner of Vassel's Catering, and is scheduled 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11 at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway. Class fee is \$40 per class. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

MFit classes

Super Snacks and Appetizers with Rebecca Miller of Busch's Market will be highlighted in a class 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the University of

Michigan Health System's East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor. Class fee is \$30. Other classes include Knife Skills on Oct. 22 (\$35 class fee). For more information, call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, ext. 236 or sign-up on line www.mfitnutrition.com

Cuisine du Jour

Chef Randy Emert, executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester Hills, will demonstrate fall cooking with fish, fowl and fresh fruits and vegetables 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at Trearrows, 1295 Opdyke Road in Auburn Hills. Class fee is \$30 per person. Chef Mario Etemad, senior vice president of Food Service and Hospitality for Palace Sports and Entertainment, will discuss stews and cassoulets 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

Wine tasting

Enjoy Joe's Produce second annual fall wine tasting with over 100 domestic and imported wines to taste, 7-10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3, at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. Proceeds go to benefit Angela Hospice Home Care of Livonia. Tickets are \$40 and can be ordered by calling (248) 477-4333 or purchased at Joe's Produce on Seven Mile just east of Farmington Road in Livonia.

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Learn Asian

Thai and Chinese appetizers, a soup and main dishes will be created in this class 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Bring a 9-by-13-inch pan with lid and a heatproof soup container. Class will be taught at Smith Elementary School in Troy. Class fee is \$21, food fee is \$5. Call (248) 823-5100 for information.

Make a gingerbread house

A fun, holiday project where each student (grades K-6) creates his/her own Gingerbread House using snow-icing, then decorates it with a variety

of candies. It makes a wonderful holiday decoration and a great gift (use it as a surprise box and hide gifts of money inside). Each is a unique work of art. The class is presented by Ginger Works and is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$13 per person. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Parent and child workshop

Together a parent and child will assemble and decorate an extra-large gingerbread house, approximately 4 pounds (or about 10-by-12 inches) made of sweet, fragrant gingerbread with lots of icing and candy. Please bring a cardboard box to carry it home. This class will be presented by Ginger Works, 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$30. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Party Planning Secrets

Learn cutting edged Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget. Dazzle your guests as you explore the hottest and latest color choices, exciting themes, shortcuts, and time-savers. The class will be taught by Harold Baldwin 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in room F108 at Seaholm High School. The class fee is \$39. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

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Bake red velvet muffins

"Getting kids to eat enough vegetables and fruits can be a challenge," says child nutrition expert Mindy Hermann, nutrition consultant.

Hermann emphasizes that all children over the age of two years should eat at least five servings a day of vegetables and fruits.

"They are vital to good health," she said. She suggests that at least one serving of a vegetable or fruit be included at each meal and snack. And, be adventuresome. Consider the array of wholesome choices available, not just the "usual."

Think about creative ways to incorporate vegetables or fruits into favorite recipes. For example, kids love muffins. Served with a glass of milk or a piece of fruit, a muffin can be part of a balanced meal or snack.

Red Velvet Muffins are a delicious way to introduce beets to kids. Beets are a nutritious vegetable choice, but are not often offered to children. "Beets are a surprisingly versatile ingredient for baking," Hermann says. "Puree beets and use an equal amount in place of applesauce, a mashed banana or pumpkin in a muffin or quick bread recipe. Kids love the color!"

High-quality glass packed beets are ideal for use in recipes, and easy to keep on hand. Red Velvet Muffins are made with a jar of pureed sweet and sour Harvard beets which add delicious flavor along with the toasted wheat germ and cinnamon. Plus, they make the muffins a deep red color and assure moist muffins that can be eaten warm or at room tempera-



Kids will love Red Velvet Muffins for snack or breakfast.

RED VELVET MUFFINS

ture. Try these other suggestions, too, for getting your kids to try beets.

■ **Snack Kabobs** - Thread a cube of cheese and a piece of pickled beet on a pretzel stick.

■ **Pink Party Spread** - Purée pickled beets and stir into whipped cream cheese. Spread on whole grain crackers and top with a small piece of beet cut into strips or other shapes.

■ **Open "Face" Sandwich** - On a slice of whole grain bread, use veggies to create a fun face. First place a slice of deli turkey on the bread. Use shredded carrots for hair (attach with mustard). Cut plain or pickled beets into "smiles" for the mouth. Use olives for eyes and a cherry

1 jar (15-1/2 ounces) Sweet & Sour Harvard Beets, not drained
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup original toasted wheat germ
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
1 tablespoon cocoa
2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup canola or vegetable oil

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray bottoms only of 12 medium muffin cups with cooking spray or line with paper baking cups.

In food processor or blender, puree beets and liquid until smooth; set aside.

In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, wheat germ, walnuts,

cocoa, cinnamon baking powder and baking soda; stir to mix well. In medium bowl, combine puree beets, egg and oil; mix well. Add to flour mixture; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened (Do not overmix.) Divide batter evenly between muffin cups.

Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs attached. Cool muffins in pan on wire rack 5 minutes; remove from pan. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 12 muffins.

Nutritional information: 189 calories; 3.8 g protein; 32 carbohydrate; 5.7 g fat; 213 mg sodium; 18 mg cholesterol; 2.1 g dietary fiber; 1.4 mg iron; 39 mg calcium.

Prize-winning cookies offer a few of baker's favorite things

Shirley DeSantis of Bethlehem, Pa., took a few of her favorite ingredients—pistachios, cranberries and oats, and baked her way to \$1,000 in cash. Her cookie creation, A Few Of My Favorite Things Oat Bars, won the first prize in the "Easy Everyday Cookies & Bars" category of the "Search For The Ultimate Oatmeal Cookie" Recipe Contest, co-sponsored by Quaker Oats and Blue Bonnet, a brand of ConAgra Foods.

Easy preparation and the creative use of ingredients make these bars an every day kind of cookie.

"They remind me of something you'd nibble with your morning coffee," says DeSantis.

One bowl, a box of quick bread mix, and a few ingredients from the pantry bake up into a

moist, cinnamon cookie chock-full of crunchy pistachios and sweet-tart cranberries in just 30 minutes. DeSantis used the packet of vanilla glaze included in the mix to drizzle on top of the baked bars.

Although DeSantis prefers the heartier texture of the old fashioned oats, the quick (1 minute) and old fashioned oats (5 minutes) are equally nutritious and interchangeable for baking. And for the quality of butter for less than half the price, she relies on Blue Bonnet.

DeSantis plans to use part of her prize money to buy a new dishwasher and the remainder to visit her son in Nevada. Of course, she'll be bringing him a batch of her winning bars!

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS OAT BARS

1 cup (2 sticks) Blue Bonnet 65% vegetable oil spread
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 package (17.4 oz.) cinnamon swirl quick bread and coffee cake mix, divided usage
1/4 cup orange juice
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla
1-1/2 cups Quaker Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup coarsely chopped pistachios
1/2-3/4 cup dried cranberries

Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 13x9x2-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat spread and brown sugar on medium speed of electric mixer until creamy. Add quick bread mix and the clear packet of cinnamon swirl (reserve foil glaze for later use), orange juice, egg and vanilla. Beat just until blended. Add oats, pistachios and cranberries. Mix at low speed just until combined. Spread evenly into prepared pan.

Bake 30-34 minutes or until edges are golden brown and wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Squeeze reserved foil packet from mix about 10 times. Cut tip off one corner of packet; squeeze glaze decoratively over cookies in pan. Cut into squares or bars. Makes 2 dozen bars.

Baker's Notes: Walnuts or pecans may be substituted for pistachios.

Nutrition Information: 1/2 of recipe (1 bar): Calories 230, Calories from fat 130, Total Fat 14g, Cholesterol 10mg, Sodium 170mg, Total Carbohydrates 25g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Protein 2g.

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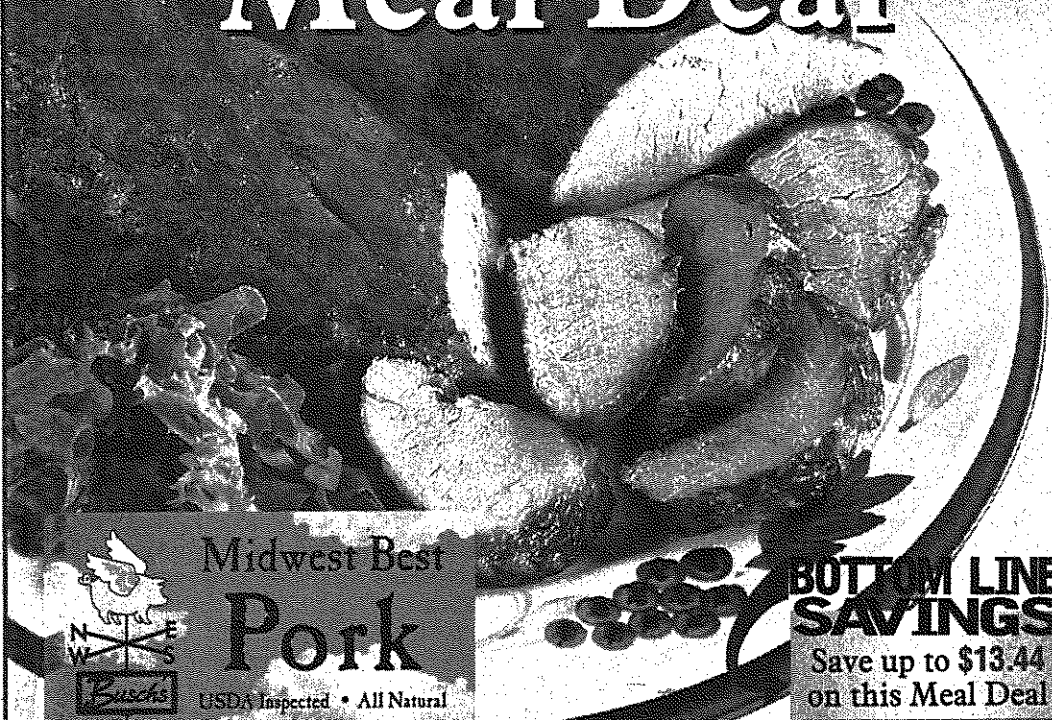
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Cookbooks offer Jewish food for all occasions

AP - Since cookbooks can be food for thought as well as action, reading them translates happily into well-planned meals.

With plenty of occasions ahead for preparing appropriate Jewish dishes, cooks may wish to take a look at the literature on the subject.

Among available titles: ■ "The New York Times Jewish Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press, 2003, \$35), edited by Linda Amster, packs in more than 825 traditional and contemporary kosher recipes from around the world.

Most have appeared in the newspaper, although a few are from other sources. It's a wide-ranging collection.

Amster's preface speaks of "the arc of history reflected in the recipes," spanning eras from the ancient to the contemporary.

In her foreword, Mimi Sheraton submits that "Jewish food is the world's oldest fusion cuisine," using the fashionable

term for chefs' multiethnic blending.

Recipes for every course of the meal are presented together with holiday menu suggestions, explanatory notes and glossary.

■ "The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook" (Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, Inc., 2003, \$29.95), edited by Joan Schwartz Michel, offers ideas for family feasts year-round.

The book's 250 recipes feature traditional dishes as prepared in contemporary kosher kitchens all over the country. They have a personal flavor — they've been contributed by a wide range of American home cooks, members of Hadassah, the women's organization.

The large-format book has color photos showing many of the dishes, reproductions of art works and antique kitchenware.

■ "Jewish Cooking for Dummies" (Wiley, 2001, \$19.99 paperback) is by Faye Levy, a prolific food writer and

an authority on Jewish cooking. The book is in the style of the Dummies series — packed with content, in a no-frills presentation.

However, there is a helpful table of contents, and bonus tips and information are tucked into many pages, plus a few color photos. Good general background is provided, with chapters on Jewish food origins and history.

■ "A Sweet Year: A Taste of the Jewish Holidays" (Doubleday, 2003, \$12.95), by Mark Podwal, is a slender volume illustrated with the artist's charming paintings, complementing a simple, poetic text.

This is not a cookbook, has no recipes, and a line on the title page designates it a book for young readers.

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Summer cooking isn't over yet Roasted lamb is simple, delicious

AP - Don't put away that picnic basket: Summer-style favorite foods need not be banished yet.

An al fresco feast with a menu of mustard-fried chicken, crunchy citrus coleslaw and flaky biscuits would be a fine plan for a warm day, as one season blends into the next. The "al fresco" element can be a country picnic, a quiet escape to the beach, or your own back yard or porch. Preparation can be a breeze for the cook. The fried chicken can be made more conveniently by starting it on the stovetop and finishing it in the oven. Marinating the chicken in advance, then combining pan-frying with oven-frying, will give the chicken a delicious, crispy coating and a tender, juicy interior.

The following recipes are among 150 described and illustrated in "An American Bounty: Great Contemporary Cooking from The Culinary Institute of America" (Rizzoli).

MUSTARD-FRIED CHICKEN

2 frying chickens, cut into 8 pieces each
2 cups buttermilk
1/4 cup Dijon-style mustard
1 tsp. chopped fresh tarragon
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups vegetable oil

Rinse the chicken in cool water and pat dry. Blend the buttermilk, mustard, tarragon, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Add the chicken pieces, turn to coat and marinate for 2 to 3 hours, or overnight in the refrigerator.

Remove the chicken from the marinade and let it drain briefly. Roll in the flour, and transfer to a baking sheet. Set aside for about 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Heat about 1/2 inch of oil in a cast-iron or other deep-sided, heavy gauge skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot, but not smoking, add the chicken pieces, a few at a time. Pan-fry, turning to cook all sides, until the chicken is well browned, a total of 6 to 8 minutes.

As the chicken is browned, transfer to a baking sheet. Bake the chicken pieces in the oven for 30 to 40 minutes, until they are fully cooked (when the thigh is pierced, the juices should run clear). Blot the chicken briefly on paper towels and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 595 cal., 48 g pro., 36 g fat, 20 g carbo., 410 mg sodium, 140 mg chol.

CITRUS SLAW WITH AVOCADO AND RED ONION

1 cup fresh spinach leaves, washed thoroughly, stems removed, and finely shredded
1 cup finely shredded red cabbage
1 cup finely shredded Savoy cabbage
1/2 cup julienned red onion
3/4 cup Grapefruit Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
1 avocado
1 grapefruit, peeled and cut into segments
1/2 tsp. cracked black peppercorns

Toss together the spinach, cabbages, red onion, and 1/2 cup of the vinaigrette in a salad bowl.

Peel, pit and cut the avocado lengthwise into slices; toss gently with the remaining vinaigrette until evenly coated. Arrange the avocado, and grapefruit on top of the cabbage mixture and top with the cracked peppercorns.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutrition information per serving: 280 cal., 4 g pro., 24 g fat, 20 g carbo., 25 mg sodium, 0 mg chol.

GRAPEFRUIT VINAIGRETTE

3/4 cup peanut or safflower oil
A few drops of dark sesame oil
1/4 cup grapefruit juice
A few drops of soy or tamari sauce
1/2 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 tsp. salt, or to taste
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
2 tbsp. chopped fresh herbs such as chives, parsley, tarragon, chervil, basil, dill, or others (optional)
1 tsp. brown sugar, maple syrup, or honey (optional)

Whisk or shake all the ingredients together in a small bowl or jar. Add brown sugar, maple syrup or honey, if desired (to smooth out the flavor). Shake or whisk the vinaigrette again before using if it has stood for more than a few minutes. Makes about 1 cup, or enough for 12 servings.

Nutrition information per serving (1/2 tablespoons): 150 cal., trace of protein, 16 g fat, 2 g carbo., 145 mg sodium, 0 mg chol.

AP - If you want streamlined action in your home kitchen, you'd rightly expect a book titled "Matthew Kenney's Big City Cooking: Recipes for a Fast-Paced World" to have some answers for you. It does.

Kenney, a New York City chef and owner of five Manhattan restaurants, co-wrote the book with Joan Schwartz, drawing from his experience of trying to balance hectic timetables and a passion for cooking and eating. The recipes in the book, he says, "are up-to-date, clean, and, most important, they can all be prepared within a busy lifestyle or in a small kitchen with limited equipment."

Chapters are organized by cooking method — for example, "Simply Raw to Barely Cooked" has light and easy dishes; "Simmering Stews and Hot Pots" offers dishes to serve a crowd, made using one burner and one cooking vessel. You'll find savory and sweet, side and main dishes.

This lamb dish is from the chapter "Roasting Fast and Slow" and it is among the fastest. The thin lamb loins with their flavorful stuffing cook quickly; a note points out that the meat and stuffing are tied together, so you should slice them carefully.

ROASTED LAMB LOIN STUFFED WITH ALMONDS, DATES, GOAT CHEESE AND MINT (COOKING TIME ABOUT 30 MINUTES)

For the lamb:
2 lamb loins, about 10 ounces each, trimmed, leaving a thin layer of fat
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 ounces soft goat cheese
1/2 tsp. coarsely chopped or torn mint leaves
1/2 cup almonds, toasted
1/2 cup coarsely chopped pitted dates
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
For the vinaigrette:
1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
2 tbsp. honey
1/4 cup loosely packed cilantro leaves
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

To roast the lamb: Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Place each lamb loin between 2 sheets of plastic wrap and, using a meat mallet, pound to a thickness of about 1/2 inch (or pound with the bottom of a bottle, but use caution). Lay one of the pounded lamb loins flat on a work surface. Season with salt and pepper and spread with the goat cheese, leaving a 1/2-inch border all around. Top with the mint and about half of the chopped almonds and dates, reserving the rest for garnish.

Season the other loin with salt and pepper and place seasoned-side down on top of the first loin, overlapping the edges as much as possible so the filling will not come out. Tie crosswise tightly with kitchen twine at about 1-inch intervals, and season all over with salt and pepper.

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet (with an oven-proof handle) over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, sear the lamb loin for 1 to 2 minutes per side. Place the skillet in the oven and roast for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to rest for 5 to 7 minutes.

To make the vinaigrette: Combine the orange juice, honey and cilantro leaves in a medium nonreactive bowl.

Whisk in 2 tablespoons olive oil in a steady stream, and season with salt and pepper. Keep the vinaigrette at room temperature before serving, so it won't cool down the lamb.

To serve: Remove the string and cut the lamb into 1/2-inch slices, carefully cutting straight up and down.

Arrange the slices on a large platter or on 4 serving plates, and drizzle the vinaigrette generously around them (the meat will soak up a lot of vinaigrette). Sprinkle with the remaining chopped dates and toasted almonds.

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In Yountville, however, our perennial favorite is the always crowded Bistro Jeanty, 6510 Washington Street, where reservations are a must. The phone number is (707) 944-2380. The good news is that

chef/proprietor Philippe Jeanty is slated to open a new restaurant, just north of the Bistro on Washington Street, by September 2003.

In Sonoma County, the new Willi's Wine Bar, 4404 Old Redwood Highway, Santa Rosa (707) 526-3096 is a must. The menu is an imaginative collection of small plates with

a wine list that includes tastes (two ounce), glasses (five ounce), half-bottles and bottles.

We sat at the bar and ordered a couple small plates and a wine flight of four different tastes. Then we repeated the plan with different wines and dishes.

By the end, we had shared tastes of eight different wines

with six small plates. Great fun!

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Eleanor selected the flight of three Gallo chardonnays (2000 Two Rock Vineyard, 2000 Laguna Vineyard and 1998 Estate Chardonnay) and Ray

the flight of three Gallo cabernets (1998 Frei Vineyard, 1998 Stefani Vineyard and 1998 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon). Gallo's new tasting room is a sophisticated step up from the crowded winery bar scene we avoid. Don't miss it!

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COOKOFF

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"It's pretty exciting," Georgia said. "You're competing with the best cooks who win these competitions from all over the country."

While husband and wife don't share the same recipe, they do share many of the same ingredients. "He uses way more chili powder than I do," Georgia said. "His is usually hotter."

What they use isn't much different than the other contestants - chili powder and cumin, along with garlic and onions.

Horn said the key to good chili is fresh ingredients. "You can't use chili powder that's been sitting on your shelf for two years," Horn said. "Cumin will lose its pungent taste after about six months. You want to use it when it's fresh."

A good cut of meat makes a difference. "If you use too lean of a cut of meat, after about three hours of cooking, that will give it a chewy and mushy texture."

The tri-tip cut, ordered from a butcher, can hold up well, Horn said. "It also has a little fat, and we all know fat adds flavor," Horn said.

Bob Vargo of Commerce Township has cooked since 1980. He's won seven chili titles. "You really make a lot of good friends, have a few laughs, jokes and enjoy a lot of camaraderie," Vargo said.

"The event grows every year and they've always done a good job."

Vargo loves to compete and would like to win the regional for an eventual shot at the \$25,000 World Championship prize in 2004.

"That would be the ultimate, but this event (the Plymouth cookoff) goes to a good cause and charities. And it's always a lot of fun."



PAUL HURSCHMANN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Decorating your table is as much a part of Plymouth's Great Lakes Chili Cookoff as the chili recipes themselves.

LYTLE'S SALSA

- 8 cups chopped, drained tomatoes
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 1 green pepper, chopped
 - Jalapeno peppers, chopped, to taste
 - 1 (15 ounce can) tomato sauce
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - Oregano to taste
 - Cilantro to taste
- Blend all ingredients, adjust seasonings.

Tom Lytle of Clinton Township won last year's salsa competition at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth.

For more prize winning recipes visit www.chili-cookoff.com

This is H. Allen Smith's recipe which actually tied for first place back at the first annual World Championship Chili Cook-Off in Terlingua, Texas in 1967.

FIRST ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI

- 4 pounds coarsely ground sirloin
- Olive oil or butter
- 2 cans (6 ounces each) tomato paste, thinned with water
- 3 to 4 medium onions, chopped, about 3 cups
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped, about 1/2 cup
- 2 to 10 cloves of garlic, minced (or to taste)
- 3 tablespoons commercial chili powder, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil

In a 4-quart pot, cook meat in a little olive oil or butter (or a blend of the two) until no longer pink. Drain excess fat. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 2 to 3 hours with the lid on. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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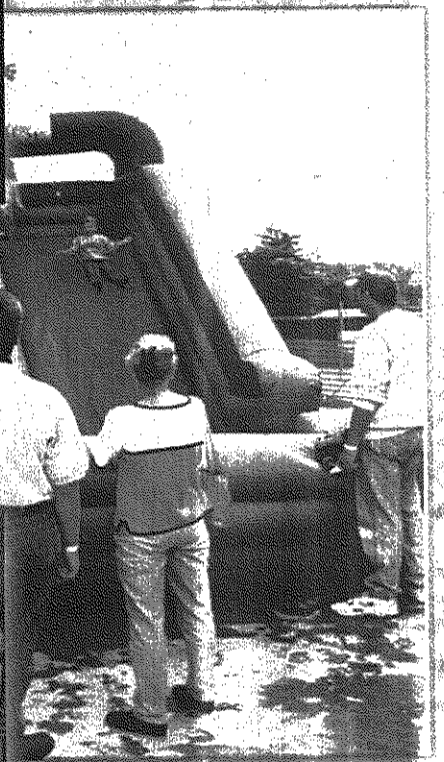
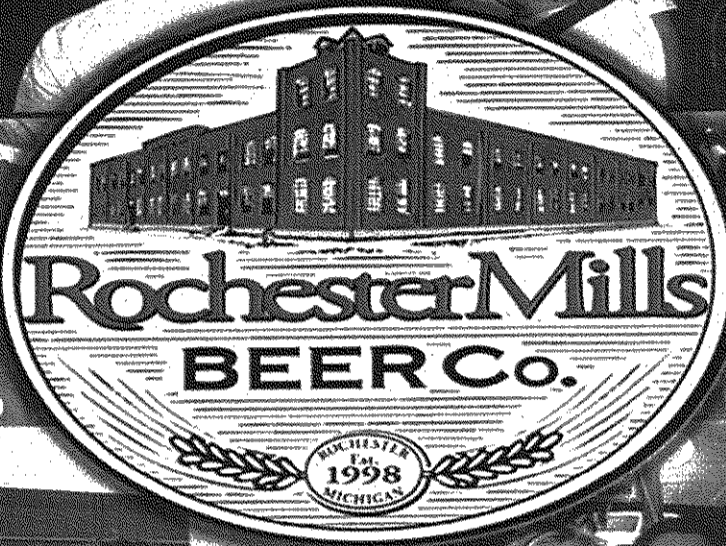
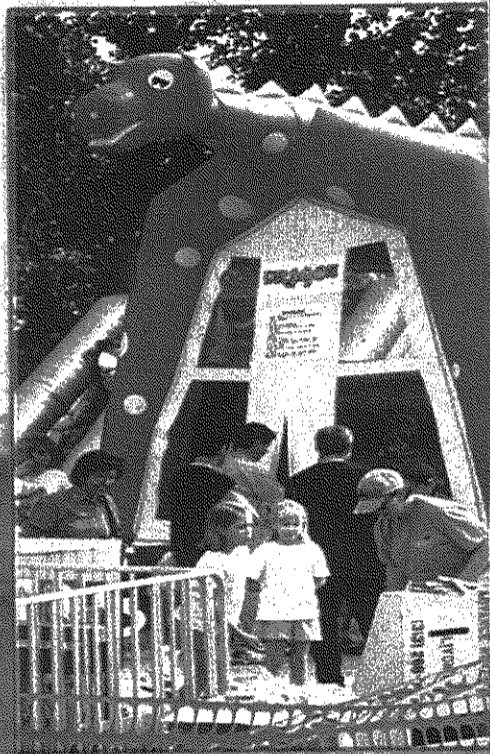
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Hot Ticket

Event draws parallel between 1960s, today

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The more things change the more they stay the same.

Rewind to the 1960s: a war that was difficult to understand, anti-war demonstrations and civil rights debates.

Forward to 2003: a war that's difficult to understand, anti-war demonstrations and affirmative action debates.

The 1960s, and its parallels to today, are part of the discussion of *Rock N' Roll & Revolution: Revisiting the 1960s*. Each segment of the five-part series includes a film followed by a discussion. The series will be offered 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 to Oct. 24, at the Ann Arbor District Library. No registration is required.

Dr. Michael W. Homel, a professor of history at Eastern Michigan University who teaches 20th century U.S. and urban history, will lead the discussions. Topics include Berkeley in the '60s; Liberalism to Conservatism; Ann Arbor Then and Now; Civil Rights; LBJ and Vietnam and domestic reform.

"We live in a time with many parallels between the 1960s and the present," said Amy Cantu, a librarian. "One of our goals was to have a local focus on the discussions."

For example, did anti-war demonstrations on the Iraqi war have as strong of an impact as did the one against Vietnam? What can today's young activists learn from the achievements or mistakes made by the activists of the 1960s? Do today's activists seek the advice of America's activist elders?

Cantu expects a mix of younger and older people to participate in the discussion.

The series isn't just about film, it's also about music.

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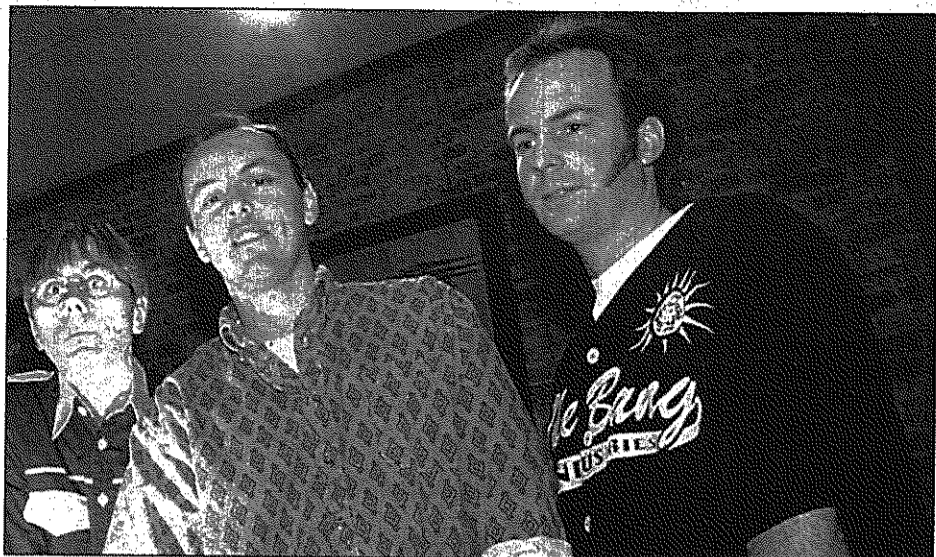
The local Americana band Corndaddy closes the event with a 1960s dance party at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Rock n' roll paraphernalia, albums, toys, clothing and more will be on display at the library.

Cantu said the discussion on Oct. 21, Ann Arbor Then & Now, includes Phil Carroll of the Ann Arbor Coalition Against the War; Joe Tiboni of the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival; and others who will explain how music, art, anti-war protests and more have changed throughout the years. EMU professor Mark Higbee will moderate the discussion. The topics aren't light nor are they all common when thinking about that decade, Cantu said. Most of the films are award-winning documentaries.

FILMS

The series begins with Academy-award nominated film *Freedom on My Mind*, which focuses on the 1961-1964 Mississippi voter registration campaign.

LBJ Part II is a PBS documentary cover-



The twangcore band Corndaddy, Kevin Brown (from left) Jud Branam and Jerry Hancock, will play at 'Rock n' Roll Revolution: Revisiting the 1960s' at the Ann Arbor District Library.

ROCK N' ROLL & REVOLUTION: REVISITING THE 1960S

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Schedule

- Sept. 26 - The Civil Rights Movement, film: *Freedom on My Mind*
- Oct. 3 - LBJ, Vietnam & Domestic Reform, film: *LBJ Part II*
- Oct. 10 - Vietnam, film: *Regret to Inform*
- Oct. 17 - Student Activism and the counterculture, film: *Berkeley in the Sixties*
- Oct. 24 - Liberalism to Conservatism, film: *Joe*
- Downtown Sounds concert: An evening of 1960s folk music with Mustard's Retreat - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7
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ing Lyndon Johnson's presidency. It describes the sweep of the Great Society, the peak of welfare state liberalism, shift in race relations from civil rights laws to riots and, of course, Vietnam.

Regret to Inform is Barbara Sonneborn's Academy Award-nominated personal odyssey that focuses on American and Vietnamese women whose husbands and sons died in Vietnam.

Berkeley in the '60s is a documentary that traces student activism in California. It begins with the resistance of the Red Scare when students became involved in civil rights.

That issue then led to the free speech movement that challenged university management. It concludes with the last half of the decade, engulfed in anti-war protests, counterculture, feminism and the Black Panthers.

CLARIFICATION

Admission to *The Romanovs Collect: European Art from the Hermitage* at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor is not free as reported in the Sept. 18 edition of Filter.

The exhibition is a special ticketed event priced \$8 for adults that is free only to Michigan students with valid identification. Ordinarily, admission to the museum is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

Big screen

Toronto Film Festival is ready for its close-up

BY MARTIN BANDYKE & KIM SILARSKI
CORRESPONDENTS

One of the standout screenings at the recently completed 2003 Toronto International Film Festival had a most unusual leading man and a Detroit connection.

The Station Agent, a touching film about three disconnected loners, starred

dwarf actor Peter Dinklage as Finbar McBride, who seeks to isolate himself from the stares and ridicule of those who can't understand that his short stature doesn't diminish his humanity.

Eastpointer Mary Jane Skalsi co-produced this winner of three Sundance Film Festival awards, which also features strong performances by Patricia Clarkson and Bobby Cannavale.

There were numerous other major finds among the 300-plus flicks shown at the festival widely considered second in stature only to Cannes. Many of these films will be showing up on screens in our area by the end of the year.

21 Grams has nothing to do with drugs but everything to do with love, death, guilt, retribution and other gut-twisting themes, and this powerful work by *Amores Perros* director Alejandro Innaritu emerged as the finest work seen over the festival's nine days.

Sean Penn's brilliant turn as a mathematics professor who seeks to kill the person who accidentally ran over and killed a father and his two daughters, and who just happens to have inside him the transplanted heart of that father, won him the best actor award at this year's Venice Film Festival. Naomi Watts and Benicio Del Toro also star in this powerful drama.



Sean Penn and Naomi Watts star in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's '21 Grams.'

ance as a dispirited actor making big bucks filming a whisky commercial in Tokyo.

Johansson was also unforgettable in the much more substantial *Girl With A Pearl Earring*, an entirely captivating adaptation of the best-selling novel by Tracy Chevalier.

Colin Firth plays 17th-century artist Johannes Vermeer, who is inspired to paint one of his masterpieces by Johansson's character Griet, a maid of

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Small screen

Gory violence, alcohol and drugs: a true 'American Movie'

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

You might have to search a little harder for this film than the most recent Blockbuster release, but it's a search that will be well worth it.

American Movie is a documentary about a Wisconsin filmmaker by the name of Mark Borchardt who is working to complete a horror film called *Coven* that he began many years earlier. What stopped him from finishing his horror movie in the first place? Well, mostly drinking beer with his buddies.

Now, however, Mark has returned to the task with renewed ambition and this time he is determined to see it through.

The efforts of Mark and his family and friends to complete *Coven* are captured by director Chris Smith, who filmed over 70 hours of raw footage and then managed to distill it all down into two hours.

Mark Borchardt began making films when he was 14, specializing in Super-8 horror films. After that he joined the Army, then returned home to pursue his dream of making films. But somehow, the demands of real life kept getting in his way — menial jobs, a wife and kids, and an unhealthy attraction to alcohol and drugs.

In essence, he saw his life and dreams going down the drain, and this film docu-

ments his frenzied and determined efforts to complete at least one small part of his dream. Mark is part filmmaker, part con man and part evangelist to his own cause, but what's striking is the sheer number of people he is able to enlist in that cause.

In fact, a great part of the appeal is the supporting cast of people who are trying to help Mark realize his dream. There is his 82-year-old Uncle Bill, who helps finance the film after Mark shows him a picture of a young actress and tells Uncle Bill she's going

to be in his movie. There's Mark's mom, who helps him film a scene even as she insists she has shopping she needs to get done.

But perhaps the most mesmerizing person in the film is Mike Schank, Mark's best friend. We learn that Mike has just given up drugs and booze, but his addiction to scratch-off lottery tickets continues unabated. Mike has as pure a demeanor as is possible and serves as the calm counterpoint to Mark's volatile persona.

PREMIERE

This film premiered in 1999 at the Sundance Film Festival, where it was easily the hit of the entire festival. Subsequently, it garnered any number of positive reviews, ranging from the populist USA Today, which rated it "immensely entertaining," to the more elitist New York Times, which declared

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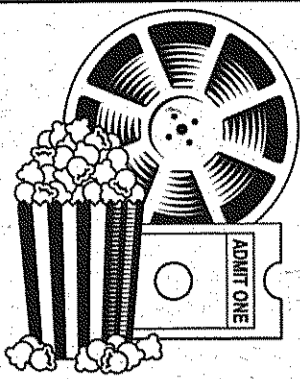
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FROM PAGE E4

Vermeer's whose relationship with him creates jealousy and disorder within the household.

The film is indeed as beautiful as a Dutch master painting, and has romance and atmosphere to burn.

Quebecois director Denys Arcand's *The Barbarian Invasions* sounds as if it should be a total bummer to watch — the film traces the last few months in the life of Remy, portrayed by Remy Girard, a middle-aged man dying of terminal cancer.

But the viewer will be incredibly entertained and uplifted while dabbling away a few tears watching Remy attempting to reconcile with his estranged son and visiting with his friends for the final time.

A delightful cast provided with sparkling dialogue and crisp direction helped this film win two prizes at the Cannes festival earlier this year.

DON'T MISS DOCS

Two documentaries worth watching for are *The Fog of War* and *Tom Dowd: The Language of Music*.

The first is by master non-fiction

filmmaker Errol Morris, who looks at the highly controversial career of Robert S. McNamara, who played a pivotal role as Secretary of Defense during the Vietnam War.

The second is a fascinating look at pioneering music producer and engineer Tom Dowd, who made numerous innovations in the recording studio and worked with legendary musicians including John Coltrane, The Allman Brothers, Ray Charles, Eric Clapton and Charles Mingus.

Martin Bandyke is the weekday afternoon music host at WDET-FM 101.9 Detroit and Kim Silarski is a metro Detroit freelance writer.

MOVIE

FROM PAGE E5

it "the rare documentary that combines a wildly charismatic subject with an elegant structure."

Early on, you get the idea that Coven will most likely not join the pantheon of great films, and that Mark Borchardt is not exactly the next Stanley Kubrick or Steven Spielberg.

But all of that gets swept away by the drive and passion he brings to the project. He is a man with a dream, and even if the culmination of that dream does not result in a cinematic masterpiece, the pursuit of that dream is at various moments hilarious, poignant, and all too human.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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The Cobblestone Farm

Fall Harvest at the Farm noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2781 Packard, Ann Arbor, \$2 children and adults, \$8 families, (734) 994-2928.

Annual Sheep/Wool fest

Mt. Bruce Station's 2003 Annual Sheep and Wool Festival is Sept. 27-28 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Admission is \$6 (under 5 free). Other events include: Christmas Weekend Dec. 6-7; and Spring Fiber Day, May 22, 2004. For more information visit www.sheepstuff.com

Detroit Zoo

While celebrating and saving wildlife, the Detroit Zoo is once again working together with the Michigan Humane Society to present its 3rd annual fall pet adoption event. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 27-28. "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" features adoptable pets (who will be able to go home that day) and will also have a complete health exam including appropriate vaccinations. The adoption fees vary between \$105-\$195 for dogs; and \$60-65 for cats (most come neutered or spayed).

THEATER

Clarkston Village Players

Home Games, drama by Tom Ziegler, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 & Oct. 2; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, Oct. 3-4; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 & Oct. 5, Depot

Theater, 4861 While Lake Road, Clarkston. \$10 Thursday & Sunday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811, www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

Farmington Players

A Street Car Named Desire, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 2-4, Oct. 9-11; 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads, Farmington Hills. \$13, (248) 553-2955.

Performance Network

The Performance Network of Ann Arbor (120 E. Huron) *The Sins of Sor Juana* through Sunday, Oct. 5). For ticket pricing and information call (734) 663-0681 or visit performancenetwork.org online.

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THEATER AUDITIONS

Music Man

Auditions for *Music Man* at Henry Ford Community College (Fine Arts and Fitness) 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 and



Tiffany Byars (from left, top row), Phil Booth, Marc Rosatti, Sarah Blannett, (from left, bottom row) and Jeff Ostrowski are featured in the Players Guild of Dearborn's presentation of 'Heaven Can Wait,' Harry Segall's comedy, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. Tickets \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS or www.playersguildofdearborn.org

Thursday, Oct. 2. The two semester project holds dance and music rehearsals fall semester 3:40-6:15 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday. (313) 845-9817.

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

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.

Farmington Players

Noises off, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, call (248) 553-4506 or e-mail ctupper@starkcarpet.com for information, show dates Feb. 6-8, 13-15, 19-22, 26-28; *Fiddler on the Roof*, noon Sunday, Oct. 26, call (248) 661-1383 for details, show dates April 30, May 1-2, May 7-9, May 13-16, May 20-22, audition at Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

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The Farnsworth Gallery (241 Daley Road at Farnsworth, Lapeer) presents its Annual Art Fair featuring weaving, wildlife art, photography, metal sculpture, custom jewelry, garden art, pressed

flowers, glass Christmas ornaments, character art dolls, gourds, soft sculpture, candles, clocks, stained glass and pottery. There will be a silent auction, demos, face painting, music, refreshments, etc. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 27-28. Free admission.

Al Newbill retrospective

Meet the former Detroit and later member of the acclaimed New York School as he returns to Michigan to exhibit abstract expressionist paintings from the past 30 years of his storied career. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 and champagne reception 5:30-8:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. (248) 816-1691. Michigan Design Center in Troy. 1700 Stutz Dr., Suite 98.

Scarab Club

Post DIA Friday Film Wrap 9-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. Film discussion, \$5 per person includes light refreshments, coffee. Oct. 1-26, in the Main Gallery, Pewabic Pottery Invitational Exhibit. Call (313) 831-1250 or visit www.scarabclub.org. Located directly behind the Detroit Institute of Arts, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit.

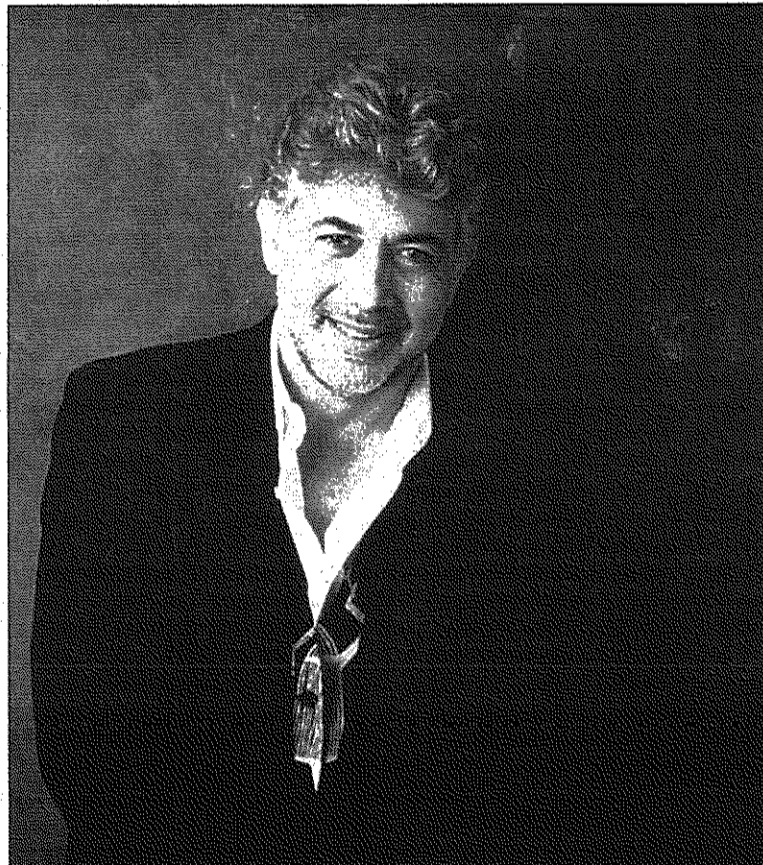
WSU opening

Community Interactions will debut with an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at Wayne State University. The exhibit will run from Sept. 26-Nov. 21 featuring artists: Dawoud Bey, Brett Cook-Dizney, Wendy Ewald, Tyree Guyton and Franco Mondini-Ruiz. The Elaine L. Jacob Gallery is located at 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (Wayne State University). Call (313) 577-2423 or visit www.art.wayne.edu

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CONCERTS

Rochester Symphony Orchestra

Begins their 43rd season with Haydn Symphony The Clock and 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, Stoney Creek High School Auditorium. Subsequent concerts are William Shakespeare on Nov. 14, *Christmas Toys for Tots*, Dec. 5 at St. Andrew Church, Sibelius *The Swan of Tuonela*, featuring winner of Young Artist Competition on March 5, and Dvorak *From the New World*, May 21, (248) 651-4181 or www.rhpl.org/rso/rso_tickets.html.

Dearborn Symphony

The Dearborn Symphony Orchestra begins their 42nd season with Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky and more 8 p.m. Oct. 3, (313) 565-2424 or visit www.dearbornsymphony.org.

Nightnotes season opener

Works of Gershwin, Copland, Rowe and Coltrane will open Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings' Nightnotes series in a performance entitled "Jazz on the Fringe." The 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 concert will feature DSO trumpeter William Lucas with pianist Ellen Rowe, bassist Paul Keller and percussionist Pete Siers. The 8:30 p.m. performance is preceded by an hors d'oeuvres reception at 8 p.m. in the cozy, intimate ambiance of Hagopian World Rugs of Birmingham (850 W. Old Woodward). Tickets are \$19 (\$10 for children 12 and under). This is the first in the services of five Nightnotes concerts held at the Birmingham store. Call (248) 558-2095.

Chamber music

There are a limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-04 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season available. Concerts include: Oct. 11 Richard Goode on piano; Nov. 15, Juilliard String Quartet; Dec. 13, Emanuel Ax on piano; Jan. 10, 2004, Bergen Woodwind Quintet with Orli Shaham on piano. Tickets may be purchased by calling the CMS of Detroit (248) 855-6070.

Upcoming at Kerrytown

The Kerrytown Concert House presents "The Museum of Life and Death" an Andy Kirshner project 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 25-26. Assigned rows 1-2; \$15 assigned rows 3-5; \$10 general. EdgeFest will be held Oct. 2-4 sponsored by Pfizer. See Web site for the schedule and ticket



Hot-Toe -Mitty and special guest Dell perform 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between Haggerty and I-275 in Livonia. Tickets \$10, \$7 for theater members, call (734) 464-6302. For information about the group visit www.hotoemitty.com

information www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse. KCH is located at 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 769-2999.

POPULAR MUSIC

Trinity House

Sept. 26, Matt Watroba; Sept. 27, Hoe Toe Mitty w/Dell and the Roughcuts; Oct. 3, John Austin w/Scott Greenberg; Oct. 4, Clive Gregson w/Ralston Bowles; Oct. 11, Alastair Mook w/The Children's Hour; Nov. 22, Monk; Tangerie Trousers Nov. 28; and Miranda Stone, Nov. 29. Tickets can be reserved by calling (734) 464-6302 or 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

In Concert

REM wsg. Sparklehorse (rock) at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Palace. Tickets are \$59.50 and \$39.50.

Brazil and Beyond

CD release party for *Brazil and Beyond: Beatles*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, Evola Music, doors open 6:30 p.m., 7170 Haggerty Road, Canton, (734) 455-4677, www.evola.com

Blue Tango

CD release party, *What's True*, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451, www.a2ark.org

JAZZ/BLUES

Jazz in the Garden

The Jazz in the Garden series 2003 concert schedule Sept. 25, Alexander Zonjic and Friends; Oct. 2, Avishai Cohen; Oct. 9, Straight ahead (all woman jazz ensemble); Oct. 16, Ramsey Lewis Trio; Oct. 23, Marcus Belgrave & Fathead Newman with Ray Charles Band reunion concert. Jazz in the Garden will be held in the GM Wintergarden in the Renaissance Center's five-story atrium overlooking

the Detroit riverfront. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. all concerts begin at 7 p.m. Visit www.shoprenaissancecenter.com

Edison's

Mark Arshak, guitar & vocals, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25; Tall Cool One, guitar & harmonica quartet 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham. (248) 645-2150.

OCC lineup

The Oakland Community College September schedule includes a performance by Roger Tucker & the 3/4 Step Band in the mini-theatre 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call (248) 232-4320. Other events include The Cherryholmes Family in Royal Oak at the Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre,

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Joey's Comedy Club

Joey's Comedy Club of Dearborn (5070 Schaefer) will host J.R. Remick, Sept. 26-27 and Ruben Ruben, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 2; Steve Bills, Oct. 3-5; Patrick Spring, Oct. 9-12; Billy Ray Bauer, Oct. 16-19; and Chas Elstner, Oct. 23-26. Call (313) 584-8885. Oct. 2 is Open Mike Night beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Joey's of Livonia

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia will feature the comic offerings of Steve Brewer, Sept. 25-27. Tuesday's are Open Mike Night at 8 p.m. cover is \$3. Call (734) 261-0555 or visit 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 544-1991 or visit www.themagicbag.com. Thursday Night Brew & View, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. Film at 9:30 p.m. Charlie's Angels 2: Full Throttle (21+ over); Sept. 26 the Twin Pigs & Gryphon Sheppard wsg The Foundation. Doors open at 8 p.m., \$7; Sept. 27, Gordon Bennett wsgs Tripper & Stick Arms, Doors open at 8 p.m., \$7.

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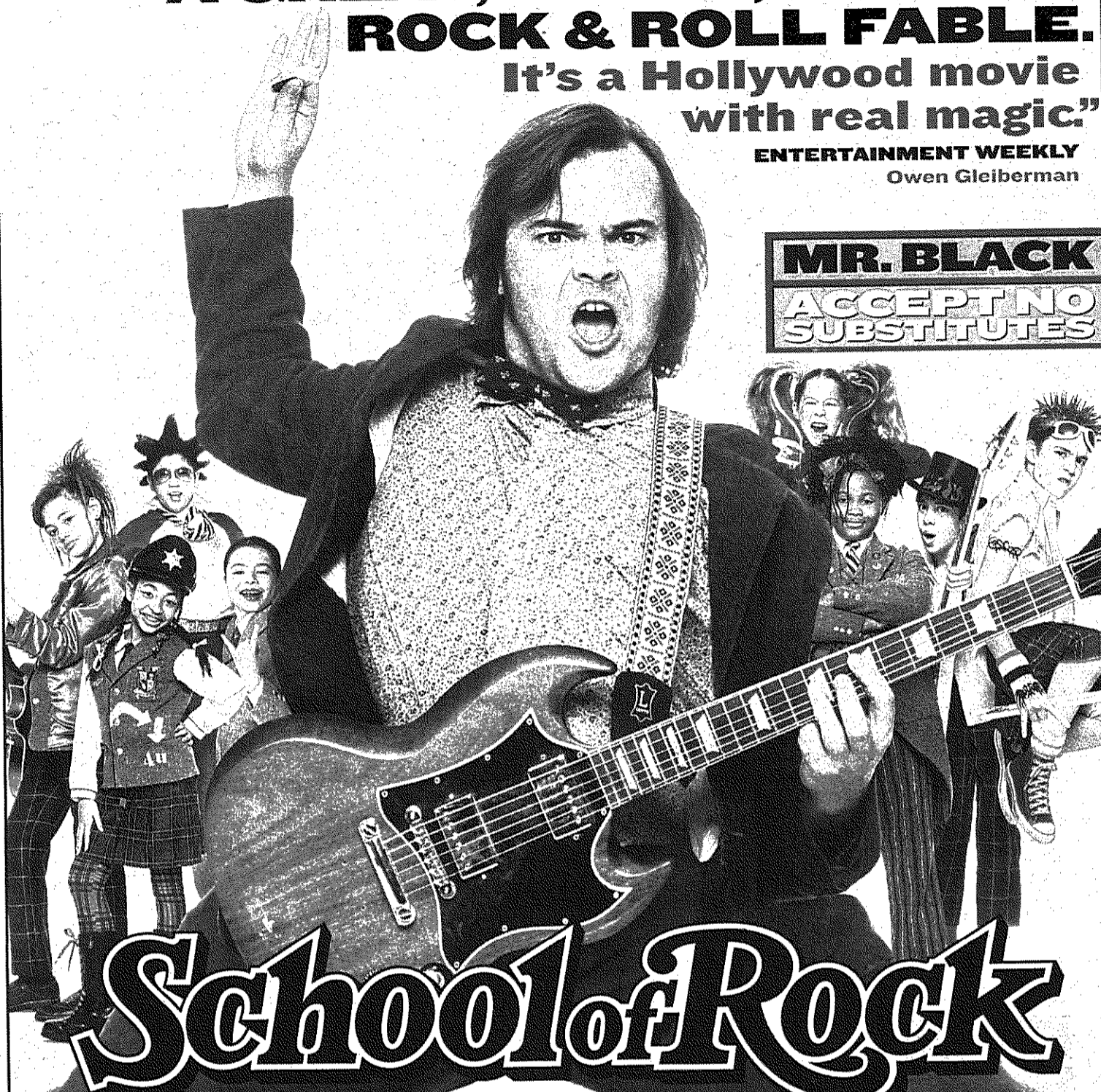
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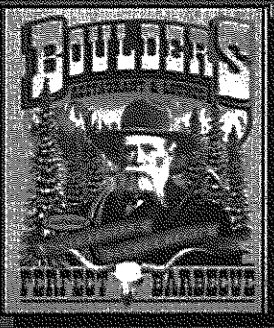
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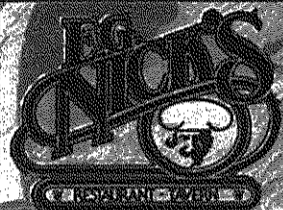
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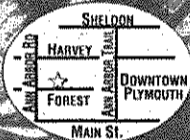


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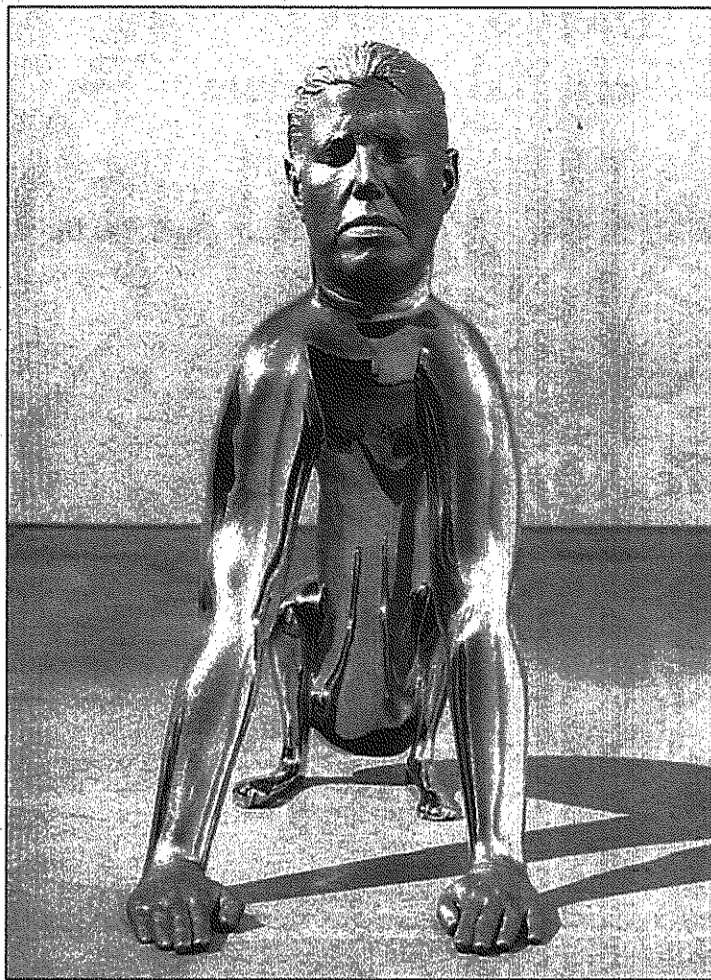
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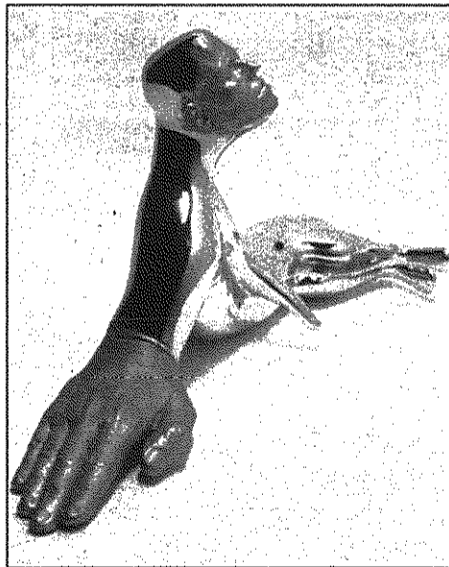


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'Dog,' 1998-2001 is yellow stainless steel.

What do you see?

Rona Pondick exhibit taps the unconscious mind



Rona Pondick's 'Pine Marten,' 2000-01 has a hand and a head in human form.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

You can see yourself in Rona Pondick's sculpture.

Your mirror image in the high-polished stainless steel that is characteristic of her work. Your primal self in them all. Pondick's pieces, mostly amalgamations of animal forms with human body parts, are like a psychoanalyst's ink blots — open to interpretation but evocative.

Rona Pondick: A Fifteen Year Survey, which runs through Sunday, Nov. 30, at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, presents 15 of the artist's works, including one outdoor and two room-sized installations.

"You can't control the viewer," Pondick said. "I'm interested in images that have

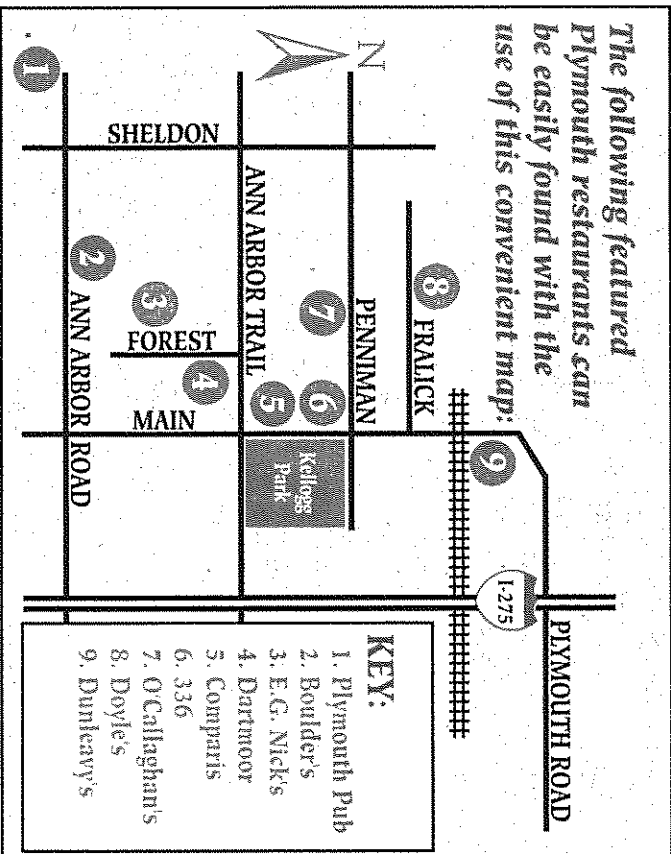
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Table hopping

Simple, yet elegant, that's Lulu's Bistro

BY ELEANOR HEAD
 CORRESPONDENT

Call it city style, urban chic, tasteful or a true bistro ambiance, Lulu's Bistro in Bellare has some of each comfortably rolled into a northwestern Michigan atmosphere.

Lulu's is centrally located in Aurium County, 35 minutes from Charlevoix and 40 minutes from Petoskey.

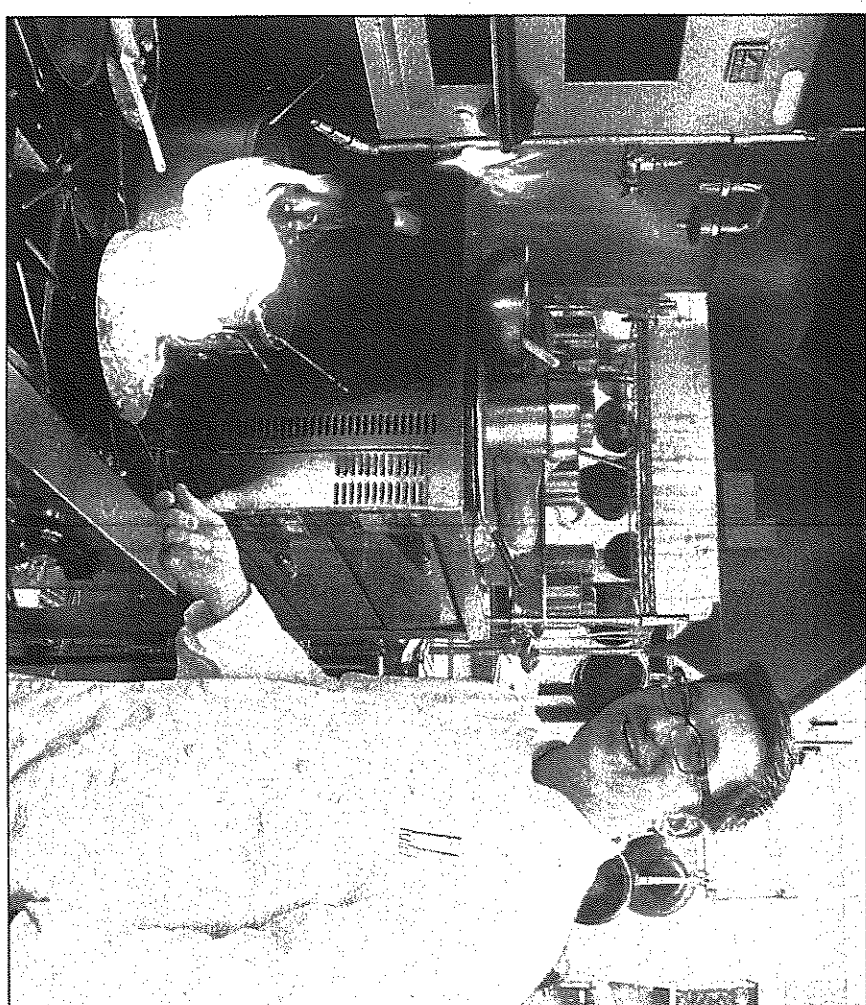
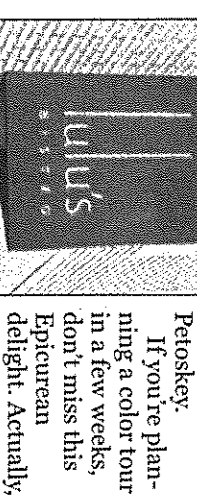
If you're planning a color tour in a few weeks, don't miss this Epicurean delight. Actually, make it a destination restaurant anytime of year. In the middle of winter, Lulu's is popular with locals and you can meet many of Bellare's population of 1,000.

"To survive in the winter months," chef/owner Michael Peterson admitted, "I had to make Lulu's comfortable for locals." Yet, since opening in December 2001, he's accomplished it for Up North tourists also.

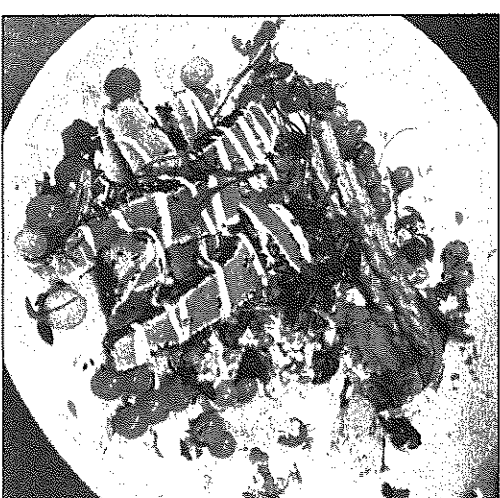
PRaises
 A few weeks ago, former Bloomfield Hills residents Mary Watson and her husband, Mike Chavez, who now make their summer home in Charlevoix, praised the fried calamari with roasted red pepper remoulade: "Tender for such an unusually large size, with just the right seasoning in the remoulade."
 Marste and Roger Gowdy of East Jordan had equally fine remarks for their main courses. Roasted halibut with white bean, bacon and asparagus salad, complemented by baby squash was "richly flavored," Marste said. "The bacon added a wonderful taste dimension and the fish was cooked to perfection."
 Sons Chef Clifton Willson indicated he had some great tuna in the kitchen, and although it was not on the menu, he'd create a dish with it.
 Roger jumped at the chance as did Mike Chavez. "I order tuna often," Roger said. "This was melt-in-your-mouth tender." Chavez added, "As plate garnish, the baby heirloom tomatoes picked up the flavors of the black pepper corn sear nicely."

MAKING IT FROM SCRATCH

Not only are each of the dishes made from scratch with the freshest ingredients, Lulu's represents the sweat equity of Chef Michael,



PHOTOS BY ELEANOR HEAD
 Lulu's Bistro chef/owner Michael Peterson, a 1990 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., is well-versed in French cooking techniques.



Colorful grilled tuna with Israeli couscous and heirloom baby tomatoes is a flavorful dish.

who knew he wanted to stay in the restaurant business after he closed his first Up North venture, Spencer Creek in Alden. He designed and remodeled an existing old store on North Bridge Street and attached it to a new building he constructed on the adjacent vacant lot. The design created a two-sided 80-seat eatery with a bar and



Try grilled ribeye with yucca root, potato cakes, gorgonzola butter and chateaufort mushrooms.

LULU'S BISTRO

Where: 213 North Bridge Street, Bellare. (231) 533-5252.

Open: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday lunch; 5-9 p.m. dinner; 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, lunch; 4-8 p.m. dinner.

Food style: Globally inspired seafood and meat dishes prepared with local fresh ingredients and organic farm products
Cost: Dinner main plates all under \$20
Reservations: Not accepted

comfortable booth seating on one side and all table seating on the other.
 In warm weather, the front patio seats 20. Although either side of Lulu's is laid back and easygoing, the bar is a perfect place to order a flat bread pizza. The popular Four Cheese (provolone, chevre, parmesan and mozzarella) with fresh tomatoes or the artichokes, feta cheese, provolone and spinach with a garlic white sauce are washed down easily with any one of the sensibly priced wines or imported beers.

It's also a neat place to share one or more of the small plates. Chef Michael dubbed his French Onion Soup Gratinee "the real deal in a crock."
 As a 1990 graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., Chef Michael is well-versed in French cooking techniques.

Other frequently ordered small plates include jumbo shrimp wrapped in prosciutto with angel hair pasta, mushrooms and garlic oil, or jumbo lump crab baked with sharp cheddar and a splash of sherry. It's priced at \$9 and can be ordered with a small field greens salad for a total of \$12. Perfect for a light eater.

For the hungry eater, the house smoked beef brisket with cheddar whipped potatoes, mushroom onion sauce and roasted corn has been on the menu since day one. It sings of autumn and winter comfort food.

EXTRAS

If you can avoid the 1-75 Sunday evening "slow go" home by returning on Monday, Lulu's has a limited Sunday menu with Fondue as the feature. It's not ordinary. Remember that French training!

At \$5 each, any of the desserts make a meal at Lulu's complete. Hot fudge sundae with caramel and toasted macadamia nuts is the favorite.
 Simple yet elegant. That's Lulu's in Bellare.

Eleanor Head writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Call her at (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Mailbox 1864H.

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Drinkology

Beat to a different dram

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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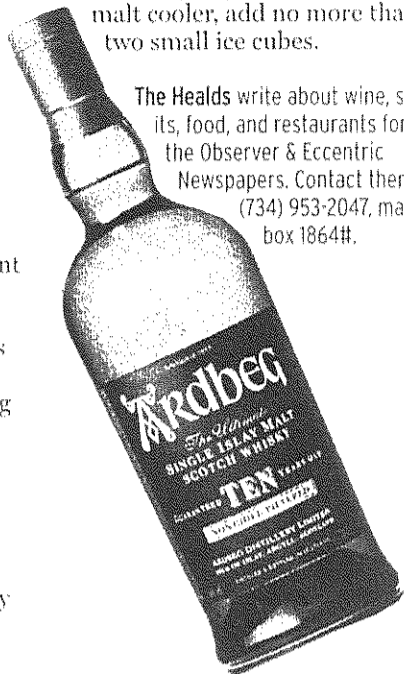
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City bites

Send items for consideration in City bites to Keely Kaleski, kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314.

ROCKY'S OF NORTHVILLE

Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz, owner of Rocky's of Northville is offering an Autumn Harvest menu Sept. 25 to Nov. 15.

Main courses include grilled gulf shrimp with pesto risotto, cherry tomato and roasted corn salsa; ricotta and basil stuffed trout; smoked apple cider chicken linguine; Indiana spiced rubbed pork loin; black walnut-encrusted whitefish and sour cream apple pie.

Rocky's is at 41122 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville, reservations recommended, call (248) 349-4434.

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THE RATTLESNAKE

The Rattlesnake presents the Wine Maker Dinners with an hors d'oeuvres reception, dinner, wine tasting and more. Here's the schedule, Friday, Sept. 26,

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OKTOBERFEST

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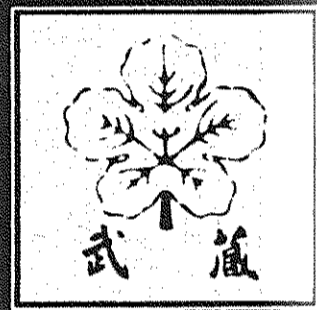
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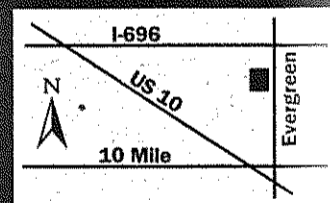
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strong metaphor value and characteristics that allow for broad interpretation."

One example is *Dirt Head*, 1997, which contains 10 tons of dirt and 400 elements, all of which look like human remains. Interpretations of the piece differ widely depending on exhibition context, said Pondick, a graduate of Yale University School of Art.

In Africa, viewers connected *Dirt Head* with voodoo. In Amsterdam, the piece reminded residents of the city's great floods. In Austria, *Dirt Head* became a reference to the Holocaust.

What do these interpretations have in common? They all are associated with death.

Monkeys, 1998-2001, a tangle of metal monkeys with human hands look urgent and desperate to be on the move. Are they staking out their territory or trying to differentiate themselves from the group?

Pondick, whose work is exhibited in the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, also uses new technology in making sculpture.

Dog, 1998-2001 is made from yellow stainless steel that Pondick worked with a metallurgist to create. She uses digital scanning technology to incorporate her body parts into her work.

"It's a marriage of tradition with the innovative," said Joe Houston, curator of exhibitions at Cranbrook Art Museum and organizer of the Pondick show.

"She has an amazingly high level of craft but is so forward-looking."

Yet Pondick's work engages all viewers, the young and the old, those with and without formal art training, he said.

"We want to present different, challenging art, but we also want to engage the visual," said Houston.

"Ultimately, these pieces are shiny, wild, bright, groovy kinds of objects."

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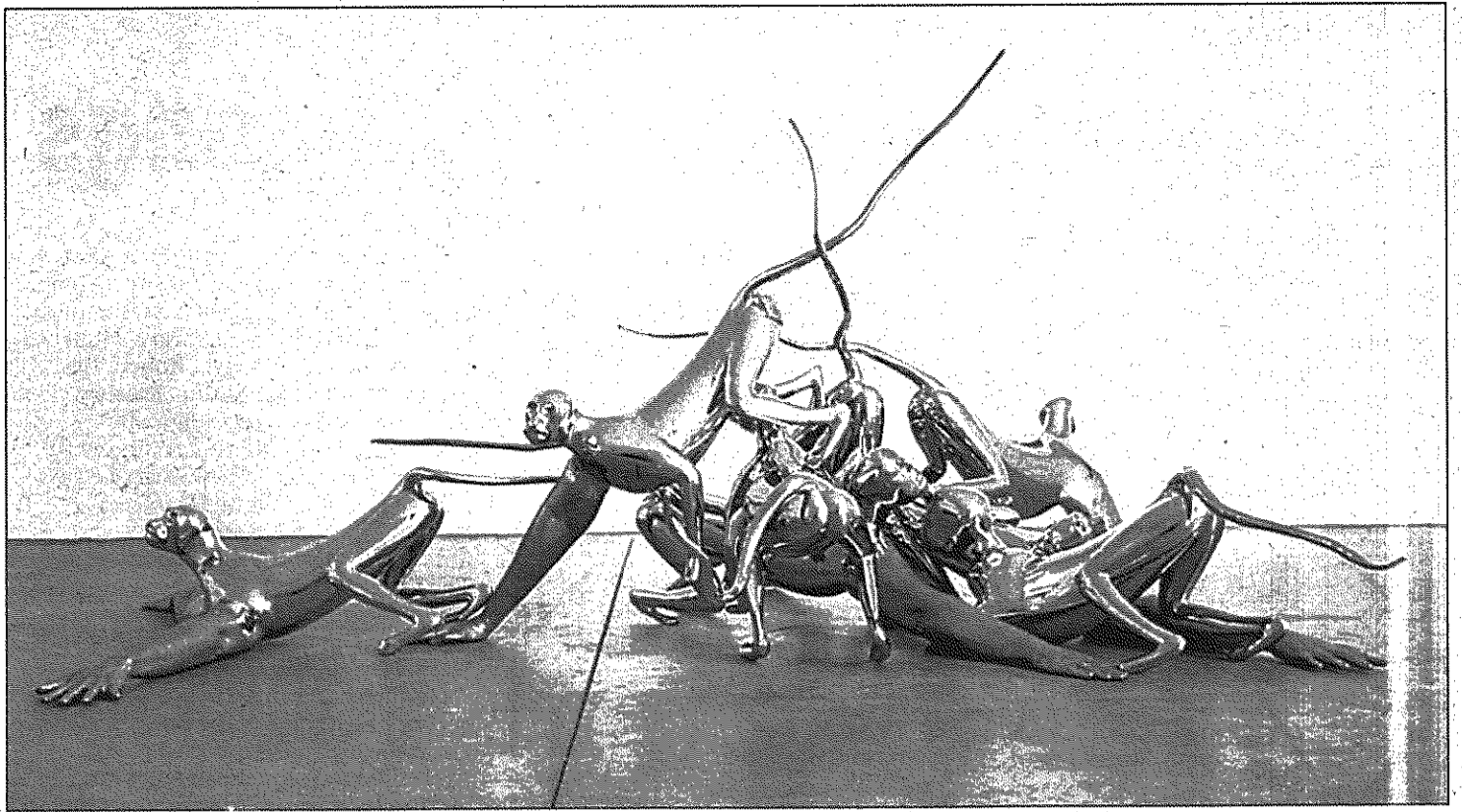


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In 'Monkeys,' 1998-2001 each animal has human hands.

FORMS AND FIGURES

What: 'Rona Pondick: Sculpture, 1990-2003.'

When: Through Sunday, Nov. 30; museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., fourth Friday of each month (Fabulous Fourth Friday Nights program).

Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: Members, free, general admission, \$6, seniors, teens, and full-time students, \$4, children 12 and under, free with adult admission, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

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Daniel Boone, Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill are incredible stories that are fading fast, and musician/composer Mark

Gottlieb is striving to preserve them. "The older I've become the more of an appreciation I have for things American,"

said Gottlieb. "The songs are wonderful, but they are going away."

Gottlieb is a composer who teaches at many schools including the Academy of Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. He has created a concert to help preserve old songs by introducing them to new audiences.

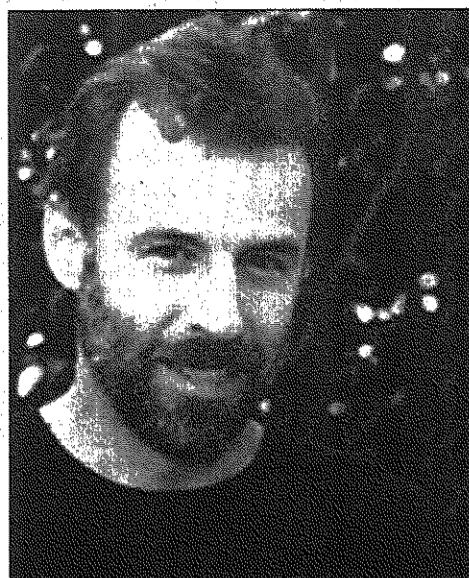
The Wonderful American Folk Music

Concert is Friday, Oct. 3, at First Baptist Church in Ferndale. It will feature some of metro Detroit's biggest names in music including Detroit Music Award winners Stuart Francke, Liz Larin, Robert Tye, Jan Krist and cellist Nadine Deleury. Also featured is singer/songwriter Michael King; pianist and composer in residence at Oakland University Lettie Alston; soprano Celeste Headlee of WDET, The Lazar/Rottenberg guitar flute duo, soprano Glenda Kirkland and The Greater Detroit Chamber Ensemble, whose members perform with the Michigan Opera Theater Orchestra and Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Gottlieb has wanted to present a concert in which some of the finest performers in the metro Detroit area play relatively unknown American folk music.

"The evening will feature songs that are not connected to any particular songwriter or personality, but rather songs that have become part of this land's deep musical legacy," Gottlieb said.

Hosted by Gottlieb, this evening should be unique. Audiences will hear Francke's performance of *Shenandoa* and



Composer/performer Mark Gottlieb is hosting a folk concert featuring some of the area's most dynamic musicians.

Gottlieb's arrangement of *The Streets of Laredo*.

"When I was a child I lived in California and I remember my teacher telling us about (*The Streets of Laredo*)," Gottlieb said.

"I remember looking out at the tumbleweed that was passing by and relating it to the song about this cowboy who dies... It had an impact on me."

Gottlieb has composed music for Francke and has been written about in *Playboy* magazine. He's held concerts to raise money for RAWA — women of Afghanistan, but for this concert he just wants people to have fun hearing old songs.

"We will play songs that are so old they are part of the dirt, including old gospel because that's part of American folklore. It should be something to remember."

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THE WONDERFUL AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC CONCERT

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3
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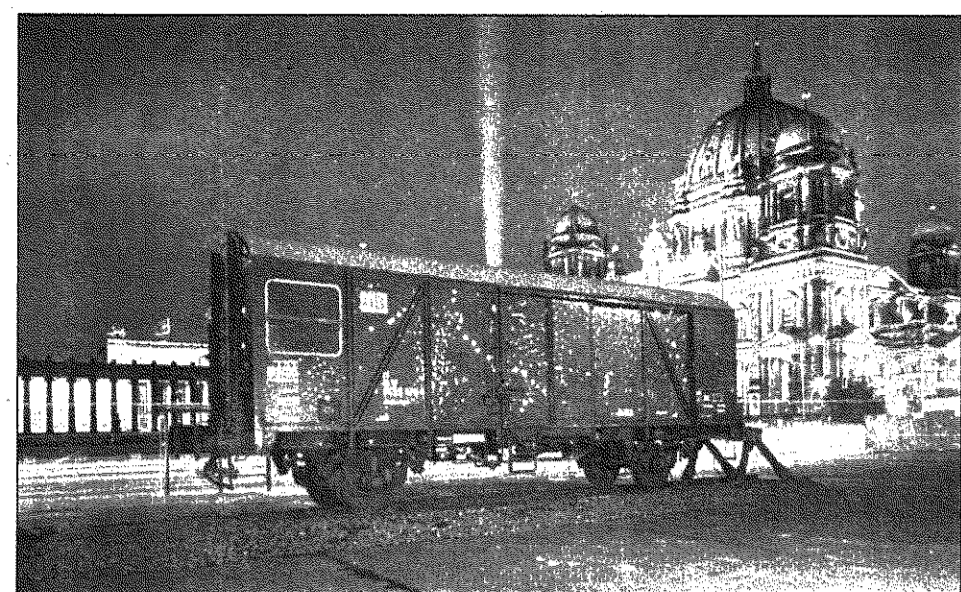
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'Freight Train,' an outdoor sculpture installation, is Yoko Ono's response to a tragic event.

Yoko Ono's 'Freight Train' juxtaposes hope, violence

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Freight Train, a sculpture installation by multimedia artist Yoko Ono has stopped in Detroit.

The 7-ton piece went up last week on the southwest lawn of the Detroit Institute of Arts where it remains on exhibition through May 2004.

"Most people are intrigued by it at first. It looks like a train car and they can see the lights and hear the music," said MaryAnn Wilkinson, curator of modern and contemporary art at the DIA. "Up close, they read Yoko's statement, and the light bulb goes on, so to speak."

Ono created the piece in response to a tragic event: Border Patrol agents' 1987 discovery of a boxcar containing 18 dead Mexican migrant workers in Texas.

The sole survivor told authorities the man who smuggled them across the border had put them in the boxcar in El Paso and locked the door.

Freight Train is a German boxcar riddled with bullet holes and set on a railroad track. A light inside casts rays through the bullet holes and a beam skyward through a hole in the top.

Music created by Ono emanates from the structure.

"It's a big boxcar. It's enormous, and the

OUTDOOR EXHIBIT

What: Freight Train, a sculpture installation by Yoko Ono.

Where: The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (installation on southwest lawn).

When: Through May 2004, museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Tickets: Recommended admission \$4 per adult and \$1 per child, free for members. Call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

music is very beautiful," Wilkinson said, noting one of the piece's many juxtapositions.

Ono created the piece in 1999 and has shown it in Berlin, Yokohama, Japan, and different locations in New York.

"It's kind of an interesting time while the weather is still good, to put something outside," said Wilkinson. "It's a wonderful, compelling work."

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On stage

Theater among stars' favorite things

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

At an age when most kids are just learning to ride a bike without training wheels, Maggie Watts was auditioning for community theater and made her professional acting debut at age 7.

Watts, an 11-year-old who lives in Atlanta, was featured in *Annie* when it came to Detroit in March. And now she's back again to play Brigitta in *The Sound of Music*, which opens the inaugural season of "Broadway at the Fox" Sept. 30 to Oct. 5.

For Patrick S. Minor, a Brandon, Miss., native who plays Kurt, the stop in Detroit will also coincide with his 14th birthday, so he is hoping to celebrate it with a friend from Detroit.

For both Watts and Minor, the opportunity to be in a national tour of one of the most beloved musicals is one of the highlights of their young lives. But with it comes a lot of responsibility and dedication.

In addition to putting on an evening performance almost every night of the week, there are matinees scheduled, and of course, school and family to consider.

SCHEDULE

Watts says on a typical day, school starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Her lesson plans come from her sixth-grade teacher at home, and the tutor is responsible for making sure that she and the cast of children learn what they are supposed to learn.

"We started the tour in June, and it ends in November, so this is the longest I've been gone," says Watts, whose father and mother take turns accompanying her on tour.



Marla Schaffel as Maria and the von Trapp children in a scene from the 'Sound of Music.'

As the middle girl in a family of three sisters, Watts says she can relate to her role as the middle daughter of Captain Georg von Trapp's seven children. "Brigitta notices everything and is not afraid to tell the truth," she says.

To prepare for the role, Watts watched the Academy Award-winning movie starring Julie Andrews as Maria, the high-spirited nun, who sets off to be the children's governess before taking her final vows — until love sets her on a much different course. "Brigitta tells Maria about everything she sees," says Watts.

For his role as Kurt, the second son of the Captain, Minor has to suppress his outgoing nature.

"He's sensitive, and very much in the middle. He doesn't know whether to go with the younger or the older children," says Minor, an eighth-grader whose father travels with him.

Set in Austria in the late 1930s, *The Sound of Music* is a movie tradi-

SOUND OF MUSIC

Where: Fox Theatre, Detroit
When: Tuesday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 5. Show times vary, call for information.
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tion in many families.

And the musical score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, including *My Favorite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi* and *Edelweiss*, contains some of the first songs that small children can recite.

COLLEAGUES, CAST

In addition to Watts and Minor, the cast also includes Marla Schaffel as Maria, Burke Moses as Captain von Trapp, Jeanne Lehman as Mother Abbess, Ed Dixon as Max Detweiler and Colleen Fitzpatrick as Elsa Schraeder.

Watts says that, compared to the movie, the live version of the musical is shorter and more lighthearted.

And this all-new production is being sponsored by the 14 theaters that are presenting the show this year.

After Detroit, the cast will have five more cities before returning home. But life on the road doesn't seem all that difficult for Minor. "It's great, I love it. It's really cool when you get to be excited about your work. This is what I want to do for the rest of my life, and unless something happens to make me stop, this is what I will do."

Drama is both heartwarming and heart-wrenching

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

This is the last weekend to see the powerful theatrical drama *Danny & The Deep Blue Sea* presented by Detroit Ensemble Theatre.

Danny & The Deep Blue Sea, written by Academy award-winner John Patrick Shanley, who penned *Moonstruck*, features a talented two-person cast.

Richard Goteri, who heads DET, plays Danny. Goteri's resume includes popular TV shows and films including: *Saturday Night Live*, *Goodfellas*, *Coach*, *Law and Order*, *Silk Stalkings*, *Mad About You*, plus Broadway's *Caine Mutiny*. Goteri is an alumni of The National Lampoon Players and The Second City.

Megan Pennefather, who plays Roberta, is a graduate of The Second City Training Center and worked with the touring company. Her work includes Stagecrafters' *Stop Kiss* and DET's production of David Mamet's *Edmond*.

Goteri and Pennefather are convincing in their roles as outcasts who meet in a dingy Bronx bar where most of the play is set. He's a fearful, violent man whose fists swing easily. She's a divorced mother whose sexual closet skeletons have consumed and crucified her.

Some of the topics are so loathing they're almost difficult to listen to, especially when portrayed with the passion of both actors. Roberta and Danny remind the audience that bad things sometimes happen to relatively good people.

Danny & The Deep Blue Sea is a dark drama about anger, self-loathing, forgiveness and hope. It also has some laughable moments. Throughout the play, you'll root for both characters, hoping they'll discover love, happiness and redemption in each other.

'DANNY AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA'

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27; 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

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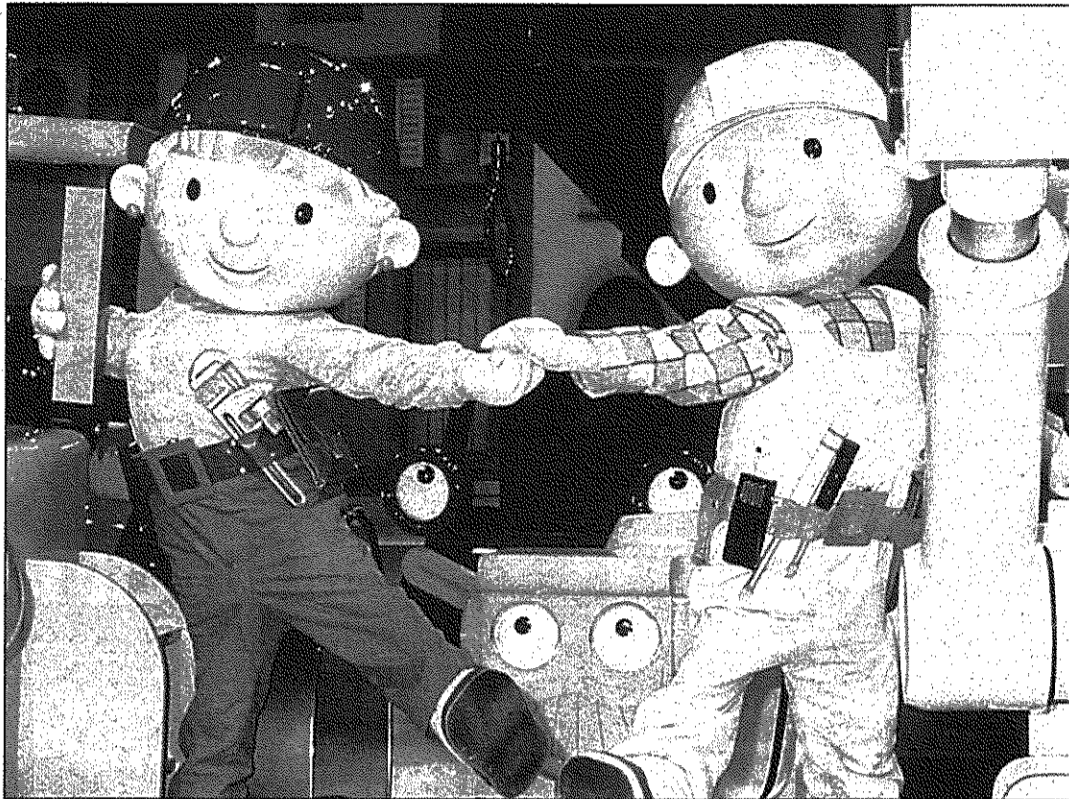
BY KIM MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Bob the Builder is hoping guests of his upcoming show, *Bob the Builder LIVE!*, have a can-do attitude like his crew who are ready to hit the Detroit stage Sept. 26-28 at Cobo Arena.

"There are lots of surprises, during the show and of the 10 songs, we'll be singing four of them no one has heard before," said Bob the Builder. "There will be lots of singing and dancing, and we encourage everyone to participate."

Produced by HIT Entertainment, *Bob the Builder LIVE!* will feature Bob, Wendy and his building crew that includes Spud, Mr. Bentley, Pilchard, Lofty, Muck, Scoop, Roley and Dizzy.

Only his first U.S. stage show, Bob the Builder has already hammered his way into hearts across the nation with his TV series on Nick Jr. and hugely successful video series.



Bob and Wendy, and their crew are ready to meet kids from the Detroit area during the 'Bob the Builder LIVE!' show at Cobo Arena.

UPCOMING

The scheduled tour will include a two-year stint on the road in the U.S. following a well received response to their U.K. live show in 2002.

Bob the Builder LIVE! recreates Bob and the crew's vibrant world in an arena setting where his actual building yard will be brought to life. Using materials normally reserved for aircraft technology and auto racing, the show takes great care to ensure that the original characteristics of Bob the Builder's stop-frame animation series are brought to the arena floor.

Bob and Wendy are larger than life and the machines — featuring the latest in animatronic technology — will weigh in at approximately 1 ton each. The show's machines are so complex that all except Dizzy are operated by human drivers.

BOB THE BUILDER LIVE!

Who: Kids and families with 'can-do' attitudes are welcome!

What: *Bob the Builder LIVE!* stage show

Where: Cobo Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit.

When: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26; 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27; 1:30 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Tickets: \$10, \$16.50, \$22.50 and \$30, available at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster locations including Marshall Field's. Call (248) 645-6666.

The storyline of the live 90-minute show focuses on Bob and his building crew transforming an ugly junkyard into a park for the entire neighborhood.

GETTING THINGS DONE

"The most important thing for everyone to understand is that with a can-do attitude any

job is possible," said Bob the Builder. "Team work will also help you get things done!"

The show incorporates songs from Bob's hit album, including U.K. chart-toppers *Can We Fix It* and Bob's version of *Mambo No. 5*, as well as debuting four songs written especially for the show — sure to get everyone singing along. Other tunes include *Find that*

Cat, No-One Can Dig It Like We Do, Super Spud, No Prob, Bob, An Apple A Day, I Can't Get Down, Bob's Brass Band, and Blonde Haired Gal In A Hard Hat.

"Our first U.S. tour for Bob and his crew will give young fans a chance to connect with Bob in a new way," said Sloan Coleman, executive producer of *Bob the Builder LIVE!* "Our team at HIT Entertainment did a great job bringing Bob to the arena stage and we look forward to delighting children across the U.S. as they see Bob live for the first time."

NEWS FOR FANS

The tour coincides with the release of his brand new feature-length family special: *The Knights of Fix-a-Lot!*, an exciting adventure destined to become a video favorite with families everywhere.

'Lord of the Dance' pits good vs. evil

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The world can't get enough of Michael Flatley's *Lord of the Dance*. It's been touring nonstop since 1996 and been viewed by more than 50 million people in 36 countries including Russia, Argentina and Lebanon.

The show is coming to Freedom Hill Amphitheater in Sterling Heights tonight and features over 35 artists performing to Irish music.

"Michael had a great vision to create something that everyone could connect to. Universally, be it in Asia or in the U.S., the faces in the audience have the same expressions during certain parts of the show, it's truly amazing to see people get so uplifted and energized," said Marie Duffy, choreographer.

Duffy said the show's theme of good vs. evil is one that everyone enjoys.

"It's a show where people walk out feeling good and feeling happy," Duffy said. "And it is wonderful to be part of something that impacts that many people."

Duffy is one of the most successful Irish dance choreographers of modern times. She began studying at the world famous Inis Ealga Academy in Dublin when she was 6, and later became co-director. In 1988 she formed her own dance studio in Dublin and holds master dance workshops throughout the world.

On stage, viewers watch anywhere from 35-40 dancers performing.

"These dancers rehearse constantly and perform sometimes several times a day," Duffy said. "We have to keep it fresh because their dance is not easy."

MICHAEL FLATLEY'S

'LORD OF THE DANCE'

When: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Where: Freedom Hill Amphitheater, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road), four miles east of Van Dyke in Sterling Heights

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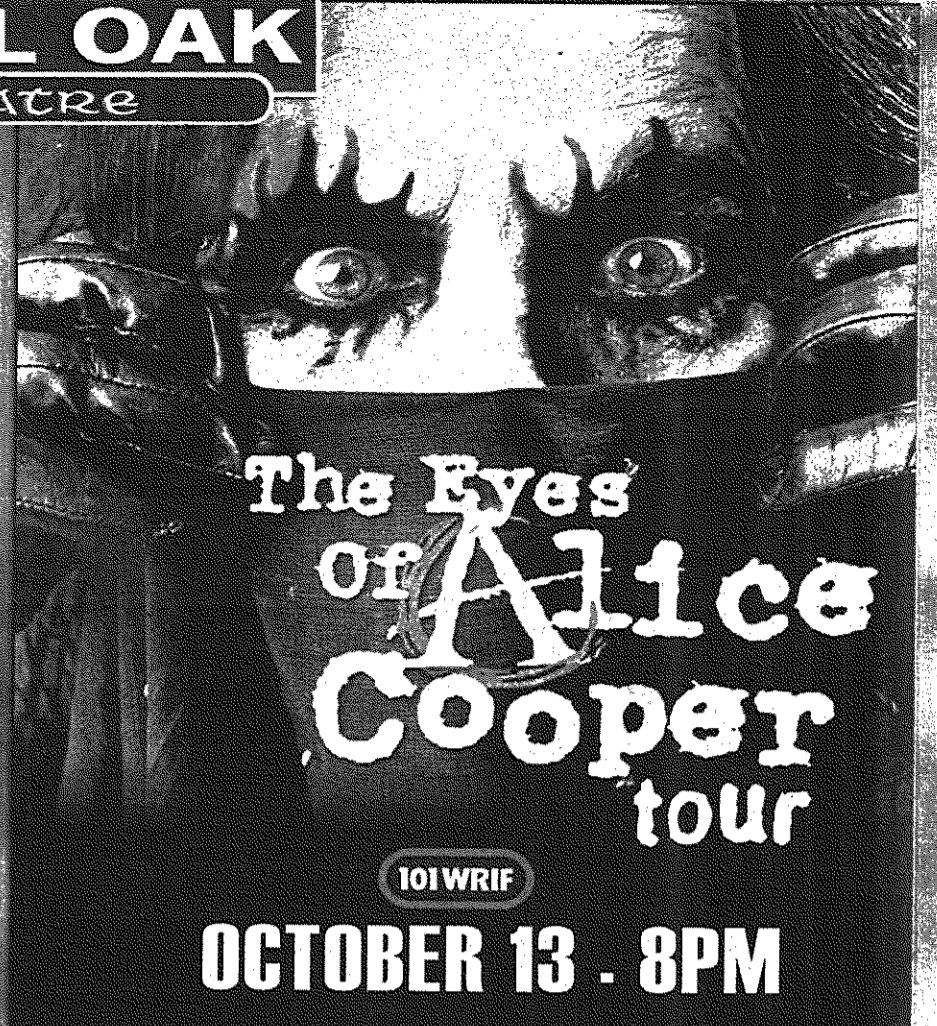
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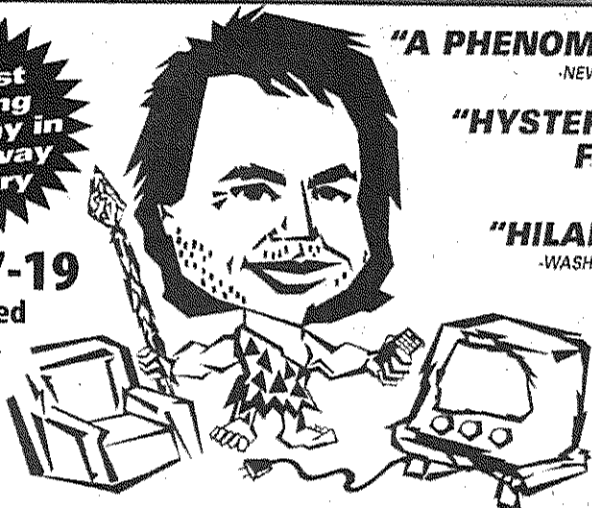
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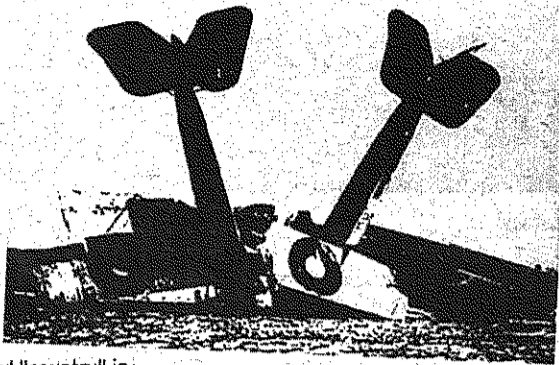
Album

It's hard to picture that the same place that has produced years of garage rock and soul has also produced one of the best alt-country bands to come to light in recent years. Insider buzz for local band the **Deadstring Brothers** is well-deserved.

On the group's first album (S/T), they fuse the punk attitude of the Detroit streets with a slide guitar aesthetic. On *27 Hours* and *Entitled*, lead singer Kurt Marschke channels an early Mick Jagger. But it's the slow, winding track *It Takes Love* that makes you want to drop whatever you are doing to listen to the harmonious chorus of "It takes love to make love/Takes love to break love."

If you are a fan of early Wilco or Old 97s, you must buy this album immediately. If you are wary of anything with the word "country" in it, this album will teach you that beauty can be twangy. Available at local record stores, including Record Time in Ferndale or online at <http://www.timesbeachrecords.com>.

Deadstring Brothers



Film

Fears of nepotism shouldn't keep you from seeing one of the best films of the year. Directed by Sofia Coppola, *Lost in Translation* follows two strangers who meet at a hotel in Tokyo, Japan, and end up spending a few days hanging out.

Scarlett Johansson stars as a young wife of a photographer (Giovanni Ribisi) in the middle of a quarter-life crisis, while Bill Murray plays a washed-up TV star in the middle of a mid-life crisis. The movie's slow cinematography and dialogue piece the story together gradually and subtly. Rated R. Run time: 1 hour 45 mins. Showing at the Birmingham 8, 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-3456 for showtimes.

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Gallery

Hope for a better life inspired Yoko Ono's sculpture, *Freight Train*, showing now through spring 2004 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The boxcar, full of bullet holes and rigged with light and sound, was inspired by a 1987 tragedy in which 18 Mexican migrant workers were found dead in a rail car in Sierra Blanca, Texas, after trying to escape to a better life in America. While you're there, make sure to check out the museum's collection of Fluxus art, a movement in which Ono once played a role. The DIA is located at 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900 for more info. Or visit <http://www.dia.org>. The DIA is closed Monday and Tuesdays.

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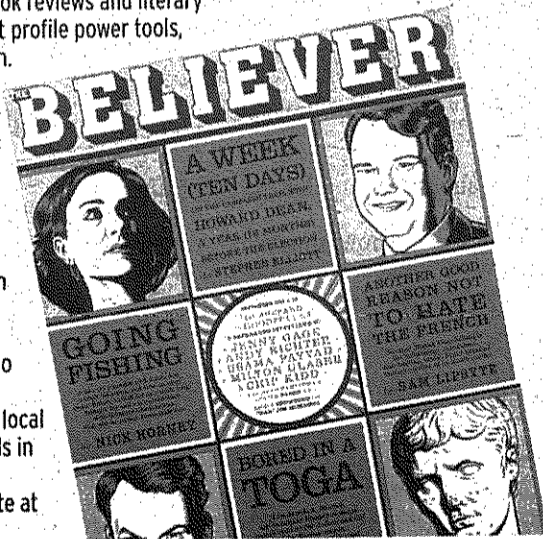
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September's highlight is an essay by Stephen Elliot, who follows presidential hopeful Howard Dean on the campaign trail - it reads as some of the most insightful and hilarious commentary on American politics. Features on rock critic Lester Bangs, comedian Andy Richter and photographer Jenny Gage also grace the pages.

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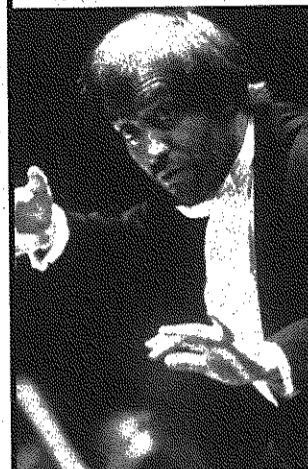
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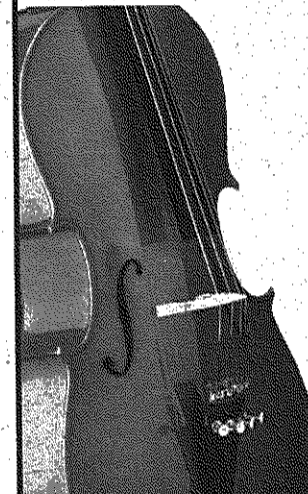
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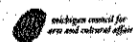
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Popular music

Mesh shirts and big hair: Relive the '80s with 'That Band'

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

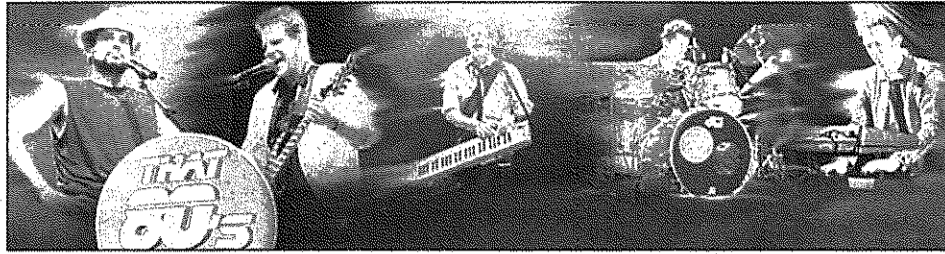
A Flock of Seagulls, Journey, Poison, Modern English, A-Ha, Inxs, AC/DC, Billy Idol — musical acts from the 1980s that we can't forget. If you want to hear them again, check out That 80s Band.

The local group has been performing hits from the 1980s for years at nightclubs, weddings and parties with remarkable accuracy. They attract big crowds regularly at Fifth Avenue Billiards and Ballroom in Royal Oak and Novi.

This isn't an ordinary cover band. This is a band whose members dress the part, wearing authentic '80s-era parachute pants, Michael Jackson-style jackets, skinny ties, rock band buttons, jean jackets with the collar up, and of course, sunglasses at night.

Their show includes lasers, video and more. When the band sings *Rio*, Duran Duran's *Rio* video plays in the background.

"Our shows look fun and the music is real," said drummer Matthew Voss. "People are sometimes shocked that we aren't lip-synching. ... We really strive for accuracy."



That 80s Band plays hits from the '80s with extreme accuracy.

Voss and fellow band members are products of the early days of MTV — back when it was all music videos all the time. Voss said he was like many kids of that era.

"I couldn't stop watching it, my parents had to remove MTV from the house because it was all I wanted to do," he said.

Voss has played the drums since he was about 8. He and the other band members all have successful day jobs in careers like advertising, engineering and sales. But all of them share a love for music and performing. When Voss isn't playing '80s hits, he's listening to progressive rock like Rush or Genesis.

Some of the biggest hits at each performance are Rick Springfield's *Jesse's*

Girl and a Journey medley with *Faithfully*, and *Don't Stop Believing*. They also perform a Billy Idol medley with *White Wedding*, *Rebel Yell*, *Dancing with Myself* and *Mony Mony*.

Those who avoided New Wave in the 1980s and opted to stay true to rock's roots should appreciate songs like Van Halen's *Hot For Teacher*. The band even performs a Metal Medley with Def Leppard, Twisted Sister, White Snake and more. And of course, they wear cheesy metal clothes.

"The whole goal is to give people a whole night of theme entertainment. They don't get bored because they can either watch the videos, the band or get up and dance," said Voss.

Band members Jeremy Lublin, vocalist/guitar; Brian Gira, guitar, keyboard and backing vocals; Voss, acoustic drums, electronic drums, lead and backing vocals; Cory Gira, bass guitar, synth bass

THAT 80S BAND

■ 8 p.m., doors open. Showtime about 9 p.m. Saturday Sept. 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 215 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9922

■ 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 25750 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 735-4011

Band Web site: www.that80sband.com

and sequencers; and Steve Tauber, keyboards and backing vocals, have been playing together for years.

Their audience is the thirty-something crowd who grew up and fell in love in the '80s, Voss said, but it's also younger people who are embracing the sound and learning the old songs.

"People want to hear those fun songs, it brings back memories for them," Voss said. "Some people wear '80s clothing, but it's not mandatory."

Sometimes crowds wait in line to get into a show by That 80s Band. But if doing so, just remember what Frankie Goes to Hollywood used to say: *Relax*.

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Are you game?

No men are allowed during Girls Night Out

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Not so long ago, shopping qualified as entertainment.

For the feminine sex, anyhow, shopping was code for: Get together with friends, have lunch, knock around a few shops and partake in harmless impulse buying.

Few women today, especially working girls, have the time or, really, the notion to shop with Lisa or Cindy or Kelly when a cell phone chat will do the trick. All the more reason to indulge in a little gal-pal shopping.

Need an excuse?

Downtown Rochester's Girls Night Out is 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2.

YOU GO GIRL!

What: 13th Annual Downtown Rochester Girls Night Out.

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"It's a treat, it's something special, a reason for women to get together with friends and do some shopping," said the event's organizer Robin Smith, who owns Born to Shop, a participating retailer.

In its 13th year, Girls Night Out draws about 250 shoppers from as far away as Windsor, said Smith. Participating retailers serve hors d'oeuvres and pass out party gifts.

Last year's hit giveaway - tiaras from the Silk Worm - turned downtown Rochester into princess city, Smith said.

"All the stores do something kind of special, but it's up to the individual store," she said, adding 22 downtown retailers, including P.R. Haig Jewelers, Morley Candy Makers, Angel Treasures, The Peppertree, Boutique Angelique and Manicurisma Nail Studio, plan to participate.

Rochester Mill Brewery will offer 15 percent off dining for shoppers in need of a pit stop.

Retailers are located on Main or adjacent streets in the downtown district, but look for balloons out front and guide maps inside. There's also a drawing for 22 gift certificates, one from each Girls Night Out retailer.

Best of all, there won't be a man in sight!



MIKE KNEFFEL

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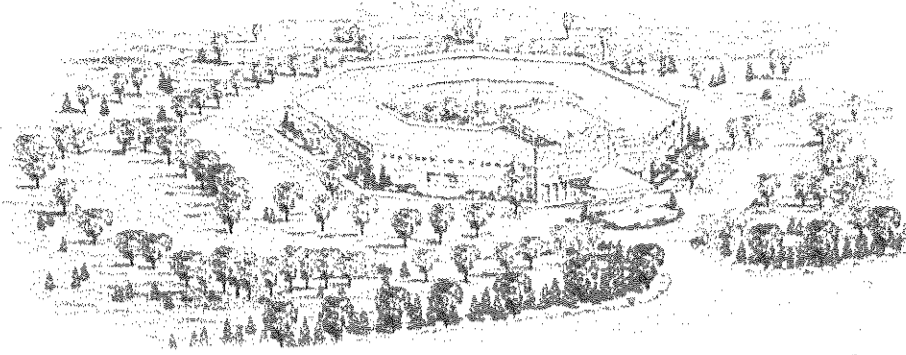
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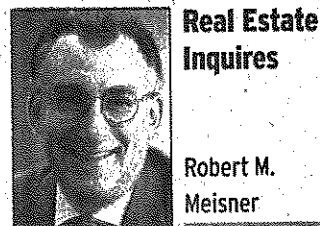
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Real Estate Inquires
Robert M. Meisner

Make sure condo board protects you

Our Condo Association has board openings and I am interested in a board position but have some hesitation because of the possibility of being sued. What measures should I look into to protect myself as a board member from being sued?

Be sure that the board has implemented the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, assuming it is a nonprofit corporation, which if incorporated in the articles of incorporation, insulate directors and officers in certain instances from potential liability. Also, insure that there is an indemnification clause in the condominium documents protecting the directors and officers. Check to make sure the Association has adequate Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Finally, make sure that the board has proper counseling, including legal advice to insure that it is operating in a prudent and non-discriminatory fashion, spending the money as necessary to successfully operate the association.

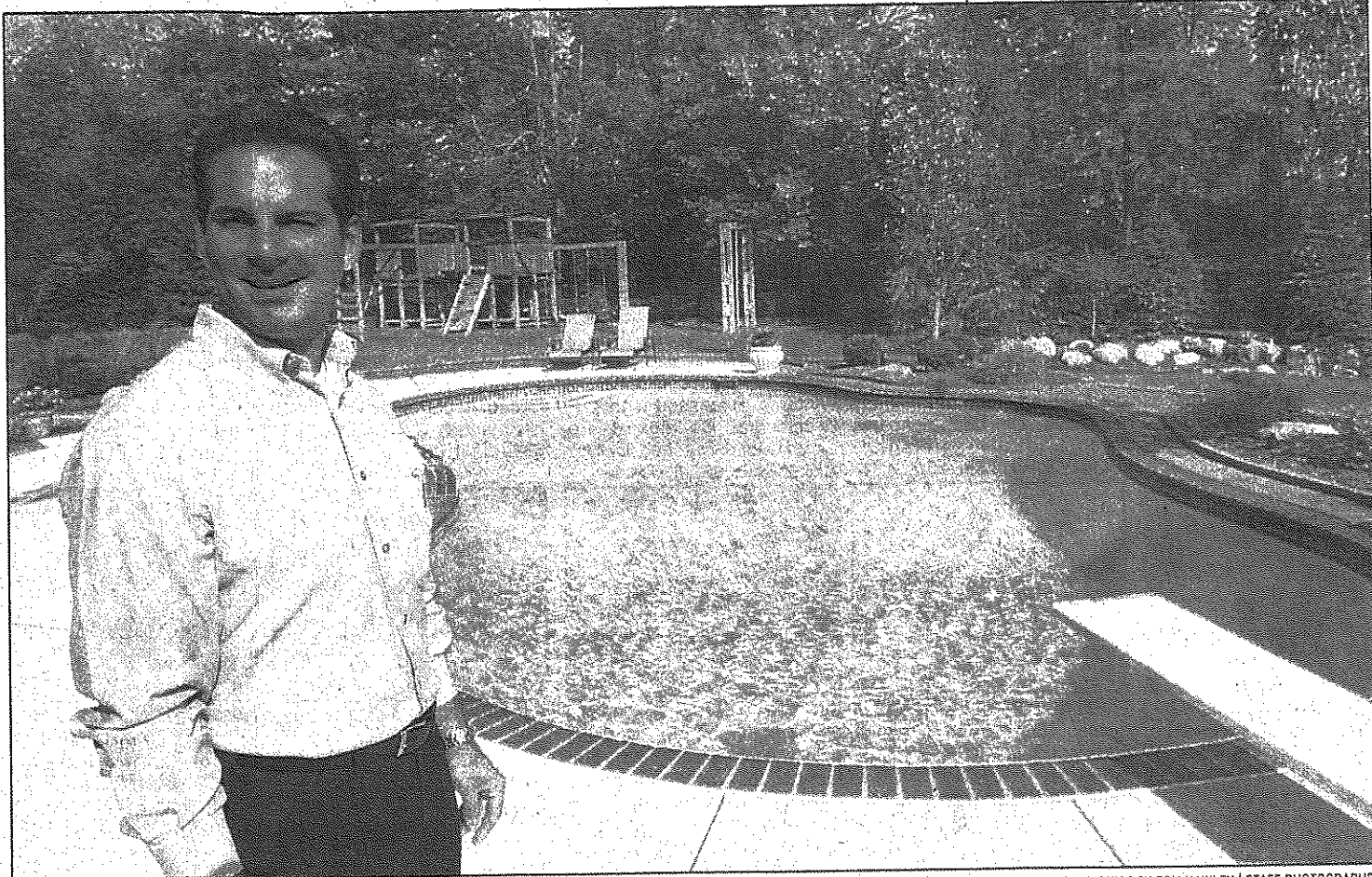
I am on the board of a condominium association and am being advised by our president to go to small claims court to collect assessments. Is that a good idea?

Absolutely not. The association has a secured interest against the condominium unit by statute for the assessments that are due and owing. Assuming that there is equity in the unit, the association can literally force a sale of the unit to collect its money including interest, costs, late charges and attorney fees. To resort to a court, which does not have appellate rights and does not allow counsel to be involved, is short-sighted and does not take advantage of the rights accruing to the association against the delinquent co-owner. Contact a knowledgeable condominium lawyer who can explain and assist you in dealing with this collection problem.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Matthew Hatz, director of sales for Cambridge Homes, Inc. stands poolside at an estate home in the Bellagio community. The outdoor kidney-shaped pool, above, features an adjoining whirlpool, attractive blue marble tile and an automatic pool cleaning system. The pool is surrounded by landscaping and features a diving board, outdoor stereo system, playstructure and adjacent putting green (far right).

Home buyers add swimming pool to their list of must-have amenities

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Owners of distinctive high-end properties are adding one more amenity to their estate homes with the trend-setting feature of a custom-made swimming pool.

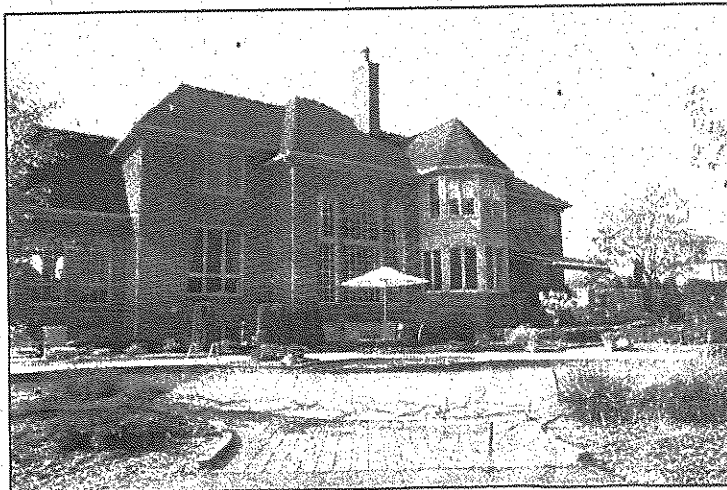
Whether it's a long and narrow outdoor pool for exercising or kidney-shaped and located inside a cedar-lined, glass enclosed pool house adjoining the main house — pools are very popular, according to Eric Guidobono, president of Cambridge Homes, Inc. "We have experienced a marked increase in requests for distinctive swimming pools for all ages, both indoors and outdoors," said Mark Guidobono, president of Cambridge Homes, Inc. "Right now we have several pools in various stages of progress. Some are high-end, luxurious indoor pools requested by buyers at Bellagio, Beck Road north of 8 Mile Road in Novi. Others are requests from buyers we are custom-building homes for on individual sites."

ATTRACTIVE, FUNCTIONAL

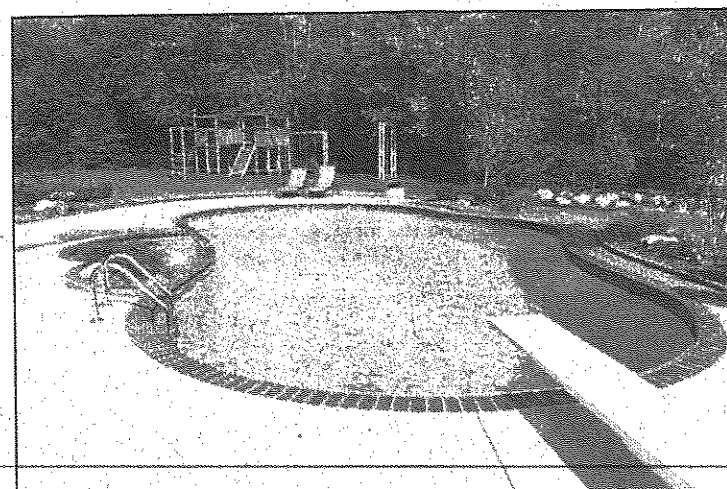
The allure of an indoor (basement or glass-enclosed) pool is the homeowners' ability to use it year-round for both family enjoyment and entertaining. The elaborately designed pools are each created with the lifestyle and needs of the individual homeowner in mind.

According to a Bellagio homeowner, his children were the driving force behind he and his wife adding a pool to their property. The rectangle pool with retractable cover was created with his kid's love of volleyball in mind. "It's 3½ feet deep at both ends and 5½ feet deep in the center. They play volleyball all the time."

The more than 11,000-square-foot home looks out onto a large terrace with the adjoining pool nestled in a heavily wooded area of the



The back of this luxury home in the Bellagio community in Novi is both inviting and functional. The family and their children enjoy the kidney-shaped pool for fun and for entertaining.



A 20x40 heated pool in the gated Bellagio community is ideal for the Novi family who resides at the home and serves as a constant source of enjoyment and entertainment for the children and guests.

Bellagio community in Novi.

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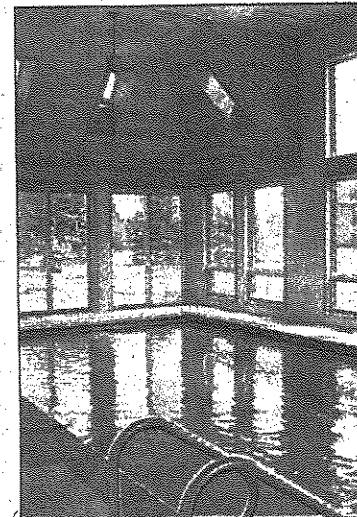
If exercising in a lap pool isn't your cup of tea, then homeowners are choosing indoor pools with many extras including lots of windows, skylights, doorwalls, etc.

"Almost all indoor pools take advantage of cedar walls to provide a moisture barrier to protect the main area of the home," said Guidobono. "Many of our recent indoor pools are taking advantage of a desert air system, which

is a sophisticated dehumidification system which removes the moisture from the room and uses it to heat the pool. Indoor and outdoor pool owners also want an automatic cleaning system so they don't have to do anything to maintain the pool."

The cedar-lined structures help minimize mold build-up due to the intense moisture a pool creates.

According to Cambridge Homes director of sales, Matthew Hatz, both families and empty-nesters are requesting custom-made pools with all



This beautiful cedar-lined room with skylights is a swimmers dream. The indoor pool, attached to a home in the gated community of the Bellagio, is used and enjoyed by the family year-round.

of the conveniences including hot tubs, whirlpools, wet/dry saunas and entertainment bars.

"One of our homeowners has an indoor pool with an intricate waterspout that features water shooting up and out of the pool like a fountain," said Hatz. "It's very elaborate but really adds something to the uniqueness of the pool."

According to the Guidobonos, a homeowner could expect to spend between \$30,000-\$40,000 on an outdoor pool (excluding the patio and other furnishings).

"On an indoor pool you can spend up to \$500,000 to have a nice open-glass structure, cedar walls, deluxe dehumidification, automatic cleaning, waterfalls and or a water spout, and an entertainment bar. What buyers like is that we can customize pools to the individual needs of our clients, just as we custom-build homes to meet personal lifestyles."

For more information about Cambridge Homes, Inc. contact Matthew T. Hatz, (248) 348-3800, visit www.cambridgehomesmi.com or e-mail cambridgehomesmi@aol.com

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Kid things make loan process fun

My four kids (and their friends) often call me the "Big Kid." I like to think it's not so much my behavior as it is my stated desire to be a kid when I grow up. (I'm still trying to decide what I want to be when I'm older.)

As we skip our way through life, it's sometimes helpful to reflect on the valuable lessons of our youth. You can learn a lot from a kid. Mine help me remember to keep things simple and enjoyable. My 4-year-old is masterful in this area.

I make sure these liberating lessons affect my mortgage business, too.

Sure, securing money for your home is serious business. We mortgage loan officers are like emergency room surgeons in that we deal with life issues daily, and there is often a time pressure attached.

However, getting a mortgage can also be a wonderfully fulfilling part of your life if you keep it in perspective. I tell my first-time buyers, "This should be an exciting time in your life. Enjoy it. I will tell you if you need to worry."

ENJOY THE PROCESS

Here are a few "kid things" you can do to make the loan process more enjoyable.

Keep good company. Pick a trustworthy, knowledgeable and amicable loan officer. If yours is devious, stupid or cranky, you are certain to be stressed.

Don't talk to strangers. Make sure your lender comes highly referred by a trusted source. Having a loan officer promise you the moon means nothing if he fails to get your money to the closing table as promised. Hint: a TV advertisement is not a referral from a trusted source.

Save your money. Mortgage brokers can often find you a deal because they usually have access to loan products from more than just one lender. Also, high-volume loan officers can also keep margins tighter than those struggling to make ends meet.

Do your homework. Educate yourself on the mortgage process. Ask your loan officer questions that you cannot figure out by yourself.

Remember to have fun along the way; it's the No. 1 kid thing to do.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll-free at (866) 369-4516, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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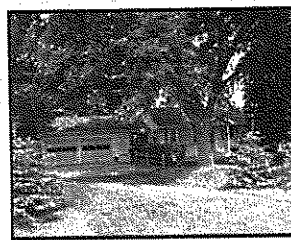
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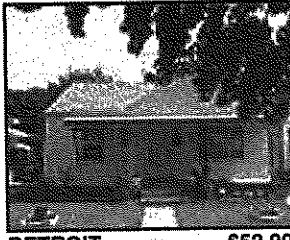
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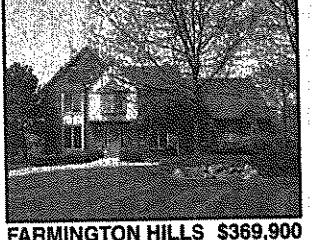
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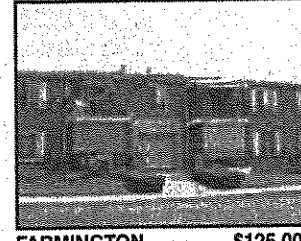
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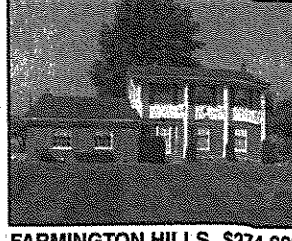
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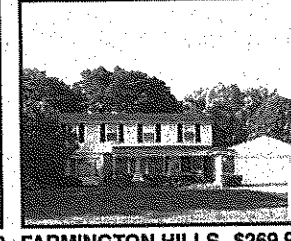
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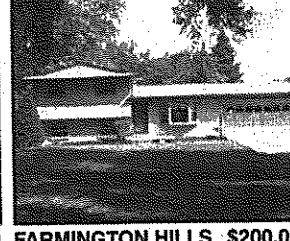
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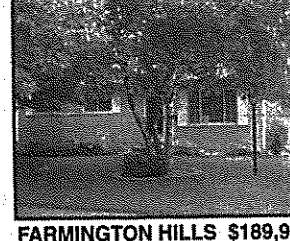
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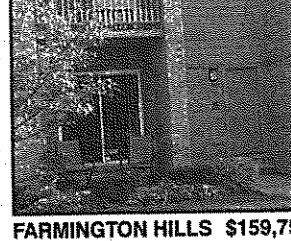
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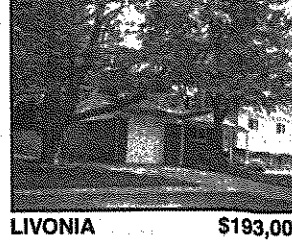
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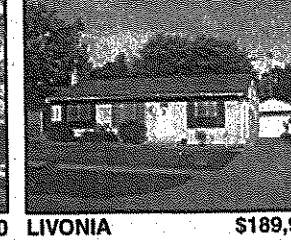
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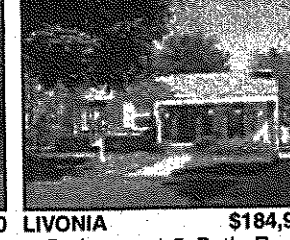
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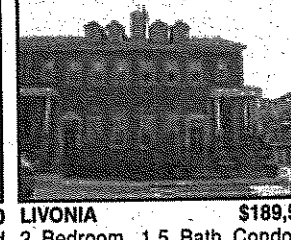
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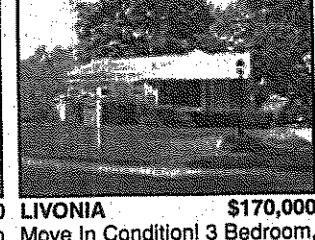
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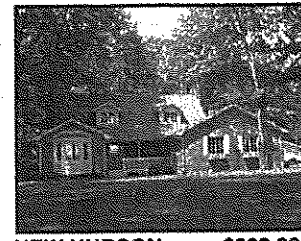
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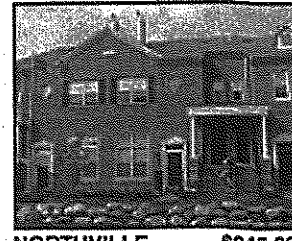
LIVONIA \$189,500
2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Condo in Livonia. Beautiful LR w/FP & Wood Mantel. Kitchen w/Oak Cabinets, Hardwood Flr & All appliances. Formal Dining Area. 1 Car Attached Garage. Must See. (OEL62FAR) 888-870-9105



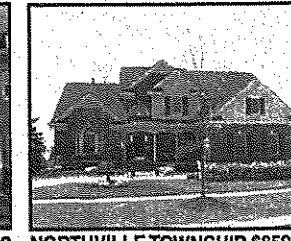
LIVONIA \$170,000
Move In Condition! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Ranch. Eat-In Kitchen W/All Appliances. Finished Basement. 2 Car Garage. Central Air. One Year Home Warranty. OEL60GRA 888-870-9105



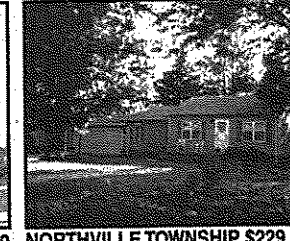
NEW HUDSON \$309,900
Secluded setting on 1+ acre. This charming cape cod has 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, spacious kitchen, brick fireplace, cozy front porch & huge wraparound deck. Tranquility awaits! (BGSLY98ELE) 888-870-9131



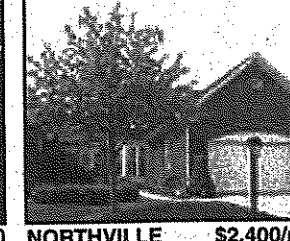
NORTHVILLE \$245,000
You Have All The Updates & More! Wow! This one has it all. You have all the updates plus more. Beautiful custom stone FP from floor to CLG. Stainless steel appl's. Study can be 3rd BR w/1/2 bath. A 101 BGP-81Riv 888-870-9127



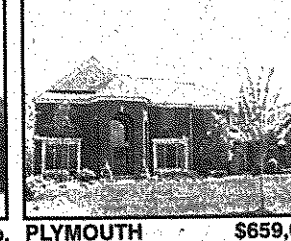
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP \$859,900
Exclusive Northville Hills! Stunning 4 BR, 4.5 BA home w/opulent 1st floor mstr. Grmt kit w/gran & cherry. LL offers FR, studio, BR, BA & sauna. Enjoy golf course views from patio & pond. BGP-0710u 888-870-9127



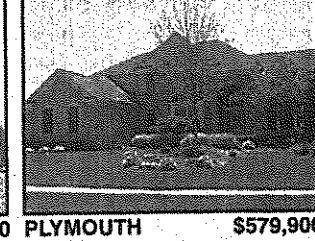
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP \$229,900
A Must See... with many expansion possibilities. Nearly 2/3 acre w/mature trees surrounded by custom built homes. Fresh & clean w/new ceramic floors in kit, half & bath. BGP-81DOU 888-870-9127



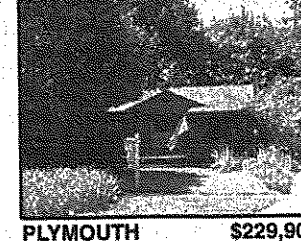
NORTHVILLE \$2,400/mo.
Great Lease! 3 Bdrms W/ 1st Fl Master. Great Rm W/vaulted Ceiling, fireplace, & Doorwall To Deck Over Looking Golf Course & Pond. family Room On Upper Level. OEL85VIL 888-870-9105



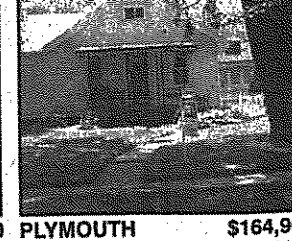
PLYMOUTH \$659,000
Country Club Village of Plymouth. 4BR, 3 full & 2 half bath colonial. Priv wooded setting. Gour kit w/cherry cbnts. Hdwd flrs nook & hearth rm. 2-story FR. Master's ste w/sitting rm. Full ext. hgt w/out. BGP-29Ply 888-870-9127



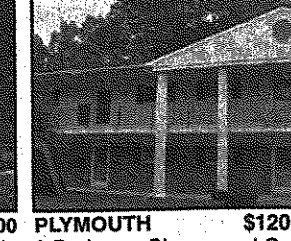
PLYMOUTH \$579,900
Fabulous Landscaping. Dramatically reduced 4BR, 3.1BA "Cresthaven" Cape Cod. Gour kit & nook w/upgraded cbnts & granite cntrops. Lux 1st flr mstr w/vltd clgs, 2 WIC. Fin bsmt. 2-story GR. BGP-21Pow 888-870-9127



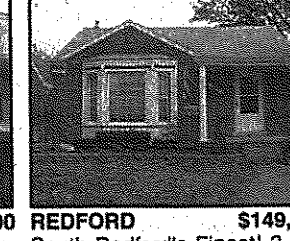
PLYMOUTH \$229,900
Move In Condition! Remodeled in 1999. 3 BR w/hdwd flrs & cig fans. Stone FP in LR. Hdwd flrs in FR & Kit. Heated Florida room. Fin bsmt w/full bath & Franklin Stove. Must See! BGP-01Ros 888-870-9127



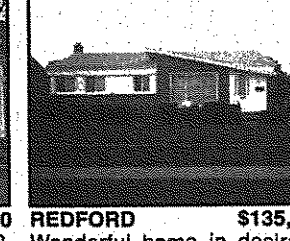
PLYMOUTH \$164,900
Doll House! 2 BR, 1 BA within walking distance to Kellogg Park. New win, fur, water htr, & copper plmb. Kit appl. inc. Fenced yrd & nicely landscaped. Rm upstr could be lib/den. BGP-11Pal 888-870-9127



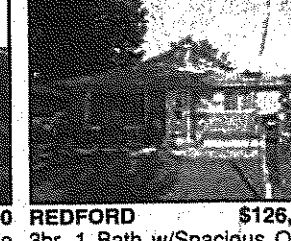
PLYMOUTH \$120,000
2 Bedroom Charnwood Condo. Clean & Neutral! Ready to move in! Close to Hines Park, shopping & expressways. Overlooks commons. All appliances stay & willing to sell furnished. BGP-70Ply 888-870-9127



REDFORD \$149,900
South Redford's Finest! 3 BR, 1-1/2 BA ranch, Refinished H/W flrs, kit w/eat-in bar, LR, DR, fin bsmt w/bar & 1/2 bath. Newer windows, roof, furnace & updated electrical, & copper plumbing. BGP-68Sar 888-870-9127



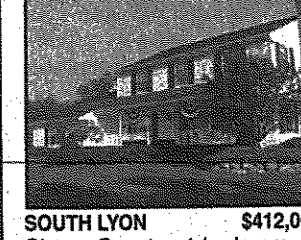
REDFORD \$135,000
Wonderful home in desirable Thurston Park Sub. Home is neat as a pin! Home has full basement just waiting to be finished. Beautifully landscaped with fenced yard. All appl. are neg. (BGSLY58SAR) 888-870-9131



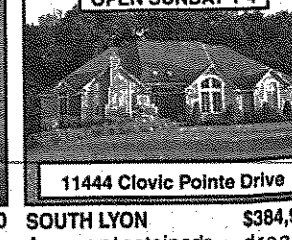
REDFORD \$126,000
3br, 1 Bath w/Spacious Open Floor Plan & Large Eat-in Kitchen. Lots Of Storage Space In Attic W/ Pull Down Ladder. Updates: Windows, Storm Doors, Interior Doors, & Bthrm. OEL64ROY 888-870-9105



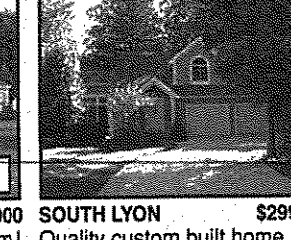
REDFORD \$124,900
New Kitchen W/light Oak Cabinets W/pull Out Shelves. Updated Bath W/ceramic Surround, C/a, New Carpet, Paver Patio, Pull Down Ladder For Storage In Attic, New Opener On Garage OEL21ROY 888-870-9105



SOUTH LYON \$412,000
Classy Country. 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 batg colonial on 2-1/2 acres, stocked pond, backing to wetlands. Great Rm, formal dining, 2 fireplaces, finished walkout. Strictly custom. Flawless. BGP-53Sev 888-870-9127



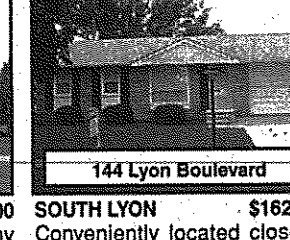
SOUTH LYON \$384,900
An entertainer's dream! Wonderful, free-flowing ranch with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Premium 1/2 acre lot with glorious views. Immediate occupancy. Be in before the holidays! (BGSLY44CLO) 888-870-9131



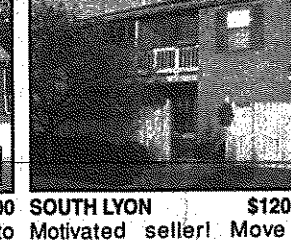
SOUTH LYON \$299,500
Quality custom built home. Mstr suite+ sunken mstr bath. Plenty of quality cabinetry in kit w/island. Study on lower level w/frst flr laundry. 3 car garage. Priced to sell. (BGSLY79CAL) 888-870-9131



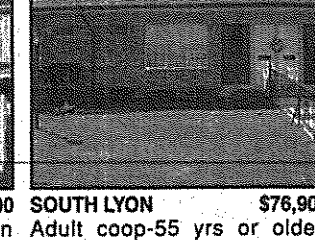
SOUTH LYON \$205,000
Beautiful 2 story home. Many quality features, pergo flooring in kitchen and dining room. Large second br. large parcel w/common area next to home. Perfect location come see. (BGSLY23PRI) 888-870-9131



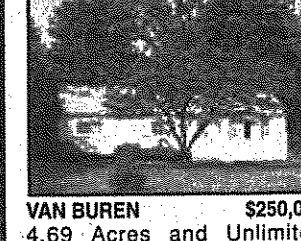
SOUTH LYON \$162,900
Conveniently located close to everything! Well cared for 3 bedroom ranch. Updates include roof, windows, carpet and paint. Great home. (BGSLYLYO) 888-870-9131



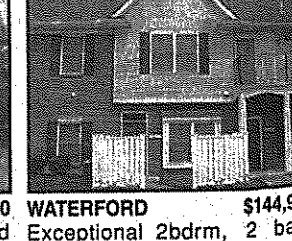
SOUTH LYON \$120,000
Motivated seller! Move in condition! Immediate occupancy. 2 BR large master br w/bath, 2 full BA. Open floor plan. 1st floor laundry. Plenty of storage. Walking distance to school & town. (BGSLY32GRE) 888-870-9131



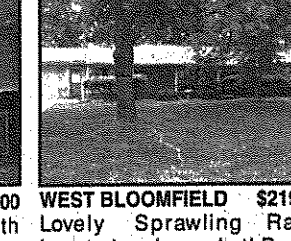
SOUTH LYON \$76,900
Adult coop-55 yrs or older. Beautifully decorated meticulously maintained! Living room has large front window which is open to dining room - bedroom doorway to Florida room. (BGSLY14POT) 888-870-9131



VAN BUREN \$250,000
4.69 Acres and Unlimited Potential. City Water And Sewage Over Sized 2.5 Car Garage. 1 Year Home Warranty. Value Is In The Land. OEL60MOR 888-870-9105



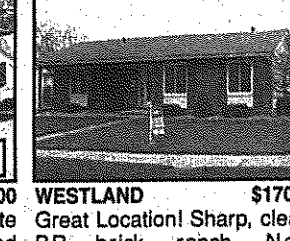
WATERFORD \$144,900
Exceptional 2bdrm, 2 bath Ranch Condo! Upgrades include hwf, carpets, appls., counters & cabinets. Enjoy the summer in the pool in this 2 year new complex. Close to x-ways. (BGN60COT) 888-870-9123



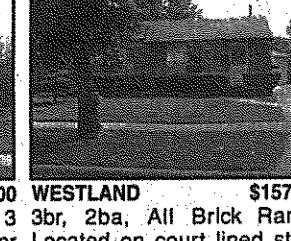
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$219,900
Lovely Sprawling Ranch Located on Large Lot! Backing to creek. 3br, 2.5 baths, living rm & sitting rm share 2 way fireplace, huge family rm, french doors lead to brick patio. Lovely Home! (BGN38MER) 888-870-9123



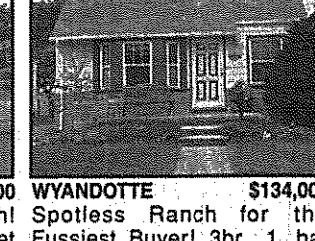
WESTLAND \$177,900
Excellent Ranch Home in Quite Neighborhood. Well maintained 3BR home, 3 car garage and large fenced yard. Livonia schools and home warranty included. (BGSLY71HAL) 888-870-9131



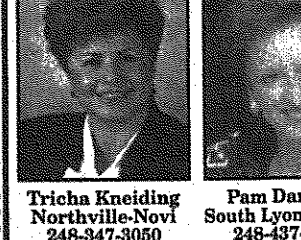
WESTLAND \$170,000
Great Location! Sharp, clean 3 BR brick ranch. Newer windows, furnace, AC & roof. Lg LR & Kitchen. Full basement. Covered patio w/lg fenced lot. Neutral decor. Turn key! BGP-96Bar 888-870-9127



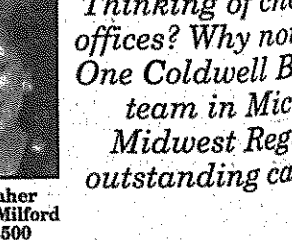
WESTLAND \$157,500
3br, 2ba, All Brick Ranch! Located on court lined street w/beautiful trees. 2 car garage, nice backyard. Hardwood floors, nice floor plan. Livonia school. Immediate occupancy. Home Warranty. (BGN19MAC) 888-870-9123



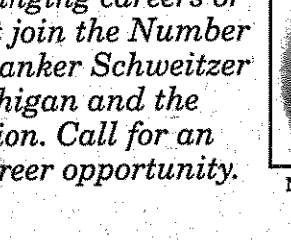
WYANDOTTE \$134,000
Spotless Ranch for the Fussiest Buyer! 3br, 1 ba, garage & gorgeous family room inn basement. Newer windows, room furnace & CA. Hardwood floor t/o. Glass block windows. (BGN64ELE) 888-870-9123



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WOMEN & HOUSING

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is holding a general membership meeting entitled "What Women Want in Housing," 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Kay Green, president of Kay Green Design in Orlando, Fla., is conducting the seminar. Color, design, options and upgrades will be discussed in this seminar.

Meeting will be held at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver in Troy. Registration fees, including lunch are \$35 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$50 for non-members and guests. Call (248) 862-1033.

HOME BUYING SEMINAR

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home. The seminar will meet 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4 at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tips will be provided on the entire home buying process from how to set a housing budget, understanding credit reports, defining home and neighborhood checklist and the mortgage application process. Call (800) 643-9600 Ext. 22532.

CONDOMINIUM COURSE

Condominium attorney and columnist, Robert M.

Meisner, Esq. of Meisner & Associates, P.C., an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is again teaching his course entitled "Condominium Operation: Introduction to The Essentials for Success" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7-28 at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Program sponsored by Oakland Community College. The cost for this class is \$95 per attendee. Call (248) 522-3618 or (248) 644-4433.

PRE-LICENSE CLASS

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Walled Lake Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled 6-10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 13-22 at Walled Lake Middle School (46720 W. Pontiac Trail).

The cost is \$205 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Oct. 9 to Walled Lake Community Education. Call (248) 956-5000.

HOME BUILDING SEMINAR

Livonia Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will a 16-hour seminar on Home Building: Protecting You and Your Investment, 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Oct. 13-22 at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The course covers home financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, who is a

licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits. The cost is \$205 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration with payment is required by Thursday, Oct. 9. Call (734) 744-2602 or www.builder-institute.com.

PROTECT YOUR MONEY

Waterford Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will a 16-hour seminar on Home Building: Protecting You and Your Investment, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday Oct. 14-23 at Kettering High School (2800 Kettering Road).

The course covers home financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, who is a licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits. The cost is \$205 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, Oct. 10. Call (248) 674-3145.

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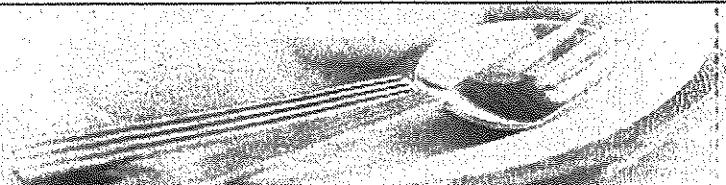
Bloomfield Hills Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive 16-hour seminar on Home Building: Protecting You and Your Investment. 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday Oct. 13-22 at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road.

The course covers home financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, who is a licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits. The cost is \$180 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, Oct. 9. Call (248) 433-0885.

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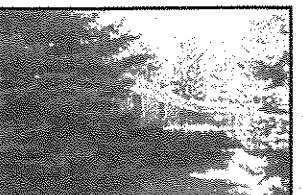
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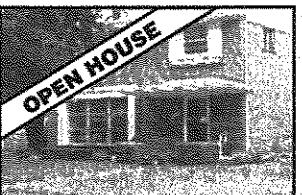
MOVE RIGHT IN - Fabulous 3 bedroom ranch with a finished basement, 4 season room with a gas fireplace, updated electrical, plumbing, roof, hot water heater, vinyl siding, and newer windows. Located on an extra large lot with a 2-car garage and backs to Voss Park. \$139,000 (361MA)



ACRES AWAY! - Peace and tranquility is what you'll find living in this all brick ranch with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Situated on 4.77 acres of beautiful land surrounded by mature trees and a pond. Storage shed and pole barn. Many updates - call for this list! \$235,900 (705WE)



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WESTLAND COLONIAL - Very nice 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial on quiet tree-lined street. Home features all new maple kitchen, hardwood floors, newer windows, 2 car garage and more. Come and take a look. \$154,900 (345HA)



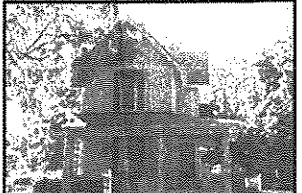
SHARP RANCH - Very well maintained 2 bedroom ranch, updated kitchen and bath, central air, copper plumbing, 1.5 garage with 2 extra rooms. New Pergo floors in kitchen & laundry room. This ranch is a must see. \$109,900 (502RO)



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Mortgage rates drop sharply

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages, which had been on a fairly steady upward climb since late June, dropped sharply this week for the second week in a row.

The average rate on 30-year mortgages fell to 6.01 percent for the week ending Friday, Sept. 19 from last week's 6.16 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey. This week's rate was the lowest since late July, when rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.94 percent. Rates for other mortgages also went down.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates dipped to 5.30 percent this week, compared with 5.46 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages went down to 3.81 percent from 3.87 percent.

In the middle of June, rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages had slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades.

But since late June, rates on 30-year mortgages as well as other types of mortgages have mostly been on the rise. Factors contributing to the recent rise include signs that the economy is picking up

speed and concern about swelling federal budget deficits, economists say. Those factors had pushed bond rates up, which caused long-term mortgage rates to rise. Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.44 percent in early September.

"Financial markets are feeling more confident that the Fed will not raise rates anytime soon. Add to that the fact that recent economic data show core inflation (excluding food and energy costs) is less than the market expects, and we see mortgage rates drop once again," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. The Mortgage Bankers

Association of America said the recent drop helped to boost applications of loans to buy homes last week, although applications to refinance dipped.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.5 point this week. One-year ARMs carried an average 0.6 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.05 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.47 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.28 percent.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of May 12-16 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price
Canton	43601 Abbey Woods	\$280,000
	6915 A sley	\$167,000
	43145 Arlington	\$215,000
	45543 Baldwin	\$363,000
	41539 Bedford	\$198,000
	41461 Bobcat	\$190,000
	2020 Briarfield	\$240,000
	1139 Brookline	\$321,000
	2001 Cobra	\$175,000
	1436 Delancy	\$265,000
	5520 Denton	\$193,000
	44243 Fair Oaks	\$210,000
	44268 Fair Oaks	\$216,000
	7021 Fox Path	\$285,000
	41953 Greenwood	\$228,000
	42635 Hanford	\$203,000
	43132 Hanford	\$215,000
	45903 Henley	\$343,000
	47071 Hidden River	\$390,000
	42271 Highgate	\$217,000
	4580 Hunters	\$166,000
	45409 Indian Creek	\$346,000
	6706 Kennesaw	\$440,000
	42614 Key one	\$195,000
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	6414 Kings Mill	\$361,000
	430 Kings Way	\$200,000
	42685 Lilley Pointe	\$127,000
	46990 Mornington	\$344,000
	6385 N Lilley	\$170,000
	47364 Northgate	\$292,000
	48935 Northhampton	\$474,000
	2620 Oakham	\$303,000
	6885 Poppleton	\$349,000
	1952 Preserve	\$216,000
	1992 Preserve	\$230,000
	1996 Preserve	\$236,000
	43836 Prestor	\$177,000
	42988 Ryeagate	\$198,000
	47204 Sherstone	\$280,000
	42658 Somerset	\$182,000
	44099 Southampton	\$195,000
	48951 Stanton	\$165,000
	2561 Stanton	\$101,000
	2585 Stanton	\$106,000
	2878 Stanton	\$227,000
	2919 Stanton	\$240,000
	2930 Stanton	\$90,000
	2945 Stanton	\$240,000
	2971 Stanton	\$240,000
	46587 Swannere	\$255,000
	41282 West field	\$240,000
Garden City	32319 Alvin	\$125,000
	33431 Alvin	\$120,000
	1729 Arcola	\$173,000
	6932 Arcola	\$143,000
	28987 Bridge	\$142,000
	6433 Fairfield	\$140,000
	32704 Florence	\$118,000
	6402 Golfview	\$155,000
	31778 James	\$119,000
	29683 Marquette	\$136,000
	31015 Marquette	\$140,000
	31506 Preece	\$121,000
	33211 Rosslyn	\$100,000
	27535 Sheridan	\$150,000
Livonia	35190 6 Mile	\$325,000
	16256 Alpine	\$271,000
	13983 Ashur	\$260,000
	18957 Aspen	\$480,000
	29103 Barkley	\$178,000
	14318 Blackburn	\$242,000
	15256 Blue Skies	\$184,000
	31874 Bretton	\$170,000
	35454 Brookview	\$280,000
	17195 Catherine	\$320,000
	10058 Cavell	\$163,000
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	15530 Comstock	\$225,000
	36333 Curtis	\$227,000
	15947 Ellen	\$247,000
	31435 Fairfax	\$155,000
	18971 Flamingo	\$17,000
	14906 Gastlen	\$133,000
	38774 Grandon	\$196,000
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	29510 Lyndon	\$220,000
	38203 Mallory	\$293,000
	9131 Marie	\$180,000
	30234 Mason	\$201,000
	29876 McIntyre	\$170,000
	36023 Meadowbrook	\$195,000
	9618 Melrose	\$224,000
	11325 Melrose	\$245,000
	37558 Myrna	\$240,000
	19019 Myron	\$182,000
	34677 Navin	\$363,000
	9408 Newburgh	\$225,000
Plymouth	8951 Norman	\$240,000
	32960 Northgate	\$235,000
	33963 Orangelawn	\$208,000
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	14217 Park	\$177,000
	32021 Pembroke	\$174,000
	17540 Rougeway	\$159,000
	19528 Shadyside	\$262,000
	16204 Southampton	\$275,000
	14040 Stonehouse	\$188,000
	34747 Summers	\$270,000
	16711 Wayne	\$255,000
	9928 Westmore	\$114,000
	28024 Whitcomb	\$177,000
	9614 Woosting	\$159,000
Plymouth	48040 Basswood	\$270,000
	48101 Brewster	\$359,000
	8811 Briarwood	\$180,000
	46992 Brooks Lane	\$400,000
	770 Deer	\$158,000
	42737 Five Mile	\$190,000
	8890 Marlowe	\$142,000
	9274 Northern	\$215,000
	51265 Northview	\$365,000
	315 Pacific	\$247,000
	262 Pinewood	\$131,000
	14485 Robinwood	\$182,000
	15076 Robinwood	\$209,000
	1191 S Sheldon	\$61,000
	11391 Terry	\$188,000
	47443 Walnut Tree	\$396,000
Redford	17173 Brady	\$116,000
	14043 Centralia	\$85,000
	15467 Chelsea	\$132,000
	25630 Deborah	\$145,000
	12669 Farley	\$250,000
	18239 Fox	\$140,000
	15352 Garfield	\$108,000
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	18434 Inkster	\$140,000
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	15831 Knight	\$123,000
	15869 Lenore	\$75,000
	20481 Lexington	\$104,000
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	19499 Neguinee	\$110,000
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	20404 Ncborne	\$115,000
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	8854 San Jose	\$144,000
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	1732 Sumner	\$127,000
	1841 Sumner	\$131,000
	1201 Tecumseh	\$140,000
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	1526 Winston	\$97,000
	15378 Wormer	\$100,000
	15759 Wormer	\$97,000
Westland	34232 Algonquin	\$162,000
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	32203 Anita	\$141,000
	36011 Avondale	\$121,000
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	34544 Birchwood	\$126,000
	2260 Buchanan	\$190,000
	118 Carson	\$192,000
	32015 Cheboygan	\$80,000
	31203 Cherry Hill	\$106,000
	31713 Conway	\$155,000
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	8494 Halter	\$215,000
	28310 Hanover	\$112,000
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	2681 Hawley	\$175,000
	38068 Hixford	\$130,000
	6277 Hunter Pointe	\$153,000
	38557 Lawrence	\$155,000
	1762 Leslie	\$132,000
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	38381 Maes	\$129,000
	7477 Manor	\$88,000
	30020 Marshall	\$160,000
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	32865 Mecosta	\$40,000
	35211 Melton	\$132,000
	36674 Melton	\$168,000
	8139 Melvin	\$65,000
	38675 Monmouth	\$142,000
	32613 Montcalm	\$92,000

Florida based investors acquire Hyatt, Dearborn

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CNL Hospitality Properties, Inc. has acquired a majority interest in each of the Hampton Inn Chelsea in New York City and the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

CNL acquired a majority interest in the newly constructed modern 20-story, 144-room Hampton Inn Chelsea through a previously announced joint venture with Hersha Hospitality Trust. The hotel is in the trendy Chelsea district,

bordering the West Village and Midtown Manhattan in New York City. With the opening of this hotel, the Hampton Inn brand enters the New York City market and marks CNL's first hotel in Manhattan.

In addition, CNL acquired a majority interest in the 772-room Hyatt Dearborn in a partnership with Ford Motor Land Development Corp. The hotel is across from Ford Motor Co.'s World Headquarters within the 2,300-acre business, shopping

and entertainment complex of Fairlane, 12 miles from downtown Detroit. The property features 52,000 square feet of meeting space, a revolving rotunda restaurant and newly renovated guestrooms and lobby.

CNL Hospitality Properties, Inc. is an affiliate of CNL Financial Group, Inc., and specializes in investing in quality hotels and resorts. Through partnering with several top-tier lodging companies, CNL owns interests in a portfolio of

126 hotels with more than 26,000 rooms in 37 states with 19 nationally recognized hotel brands.

Headquartered in Orlando, Florida, CNL Financial Group, Inc. is one of the nation's largest, privately held real estate investment and finance companies. CNL Financial Group, Inc. and the entities it has formed or acquired are approaching \$8 billion in assets, representing more than 1,800 properties and 1,000 mortgage loans in 49 states.

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LOC Performance Products, Inc. headquartered in Plymouth Township, won a 2003 Real Estate Excellence Award from the Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women - Detroit.

The award recognizes southeastern Michigan commercial property development that significantly impacts their surrounding communities.

The LOC Performance headquarters, a 200,000 square foot complex on 26-acres, won in the construction category. It is Plymouth Township's largest brownfield project yet. Judges commended its "new and attractive" reuse of an "appalling, unattractive and environmentally challenged" infill site.

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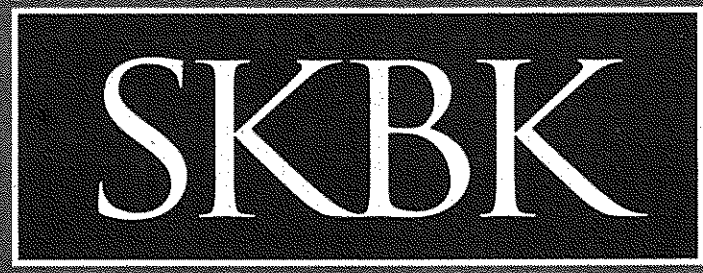
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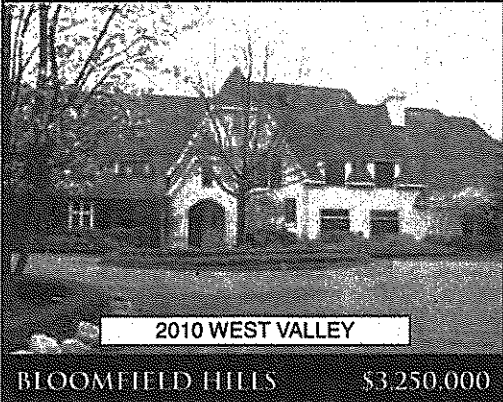
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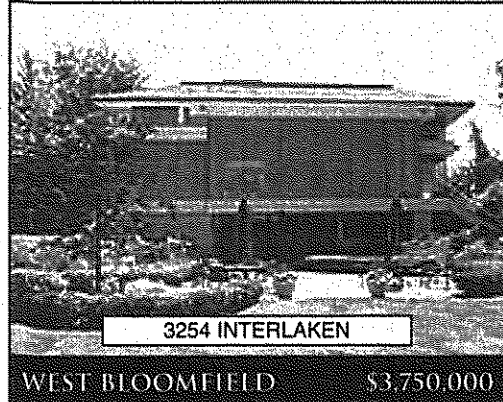
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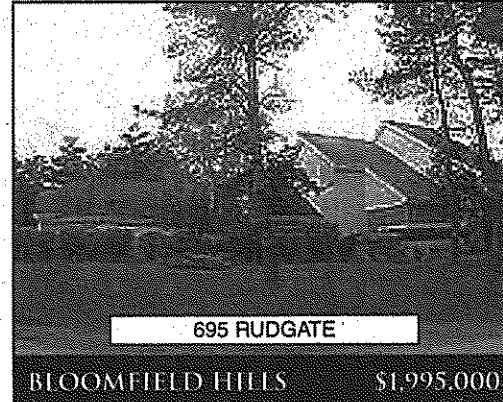
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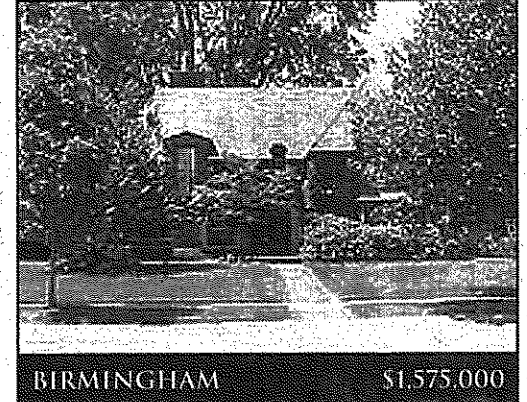
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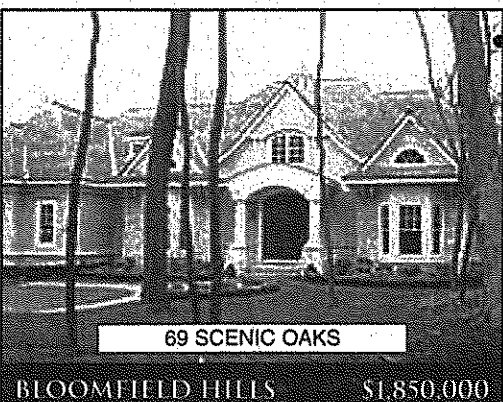
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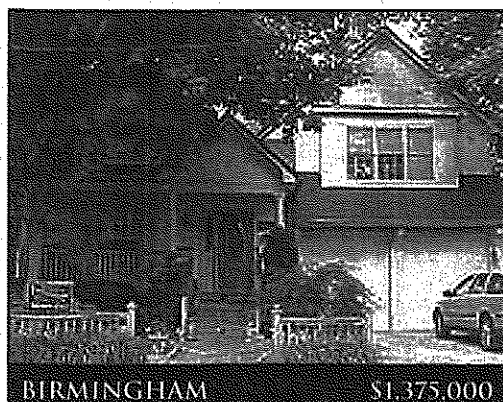
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Wonderful David Lubin contemporary. Beautifully done in every way. Large spaces, ideal for entertaining along with lovely grounds w/pool. Five bedrooms, 5 full & 1 half bath, gym off master bedroom.
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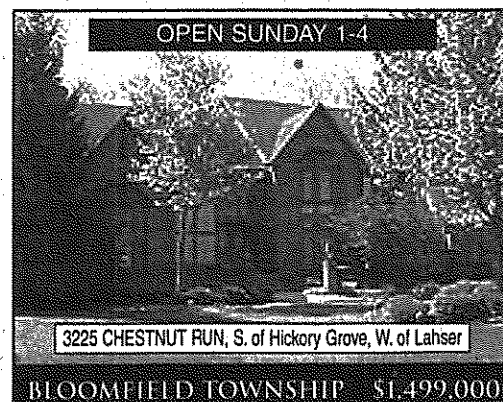
BIRMINGHAM \$1,575,000
Wallace Frost home with most of his signature features. Beautifully set on manicured Quarton Lake site. This 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath family home has much recent updating & awaits a new family. A very significant, wonderful home.
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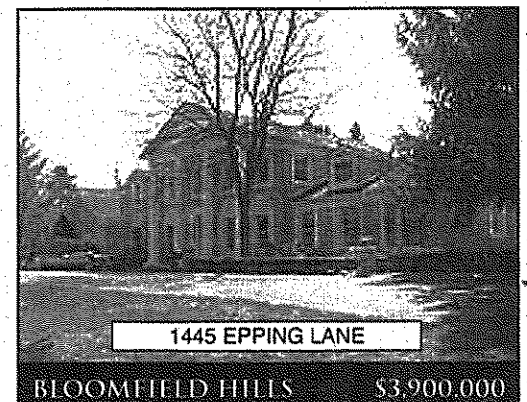
69 SCENIC OAKS
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,850,000
Fabulous 4,000 sq. ft. ranch in a very private development. Three bedrooms, 3 full & 1 half bath, double story marble foyer. Gourmet kitchen w/bay windowed breakfast room and fireplace.
23005532-S



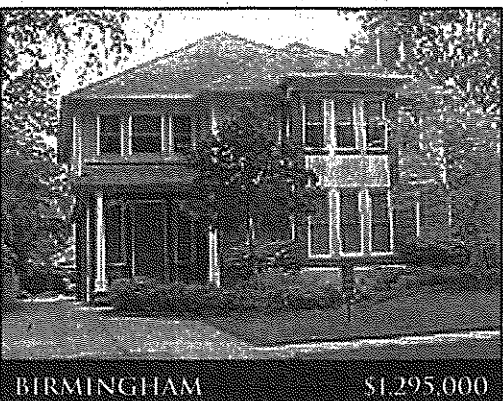
BIRMINGHAM \$1,375,000
Complete, well located in town renovation. Four bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, wonderful yard with pool and patio. Dining room and library. This home has it all.
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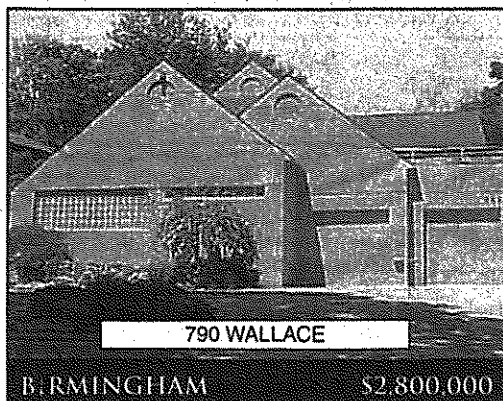
3225 CHESTNUT RUN, S. of Hickory Grove, W. of Lahser
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$1,499,000
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
Exquisite lakefront estate in Bloomfield Hills. Spacious master suite, master bath of granite & marble, library w/cherry paneling and fireplace. Two story formal living, family room. Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabinets.
23027803-C



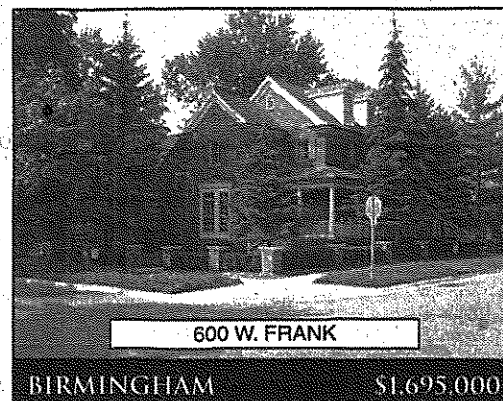
1445 EPPING LANE
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$3,900,000
This magnificent estate is on 2.3 acres across from Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Two million plus interior reconstruction and restoration completed in 1993-95. Indoor solar heated pool, tennis courts, spa, exercise room.
23027936-E



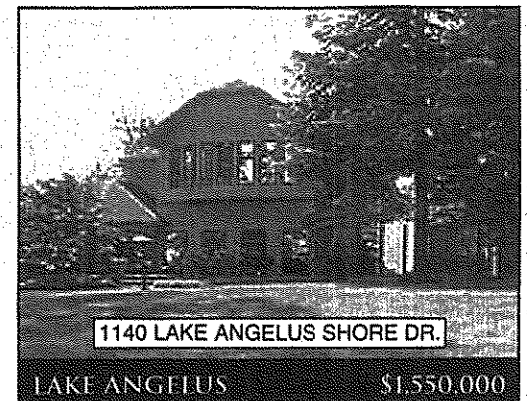
BIRMINGHAM \$1,295,000
Large open floor plan, better than new. Gorgeous kitchen w/hardwood floors, built-ins. Huge master suite w/tray ceiling, his-her closets & jetted tub. Professionally finished lower level w/home theater. Very private backyard.
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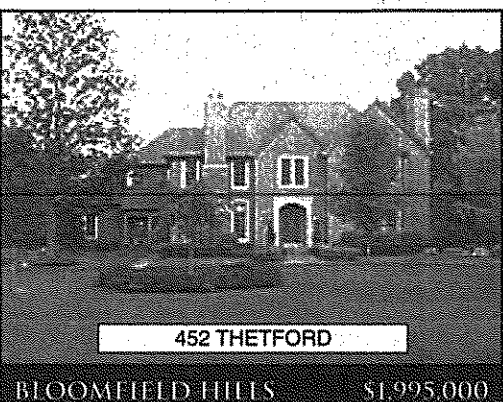
790 WALLACE
BIRMINGHAM \$2,800,000
Architectural jewel. Soft contemporary home built with the finest materials. Great room has Pewabic tiled fireplace and French doors to the wall private yard and pool.
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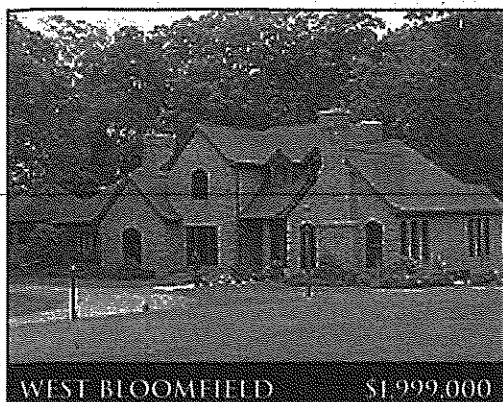
600 W. FRANK
BIRMINGHAM \$1,695,000
Quality construction & custom workmanship in this unique home. Four bedrooms, 2 full baths and one half bath. High ceilings, hardwood floors, custom trim & cabinets throughout. Third level finished w/library/office.
23031513-F



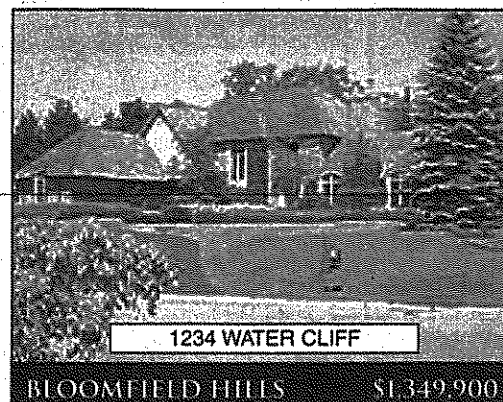
1140 LAKE ANGELUS SHORE DR.
LAKE ANGELUS \$1,550,000
Fabulous South shore location right on the water. 108 feet of all sand lakefront. Beautifully renovated and updated 4,000 sq. ft. family home. Panoramas from every room. Three bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths, gourmet kitchen. Owner says bring offer! Huge price reduction!
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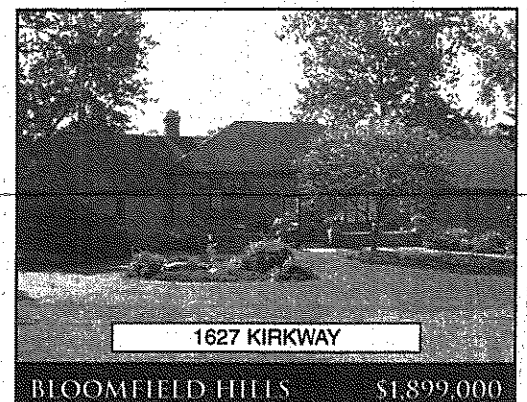
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,995,000
Newer custom built home in the City of Bloomfield Hills on 2.5 acres. Lovely landscaped private yard will accommodate pool and/or tennis court! Custom designed bright kitchen overlooking yard & patio. Hardwood floors, granite counters, extensive crown moldings & woodwork. 3 car garage.
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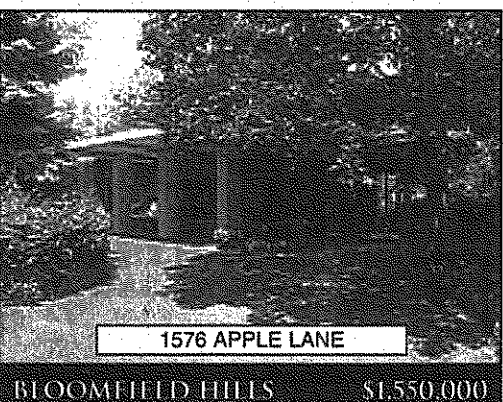
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$1,999,000
Exceptional equestrian estate. 11 acres of lush green meadows, woods & riding trails. Country Tudor with '91 addition & renovation. New swimming pool, hot tub, horse barn with 5 stalls. Upper Straits lake privileges.
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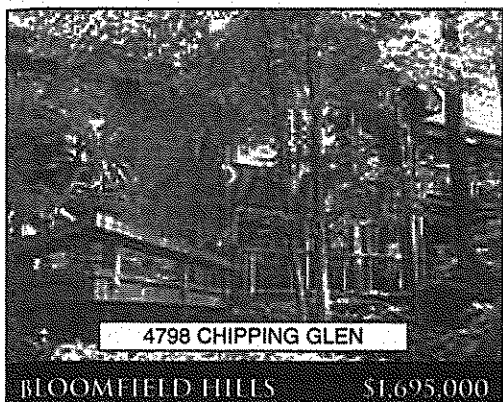
1234 WATER CLIFF
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,349,900
Magnificent Tudor shows the finest detailed craftsmanship. Elegant décor. Spectacular master bedroom suite with marble bath. Spacious rooms with all top of the line upgrades. Too much to list. Currently used as 3 bedrooms + bonus room. Move in condition.
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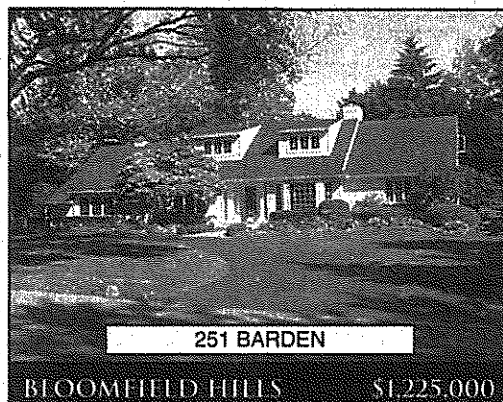
1627 KIRKWAY
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,899,000
Panoramic views of sweeping lawn & Kirk in the Hills with Island Lake frontage. Beautiful updated sophisticated ranch. Cherry and granite kitchen. First floor master suite.
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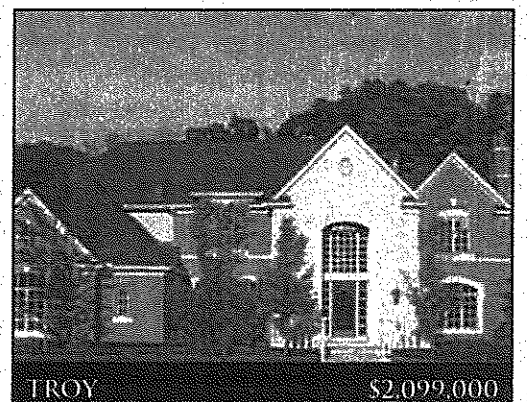
1576 APPLE LANE
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,550,000
Unique home on fabulous setting with over 200 feet of frontage on Dollar Lake, which adjoins Lower Long Lake. All major rooms overlook lake, high ceilings, oversized fireplaces in living room, family room & great room.
23064229-A



4798 CHIPPING GLEN
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,695,000
First time offering of custom designed quality lakefront home by John Richards. Home has been transformed by many updates. Lovely setting and views, magnificent landscaping. Gated community, turn key lifestyle. Exceptional home.
23066326-C



251 BARDEN
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,225,000
Gracious five bedroom Cape Cod in the city of Bloomfield Hills. Beautifully landscaped yard with pool. Wood floors thru-out this charming home. Just under 5,000 sq. ft. including the lower level. This home sits among much more expensive homes, yet holds its own.
23096550-B



BAILEY'S VINEYARDS. Extraordinary home with the finest in quality & materials. Bloomfield Hills Schools. Built in 2000. 6651 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths. private, wooded, walkout site. Grand 2 story limestone entry. Gourmet kitchen w/top of the line appliances. Luxurious master suite. 5 fireplaces. Solid cherry library. Terrace, fountain and pool.
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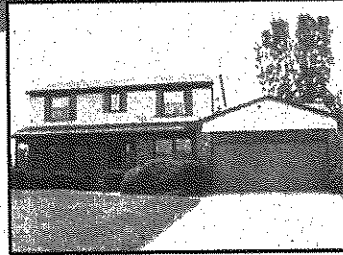
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SOUTHFIELD - Two large bedrooms w/WIC! Master has master bath. Very clean ready to move into. 2 full baths, 1 car garage + large storage unit in basement. Hurry! \$128,500 (50WIL) 734-455-5600



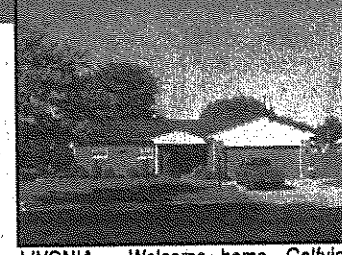
BROWNSTOWN - Family home w/open floor plan. Vaulted ceiling living room overlooks family room. Kit w/updated 96-97. Newer HWH, C/A, dishwasher. Large bsmt for quad, lg storage area. Bonus room off family room can be office or den. Freshly painted. \$175,000 (84ALV) 734-455-5600



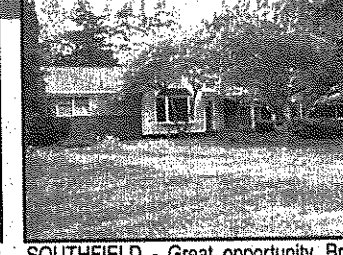
NORTHVILLE - 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, large home offers family room with fireplace, doorwall to party deck, private yard, 2 car attached garage, freshly painted, home warranty. \$324,900 (31KN) 734-455-5600



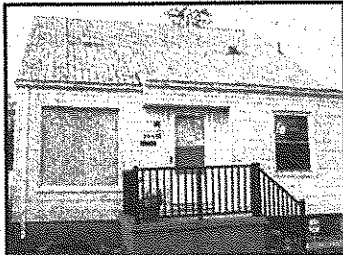
PLYMOUTH - Absolute move-in condition. Spacious 4 BR home w/oak cabinets and Pergo floors. Newer windows, entry & patio doors. Top rated Plymouth-Canton schools. Walk to elementary school. \$215,000 (53ORE) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Welcome home. Golfview Meadows sub offers this 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch that is totally updated & maintenance free. Formal living room w/bay window. Great room w/fireplace. Doorwall to patio. Custom lighting. Newer carpet. Move-in and enjoy. A must see. \$289,900 (69COU) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Great opportunity. Brick ranch on approx. 1 beautiful acre w/2BR, 1.5 BA, FR & DR. Large eat-in kitchen. Knotty pine interior for up north feel. Partially finished basement w/built-in bar. MBR w/WIC & built-ins. Newer roof, furn, HWH, C/A & attached 2 car garage. \$179,900 (14FOR) 248-349-5600



INKSTER - Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow, vinyl siding, vinyl windows, partially finished w/wet bar. Immediate occupancy. \$79,900 (86HIL) 734-455-5600



GROSSE ILE - Rambling 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch offering Oak kit, 6 panel doors, 4 skylights, 4 season sun room, appliances, 2 car attached garage + basement. Great room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace. \$499,885 (36LAS) 734-455-5600



BROWNSTOWN - Hurry it won't last. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, family room w/fireplace, large master bedroom w/his & her WIC, dining room, 1st floor laundry, C/A. \$219,900 (61BUC) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Prestigious Maple Hill sub. Provides a stunning brick tudor home in one of Northville's nicest neighborhoods. Home has been lovingly maintained by its original owners. Features include: a premium lot with a skyline view. French doors. \$389,900 (00VIC) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - The lot is outstanding. Bring your builder or contractor! Renovation opportunity in Woodcreek Farms on a large treed ravine lot w/stream. 4 BR ranch w/2.5 bath. Excellent floor plan including a W/O bsmt. Don't miss this one. \$298,000 (56WES) 248-349-5600



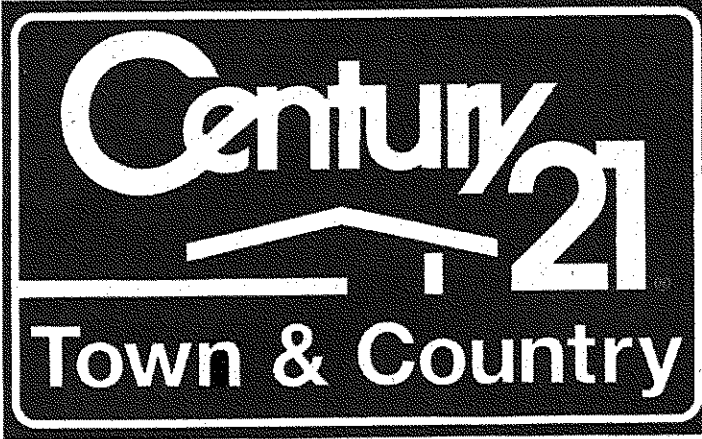
NOVI - Wooded views. Well built 2 year old brick 2-story home w/almost every option. 5 BR, 3.5 BA, sunroom, large dream kit, 2-story Fieldstone fireplace, enlarged FR & 2-level deck. 3 car garage, 6' whirlpool, alarm system, skylights, C/A, basement & much more. \$859,900 (99ABE) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offering \$11,000 in remodeled kitchen, custom blinds T/O, Berber opt & hwd floors, glass block windows in finished bsmt w/wet bar, 2 car gar & private area for hot tub. It won't last at this price. \$145,260 (38WES) 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN - Large 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial offering 2 car attached garage, basement, beautiful landscaping, master suite w/WIC, formal dining room & much more. \$244,500 (65ANN) 734-455-5600

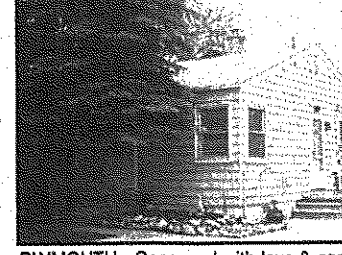


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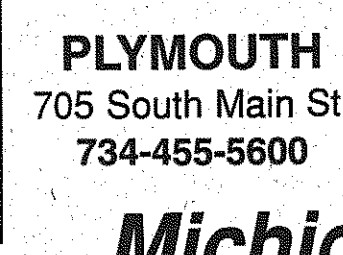
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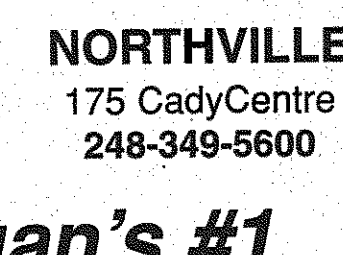
CANTON - 2,603 sq. ft. 4 BR, 2.5 bath home on cul-de-sac presents hwd floors in 2 story foyer w/dual stairway, family room w/plc, formal dining room, master ste w/WIC, cathedral ceiling, doorwall to patio & large fenced yard, basement, 2 car attached garage. \$347,500 (80PHE) 734-455-5600



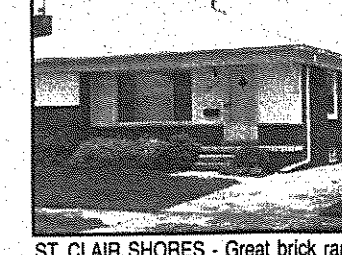
PLYMOUTH - Seasoned with love & care, cozy ranch w/all appliances. Nice backyard, double driveway, newer carpet, paint & new (5-03) roof on house & garage + home warranty. \$139,900 (10JUN) 734-455-5600



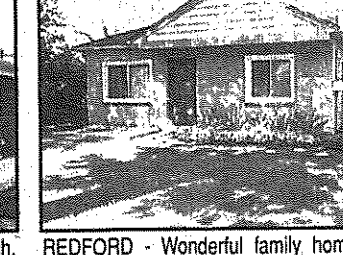
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ST. CLAIR SHORES - Great brick ranch. Nice home on tree-lined street. Updates include: kitchen, bath, windows, hardwood floors, HWH, electrical & plumbing. C/A, coved ceilings in LR & DR. Partially finished basement w/glass block windows. Includes appliances. \$159,900 (31MYL) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Wonderful family home. 4 BR, 2 full updated baths, FFL, fplc in living room. Partially finished basement. Heated garage, large kitchen & breakfast room. Tree-lined neighborhood. Newer windows, appliances & warranty included. \$129,900 (35BRA) 248-349-5600



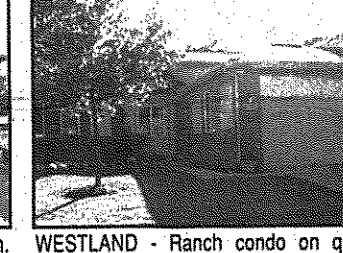
REDFORD - 4 bedroom, updated kitchen w/ceramic counter & floors, newer bath with jetted tub, living room, lower level family room, 2 baths, 3 car garage, C/A & hardwood t/o. \$139,950 (54HAZ) 734-455-5600



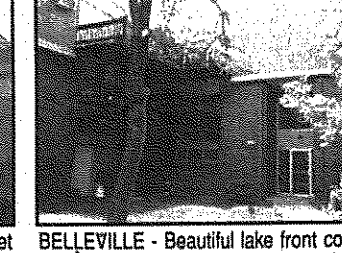
MELVINDALE - Fantastic buy on this sharp 2 unit brick income. Upper & lower flat both units identical w/2 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kit & bath. Separate basement & separate furnaces. Very well maintained. \$133,000 (81WOO) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Great updated ranch. Cute 3 bedroom brick home w/newer furnace, C/A, elec, roof, windows & carpet. Glass block windows in finished basement, doorwall to patio & large 2 car garage. \$143,500 (71CA) 734-455-5600



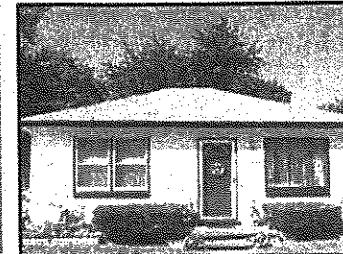
WESTLAND - Ranch condo on quiet court. 2 BR, 2 BA w/2 car garage and full basement. First floor laundry, neutral carpet and walls. Ceramic tile in foyer and vaulted great room ceiling. Eating area in kitchen with white cabinets. Walk in closet and deck. \$179,900 (92CON) 248-349-5600



BELLEVILLE - Beautiful lake front condo. Move right into this updated condo on Belleville Lake. Large living room & bedroom. Updated kitchen w/Pergo flooring & maple cabinets. Lots of storage, heat & water included in association fees. \$97,000 (50LIB) 248-349-5600



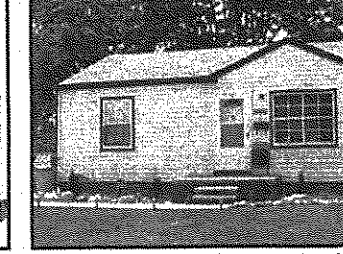
FARMINGTON HILLS - Gorgeous 2 BR, 3.5 BA 2-story condo in Forest Creek with open floor plan & skylights. 2-way fireplace in great room. 1st floor MBR w/double shower in bath. Fantastic finished lower level w/kitchen & media center. Many extras. \$485,900 (11CHE) 248-349-5600



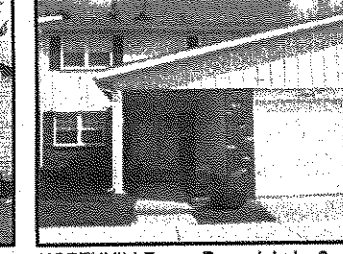
WESTLAND - Cute 1st time buyers home w/2 bedrooms, updated roof, most vinyl windows, steel entry doors, carpet flooring in kitchen, bath & foyer & freshly painted. \$89,816 (15CAV) 734-455-5600



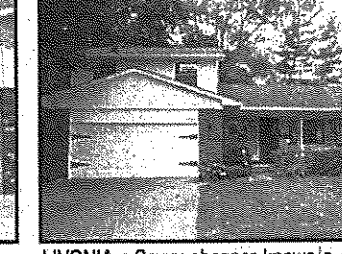
INKSTER - A 3 bedroom home with C/A. Many updates include kitchen w/oak cabinets, bath with ceramic tile, plumbing & elec. Family room leads to lovely deck & garage. \$79,900 (16LEH) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - This home needs a family. Charming 3 bedroom ranch offering newer roof, carpeting, floor in kitchen & some newer windows. New driveway in 2002. \$109,000 (21KRA) 734-455-5600



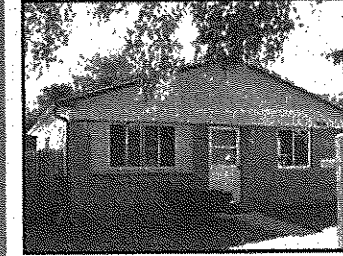
NORTHVILLE - Remodeled 2-story condo. Don't miss this one. Hwd, crown molding, fplc, C/A, fresh paint, finished bsmt, all appliances stay. Large kit, newer windows, private fenced patio, DR, att gar. Walk to Downtown. This is a keeper. Gas and water included. \$205,000 (16QUE) 248-349-5600



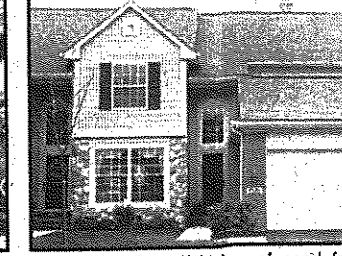
LIVONIA - Savvy shopper knows a good buy. A 1980 built brick colonial with a first floor laundry. Nice finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Central air, sprinklers, wood windows, deck & patio. Family room with fireplace & formal dining room. Leisure living. \$239,900 (27WOO) 248-349-5600



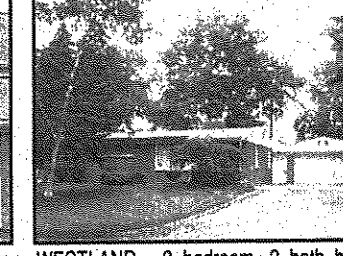
HARTLAND - Fine Italian new construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA high-quality home w/embroidered brick, ceramic walls, & Pella windows. First floor master suite w/glamour bath. Extra high basement ceilings. Stunning stone fireplace. FFL. Close to M-59 & US-23. \$289,900 (34COU) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - 3 bedroom, updated bath, eat-in kitchen w/ceiling fan & oak cabinets, vinyl windows, 1st floor laundry & privacy fenced in backyard. Nice home. \$116,500 (68CRO) 734-455-5600



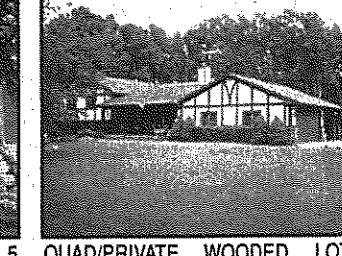
CANTON - Beautiful view of pond from large deck. Gas fireplace in living room, oak kitchen, 1st floor laundry, master ste w/Jacuzzi tub, daylight basement & 2 car attached garage. Must see! \$265,000 (01HOG) 734-455-5600



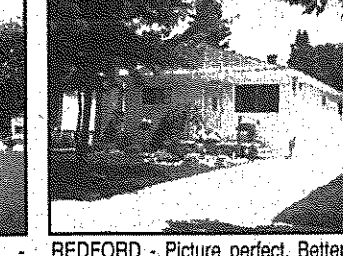
WESTLAND - 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, newer roof, bath, windows, furnace & C/A + large deck w/Gazebo. 1st floor laundry, full wall fireplace w/insert. Take a look! \$159,900 (70GLO) 734-455-5600



WALLED LAKE - Totally updated 2 BR, 1.5 BA condo in desirable area. Professionally painted, custom moldings & lighting. Newer appliances included. Condo offers basement and garage. Close to schools, lake & M-5. A must see. \$135,900 (53HAR) 248-349-5600



QUAD/PRIVATE WOODED LOT - Spacious home on private wooded approx. 1.18 acre lot w/lake access. Jacuzzi in mstr bdrm. Priced \$60,000 under appraisal value. Pole barn, 3.5 car garage, shed, A/G pool and tree house. Newer cpt, paint, tons of storage & 4 fplcs. \$324,875 (50FAI) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Picture perfect. Better than renting. 3 bedroom ranch with newer white kitchen, furnace, A/C, roof, concrete, landscaping and windows updated. Soft neutral colors throughout. Move-in condition. \$117,900 (26NOR) 248-349-5600



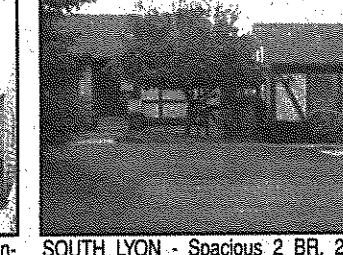
DEARBORN HTS - Charming 2 bedroom brick ranch w/2 car garage, privacy fence, large patio, & walk-in pantry, all appliances, newer furnace, C/A & vinyl windows. \$89,900 (08ANN) 734-455-5600



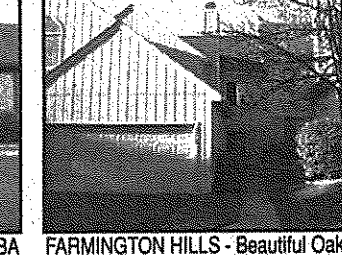
DETROIT - 3 bedroom w/partially finished basement. Includes family room. Newer kitchen & bath, hardwood floors - add charm. Freshly painted & looks great. ready for you to move in! \$75,000 (10BRA) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Clean & updated 3 bedroom finished basement with full bath, newer furnace, roof, CA, HWH & appliances stay. Move in condition. Beautiful kitchen. \$119,500 (40ZIE) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Spacious 2 BR, 2 BA ranch 55+ co-op w/finished walkout, formal dining room, garage, sunroom, patio & move-in condition. Clubhouse & all sports lake privileges. Serene setting. \$137,000 (16CAM) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautiful Oakcrest condo w/2 BR, 2 full baths, WIC, cathedral ceilings in LR & FR. Fresh paint and carpet. Bonus room over 2 car attached garage. Same floor laundry, fplc & balcony. All appliances stay. Water included. \$179,900 (40LAU) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Welcome home! Your shopping days are over! Sharp 3 BR, 2.5 BA full brick colonial on premium lot on the pond. 1st floor laundry, ceramic baths, appliances included & many upgrades. Great view - front to back. Carpeted basement & extra garage storage. \$244,900 (12AMA) 248-349-5600

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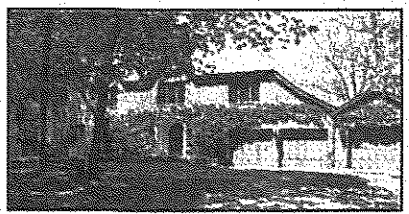
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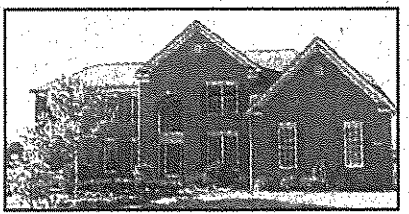
NORTHVILLE \$1,650,000
MAGNIFICENT NEW CONSTRUCTION! Country French home nestled on private 1 AC site. 5 BRS, 5.5 BA. Marble & hwdwd flrs. Granite & marble cntns. Full fin au-pair res w/private entrance. Quality T/O! (70VAL2)

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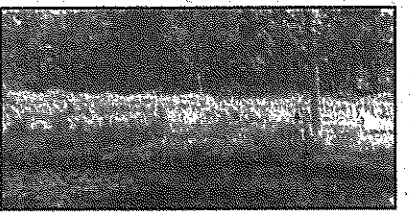
PLYMOUTH \$794,000
PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE on 5.68 acres! Ply/Can schools, 5 BR, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 6534 SF, fin w/o. 1st floor mstr, corral/3-stall horse barn, cedar deck overlooks private pond. (91BRO2)

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NOVI \$729,900
BEAUTIFUL, SPACIOUS CUSTOM COLONIAL! Over 4500 SF w/5 BR, 4.5 BA. Cherry island kit, circular stairs plus 2nd back stairs. Hwdwd flrs, lib, FR w/stone FP, cedar deck & fieldstone walk path. (90ABE2)

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SPRINGFIELD \$499,900
RARE OAKLAND CITY LAKEFRONT ACRE-AGE! 13.2 buildable acres. 300 feet fronting Big Lake. Perked & surveyed. Wetlands, spring-fed pond. Minutes from M-59 & I-75. Will partner with builder until sold. (23S12042)

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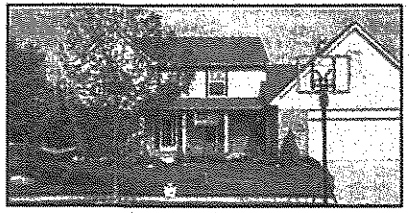
CANTON \$439,900
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Rare find! Enjoy court location which backs to a pond w/ frln. Mstr 1st flr, 3 car gar w/heat. W/O bsmt, dan off foyer, hrdwd flrs in kit, foyer, nook, & hlwy. (B47539)

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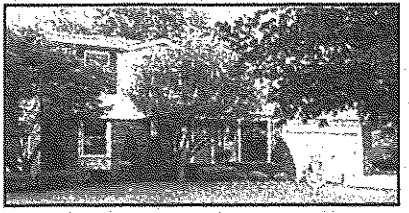
PLYMOUTH \$374,900
BEAUTIFUL RIDGEWOOD WEST COLONIAL 4 BR, 2.5 BA, imm. poss., 2451 SF, mstr & FR has vaulted ceilings, stained deck w/blt in hot tub, and more. Top notch schools, great location - don't miss out! (Q48921)

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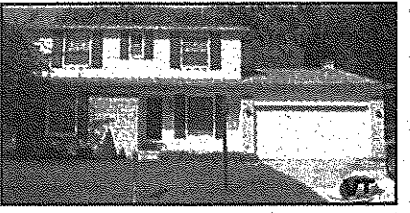
LIVONIA \$357,900
IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED! Transferee perfect! Move right in, 4 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial. Beautiful kit w/accnt tile & isl. Lg FR w/FP & cathedral CE, mstr BR w/his/her closets/spacious BA. (10MAN2)

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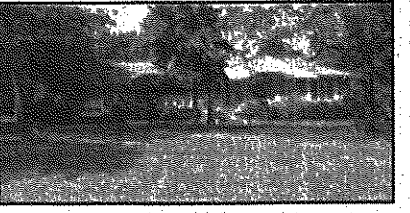
LIVONIA \$339,900
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA COLONIAL! Home sweet home is this 4 BR, 2.5 Bath home. Many updates include Oak Kit, Roof, Vinyl trim, Oak flooring, HW/H, Windows, C/A and more. Livonia Stevenson area. (30FON2)

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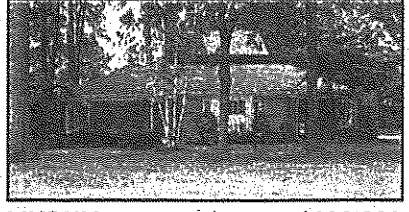
LIVONIA \$309,900
GREAT BRICK COLONIAL! Nearly 2100 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, and more! (A15429)

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LIVONIA \$299,900
MARVELOUS CUSTOM BUILT RANCH! 3 BR, 2.5 BA home on 0.78 acres leads back to Hines Park, giving a country estate feel! Private putting green & 17x24 covered deck. Many custom features! (A36600)

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LIVONIA \$298,900
WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2.5 BAs fantastic 1100 SF addition, FR w/FP, pool, many updates - rf, baths, gar, sun rm, furn, brk pavers, gutters, windows, mstr BR has cathedral ceiling. 2668 SFI (P30542)

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NORTHVILLE \$294,900
VINTAGE NORTHVILLE CHARM wonderfully restored and updated: New roof, furnace, central air, kitchen and windows. Pretty deck and private backyard. 2 bath 3 bedroom, 100 year old beauty. (46GRA5)

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LIVONIA \$287,300
COUNTRY CAPE COD WITH 1/2 ACRE LOT! Huge Cape Cod home features updated roof and windows. First floor master, fireplace and next to park location. 1/2 acre lot a plus! (47PIC2)

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CANTON \$234,900
BEAUTIFUL BRICK CONDO W/1ST FLOOR MASTER! Move right in to this spacious, neutral 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/2 stry GR RM/corner FR. Loft w/full BA, crown moldings, skylights, 1st Flr Laundry & 2 Car Att Gar! (03SHE2)

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CANTON \$225,000
SPACIOUS END-UNIT CONDO! Small, private complex, GR w/cathedral ceiling, mstr w/lg bath & WIC. Full, partially fin'd bsmt w/full bath, pantry & extra storage. 2-car attached garage. (91MEA2)

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LIVONIA \$214,900
LARGE NORTH LIVONIA RANCH! 3 BR, 3 BA, well maintained, updated, 2 fin rms in bsmt, fin rec rm w/woodburning stove. Drwl off kit to lg deck w/covered jacuzzi w/blt on bar, & much more! (M29520)

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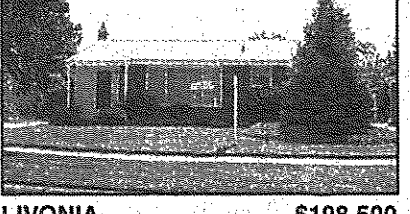
CANTON \$214,900
SPLISH, SPLASH... 3 bdrm 1.5 bath col w/ mstr bdrm access to bath & large WIC. Redone oak kit includes appl. Wonderful inground pool w/2 tiered deck. Slides to woods on cul-de-sac. (23L43189)

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CANTON \$209,900
CLASSY & STYLISH! 3 BR, 1.5 BA colonial, 2 car attd garage, basement, lots of quality ceramic tile, premium carpet, Kohler fixtures, FR w/FP & cath ceiling, lg deck, & more! (B2360)

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LIVONIA \$198,500
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)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
COMPLETELY UPDATED W/EXTRA DEEP LOT! Great 3 BR Bungalow. Last 3 yrs, new roof, KIT, BA, windows, porch, hwdwd flrs & carpet. Huge Fam Rm, 24x24 Garage. Freshly painted. All on nearly 1/2 acre lot! (20BRE2)

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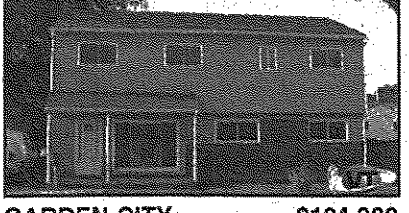
CANTON \$187,900
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY fresh paint, 2 BR, 2.5 BA, loft, great rm w/FP, 1st flr laundry, appliances stay, deck, basement, 2 car attd garage. Seller will replace carpet. (H45257)

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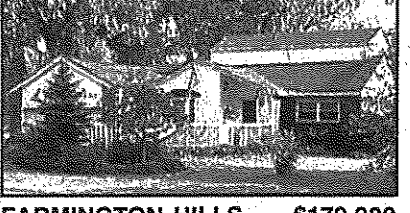
WESTLAND \$185,000
BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE CONDO Comfortable living on all 3 floors. Bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors, fireplace, hardwood floors, near shopping & restaurants. Must see to appreciate! (C677)

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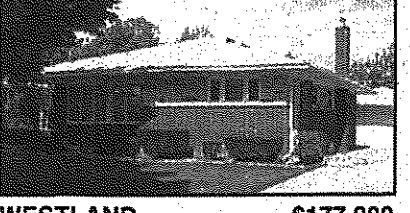
GARDEN CITY \$184,900
WOW! 5 BEDROOM AND 3 BATHS in this Garden City Colonial on a big lot. Family room and formal dining room. 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage, C/A, recently remodeled throughout. (B312)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$179,900
GREAT EXPECTATIONS! 4 bedrooms, 2 up & 2 down, 1st flr laundry, New kitchen, 1.5 acres. All big ticket items updated. Berber carpet, neutral, open floor plan, 2 car garage. (23M29501) (B312)

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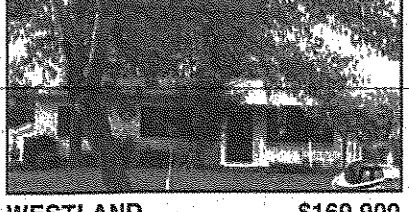
WESTLAND \$177,900
YOU CAN'T FALL INTO A BETTER HOME! 3 bdrm ranch. One owner. Meticulously maintained. Numerous updates. Custom oak cntns, marble sills, ceramic tile flr. Recreation room w/ trplc. Livonia schools. (23A4830)

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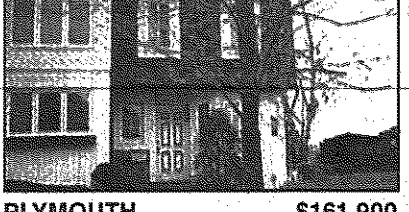
LIVONIA \$174,900
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME IN LIVONIA Open flr plan w/lots of natural light & neutral decor, oak flrs, super KIT, fin'd Bsmt, lg stone patio, great landscaping, perennial gardens & lots of updates. (04SUN2)

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WESTLAND \$169,900
ALL YOU COULD WANT in this 3 bedroom Westland Ranch. Large rooms throughout, 2 full baths. Oak kitchen, all appliances stay. C/A, Rec Room, natural fireplace, 2 car garage. (G336)

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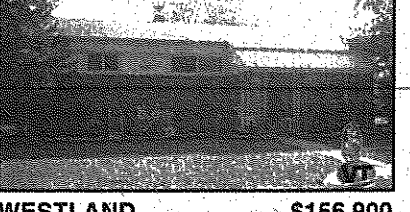
PLYMOUTH \$169,900
CITY OF PLYMOUTH GEM A wonderful opportunity awaits you in downtown Plymouth. Updated Gourmet Kitchen. Finished Walk Out Lower Level with built-ins, wet bar and 1/2 Bath. (08MIL2)

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CANTON \$159,900
WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st flr laundry, huge 2nd flr ba w/whirlpool, sep shower stall, open to both BRs, c/a, blt 1998. Deck, bsmt, attd gar, & much more! (H4292) (08MIL2)

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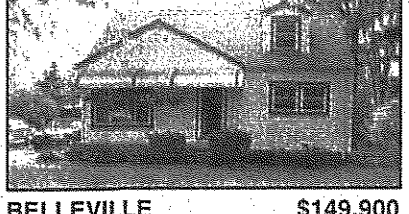
WESTLAND \$156,900
POPULAR TONQUISH NEIGHBORHOOD! Location! Close to everything, schools, ice rink, mall. Well cared for with many updates thru-out. Newer furn, c/a, elec box, tear off rf, 220 in gar & more! (B6786)

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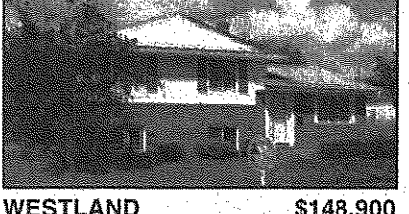
REDFORD \$154,900
UNIQUE & ROOMY! Walk out bsmt is fin in drywall. All updates are done. Home has open flr plan w/tasteful neutral decor. Doorwalk in lower level walks out to patio & nice yd. (B14148)

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BELLEVILLE \$149,900
THIS ONE'S GREAT! Newer roof, windows, furnace & central air. 12x24 deck. Covered front porch. 220 in garage. 10x12 shed w/electricity. Stove, fridge & dishwasher stay. (E100)

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WESTLAND \$148,900
SHHH! DON'T TELL THE RELATIVES... that you purchased this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home with a private yard & its own Gunite pool. Many updates & great location. Come see! (23J1246)

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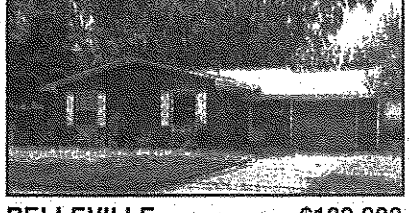
WESTLAND \$147,900
ALL DRESSED UP AND WAITING Updates include, gorgeous Oak kit, vinyl windows & glass block, roof shingles house & garage, vinyl siding, updated bath, Berber Carpet, fin bsmt, CA and more. (F334)

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GARDEN CITY \$144,900
COMPLETELY REMODELED AND UPDATED New shingles, vinyl siding and windows, updated electrical panel & new forced air furnace, two brand new baths and new kitchen w/ceramic floor. Vintage charm. (B286)

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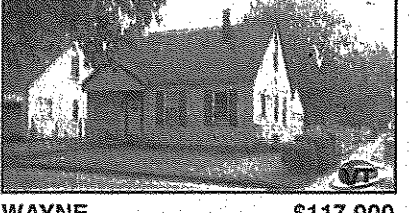
BELLEVILLE \$139,900
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! This home offers 3 bedrooms & 1.5 baths. Come see the newer hardwood flooring & newer Berber carpeting in all 3 bedrooms. Hurry! (23A41530)

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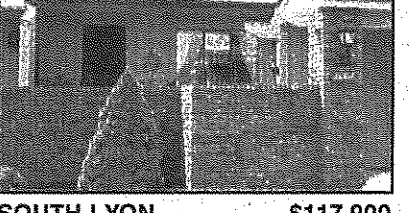
WAYNE \$119,900
FANTASTIC 3 BEDROOM RANCH! New within the last year furnace, CA, kitchen, completely redone, paint, ext. door, carpet, newer windows. Walk to schools, rec center, pools, parks. (A342)

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WAYNE \$117,900
SHARP AND UPDATED! Very sharp 3 bedroom Bungalow with brand new 2 car garage w/loft. Updates include kitchen, win, furn & CA, roof, move in condition. Huge LR & extra deep lot! (E409)

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SOUTH LYON \$117,900
RANCH UNIT WITH WALKOUT! Adult co-op 55+. Private courtyard entry. Florida room w/ walkout basement. Finished basement. Very large master. Pretty & neat as a pin! (23P25357)

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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 rf on house & gar, new drwy, furn, elect, hwh, 19178 \$139,900 734-591-9200

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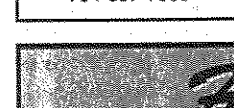
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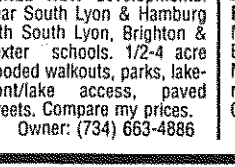
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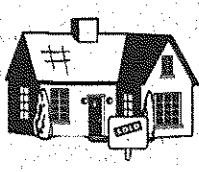
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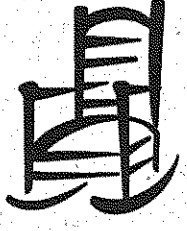
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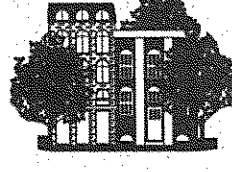
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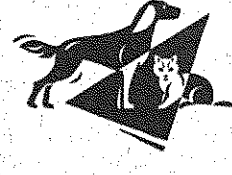
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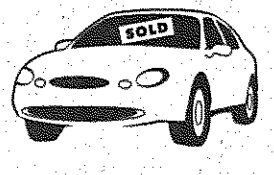
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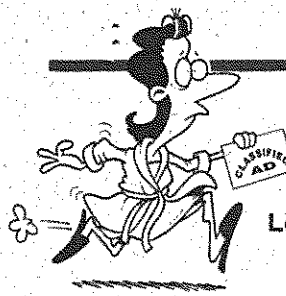


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GENERAL LABOR - Starting at \$10/hr. Must have driver's license & good driving record. 40hrs/wk. + overtime. Benefits after 90 days. Plymouth. 734-451-3516

GENERAL LABOR
Wanted: Reliable, responsible individual for general labor work. Heavy lifting required. Will train. Fax resume to: attn: Julie 248-374-0945

GET PAID TO SHOP!
Mystery Shoppers earn \$25/local area stores. Free merchandise, movies, meals & more. www.Search4Shoppers.com/job

GRAPHIC DESIGNER
Graphic Designer for West Side sign company. Full time. Exp. in computer design w/ sign shop software & vinyl application. Fax resume to: 248-552-4001

Help Wanted General 5000

HEAVY INDUSTRIAL MACHINE MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR... Wages depend on exp. Milford area. (248) 684-0555

HIRING FOR 2003 POSTAL POSITIONS... \$14.80-\$36.00/Hr. Federal Hire with full benefits. No experience necessary. Paid training and vacations. Green card OK. Call 1-800-620-1401 ext. 4001.

Hiring for 2003 Postal Positions... \$500-\$1000/WEEK plus full federal benefits. Entry-professional level. No experience necessary. Paid training/vacations. Green card ok. 1-877-329-5268 ext. 805.

Housekeepers Needed... Self starter must have dependable transportation. Experienced need only apply. Must have valid driver's license, social security card, TB skin test and police clearance. (248) 967-9334

HVAC Experienced installer needed... Call Pete's Heating & Cooling 734-525-3488

HVAC Roughers... Exped. req. Full benefits. Mulligan Heating (248) 688-9700

HVAC SERVICE PERSON... Must have 5 years exp. Good pay, benefits, 401k. Call Mickey 1-800-245-9080

INSIDE FURNITURE PREP Michigan's premier furniture retailer needs full-time finisher/prep person for Farmington Hills distribution center. Must have furniture experience. Duties to include inspection of furniture, refinishing work, minor touch ups, burn-ins, and assembly/prep.

*Please mail or fax resume with salary requirements to: Attn: Human Resources Gorman's Corporate Office 23231 Industrial Park Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Fax (248) 473-5616

INSTALLER/CABINET MAKER Experienced in all areas of kitchen & bath remodel. Pay based on exp. 313-531-8491

Insurance Agency In Redford needs Personal Lines CSR. Insurance experience required. 734-459-9797

INTERIOR ARCHITECT/DESIGNER Draw & design furniture. Work with cool people. Build houses - Live Well. If you are talented, have experience, have upscale taste and can prove it and are hard-working and dedicated - I bet you will like the package. Send resume to Interior Architect/Designer, Dept #277, 330 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Interior Designers Wanted For fine furniture stores. Great benefits, paid vacations, Blue Cross, 401k, excellent working environment. Experienced only. Apply in person to: Classic Interiors, 20292 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia 248-474-6900

JANITORIAL OFFICE Cleaning, Wixom area. Part time evening position. \$7.25/hr. (248) 380-7578.

LABORERS/OPERATORS Experienced in water and sewer. Great Pay! Call (734) 481-1565, 8:15 Mon-Fri.

LANDSCAPE SUPERINTENDENT For large commercial landscape installation. Must have full/comprehensive knowledge of landscape installation. Job will require On-Site. Exc. wages. Crimball Nursery 734-495-1700, fax: 495-1131

LANDSCAPE COMPANY Seeks Managers for construction/installation division and maintenance division. Prior field experience necessary. Please send resume by fax to 248-676-0448.

LATHE HAND Five years exp. minimum. Millwrights' CNO exp. is a plus. Retirement plan & benefits. Novi. 248-477-8040

LAWN APPLICATOR Experience preferred. Lawn & tree care. Salary, health benefits, paid vacation & year around work. Contact Mike 734-699-0010

LIGHT ASSEMBLY Small company seeks person Monday-Friday, approximately 10am-2pm. \$8.50/hour. Call job hotline 734-416-9093

LOCAL CLASS B DRIVERS NEEDED For moving company in Farmington. Experience only. Please apply at: 34200 W. Nine Mile Rd. No phone calls please.

MAINTENANCE PERSON needed for a 234 unit community in Taylor. Must have a minimum of 2 yrs. exp as a maintenance tech within the property management field and pose the following skills: * Extensive boiler exp a must * Efficient with apartment turns * Knowledge in plumbing and electrical * Great opportunity for right person.

* Competitive wages * Excellent benefit package * 401k * Paid vacation & holidays * Fax resume to: 248-683-2552

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR Experienced, for Dearborn Heights area apt. community. Excellent salary and benefit package. Must have a minimum of three years experience in apartment community maintenance. Please fax resume to 734-397-0319.

MAINTENANCE TECH *Experienced with Allen Bradley Robotics. Good electrical skills. Competitive wages and benefits. Fax resume to 734-397-0029

MAINTENANCE TECH For modern Pontiac/Clarkston apt. complex. Exp. in plumbing, electrical, HVAC & drywall repair. Salary based on exp. Fax resume to: 248-373-9686 or call: 248-373-9885

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN Full-time, experienced, for Dearborn Heights area apt. community. Great opportunity for right person. Please fax resume to (313) 274-1927

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Management RETAIL PICTURE FRAMING/ART & DESIGN (Management or Management Training Position) Frames Unlimited, a regional picture framing retailer with 37 stores in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, is accepting management training applications for two West Bloomfield locations. Two years of retail picture framing production/sales exp. required. This position would be especially appealing to anyone looking for a "hands on" leadership situation. Frames Unlimited is an expanding company structured to provide ongoing support for all associates, at all levels. We have a 32 year history of success, and most important, we have a plan for the future. We offer a well rounded benefit package and a pleasant, positive work environment. Send us your resume. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. We look forward to meeting you. Please fax all inquiries to 616-452-6981 or mail to Gerry Reeves, Frames Unlimited, 3343 Louisa Dr. SE, Wyoming, MI 49548

MANAGEMENT TEAM Needed for Wayne Apartment Community. 72 existing upscale units and 10 more under development. Must have rental housing experience & maintenance background. Computer knowledge is a must. Fax resume to (248) 879-2430

MANUFACTURING CO. located in Wixom, MI is seeking an exp. Maintenance Technician. Interested candidates w/ 3 yrs. of exp. must have knowledge of basic equipment operation & sequencing. Resumes may be emailed to: hr@eagleindinc.com or fax: 248-624-5277

MECHANIC NEEDED Small engine 2 stroke/4 stroke. * Generator Repair * Air Compressor Great pay, great hours. Fax resume to: 248-557-6116

MECHANIC- CERTIFIED With a/c, electrical & engine exp. 5 days/week pay. Call Mike (734) 261-9150

MILL CNC OPERATOR Experienced on 3D contour mold milling only need apply. 13505 Inkster Rd. Redford S. of 96

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICERS Exp. only. Bonus program. High commission. Up to 80% split. Leads of leads. Call Tom McNally at Ryder Mortgage. 248-471-0885 or email: tmcnally@rydermortgageinc.com

Mortgage Loan Officers Experienced Only - 60% commission. Hamilton Mortgage Company, 39111 W. Six Mile Rd., Suite 128, Livonia, MI 48152. 734-775-0662

MYSTERY SHOPPERS NEEDED Get paid to pose as a customer in local stores. Flexible hours, e-mail required. 1-800-485-0954 ext. 5600.

NAIL TECH WANTED Exp. Mon-Fri. Ford World Headquarters Hair Salon, Dearborn. 313-322-1140

NATION WIDE SECURITY The largest Michigan based security company has an opening for a security officer in Canton. Valid driver license and high school diploma are a must! \$8.50 to start. Must apply in Southfield, but the work location is Canton. Paid training will be provided to the right individual. SOUTHFIELD - 23800 W. 10 Mile, Ste. 102 CALL TOLL FREE 1-877-WORK-NWS

* Oil Change Technicians * Pennzoil 10 Minute Oil Change experience or will train. Full &/or part-time. Apply in person: 34680 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 1/2 mile W. of Farmington Road, or call for apt. (248) 476-1313.

PAINTERS HELPER needed full time position. Experience necessary. Please apply in person: Bill Brown Ford Collision Center, 30400 Plymouth Rd. btwn. Middlebelt & Merriman

PARALEGAL Position available at busy law office. Some computer experience required. Send resume to: Charles Schneider, PC, 39319 Plymouth Rd. #1, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax: 734-591-4893

PARTS COUNTER SALES: Major Construction Equip Dealer in Milford area is looking for parts sales persons. If you have Automotive, Truck, Construction or related exp., we want to talk to you! The ideal candidate must be able to work in a fast paced environment, be attentive to detail, multi task oriented and have a strong customer service attitude. We offer full benefits including 401K. Fax or Email resumes to: 248-437-9750, djdojin@aizequip.com

Payroll Processor We offer benefits, 401k, & competitive salary. YOU provide dependability, PRO provide speed & accuracy. Person with Darwin software knowledge will be considered first. Email resume: payrollprocessor@hotmail.com EOE

PLUMBERS/ DRAIN CLEANERS For Service Company. Great pay & benefits. Call Nick @ Mr. Rooter, 1-888-655-6700

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PLYMOUTH HAIR SALON Salon Assistant needed Evenings & Sats. * 734-451-0855

POLICE OFFICER Charter Township of Northville Northville Township is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Qualifications are: * Must be a U.S. Citizen. * Must be 21 years of age. * Must possess a valid driver's license and have no criminal record. * Applicant must possess High School diploma & Associates degree from an accredited college or university. * Must have successfully completed and possess proof of C.O.L.E.S. certification or certification. * Applicants will be required to pass a written and oral exam, personal background check, physical and psychological exam. * Salary range \$40,265 to \$57,427.

Applications are available and return completed to: Charter Township of Northville Human Resource Department 41660 Six Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48167 by 4pm Friday, October 3, 2003. An application form is also available on the Northville Township web site at www.northvillemi.com Resumes without applications will not be accepted. EOE

POSTAL JOBS * Announcement/ public #USPS2475** UP TO \$19.16 HOUR. APPLICATION/INFORMATION. FREE CALL. NOW HIRING 2003! FEDERAL HIRE - FULL BENEFITS. 1-800-992-5144 ext. 97

PRESS BRAKE EXPERT One year of shop experience. Good pay and benefits. Apply in person at: Sure Fit Metal Products, Inc. 30999 Industrial Rd. Livonia. 734-522-9310

PRESS OPERATOR - PUNCH PRESS Full-time. Good pay and benefits. Apply in person or send/fax resume to: Sure Fit Metal Products, Inc. 30999 Industrial Rd. Livonia, MI 48150. 734-522-9310 Fax: 734-522-1454

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER Public Safety Officer candidates for Beverly Hills Dept. of Public Safety (Police, Fire, EMS). Qualifications: U.S. citizen, two years college credit, MCLES and/or F.I. & C. cert. Salary range \$42,926-\$57,235 + competitive benefits. Application package available at 18600 W. 13 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, 48025. Return application and resume by Tuesday Sept. 30, 2003.

Route Delivery Specialist *Full Service Beverage/Refreshment Company has immediate openings for High-Energy, Self Motivated individuals to manage/service established accounts. *Qualified candidates will have a good driving record, the ability to learn and/or excellent communication skills. Vending/Office coffee/delivery experience a plus! *We offer Medical, Dental, 401K and More! Send resume to: Attn: Route Delivery Specialist, P.O. Box 1701248, Plymouth, MI 48170; or Fax: (734) 416-3810 or E-mail: hr.manufacturing@hotmail.com EOE

SAFETY/ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR Degree or 5 yrs. exp. Competitive wages, benefits. Fax resumes to: 734-397-5208.

SALES LEAD GENERATOR Generate sales leads by phone for high-tech company in Livonia. Full or part time. Excellent communication skills and follow through required. Send resume with cover letter to: careers@workforcesoftware.com

Seasonal After School Youth Counselor Wanted The Redford Township Youth Department seeks seasonal help for their 2003-2004 after school program. Candidates should be at least 18 years of age and have experience working with youth. Typical work schedule is Mon-Fri 3-6pm and the rate of pay is \$8.00 per hour. Applications are available in the Redford Township Personnel Office located at 15145 Beech Dale, Mon - Fri, 9am-4pm. For more information please contact Theresa Walker at 313-387-2787

WANTED IMMEDIATELY Fundraising group, Adult groups, etc. interested in making good \$\$\$ Dan @ 734-427-0220

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SIDING INSTALLERS Experienced Only. Call Jeff at: 313-999-5325

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SIDING INSTALLERS Gale insulation in Wixom, a drug free work place, whom offers top wages with full benefits, is looking for experienced people for a new siding crew. A Fortune 500 company. They must have a good driving record. Anyone with these qualifications can call Rocky at 248-960-9777.

SINGERS WANTED For Plymouth church. First United Methodist. Call Matthew, 734-455-5280 x.15

Student Openings Make your own schedule. Great Experience * Good Pay* Retail sales/customer service. Call Mon-Fri. 9-5pm. Livonia: 734-522-4140 Troy: 248-655-0130 Waterford: 248-681-4788 Workforstudents.com

STYLIST Full or part-time. Clientele not necessary. \$1000 bonus. Call Donna Landino for details & an interview, (248) 669-3130

STYLIST W/Clientele - Needed for upscale salon in Historic Depot Town (Ypsilanti, Call Lynn or Paul, (734) 485-8228

STYLISTS - Rapidly expanding Salon seeks stylist(s). Only highly motivated need apply. Benefits Livonia 734-395-0323

TEACHER for preschool in Farmington. Must have experience working with children. Please call 248-477-8020

TEACHER - for 1st grade needed part time for young children. Exp. planning lessons & programs required. Begin immediately. 248-537-1740, 248-661-3630 or fax 248-537-6301

TECHNICAL RECRUITER For high-tech company in Livonia. Excellent communication with results required. Send resume with cover letter to: careers@workforcesoftware.com.

Telemarketer / Appointment Setter Southfield based Mortgage Company is looking for part-time Telemarketers/Loan Officer Assistants to target homeowners interested in refinancing or purchasing a new home. You must be motivated, professional, outgoing and provide quality customer service.

Washington Mortgage Company offers a structured work environment with flexible hours and monthly incentive bonuses based on production. Please fax or email your resume to: (248) 827-4124 hsanders@washingtonmortgage.com

TELEMARKETERS WANTED For mortgage company. Must know how to call out and take surveys. COLD CALLING EXP. A MUST. Must have telemarketing skills, verbal and writing skills. Evening shift, Mon-Thurs 5pm to 9pm, part-time. Good money available. Start immediately. Call Keith 734-432-5995 x232

TELEMARKETERS Wanted, \$7-\$10/hr. + spiffs. Starting ASAP. 734-402-2515, Ask for John.

TODAY'S CAREERS FALL JOB FAIR Embassy Suites Hotel Southfield Wednesday Oct. 1, 2003, 9am-3pm Info: 248-474-2929

TRAVEL INDUSTRY Incredible travel benefits: Work as a Travel Agent from home. Call (877) 876-8212

TREE CLIMBER Tree service in Farmington area seeks a climber. Must have exp. & drivers license. Budget Tree. 1-800-964-7785

VINYL INSTALLERS Experienced vinyl floor installer needed for residential and residential customers. Material is cut and delivered to job site. Must have comp & liability insurance. Call Steve McNamara at Riemer Floors Inc.: 248-353-4050, Ext. 3084 or e-mail to: info@riemerfloors.com

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WAREHOUSE POSITIONS 1st and 2nd Shift Order Fillers, Shippers, Receivers, Hi-Lo Operators, Material Handlers

CVS is a leader in the industry with over 4100 stores and \$24 billion in sales. We are currently looking for dependable, hard-working individuals at our Novi Distribution Center. We have both day and 2nd shift opportunities, a competitive hourly wage rate (\$9.50-\$10.50/hr. to start, plus \$0.30 second shift premium) (\$12.25/hr. to \$13.00/hr after two years, plus \$0.30 second shift premium), health & dental insurance and a 401(k) savings plan, employee discounts and more.

Interested candidates should apply in person, Monday-Friday at 43800 Genmar Drive, Novi, MI (off Novi Rd. between Grand River and 10 Mile Rd.) You may also fax resumes to 248-736-4864. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. We are an equal opportunity employer supporting a drug-free work environment. Pre-employment drug screenings required.

BOOKKEEPER (Full-Charge) Proficient w/QuickBooks. Familiar with building industry preferred. Minimum 2 yrs. experience, degree helpful. Resume to: Attn HR, 2617 Beacon Hills Dr., Auburn Hills, MI 48326 or fax (248) 373-9490

BOOKKEEPER Part time payroll tax specialist/bookkeeper for established Plymouth CPA firm. Flexible hours. Send resume and salary requirements to: PO Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170

BOOKKEEPING POSITION Farmington area. Competitive wage, 401k, medical coverage & vacation. Computer exp. required. Please send resume and salary requirements to: Box 0695, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

BUILDER / DEVELOPER seeking FULL TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT. Computer exp. necessary. A/P, service, misc. accounting. Fax resumes to 248-646-3529

DATA ENTRY Work from home. Flexible hours! Great pay! Computer required 1-800-362-4282 ext #63.

DATA ENTRY/CUSTOMER SERVICE Representative needed for Livonia office of alarm monitoring co. Office hours vary, between Mon-Fri. 8:30am & 7pm. Benefits. An Equal Opportunity Employer Please Call 1-800-468-4640 X2401 or email data@kingcentral.com

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT To \$40,000 plus bonus Int'l co seeks professional w/strong software skills for corp. executive. Degree a plus. Diversified Recruiters 248-344-6700; Fax: 248-344-6704 diversified@odbc.com

FRONT OFFICE ASSISTANT position available full-time for Livonia Health Care Office. Fax resume to: 734-427-9461

Inside Sales/ Customer Service for national paper converting co. Basic computer & math skills plus excellent phone etiquette required. Please fax resumes to (313) 342-1366

Inside Sales/Production Department Coordinator Suburban Detroit Steel Service Center looking for two people with good communication skills, strong organizational skills, including attention to detail. Must be self-motivated and able to function in a fast paced office environment. Basic computer keyboard skills required. Steel experience preferred. Email resume to: careers@hbc.homescomm.net (code 0893)

INSURANCE ACCOUNT MANAGER Commercial lines CSR/ Account Manager. Excellent salary & benefits. Farmington Hills area. Only experienced need apply. Fax 248-855-5267 Or email resume to ngozt@underwritersagency.com

INSURANCE SALES CSR for Farmington Hills agency Fax 248-851-2225

LEGAL SECRETARY Southfield area business has an immediate opening for a self-directed, highly organized and detail oriented individual for a position of Legal Secretary. The position required legal knowledge and background. Must possess a strong background and experience in WPS, or MS Word with the ability to type a minimum of 65WPM. Minimum of 3 to 5 years of secretarial experience required for this high volume position along with excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills. Competitive benefits offered. Send resume to: Box 0703, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or email: resume@ca.homescomm.net (code 0703)

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RECEPTIONIST - Energetic, outgoing receptionist wanted for Farmington Hills office. Some typing required. Great working environment, competitive salary. Ask for Daryl 248-855-0911 or fax resume to: 248-855-9523

RECEPTIONIST Fast paced Bloomfield Hills real estate office seeks mature person w/outgoing personality, for full-time receptionist position. Must have excellent phone skills. Light typing. General office duties. Job offers opportunity for advancement. Call: RON MILLER (248)647-7321 X222

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RECEPTIONIST Office in Bingham Farms area is looking for a pleasant person with a secretarial background to answer the phone, make difficult travel arrangements, type letters on Microsoft Word and order supplies. The hours are 8am to 5pm with an hour for lunch. Health and dental benefits start after probation period of 90 days. And we have a 401k program. Salary is entry level and negotiable. If you are interested, please send your resume to: Box 0700, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

RECEPTIONIST Part-time position in Plymouth. Please fax resume attn Laura: 734-416-3903.

RECEPTIONIST WANTED Pleasant and responsible individual needed for busy Farmington Hills law firm. 2-3 years exp. Req. for telephone answering, filing, ordering and other clerical duties. Salary commensurate w/experience. Benefits. Please send resume to Law Firm, 26050 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 300, Farmington Hills, MI, 48334 or fax to 248-442-3319

RECEPTIONIST/CLERK Handle multi-line switchboard & other duties for growing co. in the Farmington area. Professional demeanor required. Must be multi-tasker w/ keyboard skills. Excellent benefits. Salary commensurate. Send resume to: Box 0694, Observer & Eccentric 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST Full time position for Farmington Hills area CPA firm. Must be proficient in "Word" software, processing program and general computer skills. Responsibilities will include all areas of general office duties. Send, fax or email resume to: KCKT, CPA's, 28580 Orchard Lake Rd, Ste. 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Fax: 248-626-3339 chupack@kcktcpa.com

STAFF ASSOCIATE FT & PT. Farmington Hills. Excellent organizational and communication skills, written and verbal. Ability to interact with people at all levels; enjoy detail & service oriented work, welcomes problem solving challenges. Minimum requirements: Associate's degree, computer skills, 1-2 yrs. HR or related experience. Qualified persons please fax resume to Suzy at 248-324-1855.

SUPPORT STAFF Small Farmington Hills group seeks FT for general office duties. Must have good phone, computer, organizational skills & past office experience. Health, life, disability. Qualified persons please fax resume to Suzy at 248-324-1855.

TYPIST wanted part-time. Experience necessary. 20-25 hrs./week. Mail resume to: RDA, P.O. Box 51405 Livonia, MI 48151-5405

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Medical 5060

OPTICIANS Full & part time. Mail or fax resume to HR-Opticians, P.O. Box 6061, Plymouth, MI 48170. Fax: 517-548-3838.

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH/Receptionist Part-time, 20-25 hrs/wk. No benefits. Assist physical therapist in Novi outpatient orthopedic clinic. Must be flexible w/afternoon, eve hrs. Exp. helpful, but will train. Joanie or Georgann, 248-380-3550.

PRIVATE DUTY HOMECARE AGENCY HIRING: RN's, LPN's for shift work in the following areas: Canton, Madison Heights, Rochester, Farmington Hills, HHA for Southfield area. Please call (586)756-6661 or fax resume to (586)756-6933

Receptionist Part time, (3 days) experienced for pediatric office in W. Bloomfield. (248)855-7416

Receptionist - Experienced For Westland Pediatric office, days, Alternate Sats., Medical computer. Fax resume: 734-427-1483.

RECEPTIONIST/BILLER For one physician's office. MBA Billing system experience required. Call 313-937-8155

RN OR LPN Needed for a small & loving facility. Part-time. Need highly energetic and self motivated person. Send resume to: Marycrest Manor, 15475 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia, MI 48154 or fax to: 734-427-5044 or email to: debbiep@marycrestmanor.org No phone calls please

RN/LPN or MA With exp. needed for GROWING dermatology practice in Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Full or part-time. Pay commensurate w/exp. Exc. benefits. APPLY TODAY Fax resume: 734-996-2682

Food/Beverage/Restaurant 5080

CAKE DECORATOR Exp. preferred but will train. Full or part time. Apply at: U Take The Cake, 42855 W. Plymouth. 734-420-0317

COOK Sat. & Sun. Will train Cozy Cafe. (734) 455-3310

DELIVERY BUTLER Mobile waiters needed to deliver food for Chili's & other restaurants to local business customers. Lunch shifts available. Cash paid daily. Must use own vehicle. Please call 248-482-1100 9am-11am or 3pm-5pm.

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Moving Sales (7130)

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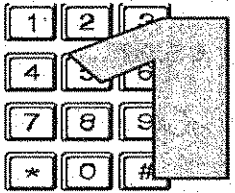
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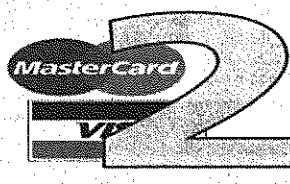


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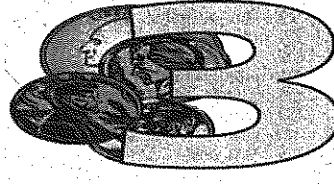
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TIRED OF BEING ALONE SWF, young 50s old, medium build, easygoing, fun-loving. I'm a versatile, loves home life to museums. Seeking warm, gentle, down-to-earth SWM, 45-65, for long walks, conversation. Ad#:533983

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

KINDRED SPIRIT Looking for conversational companionship with a quality gentleman. I am attractive, fun SWF, 72, Christian, local. Ad#:532625

ENJOY LIFE SWF, 37, 5'7", blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are time with her children, camping, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. Looking for a SWM, 30-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#:444855

THIS IS IT DW, 52, young-looking Jewish lady, enjoys to large build, humorous. Admits to late, crafty. Seeking supportive, financially stable SWM, 40-65. Give me a try. Ad#:532334

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VERY SPECIAL D/BF, 34, with no children. I am seeking a serious commitment with someone special SM, 25-55. No head games. Ad#:532165

MY TIME IS YOURS Loving SWF, 47, seeking honest and upfront SM, who knows how to treat a woman like a lady, to enjoy life with. Ad#:531774

LOOKING FOR FUN SW Mom, 34, outgoing, cheerful, employed full-time, smoker, seeking a SWM, age not important. She enjoys taking, being with her friends, going to clubs and getting to know people. Ad#:531198

LOOKING FOR A COP Searching for a tall, attractive, financially secure SWM, 42-57, who enjoys travel, theater, dancing and working out. Ad#:530593

A NEW FRIEND 26 year old East Indian SF, 5'4", 160 lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, quiet-natured. Enjoys sports and walks. Seeking an outgoing, honest, caring SM, between 21-28. Ad#:509755

FULL OF LIFE SWF, 57, 41, blonde hair/blue eyes, proportionally fit. Loves life! Enjoys hiking, travel, the beach and more. Seeking a SWM, 49 or older with similar interests for companionship leading to a possible relationship. Ad#:507331

BE YOURSELF I'm a SWF, 27, 5'9", with dark hair/eyes, who's caring, honest and an understanding person. Seeking a handsome, special, SWM, 29-35, family-oriented. No Ad#:498396

GOD-NATURED SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 6'3" plus, 53-62, who is well-groomed and professional, for friendship first. Ad#:470261

ARE YOU EXCEPTIONAL? Educated, well-traveled, energetic, warm, SWCF, 45, N/S. Enjoys working out, cooking, pool, golf, antiquing, etc. Looking for an active, engaging, sweet SWM, under 55. Ad#:529268

KISSES REQUIRED DW, 50, green-eyed blonde, needs tender, loving care. Enjoys animals, the arts, conversation and nature. Looking for an intelligent SM, 40-60, for friendship, and possibly more. Ad#:529249

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

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU I'm a SWF, 52, 5'5", with black & brown eyes, who enjoys bowling & jazz. Seeking an outgoing, smart SBM, 48-58, with a great sense of humor. Ad#:528809

MULTI-INTERESTED AAF SWF, 50, homeowner, has teenage son, enjoys gardening and meeting new people. Seeking SM, 40-60, race unimportant. Ad#:528623

CALL ME SNA Mom, 26, 5'4", 160 lbs., seeks tall, thin SM, 21-29, with a mustache & eyebrow piercing. Ad#:519034

HONORABLE Bright, fun SWF, 50, 5'8", slender, long blonde hair, brown eyes, new to the area. Enjoys skiing, running daily, eating well & staying active. In search of an outgoing, tall, slender, sincere, intelligent SWM, 45-60, with various interests. Ad#:516494

LOOKING FOR YOU I am a 56 year old, love to have fun, with friends, family or a partner. I enjoy walks, dancing, theater, music, movies, concerts. Love to sit by a campfire or watch a sunset. I have a lot of love to give to the right person. Please your name/number. Ad#:406107

ONE MAN WOMAN SWF, 65, with a nice appearance, knows what she wants with an unattached/unmarried SWM, 60-75, 5'10" plus, one-woman man. See where we can go from here. Ad#:499976

MAKE TIME FOR ME I'm a 46 year old SWF, with blonde hair, who's been looking for romance in all the wrong places. Seeking a good-natured, humorous, talkative, kind SWCM, 34-45, for romance and companionship. Looking for a person who can make me laugh, is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self. Ad#:473551

HAPPY GO LUCKY SWF, 31, 5'6", great sense of humor who enjoys dancing, cooking and reading. Seeking handsome SM, 31-50, has zest for life. Ad#:506016

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

ARE YOU FOR ME? Very attractive SWF, 34, seeking financially secure, generous gentlemen, over 35. Talk first. Ad#:496880

OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER Are you interested in meeting a sweet, classy gal, early 60's, beautiful brown hair and eyes, who is looking for a tall, mild mannered, 58-70 year old, gentleman, emotionally and financially secure. Ad#:403303

TAME MY HEART SWF, 65, 5'2", 130 lbs. She is adventurous, loves to travel, dine out, stay at nice hotels, enjoy music, concerts, outdoors. Seeking a SWM, 55-70, who does not take life for granted and has similar interests. Ad#:496508

WINK AT ME Energetic, vivacious, sweet SWF, 64, 5'11", interests are the Arts, opera, dancing, good conversations and intellectual discussions. Seeking a caring, fun-loving SWM, 65-75, for a possible relationship. Ad#:496495

I AM FOR YOU SWF, 66, attractive blonde. Looking for a fun-loving relationship with SWM, under 70. Don't delay. Ad#:495081

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

MY IDEAL MAN SWF, 36, 5'7", sexy mom, sincere, with some college. I like kick boxing, exercising, swimming, and more. Seeking a SWM, 30-45, who is sincere for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#:482787

A REAL GEM Semi-retired SWF, 49, 5'7", humorous, homemaker, aggressive. Loves the outdoors, gardening, travel and sports. Seeking a SWM, 39-70, compassionate and nice-looking. Ad#:483338

CALL ME SWF, 33, smoker, occasional drinker. Enjoys swimming, bicycling, works on aquariums. Seeking a SWM, 28-40, sound interesting? Ad#:485274

GOOD FRIEND Semi-retired SWF, 59, 5'6", with bluish hair, stays busy. Likes home life, family gatherings, dances, fitness. Seeking reliable, good-hearted SM, any age. Ad#:484727

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

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ARE WE ALIKE? Well-groomed, average-looking, good communicator, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking SWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#:482566

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MY IDEAL MAN SWF, 36, 5'7", sexy mom, sincere, with some college. I like kick boxing, exercising, swimming, and more. Seeking a SWM, 30-45, who is sincere for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#:482787

A REAL GEM Semi-retired SWF, 49, 5'7", humorous, homemaker, aggressive. Loves the outdoors, gardening, travel and sports. Seeking a SWM, 39-70, compassionate and nice-looking. Ad#:483338

CALL ME SWF, 33, smoker, occasional drinker. Enjoys swimming, bicycling, works on aquariums. Seeking a SWM, 28-40, sound interesting? Ad#:485274

GOOD FRIEND Semi-retired SWF, 59, 5'6", with bluish hair, stays busy. Likes home life, family gatherings, dances, fitness. Seeking reliable, good-hearted SM, any age. Ad#:484727

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NOT PERFECT SWF, 38, with two teens, physically challenging, walks with cane. Seeking relationship with SM, 38-58, who is understanding and special. Ad#:473738

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

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CUTE Petite SWF, 51, loves many activities. Seeking a SWM, under 48. Please call me. Ad#:478478

LET'S SEE WHAT BLOOMS SWF, 54, 5'2", 118 lbs. Blonde who is happy and outgoing. Interests are the outdoors, movies and gardening. Seeking a lovable and honest SWM, 60-70, who is outgoing for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#:477392

GRACE AND ELEGANCE SWF, 50, caring mother, loves life. In search of SWM, 45-65, for friendship possibly leading to long-term relationship. Ad#:476065

WHERE ARE YOU? SWF, 59, old, DW, 5'2", 110 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. Enjoys music, concerts, outdoors. Harley's, the Red Wings, dancing, etc. Searching for an honest, loyal SM, who enjoys life, someone who wants to casually date and has a sense of humor. Ad#:40942

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

IN GOD I TRUST SWF, 45, 5'5", brown hair/eyes. Interests are Church, afternoon strolls and good conversation. Seeking SWM, 30-65, Christian, enjoys children, who is honest and caring, for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#:475986

ROAD TO HAPPINESS This family-oriented, outgoing SWF, 32, enjoys scary movies, carnivals and long walks. She is seeking SWM, 28-40, who is caring, likes children, down-to-earth and is sincere for a relationship. Ad#:475521

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

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

SHY, BUT OUTGOING SWF, 42, petite, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Interests are the outdoors, working out, gardening, etc. Searching for an attractive, fit SWM, 35-47, who has similar interests, with good morals. Ad#:481848

NEW TO THE ADS Loving, reliable SWF, 21, 5'2", 150 lbs., caramel complexion. Enjoys basketball, football and more. Looking for a confident SBM who knows what he wants out of life. Ad#:471886

ALWAYS SMILING SWF, 44, 5'7", with brown hair and hazel eyes. Interests are swimming, shopping, NASCAR, fishing and much more. In search of a SWM, 51"-6'2", 34-50, who is honest and trustworthy. Ad#:468434

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

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

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

THE EVES HAVE IT I'm a SWF, 35, with a great sense of humor. My interests include romantic dinners and just having fun. Seeking tall, dark, handsome, good-looking SB man, 28-45. Ad#:466729

CALL ME! Single black female, 43, I am a nurse and I love to have fun. Looking for a single male, under 50, who is mature. Ad#:466602

AN OPEN BOOK Funny, caring, outgoing SWF, 24, 5'5", 190 lbs. Enjoys drawing, writing poetry, sports and long walks. Looking for a loving SWM, 23-24, 6', brown/black hair preferred. Ad#:466472

LONG-TERM SWF, 61", 200 lbs., seeks attractive, humorous, affectionate, employed SWF, 39-46, 5'6"-5'7", weight proportionate, with a nice smile & nice eyes. Ad#:530438

LOVE & AFFECTION SBM, 47, 6'1", 200 lbs., seeking a medium complexioned, humorous, affectionate SWF, 39-46, 5'6"-5'7", weight proportionate, with a nice smile & nice eyes. Ad#:530432

LET ME KNOW... I'm an employed DW, 50, 5'11", 165 lbs., a smoker, who enjoys gardening, cooking, motorcycling, antique shows, flea markets & car shows. Seeking a SWF, 40-53. Ad#:530137

DINNER AND A MOVIE? Friendly, honest SWM, 37, 5'10", athletic build, brown hair/eyes. Enjoys playing softball, bowling and more. Seeking for a sincere, personable SWF, 30-40. Ad#:528774

CONTACT ME SWM, 38, 6'3", 275 lbs., athletic build. SWF, first enjoys recreational boxing and working out. Seeking an attractive SWF, 5'2"-5'8", height/weight proportionate, for companionship. Ad#:528922

MEET SOMEONE NEW Cheerful, humorous SWM, 20, enjoys rebuilding old cars. Looking for an adventurous, exciting SWF, 20-35. Ad#:521814

TAKE ME AS I AM Quiet-natured SWM, 33, tall, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys sports, video games and more. Looking for an easygoing, loving SWF, 20-40. Ad#:521594

MEXICAN MAN Patient, understanding SH Dad, 42, 5'6", 190 lbs., long black hair, brown eyes. Enjoys hunting, long walks, movies and time with his children. Looking for a warm, understanding, spontaneous SF, up to 42 years old, who shares his interests. Ad#:513454

DEDICATED TO YOU Easygoing, fun-loving SW Dad, 44, 5'7", medium weight, brown hair, blue eyes. He enjoys the outdoors, and is seeking a trustworthy, honest, passionate, drug-free, SWF, who likes children, age not important. Ad#:519934

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

SEEING IS BELIEVING Outgoing SWM, 45, with large variety of interests, especially involving the church atmosphere. I am seeking SWF, under 55. Ad#:532637

MEET FOR A DRINK? Professional SBM, 33, 6' 220 lbs., muscular, light complexion. Looking for a SWF, 25-36, for friendship... maybe more? Ad#:530683

SOUTH AMERICAN FEVER SWM, 38, 5'3", enjoys concerts, travel, dining out, dating, etc. Looking to meet a South American lady, under 45. Will respond to all calls. Ad#:532058

A WONDERFUL LIFE I'm professional, non-smoker SWM, 54, no dependents, considered nice-looking, good conversationalist. Seeking sensitive, professional, compassionate, attractive SWF, 45-54, to share similar interests. Ad#:532056

OUTGOING DW, 42, enjoys quiet times at home, cuddling on the couch and the outdoors. Searching for a SWF, 29-42, who is outgoing, with similar interests. Ad#:417949

COMMIT TO ME I'm 59", with brown hair, green eyes, real sweetheart. Seeking physically attractive SF, over 21, has good figure, perfect smile. Ad#:506410

HEART IN MOTION SWM, 25, 6'1", with brown hair, green eyes, real sweetheart. Seeking physically attractive SF, over 21, has good figure, perfect smile. Ad#:506410

I WILL SPOIL YOU Family-oriented SWM, 39, dark hair/eyes, 5'6", 155 lbs. Enjoys concerts, canoeing, biking, fishing, camping and kids. Looking for a SWF, under 45, to spoil and love. Ad#:506375

LOOKING FOR LOVE Friendly SWM, 35, muscular, open-minded and respectful. Enjoys cruising around, fishing, movies, art work, etc. Searching for a happy relationship with a SF, under 42. Ad#:503512

GOOD INNER SOUL TALL SWM, 31, with blue eyes. Enjoys several membership clubs, dining, dancing, plus more. Seeking my dream come true with a pretty SWF, 35-40. Ad#:503437

COMMITTED SWM, 47, professional, tall, slim, with brown hair. Enjoys sports, galleries, hiking, camping, picnics, galleries, etc. Looking for a fun SWF, 35-45, for friendship first, that can develop into a long-term relationship. Ad#:443620

THIS IS IT Tall, SWM, 18, with blond hair, blue eyes, fun-loving, student, enjoys music, movies, spectator sports. Seeking attractive SF, under 21, someone to have dinner with. Ad#:504835

PICK UP THAT PHONE! SWM, 67, 5'9", 160 lbs., enjoys playing golf and dancing. He would like to build a relationship with an attractive SWF, late 50's to early 60s. Ad#:504662

MR. WONDERFUL Tall, sincere SWM, 36, with long brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys NASCAR. Seeking an attractive SWF with a nice personality. Ad#:504483

DEBONAIR Well-established, straightforward, professional SWM, 40, 5'9", slender, depressed. Seeking down-to-earth, upbeat SF, 21-55, successful, open-minded great friend. Ad#:503905

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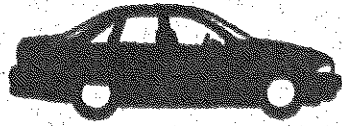
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BY DALE BUSS

Chrysler has a lot riding on its new Pacifica hybrid model, and the stylish and stalwart vehicle holds up pretty well, for the most part. Consumer by consumer, this SUV-cum-minivan-cum-sedan should win hearts and help elevate Chrysler's winged badge ever closer to the premium-marque territory that the company has staked out for itself over the long term.

The task that Chrysler set out for itself with the 2004 Pacifica, introduced early this year, was daunting: Make a splash as an innovator in a new market segment that is drawing competition like crazy; separate the vehicle from the negative aspects of Chrysler's minivan heritage without throwing out the positive associations; price it at near-luxury levels but keep it realistic for a Chrysler; and compete effectively with true luxury-vehicle entries such as the Lexus RX 330, Acura MDX and the BMW X5. For the most part, Chrysler succeeded with its six-seat "sport tourer," whose suggested retail prices begin at a little more than \$31,000. It looks rather like an SUV, drives rather like a sedan and holds people and cargo rather like a minivan – but it does none of those individual things as thoroughly as any of those vehicle types. Pacifica creates a substantial footprint on the road and in your driveway, demanding attention with a heft that is obvious and yet sleekly styled. It drives powerfully and capably, though not with any real kick. It seats six in a unique two-by-two-by-two configuration from front to back. Pacifica's cargo area is surprisingly ample. Its interior amenities take Chrysler vehicles to a whole new level. And it has debuted as the indisputably safest family vehicle on the road. Pacifica bears the exterior hallmarks that have moved Chrysler's styling upscale, including the prominent badge and grille on the front. It has a long hood, distinguishing it from a minivan, a low-looking profile, differing it from SUVs, and a sleek and slightly pinched rear end, leaving no mistake that it might be – egads! – a station wagon. There are few curly-cues or overhangs, giving Pacifica's overall silhouette a very clean and strong look. That impression is backed up by the vehicle's performance. Handling is smooth and reliable, just responsive



Pacifica has plenty of cargo room with only the third row of seats folded down

enough to give Pacifica a feeling nimble than its size might suggest. Self-leveling shock absorbers are standard at the rear, and Pacifica's 17-inch tires give the vehicle extra stability and add to its appearance. The vehicle is available in both front-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive versions.

The engine is a 250-horsepower V6, which provides middling off-the-line acceleration and smooth, but not overwhelming, performance at highway speeds; the one thing no one will mistake Pacifica for is a sports car. Using the AutoStick did a lot to help the engine perform its best. And the engine displayed a low, satisfying, truck-like growl at times, underscoring the perception that it delivered plenty of power. Not surprisingly, Pacifica's gas mileage registers somewhere between the typical SUV and the typical minivan, at about 19 miles per gallon combined in city and highway driving. Still, that level of fuel efficiency is disappointingly closer to that of SUVs than to Chrysler's minivans.

One reason for the vehicle's middling gas mileage is extra weight that Chrysler added to ensure that Pacifica would excel in all crash situations. The many commendable safety features include traction control, a driver's knee airbag, tire-pressure monitoring and adjustable pedals. Most notably, Pacifica is the only vehicle that protects all three rows of seats with standard side airbags. Inside, Pacifica is both delightful and a bit vexing. There's no mistaking the overall luxury feel of the vehicle, com-

pared even with Chrysler's top-of-the-line versions of Town & Country. Such touches include an analog clock – which is all the rage in premium vehicles these days – as well as a brightly lit instrument panel, curvaceous styling, and nicely padded leather seats. Amenities that also help qualify the vehicle for near-luxury status include separate rear-seat heating and cooling, a DVD player and screen for the rear seats and a sunroof. There are some great new applications of technology as well, including power-seat controls that, very helpfully, are actually shaped like the seat you're controlling, and an LED-based navigation system that sits right in the middle of the instrument panel instead of in the middle of the dashboard.

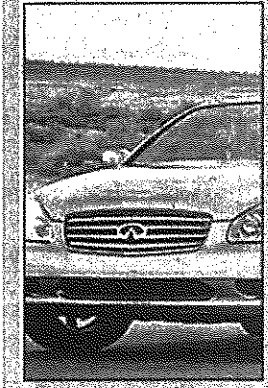
Yet the new navigation system was a bit frustrating because the front-seat passenger can't help use it, meaning that the distraction of finding one's way is left solely with the driver. At the same time, I also found the mix of materials that Chrysler used to achieve its luxury ambience – chrome, pewter, dark wood and two tones of leather – a bit too hodge-podge.

One of Pacifica's nicest revelations was that, with only the third row of seats folded down and not even removed, there was plenty of cargo room in the back to hold a patio table and four chairs. It gave me yet another reason to think that the more time I spent with Pacifica, the more I'd like it.

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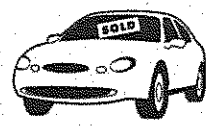
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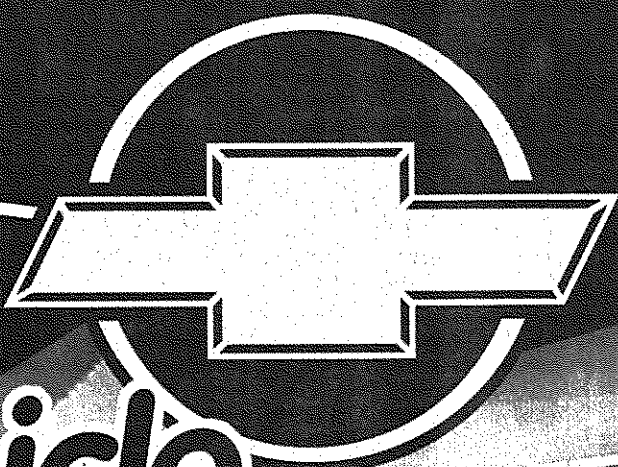
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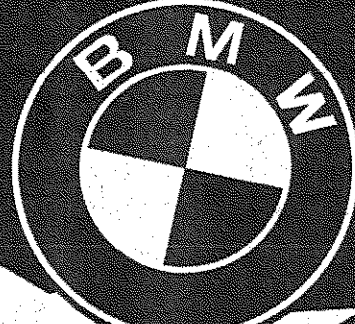
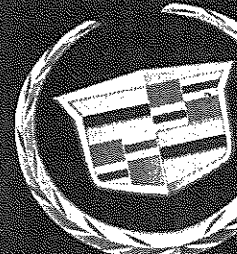
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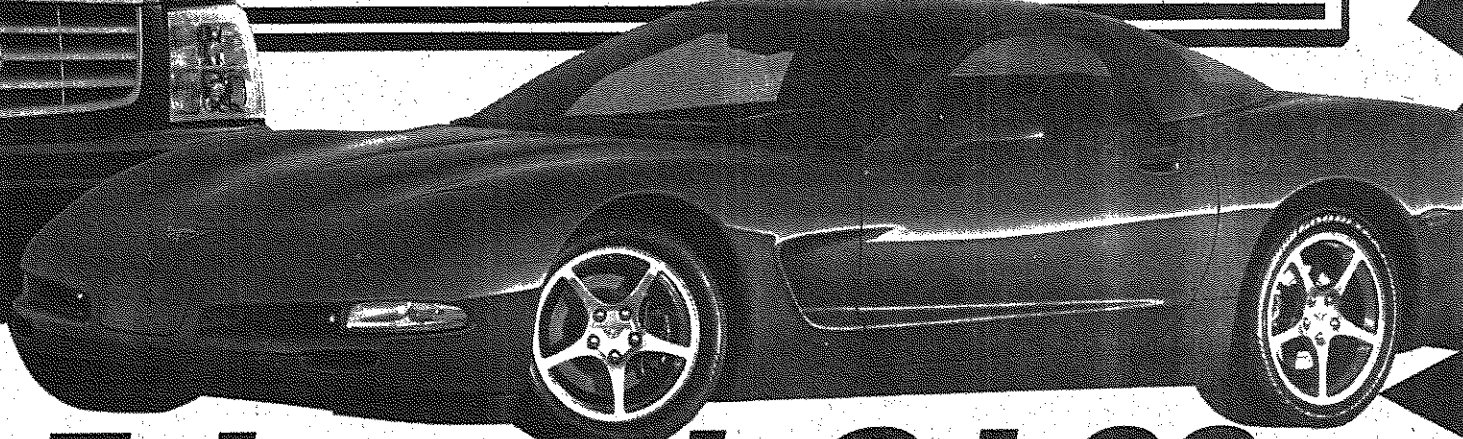
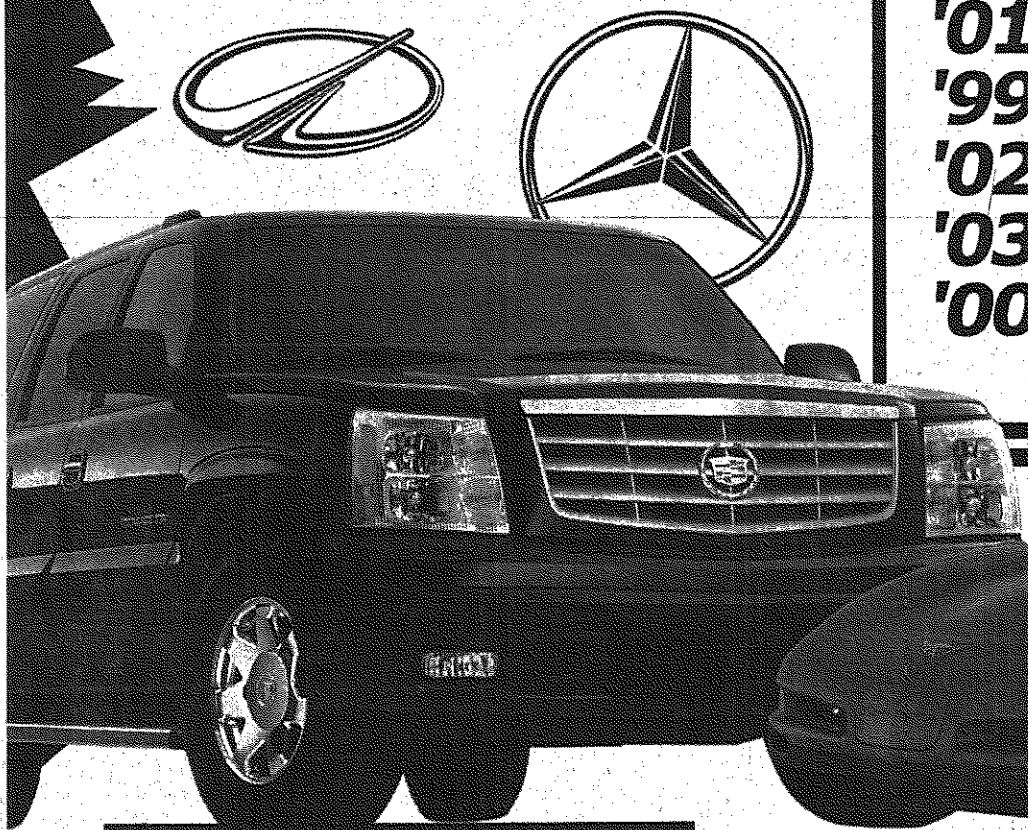
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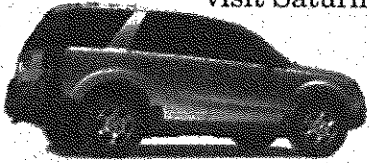
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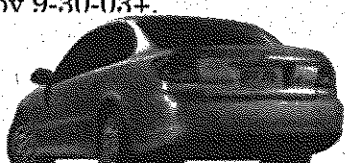
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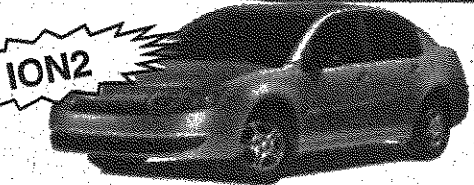
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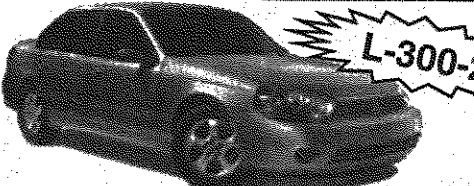
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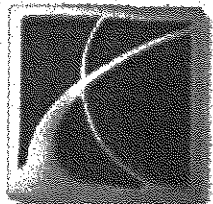
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